

Mass hierarchies in string theory and experimental predictions

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BSM physics: driven by mass hierarchy problem

EW scale: very sensitive to high energy physics \sim UV cutoff Λ

why gravity is so weak compared to the other interactions? $\Lambda = M_P$

Possible answer (alternative to supersymmetry): Low UV cutoff $\Lambda \sim \text{TeV}$

- low scale gravity \Rightarrow large extra dimensions, warped dimensions
- low string scale \Rightarrow low scale gravity, ultra weak string coupling

Experimentally testable framework:

- spectacular model independent predictions
- radical change of high energy physics at the TeV scale

Framework of type I string theory \Rightarrow D-brane world

I.A.-Arkani-Hamed-Dimopoulos-Dvali '98

- gravity: closed strings propagating in 10 dims
- gauge interactions: open strings with their ends attached on D-branes

Dimensions of finite size: n transverse $6 - n$ parallel

calculability $\Rightarrow R_{\parallel} \simeq l_{\text{string}} ; R_{\perp}$ arbitrary

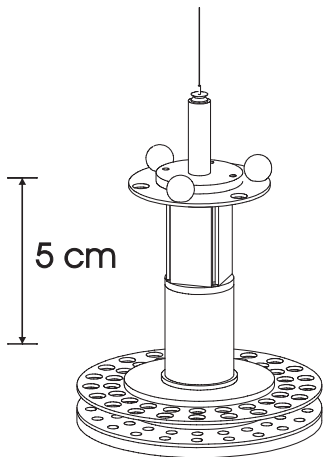
$$M_P^2 \simeq \frac{1}{g_s^2} M_S^{2+n} R_{\perp}^n \quad g_s = \alpha : \text{weak string coupling}$$

Planck mass in $4 + n$ dims: M_*^{2+n}

$$M_S \sim 1 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow R_{\perp}^n = 10^{32} l_S^n \quad \text{small } M_S/M_P : \text{extra-large } R_{\perp}$$

$$R_{\perp} \sim .1 - 10^{-13} \text{ mm for } n = 2 - 6$$

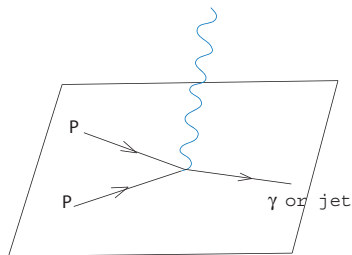
distances $< R_{\perp}$: gravity $(4+n)$ -dim \rightarrow strong at 10^{-16} cm [5]



$R_{\perp} \lesssim 45 \mu\text{m}$ at 95% CL

- dark-energy length scale $\approx 85 \mu\text{m}$

Gravitational radiation in the bulk \Rightarrow missing energy



Angular distribution \Rightarrow spin of the graviton

Collider bounds on R_{\perp} in mm			
	$n = 2$	$n = 4$	$n = 6$
LEP 2	4.8×10^{-1}	1.9×10^{-8}	6.8×10^{-11}
Tevatron	5.5×10^{-1}	1.4×10^{-8}	4.1×10^{-11}
LHC	4.5×10^{-3}	5.6×10^{-10}	2.7×10^{-12}

Origin of EW symmetry breaking?

possible answer: radiative breaking

I.A.-Benakli-Quiros '00

$$V = \mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2$$

$\mu^2 = 0$ at tree but becomes < 0 at one loop

non-susy vacuum

simplest case: one scalar doublet from the same brane

\Rightarrow tree-level V same as susy: $\lambda = \frac{1}{8}(g^2 + g'^2)$

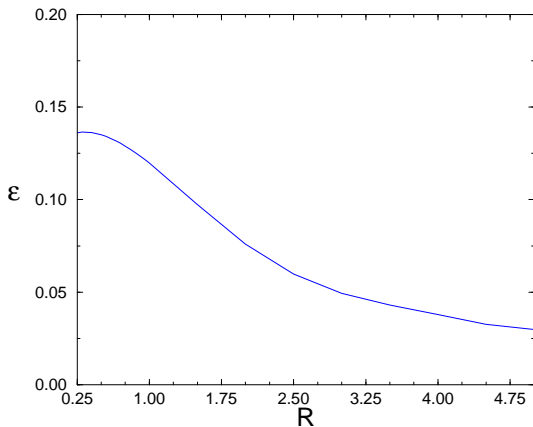
D-terms

$\mu^2 = -g^2 \epsilon^2 M_5^2 \leftarrow$ effective UV cutoff

$$\epsilon^2(R) = \frac{R^3}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dl l^{3/2} \frac{\theta_2^4}{16l^4 \eta^{12}} \left(il + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sum_n n^2 e^{-2\pi n^2 R^2 l}$$

Diagrammatic annotations for the integral:

- UV \swarrow (blue arrow pointing to the upper limit ∞)
- IR \nearrow (red arrow pointing to the lower limit 0)
- $e^{-\pi l}$ \nearrow (blue arrow pointing to the exponential term)
- 1 \swarrow (red arrow pointing to the constant term $\frac{1}{2}$)



$R \rightarrow 0 : \epsilon(R) \simeq 0.14$ large transverse dim $R_{\perp} = l_s^2/R \rightarrow \infty$

$R \rightarrow \infty : \epsilon(R)M_s \sim \epsilon_{\infty}/R$ $\epsilon_{\infty} \simeq 0.008$ UV cutoff: $M_s \rightarrow 1/R$

Brout-Englert-Higgs = component of a higher dim gauge field

$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{\infty}$ calculable in the effective field theory

Quartic coupling \Rightarrow mass prediction:

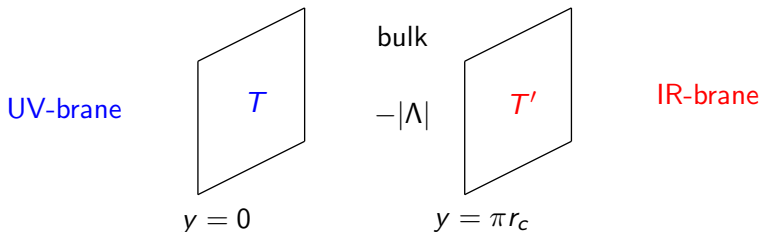
- tree level : $M_H = M_Z$

- low-energy SM radiative corrections top quark sector : $M_H \sim 120$ GeV

Also M_s or $1/R \sim$ a few or several TeV

Randal Sundrum models

spacetime = slice of AdS_5 : $ds^2 = e^{-2k|y|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$ $k^2 \sim \Lambda/M_5^3$



- exponential hierarchy: $M_W = M_P e^{-2kr_c}$ $M_P^2 \sim M_5^3/k$ $M_5 \sim M_{GUT}$

- 4d gravity localized on the UV-brane, but KK gravitons on the IR

$$m_n = c_n k e^{-2kr_c} \sim \text{TeV} \quad c_n \simeq (n + 1/4) \text{ for large } n$$

\Rightarrow spin-2 TeV resonances in di-lepton or di-jet channels [18] [19]

- weakly coupled for $m_n < M_5 e^{-2kr_c} \Rightarrow k < M_5$
- viable models: SM gauge bosons in the bulk
EWSB sector on the IR-brane
- AdS/CFT duals to strongly coupled 4d field theories
composite models, technicolor-type $g_{YM} = M_5/k > 1$

Other accelerator signatures

- Large TeV dimensions seen by SM gauge interactions

⇒ KK resonances of SM gauge bosons

I.A. '90

$$M_n^2 = M_0^2 + \frac{n^2}{R^2} \quad ; \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

- string physics and possible strong gravity effects

Massive string vibrations ⇒ e.g. resonances in dijet distribution

$$M_j^2 = M_0^2 + M_s^2 j \quad ; \quad \text{maximal spin} : j + 1$$

higher spin excitations of quarks and gluons with strong interactions

Anchordoqui-Goldberg-Lüst-Nawata-Taylor-Stieberger '08

production of micro-black holes?

Giddings-Thomas, Dimopoulos-Landsberg '01

Black hole production

String-size black hole energy threshold : $M_{\text{BH}} \simeq M_s/g_s^2$

Horowitz-Polchinski '96, Meade-Randall '07

- string size black hole: $r_H \sim l_s = M_s^{-1}$
- black hole mass: $M_{\text{BH}} \sim r_H^{d-3}/G_N$ $G_N \sim l_s^{d-2} g_s^2$

weakly coupled theory \Rightarrow strong gravity effects occur much above M_s, M_*

$g_s \sim 0.1$ (gauge coupling) $\Rightarrow M_{\text{BH}} \sim 100M_s$

Comparison with Regge excitations : $M_n = M_s \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow$

production of $n \sim 1/g_s^4 \sim 10^4$ string states before reach M_{BH}

Extra $U(1)$'s and anomaly induced terms

masses suppressed by a loop factor

usually associated to known global symmetries of the SM

(anomalous or not) such as (combinations of)

Baryon and Lepton number, or PQ symmetry

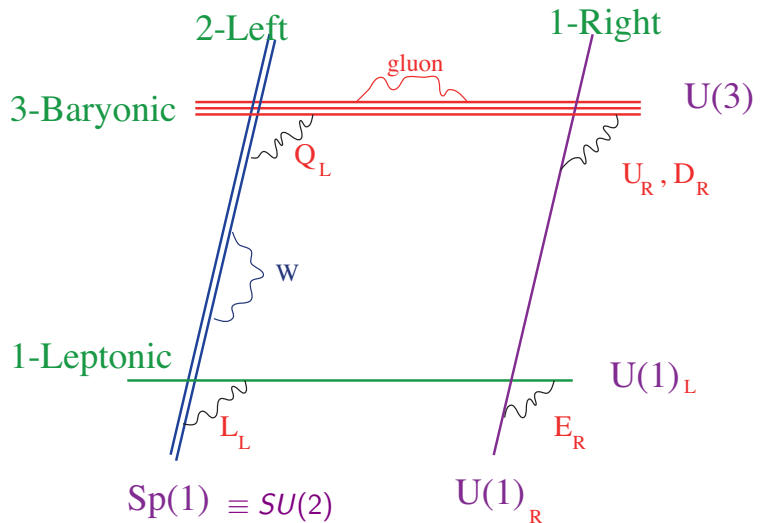
Two kinds of massive $U(1)$'s: I.A.-Kiritsis-Rizos '02

- 4d anomalous $U(1)$'s: $M_A \simeq g_A M_s$

- 4d non-anomalous $U(1)$'s: (but masses related to 6d anomalies)

$$M_{NA} \simeq g_A M_s V_2 \leftarrow (6d \rightarrow 4d) \text{ internal space} \quad \Rightarrow M_{NA} \geq M_A$$

Standard Model on D-branes



$U(1)^3$: hypercharge + B, L global


- B and L become massive due to anomalies

Green-Schwarz terms

- the global symmetries remain in perturbation

- Baryon number \Rightarrow proton stability

- Lepton number \Rightarrow protect small neutrino masses

no Lepton number $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M_s} LLHH \rightarrow$ Majorana mass: $\frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{M_s} LL$


- $B, L \Rightarrow$ extra Z 's (B lighter than 4d anomaly free $B - L$)

with possible leptophobic couplings leading to CDF-type Wjj events [3]

Anchordoqui-I.A.-Goldberg-Huang-Lüst-Taylor '11

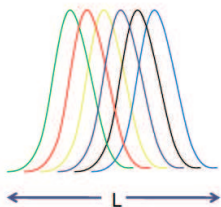
More general framework: large number of species

N particle species \Rightarrow lower quantum gravity scale : $M_*^2 = M_p^2/N$

Dvali '07, Dvali, Redi, Brustein, Veneziano, Gomez, Lüst '07-'10

derivation from: black hole evaporation or quantum information storage

Pixel of size L containing N species storing information:



localization energy $E \gtrsim N/L \rightarrow$

Schwarzschild radius $R_s = N/(LM_p^2)$

no collapse to a black hole : $L \gtrsim R_s \Rightarrow L \gtrsim \sqrt{N}/M_p = 1/M_*$

$M_* \simeq 1 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow N \sim 10^{32}$ particle species !

2 ways to realize $N = 10^{32}$ lowering the string scale

- ① Large volume compactifications SM on D-branes [3]

$N = R_{\perp}^n l_s^n$: number of KK modes up to energies of order $M_* \simeq M_s$

- ② $N \sim$ effective number of string modes contributing to the BH bound

Dvali-Lüst '09, Dvali-Gomez '10

$N_s = \frac{1}{g_s^2}$ with $g_s \simeq 10^{-16}$ SM on NS5-branes

I.A.-Pioline '99, I.A.-Dimopoulos-Giveon '01

in this case gravity does NOT become strong at M_s

Both ways are compatible with the general string relation:

$$M_P^2 = \frac{1}{g_s^2} V_6 M_s^8 \quad V_6 : \text{internal } 6d \text{ compactification volume}$$

Gauge/Gravity duality \Rightarrow toy 5d bulk model

Gravity background : near horizon geometry (holography) Maldacena '98

Analogy from D3-branes : AdS_5

NS-5 branes : $(\mathcal{M}_6 \otimes \mathbb{R}_+)$

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linear dilaton background in 5d flat string-frame metric $\Phi = -\alpha|y|$

Aharony-Berkooz-Kutasov-Seiberg '98

“cut” the space of the extra dimension \Rightarrow gravity on the brane

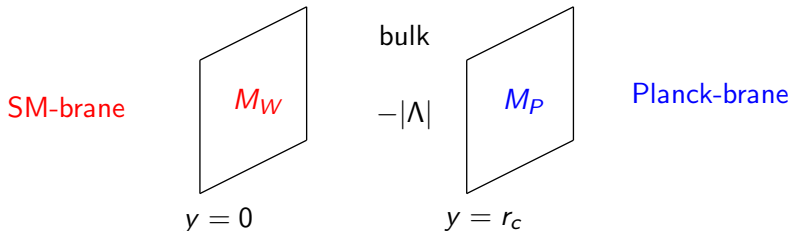
$$S_{bulk} = \int d^4x \int_0^{r_c} dy \sqrt{-g} e^{-\Phi} (M_5^3 R + M_5^3 (\nabla\Phi)^2 - \Lambda)$$

$$S_{vis(hid)} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (e^{-\Phi}) (L_{SM(hid)} - T_{vis(hid)})$$

Tuning conditions: $T_{vis} = -T_{hid} \leftrightarrow \Lambda < 0$ [9]

$$g_s^2 = e^{-\alpha|y|} ; ds^2 = e^{\frac{2}{3}\alpha|y|} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2) \leftarrow \text{Einstein frame [9]}$$

$z \sim e^{\alpha y/3} \Rightarrow$ polynomial warp factor + log varying dilaton



- exponential hierarchy: $g_s^2 = e^{-\alpha|y|}$ $M_P^2 \sim \frac{M_s^3}{\alpha} e^{\alpha r_c}$ $\alpha \equiv k_{RS}$
- 4d graviton flat, KK gravitons localized near SM

LST KK graviton phenomenology

- KK spectrum : $m_n^2 = \left(\frac{n\pi}{r_c}\right)^2 + \frac{\alpha^2}{4}$; $n = 1, 2, \dots$

⇒ mass gap + dense KK modes $\alpha \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ $r_c^{-1} \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$

- couplings : $\frac{1}{\Lambda_n} \sim \frac{1}{(\alpha r_c) M_5}$

⇒ extra suppression by a factor $(\alpha r_c) \simeq 30$

- width : $1/(\alpha r_c)^2$ suppression $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

⇒ narrow resonant peaks in di-lepton or di-jet channels

- extrapolates between RS and flat extra dims ($n = 1$)

⇒ distinct experimental signals

Conclusions

Mass hierarchy \Rightarrow testing strings at the TeV ?

- Well motivated theoretical framework
with many testable experimental predictions
new resonances, missing energy
- Several realizations with different signatures
flat large extra dimensions, exp warped metrics,
tiny string coupling and linear dilaton background
- Stimulus for micro-gravity experiments and accelerator searches