

# F- and D-terms from D7-branes

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We consider type IIB orientifold compactifications with background spaces  $\mathcal{M}_{10} = R^{3,1} \otimes Y/\mathcal{O}$ ,

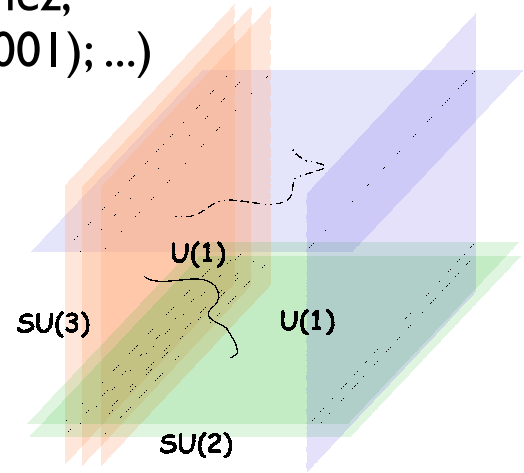
$Y$  : compact CY,  $\mathcal{O}$  : O3/O7 orientifold projection.

They offer several phenomenologically attractive features:

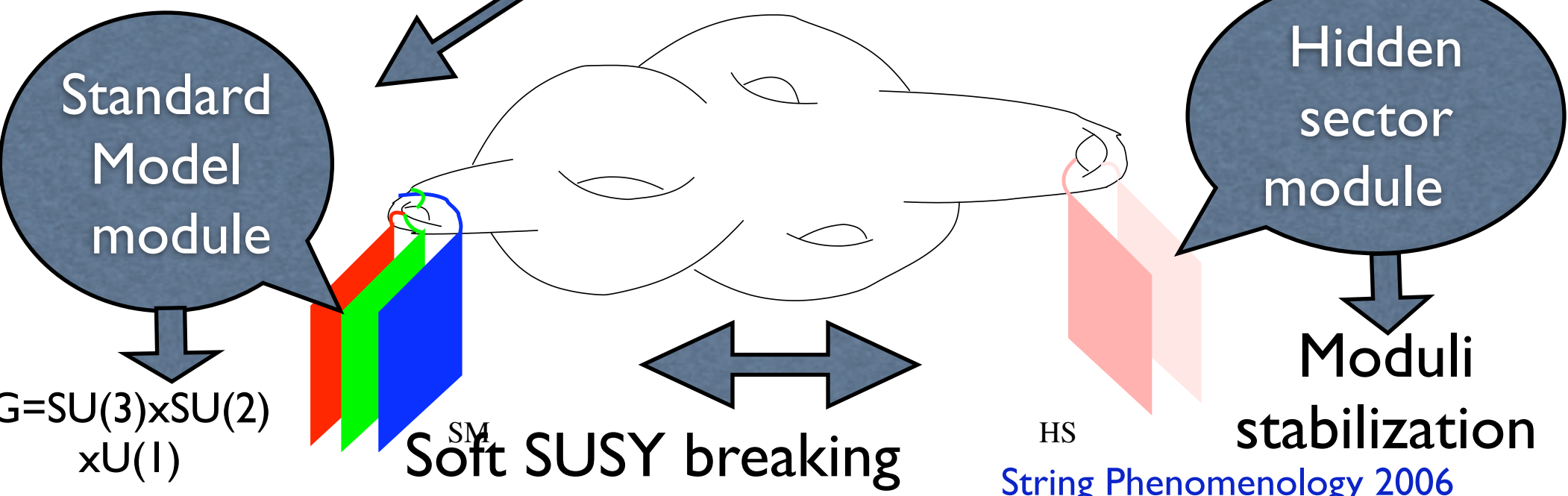
- Semi-realistic models for particle physics: MSSM from open strings on D7-branes.
- Moduli stabilization from 3-form G-fluxes and non-perturbative effects on D7-branes.  
KKLT: possibility of dS-vacua with positive cosmological constant!
- (Possibly, cosmological models with D3/D7-brane inflation.)

(Bachas (1995); Blumenhagen, Görlich, Körs, Lüst (2000); Angelantonj, Antoniadis, Dudas Sagnotti (2000); Ibanez, Marchesano, Rabadan (2001); Cvetič, Shiu, Uranga (2001); ...)

## Local D-brane module of the Standard Model by 4 stacks of intersecting D-branes:



## D-brane compactifications: Wrapping the D-brane modules around cycles of the compact background space:



# Moduli Stabilization - KKLT

(Kachru Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi (2002))

**Step 1: F-terms:** Fix all moduli (preserving SUSY)

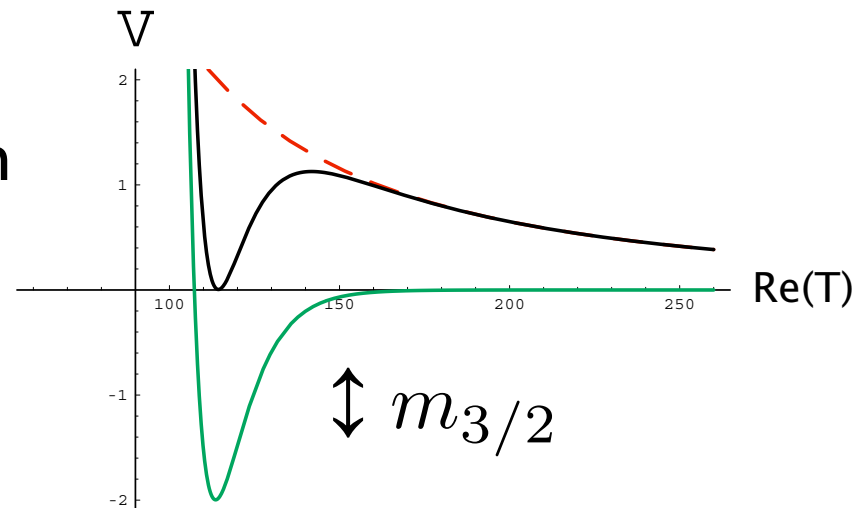
Dilaton  $S$  and complex structure moduli  $U$  are stabilized with 3-form fluxes, **Kähler moduli  $T$**  are fixed by **non-perturbative effects on D3/D7-branes** → **SUSY AdS vacuum.**

$$W_{np} = \gamma(z)e^{-\alpha T}$$

**Step 2:** Lift the minimum of the potential to a metastable dS vacuum

(i) introducing  $\overline{D3}$  branes

$$V_{\overline{D3}} \sim \frac{\mu_3}{[\text{Re}(T)]^2}$$



(ii) **D7-branes with F-flux** → **D-term potential:**

$$V_D \sim \frac{q^2}{[\text{Re}(T)]^2}$$

(Burgess, Kallosh, Quevedo (2003))

## Outline:

The talk will address two questions:

- Can all moduli be fixed in AdS vacuum by F-terms from D3/D7 branes in blown-up orbifolds models?

(Lüst, Reffert, Scheidegger, Schulgin, Stieberger)

Related work by: Choi, Falowski, Nilles, Olechowski, Pokorski, hep-th/0411066;  
Denef, Douglas, Florea, Grassi, Kachru: hep-th/0503125;  
Lüst, Reffert, Schulgin, Stieberger, hep-th/0506090)

- Can D-terms be obtained from D7-branes, i.e. is the D-term uplift possible using D7-branes, or is there a clash between F- and D-terms?

(Haack, Krefl, Lüst, Van Proeyen, Zagermann)

Related work by: Jockers, Louis, hep-th/0502059; Villadoro, Zwirner, hep-th/0508167, 0602120;  
Acuaro, de Carlos, Casas, Doplicher, hep-th/0601190; Lebedev, Nilles, Ratz, hep-th/0603047.

Non-perturbative superpotential:

- Euclidean D3-brane wrapped on 4-cycle  $C_4^j \subset Y$   
with volume  $T^j$ :  $W \sim \gamma_j(z) e^{-2\pi T^j}$

Condition for non-vanishing superpotential:

(Witten; Tripathy, Trivedi; Kallosh, Kashani-Poor, Tomasiello; Saulina; E. Bergshoeff, R. Kallosh, A. K. Kashani-Poor, D. Sorokin, A. Tomasiello; J. Park)

$$\frac{N_F}{2} = \chi(C_4) = h^{0,0}(C_4) - h^{1,0}(C_4) + h^{2,0}(C_4) = 1$$

(Arithmetic genus  $\chi$  also depends on O7-plane and 3-form flux!)

- Gaugino condensation in gauge theory on D7-branes wrapped on 4-cycle  $C_4^j \subset Y$  :

$$W \sim \gamma_j(z) e^{-T^j / b_j}$$

Condition for non-vanishing superpotential: no massless adjoint chiral multiplets (open string moduli of D7!)

(Gomis, Mateos, Marchesano)

Prefactor in gaugino condensate superpotential:

- Gauge kinetic function for D7-brane wrapped on divisor  $C_4^j$ :

$$f_j = T^j + \Delta(S, U) \implies \gamma_j \sim e^{\Delta(S, U)} \sim \eta(U)^2$$

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tree level
loop corrections
(Lüst, Stieberger)

- additional instantons in the D7-gauge theory:

$$\gamma_j \sim e^{-S \int_{C_4} F \wedge F}$$

- Charged matter fields: see next section.

All together:

Total effective N=1 superpotential:

$$W = W_{\text{flux}}(S, U) + W_{\text{np}}(T) = \kappa_{10}^{-2} \int G_3 \wedge \Omega + \sum_{j=1}^{h_{(1,1)}^{(+)}(X_6)} \gamma_j(S, U) e^{a_j T^j}$$

Kähler potential:  $K = -\ln(S - \bar{S}) - \ln \int \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega} + 2 \ln V$

F-term scalar potential:  $V = \frac{1}{6} \int J \wedge J \wedge J$

$$V = e^{\kappa_4^2 K} \left( |D_S W|^2 + \sum_i |D_{T^i} W|^2 + \sum_j |D_{U^j} W|^2 - 3|W|^2 \right)$$

Supersymmetric vacua  $\Rightarrow$  impose F-term SUSY-conditions:

$$D_i W = \partial_i W + \kappa_4^2 W \partial_i K = 0, \quad i = S, U^i, T^i$$

All known SUSY vacua with all moduli fixed are AdS.



We consider IIB orientifolds with D3/D7-branes, compactified on resolved orbifolds  $\mathcal{M}_6 = T^6/Z_N, T^6/(Z_N \times Z_M)$  (**smooth Calabi-Yau!**) using the methods of **toric geometry**: (hep-th/0609013,0609014)

- Describe the local patches near the singularities with **toric methods**. Resolve the singularities via **blow-ups**.
- Glue the patches to get a smooth Calabi-Yau
- Perform an orientifold projection on the smooth CY  $\Rightarrow$  O-planes and D-branes
- Determine divisor topologies to decide whether a n.p.-superpotential is generated
- Determine the CY triple intersection no.  $\Rightarrow$  Kähler potential:
- Fix the dilaton and the complex structure moduli with 3-form flux
- Look for critical points of the scalar potential
- **Stable dS-uplift:**  $(\text{mass}_{\text{moduli}})^2 > 0$

- Not in every model all the divisors have the correct topology to contribute the n.p. superpotential.
- “No-go Theorem” for models with no complex structure moduli: a stable uplift to a dS vacuum is not possible!
- In models with odd cohomology under the orientifold projection,  $(h_{(1,1)}^{(-)} \neq 0)$ , the F-terms cannot fix all moduli. **However these can be stabilized by additional D-terms.**
- Conclusion: Moduli stabilization is model dependent! **However in particular examples like  $Z_4, Z_6, Z_2 \times Z_2, Z_2 \times Z_4$ , all moduli can be fixed!**

A D-term potential arises from the existence of a gauged shift symmetry:

(Anomalous)  $U(1)_f$  gauge transformation:

$$V_f \rightarrow V_f + i(\Lambda - \bar{\Lambda}). \quad (V_f : U(1)_f \text{ vector superfield})$$

$V_f$  mixes in the Kähler potential with a chiral superfield  $T_c$  :

$$K = -\log(T_c + \bar{T}_c + \delta_{GS} V_f).$$

Hence to keep  $K$  invariant,  $T_c$  has to shift under  $U(1)_f$  as:

$$T_c \rightarrow T_c + i\delta_{GS}\Lambda, \quad a_c \rightarrow a_c + \delta_{GS}\Lambda, \quad (a_c = \text{Im}(T_c))$$

Hence  $a_c$  appears with a gauge covariant derivative:

$$\mathcal{L} \sim (\partial_\mu a^c + qA_\mu^{(f)})^2, \quad q = \delta_{GS}$$

The  $(a_c \leftrightarrow U(1)_f)$  mixing leads to the following FI D-term potential:

$$V_D \sim \frac{1}{g_f^2} \xi_{FI}^2, \quad \xi_{FI} = g_f^2 \left( \frac{\partial K}{\partial V_f} \right)_{V_f=0}.$$

Hence: 
$$V_D \sim \delta_{GS}^2 \frac{g_f^2}{(ReT_c)^2}.$$

$V_D$  arises from the standard expression:

$$V_D \sim D^2, \quad D \sim \eta^{T_c} \partial_{T_c} K$$

with constant Killing vector  $\eta^{T_c} = i\delta_{GS} \leftrightarrow$  gauged shift symmetry.

There can be two non  $U(1)_f$  invariant terms in the action:

(i) If there is a gauge group  $G_c = U(1)_c \times SU(N_c)$

with gauge coupling  $1/g_c^2 \sim \text{Re}T_c$

then the term  $\text{Im}(T_c)\text{tr}[F_c \wedge F_c]$

is not  $U(1)_f$  invariant.

(ii) If the gauge group  $SU(N_c)$  induces a gaugino condensate

then the n.p. superpotential  $W \sim e^{-T_c/b_c}$

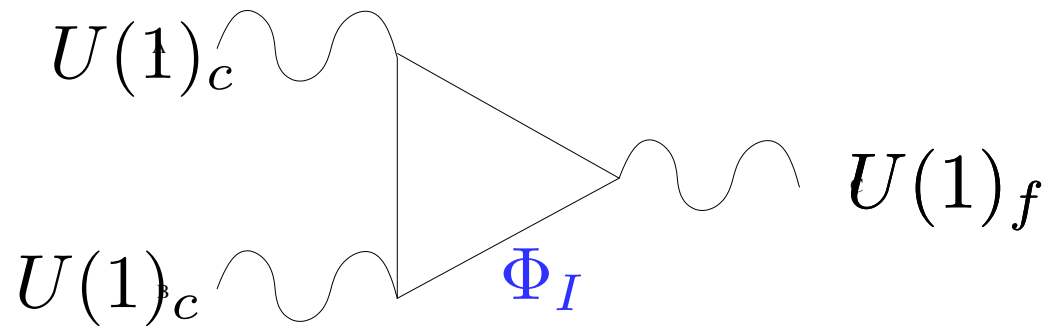
is not  $U(1)_f$  invariant.

Both non-invariances can be cancelled by the same mechanism if  $N_f$  matterfields  $\Phi_I$  are present:

$U(1)_f$  charge:  $Q_f (= 1)$  ;  $U(1)_c$  charge:  $Q_c$

$N_c \oplus \bar{N}_c$  representation of  $SU(N_c)$

(i) Mixed triangle graph:  $U(1)_f$  is anomalous



$$A_{(i)} \sim \text{tr}((Q_c^2 Q_f)) = \text{tr}(Q_f)$$

GS-mechanism: Together with the  $T_c/U(1)_f$  FI mixing term, the  $U(1)_f$  non-invariance (i) is cancelled.

(ii) The matter fields contribute to the effective superpotential:

$$W_{n.p.} \sim \gamma_{1-loop}(U) (\det M)^{-\frac{1}{N_c - N_f}} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 T_c}{N_c - N_f}},$$

(Assume  $N_f < N_c$ )  $\det M \equiv \det(\Phi\bar{\Phi})$

Now the n.p. superpotential from gauge condensation is also  $U(1)_f$  invariant, if:

$$\delta_{GS} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} N_f \quad (\Phi \rightarrow e^{i\Lambda} \Phi).$$

D-term potential:  $V_D \sim \frac{1}{\text{Re}(T^f)} \left( \frac{\delta_{GS}}{\text{Re}(T^c)} + \sum |\Phi_i|^2 \right)^2$

Now we want to derive the D-term potential microscopically in type II orientifolds with D7-branes with F-fluxes:

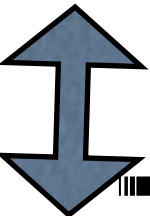

**Set-up:** Consider two kinds of (stacks of) D7-branes:

(i)  $(n_f) D7_f$  : • carry world volume 2-form flux F

• are wrapped around a divisor  $\Sigma$

• gauge group:  $G_f = U(1)_f (\times SU(n_f))$

**anomalous**

 **Intersect each other**  
 **Bi-fundamental matter fields:**

$$\Phi_I : Q_{\alpha\Sigma} \times (n_f, N_c \oplus \bar{N}_c)_{Q_f=1}$$

**Intersection no.**

(ii)  $N_c^\alpha D7_c$  : • are wrapped around divisors  $C_\alpha, C_\beta, \dots$

• gauge group:  $G_c = G_\alpha \times G_\beta \times \dots$

$G_\alpha = U(1)_c \times SU(N_c^\alpha)$   **Gaugino condensation**



D-terms correspond to unbalanced tensions (NS-tadpoles) of the D7-branes.

Consider the DBI actions for  $D7_f$  with F-flux:

$$S_{DBI} = -\mu_7 \int_{\mathcal{W}} d^8 \xi e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-\det(\iota^* g + \mathcal{F})}$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{M}_4 \times \Sigma, \quad \mu_7 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2\pi)^{-7} \alpha'^{-4}, \quad \mathcal{F} = (\iota^* B +) 2\pi \alpha' F.$$

WZ-action: 
$$S_{WZ} = -\mu_7 \int_{\mathcal{W}} \sum_p \iota^* C_p \wedge e^{\mathcal{F}}$$

BPS calibration conditions on  $\Sigma$  :

$$\frac{1}{2} (\iota^* J + i\mathcal{F}) \wedge (\iota^* J + i\mathcal{F}) = e^{i\theta} \sqrt{\frac{\det(g_\Sigma + \mathcal{F})}{\det(g_\Sigma)}} \text{Vol}_\Sigma, \quad \mathcal{F}^{2,0} = \mathcal{F}^{0,2} = 0.$$

Using the space-time ansatz  $\mathcal{M}_{10} = \mathcal{M}_4 \times Y$   
the DBI action can be rewritten as:

$$S_{DBI} = -\mu_7 \int_{\mathcal{M}_4} d^4x e^{-\phi} \sqrt{-\det(g_{(4)})} \sqrt{\det\left(1 + 2\pi\alpha' g_{(4)}^{-1} F_{(4)}\right)} \Gamma_\Sigma$$

with 
$$\Gamma_\Sigma = \int_\Sigma d^4z \sqrt{\det(g_\Sigma + \mathcal{F})}$$

A low energy expansion provides:

- the 4D scalar potential

$$V_{D7_f} = \mu_7 e^{3\phi} \mathcal{V}^{-2} \Gamma_\Sigma$$

- the 4D gauge coupling

$$g_{D7_f}^{-2} = \mu_7 (2\pi\alpha')^2 e^{-\phi} \Gamma_\Sigma$$



- Kähler form  $J$  for ambient Calabi-Yau  $Y$ :

$$J = v^\alpha \omega_\alpha \quad (\alpha = 1, \dots, H^{(1,1)}(\Sigma)) \quad v^\alpha: \text{geometrical 4-cycle volumes}$$

- CY volume and triple intersection numbers:

$$\mathcal{V} = \frac{1}{6} (2\pi\sqrt{\alpha'})^{-6} \int_Y J \wedge J \wedge J = \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} v^\alpha v^\beta v^\gamma \quad \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\gamma} : \text{triple intersection #'s}$$

- Cohomology of divisor  $\Sigma \subset Y$  :

2 type of  $(1,1)$ -forms:  $\iota^* \omega_\alpha$  : pullbacks of  $(1,1)$ -forms from  $Y$

$\tilde{\omega}_a$  : harmonic only locally on  $\Sigma$ , lie in the cokernel of  $\iota^*$

Hence:  $H^{(1,1)}(\Sigma) = \iota^* H^{(1,1)}(Y) \oplus \tilde{H}^{(1,1)}(\Sigma)$

$$\implies \mathcal{F} = f^\alpha \iota^* \omega_\alpha + \tilde{f}^a \tilde{\omega}_a$$

Use calibration condition:

$$\Gamma_\Sigma = \tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma e^{-i\theta}, \quad \tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma \equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_\Sigma (\iota^* J \wedge \iota^* J - \mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F}) + i \int_\Sigma (\iota^* J \wedge \mathcal{F})$$

$$\text{Re} \tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \int_\Sigma (\iota^* J \wedge \iota^* J - \mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F}) = \left( \frac{1}{2} v^\alpha v^\beta \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\Sigma} - f_\Sigma \right) (2\pi\sqrt{\alpha'})^4,$$

$$\text{Im} \tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma = \int_\Sigma \iota^* J \wedge \mathcal{F} = v^\alpha Q_{\alpha\Sigma} (2\pi\sqrt{\alpha'})^4$$

with  $Q_{\alpha\Sigma} = (2\pi\sqrt{\alpha'})^{-4} \int_\Sigma \iota^* \omega_\alpha \wedge \mathcal{F} = f^\beta \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\Sigma},$

$$\Rightarrow N_f = (n_f) Q_{\alpha\Sigma}$$

$$f_\Sigma = \frac{1}{2} \left( f^\alpha f^\beta \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\Sigma} + \tilde{f}^a \tilde{f}^b \mathcal{K}_{ab}^{(\Sigma)} \right),$$

$$\mathcal{K}_{ab}^{(\Sigma)} = (2\pi\sqrt{\alpha'})^{-4} \int_\Sigma \tilde{\omega}_a \wedge \tilde{\omega}_b.$$

SUSY condition:

$$\theta = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma = \int_\Sigma \iota^* J \wedge \mathcal{F} = 0 .$$

Small SUSY breaking:  $\theta \sim \text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma \neq 0$ ,  $|\text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma| \ll |\text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma|$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{D7_f} &= \mu_7 e^{3\phi} \mathcal{V}^{-2} \text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma}{\text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma}\right)^2} \\ &\approx \mu_7 e^{3\phi} \mathcal{V}^{-2} \text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma + \frac{1}{2} \mu_7 e^{3\phi} \mathcal{V}^{-2} \frac{1}{\text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma} (\text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma)^2 . \end{aligned}$$

The first term vanished due to the RR-tadpole condition.

$$\Rightarrow \quad V_{D7_f} \equiv V_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_7 e^{3\phi} \mathcal{V}^{-2} \frac{1}{\text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma} (\text{Im}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma)^2 .$$

Likewise for the gauge coupling constant:

$$g_\Sigma^{-2} = \mu_7 (2\pi\alpha')^2 e^{-\phi} \text{Re}\tilde{\Gamma}_\Sigma = \mu_7 (2\pi)^6 \alpha'^4 \left( e^{-\phi} \frac{1}{2} v^\alpha v^\beta \mathcal{K}_{\alpha\beta\Sigma} - e^{-\phi} f_\Sigma \right)$$

The  $v^\alpha$  are the 4-cycle volumes in the geometrical string basis!

Define the following Kähler moduli in the SUGRA basis:

$$T^\alpha = \hat{v}^\alpha + ia^\alpha, \quad S = e^{-\phi} - iC_0.$$

with 
$$\hat{v}^\alpha = e^{-\phi} \frac{1}{2} v^\beta v^\gamma \mathcal{K}_{\beta\gamma\alpha}.$$

Gauge coupling: 
$$g_\Sigma^{-2} = \mu_7 (2\pi)^6 \alpha'^4 \left( \text{Re} T^\Sigma - f_\Sigma \text{Re} S \right)$$

D-term potential:

$$V_D = \frac{1}{\text{Re}(Tf)} \left( \mu_7 (2\pi)^5 \alpha'^3 (\partial_{T^\alpha} K) n_f Q_{\alpha\Sigma} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \delta_{GS} \sim n_f Q_{\alpha\Sigma}$$

This is of the familiar form from supergravity with a gauged U(1) symmetry.



- Wrapped D7-branes can produce coexisting F- and D-terms: **Anomalous  $U(1)_f$  gauge symmetry.**

$$D7_c : W_{n.p.} \sim \gamma_{1-loop}(U) (\det M)^{-\frac{1}{N_c - N_f}} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2 T_c}{N_c - N_f}},$$

$$D7_f : V_D \sim \frac{1}{\text{Re}(T^f)} \left( \frac{\delta_{GS}}{\text{Re}(T^c)} + \sum |\Phi_i|^2 \right)^2$$

- $Q_{\alpha\Sigma} \neq 0$  : Only axions on 4-cycles that intersect  $\Sigma$  can be charged under the gauged U(1).

If  $\Sigma$  has self-intersections, then  $T^\Sigma$  will be charged.

- One can construct a  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  orientifold with F-flux as toy model.
- The  $\Phi_I$  must be taken into account when minimizing the potential! ( $\langle \Phi_I \rangle \neq 0?$ ) (see also Achúcarro et al.)

- Generalizations:

⇒  $G_c = SU(N_c)$  with  $N_f = N_c$

⇒ Orientifolds with (anti)-symmetric repr. of  $SU(N_c)$

⇒ Orientifolds with  $G_c = SO(N_c)/Sp(N_c)$

Thank You!