

GUTs in Type IIB Orientifold Compactifications

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Introduction and Motivation

Particle phenomenology in Type II string theories

Realistic gauge theories and matter interactions from Type IIB intersecting 7-branes?

example: $SU(5)$ Georgi-Glashow GUT and its susy and higher-dim. extensions

- Standard model particles fit nicely into $SU(5)$ representations:

$$\mathbf{24} \rightarrow (\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1})_{0_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})_{0_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{0_Y} + (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{5_Y} + (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{2})_{-5_Y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{gauge fields}$$

$$\mathbf{10} \rightarrow (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1_Y} + (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-4_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{6_Y}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{5}} \rightarrow (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{2_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-3_Y}$$

$$\mathbf{1}_N \rightarrow (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{0_Y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{quarks, leptons and neutrinos}$$

$$\mathbf{5}_H \rightarrow (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-2_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{3_Y} \quad \bar{\mathbf{5}}_H \rightarrow (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{2_Y} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-3_Y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Higgs doublet}$$

- gauge coupling unification is natural at the GUT scale

GUT models and Compactification

- Recently, there has been much progress in realizing GUT models in **local F-theory constructions on intersect. 7-branes** Beasley, Heckman, Vafa; Donagi, Wijnholt
Heckman, Marsano, Saulina, Schäfer-Nameki, Vafa; Marsano, Saulina, Schäfer-Nameki
 - ⇒ F-theory treats Type IIB string backgrounds with a **varying dilaton**
 - ⇒ strong coupling enhancements of gauge groups to **exceptional groups**
 - ⇒ various new insights for models for which **gravity can be decoupled**
 (for example new mechanism to break GUT group)

However:

New GUT breaking in local F-theory models requires knowledge about global geometry.

Cannot address global constraints. Restrictive?

Cannot address moduli stabilization in local set-ups. Value of couplings?

- Construction of **compact scenarios** with all the desired properties is more challenging:
 - ⇒ general F-theory background: construction of viable compact Calabi-Yau fourfolds
 - ⇒ new consistency conditions (such as tadpole cancellation)

In this talk:

- work in the **weak coupling regime** but **compact set-ups**

GUTs in Type IIB Calabi-Yau orientifolds with intersecting D7 branes

1. **Building Models in Type IIB orientifolds**
 - D7 branes with gauge flux
 - Consistency conditions
2. **$SU(5)$ GUTs and their breaking**
 - Georgi-Glashow $SU(5)$ GUT
 - Hypercharge flux
3. **Concrete compact GUT models**
 - GUTs on del Pezzo transitions of the Quintic $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,1,1}$ [5]
 - GUTs on del Pezzo transitions of $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,6,9}$ [18]

Building Models in Type IIB orientifolds

⇨ Calabi-Yau Orientifolds: Calabi-Yau space Y + orientifold involution

- orientifolds with $O3 / O7$ planes: $\Omega_p (-1)^{FL} \sigma$
(Ω_p world-sheet parity, σ is holomorphic isometry)

- orientifold involution σ : splits $H^p(Y) = H_+^p(Y) \oplus H_-^p(Y)$

⇒ bulk spectrum (Kähler deformation sector)

$$e^{-B} \wedge (e^{-\phi} \text{Re}(e^{iJ}) + i(C_0 + C_2 + C_4)) = \tau \mathbf{1}_+ + G^i \omega_i^- + T_I \tilde{\omega}_+^I$$

R-R axions
 H_+^0
 H_-^2
 H_+^4

⇒ bulk Kähler potential (large volume): Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski; TG, Louis

$$K(\tau + \bar{\tau}, G + \bar{G}, T + \bar{T}) = -2 \log \left[e^{-2\phi} \int_Y J \wedge J \wedge J \right]$$

⇒ K is independent of R-R axions

- axions might become gauged in the presence of D7-branes:

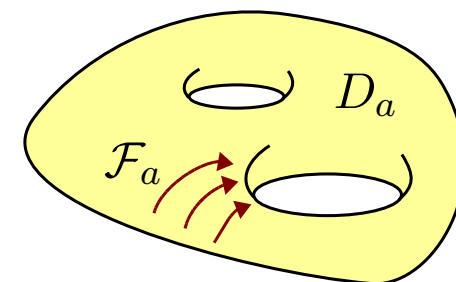
D-term: $D = X^{T_I} \partial_{T_I} K + X^{G^i} \partial_{G^i} K$

⇨ D7 branes with gauge bundles: Calabi-Yau manifold Y + D-branes

- stack of N_a space-time filling D7 branes wrapped on susy four-cycle $\iota : D_a \hookrightarrow Y$
 $\Rightarrow U(N_a)$ gauge group, preserve $\mathcal{N} = 1$ susy on world-volume

- D7-branes can carry a gauge flux bundle \mathcal{F}_a
 \Rightarrow restrict to \mathcal{F}_a of rank one: line bundles

$$\mathcal{F}_a = \mathbf{1}_{N_a} (F_a^{(0)} + \iota^* B) + \sum_i \mathbf{T}_i F_a^{(i)} \quad (\text{tr}(\mathbf{T}_i) = 0)$$



line bundles are uniquely determined by their first Chern class:

$$c_1(L_a^{(0)}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} (F_a^{(0)} + \iota^* B) \in H^2(D_a) \quad c_1(L_a^{(i)}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} F_a^{(i)} \in H^2(D_a)$$

- $L_a^{(0)}$ induces split $U(N_a) \rightarrow SU(N_a) \times U(1)_a$
- $L_a^{(i)}$ can break $SU(N_a)$ further: split of $U(1)$ factors

⇨ D- and F-terms form gauge bundles on D7 branes:

- gauge-flux \mathcal{F}_a might induce a gauging of bulk scalars G^i and T_I : Jockers,Louis

$$\text{D-term} \propto \int_{D_a} \iota^* J \wedge (F_a^{(0)} + \iota^* B) \quad (J \text{ is Kähler form on } Y)$$

However: $H^2(D_a)$ can have elements which are **non-trivial** or **trivial** in $H^2(Y)$

⇒ non-trivial parts of L_a :

⇒ **massive** $U(1)$ via Green-Schwarz mechanism

⇒ trivial parts of L_a : **do not couple** to bulk scalars (at large volume)

⇒ **massless** $U(1)$

- D7-brane superpotential Witten

$$W = \int_{\mathcal{C}_5} F_a^{(0)} \wedge \Omega \quad D_a \subset \partial \mathcal{C}_5$$

- obtained e.g. from **Witten's holomorphic Chern-Simons action**

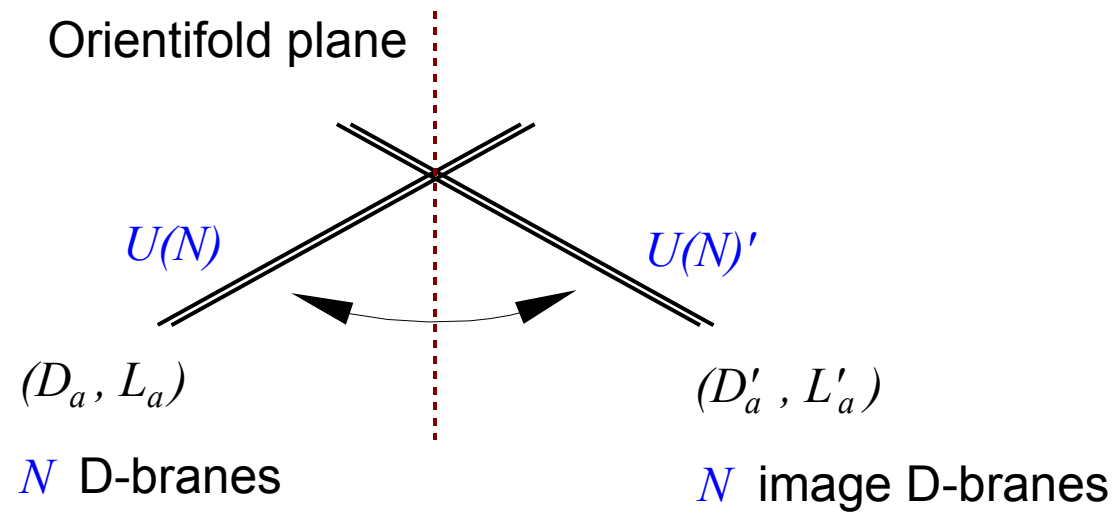
- dimensional reduction **keeping non-dynamical three-forms**

TG,Ha,Klemm,Klevers

⇨ Orientifold planes and D-branes:

- orientifold involution σ maps D-brane to image D-brane:

line bundles $\mathcal{F}'_a = -\sigma^* \mathcal{F}_a$



⇨ Tadpole cancellation: vanishing of all induced tadpoles in the compact Y/σ

- D7-tadpole:
$$\sum_a N_a ([D_a] + [D'_a]) = 8 [D_{O7}]$$

- D5-tadpole: induced D5-charge due to non-trivial line-bundle on D7-brane

$$\forall \omega \in H_-^2(Y) : \quad \sum_a N_a \int_Y \omega \wedge ([D_a] \wedge \text{tr}(\mathcal{F}_a) + [D'_a] \wedge \text{tr}(\mathcal{F}'_a)) = 0$$

- D3-tadpole:

$$\frac{\chi(CY_4)}{12} = (N_{D3} + N_{D3'}) + N_{\text{flux}} - \sum_a \frac{N_a}{4\pi^2} \left(\int_{D_a} \text{tr}(\mathcal{F}_a^2) + \int_{D'_a} \text{tr}(\mathcal{F}'_a{}^2) \right)$$

$\chi(CY_4)$: - O3-charge

- gravitational D3-charges $\propto \chi(D)$ of D7 and O7

Remarks on Tadpole cancelation:

- also $c_1(L_a)$ on trivial cycles in Y will contribute to D3 tadpole
- discrete B -field flux in $H_+^2(Y)$ contributes tadpole: $c_1(L) \rightarrow c_1(L) + B_+$

Additional constraints:

- Freed-Witten anomaly: quantization condition on $F_a = \mathcal{F}_a - \mathbf{1}_{N_a} \cdot \iota^* B$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} [F_a]_{ij} + \delta_{ij} \frac{1}{2} c_1(K_{D_a}) \in H_2(D_a, \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow L_a^{(i)} \text{ can be fract. quantized}$$

- K-theory constraints (generalized charge quantization)

Supersymmetry constraints:

Becker², Strominger; Marino, Minasian, Moore, Strominger

D-term constraints restricts values of Kähler form and B-field

$$\text{D-terms} \propto \int_{D_a} \iota^* J \wedge (F^{(0)} + \iota^* B_2) = 0$$

\Rightarrow needs to be satisfied inside the Kähler cone

⇒ Spectrum from intersecting D7-brane

- adjoint matter from D7 branes:

$h^{2,0}(D_a)$ deformations of the brane

$h^{1,0}(D_a)$ Wilson line moduli

⇒ both absent for special four-cycles such as **del Pezzo surfaces**

- chiral matter from intersections (full matter content using Ext-groups)

Representation	Multiplicity	
(\bar{N}_a, N_b)	I_{ab}	bifundamental reps.
(N_a, N_b)	$I_{a'b}$	
A_a	$\frac{1}{2}(I_{a'a} + 2I_{O7a})$	anti-symmetric reps.
S_a	$\frac{1}{2}(I_{a'a} - 2I_{O7a})$	symmetric reps.

example:
$$I_{ab} = - \int_X [D_a] \wedge [D_b] \wedge (c_1(L_a) - c_1(L_b))$$

$SU(5)$ GUTs and their breaking

⇒ Schematics of a GUT model from D7 branes (1):

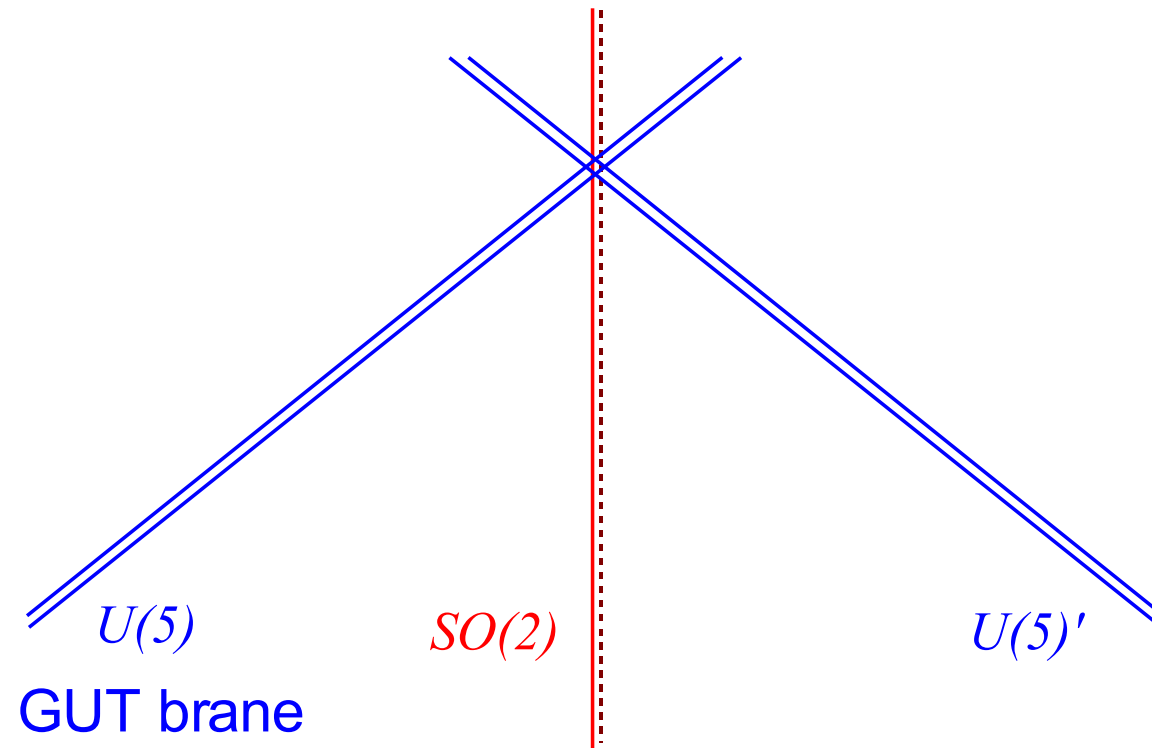
- Start with 12 D7 branes on top of O7 plane



$SO(12)$ gauge group

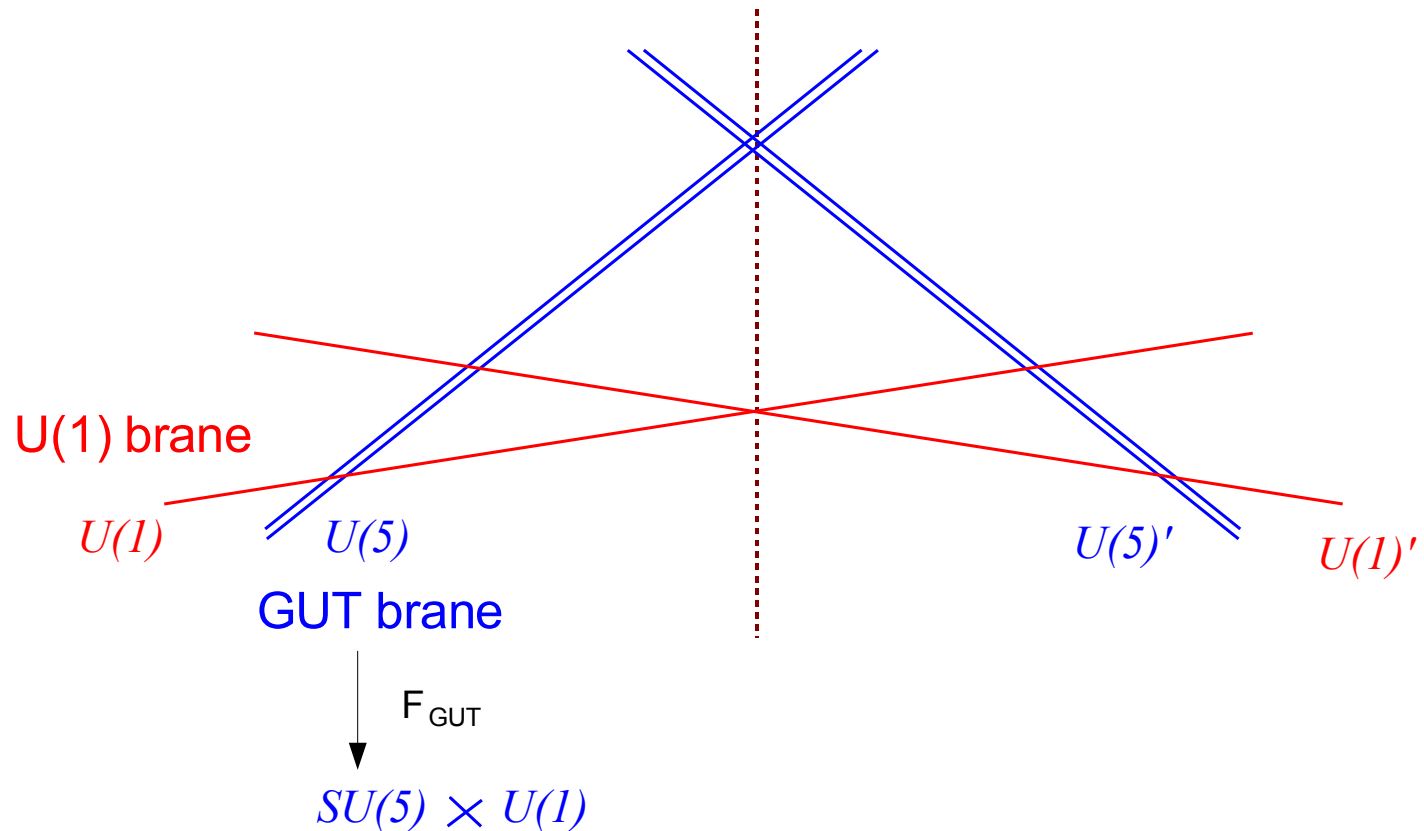
⇒ Schematics of a GUT model from D7 branes (2):

- Move 5 D7 branes and their images off the O7 plane



⇒ Schematics of a GUT model from D7 branes (3):

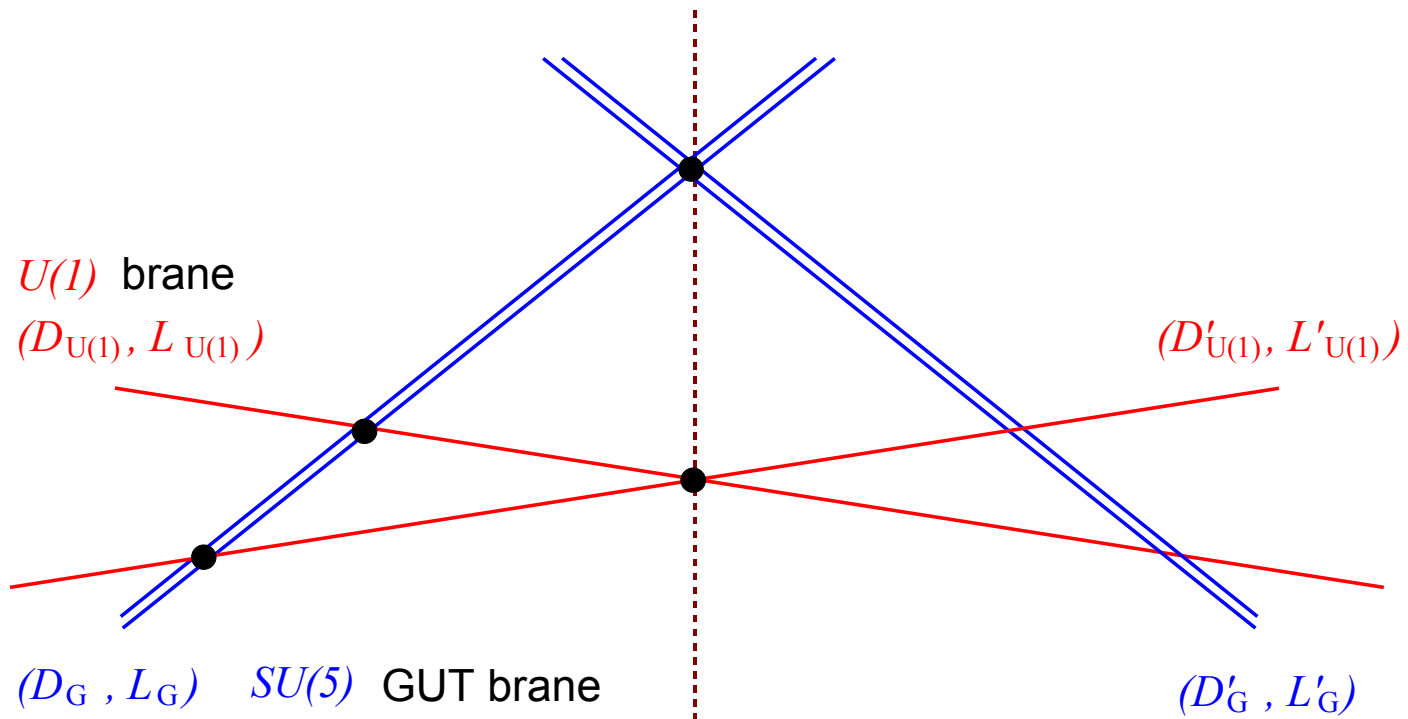
- Move 1 D7 branes and its image off the O7 plane



- adjoint of $SO(12)$ splits under $SU(5) \times U(1)_a \times U(1)_b$ and yields the needed GUT representations:

$$\mathbf{66} = \mathbf{24}^{(0,0)} + \mathbf{1}^{(0,0)} + \mathbf{10}^{(2,0)} + \overline{\mathbf{10}}^{(-2,0)} + \mathbf{5}_H^{(1,-1)} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}_H^{(-1,1)} + \mathbf{5}^{(1,1)} + \overline{\mathbf{5}}^{(-1,-1)}$$

⇒ Schematics of a GUT model from D7 branes (4):



$\mathbf{10}$	3	$D_G \cap D'_G$
$\bar{\mathbf{5}}$	3	$D_G \cap D'_{U(1)}$
$\mathbf{1}_N$	3	$D_{U(1)} \cap D'_{U(1)}$
$\mathbf{5}_H + \bar{\mathbf{5}}_H$	1 + 1	$D_G \cap D_{U(1)}$

⇨ Hypercharge and GUT breaking:

$$U(5) \rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)$$

- F-theory with GUT 7-brane: Beasley, Heckman, Vafa; Donagi, Wijnholt
 use L_Y with $c_1(L_Y) \in H^2(D_G)$ trivial in $H^2(Y)$ to break GUT to MSSM
 ⇒ no scalar to render the $U(1)_Y$ massive (no direct het. analog ?)
hypercharge flux for MSSM: Buican, Malyshev, Morrison, Verlinde, Wijnholt

- Freed-Witten anomaly: L_Y and L have mixed embedding for non-spin divisors
 (relevant for branes on del Pezzo surfaces)

$$F_{\text{GUT}} = \mathbf{1}_{N_a} \left(F^{4D} + c_1(L) + \frac{2}{5}c_1(L_Y) + \frac{1}{2}c_1(K_{D_a}) \right) + T_Y \left(F_Y^{4D} + \frac{1}{5}c_1(L_Y) \right)$$

with $T_Y = \text{diag}(-2, -2, -2, 3, 3)$ $c_1(L) \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ $c_1(L_Y) \in \mathbb{Z}$

⇒ factor $\frac{1}{5}$ ensures that $H^*(D_a, L_Y)$ can be zero (no vector-like exotics)

Blumenhagen, Braun, TG, Weigand

- **Compact models:** TG, Klemm; Blumenhagen, Braun, TG, Weigand
 - need to check that **not all** elements of $H^2(D_G)$ are non-trivial in Y (hypercharge), but that additional $U(1)$'s become massive
 - check by computing BPS numbers (GV invariants) for the curve classes
 - simple compact examples are obtained by generic four-cycle transitions

- ⇒ **non-perturbative generation of missing Yukawa couplings** $\mathbf{10}^{(2,0)} \mathbf{10}^{(2,0)} \mathbf{5}_H^{(1,-1)}$ Blumenhagen, Cvetič, Lüst, Richter, Weigand
 - main obstacle to get fully realistic models at weak coupling
 - in compact models one can check for the presence of 4-cycles which can support the **appropriate D3-brane instanton** ($I_{GUT,inst} = 1$, $I_{U(1),inst} = -1$) in the **Kähler cone**

⇒ non-pert. $\mathbf{10} \mathbf{10} \mathbf{5}_H$ scale $\propto \exp(-\text{Vol}_{inst}/g_s)$

Concrete compact GUT models

⇨ D7 branes on del Pezzo surfaces

- Why del Pezzo surfaces?

- **local F-theory constructions:**

Beasley, Heckman, Vafa; Donagi, Wijnholt

del Pezzos are shrinkable \Rightarrow decoupling of gravity

leaves 10 choices: $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, \mathbb{P}^2 blown up at $n = 0, \dots, 8$ points

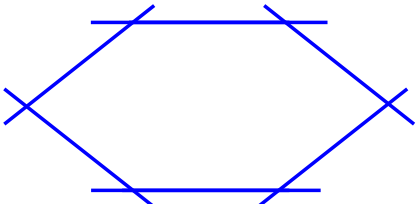
- **compact models:** del Pezzo $\rightarrow h^{2,0} = h^{1,0} = 0 \rightarrow$ no adjoint matter
also allow dP_9 or even more blow-ups (not shrinkable)

- geometry of del Pezzo surfaces is intimately linked to representations of groups

- $h^{1,1}(dP_n) = 1 + n$ **anti-canonical class $-K$**

n simple roots of $A_2 \oplus A_1, D_4, D_5, E_6, E_7, E_8$

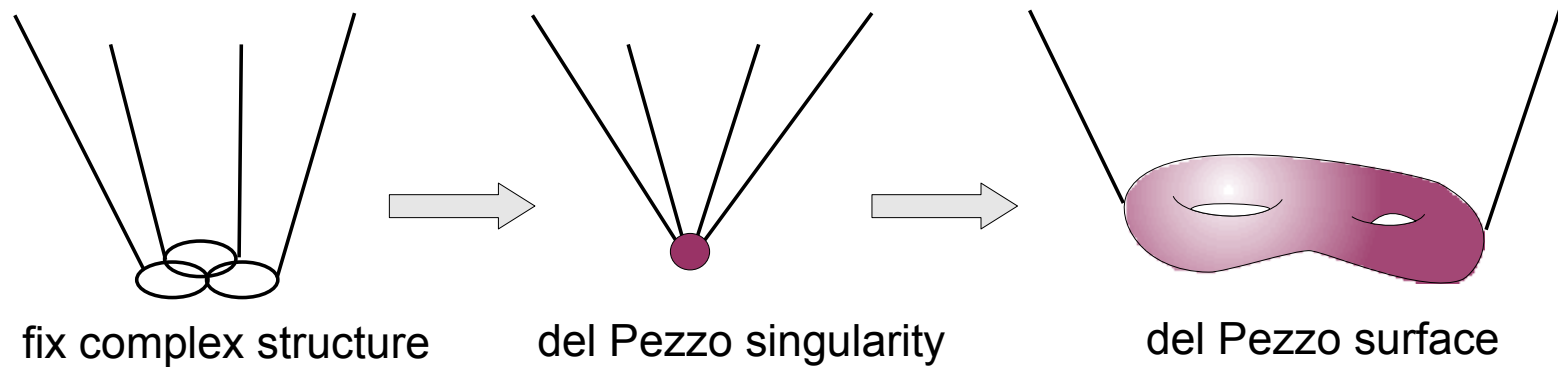
- geometry of lines on del Pezzos (genus 0, degree 1 curves)

dP_3 example:  6 intersecting lines

dP_6 example: 27 intersecting lines

dP_7 example: 56 intersecting lines

⇒ Del Pezzo surfaces in a compact Calabi-Yau: del Pezzo transitions



Simple Examples:

- E_8 del Pezzo transition starting with $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,6,9}$ [18]

Morrison, Vafa

$$h^{(1,1)} = 2, h^{(2,1)} = 272 \quad \longrightarrow \quad h^{(1,1)} = 3, h^{(2,1)} = 243$$

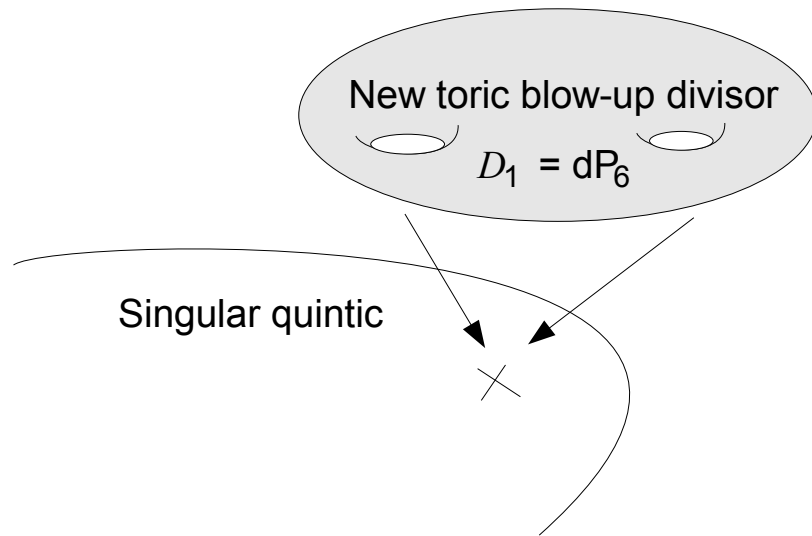
- E_6 del Pezzo transition starting with quintic hypersurface

$$h^{(1,1)} = 1, h^{(2,1)} = 101 \quad \longrightarrow \quad h^{(1,1)} = 2, h^{(2,1)} = 90$$

⇒ there exist whole chains of del Pezzo transitions realized in toric geometry

⇒ 1 Transitions of the Quintic hypersurface

- begin with quintic in \mathbb{P}^4 , i.e. $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,1,1}[5]$, perform del Pezzo transitions torically:



add point $\nu_1 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$ to toric data of \mathbb{P}^4

$$\chi(D_1) = \int_{D_1} c_2(D_1) = 9$$

$$K^2 = \int_{D_1} c_1^2(D_1) = 3$$

How many classes of dP_6 are non-trivial in new CY?

- check that $\Delta h_{CY}^{1,1} = 1$ (only divisor class)
- check that $\Delta \chi_{CY} = 24 = 2 \times C_{E_6}$
- count curves in homology class of globally non-trivial cycle (computation of BPS/GV invariants)
 - ⇒ $n = 27$ - number of degree one curves in dP_6
 - ⇒ whole E_6 lattice is trivial in new CY

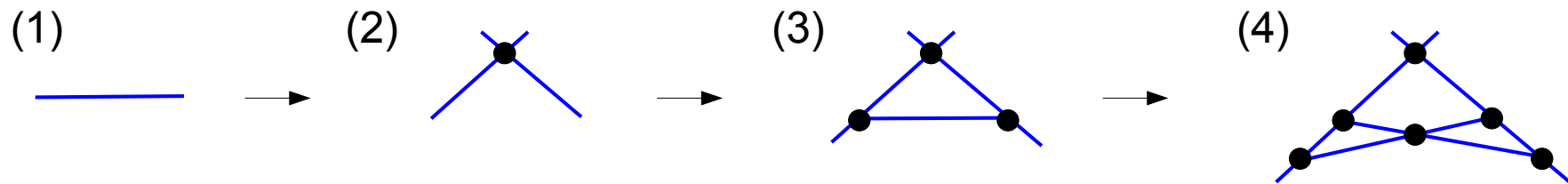
⇒ continue to perform del Pezzo transitions torically (add further divisors)

Transition (1): generate **one** generic dP_6

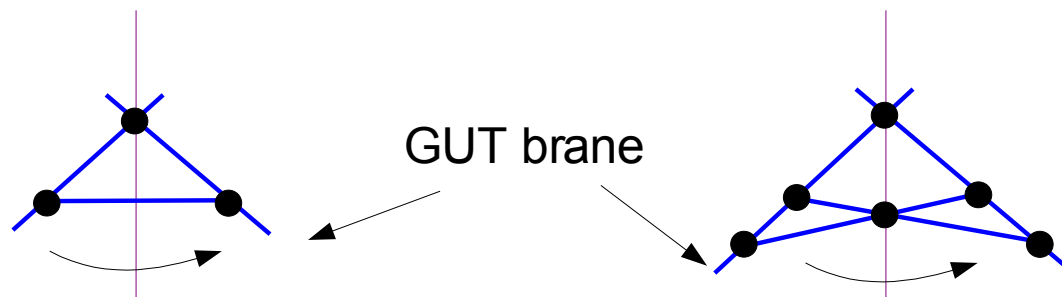
Transition (2): generate **two** intersecting dP_7 (intersecting in \mathbb{P}^1)

Transition (3): generate **three** intersecting dP_8

Transition (4): generate **four** intersecting dP_9



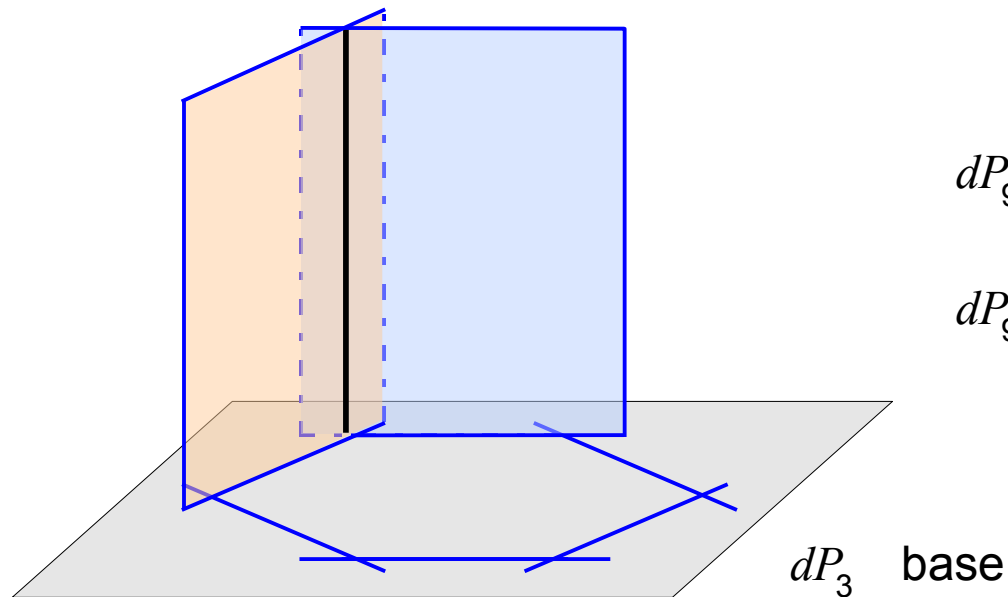
- note that always $\Delta\chi = 24 = 2 \times C_{E_6}$, indeed one checks that there are always E_6 lattices trivial in the CY threefolds \Rightarrow can support hypercharge flux
- simple quintic involutions extend to transitioned spaces



⇒ 2 Elliptic fibration over dP_r - Transitions of $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,6,9}$ [18]

Example: toric base $dP_3 \rightarrow \text{CY}$ as hypersurface in toric space

dP_9 over each of the 6 lines



dP_9 's intersect each other on
genus 1 curve

dP_9 's intersect base on
genus 0 curve

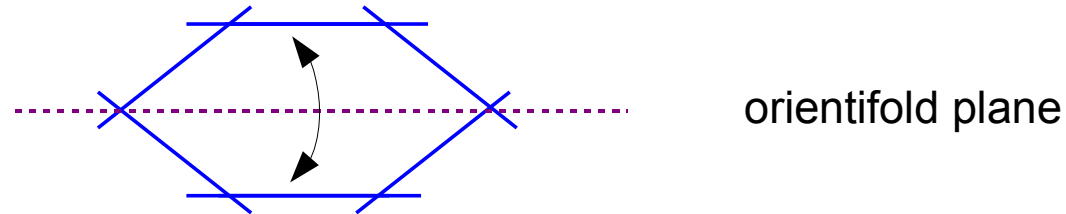
⇒ there are actually 18 topological phases connected via flop transitions

⇒ one phase corresponds to $3 \times dP_8$ - transition of $\mathbb{P}_{1,1,1,6,9}$ [18]

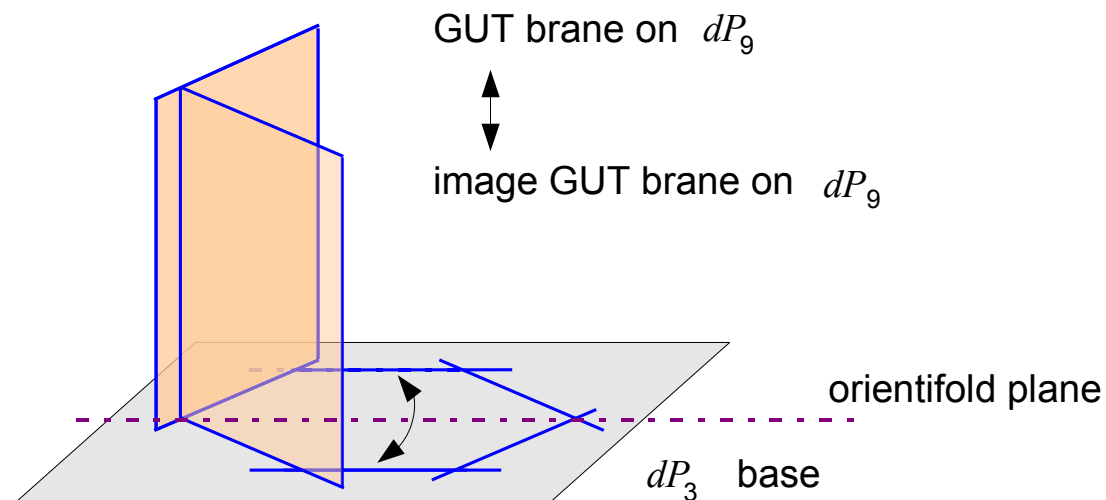
⇒ **Involutions on del Pezzo base** classified all involutions on all del Pezzo surface

Blumenhagen, Braun, TG, Weigand

example: dP_3 - base



⇒ **base involution extends to elliptically fibered threefold:** exchange of dP_9 fibers



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\Rightarrow found models which satisfy all criteria, but not yet simultaneously

\Rightarrow **generalization:** models with more complicated del Pezzo configurations and orientifold involutions

Conclusions

- Discussed constructions of **GUTs in Type IIB orientifold compactifications**
 - many of the local **F-theory mechanisms** can be realized (e.g. GUT breaking)
 - **new consistency conditions** arise (e.g. tadpole cancellation, Kähler cone conditions)
 - non-perturbative generations of the missing couplings needed
- Construction of promising class of **compact CY orientifolds**
 - intersecting del Pezzo and other rigid surfaces
 - involutions and O-planes can be determined explicitly
⇒ globally consistent D-brane configurations
 - gauge bundles on D7 branes ⇒ spectrum, GUT breaking etc.
 - appealing phenomenological feature (MSSM chiral spectrum, no exotics, etc.)
- **Open problem:**
 - lift to compact GUT models in F-theory
 - combination with moduli stabilization, susy breaking