

Title :

Yukawa Couplings and Right-Handed Neutrinos in F -Theory Compactifications

Radu Tatar, University of Liverpool

Corfu Workshop, September 10, 2009

based on [hep-th/0602238](#), [arXiv:0805.1057](#), [0901.4941](#), [0905.2289](#)

## Outline

- 1. Yukawa Couplings and Bundles in Heterotic String
- 2. Yukawa Couplings and Singularities in F-theory
- 3. Extending Heterotic - F-theory Duality
- 3. Right Handed Neutrinos as Complex Structure Moduli
- 4. Yukawa Couplings for Neutral Fields

- $SU(5)$ : up-type quarks Yukawa couplings  $10^{ij} 10^{kl} H(5)^m \epsilon_{ijklm}$
- $\epsilon^{ijklm}$  cannot be realised in brane configurations
- Can get this term from a coset  $E_6/SU(5)$  and then embed  $E_6$  into  $E_8$ .
- Need the  $E_8$  group obtained in Heterotic, M theory and F-theory
- We need to describe the breaking of  $E_8$  to  $SU(5)_{GUT}$ . This can be done in both Heterotic and F-theory
- In heterotic  $E_8 \times E_8$  turn on an  $SU(5)$  vector bundle within one  $E_8$
- The correspondence between the representations  $\rho(V)$  and those of the unbroken  $SU(5)_{GUT}$  is:
- $V \leftrightarrow 10$  ( $V$  is the 5 of vector bundle  $SU(5)$ ),  $\wedge^2 V \leftrightarrow \bar{5}$
- How to explicitly build the vector bundle?

- Consider an elliptic fibered Calabi-Yau 3-fold  $Z$ ,  $\pi_Z : Z \rightarrow B_2$  and a rank- $N$  vector bundle  $V$  on  $Z$ .

Need to build a spectral surface of degree  $N$  over  $B_2$  and a line bundle  $\mathcal{N}_V$  over  $C_V$

- The chiral multiplets in the low energy theory are identified with  $H^1(Z, \rho(V))$ .  
This is non-zero only along the matter curves

$$\bar{c}_{\rho(V)} = C_{\rho(V)} \sigma$$

- Specific example: Rank-5 Bundles

Spectral surface  $C_V$  of rank-5 bundle  $V$  is given by

$$s = a_0(u, v) + a_2(u, v)x + a_3(u, v)y + a_4(u, v)x^2 + a_5(u, v)xy = 0;$$

The matter curve of the fundamental representation  $\bar{c}_V = C_V \cdot \sigma$  is given by the zero locus of  $a_5$ .

The matter curve of  $\wedge^2 V$ : defining equation of the spectral surface factorises locally as

$$s = (Ax + B)(Py + Qx + R)$$

The factorisation condition is equivalent to

$$P^{(5)} := a_0 a_5^2 - a_2 a_3 a_5 + a_4 a_3^2 = 0$$

The two matter curves  $\bar{c}_V$  and  $\bar{c}_{\wedge^2 V}$  intersect in  $B_2$  with two different types of intersections:

(a) Multiplicity 1:  $a_5 = 0$  and  $a_4 = 0$ , and hence  $P^{(5)} = 0$

(d) Multiplicity 2:  $a_5 = 0$  and  $a_3 = 0$ , and hence  $P^{(5)} = 0$ .

The form of  $P^{(5)}$  reveals that  $\bar{c}_{\wedge^2 V}$  forms a double point at each type (d) intersection point.

The covering matter curve  $\tilde{c}_{\wedge^2 V}$  is obtained by blowing up the double points of the matter curve  $\bar{c}_{\wedge^2 V}$ , and the map  $\tilde{\pi}_D : D \rightarrow \tilde{c}_{\wedge^2 V}$  becomes a degree-2 cover.

Lesson: use the covering matter curves to describe Yukawa couplings

## Yukawa couplings in F-theory

- Hints from Heterotic String but valid for models with no Heterotic dual
- $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supersymmetry: F-theory is compactified on an elliptic fibered Calabi–Yau 4-fold  $\pi : X \rightarrow B_3$

- The discriminant  $\Delta$  of this elliptic fibration may have several irreducible components

$$\Delta = \sum_i n_i S_i, \quad S_i \text{ are divisors of } B_3, \quad n_i \text{ their multiplicities}$$

For  $\Delta = nS + D'$ , matter multiplets charged under the gauge group on  $S$  at  $S \cdot D'$

- F-theory phenomenology: Beasley-Heckmann-Vafa and Donagi-Weijnholt
- Many aspects of gauge theory associated with the discriminant locus  $S$ , only on the geometry of  $X$  around  $S$ .

- The study of F-theory on  $X$  reduces to the study of an 8-dimensional field theory on  $S$  times Minkowski.

The matter multiplets “see” only the geometry along the  $S \cdot D'$  codimension-2 loci of  $B_3$

- The Yukawa couplings –from codimension-3 loci of  $B_3$ . Thus, one can go a long way in phenomenology by studying only the local geometry of F-theory compactification.
- Suppose a zero mode exists for  $\phi_{mn}(u_1, u_2) du_m \wedge du_n$  on  $S$  - transverse fluctuation of D7-branes in Type IIB orientifold compactification on a Calabi–Yau 3-fold  $X$  ( $(u_1, u_2)$  coordinates of  $S$ ).
- This corresponds to deforming geometry of  $X$ ,  $\Delta = n''S'' + S' + D'$
- Singularity along the irreducible discriminant locus  $S$  is reduced from  $g$  to the commutant  $g''$  of  $\phi$  in  $g$ .

## Example: Generic Rank-2 Deformation of $A_{N+1}$ Singularity

The most generic form of deformation to  $A_{N-1}$  is given by two parameters,  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ :

$$Y^2 = X^2 + Z^N(Z^2 + s_1 Z + s_2). \quad (1)$$

An alternative parametrization of deformation

$$2\alpha\phi_{12}(u_1, u_2) = (0, \dots, 0^N, \tau_{N+1}, \tau_{N+2}), \quad (2)$$

Easy case:  $s_1(u_1, u_2) = F_1 u_1 + F_2 u_2$ ,  $s_2(u_1, u_2) = F_1 F_2 u_1 u_2$  so  
 $2\alpha\phi_{12} = (0, \dots, 0^N, F_1 u_1, F_2 u_2)$ ,

The irreducible decomposition of  $su(N+2)$  is

$$su(N+2)\text{-adj.} \rightarrow su(N)\text{-adj} + \left[ N^{(-,0)} + N^{(0,-)} + \mathbf{1}^{(+,-)} \right] + \text{h.c.}$$



Zero-mode equations give solutions:

- For the  $N^{(-,0)}$  and  $\bar{N}^{(+,0)}$  components,

$$\tilde{\chi}_{\mp} = c_{\mp} \exp \left[ -F_1 |u_1|^2 \right], \quad \tilde{\psi}_{1\mp} = \pm c_{\mp} \exp \left[ -F_1 |u_1|^2 \right], \quad \tilde{\psi}_2 = 0. \quad (3)$$

- For the  $N^{(0,-)}$  component,

$$\tilde{\chi} = c(u_1) \exp \left[ -F_2 |u_2|^2 \right], \quad \tilde{\psi}_2 = c(u_1) \exp \left[ -F_2 |u_2|^2 \right], \quad \tilde{\psi}_1 = 0. \quad (4)$$

- This simple case has a IIB interpretation in terms of open strings between

$N - - - N + 1$  D7-branes

$N - - - N + 2$  D7 branes respectively

Complicated Case:

$$s_1 = 2u_1, \quad s_2 = u_2,$$

This second case of the deformation of  $A_{N+1}$  singularity is described by the field theory on a local patch of  $S$  with  $2\alpha\phi_{12}$  given by

$$\tau_+ \equiv \tau_{N+1} = -u_1 + \sqrt{u_1^2 - u_2}, \quad \tau_- \equiv \tau_{N+2} = -u_1 - \sqrt{u_1^2 - u_2}. \quad (5)$$

The decomposition is

$$su(N+2)\text{-adj.} \rightarrow su(N)\text{-adj.} + su(2)\text{-adj.} + (\mathbf{2}, N) + (\mathbf{2}, \bar{N}) \quad (6)$$

Resolve  $A_{N+1}$  with  $N+1$  cycles, 2 of them being

$$C_{\pm} : (x, y, z) = (r(z)i \cos \theta, r(z) \sin \theta, z) \quad z \in [0, z_{\pm}] \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi] \quad (7)$$

$$r(z) \equiv \sqrt{z^N (z - z_-)(z - z_+)} \quad (8)$$

The vev of  $2\alpha\phi_{12}$ ,

$$\left( +\sqrt{u_1^2 - u_2}, -\sqrt{u_1^2 - u_2} \right) \quad (9)$$

becomes  $\times(-1)$  of its own around the branch locus  $u_1^2 - u_2 = 0$ .

Overall, we need to introduce a branch cut extending out from the branch locus  $u_1^2 - u_2 = 0$

$su(N+2)$ -**adj.** fields are glued to themselves after twisting by Weyl group of  $su(2) \subset su(N+2)$  algebra—across the branch cut (cf. Katz-Morrison identification).

This is not a simple theory of fields in the  $su(N+2)$ -**adj.** representation.

Introduce a new surface:  $C(u, x)$ ,  $(u, x) = (u_1, \sqrt{u_1^2 - u_2})$  as the space of all possible values for  $\phi$ . This is a covering space similar to the Heterotic covering matter curve.

Apply this observation to  $E_6, D_6 \rightarrow A_4$ :

$A_4 : y^2 = x^3 + a_5xy + a_4zx^2 + a_3z^2y + \dots$ , and consider case when

$a_4 \rightarrow 0, a_5 \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $E_6 \rightarrow A_4$ : up-type Yukawa

$a_3 \rightarrow 0, a_5 \rightarrow 0$  i.e.  $D_6 \rightarrow A_4$ : down-type Yukawa

The zero-mode wavefunctions of SU(5) - 10 representation are determined as  $\text{diag}(-a_4/2 \pm \sqrt{(a_4/2)^2 - a_5})$  and at small  $a_4$  it goes like  $e^{-|a_5|^{3/2}}$

The zero-mode wavefunctions of SU(5) - 5 representation are determined as  $-a_4$  and has a Gaussian normal to the matter curve  $e^{-|a_4|^2}$

For the  $D_6 \rightarrow A_4$  there is no branch-cut and it can be represented by flat D7-branes intersecting at angles.

These are local models with wavefunctions defined on the surface  $S$ . The 0-modes should also be defined as line bundles of globally defined curves.

Main observation: the charged matter multiplets in F-theory are sheaves on spectral covers and not on matter curves.

The spectral surfaces are key notion to generalize objects like D-branes and gauge bundles on them.

Supersymmetric compactification of F-theory is described by 8-dim. field theory with a Higgs bundle  $(F, \phi)$  as background.

$$\bar{\partial}_{\bar{m}}\phi = 0, \partial_m\bar{\phi} = 0, F - i[\phi, \bar{\phi}] = 0$$

are Hitchin equations for Higgs bundles.

For Higgs bundles, the techniques are very similar as the ones for spectral covers and one needs to build a pair  $(C_V, \mathcal{N}_V)$  denoted  $(C_V, \mathcal{N}_V)^F$

Heterotic - F Theory duality. The duality map is simply stated:

$$(C_V, \mathcal{N}_V)^{\text{Het}} = (C_V, \mathcal{N}_V)^{\text{F}}. \quad (10)$$

The spectral data is used in both sides of the duality and is mapped under duality.

Avoids some subtleties related to del Pezzo fibrations usually used in discussing Heterotic-F theory duality.

Important to map the heterotic  $\mathcal{N}_V = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{2}r + \gamma\right)$  into F -theory  
 $\gamma$  corresponds to four-form fluxes in F-theory.

## Four Form Fluxes and Neutrino Masses

Right-handed neutrinos  $\bar{N}$  are not charged under  $SU(5)_{GUT}$

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \lambda_{ij}^{(\nu)} \bar{N}_i l_j h_u + \text{h.c.}$$

$l_j$  are lepton doublets and  $h_u$  the Higgs doublet.

Any moduli chiral multiplet in supersymmetric string compactification can be identified with chiral multiplets of right-handed neutrinos, as long as they have the trilinear interactions.

For measured value of atmospheric neutrino oscillation

$$\Delta m^2 \sim 2-3 \times 10^{-3}$$

the lightest right-handed neutrino is not heavier than about

$$\frac{(v\lambda_\nu)^2}{\sqrt{\Delta m^2}} = \lambda_\nu^2 \times (5.5-6.7) \times 10^{14}$$

Here,  $\lambda_\nu$  is the neutrino Yukawa couplings.

The complex structure moduli have interactions in the superpotential

$$\Delta W = W_{\text{GVW}} = \int_X \Omega \wedge G.$$

A generic flux  $G$  determine a mass for all the complex structure moduli from the Gukov–Vafa–Witten superpotential.

In Type IIB string compactification on Calabi–Yau orientifolds, complex structure moduli acquire masses

$$m_{cs}^2 \sim m_{\text{KK}}^6 l_s^4 = \left[ m_{\text{KK}} \times \left( \frac{l_s}{R_6} \right)^2 \right]^2.$$

The complex structure moduli of F-theory compactifications contain both complex structure moduli and D7-brane moduli of Type IIB orientifolds.

The 4-form fluxes of F-theory correspond both to the 3-form fluxes and to gauge bundles on D7-branes in Type IIB orientifolds



By using  $i\frac{1}{g_{s,\text{IIB}}} = i\frac{\rho\beta}{\rho\alpha}$        $M_* = \frac{1}{g_s l_s^4} = \frac{\rho^2}{l_{11}^6}$

we find that  $m_{cs} \sim \frac{1}{R_6^3 M_*^2}$  is valid as an estimate of all the complex structure moduli masses in F-theory compactification.

Set

$$\epsilon \equiv \left(\frac{R_{\text{GUT}}}{R_6}\right)^3 = \frac{\sqrt{4\pi} M_{\text{GUT}}}{\alpha_{\text{GUT}} c M_{\text{Pl}}} \sim 0.35 \times \left(\frac{M_{\text{GUT}}}{c 10^{16} \text{GeV}}\right)$$

with  $R_6$  the size of  $B_3$  and  $R_{\text{GUT}}^4$  the volume of the locus of  $A_4$  singularity, the masses of complex structure moduli become

$$m_{cs} \sim M_{\text{GUT}} \times \frac{\sqrt{\alpha_{\text{GUT}}}}{c} \times (\epsilon^{\gamma=1})^{0-3}$$

$$\text{with } \frac{1}{\alpha_{\text{GUT}}} = 24, M_{\text{GUT}} = 10^{16} \text{GeV},$$

$$M_{\text{Pl}}^2 = 4\pi R_6^6 M_*^8 = (2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{GeV})^2.$$

The  $SU(5)_{\text{GUT}}$  singlet field in the Yukawa couplings - fluctuations from the vacuum in  $H^{1,2}(X, C)$  and  $H^{3,1}(X, C)$

The  $H^{1,2}(X, C)$  fluctuations are calculated by the overlap integral  $\int_S \text{tr}(\chi_U \wedge \psi_{\text{adj}(U)} \wedge \psi_{\bar{U}})$  with  $\chi_U, \psi_U$  coming from the fluctuations of the chiral matter multiplet in the  $(U, \bar{5})$  of  $G \times SU(5)_{\text{GUT}}$

The  $H^{3,1}(X, C)$  fluctuations are calculated by the overlap integral

$$\int_S \text{tr}(\psi_U \wedge \chi_{\text{adj}(U)} \wedge \psi_{\bar{U}}).$$

## Conclusions

1. Heterotic Strings: It is important to extend the spectral sequence constructions to include other representations of  $V$  besides the fundamental.

Singularities need to be resolved by considering the covering matter curves

2. F-theory picture: based on the 8-dimensional field theory plus the uplift of  $S$  to covering spaces.

Extend the Heterotic - F theory duality beyond orientifold limit. Use Higgs Bundles.

4. Right-handed neutrinos - complex moduli space