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# Phenomenological Aspects of D-branes at Singularities

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# String Phenomenology

- Too many string models?  
(Heterotic, IIA, I, IIB, Landscape,...)
- Or too ‘few’ models?  
(Realistic?)



# Recall LHC is running: Hierarchy Problem Proposals

- TeV SUSY
- Warped extra dimensions
- Large extra dimensions
- ...

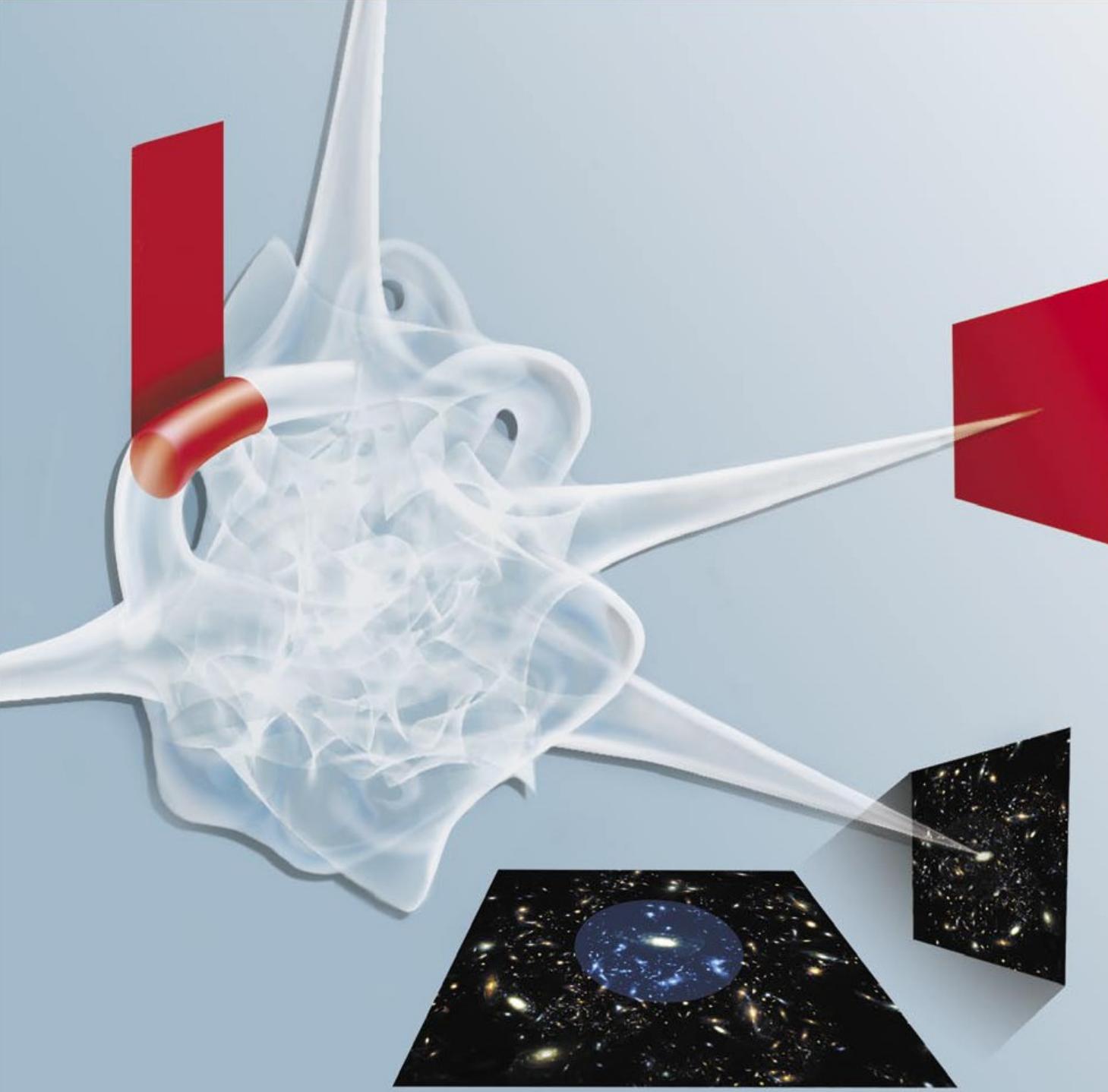
UV complete? How to fix size of extra dimensions?  
Unification, Flavour, Proton stability,...

# Challenges

- Gauge and matter structure of SM
- Hierarchy of masses (including neutrinos)
- Flavor CKM, PMNS mixing, CP no FCNC
- Hierarchy of gauge couplings (unification?)
- ‘Stable’ proton + baryogenesis
- Dark matter (+ avoid overclosing)
- Inflation or alternative for CMB fluctuations
- Hierarchy problem
- Dark energy

N.B. If ONE of them does not work, rule out the model!!!

# **Local String Models**



**Universe**  
**D3 Brane**  
or  
**D7 Brane**

# Standard Model Localised →(Bottom-up)

- **Fractional D3/D7 Brane at a singularity  
(collapsed cycle)** Aldazabal et al. 2000, ...
- **Magnetised D7 - Brane wrapping a ‘small’ four-cycle** Blumenhagen et al. 2008
- **Local F-Theory**  
Donagi, Wijnholt; Vafa, Heckman, ... 2009

# Standard Model at (Fractional) D3/D7 Branes at Singularities

★ Collapsing single 4-cycle:

del Pezzo surfaces  $dP_n$ ,  $n=0, 1, \dots, 8$  

( $P^2$  blown-up at  $n$  arbitrary points

$c_1 > 0$ ,  $b_2 = n+1$ ,  $2n-8$  parameters,  $n > 3$ )

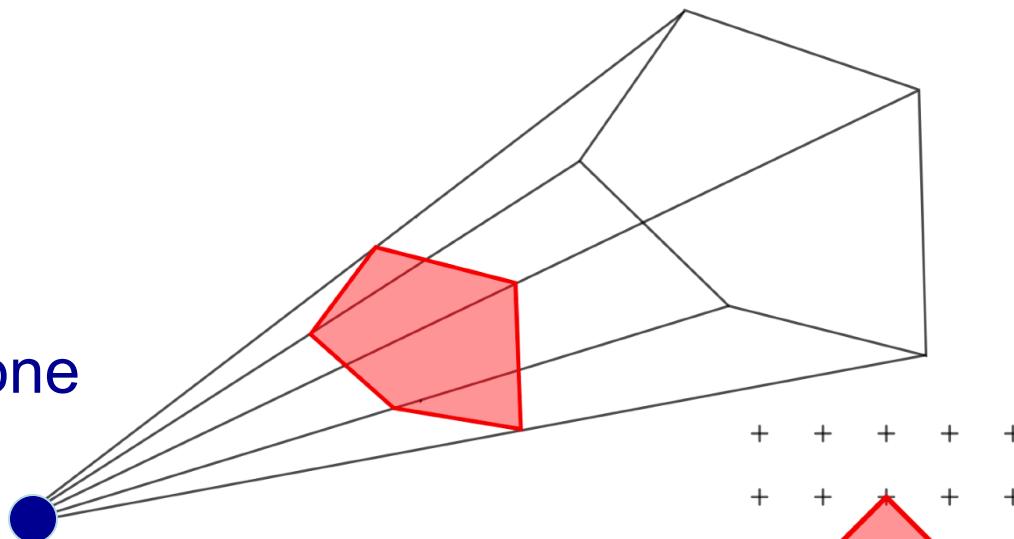
★ More general singularities, e.g.  $Y_{pq}$ ,  $L_{abc}$

# Toric Singularities

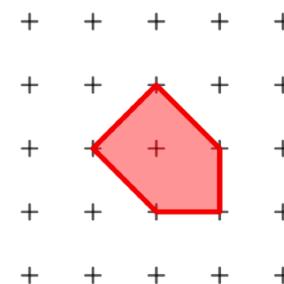
$$ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

Einstein-Sasaki

$T^3$  Fibration  
Over rational  
polyhedral cone



D3-branes



Toric  
Diagram

# General Results Toric

1. Maximum number of families = 3  
(except for one case F0 with 4 families,  
dual to a 2-family model, also non-toric  
phases unbounded)

2. Quark Mass hierarchy: (M,m,0)  
with M>>m  
(structure of Yukawas imply one zero e-  
value, only dP0 has m=M)

# The Needle on a Haystack

(search with a magnet!)

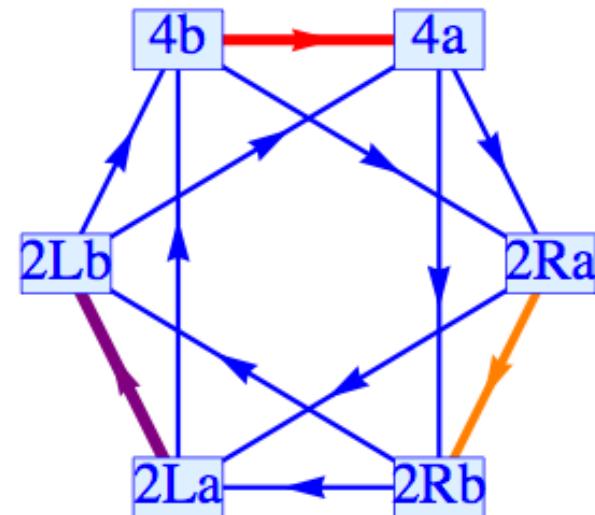
- Not simple GUT groups ( $SU(5)$ ,  $SO(10)$ , ...)  
Search for PS, LR, SM, ...
- Many  $U(1)$ 's but if  $U(1)_Y = \sum_i U(1)_i$ , 'wrong' normalisation for MSSM unification (5/3). Also keep hypercharge massless in compact case.
- Then  $U(1)_Y$  in  $G$  non-abelian ( $SU(4)$ , ...)
- ALL SM in D3's at least  $G=PS$ ,  $SU(3)^3$

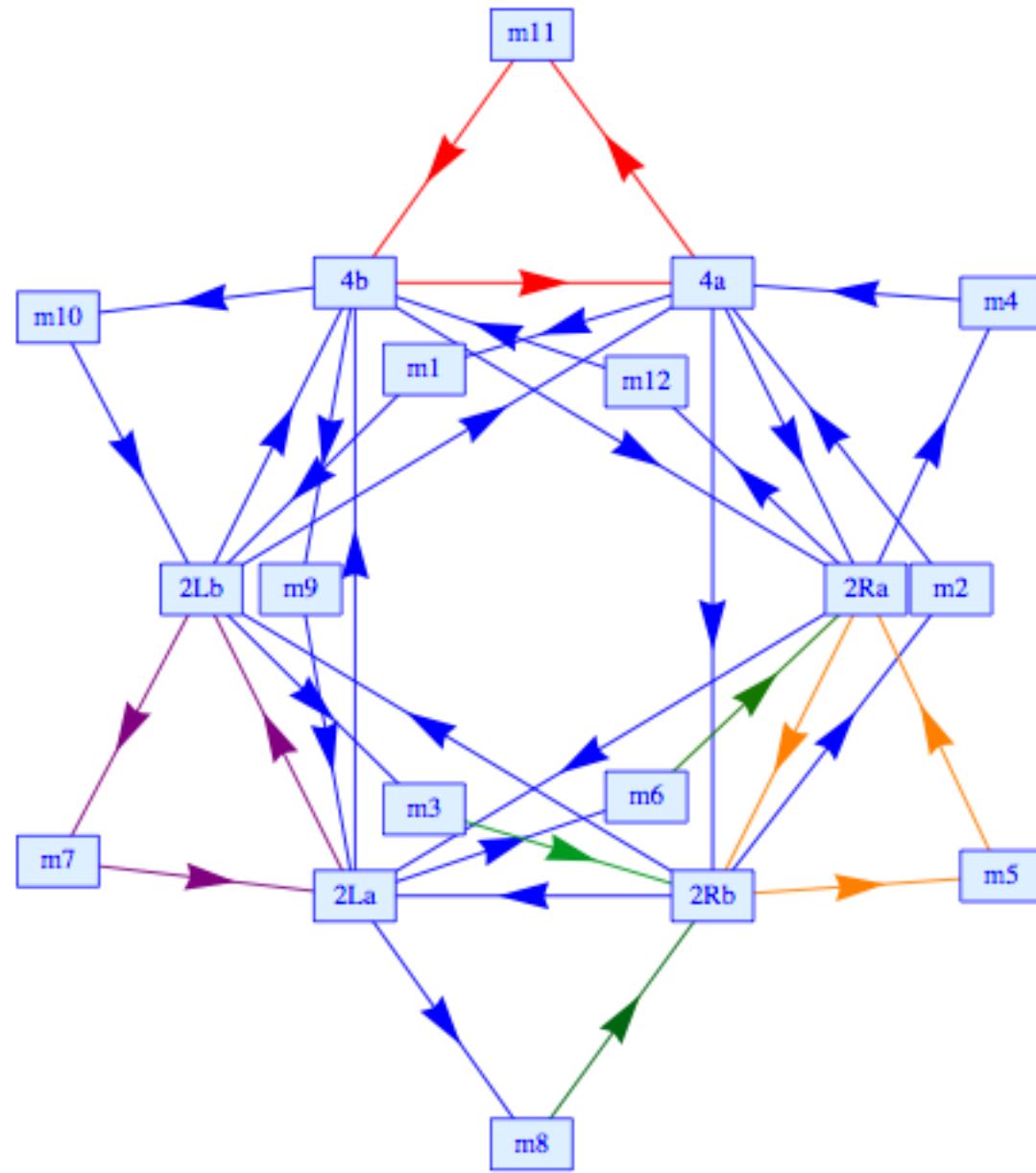
# Minimal del Pezzo?

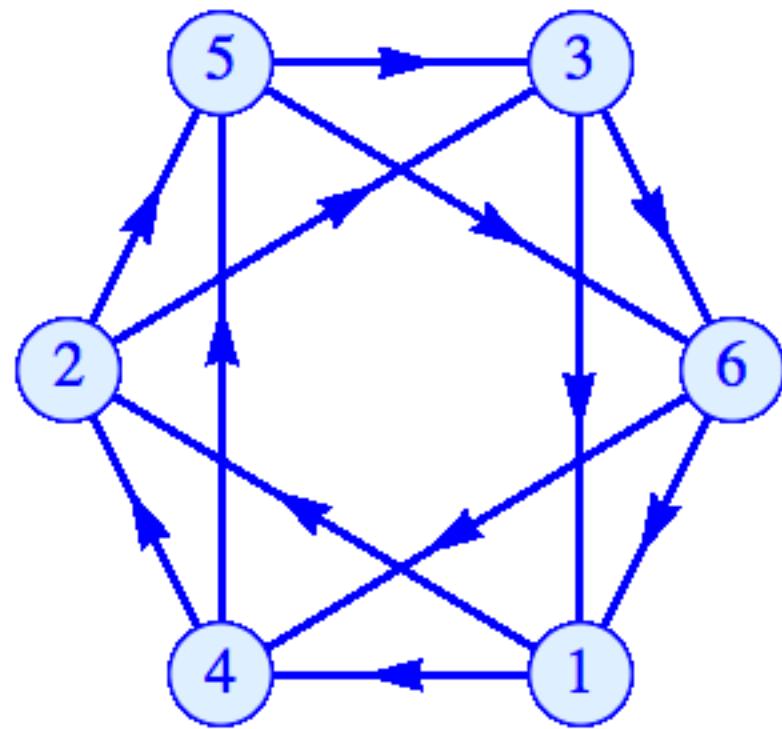
- dP0 no hierarchy of masses (unless non-commutative), no CKM
- dP1, dP2 no CKM or PMNS, no control of kinetic terms (FCNC?).
- dP3 flavor diagonal kinetic terms and realistic CKM, PMNS matrices.

# ‘Realistic’ ‘Pati-Salam’ Model (dP3)

- Break symmetry to SM (+ U(1) or LR)
- Breaking U(1) to SM: RH sneutrino  
**(R-parity broken)**
- Quark+ lepton mass hierarchies
- See-saw neutrino masses
- Stable proton
- CKM, CP
- Controlled kinetic terms!!
- Gauge Unification







$$\langle \rho_{53} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \Phi_{61} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \phi & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\phi} \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \Psi_{42} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \psi & 0 \\ 0 & \psi \end{pmatrix}$$

total #	Fields	$SU(3)$	$SU(2)$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_x$
3	$Q_1^L, Q_2^L, Q_3^L$	3	$\bar{2}$	$a$	$a$
3	$u_1, u_2, u_3$	$\bar{3}$	1	$-a + k$	$-a - k$
3	$d_1, d_2, d_3$	$\bar{3}$	1	$-a - k$	$-a + k$
3	$L_1, L_2, L_3$	1	$\bar{2}$	$-3a$	$-3a$
3	$\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$	1	1	$3a + k$	$3a - k$
3	$e_1, e_2, e_3$	1	1	$3a - k$	$3a + k$
3	$H_1^u, H_2^u, H_3^u$	1	2	$-k$	$k$
3	$H_1^d, H_2^d, H_3^d$	1	2	$k$	$-k$

$$W_{\text{D3D3}} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^L \\ Q_2^L \\ Q_3^L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & H_3 \frac{\rho_{53}}{\Lambda} & -H_2 \\ -H_3 \frac{\rho_{53} \Phi_{61} \Psi_{42}}{\Lambda^3} & 0 & H_1 \frac{\Phi_{61}}{\Lambda} \\ H_2 \frac{\Psi_{42}}{\Lambda} & -H_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Q_1^R \\ Q_2^R \\ Q_3^R \end{pmatrix} +$$

Quarks+leptons ↗

$$A(\rho, \phi) e^{-aT_i} \nu_1 \bar{\nu}_1 + \frac{\Phi_{61}^2}{\Lambda} A(\rho, \phi) e^{-aT_i} \nu_2 \bar{\nu}_2 + \frac{\rho_{53}^2}{\Lambda} A(\rho, \phi) e^{-aT_i} \nu_3 \bar{\nu}_3$$

+  $A e^{-aT_s} H.H$

$$K_{\text{matter}} \supset \frac{a + f(\tau_s, \tau_b)}{\mathcal{V}^{2/3}} (Q_{L,R}^i \bar{Q}_{L,R}^i + H_i \bar{H}_i + \Phi_{61} \bar{\Phi}_{61} + \Psi_{42} \bar{\Psi}_{42} -$$

$$+ \rho_{53} \bar{\rho}_{53})$$

## •CKM Matrix

$$\frac{X_{12}^u}{Y_{64}^u} \sim \epsilon, \quad \frac{Z_{14}^u v_1}{Y_{64}^u \Lambda} \sim \epsilon, \quad \frac{\Phi_{61}^u}{\Lambda} \sim \epsilon^2, \quad \frac{\Phi_{61}^d v_1 Z_{14}^d}{\Lambda^2 Y_{64}^d} \sim \epsilon$$

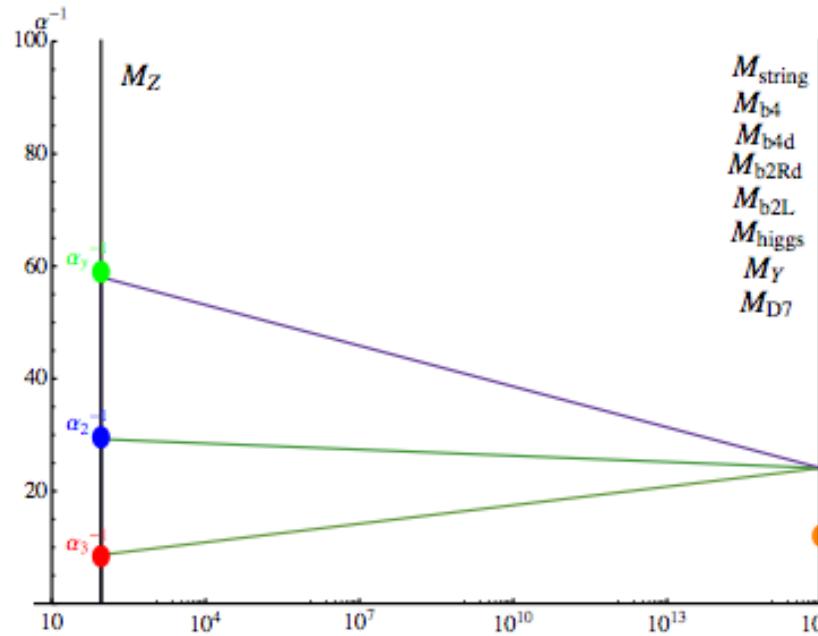
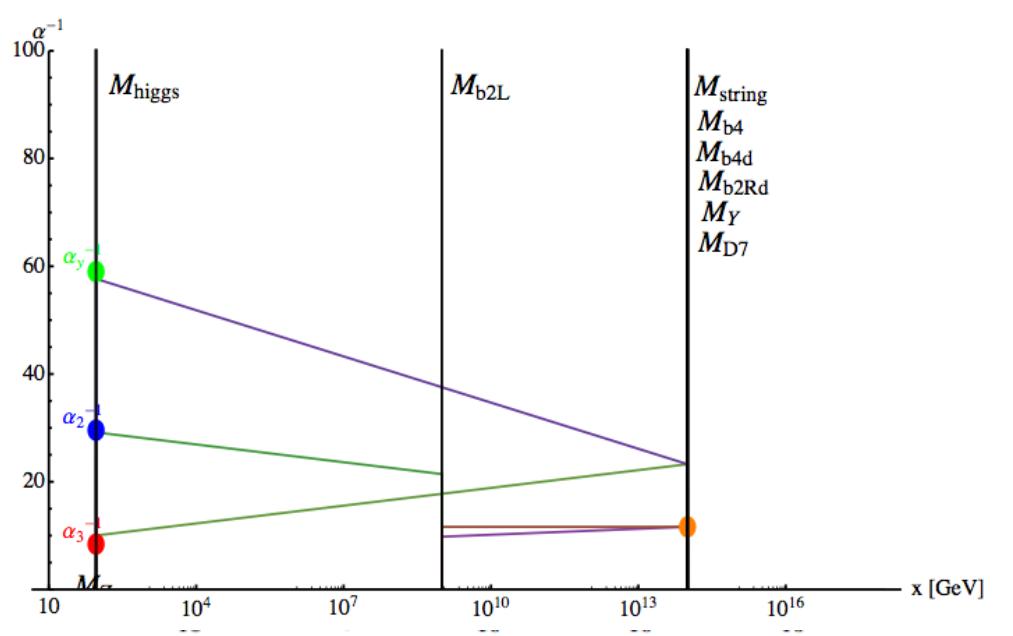
$$|V_{\text{CKM}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## •PMNS Matrix

$$\frac{Z_{14}^d \rho_{53} \Phi_{61}^d}{\Lambda^2 Y_{64}^d}, \quad \frac{v_1}{v_2} \sim \epsilon^2$$

## •14 Parameters vs 21 Observables

# Gauge Coupling Unification



String scale value of all couplings given by dilaton so unification.

Standard GUT scale unification or ‘intermediate’ scale  $M_s > 10^{12}$  GeV

Need moduli stabilisation to fix scales.. (Large volume scenarios?....)

# Aside: Anisotropic Moduli Fixing

- **K3 Fibrations:**  $\mathcal{V} = \lambda_1 t_1 t_2^2 + \lambda_2 t_3^3,$   
 $\tau_i = \partial \mathcal{V} / \partial t_i,$

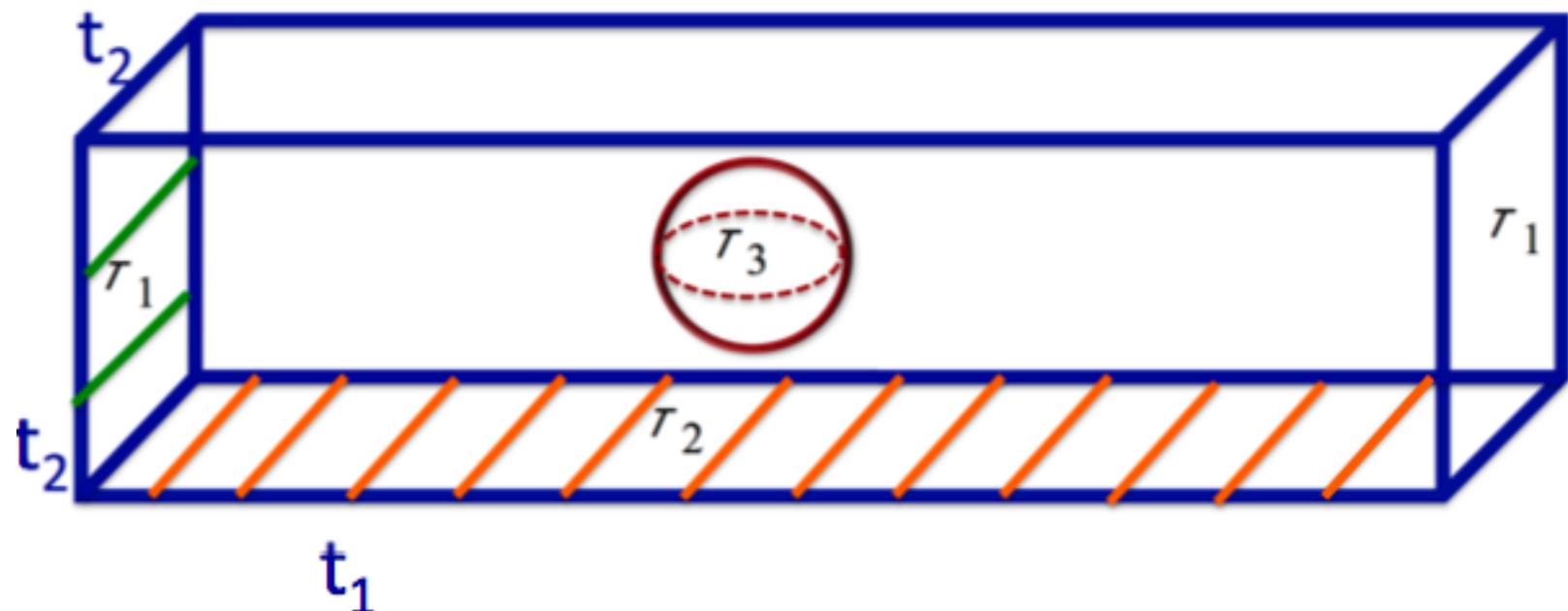
## Poly-Instantons

Blumenhagen et al.

$h_{2,0}(\Sigma_j) = 1$  and  $h_{1,0}(\Sigma_j) = 0$ , **K3 ! size  $t_2^2$**

$$W = W_0 + A_i e^{-2\pi(T_i + C_j e^{-2\pi T_j})}. \quad i=3, j=1$$

*Large Hierarchy:*  $\langle t_1 \rangle \gg \sqrt{\langle \tau_1 \rangle} \simeq \sqrt{\langle \tau_3 \rangle}$  and so  $L \gg l \gtrsim d$ .



$$d \simeq \langle \tau_3 \rangle^{1/4} \sim l \simeq \langle \tau_1 \rangle^{1/4} \sim 10^{-17} \text{ mm} \ll L \simeq \langle t_1 \rangle^{1/2} = \sqrt{\langle \mathcal{V} \rangle / \langle \tau_1 \rangle} \sim 0.01 \text{ mm}.$$

$$\mathcal{V} \simeq 5.2 \times 10^{28} \Rightarrow M_s \simeq \frac{M_p}{\sqrt{4\pi\mathcal{V}}} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV.} \quad (\text{For } W_0=10, g_s=0.01, \text{ etc.})$$

**Living on the edge!!**

# OPEN QUESTIONS

- Flavor mixings depends on ratios of vev's: obtain them dynamically
- Explicit 37 masses from 77 vevs
- Intermediate scale unification and soft terms?
- Obtain correct neutrino masses (and mu term) dynamically
- Compact model building + ...

**Thank you for your Physics  
and Friendship Peter !  
And Best Wishes for a  
Productive Future Career**



# **SUSY BREAKING**

# Several Scenarios

- F-term of volume modulus  $\sim$  approximate no-scale ( $M_{\text{soft}} (\sim F_T/M_p)$ )  $\sim$ vani**sh!**

## 1. SM cycle breaks SUSY:

$M_{\text{soft}} \sim 1 \text{TeV}$  ( $\sim F_T/M_{\text{string}} \sim M_p/V \sim M_{3/2}$ )

Volume $\sim 10^{15}$  and  $M_{\text{string}} \sim 10^{12} \text{GeV}$ .

## 2. SM cycle does not break SUSY

$M_{1/2} \sim F_s/M_p \sim M_p/V^2 \ll M_{3/2}$

Extreme case:  $V \sim 10^7$ ,  $M_{\text{string}} \sim 10^{15} \text{GeV}$

# Scenario 2.

- Uplifting to de Sitter important De Alwis 2006
- Gravitino very heavy  $M_{3/2} > 10^8 \text{ GeV} !!$
- Generically no CMP! ( $M_{\text{volume}} > M_{\text{soft}}$ )
- Minimal volume  $V \sim 10^{6-7}$ .
  - ★ TeV soft terms and  $M_{\text{string}} \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$
  - ★ Unification scale  $M_X \sim M_{\text{string}} V^{1/6} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV} !$
  - ★ Right scale for inflation! Conlon+Palti
  - ★ No CMP !!!

But: Calculations less under control + FCNC? De Alwis 2010

# Implications

- **Intermediate scale scenario**

$$M_V \simeq M_p / \sqrt{V}^{3/2} \sim 1 \text{ MeV} \text{ (CMP!?)}$$

- **GUT scale scenarios**

$$M_V \simeq M_p / \sqrt{V}^{3/2} \sim 1-10 \text{ TeV}$$

- **TeV Scenario**

**SUSY broken on the brane:**

$$M_V \sim M_p / \sqrt{V} \sim 10^{-3} \text{ eV} \gg M_p / \sqrt{V}^{3/2}$$

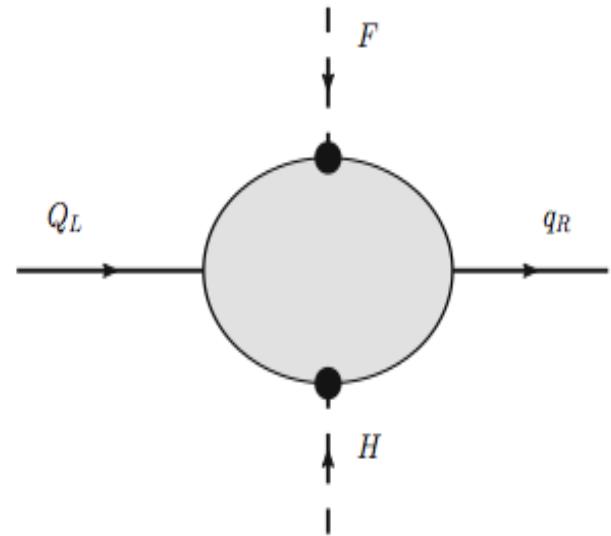
**But potential destabilisation of LV minimum  
(back reaction?)**

# Perturbative quark masses

- Ibanez 1982

$$\Delta m \sim \langle H \rangle F / M^2 \sim$$

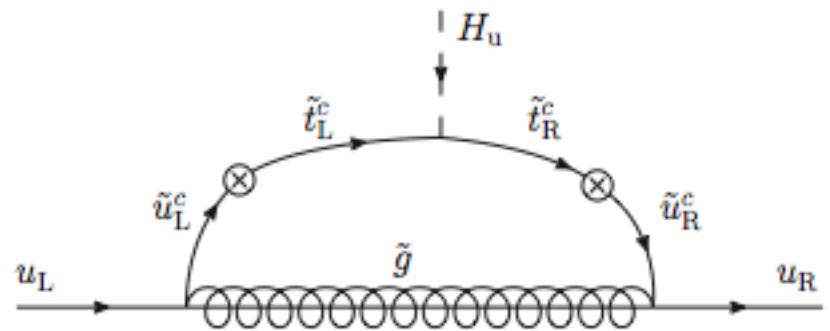
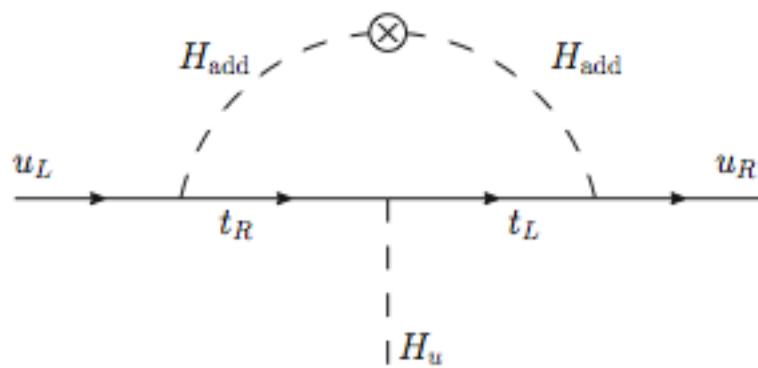
$$M_W M_{3/2}^2 / M_P^2 \sim 10^{-30} M_W ?$$



**Scenario 1:**  $\Delta m \sim M_W M_{3/2}^2 / M_S^2 \sim .1 \text{ MeV} !$

**Scenario 2:**  $\Delta m \sim M_W M_{3/2}^2 / M_P^2 \sim .1 \text{ MeV} !$

# Explicit diagrams



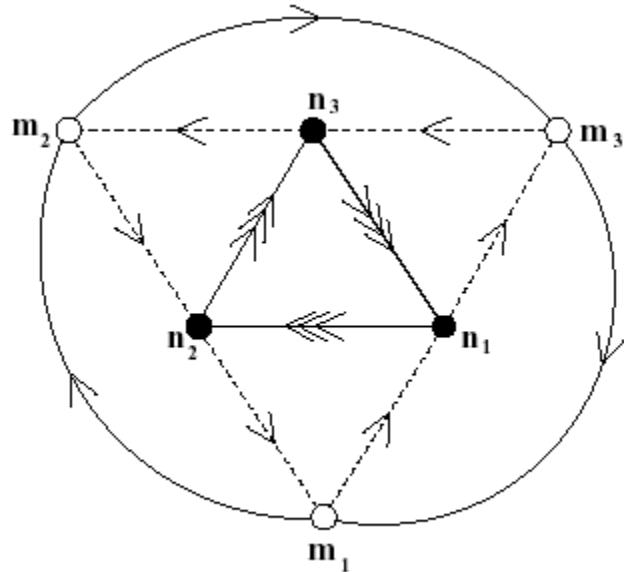
$$m_{\text{up}} \sim m_t \frac{F_{\text{SUSY}}}{m_{H_{\text{add}}}^2} .$$

$$m_{\text{up}} \sim m_{\tilde{t}} \epsilon^2 .$$

$$\epsilon < 10^{-3} \frac{M_{\text{susy}}}{500 \text{GeV}}$$

Other sources: non-commutative B background,...

# Del Pezzo Singularities/Quivers



e.g. del Pezzo 0 ( $C_3/Z_3$ )

$n_i$  D3 Branes (group  $\Pi U(n_i)$ )

$m_j$  D7 Branes (group  $\Pi U(m_j)$ )

Arrows=bi-fundamentals

$$3 [(\mathbf{n}_1, \bar{\mathbf{n}}_2, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}_2, \bar{\mathbf{n}}_3) + (\bar{\mathbf{n}}_1, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}_3)] + m_1 [(\bar{\mathbf{n}}_1, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}_2, \mathbf{1})]$$

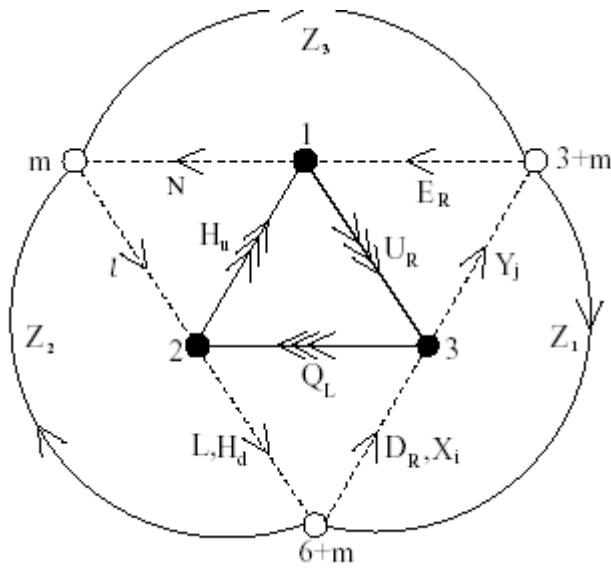
$$+m_2 [(\mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{n}}_2, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}_3)] + m_3 [(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \bar{\mathbf{n}}_3) + (\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}_1)] \quad \text{3 Families!}$$

$$m_2 = 3(n_3 - n_1) + m_1 \quad m_3 = 3(n_3 - n_2) + m_1 \quad \text{Anomaly/tadpole cancelation}$$

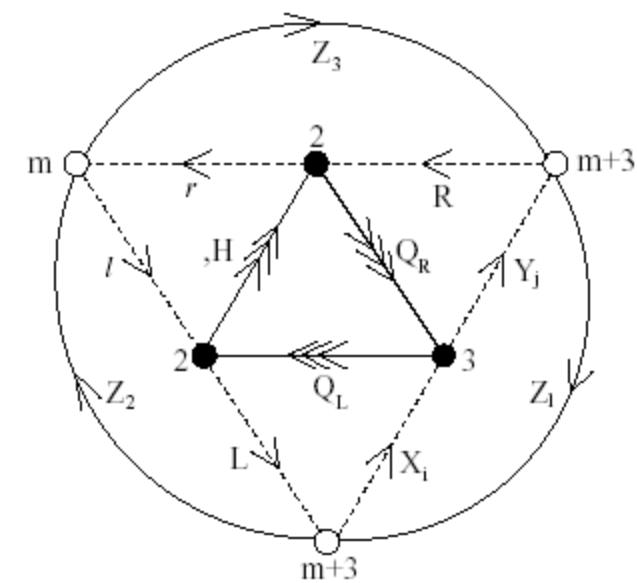
$$Q_{\text{anomaly-free}} = - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{Q_i}{n_i},$$

Hypercharge ( $n_i \neq n_j$ )

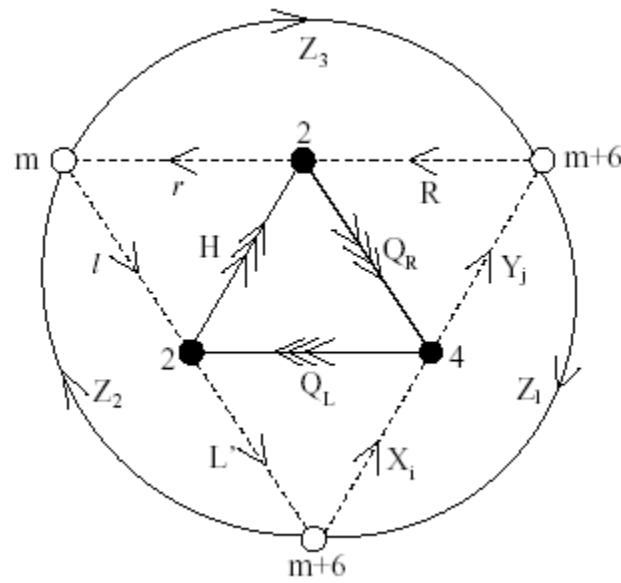
## Standard Models



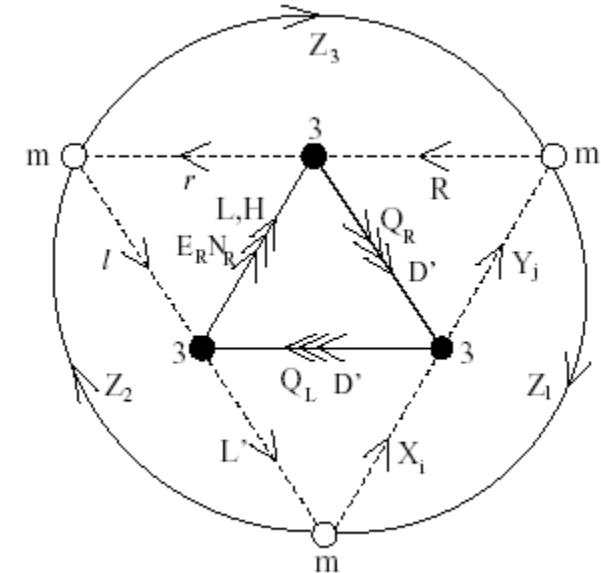
## LR-Symmetric Models



## Pati-Salam Models



## Trinification Models



# Problem for $dP_0$ : Yukawa couplings

$$W = \epsilon_{ijk} \Phi_{33}^i \Phi_{33}^j \Phi_{33}^k + \sum \Phi_{33}^i \Phi_{37_i} \Phi_{7_i 3},$$

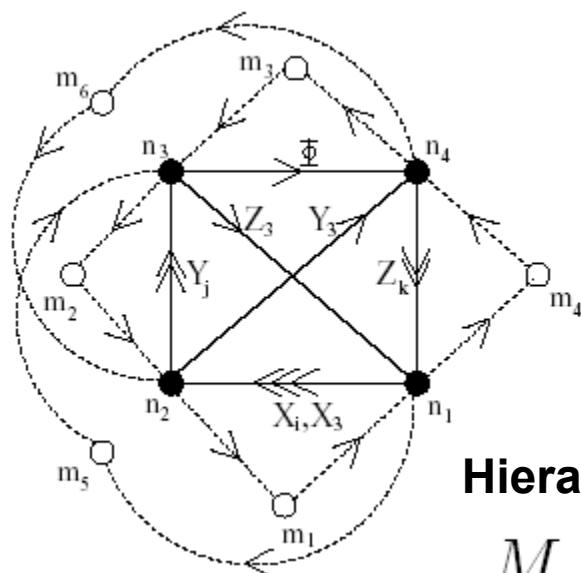
Conlon, Maharana, FQ 2008

$$Y_{ijk} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M & 0 \\ -M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**E-values (M,M,0).**

**From global flavour symmetry SU(3) (?)**

## Del Pezzo 1 Singularity



$$m_4 = n_4 + n_3 - n_1 - n_2 + m_1 - m_2 + m_3,$$

$$m_5 = n_1 - 2n_2 + n_4 + m_2 - m_3,$$

$$m_6 = n_4 - 3n_1 + 2n_3 + m_1 - m_2$$

$$W = \epsilon_{ij} X_i Y_j Z_3 - \epsilon_{ij} X_i Y_3 Z_j + \frac{\Phi}{\Lambda} X_3 \epsilon_{ij} Y_i Z_j,$$

**SU(2)xU(1) Flavour symmetry**

**Hierarchy in 3 generation masses!!!!**

$$M \gg m \quad \frac{\langle \Phi \rangle}{\Lambda} \ll 1$$

**Higgsing gives back  $dP_0$ !!!**

$$\begin{pmatrix} M^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$