

# Towards MSSM from F-theory

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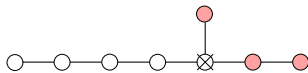
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Unification along  $E_n$  series: **unique position** of the SM:  $E_3 \times U(1)$  [Ramond] [Olive]



# String theory

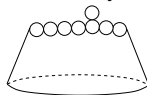
String theory may address such problems.

heterotic



one-loop consistency

F-theory



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## Predictions

- ▶ Gauge group  $E_8 \times E_8$  or  $SO(32)$
- ▶ Extra dimensions
- ▶ Spacetime supersymmetry
- ▶  $\vdots$

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Dirac equation in higher dim

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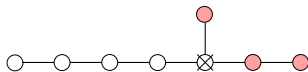
- ▶ Eigenvalue of  $\Gamma^m (i\partial_m - \underbrace{A_m}_{\text{VEV}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}\omega_m}_{\text{geometry}}) \equiv i \not{\nabla}$  looks like 4D mass
- ▶ # degenerate massless states counted by index theorem. Ex. 6D

$$n_R - n_{\bar{R}} = \text{index } i \not{\nabla} = \int_{6D} \text{tr} F \wedge F \wedge F - \frac{1}{8} \text{tr} F \wedge \text{tr} R \wedge R$$

**Gauge-Higgs unification: chirality and repeated generations**

## From $E_8$ adjoint

Assuming  $E_8$  (to be justified later)



Under  $E_8 \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \times SU(5)_\perp$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 248 \rightarrow & \text{adjoints} + e^c(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{5})_1 + l(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{10})_{-1/2} \\ & + q(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{5})_{1/6} + X(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})_{-5/6} \\ & + d^c(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{10})_{1/3} + u^c(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{5})_{-2/3} + c.c. \end{aligned}$$

A desirable spectrum!

From  $U(1)_Y \times SU(5)_\perp$  background instanton  $\langle F \wedge F \rangle$

We have chiral solution to Dirac equation.

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$$\text{Ex. } \mathbf{10}_\perp = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccc} t_1 + t_2 & t_1 + t_3 & t_1 + t_4 & t_1 + t_5 \\ & t_2 + t_3 & t_2 + t_4 & t_2 + t_5 \\ & & t_3 + t_4 & t_3 + t_5 \\ & & & t_4 + t_5 \end{array} \right\} {}_5C_2 = 10$$

Higgs doublets  $h_u, h_d$  are not yet distinguished.

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2. Now lepton is distinguished from Higgs

▶  $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5\} \rightarrow \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4\}, \{t_5\}$

$$q_\circ(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{5}) \rightarrow q(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{4})_{\frac{1}{6}} + q'(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})_{\frac{1}{6}}$$

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## Yukawa coupling

Yukawa coupling originates from **gauge invariant** interaction

$$y_{abc} = \int \lambda_a \wedge A_b \wedge \lambda_c$$

Emerges at a triple intersection of branes

- ▶  $lh_d e^c : (t_j + t_k + t_6) + (t_l + t_m + t_6) + (t_l - t_6) = 0, \quad \epsilon_{ijklm} \neq 0$
- ▶  $qh_u u^c : (t_i) + (-t_i - t_j - t_6) + (t_j + t_6) = 0, \quad i \neq j, \dots$

$lh_d e^c$ $qh_u u^c$ $qh_d d^c$ $lh_u \nu^c$	MSSM superpotential
$\nu_M \nu_M^c$	
$Xh_u d^c$ $q' h_d^c D^c$ $q' h_u D'$	nonvanishing but $X$ and $q'$ are absent

B and/or L violating couplings absent

$$lh_u, lle^c, lqd^c, u^c d^c d^c$$

Superpotential is renormalizable MSSM superpotential without  $R$ -parity violating terms  $\rightarrow$  would be broken cf.[Ambroso, Ovrut]

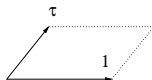
$$W = W_{MSSM}(\mu = 0) + m_h h_u h_d + m_D D D'$$



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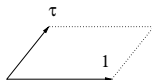


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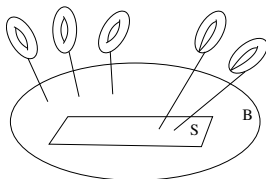
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We compactify F-theory on a Calabi–Yau fourfold: 4D  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUSY

▶ 1 of 4  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}$  is torus — nontrivial product on 3  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}$  base

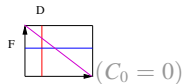
**elliptic (torus) fibered:** shape of the torus varies, as we move around  $B$



Singular torus locus  $S$  supports 8D worldvol gauge theory.

cf. CY condition:  $x \sim -4c_1(B)$ ,  $y \sim -6c_1(B)$ ,  $y^2 = x^3 + fx + g$

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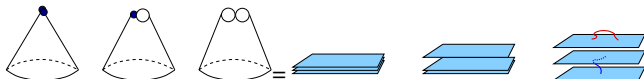


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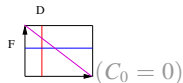


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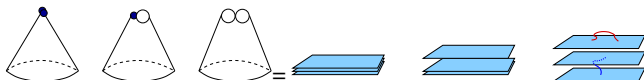


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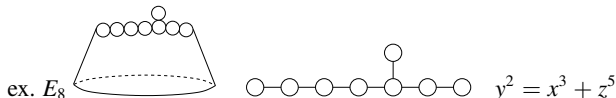


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Classified and tabulated: Just refer to tables.

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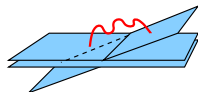
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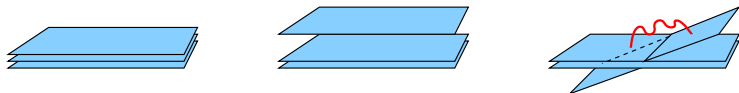
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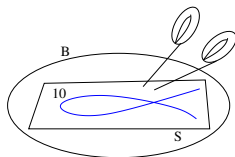
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Focusing on one gauge brane, matters localized around ‘matter’ curves on  $S$



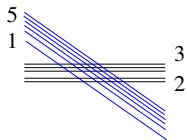
Ex. From  $E_6 \rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1)$ ,  $\mathbf{78} \rightarrow \mathbf{45} + \mathbf{16} + \overline{\mathbf{16}} + \mathbf{1}$ , spinorial  $\mathbf{16}$  obtainable.  
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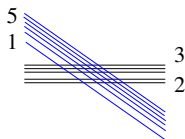
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- ▶ A brany description:  $t_i$  positions reflecting monodromy

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= a_0b_0(s - t_Y)(s - t_1)(s - t_2)(s - t_3)(s - t_4)(s - t_5) \quad \text{mod } S_5
 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Reflecting  $S_5$  monodromy  
 $b_m/b_0$  elementary symmetric polynomials of deg.  $m$  of  $t_1, \dots, t_5$ .
- ▶  $a_0 = 1$  by anomaly cancellation  
 The only combinations  $b_i + b_{i-1}a_1$
- ▶ Other monodromies, e.g  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  by further tuning  $b_m$
- ▶  $U(1)_Y$ : the trace part of  $SU(5)_\perp$

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- ▶ On  $S = \{\Delta \simeq 0\}$  we have 8D worldvolume gauge theory of  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$
- ▶ From tables, generically  $SU(3)$  at  $z = 0$ . (some simplification)  
Very specially tuned so the **actual symmetry is larger**.
- ▶ Change of coordinate  $z \leftrightarrow z + a_1b_5$ , the singularity looks like generically  $SU(2)$  tuned upto  $O(z^5)$ .

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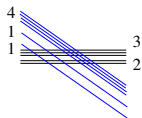
- ▶  $a_1 = 0$  :  $SU(5)$  enhancement.
- ▶ In the weakly coupling limit  $f, g \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $f^3/g^2$  finite,

$$P_{q_0} \simeq P_{u^c_0} \simeq P_{e^c_0} \simeq b_5, \quad P_{l_0} \simeq P_{d^c_0} \simeq R_5,$$
$$\Delta \simeq b_5^4 R_5 (b_5 a_1 + z)^2 z^3,$$

- ▶ Well known reduction of  $SU(5) \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$ 
  - ▶  $U(1)_Y$ : relative center-of-mass
  - ▶ Linearly equivalent  $z \sim z - a_1 b_5 \sim -t$  cf. parallel separation
  - ▶ Parallel but intersecting  $\sigma \cap \sigma \neq 0$  :  $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})$  localized on the intersection.

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4+1+1 factorization  $C_4 \cup C_1 \cup C'_1$



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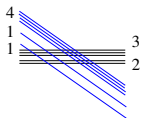
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- ▶ Spectrum obeys a unification relation

$$16 : \quad n_q = n_{d^c} = n_{u^c} = n_l = n_{e^c} = n_{\nu^c} = -\lambda\eta \cdot (\eta - 4c_1)$$

$$10 : \quad n_{h_d} = n_{h_u} = n_D = n_{D'} = -2\lambda \cdot (\eta - 4c_1)$$

Choosing the base manifold  $S$  such that  $-\lambda\eta \cdot (\eta - 4c_1) = 3$  e.g. [Donagi, Wijnholt], [Blumenhagen, Grimm, Weigand]

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Down type quarks are decomposed into colored Higgses

$$S_4 \text{ orbit } \prod_{i < j}^4 (t_i + t_j) \sim e_0^{-3} (-e_0e_3^2 + e_1e_2e_3 - e_1^2e_4),$$

Two  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  orbits give matter curves

$$h_u^c : (t_1 + t_3)(t_2 + t_4) \sim e'_2/e_0,$$

$$h_d : (t_1 + t_2)(t_2 + t_3)(t_3 + t_4)(t_4 + t_1) \sim (e_2''^2 + e_1e_3 - 4e_0e_4)/e_0^2.$$

## Actual matter homologies

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$$D^c, h_d^c : \frac{1}{2}(C_q - 2U) \cap (C_q - 4V) = \sigma \cap (\eta - 4c_1 - x) + \frac{1}{2}(\eta - x) \cap (\eta - 4c_1 - x)$$

$$D', h_u : \frac{1}{2}C_q \cap (U + V) = \sigma \cap (\eta - 2c_1 - x) + \frac{1}{2}(\eta - x) \cap c_1$$

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## Conclusion

$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$  model

- ▶ Grand Unification is a compelling structure.
- ▶ Unique direction  $E_3 \times U(1)_Y$  is the commutant to  $SU(5)_\perp \times U(1)_Y$  in  $E_8$
- ▶  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  monodromy: R-parity distinguishing Higgses from leptons

String theory/F-theory well-realizes unification with more degrees of freedom.

Construction of gauge singularity, spectral covers in F-theory

- ▶ Renormalizable MSSM superpotential
- ▶ Three generations of quarks and leptons, vectorlike Higgs doublets and triplets  
mu-term and triplet masses, but without mixing of quarks.
- ▶ Partial flux on  $SU(4)$  part gives rise to  $SU(5)$ ,  $SO(10)$  GUT structure