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No-scale supergravity models from string compactifications

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Local vs. global supersymmetry breaking

$$V_{sugra} = \underbrace{||F||^2}_{\text{aux(chi.)}} + \underbrace{||D||^2}_{\text{aux(vec.)}} - \underbrace{||H||^2}_{\text{aux(grav.)}}$$

$$\Lambda_{SUSY}^4 = \langle ||F||^2 + ||D||^2 \rangle > M_{weak}^4 \quad \text{no sparticle observed}$$

$$\Lambda_{cosm} = \langle V_{sugra} \rangle^{1/4} < M_{weak}^2 / M_P \quad \text{limits on vacuum energy}$$

phenomenology →

gravitational effects crucial for vacuum selection

only afterwards can one take the global limit

Generic problems of N=1 D=4 supergravity

- Classical vacuum energy

$$V_{cl} = O(m_{3/2}^2 M_P^2) \quad \xrightarrow{?} \quad \langle V_{cl} \rangle \simeq 0$$

- $(m_{3/2}/M_P)$ hierarchy

$$m_{3/2} = O(M_P) \quad \xrightarrow{?} \quad m_{3/2} < O(10^{-15} M_P)$$

- Stability of the classical vacuum

$$\Delta V = O(m_{3/2}^2 M_P^2) \quad \xrightarrow{?} \quad \Delta V < O(m_{3/2}^4)$$

- Universality of squark/slepton mass terms
(or equivalent condition to suppress FCNC)

generic N=1, D=4 supergravity is not enough: too flexible
need some special N=1, D=4 supergravity

N=1 D=4 no-scale supergravity

simplest example:
one chiral multiplet

[Cremmer+Ferrara+
Kounnas+Nanopolulos 83]

$$K = -3 \log(T + \bar{T})$$

$$W = k \neq 0 \quad (\text{T-independent})$$

Special no-scale properties:

$$V \equiv 0 \quad \text{classically flat potential} \quad (G_T G^T \equiv 3)$$

$$F_T \neq 0 \quad (\forall T) \quad \text{broken supersymmetry}$$

$$m_{3/2}^2 = \frac{|k|^2}{(T + \bar{T})^3} \quad \text{sliding scale } \Lambda_{SUSY}$$

Spontaneously broken N=1 supersymmetry with
naturally vanishing classical vacuum energy!

Coupling to “matter” chiral multiplets C^i :

$$K \rightarrow K + \sum_i |C^i|^2 (T + \bar{T})^{n_i} + \dots \quad W \rightarrow W + d_{ijk} C^i C^j C^k$$

still local minima of V with $\langle C^i \rangle = 0$ and all no-scale properties

e.g. $n_i = -1$ in the special case $SU(1, N)/SU(N) \times U(1)$ [Ellis-Kounnas-Nanopoulos '84]

universal supersymmetry-breaking mass terms:

$$\tilde{m}_i^2 = (1 + n_i) m_{3/2}^2 \quad A_{ijk} = (3 + n_i + n_j + n_k) m_{3/2}$$

similar formulae for gaugino masses

$$f_{ab} = \delta_{ab} T^{n_\lambda} \quad (n_\lambda = 0, 1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_\lambda^2 = n_\lambda^2 m_{3/2}^2$$

and for the mass parameters in the Higgs sector

One possibility [Ellis-Kounnas-Nanopoulos '84] (“gaugino mediation”)

vanishing tree-level scalar masses, then generated from gaugino masses via radiative corrections

Dynamical generation of the hierarchy:

assuming no terms $O[(m_{3/2}M_P)^2]$ in $V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{cl}} + \Delta V$ may allow for a dynamical generation of the hierarchy $m_{3/2} \ll M_P$ from interplay of gauge vs. Yukawa renormalization effects

[Ellis-Lahanas-Nanopoulos-Tamvakis '83; Ellis-Kounnas-Nanopoulos '83]

A point not to be overlooked [Kounnas-Pavel-F.Z. '94]

$$V_{cl} = O(H^4) + O(m_{3/2}^2 H^2) + O(m_{3/2}^4)$$

The last term is also renormalized by gauge and Yukawa interactions and plays a role in the determination of $m_{3/2}$

$$m_{3/2}^2 \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial m_{3/2}^2} = 2V_{\text{eff}} + \frac{\text{Str } M^4}{64\pi^2} = 0$$

effective infrared fixed point of $V_{\text{eff}}[m_{3/2}(T), H_1, H_2]$

Problems of N=1, D=4 no-scale models

(I) unexplained origin of (special) K and W

In the **simplest** example K has a SU(1,1) duality:

$$T \rightarrow \frac{aT - ib}{icT + d} \quad C^i \rightarrow (icT + d)^{n_i} C^i \quad (ab - cd = 1)$$

should understand its origin as well as the one of $W=k$

(II) no control over UV quantum corrections

$$\Delta V = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \text{Str}(M^2) \Lambda^2 + \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \text{Str}(M^4 \log \frac{M^2}{\Lambda^2}) + \dots$$

destabilization of the hierarchy if the effective cutoff is M_P

[Polchinski-Susskind '83; Nilles-Srednicki-Wyler '83; Lahanas '83]

More general no-scale models

if (in a suitable field basis)

$$G = K(\varphi^\alpha, \bar{\varphi}^{\bar{\alpha}}) - \log Y(z^a + \bar{z}^{\bar{a}}) + \log |W(\varphi^\alpha)|^2$$

$$(z^a + \bar{z}^{\bar{a}}) Y_a = 3Y \Rightarrow G^a G_a \equiv 3 \Rightarrow V_F = e^G G^\alpha G_\alpha \geq 0$$

and there are allowed field configurations such that

$$W \neq 0 \quad G_\alpha = 0$$

we get **more general realizations of no-scale models**

Additional sectors C^i with $\langle C^i \rangle = 0$ can be added as before without spoiling the no-scale properties at classical level (perturbative treatment up to quadratic fluctuations in K)

Universal susy-breaking masses can be generated as before

Susy-breaking in string compactifications

$D=10$ superstrings have $N \geq 4$ supersymmetry in $D=4$ units:

- Some may be broken at the string scale
- Some may be broken at the compactification scale
- Some ($N \leq 1$) may be broken in the effective $D=4$ theory

Will concentrate here (motivated by the hierarchy problem) on spontaneously broken $N=1$ in the $D=4$ regime. Other viable possibilities will be discussed by other speakers.

Plan: discuss in a simple $N=1$ orbifold compactification

- Classical origin and no-scale properties of K
- Flux contributions to W and no-scale examples
- Consistency constraints from local symmetries
 - Comments on quantum stability

String effective supergravities in $D \geq 10$

(describe for simplicity only bulk bosonic degrees of freedom)

• “M-theory” ($D=11 \rightarrow N=8$): $g_{\widehat{M}\widehat{N}}, A^{(3)}$

• Type-IIA ($D=10 \rightarrow N=8$):

$g_{MN}, \Phi, B_{MN}; A^{(1)} \leftrightarrow A^{(7)}, A^{(3)} \leftrightarrow A^{(5)}, A^{(9)}$ non-dynamical

• Type-IIB ($D=10 \rightarrow N=8$):

$g_{MN}, \Phi, B_{MN}; A^{(0)} \leftrightarrow A^{(8)}, A^{(2)} \leftrightarrow A^{(6)}, A^{(4)}$ self-dual

• Heterotic ($D=10 \rightarrow N=4$): $g_{MN}, \Phi, B_{MN}; A_M^a$ $E_8 \times E_8$
 $SO(32)$

• Type-I ($D=10 \rightarrow N=4$): $g_{MN}, \Phi, A^{(2)} \leftrightarrow A^{(6)}; A_M^a$ $SO(32)$

+ possible additional degrees of freedom localized on branes

orbifold/orientifold projections to N=1

Our illustrative example: $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifold

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} & x^5 & x^6 & x^7 & x^8 & x^9 & x^{10} \\ Z_2 & : & - & - & - & - & + & + \\ Z'_2 & : & + & + & - & - & - & - \end{array}$$

plus, for N=8 theories, additional **orientifold projection**

In all N=1 $Z_2 \times Z_2$ theories in D=4, 7 closed untwisted moduli:

$$S = s + i\sigma \quad T_A = t_A + i\tau_A \quad U_A = u_A + i\nu_A \quad (A = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$\text{with } K = -\log(S + \bar{S}) - \sum_A \log(T_A + \bar{T}_A) - \sum_A \log(U_A + \bar{U}_A)$$

when all the remaining fields are consistently set to zero
identification in terms of D=10 fields **model-dependent**

Heterotic on $T^6/(Z_2 \times Z_2)$

No-scale structure of K first noticed in SU(3) reduction [Witten '85]
 also in similar N=1 orbifold reductions [Ferrara-Kounnas-Porrati '86, ...]

$Z_2 \times Z_2$ invariant untwisted bulk moduli:

$$e^{-2\Phi} = s (t_1 t_2 t_3)^{-1} \quad g_{\mu\nu} = s^{-1} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} \quad B_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow \sigma$$

$$B_{56} = \tau_1 \quad B_{78} = \tau_2 \quad B_{910} = \tau_3$$

$$g_{i_A j_A} = \frac{t_A}{u_A} \begin{pmatrix} u_A^2 + v_A^2 & v_A \\ v_A & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (A = 1, 2, 3)$$

Easy to include the untwisted fields from YM sector

$Z_2 \times Z_2$ truncation of the underlying N=4 supergravity

[Ferrara-Kounnas-Girardello-Porrati '87; Antoniadis et al. '87]

$$K = -\log s - \sum_{A=1}^3 \log(t_A u_A - \sum_{i=1}^{r_A} z_A^i z_A^i)$$

$$\frac{SU(1,1)}{U(1)} \times \prod_{A=1}^3 \frac{SO(2, 2+r_A)}{SO(2) \times SO(2+r_A)}$$

$Z_2 \times Z_2$ invariant (bulk) fluxes:

$$\tilde{H}_{579}, \tilde{H}_{679}, \tilde{H}_{589}, \tilde{H}_{689}, \tilde{H}_{5710}, \tilde{H}_{6710}, \tilde{H}_{5810}, \tilde{H}_{6810}. \quad (8)$$

[Derendinger-Ibanez-Nilles '85; Dine-Rohm-Seiberg-Witten '85; Strominger '86; ...]

$$\omega_{i_B i_C}^{i_A} [(ABC) = (123), (231), (312)] \quad (24)$$

(“geometrical fluxes” = Scherk-Schwarz twists)

Scherk-Schwarz '79; Rohm '84; Ferrara-Kounnas-Porrati-FZ '89; ...]

Effective superpotential from fluxes

$$\tilde{H}_{i_A i_B i_C} \rightarrow W \sim 1, iU_A, -U_A U_B, -iU_1 U_2 U_3$$

$$\omega_{i_B i_C}^{i_A} \rightarrow W \sim iT_A, T_A U_B, iT_A U_B U_C, T_A U_1 U_2 U_3$$

Consistency conditions:

$$[\text{Scherk-Schwarz '79}] \quad \omega \cdot \omega = 0 \quad \omega \cdot \tilde{H} = 0 \quad [\text{Kaloper-Myers '99}]$$

(generalized Bianchi identities, here also N=4 Jacobi identities)

Comments on the heterotic case

Can also include also **magnetic fluxes** with suitably generalized consistency conditions [Kaloper-Myers '99] still related to the **underlying N=4 gaugings**

Twisted sectors can be included in K at quadratic order [Ferrara-Girardello-Kounnas-Porrati '87]

Homogeneity properties of Kahler manifold

$$K^S K_S \equiv 1 \quad K^{i_A} K_{i_A} \equiv 2 \quad (A = 1, 2, 3)$$

Non-perturbative W from **gaugino condensation** may be present

$$\Delta W_{np} = W_0 e^{-k S} \quad k = 3/(2\beta_0)$$

with H-flux gives a no-scale model [Dine-Seiberg-Rohm-Witten '85]

Also classical no-scale models, e.g.: $W = k (T_2 U_2 + T_3 U_3)$

Type-II on $T^6/(Z_2 \times Z_2)$

classical Kahler potential for untwisted closed string moduli:
same as in heterotic, but different field identifications

IIA with O6/D6 [Derendinger-Kounnas-Petropoulos-FZ '04]

$$C_{6810}^{(3)} = \sigma, \quad C_{679|589|5710}^{(3)} = -\mathbf{v}_{1|2|3}, \quad B_{56|78|910} = \tau_{1|2|3}$$

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s}}{\hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_3}}, \quad u_1 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s} \hat{u}_2 \hat{u}_3}{\hat{u}_1}}, \quad u_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s} \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_3}{\hat{u}_2}}, \quad u_3 = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{s} \hat{u}_1 \hat{u}_2}{\hat{u}_3}}$$

Kahler potential for untwisted open and closed string moduli
full non-linear result just derived for generic D6-brane angles
[Villadoro-FZ, hep-th/061mnnn]

highly non-trivial field redefinitions to reach Kahler field basis

no longer symmetric factorizable manifold as in heterotic
however, no-scale-friendly **homogeneity properties** do survive

$$K = -\log Y(z^k + \bar{z}^{\bar{k}}) \quad \sum_k (z^k + \bar{z}^{\bar{k}}) Y_k = 7 Y$$

Similarly for IIB with (O3/D3+O7/D7) or (O5/D5+O9/D9):

- Axions from invariant components of even-form potentials
- Field redefinitions now for dilaton (s) and Kahler moduli (t_A)
 - D-branes at angles replaced by magnetized D-branes

No-scale models from type-II flux compactifications

Fluxes in IIB with O3/D3: H_3 F_3 (no ω_3 , F_1 , F_5 !)

$W(S, U_A)$ is generated, but no T-dependence!

Natural set-up for no-scale [Giddings-Kachru-Polchinski '01; ...]

Fluxes in IIA with O6/D6: ω_3 H_3 F_0, F_2, F_4, F_6

$W(S, T_A, U_A)$ can be generated (linear in U_A)

No-scale and other possibilities (susy-AdS, runaway, ...) depending on choice of fluxes [Derendinger-Kounnas-Petropoulos-FZ 04]

Consistency constraints [IIA O6/D6 for definiteness]

In type-II more general W than from N=4 gaugings
constraints from **Bianchi Identities of local symmetries**
gauged by either bulk or brane-localized vectors

In the **type-IIA example** under consideration:

$$\frac{1}{2}(\omega G^{(2)} + H G^{(0)}) = \sum_a N_a \mu_a [\pi_a]$$

[Villadoro, FZ
'05 & '06]

$$\omega \omega = 0 \quad \int_{\pi_a} H = 0 \quad \omega [\pi_a] = 0$$

guarantee gauge-invariance of the effective action

(similar constraints also on non-perturbative W)

Still considerable freedom for model-building:
no-scale but also many other classical vacua

Some comments on quantum stability

No-scale models need quantum corrections to work but their structure can survive only very mild ones

Perturbative and non-perturbative quantum corrections in string compactifications are not under sufficient control yet to firmly establish or rule out the no-scale program

Scherk-Schwarz and flux supersymmetry breaking are non-local in some internal dimensions: the effective cutoff for the $D=4$ effective theory is not M_P or M_S but some M_C

[Rohm '84; Antoniadis'90]

Intriguing $N=8$ Str $M^n=0$ ($n=0,2,4,6$) relations found in some IIB orientifold Scherk-Schwarz compactifications

[deWit-Samtleben-Trigiante '02; D'Auria-Ferrara-Trigiante '04; ...]

Conclusions

No-scale models may give us a clue to solve the big open problems with supersymmetry breaking

The required **special properties** the effective $N=1$ $D=4$ sugra must be understood from the **microscopic theory**

Still too early to say whether the no-scale hypotheses can be entirely fulfilled in $N=1$ string compactifications

What is encouraging is that the more we understand string compactifications the more ingredients seem to fit into place: but there are still too many open ends