Flux Compactifications of M-Theory on Twisted Tori

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Abstract

We find the bosonic sector of the gauged supergravities that are obtained from 11-dimensional supergravity by Scherk-Schwarz dimensional reduction with flux to any dimension $D$. We show that, if certain obstructions are absent, the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz for a finite set of $D$-dimensional fields can be extended to a full compactification of M-theory, including an infinite tower of Kaluza-Klein fields. The internal space is obtained from a group manifold (which may be non-compact) by a discrete identification. We discuss the symmetry algebra and the symmetry breaking patterns and illustrate these with particular examples. We discuss the action of U-duality on these theories in terms of symmetries of the $D$-dimensional supergravity, and argue that in general it will take geometric flux compactifications to M-theory on non-geometric backgrounds, such as U-folds with U-duality transition functions.

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1 Introduction

In [1], Scherk and Schwarz gave an ansatz for a non-trivial dimensional reduction of a supergravity theory that gives a theory with gauge symmetry, mass terms and a scalar potential. The dimensional reduction from $D + d$ dimensions is on a $d$ dimensional internal manifold $\mathcal{X}$ with a basis of nowhere-vanishing one-forms $\sigma^m$ specified by a vielbein $\sigma^m_{i}(y)$

$$\sigma^m = \sigma^m_{i}(y)dy^i$$

(1.1)

where $y^i$ are coordinates on $\mathcal{X}$ ($i,j = 1,\ldots, d$, $m,n = 1,\ldots, d$). The one-forms are used in the metric ansatz

$$ds^2_{D+d} = e^{2\alpha \varphi(x)} ds^2_{D} + e^{2\beta \varphi(x)} g_{mn}(x) \nu^m \nu^n$$

(1.2)

where $M$ is the $D$-dimensional spacetime with metric $ds^2_{D}$ and coordinates $x^{\mu}$. The one-forms $\nu^m$ are

$$\nu^m = \sigma^m - A^m$$

(1.3)

and the one-forms $A^m = A^m_{\mu}(x)dx^{\mu}$ are Kaluza-Klein vector fields (graviphotons). The internal metric $g_{mn}(x)$ and the warp factor $\varphi(x)$ are scalars in the dimensionally reduced theory, while $\alpha, \beta$ are constants that will be fixed in section 2. There is a similar ansatz for the reduction of other fields. For example, for a $p$-form gauge potential

$$\hat{B}(p) = B(p) + B_{(p-1)m} \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2!} B_{(p-2)mn} \wedge \nu^m \wedge \nu^n + \ldots$$

(1.4)

Completeness of the basis implies that the one-forms satisfy a structure equation of the form

$$d\sigma^m + \frac{1}{2} f_{np}^m \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p = 0$$

(1.5)

If the coefficients $f_{np}^m$ are constant, then the dependence of the dimensionally reduced theory on the internal coordinates $y$ drops out [1]. The integrability condition for (1.5) is then the Jacobi identity

$$f_{[mn}^{\ \ q} f^{\ i}_{pq]} = 0$$

(1.6)

so that $f_{np}^m$ are the structure constants for some Lie group $G$, and the reduced theory has a local $G$ gauge symmetry for which the gauge fields are the $A^m$. For a reduction of the action to be possible, it is necessary [1] that the structure constants further satisfy

$$f_{mn}^n = 0$$

(1.7)

If this condition is not satisfied, then it is possible to reduce the field equation, even though it may not be possible to reduce the action [3].

The internal space $\mathcal{X}$ is sometimes referred to as a twisted torus, and the matrix $\sigma^m_{i}(y)$ can be thought of as twisting the frames with respect to the coordinate basis. Indeed, the
fields $g_{\mu\nu}, A^m, g_{mn}, \varphi$ and $B_{\mu_1...\mu_p}, B_{\mu_1...\mu_{p-1}m}, B_{\mu_1...\mu_{p-2}mn}...$ etc are in one-to-one correspondence with the ones that would arise from reduction on a $d$-torus, and the reduced theory is a massive deformation of that arising from a torus reduction. Particular examples of such reductions can arise from first reducing on $T^{d-1}$ and then reducing on the final $S^1$ with a geometric duality twist [2]. In such examples this is equivalent to the reduction of a torus bundle over a circle [7], which can be thought of as a twisting of the torus $T^d$. However, an important class of examples are those in which $G$ is compact and the internal manifold is the group manifold $G$ and it is clearly misleading to refer to such a group manifold as a twisted torus. There are more general examples in which $G$ is non-compact, but in which the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz nonetheless gives a consistent truncation to a well-defined $D$-dimensional field theory.

The Scherk-Schwarz construction gives a truncation of a $D+d$ dimensional field theory in a particular background to give a $D$-dimensional field theory with a finite number of fields. A long-standing question has been how to extend this to the full Kaluza-Klein or string theory. For the dimensional reduction of a $D+d$ dimensional field theory, one would expect towers of massive Kaluza-Klein modes and one would like to know how to calculate the spectrum and whether there is a mass gap. One way of obtaining the Scherk-Schwarz reduction is to reduce on the group manifold $G$ and then truncate to the $y$-independent sector. This would give the same $D$ dimensional field theory discussed above, and in the case in which $G$ is compact gives a compactification of the original theory. However, if $G$ is non-compact, then if one were to include the $y$-dependence one would expect a continuous mass spectrum in general. A well-behaved Kaluza-Klein theory with a discrete mass spectrum would be obtained if there was a compact space $\mathcal{X}$ such that compactification on $\mathcal{X}$ could be truncated to reproduce the Scherk-Schwarz reduction. This would then allow the construction to be extended to compactification of string theory or M-theory on $\mathcal{X}$.

The issue of finding such a $\mathcal{X}$ and hence understanding the Scherk-Schwarz reduction as a compactification was addressed in [2]. If $G$ is compact, one simply takes $\mathcal{X}$ to be the group manifold with the $\sigma$ the left-invariant forms for which (1.5) is the Maurer-Cartan equation. There is a left-action $G_L$ and a right-action $G_R$ of the group $G$ on the group manifold. The Scherk-Schwarz ansatz is the most general one that is invariant under $G_L$ so that the Scherk-Schwarz reduction is a compactification followed by a truncation to a $G_L$-invariant sector. The metric (1.2) will not be invariant under $G_R$ unless $g_{mn}$ is chosen to be an invariant metric (otherwise the background will break $G_R$ to the subgroup preserving $g_{mn}$). The one-forms $\nu^m$ are invariant under $G_L$ but transform covariantly under a local ($x\mu$-dependent) action of $G_R$, which becomes a gauge symmetry in the compactified theory, with the frame indices $m, n$ becoming adjoint gauge indices, so that e.g. $g_{mn}$ transforms in the symmetric bi-adjoint representation of the gauge group $G$.

For non-compact $G$, one requires a compact space $\mathcal{X}$ with frame fields satisfying (1.6).
Then \( \mathcal{X} \) must be locally isomorphic to the group manifold \( G \), but this need not be true globally. Moreover, the consistency of the ansatz requires that the frame fields should be globally defined and nowhere-vanishing, so that \( \mathcal{X} \) must be parallelizable. (For example, suppose that the \( \sigma^m \) are sections of the frame bundle of the internal space, so that in overlaps of patches on \( \mathcal{X} \) in which the coordinates \( y, y' \) are related by a diffeomorphism \( y'(y) \), then \( \sigma^m(y'(y)) = \Lambda^m_n(y)\sigma^n(y) \) for some local frame rotation \( \Lambda^m_n(y) \) and the corresponding internal metrics would need to be related by \( g_{mn} = g'_{pq} \Lambda^p_m \Lambda^q_n \), which would not allow them to be independent of \( y \).) This implies that the internal manifold must either be the group manifold itself, or the group manifold identified under the action of a discrete subgroup \( \Gamma \) of \( G \) \( \mathbb{L} \). It is important that \( \Gamma \) acts as a subgroup of \( G \), so that the one-forms \( \sigma \) are invariant under \( \Gamma \) and the local form of the ansatz takes the same form on \( G \) or \( G/\Gamma \). Thus for a compactification to be possible, one requires that there exist a discrete subgroup \( \Gamma \) of \( G \) such that identifying the group manifold under the left action of \( \Gamma \) gives a compact space \( \mathcal{X} = G/\Gamma \) which can be taken as the compactifying space \( \mathbb{L} \). A necessary condition for the existence of such a \( \Gamma \) is that the structure constants satisfy the condition (1.7).

If there is a compact space \( \mathcal{X} = G/\Gamma \), then supergravity, string theory or M-theory can be compactified on \( \mathcal{X} \) in the usual way. The Scherk-Schwarz construction is then a consistent truncation of the full compactified theory to a \( D \)-dimensional effective field theory with fields \( g_{\mu\nu}, A^m_\mu, g_{mn}, \varphi \) and \( B_{\mu_1...\mu_p}, B_{\mu_1...\mu_{p-1}m}, B_{\mu_1...\mu_{p-2}mn} \), etc. Note that this truncated set may not contain all the light fields in general. For example, if \( G \) is compact and \( \Gamma \) is trivial, then at the special point in moduli space in which \( g_{mn} \) is proportional to the Cartan-Killing metric and all the form gauge fields vanish, the background has isometry \( G_L \times G_R \) which will be a gauge symmetry in the reduced theory, so that there will be 2\( d \) massless Yang-Mills gauge fields. The Scherk-Schwarz construction truncates this theory to a \( G_L \)-invariant sector of the low-energy theory with only \( d \) gauge fields and gauge symmetry \( G_R \).

In this paper, we will consider the compactification of M-theory on \( d \)-dimensional twisted tori \( \mathcal{X} = G/\Gamma \) with flux. This has a truncation to a Scherk-Schwarz reduction of eleven dimensional supergravity \( \mathbb{R} \) in which the ansatz for the 3-form gauge field \( \hat{C} \) is generalised to include a flux for the field strength \( \hat{G} = d\hat{C} \) of the form

\[
\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{24} K_{mnpq} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p \wedge \sigma^q
\]  

(1.8)

for some constant coefficients \( K_{mnpq} \); such a flux is manifestly invariant under \( G_L \). This generalises the compactification of string theory on twisted tori with flux \( \mathbb{R} \) that truncate to generalised Scherk-Schwarz reductions with flux \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \). Such reductions of 11-dimensional supergravity have also been considered in \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \) \( \mathbb{R} \).

The \( O(d, d) \) covariant formulation of string theory reduced on a twisted torus, studied in \( \mathbb{R} \), \( \mathbb{R} \) is very suggestive. It is natural to ask whether this generalises to M-theory compactifications, and whether these can be written in a way that is covariant under the action of a
duality group. We consider general Scherk-Schwarz compactifications of eleven dimensional supergravity with flux and analyse the gauge symmetry. In this case the generators \( X^m \) related to the \( B_1 \) fields in \([2]\) are replaced by generators \( X^{mn} = -X^{nm} \) which can be associated with the field \( C_1 \) which arises from the dimensional reduction of the three form potential \( \hat{C} \) of the eleven dimensional theory.

The outline of the paper is as follows: In section two we give the Scherk-Schwarz reduction of eleven dimensional supergravity, where there is a non-trivial flux on the four form, to arbitrary dimensions. In section three we study the symmetries of this theory, in particular we show that the symmetry algebra of this theory is not a Lie algebra in general, but contains a Lie subalgebra. Section four deals with symmetry breaking and mass mechanisms in such reductions and then finally in section five we consider the writing of these theories in a manifestly \( E_{d(d)} \)-covariant form. In section six we discuss the implications of our results for M-Theory.

## 2 Scherk-Schwarz Reduction of Eleven Dimensional Supergravity with Flux

The action of eleven dimensional supergravity is

\[
S = \int \mathcal{L}_B + \mathcal{L}_F
\]

where the Lagrangian for the bosonic sector is

\[
\mathcal{L}_B = \tilde{R} \ast 1 - \frac{1}{2} \ast \tilde{G} \wedge \tilde{G} + \frac{1}{6} \tilde{G} \wedge \tilde{G} \wedge \tilde{G}
\]

and the four-form field strength \( \tilde{G} \) is defined in terms of a three form potential \( \tilde{C} \)

\[
\tilde{G} = d \tilde{C}
\]

\( \mathcal{L}_F \) is the Fermi sector involving the gravitino \( \tilde{\psi}_\mu \). In this paper the fermions are set to zero and we consider a Scherk-Schwarz reduction with flux of the bosonic sector following \([2, 5, 6]\).

We adopt the metric ansatz \([1, 2]\) and the \( G_L \)-invariant flux ansatz

\[
\tilde{G} = \frac{1}{24} K_{mpq} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p \wedge \sigma^q + \ldots
\]

for constant \( K_{mpq} \). We require that the constants \( K_{mpq} \) satisfy the algebraic identity

\[
K_{[mp][qs]} = 0
\]

so that the flux is closed and so locally there is a 3-form \( \varpi_3 \) such that

\[
d\varpi_3 = \frac{1}{24} K_{mpq} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p \wedge \sigma^q
\]
In general $\omega(3)$ is not defined globally. Then the $G_L$-invariant reduction ansatz for the three-form is

$$\hat{C} = C(3) + C(2)m \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2} C(1)mn \wedge \nu^m \wedge \nu^n + \frac{1}{6} C(0)mnp \nu^m \wedge \nu^n \wedge \nu^p + \omega(3)$$  \hfill (2.7)

The field strength $\hat{G} = d\hat{C}$ is

$$\hat{G} = G(4) + G(3)m \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2} G(2)mn \wedge \nu^m \wedge \nu^n + \frac{1}{6} G(1)mnp \wedge \nu^m \wedge \nu^n \wedge \nu^p$$

$$+ \frac{1}{24} G(0)mnpq \nu^m \wedge \nu^n \wedge \nu^p \wedge \nu^q$$  \hfill (2.8)

where the reduced field strengths are

$$G(4) = dC(3) - C(2)m \wedge F^m - \frac{1}{24} K_{mnpq} A^m \wedge A^n \wedge A^p \wedge A^q$$

$$G(3)m = DC(2)m - C(1)mn \wedge F^n + \frac{1}{6} K_{mnpq} A^n \wedge A^p \wedge A^q$$

$$G(2)mn = DC(1)mn - C(2)p fn^p - C(0)mnp F^p - \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq} A^p \wedge A^q$$

$$G(1)mnp = DC(0)mnp - 3C(1)[m|q]f[n]p^q + K_{mnpq} A^q$$

$$G(0)mnpq = -6C(0)[mn|t]f[pq]^t - K_{mnpq}$$  \hfill (2.9)

We note the appearance of Chern-Simons-type terms arising from the flux. This will have important consequences for the gauge algebra of the reduced theory as we shall discuss in the following sections. The $G_R$-covariant derivatives are

$$DC(2)m = dC(2)m + f_{mp}^n C(2)n \wedge A^p$$

$$DC(1)mn = dC(1)mn + 2f_{[m|q}^p C(1)n]p \wedge A^q$$

$$DC(0)mnp = dC(0)mnp + 3f_{[m|t}^q C(0)n]p^q A^t$$  \hfill (2.10)

The zero-curvature equations $G_{(p)} = 0$ define a Free Differential Algebra [9, 10, 13, 14]. The Bianchi identity $d\hat{G} = 0$ gives the set of identities

$$dG(4) + G(3)m \wedge F^m = 0$$

$$DG(3)m + G(2)mn \wedge F^n = 0$$

$$DG(2)mn + G(1)mnp \wedge F^p = 0$$

$$DG(1)mnp + G(0)mnpq F^q = 0$$

$$DG(0)mnpq = 0$$  \hfill (2.11)

We now have the necessary information to give the reduction to $D$ dimensions of the Lagrangian (2.2) on the $d$ dimensional twisted torus $X$ with metric ansatz (1.2) and 3-form ansatz (2.7). Up to boundary terms, the bosonic Lagrangian reduced to $D$-dimensions is

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \mathcal{L}_R + \mathcal{L}_G^{cs} + \mathcal{L}_D^{cs} + V \ast 1$$  \hfill (2.12)
where $\mathcal{L}_R$ arises from the reduction of the eleven dimensional Einstein-Hilbert Lagrangian
\[
\mathcal{L}_R = R \ast 1 - \frac{1}{2} * d\phi \wedge d\phi - \frac{1}{2} g^{mp} g^{nq} * D g_{mn} \wedge D g_{pq} - \frac{1}{2} e^{2(\beta - \alpha)\phi} g_{mn} * F^m \wedge F^n
\] (2.13)
where $D g_{mn} = d g_{mn} + g_{mp} f_{nq}^p A^q + g_{np} f_{mq}^p A^q$ and
\[
\alpha = - \left( \frac{d}{2(D - 2)(D + d - 2)} \right)^\frac{1}{2} \quad \beta = \left( \frac{D - 2}{2d(D + d - 2)} \right)^\frac{1}{2}
\] (2.14)
have been chosen to give the dilaton kinetic term the canonical normalisation and ensure the Lagrangian has an Einstein-Hilbert term without any conformal pre factors. The reduction of the four form field strength kinetic term gives
\[
\mathcal{L}_G = \frac{1}{2} e^{-4(\alpha - \beta)\phi} \left( g_{mn} g^{pq} g_{ts} * F_{pt}^m f_{qs}^n + 2 g_{mn} f_{qm}^p f_{np}^q \right)
\]
\[
- \frac{1}{2} e^{-4(\alpha - \beta)\phi} \left( g_{mn} g^{pq} g_{ts} * G_{(1)mpt} \wedge G_{(1)nqs} \right)
\] (2.15)
The Scherk-Schwarz reduction generates a potential $V$ in the effective theory where
\[
V = \frac{1}{4} e^{-2(\alpha - \beta)\phi} \left( g_{mn} g^{pq} g_{ts} * F_{pt}^m f_{qs}^n + 2 g_{mn} f_{qm}^p f_{np}^q \right)
\]
\[
- \frac{1}{2} e^{-4(\alpha - \beta)\phi} \left( g_{mn} g^{pq} g_{ts} * G_{(0)mpt} G_{(0)nqs} \right)
\] (2.16)
Both the geometry and the flux contribute to the potential. The $\mathcal{L}^{cs}_{D}$ are dimension dependent terms arising from the reduction of the eleven dimensional Chern-Simons term
\[
\mathcal{L}^{cs}_{D+d} = \frac{1}{6} \hat{G} \wedge \hat{G} \wedge \hat{C}
\] (2.17)
to $D$-dimensions. The reduction of the Chern-Simons term is given explicitly in the Appendix and generalises that of [16] to include flux. Such reductions to $D = 4$ have been considered in [8, 9].

## 3 Gauge Symmetry Algebra

In this section we consider the gauge symmetries of the reduced Lagrangian. The gauge group arises from anti-symmetric tensor transformations and diffeomorphisms on the twisted torus. The field strengths are invariant under the infinitesimal anti-symmetric tensor transformations $\hat{C} \to \hat{C} + d\lambda$, where
\[
\hat{\lambda} = \Lambda_{(2)} + \Lambda_{(1)m} \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{(0)mn} \nu^m \wedge \nu^n
\]
\[
d\hat{\lambda} = \left( d\Omega_{(2)} + \Lambda_{(1)m} \wedge F^m \right) + \left( D \Lambda_{(1)m} + \lambda_{(0)mn} F^n \right) \wedge \nu^m
\]
\[
+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \Lambda_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + D \lambda_{(0)mn} \right) \wedge \nu^m \wedge \nu^n + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{(0)mq} f_{np}^q \nu^m \wedge \nu^n \wedge \nu^p
\] (3.1)
and the reduced parameters $\lambda_{(0)mn}$, $\Lambda_{(1)m}$, and $\Omega_{(2)}$ are the parameters of independent scalar, one-form and two-form anti-symmetric tensor transformations respectively. The corresponding $D$-dimensional gauge transformations of the reduced potentials are

\[
\delta_X(\hat{\lambda})C_{(3)} = d\Omega_{(2)} + \Lambda_{(1)m} \wedge F^m \\
\delta_X(\hat{\lambda})C_{(2)m} = D\Lambda_{(1)m} + \lambda_{(0)mn} F^m \\
\delta_X(\hat{\lambda})C_{(1)mn} = \Lambda_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + D\lambda_{(0)mn} \\
\delta_X(\hat{\lambda})C_{(0)mnp} = 3\lambda_{(0)[m|q]f_{np]}^q} 
\]

(3.2)

Diffeomorphisms on the internal manifold lead to a second set of Yang-Mills gauge transformations with parameter $\omega^m(x)$. The requirement that $\hat{C}$ is invariant under general coordinate transformations and the covariant transformation of the one-form $\nu^m$

\[
\delta(\omega)\nu^m = -\nu^m f_{np}^m \omega^n 
\]

(3.3)

induces the following transformations on the reduced potentials

\[
\delta(\omega)C_{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^m \wedge A^n \wedge A^p + d\hat{\Xi}(2) + \Xi_{(1)m} \wedge F^m \\
\delta(\omega)C_{(2)m} = C_{(2)n} f_{mp}^n \omega^p + \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^n \wedge A^p + D\Xi_{(1)m} + \Xi_{(0)mn} F^n \\
\delta(\omega)C_{(1)mn} = 2C_{(1)[m|p} f_{|n]q}^p \omega^q + K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^p + \Xi_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + D\Xi_{(0)mn} \\
\delta(\omega)C_{(0)mnp} = 3C_{(0)[mn|q} f_{|p]t}^q \omega^t + K_{mnpq}\omega^q + 3\Xi_{(0)[m|q} f_{np]}^q 
\]

(3.4)

where $\hat{\Xi} \equiv \iota_{\omega} \varpi_{(3)}$ and

\[
\hat{\Xi} = \Xi_{(2)} + \Xi_{(1)m} \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2} \Xi_{(0)mn} \nu^m \wedge \nu^n 
\]

(3.5)

has explicit dependence on the internal coordinates\(^1\) of $X$. We remove this dependence on the internal coordinates by a gauge transformation $\hat{C} \rightarrow \hat{C} + d\hat{\lambda}$ with parameter $\hat{\lambda} = -\hat{\Xi}(y)$ yielding the infinitesimal gauge transformations

\[
\delta_Z(\omega)A^m = -D\omega^m \\
\delta_Z(\omega)C_{(3)} = \frac{1}{6} K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^m \wedge A^n \wedge A^p \\
\delta_Z(\omega)C_{(2)m} = C_{(2)n} f_{mp}^n \omega^p + \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^n \wedge A^p \\
\delta_Z(\omega)C_{(1)mn} = 2C_{(1)[m|p} f_{|n]q}^p \omega^q + K_{mnpq}\omega^q A^p \\
\delta_Z(\omega)C_{(0)mnp} = 3C_{(0)[mn|q} f_{|p]t}^q \omega^t + K_{mnpq}\omega^q 
\]

(3.6)

We have included the transformation of the Kaluza-Klein vector fields $A^m$.

\(^{1}\)In general, $\hat{\Xi}$ will not be left-invariant but the Lagrangian is still invariant under this transformation.
The gauge symmetries \((\delta_Z(\omega), \delta_X(\hat{\lambda}))\) generate the gauge algebra

\[
[\delta_Z(\tilde{\omega}^m), \delta_Z(\omega^n)] = \delta_Z(f_{np}^m \omega^n \tilde{\omega}^p) - \delta_X(K_{mnpq} \omega^p \tilde{\omega}^q) - \delta_W\left(\frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq} \omega^p \tilde{\omega}^q A^m \wedge A^n\right)
\]

where the antisymmetric tensor transformations \(\delta_X(\hat{\lambda})\) has been split into \(\delta_X(\lambda(0)_{mn})\), \(\delta_W(\Lambda(1)_m)\) and \(\delta_\Sigma(\Omega)\). All other commutators vanish and the identities \(f_{[mn}^q f_{pq]}^t = 0\) and \(K_{[mnpq] f_{[qt]}^s} = 0\) have been used. With a little work, again using the identities \(f_{[mn}^q f_{pq]}^t = 0\) and \(K_{[mnpq] f_{[qt]}^s} = 0\), it can be checked that this algebra satisfies the Jacobi identity

\[
[[\delta_A(\alpha), \delta_B(\beta)], \delta_C(\gamma)] + [[\delta_B(\beta), \delta_C(\gamma)], \delta_A(\alpha)] + [[\delta_C(\gamma), \delta_A(\alpha)], \delta_B(\beta)] = 0
\]

where \(\delta_A(\alpha), \delta_B(\beta)\) and \(\delta_C(\gamma)\) denote any of \(\delta_Z(\omega^m), \delta_X(\lambda(0)_{mn}), \delta_W(\Lambda(1)_m)\) and \(\delta_\Sigma(\Omega(2))\).

### 3.1 Field dependent parameters and Chern-Simons terms

We shall briefly comment on the field dependent terms in the gauge algebra, analogous to those found in \(\mathbb{Z}\) for the Kalb-Ramond field. These terms, surprising at first, arise generically in theories with field strengths that include Chern-Simons-like terms such as those in the previous section. As an illustration, consider the simpler case of a three-form field strength

\[
H_{(3)} = dB_{(2)} - \mathcal{Q}_{(3)}
\]

where

\[
\mathcal{Q}_{(3)} = tr\left(A \wedge dA + \frac{1}{3} A \wedge A \wedge A\right)
\]

is a Chern-Simons term satisfying \(d\mathcal{Q}_{(3)} = tr(F \wedge F)\) where \(F\) is the two-form field strength \(F = dA + A \wedge A\). The one-form \(A\) transforms as a Yang-Mills connection \(\delta_Z(\epsilon) A = -D\epsilon\). The requirement that \(H_{(3)}\) be gauge invariant means \(B_{(2)}\), in addition to the antisymmetric tensor transformation \(\delta_X(\lambda) B_{(2)} = d\lambda(1)\), must transform under \(\delta_Z(\epsilon)\) as \(\delta_Z(\epsilon) B_{(2)} = \epsilon dA\). The gauge algebra realised on \(B_{(2)}\) is then

\[
[\delta_Z(\epsilon), \delta_Z(\epsilon)] = \delta_X(\epsilon \epsilon A)
\]

which has a field dependent parameter. This is a specific example of a more general phenomenon involving Chern-Simons terms.

As an example consider the field strength \(G_{(3)m}\) with \(f_{mn}^p = 0\) and \(K_{mnpq} \neq 0\). In this case we may write

\[
G_{(3)m} = dC_{(2)m} - \mathcal{Q}_{(3)m}
\]

\[
\mathcal{Q}_{(3)m} = C_{(1)mn} \wedge F^n - \frac{1}{6} K_{mnpq} A^n \wedge A^p \wedge A^q
\]

where \(d\mathcal{Q}_{(3)m} = G_{(2)mn} \wedge F^n\). This leads to the field dependent algebra \((3.7)\).
3.2 Lie Subalgebra

The Yang-Mills gauge transformations are $\delta_Z(\omega)$, $\delta_X(\lambda(0))$ and comparing with the algebra (3.7) and the discussion of [5] suggests that this might correspond to a gauge group with Lie algebra of the form

\[
[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnpq} X^{pq} \\
[X^{mn}, Z_p] = -f_{pq}^m X^{mq} + f_{pq}^n X^{mq} \\
[X^{mn}, X^{pq}] = 0 \tag{3.13}
\]

where $Z_m$ and $X^{mn}$ are the group generators for the transformations $\delta_Z(\omega)$ and $\delta_X(\lambda(0))$ respectively. The extra field-dependent terms in the algebra (3.7) would then arise from the Chern-Simons-like terms, as discussed in section 3.1. This would be the direct analogue of the string case discussed in [2]. However, the algebra (3.13) does not satisfy the Jacobi identities and so is not a Lie algebra, so the situation cannot be so straightforward.

To understand the gauge algebra further, consider gauge transformations with parameter

\[
\lambda(0)_{mn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn}^p \tilde{\lambda}(0)_p \tag{3.14}
\]

From (3.2), the effect of the $\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m}$ transformation can all be absorbed in a redefinition

\[
\tilde{\Lambda}_{(1)m} = \Lambda_{(1)m} + D\tilde{\lambda}(0)_m \tag{3.15}
\]

so that transformations of this form do not act. This is because, gauge fields $C_{(1)mn}$ of the form

\[
C_{(1)mn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn}^p \tilde{C}_{(1)p} \tag{3.16}
\]

can be absorbed into a field redefinition

\[
\tilde{C}_{(2)m} = C_{(2)m} - D\tilde{C}_{(1)m} \tag{3.17}
\]

so that $C_{(2)m}$ becomes massive by ‘eating’ $\tilde{C}_{(1)m}$, the gauge boson of the $\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m}$ transformation, so the gauge symmetry with parameter $\lambda_{(0)mn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn}^p \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)p}$ is broken by any vacuum of the theory. The remaining gauge fields are the $\tilde{C}_{(1)mn}$ that are in some sense orthogonal to the gauge fields $C_{(1)mn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn}^p \tilde{C}_{(1)p}$. For semi-simple groups, these can be defined by taking them to be orthogonal to the $\tilde{C}_{(1)p}$ with respect to the Cartan-Killing metric, while the definition for general groups will be postponed until section 4.

The gauge generators $X^{mn}$ can now be decomposed into a part $\tilde{X}^{mn}$ satisfying $f_{mn}^p \tilde{X}^{mn} = 0$ and a part $X^p = f_{mn}^p \tilde{X}^{mn}$ generating the transformations with parameter $\lambda_{(0)mn} = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn}^p \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)p}$. As we have seen, the $\tilde{X}^p$ transformations are broken by a choice of vacuum,
leaving the algebra of $Z_m$ and $\tilde{X}^{mn}$ transformations given by

\[
\begin{align*}
[Z_m, Z_n] &= -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnpq} \tilde{X}^{pq} \\
[\tilde{X}^{mn}, Z_p] &= -f_{pq}^m \tilde{X}^{mq} + f_{pq}^n \tilde{X}^{mq} \\
[\tilde{X}^{mn}, \tilde{X}^{pq}] &= 0
\end{align*}
\] (3.18)

In this case, the Jacobi identity holds identically

\[
[[Z_m, Z_n], Z_p] + [[Z_p, Z_m], Z_n] + [[Z_n, Z_p], Z_m] = K_{mnpq} f_{ts}^q \tilde{X}^{ts} = 0
\] (3.19)

by virtue of the condition $f_{mn}^p \tilde{X}^{mn} = 0$ and this is a Lie sub-algebra of the full symmetry group.

4 Symmetry Breaking and Examples of Flux Reductions

The reduction on a twisted torus with flux gives rise to a compactified theory with the gauge algebra (3.7). This symmetry will in general be spontaneously broken by any given vacuum of the theory. First, some of the gauge symmetry is non-linearly realised, and as a non-linearly realised transformation acts as a shift on certain fields $\phi$, $\delta \phi = \alpha + O(\phi)$, it cannot be preserved by any vacuum expectation value of $\phi$ and so is necessarily broken by any vacuum, so that the gauge group is necessarily broken down to its linearly realised subgroup. Then any given vacuum solution (e.g. one arising from a critical point of the scalar potential) can then break the linearly realised subgroup further to the subgroup preserving that vacuum.

In this section, we will discuss the first stage of symmetry breaking down to the linearly realised subgroup that is generic for any solution. For vacua with vanishing scalar expectation value, this is the complete breaking, but for non-trivial scalar expectation values there will be further breaking through the standard Higgs mechanism. The transformation for the scalar fields $C_{(0)mnp}$ is

\[
\delta C_{(0)mnp} = 3\lambda_{(0)[m|q} f_{|np]}^q + K_{mnpq} \phi^q + O(C_{(0)mnp})
\] (4.1)

and from this one can read off the non-linearly realised symmetries, i.e. the ones realised as shifts of scalar fields. The non-linear transformation of the $C_{(1)mn}$ fields occurs in a similar way

\[
\delta C_{(1)mn} = \Lambda_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + O(C_{(1)mn})
\] (4.2)
4.1 Trivial Flux

Consider the flux

\[ K_{mnpq} = \zeta_m n t f_{pq}^t - \zeta_m p t f_{nq}^t + \zeta_n q t f_{mp}^t - \zeta_p q t f_{mn}^t \]  

(4.3)

Where \( \zeta_{mnp} = \zeta_{[mnp]} \). The effect of this flux is removed by the field redefinition

\[ 
C_{(3)} \rightarrow C_{(3)} + \frac{1}{6} \zeta_{mnp} A^m \wedge A^n \wedge A^p \\
C_{(2)m} \rightarrow C_{(2)m} + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_{mnp} A^n \wedge A^p \\
C_{(1)mn} \rightarrow C_{(1)mn} + \zeta_{mnp} A^p \\
C_{(0)mnp} \rightarrow C_{(0)mnp} + \zeta_{mnp} 
\]

(4.4)

This flux is therefore physically trivial, and any such flux produces physics that is equivalent to that of a model without flux.

4.2 Reduction With Semi-Simple Group

Consider the reduction of M-Theory on a twisted torus \( X \simeq G/\Gamma \) where \( G \) is a, not necessarily compact, semi-simple group, and \( \Gamma \subset G_L \) is a discrete subgroup such that \( G/\Gamma \) is compact. The Scherk-Schwarz reduction on such a twisted torus produces a theory in which the \( C_{(2)m} \), \( C_{(1)mn} \) and \( C_{(0)mnp} \) fields all become massive through the Higgs mechanism. For example, the term in the reduced Lagrangian responsible for the \( C_{(1)mn} \) field mass is

\[ L = -\frac{9}{2} e^{2(3\beta - \alpha)\varphi} \bar{g}^{mq} \bar{g}^{nt} \bar{g}^{ps} C_{(1)[m] |l} f_{|np}^l C_{(1)[q|h} f_{|ts}^h + \ldots \]  

where \( \bar{g} \) and \( \varphi \) are vacuum values for the scalar fields. In addition to the appearance of Goldstone scalars \( \chi_{(0)mn} \) for the broken symmetries with scalar parameter \( \lambda_{(0)mn} \), the symmetry breaking requires a set of Goldstone one-forms \( \chi_{(1)m} \) corresponding to the breaking of the gauge symmetries with parameter \( \Lambda_{(1)m} \), a feature that is qualitatively distinct from the analysis of string theory discussed in [2], but is generic for higher degree forms. For a semi-simple group the Cartan-Killing metric \( \eta_{mn} \), defined by

\[ \eta_{mn} = -\frac{1}{2} f_{mp}^q f_{nq}^p \]  

(4.6)

is non-degenerate and invertible. The inverse Cartan-Killing metric \( \eta^{mn} \) may be used to raise the indices of the structure constants \( f_{mnp} = \eta^{mq} f_{nq}^p \). If the flux is zero, the full gauge algebra of the theory (3.7) corresponds to the Lie algebra

\[ 
[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p \\
[X^{mn}, Z_p] = -f_{pq}^m X^{np} + f_{pq}^n X^{mq} \\
[W^m, Z_n] = -f_{np}^m W^p 
\]

(4.7)
with all other commutators vanishing. For convenience, the constants $O_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma}$ and $\Pi_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma}$ are defined

$$O_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{\alpha \beta}^{\mu} \delta_{\gamma \mu}^{\nu}$$

These constants will be seen to play an analogous role in the three-form symmetry breaking mechanism to $f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^\alpha$ and $f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^\beta$ in \[2\]. The fields which become massive are singlets of the antisymmetric tensor transformations generated by $\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ and $\delta_X(\Lambda_{(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$. The gauge transformation generated by $\delta_X(\Omega_{\alpha \beta \gamma})$ is not charged under the right action $G_R$ acting on $X$ and therefore plays no role in the symmetry breaking mechanism defined here. This is to be expected since the only field that is charged under this symmetry is $C_{(3)}$ which has no mass-like term in the Lagrangian and is expected to remain the massless gauge boson of the $\delta_X(\Omega_{\alpha \beta \gamma})$ transformation. This mechanism works analogously to the two-form case for the $\delta_W(\Lambda_{(1\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ symmetry, however the $\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ symmetry requires more care and it is consideration of this sector that motivates the introduction of the constants $O_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma}$ and $\Pi_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma}$ above. The $\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ parameter is decomposed into irreducible representations of $G_R$

$$\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}) C_{(2\alpha \beta \gamma)} = \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} + \frac{1}{2} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^\alpha \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$$

where $f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^\alpha \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} = 0$. The $\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ gauge transformation is now split into two orthogonal parts $\delta_X(\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ and $\delta_X(\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$. The potentials transform as

$$\delta_X(\lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}) C_{(2\alpha \beta \gamma)} = \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} + \frac{1}{2} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^\alpha \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$$

where the equality $D^2 \lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} = \lambda_{(\alpha \beta \gamma)} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} F_{\alpha \beta \gamma}$ has been used. Note that $\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$ now only enters into the gauge transformations as the covariant derivative $D\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$, and $O_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} = 0$ by virtue of the identity \[1.6\] so that $C_{(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$ is a singlet of the transformation generated by $\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$. The corresponding Goldstone fields of the broken $\delta_X(\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$, $\delta_X(\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ and $\delta_X(\Lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)})$ symmetries are defined as

$$\delta(\omega, \hat{\lambda}) \chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} = \tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} + \chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} \omega_{\alpha \beta \gamma} + \chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} \omega_{\alpha \beta \gamma}$$

where $f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} \chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} = 0$. Using \[4.10\] and \[4.11\] one finds that these fields transform as\[3\]

$$\delta(\omega, \hat{\lambda}) \chi_{(\alpha \beta \gamma)} = \frac{1}{2} D\tilde{\lambda}_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} + \Lambda_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} + \chi_{(\alpha \beta \gamma)} f_{\alpha \beta \gamma}^{\alpha \beta \gamma} \omega_{\alpha \beta \gamma}$$

\[4.12\]

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\[2\] Various useful identities that these constants satisfy may be found in the Appendix.

\[3\] Note that the definition of $\chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)}$ means that it has general symmetry, in particular $\chi_{0(\alpha \beta \gamma)} \neq 0$. 

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It is now simple to construct potentials \( \tilde{C} \) that are invariant under the infinitesimal \( \delta_X (\tilde{\lambda})_{(0)m} \) and \( \delta_X (\Lambda)_{(1)m} \) transformations

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{C}^{(3)} &= C^{(3)} - \chi^{(1)m} \wedge F^m \\
\tilde{C}^{(2)m} &= C^{(2)m} - \chi^{(0)mn} F^m - D\chi^{(1)m} \\
\tilde{C}^{(1)mn} &= C^{(1)mn} - D\chi^{(0)[mn]} - f_{mn}^p \chi^{(1)p} \\
\tilde{C}^{(0)mnp} &= C^{(0)mnp} - O^{q}_{mnp} \chi^{(0)qt} 
\end{align*}
\] (4.13)

\( \tilde{C}^{(3)} \) is not a \( \delta_X (\Omega^{(2)}) \) singlet and as such it remains massless, as expected. (In section 5 we will consider cases in seven dimensions with a non trivial flux in which \( C^{(3)} \) has a topological mass arising from the Chern-Simons term in the Lagrangian.) Note that the Goldstone boson \( \chi^{(1)m} \) for the broken symmetry with parameter \( \Lambda^{(1)m} \) is also the gauge boson for the symmetry with parameter \( \tilde{\lambda}^{(0)m} \). Thus the gauge boson for the symmetry generated by \( \delta_X (\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m}) \) is eaten by the \( C^{(2)m} \) fields. This is a general result that extends to reductions on twisted tori \( X = G/\Gamma \) where \( G \) is not semi-simple. We shall ignore the symmetry \( \delta_X (\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m}) \) in the following as it is always spontaneously broken in this way. Since these field redefinitions enter in the same form as gauge transformations the form of the field strengths will be unchanged, except that now we have massive \( \tilde{C} \) fields which are singlets under the gauge transformations where we previously had \( C \) fields, which transform under the anti-symmetric gauge transformations. The algebra gauged by the \( \tilde{C} \) fields is

\[
[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p
\] (4.14)

All other commutators vanish, and so the gauge symmetry is broken to the semi-simple group \( G_R \) i.e. the algebra generated by \( Z_m \) and \( X^{mn} \) is broken to the subalgebra \( \{4.14\} \) generated by \( Z_m \). The symmetry may be broken further by a choice of the constant metric vacuum expectation \( \bar{g}_{mn} \). The gauge group \( G_R \) will be broken to the isometry group of the metric \( \bar{g} \subset G_R \), for which

\[
\delta_Z (\omega) \bar{g}_{mn} = 2 \bar{g}_{(m|p} \bar{f}_{q|n)}^p \omega^q = 0
\] (4.15)

The Cartan-Killing metric preserves the full gauge group but a more general choice of metric, as is allowed in the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz, will not giving a reduced theory in which the graviphotons of the broken symmetries become massive with mass

\[
\mathcal{L}_D = - (\bar{g}^{mn} \bar{g}^{pq} f_{mi}^p f_{ns}^q - 2 \eta_{is}) \ast A^i \wedge A^s + \ldots
\] (4.16)

In the case of a two form \( \tilde{B}^{(2)} \) with flux \( K_{mnp} \) it was shown \[2, 6\] that one could introduce the flux \( K_{mnp} = f_{mnp} = \eta_{[m|q} \bar{f}_{p|n]}^q \), for semi-simple Lie group \( G \). It is natural to ask whether there is an analogous form for the four-form flux, constructed from the structure constants with an ansatz of the form

\[
K_{mnpq} = \zeta_{[mn|s} \bar{f}_{pq]}^s
\] (4.17)
in which case there might also be similar field redefinitions that could be found explicitly. However, in this case the integrability condition \( K_{[mnp]} s f_{[qt]} s^* = 0 \) implies that any flux of the form (4.17) must have a tensor \( \zeta_{mnp} = \zeta_{[mnp]} \) in which case the flux is a trivial flux of the form discussed in section 4.1.

### 4.3 \( T^d \) Reduction with Flux

If \( f_{mn}^p = 0 \), then the group \( G_R \) is abelian and the internal manifold (after discrete identifications to compactify, if necessary) is a torus. With flux \( K \), the gauge Lie algebra (3.18) for such compactifications is

\[
[Z_m, Z_n] = K_{mn pq} X^{pq} \tag{4.18}
\]

with all other commutators vanishing. The inclusion of the flux in the field strength \( G^{(1) mn pq} = K_{mn pq} A^q + ... \) gives a mass-like term for the graviphotons in the low energy action. For a given vacuum expectation value of the scalars \( \bar{g} \) and \( \bar{\varphi} \) the graviphoton mass term is

\[
\mathcal{L}_D = -\frac{1}{2} M_{lh}^2 A^l \wedge A^h + ...
\tag{4.19}
\]

where the mass matrix \( M_{mn} \) is given by

\[
M_{lh}^2 = e^{-\bar{\varphi}} \bar{g}^{mn} \bar{g}^{pq} \bar{g}^{ts} K_{mptl} K_{nsqh} \tag{4.20}
\]

The internal index \( m \) can be split into \( m = (m', \bar{m}) \), where \( m' = 1, 2...d' \) and \( \bar{m} = d' + 1, d' + 2...d \) such that, with a suitable choice of coordinates,

\[
K_{mnpq} = 0 \quad K_{m'n'p'q'} \neq 0 \tag{4.21}
\]

Then the transformation of the \( C_{(0)mn} \) scalars is

\[
\delta C_{(0)m'n'p'} = K_{m'n'p'q'} \omega^q \quad \delta C_{(0)mn} = 0
\tag{4.22}
\]

The transformations generated by \( Z_{m'} \) with parameters \( \omega^{m'} \) are spontaneously broken, with \( C_{(0)m'n'p'} \) the Goldstone fields that are eaten by the gauge fields \( A^{m'} \). The Lie group is broken to the \( d(d+1)/2 - d' \) dimensional abelian subgroup \( U(1)^{\frac{1}{2}d(d+1)-d'} \) generated by \( Z_{\bar{m}} \) and \( X^{mn} \) with parameters \( \omega^{\bar{m}} \) and \( \lambda_{(0)mn} \) respectively.

Let \( \tilde{K}^{m'n'p'q'} \) be any constants satisfying \( \tilde{K}^{m'n'p'q'} K_{n'p'q'} = \delta^{m'}_{\cdot \cdot} \). Then the Goldstone fields \( \chi_{(0)m'} \) may be defined by

\[
\chi_{(0)m'} = \tilde{K}^{m'n'p'q'} C_{(0)n'p'q'}
\tag{4.23}
\]

transforming as a shift symmetry. The \( \chi_{(0)m'} \) transforms as

\[
\delta \chi_{(0)m'} = \omega^{m'}
\tag{4.24}
\]

The massive graviphotons \( \tilde{A}^{m'} = A^{m'} + d \chi_{(0)m'} \) may then be defined which are singlets of the gauge transformations.
4.4 General Case

In general the group upon which the reduction is based \( G \) may be non-semi-simple and the flux will only be constrained to satisfy \( K_{[mnp], f} = 0 \). To begin, as in section 4.3, the parameter \( \lambda_{(0)mn} \) is decomposed into irreducible representations of \( G_R \)

\[
\lambda_{(0)M} = 
\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)M} + \frac{1}{2} f_M^m \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m} 
\] (4.25)

where the compound index \( \{ M \} = \{ [mn] \} \) where \( M = 1, 2, \ldots \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) \) has been used. Even though \( \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m} \) does not appear as a shift symmetry this symmetry is broken in the effective theory as demonstrated for the semi-simple case in section 4.2. The transformations of the potentials with shift symmetries are

\[
\delta(\omega, \lambda_{(0)} C_{(0)mnp} = \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)qt} O_{mnp}^{qt} + K_{mnpq} \omega^q + \ldots 
\]

\[
\delta(\omega, \Lambda_{(1)} C_{(1)mn} = \Lambda_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + \frac{1}{2} f_M^m D \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m} + \ldots 
\] (4.26)

The breaking of each of the symmetries and the definition of their respective Goldstone bosons are considered in turn. First, consider transformations of the scalar fields

\[
\delta(\omega, \lambda_{(0)} C_{(0)\Sigma} = \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)M} O_{\Sigma}^M + K_{\Sigma m} \omega^m + \ldots
\]

\[
= \left( \begin{array}{c} \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)M} \omega^m \\ \Lambda_{(1)p} f_{mn}^p + \frac{1}{2} f_M^m D \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m} \end{array} \right) + \ldots
\]

\[
= \alpha_{(0),A} t^A_{\Sigma} + \ldots 
\] (4.27)

The compound index \( \{ \Sigma \} = \{ [mnp] \}, \Sigma = 1, 2, \ldots \left( \frac{d}{3} \right) \) has been defined for convenience. The basis \( A = 1, 2, \ldots \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) \) is chosen such that \( t^A_{\Sigma} \) takes the form

\[
t^A_{\Sigma} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} t^A_{\Sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} t^{A'}_{\Sigma'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)
\] (4.28)

where the split \( \{ A \} = \{ (A', \tilde{A}) \} \) is defined by the CoKernel and Kernel of the map

\[
t: \mathbb{R}^{\left( \frac{d}{2} \right)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\left( \frac{d}{3} \right)}
\] (4.29)

defined by \( \alpha_{(0),A} \rightarrow \alpha_{(0),A} t^A_{\Sigma} \). The indices take values \( A' = 1, 2, \ldots d' \) and \( \tilde{A} = d' + 1, \ldots \left( \frac{d}{2} \right) \) in the kernel and cokernel respectively. The choice of the basis \( \{ \Sigma \} = \{ (\Sigma', \tilde{\Sigma}) \} \) where \( \Sigma' = 1, 2, \ldots d' \) and \( \{ \tilde{\Sigma} \} = d' + 1, \ldots \left( \frac{d}{3} \right) \) has also been made. The matrix \( t^{A'}_{\Sigma'} \) is square and one may define an inverse \( t^{\Sigma'}_{A'} \) such that \( t^{A'}_{\Sigma'} t^{\Sigma'}_{A'} = \delta^{A'}_{A'} \). It is then possible to define the Goldstone boson of the broken symmetry, with parameter \( \alpha_{(0),A'} \), as

\[
\chi_{(0)A'} = C_{(0)\Sigma} t^{\Sigma'}_{A'}
\] (4.30)

\[
\binom{d}{n} = \frac{d!}{n!(d-n)!}
\]
which transforms as
\[ \delta \chi_{(0)A'} = \alpha_{(0)A'} + \ldots \]  
(4.31)
where the dots denote terms linear in \( \chi_{(0)A'} \). The \( C_{(0)\Sigma'} \) are eaten by the massive \( C_{(1)M'} \) whilst the \( C_{(0)\Sigma} \) remain as massless scalars, or moduli, of the theory.

Consider the one-form shift symmetry generated by the parameter \( \Lambda_{(1)m} \). The transformation of the \( C_{(1)M} \) field may be written as
\[ \delta(\lambda_{(0)m}, \Lambda_{(1)m})C_{(1)M} = f^m_M \left( \Lambda_{(1)m} + \frac{1}{2} D\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m} \right) + \ldots \]  
(4.32)
Interpreting \( f^m_M \) as a map \( f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(d')} \)
(4.33)
we choose a basis for the kernel of \( f \), labelled by \( m' = 1, \ldots d' \) and a basis for the cokernel labelled by \( \bar{m} = d' + 1, \ldots d \). Then \( \{m\} = \{(m', \bar{m})\} \) and \( \{M\} = \{(M', \bar{M})\} \). \( f^m_M \) may then be written in the form
\[ f^m_M = \begin{pmatrix} f^m_{m'} & 0 \\ f^m_{M'} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \]  
(4.34)
The matrix \( \tilde{f}^m_{m'M'} \) is defined such that \( \tilde{f}^m_{m'M'} f^m_{m'M'} = \delta^m_{m'm'} \). The transformations then become
\[ \delta(\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m'}, \Lambda_{(1)m'})C_{(1)M'} = f^m_{m'} \left( \Lambda_{(1)m'} + \frac{1}{2} D\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m'} \right) + \ldots \]  
(4.35)
The symmetries generated by the parameters \( \tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m'} \) and \( \Lambda_{(1)m'} \) are broken and the corresponding Goldstone bosons are
\[ \chi_{(1)m'} = \tilde{f}^m_{m'} C_{(1)M'} \]  
(4.36)
where
\[ \delta \chi_{(1)m'} = \Lambda_{(1)m'} + \frac{1}{2} D\tilde{\lambda}_{(0)m'} + \ldots \]  
(4.37)
The \( \tilde{C}_{(1)M'} \) are eaten by the \( C_{(2)m'} \) which become the massive \( \tilde{C}_{(2)m'} = C_{(2)m'} - D\chi_{(1)m'} \), whilst the \( C_{(1)\bar{M}} \) and \( C_{(2)\bar{m}} \) remain massless. Various field redefinitions outlined in this section may be performed to bring the algebra to the form
\[ [T_M, T_N] = -t_{M\bar{N}}^P T_P + h_{M\bar{N}a} T_a \]  
(4.38)
where the \( T_a \) generate a central extension of the unbroken symmetry generated by \( T_M \) (with parameter \( \alpha_{(0)\bar{M}} \)) and all other commutators vanish. For example, in the case of compactification on the \( d + d' \) dimensional twisted torus \( G/\Gamma = G_d \times T^{d'} \) where \( G_d \) is a \( d \)-dimensional compact semi-simple group manifold, the linearly realised Lie subalgebra is
\[ [Z_m, Z_n] = -f^m_{mn} Z_p + K_{mn} X^i \]  
(4.39)
where \( m, n = 1, 2, ... d \) label the coordinates \( y^m \) on \( G_d \) and \( i, j = d+1, ... d+d' \) label coordinates \( y^i \) on the torus \( T^{d'} \). In this case the isometry generators on the torus \( Z_i \) and the gauge transformations \( X^m \) are always spontaneously broken following arguments similar to those of the last section.

## 5 Duality Covariant Formulations

In [2] reductions of a field theory containing gravity, a two-form tensor with flux and a scalar dilaton were studied. The compact internal manifold was a twisted torus \( X = G/\Gamma \), where \( \Gamma \subset G_L \). It was shown that the lower dimensional theory could be written in an \( O(d, d) \) covariant way where a subgroup \( L \subset O(d, d) \) was gauged. This was a truncation of the results of [3] where the effective low energy field theory of the heterotic string was reduced on a twisted torus with flux. In the heterotic case the reduced Lagrangian could be written in an \( E_{d(d)} \) covariant way. A natural question to ask is whether the general eleven dimensional supergravity reduction on a twisted torus with flux may be written in a \( E_{d(d)} \) covariant form and if so, what is the nature of the interplay between the global \( E_{d(d)} \) group, U-duality and the gauge symmetry. It is this question that we address in this section.

### 5.1 String Theory and \( O(d, d) \)

First we review the analysis presented in [2] for the sector consisting of a metric \( \hat{g} \), dilaton \( \hat{\Phi} \) and a three form field strength which may be written locally in terms of a two form \( \hat{H}(3) = d\hat{B}(2) \). The low energy Lagrangian is

\[
L_{D+d} = e^{-\hat{\Phi}} \left( \hat{R} \ast 1 + \ast d\hat{\Phi} \wedge d\hat{\Phi} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{H}(3) \wedge \hat{H}(3) \right)
\]  

(5.1)

Using the procedure outlined in section 2 the theory described by this Lagrangian is reduced on a twisted torus with flux

\[
\mathcal{K} = \frac{1}{6} K_{mnp} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p
\]

(5.2)

for \( \hat{H}(3) \) where we use the Scherk-Schwarz ansatz

\[
\hat{B} = B(2) + B(1)_m \wedge \nu^m + \frac{1}{2} B(0)_{mn} \nu^m \wedge \nu^n + \varpi(2)
\]

(5.3)

where \( d\varpi(2) = \mathcal{K} \). The reduced theory may be written in a manifestly \( O(d, d) \) covariant way

\[
L_D = e^{-\phi} \left( R \ast 1 + \ast d\phi \wedge d\phi + \frac{1}{2} \ast G(3) \wedge G(3) + \frac{1}{4} L_{AC} L_{BD} \ast D M^{AB} \wedge D M^{CD}
\]

\[
- \frac{1}{2} L_{AC} L_{BD} M^{AB} \ast \mathcal{F}^C \wedge \mathcal{F}^D - \frac{1}{12} M^{AD} M^{BE} \mathcal{M}^{CF} \mathcal{M}^{DEF} t_{ABC} t_{DEF}
\]

\[
+ \frac{1}{4} M^{AD} L^{BE} L^{CF} t_{ABC} t_{DEF}
\]

(5.4)
The scalars parameterise the coset $O(d, d)/O(d) \times O(d)$

$$\mathcal{M}^{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} g^{mn} & -B_{(0)np}g^{pm} \\ -B_{(0)mp}g^{np} & g_{mn} + g^{pq}B_{(0)mp}B_{(0)nq} \end{pmatrix}$$ (5.5)

and

$$G_{(3)} = dB_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} \left( L_{AB}A^A \wedge F^A - \frac{1}{6} t_{ABC}A^A \wedge A^B \wedge A^C \right)$$

$$B_{(2)} = B_{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} B_{(1)m} \wedge A^m$$

$$D \mathcal{M}^{AB} = d \mathcal{M}^{AB} + \mathcal{M}^{AC}t_{CD}B^A + \mathcal{M}^{BC}t_{CD}A^D$$ (5.6)

where the one-forms fit into an $O(d, d)$ vector $A^A$ with field strength $F^A$

$$A^A = \begin{pmatrix} A^m \\ B_{(1)m} \end{pmatrix} \quad F^A = \begin{pmatrix} F^m \\ (G_{(2)m} - B_{(0)mn}F^n) \end{pmatrix}$$ (5.7)

where

$$G_{(2)m} = DB_{(1)m} + B_{(0)mn} + \frac{1}{2} K_{mnp}A^n \wedge A^p$$ (5.8)

Defining $t_{ABC} = L_{AD}t_{BC}D$ where $L_{AB}$ is the $O(d, d)$ invariant matrix

$$L_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_d \\ I_d & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$ (5.9)

the structure constants are $t_{np}^m = f_{np}^m$ and $t_{[mnp]} = K_{mnp}$. $I_d$ is the d-dimensional identity matrix $\delta_{nn}$. Upper indices $m = 1, \ldots, d$ indicate covariant vectors under the $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$ subgroup of $O(d, d)$ while lower indices indicate contravariant vectors. The presence of $t_{ABC}$ breaks the $O(d, d)$ symmetry of the ungauged theory to the subgroup preserving $t_{ABC}$.

However, the theory becomes formally invariant under $O(d, d)$ if the constants are taken to transform covariantly under $O(d, d)$. In [21], it was argued that (5.4) is the Lagrangian for general gaugings of this sector of the supergravity theory. Some of these gaugings cannot arise from conventional compactifications of supergravity but can arise from non-geometric compactifications [21]. In the string theory, $O(d, d)$ is broken to $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$ and this $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$ acts as a T-duality group on the internal space, mixing twist with flux and in general transforming geometric compactifications to non-geometric ones such as T-folds [21].

This theory also has a local symmetry generated by the combined gauge transformation

$$\delta_T(\alpha) = \delta_Z(\omega) + \delta_X(\lambda)$$ (5.10)

where the $\delta_Z(\omega)$ are the globally defined right action $G_R$ on the internal manifold $\mathcal{X} = G/\Gamma$ and the $\delta_X(\lambda)$ are antisymmetric tensor transformations acting on the $B$-field, where
\(\alpha_A = (\omega^m, \lambda_m)\) is the \(O(d,d)\) covariant gauge parameter of these transformations. In \[2\] the algebra of these infinitesimals was found to be

\[
[\delta_T(\alpha), \delta_T(\alpha)] = \delta(t_{BC}^{\ A} \alpha^B \alpha^C) - \delta_W(L_{[A|D} t_{|BC]}^{\ A} \alpha^B \alpha^C A^D)
\]

\[
[\delta_W(\Lambda_{(1)}), \delta_T(\alpha)] = 0
\]

\[
[\delta_W(\tilde{\Lambda}_{(1)}), \delta_W(\alpha)] = 0
\]

(5.11)

where \(\delta_W(\lambda_{(1)})\) generates antisymmetric tensor gauge transformations with the one-form parameter \(\lambda_{(1)}\). The characteristic field dependence in the commutator is a consequence of Chern-Simons terms of the form (5.6) and arises in a similar way to that seen in section 3. The Lie algebra subgroup of (5.11), analogous to that of section 3.2, is

\[
[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnp} X^p
\]

\[
[Z_m, X^n] = f_{np}^m X^p
\]

\[
[X^m, X^n] = 0
\]

(5.12)

where \(Z_m\) generators of the right action \(G_R\) on the twisted torus, as in section 3 and \(X^m\) are generators of the antisymmetric tensor transformations \(B \to B + d\lambda\) and \(m = 1, 2, 3...d\). Combining the generators \(Z_m, X^m\), where \(m = 1, 2, 3...d\), into an \(O(d,d)\) vector

\[
\mathcal{T}_A = \left( \begin{array}{c} Z_m \\ X^m \end{array} \right)
\]

(5.13)

the Lie algebra may be written as

\[
[\mathcal{T}_A, \mathcal{T}_B] = t_{AB}^C \mathcal{T}_C
\]

(5.14)

The gauge generators \(\mathcal{T}_A\) are given in terms of the \(O(d,d)\) generators \(J^A_B\) by an expression of the form

\[
\mathcal{T}_A = \Theta_{AB}^C J^B_C
\]

(5.15)

Here \(\Theta\) is the embedding tensor specifying the embedding of the gauge group into \(O(d,d)\). The generators can be used to define \(J_{AB} = -J_{BA} = L_{AC} J^C_B\), which satisfy the algebra

\[
[J_{AB}, J_{CD}] = L_{AD} J_{BC} + L_{BC} J_{AD} - L_{AC} J_{BD} - L_{BD} J_{AC},
\]

(5.16)

In the case at hand, the embedding tensor can be read off explicitly. The generators \(J^A_B\) decompose into the \(GL(d, \mathbb{R})\) generators \(J^a_b, J^a_b, J^{ab}, J_{ab}\) and we find the gauge generators are

\[
Z_m = f_{mn}^p J^p \quad X^m = \frac{1}{2} f_{mn} J^m\]

(5.17)

and the embedding tensor can be read off from this. It is completely specified by the choice of twist and flux.
5.2 Heterotic Theory and \(O(d, d + 16)\)

The previous section is a truncation of the results found in [5] for the heterotic theory. The low energy effective Lagrangian for the bosonic sector of the heterotic theory is

\[
\mathcal{L}_{10} = e^{-\hat{\Phi}} \left( \hat{R} \ast 1 + d \ast \hat{\Phi} \wedge \hat{\Phi} - \frac{1}{2} \ast \hat{H}_{(3)} \wedge \hat{H}_{(3)} - \frac{1}{2} tr \left( \ast \hat{F} \wedge \hat{F} \right) \right) \tag{5.18}
\]

where \(a, b = 1\ldots16\) is a gauge index for the \(E_8 \times E_8\) or \(Spin(32)/\mathbb{Z}_2\) gauge symmetry and \(f_{ab}^c\) are the structure constants and the trace is taken over the gauge indices. Setting \(\alpha' = 1\) the field strengths are

\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{F}^a_{(2)} &= d\hat{A}^a_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2} f_{bc}^a \hat{A}^b_{(1)} \wedge \hat{A}^c_{(1)} \\
\hat{H}_{(3)} &= d\hat{B}_{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} tr \left( \hat{A}_{(1)} \wedge d\hat{A}_{(1)} + \frac{2}{3} \hat{A}_{(1)} \wedge \hat{A}_{(1)} \wedge \hat{A}_{(1)} \right) \tag{5.19}
\end{align*}
\]

The problem of adding flux to \(\hat{B}_{(2)}\) is greatly simplified by assuming the generators of the gauge group lie in the Cartan subalgebra, breaking the gauge symmetry \(E_8 \times E_8\) or \(Spin(32)/\mathbb{Z}_2 \rightarrow U(1)^{16}\) for which \(f_{ab}^c = 0\). The reduction ansatz for field strengths \(\hat{H}_{(3)}\) and \(\hat{F}^a_{(2)}\) are generalised to include the fluxes

\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{H}_{(3)} &= \frac{1}{6} K_{mnp} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p + ... \\
\hat{F}^a_{(2)} &= \frac{1}{2} M^a_{mn} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n + ... \tag{5.20}
\end{align*}
\]

where \(K_{mnp}\) and \(M^a_{mn}\) are constant and satisfy

\[
2K_{[mn][pq]}^t = \delta_{ab} M^a_{[mn]} M^b_{pq} \tag{5.21}
\]

The reduced Lagrangian takes the same form as (5.4) except it is written in terms of \(O(d, d + 16)\) covariant fields. In particular, the scalars parameterise the coset \(O(d, d + 16)/O(d) \times O(d + 16)\)

\[
\mathcal{M}^{AB} = \begin{pmatrix}
g_{mn} & -b_{(0)}_{np} g^{pn} & -g^{mn} A_{(0)n}^a \\
-b_{(0)}_{mp} g^{np} & g_{mn} + g_{pq} b_{(0)}_{mp} b_{(0)}_{nq} + \delta_{ab} A_{(0)m}^a A_{(0)n}^b & A_{(0)m}^a + b_{(0)}_{mp} g^{mn} A_{(0)n}^a \\
-A_{(0)n}^a g^{mn} & A_{(0)m}^a + A_{(0)n}^a g^{np} b_{(0)mp} & \delta_{ab} + A_{(0)m}^a g^{mn} A_{(0)n}^b
\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.22}
\]

where \(b_{(0)mn} = B_{(0)mn} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} A_{(0)m}^a A_{(0)n}^b\) and \(A = 1, 2, \ldots 2d + 16\). There are also the \(O(d, d+16)\) vector \(A^A\) and corresponding field strength \(F^A\)

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
A^m \\
B_{(1)m}^a \\
A_{(1)}^a
\end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix}
F^m \\
G_{(2)m} - B_{(0)mn} F^m \\
F^a_{(2)}
\end{pmatrix} \tag{5.23}
\]

\(^5\)There are some subtleties in adding a flux to \(\hat{B}_{(2)}\) in a way that preserves the consistency of the Scherk-Schwarz truncation. See [5] for details.
and the $O(d,d)$ invariant matrix $L_{AB}$ is replaced by the $O(d,d+16)$ invariant

$$L_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_d & 0 \\ I_d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{16} \end{pmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.24)

As in the previous section, the gauging breaks the global symmetry, but the Lagrangian is formally invariant under the action of the global $O(d,d+16)$ if the structure constants of the gauge group transform as $O(d,d+16)$ tensors. The $O(d,d+16)$ rigid symmetry then maps one gauging into another, in which the gauge algebra remains the same, but its is embedding in the duality group changes.

The gauge group $L \subset O(d,d+16)$ has symmetry algebra

$$[\delta Z(\bar{\omega}), \delta Z(\omega)] = \delta Z(f_{mn}^p \omega^n \bar{\omega}^m) - \delta Y(\delta_{ab} M_{mn}^b \omega^n \bar{\omega}^m) - \delta X(K_{mnp} \omega^n \bar{\omega}^p A^m)$$
$$[\delta Y(\lambda_{(0)}^a), \delta Z(\omega)] = -\delta X(\delta_{ab} M_{mn}^b \lambda_{(0)}^a \omega^n) - \delta X(\delta_{ab} M_{mn}^b \lambda_{(0)}^a A^m)$$
$$[\delta X(\lambda_{(0)}^m), \delta Z(\omega^n)] = \delta X(f_{mn}^p \lambda_{(0)}^p \omega^n)$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.25)

where $\delta Y(\lambda_{(0)}^a) = \lambda_{(0)}^a Y_a$ generates the infinitesimal gauge transformation $\delta A^a_{(1)} = d\lambda_{(0)}^a$. All other commutators are zero. The symmetry algebra (3.37) contains the Lie subalgebra first identified in [5]

$$[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p - M_{mn}^a Y_a + K_{mnp} X^p$$
$$[X^m, Z_n] = -f_{np}^m X^p$$
$$[Y_a, Z_m] = -\delta_{ab} M_{mn}^b X^n$$
$$[Y_a, Y_b] = [Y_a, X^m] = [X^m, X^n] = 0$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.26)

This algebra may be written in an $O(d,d+16)$ covariant form (5.14) where the generators form an $O(d,d+16)$ vector

$$T_A = \begin{pmatrix} Z_m & X^m & Y_a \end{pmatrix}$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.27)

The symmetry algebra (5.25) and Lie subalgebra (5.26) can then be written in the $O(d,d+16)$ covariant form of (5.11) and (5.14) respectively, where the structure constants $t_{ABC}$ are given by $t_{mnp} = f_{mn}^p$, $t_{mna} = M_{mn}^a$ and $t_{mnp} = K_{mnp}$.

5.3 M-Theory, Gauged Supergravity and $E_{d(d)}$

Dimensional reduction of a generic field theory coupled to gravity on $\mathcal{X} \simeq T^d$ followed by Kaluza-Klein truncation to the zero modes has a global $GL(d,\mathbb{R})$ symmetry. Reductions of eleven dimensional supergravity have at least a global $GL(d,\mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^q$ where the $\mathbb{R}^q$ comes from constant shifts of the three form potential and $q = \frac{1}{6}d(d-1)(d-2)$. The reductions considered in section three gauge a subgroup of $GL(d,\mathbb{R}) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^q$. Dualising all $p$-form gauge
fields with degree \( p > \frac{1}{2}D \) in the ungauged theory changes the global symmetry to a global \( E_{d(d)} \) symmetry\(^6\) [22, 23]. For reductions to odd dimensions, \( E_{d(d)} \) is a symmetry of the Lagrangian. For reductions to even dimensions, \( E_{d(d)} \) is a symmetry of the equations of motion and Bianchi identities [24, 25, 26, 30]. However one may introduce an auxiliary Lagrangian, using the doubled formalism of [24, 25], in which the field strength of degree \( \frac{1}{2}D \) is combined with its dual into a single irreducible representation of \( E_{d(d)} \). The number of physical degrees of freedom is maintained by requiring that this doubled field satisfy a twisted self-duality condition [24, 26]. Using these doubled fields, a Lagrangian for this theory may be constructed with manifest \( E_{d(d)} \) global symmetry.

Given a supergravity with an \( E_{d(d)} \) global symmetry of the action (which uses the doubled formalism in even dimensions), one may then seek to supersymmetric gaugings of subgroups of \( E_{d(d)} \). Many classes of examples have been found, but until recently no coherent framework for a programme to systematically classify such gauged supergravities had been found. In [27, 28, 29, 30] doubled Lagrangians were proposed for the \( D = 5 \) and \( D = 7 \) gauged supergravities with manifest \( E_{6(6)} \) and \( SL(5) \) covariance respectively. Similar actions are conjectured to exist in all dimensions. These ‘universal’ Lagrangians are conjectured to contain all possible gaugings of \( E_{d(d)} \) and are reviewed in the following sections. The gauged supergravities discussed here that arise from twisted torus reductions with flux arise from gauging subgroups of the \( GL(d, \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^d \) that is a symmetry before dualising. Moreover, the non-abelian interactions of the gauged supergravity provide obstructions to the dualisations of \( p \)-form gauge fields used in the ungauged theory to obtain the \( E_{d(d)} \) symmetric form. However, instead of dualising \( p \)-form gauge fields to \( D - p - 2 \) form gauge fields one can instead use the doubled form with both \( p \)-form gauge fields and \( D - p - 2 \) form gauge fields, using a ‘universal’ Lagrangian for the gauged supergravity. This raises the question as to whether the gaugings obtained from twisted torus reductions can fit into the class of gaugings of subgroups of \( E_{d(d)} \) of [27, 28, 29, 30], or whether they provide a separate universality class. At first glance, the lagrangians seem to be of a rather different form, with our compactifications giving second order kinetic terms for certain \( p \)-form gauge fields, whereas the corresponding \( p \)-form gauge fields in the \( E_{d(d)} \)-covariant formulation have a first order kinetic term. We show that these kinetic terms are in fact dual actions for the same theory. The theories then agree at the quadratic level and have the same supersymmetry and gauge symmetry, so the full non-linear theories should be identical. We check this explicitly in a particular case, and provide a number of checks on the conjecture that the full theories arising from twisted torus compactifications with flux do indeed arise as gaugings of \( E_{d(d)} \) in the universal approach.

\(^6\)For \( d = 6, 7, 8 \), \( E_{d(d)} \) are the exceptional groups \( E_{6(6)}, E_{7(7)} \) and \( E_{8(8)} \) and for \( d = 2, 3, 4, 5 \) the \( E_{d(d)} \) groups are defined as \( SL(2; \mathbb{R}) \times O(1, 1), SL(3; \mathbb{R}) \times SL(2; \mathbb{R}), SL(5; \mathbb{R}) \) and \( O(5, 5) \) respectively.
5.3.1 Five Dimensional Gauged Supergravity

Compactifying eleven dimensional supergravity on a six dimensional torus and dualising the $C_{(3)}$ and $C_{(2)m}$ potentials gives a theory with a rigid $E_{6(6)}$ symmetry and one form potentials $A^1_A$ ($A = 1, \ldots, 27$) transforming in the $\overline{27}$ of $E_{6(6)}$. A gauging of the theory, which breaks the global $E_{6(6)}$ symmetry, sees some of the $A^1_A$ become non-abelian gauge bosons, whilst those that are not involved in the gauging must be dualised to massive, self-dual two forms $B_{(2)A}$. The difficulty in performing a systematic analysis of the different gaugings is due, in part, to the fact that different gaugings require different numbers of one forms to be dualised and therefore the Lagrangians of differing gaugings may appear quite different. This problem was overcome in [27] where a doubled formalism was proposed in which $27 B_{(2)A}$ are introduced in addition to the $27 A^1_A$ and general gauge groups are allowed. The correct number of physical degrees of freedom is maintained by introducing additional gauge symmetries which remove the extra unphysical degrees of freedom. When a choice of gauge group is made, the excess $B_{(2)A}$ are projected out and the $A^1_A$ not involved in the gauging are eaten by the remaining $B_{(2)A}$. This five dimensional example, reviewed below, was studied at length in [27] where further details may be found.

The subgroup of the global $E_{6(6)}$ symmetry that is to be gauged is specified by an embedding tensor $\Theta_A^\alpha$, giving the generators $T_A$ of the gauge group $G$ in terms of the global symmetry generators $J_\alpha$ of $E_{6(6)}$

$$T_A = \Theta_A^\alpha J_\alpha \quad (5.28)$$

The gauge algebra is required to close to give

$$[T_A, T_B] = t_{AB}^C T_C \quad (5.29)$$

for some $t_{AB}^C$. Consistency of the gauging and the requirement of maximal supersymmetry place constraints on which gaugings and groups are allowed and these constraints were studied in detail in [30, 28, 29, 27]. One of these is that the embedding tensor is required to be in the $351$ representation of $E_{6(6)} \times E_{6(6)}$. The ungauged theory has one-form fields $A^1_A$ which transform in the $\overline{27}$ of $E_{6(6)}$, and under the action of the gauge symmetry with parameters $\Lambda_{(0)}^A(x)$, these one-forms transform as connections, up to terms annihilated by projection with the embedding tensor

$$\Theta_A^\alpha (\delta_A (\Lambda_{(0)}) A^1_A) = \Theta_A^\alpha (DA_{(0)}^A) \quad (5.30)$$

where the derivative is given by

$$DA_{(0)}^A = dA^A_{(1)} + gT_{BC}^A A^B_{(0)} A^C_{(1)} \quad (5.31)$$

It is useful to define the following matrix representation of the gauge group generators acting on the 27-dimensional representation $(T_A)_B^C \equiv T_{AB}^C$ where it is stressed that $T_{AB}^C$ will not
be antisymmetric in the lower indices in general. For the gauging defined by the embedding (5.28) to be consistent $(T_A)_B^C$ must decompose into the adjoint representation of the gauge group plus parts that vanish under contraction with the embedding tensor such that

$$(T_A)_B^C \Theta_C^\alpha = -t_{AB}^C \Theta_C^\alpha$$

(5.32)

Using the totally symmetric $E_{6(6)}$ invariant tensors $d_{ABC}$ and $d^{ABC}$, the tensor $Z^{AB} = -Z^{BA}$ is defined as

$$Z^{AB} = T_{CD}^{[A} d^{B]CD}$$

(5.33)

such that

$$T^{(AB)}_C = d_{ABC} Z^{CD}$$

(5.34)

Furthermore it may be shown that $Z^{AB} \Theta_B^\alpha = Z^{AB} \Theta_B^\alpha = 0$. These constraints then ensure that $T^{(AB)}_C \Theta_C^\alpha = d_{ABC} Z^{DC} \Theta_C^\alpha = 0$ so that the $T^{(AB)}_C \Theta_C^\alpha$ are antisymmetric $T^{(AB)}_C \Theta_C^\alpha = -T^{(BA)}_C \Theta_C^\alpha$, and they are to be identified with the structure constants of the gauge group.

As explained in [27], the required generalisation of the gauge transformation is

$$\delta_A(\Lambda(0)) A^{(1)}_A = d\Lambda(0)_A - g T_{[BC]}^A \Lambda(0)_C A^{(1)}_B - g Z^{AB} \Xi^{(1)}_B$$

(5.35)

where a shift symmetry with arbitrary parameter $\Xi^{(1)}_A(x)$ has been introduced. This indeed projects to (5.30). The gauge fixing of this symmetry ensures that the number of degrees of freedom in this doubled formalism reduces to the correct number with the shift symmetry removing the surplus degrees of freedom. The following results are also useful

$$T^{(AC)}_D T^{(BD)}_E - T^{(BC)}_D T^{(AD)}_E + T^{(AB)}_D T^{(DC)}_E = 0$$

$$T^{(AB)}_C T^{(DC)}_E + T^{(DA)}_C T^{(BC)}_E + T^{(BD)}_C T^{(AC)}_E = d_{FC} [D T^{(AB)}_E Z^{FE}$$

(5.36)

so that the $T^{(AB)}_C$ only satisfy the Jacobi identity in the subspace projected by the embedding tensor.

### 5.3.2 $E_{6(6)}$ Covariant Lagrangian

The bosonic sector of the $E_{6(6)}$ universal Lagrangian is, to quadratic order,

$$L_5 = R * 1 + \frac{1}{4} tr \left( * D M \wedge D M^{-1} \right) - \frac{1}{2} M_{AB} \ast H^{A}_{(2)} \wedge H^{B}_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} g Z^{AB} B_{(2)}^A \wedge DB_{(2)B} + ...$$

(5.37)

where $+...$ denotes terms of higher order. The $M$ are scalars parameterising the coset space $E_{6(6)}/USp(8)$. The two-form field strength is

$$H^{A}_{(2)} = dA^{(1)}_A - \frac{1}{2} g T_{[BC]}^A A^{(1)}_A \wedge A^{(1)}_C + g Z^{AB} B_{(2)N}$$

(5.38)
This field strength transforms covariantly as
\[ \delta(\Lambda_{(0)}) \mathcal{H}(2)^A = -g T_{CB} A^B \Lambda_{(0)} B \mathcal{H}(2)^C \]  
(5.39)
under the gauge symmetry generated by the infinitesimal transformations
\[ Z^{AB} \delta \mathcal{B}_{(2)B} = Z^{AB} D \Xi_{(1)C} + g Z^{AB} \Lambda_{(0)}^C T_{[CB]} D \mathcal{B}_{(2)D} \]
\[ -g Z^{AB} \left( d_{BCD} A_{(1)}^C - \frac{1}{2} g T_{CB} A_{(1)}^C \Lambda_{(0)}^D \right) \]
\[ \delta \mathcal{A}_{(1)A} = d \Lambda_{(0)} A - g T_{[BC]} A_{(0)}^B \Lambda_{(0)}^C \mathcal{A}_{(1)}^C - g Z^{AB} \Xi_{(1)B} \]  
(5.40)
These infinitesimals generate the symmetry algebra
\[ \left[ \delta(\Lambda_{(0)}), \delta(\Lambda_{(0)}) \right] = \delta(\Lambda_{(0)}^C T_{BC} A_{(1)}^B \Lambda_{(0)}^C) - \delta \Xi \left( g d_{AB} \xi^{D} T_{DE} \Lambda_{(0)}^C \Lambda_{(0)}^D \right) \]
\[ \left[ \delta \Xi(\Xi_{(1)}), \delta \Xi(\Lambda_{(0)}) \right] = \delta \Xi \left( \frac{1}{2} T_{CM} B \Lambda_{(0)}^C \Xi_{(1)B} \right) \]
\[ \left[ \delta \Xi(\Xi_{(0)}), \delta \Xi(\Xi_{(0)}) \right] = 0 \]  
(5.41)
This symmetry algebra is not a Lie algebra due to the field dependence on the right hand side of the first commutator and is of the general form of the algebras found in flux compactifications of field theories on twisted tori [34,7].

The Lagrangian (5.37) is conjectured to describe all possible gaugings of maximal supergravity in five dimensions, where a specific gauged supergravity is defined by the appropriate choice of embedding tensor $\Theta_{\alpha A}$. The fields in (5.37) transform covariantly under the action of the global $E(6|6)$, but for a given gauging the Lagrangian is not invariant. However, if we allow the embedding tensor, and in particular $T_{[AB]} C$ and $Z^{AB}$, to transform under $E(6|6)$ then the Lagrangian (5.37) is invariant. The action of the global $E(6|6)$ changes the embedding tensor, relating apparently different gauged supergravities to each other. One may then think of the $E(6|6)$-invariant Universal Lagrangian (5.37) for gauged supergravity as the counterpart of the $O(d,d)$ and $O(d,d + 16)$ theories (5.4).

The gauged supergravities in seven dimensions have a similar structure, with an $SL(5, \mathbb{R})$ invariant action [29]. For even dimensions, the self-duality of field strengths of degree $D/2$ makes the construction of the $O(5,5)$ and $E_{7(7)}$ invariant Lagrangians with doubled degrees of freedom in six and four dimensions more challenging, but recent progress [28, 30] suggests that the results of [27] and [29] can be extended to all dimensions.

### 5.3.3 Symmetry Breaking and Gauged Supergravity

The choice of an embedding tensor breaks the $E_{6(6)}$ invariance of the universal Lagrangian (5.37). Following [27], an $E_{6(6)}$ basis may be chosen where $A = (m, a, u)$ with $m = 1, 2, .., s,$
\(a = s + 1, s + 2, \ldots 27 - t \) and \(u = 28 - t, 29 - t, \ldots 27\) where \(s\) is the rank of the embedding tensor and \(t\) is the rank of \(Z^{AB}\). In this basis the constant \(E_{6(6)}\) tensors are written

\[
(T_m)_B^C = \begin{pmatrix}
-t_{mn}^p & h_{mn}^a & C_{mn}^u \\
0 & 0 & C_{ma}^u \\
0 & 0 & D_{mu}^v
\end{pmatrix}
Z^{AB} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & Z^{uv}
\end{pmatrix}
\] (5.42)

where \(Z^{uv}\) is non-degenerate and invertible. This defines the gauge algebra

\[
[T_m, T_n] = -t_{mn}^p T_p + h_{mn}^a T_a + C_{mn}^u T_u \\
[T_m, T_a] = C_{ma}^u T_u \\
[T_m, T_u] = D_{mu}^v T_v
\]

which is indeed a subalgebra of \(E_{6(6)}\).

All antisymmetric tensors \(B^{(2)}_A\) appear in the Lagrangian contracted with \(Z^{AB}\), so the above choice of coordinates project out all but the \(B^{(2)}_u\) from the theory. Making the gauge choice

\[
\Xi^{(1)}_u = g^{-1} Z_{uv} A^{(1)}_v
\]

(5.44)

the gauge bosons \(A^{(1)}_u\) are gauged to zero, whilst the \(B^{(2)}_u\) absorb the \(A^{(1)}_u\) degrees of freedom. Defining the tensor

\[
\tilde{B}^{(2)}_u = Z^{uv} B^{(2)}_v + g^{-1} D A^{(1)}_u + ... \]

(5.45)

the gauged theory, to quadratic order, becomes

\[
L_5 = R \ast 1 + \frac{1}{4} \text{tr} (\ast DM \wedge DM^{-1}) \\
-\frac{1}{2} M_{AB} \ast F^{(2)}_A \wedge F^{(2)}_B + \frac{1}{2} g Z_{uv} \tilde{B}^{(2)}_u \wedge D \tilde{B}^{(2)}_v + ... \]

(5.46)

where

\[
F^{(2)}_A = \begin{pmatrix}
F^{(2)}_m \\
F^{(2)}_a \\
\tilde{B}^{(2)}_u
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(5.47)

and \(F^{(2)}\) are covariant field strengths.

\[
F^{(2)}_m = d A^m - \frac{1}{2} g t_{np}^m A^{(1)}_n \wedge A^{(1)}_p \\
F^{(2)}_a = d A^a + \frac{1}{2} g h_{mn}^a A^{(1)}_m \wedge A^{(1)}_n
\]

(5.48)

The Lagrangian \(L_5\) has a gauge symmetry with Lie algebra

\[
[T_m, T_n] = -t_{mn}^p T_p + h_{mn}^a T_a
\]

(5.49)

where all other commutators vanish. Note that this is not a subalgebra of \((5.43)\) in general, but is the remaining symmetry after the gauge fields \(A^{(1)}_u\) have been eliminated.
5.4 Flux Compactifications of Eleven Dimensional Supergravity and the Universal Lagrangian

Setting the flux and geometric twists to zero, the reductions of section 2 give the reduction of eleven-dimensional supergravity on $T^d$. The resulting effective theory is a massless, ungauged, maximal supergravity in $D$-dimensions with $GL(d; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^{d(d-1)(d-2)/6}$ global symmetry. Dualisation takes the ungauged, massless theory that arises from dimensional reduction to a theory with a global $E_{d(d)}$ symmetry. For more general reductions, such as those considered in this paper, fluxes and curvature of the internal space give rise to massive deformations and in general one finds obstructions to the usual dualisation procedure. There is then an issue of whether the Lagrangians produced by flux compactifications on twisted tori presented here arise within the Universal Lagrangian formalism. We shall argue that the Lagrangian (2.12) is not described by the Universal Lagrangians, but an equivalent, dual form can be found which is contained in the Universal formalism. First, we shall discuss the dualisations needed for the discussion.

5.4.1 Dualisation

It is instructive to begin by reviewing the Hodge dualisation \[36\]. Consider a $D$-dimensional $(p - 1)$-form gauge theory where the field strength $G_{(p)} = dC_{(p-1)}$ is given in terms of the potential $C_{(p-1)}$. The equations of motion and Bianchi identity

$$d \ast G_{(p)} = 0 \quad dG_{(p)} = 0$$

are exchanged under the duality generated by $G_{(p)} \rightarrow H_{(D-p)} = \ast G_{(p)}$. The dual theory then has equations of motion and Bianchi identity

$$d \ast H_{(D-p)} = 0 \quad dH_{(D-p)} = 0$$

The dual Bianchi identity allows one to define a potential $\vartheta_{(D-p-1)}$ locally such that $H_{(D-p)} = d\vartheta_{(D-p-1)}$. This duality may be derived from a Lagrangian by treating the field strength $G_{(p)}$ as the independent variable and introducing $\vartheta_{(D-p-1)}$ as a Lagrange multiplier, constraining the theory to satisfy the Bianchi identity $dG_{(p)} = 0$. The Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \ast G_{(p)} \wedge G_{(p)} + d\vartheta_{(D-p-1)} \wedge G_{(p)}$$

Variation with respect to $G_{(p)}$ leads to the duality constraint $\ast G_{(p)} = H_{(D-p)}$. Substituting for $G_{(p)}$ back into the Lagrangian gives the Lagrangian for the dual theory.\footnote{In fact, the dual Lagrangian calculated in this way is $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(-1)^{p(D-p)} \ast H_{(D-p)} \wedge H_{(D-p)}$ We shall assume that $\vartheta_{(D-p-1)}$ is rescaled to $\xi \vartheta_{(D-p-1)}$ where $\xi^2(-1)^{p(D-p)} = -1$ to give the kinetic term the canonical normalisation.}
More general models, particularly those based on reductions of eleven-dimensional supergravity, will have Chern-Simons terms in the field strengths and in the Lagrangian. It is therefore necessary to generalise the above toy model to include such terms. Consider a field strength

\[ G(p) = dC_{(p-1)} + \mathcal{W}_{(p)} \]  

(5.53)

with a Chern-Simons like term \( \mathcal{W}_{(p)} \) that is not closed in general and the \( D \)-dimensional Lagrangian

\[ \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} * G(p) \wedge G(p) + Q(q) \wedge dC_{(p-1)} + ... \]  

(5.54)

where \( Q(q) \) and terms denoted by \( +... \) are independent of \( C_{(p-1)} \). Following [16], we will refer to \( q \)-form \( Q(q) \) with \( q = D - p \) as a transgression term; in general, it is not closed. The field strength satisfies the Bianchi identity

\[ dG(p) = d\mathcal{W}(p) \]  

(5.55)

and the Chern-Simons term has the property that \( d\mathcal{W}(p) \) transforms covariantly under the gauge group even though \( \mathcal{W}(p) \) generally will not. The reduction of the eleven-dimensional supergravity on a torus, followed by a truncation to the zero modes, gives a Lagrangian of this form.

In the toy model above with \( \mathcal{W} = Q = 0 \), duality exchanges the equations of motion and Bianchi identity. The exchange \( G(p) \leftrightarrow *G(p) \) is then a symmetry of the theory. In this more general case, it is no longer the case that \( G(p) \) is simply exchanged with its Hodge dual. The correct duality transformation requires that \( Q \) and the Chern-Simons term \( \mathcal{W} \) should also be exchanged. Treating the field strength \( G(p) \) as an independent variable and adding a Lagrange multiplier term generalises (5.52) to the Lagrangian

\[ \mathcal{L}_{G,\vartheta} = -\frac{1}{2} * G(p) \wedge G(p) + Q(q) \wedge (G(p) - \mathcal{W}(p)) + \vartheta_{(q-1)} \wedge d(G(p) - \mathcal{W}(p)) + ... \]  

(5.56)

Variation of this Lagrangian with respect to \( \vartheta_{(q-1)} \) gives the Bianchi identity (5.55), from which we may introduce the \( C_{(p-1)} \) potential as in (5.53). This definition of the field strength (5.53) may then be substituted back into (5.56) and the equation of motion

\[ d* G(p) = dQ(q) \]  

(5.57)

arises from a subsequent variation with respect to \( C_{(p-1)} \). If instead \( G(p) \) is treated as the independent variable, the variation of the Lagrangian (5.56) with respect to \( G(p) \) is

\[ G(p) = *H(q) \]  

(5.58)

where the dual field strength is defined as

\[ H(q) = d\vartheta_{(q-1)} + Q(q) \]  

(5.59)
Substituting for $G(p)$ using (5.58) in the Lagrangian (5.56) gives the dual formulation of the theory

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2} * H(p) \wedge H(p) - \mathcal{W}(p) \wedge H(q)$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.60)

The interchange of $Q$ and $\mathcal{W}$ terms is quite clear from this example. This is a general feature of such dualisations.

This method of dualisation can not be applied to the flux reductions of eleven-dimensional supergravity on $T^d$ as will now be demonstrated. In eleven dimensions this theory has Chern-Simons term

$$\mathcal{L}_{11} = \frac{1}{6} \hat{G} \wedge \hat{G} \wedge \hat{C}$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.61)

If the three-form has a constant left-invariant flux of the form (1.8) then $\hat{C} = C + \varpi(3)$, where $\mathcal{K} = d\varpi(3)$, as in section 2. The Chern-Simons term (5.61), after integrations by parts, becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_{11} = \frac{1}{6} dC \wedge dC \wedge C + \frac{1}{2} dC \wedge C \wedge \mathcal{K} + \frac{1}{2} C \wedge \mathcal{K} \wedge \mathcal{K} + \frac{1}{6} \mathcal{K} \wedge \mathcal{K} \wedge \varpi(3)$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.62)

The last term may be ignored here as it does not contribute to the equations of motion of $C$. Reducing (5.62) on $T^d$ one finds that the reduced theory includes terms of the form\footnote{See Appendix C for details.} \footnote{All internal frame indices have been suppressed but in general there will be a contraction of these indices with an alternating symbol, proportional to

$$\frac{1}{2} \mu_{m_1m_2..m_4-p} n_1n_2...n_3-q C(p-1)m_1m_2..m_4-p \wedge G(q+1)n_1n_2...n_3-q$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.64)
}

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu C(p-1) \wedge G(q+1) + ...$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.63)

where $D = p + q$ and $\mu$ is a constant parameter related to the constant flux\footnote{See Appendix C for details.} $K_{mnpq}$. For example, in $D = 7$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{24} \epsilon^{mnpq} K_{mnpq}$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.65)

Terms of the form (5.63) are not included in the Lagrangian (5.56) so the previous considerations must be generalised in the presence of flux. Such terms are mass terms and occur in two distinct ways. The first type of mass term occurs when $p \neq q + 1$ and in principle may occur in any dimension. The second, where $p = q + 1$, is the special case of a topologically massive theory and only occur in odd dimensions. The following sections give explicit constructions of the dual formulations of such Lagrangians.

### 5.4.2 Duality of Massive Theories

Consider the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} * G(p) \wedge G(p) - \frac{1}{2} * F(q+1) \wedge F(q+1) + \mu C(p-1) \wedge F(q+1)$$ \hspace{1cm} (5.66)

for the potentials $C_{(p-1)}$ and $B_{(q-1)}$ with the field strengths $G_{(p)} = dC_{(p-1)}$ and $F_{(q+1)} = dB_{(q)}$ where $D = p + q$ and $\mu$ is a constant. In terms of (5.54) this Lagrangian has $Q_{(q)} = \mu B_{(q)}$. $F_{(q+1)}$ is dualised by introducing a dual potential $\vartheta_{(p-2)}$ as a Lagrange multiplier, to enforce the Bianchi identity $dF_{(q+1)} = 0$. The constrained Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} * G_{(p)} \wedge G_{(p)} - \frac{1}{2} * F_{(q+1)} \wedge F_{(q+1)} + \mu C_{(p-1)} \wedge F_{(q+1)} - \vartheta_{(p-2)} \wedge dF_{(q+1)}$$  (5.67)

Considering $F_{(p)}$ as the independent variable and varying (5.72) with respect to it defines the dual field strength $H_{(p-1)} = *F_{(q+1)}$ where

$$H_{(p-1)} = d\vartheta_{(p-2)} - \mu C_{(p-1)}$$  (5.68)

The dual Lagrangian is

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{2} * G_{(p)} \wedge G_{(p)} - \frac{1}{2} * H_{(p-1)} \wedge H_{(p-1)}$$  (5.69)

This dual theory is invariant under the abelian gauge symmetry generated by the infinitesimal variations

$$\delta C_{(p-1)} = d\lambda_{(p-2)} \quad \delta \vartheta_{(p-2)} = -\mu \lambda_{(p-2)}$$  (5.70)

A massive gauge singlet potential may be defined as

$$S_{(p-1)} = C_{(p-1)} - \mu^{-1}d\vartheta_{(p-2)}$$  (5.71)

such that $H_{(p-1)} = -\mu S_{(p-1)}$. The dual Lagrangian may then be written

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{2} * dS_{(p-1)} \wedge dS_{(p-1)} - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 * S_{(p-1)} \wedge S_{(p-1)}$$  (5.72)

The reduction of the eleven-dimensional supergravity to six dimensions with flux contains terms of the form (5.66) with $p = q = 3$, which may then be rewritten in the form (5.72). We anticipate that it is this latter form that arises in the $O(5,5)$ covariant Universal Lagrangian.

### 5.4.3 Duality of Topologically Massive Theories

Topologically massive theories are possible in odd dimensions for forms of degree $\frac{1}{2}(D - 1)$ [39, 40, 41]. Consider the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_G = -\frac{1}{2} * G_{(p)} \wedge G_{(p)} + \frac{1}{2} \mu C_{(p-1)} \wedge dC_{(p-1)}$$  (5.73)

where $G_{(p)} = dC_{(p-1)}$. Flux reductions of eleven-dimensional supergravity on $T^d$ to odd dimensions generically contain terms of this form. Variation of (3.13) with respect to $C_{(p-1)}$ leads to the self-duality constraint

$$d * G_{(p)} - \mu G_{(p)} = 0$$  (5.74)
so that $G_{(p)}$ has the number of degrees of freedom one would expect of a \textit{massive} $p$-form field strength. Applying the $d*$ operator to this equation produces the equation of motion for a massive field

$$(\Box - \mu^2)G_{(p)} = 0 \quad (5.75)$$

The self-duality constraint \cite{[2]} implies that $d*C_{(p-1)} - \mu C_{(p-1)}$ is closed so that locally one may introduce a dual potential $\vartheta_{(p-2)}$ such that

$$d*C_{(p-1)} - \mu C_{(p-1)} = d\vartheta_{(p-2)} \quad (5.76)$$

The gauge invariance of $G_{(p-1)}$ under the transformation $\delta C_{(p-1)} = d\lambda_{(p-2)}$ induces the transformation in the dual potential $\delta \vartheta_{(p-2)} = -\mu \lambda_{(p-2)}$.

The standard (massless) dualisation techniques do not work in this topologically massive case as the Lagrangian can not be written solely in terms of $G_{(p)}$. However there is a formalism discussed in \cite{[12]} that may be generalised and used to define a dual Lagrangian. Consider the first order Lagrangian

$$L_{C,S} = -G_{(p)} \wedge S_{(p-1)} + \frac{1}{2} \mu G_{(p)} \wedge C_{(p-1)} + \frac{1}{2} * S_{(p-1)} \wedge S_{(p-1)} \quad (5.77)$$

where a $(p-1)$ form field $S_{(p-1)}$ has been introduced. This can be thought of as a doubled formalism as the set of fields has been doubled. The invariance of this Lagrangian under the gauge transformation $\delta C_{(p-1)} = d\lambda_{(p-2)}$, up to an irrelevant total derivative, requires that $\delta S_{(p-1)} = 0$. Taking the variation of the Lagrangian \cite{[5.77]} with respect to $S_{(p-1)}$ gives the constraint $G_{(p)} = *S_{(p-1)}$, which when substituted back into $L_{C,S}$, gives the topologically massive theory of \cite{[5.78]}. Variation with respect to $C_{(p-1)}$ gives the self-duality constraint $d(*G_{(p)} - \mu C_{(p-1)}) = 0$ and subsequently the equation of motion $(\Box - \mu^2)G_{(p)} = 0$.

Alternatively, varying $L_{C,S}$ with respect to $C_{(p-1)}$ gives the complimentary constraint $dS_{(p-1)} = \mu G_{(p)}$ which may be written

$$S_{(p-1)} = \mu C_{(p-1)} + d\vartheta_{(p-2)} \quad (5.78)$$

\cite{[5.78]} may be thought of as a definition of the massive $S_{(p-1)}$ field in terms of a gauge field $C_{(p-1)}$ eating $\vartheta_{(p-2)}$. Substituting the constraint \cite{[5.78]} back into the doubled Lagrangian gives the dual theory

$$\tilde{L}_S = -\frac{1}{2} \mu^{-1} dS_{(p-1)} \wedge S_{(p-1)} + \frac{1}{2} * S_{(p-1)} \wedge S_{(p-1)} \quad (5.79)$$

The equations of motion from $L_C$ and $\tilde{L}_S$ are equivalent so the Lagrangians are classically dual.

In this way, the quadratic terms of the form \cite{[5.73]} for 2-form gauge fields in $D = 5$ and 3-form gauge fields in $D = 7$ arising from twisted compactifications with flux can be dualised to \cite{[5.79]}, which is the form of the quadratic term for these gauge fields in the
Universal Lagrangian in these dimensions given in [28] and [29]. It is to be expected that once the gauge group is chosen and the quadratic form of the theories fixed, supersymmetry and gauge invariance should determine the theory uniquely. As the two theories agree at the quadratic level and are gauge invariant and supersymmetric, they should be fully equivalent. However, the non-linearity of the theory and the need for field redefinitions makes this hard to verify in general. We shall instead check the full non-linear equivalence in a particular model simple enough to allow a complete analysis.

5.5 Example: Flux Compactifications To Seven-Dimensions

The Universal Lagrangian in seven dimensions was constructed in [29] along the same lines as the five dimensional case of [28] reviewed in section 5.3. The ungauged theory has an $SL(5, \mathbb{R})$ symmetry, and this extends to a formal symmetry of the gauged theory if the embedding tensor that specifies the embedding of the gauge group in $SL(5, \mathbb{R})$ also transforms. The embedding tensor $\Theta_{AB,C}^{D}$ defines the gauge generators $T_{AB} = \Theta_{AB,C}^{D} t^{C}$

$\delta_{[A}^{D} Y_{B]}^{C} - 2 \varepsilon_{ABCEF} Z^{EF,D}$

The theory has the potentials $A_{(1)}^{AB}$ in the $10$ of $SL(5)$ and $B^{(2)}$ in the $5$. In addition there are self-dual three forms $S_{(3)}^{A}$ in the $\overline{5}$ representation. The $SL(5)$ and gauge covariant field strengths for these potentials are

$H_{(2)}^{AB} = dA_{(1)}^{AB} + \frac{1}{2} 2 g T_{CD,EF}^{AB} A_{(1)}^{CD} \wedge A_{(1)}^{EF} + g Z_{(1)}^{AB,C} B_{(2)}^{C}$

$\mathcal{H}_{(3),A} = \mathcal{F}^{(2)} \wedge B_{(2),B} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{ABCDEF} A_{(1)}^{AB} \wedge A_{(1)}^{EF} + g Y_{AB} S_{(3)}^{B}$

$\mathcal{H}_{(4)}^{A} = \mathcal{F}^{AB} \wedge B_{(2),B} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{BCDEF} A_{(1)}^{AB} \wedge A_{(1)}^{CD} \wedge A_{(1)}^{EF} + \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{BCDEF} T_{GH,I}^{E} A_{(1)}^{AB} \wedge A_{(1)}^{CD} \wedge A_{(1)}^{GH} \wedge A_{(1)}^{IF}$

where $\mathcal{F}^{AB} = H_{(2)}^{AB} - g Z_{AB,C} B_{(2),C}$. As an application of the techniques of section 5.4, consider the reduction of eleven-dimensional supergravity on a four-dimensional torus to seven dimensions. A flux $K$ is introduced as described in section 2. Using the field redefinitions of Appendix B, the Lagrangian of the reduced theory is [2.12] where the Chern-Simons term, given in full in Appendix C, may be written as

$L_{7}^{cs} = d C_{(3)} \wedge Q_{(3)} - \frac{1}{12} \varepsilon_{mpq} d \tilde{C}_{(2)m} \wedge d \tilde{C}_{(2)n} \wedge \tilde{C}_{(1)np} + L_{7}^{Top}$
where $G_{(4)} = d\tilde{C}_{(3)} + W_{(4)}$ and

$$Q_{(3)} = \varepsilon^{mnpq} \left( -\frac{1}{6} \tilde{C}_{(2)m} \wedge dC_{(0)npq} + \frac{1}{8} \tilde{C}_{(1)mn} \wedge d\tilde{C}_{(1)pq} \right)$$

(5.84)

is independent of $\tilde{C}_{(3)}$. $L_{7}^{\text{Top}}$ is the topological mass term

$$L_{7}^{\text{Top}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \tilde{C}_{(3)} \wedge d\tilde{C}_{(3)}$$

(5.85)

and the parameter $\mu$ defined by

$$\mu = \frac{1}{24} \varepsilon^{mnpq} K_{mnpq}$$

(5.86)

is the topological mass of the $\tilde{C}_{(3)}$ field. As discussed at the end of section 5.4, this mass term prevents the dualisation of the three form but a dual formulation of the theory may be found following the discussion of section 5.4.2. Consider the first order Lagrangian

$$L_{\tilde{C},S} = -e^{2\alpha \varphi} G_{(4)} \wedge S_{(3)} + d\tilde{C}_{(3)} \wedge \left( Q_{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} \mu \tilde{C}_{(3)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ast S_{(3)} \wedge S_{(3)}$$

$$-\frac{1}{12} \varepsilon^{mnpq} d\tilde{C}_{(2)m} \wedge d\tilde{C}_{(2)n} \wedge \tilde{C}_{(1)pq} + L'$$

(5.87)

generalising that of (5.77), where $L'$ represents all those terms in the $L_{7}$ Lagrangian that neither depend on $\tilde{C}_{(3)}$ nor enter into the Chern-Simons term $L_{7}^{\varphi}$. Taking the variation of $L_{\tilde{C},S}$ with respect to $S_{(3)}$ produces the duality constraint

$$S_{(3)} = e^{2\alpha \varphi} \ast G_{(4)}$$

(5.88)

Substituting this back into the first order Lagrangian (5.87) gives the Lagrangian (2.12) for the flux compactification of eleven dimensional supergravity on $T^{4}$. If instead, the first order Lagrangian is varied with respect to $\tilde{C}_{(3)}$ the constraint $d(e^{2\alpha \varphi} S_{(3)} - Q_{(3)} - \mu \tilde{C}_{(3)}) = 0$ arises, which may be written as

$$e^{2\alpha \varphi} S_{(3)} = H_{(3)}$$

(5.89)

where $H_{(3)} = d\vartheta_{(2)} + Q_{(3)} + \mu \tilde{C}_{(3)}$ for some two-form $\vartheta_{(2)}$. Combining the duality constraint (5.89) with (5.88) gives

$$e^{-4\alpha \varphi} \ast G_{(4)} = H_{(3)}$$

(5.90)

In the case of zero flux $\mu = 0$ this duality constraint reduces to that required to produce the $SL(5)$ invariant Lagrangian in the ungauged theory. Substituting the constraint (5.89) back into the first order Lagrangian (5.87) gives the dual theory

$$\tilde{L}_{\tilde{S}} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu \tilde{S}_{(3)} \wedge \left( d\tilde{S}_{(3)} + 2W_{(4)} - 2\mu^{-1} dQ_{(3)} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{2} e^{-4\alpha \varphi} \ast \tilde{S}_{(3)} \wedge \tilde{S}_{(3)}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \mu^{-1} Q_{(3)} \wedge dQ_{(3)} - \frac{1}{12} \varepsilon^{mnpq} d\tilde{C}_{(2)m} \wedge d\tilde{C}_{(2)n} \wedge \tilde{C}_{(1)pq} + L'$$

(5.91)
where the three form $\tilde{S}_3$ is defined $\tilde{S}_3 = \mu^{-1} e^{2\alpha \varphi} S_3$. The gauge variation of the first two terms in the second line cancel so that this Lagrangian is gauge invariant. Using (5.80) this Lagrangian may be written in terms of $\tilde{C}_3$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{2} \mu \tilde{C}_3 \wedge \left( d\tilde{C}_3 + 2\mathcal{W}_4 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 e^{-4\alpha \varphi} * H_3 \wedge H_3$$

$$-\mathcal{W}_4 \wedge H_3 - \frac{1}{12} \epsilon^{mnpq} d\tilde{C}_2 \wedge d\tilde{C}_2 \wedge \tilde{C}_1_{pq} + \mathcal{L}' \quad (5.92)$$

It is then a straightforward, if laborious, process to show that this Lagrangian is equivalent to the seven dimensional Universal Lagrangian of [29] with embedding tensor defined by

$$Z^{AB,C} = 0 \quad \mathcal{U}_{AB} = \frac{\mu}{2\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 g} \delta_{5A}^{\delta_5B} \quad (5.93)$$

corresponding to the generalised structure constants

$$T_{AB,C}^D = \Theta_{AB,C}^D = -\frac{\mu}{2\epsilon_1^2 \epsilon_2 g} \delta_{5D}^{\delta_5C} \quad T_{AB,CD}^{EF} = -\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_2 g} \delta_{AB}^{\delta_5C} \delta_{CD}^{\delta_5F} \quad (5.94)$$

where the constants $\epsilon_1$ and $\epsilon_2$ are determined by the full universal Lagrangian. The potentials of the Universal Lagrangian are given by the reduced potentials, up to the constant factors $\epsilon_1$ and $\epsilon_2$ as

$$A_{(1)}^{5m} = \epsilon_1 A^m$$

$$\epsilon_2 \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{mnpq} A_{(1)}^{pq} = C_{(1)mn}$$

$$B_{(2)m} = \frac{4\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} \left( C_{(2)m} + \frac{1}{2} C_{(1)mn} \wedge A^n \right)$$

$$S_{(3)}^5 = -\frac{4\epsilon_1^2}{\epsilon_2} \left( C_{(3)} - \frac{1}{6} C_{(1)mn} \wedge A^m \wedge A^n \right) \quad (5.95)$$

The field strengths are related by

$$H_{(2)m}^{5m} = \epsilon_1 F^m$$

$$\epsilon_2 \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{(2)m}^{pq} = G_{(2)mn} + C_{(0)mnp} F^p$$

$$H_{(3)m} = \frac{4\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2} G_{(2)m}$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{(3)5} = -\frac{2}{\epsilon_2^2} \left( H_{(3)} + \frac{1}{6} \epsilon^{mnpq} C_{(0)mnp} G_{(3)q} \right)$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{(4)} = -\frac{4\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_2} G_{(4)} \quad (5.96)$$

5.6 Other dimensions

In four dimensions the graviphoton field $A^m$ and its dual must be included in the same multiplet to write the ungauged theory in an $E_7(7)$-invariant form. Such a theory in which
the isometry symmetry is doubled cannot be given a purely geometric interpretation. If
instead only the $C_{(1)mn}$ fields are doubled then it was shown in [8] how the conjectured
Lie algebra of this theory could be embedded in $E_{7(7)}$. In the absence of a the complete
$E_{7(7)}$-covariant Universal Lagrangian it is difficult to comment on this conjecture. However,

it is clear that the gauge algebra (3.18) is a contraction of that presented in [8] and it is
therefore plausible that the relation between two gauge theories could be similar to the
relation between the $CSO(p, q, r)$ and $SO(p + r, q)$ gaugings of maximal supergravity in four
dimensions presented in [37, 38].

6 Non-Geometric Solutions and Duality

In this paper we have considered in detail the Scherk-Schwarz dimensional reduction with flux
of (the bosonic sector of) 11-dimensional supergravity to any dimension, to define a lower-
dimensional gauged supergravity theory. We expect these to fit into the general gauged
supergravities of [27, 29], and have checked this in detail in the case of certain reductions
to seven dimensions. We have also addressed the issue of whether these reductions arise
from compactifications of M-theory. In general this is not the case. The Scherk-Schwarz
reduction can be thought of as arising from a reduction on a group manifold $G$ followed by a
truncation to a finite set of lower-dimensional fields. For this to arise from a compactification
with mass gap, it is necessary that either $G$ is compact, or that there is a discrete left-acting
subgroup $\Gamma$ such that $G/\Gamma$ is compact, in which case the reduction is a truncation of the
compactification on $G/\Gamma$, and this can be extended to compactification of M-theory on $G/\Gamma$.
This gives a wide class of explicit flux compactifications of M-theory.

An important feature of the general formulations of gauged supergravity of [27, 28, 30, 29]
is that they are covariant under the action of the $E_n$ duality group, and so provide a formalism
to discuss the action of duality transformations in such theories. The situation is then similar
to that described in [3, 21] for compactifications of the heterotic string. In all of these cases,
a conventional reduction on a torus $T^d$ gives an ungauged supergravity theory with a duality
symmetry $U$. Here $U = E_{d+1}$ for reduction of M-theory on $T^{d+1}$ or type II theory on $T^d$, and
$U = O(d, d + 16)$ for reduction of heterotic strings on $T^d$. For the common sector of these
theories has $U = O(d, d)$, and this is also the group for reduction of bosonic strings on $T^d$.
The gauged supergravities are deformations of these theories in which a subgroup $H$ of $U$ is
promoted to a local symmetry, so that the minimal couplings break the original $U$ symmetry
to a subgroup containing $H$. Remarkably, the remainder of $U$ still has a natural action; it is
no longer a symmetry, but acts on the embedding tensor and gauge coupling constants, so
that the mass terms and scalar potential are changed, as are the minimal couplings. As a
result, $U$ acts to take one gauged supergravity to another. In fact they are equivalent field
theories related by a field redefinition, as in [37, 38], but the embedding of the gauge group
in $U$ is changed to a conjugate one.

However, the action of $U$ becomes non-trivial if one tries to lift these theories to higher dimensions. This was analysed in detail in [21] for the case $U = O(d,d)$. For example, starting with a twisted torus reduction with twist $f_{mn}^p$ and $H$-flux $K_{mnp}$ and gauge algebra

$$
\begin{align*}
[Z_m, Z_n] &= -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnp} X^p \\
[Z_m, X^n] &= f_{mp}^n X^p \\
[X^m, X^n] &= 0
\end{align*}
(6.1)
$$

it was found that some $O(d,d)$ transformations can interchange twist with flux, or mix them together to give a new twisted torus reduction with flux. However in other cases, an $O(d,d)$ transformation can take a geometric compactification to a non-geometric backgrounds such as a T-fold, with T-duality transition functions [32]. This generalises to the case of M-theory reductions with flux. In some cases the duality might take a twisted torus reduction with flux to another twisted torus reduction with flux, with transformation properties for the twist and flux, generalising the Buscher rules, that can be read off from the supergravity. In others it must give a non-geometric background, such as U-folds [32], with U-duality transition functions.

To see how this works in more detail, recall that the data for the gauged (super)gravity theories arising from (the common sector of) superstring theory is all contained in the structure constants $t_{ABC}^\ D$ for the gauge group, which is a subgroup of $O(d,d)$. As we saw in section 5.1, for twisted torus reductions with flux, these are constructed from the twist (the structure constants $f_{mn}^p$ of the group $G$) and the flux $K_{mnp}$. However for a general subgroup of $O(d,d)$, the Lie algebra will be of the form

$$
\begin{align*}
[Z_m, Z_n] &= -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnp} X^p \\
[Z_m, X^n] &= h_{mp}^n X^p + \tilde{h}_{mnp} Z_p \\
[X^m, X^n] &= \tilde{f}_{mnp} X^p + \tilde{K}_{mnp} Z_p
\end{align*}
(6.2)
$$

and these parameterise the general gauged supergravity theory [21]. The Jacobi identities constrain the structure constants such that $t_{[AB}^\ D t_{C]}^D E = 0$ and the action of the adjoint representation must be trace-free $t_{AB}^B = 0$.

In a twisted torus reduction, $f_{mn}^p$ and $K_{mnp}$ are the twist and flux respectively, suggesting that $\tilde{f}_{mnp}$ and $\tilde{K}_{mnp}$ might be thought of as a dual twist and dual flux [33] [21]. Under $O(d,d)$ transformations, $t_{AB}^C$ transforms as an $O(d,d)$ tensor, so that in general T-duality mixes $f_{mn}^p, K_{mnp}, h_{mp}^n, \tilde{h}_{mnp}, \tilde{f}_{mnp}$ and $\tilde{K}_{mnp}$. In special cases, a twisted torus reduction specified by $f_{mn}^p$ and $K_{mnp}$ will transform under certain T-dualities to a new twisted torus reduction specified by some $f'_{mn}^p, K'_{mnp}$ so that T-duality mixes the twist and flux to give a new twisted torus reduction of the same form. However, in general an $O(d,d)$ transformation will lead to
a general structure $f_{mn}^p$, $K_{mnp}$, $h_{mnp}$, $\tilde{f}_{mnp}$ and $\tilde{K}_{mnp}$ with dual twist and flux [21]. The interpretation of the dual twist and flux was discussed in [21] and they typically indicate a non-geometric background. Explicit constructions of such non-geometric backgrounds were given in [21]. However, they can also arise from geometric compactifications which are not of twisted torus type, so that it is misleading to think of $\tilde{f}_{mnp}$ and $\tilde{K}_{mnp}$ as being intrinsically non-geometric [21]. In the special case where $K_{mnp} = \tilde{K}_{mnp} = 0$, $h_{mnp} = f_{mnp}$ and $\tilde{h}_{mnp} = \tilde{f}_{mnp}$, the algebra (6.2) is a Drinfeld double [44, 46], suggesting a possible relation between the kind of T-duality considered here and the Poisson-Lie T-duality of [46, 45, 47].

The generalisation to the heterotic string is straightforward. The duality group is now $O(d, d+16)$ and $t_{ABC}$ becomes an $O(d, d+16)$ tensor. From section 5.2, there is an additional flux $M_{mna}$ and the decomposition of the structure constants $t_{ABC}$ of the general gauge algebra generalising (6.2) will have further terms involving the generators $Y_a$.

It is interesting to ask how this extends to M-theory compactifications, and their non-geometric generalisations. The generator $X^m$ of the heterotic theory, which is associated with string winding modes, is replaced with the generator $X^mn$ in M-theory, which might be associated with membrane wrapping modes, so that one would expect the algebra (3.18) to be become something like

$$[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnpq} \tilde{X}^{pq}$$
$$[Z_m, \tilde{X}^{np}] = 2h_{mq}^{[n} \tilde{X}^{pq]} + \tilde{h}_{mnpq} Z_q$$
$$[\tilde{X}^{mn}, \tilde{X}^{pq}] = \tilde{f}_{tspmq} \tilde{X}^{ts} + \tilde{K}_{mnpqt} Z_t$$

(6.3)

where we have used the decomposition of $X^{mn}$ into $\tilde{X}^{mn}$ and $\tilde{X}^m$ which satisfy $\tilde{X}^p = f_{mn}^p X^{mn}$ and $f_{mn}^p X^{mn} = 0$.

As an example of such a reduction, consider the compactification of eleven-dimensional supergravity on $\mathcal{X} = S^1 \times G/\Gamma$ with internal coordinates $(y^{11}, y^m)$ where the flux lies along the circle direction $K_{mnp1}$ and the structure constants of the group $G$ are $f_{mn}^p$. This is a compactification of IIA supergravity on a twisted torus $G/\Gamma$, lifted to M-theory. The Neveu-Schwarz sector of the reduced theory has a gauge algebra with (6.1) as a subalgebra. Replacing $G/\Gamma$ with a non-geometric background leads to a theory with gauge algebra containing (6.2) as a subalgebra. The full algebra of this reduction is then a particular example of the the Lie algebra (6.3).

A general feature of twisted torus reductions with flux is that the gauge algebra has an abelian subalgebra generated by $X^m$ or $\tilde{X}^{mn}$ (with $[X, X] = 0$). An algebra such as (6.2) or (6.3) without $[X, X] = 0$ can arise from non-geometric compactifications, but they can also arise from geometric compactifications which are not of Scherk-Schwarz type, such as the WZW compactifications discussed in [21] or compactifications on $S^4$ or $S^7$.

However, this is not quite the whole story. In toroidal compactifications to 6, 5, and 4
dimensions the anti-symmetric tensor gauge fields $C_{(3)}$, $C_{(2)m}$ and $C_{(1)mn}$ may be dualised to vector fields $\theta_{(1)}$, $\theta_{(1)m}$ and $\theta_{(1)mn}$ respectively. These gauge bosons couple to gauge generators $Y$, $Y_m$ and $Y_{mn}$ respectively which in each case may be dualised on the internal manifold to a vector field $\theta_{(1)mnpq}$ coupling to a generator $Y^{mnpqt}$, which might be associated with 5-brane wrapping modes. For twisted torus compactifications with flux we have seen that the same curvatures and fluxes that allow for a non-abelian gauge symmetry obstruct the dualisation of these fields and the $C_{(3)}$, $C_{(2)m}$ and $C_{(1)mn}$ potentials remain as massive tensor fields in the gauged supergravity. A particular example is the case of flux compactifications to seven dimensions, where the $C_{(3)}$ potential cannot be dualised to a two form and instead appears as a massive field in the gauged supergravity. However, the universal formalism, reviewed in section 5.3, allows for the dual potentials to be incorporated through a doubling of the degrees of freedom and so this more general construction will contain theories in which the dual one-forms $\theta_{(1)mnpq}$ appear as gauge fields. The gauge algebra might then be expected to be of a form in which all of the structure constants are constructed from the data $f_{mn}^p$ and $K_{mnpq}$, such as

$$
[Z_m, Z_n] = -f_{mn}^p Z_p + K_{mnpq} X_{pq} \\
[Z_m, X_{np}] = 2f_{mq}^{[n} X_{p]q} + K_{mqrst} Y^{mnpqt} \\
[Z_m, Y_{npqrst}] = 5f_{mnl}^{[n} Y_{pqrst]l} \\
[X_{mn}, X_{pq}] = 2f_{ts}^{[n} Y_{npqts]} (6.4)
$$

with all other commutators vanishing. As commented on in section 5.6, the geometric reductions considered in this paper produce theories whose gauge algebra is a contraction of (6.4) with $[X, X] = 0$ and no $Y^{mnpqr}$. For certain dimensions (6.4) may be enhanced as in the case [8] where a similar algebra appears and includes an additional term $[Z_m, Z_n] = g_{mnpqrst} Y_{pqrst} + \ldots$, which may only occur in four dimensions. For the geometric reductions considered in this paper it was demonstrated that part of the $X^{mn}$ symmetry, given by the projection $\tilde{X}^m = f_{np}^m X^n$, is always broken by any vacuum of the theory. It seems that a similar statement holds for the generators $Y^{mnpqt}$ in (6.4) where the symmetry generated by $K_{npqt} Y^{mnpqt} = \tilde{Y}^m$ is broken by the vacuum. This was certainly the case in [8] where $\tilde{Y}^m$ could be identified with $\tilde{X}^m$ which ensured that the correct number of gauge degrees of freedom were present in the theory.

All of the gaugings discussed here can be embedded into the universal Lagrangian formalism reviewed in section 5.3. For example in five dimensions the general gauge algebra is of the form

$$
[T_i, T_j] = -t_{ij}^k T_k + h_{ij a} T_a + C_{ij}^u T_u \\
[T_i, T_a] = C_{ia}^u T_u \\
[T_i, T_u] = D_{iu}^v T_v (6.5)
$$
where a particular $E_{6(6)}$ basis has been chosen, as described in section 5.3.3 and the structure constants $t_{ab}^c = t_{uv}^w = t_{uv}^a = t_{ab}^u = 0$ all vanish by the constraints on the embedding tensor [27]. This algebra is broken to

$$[T_i, T_j] = -t_{ij}^k T_k + h_{ij}^a T_a$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.6)$$

by any vacuum of the theory so that the $T_u$ are always broken and the $T_a$ give a central extension of the algebra generated by $T_i$. A different choice of $E_{6(6)}$ basis will lead to an equivalent algebra taking a more complicated form. As an example, consider the reduction of eleven dimensional supergravity on a semi-simple group manifold (with identifications to compactify, if necessary) with flux. As discussed in sections 4.2 the symmetry generated by the $X^{mn}$ is broken by any vacuum of the theory and we can make the identifications of the generators $T_i$ in (6.5) with $Z_m$ and $T_u$ with $X^{mn}$, with no generators $T_a$. The symmetries generated by $T_u \sim X^{mn}$ are broken, so that the remaining symmetry algebra is

$$[T_i, T_j] = -t_{ij}^k T_k$$  \hspace{1cm} (6.7)$$

The algebras of the geometric theories we have considered in this paper are described by (6.5), but this algebra also contains generalisations of such gauge algebras arising from compactifications whose lift to M-Theory do not admit a geometric interpretation. These can be systematically studied in a similar way to those discussed in [21], and we plan to return to a discussion of such non-geometric backgrounds elsewhere.
A Useful Identities for $O_{mnp}^{qt}$ and $\Pi_{qt}^{mnp}$

Recall the definitions of the constants $O_{mnp}^{qt}$ and $\Pi_{qt}^{mnp}$ introduced in section 4.2

\begin{align*}
O_{mnp}^{qt} &= 3\delta_{[m}^{q}f_{n]}^{t} \\
\Pi_{qt}^{mnp} &= \frac{1}{2}\delta_{[m}^{q}f_{n]}^{t} \\
\end{align*}

These objects may be shown to satisfy the following useful identities on a twisted torus $\mathcal{X} = G/\Gamma$ when $G$ is semi-simple.

\begin{align*}
O_{mnp}^{qt}\Pi_{kl}^{mnp} &= \delta_{k}^{q}\delta_{l}^{t} + f_{pk}^{t}f_{lp}^{q} \\
O_{mnp}^{[qt]}\Pi_{kl}^{mnp} &= \delta_{kl}^{qt} - \frac{1}{2}f_{kl}^{p}f_{lp}^{qt} \\
O_{mnp}^{qt}\eta_{qt} &= 3f_{mnp} \\
\Pi_{qt}^{mnp}\eta_{qt} &= \frac{1}{2}f_{mnp} \\
O_{mnp}^{qt}f_{it}^{s} + O_{mnp}^{ts}f_{it}^{k} &= 3O_{mn[qt]}^{[pq]}f_{|p|}^{t} \\
\eta_{mn} &= \frac{1}{4}O_{mpq}^{ts}O_{nts}^{pq} \\
\end{align*}

where $\eta_{mn}$ is the Cartan-Killing metric. For reductions involving higher degree forms there are generalisations of these constants. For example, in the reduction of a $p$-form $\hat{C}_{(p)}$ the mass term in the reduced Lagrangian for the potential $C_{(i)n_{1}n_{2}...n_{p-1}}$ is of the form $(\Omega \cdot C_{(i)})^{2}$ and the non-linear gauge transformation of the field $C_{(i-1)n_{1}n_{2}...n_{p-1+i}}$ with parameter $\lambda_{(i-1)m_{1}m_{2}...m_{p-1}}$ is of the form $\delta_{\lambda}C_{(i-1)} = \Omega \cdot \lambda_{(i-1)}$ where

\begin{align*}
O_{m_{1}m_{2}...m_{p+1-i}}^{n_{1}n_{2}...n_{p-1-i}} &= \frac{(p-i+1)!}{2(p-i-1)!}f_{m_{1}m_{2}}^{n_{1}}\delta_{m_{3}}^{n_{2}}\delta_{m_{4}}^{n_{3}}...\delta_{m_{p-i+1}}^{n_{p-1}} \tag{A.3}
\end{align*}

B Field Redefinitions for $T^{d}$ Reductions

Reduction on $T^{d}$ corresponds to the case where $f_{mn}^{p} = 0$. The Chern-Simons term becomes very complicated under the standard reduction ansatze. To ease the algebra the following redefinition of the potential can be made, following [16]

\begin{align*}
\tilde{C} &= \tilde{C}_{(3)} + \tilde{C}_{(2)m} \wedge \sigma_{m} + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{C}_{(1)mn} \wedge \sigma_{m} \wedge \sigma_{n} + \frac{1}{6}\tilde{C}_{(0)mnp} \sigma_{m} \wedge \sigma_{n} \wedge \sigma_{p} + \pi_{(3)} \tag{B.1}
\end{align*}

where

\begin{align*}
\tilde{C}_{(3)} &= C_{(3)} - C_{(2)m} \wedge A_{m} + \frac{1}{2}C_{(1)mn} \wedge A_{m} \wedge A_{n} - \frac{1}{6}C_{(0)mnp} A_{m} \wedge A_{n} \wedge A_{p} \\
\tilde{C}_{(2)m} &= C_{(2)m} + C_{(1)mn} \wedge A_{n} + \frac{1}{2}C_{(0)mnp} A_{n} \wedge A_{p} \\
\tilde{C}_{(1)mn} &= C_{(1)mn} - C_{(0)mnp} A_{p} \\
\tilde{C}_{(0)mnp} &= C_{(0)mnp} \tag{B.2}
\end{align*}
The gauge transformations of these potentials are
\[
\delta \tilde{C}_i = \tilde{C}_{i,m} \wedge d\omega^m + d\tilde{\lambda}_i
\]
\[
\delta \tilde{C}_i = -\tilde{C}_{i,mn} \wedge d\omega^n + d\tilde{\lambda}_i
\]
\[
\delta \tilde{C}_i = \tilde{C}_{i,mnp} d\omega^p + d\tilde{\lambda}_i
\]
where the gauge parameter \(\tilde{\lambda}\) in this basis is defined as
\[
\tilde{\lambda} = \tilde{\lambda}_i + \tilde{\lambda}_i \wedge \sigma^m + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}_i \wedge \sigma^n
\]

For \( f_{np}^m = 0 \) limit the field strengths (2.9) are
\[
G_4 = d\tilde{C}_4 \wedge A^m + \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{C}_2 \wedge A^m \wedge A^n + \frac{1}{6} d\tilde{C}_0 \wedge A^m \wedge A^n \wedge A^p
\]
\[
G_3 = d\tilde{C}_3 \wedge A^n + \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{C}_1 \wedge A^n \wedge A^p + \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq} A^n \wedge A^n \wedge A^n
\]
\[
G_2 = d\tilde{C}_3 \wedge A^p - \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq} A^p \wedge A^q
\]
\[
G_1 = d\tilde{C}_3 + d\tilde{C}_1 \wedge A^p - \frac{1}{2} K_{mnpq} A^q
\]
\[
G_0 = -K_{mnpq}
\]
and satisfy the Bianchi identities
\[
dG_4 + G_3 \wedge F^m = 0
\]
\[
dG_3 + G_2 \wedge F^m = 0
\]
\[
dG_2 + G_1 \wedge F^p = 0
\]
\[
dG_1 + G_0 \wedge F^q = 0
\]
\[
dG_0 = 0
\]

C Reduction of Chern-Simons Terms

The eleven dimensional Chern-Simons term with flux on the \(\hat{C}\) field is
\[
L_{11}^{cs} = \frac{1}{6} \left( \hat{C} + \varpi(3) \right) \wedge d\left( \hat{C} + \varpi(3) \right) \wedge \left( \hat{C} + \varpi(3) \right)
\]
This may be rewritten modulo surface terms as
\[
L_{11}^{cs} = \frac{1}{6} \hat{G} \wedge \hat{G} \wedge \hat{C} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{G} \wedge \hat{C} \wedge \hat{K} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{C} \wedge \hat{K} \wedge \hat{K} + \frac{1}{6} \hat{K} \wedge \hat{K} \wedge \varpi(3)
\]
where
\[
\hat{K} = \frac{1}{24} K_{mnpq} \sigma^m \wedge \sigma^n \wedge \sigma^p \wedge \sigma^q
\]
The last term vanishes if \( D > 0 \) and the third term vanishes for \( D > 3 \).

In the case in which \( f_{mn}^p = 0 \), we can use the field definitions of Appendix B to give the reduction of the Chern-Simons term as

\[
L_{10}^{cs} = \epsilon^m \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_m \\
L_{9}^{cs} = \epsilon^{mn} \left(-\frac{1}{4} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{mn} - \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge d\tilde{C}(2)_n \wedge \tilde{C}(3)\right) \\
L_{8}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnp} \left(\frac{1}{12} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(3) \tilde{C}(0)_{mnp} - \frac{1}{6} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge d\tilde{C}(2)_n \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_p - \frac{1}{2} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(m) \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{np}\right) \\
L_{7}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnpq} \left(\frac{1}{6} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(2)_m \tilde{C}(0)_{npq} - \frac{1}{12} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge d\tilde{C}(2)_n \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{pq} + \frac{1}{8} d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{pq} \wedge \tilde{C}(3) \\
+ \frac{1}{48} K_{mnpq} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge \tilde{C}(3)\right) \\
L_{6}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnpqt} \left(\frac{1}{12} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \tilde{C}(0)_{pq} - \frac{1}{12} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge d\tilde{C}(2)_n \tilde{C}(0)_{pq} + \frac{1}{8} d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{pq} \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_t \right. \\
+ \frac{1}{24} K_{mnpqt} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_t\right) \\
L_{5}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnpqts} \left(\frac{1}{12} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{np} \tilde{C}(0)_{qts} + \frac{1}{48} d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{pq} \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{ts} \right. \\
- \frac{1}{72} d\tilde{C}(0)_{mnp} \wedge d\tilde{C}(0)_{qts} \wedge \tilde{C}(3) + \frac{1}{48} d\tilde{C}(3) \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{mn} K_{pqts} + \frac{1}{48} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_n K_{pqts}\right) \\
L_{4}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnpqtsl} \left(\frac{1}{48} d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \wedge d\tilde{C}(1)_{pq} \tilde{C}(0)_{tsl} - \frac{1}{72} d\tilde{C}(0)_{mnp} \wedge d\tilde{C}(0)_{qts} \wedge \tilde{C}(2)_l \right. \\
+ \frac{1}{144} d\tilde{C}(3) \tilde{C}(0)_{mnp} K_{qtsl} - \frac{1}{48} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{np} K_{qtsl}\right) \\
L_{3}^{cs} = \epsilon_{mnpqtslj} \left(-\frac{1}{144} d\tilde{C}(0)_{mnp} \wedge d\tilde{C}(0)_{qts} \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{lj} + \frac{1}{144} d\tilde{C}(2)_m \tilde{C}(0)_{npq} K_{tslj} \right. \\
+ \frac{1}{192} d\tilde{C}(1)_{mn} \wedge \tilde{C}(1)_{pq} K_{tslj} + \frac{1}{1152} K_{mnpq} K_{tslj} \tilde{C}(3)\right) \\
(C.4)

The reduction of the full case with both twist and flux is straightforward but leads to more complicated formulae, and these will not be given explicitly here.

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