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Local SU(5) Unification from the Heterotic String

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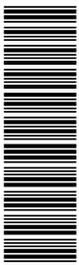
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ABSTRACT: We construct a 6D supergravity theory which emerges as intermediate step in the compactification of the heterotic string to the supersymmetric standard model in four dimensions. The theory has $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry and a gravitational sector with one tensor and two hypermultiplets in addition to the supergravity multiplet. Compactification to four dimensions occurs on a T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold which has two inequivalent pairs of fixed points with unbroken SU(5) and SU(2) \times SU(4) symmetry, respectively. All gauge, gravitational and mixed anomalies are cancelled by the Green-Schwarz mechanism. The model has partial 6D gauge-Higgs unification. Two quark-lepton generations are localized at the SU(5) branes, the third family is composed of split bulk hypermultiplets. The top Yukawa coupling is given by the 6D gauge coupling, all other Yukawa couplings are generated by higher-dimensional operators at the SU(5) branes. The presence of the SU(2) \times SU(4) brane breaks SU(5) and generates split gauge and Higgs multiplets with $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry in four dimensions. The third generation is obtained from two split $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets and two split $\mathbf{10}$ -plets, which together have the quantum numbers of one $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plet and one $\mathbf{10}$ -plet. This avoids unsuccessful SU(5) predictions for Yukawa couplings of ordinary 4D SU(5) grand unified theories.

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1. Introduction

The symmetries and the particle content of the standard model point towards grand unified theories (GUTs). The simplest unified gauge group is $SU(5)$ with three $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ - and $\mathbf{10}$ -plets for the three quark-lepton generations of the standard model [1]. Higgs doublets can be obtained from further $\mathbf{5}$ - and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets, with their heavy color triplet partners decoupled from the low energy theory. In supersymmetric GUTs the hierarchy

between the electroweak scale and the GUT scale is stabilized and, for the minimal case of two Higgs doublets, gauge couplings unify at the scale $M_{\text{GUT}} \simeq 2 \times 10^{16}$ GeV.

Neutrino masses and mixings can be described by adding a non-renormalizable, lepton-number violating dimension-5 operator composed of lepton and Higgs doublets, with coupling strength $1/\Lambda$. The observed smallness of the neutrino masses then requires $\Lambda = \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{GUT}})$, hinting at a $B-L$ breaking scale of the order of M_{GUT} . Embedding $SU(5)$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ in $SO(10)$ [2, 3], and continuing the route of unification via exceptional groups, one arrives at E_8 , which is beautifully realized in the heterotic string [4, 5].

An elegant scheme leading to chiral gauge theories in four dimensions is the compactification on orbifolds [6–10]. Recently, considerable progress has been made in deriving unified field theories from orbifold compactifications of the heterotic string [11–16], and it has been demonstrated that the idea of local grand unification can serve as a guide to find string vacua corresponding to the supersymmetric standard model [17–19]. In this paper we study in some detail an orbifold GUT limit of the model [17], where two of the compact dimensions are larger than the other four. In this way we hope to obtain a better understanding of some open questions of current orbifold compactifications: the large vacuum degeneracy, the decoupling of unwanted massless states and the stabilization of moduli fields.

The model [17] is based on a $\mathbb{Z}_{6-\text{II}}$ twist which is the product of a \mathbb{Z}_3 twist and a \mathbb{Z}_2 twist. In a first step, described in Section 2, we compactify the $E_8 \times E_8$ heterotic string on the orbifold T^4/\mathbb{Z}_3 , where T^4 is a 4-torus with the Lie algebra lattice $G_2 \times SU(3)$. The six-dimensional (6D) theory has $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry and unbroken gauge group

$$G_6 = SU(6) \times U(1)^3 \times [SU(3) \times SO(8) \times U(1)^2] , \quad (1.1)$$

where the brackets denote the subgroup of the second E_8 . The gravitational sector contains one tensor multiplet whose (anti-)self-dual part belongs to the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ (dilaton) supergravity multiplet.

Compactification from six to four dimensions on the orbifold T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 with $SO(4)$ Lie lattice leads to additional fixed points and twisted sectors. The massless spectrum in four dimensions agrees with the results obtained in [17, 18]. In addition to the zero modes, the 6D field theory contains the Kaluza–Klein excitations of the large $SO(4)$ -plane and further non-Abelian singlets. As described in Section 3, the projection conditions for physical massless states of the model [17] now become \mathbb{Z}_2 projection conditions for the 6D bulk fields at the orbifold fixed points in the $SO(4)$ -plane.

Given the \mathbb{Z}_2 parities of the 6D bulk fields, one can perform a highly non-trivial consistency check of the 6D field theory, the cancellation of all gauge, gravitational and mixed anomalies by the Green-Schwarz mechanism [20]. In Section 4 it is explicitly shown that all irreducible anomalies vanish and that the reducible ones are indeed cancelled by a unique Green–Schwarz term in the effective action [21, 22]. The

6D theory has different local anomalous $U(1)$ symmetries at the different fixed points in the $SO(4)$ plane. Their sum yields the anomalous $U(1)$ of the 4D theory [18].

The 6D theory has a GUT gauge group and $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry, and therefore considerably fewer multiplets than the 4D theory. This simplifies the decoupling of unwanted exotic states as we show in Section 5. For a vacuum with spontaneously broken $B - L$ symmetry we then obtain a local $SU(5)$ GUT model with two localized and two bulk quark-lepton families. The Higgs fields are identified as bulk fields with partial gauge-Higgs unification. The $SU(5)$ invariant Yukawa couplings and the $SU(5)$ breaking by the \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifolding are discussed in Section 6. Open problems concerning supersymmetric vacua and the stabilization of the compact dimensions are outlined in Section 7.

Finally, in Section 8, we conclude with a brief outlook on open questions and further challenges for realistic compactifications of the heterotic string.

2. 6D Supergravity from the Heterotic String

2.1 The Heterotic String on T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{6-II}

We consider the propagation of the $E_8 \times E_8$ heterotic string in a space-time background which is the product of four-dimensional Minkowski space and a six-dimensional orbifold [23]. The compact space is obtained by dividing the torus $T^6 = \mathbb{R}^6/2\pi\Lambda$ by the discrete symmetry $\mathbb{Z}_{6-II} = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ of the Lie algebra lattice $SO(4) \times SU(3) \times G_2$. The four complex coordinates z^i , $i = 1 \dots 4$, comprise the two transverse dimensions of Minkowski space ($i = 4$) and the six compact dimensions ($i = 1 \dots 3$).

The \mathbb{Z}_{6-II} orbifold with the $G_2 \times SU(3) \times SO(4)$ lattice is characterized by the twist vector

$$v_6 = \left(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}; 0 \right), \quad (2.1)$$

which is the sum of \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_2 twist vectors, $v_6 = -v_3 + v_2$, where

$$v_3 = 2v_6, \quad v_2 = 3v_6. \quad (2.2)$$

Note that the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist leaves the $SO(4)$ plane invariant whereas the \mathbb{Z}_2 twist does not affect the $SU(3)$ plane. Both twists act non-trivially on the G_2 plane.

In the light-cone gauge the heterotic string can be described by 4 complex coordinates $Z^i(\sigma)$ ($i = 1 \dots 4$), 4 bosonized right-moving Neveu-Schwarz-Ramond (NSR) fermions $H^i(\sigma_-)$ ($i = 1 \dots 4$) and 16 left-moving bosons $X^I(\sigma_+)$ ($I = 1 \dots 16$), where $\sigma_{\pm} = \tau \pm \sigma$. The fields X^I are compactified on the 16-dimensional $E_8 \times E_8$ torus. Correspondingly, the momenta of the right-moving fields H^i lie on the weight lattice of the little group $SO(8)$. The quantum numbers of a string state are thus given

by the $E_8 \times E_8$ root vector p^I for the gauge and the $SO(8)$ weight vector q^i for the Lorentz quantum numbers.

The orbifold twist is embedded into the gauge group by the \mathbb{Z}_6 twist vector

$$V_6 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, 0^5 \right) \left(\frac{17}{6}, \left(-\frac{5}{2} \right)^6, \frac{5}{2} \right). \quad (2.3)$$

In addition, there are two Wilson lines associated with the two subtwists: a \mathbb{Z}_3 Wilson line W_3 in the $SU(3)$ plane and a \mathbb{Z}_2 Wilson line W_2 in the $SO(4)$ plane, given by

$$W_3 = \left(-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \left(-\frac{1}{6} \right)^5 \right) \left(0, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, -1, 0^3 \right), \quad (2.4)$$

$$W_2 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0^3 \right) \left(\frac{23}{4}, -\frac{25}{4}, -\frac{21}{4}, -\frac{19}{4}, -\frac{25}{4}, -\frac{21}{4}, -\frac{17}{4}, \frac{17}{4} \right). \quad (2.5)$$

A basis in the Hilbert space of the quantized string is obtained by acting with the creation operators ($n < 0$) for right-handed modes ($\alpha_n^i, \tilde{\beta}_n^i$) and left-handed modes ($\tilde{\alpha}_n^i, \tilde{\alpha}_n^I$) on the ground states of the untwisted sector U ($k = 0$) and the twisted sectors T_k ($k = 1 \dots 5$). The ground states of the different sectors depend on the momentum vectors q^i, p^I and, for the twisted sectors, also on the fixed point f (cf. [18, 23]),

$$|q, p\rangle \equiv |q\rangle \otimes |p\rangle, \quad |f; q, p\rangle \equiv |q_{\text{sh}}\rangle \otimes |p_{\text{sh}}\rangle, \quad (2.6)$$

with the shifted momenta

$$q_{\text{sh}} = q + kv_6, \quad p_{\text{sh}} = p + V_f. \quad (2.7)$$

Here k is the order of the twist and V_f is the local gauge twist at the fixed point f . It turns out that for the considered model only oscillator modes of the left-moving strings $Z_L^i(\sigma_+)$, $Z_L^{*i}(\sigma_+)$ and $X^I(\sigma_+)$ are relevant.

2.2 Intermediate \mathbb{Z}_3 Compactification

We are now interested in the effective field theory for the massless states in the limit where the $SO(4)$ plane is much larger than the G_2 and $SU(3)$ planes, yielding approximately flat 6D Minkowski space. Hence, in a first step, we consider the compactification on the orbifold T^4/\mathbb{Z}_3 . The physical states of the gravitational sector,

$$|q, i\rangle = |q\rangle \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_{-1}^i |0\rangle, \quad |q, i^*\rangle = |q\rangle \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_{-1}^{*i} |0\rangle, \quad (2.8)$$

have to satisfy the mass equations

$$\frac{1}{8}m_R^2 = \frac{1}{2}q^2 - \frac{1}{2} = 0, \quad (2.9a)$$

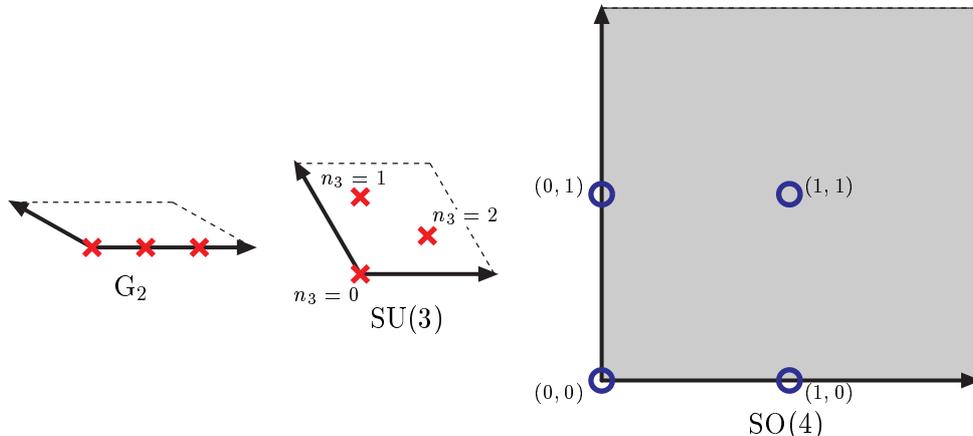


Figure 1: The tori of the orbifold T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6 . Red crosses mark fixed points of the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist used for the first step of compactification. The $SO(4)$ torus is invariant, while the other tori contain three fixed points each. The fixed points in the G_2 torus are equivalent, while the $SU(3)$ torus contains a Wilson line, and the fixed points are inequivalent and labelled by n_3 . The blue circles mark the \mathbb{Z}_2 fixed points in the $SO(4)$ plane which are labelled by (n_2, n'_2) . There are further \mathbb{Z}_2 fixed points in the G_2 torus which are not shown.

$$\frac{1}{8}m_L^2 = \frac{1}{2}p^2 - 1 + \tilde{N} + \tilde{N}^* = 0. \quad (2.9b)$$

Here $p = 0$, and \tilde{N}, \tilde{N}^* are the oscillator numbers for left-moving modes in z^i, z^{*i} directions, summed over i : $\tilde{N} = \sum_i \tilde{N}_i, \tilde{N}^* = \sum_i \tilde{N}_i^*$. Furthermore, physical states have to be invariant under the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist,

$$v_3 \cdot (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^* - q) = 0 \pmod{1}. \quad (2.10)$$

The 16 bosonic states¹ $q = (0, 0, \underline{\pm 1}, 0)$ with $i = 3, 4$, together with the 16 fermionic states $q = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \underline{\pm \frac{1}{2}}, \underline{\pm \frac{1}{2}}), (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \underline{\pm \frac{1}{2}}, \underline{\pm \frac{1}{2}})$ with $i = 3, 4$, form the familiar 6D supergravity and dilaton $N = 2$ multiplets [24],

$$(G_{MN}, B_{MN}^+, \Psi_M), \quad (B_{MN}^-, \Phi, \chi). \quad (2.11)$$

Here B_{MN}^+ (B_{MN}^-) is the antisymmetric tensor field with (anti-)self-dual field strength. Note that together there is only one tensor field B_{MN} without self-duality conditions, which is the special case for which a lagrangian exists.

The 4 bosonic states $q = (1, 0, 0, 0), (0, -1, 0, 0)$ with $\tilde{N}_1 = 1, \tilde{N}_2^* = 0$ or $\tilde{N}_1 = 0, \tilde{N}_2^* = 1$, together with the corresponding 4 fermionic states $q = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \underline{\frac{1}{2}}, \underline{-\frac{1}{2}})$ and the charge conjugate states correspond to two 6D hypermultiplets,

$$C_1, \quad C_2. \quad (2.12)$$

¹Underline denotes all permutations.

They contain the two ‘radion’ fields of the small G_2 and $SU(3)$ tori as well as off-diagonal components of the metric and the tensor fields and the associated superpartners. The complex structure of the small dimensions is fixed. All 24 bosonic fields originate from the 64 bosonic states \hat{G}_{MN} , \hat{B}_{MN} and $\hat{\Phi}$ in 10 dimensions. The remaining 40 bosonic states and their fermionic superpartners are projected out by the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist.

The massless physical states of the gauge sector,

$$|q, p\rangle \equiv |q\rangle \otimes |p\rangle , \quad (2.13)$$

have vanishing oscillator numbers and satisfy the projection conditions

$$v_3 \cdot q - V_f \cdot p = 0 \pmod{1} . \quad (2.14)$$

Here $V_f = 2(V_6 + n_3 W_3)$ are the local \mathbb{Z}_3 gauge subtwists of the model. They differ by multiples of the \mathbb{Z}_3 Wilson line W_3 in the $SU(3)$ plane, which distinguishes the three inequivalent fixed points labelled by $n_3 = 0, 1, 2$ (cf. Fig. 1). Eqs. (2.14) are equivalent to

$$v_3 \cdot q - V_3 \cdot p = 0 \pmod{1} , \quad W_3 \cdot p = 0 \pmod{1} , \quad (2.15)$$

where the second condition reflects the fact that the finite extension of the $SU(3)$ plane is neglected in the 6D effective field theory.

At each fixed point in the $SU(3)$ plane the group $E_8 \times E_8$ is broken to the subgroup $SO(14) \times U(1) \times [SO(14) \times U(1)]$, which is differently embedded into $E_8 \times E_8$ at the different fixed points [18]. The brackets denote the subgroup of the second E_8 . The $U(1)$ factors are sometimes omitted; they can always be reconstructed since the rank of the gauge group is preserved. One easily verifies that the intersection of the three $E_8 \times E_8$ subgroups, which yields the unbroken gauge group of the 6D theory, is given by

$$G_6 = SU(6) \times U(1)^3 \times [SU(3) \times SO(8) \times U(1)^2] , \quad (2.16)$$

with the massless $\mathcal{N} = 2$ vector multiplets

$$(\mathbf{35}; 1, 1) + (1; \mathbf{8}, 1) + (1; 1, \mathbf{28}) + 5 \times (1; 1, 1) . \quad (2.17)$$

The massless vector states are obtained from the conditions (2.14) for $v_3 \cdot q = 0$. There are two further possibilities, $v_3 \cdot q = \pm 1/3$ and $v_3 \cdot q = \pm 2/3$, which lead to $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets. A straightforward calculation yields the gauge multiplets

$$(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1) + (1; 1, \mathbf{8}) + (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s) + (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c) + 4 \times (1; 1, 1) , \quad (2.18)$$

with the $U(1)$ charges listed in Table A.2.

In addition to the vector and hypermultiplets from the untwisted sector of the string, there are 6D bulk fields which originate from the twisted sectors T_2 and T_4 of

Sector	Multiplet	Representation	#
Gravity	Graviton	G_{MN}	1
	Dilaton	Φ	1
	Hyper	C_1, C_2	2
Untwisted	Vector	$(\mathbf{35}; 1, 1)$	35
		$(1; \mathbf{8}, 1)$	8
		$(1; 1, \mathbf{28})$	28
		$5 \times (1; 1, 1)$	5
Untwisted	Hyper	$(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1)$	20
		$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}) + (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s) + (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	24
		$4 \times (1; 1, 1)$	4
Twisted	Hyper	$9 \times (\mathbf{6}; 1, 1) + 9 \times (\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	108
		$9 \times (1; \mathbf{3}; 1, 1) + 9 \times (1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}; 1, 1)$	54
		$3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8}) + 3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s) + 3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	72
		$36 \times (1; 1, 1)$	36

Table 2.1: $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supermultiplets of the 6D theory: graviton, dilaton, 76 vector and 320 hypermultiplets. The non-Abelian symmetry group is $SU(6) \times [SU(3) \times SO(8)]$.

the \mathbb{Z}_{6-II} model, corresponding to the twisted sectors \hat{T}_1 and \hat{T}_2 of the \mathbb{Z}_3 subtwist. The projection conditions for physical states are

$$v_3 \cdot (\tilde{N}_f - \tilde{N}_f^*) - v_3 \cdot (q + v_3) + V_f \cdot (p + V_f) = 0 \pmod{1}, \quad (2.19)$$

where $\tilde{N}_f, \tilde{N}_f^*$ are the integer oscillator numbers for left-moving modes localized at the fixed point f (cf. [18]).

At each fixed point one has states with $\tilde{N}_f = \tilde{N}_f^* = 0$, which yield $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets $(\mathbf{14}, 1)$ and $(1, \mathbf{14})$. With respect to the 6D gauge group these multiplets form the reducible representations

$$(\mathbf{14}, 1) = (\mathbf{6}; 1, 1) + (\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1) + 2 \times (1; 1, 1), \quad (2.20a)$$

$$(1, \mathbf{14}) = (1; \mathbf{3}, 1) + (1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1) + (1; 1, \hat{\mathbf{8}}). \quad (2.20b)$$

At the three $SU(3)$ fixed points, $(1; 1, \hat{\mathbf{8}})$ corresponds to $(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$, $(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$ and $(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$, respectively. Furthermore, there are oscillator states for the two small compact planes,

$$|q + v_3\rangle \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_{f-1}^i |p + V_f\rangle, \quad |q + v_3\rangle \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_{f-1}^{*i} |p + V_f\rangle, \quad i = 3, 4, \quad (2.21)$$

which yield two non-Abelian singlet hypermultiplets for each fixed point.

In addition to the three inequivalent fixed points in the $SU(3)$ plane, there are three equivalent fixed points of the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist in the G_2 plane. This yields a multiplicity of three for all hypermultiplets from the T_2 and T_4 sectors. All the multiplets of the

6D theory are summarized in Table 2.1. The full listing including the $U(1)$ charges is given in Appendix A.2.

Let us finally consider the interaction between vector and hypermultiplets. It is convenient to decompose all $\mathcal{N} = 2$ 6D multiplets in terms of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ 4D multiplets. The 6D vector multiplet splits into a pair of 4D vector and chiral multiplets, $A = (V, \phi)$, and a hypermultiplet consists of a pair of chiral multiplets, $H = (H_L, H_R)$; here ϕ and H_L are left-handed, H_R is right-handed. In flat space, the interaction lagrangian takes the simple form [25]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_H = & \int d^4\theta \left(H_L^\dagger e^{2gV} H_L + H_R^{c\dagger} e^{-2gV} H_R^c \right) \\ & + \int d^2\theta H_R^c \left(\partial + \sqrt{2}g\phi \right) H_L + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

After compactification to four dimensions, the first term yields the familiar gauge interactions, whereas the second term can give rise to Yukawa couplings. For the hypermultiplet $(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1)$ one obtains

$$\mathcal{L}_H \supset \sqrt{2}g \int d^2\theta H_R^c(\mathbf{20})\phi(\mathbf{35})H_L(\mathbf{20}) + \text{h.c.} \quad (2.23)$$

The $SU(6)$ $\mathbf{20}$ -plet contains $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{10}$ - and $\overline{\mathbf{10}}$ -plets, and the $\mathbf{35}$ -plet contains $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{5}$ - and $\overline{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets. As we shall see in Section 6, after projection onto 4D zero modes, Eq. (2.22) yields precisely the top Yukawa coupling. The Yukawa terms for the hypermultiplets $(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$ and $(\overline{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$,

$$\mathcal{L}_H \supset \sqrt{2}g \int d^2\theta (H_R^c(\mathbf{6})\phi(\mathbf{35})H_L(\mathbf{6}) + H_R^c(\overline{\mathbf{6}})\phi(\mathbf{35})H_L(\overline{\mathbf{6}})) + \text{h.c.} \quad (2.24)$$

will be important for the decoupling of exotic states in Section 5.

3. \mathbb{Z}_2 Compactification to Four Dimensions

The compactification from six to four dimensions on a \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold leads to four additional fixed points in the $SO(4)$ plane and to further projection conditions for physical massless states. The fixed points are labelled by $(n_2, n'_2) = (0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)$ (cf. Fig. 1). Due to the Wilson line W_2 , they come in two pairs of equivalent fixed points, and the projection conditions only depend on n_2 and not on n'_2 .

At the fixed points, half of the supersymmetry generators are broken and only $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry remains unbroken. For the gravitational and gauge multiplets of the untwisted sector the projection conditions are [18]

$$v_2 \cdot (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^*) - v_2 \cdot q + V_f \cdot p = 0 \pmod{1}, \quad (3.1)$$

where $v_2 = 3v_6$, and $V_f = 3V_6 + n_2W_2$ are the local twists at the fixed points $n_2 = 0, 1$ in the $SO(4)$ plane.

n_2	Gauge group
0	$SU(5) \times U(1)^4 \times [SU(3) \times SO(8) \times U(1)^2]$
1	$SU(2) \times SU(4) \times U(1)^4 \times [SU(2)' \times SU(4)' \times U(1)^4]$
\cap	$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)^5 \times [SU(2)' \times SU(4)' \times U(1)^4]$

Table 3.1: *List of the local gauge groups and their intersection.*

In this paper we consider an anisotropic orbifold where the $SO(4)$ plane is much larger than the G_2 and $SU(3)$ planes. The Kaluza–Klein states of the $SO(4)$ plane can be included in an effective field theory below the string scale by considering fields in the two large compact dimensions instead of 4D zero modes which are assumed to be constant in the compact dimensions. For the \mathbb{Z}_2 twist, one has (cf. [18]) $(\theta^3, l_f)(z_f^3 + z^3) = z_f^3 - z^3$, where (θ^3, l_f) is the space group element of the fixed point f and $z^3 = y^5 + iy^6$ is the complex coordinate in the $SO(4)$ plane. The projection conditions (3.1) for the massless states then become local projection conditions for fields in the compact dimensions,

$$P_f : \begin{aligned} \phi(y_f + y) &= \eta_f(\phi) \phi(y_f - y) , \\ \eta_f(\phi) &= \exp\left\{2\pi i \left(v_2 \cdot (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^* - q) + V_f \cdot p\right)\right\} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

The momenta p , q and the oscillator number $\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^*$ of the states determine the quantum numbers of the corresponding fields ϕ , and $\eta_f(\phi) = \pm 1$. Only fields which have positive parity at all fixed points have zero modes.

As an example, consider the 6D metric

$$ds^2 = g_{MN} dx^M dx^N = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + 2g_{\mu m} dx^\mu dy^m + g_{mn} dy^m dy^n , \quad (3.3)$$

where x^μ and y^m are the coordinates of 4D Minkowski space and the two compact dimensions, respectively. One easily obtains from Eqs. (2.8) and (3.2) the projection conditions

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x, y) = g_{\mu\nu}(x, -y) , \quad g_{\mu m}(x, y) = -g_{\mu m}(x, -y) , \quad g_{mn}(x, y) = g_{mn}(x, -y) . \quad (3.4)$$

The 4D zero mode $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ is part of the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supergravity multiplet $(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_\mu)$ while the three degrees of freedom in $g_{mn}(x)$ join with B_{56} to form the moduli multiplets T and S containing the radion field and the complex structure of the torus.

The projection conditions for the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ vector multiplets A are most conveniently expressed in terms of the corresponding $\mathcal{N} = 1$ vector (V) and chiral (ϕ) multiplets, $A = (V, \phi)$, which are elements of the Lie algebra of the 6D bulk gauge group. The unbroken gauge group at the fixed point f is determined by the condition

$$p \cdot V_f = 0 \pmod{1} . \quad (3.5)$$

At the fixed points $n_2 = 0$ and $n_2 = 1$ in the $SO(4)$ plane, the bulk gauge group $SU(6) \times [SU(3) \times SO(8)]$ is broken to subgroups containing $SU(5) \times [SU(2)' \times SU(4)']$ and $SU(2) \times SU(4) \times [SU(2)' \times SU(4)']$, respectively. At the two fixed points the conditions for the vector and chiral multiplets are given by

$$P_f V(x, y_f - y) P_f = V(x, y_f + y), \quad P_f \phi(x, y_f - y) P_f = -\phi(x, y_f + y), \quad (3.6)$$

where P_f is the \mathbb{Z}_2 parity matrix. Again only $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry remains unbroken. As an example, for the $SU(6)$ factor, one has $P_0 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, -1)$ at $n_2 = 0$, and $P_1 = \text{diag}(1, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1)$ at $n_2 = 1$. The decomposition of the bulk gauge fields with respect to the locally unbroken subgroups, together with all $U(1)$ charges, are listed in Tables 3.2 and 3.3. For the unbroken subgroup, vectors have positive and scalars negative parity; for the broken generators the situation is reversed.

At the fixed point $n_2 = 0$ the GUT group $SU(5) \times U(1)$ is unbroken, and the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ vector multiplet $\mathbf{35}$ of $SU(6)$ splits into the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ vector multiplets $\mathbf{24} + \mathbf{1}$ with positive parity and the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ chiral multiplets $\mathbf{5} + \bar{\mathbf{5}}$ with positive parity from the coset $SU(6)/(SU(5) \times U(1))$. From Table 3.3 one reads off that the projection condition at the fixed point $n_2 = 1$ projects out the color triplets from both the $\mathbf{5}$ - and the $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets. This is the well known doublet-triplet splitting of orbifold GUTs. As we shall discuss in Section 5, the remaining $SU(2)$ doublets can play the role of Higgs or lepton doublets in the 4D effective theory.

The $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets H consist of pairs of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ left- and right-chiral multiplets, $H = (H_L, H_R)$. For the projection conditions one finds

$$P_f H_L(x, y_f - y) = \eta_f H_L(x, y_f + y), \quad P_f H_R(x, y_f - y) = -\eta_f H_R(x, y_f + y), \quad (3.7)$$

where P_f is now a matrix in the representation of H , and η_f has to be calculated using Eq. (3.2). The parities for the hypermultiplets from the untwisted sector, decomposed with respect to the unbroken groups at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$ and $n_2 = 1$ are listed in the Tables 3.4 and 3.5.

Zero modes with standard model quantum numbers are contained in two $\mathcal{N} = 1$ chiral multiplets which are $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{10}$ -plets,

$$H_L = (\mathbf{10}; 1, 1), \quad H_R^c = (\bar{\mathbf{10}}^c; 1, 1). \quad (3.8)$$

From the Tables 3.4 and 3.5 one easily verifies that the projection conditions at the fixed point $n_2 = 1$ yield the following quark-lepton states as 4D zero modes:

$$\mathbf{10} : (3, 2) = q; \quad \bar{\mathbf{10}}^c : (\bar{3}, 1) = u^c, (1, 1) = e^c. \quad (3.9)$$

Together, the zero modes have again the quantum numbers of one $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{10}$ -plet. However, as we shall see in Section 6, it is crucial for their Yukawa couplings that they originate from two distinct $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{10}$ -plets.

Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	V	ϕ	t_6^0
$(\mathbf{35}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{24}; 1, 1)$	+	-	0
	$(\mathbf{5}; 1, 1)$	-	+	-6
	$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}; 1, 1)$	-	+	6
	$(1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0
$(1; \mathbf{8}, 1)$	$(1; \mathbf{8}, 1)$	+	-	0
$(1; 1, \mathbf{28})$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{28})$	+	-	0

Table 3.2: Local decomposition of vector multiplets at $n_2 = 0$.

Bulk	$n_2 = 1$	V	ϕ	t_6^1	t_7	t_8
$(\mathbf{35}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{3}, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0
	$(1, \mathbf{15}; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0
	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{4}; 1, 1)$	-	+	15	0	0
	$(\mathbf{2}, \bar{\mathbf{4}}; 1, 1)$	-	+	-15	0	0
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0
$(1; \mathbf{8}, 1)$	$(1, 1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0
	$(1, 1; \mathbf{2}, 1)$	-	+	0	3	0
	$(1, 1; \mathbf{2}, 1)$	-	+	0	-3	0
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0
$(1; 1, \mathbf{28})$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{15})$	+	-	0	0	0
	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{6})$	-	+	0	0	2
	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{6})$	-	+	0	0	-2
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	0

Table 3.3: Local decomposition of vector multiplets at $n_2 = 1$.

As discussed in the previous section, the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets from the T_2/T_4 sector are bulk fields in the $SO(4)$ plane, but localized in the G_2 and $SU(3)$ planes. With respect to the bulk gauge group they transform as $(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$, $(\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$, $(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$, $(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$, $(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$, $(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$, $(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$ and $(1; 1, 1)$. One can form linear combinations of the states localized at the equivalent fixed points in the G_2 plane, which are eigenstates of the \mathbb{Z}_2 twist, $\Theta^3|q_\gamma\rangle = \exp(2\pi i q_\gamma)|q_\gamma\rangle$. For the twisted sector fields the projection conditions depend on the phase q_γ , and the parities $\eta_f(\phi)$ are given by

$$\eta_f(\phi) = \exp\left\{2\pi i \left(v_2 \cdot (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^* - q) + V_f \cdot p + q_\gamma\right)\right\}. \quad (3.10)$$

For the T_2/T_4 twisted states q_γ takes the values 0, 1/2, 1. The corresponding 6 parities for all hypermultiplets $H = (H_L, H_R)$ at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$ and $n_2 = 1$ are listed in Tables A.4–A.7.

Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	H_L	H_R	t_6^0	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
$(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{10}; 1, 1)$	+	-	3	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	
	$(\bar{\mathbf{10}}; 1, 1)$	-	+	-3	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	-	+	0	0	0	0	-1	0	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	+	-	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	+	-	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	0	U_1
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-3	0	0	U_2
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	1	-1	0	0	0	U_3
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	U_4

Table 3.4: Local decomposition of untwisted hypermultiplets at $n_2 = 0$.

Bulk	$n_2 = 1$	H_L	H_R	t_6^1	t_7	t_8	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
$(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	
	$(1, \mathbf{4}; 1, 1)$	+	-	-15	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	
	$(1, \bar{\mathbf{4}}; 1, 1)$	+	-	15	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{4})$	-	+	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	
	$(1, 1; 1, \bar{\mathbf{4}})$	+	-	0	0	1	0	0	0	-1	0	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{6})$	-	+	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	2	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	+	-	0	0	-2	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{4})$	-	+	0	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	
	$(1, 1; 1, \bar{\mathbf{4}})$	+	-	0	0	-1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	0	U_1
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-3	0	0	U_2
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	U_3
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	-	+	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	U_4

Table 3.5: Local decomposition of untwisted hypermultiplets at $n_2 = 1$.

The 6D theory contains 9 hypermultiplets of $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{5}$ -plets and 9 hypermultiplets of $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets. Each hypermultiplet contains a pair of $\mathbf{5}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ $\mathcal{N} = 1$ chiral multiplets.

As Table A.4 shows, the positive parities select from each triplet of hypermultiplets, with $q_\gamma = 0, 1/2, 1$, a chiral combination of $\mathbf{5}$ -plets: one $\mathbf{5}$ and two $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$'s or two $\mathbf{5}$'s and one $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$. The projection conditions at $n_2 = 1$ then leave as 4D zero modes from each $\mathbf{5}$ - or $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plet either the SU(3) triplet or the SU(2) doublet. In this way a spectrum of massless states is generated which is chiral with respect to the standard model group.

The \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifolding leads from the \mathbb{Z}_3 orbifold model of Section 2 to a \mathbb{Z}_6 orbifold model, and therefore to new twisted sectors T_1/T_5 and T_3 . The massless states are obtained from the corresponding mass equations (cf. [18]) with $k = 1$ and $k = 3$, respectively. In the T_3 sector one can choose a basis of eigenstates of the \mathbb{Z}_3 twist, $\Theta^2|q_\gamma\rangle = \exp(2\pi i q_\gamma)|q_\gamma\rangle$, with $q_\gamma = 0, 1/3, -1/3, 1$ (cf. [18]). The projection conditions for physical states now involve the parities

$$\eta_f(\phi) = \exp\left\{2\pi i \left(v_3 \cdot (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^* - q) + V_f \cdot p + q_\gamma\right)\right\} . \quad (3.11)$$

The states are bulk fields in the SU(3) plane, whose extension we neglect, but localized in the G_2 and SO(4) planes. All massless states from the T_1/T_5 and T_3 sectors at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$ and $n_2 = 1$ are listed in Tables A.8 and A.9.

At both fixed points with $n_2 = 0$, one standard model family with SU(5) quantum numbers $\bar{\mathbf{5}} + \mathbf{10}$ occurs. All other states are standard model singlets. On the contrary, there are no standard model singlets at the fixed point $n_2 = 1$, but only color singlets with exotic SU(2) \times U(1) quantum numbers.

So far we have ignored the localization number $n'_2 = 0, 1$ of the fixed points in the SO(4) plane, since it just leads to a doubling of the states localized at $n_2 = 0, 1$. Altogether, we have a rather simple picture for the standard model non-singlet states: There are two quark-lepton families localized at

$$n_2 = 0, n'_2 = 0, 1 : \quad \bar{\mathbf{5}} + \mathbf{10} . \quad (3.12)$$

From the bulk fields, vector and hypermultiplets, we have

$$11 \times \bar{\mathbf{5}} + 9 \times \mathbf{5} + \mathbf{10} + \overline{\mathbf{10}}^c . \quad (3.13)$$

The spectrum is chiral and looks like four quark-lepton families plus 9 pairs of $\mathbf{5}$'s and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$'s. However, the projection conditions at the $n_2 = 1$ fixed points eliminate half of the bulk fields, so that one is left with three quark-lepton families and several vector-like pairs of SU(3) triplets and SU(2) doublets which can accommodate a pair of Higgs doublets. Which $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$'s contain the quark and lepton states of the third family, and which one the Higgs doublet depends on the chosen vacuum. At the fixed points $n_2 = 1$ there are additional localized states with exotic quantum numbers. Using the Tables 3.2–3.5 and A.4–A.9, one can check that the spectrum of zero modes obtained in [18] is reproduced.

The determination of possible supersymmetric vacua, where some of the standard model singlet fields acquire large VEVs, is discussed in Sections 5 and 6. In such

U(1)	Generator Embedding into $E_8 \times E_8$	Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	$n_2 = 1$
t_1	(0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	✓	✓	✓
t_2	(0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	✓	✓	✓
t_3	(1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	✓	✓	✓
t_4	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	✓	✓	✓
t_5	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)	✓	✓	✓
t_6^0	(5, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	×	✓	×
t_6^1	(5, 0, 0, -10, -10, 5, 5, 5) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)	×	×	✓
t_7	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (0, 1, 1, -2, 0, 0, 0, 0)	×	×	✓
t_8	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, 1)	×	×	✓
t_{an}^0	(5, 0, -4, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1) (5, -1, -1, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0)		✓	
t_{an}^1	(1, 3, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) (-4, 4, 4, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0)			✓
$t_{\text{an}}^{(4d)}$	$(\frac{11}{6}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{6}) (1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, 0, 0)$			

Table 4.1: Definition of the U(1) generators. The last three columns indicate whether the generator is part of a non-Abelian group (×) or commutes with the semi-simple group (✓) in the bulk and at the fixed points. The anomalous U(1)'s are linear combinations of the commuting U(1)'s at the fixed point specified by the superscript or in four dimensions; they are denoted by t_{an}^0 , t_{an}^1 and $t_{\text{an}}^{(4d)}$, respectively.

vacua, unwanted SU(3) triplets and SU(2) can be decoupled. The positive and negative parities at the fixed points $n_2 = 0, 1$, listed in the Tables 3.2–3.5 and A.4–A.7 are also needed to check the cancellation of anomalies for the constructed 6D supergravity theory.

4. Anomalies

Anomalies of field theories on orbifolds are well understood [26], and also the six-dimensional case has been discussed in detail [21, 22, 27–29]. In general the orbifold anomaly has bulk and brane contributions. While the bulk terms are already present in the torus compactification, the localized anomalies crucially depend on the projection conditions at the orbifold fixed points and the twisted sectors of the orbifold. Thus the requirement that all anomalies of the model can be cancelled imposes highly non-trivial conditions on the spectrum. In the present model their fulfillment is guaranteed by the fact that it has been derived from string theory, which automatically provides the right Green–Schwarz terms for anomaly cancellation [20]. In this section we apply its six-dimensional version [21, 22] to our effective T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold model.

4.1 Anomalies and the Green–Schwarz Mechanism

Gauge anomalies require chiral fermions², so they can occur in any even dimension. Gravitational anomalies³, on the other hand, only arise in $4k + 2$ dimensions ($k = 0, 1, \dots$), hence they will appear in the bulk theory, but not on the branes.

The anomaly \mathcal{A} is defined as the (nonvanishing) gauge variation of the effective action, $\mathcal{A}(\Lambda) = \delta_\Lambda \Gamma$. It can be computed from the anomaly polynomial, a (formal) closed and gauge invariant $(d + 2)$ -form I_{d+2} , via the Stora–Zumino descent equations [30],

$$\mathcal{A}(\Lambda) \propto \int I_d^{(1)}, \quad dI_d^{(1)} = \delta_\Lambda I_{d+1}^{(0)}, \quad dI_{d+1}^{(0)} = I_{d+2}, \quad (4.1)$$

where the superscript indicates the order in the parameter Λ . I_{d+2} is a polynomial in traces of powers of the Riemann and Yang–Mills field strength tensors R and F_I , interpreted as matrix-valued two-forms $\frac{1}{2}R_{\mu\nu}{}^a{}_b dx^\mu dx^\nu$ and $\frac{1}{2}F_{I\mu\nu}{}^i{}_j dx^\mu dx^\nu$. They are derived from spin and gauge connection one-forms as $R = d\Omega + \Omega^2$ and $F_I = dA_I + A_I^2$, where I labels the factors of the gauge group. Here a, b are indices in the vector representation of $SO(1, d - 1)$, i, j are indices of some representation of the gauge group, and wedge products of forms are understood. Expressions of the form $\text{tr} F_I^n$ or $\text{tr} R^n$, the building blocks of I_{d+2} , are always closed and gauge invariant. Their coefficients in the anomaly polynomial depend on the numbers, representations and charges of the fermions under the respective gauge groups.

For the Green–Schwarz mechanism to cancel the anomalies, we exploit the transformation properties of the two-form $B_2 = \frac{1}{2}B_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu$. Its variation under gauge and Lorentz transformations with parameters Λ_I and Θ is

$$\delta B_2 = \text{tr}(\Theta d\Omega) - \sum_I \alpha_I \text{tr}(\Lambda_I dA_I). \quad (4.2)$$

The coefficients α_I are $\alpha_{\text{SU}(N)} = 2$ and $\alpha_{\text{SO}(N)} = 1$ (the $U(1)$ coefficients are normalization dependent). The crucial feature of this transformation is that δB_2 itself is the descent of the closed and gauge invariant four-form

$$X_4 = \text{tr} R^2 - \sum_I \alpha_I \text{tr} F_I^2, \quad (4.3)$$

such that the 3-form field strength $H_3 = dB_2 - X_3^{(0)}$ associated with B_2 is invariant. By adding appropriate interaction terms of the B -field to the action it is now possible to achieve a complete cancellation of the reducible anomalies.

²Also (anti)self-dual tensor fields can contribute. Since in our model there is one tensor field of each type, their effects cancel.

³Anomalies in local Lorentz transformations and in general coordinate transformations are equivalent in the sense that the anomaly can be shifted from one to the other by local counterterms. We will consider anomalies in local Lorentz transformations and refer to those as gravitational.

For T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 orbifolds, the total anomaly polynomial I_8 is of the form

$$I_8 = \frac{1}{2} I_8^{\text{bulk}} + \sum_f I_6^f \delta^2(y - y_f) dy^5 dy^6, \quad (4.4)$$

where I_8^{bulk} is the anomaly polynomial on $\mathbb{R}^{1,3} \times T^2$, and I_6^f is the local anomaly polynomial at the fixed point f . I_6^f receives two kinds of contributions: Brane-localized fields and bulk fields surviving the orbifold projection at this particular fixed point. The latter, however, contribute with a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$ because the orbifold contains four fixed points. The factor $\frac{1}{2}$ in (4.4) enters since the fundamental domain of the orbifold is half the one of the torus. These anomalies can be cancelled by the Green–Schwarz mechanism if I_8 is reducible, i.e., if it factorizes into a product involving X_4 . For the components this means

$$I_8^{\text{bulk}} = \beta X_4 Y_4, \quad I_6^f = \alpha X_4^f Y_2^f. \quad (4.5)$$

Here X_4^f follows from X_4 by projection onto the local gauge group, and we have pulled out factors $\alpha = \frac{i}{48(2\pi)^3}$ and $\beta = \frac{-i}{16(2\pi)^3}$. Since $\text{tr} R = \text{tr} F = 0$ for non-Abelian gauge groups, the localized two-forms Y_2^f can only be linear combinations of U(1) field strengths, which can be redefined as $Y_2^f = c^f F^f = c^f dA^f$. A^f and the corresponding generator are referred to as the anomalous U(1) at the fixed point f .

If the anomaly polynomial factorizes in the required way, the total anomaly $\mathcal{A} = \int I_6^{(1)}$ descends from (4.4) and is cancelled by variation of the Green–Schwarz action [22],

$$S_{\text{GS}} = \int \left\{ - \left(\frac{\beta}{2} Y_3^{(0)} + \alpha \sum_f c^f A^f \delta^2(y - y_f) dy^5 dy^6 \right) dB + \left(\frac{\beta}{4} Y_3^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha}{3} \sum_f c^f A^f \delta^2(y - y_f) dy^5 dy^6 \right) X_3^{(0)} \right\}. \quad (4.6)$$

4.2 Bulk Anomalies

We now check the cancellation of bulk anomalies in the model at hand. It is convenient to split the gauge group index as $I = (A, u)$, with A, B, \dots running over the non-Abelian factors, i.e. SU(6), SU(3) and SO(8), while $u, v, \dots = 1, \dots, 5$ label the U(1) factors. The anomaly polynomial for the six-dimensional case is given in Ref. [21]. Here we first check that the irreducible pieces cancel and then show that the remaining parts factorize as in (4.5).

There are three contributions in the anomaly polynomial which cannot be reducible:

- The most severe constraint arises from the quartic pure gravitational anomaly. The corresponding term in the anomaly polynomial is

$$(244 + y - s) \text{tr} R^4. \quad (4.7)$$

It is sensitive only to the number of gauginos y and hyperinos s , which contribute with opposite signs due to their opposite chiralities, and the gravitino and dilatino. The necessary condition $s - y = 244$ is fulfilled in our model, as can be seen from Tables A.2 and A.3.

- Quartic non-Abelian anomalies receive contributions from the gaugino in the adjoint representation which need to be cancelled by opposite-chirality hyperinos. Denoting the number of hypermultiplets in representation \mathbf{r}^i of group factor G_A by s_A^i , the quartic terms are

$$\text{Tr } F_A^4 - \sum_i s_A^i \text{tr}_{\mathbf{r}^i} F_A^4, \quad A = \text{SU}(6), \text{SU}(3), \text{SO}(8) . \quad (4.8)$$

Here Tr and $\text{tr}_{\mathbf{r}^i}$ denote traces in the adjoint representation and in the representation \mathbf{r}^i , respectively. We can convert all traces to the fundamental representation (denoted simply by tr), which will introduce representation indices, and possibly terms $\sim (\text{tr } F_A^2)^2$, and finally leads to the following constraints:

$$\text{SU}(6) : \quad 12 + 6s^{20} - s^6 - s^{\bar{6}} = 0 , \quad (4.9a)$$

$$\text{SO}(8) : \quad \frac{1}{2}s^{8s} + \frac{1}{2}s^{8c} - s^8 = 0 . \quad (4.9b)$$

$\text{SU}(3)$ does not have a fourth-order Casimir invariant and hence $\text{tr } F_{\text{SU}(3)}^4$ does not give a condition at this point.

- Finally, the (non-Abelian)³-Abelian anomaly has to vanish for reducibility. Again we convert all traces to the fundamental representation, and have to consider the $\text{U}(1)$ charges of the hypermultiplets. We get two nontrivial conditions for each $\text{U}(1)$ ($\text{SO}(8)$ has no third-order Casimir):

$$\text{SU}(6) : \quad \sum_{\mathbf{6}_i} q_u^{\mathbf{6}_i} - \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{6}}_i} q_u^{\bar{\mathbf{6}}_i} = 0 , \quad (4.10a)$$

$$\text{SU}(3) : \quad \sum_{\mathbf{3}_i} q_u^{\mathbf{3}_i} - \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{3}}_i} q_u^{\bar{\mathbf{3}}_i} = 0 . \quad (4.10b)$$

From the $\text{U}(1)$ charges in Table A.3 we see that also these constraints are satisfied.

For the remaining anomaly polynomial we normalize the $\text{U}(1)$'s from Table 4.1 by introducing $\hat{t}_u = t_u/\sqrt{2}|t_u|$. As shown in Appendix B, this leads to a factorization

of the bulk anomaly polynomial which is of the form (4.5):

$$\begin{aligned}
i (2\pi)^3 I_8^{\text{bulk}} &= \frac{1}{16} \left[\text{tr } R^2 - 2 \text{tr } F_{SU(6)}^2 - 2 \text{tr } F_{SU(3)}^2 - \text{tr } F_{SO(8)}^2 - \sum_u F_u^2 \right] \\
&\quad \times \left[\text{tr } R^2 - \sum_{u,v} \beta_{uv} F_u F_v \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{16} X_4 Y_4 .
\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

The symmetric coefficient matrix β_{uv} in the \hat{t}_u basis is

$$\beta_{uv} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ & 3 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ & & 2 & 0 & \sqrt{2} \\ & & & 4 & 0 \\ & & & & 4 \end{pmatrix} . \tag{4.12}$$

We conclude that all bulk anomalies of our orbifold model are cancelled by variations of the terms $\sim Y_3^{(0)}$ in Eq. (4.6).

4.3 Brane Anomalies

Since our model contains one Wilson line in the $SO(4)$ plane, the spectra at the fixed points only depend on n_2 and not on n'_2 , so that we have to evaluate two anomaly polynomials $I_6^{0,1}$ in the following.

At a fixed point, there are no gravitational anomalies, and so the only irreducible contributions are non-Abelian cubic ones. Matter now comes in chiral multiplets which can have both chiralities and thus contribute with opposite signs. Furthermore, the anomaly induced by bulk fields surviving the projection is suppressed by a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$ with respect to the contributions from localized fields. Taking this into account, the cubic non-Abelian anomalies are of the form

$$\frac{1}{4} \sum_{\text{bulk } \mathbf{r}} \left(s_A^{(+)\mathbf{r}} - s_A^{(-)\mathbf{r}} \right) \text{tr}_{\mathbf{r}} F_A^3 - \sum_{\text{loc } \mathbf{r}} s_A^{(-)\mathbf{r}} \text{tr}_{\mathbf{r}} F_A^3 , \tag{4.13}$$

where the sum is over representations \mathbf{r} of the local group factor A , and the $s_A^{(+)\mathbf{r}}$ and $s_A^{(-)\mathbf{r}}$ denote the number of multiplets in that representation with positive and negative chirality, respectively. We take the localized fields to be left-handed. Using Tables A.4 to A.9, one finds that the model contains no irreducible local anomalies. Vector multiplets do not contribute to anomalies, as they are in a real representation of the gauge group, and neither do the hypermultiplet remnants of 6D vector multiplets, since they come in left- and right-handed form.

For the local reducible anomalies we find the following factorization at $n_2 = 0, 1$ (cf. Appendix B):

$$i(2\pi)^3 I_6^0 = -\frac{1}{48} \left[\left(\text{tr} R^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(5)}^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(3)}^2 \right) - \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SO}(8)}^2 \right) - \sum_{u=1}^6 F_u^2 \right] \times (\text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^0) F^0, \quad (4.14)$$

$$i(2\pi)^3 I_6^1 = -\frac{1}{48} \left[\left(\text{tr} R^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(2)}^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(4)}^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(2)'}^2 \right) - 2 \left(\text{tr} F_{\text{SU}(4)'}^2 \right) - \sum_{v=1}^8 F_v^2 \right] \times (\text{tr}_1 \hat{t}^1) F^1. \quad (4.15)$$

The traces of the anomalous U(1)'s are the sums of the charges of the fields present at the given fixed point, and again the contributions of surviving bulk fields are weighted with a factor of $\frac{1}{4}$. The indices u, v in the formulae above run over a basis spanned by the anomalous U(1) and orthogonal generators, $\hat{t}_1^f \equiv \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f$, $\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f \cdot \hat{t}_u^f = 0$, ($u > 1$). The normalization is chosen such that all Abelian factors have level 1, namely $\hat{t}_u^f = t_u^f / \sqrt{2} |t_u^f|$. The factorization is of the form (4.5) such that we conclude that all anomalies of our model are cancelled by the localized part of the Green–Schwarz term (4.6).

Equations (4.14) and (4.15) reveal that due to the presence of one Wilson line there are two distinct anomalous U(1) factors t_{an}^0 and t_{an}^1 in the model, one for each inequivalent fixed point. For the (unnormalized) anomalous generators from Table 4.1 we find the following traces:

$$\text{tr}_0 t_{\text{an}}^0 = 2 |t_{\text{an}}^0|^2 = 148, \quad \text{tr}_1 t_{\text{an}}^1 = |t_{\text{an}}^1|^2 = 80. \quad (4.16)$$

The 4D anomalous U(1) follows from integrating the Green–Schwarz term over the internal dimensions. As can be seen from (4.6), this amounts to summing the normalized local U(1)'s. The four-dimensional anomaly polynomial again is of the form (4.5), so we can deduce the anomalous U(1) in four dimensions from

$$\frac{\text{tr}_{4\text{d}} \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})}}{|t_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})}|^2} t_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})} = 2 \left(\frac{\text{tr}_0 t_{\text{an}}^0}{|t_{\text{an}}^0|^2} t_{\text{an}}^0 + \frac{\text{tr}_1 t_{\text{an}}^1}{|t_{\text{an}}^1|^2} t_{\text{an}}^1 \right). \quad (4.17)$$

Here $\text{tr}_{4\text{d}}$ denotes the trace over the low-energy spectrum, i.e. zero modes of bulk fields and localized fields, but excluding bulk fields which only survive at $n_2 = 0$ or $n_2 = 1$. Note that the factor of $\frac{1}{4}$ included in the definitions of tr_0 and tr_1 ensures that zero mode contributions are counted only once. Thus we find the anomalous generator $\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})}$ from [18] with $\text{tr} t_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})} = 12 |t_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})}|^2 = 88$ as

$$t_{\text{an}}^{(4\text{d})} = \frac{1}{6} (2 t_{\text{an}}^0 + t_{\text{an}}^1). \quad (4.18)$$

So all appearing anomalies have been cancelled, either among themselves or by the Green–Schwarz mechanism. We would like to emphasize that there is no free parameter involved: the fields and gauge groups are fixed, as well as the transformation property of B_{MN} , which is the only available antisymmetric tensor field which can cancel anomalies. Hence the way in which the different sectors combine in the correct way appears highly non-trivial.

5. Decoupling of Exotic States

Let us now consider the decoupling of states with exotic standard model quantum numbers. These are the $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{5}$ -plets of bulk hypermultiplets which originate from the T_2/T_4 - and the untwisted sector, and the $SU(2)$ doublets and singlets with non-zero hypercharge from the T_1/T_5 - and T_3 -sectors at the fixed points $n_2 = 1$. Note that no exotic matter is located at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$. All the exotic $\mathbf{5}$ -plets and most of the exotic matter at $n_2 = 1$ can be decoupled by VEVs of just a few standard model singlet fields. This decoupling takes place locally at one of the fixed points, which is a crucial difference compared to previous discussions of decoupling in four dimensions [18, 19].

The $\mathcal{N} = 2$ hypermultiplets $H = (H_L, H_R)$ consist of pairs of $\mathcal{N} = 1$ left- and right-chiral multiplets either from the T_2 and T_4 twisted sectors, or from the untwisted sector. The charge conjugate left-chiral multiplet H_R^c has the opposite gauge quantum numbers as H_L . Hence the $SU(5)$ $\mathbf{5}$ - and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -hypermultiplets contain the exotic $\mathcal{N} = 1$ left-chiral multiplets $\mathbf{5}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}^c$.

The products $\mathbf{5}_{n_3} \mathbf{5}_{n_3}^c$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_{n_3} \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{n_3}^c$, $n_3 = 0, 1, 2$, are total gauge singlet $\mathcal{N} = 1$ chiral multiplets. They do carry, however, non-zero R -charges, $R = (-1, -1, 0)$ (cf. App. A.1). One easily verifies (cf. Tables A.1, A.4 and A.8) that the product $\bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_5$ of standard model singlet fields is a total gauge singlet with R -charges $R = (0, 0, -1)$. S_1 and S_5 are oscillator states localized at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$. One therefore obtains the local $\mathcal{N} = 1$ superpotential terms

$$W_1 = \bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_5 \left(\mathbf{5}_0 \mathbf{5}_0^c + \bar{\mathbf{5}}_0 \bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c + \mathbf{5}_1 \mathbf{5}_1^c + \bar{\mathbf{5}}_1 \bar{\mathbf{5}}_1^c + \mathbf{5}_2 \mathbf{5}_2^c + \bar{\mathbf{5}}_2 \bar{\mathbf{5}}_2^c \right) . \quad (5.1)$$

All terms are total gauge singlets with R -charges $R = (-1, -1, -1)$. Hence, the H-momentum rules are satisfied, as are the space selection rules (cf. [18]).

From Eq. (5.1) we conclude that a large vacuum expectation value $\langle \bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_5 \rangle$ removes 6 pairs of $(\mathbf{5}, \bar{\mathbf{5}})$ -plets⁴ from the low energy spectrum. Since we have 3 positive parities for each value of n_3 (cf. Tables 3.2 and A.3), 6 $\mathbf{5}$ - or $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets remain. The mass terms are localized at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$. Bulk mass terms between hypermultiplets are forbidden by $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry.

⁴When the distinction between T_2 -, T_4 - and untwisted sector does not matter, we collectively denote $\mathbf{5}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}^c$ by $\mathbf{5}$, and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ and $\mathbf{5}^c$ by $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$.

	$\mathbf{5}$	$\bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c$	$\mathbf{5}_1$	$\bar{\mathbf{5}}$	$\mathbf{5}_0^c$	$\bar{\mathbf{5}}_1$	$\bar{\mathbf{5}}_2$	$\mathbf{5}_2^c$
$SU(3) \times SU(2)$	$(1, \mathbf{2})$	$(\mathbf{3}, 1)$	$(1, \mathbf{2})$	$(1, \mathbf{2})$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1, \mathbf{2})$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1, \mathbf{2})$
$U(1)_{B-L}$	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1
MSSM	H_u			H_d			d_3	l_3

Table 5.1: The remaining $\mathbf{5}$'s and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$'s after the decoupling through W_1 . The $SU(3) \times SU(2)$ representations, $B-L$ charges and MSSM identification refer to the zero modes.

Inspection of Tables 3.2 and A.4 shows that from the T_2 -, T_4 - and untwisted sectors three $\mathbf{5}$'s and five $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$'s remain: $\mathbf{5}$, $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$, $\mathbf{5}_0^c$, $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c$, $\mathbf{5}_1$, $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_1$, $\mathbf{5}_2^c$, $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_2$. The further decoupling is motivated by phenomenological arguments and by simplicity. The projection condition at the fixed points $n_2 = 1$ leave as 4D zero modes from each $\mathbf{5}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ either an $SU(3)$ triplet or an $SU(2)$ doublet. With respect to the $U(1)_{B-L}$ generator identified in [18],

$$t_{B-L} = \left(0, 1, 1, 0, 0, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right), \quad (5.2)$$

these massless states have the $B-L$ charges listed in Table 5.1. This suggests to decouple $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c$ and $\mathbf{5}_0^c$, which is possible with a local coupling at the fixed point $n_2 = 0$,

$$W_2 = Y_0 S_1 S_5 \mathbf{5}_0^c \bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c, \quad (5.3)$$

and a large VEV $\langle Y_0 S_1 S_5 \rangle$.

From the remaining $\mathbf{5}$ -plets, either $\mathbf{5}$ or $\mathbf{5}_1$ can be chosen as Higgs field H_u . A large top-quark coupling is obtained for $\mathbf{5} \supset H_u$. $\mathbf{5}_1$ can be easily decoupled using the 6D gauge coupling with the chiral multiplet $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ of the $SU(6)$ $\mathbf{35}$ -plet,

$$W_H \supset \sqrt{2}g (X_0 \mathbf{5} \mathbf{5}_0^c + \bar{X}_0 \bar{\mathbf{5}} \bar{\mathbf{5}}_0^c + X_1^c \mathbf{5}_1 \bar{\mathbf{5}} + \bar{X}_1^c \bar{\mathbf{5}}_1 \mathbf{5} + X_2 \mathbf{5} \mathbf{5}_2^c + \bar{X}_2^c \bar{\mathbf{5}}_2 \mathbf{5}), \quad (5.4)$$

with a large VEV $\langle \bar{X}_1^c \rangle$. The remaining $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plets $\mathbf{5}_2^c$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}_1$ then correspond to a lepton doublet and the Higgs field H_d , respectively. The chosen vacuum is similar to the $B-L$ conserving vacuum discussed in [18]. It corresponds to partial gauge-Higgs unification for H_u . If one chooses to decouple $\mathbf{5}$ instead of $\mathbf{5}_1$, one has no gauge-Higgs unification. Alternatively, one can also keep $\mathbf{5}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ massless, corresponding to full gauge-Higgs unification.

All other exotic states are localized at $n_2 = 1$. The $SU(2)$ doublets M_i and some of the $SU(2)$ singlets S_i^\pm can already be decoupled by cubic terms,

$$W_3 = \bar{Z}_1^c M_1 M_4 + Z_0^c M_2 M_3, \quad (5.5)$$

$$W_4 = \bar{Y}_2^c (S_2^+ S_1^- + S_3^+ S_4^-) + Z_2 (S_4^+ S_5^- + S_4^+ S_5'^-) \\ + \bar{Z}_2 (S_3^- S_6^+ + S_3^- S_6'^+) + U_1^c (S_6^+ S_5^- + S_6'^+ S_5'^-), \quad (5.6)$$

with large VEVs $\langle \bar{Z}_1^c \rangle, \langle Z_0^c \rangle, \langle \bar{Y}_2^c \rangle, \langle Z_2 \rangle, \langle U_1^c \rangle$. The decoupling of the remaining exotic singlets with hypercharge, $S_1^+, S_2^-, S_5^+, S_6^-, S_7^-, S_7^+$ requires higher dimensional operators (cf. [18, 19]), which we will not discuss further in this paper.

After the decoupling of altogether 8 pairs of $(\mathbf{5}, \bar{\mathbf{5}})$ -plets we are left with two localized families,

$$(n_2, n'_2) = (0, 0) : \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(1)}, \mathbf{10}_{(1)}; \quad (n_2, n'_2) = (0, 1) : \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(2)}, \mathbf{10}_{(2)}, \quad (5.7)$$

together with two further families and a pair of Higgs doublets in the bulk:

$$\bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(3)} \equiv \mathbf{5}_2^c, \mathbf{10}_{(3)} \equiv \mathbf{10}; \quad \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(4)} \equiv \bar{\mathbf{5}}_2, \mathbf{10}_{(4)} \equiv \bar{\mathbf{10}}^c; \quad H_u \equiv \mathbf{5}, H_d \equiv \bar{\mathbf{5}}_1. \quad (5.8)$$

At the fixed points $n_2 = 0$ these chiral $\mathcal{N} = 1$ multiplets form a local $SU(5)$ GUT theory. The corresponding Yukawa couplings will be discussed in the following section. From the two bulk families, half of the states are projected out by the projection conditions at $n_2 = 1$, and together they give rise to one family of zero modes (cf. Eq. (3.9) and Tab. 5.1).

Note that the decoupling terms (5.1), (5.3), (5.5) and (5.6) require VEVs of both bulk and localized fields. The localized singlets S_1 and S_5 correspond to oscillator modes. As we will see in Section 7, bulk and brane field backgrounds are typically induced by local Fayet–Iliopoulos (FI) terms. The non-vanishing VEVs of localized fields are often related to a resolution of the orbifold singularities [31, 32]. However, a study of the blow-up of the considered orbifold to a smooth manifold and the geometrical interpretation of the localized VEVs is beyond the scope of this work.

6. Yukawa Couplings

In the previous section we have obtained four quark-lepton families transforming as $(\bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(i)} + \mathbf{10}_{(i)})$ under $SU(5)$, where i is a generation index. Two families are localized at the branes ($i = 1, 2$) and two are bulk fields. The corresponding superpotential reads

$$W_{\text{Yuk}} = C_{ij}^{(u)} \mathbf{10}_{(i)} \mathbf{10}_{(j)} H_u + C_{ij}^{(d)} \bar{\mathbf{5}}_{(i)} \mathbf{10}_{(j)} H_d, \quad (6.1)$$

where the couplings $C_{ij}^{(u)}$ and $C_{ij}^{(d)}$ are composed of singlet fields such that the superpotential obeys the string selection rules (cf. [18]).

As an example, we consider a vacuum where in addition to the fields

$$\bar{Y}_0^c, S_1, S_5, Y_0, X_1^c, \bar{Z}_1^c, Z_0^c, \bar{Y}_2^c, Z_2, \bar{Z}_2, U_1^c, \quad (6.2)$$

used in Section 5 for decoupling, only the singlets

$$Y_0^c, Y_1, \bar{Y}_1, S_3, S_4, S_7 \quad (6.3)$$

acquire non-zero VEVs. After a straightforward calculation, we find that up to $\mathcal{O}(8)$ in the fields, this vacuum leads to couplings

$$C_{ij}^{(u)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & a_2 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_2 & 0 & g \\ a_3 & a_3 & g & a_4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C_{ij}^{(d)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & b_1 & b_2 \\ b_3 & b_3 & b_4 & 0 \\ b_5 & b_5 & b_6 & b_5^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6.4)$$

with

$$a_1 = \langle Y_0^c \bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_3 \rangle, \quad a_2 = \langle (\bar{Y}_0^c S_1)^2 S_5 \rangle, \quad a_3 = \langle Y_0^c \bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_3 S_5 \rangle, \quad (6.5)$$

$$a_4 = \langle Y_0^c \bar{Y}_0^c S_1 S_3 (S_5)^2 \rangle, \quad (6.6)$$

$$b_1 = \langle Y_0 \bar{Y}_1 (S_5)^3 (S_7)^2 \rangle, \quad b_2 = \langle X_1^c \bar{Y}_2^c U_1^c S_7 \rangle, \quad b_3 = \langle X_1^c \bar{Y}_1 S_3 (S_5 S_7)^2 \rangle, \quad (6.7)$$

$$b_4 = \langle (X_1^c)^2 \bar{Y}_1 U_1^c S_4 S_7 \rangle, \quad b_5 = \langle S_5 \rangle, \quad b_6 = \langle (X_1^c)^2 Y_1 S_1 S_7 \rangle. \quad (6.8)$$

Note that the chosen vacuum yields non-vanishing Yukawa couplings while the μ -term is only generated at higher order.

The Yukawa couplings (6.1) are SU(5) invariant, hence we have obtained an SU(5) GUT model. Note that the SU(5) Yukawa interactions are local since the fields S_i are localized at the fixed points $n_2 = 0$, i.e., we have a *local* SU(5) GUT model. The only exception is $C_{34}^{(u)} = C_{43}^{(u)} = g$, which is a remnant of the SU(6) bulk gauge interaction. It is a consequence of the partial gauge-Higgs unification of the present model, which implies a phenomenologically attractive large top Yukawa coupling.

We can now proceed and deduce the corresponding Yukawa couplings in four dimensions. As described in Section 5, half of each of the two bulk families is projected out by the additional \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold condition at the second pair of fixed points ($n_2 = 1$). The remaining fields from the split bulk matter multiplets then form the content of the third standard model family. The 4D Yukawa terms are

$$W_{\text{Yuk}} = Y_{ij}^{(u)} u_i^c q_j H_u + Y_{ij}^{(d)} d_i^c q_j H_d + Y_{ij}^{(l)} l_i e_j^c H_d, \quad (6.9)$$

where $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ is a family index, and

$$Y_{ij}^{(u)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & 0 & a_3 \\ 0 & a_1 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_2 & g \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{ij}^{(d)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & b_2 \\ b_5 & b_5 & b_7 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_{ij}^{(l)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ b_3 & b_3 & b_4 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6.10)$$

The Yukawa matrices for down quarks and leptons are different, although they originate from SU(5) invariant couplings of the 6D theory. This is due to the split multiplets which form the third quark-lepton family. In this way the mostly unsuccessful SU(5) predictions for fermion masses are avoided. However, one also loses the successful prediction $m_b(M_{\text{GUT}}) \simeq m_\tau(M_{\text{GUT}})$.

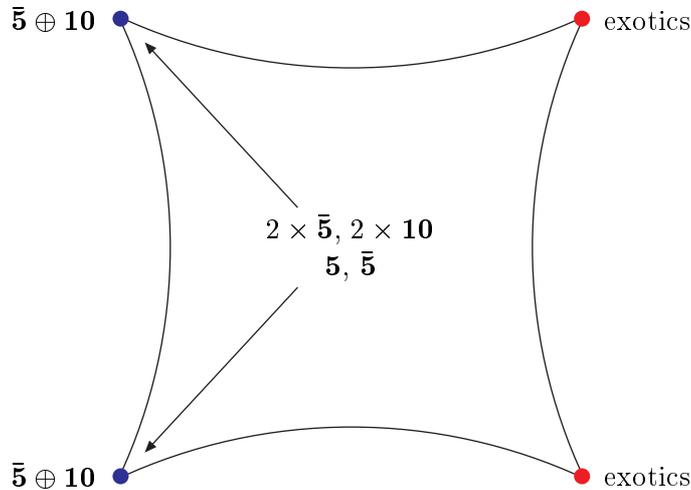


Figure 2: The orbifold T^2/\mathbb{Z}_2 . The blue dots (on the left) label the fixed points with $n_2 = 0$, the red ones (right) have $n_2 = 1$. Two quark-lepton generations live at the $n_2 = 0$ fixed points, the third one originates from two $SU(5)$ $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ and $\mathbf{10}$ multiplets in the bulk, half of which is projected out due to the boundary conditions at $n_2 = 1$.

The obtained local $SU(5)$ GUT model is phenomenologically not viable. Not only are electron and down-quark massless, which may be corrected by higher powers of singlet VEVs, but the main problem are R -parity violating Yukawa couplings leading to rapid proton decay, which we have not listed. However, the present model is just an example of a large class of models [19], and it is likely that the phenomenology can be improved. In the above discussion we have also ignored neutrino masses which can be generated by a seesaw mechanism typically involving many singlet fields [33].

7. Supersymmetric Vacua

In the previous sections we have discussed phenomenologically wanted vacuum configurations, i.e. expectation values of singlet fields, which decouple states with exotic quantum numbers and generate Yukawa couplings for quarks and leptons. The analysis and classification of these vacua is a difficult problem. In particular, one has to show that $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry remains unbroken in four dimensions. For the present model the conditions for vanishing F - and D -terms have been discussed in [18]. A crucial role is played by the Fayet–Iliopoulos D -term of the anomalous $U(1)$, which drives fields away from zero (cf. [34]).

In this paper we are studying the case where two of the compact dimensions are larger than the other four. Such an ansatz assumes that the size of the large dimensions can be stabilized at a scale $1/M_{\text{GUT}} \gg 1/M_{\text{string}}$. To prove this one

has to find supersymmetric vacua of the effective 6D field theory which incorporates Kaluza–Klein states with masses between M_{GUT} and M_{string} .

As we saw in Section 4, the 6D theory has different Fayet-Iliopoulos terms at the inequivalent fixed points in the $\text{SO}(4)$ -plane (cf. (4.17)),

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FI}} = \sum_f \xi_f \delta^2(y - y_f) \left(-D_3^f + F_{56}^f \right), \quad (7.1)$$

where at $f = (n_2, n'_2)$,

$$\xi_{(0,0)} = \xi_{(0,1)} = \frac{gM_{\text{P}}^2 \text{tr}_0 t_{\text{an}}^0}{384\pi^2 |t_{\text{an}}^0|^2}, \quad \xi_{(1,0)} = \xi_{(1,1)} = \frac{gM_{\text{P}}^2 \text{tr}_1 t_{\text{an}}^1}{384\pi^2 |t_{\text{an}}^1|^2}. \quad (7.2)$$

Integrating over the two compact dimensions reproduces the 4D Fayet-Iliopoulos term of [18].

In the case of flat space, localized FI terms have been studied in [22], and it has been shown that they lead to an instability of the bulk fields and to spontaneous localization towards the fixed points. For our 6D supergravity theory this analysis has to be extended to include the gravitational, antisymmetric tensor and dilaton fields. In general, one expects warped solutions, and it is not clear whether $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry remains unbroken in four dimensions. These questions are beyond the scope of the present paper and will be studied elsewhere.

In the following we will only check whether the VEVs selected in Sections 5 and 6 correspond to a supersymmetric vacuum for an isotropic orbifold, where the $\text{SO}(4)$ -, $\text{SU}(3)$ - and G_2 -planes all have string size, and the different FI terms are approximated by a single FI term in four dimensions. As discussed in [18], vanishing D -terms are guaranteed if all fields are part of gauge invariant monomials except one which carries negative net anomalous charge. These conditions are indeed satisfied for the vacuum chosen in Sections 5 and 6. Explicit examples of gauge invariant monomials are

$$X_3 X_3^c, X_4 S_1 S_5, X_5^c X_{12}^c Y_1^c Y_4^c S_7^2, X_5^c X_8 Y_5 Y_6 S_4 S_7, X_5^c X_8 X_{12}^c Z_1^c S_3 S_7, \quad (7.3)$$

supplemented by

$$X_3^c (X_5^c X_7)^2 Y_8 \quad (7.4)$$

which has anomalous charge $-22/3$.

Since the superpotential of the standard model singlet fields is unknown, we cannot prove that the F -terms vanish for the chosen vacuum. We expect, however, a simplification in the analysis of the superpotential in 6D as compared to 4D, since the superpotential is generated locally at the fixed points where one has larger unbroken symmetries than in the 4D effective theory.

It will be very interesting to see whether a supersymmetric vacuum of an isotropic orbifold can be obtained as limiting case from an anisotropic orbifold. The different FI terms at the orbifold fixed points may play a crucial role in generating the anisotropy, and it is intriguing that the mass scale of the FI terms is of the order of the grand unification scale, $M_{\text{P}}/\sqrt{384\pi^2} \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$.

8. Outlook

We have constructed a 6D supergravity theory as intermediate step in the compactification of the heterotic string to the supersymmetric standard model in four dimensions. The theory has $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry and one tensor multiplet, and it has a large number of gravitational, gauge and mixed anomalies, all of which are cancelled by the Green–Schwarz mechanism. The theory is compactified from six to four dimensions on a \mathbb{Z}_2 orbifold with two inequivalent pairs of fixed points with unbroken $SU(5)$ and $SU(2) \times SU(4)$ symmetry, respectively.

In addition to the cancellation of anomalies, we have been particularly interested in the decoupling of exotic states and the emergence of an intermediate $SU(5)$ GUT. Compared to the 4D theory the decoupling is more transparent due to the larger symmetries, $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry in the bulk and larger gauge symmetries at the orbifold fixed points. It is remarkable that most exotic states can be decoupled with VEVs of a few standard model singlet fields at the orbifold fixed points.

A very interesting feature of the theory is the emergence of an intermediate $SU(5)$ GUT model. Two quark-lepton families are localized at the $SU(5)$ branes and two further families, together with a pair of $\mathbf{5} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{5}}$ plets are bulk fields. $SU(5)$ is broken by the presence of the $SU(2) \times SU(4)$ branes. This generates a pair of Higgs doublets as split multiplets. Split multiplets of the two bulk quark-lepton families also form the third quark-lepton family, with the standard model quantum numbers of one $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$ -plet and one $\mathbf{10}$ -plet. Due to the presence of the split multiplets, the Yukawa couplings of the 4D theory break $SU(5)$ explicitly, thus avoiding unsuccessful $SU(5)$ predictions of ordinary 4D GUTs.

The 6D theory originally has a large number of $\mathbf{5} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{5}}$ pairs, most of which are decoupled. As discussed in Section 5, the identification of the Higgs fields depends on the choice of the vacuum configuration, and one can have no, partial or full gauge-Higgs unification. Since there is no clear distinction between matter and Higgs fields, one generically expects large R -parity breaking Yukawa couplings leading to fast proton decay, as it is indeed the case for the vacuum chosen in Sections 5 and 6. However, since the considered model is just one example of a large class of similar models [19], it is likely that the phenomenology can be improved.

On the theoretical side, the main open problems concerns the stabilization of extra dimensions at a scale $1/M_{\text{GUT}} \gg 1/M_{\text{string}}$ and the existence of corresponding

vacua with unbroken $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supersymmetry. We hope to address these questions elsewhere.

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A. States

A.1 R -Charges

The R -charges of a chiral multiplet are defined as $R^i = q_{\text{sh}}^i - (\tilde{N} - \tilde{N}^*)^i$, where q_{sh}^i is the shifted H-momentum of the scalar and the vectors \tilde{N} and \tilde{N}^* denote oscillator numbers of left-moving fields in z^i and \bar{z}^i directions, respectively.

Sector	State	Excitation	R^1	R^2	R^3
U	U_1^c		0	-1	0
U	U_2, U_3, U_4		-1	0	0
T_1	All		$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
T_1^*	S_1, S_2, S_7	$\tilde{N}^* = (1, 0, 0)$	$\frac{5}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
T_1^*	S_4, S_6	$\tilde{N}^* = (2, 0, 0)$	$\frac{11}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
T_1^*	S_3, S_5	$\tilde{N}^* = (0, 1, 0)$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$
T_2	H_L		$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0
T_2^*	$Y_{n_3}^*$	$\tilde{N} = (0, 1, 0)$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{5}{3}$	0
T_2^*	$Y_{n_3}'^*$	$\tilde{N}^* = (1, 0, 0)$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0
T_3	All		$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$
T_4	H_R^c		$-\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0
T_4^*	$Y_{n_3}^{*c}$	$\tilde{N}^* = (0, 1, 0)$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0
T_4^*	$Y_{n_3}'^{*c}$	$\tilde{N} = (1, 0, 0)$	$-\frac{5}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0

Table A.1: R -charges and oscillator excitations of left-handed states. U denotes the untwisted sector and a star represents non-vanishing oscillator numbers.

A.2 Bulk States

Here we list the states of the effective 6D bulk theory. They are obtained from the heterotic string by an \mathbb{Z}_3 orbifold projection with one Wilson line, as described in Section 2.

Multiplet	Representation	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	#
Graviton							1
Tensor							1
Hyper							2
Vector	$(\mathbf{35}; 1, 1)$						35
	$(1; \mathbf{8}, 1)$						8
	$(1; 1, \mathbf{28})$						28
	$5 \times (1; 1, 1)$						5
Hyper	$(\mathbf{20}; 1, 1)$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	20
	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	0	0	0	-1	0	8
	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	8
	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$	8
	$(1; 1, 1)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-3	0	0	1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	-1	-1	0	0	0	1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	-1	0	0	0	1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	0	0	1

Table A.2: *The massless spectrum of the 6D theory arising from the untwisted sector. There are 76 vector multiplets and 50 hypermultiplets. The second column refers to the representations with respect to $SU(6) \times SU(3) \times SO(8)$, t_1 - t_5 are the charges with respect to the $U(1)$ factors of the bulk gauge group. The first three multiplets arise from the 10D gravitational sector and are complete gauge singlets.*

Sector	Representation	n_3	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	#
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	18
	$3 \times (\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	18
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	3
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	0	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	3
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	9
	$3 \times (1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	9
	$3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	24
T_2/T_4^*	$6 \times (1; 1, 1)$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	6
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	18
	$3 \times (\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	18
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	1	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	-2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	3
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	3
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	9
	$3 \times (1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	9
	$3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	24
T_2/T_4^*	$6 \times (1; 1, 1)$	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	6
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	18
	$3 \times (\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	2	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	18
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	3
	$3 \times (1; 1, 1)$	2	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	3
T_2/T_4	$3 \times (1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	9
	$3 \times (1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	9
	$3 \times (1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	24
T_2/T_4^*	$6 \times (1; 1, 1)$	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	6

Table A.3: The massless spectrum of the 6D theory arising from the T_2 and T_4 sectors. There are 270 hypermultiplets. The states are localised in the G_2 and $SU(3)$ planes, which contain three fixed points each. The equivalent G_2 fixed points yield the multiplicity factor three, localization in the $SU(3)$ plane is given by n_3 . T_2/T_4^* states have non-vanishing oscillator numbers.

A.3 States at the Fixed Points

Here we list the states at the fixed points $n_2 = 0, 1$. These involve bulk states from the T_2/T_4 and the untwisted sector (see Tables 3.2 – 3.5) and localized states from the sectors T_1/T_5 and T_3 . $X_i, \bar{X}_i, Y_i, \bar{Y}_i, Z_i, \bar{Z}_i$ and U_i are bulk fields; $S_1 - S_8$ are localized fields.

Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^0	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
$(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{5}; 1, 1)$	0	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	-1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	X_0
	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	5	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
$(\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}; 1, 1)$	0	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	\bar{X}_0
	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	-5	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	Y_0
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	\bar{Y}_0
$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	0	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	0	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8})$	0	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	
$(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{5}; 1, 1)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	-1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	X_1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	5	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
$(\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}; 1, 1)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	\bar{X}_1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	-5	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	-2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	Y_1
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	\bar{Y}_1
$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
$(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	$(\mathbf{5}; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	X_2
	$(1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	5	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	1	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	\bar{X}_2
	$(1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	-5	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	Y_2
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	\bar{Y}_2

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Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^0	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
(1; $\mathbf{3}$, 1)	(1; $\mathbf{3}$, 1)	2	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
(1; $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$, 1)	(1; $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$, 1)	2	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
(1; 1, $\mathbf{8}_c$)	(1; 1, $\mathbf{8}_c$)	2	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	

Table A.4: Local decomposition of ground states from the T_2/T_4 sector at $n_2 = 0$. The three parities for chiral hypermultiplet components H_L , H_R correspond to $q_\gamma = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$.

Bulk	$n_2 = 1$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^1	t_7	t_8	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
(6; 1, 1)	(1, $\mathbf{4}$; 1, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	5	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
	(2, 1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	-10	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
$\bar{\mathbf{6}}$; 1, 1)	(1, $\bar{\mathbf{4}}$; 1, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	-5	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
	(2, 1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	10	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
(1; 1, 1)	(1, 1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	Y_0
(1; 1, 1)	(1, 1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	\bar{Y}_0
(1; $\mathbf{3}$, 1)	(1, 1; $\mathbf{2}$, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	1	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
	(1, 1; 1, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	-2	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	Z_0
(1; $\bar{\mathbf{3}}$, 1)	(1, 1; $\mathbf{2}$, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	-1	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
	(1, 1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	2	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	\bar{Z}_0
(1; 1, $\mathbf{8}$)	(1, 1; 1, $\mathbf{4}$)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	-1	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	(1, 1; 1, $\bar{\mathbf{4}}$)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	0	1	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	
(6; 1, 1)	(1, $\mathbf{4}$; 1, 1)	1	-, +, -	+, -, +	5	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
	(2, 1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	-10	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
$\bar{\mathbf{6}}$; 1, 1)	(1, $\bar{\mathbf{4}}$; 1, 1)	1	-, +, -	+, -, +	-5	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
	(2, 1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	10	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
(1; 1, 1)	(1, 1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	-2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	Y_1
(1; 1, 1)	(1, 1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	\bar{Y}_1
(1; $\mathbf{3}$, 1)	(1, 1; $\mathbf{2}$, 1)	1	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
	(1, 1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	-2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	Z_1

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Bulk	$n_2 = 1$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^1	t_7	t_8	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1, 1; \mathbf{2}, 1)$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	-1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	\bar{Z}_1
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_s)$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{4})$	1	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	0	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
	$(1, 1; 1, \bar{\mathbf{4}})$	1	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
$(\mathbf{6}; 1, 1)$	$(1, \mathbf{4}; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	5	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	-10	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(\bar{\mathbf{6}}; 1, 1)$	$(1, \bar{\mathbf{4}}; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	-5	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	10	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	Y_2
$(1; 1, 1)$	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{5}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	\bar{Y}_2
$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	$(1, 1; \mathbf{2}, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	Z_2
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	-2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	
$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	$(1, 1; \mathbf{2}, 1)$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	-1	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	\bar{Z}_2
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	2	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	
$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	$(1, 1; 1, \mathbf{6})$	2	$-, +, -$	$+, -, +$	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	Z'_2
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	0	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	$+, -, +$	$-, +, -$	0	0	-2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	

Table A.5: Local decomposition of states from the T_2/T_4 sector at $n_2 = 1$. The three parities for chiral hypermultiplet components H_L, H_R correspond to $q_\gamma = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$.

Bulk	$n_2 = 0$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^0	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	Y_0^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$Y_0'^*$
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	1	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	Y_1^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$Y_1'^*$
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	2	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	Y_2^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	2	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$Y_2'^*$

Table A.6: Local decomposition of excited states from the T_2/T_4^* sector at $n_2 = 0$. The three parities for chiral hypermultiplet components H_L , H_R correspond to to $q_\gamma = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$. The singlets $Y_{n_3}^*$ have oscillator numbers $\tilde{N} = (0, 1, 0)$, the $Y_{n_3}'^*$ have $\tilde{N}^* = (1, 0, 0)$.

Bulk	$n_2 = 1$	n_3	H_L	H_R	t_6^1	t_7	t_8	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	0	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	Y_0^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	0	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	0	0	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$Y_0'^*$
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	1	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	Y_1^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	1	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$Y_1'^*$
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	2	-, +, -	+, -, +	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	Y_2^*
(1; 1, 1)	(1; 1, 1)	2	+, -, +	-, +, -	0	0	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	1	$Y_2'^*$

Table A.7: Local decomposition of excited states from the T_2/T_4^* sector at $n_2 = 1$. The three parities for chiral hypermultiplet components H_L , H_R correspond to to $q_\gamma = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1$. The singlets $Y_{n_3}^*$ have oscillator numbers $\tilde{N} = (0, 1, 0)$, the $Y_{n_3}'^*$ have $\tilde{N}^* = (1, 0, 0)$.

Sector	$n_2 = 0$	n_3	q_γ	t_6^0	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
T_1/T_5	$(\mathbf{10}; 1, 1)$	0	*	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$(\bar{\mathbf{5}}; 1, 1)$	0	*	$-\frac{3}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
T_1/T_5	$(1; 1, \mathbf{8}_c)$	1	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	
	$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	2	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$(1; 1, 1)$	2	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	-1	S_8
T_1/T_5^*	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	S_1
	$(1; 1, 1)$	0	*	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	S_2
	$2 \times (1; 1, 1)$	0	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$S_{3,4}$
	$2 \times (1; 1, 1)$	0	*	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$S_{5,6}$
	$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	1	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$(1; 1, 1)$	1	*	$\frac{5}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	1	S_7
T_3	$(1; \mathbf{3}, 1)$	*	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{5}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	
	$(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$	*	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{5}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	-1	

Table A.8: Local states from the sectors T_1/T_5 and T_3 at $n_2 = 0$. T_1/T_5^* denotes oscillator states. S_1, S_2, S_7 and $(1; \bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1)$ from that sector have oscillator numbers $\tilde{N}^* = (1, 0, 0)$, S_3 and S_5 have $\tilde{N}^* = (0, 1, 0)$, S_4 and S_6 have $\tilde{N}^* = (2, 0, 0)$.

Sector	$n_2 = 1$	n_3	q_γ	t_6^1	t_7	t_8	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	
T_1/T_5	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	0	*	0	1	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	0	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	M_1
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	0	*	10	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_1^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	0	*	-10	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	1	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_1^+
	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	1	*	0	-1	1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	-1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	M_2
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	1	*	10	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	S_2^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	1	*	-10	-1	1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	S_2^+
	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	0	-1	-1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	M_3
	$(\mathbf{2}, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	0	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	M_4
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	10	-1	-1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_3^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	-10	-1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$-\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_3^+
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	10	1	1	0	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	S_4^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	2	*	-10	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{6}$	-1	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	S_4^+
T_3	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	0	10	1	-1	0	0	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_5^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	1	10	1	-1	0	0	2	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$S_5'^-$
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	$\frac{1}{3}$	-10	-1	1	0	0	-2	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	S_5^+
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	$\frac{1}{3}$	10	1	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_6^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	0	-10	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	S_6^+
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	1	-10	-1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$S_6'^+$
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	$-\frac{1}{3}$	10	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-1	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	S_7^-
	$(1, 1; 1, 1)$	*	$-\frac{1}{3}$	-10	-1	1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	1	$-\frac{1}{4}$	$-\frac{1}{4}$	S_7^+

Table A.9: Local states from the sectors T_1/T_5 and T_3 at $n_2 = 1$.

B. Anomaly Polynomials

In Section 4, we checked that the irreducible terms in the anomaly polynomial cancel. The remaining piece explicitly reads

$$i(2\pi)^3 I_8^{\text{bulk}} = \frac{1}{16} \left\{ (\text{tr } R^2)^2 - \frac{1}{6} (\text{tr } R^2) \left(\sum_A m_A \text{tr } F_A^2 + \sum_{u,v} m_{uv} F_u F_v \right) \right. \\ \left. + 4 \sum_{A,u,v} d_{Auv} (\text{tr } F_A^2) F_u F_v + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{u,v,w,x} h_{uvwx} F_u F_v F_w F_x \right\}, \quad (\text{B.1})$$

with coefficients

$$m_A = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} s_A^{\mathbf{r}} v_A^{\mathbf{r}} - v_A^{(\text{adj})}, \quad m_{uv} = \text{tr}_6 (t_u t_v) = \sum_i q_u^i q_v^i, \quad (\text{B.2})$$

$$d_{Auv} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} v_A^{\mathbf{r}} \sum_{k=1}^{s_A^{\mathbf{r}}} q_u^k q_v^k, \quad h_{uvwx} = \text{tr}_6 (t_u t_v t_w t_x) = \sum_i q_u^i q_v^i q_w^i q_x^i. \quad (\text{B.3})$$

All sums are over hypermultiplets only; the vector multiplets only appear in the final term of m_A . In the sums, i runs over all states, \mathbf{r} over all representations of group G_A and k over all multiplets in representation \mathbf{r} . q_u^i and q_v^k are the charges of states and multiplets under $U(1)_u$, and tr_6 denotes the trace of the $U(1)$ generators, i.e. the sum over the charges of all fields. The integers $s_A^{\mathbf{r}}$ are the multiplicities of states transforming in that representation, and $v_A^{\mathbf{r}}$ is its quadratic index. Note that terms $\sim (\text{tr } F_A^2) (\text{tr } F_B^2)$ for two different non-Abelian factors A, B add up to zero in our model. By explicit evaluation of these definitions in the basis $\hat{t}_u = t_u / \sqrt{2} |t_u|$ we find the results

$$m_A = 6(2, 2, 1), \quad m_{uv} = 6(\beta_{uv} + \delta_{uv}), \quad (\text{B.4})$$

where β_{uv} is given in Eq. (4.12). Furthermore

$$d_{\text{SU}(6)uv} = d_{\text{SU}(3)uv} = 2d_{\text{SO}(8)uv} = \frac{1}{2} \beta_{uv}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$h_{uvwx} = \frac{3}{2|\sigma(uvwx)|} (\delta_{uv}\beta_{wx} + \text{perm.}), \quad (\text{B.6})$$

where $|\sigma(uvwx)|$ counts all possible distinct permutations of indices u, v, w, x (and only these are included in the bracket).

Similarly, we calculate the local anomaly polynomial at a fixed point f :

$$i(2\pi)^3 I_6^f = -\frac{1}{48} \sum_u m_u^f F_u \text{tr } R^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{A,u} d_{Au}^f F_u \text{tr } F_A^2 + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{uvw} h_{uvw}^f F_u F_v F_w. \quad (\text{B.7})$$

Here the coefficients are defined as follows:

$$m_u^f = \text{tr}_f (t_u^f) = \sum_i b^i q_u^i, \quad d_{Au}^f = \sum_{\mathbf{r}} v_A^{\mathbf{r}} \sum_{k=1}^{s_A^{\mathbf{r}}} b^k q_u^k, \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$h_{uvw}^f = \text{tr}_f (t_u^f t_v^f t_w^f) = \sum_i b^i q_u^i q_v^i q_w^i \quad (\text{B.9})$$

All sums refer to the local spectrum at fixed point f , evaluated on left-handed fields. The local trace tr_f contains an additional factor b^i , which is either one for localized states or $1/4$ for states which are induced by bulk fields; the same holds for b^k . We conveniently evaluate these expressions in a basis which consists of $\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f = t_{\text{an}}^f / \sqrt{2} |t_{\text{an}}^f|$, with t_{an}^f from Table 4.1, and orthogonal generators, $\hat{t}_1^f \equiv \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f$, $\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f \cdot \hat{t}_u^f = 0$ ($u > 1$). Then the only non-vanishing terms are

$$\text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^0 = 2\sqrt{37}, \quad \text{tr}_1 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^1 = 2\sqrt{10} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

and

$$d_{\text{SU}(5) \text{ an}}^0 = d_{\text{SU}(3) \text{ an}}^0 = 2d_{\text{SO}(8) \text{ an}}^0 = 2 \text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^0 (\hat{t}_u^0)^2 = \frac{2}{3} \text{tr}_0 (\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^0)^3 = \frac{1}{12} \text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^0, \quad (\text{B.11})$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\text{SU}(2) \text{ an}}^1 &= d_{\text{SU}(4) \text{ an}}^1 = d_{\text{SU}(2)' \text{ an}}^1 = d_{\text{SU}(4)' \text{ an}}^1 \\ &= 2 \text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^1 (\hat{t}_u^1)^2 = \frac{2}{3} \text{tr}_0 (\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^1)^3 = \frac{1}{12} \text{tr}_0 \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^1. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.12})$$

This shows explicitly that both anomaly polynomials factorize in the required way, Eq. (4.5), i.e. the Green-Schwarz universality relations with levels $\alpha_{\text{SO}(N)} = 1$ and $\alpha_{\text{SU}(N)} = 2$ are fulfilled,

$$\frac{1}{48} \text{tr}_f \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f = \frac{1}{6} \text{tr}_f (\hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f)^3 = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}_f \hat{t}_{\text{an}}^f (\hat{t}_u^f)^2 = \frac{1}{2\alpha_A} d_{A \text{ an}}^f. \quad (\text{B.13})$$

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