#### Standard Model Statistics for Intersecting Branes on Z6'

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#### **Standard Model Building Approaches**

• Heterotic  $E_8 \times E_8$  string

see talks by Gray, Lukas, Manno, Ratz, Trapletti, Zanzi

- Gepner models see talk by Tsulaia
- Free fermionic constructions see talks by Kounnas, Schellekens
- Type II with D-branes at singularities see talk by Verlinde (?) F-theory GUTs with branes at singularities
- Magnetised D-branes  $\overset{T-dual}{\Leftrightarrow}$  Intersecting D-branes see talks by Antoniadis, Bianchi, Haack, Hebecker, Plauschinn, Quevedo, Schmidt-Sommerfeld — Bailin, Cvetic, Gmeiner, Timirgaziu, Weigand

... and lots of people whose name is not on this transparency

Geometry of orbifolds well understood  $\Leftrightarrow CY_3$  spaces?

CFT methods provide powerful computational tools

### **Intersecting D6-Branes**

Orientifold of IIA string theory with anti-holomorphic involution  $\mathcal{R}$  on the Calabi-Yau 3-fold



- Invariant 3-cycles  $\Pi_{O6}$  are wrapped by O6-planes
- $D6_a$  branes wrap 3-cycles  $\Pi_a$
- $\mathcal{R}$  images  $\mathsf{D6}_a$ ' of  $\mathsf{D6}_a$  branes wrap  $\Pi'_a$

Topological constraints:

 $\Rightarrow \mathsf{RR} \text{ tadpole cancellation: } \sum_{a} N_a (\Pi_a + \Pi'_a) = 4 \Pi_{O6}$  $\Rightarrow \mathsf{K}\text{-theory: } \sum_{a} N_a \Pi_a \circ \Pi_{Sp(2)} = 0 \text{ mod } 2$ 

#### **Massless Spectrum**

Massless spectrum consists of

- Closed strings:  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUGRA, axion-dilaton mult.,  $h_{1,1}^$ complexified Kähler &  $h_{2,1}$  complex structure moduli mults.,  $h_{1,1}^+$  vector mults. ( $h_{1,1}^{\pm}$ : (anti) invariant cycles under  $\mathcal{R}$ )
- Open strings:  $\prod_a U(N_a)$  gauge groups, sometimes also SO(2N) or Sp(2N) & charged matter

The chiral spectrum is computed from intersection numbers  $\Pi_a \circ \Pi_b$  of 3-cycles

representation	net chirality
$(Anti_a)$	$\frac{1}{2}\left(\Pi_a \circ \Pi'_a + \Pi_a \circ \Pi_{O6}\right)$
$(\mathbf{Sym}_a)$	$\frac{1}{2}\left(\Pi_a \circ \Pi_a' - \Pi_a \circ \Pi_{O6}\right)$
$(\mathbf{N}_a, \overline{\mathbf{N}}_b)$	$\Pi_a \circ \Pi_b$
$(\mathbf{N}_a,\mathbf{N}_b)$	$\Pi_a \circ \Pi_b'$

#### **Fractional Cycles**

Fractional cycles on  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{2N}$  stuck at  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  fixed points on  $T^4 \Rightarrow$  continuous displacement & Wilson line on  $T^2$  encoded in chiral adjoint

+ additional adjoints from orbifold image cycles

$$\Pi^{\text{frac}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \Pi^{\text{torus}} + \Pi^{\text{ex}} \right) \quad \text{or} \quad \Pi^{\text{rigid}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \Pi^{\text{torus}} + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \Pi^{\text{ex},(i)} \right)$$

Rigid cycles possible on  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{2N} \times \mathbb{Z}_{2M}$   $\Rightarrow$  only discrete Wilson lines, no adjoint matter  $\Rightarrow$ D-instantons see talks by Bianchi, Cvetic, Schmidt-Sommerfeld, Weigand



#### Full spectrum on orbifolds

Florian Gmeiner, G.H. 0708.2285 Rewrite intersection number on  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_M$  in terms of sectors  $\Pi_a^{\text{torus}} \circ \Pi_b^{\text{torus}} = -\sum_k I_{a(\theta^k b)} \ (I_{ab} = \prod_{i=1}^3 (n_a^i m_b^i - m_a^i n_b^i)), \text{ for}$  M = 2N include  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  invariant intersections  $\Pi_a^{\text{ex}} \circ \Pi_b^{\text{ex}} = -\sum_k I_{a(\theta^k b)}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}$  with relative signs ( $\mathbb{Z}_2$  e.v. + Wilson lines)

Chiral +	- non–chiral massless matter on $T^6/(\mathbb{Z}_{2N}  imes \Omega \mathcal{R})$
$(\mathbf{Adj}_a)$	$1 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} \left  I_{a(\theta^k a)} + I_{a(\theta^k a)}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \right $
$(\mathbf{N}_a,\mathbf{N}_b)$	$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left  I_{a(\theta^k b')} + I_{a(\theta^k b')}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} \right $
$(\mathbf{Anti}_a)$	$\frac{1}{4}\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left  I_{a(\theta^{k}a')} + I_{a(\theta^{k}a')}^{\mathbb{Z}_{2}} + I_{a}^{\Omega\mathcal{R}\theta^{-k}} + I_{a}^{\Omega\mathcal{R}\theta^{-k+N}} \right $
$(\mathbf{Sym}_a)$	$\frac{1}{4}\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left  I_{a(\theta^k a')} + I_{a(\theta^k a')}^{\mathbb{Z}_2} - I_a^{\Omega \mathcal{R} \theta^{-k}} - I_a^{\Omega \mathcal{R} \theta^{-k+N}} \right $

with some modifications for vanishing angles, e.g.  $I^0_{a(\theta^k b)} \rightarrow 2$ This can be generalised from fractional to rigid cycles

#### **SUSY and Anomalies**

Supersymmetry & stability are *not* topological, but moduli dependent: D6-branes have to wrap special Lagrangian 3-cycles – not classified for generic CY<sub>3</sub>

On  $(T^2)^3$ :  $\sum_{i=1}^{3} \phi_i = 0 + \mathbb{Z}_2$  fixed points hit by torus cycle



Green Schwarz mechanism via Chern-Simons couplings of RR fields,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times \Pi_a} C_5 \operatorname{tr} F_a$  ( $\Rightarrow U(1)$  masses) and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times \Pi_a} C_3 \operatorname{tr} (F_a \wedge F_a)$ 



 $C_3 = b_k^{(0)} \omega_k + \text{complex structures form complex scalars}$  $\Rightarrow \text{SUSY}: \# \text{ massive U(1)s} = \# \text{ frozen complex structures}$ 

## The $\mathbb{Z}_6'$ orbifold

Set-up: Bailin, Love '06,

RR.tcc.Solutions & Statistics: F. Gmeiner, G.H. 0708.2285 + work in progress

- Orbifold action  $\theta: z^i \to e^{2\pi i v_i} z^i$  with  $\vec{v} = 1/6 \cdot (1, 2, -3)$
- Anti-holomorphic involution *R* admits two kinds of shapes of tori



- Kähler moduli  $(h_{1,1})$ : 3 untwisted (volume of each  $T^2$ ), 12 at  $\theta$ -fixed points, 12 on  $\theta^2$ -fixed tori, 8 on  $\theta^3$ -fixed tori
- Complex structures (h<sub>2,1</sub>): 1 untwisted (shape of T<sub>3</sub>), 6 from θ<sup>2</sup> fixed points on T<sub>1</sub> × T<sub>2</sub> times 1-cycle on T<sub>3</sub>, 4 at θ<sup>3</sup>-fixed points on T<sub>1</sub> × T<sub>3</sub> times 1-cycle on T<sub>2</sub> Liverpool, 29 March 2008 - p.8/27

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$  - 3-cycles

# 3-cycles  $\equiv b_3 = 2 + 2h_{2,1} = 24$   $\Rightarrow$ 4 untwisted 3-cycles  $\rho_i$  plus 4+4 3-cycles from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  sectors  $\delta_j$ ,  $\tilde{\delta}_j$  form 12 dimensional sublattice

$$\rho_1 = \sum_{k=0}^5 \theta^k(\pi_{135}), \ \rho_2 = \sum_{k=0}^5 \theta^k(\pi_{235}), \ \rho_3 = \sum_{k=0}^5 \theta^k(\pi_{136}), \ \rho_4 = \sum_{k=0}^5 \theta^k(\pi_{236})$$

 $\Rightarrow \Pi^{\text{torus}} = \sum_{k=0}^{5} \theta^{k} \left[ \bigotimes_{i=1}^{3} \left( n_{i} \pi_{2i-1} + m_{i} \pi_{2i} \right) \right] = P \rho_{1} + Q \rho_{2} + U \rho_{3} + V \rho_{4} \text{ with } P = X n_{3}, Q = Y n_{3}, U = X m_{3}, Y = Y m_{3}$ and  $X = n_{1} n_{2} - m_{1} m_{2}, Y = n_{1} m_{2} + m_{1} n_{2} + m_{1} m_{2}$ 

$$\delta_j = \sum_{k=0}^2 \theta^k (e_{4j} \otimes \pi_3), \quad \tilde{\delta}_j = \sum_{k=0}^2 \theta^k (e_{4j} \otimes \pi_4), \qquad j = 1 \dots 4$$

 $\Rightarrow \Pi^{\text{ex}} = \sum_{j=1}^{4} \left( d_j \delta_j + e_i \tilde{\delta}_j \right) \text{ with e.g. } d_j = -n_2 - m_2, \ e_j = n_2$ 

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# $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$ - RR tadpoles

- Evoid double counting of models by imposing  $n_1, n_3, m_3 + bn_3 \ge 0$  and  $(n_1, m_1) = (\text{odd}, \text{odd})$
- Fractional cycles have separate RR tadpole & SUSY conditions for torus + exceptional cycles: *bulk* RR tadpole cancellation depends on orientation - for ABa:

$$\sum_{a} N_a (P_a + Q_a) = 8, \qquad \sum_{a} N_a (U_a - V_a) = 24$$

Each SUSY brane contributes positively (or zero) to each sum  $\Rightarrow$  *naive* maximal rank 32 RR tadpoles from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ : no O6-plane contribution  $\sum_a N_a (d_i^a - e_i^a) = 0$  for the ABa orientation

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$ : K-theory

K-theory constraint: Ω*R*-invariant branes are classified, but not clear which give SO(2) or Sp(2) - take a (maybe too strong) constraint with all as probes, however: net-intersection with model always even, for example on ABa: Π<sub>probe</sub> = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>(ρ<sub>1</sub> + ρ<sub>2</sub>) ± <sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>(δ<sub>1</sub> - δ̃<sub>1</sub>) ± <sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub>(δ<sub>3</sub> - δ̃<sub>3</sub>) leads to the constraint

$$\frac{3}{2} \sum_{a} N_a \left( U_a + V_a \pm (d_1^a + e_1^a) \pm (d_2^a + e_2^a) \right)$$
RR\_tad.
$$3 \sum_{a} N_a \left( V_a + d_1^a + d_2^a \right) + 36 \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \mod 2$$

and subsequent combinatorics of  $\{V_a, d_i^a\}$  odd or even depending on  $(n_i, m_i)$  odd/even show that no new constraint arises - *independent of bulk SUSY* 

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6$ : SUSY

• SUSY for branes on ABa: toroidal per brane  $R_1, R_2$ : radii on  $T_3$ 

$$\frac{R_1}{\sqrt{3}R_2}(P-Q) - (U+V) = 0 \quad (P+Q) - \frac{R_2}{\sqrt{3}R_1}(V-U) > 0$$

SUSY of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  sector: only exceptional cycles through which the toroidal cycle passes occur. There are three signs:  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  eigenvalue & two Wilson lines on  $T_1 \times T_3$ 



### **Results: SUSY & RR tadpoles**

Intersection pattern of 12 dim. sublattice:  $I^{\text{bulk}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2A \\ 2A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and  $I^{\mathbb{Z}_2} = \text{diag}(2\varepsilon, \dots, 2\varepsilon)$  with  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  rich

enough to allow for 3-generation models Large number of SUSY solutions  $\mathcal{O}(10^4)$  for the toroidal RR tadpoles depends on geometry: ABa  $\simeq$  BBa preferred



#### **Results: Probabilities**

Scaling behaviour of solutions of toroidal *(left)* and complete *(right)* solutions: *The set of SUSY solutions is complete!* (a) total rank



(b) Probability  $\mathcal{N}$  to find a single gauge factor of rank N



#### Standard Models I

Ansatz:  $U(3)_a \times U(2)_b \times U(1)_c \times U(1)_d$  with three different choices of hyper charge (two with  $u_R$  in Anti<sub>a</sub>), or  $U(3)_a \times Sp(2)_b \times U(1)_c \times U(1)_d$ 

On  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}'_6$ : only one type with n SUSY generations and RR tadpoles canceled, for n = 3 only on ABa and BBa



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#### Standard Models II

 $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$ : 3 generation models without chiral exotics possible:  $\mathcal{O}(10^{15})$  models with massless hyper charge -  $(\mathcal{O}(10^{16})$  with massive  $U(1)_Y)$ 



Mean number of chiral exotics is computed from

v: visible sector — h: hidden

$$\zeta \equiv \sum_{v.h} \left| \chi^{vh} - \chi^{v'h} \right|$$

 $\Rightarrow$ there can still be an *excess of Higgs* candidates

#### **Complex structures for SM**

Complex structure values  $\rho$  on ABa for n generations:

n	Q	#models	n	Q	#models	n	Q	#models	
1	1/2	$8.7 \cdot 10^{18}$	2	1/5	$2.5 \cdot 10^{11}$	3	1/2	$9.7 \cdot 10^{9}$	
	5/2	$3.4 \cdot 10^{13}$					1/4	$9.6\cdot 10^6$	
	7/4	$2.7\cdot 10^6$					1/6	$1.2 \cdot 10^{14}$	
							3/2	$4.9\cdot10^{14}$	
							9/4	$4.9\cdot 10^7$	

On **BBa**: frequencies by  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  larger with  $\rho \to 3/(4\rho)$ 

Bailin & Love's possible solution with  $(\chi^{ab}, \chi^{ab'}) = (2, 1)$ : 1/4 on ABa (3 on BBa) — the one with the smallest fequency Liverpool, 29 March 2008 – p.17/27

### **SUSY SM Example**

Example with SM sector with complex structure  $\varrho = 1/2$  and  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_{Y(\times U(1)^2_{\text{massless}} \times U(1)^2_{\text{massless}})} (\chi^{ab}, \chi^{ab'}) = (0,3)$ :

• Chiral spectrum contains abundance of Higgs candidates

$$3 \times \left[ (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6} + (\mathbf{\bar{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{1/3} + (\mathbf{\bar{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3} + 5 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1/2} \right. \\ \left. + 4 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{1/2} + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1 + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \right]$$

- Adjoints:  $2 \times (\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1})_0 + 10 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})_0 + 36 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0$
- Non-chiral matter:

$$\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6} + 6 \times (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/3} + 3 \times (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{2/3} + 4 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1/2} \\ + 8 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_0 + 4 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}_2)_0 + 6 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}_2)_0 + 4 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0 \\ + 6 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{1/2} + 4 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1 + c.c. \end{bmatrix}_{\text{Liverpool, 29 March 2008 - p.18/27}}$$

#### Standard Models III

Suppression factors w.r.t. the total # of solutions on  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$ :

- 0.4 from  $U(1)_Y$  massless
- $7.3 \times 10^{-4}$  for  $U(3) \times U(2)/Sp(2) \times U(1)$  and n generations
- $2.6 \times 10^{-8}$  for n = 3 generations

 $\Rightarrow$ very similar to  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \sim 10^{-9}$ 

Gmeiner, Blumenhagen, Honecker, Lüst, Weigand '05

 $\Rightarrow$ different from  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6 \sim 10^{-22}$  Gmeiner, Lüst, Stein '07



$$b_{SU(N_a)} = N_a \left( \varphi^{\mathbf{Adj}_a} - 3 \right) + \sum_{b \neq a} \frac{N_b}{2} \left( \varphi^{ab} + \varphi^{ab'} \right) + \frac{N_a - 2}{2} \varphi^{\mathbf{Anti}_a} + \frac{N_a + 2}{2} \varphi^{\mathbf{Sym}_a}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \text{confinement } \left( b < 0 \right) \text{ very unlikely}$$

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#### Standard Model V

Massless U(1)s are linear combinations of  $U(1)_i \subset U(N_i)$   $U(1)_X = \sum_i x_i U(1)_i \implies \frac{1}{\alpha_X} = \sum_i 2N_i x_i^2 \frac{1}{\alpha_i}$ with 1-loop beta function coefficient

$$b_{U(1)_{a}} = N_{a} \left( \sum_{b \neq a} N_{b} \left( \varphi^{ab} + \varphi^{ab'} \right) + 2 \left( N_{a} + 1 \right) \varphi^{\mathbf{Sym}_{a}} + 2 \left( N_{a} - 1 \right) \varphi^{\mathbf{Anti}_{a}} \right) \ge 0$$

$$b_{X} = \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} b_{i} + 2 \sum_{i < j} N_{i} N_{j} x_{i} x_{j} \left( -\varphi^{ij} + \varphi^{ij'} \right)$$
Weak mixing angle  $\sin^{2} \theta_{w} = \alpha_{Y} / (\alpha_{Y} + \alpha_{w})$ 



#### Standard Model VI

If one assumes an underlying Pati-Salam or SU(5) GUT structure, there is a relation

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_Y} = \frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{\alpha_s} + \frac{1}{\alpha_w} \qquad \text{or} \qquad \frac{1}{\alpha_s} = \frac{1}{\alpha_w} = \frac{3}{5}\frac{1}{\alpha_Y}$$

represented by a line on the previous plot

$$T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$$
: no hint for such a relation

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ : 88% of models fit to Pati-Salam relation

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6$  example: all bulk cycle have same length  $\Rightarrow \alpha_s = \alpha_w$ , if fifth stack of branes is included in  $U(1)_Y$ , the SU(5) relation holds

## $SU(5)\ {\rm and}\ {\rm Pati-Salam}$

A systematic search gives:

SU(5): only n = 2, 4 generations & 1 or 2 chiral symmetrics:



 $SU(4) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ :  $\mathcal{O}(10^{12})$  3 generation models but >10 chiral exotics, however, search incomplete!



#### Trinification

Ansatz:  $U(3)_a \times U(3)_b \times U(3)_c$  with *n* generations of

$$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}_a, \mathbf{3}_b, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \overline{\mathbf{3}}_b, \mathbf{3}_c) + (\mathbf{3}_a, \mathbf{1}, \overline{\mathbf{3}}_c)$$

 $\Rightarrow$ no SUSY + RR tadpole solution without chiral exotics in  $(Sym_a, 1, 1)$ ,  $(Anti_a, 1, 1)$  and  $(3_a, 3_b, 1) \dots$ 

 $\Rightarrow$ only n = 2 generations appear

#### Comparison with $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6$ Formulae G.H., Ott '04; Statistics Gmeiner, Lüst, Stein '07

 $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6$  acts by  $\vec{v} = 1/6 \cdot (1, 1, -2)$  with 6 inequivalent orientations of  $SU(3)^3$  lattices under  $\Omega \mathcal{R}$ 

- 2 untwisted 3-cycles, 10 twisted 3-cycles at Z₂ fixed points form 12 dim. unimodular basis.
   No 3-cycles from Z₃ subsector!
- SUSY selects one untwisted cycle, O6-plane untwisted ⇒Π<sub>a</sub> ∘ Π<sub>O6</sub> = 0 leads to # Anti = # Sym ⇒constraints on model building: no SU(5) GUTs possible, all quarks and leptons are bifundamentals
- Bulk RR tadpole cancellation gives *naive* maximal rank
   8 for 5 geometries, 12 for 1 geometry
- $U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1)^2$  admits at most a *'hidden'* U(1)(or Sp(2) or SO(2))
- 2 generation models have chiral exotics, 1 with/without exotics Liverpool, 29 March 2008 - p.25/27



• 3 generations with additional U(1) (or Sp(2) or SO(2)) occurs  $5.7 \times 10^6$  times, three  $(H_u, H_d)$  generations with non-standard Yukawa couplings, only for *one* geometry -

there is	only	one	kind	of $SM$	like	chiral	spectrum!	1
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	sector	$SU(3)_a \times SU(2)_b$	$Q_a$	$Q_b$	$Q_c$	$Q_d$	$Q_e$	$Q_{B-L}$	$Q_Y$
$Q_L$	ab'	$3  imes (\overline{3}, 2)$	-1	-1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{6}$
$U_R$	ac	3  imes ( <b>3</b> , 1)	1	0	-1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$
$D_R$	ac'	3  imes ( <b>3</b> , 1)	1	0	1	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
L	bd'	3  imes (1, <b>2</b> )	0	1	0	1	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$E_R$	cd	3  imes (1,1)	0	0	1	-1	0	1	1
$N_R$	cd'	3  imes (1,1)	0	0	-1	-1	0	1	0
$H_d$	be	3  imes (1, <b>2</b> )	0	1	0	0	-1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$
$H_u$	be'	3  imes (1, <b>2</b> )	0	1	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$

• Total # SUSY models estimated  $3.4 \times 10^{28}$  — by ~  $10^5$ larger than  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}'_6 \longrightarrow SM$  probability with  $1.7 \times 10^{-22}$  much smaller than for  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}'_6$ ,  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  — but distribution of bulk & fractional solutions similar to  $T^6/\mathbb{Z}'_6$  — Liverpool, 29 March 2008 – p.26/27

#### Conclusions

- Geometric intuition for intersecting D6-branes
- Orbifold models: complete spectra computable
- $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6'$  particularly fertile for SM spectra:  $\mathcal{O}(10^{15})$
- 3 generations suppressed by  $\sim 10^{-8}$
- SM without chiral exotics exist, PS not fully explored

#### Open questions

- SM examples without excess of Higgs candidates?
- Results beyond massless spectra: How are interactions for *fractional* brane computed in CFT?
- Realistic values of gauge couplings at low energy??
- SUSY breaking, cosmological constant ...?
- Other orbifolds even more fertile?