

# From the Standard Model to String Theory

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## Recent progress:

- explicit model building towards the MSSM
  - Heterotic brane world
  - local grand unification
- moduli stabilization and Susy breakdown
  - gaugino condensation and uplifting
  - mirage mediation

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But there might be more:

- supersymmetry (SM extended to MSSM)
- neutrino masses and mixings

as a hint for a large mass scale around  $10^{16}$  GeV

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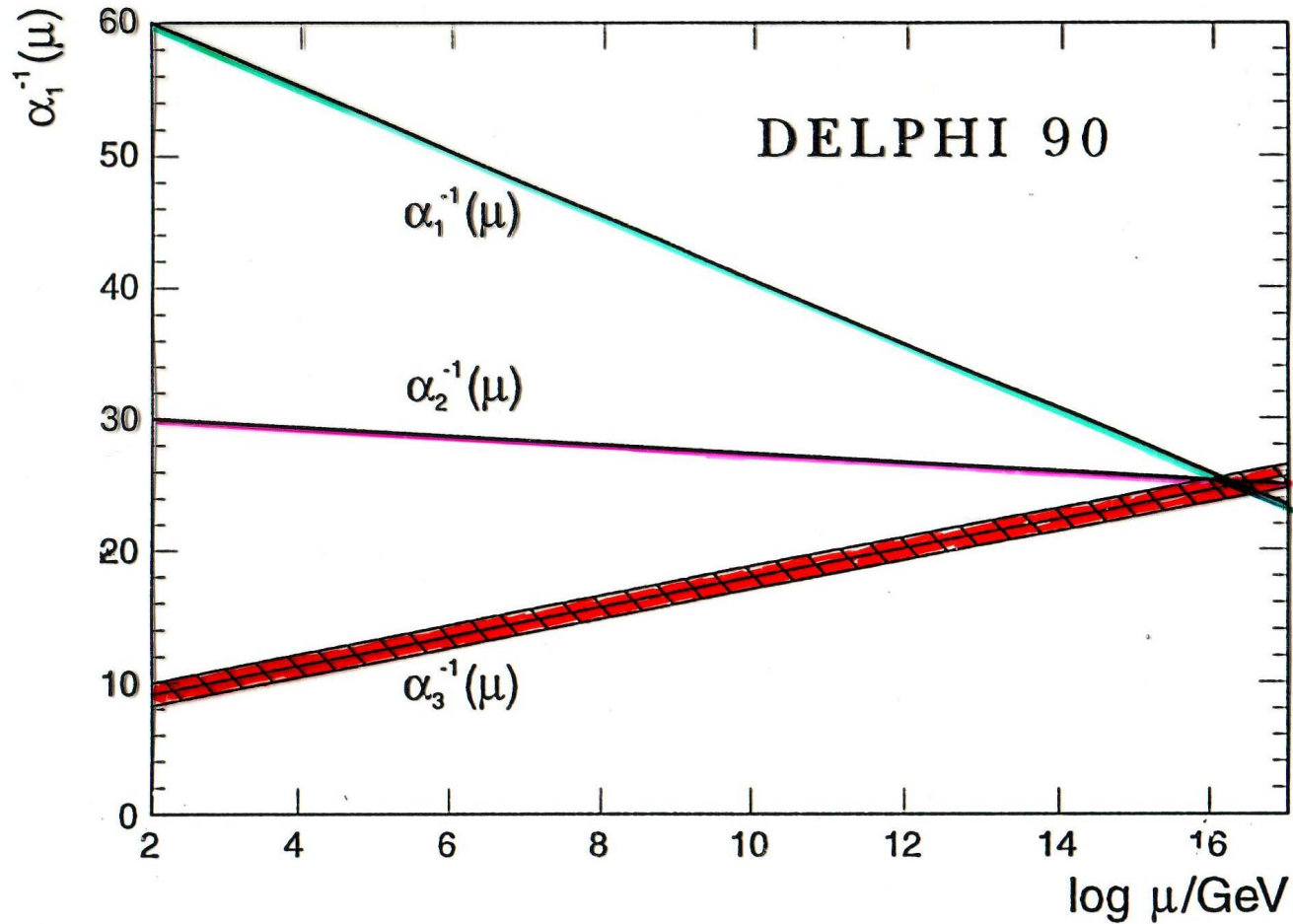
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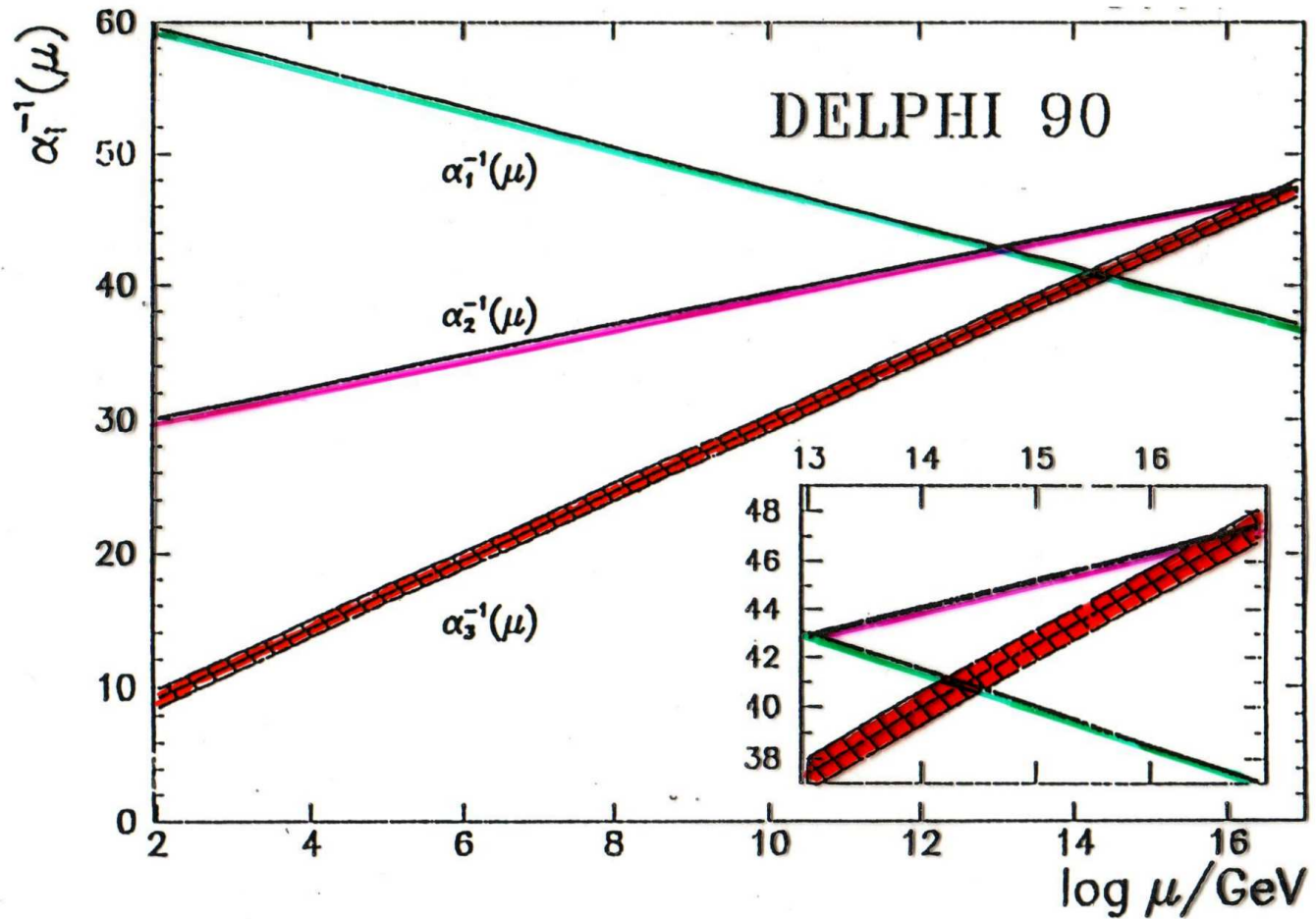
- **Evolution of coupling constants** of the standard model towards higher energies.



# MSSM (supersymmetric)



# Standard Model



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- breakdown of GUT group (large representations)
- doublet-triplet splitting problem (incomplete multiplets)
- proton stability (need for R-parity)

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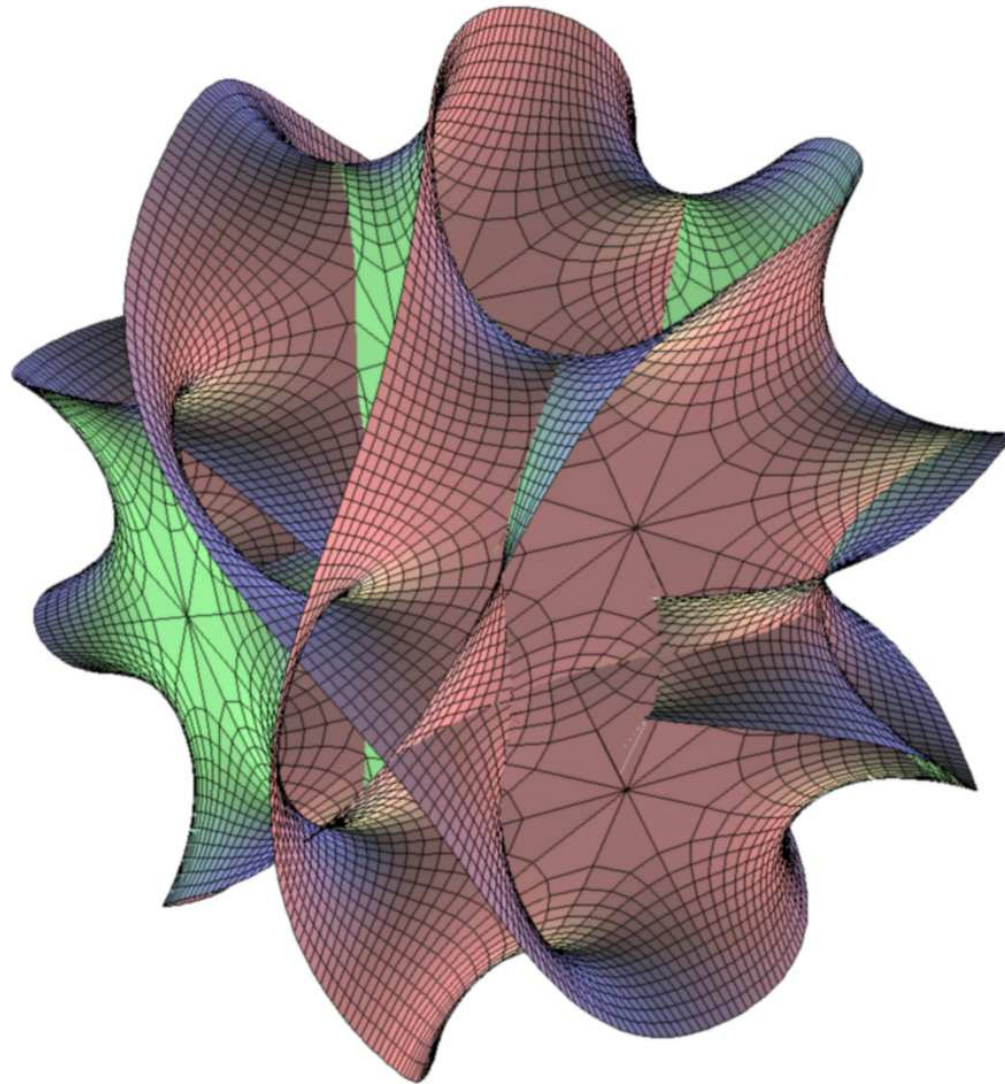
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These are the building blocks for a **unified theory** of all the fundamental interactions.

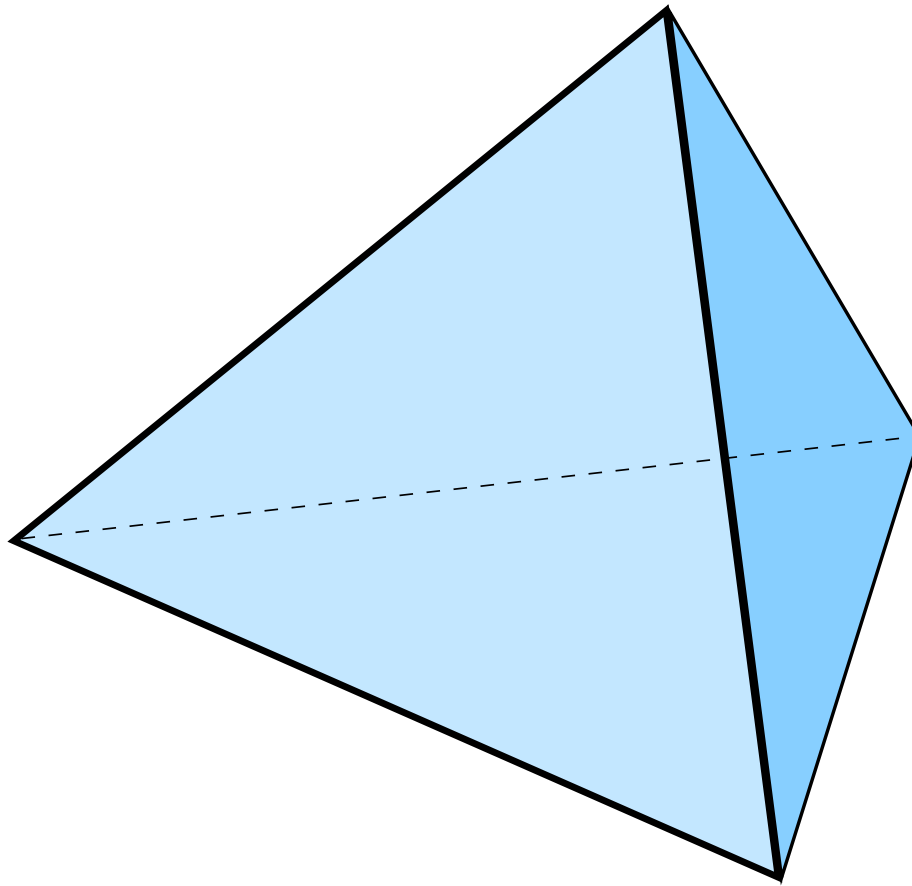
But do they fit together, and if yes how?

**We need to understand the mechanism of compactification of the extra spatial dimensions**

# Calabi Yau Manifold

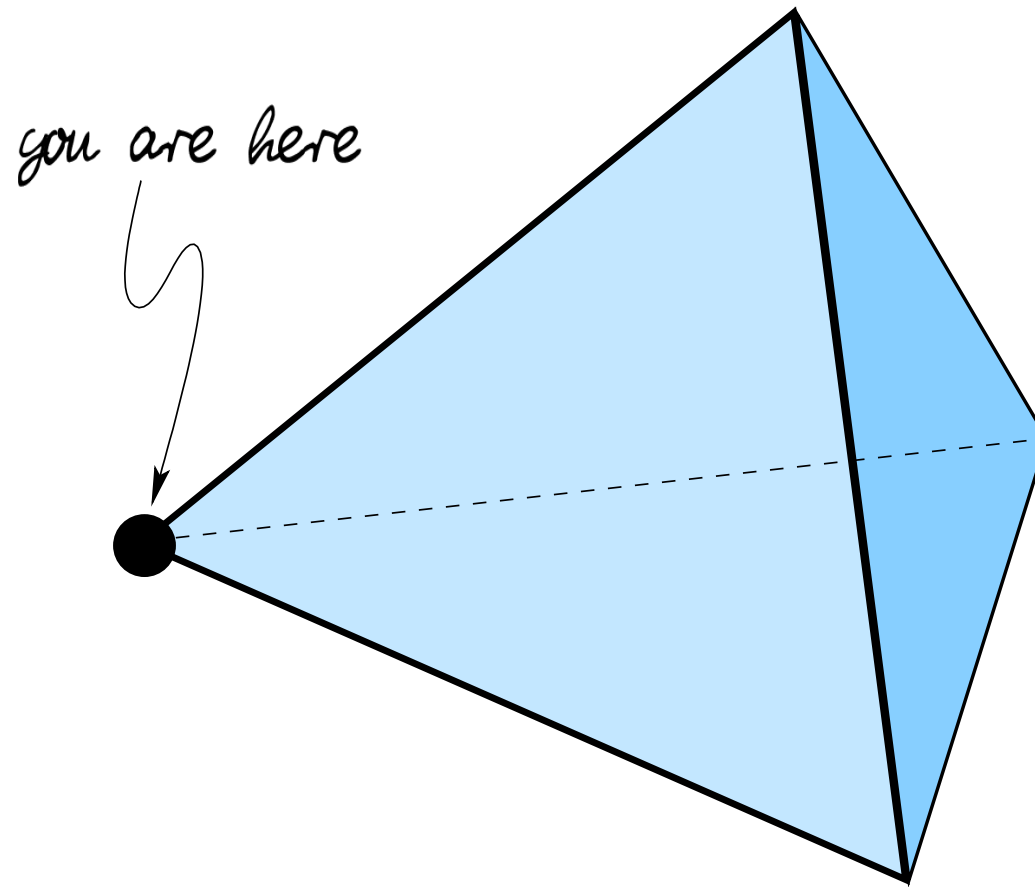


# Orbifold





# Where do we live?



# Localization

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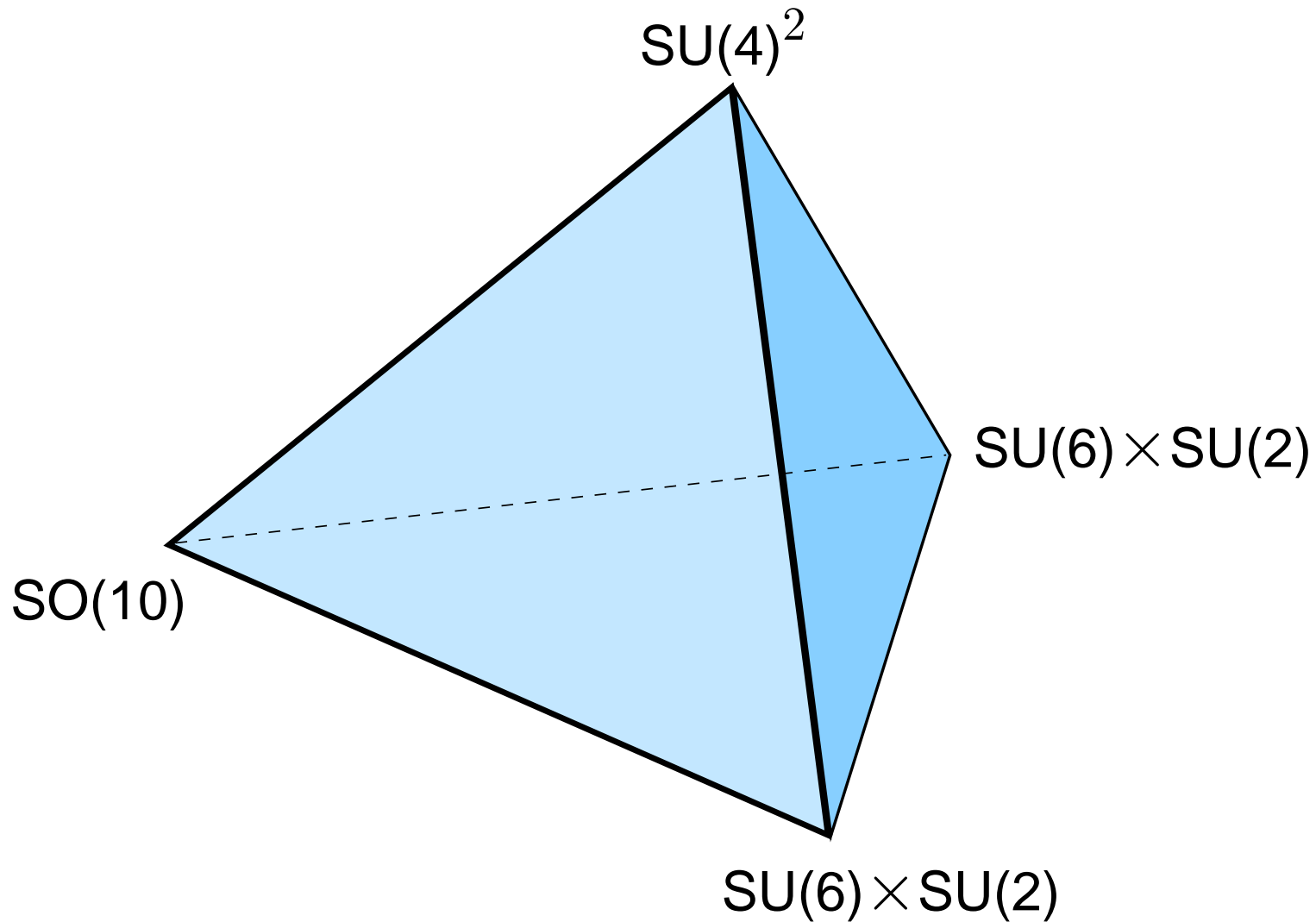
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but there is also a “localization” of gauge fields

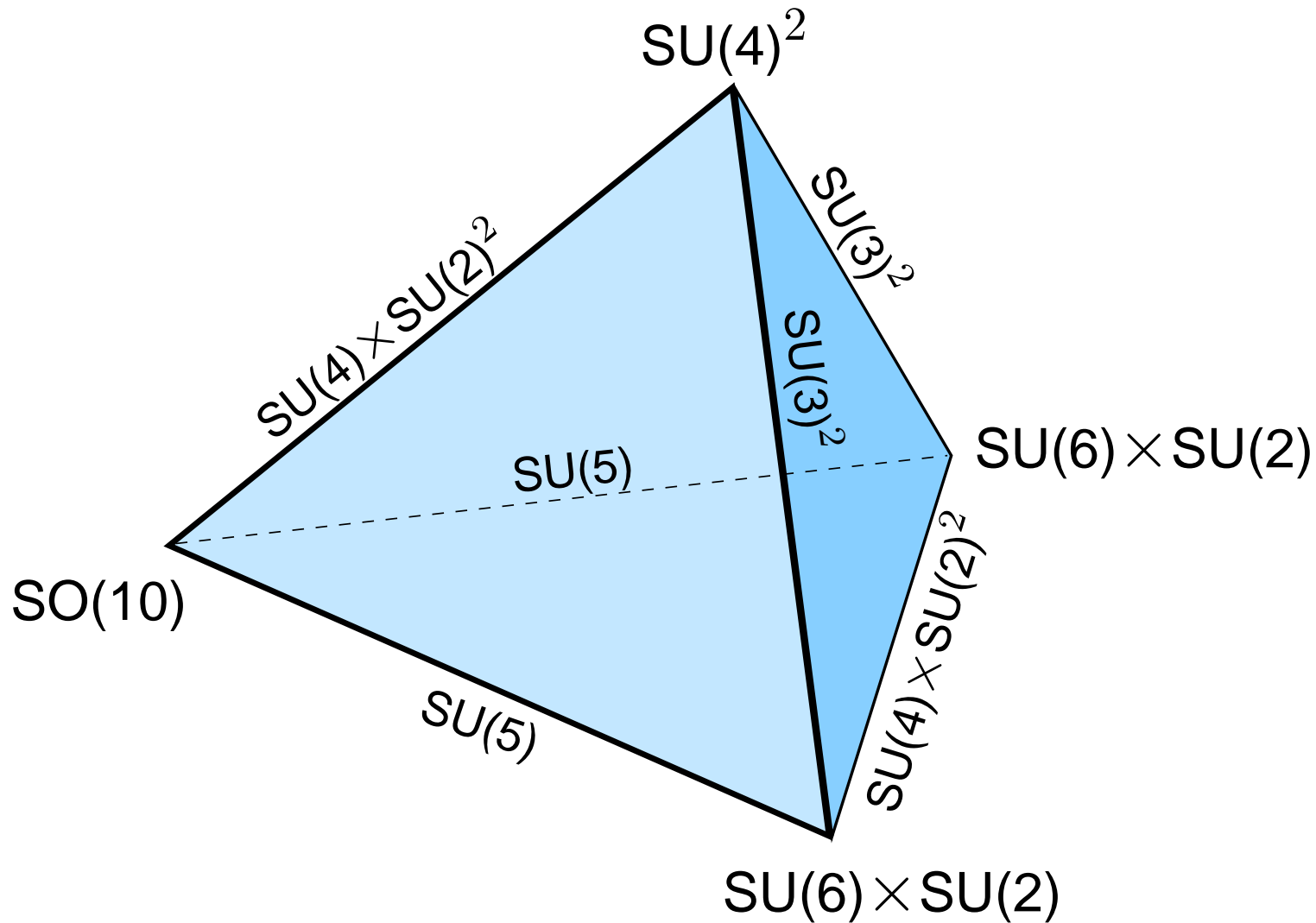
- $E_8 \times E_8$  in the bulk
- smaller gauge groups on various branes

Observed 4-dimensional gauge group is common subgroup of the various localized gauge groups!

# Localized gauge symmetries



# Standard Model Gauge Group



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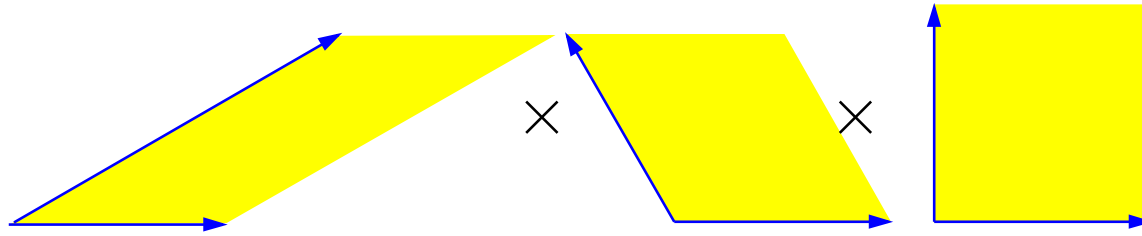
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Key properties of the theory depend on the **geography** of the fields in extra dimensions.

This geometrical set-up called **local GUTs**, can be realized in the framework of the “heterotic braneworld”.

(Förste, HPN, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2004; Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, Ratz, 2004)

# The “fertile patch”: $Z_6$ II orbifold



(Kobayashi, Raby, Zhang, 2004; Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, Ratz, 2004)

- provides fixed points and fixed tori
- allows  $SO(10)$  gauge group
- allows for **localized 16-plets** for 2 families
- $SO(10)$  broken via Wilson lines
- nontrivial hidden sector gauge group



# Selection Strategy

criterion	$V^{\text{SO}(10),1}$	$V^{\text{SO}(10),2}$
② models with 2 Wilson lines	22,000	7,800
③ SM gauge group $\subset \text{SO}(10)$	3563	1163
④ 3 net families	1170	492
⑤ gauge coupling unification	528	234
⑥ no chiral exotics	128	90

(Lebedev, HPN, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2006)

# The road to the MSSM

This scenario leads to

- 200 models with the **exact spectrum of the MSSM** (absence of chiral exotics)
- **local grand unification** (by construction)
- gauge- and (partial) Yukawa unification  
(Raby, Wingerter, 2007)
- examples of **neutrino see-saw mechanism**  
(Buchmüller, Hamguchi, Lebedev, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, 2007)
- models with **matter-parity** + solution to the  **$\mu$ -problem**  
(Lebedev, HPN, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2007)
- gaugino condensation and **mirage mediation**  
(Löwen, HPN, 2008)

# A Benchmark Model

At the orbifold point the gauge group is

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)^9 \times SU(4) \times SU(2)$$

- one  $U(1)$  is anomalous
- there are singlets and vectorlike exotics
- decoupling of exotics and breakdown of gauge group has been verified
- remaining gauge group

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \times SU(4)_{\text{hidden}}$$

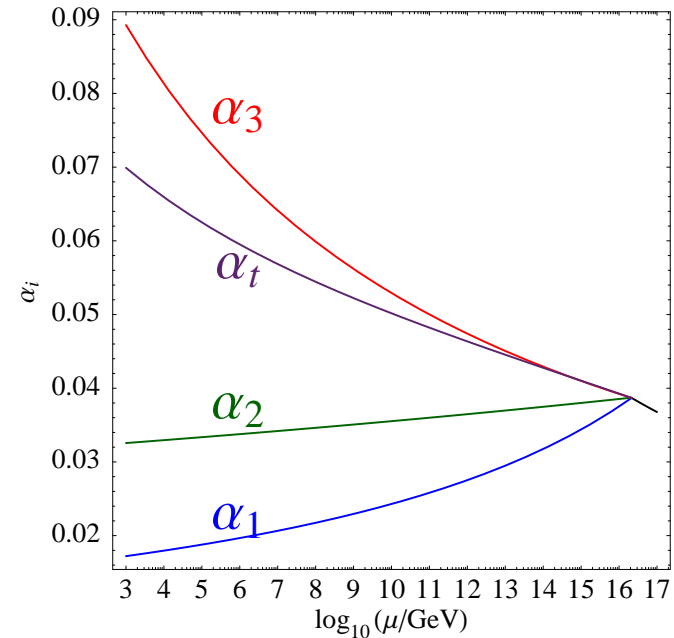
- for discussion of neutrinos and R-parity we keep also the  $U(1)_{B-L}$  charges

# Spectrum

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# Unification

- Higgs doublets are in untwisted (U3) sector
- heavy top quark
- $\mu$ -term protected by a discrete symmetry



- threshold corrections (“on third torus”) allow unification at correct scale around  $10^{16}$  GeV
- natural incorporation of gauge-Yukawa unification

(Faraggi, 1991; Hosteins, Kappl, Ratz, Schmidt-Hoberg, 2009)

# See-saw neutrino masses

The see-saw mechanism requires

- right handed neutrinos ( $Y = 0$  and  $B - L = \pm 1$ ),
- heavy Majorana neutrino masses  $M_{\text{Majorana}}$ ,
- Dirac neutrino masses  $M_{\text{Dirac}}$ .

The benchmark model has 49 right handed neutrinos:

- the left handed neutrino mass is  $m_\nu \sim M_{\text{Dirac}}^2 / M_{\text{eff}}$
- with  $M_{\text{eff}} < M_{\text{Majorana}}$  and depends on the number of right handed neutrinos.

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# Matter-Parity

- matter-parity allows the **distinction** between Higgs bosons and sleptons
- $SO(10)$  **contains matter-parity** as a discrete subgroup of  $U(1)_{B-L}$ .
- in conventional “**field theory GUTs**” one needs large representations to break  $U(1)_{B-L}$  ( $\geq 126$  dimensional)
- in **heterotic string** models one has more candidates for matter-parity (and generalizations thereof)
- one just needs **singlets with an even  $B - L$  charge** that **break  $U(1)_{B-L}$  down to matter-parity**

(Lebedev, HPN, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2007)



# Discrete Symmetries

There are numerous discrete symmetries:

- from geometry
- and stringy selection rules,
- both of abelian and nonabelian nature

(Kobayashi, HPN, Plöger, Raby, Ratz, 2006)

The importance of these discrete symmetries cannot be underestimated. After all, besides the gauge symmetries this is what we get in string theory.

At low energies the discrete symmetries might appear as accidental continuous global  $U(1)$  symmetries.

# Accidental Symmetries

Applications of discrete and accidental global symmetries:

- (nonabelian) family symmetries (and FCNC)

(Ko, Kobayashi, Park, Raby, 2007)

- Yukawa textures (via Frogatt-Nielsen mechanism)

- a solution to the  $\mu$ -problem

(Lebedev, HPN, Raby, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, 2007)

- creation of hierarchies

(Kappl, HPN, Ramos-Sanchez, Ratz, Schmidt-Hoberg, Vaudrevange, 2008)

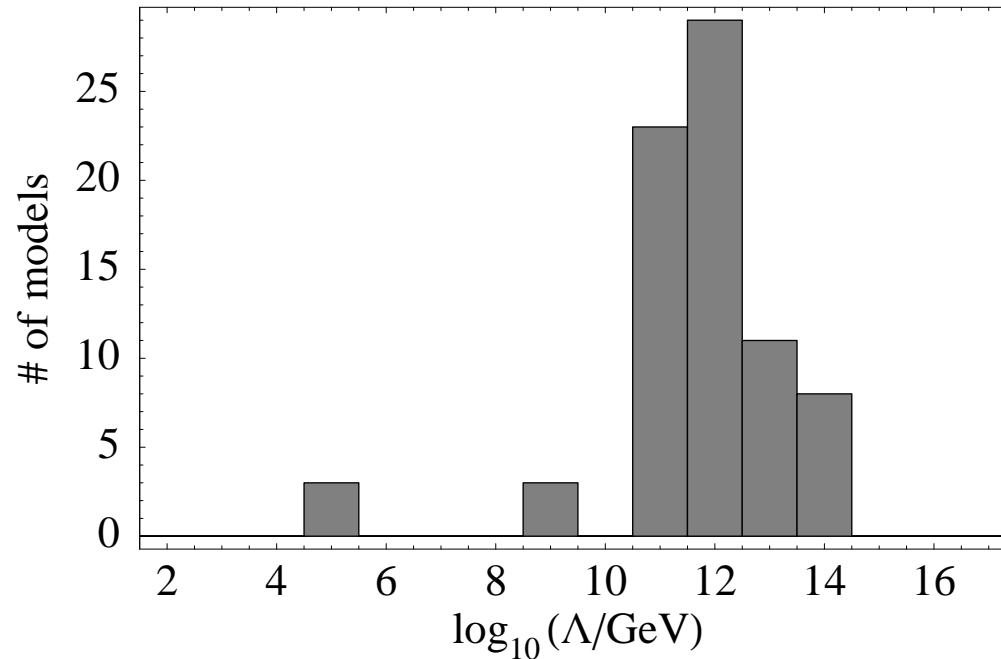
- proton stability via “Proton Hexality”

(Dreiner, Luhn, Thormeier, 2005; Förste, HPN, Ramos-Sanchez, Vaudrevange, 2010)

- approximate global  $U(1)$  for a QCD action

(Choi, Kim, Kim, 2006; Choi, HPN, Ramos-Sanchez, Vaudrevange, 2008)

# Gaugino Condensation

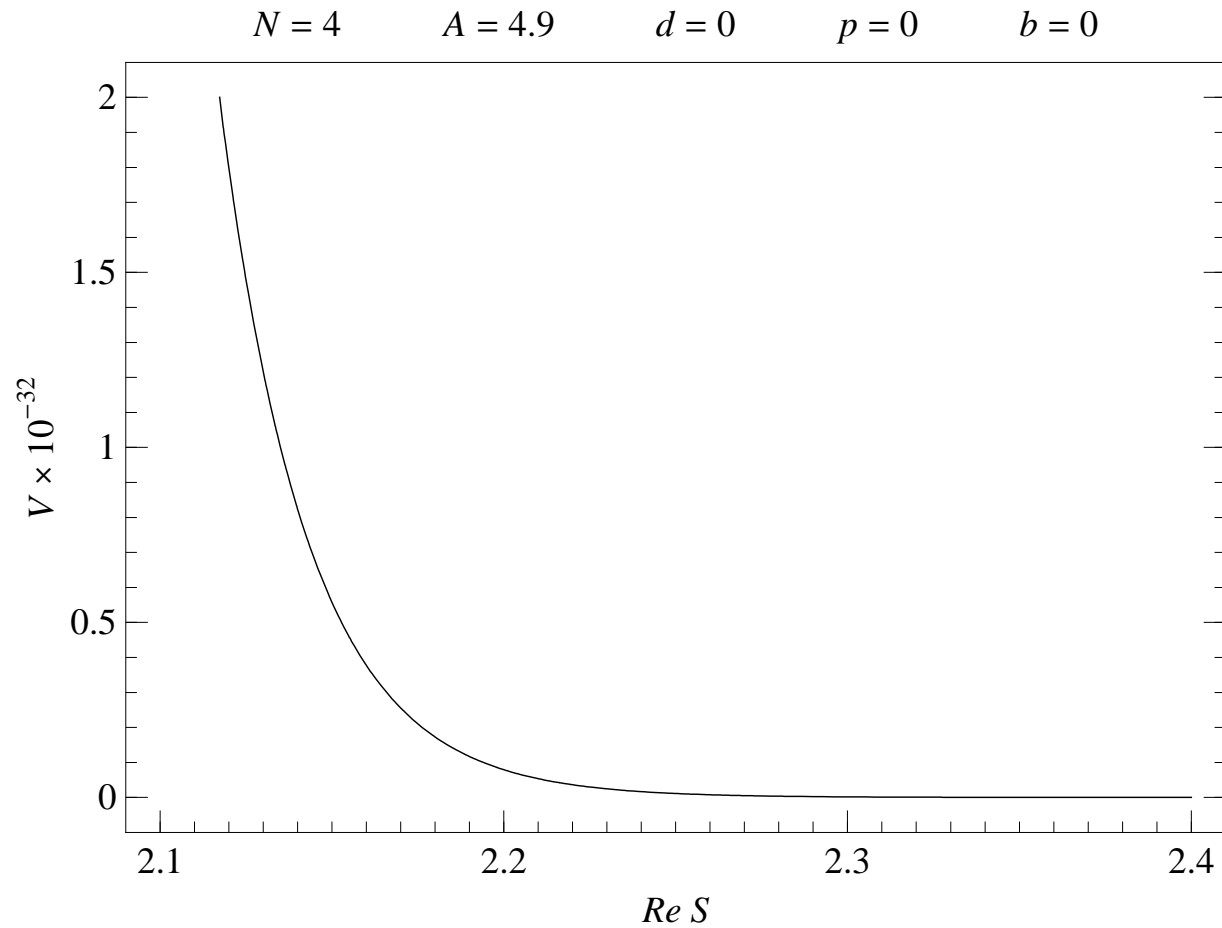


Gravitino mass  $m_{3/2} = \Lambda^3 / M_{\text{Planck}}^2$  and  $\Lambda \sim \exp(-S)$

**We need to fix the dilaton!**

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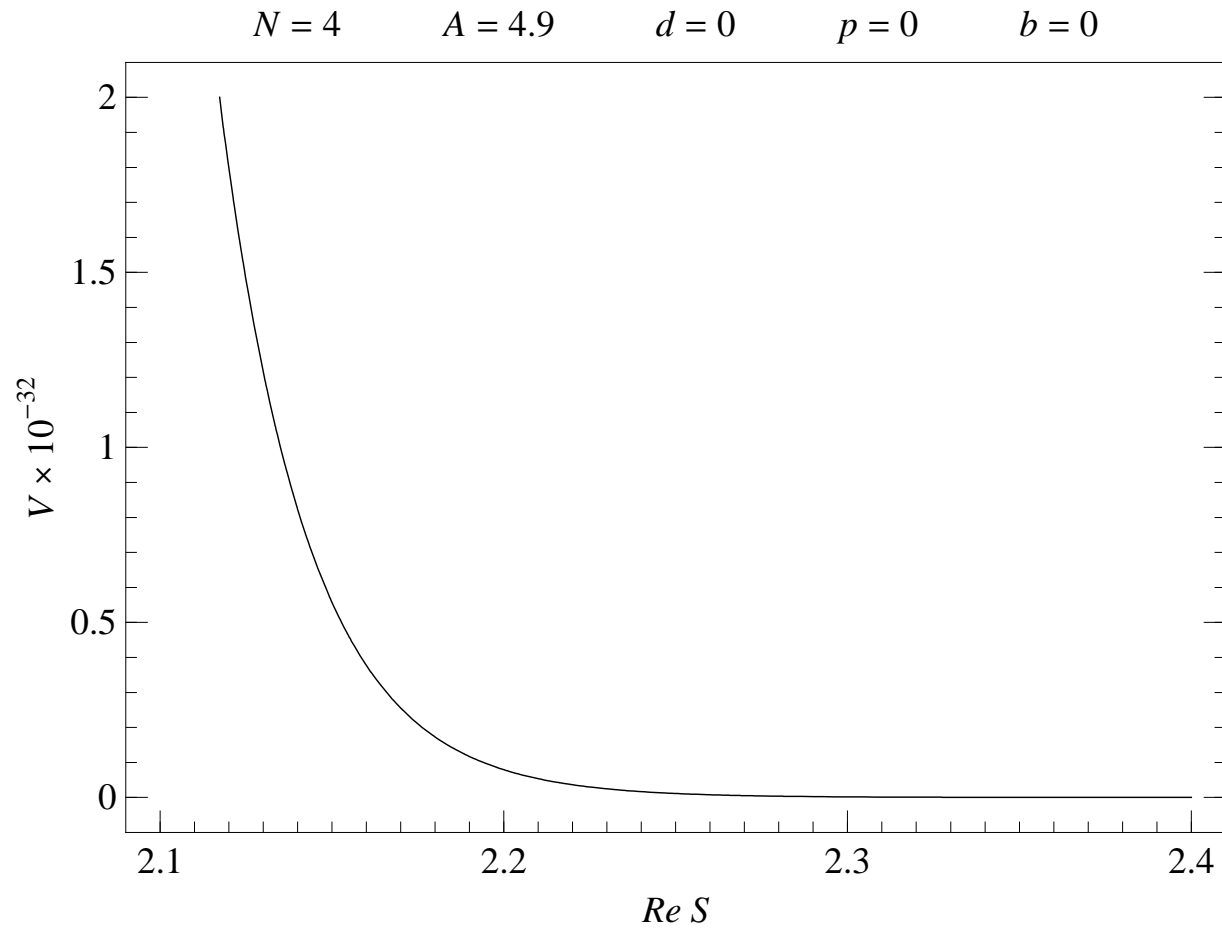
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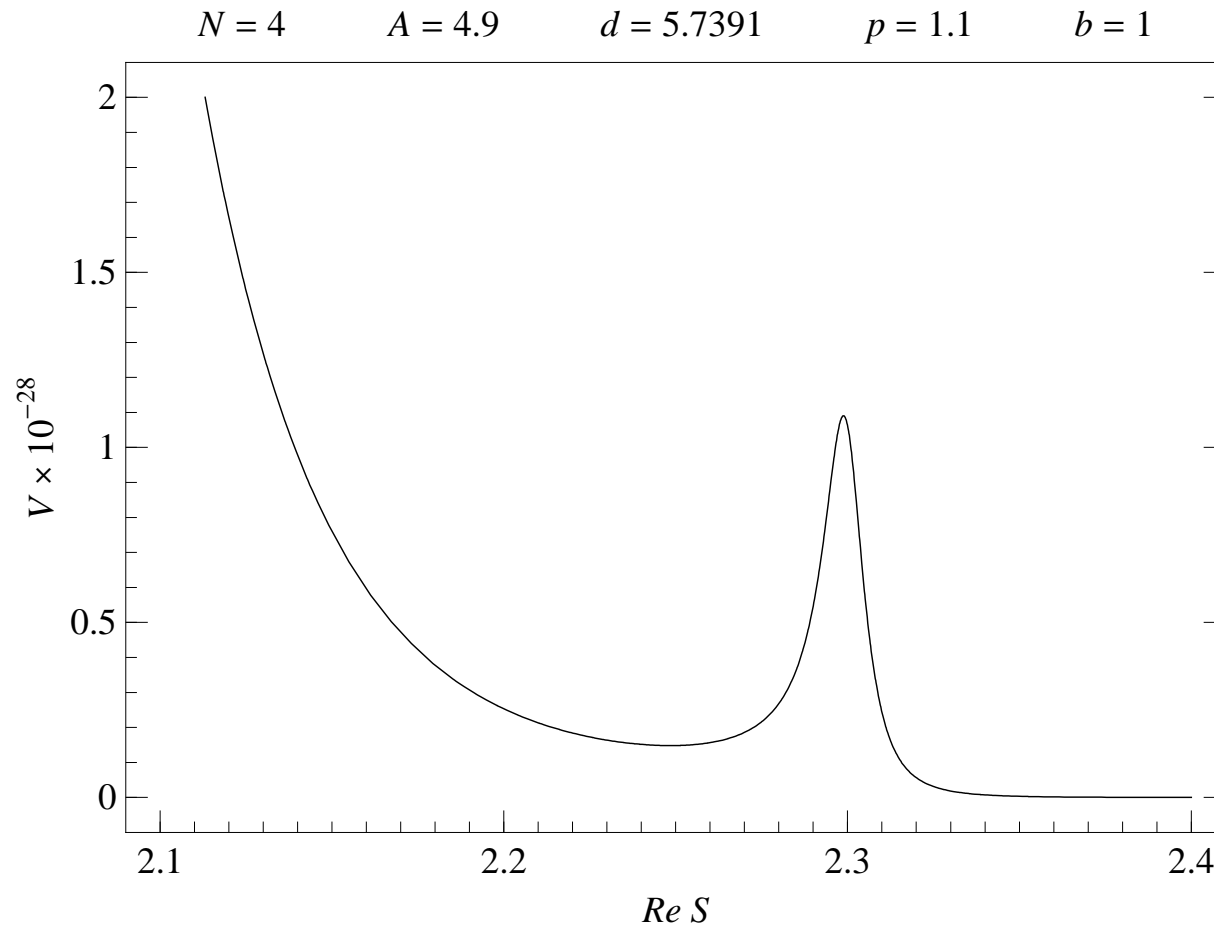
## Recent progress in

- moduli stabilization via fluxes in warped compactifications of **Type IIB string theory**  
(Dasgupta, Rajesh, Sethi, 1999; Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski, 2001)
- generalized flux compactifications of **heterotic string theory**  
(Gurrieri, Lukas, Micu, 2004; Parameswaran, Ramos-Sanchez, Zavala, 2010)
- combined with gaugino condensates and “uplifting”  
(Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, 2003; Löwen, HPN, 2008)

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# Corrections to Kähler potential

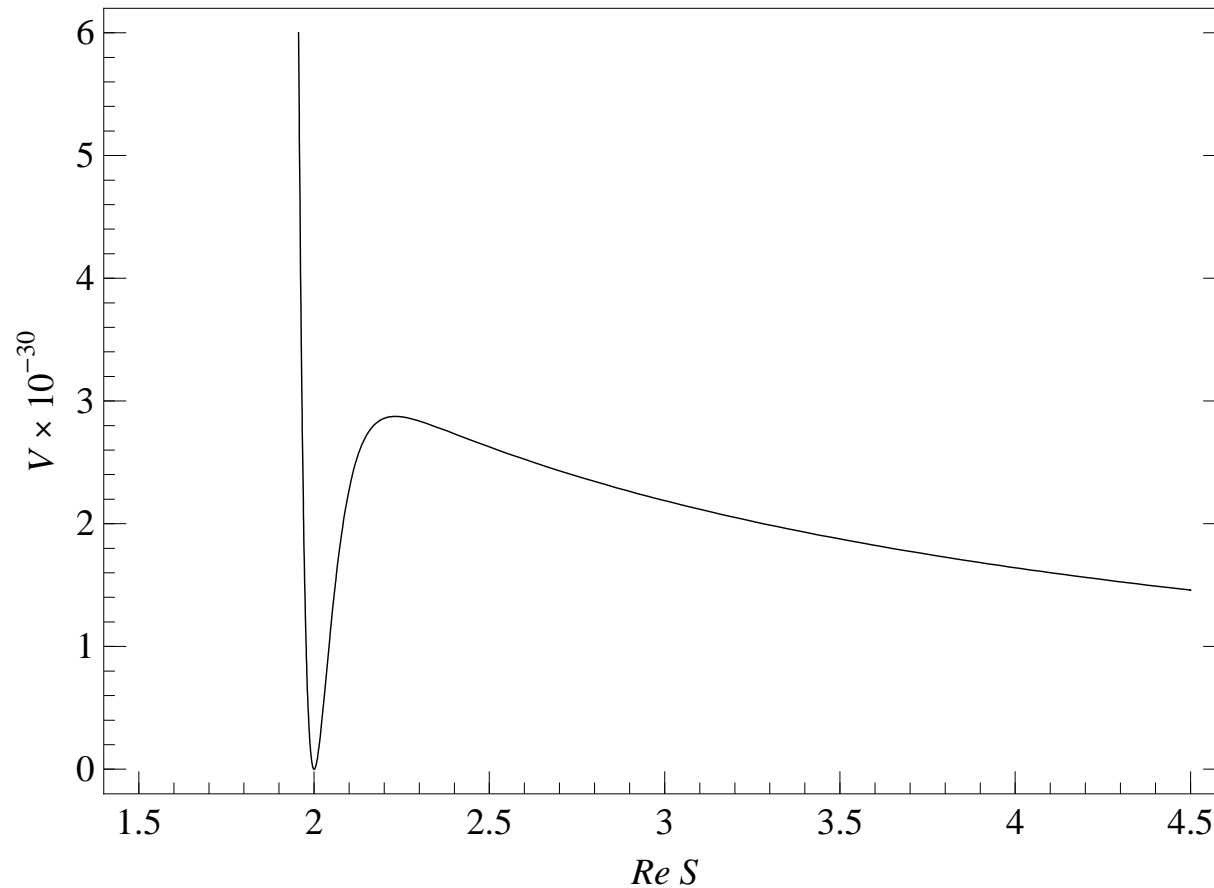


(Barreiro, de Carlos, Copeland, 1998)



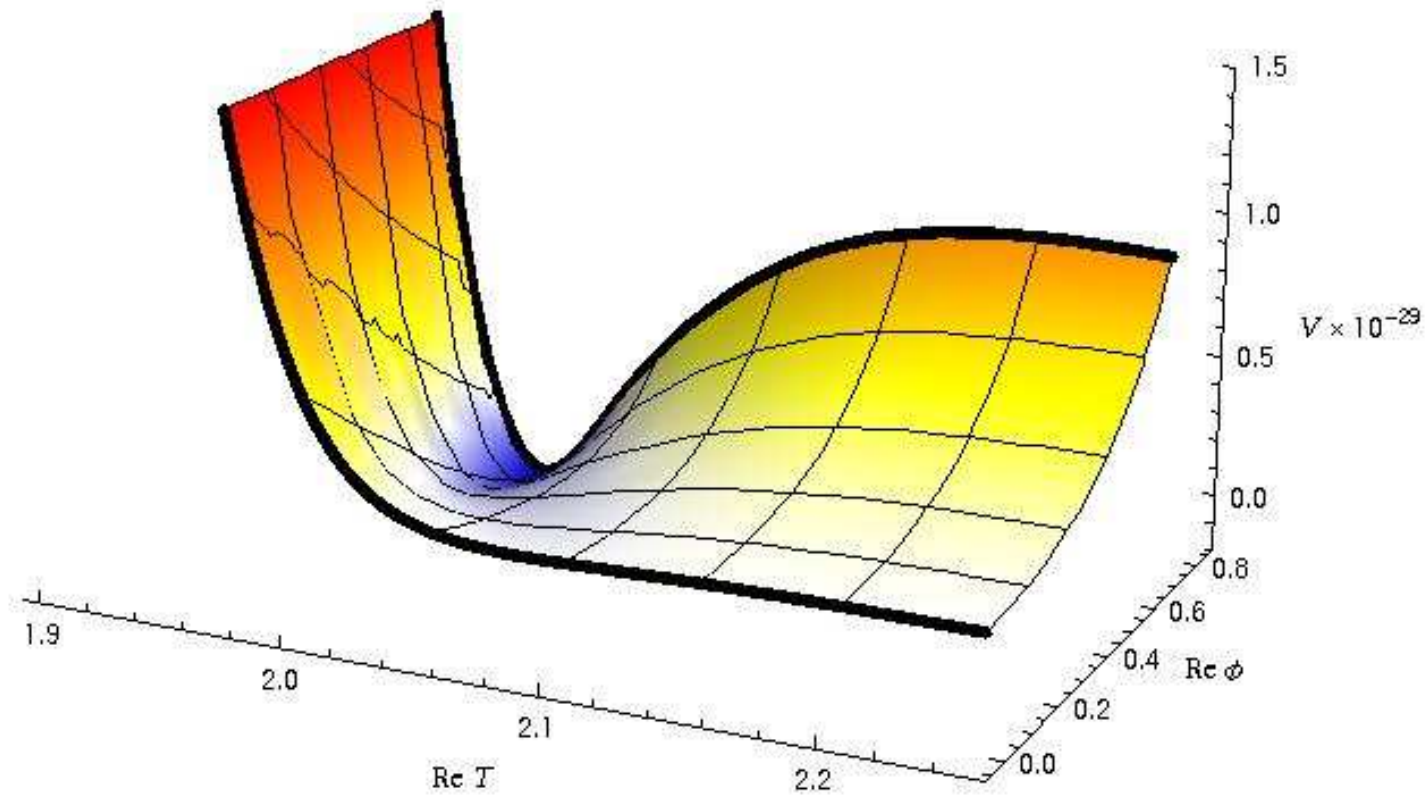
# Sequestered sector “uplifting”

$N = 4$      $A = 4.9$      $C_0 = 0.73$



(Lebedev, HPN, Ratz, 2006; Löwen, HPN, 2008)

# Downlift



(Löwen, HPN, 2008)

# Fluxes and gaugino condensation

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In fact in this simple scheme

$$X \sim \log(M_{\text{Planck}}/m_{3/2})$$

providing a “**little**” **hierarchy**.

(Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, Pokorski, 2004)

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Thus the contribution due to **radiative corrections** becomes competitive, leading to **mixed mediation schemes**.

The simplest case for radiative corrections leads to **anomaly mediation** competing now with the suppressed contribution of **modulus mediation**.

For reasons that will be explained later we call this scheme

## **MIRAGE MEDIATION**

(Loaiza, Martin, HPN, Ratz, 2005)

# The little hierarchy

$$m_X \sim \langle X \rangle m_{3/2} \sim \langle X \rangle^2 m_{\text{soft}}$$

is a generic signal of such a scheme

- moduli and gravitino are heavy
- gaugino mass spectrum is compressed

(Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, 2005; Endo, Yamaguchi, Yoshioka, 2005;  
Choi, Jeong, Okumura, 2005)

- such a situation occurs if SUSY breaking is e.g.  
“sequestered” on a warped throat

(Kachru, McAllister, Sundrum, 2007)

# Mirage Unification

Mirage Mediation provides a

- characteristic pattern of soft breaking terms.

To see this, let us consider the gaugino masses

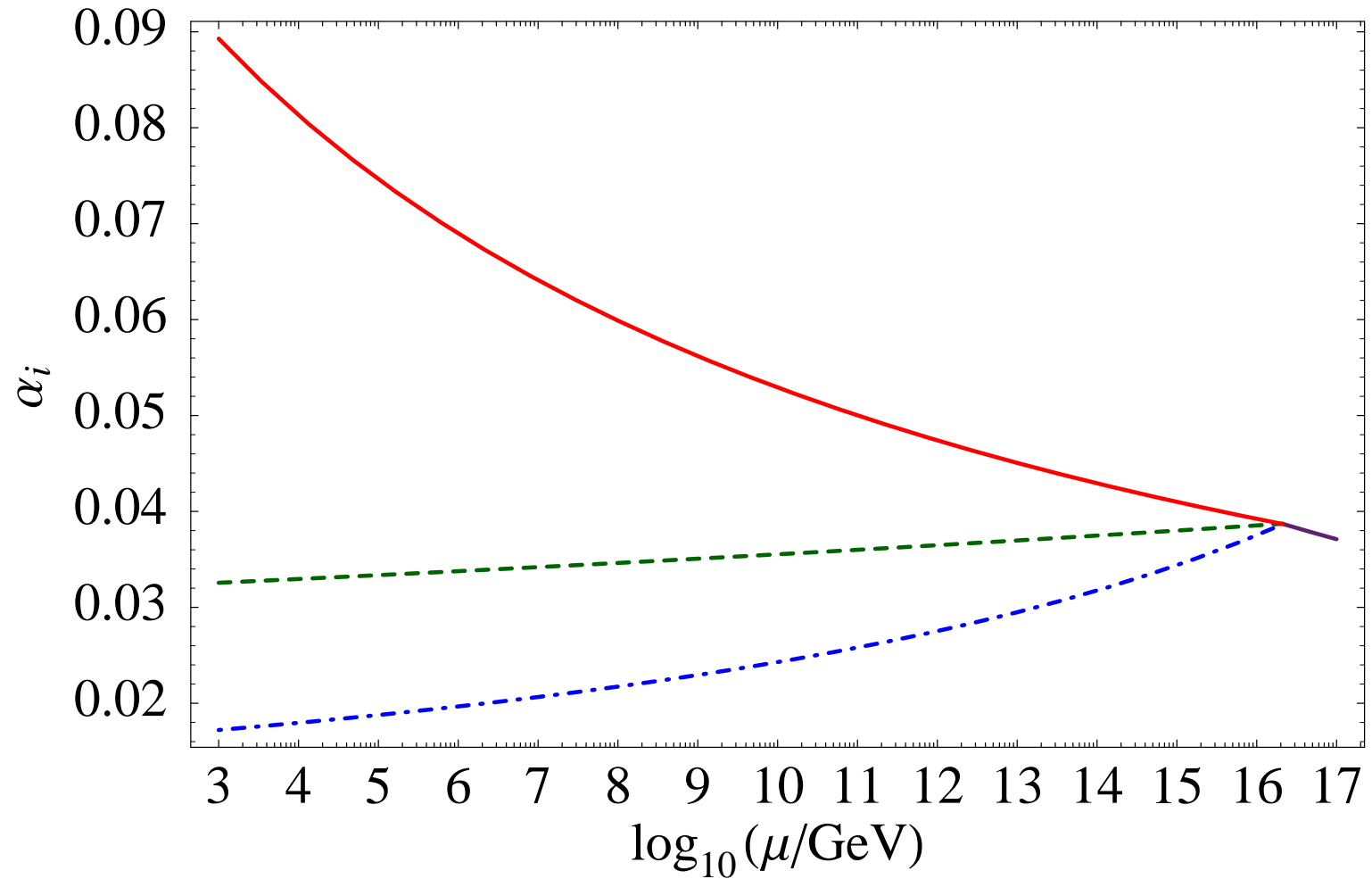
$$M_{1/2} = M_{\text{modulus}} + M_{\text{anomaly}}$$

as a sum of two contributions of comparable size.

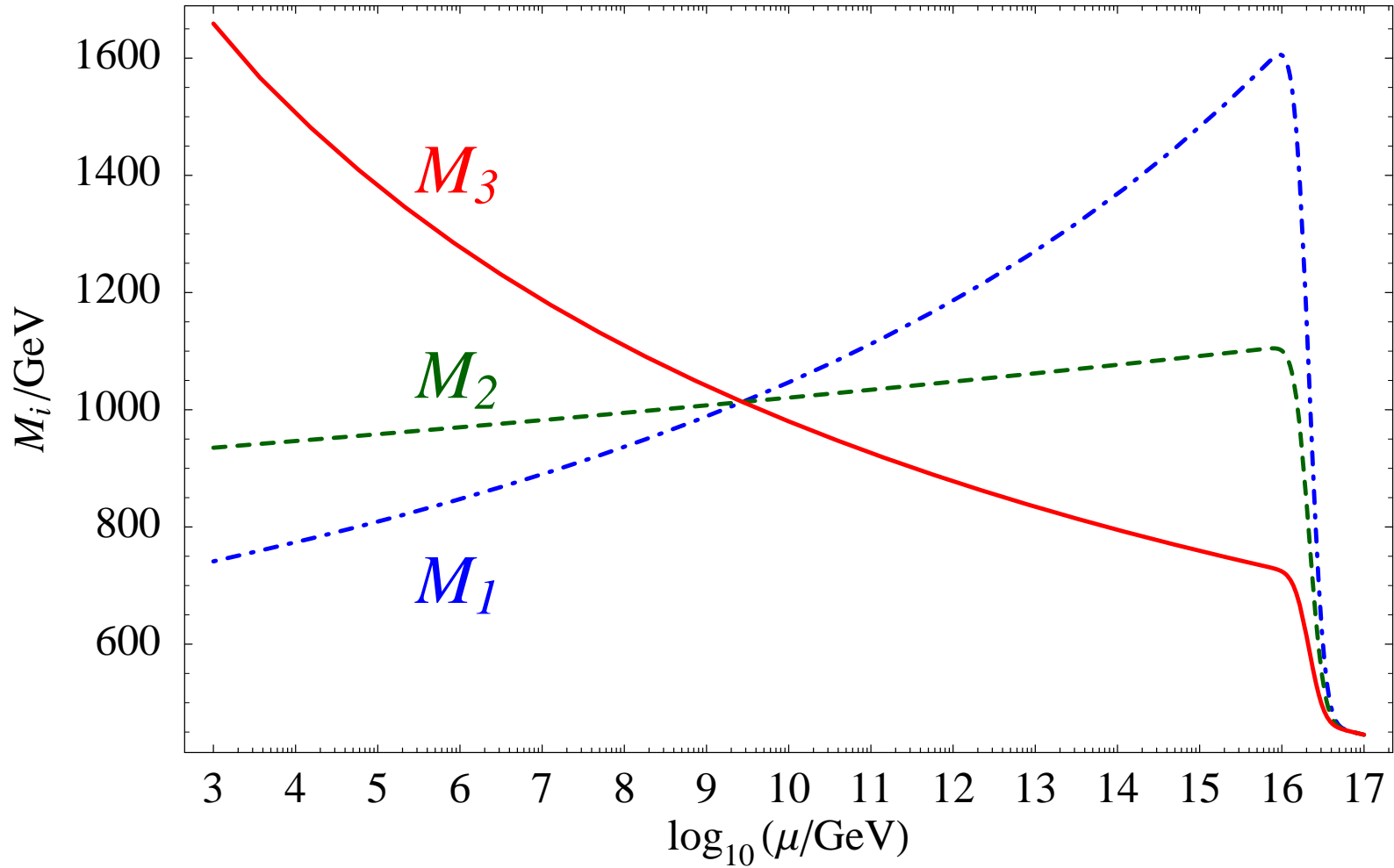
- $M_{\text{anomaly}}$  is proportional to the  $\beta$  function, i.e. **negative** for the gluino, **positive** for the bino
- thus  $M_{\text{anomaly}}$  is non-universal below the GUT scale



# Evolution of couplings



# The Mirage Scale



(Lebedev, HPN, Ratz, 2005)

# The Mirage Scale (II)

The gaugino masses coincide

- above the GUT scale
- at the mirage scale

$$\mu_{\text{mirage}} = M_{\text{GUT}} \exp(-8\pi^2/\rho)$$

where  $\rho$  denotes the “ratio” of the contribution of **modulus** vs. **anomaly mediation**. We write the gaugino masses as

$$M_a = M_s(\rho + b_a g_a^2) = \frac{m_{3/2}}{16\pi^2}(\rho + b_a g_a^2)$$

and  $\rho \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to pure anomaly mediation.

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There is a different notation used in the literature using a parameter  $\alpha$  where

- the mirage scale is 
$$\mu_{\text{mirage}} = M_{\text{GUT}} \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \right)^{\alpha/2}$$
- $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to pure gravity mediation
- and 
$$\alpha \log \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \right) \sim 1/\rho$$

# Some important messages

Please keep in mind:

- the **uplifting mechanism** plays an important role for the pattern of the soft susy breaking terms
- **predictions for gaugino masses** are more robust than those for sfermion masses
- **dilaton/modulus mediation suppressed** in many cases
- **mirage pattern** for gaugino masses rather generic

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Questions:

- are there distinct signatures for the various schemes?
- can they be identified with LHC data?

(Choi, HPN, 2007)

# What to expect from the LHC

At the LHC we scatter

- protons on protons, i.e.
- quarks on quarks and/or
- gluons on gluons

Thus LHC will be a machine to produce strongly interacting particles. If TeV-scale susy is the physics beyond the standard model we might expect LHC to become a

**GLUINO FACTORY**

with cascade decays down to the LSP neutralino.



# The Gaugino Code

First step to test these ideas at the LHC:

look for pattern of gaugino masses

Let us assume the

- low energy particle content of the MSSM
- measured values of gauge coupling constants

$$g_1^2 : g_2^2 : g_3^2 \simeq 1 : 2 : 6$$

The evolution of gauge couplings would then lead to **unification** at a GUT-scale around  $10^{16}$  GeV

# Formulae for gaugino masses

$$\left(\frac{M_a}{g_a^2}\right)_{\text{TeV}} = \tilde{M}_a^{(0)} + \tilde{M}_a^{(1)}|_{\text{loop}} + \tilde{M}_a^{(1)}|_{\text{gauge}} + \tilde{M}_a^{(1)}|_{\text{string}}$$

$$\tilde{M}_a^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} F^I \partial_I f_a^{(0)}$$

$$\tilde{M}_a^{(1)}|_{\text{loop}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} b_a \frac{F^C}{C} - \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_m C_a^m F^I \partial_I \ln(e^{-K_0/3} Z_m)$$

$$\tilde{M}_a^{(1)}|_{\text{string}} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} F^I \partial_I \Omega_a$$

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Observe that

- evolution of gaugino masses is tied to evolution of gauge couplings
- for MSSM  $M_a/g_a^2$  does not run (at one loop)

This implies

- robust prediction for gaugino masses
- gaugino mass relations are the key to reveal the underlying scheme

## 3 CHARACTERISTIC MASS PATTERNS

(Choi, HPN, 2007)

# SUGRA Pattern

Universal gaugino mass at the GUT scale

- SUGRA pattern:

$$M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 2 : 6 \simeq g_1^2 : g_2^2 : g_3^2$$

as realized in popular schemes such as gravity-, modulus- and gaugino-mediation

This leads to

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Bino
- $G = M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 6$

as a characteristic signature of these schemes.

# Anomaly Pattern

Gaugino masses below the GUT scale determined by the  $\beta$  functions

- anomaly pattern:

$$M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 3.3 : 1 : 9$$

at the TeV scale as the signal of anomaly mediation.

For the gauginos, this implies

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Wino
- $G = M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 9$

Pure anomaly mediation inconsistent, as sfermion masses are problematic in this scheme (tachyonic sleptons).

# Mirage Pattern

Mixed boundary conditions at the GUT scale characterized by the parameter  $\rho$  (the ratio of anomaly to modulus mediation).

- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 1.3 : 2.5$  for  $\rho \simeq 5$
- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 1 : 1$  for  $\rho \simeq 2$

The mirage scheme leads to

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Bino
- $G = M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} < 6$
- a “compact” gaugino mass pattern.

# The Mirage Scale (III)

The gaugino masses coincide

- above the GUT scale
- at the mirage scale

$$\mu_{\text{mirage}} = M_{\text{GUT}} \exp(-8\pi^2/\rho)$$

There is a different notation used in the literature using a parameter  $\alpha$  where

- the mirage scale is 
$$\mu_{\text{mirage}} = M_{\text{GUT}} \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \right)^{\alpha/2}$$
- $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to pure gravity mediation
- and 
$$\alpha \log \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \right) \sim 1/\rho$$

# The Gaugino Code

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the ratio of modulus to anomaly mediation.

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- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 1.3 : 2.5$  for  $\alpha \simeq 1$
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- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 3.3 : 1 : 9$  for  $\alpha \simeq \infty$

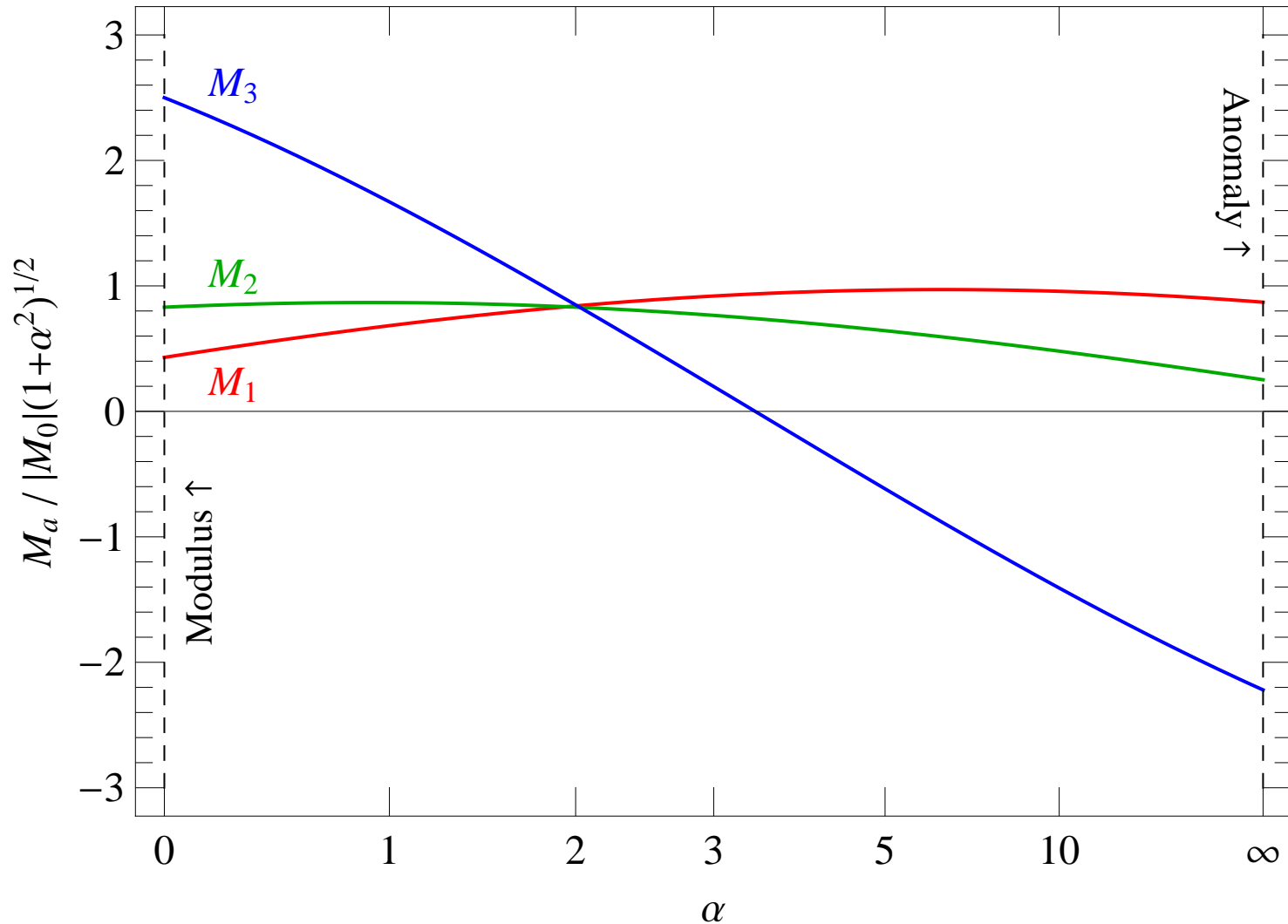
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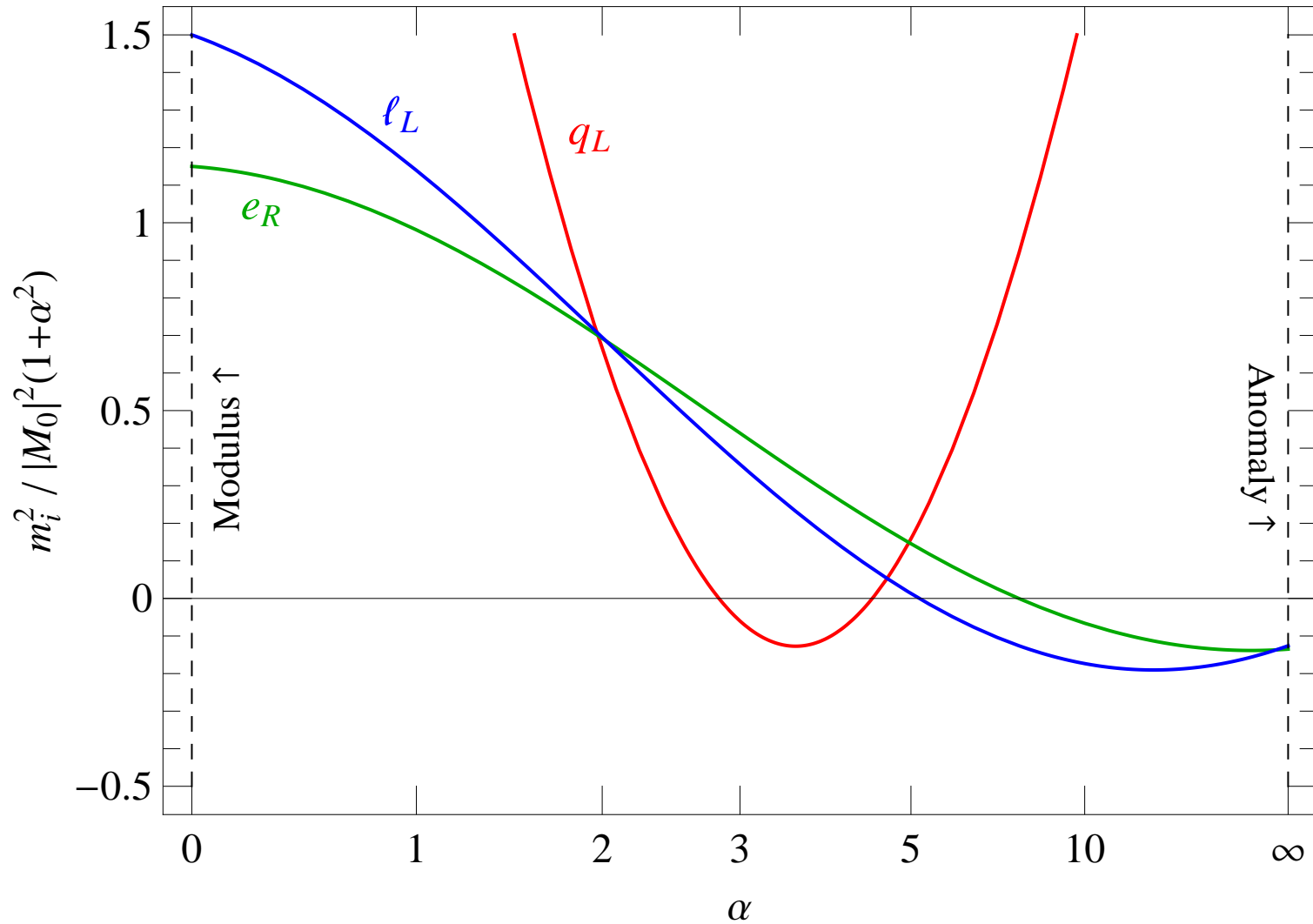
(Choi, HPN, 2007; Löwen, HPN, 2009)



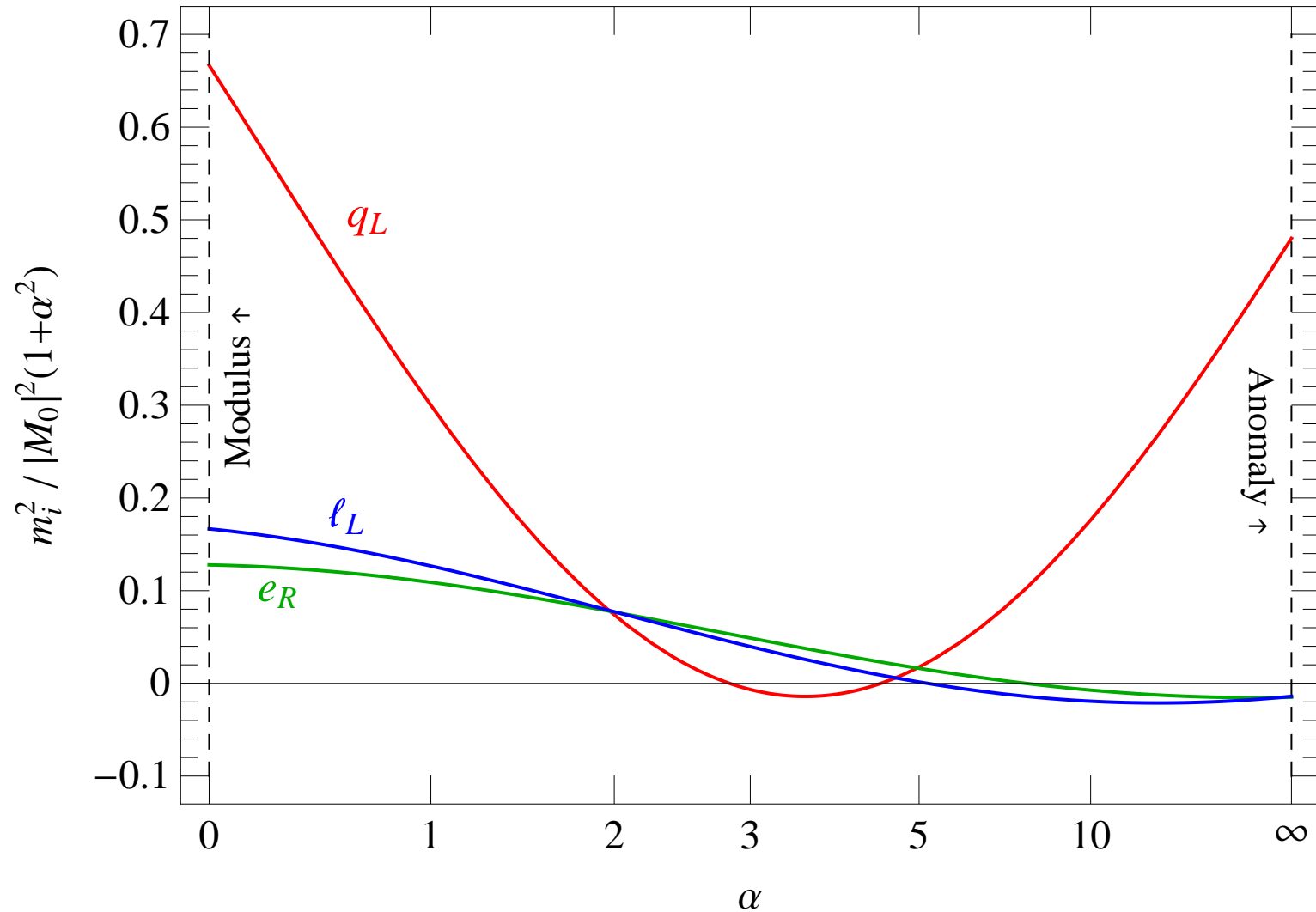
# Gaugino Masses



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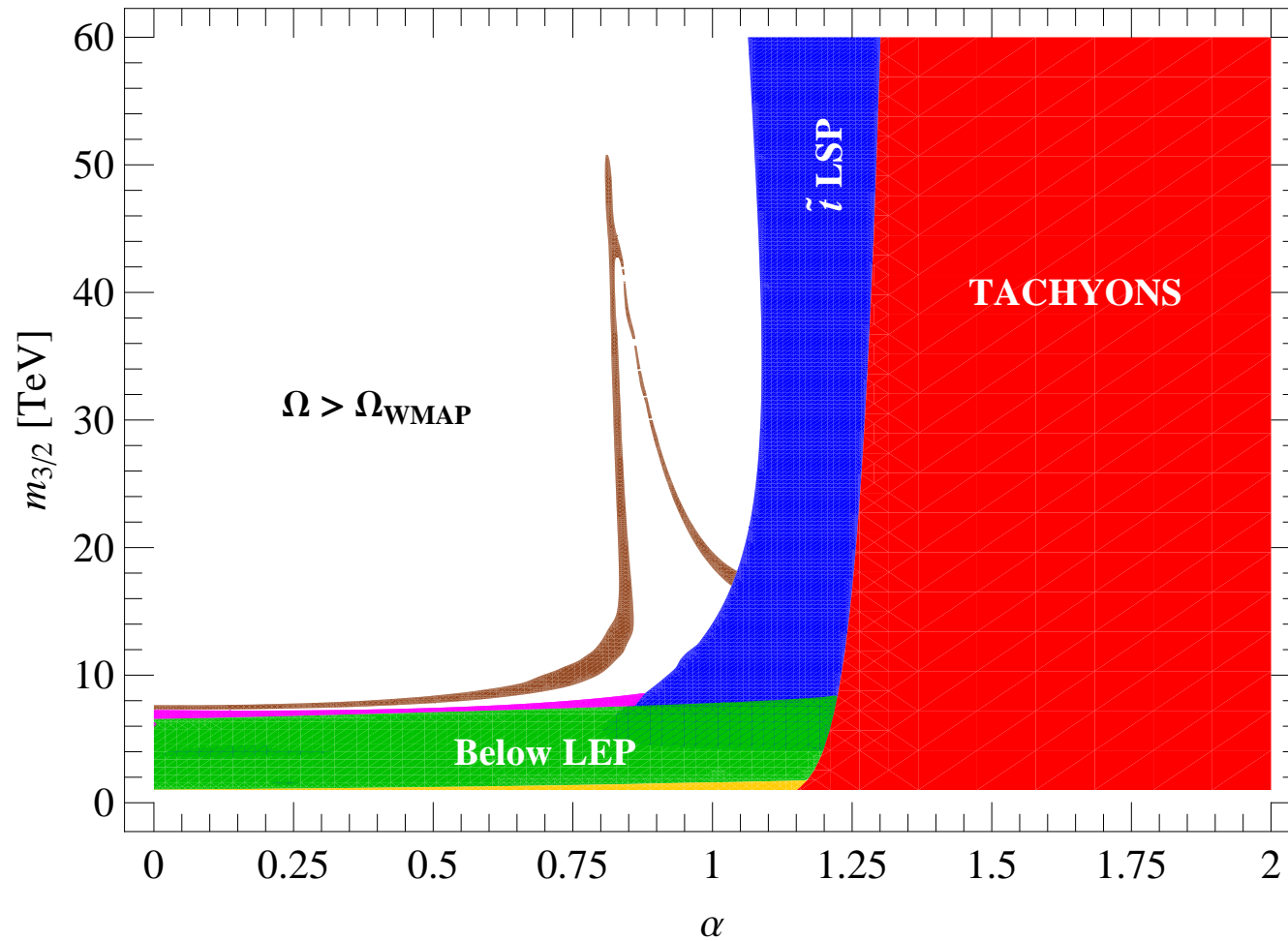


# Constraints on $\alpha$

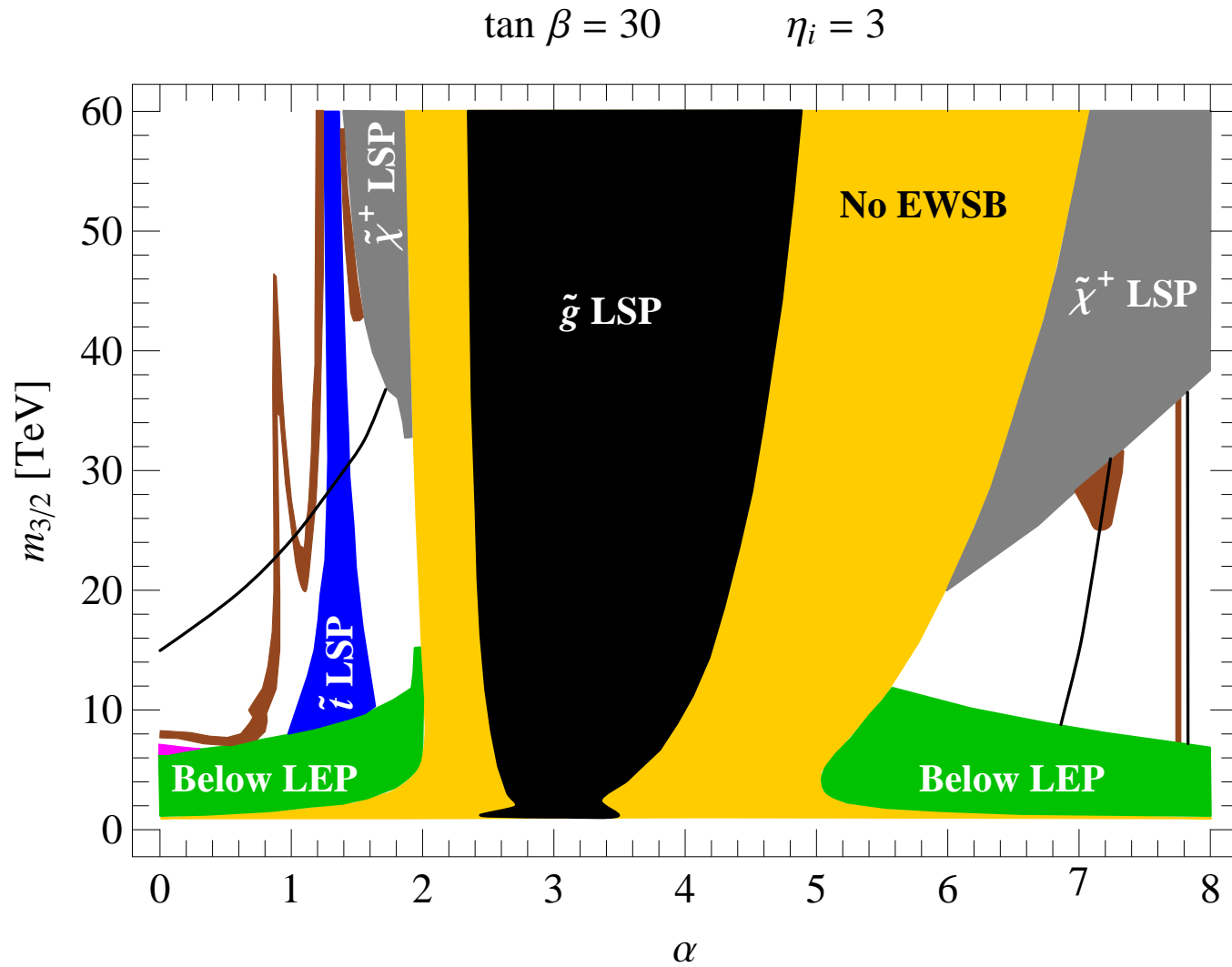
$$\tan \beta = 30$$

$$\xi = 1/3$$

$$\phi = 0$$



# Constraints on $\alpha$ (modified mirage)



# Various string schemes

- Type IIB with matter on D7 branes:  
mirage mediation (Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, 2005)
- Type IIB with matter on D3 branes:  
anomaly mediation? (Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, 2005)
- Heterotic string with dilaton domination:  
mirage mediation (Löwen, HPN, 2008)
- Heterotic string with modulus domination:  
string thresholds might spoil anomaly pattern  
(Derendinger, Ibanez, HPN, 1986)
- M theory on “ $G_2$  manifold”:  
Kähler corrections might spoil mirage pattern  
(Acharya, Bobkov, Kane, Kumar, Shao, 2007)

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How much can it be suppressed?

$$\log(m_{3/2}/M_{\text{Planck}})$$

So we might expect

**a mixture of tree level and loop contributions.**



# Conclusion

Gauginos masses can serve as a promising tool for an early test for supersymmetry at the LHC

- Rather robust predictions
- 3 basic and simple patterns (Sugra, anomaly, mirage)
- Mirage pattern rather generic

With some luck we might find such a simple scheme at the LHC and measure the ratio  $G = M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0}$ !

Let us hope for a bright future of SUSY at the LHC.

# Conclusion

String theory provides us with **new ideas for particle physics** model building, leading to concepts such as

- **MSSM via Local Grand Unification**
- **Accidental symmetries (of discrete origin)**

**Geography of extra dimensions** plays a crucial role:

- **localization** of fields on branes,
- sequestered sectors and **mirage mediation**

**We seem to live at a special place in the extra dimensions!**

The LHC might clarify the case for (local) grand unification.

# Where do we live?

