A Realistic Unified Gauge Coupling from the Micro-Landscape of Orbifold GUTs

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General Setting

- Orbifold GUTs (coming e.g. from anisotropic heterotic orbifolds)
- Size of 5th Dimension is GUT- rather than string-scale
- This size sets the 4d unified gauge coupling
- Question: What determines this 'largish' size of the 5th dimension?

• 5d to 4d compactification:

$$g_4^2 = \frac{g_5^2}{2\pi R}$$
.

• 1- and 2-loop Casimir energy generate a radion effective potential

$$V(R) \sim \frac{1}{R^4} + \frac{g_5^2}{R^5}$$
.

(one may think of this as being due to Kähler corrections to non-scale Kähler potential for $T = R + \cdots$, cf. Luty,Okada,'02).

• Brane-localized operators lead to log-enhancement:

$$V(R) \sim \frac{1}{R^4} + \frac{g_5^2}{R^5} \ln(g_5^2/R)$$
.

- It only takes a small numerical accident to make $R_{\rm min}$ largish, so that $\alpha_{\rm GUT} \simeq 1/25$.
- The freedom of 'distributing matter between bulk and branes' (i.e. untwisted and twisted matter) easily allows for this 'accident'.
- Indeed, 12 of the 256 models of our 'micro landscape' have an $\alpha_{\rm GUT}$ between 1/20 and 1/30.

Final Comment:

We also have an interesting proposal for 'uplifting' our AdS vacuum using small 5d warping (cf. Bagger, Belyaev, '02; Bagger, Redi, '03; Falkowski, '05).

Phenomenology of Supersymmetric Gauge-Higgs Unification

Based on work with

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General Setting

- As before: Orbifold GUT, SUSY is broken by F_T and F_{ϕ}
- Further assumption: Gauge-Higgs unification based on SU(6)
- Crucial observation: $35 = 24 + 5 + \overline{5} + 1$ (cf. Burdman, Nomura, 2002)

Known Facts

(Choi/Haba/Jeong/Okumura/Shimizu/Yamaguchi 2004;

cf. also Lopez-Cardoso et al., '94; Antoniadis et al., '94; Brignole et al., '95)

• 5d action in terms of $\mathcal{N}=1$ superfields, coupled to supergravity à la Marti/Pomarol, contains terms

$$\int d^2\theta \, T \, \mathbf{tr} W^2 \qquad , \qquad \int d^4\theta \, \bar{\varphi} \varphi \, \frac{\mathbf{tr}(\Phi + \Phi)^2}{T + \bar{T}} \, ,$$

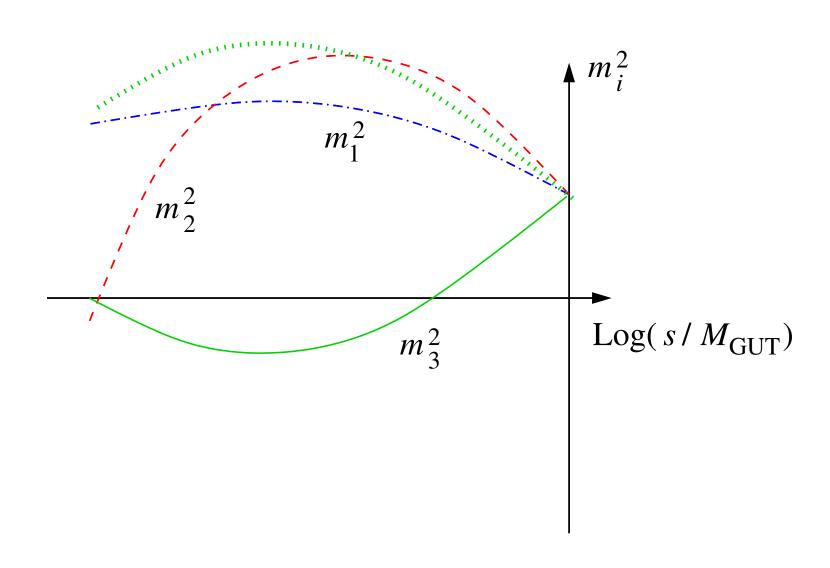
which implies:

$$M_{1/2} = \frac{\bar{F}_T}{2R}$$
 , $\mu = \bar{F}_{\varphi} - \frac{\bar{F}_T}{2R}$, $m_i^2 = |F_{\varphi}|^2 - \frac{F_{\varphi}\bar{F}_T + \mathbf{h.c.}}{2R}$

(our conventions: $m_{1,2}^2 \equiv |\mu|^2 + m_{H_{d,u}}^2$ and $m_3^2 \equiv B\mu$).

This is inconsistent with realistic low-energy phenomenology! (without severe fine-tuning)

Running of
$$m_{1,2}^2 = |\mu|^2 + m_{H_{d,u}^2}^2$$
 and $m_3^2 = B\mu$



Our Suggestion

• The SUSY CS-term (generically present!) corrects

$$\int d^2\theta \, T \, \mathbf{tr} W^2$$
 , $\int d^4\theta \, \bar{\varphi} \varphi \, \frac{\mathbf{tr} (\Phi + \bar{\Phi})^2}{T + \bar{T}}$

by

$$\int d^2\theta \, \mathbf{tr} \Phi W^2$$
 , $\int d^4\theta \, \bar{\varphi} \varphi \, \frac{\mathbf{tr} (\Phi + \Phi)^3}{(T + \bar{T})^2} \, .$

- Due to the extra parameter ($c' \equiv \text{coefficient of the CS}$ term) one finds large regions with excellent phenomenology.
- Similar to HENS; cf. Evans, Morrissey, Wells, '06

Importance of Chern-Simons term

