

“Workshop on Modular Flavour Symmetries ”

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On the origin of discrete flavour symmetries  
in String Theory

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## Outline of the Talk

- ▲ Motivation/Remarks
- ▲ **Modular** symmetries in string theories
- ▲ *Some ideas how to implement them in an  $\mathcal{F}$ -GUT*

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*based on*

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and work ... *in progress* with

V. Basiouris, Crispim-Romão, S.F. King

## Introductory Remarks

▲ Recent activity on **Modular** symmetries:

⇒ inspired by modular properties of String Theory.

Fundamental constituents in this approach of flavor symmetries are the **moduli** fields, weights, and **modular functions** ( $\rightarrow$  *Yukawas*.)

▲ **Bottom-up approach**: mostly working with **moduli**, endowed with some “generic” properties, **However**:

▲ Each **String -Theory version** (Heterotic, IIA, IIB, M, F) involves different types of moduli with different properties.

▲ Moduli Stabilisation, and other issues must be taken care of.

▲ This makes **top-bottom** approach a necessity.

▲ Most **appealing framework**  $\Rightarrow$  **IIB** &  $\mathcal{F}$ -theory...  $\rightarrow$  **calculability**

▲ Effective Field Theory: **no scale Supergravity**

## Modular Symmetries in IIB/F-theory

## ★ Basics ★



**II-B:** *closed string spectrum obtained by combining left and right moving open strings with NS and R-boundary conditions:*

$$(NS_+, NS_+), (R_-, R_-), (NS_+, R_-), (R_-, NS_+)$$

**Bosonic spectrum:**

$(NS_+, NS_+)$ : graviton, dilaton and 2-form KB-field:

$$g_{\mu\nu}, \phi, B_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow B_2$$

$(R_-, R_-)$ : scalar, 2- and 4-index fields (*p-form potentials*)

$$C_0, C_{\mu\nu}, C_{\kappa\lambda\mu\nu} \rightarrow C_p, p = 0, 2, 4$$

### Definitions *(bosonic part)*

1. *String coupling*:  $g_s = e^\phi$
2. *Combining the two scalars  $C_0, \phi$  to one modulus*:

$$\tau = C_0 + i e^{-\phi} \rightarrow C_0 + \frac{i}{g_s}$$

3. *Field strengths etc*

$$H_3 = d B_2 \tag{1}$$

$$F_p = d C_{p-1}, \quad p = 1, 3, 5 \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{G}_3 = F_3 - \tau H_3 \tag{3}$$

$$\tilde{F}_5 = F_5 - \frac{1}{2} C_2 \wedge H_3 + \frac{1}{2} B_2 \wedge F_3 \tag{4}$$

**IIB** - action leading to equs of motion: (see 0803.1194)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_{\text{IIB}} \propto & \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} R - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{(\text{Im}\tau)^2} d\tau \wedge *d\bar{\tau} \\ & + \frac{1}{\text{Im}\tau} G_3 \wedge *\bar{G}_3 + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{F}_5 \wedge *\tilde{F}_5 + C_4 \wedge H_3 \wedge F_3 \end{aligned}$$

**Properties:**

1. Invariant under  $SL(2, Z)$  **S**-duality:

$$\tau \rightarrow \frac{p\tau+q}{s\tau+t} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} F \\ H \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ s & t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F \\ H \end{pmatrix}$$

2. This is the analogue of a **12-d.** theory compactified on torus with **modulus**  $\tau$  with  $F_3, H_3$  components of some 12-d.  $\hat{F}_4$  reduced along the 1-cycles of torus  $\tau$ .

## Types of moduli fields in IIB (and F)- theory

<b>IIB</b>	symbol	#
<b>Kähler</b>	$T_k$	$2h_+^{1,1}$
Complex Structure	$\tau_i$	$2h_+^{2,1}$
<b>Axio-dilaton</b>	$\tau$	1
$C_4$ axions	$a_i$	$h_+^{1,1}$
$B_2$ axions	$b_i$	$h_-^{1,1}$
$C_2$ axions	$c_i$	$h_-^{1,1}$
$D_3$ positions		$N_{D3}$
$D_7$ deformations		$2h_-^{2,0}$



▲ Framework ▲



*After these preliminaries, next we will discuss the framework where  
the analysis takes place*

## Type II-B effective Supergravity



▲ *Basic 'ingredients':* ▲



- A) *Superpotential*  $\mathcal{W}$
- B) *Kähler potential*  $\mathcal{K}$
- C) *Kinetic function*

$\mathcal{A}$

▲ The Superpotential  $\mathcal{W}$  ▲

- ▲ Flux-induced (Gukov-Vafa-Witten) superpotential with  $G_3 = F_3 - \tau H_3$  and holomorphic (3, 0)-form  $\Omega(z_a)$ :

$$\mathcal{W}_0 = \int \mathbf{G}_3 \wedge \Omega(z_a) \Rightarrow \mathcal{W}_0 = \mathcal{W}_0(z_a, \tau)$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{W}_0$  does not depend on Kähler moduli  $T_i$ .

Thus:

- ▲ Flatness conditions only w.r.t. CS and axiodilaton ▲

$$\mathcal{D}_{z_a} \mathcal{W}_0 = 0, \quad \mathcal{D}_S \mathcal{W}_0 = 0 :$$

$\Rightarrow z_a$  and  $\tau$  stabilised  $\Leftarrow$

**but!**

- ▲ Kähler moduli  $\notin \mathcal{W}_0 \Rightarrow$  remain unfixed! ▲

$\mathcal{B}$

▲ The Kähler potential ▲

$$\mathcal{K}_0 = -\ln(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau})) - 2\ln(\hat{\mathcal{V}}) - 2\ln\left(\int \Omega \wedge \bar{\Omega}\right)$$

where  $\hat{\mathcal{V}}$  is the 6d volume in Einstein frame :

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}} = e^{-\frac{3}{2}\phi} \mathcal{V} = \frac{\mathcal{V}}{g_s^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{3!} \kappa_{ijk} \hat{t}^i \hat{t}^j \hat{t}^k$$

given in terms of  $\hat{t}^i$  defined through the Kähler moduli:

$$t^k = -\text{Im}(T^k) = \hat{t}^k \left(\frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}}{2i}\right)^{-1/2} \equiv \hat{t}^k g_s^{1/2}$$

▲ The **classical scalar potential** computed from  $\mathcal{K}_0$ : ▲

$$V = e^{\mathcal{K}} \left( \sum_{I,J} \mathcal{D}_I \mathcal{W}_0 \mathcal{K}^{I\bar{J}} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{J}} \mathcal{W}_0 - 3|\mathcal{W}_0|^2 \right) \equiv 0,$$

is identically zero *due to flatness conditions and the no-scale structure.*



**Kähler moduli** completely **undetermined!**

## Quantum Corrections

▲ **Non renormalisation** theorems do not allow for any perturbative corrections to the **superpotential**

*Kähler moduli can be fixed by:*

▲ **NP**-contributions (hep-th/0301240) to  $\mathcal{W}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_0 + \mathcal{W}_{NP}$ :

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_0 + \sum_k A_k e^{-\alpha T_k}, \quad D_{T_k} \mathcal{W} = 0$$

and  $\alpha'^3$  (hep-th/0204254) corrections  $\in$  **Kähler** potential.

**However**

*Presence of Kähler moduli in  $\mathcal{W}$ , neither necessary, nor always possible.*

*Loop corrections  $\in K$  suffice for stabilisation!*

## Perturbative Quantum Corrections

▲ Loop corrections to the **Kähler** potential exhibit logarithmic dependence on **Kähler** moduli (see 1803.08941, 1909.10525 )

They are included by a *shift* to  $\mathcal{V}$ :

$$\hat{\mathcal{V}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \equiv \hat{\mathcal{V}} + \frac{\xi}{2} \frac{1}{g_s^{3/2}} + \eta g_s^{1/2} \log(\hat{\mathcal{V}})$$

Perturbative  $\mathcal{W}$  and the final form of the corresponding Kähler potential:

$$\mathcal{K} = -\log(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau})) - 2\log\mathcal{U} + \mathcal{K}_{cs}$$

fix the values of the Kähler moduli.

Based on above arguments, we can exclude Kähler moduli from  $\mathcal{W}$

Allow me for a small deviation here to explain that, based only on *F-terms* in scalar potential, the minimum is always *AdS*.

In this construction, however, this problem has a natural solution.

By virtue of *D7 brane stacks*, there are universal *U(1)*'s which contribute a *D-term*. Hence, in the *Large Volume Limit*,

$V_{\text{eff}}$  acquires the following (simple) form

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_F + V_D \approx C \frac{\hat{\xi} - 4\hat{\eta} + 2\hat{\eta} \log(\mathcal{V})}{\mathcal{V}^3} + \frac{d}{\mathcal{V}^2}$$

Minimising  $V_{\text{eff}}$  we find a minimum and a maximum defined by the *double-valued Lambert W-function* (i.e., solution of  $\mathbf{W}e^{\mathbf{W}} = z$ ):

$$\mathcal{V}_0 = \frac{\hat{\eta}}{d} \mathbf{W}_{0/-1} \left( \frac{d}{\hat{\eta}} e^{\frac{7}{3} - \frac{\hat{\xi}}{2\hat{\eta}}} \right)$$

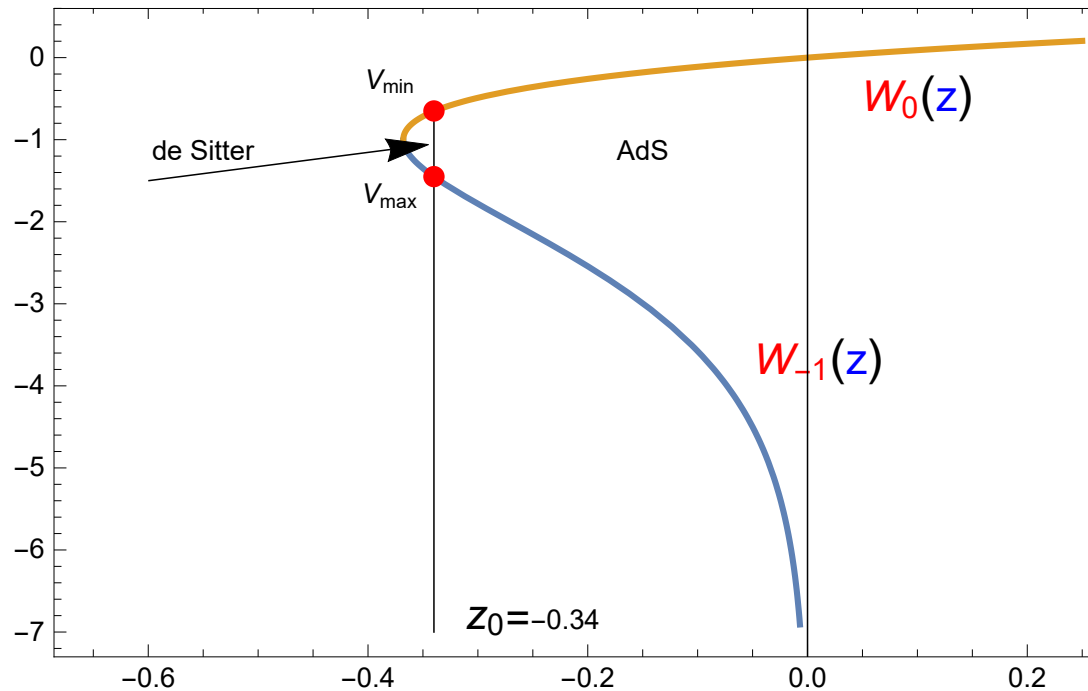
(for details see *JHEP 07 (2022) 047*, e-print: 2203.03362 )



▲ de Sitter vacua ▲

minimum  $V_{\text{eff}} = V_F + V_D$  at  $\mathcal{V}_0$  must be positive:

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{min}} = \frac{c}{\mathcal{V}_0^3} + \frac{d}{\mathcal{V}_0^2} > 0$$



*This dramatically constrains acceptable string vacua (fluxes etc)*

## Inflation

*Hybrid scenario* can be realised with **open string states**  $\chi$  at  $D7$ -brane intersections playing the role of waterfall fields  
( 2109.03243, JHEP 2022, 2405.06738)

Shape of  $V_{total}$  in the presence of  $\chi$  at large  $\mathcal{V}$  regime:

$$V_{total} = C \frac{\hat{\xi} - 4\hat{\eta} + 2\hat{\eta} \log(\mathcal{V})}{\mathcal{V}^3} + \frac{d}{\mathcal{V}^2} + V_{\chi}$$

with  $V_{\chi}$  the waterfall field potential:

$$V_{\chi} = \sim m^2(\mathcal{V})\chi^2 + \lambda(\mathcal{V})\chi^4$$

- ▲ The volume modulus can play the role of **Inflaton** field

$$\phi \propto \log \mathcal{V}$$

- ▲ We find that inflation can be realised with most of the 60 efolds collected near the **metastable local** minimum  $V_{total}(\mathcal{V}_{min})$ .

- ▲ **Inflation** ends and false vacuum decays to **Global** minimum through a

$$\text{waterfall field } \chi: V_\chi \sim m^2(\mathcal{V})\chi^2 + \lambda(\mathcal{V})\chi^4 .$$

For  $m^2 > 0$  minimum in the  $\chi$ -field direction is at the origin

$$m^2 > 0 \rightarrow \langle \chi \rangle = 0$$

When the mass of  $\chi$  becomes tachyonic, a phase transition occurs and the new vacuum is obtained at a non-vanishing  $\langle \chi \rangle$ :

$$m^2 < 0 \rightarrow \langle \chi \rangle \neq 0$$

A configuration to realise the hybrid scenario in our  $D7$  set-up

	$\mathcal{T}_{(45)}^2$	$\mathcal{T}_{(67)}^2$	$\mathcal{T}_{(89)}^2$
$D7_1$	$\cdot$	$\otimes$	$\times \mathcal{A}_1$
$D7_2$	$\times$	$\cdot \pm \mathbf{x}_2$	$\otimes$
$D7_3$	$\otimes$	$\times \mathcal{A}_3$	$\cdot$

▲ A circled cross shows **magnetic field** on specific  $D7$  and  $\mathcal{T}^2$ .

▲  $\mathcal{A}_{1,3}$  denote Wilson lines

▲  $\pm \mathbf{x}_2$  brane separations (uplifting tachyons)

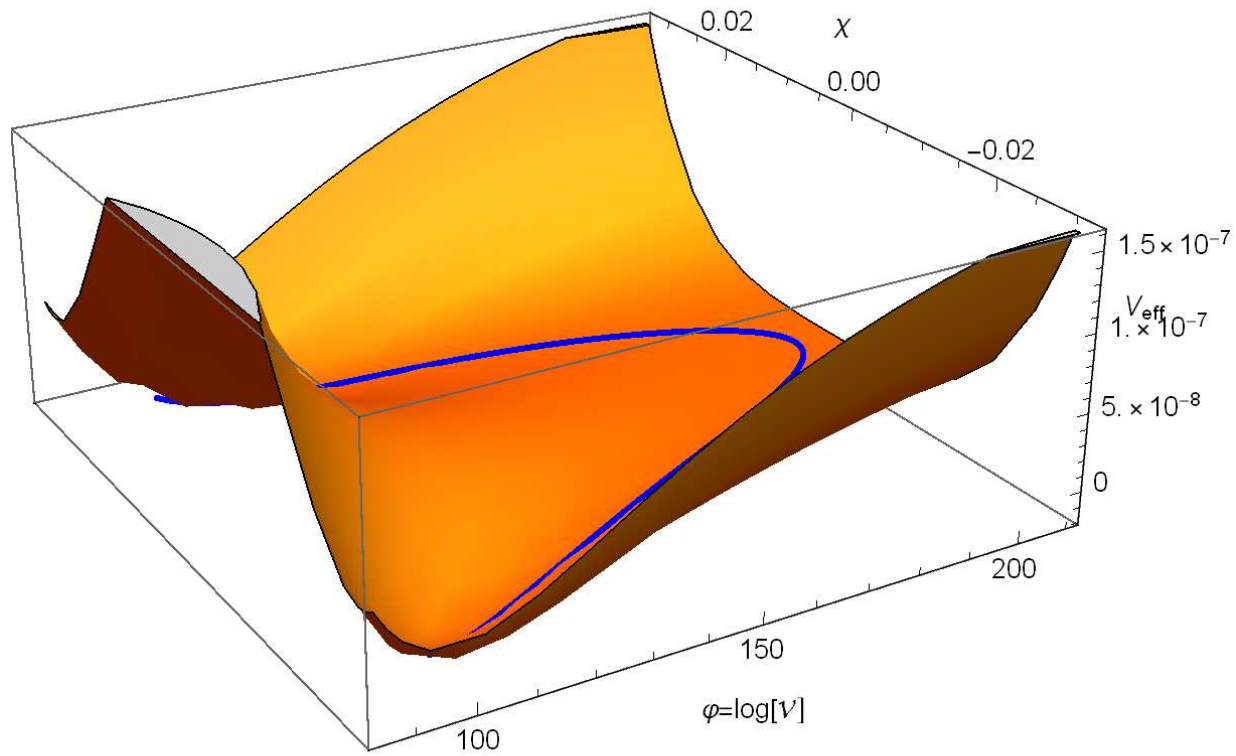
⇒ only one tachyonic state playing the role of **waterfall field**:

$$\alpha' m_{22}^2 \approx -\frac{A}{\nu^{1/3}} + B\nu^{1/3}, \quad (A, B) \rightarrow \text{positive constants}$$

$\langle \chi \rangle \neq 0$  for

$$\nu < \nu_{\text{critical}} = \left( \frac{A}{B} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

- ▲ Hybrid scenario: Inflaton:  $\phi \propto \log \mathcal{V}$
- ▲ Blue curve: waterfall field  $\chi$  trajectory



*... back to moduli ...*

*Excluding  $T_k$  from  $W$  in the present framework, we focus on  $\tau$  and  
CS  $\tau_i$  in the context of*

### **Toroidal Compactifications**

$$T^6 / \mathbb{Z}_2 = (T_1^2 \times T_2^2 \times T_3^2) / \mathbb{Z}_2$$

Theory will also manifest the modular invariance w.r.t.  $\tau$  and CS moduli of each torus

$$SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_\tau \otimes (\otimes_{i=1}^3 SL(2, \mathbb{Z})_i)$$

where the associated transformation matrices read

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} p & q \\ s & t \end{pmatrix}, R_i = \begin{pmatrix} p_i & q_i \\ s_i & t_i \end{pmatrix}, R, R_i \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z}), i = 1, 2, 3$$

A ‘generic’ form of the superpotential for the moduli fields is

$$W_{\text{IIB}} = \int \mathbf{G}_3 \wedge \Omega \Rightarrow \quad (5)$$

$$(a^0 - \tau c^0)(\prod_j \tau_j) - (a^i - \tau c^i)(\prod_{j \neq i} \tau_j) - (b_i - \tau d_i) \tau^i - (b_0 - \tau d_0)$$

Minimisation conditions

$$D_\tau W_{\text{IIB}} = D_{\tau_k} W_{\text{IIB}} = 0$$

imply the relations among the various moduli

$$\tau_3 \propto \tau \quad (6)$$

$$\tau_1 = \frac{a^1 \tau_2 + b_3}{a^0 \tau_2 - a^2}$$

Additional requirements on  $R_2(\tau_2) \in SL(2, Z)_2$  (integer entries, tadpole conditions etc) further restrict  $R_2(\tau_2) \in S_4$ .

*In IIB a generic Yukawa coupling depends on  $g_s$ :*

$$W \supset \lambda_{ij}(g_s) f_i f_j h$$

*Intimately related to  $S$ -duality invariance of IIB. Recall that*

$$K = -\log(-i(\tau - \bar{\tau})) + \dots \Rightarrow$$

$$K \rightarrow K + |c\tau + d|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -e^{K/2} \bar{W} \psi_\mu \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi_\nu \rightarrow \text{Gravitino mass} : m_{3/2}^2 = e^K |W|^2.$$

Invariance implies

$$W \rightarrow \frac{W}{c\tau + d} \Rightarrow |W|^2 \rightarrow \frac{|W|^2}{|c\tau + d|^2} \equiv \frac{|W|^2}{C_0^2 + g_2^{-2}}$$

The Yukawa coupling is:

$$\lambda_{ij}^2(g_s) \propto \frac{1}{g_s} \equiv \text{Im}\tau \rightarrow \text{Im}\tau' = \frac{\text{Im}\tau}{|c\tau + d|^2}$$

which matches the  $SL(2, Z)_\tau$  transformation property of  $W$ .

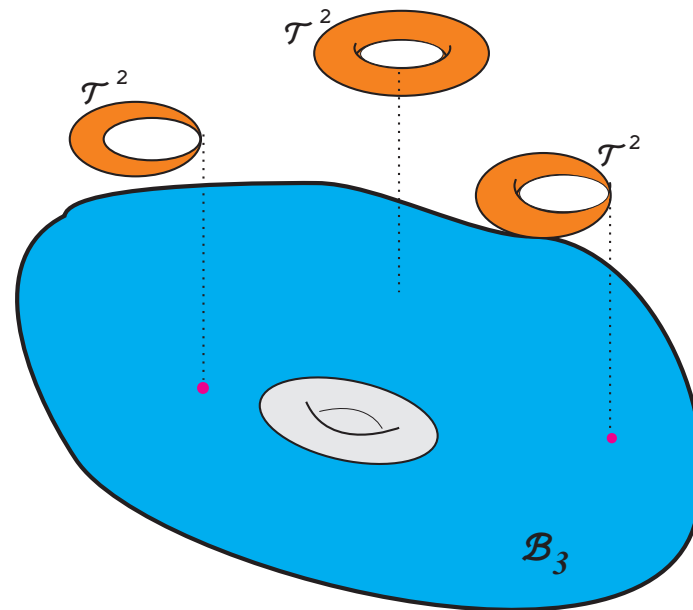


## The Yukawa sector in F-theory

▲ ▲ **F-theory** is compactified on an **elliptically fibered complex manifold** where

the threefold  $\mathcal{B}_3$  is the **base of the fibration**.

**Fibration** is implemented by the *axio-dilaton* modulus  $\tau = C_0 + i e^{-\phi}$  which can be thought as describing a torus



## Geometry and Gauge Symmetries

The elliptic fibration is represented by the Weierstraß equation:

$$y^2 = x^3 + f(z)x + g(z)$$

- At the points where the discriminant  $\Delta = 27g^2 + 4f^3$  vanishes, the elliptic fiber **degenerates**.
- The type of Manifold **singularity** is specified by the vanishing order of  $\Delta$  and the polynomials  $f(z), g(z)$  of Weierstraß eqn
- These **geometric singularities** are classified in terms of  **$ADE$**  Lie groups.

**In F-theory these singularities are interpreted as:**



$\mathcal{CY}_4$ -**Singularities**  $\Leftrightarrow$  **GAUGE SYMMETRIES**

▲  $An \mathcal{E}_6 \times S_4$  MODEL ▼

▲ The candidate **GUT** is embedded in  $\mathcal{E}_8$  which is the maximal **exceptional group** in elliptic fibration.

We consider a CY with a divisor accommodating our model  $\mathcal{E}_6$  while the rest is the symmetry commutant to it.

$$\mathcal{E}_8 \supset \mathcal{E}_6 \times SU(3)_\perp$$

*The spectrum descends from the  $\mathcal{E}_8$ -Adjoint which decomposes as:*

$$248 \rightarrow (78, 1) + (1, 8) + (27, \bar{3}) + (\bar{27}, 3)$$

Observe that the  $\mathcal{E}_6$  matter content transforms non-trivially under the perpendicular  $SU(3)_\perp$ .

It suffices to proceed with the  $SU(3)_\perp$  Cartan subalgebra where the representations are labeled by the weights  $t_i$  satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 t_i = 0$$

Matter consists of  $27$ 's and singlets  $\in (1, 8)$  residing on matter curves

$$27 \in \Sigma_{t_i}, \quad \& \quad 1_{t_i-t_j} \in \Sigma_{t_i-t_j}, \quad i \neq j$$

*The perpendicular symmetry conveys the geometry and topological properties of the internal manifold to matter fields through the coefficients  $\mathbf{b}_k$  of the spectral cover equation*

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = \sum_{k=0}^3 b_k t^{3-k} \equiv b_0 t^3 + b_1 t^2 + b_2 t + b_3 = 0$$

The solution for  $t_i$ 's may involve *branchcuts* which might imply *identifications* of the roots (weights)

Three possibilities:

1.  $\mathcal{C}_3$  completely reducible, then all three roots distinct  
 $t_i \neq t_j, \quad \forall i \neq j$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = \alpha(t - t_1)(t - t_2)(t - t_3)$$

2. Partial split of  $\mathcal{C}_3$ :

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = (a_1 t^2 + a_2 t + a_3)(a_4 t + a_5)$$

Two roots connected by  $Z_2$  monodromy,

$$t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2$$

3.  $\mathcal{C}_3$  non-“splittable”  $\Rightarrow \exists Z_3$  monodromy

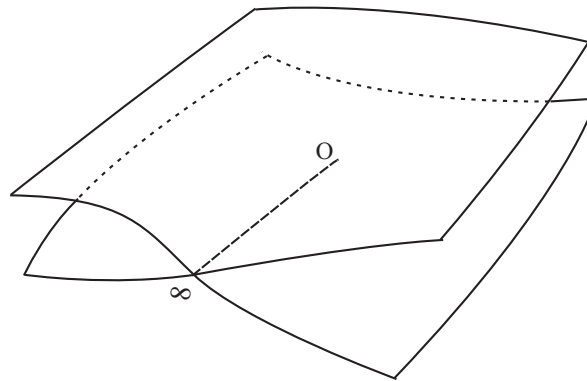
$$t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2 \leftrightarrow t_3$$

**EXAMPLE** ..Simplest monodromy  $Z_2$  :

$$a_1 + a_2 t + a_3 t^2 = 0 \rightarrow t_{1,2} = \frac{-a_2 \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a_3}$$

Under  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$  :  $\sqrt{\Delta} \rightarrow -\sqrt{\Delta}$  branes interchange locations

$$t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2$$



Two  $U(1)$ 's related by **monodromies**, gauge symmetry reduces to:

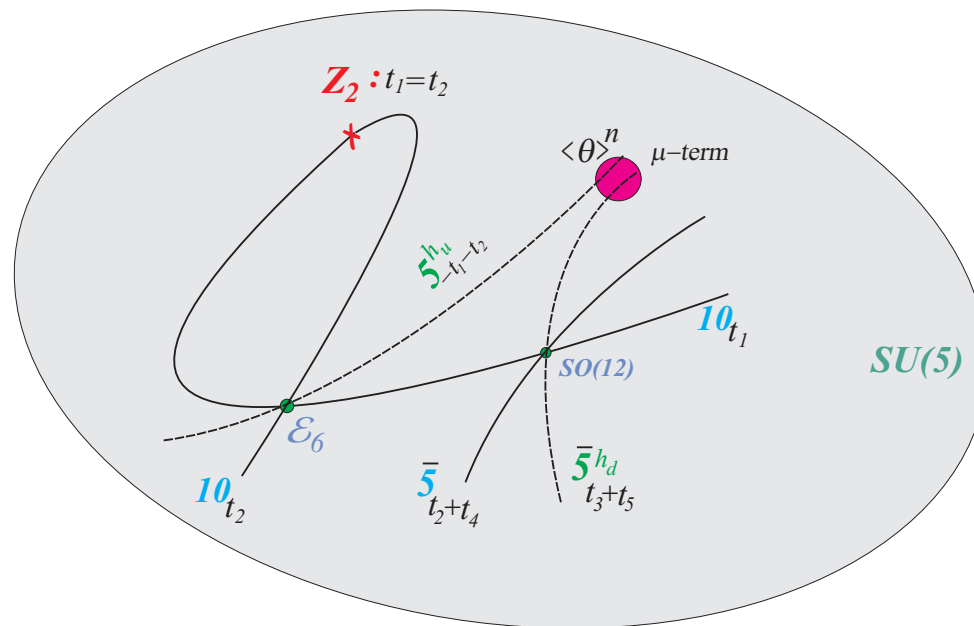
$$\mathcal{E}_6 \times U(1)^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_6 \times U(1)$$



Case 2, i.e.,  $Z_2 : t_1 \leftrightarrow t_2$  is the most appealing, since it identifies

$$27_{t_1} \equiv 27_{t_2}$$

thus allows a tree-level Yukawa coupling



The matter content is distributed in the following representations

$\mathcal{E}_6$	Section	Homology	#
$\Sigma_{27_{t_{1,2}}}$	$[a_1]$	$\eta - 2c_1 - \chi$	$n_1 = \mathcal{F}_{U(1)} \cdot (\eta - 2c_1 - \chi)$
$\Sigma_{27_{t_3}}$	$[a_4]$	$\chi - c_1$	$n_3 = \mathcal{F}_{U(1)} \cdot (c_1 - \chi)$
$\Sigma_{1_{t_i-t_j}}$	$[a_1 a_5]$	$\eta - 2c_1$	$n_{singlets} = \mathcal{F}_{U(1)} \cdot (\eta - c_1)$

Their multiplicities are determined from the topological properties of the **matter curves** accommodating the representations and the restrictions of the  $U(1)_\perp \mathcal{F}lux \in SU(3)_\perp$  on them.

The final model is achieved by a consecutive symmetry breaking with  $U(1)_\perp$  fluxes, through the following chain

$$\mathcal{E}_6 \supset SO(10) \supset SU(5) \supset G_{SM}$$

*At the final step we generate SM chirality and break  $SU(5)$  by  
turning on*

### Hypercharge Flux

$U(1)_Y$ –**Flux**-splitting of **10**'s:

$$n_{(3,2)_{\frac{1}{6}}} - n_{(\bar{3},2)_{-\frac{1}{6}}} = M_{10}$$

$$n_{(\bar{3},1)_{-\frac{2}{3}}} - n_{(3,1)_{\frac{2}{3}}} = M_{10} - N_{Y_{10}}$$

$$n_{(1,1)_1} - n_{(1,1)_{-1}} = M_{10} + N_{Y_{10}}$$

$U(1)_Y$ – **Flux**-splitting of **5**'s:

$$n_{(3,1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}} - n_{(\bar{3},1)_{\frac{1}{3}}} = M_5$$

$$n_{(1,2)_{\frac{1}{2}}} - n_{(1,2)_{-\frac{1}{2}}} = M_5 + N_{Y_5}$$

$E_6$	$SU(5)$	weight vector	particle content	SM spectrum
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_1}}$	$\bar{5}_3$	$t_1 + t_5$	$4d^c + 5L$	$3d^c + 3L$
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_1}}$	$10_M$	$t_1$	$4Q + 5u^c + 3e^c$	$3(Q + u^c + e^c)$
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_1}}$	$\theta_{15}$	$t_1 - t_5$	$3\nu^c$	-
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_1}}$	$5_1$	$-t_1 - t_3$	$3D + 2H_u$	-
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_1}}$	$\bar{5}_2$	$t_1 + t_4$	$3\bar{D} + 4H_d$	$H_d$
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_3}}$	$\bar{5}_5$	$t_3 + t_5$	$\bar{d}^c + 2\bar{L}$	-
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_3}}$	$10_2$	$t_3$	$\bar{Q} + 2\bar{u}^c$	-
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_3}}$	$5_{H_u}$	$-2t_1$	$H_u$	$H_u$
$\Sigma_{27_{t'_3}}$	$\bar{5}_4$	$t_3 + t_4$	$\bar{H}_d$	-
$\Sigma_{t_{ij}}$	$\theta_{ij}$	$t_i - t_j$	$\theta_{ij}$	-

## ▲ The Yukawa Sector ▲

In F-theory, we start with the superpotential  $W_{8d}$  of the 8-d adjoint fields  $A, \Phi$  and the D-term

$$W_{8d} = m_*^4 \int_S \text{Tr}(F \wedge \Phi), \quad D = \int_S \omega \wedge F + \frac{1}{2}[\Phi, \bar{\Phi}],$$

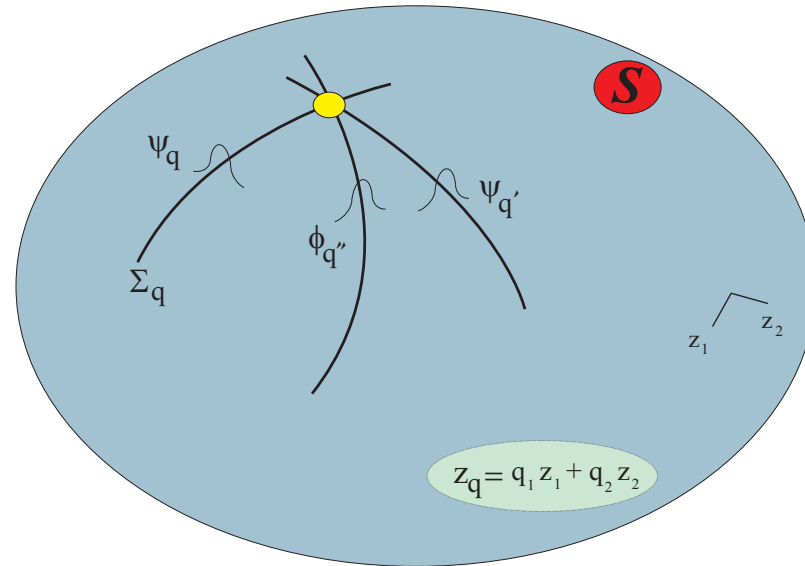
$$\text{with : } F = dA - iA \wedge A \quad \omega = i\frac{g}{2}(dz_1 \wedge \bar{d}z_1 + dz_2 \wedge \bar{d}z_2)$$

$A$  and  $\Phi$  satisfy the EoM which can be solved by expanding the fields assuming linear fluctuations around their background values.

(*Heckmann et al 0802.3391, 0806.0102* )

Solutions exhibit a Gaussian profile peaked along the matter curve and waning out along the transverse direction

▲ Matter fields are represented by wavefunctions  $\psi_i, \phi$  on the intersections of 7-branes with **S**.



$$\psi \propto R_a f(z_{\parallel}) \exp(-|z_{\perp}|^2)$$

(Font et al, 1211.6529, Camara et al, 1110.2206, GKL, GG Ross, 1009.6000, ...)

$f(z_{\parallel}) \rightarrow g(\tau_i)$  is a holomorphic function unspecified by the EoM. Since this is associated with a specific matter curve determined by  $z_2(\tau_2)$  it would be natural to assume that it inherits the corresponding modular properties. We may then impose

$$g(\tau'_2) = (c\tau_2 + d)^{k_2} g(\tau_2)$$

By the same token,  $R_a$  is some representation of the congruence subgroup of  $SL(2, Z)$  left over after restrictions are imposed.

The Yukawa coupling emerges as an integral over overlapping wavefunctions

$$W_{Yuk} = -im_*^4 \int_S \text{Tr}(\psi^i \wedge \psi^j \wedge \psi^k) = C_I \mathcal{R} G(\tau_k) \quad (7)$$

where  $G(\tau_k)$  modular function of CS moduli,  $C_I$  constant of integration and  $\mathcal{R}$  irrep, all associated with the specific Yukawa coupling.

We may utilise the results of the previous analysis, where  
 for our choice of fluxes, the residual symmetry is  $S_4$

Consistency with the properties already discussed leads to the  
 following transformation rules under  $S_4$

Matter Fields	Charge	$S_4$	k
$10_M^A(Q_1, Q_2)$	$t_1$	2	2
$10_M^B(Q_3)$	$t_1$	1	4
$\bar{5}_3$	$t_1 + t_5$	3	2
$5_{H_u}$	$-2t_1$	1	0
$5_2$	$t_1 + t_4$	1	0



The superpotential is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{W} &= \alpha Y_1^{(4)} 10_M^A 10_M^A 5_{H_u} \\
 &+ \beta Y_2^{(4)} 10_M^A 10_M^A 5_{H_u} + \gamma Y_1^{(8)} 10_M^B 10_M^B 5_{H_u} + \\
 &+ \delta Y_2^{(6)} 10_M^B 10_M^A 5_{H_u} \\
 &+ \frac{\langle \theta_{31} \rangle}{M} \left( \alpha' 10_M^A \bar{5}_3 Y_3^{(4)} \bar{5}_2 + \beta' 10_M^A \bar{5}_3 Y_{3'}^{(4)} \bar{5}_2 + \gamma' 10_M^B \bar{5}_3 Y_3^{(6)} \bar{5}_2 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

As an example, let's see the mass matrix for the up quarks.

The superpotential terms consistent with all symmetries give rise to the following Yukawa matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\alpha + \beta)Y_1^2 + (\alpha - \beta)Y_2^2 & 2\beta Y_1 Y_2 & 0 \\ 2\beta Y_1 Y_2 & (\alpha - \beta)Y_1^2 + (\alpha + \beta)Y_2^2 & 0 \\ \delta Y_1(Y_2^2 + Y_1^2) & -\delta Y_2(Y_2^2 + Y_1^2) & \gamma(Y_1^2 + Y_2^2)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Similar matrices are derived for down quarks and charged leptons.
- The coefficients are in principle calculable...
- There are benchmark points where all masses and CKM mixing are in agreement with experimental data
- Neutrino sector includes 3  $\nu^c$  to realise the see-saw mechanism.

*CONCLUSIONS*

or

*What Geometry and Topology of internal space can tell us about  
Low Energy Theory*

1. **Geometric Singularities** of internal space determine the **Gauge Symmetry** of the Effective Field Theory
2. **Euler Characteristic** of the compactification manifold counts the number of **Massless Fields**
3. **Hierarchy** and **Yukawa matrices**: associated with **Modular Symmetries** of CS moduli underlying the shape of matter curves and CY manifold in general.
4.  $g_s$  → determines strength of **Yukawa** coupling
5. Geometric  **$U(1)$  Fluxes** break **Gauge Symmetries** and produce **Chiral Spectrum**
6. **Kähler** moduli control the size of **Internal Volume** which, amongst other things, determines cosmological properties.

*THANK YOU*  
for your attention

*APPENDIX*

## Closed String Spectrum

*Emerges from the combination of  $L$ -moving and  $R$ -moving open strings with  $NS$  and  $R$  boundary conditions*

**Closed String Sectors:**

$$(NS, NS), (NS, R), (R, NS), (R, R)$$

**bosons:**  $(NS, NS)$  and  $(R, R)$

**fermions:**  $(NS, R)$  and  $(R, NS)$

**Type II-B:**

*truncation of spectrum to preserve supersymmetry:  $(-)^{F_{L,R}}$*

$$Left = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} NS_+ \\ R_- \end{array} \right\}, \quad Right = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} NS_+ \\ R_- \end{array} \right\}$$

★ multiplicity of spectrum on GUT surface counted by topological invariant (Euler characteristic)

$$-n_j = \chi(S, \mathcal{L}_j) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1(\mathcal{L}_j) \cdot c_1(\mathcal{L}_j) + \frac{1}{2}c_1(\mathcal{L}_j) \cdot c_1(S)$$

$$-n_j^* = \chi(S, \mathcal{L}_j^*) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}c_1(\mathcal{L}_j^*) \cdot c_1(\mathcal{L}_j^*) + \frac{1}{2}c_1(\mathcal{L}_j^*) \cdot c_1(S)$$

▲  $c_1(S), c_1(L)$  Chern classes (topological invariants counting independent sections)

*At the level of  $SU(5)$  breaking consider  $(\mathbf{3}, 2)_{-\frac{5}{6}} + (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 2)_{\frac{5}{6}} \in 24$ :*

$$\chi(S, \mathcal{L}^*) + \chi(S, \mathcal{L}) = 2 + c_1(\mathcal{L}) \cdot c_1(L)$$

These states can be eliminated by choosing

$$c_1(\mathcal{L})^2 = -2$$



## Hyper-Flux Doublet-Triplet splitting :

$U(1)_Y$  – Flux-splitting of  $\mathbf{5}_{H_u}$ :

$$n_{(3,1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}} - n_{(\bar{3},1)_{\frac{1}{3}}} = M_5 = 0$$

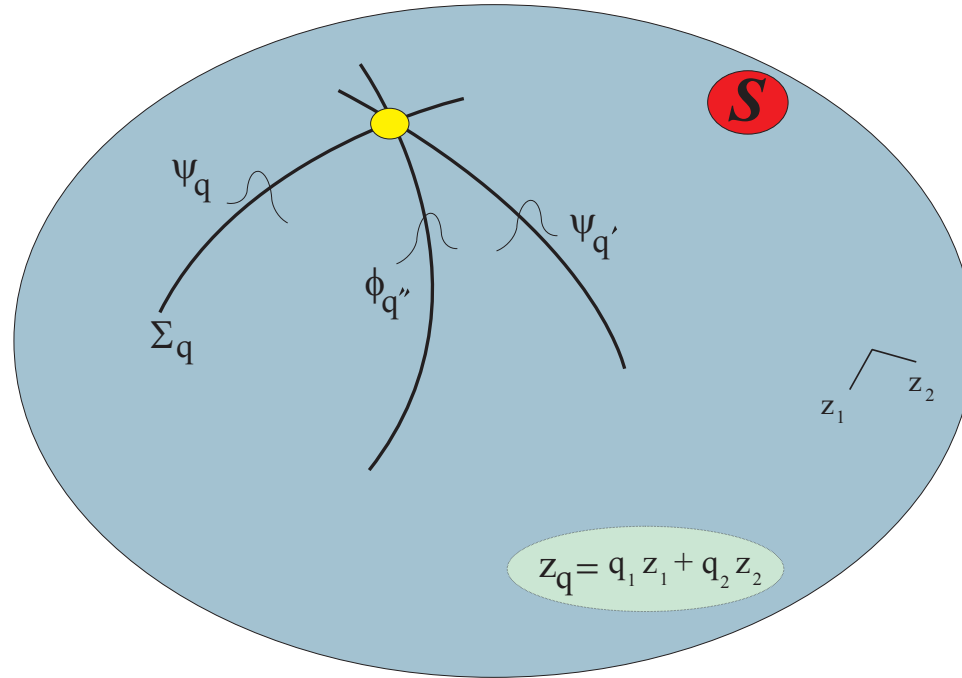
$$n_{(1,2)_{\frac{1}{2}}} - n_{(1,2)_{-\frac{1}{2}}} = M_5 + N_{Y_5} = 0 + 1 = 1 (H_u)$$

$U(1)_Y$  – Flux-splitting of  $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_{H_d} \rightarrow$ :

$$n_{(3,1)_{-\frac{1}{3}}} - n_{(\bar{3},1)_{\frac{1}{3}}} = M_5 = 0$$

$$n_{(1,2)_{\frac{1}{2}}} - n_{(1,2)_{-\frac{1}{2}}} = M_5 + N_{Y_5} = 0 - 1 = -1 (H_d)$$

Particles' Wavefunctions: solving EoM  $\rightarrow \psi \sim f(z_i)e^{-M|z_j|^2}$



Strength of Yukawa coupling  $\propto$  integral of overlapping  $\psi$ 's at 3-intersection:

$$\lambda_{ij} \propto \int \psi_i(z_1, z_2) \psi_j(z_1, z_2) \psi_H(z_1, z_2) dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \approx \lesssim 1$$

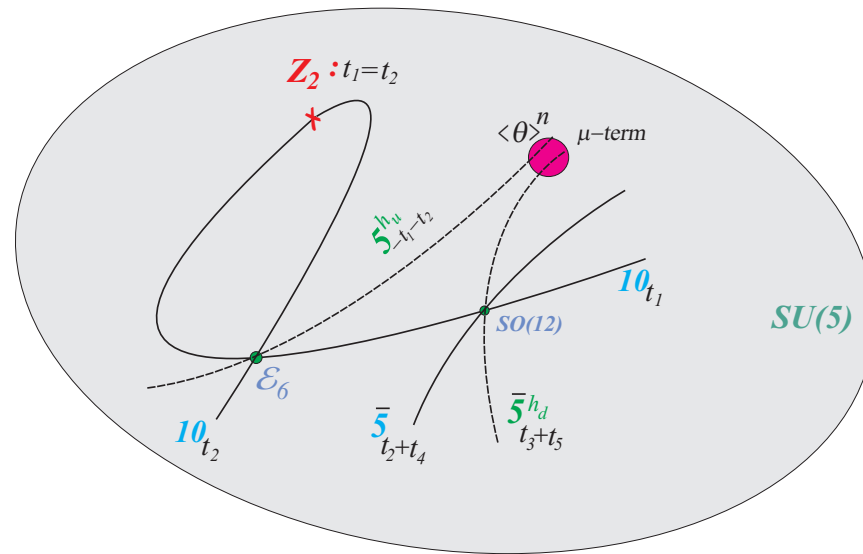
In a holomorphic basis of the wavefunctions the Yukawa Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_p \psi_i(p) \psi_j(p) \psi_k(p) \int d\theta^2 \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k \equiv \lambda_{ijk} \int d\theta^2 \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k$$

1.  $\psi_i(p)$ : component corresponds to the internal value of the wavefunction
2.  $\chi_i$ : Corresponding chiral superfield, evaluated at the point  $p$

Taking into account the normalisation of kinetic terms, while assuming comparable size of volumes for matter curves,  $\mathcal{V}_\Sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{V}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \propto a_{GUT}^{3/4} \lambda_{ijk}^0 \int d\theta^2 \chi_i \chi_j \chi_k$$



Recall that type IIB string theory admits  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$   
 This implies invariance of the resulting EFT under some subgroup  
 $\Gamma_s \subset SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .



This **Motivates** us to look for a  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  completion of  
 loop-corrections.

Consider the non-holomorphic Eisenstein series:  $\mathcal{E}_{\frac{3}{2}} \equiv E_{\frac{3}{2}}(S, \bar{S})$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_{\frac{3}{2}} = \underbrace{2\zeta(3) \left(\frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}}{2i}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}_{\alpha'^3\text{-part}} + \underbrace{4\zeta(2) \left(\frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}}{2i}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}_{\text{loop-part}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\tau - \bar{\tau}}{2i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}_{\text{non-pert.part}} \mathcal{O}(e^{-2\pi\text{Re}\tau}) \quad (8)$$

Observation:

$1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  terms are associated with  $\alpha'^3$  and **loop** corrections.

## Higher derivative couplings in curvature

*(generated by multigraviton scattering)*

*(see hep-th/9704145; 9707013; 9707018)*

*Leading correction term in type II-B action:*

*proportional to the fourth power of curvature:*

$$\mathcal{S} \supset A \int_{M_{10}} e^{-2\phi_{10}} \mathcal{R}_{(10)} - B \int_{M_{10}} (-2\zeta(3)e^{-2\phi_{10}} - 4\zeta(2)) R^4 \wedge e^2$$

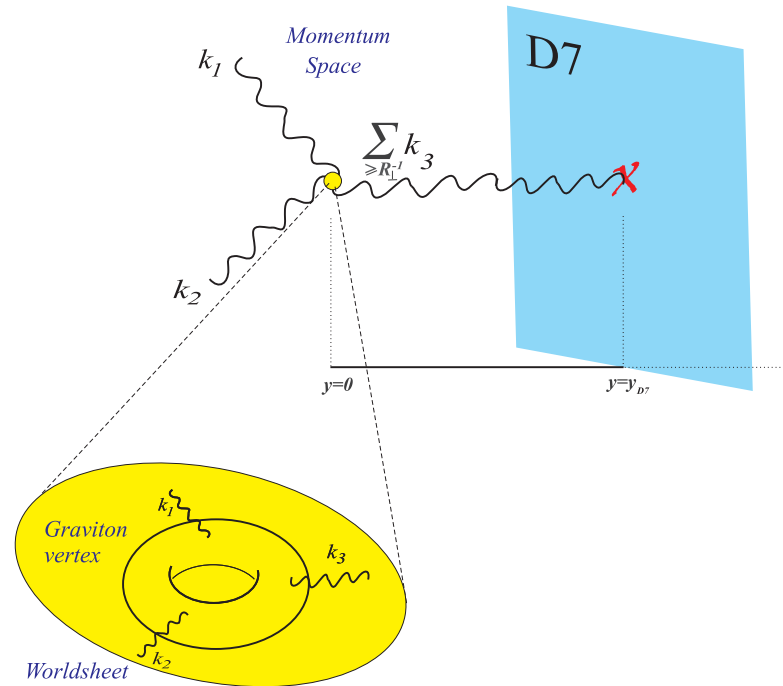
Upon compactification  $R^4$ -term induces a **novel Einstein-Hilbert** ( $\mathcal{EH}$ ) term  $\mathcal{R}_{(4)} \propto$  by the Euler characteristic  $\chi$ :

$$\propto \underbrace{\chi \int_{M_4} (\zeta(2) - \zeta(3)e^{-2\phi}) \mathcal{R}_{(4)}}_{\text{induced } \mathcal{EH} \text{ term}}, \quad \text{where: } \chi \sim \int_{\mathcal{X}_6} R^3$$

▲▲ *this  $\mathcal{EH}$  term is possible in 4-dimensions only!*

▲▲ New  $\mathcal{EH}$ -term is localised at points with  $\chi \neq 0$ ▲▲

Consider graviton scattering with KK-exchange between graviton vertex and a  $D7$ -brane



$$\propto \zeta(2) \chi \int_{M_4} \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1,2,3} e^{2\phi} \mathcal{T}_i \log(R_{\perp}^i) \right) \mathcal{R}_{(4)} ,$$



Solutions for massless fields residing on 7-branes.

Equations solved by expanding the fields  $A, \Phi$  assuming linear fluctuations around the background:

$$A_{\bar{m}} \rightarrow \langle A_{\bar{m}} \rangle + a_{\bar{m}}, \quad \Phi \rightarrow \langle \Phi \rangle + \varphi \quad (9)$$

with the definitions

$$a = a_{\bar{z}_1} d\bar{z}_1 + a_{\bar{z}_2} d\bar{z}_2, \quad \varphi = \varphi_{\bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2} d\bar{z}_1 \wedge d\bar{z}_2 \quad (10)$$

Then, keeping only linear terms regarding the fluctuations  $\varphi, a$ , in the holomorphic gauge the EoM take the form

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\partial}_{\langle A \rangle} a &= 0 \\ \bar{\partial}_{\langle A \rangle} \varphi - i[a, \langle \bar{\Phi} \rangle] &= 0 \\ \omega \wedge \partial_{\langle A \rangle} a - \frac{1}{2}[\langle \bar{\Phi} \rangle, \varphi] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Master formula for F-term potential

(for generic  $\mathcal{U}_1$  loop corrections)



$$V_{\alpha'+\text{generic}} = e^{\kappa} \left( \frac{3\nu}{2\mathcal{U}^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}_1}{\partial \nu} \right)^2 \frac{4\nu^2 + \nu \hat{\xi} + 4\hat{\xi}^2}{\nu - \hat{\xi}} - 3 \right) |W_0|^2$$

▲▲ For  $\alpha'$  and logarithmic corrections:  $\mathcal{U}_1 = -\hat{\eta} + \hat{\eta} \log \nu$  :

$$V_{\alpha'+\log} = 12g_s e^{K_{cs}} |W_0|^2 \underbrace{\hat{\xi} \frac{\nu^2 + 7\hat{\xi}\nu + \hat{\xi}^2}{(\nu - \hat{\xi})(2\nu + \hat{\xi})^4}}_{\alpha'^3\text{-corrections}} - \frac{3\kappa}{2} |W_0|^2 \underbrace{\frac{2\hat{\eta} - \hat{\eta} \log \nu}{2\nu^3}}_{\text{logarithmic}} + \dots$$