The Effective Energy-Momentum Tensor in Kaluza-Klein Gravity With Large Extra Dimensions and Off-Diagonal Metrics

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Abstract

We consider a version of Kaluza-Klein theory where the cylinder condition is not imposed. The metric is allowed to have explicit dependence on the “extra” coordinate(s). This is the usual scenario in brane-world and space-time-matter theories. We extend the usual discussion by considering five-dimensional metrics with off-diagonal terms. We replace the condition of cylindricity by the requirement that physics in four-dimensional space-time should remain invariant under changes of coordinates in the five-dimensional bulk. This invariance does not eliminate physical effects from the extra dimension but separates them from spurious geometrical ones. We use the appropriate splitting technique to construct the most general induced energy-momentum tensor, compatible with the required invariance. It generalizes all previous results in the literature. In addition, we find two four-vectors, \( J^\mu_0 \) and \( J^\mu_e \), induced by off-diagonal metrics, that separately satisfy the usual equation of continuity in 4D. These vectors appear as source-terms in equations that closely resemble the ones of electromagnetism. These are Maxwell-like equations for an antisymmetric tensor \( \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \) that generalizes the usual electromagnetic one. This generalization is not an assumption, but follows naturally from the dimensional reduction. Thus, if \( \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \) could be identified with the electromagnetic tensor, then the theory would predict the existence of classical magnetic charge and current. The splitting formalism used allows us to construct 4D physical quantities from five-dimensional ones, in a way that is independent on how we choose our space-time coordinates from those of the bulk.

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1 Introduction

Most of the recent advances in theoretical physics deal with models of our universe in more than four dimensions. Theories of the Kaluza-Klein type in many dimensions are used in different branches of physics. Superstrings (10D) and supergravity (11D) are well known examples.

In gravitation and cosmology the study of multidimensional theories called “brane world” models as well as the space-time-matter (STM) theory in 5D, which seeks the unification of matter and geometry, have become quite popular. Although, these theories have different physical motivation for the introduction of a large extra dimension, they share the same goals and philosophy [1].

The crucial question in these theories can be split up in two parts. (1) How to extract the correct 4D interpretation from geometrical objects, like scalar dilatonic fields and antisymmetric forms, which appear in more than four dimensions? (2) How to predict observable effects from the extra dimensions? It seems to be obvious that the successful answer to the second question requires the correct answer to the first one.

1.1 Large extra dimension

This paper deals with the first part of this question. We consider a general version of Kaluza-Klein theory in 5D where the extra dimension is not assumed to be compactified. From a mathematical viewpoint, this means that the 5-dimensional metric tensor is allowed to depend explicitly on the fifth coordinate. This is the common assumption made in brane-world theory and STM [1]-[6].

However, we extend the discussion to the case where the five-dimensional metrics possess non-vanishing off-diagonal terms. The concrete question that we ask here is the following: What is the more general expression for an energy-momentum tensor in four-dimensions, that can be constructed with the elements of the 5D theory (The discussion can be easily extended to any number of dimensions. In this case the question is about the energy-momentum tensor constructed in one lower dimension).

The appearance of the extra dimensions in 4D physical laws is usually avoided by imposing the “cylindricity condition”, which essentially requires that all derivatives with respect to the extra coordinate(s) vanish. However, this condition is too restrictive. Indeed, this condition can be replaced by a less stringent one. Namely the requirement that physics in 4D should be invariant under coordinate transformations in 5D (to which we will refer as gauge invariance). Although cylindricity always implies gauge invariance, this invariance does not necessarily require cylindricity.

Therefore, in this work we require gauge invariance of 4D physical quantities instead of cylindricity. In a recent work [7] we applied the same requirement to study the motion of test particles in Kaluza-Klein Gravity. Gauge invariance allowed us to clarify a number of aspects of the so called “fifth force”. In particular, we provided a new definition for this force where it is gauge invariant and orthogonal to the four-velocity of the particle [8].

1.2 Previous results

Restricted versions of the problem under consideration here are well known in the literature.

The first version is the “classical” Kaluza-Klein theory, where the metric in 5D is restricted by the cylinder condition. This means that the extra dimension is assumed to be compactified. In this case, the five-dimensional Einstein equations, in vacuum, may be reduced to ones that resemble the 4D equations of general relativity in the presence of an electromagnetic field [9]-[10]. Here, the dimensional reduction is quite simple; in practice it amounts to integrating over the extra variable in the action integral.

The second version [11] relaxes cylindricity, i.e., the extra dimension is not assumed to be compactified. As a consequence, a simple integration in the action is no longer possible and the dimensional reduction is much more involved than in the classical case. However, a great simplification is attained if one restricts...
the discussion to the case where $\gamma_{\mu 4} = 0$. This is the usual working scenario in brane-world and STM theories [1]. This restriction amounts to describing a space-time free of electromagnetic field. The induced $4D$ energy-momentum tensor presents reasonable physical properties. In the context of brane-world theory, it predicts local and non-local five-dimensional corrections to general relativity. In STM, it constitutes the basis for the geometrical interpretation of matter [2]. As an important illustration of this, we mention that the $5D$ equations, under the appropriate symmetry conditions, lead to Friedmann-Robertson-Walker cosmological models with perfect fluid source, and satisfying the barotropic equation of state $\rho = n p$ [3].

Both restricted versions use the tacit assumption (commonly seen in the literature) that the first four coordinates correspond to the physical space-time, while the remaining one is the extra dimension. The obvious question is: given an arbitrary 5-dimensional metric, how do we know, a priori, which one is the “extra” coordinate? What if we choose our space-time coordinates in some another way, say some combination (or function) of the bulk coordinates for example?

1.3 General case: off-diagonal metrics

Our work is free of these assumptions. In this paper we construct the most general “induced” energy-momentum tensor compatible with gauge invariance, instead of cylindricity, and $\gamma_{\mu 4} \neq 0$.

Certainly, making a change of coordinates in $5D$, one can always transform an arbitrary metric $\gamma_{AB}$ with $\gamma_{\mu 4} \neq 0$ into another metric, say $\tilde{\gamma}_{AB}$, with vanishing off-diagonal terms. From a mathematical point of view the “old” metric and the transformed one represent the same five-dimensional manifold.

However, they are not equivalent from a “physical” point of view. Indeed, they give rise to different scenarios in $4D$. In the first case ($\gamma_{AB}$, $\gamma_{\mu 4} \neq 0$) spin one fields are present since $\gamma_{\mu 4}$ is just such a field. In the second case, the transformed metric $\tilde{\gamma}_{AB}$, $\gamma_{\mu 4} = 0$ removes it from the outset. In general, the structure and the material content of the observed spacetime is changed by any coordinate transformation that involves the extra coordinate. There is a similar situation in four-dimensional GR, where a coordinate transformation involving the time coordinate also implies a change in the system of reference, and consequently modifies the observed physical picture.

Thus, the consideration of $\gamma_{\mu 4} \neq 0$ corresponds to a physical scenario distinct from those mentioned in section 1.2. Namely, it allows the presence of fields of spin one in a full theory of Kaluza-Klein with zero and massive modes of graviton. Besides, the examination of the most general metric in $5D$ is important because we do not know yet which metric frame is the correct representation of our four-dimensional spacetime.

Therefore, we provide here a method to obtain physical quantities from $5D$ that is independent of how we choose our spacetime coordinates. The dimensional reduction for this general version generalizes all previous results in the literature. In addition, we find two conserved four-vectors, which appear as source-terms in equations that closely resemble those of electromagnetism. In this analogy, one of them corresponds to an effective electrical charge and current, while the other 4-vector would correspond an effective magnetic charge and current.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we consider the $5D$ line element and field equations and provide some details of our splitting technique in an arbitrary set of coordinates. In Section 3, we do the splitting of the field equations. They are expressed in terms of three quantities only. These are well defined, gauge invariant, $4D$ quantities constructed from the elements of the $5D$ theory. In Section 4, we introduce the physical metric and construct the energy-momentum tensor as measured by an observer in physical $4D$ space-time. In Sections 5 and 6, we introduce what we call the coordinate frame and show that our general approach contains all previous results in the literature. In Section 7, we discuss the fully general case. We will see that, as a consequence, of the anholonomic nature of the theory, there is a quantity that can be interpreted as magnetic charge and current. It is represented by a four-vector that satisfies the usual continuity equation. Finally, in Section 8, we present a summary of our conclusions.

1 In this paper $\gamma_{AB}$ denotes the five-dimensional metric
2 General Framework

In this section we will show how to construct four-dimensional quantities from five-dimensional ones. The construction is independent on the specific coordinates used in the 5D manifold and the way we choose coordinates in 4D. Then we introduce the local frame, which is the frame attached to an observer in 4D.

We will consider a general five-dimensional manifold with coordinates $\xi^A$ ($A = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$) and metric tensor $\gamma_{AB}(\xi^C)$. The 5D interval is then given by

$$dS^2 = \gamma_{AB} d\xi^A d\xi^B. \quad (1)$$

The field equations are taken to be the 5D Einstein equations,

$$\mathcal{R}_{AB} - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{AB} \mathcal{R} = k T_{AB}, \quad (k = \text{const.}) \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{R}_{AB}$ is the Ricci tensor constructed in terms of the Christoffel symbols

$$\mathcal{K}_{BC}^A = \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{AD} (\gamma_{DB,C} + \gamma_{DC,B} - \gamma_{BC,D}), \quad (3)$$

$\mathcal{R} = \gamma^{AB} \mathcal{R}_{AB}$ is the five-dimensional scalar curvature, and $T_{AB}$ a five-dimensional energy-momentum tensor.

We have already mentioned that are two cases where the $(4 + 1)$ separation of these equations is quite straightforward. In the first case the metric is general, except for the restriction that it does not depend explicitly on the extra coordinate. In the second case the metric is allowed to depend on the extra coordinate but it is restricted by the assumption $\gamma_{\mu 4} = 0$. In both cases, the assumption that the first four coordinates represent the physical space-time, allows to obtain the 4D part of (2) and (3) by simply putting $A, B = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

However, this simple method does not work in the general case under consideration here. Indeed, the 4D quantities defined with this straightforward identification (that $A, B = 0, 1, 2, 3$ are the space-time components of (2) and (3)) are not invariant under transformations in 5D.

Thus, in the general case where $\gamma_{4\mu} \neq 0$ and the metric is allowed to depend on the extra variable, another splitting method should be used in order to assure gauge invariance of physical quantities.

In this paper we use the “local” frame of reference, introduced in a previous work [7], to reduce the five-dimensional equations and construct the physical quantities in 4D that are invariant under transformations in 5D.

2.1 Splitting technique

To facilitate the discussion and set the notation, we start with a brief summary of our splitting technique. For details we refer the reader to Ref. [7] We assume that the 5D manifold in (1) allows us to construct, appropriately (see below), a four-dimensional hypersurface that can be identified with our 4D space-time. In this hypersurface we introduce a set of four parameters $x^\mu$ ($\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$), which are functions of $\xi^A$,

$$x^\mu = x^\mu (\xi^0, \xi^1, \xi^2, \xi^3, \xi^4). \quad (4)$$

The derivatives of these functions with respect to $\xi^A$

$$\dot{e}^A_\mu = \frac{\partial x^\mu}{\partial \xi^A}, \quad (5)$$

behave as covariant vectors with respect to changes $\xi^A = \xi^A(\tilde{\xi}^B)$ in 5D, and as contravariant vectors with respect to transformations $x^\mu = x^\mu(\bar{x}^\nu)$ in 4D. At each point these vectors are tangent to the hypersurface. The index in parenthesis numbers the vector, while the other one indicates its coordinate in 5D.
Therefore, in the region where they are linearly independent, they constitute a basis for the 4D hypersurface under consideration. We will interpret this, appropriately defined 4D manifold, as the physical space-time and $x^\mu$ as the coordinates in it.

We can now introduce the vector $\psi^A$, orthogonal to space-time. This is completely determined by

$$
\hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} \psi^A = 0,
\gamma_{AB} \psi^A \psi^B = \epsilon,
$$

(6)

where $\epsilon$ is taken to be +1 or −1 depending on whether the extra dimension is timelike or spacelike, respectively. We will also need the set of vectors $\hat{e}_A^{(\mu)}$, defined as

$$
\hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} \hat{e}_A^{(\nu)} = \delta^\mu_\nu,
\psi_A \hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} = 0
$$

(7)

They allow us to express any infinitesimal displacement in 5D as

$$
d\xi^A = \hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} dx^{(\mu)} + \epsilon \psi^A dx^{(4)},
$$

(8)

where $dx^{(\mu)} = \hat{e}_B^{(\mu)} d\xi^B$ and $dx^{(4)} = \psi_B d\xi^B$ represent the displacements along the corresponding basis vectors. From this, it follows that

$$
\hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} \hat{e}_B^{(\nu)} = \delta^A_B - \epsilon \psi^A \psi_B,
$$

(9)

### 2.2 Local frame

Thus, in the neighborhood of each point the observer is armed with five independent vectors, $\hat{e}_A^{(\mu)}$ and $\psi^B$, that constitute its frame of reference. In order to simplify further calculations we introduce a more symmetrical notation. To this end we set

$$
\hat{e}_A^{(4)} = \psi_A,
\psi_A \hat{e}_A^{(4)} = \epsilon \psi^A.
$$

(10)

Now, Eqs. (8), (11) and (12) become

$$
\hat{e}_A^{(B)} \hat{e}_A^{(C)} = \delta^B_C,
\hat{e}_C^{(N)} \hat{e}_D^{(N)} = \delta^D_C.
$$

(11)

Finally, we define our “local” 5D metric $\hat{g}_{(A)(B)}$ as

$$
\hat{g}_{(A)(B)} = \gamma_{MN} \hat{e}_M^{(A)} \hat{e}_N^{(B)},
$$

(12)

which neatly separates the five-dimensional manifold in (4 + 1) parts, viz.,

$$
\hat{g}_{(A)(B)} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix},
$$

(13)

where $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric (to which we will refer as the induced 4D metric$^4$ of the four-dimensional space-time section, viz.,

$$
\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \hat{e}_A^{(\mu)} \hat{e}_B^{(\nu)} \gamma_{AB}.
$$

(14)

$^4$Later, in Section 4.1 we will define the physical or observable 4D metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ as being conformally related to the induced one.
The advantage of the local frame is that it provides a (4+1) separation which is invariant under arbitrary changes of coordinates in 5D. Namely, putting \((A), (B) = 0, 1, 2, 3\) we obtain the space-time part of the local metric. We will use this frame, in the next Section, to perform the separation of the five-dimensional equations (2).

The 5D interval becomes

\[ dS^2 = \hat{g}_{(A)(B)} dx^{(A)} dx^{(B)}. \]  

In addition, from (11), it follows that

\[ \gamma_{AB} = \hat{e}_A^{(C)} \hat{e}_B^{(D)} \hat{g}^{(C)(D)}. \]  

We also notice

\[ \gamma^{AB} = \hat{e}^A_{(P)} \hat{e}^B_{(Q)} \hat{g}^{(P)(Q)}, \]  

where

\[ \hat{g}^{(P)(Q)} = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \hat{g}^{\alpha\beta} & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{array} \right). \]

Finally, we mention that basis indexes are lowered and raised with \(\hat{g}_{(A)(B)}\), while 5D coordinate indexes are lowered and raised with \(\gamma_{AB}\).

3 Field Equations In The Local Frame

In this Section we obtain the explicit form of the field equations in an arbitrary local frame. They neatly separate in three sets of 1, 4 and 10 equations. These equations are expressed solely in terms of well defined, gauge invariant, 4D quantities constructed from the 5D theory.

In the local frame, the 5D line element becomes

\[ dS^2 = \hat{g}_{(\mu)(\nu)} dx^{(\mu)} dx^{(\nu)} + \epsilon (dx^{(A)})^2. \]  

The field equations (2), using (16), can be written as

\[ \hat{R}_{(A)(B)} = k \left( \hat{T}_{(A)(B)} - \frac{1}{3} \hat{g}_{(A)(B)} \hat{T} \right), \]  

where

\[ \hat{R}_{(A)(B)} = \hat{e}^P_{(A)} \hat{e}^Q_{(B)} \hat{R}_{PQ}, \]

are the components of the five-dimensional Ricci tensor on the local frame. \(\hat{T}_{(A)(B)} = \hat{e}^P_{(A)} \hat{e}^Q_{(B)} \hat{T}_{PQ}\) and \(\hat{T}\) are, respectively, the basis components of the 5D energy-momentum tensor and its corresponding trace.

Now, since the local frame provides a clear separation between the space-time and the extra part of the metric, setting \(A \rightarrow \mu\) and \(B \rightarrow \nu\) in \(\hat{R}_{(A)(B)}\) we obtain the 4D part of this 5D tensor.

It may be worth emphasizing that there is no transformation of coordinates, neither in 5D nor in 4D, relating the above line element in the local frame to the general 5D metric (3). So although the line element is diagonal in the local frame, we have not eliminated the spin-one field. The simplicity of the above method for extracting the 4D quantities is one of the major advantages of using the local frame.
3.1 Christoffel symbols

The first step, in order to find the basis components \( \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{(A)(B)} \), is to obtain an appropriate expression for the “coordinate” Christoffel symbols (3) in terms of basis vectors. For this we substitute (11) into (3). After some manipulations, we get

\[
\mathcal{K}^{D}_{AC} = \varepsilon^{(P)}_{A} \varepsilon^{(Q)}_{C} \left( \hat{K}^{(R)}_{(P)(Q)} + \hat{V}^{(R)}_{(P)(Q)} \right),
\]

where \( \hat{K}^{(R)}_{(P)(Q)} \) are the Christoffel symbols constructed with the local metric, viz.,

\[
\hat{K}^{(R)}_{(P)(Q)} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}^{(R)(S)} \left( \hat{g}_{(S)(P)(Q)} + \hat{g}_{(S)(Q)(P)} - \hat{g}_{(P)(Q)(S)} \right),
\]

and

\[
\hat{V}^{(R)}_{(P)(L)} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}^{(R)(Q)} \left( \hat{g}_{(Q)(L)(P)} \mathcal{F}^{(4)}_{(P)(Q)} + \hat{g}_{(Q)(P)(L)} \mathcal{F}^{(4)}_{(L)(Q)} \right) - \frac{1}{2} S^{(R)}_{(P)(L)}.
\]

Here we have introduced the antisymmetric and symmetric quantities \( \mathcal{F}^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)} \) and \( S^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)} \), as

\[
\mathcal{F}^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)} = \varepsilon^{(M)}_{N} \left( \varepsilon^{(N)}_{(P)(Q)} - \varepsilon^{(N)}_{(Q)(P)} \right),
\]

\[
S^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)} = \varepsilon^{(M)}_{N} \left( \varepsilon_{(P)(Q)}^{N} + \varepsilon_{(Q)(P)}^{N} \right)
\]

In Eqs. (22)-(23) and in what follows, the symbol “\( \varepsilon \)” indicates directional derivatives. Specifically, for an arbitrary quantity \( \phi \) we have

\[
\phi_{(Q)} = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi_{(Q)}} = \varepsilon^{A}_{(Q)} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi^{A}}.
\]

Reciprocally,

\[
\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi^{A}} = \phi_{(M)} \varepsilon^{(M)}_{A}.
\]

The antisymmetric nature of \( \mathcal{F}^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)} \) implies that \( \mathcal{F}^{(\lambda)}_{(P)(Q)} = 0 \). Indeed, setting \( M \to \lambda \) in (22) and using orthogonality conditions (11) in (22) we obtain

\[
\mathcal{F}^{(\mu)}_{(A)(B)} = \varepsilon^{(\mu)}_{(B)} \varepsilon^{(\mu)}_{(A)} - \varepsilon^{(\mu)}_{(A)} \varepsilon^{(\mu)}_{(B)}.
\]

We now need to remember that \( \varepsilon^{(\mu)}_{A} = (\partial x^{\mu} / \partial \xi^{A}) \). Using this, and since \( (\partial^{2} / \partial \xi^{P} \partial \xi^{Q}) = (\partial^{2} / \partial \xi^{Q} \partial \xi^{P}) \), it follows that

\[
\mathcal{F}^{(\lambda)}_{(A)(B)} = 0.
\]

Consequently, only the ten remaining components \( \mathcal{F}^{(4)}_{(P)(Q)} \) are different from zero, in general. In a previous work (equations (78) and (79) in Ref. [3]), we have seen that six of them are associated with the electromagnetic field, while the other four with the so called “fifth” force. In what follows the index “\( (4) \)” in \( \mathcal{F}^{(4)}_{(P)(Q)} \) will be suppressed.

Let us immediately notice that \( \mathcal{F}_{(A)(B)} \) and \( S^{(C)}_{(A)(B)} \) have distinct behavior under coordinate transformations \( \xi^{A} = \xi^{A}(\bar{\xi}^{B}) \) in 5D. Indeed, under such transformations \( \varepsilon^{N}_{(P)} \) is a five-vector, but \( \varepsilon^{N}_{(P)(Q)} \) is not. Namely,

\[
\varepsilon^{N}_{(P)(Q)} = \frac{\partial^{2} \bar{\xi}^{N}}{\partial \xi^{A} \partial \xi^{B}} \varepsilon^{A}_{(P)} \varepsilon^{B}_{(Q)} + \frac{\partial \bar{\xi}^{N}}{\partial \xi^{A}} \varepsilon^{A}_{(Q)}.
\]
Therefore, from (23) we find that $\mathcal{F}^{(M)}_{(P)(Q)}$ remains invariant under the general transformations $\xi^A = \xi^A(\xi^B)$. On the other hand, from (20) we see that in new coordinates the quantity $S^{(C)}_{(A)(B)}$ has an additional term proportional to $(\partial^2 \xi^N / \partial \xi^A \partial \xi^B)$, which vanishes only for lineal transformations. Therefore, $S^{(C)}_{(A)(B)}$ is not invariant under general transformations in 5D.

For completeness, we now proceed to show how the quantities $S^{(C)}_{(A)(B)}$ and $\mathcal{F}^{(A)(B)}$ are related to the second derivatives $(\partial^2 \phi / \partial \xi^A \partial \xi^B)$ and $\phi^{(M)(N)}$, for an arbitrary function $\phi$. The derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^B} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \xi^A} \right) = \left( \phi^{(M)} \varepsilon_A^{(M)} \right)_{(N)} \varepsilon_B^{(N)},$$

(31)
can be rearranged as follows,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^B \partial \xi^A} \varepsilon_A^{(M)} \varepsilon_B^{(N)} = \phi^{(N)(M)} - \phi^{(P)} \varepsilon_C^{(P)} \varepsilon^{(M)(N)}.$$

(32)
where we have used the orthogonality conditions. Now, changing $A \leftrightarrow B$ and $M \leftrightarrow N$ we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^A \partial \xi^B} \varepsilon_A^{(M)} \varepsilon_B^{(N)} = \phi^{(N)(M)} - \phi^{(P)} \varepsilon_C^{(P)} \varepsilon^{(N)(M)}.$$  

(33)
If we add these two equations, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \xi^A \partial \xi^B} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \phi^{(M)(N)} + \phi^{(N)(M)} \right) - \phi^{(P)} S^{(P)}_{(M)(N)} \right] \varepsilon_A^{(M)} \varepsilon_B^{(N)}.$$  

(34)

On the other hand, if we subtract we obtain

$$\phi^{(N)(M)} = \phi^{(P)} \mathcal{F}^{(P)}_{(N)(M)} = \phi^{(4)} \mathcal{F}^{(4)}_{(N)(M)}.$$  

(35)
These expressions are useful in intermediate calculations.

### 3.2 Ricci tensor

The next step consists of substituting (23) into the usual definition for the Ricci tensor $\mathcal{R}_{AB}$. The calculations involve second derivatives of the metric, which in the local frame become directional derivatives. These derivatives do not commute, in general\(^4\), but the use of relations (34) and (33) keep the symmetry of the Ricci tensor.

The calculations are quite long and involved. However, the final result is rather simple. It is expressed in terms of three quantities only. Namely; (i) the four-dimensional Ricci tensor $\tilde{R}_{\mu\nu}$ constructed with the Christoffel symbols obtained from the induced 4D metric, viz.,

$$\tilde{\Gamma}^\lambda_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\lambda\sigma} \left( \hat{g}_{\sigma\mu(\nu)} + \hat{g}_{\sigma(\nu)\mu} - \hat{g}_{\mu(\nu)\sigma} \right) = \tilde{K}^{(\lambda)}_{(\mu)(\nu)}.$$  

(36)

(ii) the derivatives of the induced 4D metric along the fifth dimension, which we denote as

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu(4)}.$$  

(37)

\(^4\)It may be worth mentioning that, although with different purposes, anholonomic frames have recently been considered for the study of off-diagonal metrics in Einstein and brane gravity [14-16].
and (iii) the antisymmetric tensor $F^{(C)}_{(A)(B)}$ defined in (23).

Thus, omitting intermediate calculations, we have

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{(4)(4)} = -i(\hat{\Psi}^{(4)} + \hat{\Psi}_{\lambda\rho} \hat{\Psi}^{\lambda\rho}) + \frac{1}{4} F_{(\lambda)(\rho)} F^{(\lambda)(\rho)} - \epsilon(\hat{D}_{(\lambda)} F^{(\lambda)} + F_{(\lambda)} F^{(\lambda)}),$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{(\mu)(4)} = \hat{D}_{(\lambda)}(\hat{\Psi}^{\lambda}_{\mu} - \delta^{\lambda}_{\mu} \hat{\Psi} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} F^{(\lambda)}_{(\rho)} F^{(\rho)}_{(\mu)}),$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{(\mu)(\nu)} = \hat{R}_{\mu\nu} - \epsilon(\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu(4)} - 2\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\rho} \hat{\Psi}^{\rho}_{\nu} + \hat{\Psi}^{\rho}_{\mu} \hat{\Psi}^{\rho}_{\nu}) - \frac{1}{2} \hat{D}_{(\nu)} F_{(\mu)} + \hat{D}_{(\nu)} F_{(\mu)}$$

$$- F_{(\mu)} F_{(\nu)} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} F^{(\mu)(\rho)} F^{(\rho)}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (38)

Here $F_{(\mu)(\nu)} = F_{(\mu)(\nu)}^{(4)}$; $F_{(\mu)} = F_{(\mu)(4)} = F_{(\mu)(4)}^{(4)}$. $\hat{D}$ is the operator of covariant differentiation calculated with the 4D Christoffel symbols \cite{16}. Thus, $\hat{D}_{(\lambda)} \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = 0$. In (38) indexes are lowered and raised by the induced metric $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$. $\hat{\Psi} = \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu}$, and $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu} = -(1/2) (\hat{g}^{\mu\nu})_{(4)}$, which follows from \cite{17} and $\hat{g}^{\mu\nu} \hat{g}_{\nu\lambda} = \delta^{\mu}_{\lambda}$.

The above equations \cite{17} are totally general. For their derivation we have made no assumptions; neither on the character of the metric nor imposed restrictions on the frame of basis vectors used. In addition, they are (by construction) invariant under general transformations of coordinates in 5D. We note that the symmetric quantity $S_{(A)(B)}^{(C)}$, which is not invariant appears nowhere in the final result, as one expected.

4 Interpretation In Four-Dimensions

As we have already mentioned in the Introduction, one of the crucial questions in discussing possible observational manifestations of the extra dimension is: how to give the correct four-dimensional interpretation to the geometrical quantities that appear naturally in theories formulated in more than four dimensions?

In our five-dimensional case these quantities are: the antisymmetric tensor $F_{(\mu)(\nu)}$, the four-vector $F_{(\mu)}$ and the symmetric tensor $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu}$. The first two generalize, to models with a large extra dimension, the essential elements of classical Kaluza-Klein theory. Namely the electromagnetic tensor and the gradient of the scalar field, respectively. On the other hand, the quantity $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu}$ is the extrinsic curvature of the four-dimensional subspace representing our universe in brane-world and STM. Therefore it is related to ordinary matter.

The above suggests that $F_{(\mu)(\nu)}$, $F_{(\mu)}$ and $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu}$ are the, physically relevant, appropriate quantities to construct an effective four-dimensional energy-momentum which is gauge invariant and consistent with what we already know.

4.1 Four-dimensional physical metric

Firstly, we have to decide about another fundamental question, namely: how to identify the physical or observable space-time metric (which we will denote as $g_{\mu\nu}$) from the induced one?.

The simplest choice is to assume $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$. However, this choice may not describe all possible physical scenarios. In addition, there remains the freedom of multiplying this metric by a conformal factor, namely,

$$\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\lambda} g_{\mu\nu}$$  \hspace{1cm} (39)

$^5$The parenthesis in the index of the covariant derivative is kept in order to remind us that it involves the use of directional derivatives. $^6$In particular, in the context of STM, the identification $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$, together with the restriction of independence of the fifth coordinate, lead to a radiation-like equation of state for the induced matter. Also, for static spherically symmetric solutions they lead to an effective energy-momentum tensor which is anisotropic in a number of cases.
where $\beta$ depends on the dilatonic fields present in the theory. In compactified Kaluza-Klein theory the necessity and uniqueness of the conformal factor has been widely discussed in many papers \[19\]-\[24\].

In this work we will adopt \([\beta]\), which for $\beta = 0$ reduces to the case $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}$. Our main motivation for this choice is to add a degree of freedom which we can utilize, in specific applications of the theory, to guarantee that the induced energy-momentum tensor satisfies appropriate physical conditions. Moreover, in order to keep the generality of the discussion, and for future references, we allow $\beta$ to be an arbitrary scalar function of the space-time coordinates and the extra variable. This assumption, clearly, does not affect the $4 + 1$ separation.

Physical predictions, in particular the interpretation of the matter content of the space-time as well as the behavior of test particles, crucially depend on the choice of $\beta$.

Mathematically the transition from the induced metric to the physical one is quite simple. It amounts the replacement in the field equations of “induced” quantities (i.e., calculated with $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}$) by “physical” ones (calculated with $g_{\mu\nu}$). Christoffel symbols are obtained by substituting \([\beta]\) into \([\tilde{\Gamma}^\mu_{\lambda\rho}]\).

\[
\hat{\Gamma}^\mu_{\lambda\rho} = \Gamma^\mu_{\lambda\rho} + (\beta_\lambda \delta^\mu_\rho + \beta_\rho \delta^\mu_\lambda - \beta_\rho^\mu g_{\lambda\rho}).
\]

(40)

Thus, the Ricci tensor $R_{\mu\nu}$, of the physical space-time, is given by

\[
\hat{R}_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - (D_\lambda(\beta_\nu) + D_\nu(\beta_\lambda)) + 2\beta(\beta_\nu^\lambda + D_\lambda(\beta^\nu)).
\]

(41)

Here $\beta_\nu = \beta_\rho(\alpha)$; and $D$ is the operator of covariant differentiation constructed with the $\Gamma^\mu_{\lambda\rho}$ given above.\[7\]

Therefore, $D(\lambda)g_{\mu\nu} = 0$. In Eq. (\[1\]) and in what follows, indexes are lowered and raised by the physical metric $g_{\mu\nu}$.

### 4.2 Four-dimensional energy-momentum tensor

We now proceed to construct the energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ corresponding to the physical metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ specified in \([\beta]\). Following the usual procedure, we define the energy-momentum tensor in 4D through the Einstein equations in 4D, namely

\[
T_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R,
\]

(42)

where $R = g^{\alpha\beta}R_{\alpha\beta}$ is the scalar curvature of the physical space-time. We also introduce the notation

\[
\Psi_{\mu\nu} = \beta_\nu^\lambda g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}1(\lambda).
\]

(43)

Such that $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\beta}\Psi_{\mu\nu}; \hat{\Psi} = \Psi = \Psi_{\mu\nu}g^{\mu\nu}$, and $\hat{\Psi}^{\mu\lambda} = e^{-2\beta}\Psi^{\mu\lambda}$.

Now, we substitute Eq. (\[1\]) into (\[1\]) and change the covariant derivatives from $\hat{D}$ to $D$. Then, using the field equations (\[2\]) and the above notation we obtain the scalar curvature of the physical space-time as follows

\[
R = \epsilon e^{2\beta}(\Psi^2 - \Psi_{\lambda\rho}\Psi^{\lambda\rho}) + \frac{3\epsilon}{4}e^{-2\beta}F(\lambda)(\nu)^2 \lambda(\nu) + 6\beta(\beta(\mu) + 1(\mu)1(\nu) + 2ke^{2\beta}r(\lambda^4).
\]

(44)

In a similar way, we obtain from Eq. (\[1\]) an effective energy momentum tensor that clearly separates into six parts, namely,

\[
R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(II)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(III)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(V)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(VI)}.
\]

(45)

\[7\] The relation between $\hat{D}$ and $D$ is as follows: $D(\mu)(\nu) = D(\mu)(\nu) - (\beta(\nu)\nu + \beta(\nu)\nu - \beta(\nu)\nu^\alpha g_{\mu\nu})$. 

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where

\[
T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon e^{2\beta} \left[ \Psi_{\mu\nu} e^{(4)} - 2\Psi_{\rho\sigma} \Psi_{\mu\nu}^{\rho\sigma} + (\Psi + 2\beta_{(4)}) \Psi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} (\Psi^2 + \Psi_{\lambda\rho} \Psi_{\lambda\rho} + 2\Psi_{(4)}) \right],
\]

\[
T^{(II)}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left( D_{(\mu)} F_{(\nu)} + D_{(\nu)} F_{(\mu)} \right) + F_{(\mu)} F_{(\nu)} - g_{\mu\nu} \left( D_{(\rho)} F^{(\rho)} + F_{(\rho)} F^{(\rho)} \right),
\]

\[
T^{(III)}_{\mu\nu} = (D_{(\mu)} \beta_{(\nu)} + D_{(\nu)} \beta_{(\mu)}) - 2\beta_{(\mu)} \beta_{(\nu)} - g_{\mu\nu} \left( 2D_{(\rho)} \beta^{(\rho)} + \beta_{(\rho)} \beta^{(\rho)} \right),
\]

\[
T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} = \epsilon e^{-2\beta} \left[ F_{(\mu)(\rho)} F_{(\nu)} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{(\lambda)(\rho)} F^{(\lambda)(\rho)} \right],
\]

\[
T^{(V)}_{\mu\nu} = - \left( \beta_{(\mu)} F_{(\nu)} + \beta_{(\nu)} F_{(\mu)} + g_{\mu\nu} \beta_{(\alpha)} F^{(\alpha)} \right),
\]

\[
T^{(VI)}_{\mu\nu} = k \hat{e}^A_{(\mu)} e^B_{(\nu)} T_{AB}.
\]

(46)

Let us note several features of the above equations:

1) \( T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} \) depends only on the derivatives along the fifth dimension; \( T^{(II)}_{\mu\nu} \) depends only on the four-vector \( F_{(\mu)} \); \( T^{(III)}_{\mu\nu} \) depends only on the conformal factor; \( T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} \) depends only on the antisymmetric tensor \( F_{(\mu)(\nu)} \); \( T^{(V)}_{\mu\nu} \) is a kind of “interaction” between the fields \( F_{(\mu)} \) and \( \beta_{(\mu)} \); finally \( T^{(VI)}_{\mu\nu} \) represents the space-time projection of the five-dimensional energy-momentum tensor on a general local basis.

2) The interpretation of matter content of the space-time is fixed solely by the choice of four-space-time basis vectors \( \hat{e}^A_{(\mu)} \). They in turn define \( \hat{A} \) and \( \hat{(4)} \). Once this choice is made none of the contributions to \( T_{\mu\nu} \) can be altered by changing coordinates in 5D.

3) The factor \( \epsilon \) appears in front of \( T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} \) and \( T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} \). Therefore their effects on gravity in 4D will depend on whether the extra dimension is spacelike or timelike. The contribution from the other components of the energy-momentum tensor is the same in both cases. This can also be seen from \( \hat{(4)} \).

4) The special nature of \( T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} \) and \( T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} \) (which we will see describe ordinary matter and electromagnetic field, respectively) is also reflected by the multiplicative factor in front of them. While the contribution from ordinary matter is enhanced by a factor \( \epsilon^{2\beta} \), the one from the electromagnetic field is diminished in the same proportion. A similar effect occurs with the scalar curvature \( \hat{(4)} \).

5) Notice the absence of constants coefficients in \( \hat{(4)} \). The only “arbitrary” assumption we have made so far is in the choice of the norm of vector \( \psi \) in \( \hat{(4)} \). Therefore, one could ask whether it is possible or not to introduce some particular constants in \( \hat{(4)} \) by changing this norm, say putting \( \gamma_{AB} \psi^A \psi^B = \epsilon N^2 \), \( N = \text{constant} \). The answer to this question is negative; the whole construction is invariant under this change.

For completeness we provide an alternative expression, which is useful in particular applications. It is obtained from the field equations \( \hat{(4)} \) and \( \hat{(4)} \) in\footnote{Here we use that \( \hat{R}^{(4)} = (k/3)(2\hat{T}^{(4)} - \hat{\tau}^{(\alpha)}) \).}.

\[
D_{(\lambda)} F^{(\lambda)} + F_{(\lambda)} (2\beta^{(\lambda)} + F^{(\lambda)}) = \epsilon e^{-2\beta} \frac{4}{4} F_{(\lambda)(\rho)} F^{(\lambda)(\rho)}
- e^{2\beta} \left( \epsilon (\Psi_{(4)} + \Psi_{\lambda\rho} \Psi_{\lambda\rho}^2) + \frac{k}{3} (2\hat{T}^{(4)} - \hat{\tau}^{(\alpha)}) \right). \]

(47)

Finally, we stress the fact that in Eqs. \( \hat{(1)} \)-\( \hat{(7)} \) we have lowered and raised indexes with the help of the physical metric \( g_{\mu\nu} \).
4.3 Maxwell-like equations

Equations (44)-(45) constitute eleven of the fifteen field equations in five dimensions. The other four are obtained from (20), (38) and (39), viz.,

\[ D(\lambda) \left[ \frac{e^{-2\beta}}{2} F(\mu)(\lambda) + P^\lambda_\mu \right] + e^{-2\beta} F(\mu)(\rho) (F(\rho) + \beta(\rho)) + \epsilon \beta(\sigma) (4\Psi^\sigma_\mu - \delta^\sigma_\mu \Psi) = k \hat{T}^{(4)}(\mu). \]

where

\[ P^\lambda_\mu = \epsilon (\hat{\Psi}^\lambda_{(\mu)} - \delta^\lambda_\mu \hat{\Psi}) = \epsilon (\Psi^\lambda_{(\mu)} - \delta^\lambda_\mu \Psi) \]

We will see that the four equations (48) can be reduced to the inhomogeneous Maxwell equations, for electrical and magnetic field, containing sources. While the homogeneous Maxwell equations, i.e., those without sources can be obtained from the condition

\[ F(\mu)(\nu) |(4) = F(\mu)(\nu) - F(\nu)(\mu), \]

and

\[ F(\mu)(\nu)(\lambda) |(\mu) + F(\nu)(\lambda)(\mu) |(\nu) = F(\mu)(\nu) F(\lambda)(\mu) + F(\nu)(\lambda) F(\mu)(\nu). \]

It is clear that, this identity under certain conditions should lead to the one for the electromagnetic tensor.

5 Coordinate Frame

The equations in Sec. 4 are rather general, they are useful for the interpretation of 5D metrics in an arbitrary frame. The choice of any particular local frame does not impose restrictions on the geometry. However, it should be clear that, the physical interpretation of any given metric in 5D crucially depends on this choice. In fact, the analysis of a given metric in two different (local) frames, will result in two different interpretations for the material content of the space-time.

Specific results in the literature frequently assume that the first four coordinates correspond to the physical space-time, while the remaining one is the extra dimension, viz.,

\[ x^\mu = \xi^\mu. \]

The space-time basis vectors are

\[ \hat{e}^{(0)}_A = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0), \]
\[ \hat{e}^{(1)}_A = (0, 1, 0, 0, 0), \]
\[ \hat{e}^{(2)}_A = (0, 0, 1, 0, 0), \]
\[ \hat{e}^{(3)}_A = (0, 0, 0, 1, 0). \]

From (\ref{1}) and (\ref{10}) we find

\[ \hat{e}^{A}_{(4)} = e^{A} = (0, 0, 0, 0, \epsilon^A_\Phi), \]

where we have set \( \gamma_{44} = \epsilon^2 \). The above set of vectors constitute what we call coordinate frame.
The associated basis vectors are given by (11). Denoting \( \gamma_{\mu 4} = \epsilon \Phi^2 A_{\mu} \), we obtain

\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{e}^A_{(0)} &= (1, 0, 0, 0, -A_0), \\
\hat{e}^A_{(1)} &= (0, 1, 0, 0, -A_1), \\
\hat{e}^A_{(2)} &= (0, 0, 1, 0, -A_2), \\
\hat{e}^A_{(3)} &= (0, 0, 0, 1, -A_3), \\
\hat{e}^A_{(4)} &= \epsilon \Phi (A_0, A_1, A_2, A_3, 1).
\end{align*}
\] (56)

The 5D line element takes the well-known form

\[
\begin{align*}
    dS^2 &= \epsilon^2 g_{\mu \nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + \epsilon \Phi^2 (d\xi^4 + A_\mu dx^\mu)^2, \\
    \hat{g}_{\mu \nu} &= \epsilon^2 g_{\mu \nu} = \gamma_{\mu \nu} - \epsilon \Phi^2 A_{\mu} A_{\nu}.
\end{align*}
\] (57)

We will keep the use of \( \xi^4 \), in order to avoid any confusion with the “physical” displacement along the extra dimension[1]. From (23), and using the above basis vectors, we obtain the specific form of \( F_{(\mu)(\nu)} \) and \( F_{(\mu)} \) in the coordinate frame. Namely,

\[
\begin{align*}
    F_{(\mu)(\nu)} &= \epsilon \Phi \left( A_{\rho(\mu)} - A_{\mu(\rho)} \right), \\
    F_{(\mu)} &= \frac{\Phi_{(\mu)}}{\Phi} - \epsilon \Phi A_{\mu(4)}.
\end{align*}
\] (58)

In this frame the rules for derivation, for an arbitrary function \( \phi \), are

\[
\begin{align*}
    \phi_{(4)} &= \epsilon \frac{\phi_{(4)}}{\Phi}, \\
    \phi_{(\mu)} &= \phi_{,\mu} - \phi_{,4} A_{\mu},
\end{align*}
\] (59)

where a comma denotes partial differentiation. The above quantities are invariant under the set of “gauge” transformations

\[
\begin{align*}
    x^\mu &= \bar{x}^\mu, \\
    \xi^4 &= \bar{\xi}^4 + f(\bar{x}^0, \bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \bar{x}^3),
\end{align*}
\] (60)

that keeps the shape of the line element (57). As a matter of fact, all physical quantities in equations (44)-(52) are invariant under these transformations[1].

In what follows we will use the quantity

\[
\begin{align*}
    \tilde{F}_{\mu \rho} &= (A_{\rho(\mu)} - A_{\mu(\rho)}) = (\tilde{D}_{(\mu)} A_{\rho} - D_{(\rho)} A_{\mu}) \\
    &= (A_{\rho,\mu} - A_{\mu,\rho}) + (A_{\rho} A_{\mu,4} - A_{\mu} A_{\rho,4}).
\end{align*}
\] (61)

Which, in the case of no dependence on the extra variable, reduces to the usual electromagnetic tensor, viz.,

\[
F_{\mu \rho} = (A_{\rho,\mu} - A_{\mu,\rho}).
\] (62)

\footnote{In this frame, space-time displacements are \( dx^\mu = d\xi^\mu \), while the ones along the extra dimension are \( dx^4 = \epsilon A^4 d\xi^4 = \epsilon \Phi (d\xi^4 + A_{\mu} dx^\mu) \).}

\footnote{Under transformation (42): \( \gamma_{\mu \nu} = \gamma_{\mu \nu} + \epsilon \Phi^2 (A_{\mu} f_{\nu} + A_{\nu} f_{\mu} + f_{\mu} f_{\nu}) \) and \( \hat{A}_{\mu} = (A_{\mu} + f_{\mu}) \). The induced metric \( \hat{g}_{\mu \nu} \) as well as the physical one \( g_{\mu \nu} \) remain invariant. The derivatives change as \( \hat{g}_{\mu \nu \lambda} = g_{\mu \nu \lambda} + g_{\mu \nu} f_{\lambda \gamma} \) but the Christoffel symbols \( \Gamma^\gamma_{\alpha \beta} \) and \( \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha \beta} \) remain invariant. Also, \( \Phi_{\mu} = \Phi_{\mu} + \Phi_{\mu} f_{\nu} \), \( \hat{A}_{\nu} = A_{\nu} + f_{\nu} A_{\mu} f_{\nu} + f_{\mu} f_{\nu} \) and \( \hat{A}_{\rho(\mu)} = A_{\rho(\mu)} + f_{\rho,\mu} \). Therefore, the antisymmetric tensor \( F_{(\mu)(\rho)} \) and the four-vector \( F_{(\mu)} \) remain invariant.}
Therefore we will refer to (61) as the \textit{generalized electromagnetic tensor}. Thus, in what follows

\[ F(\mu(\nu) = \epsilon \Phi \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \]  

(63)

Since the choice of the coordinate-frame seems to be the simplest one, for a given metric, the question may arise of whether a simplified version for the effective energy-momentum-tensor (61)-(62) can be derived in a simpler way by employing the coordinate frame from the outset.

The answer to this question is negative, at least for the general case where cylindricity is not assumed and \( \gamma_{4\mu} \neq 0 \). Indeed, the explicit coordinate-frame version of (62) is quite cumbersome.

### 5.1 \( \xi^4 \)-dependence of induced four-dimensional fields

Since the bulk metric \( \gamma_{AB} \) is allowed to be a function of the extra coordinate, the induced physical fields \( g_{\mu\nu} \), \( \Phi \) and \( \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \) depend on the space-time coordinates and also on the fifth coordinate. However the \( \xi^4 \)-dependence of these fields is non dynamic. Besides, these fields are gauge invariant under (60).

The physical meaning of (60) is that \( \xi^4 \) can take any value independently at each space-time point. It reflects the arbitrariness in the choice of origin for \( \xi^4 \) at each space-time point. Therefore, without loss of generality we can set \( \xi^4 = \xi_0^4 = \text{const} \), everywhere in space-time. Consequently, 4D quantities will depend on \( x^0, \, x^1, \, x^2 \) and \( x^3 \), only, but \textit{not} on \( \xi^4 \).

### 6 Particular Cases and Previous Results

In general, we cannot expect to obtain simplified versions for (61)-(62) except in the case where we introduce some physical simplifying assumptions. The simplest versions are generated by (35). They correspond to the cases where the (directional) derivatives commute. They are:

(i) no dependence of the extra variable,
(ii) no electromagnetic field,
(iii) no dependence of the extra variable and no electromagnetic field.

#### 6.1 Classical Kaluza-Klein theory: no dependence on the extra coordinate and \( \gamma_{4\mu} \neq 0 \)

In this case \( T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} \) from (65) vanishes. The other components reduce to

\[
T^{(II)}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\Phi} (\Phi_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} \Phi_\alpha^\alpha),
\]

\[
T^{(III)}_{\mu\nu} = 2 \beta_{\mu\nu} - 2 \beta_\mu \beta_\nu - g_{\mu\nu} (2 \beta_\alpha^\alpha + \beta_\alpha \beta^\alpha),
\]

\[
T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\epsilon^2 e^{-2\beta}}{2} (F_{\mu\rho} F_{\nu}^\rho - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} F_{\lambda\rho} F^{\lambda\rho}),
\]

\[
T^{(V)}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{\Phi} (\beta_\mu \Phi_\nu + \beta_\nu \Phi_\mu + g_{\mu\nu} \beta_\alpha \Phi^\alpha),
\]

(64)

where semicolon denotes covariant differentiation and \( \phi_\alpha = \phi_{\alpha\alpha} \).

We now go back to our comment (5), at the end of Sec. 4.2. In order to “derive” the dimensional units in 4D from 5D, some authors put a multiplicative coefficient in front of the extra part of the line element (57). The change \( \Phi \rightarrow K \Phi \) leads to a coefficient \( K^2 \) in front of \( T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} \), while the other components remain unchanged.
Equation (47) reduces to the wave equation for the scalar field,

\[ \Phi_{,\alpha}^{\alpha} + 2\Phi_{,\alpha\beta}^{\alpha} = \epsilon e^{-2\beta} \Phi_{,\lambda\rho}^{\lambda} \Phi_{,\lambda\rho} - \Phi e^{2\beta} \hat{R}_{(4)} \]

while equations (48) and (52) yield equations of “electromagnetic type”\(^1\)

\[ (\Phi^3 F_{\mu\lambda})_{,\lambda} = 2\epsilon \Phi e^{4\beta} k T_{(4)}^{(\mu)} \]

\[ F_{[\mu\nu;\lambda]} = 0. \]

6.1.1 \( \beta = 0 \)

In this case we recover well known results of classical Kaluza-Klein theory. Setting \( \Phi^2 \rightarrow (4G/c^4)\Phi^2 \) and \( k = (8\pi G/c^4) \), we obtain \( T_{(IV)}^{(\mu)} = 0 \) and \( (\Phi^3 F_{\mu\lambda})_{,\lambda} = (4\pi/c)J_{(4)}^{(\mu)} \), where \( J_{(4)}^{(\mu)} = \epsilon e \Phi T_{(4)}^{(\mu)} \). In this case, our results are identical to those in Ref. 6. In this reference the connection between \( T_{AB} \) and the four-vector charge-current density \( J_{(4)}^{(\mu)} \) is taken as a postulate. In our approach this connection is not a postulate but is a byproduct of the dimensional reduction.

6.1.2 \( \beta \neq 0 \)

We recover other particular cases in the literature. See below in Sec. 6.3.

6.2 STM and brane-world theory: explicit dependence on the extra variable and \( \gamma_{\mu 4} = 0 \)

The condition \( \gamma_{\mu 4} = 0 \) requires \( A_\mu = 0 \). The components of the energy-momentum tensor are identical to (74), except for the fact that now \( T_{(IV)}^{(\mu)} = 0 \). In this case \( T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} \) is the combination of two parts\(^2\). One of them, \( (\Phi)T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} \), depends only on the extra derivatives of the physical metric. The other part, \( (\beta)T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} \), contains the extra derivatives of \( \beta \).

In what follows an asterisk denotes partial differentiation with respect to the extra coordinate, and

\[ \varphi_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \varphi_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{2}(g_{\mu\nu})^*, \quad \varphi = g_{\mu\nu} \varphi_{\mu\nu}. \]

The scalar field satisfies the equation

\[ \Phi_{,\alpha}^{\alpha} = -2\Phi_{,\alpha\beta}^{\alpha} - \epsilon e^{2\beta} \Phi \left[ (\varphi_{,\mu}^* - \frac{\Phi_{,\mu}^*}{\Phi} + \varphi_{,\lambda\rho} \varphi_{,\lambda\rho}) + 4(\beta_{,\mu}^* + (\beta_{,\mu}^*)^2) - \frac{\Phi_{,\mu}^*}{\Phi} \beta_{,\mu}^* + \frac{1}{2}(\beta_{,\mu}^* \varphi_{,\mu}^*) + \epsilon e^{2\beta} \hat{R}_{(4)} \right]. \]  

\(^{11}\) In (60) we have used \( T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} = \epsilon(e(\mu))T_{AB} = \epsilon(e(\mu))T_{AB} = T_{(4)}^{(\mu)} / \Phi \). Basis indexes are lowered and raised with the induced metric.

\(^{12}\) \( T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} = \epsilon(\beta)e_{(I)}^{(\mu)} \left[ \varphi_{\mu\nu}^* - \varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* - 2\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* \varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* + \varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* + g_{\mu\nu}(\frac{1}{2}\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* - \frac{1}{2}\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* + \beta_{,\mu\nu}^* + \frac{1}{2}(\beta_{,\mu\nu}^*)^2) \right] \) and \( (\beta)T_{(I)}^{(\mu)} = \epsilon(\beta)e_{(I)}^{(\mu)} \left[ \beta (4\varphi_{,\mu\nu} + 3\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^*) - 4\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* + 3\varphi_{,\mu\nu}^* + 3g_{\mu\nu}(\beta_{,\mu\nu}^* + (\beta_{,\mu\nu}^*)^2) \right]. \)
Using this expression we obtain,

\[
T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} + T^{(II)}_{\mu\nu} = \left[ \frac{\Phi_{\mu\nu}}{\Phi} + 2g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\Phi_\lambda}{\Phi} \beta^\lambda \right] + \frac{e^2\beta}{\Phi^2} \left[ (\varphi_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\Phi}{\Phi} \varphi_{\mu\nu} - 2\varphi_{\mu\nu}\varphi_{\nu} + \varphi_{\mu\nu}) - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu}(\varphi^2 - \varphi_{\lambda\nu}\varphi^{\lambda\nu}) \right] + \frac{e^2\beta}{\Phi^2} \left[ 4 \beta \varphi_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} \left( 2(\beta)^2 + \frac{\Phi}{\Phi} \beta + 2\varphi_\beta - \beta^* - e\Phi^2 \hat{R}^{(4)} \right) \right].
\] (69)

These four-dimensional quantities have to be evaluated at some \( \xi^4 = \text{const} \). In brane-world models, for convenience, \( \xi^4 = 0 \) is usually chosen.

### 6.2.1 \( \beta = 0 \)

Here we recover the effective energy-momentum tensor in STM and brane-world models.

In the context of STM, it is straightforward to verify that our equations (with \( \hat{R}^{(4)} = 0 \)) become identical to those in Ref. [1]. From (68) it follows that the 4D tensor \( P_{\mu\nu} \) is a conserved quantity provided \( \hat{T}^{(4)}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \), viz., \( D_\lambda P^\lambda_{\mu\nu} = 0 \). These equations form the basis of STM. From a four-dimensional point of view, the empty 5D equations look as the Einstein equations with (effective) matter. In the case where the bulk metric is independent of the extra dimension, equations (68) and (69) show that the effective 4D energy-momentum tensor is traceless, \( T_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{eff})} = 0 \). In other words, independence of the 5D metric from the extra coordinate implies a radiation-like equation of state. Thus the existence of other forms of 4D matter crucially relies on the \( \xi^4 \)-dependence of the bulk metric. A detailed investigation shows that we can recover a number of equations of state commonly used in astrophysics and cosmology [13, 17].

In the brane-world scenario, \( \varphi_{\mu\nu} \) is proportional to the extrinsic curvature of the brane, which in turn is related, through Israel's boundary conditions, to the energy-momentum tensor of ordinary matter on the brane. The quantities \( \varphi_{\mu\nu}^* \), that is the second derivatives of the metric with respect to the extra coordinate, as well as \( \Phi^* \) are related to the nonlocal Weyl corrections from the free gravitational field in the bulk. With this interpretation, one can show that (68) and (69) look exactly as the equations for gravity in brane-world models (for details see Ref. [1]).

### 6.2.2 \( \beta \neq 0 \)

Let us first consider the “canonical metric” [2]. This metric has \( e^{2\beta} = (l/L)^2 \), where \( l \) is the extra coordinate and \( L \) is a dimensional coefficient. The (physical) space-time metric is allowed to depend on the extra variable. With this choice \( T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} = T^{(IV)}_{\mu\nu} = T^{(V)}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \). In this case, Eq. (69) correctly reproduces (with \( \epsilon = -1 \)) the effective energy-momentum tensor as discussed in Ref. [2] (pages 157, 159).

Finally, we consider the so-called “warped metrics”. These are similar to the canonical metrics. The difference is that here \( \Phi = 1 \) and \( \beta \) is an arbitrary function of the extra variable, and the space-time metric is independent on it. In this case

\[
T^{(I)}_{\mu\nu} = -3\epsilon g_{\mu\nu} e^{2\beta} (\beta^* + 2\beta^2). \quad (70)
\]

If we set \( e^{2\beta} = \Omega \) it reduces to the one obtained in Ref. [2], with \( \epsilon = -1 \).
6.3 No dependence on the extra coordinate and $\gamma_{\mu 4} = 0$

We now consider the case where there is no electromagnetic field and that the conformal factor $e^{2\beta}$ is some arbitrary function of the scalar field, say, $e^{2\beta} = F(\Phi)$. From (64) we obtain $T^{(IV)}_{\mu \nu} = 0$ and

$$T^{(II)}_{\mu \nu} + T^{(III)}_{\mu \nu} + T^{(V)}_{\mu \nu} = (1 + 2\Phi f) \left[ \Phi_{\mu} \Phi_{\nu} \right] + (1 + 3\Phi f + 2\Phi^2 f^2) \Phi_{\mu} \Phi_{\nu} - 2\Phi^2 f^2 \Phi_{\mu} \Phi_{\nu}.$$

where $f = (1/2F)(dF/d\Phi)$ and $f_{\Phi} = df/d\Phi$.

If we now choose $F = \Phi^2$, where $n$ is an arbitrary real constant, then we obtain the same results as in Refs. [27], [28] (See also Ref. [2], pag. 194).

7 General Case: No Cylindricity and $\gamma_{4\nu} \neq 0$

The conclusion from Sec. 6 is that our general equations (44)-(52) reproduce well known results in the literature. This allows us to infer that (44)-(52) are reliable and can be used in the general case for further investigations in gauge invariant Kaluza-Klein theory.

The general case, with no cylindricity and $\gamma_{4\nu} \neq 0$, presents two new important features. The first one is the anholonomic nature of the theory. In any local frame, including the coordinate one, the derivatives (35) do not commute. The second new feature concerns the electromagnetic tensor. In order to keep the gauge invariance of the fields we are forced to consider (61), and not (62) as the physical relevant quantity. We now proceed to show that, as a consequence of these new features, one can construct two conserved four-dimensional “currents”.

7.1 Induced effective “magnetic charge” and “magnetic current”

As a direct consequence of these new features, equation (52) leads to ones that resemble Maxwell equations with magnetic charge and current. In order to show this, we substitute (63) into (52) and use (58). We obtain

$$\hat{F}_{\mu \nu}(\lambda) + \hat{F}_{\nu \lambda}(\mu) + \hat{F}_{\lambda \mu}(\nu) = -\left( \hat{F}_{\mu \nu} M_{\lambda} + \hat{F}_{\nu \lambda} M_{\mu} + \hat{F}_{\lambda \mu} M_{\nu} \right).$$

Here, and in what follows $M_{\nu} = A_{\nu, 4} = e \Phi A_{\nu}(4) = A_{\nu}$. Let us now introduce the quantities (29) (Latin indexes run over 123)

$$E_{i} = \hat{F}_{0i},$$
$$B_{ij} = \hat{F}_{ij},$$

and define the vector $\mathbf{B}$ dual$^{14}$ to $B_{ij}$

$$B^{i} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} e^{ijk} B_{jk},$$

$^{13}$Under gauge transformations $F_{\mu \nu} \rightarrow F_{\mu \nu} + (A_{\nu, A f_{\mu}} - A_{\mu, A f_{\nu}})$, while $F_{\mu \nu}$ remains invariant.

$^{14}$With these definitions, the fields $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{B}$ are gauge invariant.
where $\lambda$ is the determinant of the metric of the three-dimensional space. Setting $\mu \rightarrow i$, $\nu \rightarrow j$ and $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ in (72) and using above definitions we get

$$\hat{\nabla} \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{\partial(\sqrt{\lambda} \mathbf{B})}{\partial x(0)} - \mathbf{j}_m,$$

$$\mathbf{j}_m = M_0 \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{M}).$$

(75)

where $\mathbf{M} = (M_1, M_2, M_3)$. We note that $M_0$ and $\mathbf{M}$ behave, respectively, as three-dimensional scalar and vector quantities with respect to $3D$ spatial transformations $x^i = x^i(x^j)$, and are invariant under gauge transformations (54). Now setting $\mu \rightarrow 1$, $\nu \rightarrow 2$, $\lambda \rightarrow 3$ in (72) we get

$$\hat{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{j}_m,$$

$$\mathbf{j}_m = -(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{M}).$$

(76)

We note the formal analogy between (75), (76) and the Maxwell equations in the electric field $\mathbf{E}$ and magnetic field $\mathbf{B}$. The quantities $\mathbf{j}_m$ and $\mathbf{j}_m$ play the role of “magnetic charge” and “magnetic current” density (in the local frame), respectively. We will refer to them as induced or effective magnetic charge and current. They satisfy the following equation

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(0)}(\sqrt{\lambda} \mathbf{j}_m) + \hat{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{j}_m = \mathbf{E} \cdot (\hat{\nabla} \times \mathbf{M}),$$

(77)

where we have used (71), which now reads $\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu\lambda} = (M_{\mu(\nu)} - M_{\nu(\mu)})$. This equation resembles the continuity equation, except for the appearance of the term on the right-hand-side. This term, is a direct consequence of the anholonomic nature of the theory.

In order to obtain the expression for the conserved 4D magnetic current we introduce the third-rank antisymmetric tensor

$$J_{\mu\nu\lambda} = (\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} M_\lambda - \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}_* A_\lambda) + (\tilde{F}_{\nu\lambda} M_\mu - \tilde{F}_{\nu\mu}^* A_\lambda) + (\tilde{F}_{\lambda\mu} M_\nu - \tilde{F}_{\lambda\nu}^* A_\mu),$$

(78)

and define the four-vector $J_m^\mu$ dual to $J_{\lambda\rho\sigma}$

$$J_m^\mu = \frac{1}{3!\sqrt{-g}} \epsilon^{\mu\lambda\rho\sigma} J_{\lambda\rho\sigma}. $$

(79)

From (72) it follows that

$$\sqrt{-g} J_m^\rho = -\frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu\lambda}_m.$$

(80)

Now, by virtue of the commutativity of partial derivatives we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x(0)}(\sqrt{-g} J_m^\mu) = 0.$$

(81)

This is the continuity equation and shows that the four-vector of “effective” magnetic charge and current (73) is a four-dimensional conserved quantity.

15 The space-time metric can be put in the form $ds^2 = \sqrt{g_{00}} dx^0 + (g_{0i}/\sqrt{g_{00}}) dx^i + [-(-g_{ij}g_{0k}/g_{00}) + g_{ik}] dx^i dx^k$. The metric of the three-dimensional space is $\lambda_{ij} = -g_{ij} + (g_{0j}g_{0k}/g_{00})$.

16 We note that $-g = g_{00}$, $B_{ij} = \sqrt{\lambda_{ijkl}} B^k$ and $(a \times b)^i = (1/2\sqrt{\lambda}) \epsilon^{ijkl} a_j b_k$. In the local frame, we use the following definitions for curl and divergence, respectively: $(\hat{\nabla} \times a)^i = (1/2\sqrt{\lambda}) \epsilon^{ijkl} (a_k b_j - a_j b_k)$, and $(\hat{\nabla} \cdot a = (1/\sqrt{\lambda})(\sqrt{\lambda} a^i)(i)$. 

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In three-dimensional form the above equations read

\[ \nabla \times E = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \frac{\partial (\sqrt{\lambda} B)}{\partial t} - j_m \]

\[ \nabla \cdot B = \rho_m, \]  

(82)

where \( \rho_m = \sqrt{g} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu} j^\mu_k = \sqrt{g} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} j^\mu_k \) and the curl and divergence are defined as usual.  

Let us note several features of \( J^\mu_\alpha; \)

1) Under gauge transformations (60) it transforms as

\[ J^\mu_\alpha = J^\mu_\alpha - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{-g}} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} \tilde{F}^\nu_{\mu\lambda} J^\mu_\alpha. \]

(83)

However, this non-invariance is not a problem at all because (80) as well as the physical fields \( E \) and \( B \) are, by their definition (73), invariant under such transformations.

2) The factor \( \epsilon \) appears nowhere in the definition of \( J^\mu_\alpha \). This means that the induced magnetic current is the same regardless of whether the extra dimension is spacelike or timelike. Also, it is invariant under scale changes of the scalar field, viz., \( \Phi \to K \Phi \).

3) The no-conservation of the magnetic charge \( \hat{\rho}_m \) and current \( \hat{j}_m \), defined in the local frame, versus the conservation of \( \rho_m \) and \( j_m \) defined above, is not surprising. The reason is that \( \rho_m \) is not the total induced magnetic charge. The total charge \( \hat{\rho}_m \) (which is conserved) is given by \( \rho_m \) and it is \( \rho_m = -(B \cdot M) - (\nabla \times M) \cdot A \).

The conclusion from the above discussion is that if the antisymmetric tensor \( \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \) can be identified with the electromagnetic one, then the theory predicts the existence of (classical) magnetic charge and current. In the case of no dependence on the extra coordinate (83) reduces to the usual \( \nabla \cdot B = 0 \), which allows the existence of static, point-like, magnetic monopoles with \( B = \text{constant}(r/r^3) \).  

7.2 Induced effective “electric charge” and “electric current”

We now turn to the study of (49). After some manipulations, it can be written in as

\[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} (\sqrt{-g} \Phi^3 \tilde{F}^{\mu\rho}) = \frac{4\pi}{c} (J^\mu_\alpha + J^\mu_{\alpha,\text{ind}}), \]

(84)

where we used the same identification between \( \tilde{T}_{AB} \) and the four-vector charge and current density as in (46) and Ref. [8]. \( (\partial/\partial x^\alpha) \) denotes usual partial derivative and \( J^\mu_{\alpha,\text{ind}} \) represents the induced current of geometrical origin, namely,

\[ \frac{4\pi}{c} J^\mu_{\alpha,\text{ind}} = \left[ (\sqrt{-g} \Phi^3 \tilde{F}^{\mu\rho})^* A_\rho + 2 \Phi^3 \tilde{F}^{\mu\rho} M_\rho \right] \]

\[ -2\Phi^2 e^{2\beta} \left[ \beta_\sigma (4 \Psi^{\rho\sigma} - g^{\rho\sigma} \Psi) + c D(\sigma) \rho^{\sigma\mu} \right]. \]

(85)

\[ \nabla \times \mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \epsilon^{ijk}(a_{k,j} - a_{j,k}), \] and \( \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} = (1/\sqrt{\lambda})(\nabla \lambda) a_i. \) We note that \( \hat{\nabla} \times \mathbf{a} = \nabla \times \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} \) and \( \hat{\nabla} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{a} - (1/\sqrt{\lambda})(\nabla \lambda)^* A_i. \)

\[ \hat{\tilde{F}}_{\alpha\beta\mu} = \hat{F}_{\alpha\beta\mu} + \hat{F}_{\alpha\beta} f_\mu. \] (\( \hat{\tilde{F}}_{\alpha\beta\mu}(\mu) \) is invariant). Therefore, the transformed quantities \( J^\rho_\alpha \) and \( \hat{\tilde{F}}_{\mu\nu} \) satisfy \( \sqrt{-g} J^\rho_\alpha = -(\epsilon^{\rho\lambda\mu}/2) \hat{\tilde{F}}_{\mu\nu,\lambda} \) which is Eq. (80). This assures that the conservation of \( J^\rho_\alpha \) is gauge invariant.

\[ \text{A similar expression can be found for} \hat{j}_m, \text{namely,} \hat{j}_m = M_0 \mathbf{B} - (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{M}) + (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{A}) + A_0 [(\nabla \times \mathbf{M}) + (\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{A})]. \]
Once again, by virtue of the commutativity of partial derivatives and the antisymmetric nature of $\hat{F}_{\mu\nu}$, the total current is a four-dimensional conserved quantity, viz.,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} [\sqrt{-g} (J^\mu + J_{\text{e,ind}}^\mu)] = 0 \quad (86)$$

The factor $\Phi^3$ in the left-hand-side of (84) can be interpreted in terms of classical vacuum polarization as in Ref. [9]. Alternatively, the charge and current associated with this polarization, which is $-3(\Phi_{\rho}/\Phi) \hat{F}_{\rho\mu}$, can be put in the right hand-side of (84) as a part of the induced source.

Thus, in the general case (no cylindricity and $\gamma_{4\mu} \neq 0$), the dimensional reduction provides the set of Maxwell-like equations (80) (or (82)-(83) in three-dimensional form) and (84). The effective 4D sources, (79) and (85), satisfy the usual conservation equations (81) and (86). We recall that all these four-dimensional equations have to be evaluated at some $\xi^4 = \text{const}$.

8 Conclusions

The splitting procedure we have used here is not intended to solve the field equations. Rather, it is a method to construct the appropriate four-dimensional quantities that are invariant under coordinate transformations in 5D. It has a number of advantages:

(i) The whole discussion is independent of the specific coordinates used in the five-dimensional manifold and the way we choose coordinates in 4D.

(ii) It gives a unified approach to a number of particular scenarios discussed in the literature.

(iii) It uncovers the intrinsic anholonomic nature of the theory where, from one hand, the metric is allowed to depend on the extra coordinates and, the other hand, gauge invariance is required.

(iv) It provides some new physical insight. In particular, it shows how to generalize the electromagnetic tensor in such a way that the corresponding physical fields be gauge invariant. It also allows us to speculate about the possible relation between the conserved quantity $J^\mu_m$ and the existence of classical magnetic charge. Since it depends solely on the variations of the metric along the extra dimension, this would be a unique effect from the extra dimension.

(v) Since the discussion is independent of the number of dimensions, our results can be used in brane world theories to interpret physical quantities in one lower dimension.

The picture that comes out from our paper is the following. For any given five-dimensional metric, in arbitrary coordinates in 5D, we choose our space-time basis vectors as we wish. Then from (9) and (10), we find $\hat{e}^A_4$. This completes our local frame. Next we construct the induced 4D metric as in (14) as well as the quantities $F_{\mu\nu}$, $J^\mu_m$ and $\hat{\Psi}_{\mu\nu}$.

Next we proceed to calculate the energy-momentum tensor. If we choose $\beta = 0$ we go ahead with the calculation and find the different components of $T_{\mu\nu}$. However, we do not know a priori whether the resulting energy-momentum tensor will satisfy appropriate physical conditions. Here comes a practical motivation to introduce the conformal factor. Allowing $\beta \neq 0$ we add a degree of freedom that can be used to satisfy some physical requirement as isotropy in the pressures or some equation of state.

Thus, the physical conditions imposed on 4D matter, like the energy conditions, are the ones that ultimately should determine $\beta$ and, therefore, the physical metric.

The physical metric obtained in this way can then be used to evaluate possible effects from the extra dimension. In particular, we can proceed to evaluate the four-dimensional invariants $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$, $\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\lambda\rho}$ as well as the conserved four-vectors $J_{\text{e}}^\mu$ and $J_{\text{m}}^\mu$. All these are well-defined 4D quantities invariant under $\hat{e}^A_4$. We note that $\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\rho}F_{\mu\nu}F_{\lambda\rho}$ and $J_{\text{m}}^\mu$ depend on the induced metric only. While $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ and $J_{\text{e}}^\mu$ also depend on the choice of $\beta$.  

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transformations in 5D. They should help in the interpretation and formulation of concrete predictions. For this we need to consider specific exact solutions.

The interpretation of $J^\mu_m$ and $J^\mu_e$ as, respectively, the four-vectors of magnetic charge-current density and electrical charge-current density is not mandatory. However, they are conserved 4D quantities regardless of their particular interpretation.

The signature of the extra dimension can, in principle, be negative ($\epsilon = -1$) or positive ($\epsilon = +1$). Which means that it can be spacelike or timelike, respectively. In the first case $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$, could be interpreted as the (generalized) electromagnetic tensor. However, timelike extra dimensions are also discussed in the literature. In particular they can lead to the existence of multidimensional objects, called “T holes” \[24\].

Ordinary matter is mainly represented by $T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)}$. This tensor shares a common property with $T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)}$, for the field of electromagnetic type. Namely, that both depend explicitly on the signature of the extra dimension. However, they have different behavior with respect to scale changes. Rescaling the scalar field $\Phi \rightarrow K\Phi$ induces a change $T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)} \rightarrow (1/K)^2 T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)} \rightarrow K^2 T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)}$. The scaling of the metric $g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow e^{2\beta} g_{\mu\nu}$ induces a change $T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)} \rightarrow e^{2\beta} T_{\mu\nu}^{(I)}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)} \rightarrow e^{-2\beta} T_{\mu\nu}^{(IV)}$. The first feature seems to indicate is that the effects from the extra dimension become more prominent in the presence of fields of the electromagnetic type rather than in ordinary matter. The second one, for positive $\beta$ means that at large distances ordinary matter dominates over electromagnetic-type fields. For negative $\beta$, the corresponding interpretation is that as we go to smaller regions, the fields prevail over matter.

In summary, in this work we have provided the most general expression for the energy-momentum tensor compatible with the requirement of gauge invariance, instead of cylindricity. We have considered the most general expression for the physical metric as being conformal to the induced one. The choice of this factor should be limited by physical conditions imposed on the 4D energy-momentum tensor. We have found two four-vectors that separately satisfy the equation of continuity in 4D. If the antisymmetric tensor $\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$ can be identified with the electromagnetic one, then the theory predicts the existence of classical magnetic charge and current.

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