

Neutrinos & Strings



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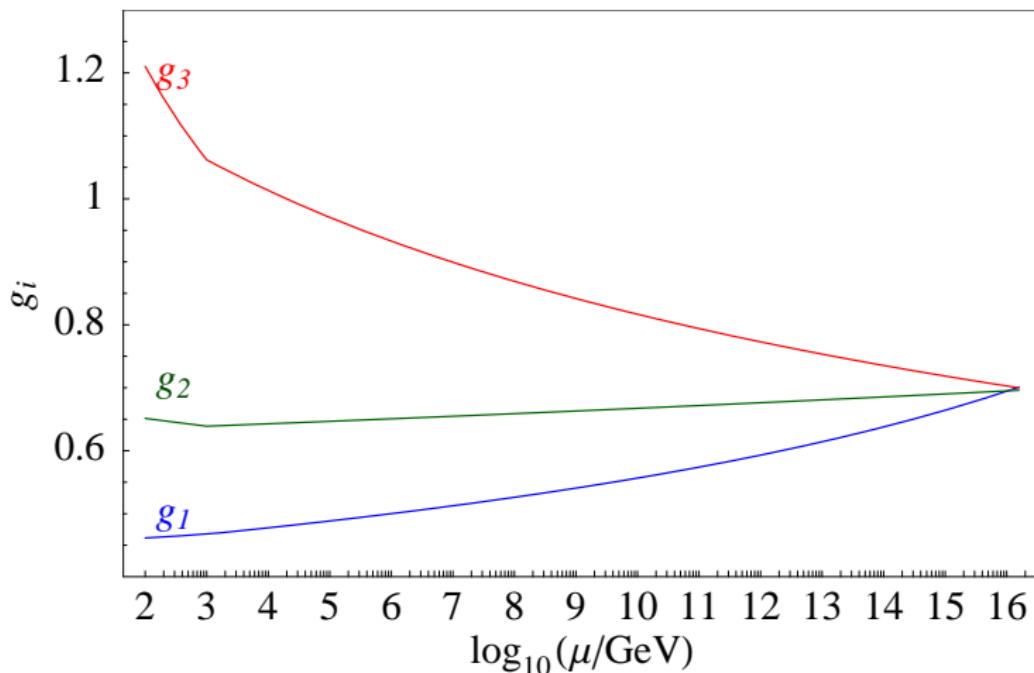
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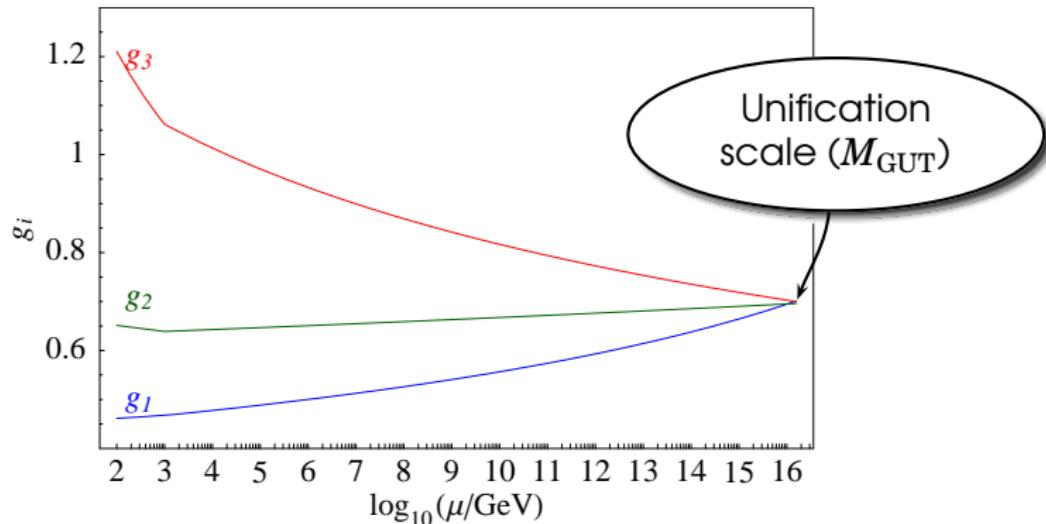
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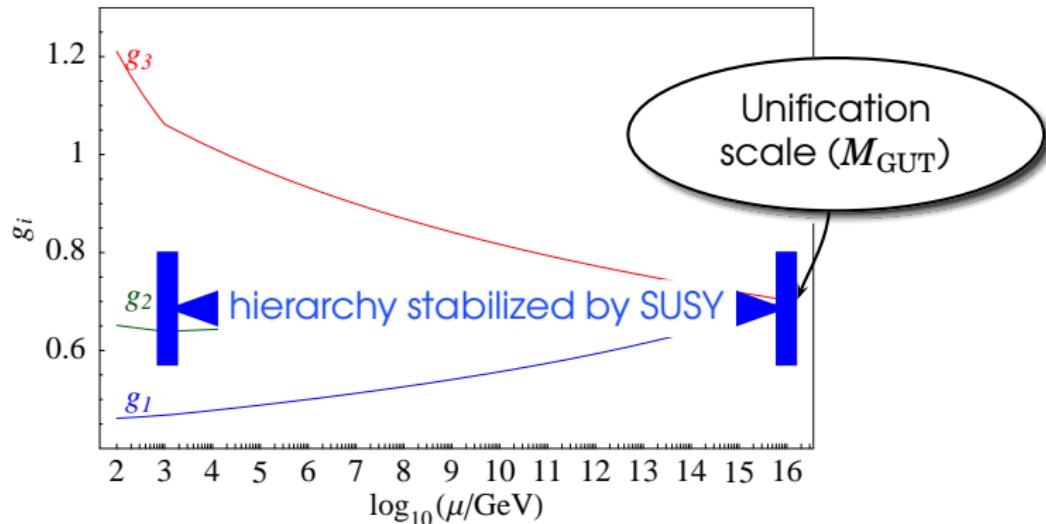


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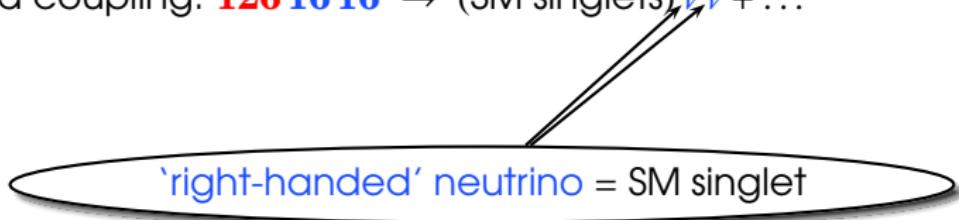
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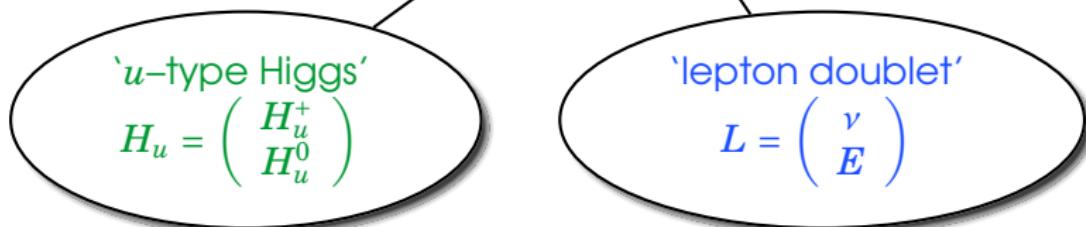


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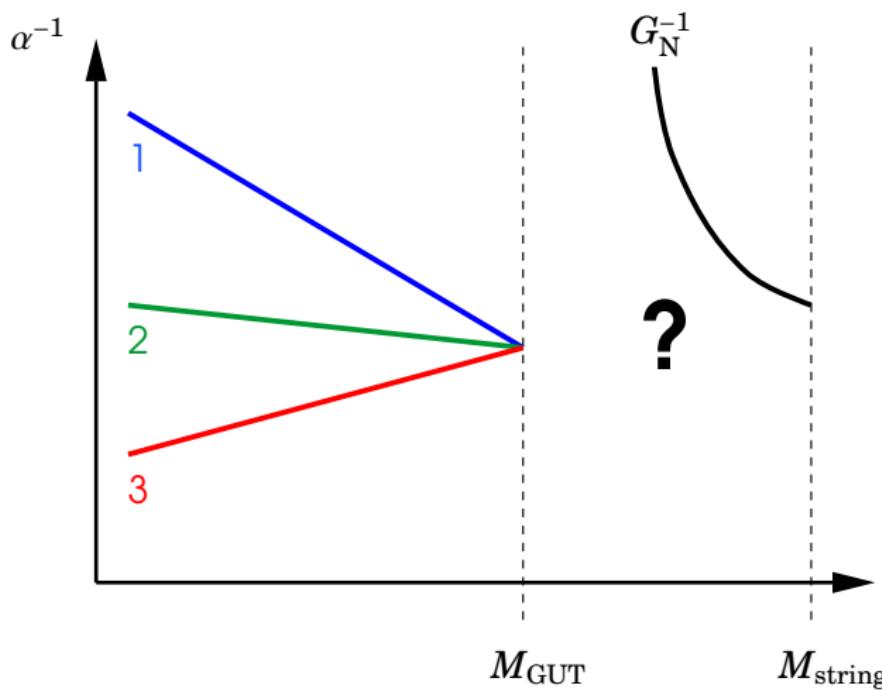
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cf. Dienes (1997)



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☞ Remainder of this talk:
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in many orbifold MSSM models:

existence of SM singlets with $q_{B-L} = \pm 2$!

Matter parity:

$$U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^R$$

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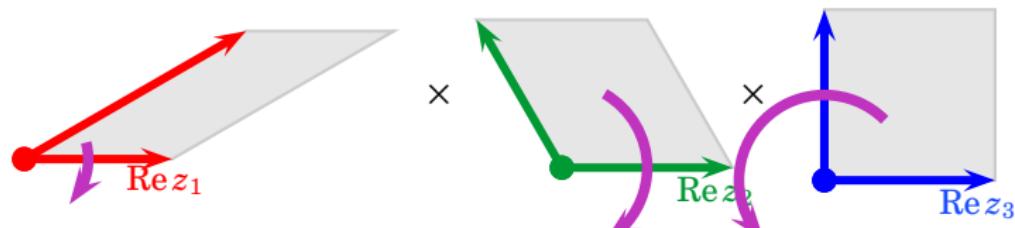
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$$W_3 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6} \right) \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{2}{3}, 0, \frac{5}{3}, -2, 0 \right)$$

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GUT normalization



gauge coupling unification

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spectrum = $3 \times$ generation + vector-like w.r.t. $G_{\text{SM}} \times \text{U}(1)_{B-L}$

Spectrum @ orbifold point

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(0, -1)

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➡ see-saw mass matrix

$$W_{\text{see-saw}} \xrightarrow{\phi_u \rightarrow v} (\nu, \bar{\nu}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_\nu \textcolor{green}{v} \\ y_\nu \textcolor{green}{v} & \textcolor{red}{M} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \bar{\nu} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \frac{y_\nu^2 \textcolor{green}{v}^2}{\textcolor{red}{M}} \nu \nu + \textcolor{red}{M} \bar{\nu} \bar{\nu}$$

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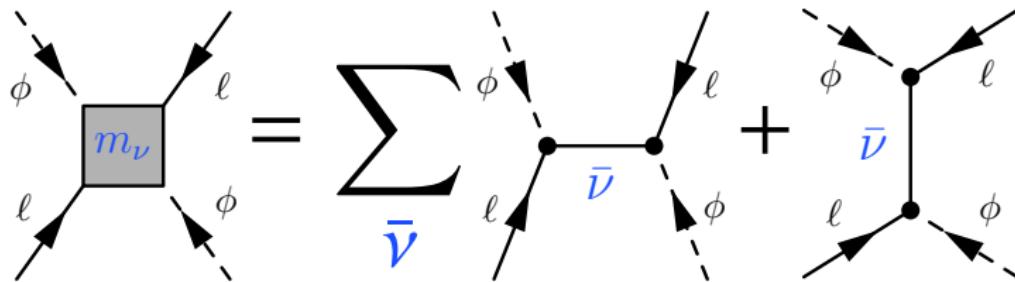
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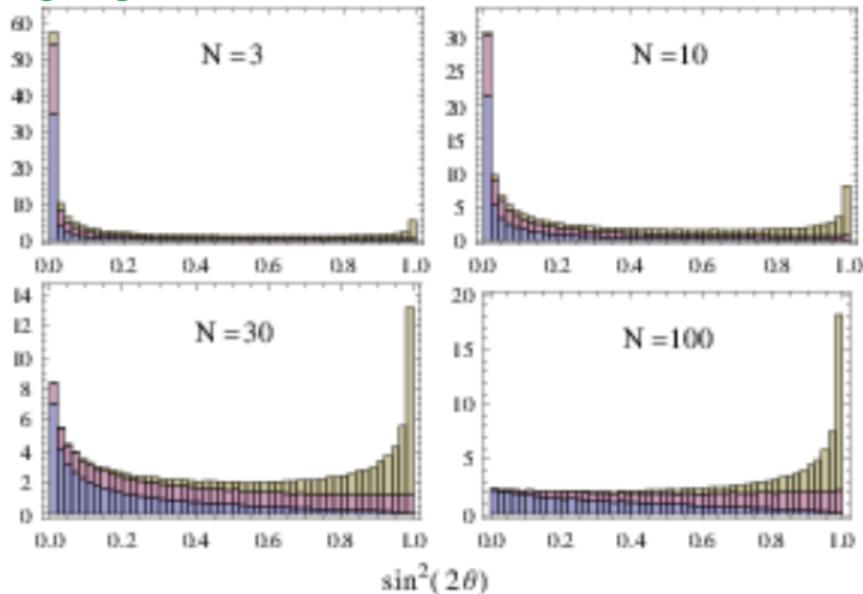
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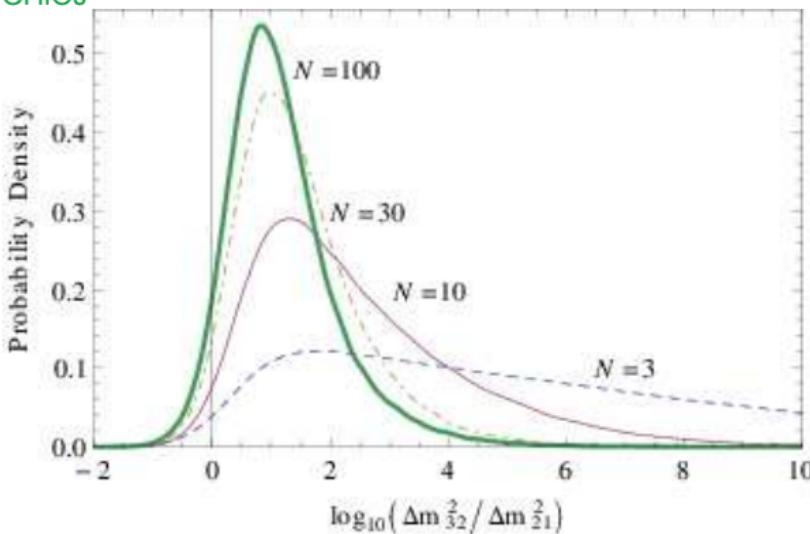
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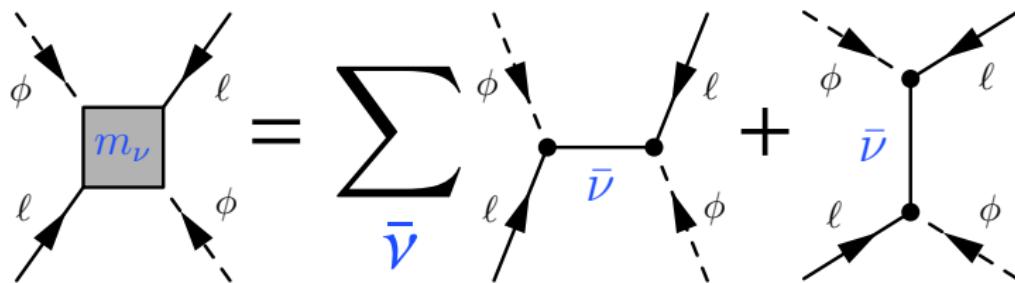
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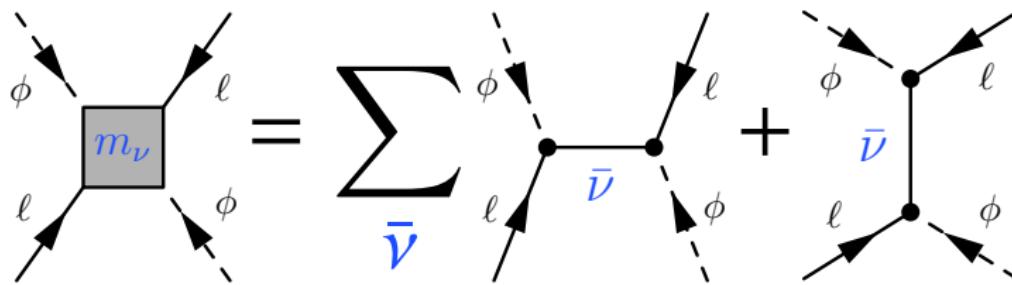
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Mille grazie!

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