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# New N = 5, 6, 3D gauged supergravities and holography

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ABSTRACT: We study N = 5 gauged supergravity in three dimensions with compact, non-compact and non-semisimple gauge groups. The theory under consideration is of Chern-Simons type with  $USp(4, k)/USp(4) \times USp(k)$  scalar manifold. We classify possible semisimple gauge groups of the k = 2, 4 cases and identify some of their critical points. A number of supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  critical points are found, and holographic RG flows interpolating between these critical points are also investigated. As one of our main results, we consider a non-semisimple gauge group  $SO(5) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  for the theory with  $USp(4, 4)/USp(4) \times USp(4)$  scalar manifold. The resulting theory describes N = 5 gauged supergravity in four dimensions reduced on  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  and admits a maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  critical point with  $Osp(5|2, \mathbb{R}) \times Sp(2, \mathbb{R})$  superconformal symmetry. We end the paper with the construction of  $SO(6) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{15}$  gauged supergravity with N = 6 supersymmetry. The theory admits a half-supersymmetric domain wall as a vacuum solution and may be obtained from an  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  reduction of N = 6 gauged supergravity in four dimensions.

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#### 1 Introduction

The duality between scalars and vectors together with the non-propagating nature of supergravity fields in three dimensions make three dimensional gauged supergravity substantially differs from its higher dimensional analogue. On one hand, only matter-coupled supergravity has propagating degrees of freedom in terms of scalars and spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  fields. Accordingly, the matter-coupled theory takes the form of a supersymmetric non-linear sigma model coupled to supergravity. On the other hand, recasting vectors to scalars, making the U-duality symmetry manifest, seems to create a trouble in any attempt to gauge the theory since the vector fields accompanying for the gauging are missing.

Special to three dimensions, vector fields can enter the gauged Lagrangian via Chern-Simons (CS) terms as opposed to the conventional Yang-Mills (YM) kinetic terms. Since CS terms do not lead to additional degrees of freedom, any number of gauge fields, or equivalently the dimension of the gauge group, can be introduced provided that the gauge group is a proper subgroup of the global symmetry group and consistent with supersymmetry. This gives rise to a very rich structure of gauged supergravity in three dimensions [1-5].

Additionally, the Chern-Simons form of gauged supergravity raises another difficulty namely the embedding of the resulting gauged theory in higher dimensions. This is due to the fact that all theories obtained from conventional dimensional reductions are of Yang-Mills form. It has been, however, shown that Yang-Mills gauged supergravity is on-shell equivalent to Chern-Simons gauged theory with a non-semisimple gauge group [6]. Up to now, there are many attempts to embed three dimensional gauged supergravity in higher dimensions and in string/M theory. These results would give rise to new string theory backgrounds with fluxes as well as new D-brane configurations [7]. However, it has been pointed out recently in [8] that there might exist supersymmetric string backgrounds which are not captured by gauged supergravities.

The rich structure and embedding in string/M theory aside, gauged supergravity proves to be a very useful tool in the AdS/CFT correspondence [9].  $AdS_3/CFT_2$  correspondence can provide more insight not only to the AdS/CFT correspondence, including its generalizations such as the Domain Wall/Quantum Field Theory (DW/QFT) correspondence, but also to black hole physics [10, 11]. In holographic RG flows,  $AdS_3$  vacua and domain walls interpolating between them interpreted as RG flows in the dual two dimensional field theories are of particular interest, see [12] for a thorough review. The deformations of a strongly coupled field theory can be understood in this framework. Some gauged supergravities do not admit a maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  but a half-supersymmetric domain wall as a vacuum solution. This class of gauged supergravities will be useful in the context of the DW/QFT correspondence [13–15].

In this work, we further explore the structure of gauged supergravity in three dimensions with N = 5, 6 supersymmetry. We begin with a study of compact and noncompact gaugings of the N = 5 theory with scalar manifolds  $USp(4, 2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$ and  $USp(4, 4)/USp(4) \times USp(4)$ . We will identify some supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  critical points and study the associated RG flow solutions. This could be useful in  $AdS_3/CFT_2$  correspondence although the embedding in higher dimensions is presently not known. The result is similar to supersymmetric RG flows studied in [16-19] and in higher dimensions such as recent solutions of new maximal gauged supergravity in four dimensions given in [20].

We then move to non-semisimple gaugings of the N = 5 theory containing 16 scalars encoded in USp(4, 4)/USp(4) × USp(4) coset manifold with SO(5)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  gauge group. The gauge group is embedded in the global symmetry group USp(4, 4). According to [6], the resulting theory is equivalent to SO(5) YM gauged supergravity. The latter might be obtained by a reduction of N = 5, SO(5) gauged supergravity in four dimensions on  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$ as pointed out in [21]. The theory may also be embedded in N = 10, SO(5)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  gauged supergravity via the embedding of the global symmetry group USp(4, 4)  $\subset E_{6(-14)}$ . The theory admits a maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  vacuum and provides another example of three dimensional gauged supergravities with known higher dimensional origin.

We finally turn to non-semisimple gauging of N = 6 theory with  $SU(4, 4)/S(U(4) \times U(4))$  scalar manifold. The global symmetry SU(4, 4) contains an  $SO(6) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{15}$  subgroup that can be consistently gauged. Similar to N = 5 theory, this theory is equivalent to SO(6) YM gauged supergravity and could be obtained by an  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  reduction of N = 6 gauged supergravity in four dimensions. Unlike N = 5 theory, the theory admits only a half-supersymmetric domain wall as a vacuum solution.

The paper is organized as follow. We give the construction of N = 5 theory in section 2. Relevant information and related formulae for general gauged supergravity in three dimensions are collected in appendix A. Vacua of compact and non-compact gauge groups are given in section 3 and 4, respectively. Section 5 deals with some examples of RG flows between critical points previously identified. Non-semisimple gaugings of N = 5 and N = 6theories are constructed in sections 6 and 7, respectively. The maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  of N = 5 theory and a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -BPS domain wall of the N = 6 theory are explicitly given in these sections. We end the paper with some conclusions and discussions. Appendices B and C contain the explicit form of the relevant generators used in the main text as well as the scalar potential for SO(4) × USp(2) gauging in N = 5 theory.

## 2 N = 5 gauged supergravity in three dimensions

In N = 5 three dimensional gauged supergravity, scalar fields are described in term of  $USp(4, k)/USp(4) \times USp(k)$  coset manifold with dimensionality 4k. The R-symmetry is given by  $USp(4) \sim SO(5)_R$ . All admissible gauge groups are embedded in the global symmetry group USp(4, k). In this paper, we will consider only the k = 2 and k = 4 cases.

We first introduce USp(4, k) generators constructed from a compact group USp(4+k)via the Weyl unitarity trick. In order to make contact with the N = 6 theory with global symmetry group SU(4, k) studied in section 7, we will construct the USp(4+k) generators by figuring out the USp(4+k) subgroup of SU(4+k), directly. The latter is generated by the well-known generalized Gell-Mann matrices given in, for example, [22]. We will denote USp(4+k) generators by  $J_i$  given explicitly in appendix B. The  $SO(5)_R$  R-symmetry generators, labeled by a pair of anti-symmetric indices  $T^{IJ} = -T^{JI}$ , can be identified as follow

$$T^{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_3 - J_6), \qquad T^{13} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_1 + J_4), \qquad T^{23} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_2 - J_5),$$
  

$$T^{34} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_3 + J_6), \qquad T^{14} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_2 + J_5), \qquad T^{24} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_1 - J_4),$$
  

$$T^{15} = -J_9, \qquad T^{25} = -J_{10}, \qquad T^{35} = J_8,$$
  

$$T^{45} = J_7. \qquad (2.1)$$

The non-compact generators  $Y^A$  are identified by

$$Y^{1} = iJ_{14}, Y^{2} = iJ_{15}, Y^{3} = iJ_{16}, Y^{4} = iJ_{17}, Y^{5} = iJ_{18}, Y^{6} = iJ_{19}, Y^{7} = iJ_{20}, Y^{8} = iJ_{21}, Y^{9} = iJ_{25}, Y^{10} = iJ_{26}, Y^{11} = iJ_{27}, Y^{12} = iJ_{28}, Y^{13} = iJ_{29}, Y^{14} = iJ_{30}, Y^{15} = iJ_{31}, Y^{16} = iJ_{32}. (2.2)$$

For k = 2 case with 8 scalars, the associated non-compact generators are given by the first 8 generators,  $Y^A$  with A = 1, ..., 8.

Admissible gauge groups are completely characterized by the symmetric gauge invariant embedding tensor  $\Theta_{MN}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} = 1, \ldots, \dim G$ . Viable gaugings are defined by the embedding tensor satisfying two constraints. The first constraint is quadratic in  $\Theta$  and given by

$$\Theta_{\mathcal{PL}} f^{\mathcal{KL}}{}_{(\mathcal{M}} \Theta_{\mathcal{N})\mathcal{K}} = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

ensuring that a given gauge group  $G_0$  is a proper subgroup of G. The other constraint due to supersymmetry takes the form of a projection condition

$$\mathbb{P}_{\boxplus}T^{IJ,KL} = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

where the T-tensor  $T^{IJ,KL}$  is given by the moment map of the embedding tensor

$$T^{IJ,KL} \equiv \mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{M}\,IJ}\Theta_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N}}\mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{N}\,KL} \,. \tag{2.5}$$

The  $\boxplus$  denotes the Riemann tensor-like representation of  $SO(N)_R$ . For symmetric scalar manifolds of the form G/H, the  $\mathcal{V}$  maps can be obtained from the coset representative, see appendix A, and the constraint can be written in the form

$$\mathbb{P}_{R_0}\Theta_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N}} = 0.$$
(2.6)

The representation  $R_0$  of G contains the  $\boxplus$  representation of  $SO(N)_R$ .

We are now in a position to study gaugings of N = 5 supergravity. We will treat compact and non-compact gauge groups separately.

#### 3 Compact gauge groups

In this section, we explore N = 5 gauged supergravity with compact gauge groups. The gauge groups are subgroup of  $USp(4) \times USp(k)$  and takes the form  $SO(p) \times SO(5-p) \times USp(k)$ , p = 5, 4, 3.

The SO(p) × SO(5 – p) part is embedded in SO(5)<sub>R</sub> as 5 → ( $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{1}$ ) + (1, 5 –  $\mathbf{p}$ ). The corresponding embedding tensor is identified in [5] and takes the form

$$\Theta_{IJ,KL} = \theta \delta_{IJ}^{KL} + \delta_{[I[K} \Xi_{L]J]}$$
(3.1)

where

$$\Xi_{IJ} = \begin{cases} 2\left(1-\frac{p}{5}\right)\delta_{IJ}, & I \le p\\ -\frac{2p}{5}\delta_{IJ}, & I > p \end{cases}, \quad \theta = \frac{2p-5}{5}. \tag{3.2}$$

The full embedding tensor for  $SO(p) \times SO(5-p) \times USp(k)$  is given by

$$\Theta = g_1 \Theta_{\mathrm{SO}(p) \times \mathrm{SO}(5-p)} + g_2 \Theta_{\mathrm{USp}(k)} \tag{3.3}$$

with two independent coupling constants.  $\Theta_{\text{USp}(k)}$  is given by the Killing form of USp(k). Together with the explicit form of the coset representative, the scalar potential is completely determined by the embedding tensor.

#### 3.1 The k = 2 case

In this case, the theory contains 8 scalars parametrized by  $USp(4, 2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$  coset space. The full 8-dimensional manifold can be conveniently parametrized by the Euler angles of  $SO(5) \times USp(2) \sim USp(4) \times USp(2)$ . The details of the parametrization can be found in [23], and the application to  $SU(n,m)/S(U(n) \times U(m))$  coset can be found in [19].

## $3.1.1 \quad \mathrm{SO}(5) imes \mathrm{USp}(2) \ \mathrm{gauging}$

With  $USp(4) \times USp(2)$  Euler angles, the full  $USp(4,2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$  coset can be parametrized by the coset representative

$$L = e^{a_1 X_1} e^{a_2 X_2} e^{a_3 X_3} e^{a_4 J_7} e^{a_5 J_8} e^{a_6 J_9} e^{a_7 J_{15}} e^{bY^7}$$
(3.4)

where  $X_i$ 's are defined by

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_1 - J_{11}), \qquad X_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_2 - J_{12}), \qquad X_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_3 - J_{13}).$$
 (3.5)

The resulting scalar potential is

$$V = \frac{1}{32} \left[ 64 \left( g_2^2 - 12g_1^2 + 4g_1g_2 \right) \cosh b - 1076g_1^2 - 180g_1g_2 - 45g_2^2 - 4 \left( 52g_1^2 + 20g_1g_2 + 5g_2^2 \right) \cosh(2b) + (2g_1 + g_2)^2 \cosh(4b) \right].$$
(3.6)

	b	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(5, 0)	$SO(5) \times USp(2)$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{g_2-2g_1}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\tfrac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{6g_1+g_2}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\tfrac{64g_1^2(3g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(1, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$

**Table 1**. Critical points of  $SO(5) \times USp(2)$  gauging.

Note that the scalar fields associated to the gauge generators do not appear in the potential due to gauge invariance. We find some critical points as shown in table 1.  $V_0$  is the value of the potential at each critical point. Unbroken supersymmetry is denoted by  $(n_-, n_+)$  where  $n_-$  and  $n_+$  correspond to the number of supersymmetry in the dual two dimensional CFT. In three dimensional language, they correspond to the numbers of negative and positive eigenvalues of  $A_1^{IJ}$  tensor. As reviewed in appendix **A**, these eigenvalues,  $\pm \tilde{\alpha}$ , satisfy  $V_0 = -4\tilde{\alpha}^2$ . Since, in our convention, the  $AdS_3$  radius is given by  $L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-V_0}}$ , we also have a relation  $L = \frac{1}{2|\tilde{\alpha}|}$ .

The maximally supersymmetric critical point at  $L = \mathbf{I}$  preserves the full gauge symmetry. The two non-trivial critical points preserve  $USp(2) \times USp(2)$  symmetry. We also give the  $A_1$  tensors at each critical point:

$$A_{1}^{(I)} = -4g_{1}\mathbf{I}_{5\times 5},$$

$$A_{1}^{(II)} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \alpha, \frac{4g_{1}(g_{1} - g_{2})}{2g_{1} + g_{2}}\right).$$

$$A_{1}^{(III)} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\beta, \beta, \beta, \beta, \frac{-4g_{1}(3g_{1} + g_{2})}{2g_{1} + g_{2}}\right).$$
(3.7)

where

$$\alpha = \frac{-4g_1(g_1 + g_2)}{2g_1 + g_2}, \qquad \beta = \frac{-4g_1(5g_1 + g_2)}{2g_1 + g_2}.$$
(3.8)

The scalar mass spectrum at the trivial critical point is given in the table below.

$m^2L^2$	$SO(5) \times USp(2)$
$-\frac{3}{4}$	( <b>4</b> , <b>2</b> )

All scalars have the same mass  $m^2L^2 = -\frac{3}{4}$  with L being the  $AdS_3$  radius at this critical point. The full symmetry of the background corresponds to  $Osp(5|2,\mathbb{R}) \times Sp(2,\mathbb{R})$ superconformal group. Notice that in finding critical points with constant scalars we can use the gauge symmetry and the composite  $USp(4) \times USp(k)$  symmetry to fix the scalar parametrization as, for example, in the Euler angle parametrization. In determining scalar masses, we need to compute scalar fluctuations to quadratic order. In this case, only the the composite  $USp(4) \times USp(k)$  symmetry can be used since the vector fields are set to zero, see the discussion in [24]. The scalar masses must accordingly be computed in the so-called unitary gauge with the coset representative

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^{8} e^{a_i Y^i} \,. \tag{3.9}$$

The mass spectrum at (4,0) critical point is shown below.

$m^2L^2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
$\frac{g_2(2g_1+3g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
0	$({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3})$

And, scalar masses at (1,0) critical point are as follow.

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2)$
$\frac{(4g_1+g_2)(10g_1+3g_2)}{(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
0	$({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3})$

Notice that there are seven massless Goldstone bosons corresponding to the symmetry breaking  $SO(5) \times USp(2) \rightarrow USp(2) \times USp(2)$ .

### 3.1.2 $SO(4) \times USp(2)$ gauging

We still use the same parametrization as in the previous case. The potential in this case turns out to be much more complicated although it dose not depend on  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ . We give its explicit form in appendix C. The trivial critical point has N = (4, 1) supersymmetry and preserves the full SO(4) × USp(2) symmetry. The  $A_1$  tensor and scalar masses at this point are given below.

$$A_{1}^{(1)} = -4g_{1} \operatorname{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1, -1), \qquad (3.10)$$

$$\underline{m^{2}L^{2}} \quad \operatorname{SO}(4) \times \operatorname{USp}(2) \sim \operatorname{SU}(2) \times \operatorname{SU}(2) \times \operatorname{USp}(2)$$

$$-\frac{3}{4} \quad (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$$

The corresponding superconformal symmetry is  $Osp(4|2, \mathbb{R}) \times Osp(1|2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Other critical points with  $a_4 = a_5 = a_6 = a_7 = 0$  are shown in table 2. Critical points II and III preserve only  $USp(2)_{diag} \times USp(2)$  subgroup of  $SO(4) \times USp(2)$ . The  $USp(2)_{diag}$ is a diagonal subgroup of one factor in  $USp(2) \times USp(2) \sim SO(4)$  and the USp(2) factor in the gauge group and is generated by  $J_1 + J_{11}, J_2 + J_{12}$  and  $J_3 + J_{13}$ . Critical point II has (4, 1) supersymmetry with the  $A_1$  tensor

$$A_1^{(\text{II})} = -\frac{4g_1(g_1 + g_2)}{2g_1 + g_2} \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, 1, -1).$$
(3.11)

	b	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(4, 1)	$SO(4) \times USp(2)$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{g_2-2g_1}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 1)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{6g_1+g_2}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(3g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(0, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$

**Table 2**. Critical points of  $SO(4) \times USp(2)$  gauging.

The scalar mass spectrum is given in the table below.

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	( <b>1</b> , <b>3</b> )
$\frac{g_2(2g_1+3g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
$-\frac{g_1g_2(g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2(2g_1+g_2)}$	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> )

Critical point III is non-supersymmetric with scalar masses given by

$m^2L^2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	$({f 1},{f 3})$
$\frac{(4g_1+g_2)(10g_1+3g_2)}{(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
$-\frac{g_1(4g_1+g_2)(5g_1+2g_2)}{(2g_1+g_2)(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 2},{f 2})$

We can now check its stability by comparing the above scalar masses with the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound  $m^2L^2 \ge -1$ . At this critical point, the value of b is real for  $g_1 > 0$  and  $g_2 > -2g_1$  or  $g_1 < 0$  and  $g_2 < -2g_1$ . For definiteness, we will consider the first possibility. The mass of the singlet scalar satisfies the BF bound for  $g_1 > 0$  and  $g_2 > -3g_1$  while the mass of (2, 2) scalars requires  $g_2 > 0.21432g_1$  for  $g_1 > 0$  to satisfy to BF bound. Therefore, critical point III is stable for  $g_1 > 0$  and  $g_2 > 0.21432g_1$ .

Note that both critical points II and III contain three massless scalars which are responsible for the symmetry breaking  $SO(4) \times USp(2) \rightarrow USp(2) \times USp(2)$ .

# $3.1.3 \quad \mathrm{SO}(3) imes \mathrm{SO}(2) imes \mathrm{USp}(2) \ \mathrm{gauging}$

Computing the scalar potential on the full 8-dimensional manifold turns out to be very complicated even with the Euler angle parametrization (3.4). In order to make things more tractable, we employ the technique introduced in [25] and consider a submanifold of  $USp(4, 2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$  invariant under  $U(1)_{diag}$  symmetry generated by  $T^{12} + T^{45}$ . There are four singlets under this symmetry corresponding to the non-compact generators

$$X_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y^{1} + Y^{6}), \qquad X_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y^{2} + Y^{8}),$$
  

$$X_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y^{4} - Y^{3}), \qquad X_{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(Y^{7} - Y^{5}). \qquad (3.12)$$

	<i>a</i> <sub>1</sub>	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(3, 2)	$SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(2)$
II	$\frac{1}{2}\ln\left[\frac{g_2 - 8g_1 - 4\sqrt{g_1(4g_1 - g_2)}}{g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1-g_2)^2}{g_2^2}$	(2, 0)	$U(1) \times U(1)$
III	$\frac{1}{2}\ln\left[\frac{g_2+8g_1-4\sqrt{g_1(4g_1+g_2)}}{g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{g_2^2}$	(1, 2)	$U(1) \times U(1)$

**Table 3.** Critical points of  $SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(2)$  gauging.

The coset representative can be parametrized by

$$L = e^{a_1 X_1} e^{a_2 X_2} e^{a_3 X_3} e^{a_4 X_4}.$$
(3.13)

The resulting potential is given by

$$V = \frac{1}{128} \left[ 3 + \cosh a_1 \cosh a_2 \cosh a_3 \cosh a_4 \right] \left[ -2 \left( 512g_1^2 + 19g_2^2 \right) + \left( 99g_2^2 - 1024g_1^2 \right) \cosh a_1 \cosh a_2 \cosh a_3 \cosh a_4 + 3g_2^2 \cosh(2a_1) \right) \\ \times \left( \cosh a_1 \cosh a_2 \cosh a_3 \cosh a_4 \right) - 2 - 12g_2^2 \cosh^2 a_1 \left[ \cosh(2a_2) + 2\cosh^2 a_2 \left( \cosh(2a_3) + 2\cosh^2 a_3 \cosh(2a_4) \right) \right] + 2g_2^2 \cosh^3 a_1 \right) \\ \times \cosh a_2 \cosh a_3 \left( 3 \left( \cosh(2a_2) + 2\cosh^2 a_2 \cosh(2a_3) \right) \cosh a_4 + 4\cosh^2 a_2 \cosh^2 a_3 \cosh(3a_4) \right) \right].$$
(3.14)

We find critical points as shown in table 3. We have given only the value of  $a_1$  since, at all critical points, the four scalars are related by  $a_2 = a_1$  and  $a_3 = a_4 = 0$ . As usual, when all scalars vanish, we have a maximally supersymmetric point with N = (3, 2) and  $SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(2)$  symmetry. The corresponding  $A_1$  tensor is

$$A_1^{(I)} = -4g_1 \operatorname{diag}\left(1, 1, 1, -1, -1\right).$$
(3.15)

This background leads to the superconformal symmetry  $Osp(3|2,\mathbb{R}) \times Osp(2|2,\mathbb{R})$ . The scalar masses at this point are shown below.

$m^2L^2$	$SO(2) \times SO(3) \times USp(2)$
$-\frac{3}{4}$	(1, 2, 2) + (-1, 2, 2)

The other two critical points preserve  $U(1) \times U(1)$  symmetry. The corresponding  $A_1$  tensor at these points is given by

$$A_{1}^{(\text{II})} = = \text{diag}\left(\alpha, \alpha, \beta, -\beta, -\beta\right),$$
  

$$A_{1}^{(\text{III})} = \text{diag}\left(\gamma, \gamma, -\delta, \delta, \delta\right)$$
(3.16)

where

$$\alpha = \frac{4g_1(g_1 - g_2)}{g_2}, \qquad \beta = -\frac{4g_1(g_2 - 3g_1)}{g_2}, \qquad \gamma = -\frac{4g_1(3g_1 + g_2)}{g_2}, \qquad \delta = \frac{4g_1(g_1 + g_2)}{g_2}. \qquad (3.17)$$

With some normalization of the U(1) charges, the scalar mass spectra can be computed as shown in the tables below. The original four singlets under U(1)<sub>diag</sub> correspond to one massless and three massive modes in the tables. The U(1)<sub>diag</sub> is given by a combination of the two U(1)'s in the unbroken symmetry U(1) × U(1). Therefore, the  $(0, \pm 4)$  and  $(\pm 4, 0)$ modes, which are singlets under one of the two U(1)'s, will not be invariant under U(1)<sub>diag</sub>.

• (2,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$U(1) \times U(1)$	
0	(0,4) + (0,-4) + (4,0) + (-4,0) + (0,0)	
$\frac{32g_1^2 - 32g_1g_2 + 6g_2^2}{(g_1 - g_2)^2}$	(0, 0)	
$-\frac{2g_1(g_1-2g_2)}{(g_1-g_2)^2}$	(-2, -2) + (2, 2)	

• (1, 2) point:

$m^2L^2$	$U(1) \times U(1)$
0	(0,4) + (0,-4) + (4,0) + (-4,0) + (0,0)
$\frac{32g_1^2 + 32g_1g_2 + 6g_2^2}{(g_1 + g_2)^2}$	(0, 0)
$\frac{2g_1(3g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(-2, -2) + (2, 2)

#### 3.2 The k = 4 case

We now consider a bigger scalar manifold  $\frac{\text{USp}(4,4)}{\text{USp}(4) \times \text{USp}(4)}$ . Compact gauge groups in this case are SO(5) × USp(4), SO(4) × USp(4) and SO(3) × SO(2) × USp(4). Analyzing the potential on the full 16-dimensional manifold would be very complicated. We then choose a particular submanifold invariant under a certain subgroup of the gauge group and study the potential on this restricted scalar manifold as in the SO(3) × SO(2) × USp(2) gauge group of the previous case. The procedure is parallel to that of the k = 2 case, so we will omit some irrelevant details particularly the explicit form of the  $A_1$  tensor at each critical point.

# $3.2.1 \quad SO(5) \times USp(4)$ gauging

We use the parametrization of a submanifold invariant under  $USp(2) \subset USp(4)$ . There are eight singlets under this USp(2) symmetry corresponding to non-compact generators of  $USp(4,2) \subset USp(4,4)$ . With the Euler angle parametrization, we can write the coset representative as

$$L = e^{a_1 \tilde{X}_1} e^{a_2 \tilde{X}_2} e^{a_3 \tilde{X}_3} e^{a_4 K_1} e^{a_5 K_2} e^{a_6 K_3} e^{a_7 K_4} e^{bY^8}$$
(3.18)

	b	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(5, 0)	$SO(5) \times USp(4)$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{g_2-2g_1}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{6g_1+g_2}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(3g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(1, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$

**Table 4.** Critical points of  $SO(5) \times USp(4)$  gauging.

where

$$\tilde{X}_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{4} - J_{11}), \qquad \tilde{X}_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{5} - J_{12}), \qquad \tilde{X}_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{6} - J_{13}), 
K_{1} = J_{31}, \qquad K_{2} = J_{32}, \qquad K_{3} = J_{33}, \qquad K_{4} = J_{36}.$$
(3.19)

The scalar potential turns out to be same as in (3.6). The critical points are shown in table 4. The critical points have the same structure as in the k = 2 case but with bigger residual symmetry. The scalar mass spectra at each critical point are given in the tables below.

• (5,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$SO(5) \times USp(4)$
$-\frac{3}{4}$	( <b>4</b> , <b>4</b> )

• (4, 0) point:

$m^{2}L^{2}$	$\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> )+( <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> )+( <b>1</b> , <b>3</b> , <b>1</b> )
$\frac{g_2(2g_1+3g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 1},{f 1},{f 1})$
$-\frac{4g_1^2+8g_1g_2+3g_2^2}{4(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 2},{f 1},{f 2})$

• (1, 0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> ) + ( <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> ) + ( <b>1</b> , <b>3</b> , <b>1</b> )
$\frac{40g_1^2 + 22g_1g_2 + 3g_2^2}{(3g_1 + g_2)^2}$	(1, 1, 1)
$-\frac{3\left(12g_1^2+8g_1g_2+g_2^2\right)}{4(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	(2, 1, 2)

Notice that the number of massless Goldstone bosons agrees with the corresponding symmetry breaking in each case.

	Ь	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(4, 1)	$SO(4) \times USp(4)$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{g_2-2g_1}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 1)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left[\frac{6g_1+g_2}{2g_1+g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(3g_1+g_2)^2}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(0, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$

**Table 5.** Critical points of  $SO(4) \times USp(4)$  gauging.

# 3.2.2 $SO(4) \times USp(4)$ gauging

With the same coset representative, we find the same potential as shown in (C.1). The critical points with different unbroken symmetry are shown in table 5. The scalar mass spectra are given below.

• (4,1) point:

$m^2L^2$	$SO(4) \times USp(2) \sim SU(2) \times SU(2) \times USp(4)$
$-\frac{3}{4}$	$({f 2},{f 1},{f 4})+({f 1},{f 2},{f 4})$

• (4, 1) point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3},{f 1})$
$\frac{g_2(2g_1+3g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 1},{f 1},{f 1})$
$-\frac{g_1g_2(g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2(2g_1+g_2)}$	(2, 1, 2)
$-\frac{(2g_1+g_2)(2g_1+3g_2)}{4(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 2},{f 2},{f 1})$

• Non-supersymmetric point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3},{f 1})$
$\frac{40g_1^2 + 22g_1g_2 + 3g_2^2}{(3g_1 + g_2)^2}$	(1, 1, 1)
$-\frac{3(2g_1+g_2)(6g_1+g_2)}{4(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	(2, 1, 2)
$-\frac{g_1\left(20g_1^2+13g_1g_2+2g_2^2\right)}{(2g_1+g_2)(3g_1+g_2)^2}$	(2, 2, 1)

This critical point is stable for  $g_1 > 0$  and  $g_2 > 0.21432g_1$ .

# 3.2.3 $SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(4)$ gauging

In this case, we use the parametrization of L as in (3.13). The four scalars correspond to four singlets of  $USp(2) \times U(1)_{diag}$ . The potential is the same as (3.14) with the critical points shown in table 6. The scalar mass spectra are given in the following tables.

	$a_1$	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-64g_{1}^{2}$	(3, 2)	$SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(4)$
II	$\frac{1}{2}\ln\left[\frac{g_2 - 8g_1 - 4\sqrt{g_1(4g_1 - g_2)}}{g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1-g_2)^2}{g_2^2}$	(2, 0)	$U(1) \times U(1) \times USp(2)$
III	$\frac{1}{2}\ln\left[\frac{g_2+8g_1-4\sqrt{g_1(4g_1+g_2)}}{g_2}\right]$	$-\frac{64g_1^2(g_1+g_2)^2}{g_2^2}$	(1, 2)	$U(1) \times U(1) \times USp(2)$

**Table 6.** Critical points of  $SO(3) \times SO(2) \times USp(4)$  gauging.

• (3, 2) point:

$m^2L^2$	$SO(3) \times USp(4)$
$-\frac{3}{4}$	$({f 2},{f 4})+({f 2},{f 4})$

• (2,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$U(1) \times U(1) \times USp(2)$
0	(4,0,1) + (-4,0,1) + (0,4,1) + (0,-4,1) + (0,0,1)
	$+(1,-1,{f 2})+(-1,1,{f 2})$
$\frac{32g_1^2 - 32g_1g_2 + 6g_2^2}{(g_1 - g_2)^2}$	(0, 0, 1)
$-\frac{2g_1(g_1-2g_2)}{(g_1-g_2)^2}$	(-2, -2, 1) + (2, 2, 1)
$-\frac{4g_1^2 - 8g_1g_2 + 3g_2^2}{4(g_1 - g_2)^2}$	(-1, -1, <b>2</b> ) + (1, 1, <b>2</b> )

• (1,2) point:

$m^{2}L^{2}$	$U(1) \times U(1) \times USp(2)$
0	(4,0,1) + (-4,0,1) + (0,4,1) + (0,-4,1) + (0,0,1)
	$+(1,-1,{f 2})+(-1,1,{f 2})$
$\frac{32g_1^2 + 32g_1g_2 + 6g_2^2}{(g_1 + g_2)^2}$	(0, 0, 1)
$-\frac{2g_1(3g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(-2, -2, <b>1</b> ) + (2, 2, <b>1</b> )
$-\frac{4g_1^2+8g_1g_2+3g_2^2}{4(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(-1, -1, <b>2</b> ) + (1, 1, <b>2</b> )

That critical points in the k = 4 case are similar to those in the k = 2 case should be related to the fact that the theory with  $USp(4, 2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$  scalar manifold can be embedded in the theory with  $USp(4, 4)/USp(4) \times USp(4)$  scalar manifold. We have studied the potential on scalars which are singlets under USp(2). These singlets are precisely parametrized by non-compact directions of  $USp(4, 2) \subset USp(4, 4)$ , the global symmetry group of k = 2 case. This might explain the fact that this particular parametrization gives rise to the same potential as in the k = 2 case. Turning on more scalars would give more interesting structures.

#### 4 Non-compact gauge groups

In this section, we classify admissible non-compact gauge groups. We will consider the k = 2 and k = 4 cases separately as in the previous section.

#### 4.1 The k = 2 case

In this case, there is only one non-compact subgroup of USp(4, 2) namely USp(2, 2). The USp(4, 2) itself can be gauged with the embedding tensor given by its Killing form, but the corresponding potential will become a cosmological constant. The subgroup of USp(4, 2) that can be gauged is  $USp(2) \times USp(2, 2) \subset USp(4, 2)$ . The embedding tensor reads

$$\Theta = g_1 \Theta_{\mathrm{USp}(2)} + g_2 \Theta_{\mathrm{USp}(2,2)} \tag{4.1}$$

where  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are two independent coupling constants.  $\Theta_{\text{USp}(2,2)}$  and  $\Theta_{\text{USp}(2)}$  are given by the Killing forms of USp(2,2) and USp(2), respectively.

Generally, scalar fields corresponding to non-compact directions in the gauge group will drop out from the potential. Therefore, we do not need to include them in the coset representative. The remaining four scalars correspond to non-compact directions of another USp(2, 2) in USp(4, 2) and can be parametrized by the coset representative of USp(2, 2)/USp(2) × USp(2). We can use Euler angles of USp(2) × USp(2) to parametrize the coset representative as

$$L = e^{a_1 X_1} e^{a_2 X_2} e^{a_3 X_3} e^{bY^7} \tag{4.2}$$

where  $X_i$  are given in (3.5). We find the following potential

$$V = \frac{1}{16} \left[ 8(g_1 - g_2 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh(b))^2 \sinh^2 b - (3g_1 + 11g_2 + 4(g_1 - g_2)\cosh b + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b))^2 \right].$$
(4.3)

Some of the critical points are shown in table 7. The  $A_1$  tensor at each supersymmetric critical point is given by

$$A_{1}^{(\mathrm{II})} = (g_{1} + g_{2}) \operatorname{diag}(-1, -1, -1, -1, 1),$$

$$A_{1}^{(\mathrm{II})} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\beta, \beta, \beta, \beta, \frac{g_{2}(-2g_{1} + g_{2})}{g_{1} + g_{2}}\right),$$

$$A_{1}^{(\mathrm{III})} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\gamma, \gamma, \gamma, \gamma, -\frac{g_{2}(2g_{1} + 3g_{2})}{g_{1} + g_{2}}\right)$$
(4.4)

where

$$\beta = -\frac{g_2(2g_1 + g_2)}{g_1 + g_2}, \qquad \gamma = -\frac{g_2(2g_1 + 5g_2)}{g_1 + g_2}. \tag{4.5}$$

	b	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-4(g_1+g_2)^2$	(4, 1)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{g_2-g_1}{g_1+g_2}\right)$	$-\frac{4g_1^2(2g_1+g_2)^2}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left(-\frac{g_1+3g_2}{g_1+g_2}\right)$	$-\frac{4g_1^2(2g_1+3g_2)^2}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(1, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
IV	$\ln(2+\sqrt{3})$	$-\frac{1}{4}(27g_1^2 + 54g_1g_2 + 19g_2^2)$	(0, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$

**Table 7.** Critical points of  $USp(2) \times USp(2,2)$  gauging.

Critical point I preserves N = (4, 1) supersymmetry. The gauge group is broken down to its maximal compact subgroup  $\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$ . In this symmetry breaking, the four massless Goldstone bosons correspond to scalars associated to non-compact generators of the gauge group. The full symmetry at this point gives the superconformal symmetry  $\mathrm{Osp}(4|2,\mathbb{R}) \times \mathrm{Osp}(1|2,\mathbb{R})$  since the supercharges transform under  $\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2) \subset$  $\mathrm{SO}(5)_R$  as (2,2) + (1,1).

Scalar mass spectra at all critical points are given below.

• (4, 1) point:

$m^{2}L^{2}$	$USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	( <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> )
$-\frac{g_1(g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 2},{f 1},{f 2})$

• (4,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	$({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3})$
$\frac{4g_1(3g_1+g_2)}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )

• (1,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	$({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3})$
$\frac{4(g_1+2g_2)(3g_1+5g_2)}{(2g_1+3g_2)^2}$	(1, 1)

• Non-supersymmetric point:

$m^{2}L^{2}$	$\mathrm{USp}(2) \times \mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	$({f 2},{f 2})+({f 1},{f 3})$
$\frac{12(3g_1+g_2)(3g_1+5g_2)}{27g_1^2+54g_1g_2+19g_2^2}$	( <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )

At non-trivial critical points, there are additional three massless scalars which are responsible for  $\text{USp}(2) \times \text{USp}(2) \rightarrow \text{USp}(2)_{\text{diag}}$  symmetry breaking. The non-supersymmetric critical point is stable for  $g_2 > \frac{3}{79}(2\sqrt{210} - 45)g_1$ .

# 4.2 The k = 4 case

There are three possible non-compact subgroups of USp(4,4);  $USp(2,2) \times USp(2,2)$ ,  $USp(2) \times USp(4,2)$  and  $USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2,2)$ . Only  $USp(2,2) \times USp(2,2)$  can be gauged with the following embedding tensor

$$\Theta = g_1 \Theta_{\mathrm{USp}(2,2)} + g_2 \Theta_{\mathrm{USp}(2,2)} \,. \tag{4.6}$$

There are two independent coupling constants  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , and  $\Theta_{\text{USp}(2,2)}$  is given by the Killing form of USp(2, 2). The relevant 8 scalars can be parametrized by  $\left(\frac{\text{USp}(2,2)}{\text{USp}(2)\times\text{USp}(2)}\right)^2$  coset space with the two USp(2, 2) factors different from those appearing in the gauge group. With the Euler angle parametrization, the coset representative reads

$$L = e^{a_1 X_1} e^{a_2 X_2} e^{a_3 X_3} e^{b_1 Y^7} e^{a_4 X_4} e^{a_5 X_5} e^{a_6 X_6} e^{b_2 Y^{16}}$$
(4.7)

where

$$X_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{1} - J_{11}), \qquad X_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{2} - J_{12}), \qquad X_{3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{3} - J_{13}),$$
  

$$X_{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{4} - J_{22}), \qquad X_{5} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{5} - J_{23}), \qquad X_{6} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_{6} - J_{24}). \quad (4.8)$$

The scalar potential is given by

$$V = \frac{1}{16} \left[ (g_1 + g_2)(6 + \cosh(2b_1)) - (4(g_1 - g_2)\cosh b_1 + 4(g_2 - g_1)\cosh b_2 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b_2))^2 + 8(g_1 - g_2 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh(b_1))^2\sinh^2 b_1 + 8(g_2 - g_1 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh b_2)^2\sinh^2 b_2 \right].$$
(4.9)

We find some critical points for  $b_2 = 0$  as shown in table 8. Scalar masses at all critical points are given below.

• (4, 1) point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2},{f 1})+({f 2},{f 1},{f 1},{f 2})$
$-\frac{g_2(2g_1+g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 1},{f 2})$
$-\frac{g_1(g_1+2g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(2, 1, 2, 1)

	$b_1$	$V_0$	unbroken SUSY	unbroken gauge symmetry
Ι	0	$-4(g_1+g_2)^2$	(4,1)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^4$
II	$\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{-g_1+g_2}{g_1+g_2}\right)$	$-rac{4g_1^2(2g_1+g_2)^2}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(4, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$
III	$\cosh^{-1}\left(\frac{-g_1-3g_2}{g_1+g_2}\right)$	$-\frac{4g_1^2(2g_1+3g_2)^2}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$	(1, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$
IV	$\cosh^{-1} 2$	$-\frac{1}{4}(27g_1^2 + 54g_1g_2 + 19g_2^2)$	(0, 0)	$\mathrm{USp}(2)^3$

**Table 8.** Critical points of  $USp(2, 2) \times USp(2, 2)$  gauging.

• (4, 0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> )+( <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> )+( <b>3</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
$\frac{4g_1(3g_1+g_2)}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	(1, 1, 1)
$-\frac{(g_1+g_2)(3g_1+g_2)}{(2g_1+g_2)^2}$	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2})$

• (1,0) point:

$m^2L^2$	$USp(2) \times USp(2) \times USp(2)$
0	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> )+( <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> )+( <b>3</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
$\frac{4\left(3g_1^2+11g_1g_2+10g_2^2\right)}{(2g_1+3g_2)^2}$	(1, 1, 1)
$-\frac{3\left(g_1^2+4g_1g_2+3g_2^2\right)}{(2g_1+3g_2)^2}$	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2})$

• Non-supersymmetry point:

$m^2L^2$	$\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)\times\mathrm{USp}(2)$
0	( <b>2</b> , <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> )+( <b>2</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>2</b> )+( <b>3</b> , <b>1</b> , <b>1</b> )
$\frac{12(3g_1+g_2)(3g_1+5g_2)}{27g_1^2+54g_1g_2+19g_2^2}$	(1, 1, 1)
$-\frac{24g_2(3g_1+g_2)}{27g_1^2+54g_1g_2+19g_2^2}$	$({f 1},{f 2},{f 2})$

At the trivial critical point, the SO(5)<sub>R</sub> R-symmetry is broken to SU(2)×SU(2) ~ USp(2)× USp(2). The N = 5 supercharges transform under this subgroup as  $(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$ . This gives rise to Osp $(4|2, \mathbb{R}) \times$ Osp $(1|2, \mathbb{R})$  superconformal symmetry. As in the previous case, the non-supersymmetric point is stable for  $g_2 > \frac{3}{79}(2\sqrt{210} - 45)g_1$ .

## 5 RG flow solutions

Given some  $AdS_3$  critical points form the previous sections, we now consider domain wall solutions interpolating between these critical points. The solutions can be interpreted as

RG flows describing a perturbed UV CFT flowing to another CFT in the IR. Since the structure of critical points in both k = 2 and k = 4 cases is similar, we will consider only the flows in k = 2 case to simplify the algebra. The study of holographic RG flows is very similar to those in other gauged supergravities in three dimensions [16–19]. In this paper, we will give only examples of RG flows in compact SO(5)×USp(2) and non-compact USp(2, 2) × USp(2) gauge groups.

We are interested only in supersymmetric flows connecting two supersymmetric critical points. The solution can be found by solving BPS equations arising from supersymmetry transformations of fermions  $\delta \psi^{I}_{\mu}$  and  $\delta \chi^{iI}$  which, for convenience, we will repeat them here from [5]

$$\delta \psi^{I}_{\mu} = \mathcal{D}_{\mu} \epsilon^{I} + g A^{IJ}_{1} \gamma_{\mu} \epsilon^{J},$$
  

$$\delta \chi^{iI} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta^{IJ} \mathbf{1} - f^{IJ})^{i}{}_{j} \mathcal{D} \phi^{j} \epsilon^{J} - g N A^{JIi}_{2} \epsilon^{J}$$
(5.1)

where  $\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\epsilon^{I} = \left(\partial_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\omega_{\mu}^{a}\gamma_{a}\right)\epsilon^{I}$  for vanishing vector fields.

We now employ the standard domain wall ansatz for the metric

$$ds^2 = e^{2A(r)} dx_{1,1}^2 + dr^2. ag{5.2}$$

In order to preserve Poincare symmetry in two dimensions, all fields involving in the flow can only depend on the radial coordinate r identified with an energy scale in the dual field theory. BPS equations give rise to first order flow equations describing the dependence of active scalars on r. It can be verified that setting some of the scalars to zero satisfies their flow equations. We can then neglect all scalars that vanish at both UV and IR points.

#### 5.1 An RG flow between (5,0) and (4,0) CFT's in SO $(5) \times USp(2)$ gauging

The flow involves only one active scalar parametrized by the coset representative

$$L = e^{b(r)Y^7}.$$
 (5.3)

The BPS equation from  $\delta \chi^{iI} = 0$  gives rise to the flow equation

$$\frac{db}{dr} = [2g_1 - g_2 + (2g_1 + g_2)\cosh b]\sinh b \tag{5.4}$$

where we have used the projection condition  $\gamma_r \epsilon^I = \epsilon^I$ . It is clearly seen from the above equation that there are two critical points at b = 0 and  $b = \cosh^{-1} \frac{g_2 - 2g_1}{2g_1 + g_2}$ . This equation can be solved for r as a function of b, and the solution is given by

$$r = \frac{1}{8g_1g_2} \left[ 4g_1 \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - (2g_1 + g_2) \ln[2g_1 - g_2 + (2g_1 + g_2) \cosh b] + 2g_2 \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right]. \quad (5.5)$$

The integration constant has been neglected since we can shift the coordinate r to remove it.

The variation  $\delta\psi^I_\mu=0$  gives another equation for A(r)

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 4g_2 \cosh b - 22g_1 - 3g_2 - 8g_1 \cosh b -2g_1 \cosh(2b) - g_2 \cosh(2b) \right]$$
(5.6)

or, in term of b,

$$\frac{dA}{db} = -\frac{\left[22g_1 + 3g_2 + (8g_1 - 4g_2)\cosh b + (2g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b)\right]\operatorname{csch}b}{8g_1 - 4g_2 + 4(2g_1 + g_2)\cosh b}.$$
(5.7)

This equation is readily solved and gives A as a function of b

$$A = \frac{1}{g_2} \left[ (g_1 + g_2) \ln \left[ 2g_1 - g_2 + (2g_1 + g_2) \cosh b \right] - (2g_1 + g_2) \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - 2g_2 \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right]. \quad (5.8)$$

The additive integration constant can be absorbed by scaling  $x^{0,1}$  coordinates. It can be verified that equation  $\delta \psi_r^I = 0$  gives the Killing spinors of the unbroken supersymmetry  $\epsilon^I = e^{\frac{A}{2}} \epsilon_0^I$  as usual, with constant spinors  $\epsilon_0^I$  satisfying  $\gamma_r \epsilon_0^I = \epsilon_0^I$ .

Linearizing equation (5.5) near the UV point  $b \approx 0$ , we find

$$b(r) \sim e^{4g_1 r} = e^{-\frac{r}{2L_{\rm UV}}}, \qquad L_{\rm UV} = \frac{1}{8|g_1|}.$$
 (5.9)

We have set  $g_1 < 0$  to identify  $r \to \infty$  as the UV point. The above behavior indicates that from a general result, see for example [12], the flow is driven by a relevant operator of dimension  $\Delta = \frac{3}{2}$ .

Near the IR point, we find

$$b(r) \sim e^{-\frac{8g_1g_2r}{2g_1+g_2}} = e^{\frac{g_2r}{(g_1+g_2)L_{\rm IR}}}, \qquad L_{\rm IR} = -\frac{2g_1+g_2}{8g_1(g_1+g_2)} > 0.$$
 (5.10)

The reality condition for  $b_{\rm IR}$  requires  $g_2 > -2g_1$  for  $g_1 < 0$ . From the above equation, we find  $\frac{g_2}{g_2+g_1} > 0$ , so in the IR the operator becomes irrelevant with dimension  $\Delta_{\rm IR} = \frac{3g_2+2g_2}{g_1+g_2}$ . This value of  $\Delta_{\rm IR}$  precisely gives the correct mass square  $m^2 L_{\rm IR}^2 = \frac{g_2(2g_1+3g_2)}{(g_1+g_2)^2}$  given before.

The ratio of the central charges is computed to be

$$\frac{c_{\rm UV}}{c_{\rm IR}} = \frac{L_{\rm UV}}{L_{\rm IR}} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{0IR}}{V_{0UV}}} = \frac{g_1 + g_2}{2g_1 + g_2} > 1$$
(5.11)

satisfying the holographic c-theorem for  $g_1 < 0$  and  $g_2 > -2g_1$ .

#### 5.2 An RG flow between (5,0) and (1,0) CFT's in SO $(5) \times USp(2)$ gauging

We then study another RG flow interpolating between (5,0) and (1,0) critical points. The coset representative is sill given by (5.3). Similar to the previous case, we obtain the following flow equations

$$\frac{db}{dr} = [6g_1 + g_2 - (2g_1 + g_2)\cosh b]\sinh b,$$
  

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = \frac{1}{4} [3g_2 - 10g_1 - 4(6g_1 + g_2)\cosh b + (2g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b)].$$
(5.12)

The first equation gives a solution

$$r = -\frac{1}{8g_1(4g_1 + g_2)} \left[ 4g_1 \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} + (2g_1 + g_2) \ln \left[ (2g_1 + g_2) \cosh b - 6g_1 - g_2 \right] - 2(4g_1 + g_2) \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right].$$
 (5.13)

We can rewrite the second equation of (5.12) as

$$\frac{dA}{db} = \frac{\left[10g_1 - 3g_2 + 4(6g_1 + g_2)\cosh b - (2g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b)\right]\operatorname{cschb}}{4(2g_1 + g_2)\cosh b - 4(6g_1 + g_2)} \tag{5.14}$$

whose solution can be found to be

$$A = \frac{1}{4g_1 + g_2} \left[ (3g_1 + g_2) \ln \left( (2g_1 + g_2) \cosh b - 6g_1 - g_2 \right) - (2g_1 + g_2) \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - 2(4g_1 + g_2) \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right].$$
 (5.15)

The fluctuation around b = 0 behaves as

$$b(r) \sim e^{4g_1 r} = e^{-\frac{r}{2L_{\rm UV}}}, L_{\rm UV} = \frac{1}{8|g_1|}.$$
 (5.16)

As in the previous case, we have chosen  $g_1 < 0$  to make the UV point corresponds to  $r \to \infty$ . From the above equation, the flow is again driven by a relevant operator of dimension  $\Delta_{\rm UV} = \frac{3}{2}$ . Near the IR point, b(r) becomes

$$b(r) \sim e^{-\frac{8g_1(4g_1+g_2)r}{2g_1+g_2}} = e^{\frac{(4g_1+g_2)r}{(3g_1+g_2)L_{\rm IR}}}, \qquad L_{\rm IR} = -\frac{2g_1+g_2}{8g_1(3g_1+g_2)}.$$
 (5.17)

We can verify that  $b_{\text{IR}}$  is real for  $g_1 < 0$  and  $g_2 < -2g_1$ , the operator becomes irrelevant in the IR with dimension  $\Delta_{\text{IR}} = \frac{10g_1 + 3g_2}{3g_1 + g_2}$ . The ratio of the central charges is given by

$$\frac{c_{\rm UV}}{c_{\rm IR}} = \frac{3g_1 + g_2}{2g_1 + g_2} > 1, \qquad \text{for} \qquad g_1 < 0 \text{ and } g_2 < -2g_1.$$
(5.18)

#### 5.3 An RG flow between (4, 1) and (4, 0) CFT's in USp $(2) \times$ USp(2, 2) gauging

We next consider RG flows between critical points of non-compact  $USp(2) \times USp(2,2)$ gauge group. We will not give a non-supersymmetric flow to critical point IV in table 7 in this paper. It can be studied in the same procedure as [26] and [27]. Like in the compact case, it is consistent to truncate the full scalar manifold to a single scalar parametrized by

$$L = e^{b(r)Y^7}.$$
 (5.19)

The variation  $\delta \chi^{iI} = 0$  gives

$$\frac{db}{dr} = (g_1 - g_2 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh b)\sinh b$$
(5.20)

which is solved by the solution

$$r = \frac{1}{4g_1g_2} \left[ 2g_2 \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} + 2g_1 \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - (g_1 + g_2) \ln [g_1 - g_2 + (g_1 + g_2) \cosh b] \right].$$
 (5.21)

The equation from  $\delta \psi^I_{\mu} = 0$  reads

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = -2\left[g_2 + g_1 \cosh^4 \frac{b}{2} + g_2 \sinh^4 \frac{b}{2}\right].$$
 (5.22)

The solution for A as a function of b can be found as in the previous cases. The result is given by

$$A = \frac{1}{2g_1} \left[ (2g_1 + g_2) \ln \left[ g_1 - g_2 + (g_1 + g_2) \cosh b \right] - 4g_1 \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - 2(g_1 + g_2) \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right]. \quad (5.23)$$

Near the UV point, the b solution becomes

$$b(r) \sim e^{2g_1 r} = e^{\frac{g_1 r}{(g_1 + g_2)L_{\rm UV}}}, \qquad L_{\rm UV} = \frac{1}{2(g_1 + g_2)}.$$
 (5.24)

 $b_{\text{IR}}$  is real for  $g_1 < 0$  and  $g_2 > -g_1$ . With this range,  $-\frac{g_1}{g_1+g_2} < 1$ . The flow is then driven by a relevant operator of dimension  $\Delta = \frac{3g_1+2g_2}{g_1+g_2} < 2$ . At the IR point, we find the asymptotic behavior

$$b(r) \sim e^{-\frac{4g_1g_2r}{g_1+g_2}} = e^{\frac{2g_2r}{|2g_1+g_2|L_{\rm IR}}}, \qquad L_{\rm IR} = \frac{g_1+g_2}{2|g_1(2g_1+g_2)|}$$
(5.25)

corresponding to an irrelevant operator of dimension  $\Delta = \frac{2g_2}{|2g_1+g_2|} + 2$ . Finally, the ratio of the central charges is given by

$$\frac{c_{\rm UV}}{c_{\rm IR}} = \frac{|g_1(2g_1 + g_2)|}{(g_1 + g_2)^2} \,. \tag{5.26}$$

#### 5.4 An RG flow between (4, 1) and (1, 0) CFT's in USp $(2) \times$ USp(2, 2) gauging

As a final flow solution, we quickly investigate a solution interpolating between (4, 1) and (1, 0) critical points. The flow equations are given by

$$\frac{db}{dr} = -[g_1 + 3g_2 + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh b]\sinh b, \qquad (5.27)$$

$$\frac{dA}{dr} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 3g_1 - 5g_2 + 4(g_1 + 3g_2)\cosh b + (g_1 + g_2)\cosh(2b) \right].$$
(5.28)

The corresponding solutions take the form

$$r = -\frac{1}{4g_2(g_1 + 2g_2)} \left[ (g_1 + g_2) \ln [g_1 + 3g_2 + (g_1 + g_2) \cosh b] + 2g_2 \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} - 2(g_1 + 2g_2) \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} \right], \quad (5.29)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2(g_1 + 2g_2)} \left[ (2g_1 + 3g_2) \ln [g_1 + 3g_2 + (g_1 + g_2) \cosh b] -4(g_1 + 2g_2) \ln \cosh \frac{b}{2} - 2(g_1 + g_2) \ln \sinh \frac{b}{2} \right].$$
 (5.30)

The fluctuations near the UV and IR points are given by

$$b(r) \sim e^{-2(g_1 + 2g_2)r} = e^{\frac{(g_1 + 2g_2)r}{(g_1 + g_2)L_{\rm UV}}}, \qquad \qquad L_{\rm UV} = -\frac{1}{2(g_1 + g_2)}, \qquad (5.31)$$

$$b(r) \sim e^{-\frac{4g_2(g_1+2g_2)r}{g_1+g_2}} = e^{\frac{2g_2(g_1+2g_2)r}{|g_1(2g_1+3g_2)|L_{\rm IR}}}, \qquad \qquad L_{\rm IR} = -\frac{(g_1+g_2)}{2|g_1(2g_1+3g_2)|}.$$
(5.32)

We have chosen a particular range of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  namely  $g_1 < 0$  and  $-\frac{g_1}{2} < g_2 < -g_1$  for which  $g_1 + g_2 < 0$ . The flow is driven by a relevant operator of dimension  $\Delta = \frac{3g_1 + 4g_2}{g_1 + g_2}$ . In the IR, the operator becomes irrelevant with dimension  $\Delta = \frac{2g_2}{|2g_1 + g_2|} + 2$ .

The ratio of the central charges for this flow is

$$\frac{c_{\rm UV}}{c_{\rm IR}} = \frac{|g_1(2g_1 + 3g_2)|}{(g_1 + g_2)^2} \,. \tag{5.33}$$

# 6 N = 5, SO(5) $\ltimes T^{10}$ gauged supergravity

In this section, we consider non-semisimple gauge groups in the form of  $G_0 \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{\dim G_0}$ in which  $G_0$  is a semisimple group.  $\mathbf{T}^{\dim G_0}$  constitutes a translational symmetry with dim  $G_0$  commuting generators transforming in the adjoint representation of  $G_0$ . We consider the k = 4 case with USp(4, 4) global symmetry that admits a non-semisimple subgroup SO(5)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$ .

A general embedding of  $G_0 \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{\dim G_0}$  group is described by the embedding tensor of the form [6]

$$\Theta = g_1 \Theta_{\rm ab} + g_2 \Theta_{\rm bb} \,. \tag{6.1}$$

We have used the notation of [6] in denoting the semisimple and translational parts by a and b, respectively. The absence of aa coupling plays a key role in the equivalence of this theory and the Yang-Mills gauged supergravity with  $G_0$  gauge group.

The next task is to identify  $SO(5) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  generators. The semisimple SO(5) is identified with the diagonal subgroup of  $SO(5) \times SO(5) \sim USp(4) \times USp(4) \subset USp(4, 4)$ . The corresponding generators are given by

$$J^{ij} = T^{ij} + \tilde{T}^{ij}, \qquad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5.$$
(6.2)

 $T^{ij}$  are the SO(5) R-symmetry generators, and  $\tilde{T}^{ij}$  are generators of USp(4). The translational generators are constructed from a combination of  $T^{ij} - \tilde{T}^{ij}$  and non-compact generators. The 16 scalars transform as (4, 4) under SO(5) × SO(5). They accordingly transform as 1 + 5 + 10 under SO(5)<sub>diag</sub>. Scalars in the 10 representation will be part of the  $\mathbf{T}^{10}$  generators which are given by

$$t^{ij} = T^{ij} - \tilde{T}^{ij} + \tilde{Y}^{ij}, \qquad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5.$$
(6.3)

The explicit form of  $\tilde{T}^{ij}$  and  $\tilde{Y}^{ij}$  is given in appendix **B**.

In the present case, supersymmetry allows for any value of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . Therefore, the embedding tensor contains two independent coupling constants. We begin with the scalar potential computed on the SO(5)<sub>diag</sub> singlet scalar. The above decomposition gives one singlet under this SO(5). We end up with a simple coset representative

$$L = e^{a(Y^7 + Y^{16})}. (6.4)$$

This results in the potential

$$V = -64g_1 e^{-3a} \left(3e^a g_1 + 2g_2\right) \,. \tag{6.5}$$

The existence of a maximally supersymmetric critical point at  $L = \mathbf{I}$  requires  $g_2 = -g_1$ . This is the same as in N = 4, 8 gauged supergravities [28, 29]. With this condition and  $g_1$  denoted by g, the potential becomes

$$V = -64g^2 e^{-3a} \left(3e^a - 2\right). \tag{6.6}$$

Clearly, the only one critical point is given by a = 0 with  $V_0 = -64g^2$  and N = (5,0)supersymmetry. This critical point is a minimum of the potential as can be seen from figure 1. The vacuum is very similar to the  $AdS_3$  vacuum found in N = 16,  $SO(4) \times SO(4) \ltimes (\mathbf{T}^{12}, \hat{\mathbf{T}}^{34})$  gauged supergravity studied in [30]. The singlet has a positive mass square  $m^2 L^2 = 3$  as expected for a minimum point. In the dual CFT with superconformal symmetry  $Osp(5|2, \mathbb{R}) \times Sp(2, \mathbb{R})$ , this scalar corresponds to an irrelevant operator of dimension  $\Delta = 3$ . The full scalar masses are given below.

$m^2L^2$	SO(5)
3	1
3	5
0	10

The ten massless scalars accompany for the symmetry breaking  $SO(5) \ltimes T^{10} \to SO(5)$ at the vacuum.

To find other critical points, we reduce the residual symmetry of the scalar submanifold to  $SO(3) \subset SO(5)$  under which the 16 scalars transform as  $(2+2) \times (2+2) = 4 \times (1+3)$ . There are four singlets which can be parametrized by the coset representative

$$L = e^{a_1 Y^4} e^{a_2 Y^7} e^{a_3 Y^9} e^{a_4 Y^{16}}.$$
(6.7)

The resulting potential turns out to be very complicated. We, therefore, will not attempt to do the analysis of this potential in the present work.

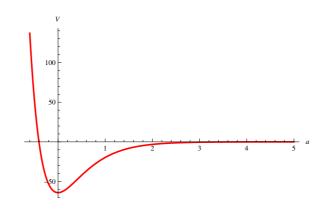


Figure 1. The scalar potential of N = 5, SO(5)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  gauged supergravity for SO(5) singlet scalar with g = 1.

# 7 N = 6, SO(6) $\ltimes T^{15}$ gauged supergravity

In this section, we consider non-semisimple gauge groups of N = 6 theory. Compact and non-compact gauge groups in this theory together with their vacua and holographic RG flows have been studied in [19].

We are interested in N = 6 gauged supergravity with  $\frac{\mathrm{SU}(4,4)}{S(\mathrm{U}(4)\times\mathrm{U}(4))}$  scalar manifold. Most of our conventions here are parallel to those used in [19]. The global symmetry  $\mathrm{SU}(4,4)$  contains a non-semisimple subgroup  $\mathrm{SO}(6) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{15}$ . Similar to N = 5 theory, the  $\mathrm{SO}(6)$  part is given by the diagonal subgroup of  $\mathrm{SO}(6) \times \mathrm{SO}(6) \sim \mathrm{SU}(4) \times \mathrm{SU}(4) \subset \mathrm{SU}(4,4)$ . The 32 scalars transform as  $(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{\bar{4}}) + (\mathbf{\bar{4}}, \mathbf{4})$  under  $\mathrm{SU}(4) \times \mathrm{SU}(4)$ . Under  $\mathrm{SO}(6)_{\mathrm{diag}}$ , they transform as

$$(\mathbf{4} \times \bar{\mathbf{4}}) + (\bar{\mathbf{4}} \times \mathbf{4}) = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{15} + \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{15}.$$
(7.1)

The adjoint representations 15's will be used to construct the translational generators  $\mathbf{T}^{15}$ . The full SO(6)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{15}$  generators are given in appendix B.

The embedding tensor is still given by (6.1), but in this case, the linear constraint  $\mathbb{P}_{R_0}\Theta = 0$  requires  $g_2 = 0$  similar to N = 16, 10, 8 theories [3, 21, 31]. The above decomposition gives two singlet scalars under SO(6) part of the gauge group. They correspond to non-compact generators

$$Y_{s1} = \frac{1}{2}(Y^{1} + Y^{11} + Y^{21} + Y^{31}),$$

$$Y_{s2} = \frac{1}{2}(Y^{2} + Y^{12} + Y^{22} + Y^{32}).$$
(7.2)

Accordingly, the coset representative can be parametrized by

$$L = e^{\sqrt{2}b_1 Y_{s1}} e^{\sqrt{2}b_2 Y_{s2}} \tag{7.3}$$

where we have chosen a particular normalization for later convenience. The potential is, with  $g = g_1$ , given by

$$V = -224g^2 \left(\cosh b_1 \cosh b_2 - \sinh b_2\right)^2.$$
(7.4)

The above potential does not admit any critical points, so the vacuum should be a half-supersymmetric domain wall. In the rest of this section, we will find this domain wall solution.

The supersymmetry transformations  $\delta \psi^{I}_{\mu}$  and  $\delta \chi^{iI}$  together with the domain wall ansatz (5.2) give rise to the following BPS equations

$$b_1' = 8g \operatorname{sech} b_2 \sinh b_1, \tag{7.5}$$

$$b_2' = -8g \left(\cosh b_2 - \cosh b_1 \sinh b_2\right), \tag{7.6}$$

$$A' = -16g\left(\cosh b_1 \cosh b_2 - \sinh b_2\right) \tag{7.7}$$

where ' denotes  $\frac{d}{dr}$ . Equation (7.5) is readily solved by setting  $b_1 = 0$ . Equation (7.6) now becomes

$$b_2' = -8ge^{-b_2}. (7.8)$$

The solution is given by

$$b_2 = \ln\left(-8gr + c_1\right) \tag{7.9}$$

where  $c_1$  is an integration constant. With  $b_1 = 0$  and  $b_2$  given by (7.9), equation (7.7) becomes

$$A' = \frac{-16g}{c_1 - 8gr} \tag{7.10}$$

whose solution is easily found to be

$$A = 2\ln\left(-8gr + c_1\right) + c_2 \tag{7.11}$$

with another integration constant  $c_2$ . The two integration constants are not relevant because we can shift the coordinate r rescale  $x^{0,1}$  to remove them. As in other domain wall solutions, the metric can be written in the form of a warped  $AdS_3$  as

$$ds^{2} = \frac{1}{(8g)^{4}\rho^{2}} \left(\frac{dx_{1,1}^{2} + d\rho^{2}}{\rho^{2}}\right)$$
(7.12)

where  $\rho = -\frac{1}{(8g)^2r}$ .

#### 8 Conclusions and discussions

In this paper, we have classified compact and non-compact gauge groups of N = 5 gauged supergravity in three dimensions with  $USp(4, 2)/USp(4) \times USp(2)$  and  $USp(4, 4)/USp(4) \times$ USp(4) scalar manifolds. We have also identified a number of supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  vacua in each gauging and studied some examples of supersymmetric RG flows interpolating between these vacua in both compact and non-compact gauge groups. All of the solutions can be analytically found, and the flows describe deformations by relevant operators. They would be useful to the study of  $AdS_3/CFT_2$  correspondence such as the computation of correlation functions in the dual field theory similar to that studied in [32].

Among our main results, we have constructed N = 5, SO(5)  $\ltimes \mathbf{T}^{10}$  gauged supergravity. The theory is equivalent to N = 5 Yang-Mills gauged supergravity and could be obtained from  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  reduction of N = 5 gauged supergravity in four dimensions as pointed out in [21]. The theory admits a maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$  vacuum which should be dual to a superconformal field theory with  $Osp(5|2,\mathbb{R}) \times Sp(2,\mathbb{R})$  superconformal symmetry. We have also given all of the scalar masses at this vacuum. It is interesting to further study the scalar potential of this theory in order to find other critical points as well as the associated RG flow solutions. This could give some insight to the deformations in the dual CFT.

Similar construction has then been extended to N = 6 gauged supergravity with  $SU(4, 4)/S(U(4) \times U(4))$  scalar manifold. The resulting theory is N = 6 gauged supergravity with  $SO(6) \ltimes \mathbf{T}^{15}$  gauge group. Like N = 5 theory, this is equivalent to SO(6)Yang-Mills gauged supergravity and should be obtained from  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$  reduction of N = 6gauged supergravity in four dimensions. This has also been pointed out in [21] in which the spectrum of the  $S^1$  reduction of four dimensional N = 6 gauged supergravity has been given. The theory admits a half-supersymmetric domain wall vacuum rather than a maximally supersymmetric  $AdS_3$ . We have also given the domain wall solution. This solution provides another example of domain walls in three dimensional gauged supergravity similar to the solutions of [21, 31] and might be useful in the study of DW/QFT correspondence.

The above non-semisimple gaugings are of importance for embedding the theories in higher dimensions. With the full embedding at hand, any solutions in a three dimensional framework, which are usually easier to find than higher dimensional ones, can be uplifted to string/M theory in which a full geometrical interpretation can be made. Other attempts to embed Chern-Simons gauged supergravities in three dimensions can be found in [28–30, 33–35]. In many cases, the precise reduction ansatz from ten or eleven dimensions remains to be done.

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#### A Useful formulae

For conveniences, we collect useful formulae used throughout this paper. The detailed discussion can be found in [5]. All of our discussions involve symmetric scalar manifolds of the form G/H. The G generators are denoted by  $t^{\mathcal{M}} = (T^{IJ}, T^{\alpha}, Y^A)$  in which  $T^{IJ}$  and  $T^{\alpha}$  are  $\mathrm{SO}(N) \times H'$  generators and  $Y^A$  are non-compact generators. In the present cases, we have  $H' = \mathrm{USp}(k)$  for N = 5 and  $H' = \mathrm{U}(k)$  for N = 6 theories, respectively.  $\mathrm{SO}(N)$  is the R-symmetry.

The coset manifold, consisting of d scalars  $\phi^i$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, d = \dim(G/H)$ , can be described by a coset representative L transforming by left- and right-multiplications of G

and H. Some useful relations are given by

$$L^{-1}t^{\mathcal{M}}L = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{M}IJ}T^{IJ} + \mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\ \alpha}T^{\alpha} + \mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\ A}Y^{A}, \tag{A.1}$$

$$L^{-1}\partial_{i}L = \frac{1}{2}Q_{i}^{IJ}T^{IJ} + Q_{i}^{\alpha}T^{\alpha} + e_{i}^{A}Y^{A}.$$
 (A.2)

The first relation gives scalar matrices  $\mathcal{V}$  used in defining a moment map while the second gives  $SO(N) \times H'$  composite connections,  $Q^{IJ}$  and  $Q^{\alpha}$ , and the vielbein on the manifold G/H,  $e_i^A$ . Accordingly, the metric on the scalar manifold is defined by

$$g_{ij} = e_i^A e_j^B \delta_{AB}, \qquad i, j, A, B = 1, \dots, d.$$
 (A.3)

The embedding tensor determines the fermionic mass-like terms and the scalar potential via the T-tensor defined by

$$T_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{M}}_{\ \mathcal{A}} \Theta_{\mathcal{M}\mathcal{N}} \mathcal{V}^{\mathcal{N}}_{\ \mathcal{B}} \,. \tag{A.4}$$

In the above equation,  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  label  $SO(N) \times H'$  representations.

The  $A_1^{IJ}$  and  $A_{2i}^{IJ}$  tensors appearing in the fermionic supersymmetry transformations and the scalar potential are given in terms of linear combinations of various components of  $T_{AB}$  by the following relations

$$A_{1}^{IJ} = -\frac{4}{N-2}T^{IM,JM} + \frac{2}{(N-1)(N-2)}\delta^{IJ}T^{MN,MN},$$
  

$$A_{2j}^{IJ} = \frac{2}{N}T^{IJ}_{\ \ j} + \frac{4}{N(N-2)}f^{M(Im}_{\ \ j}T^{J)M}_{\ \ m} + \frac{2}{N(N-1)(N-2)}\delta^{IJ}f^{KL}_{\ \ j}{}^{m}T^{KL}_{\ \ m}.$$
 (A.5)

The  $f_{ij}^{IJ}$  tensor can be constructed from SO(N) gamma matrices or from the SO(N) generators in a spinor representation. In the present case, it is given in a flat basis by

$$f_{AB}^{IJ} = -2\text{Tr}(Y^B \left[T^{IJ}, Y^A\right]). \tag{A.6}$$

The scalar potential can be computed from

$$V = -\frac{4}{N} \left( A_1^{IJ} A_1^{IJ} - \frac{1}{2} N g^{ij} A_{2i}^{IJ} A_{2j}^{IJ} \right).$$
(A.7)

We end this section by noting the condition for unbroken supersymmetry. The associated Killing spinors correspond to the eigenvectors of  $A_1^{IJ}$  with eigenvalues  $\pm \sqrt{-\frac{V_0}{4}}$ .

### **B** Relevant generators

In this appendix, we give generators of various groups used throughout the paper.

# B.1 N = 5 theory

 $J_i$ 's are USp(8) generators written in terms of generalized Gell-Mann matrices  $\lambda_i$  generating the SU(8) group. They are explicitly given by

$$J_{1} = \frac{i\lambda_{1}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{2} = \frac{i\lambda_{2}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{3} = \frac{i\lambda_{3}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{4} = \frac{i\lambda_{13}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{5} = \frac{i\lambda_{14}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{6} = -\frac{i\lambda_{8}}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{i\lambda_{15}}{\sqrt{3}}, \qquad J_{7} = \frac{i\lambda_{6}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{9}}{2}, \qquad J_{8} = -\frac{i\lambda_{7}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{10}}{2}, \qquad J_{9} = \frac{i\lambda_{4}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{11}}{2}, \qquad J_{9} = \frac{i\lambda_{4}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{10} = -\frac{i\lambda_{5}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{12}}{2}, \qquad J_{11} = \frac{i\lambda_{33}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{12} = \frac{i\lambda_{34}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{13} = -\frac{i\lambda_{24}}{\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}i\lambda_{35}, \qquad J_{14} = \frac{i\lambda_{18}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{25}}{2}, \qquad J_{15} = -\frac{i\lambda_{19}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{26}}{2}, \qquad J_{16} = \frac{i\lambda_{26}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{27}}{2}, \qquad J_{17} = \frac{i\lambda_{22}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{29}}{2}, \qquad J_{18} = -\frac{i\lambda_{21}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{32}}{2}, \qquad J_{19} = \frac{i\lambda_{20}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{31}}{2}, \qquad J_{20} = -\frac{i\lambda_{17}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{28}}{2}, \qquad J_{21} = -\frac{i\lambda_{21}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{32}}{2}, \qquad J_{22} = \frac{i\lambda_{61}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{23} = \frac{i\lambda_{62}}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad J_{24} = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{14}i\lambda_{48} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}i\lambda_{63}}, \qquad J_{25} = \frac{i\lambda_{42}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{53}}{2}, \qquad J_{29} = -\frac{i\lambda_{43}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{50}}{2}, \qquad J_{27} = \frac{i\lambda_{36}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{51}}{2}, \qquad J_{28} = \frac{i\lambda_{42}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{53}}{2}, \qquad J_{29} = -\frac{i\lambda_{47}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{58}}{2}, \qquad J_{30} = \frac{i\lambda_{44}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{55}}{2}, \qquad J_{31} = \frac{i\lambda_{46}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{57}}{2}, \qquad J_{32} = -\frac{i\lambda_{47}}{2} + \frac{i\lambda_{58}}{2}, \qquad J_{33} = \frac{i\lambda_{44}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{59}}{2}, \qquad J_{34} = -\frac{i\lambda_{37}}{2} - \frac{i\lambda_{60}}{2}. \qquad (B.1)$$

The USp(6) generators needed for constructing USp(4,2) are given by the first 21 generators.

The SO(5)  $\ltimes T^{10}$  generators are constructed as follow. The SO(5)<sub>diag</sub> is generated by  $T^{ij} + \tilde{T}^{ij}$  in which

$$\tilde{T}^{12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{13} - J_{24}), \qquad \tilde{T}^{13} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{11} + J_{22}), \qquad \tilde{T}^{23} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{12} - J_{23}), 
\tilde{T}^{34} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{13} + J_{24}), \qquad \tilde{T}^{14} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{12} + J_{23}), \qquad \tilde{T}^{24} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (J_{11} - J_{22}), 
\tilde{T}^{45} = J_{31}, \qquad \tilde{T}^{15} = -J_{33}, \qquad \tilde{T}^{25} = -J_{36}, 
\tilde{T}^{35} = J_{32} \quad .$$
(B.2)

Generators  $\tilde{Y}^{ij}$  in  $\mathbf{T}^{10}$  are given by

$$\tilde{Y}^{12} = i(J_{16} - J_{30}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{13} = -i(J_{14} + J_{28}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{23} = i(J_{15} + J_{29}), 
\tilde{Y}^{34} = i(J_{16} + J_{30}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{14} = i(J_{15} + J_{29}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{24} = i(J_{14} - J_{28}), 
\tilde{Y}^{45} = i(J_{17} + J_{25}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{15} = -i(J_{19} + J_{27}), \qquad \tilde{Y}^{25} = i(J_{21} - J_{34}), 
\tilde{Y}^{35} = i(J_{18} + J_{26}). \qquad (B.3)$$

### B.2 N = 6 theory

For conveniences, we repeat non-compact generators of SU(4, 4) in terms of generalized Gell-Mann matrices,  $\lambda_i$ , i = 1, ..., 63, given in [19]

$$\bar{Y}^{A} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{A+15}, & A = 1, \dots, 8\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{A+16}, & A = 9, \dots, 16\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{A+19}, & A = 17, \dots, 24\\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} c_{A+24}, & A = 25, \dots, 32 \end{cases}$$
(B.4)

The  $SO(6)_R$  R-symmetry generators are identified to be

$$\begin{split} \bar{T}^{12} &= \frac{1}{2}c_3 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}c_8 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}c_{15}, \qquad \bar{T}^{13} = -\frac{1}{2}(c_2 + c_{14}), \qquad \bar{T}^{23} = \frac{1}{2}(c_1 - c_{13}), \\ \bar{T}^{34} &= \frac{1}{2}c_3 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}c_8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}c_{15}, \qquad \bar{T}^{14} = \frac{1}{2}(c_1 + c_{13}), \qquad \bar{T}^{35} = -\frac{1}{2}(c_6 + c_9), \\ \bar{T}^{56} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}c_8 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}c_{15}, \qquad \bar{T}^{36} = -\frac{1}{2}(c_7 + c_{10}), \qquad \bar{T}^{24} = \frac{1}{2}(c_2 - c_{14}), \\ \bar{T}^{45} &= \frac{1}{2}(c_7 - c_{10}), \qquad \bar{T}^{46} = \frac{1}{2}(c_9 - c_6), \qquad \bar{T}^{15} = \frac{1}{2}(c_4 - c_{11}), \\ \bar{T}^{16} &= \frac{1}{2}(c_5 - c_{12}), \qquad \bar{T}^{25} = \frac{1}{2}(c_5 + c_{12}), \qquad \bar{T}^{26} = -\frac{1}{2}(c_4 + c_{11}) \qquad (B.5) \end{split}$$

where  $c_i = -i\lambda_i$ .

The SO(6)  $\ltimes T^{15}$  generators are given by

SO(6): 
$$J_{a}^{ij} = \bar{T}^{ij} + \tilde{T}^{ij}, \qquad i, j = 1, ..., 6$$
  
 $\mathbf{T}^{15}: \qquad J_{b}^{ij} = \bar{T}^{ij} - \tilde{T}^{ij} + \tilde{Y}^{ij}$  (B.6)

where

$$\begin{split} \tilde{T}^{12} &= i \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \lambda_{24} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{20}} \lambda_{35} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{28}} \lambda_{48} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \lambda_{63} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{34} &= i \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \lambda_{24} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{20}} \lambda_{35} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{28}} \lambda_{48} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \lambda_{63} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{56} &= i \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \lambda_{24} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{15}} \lambda_{35} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{21}} \lambda_{48} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}} \lambda_{63} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{13} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{34} + \lambda_{62} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{23} &= -\frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{33} - \lambda_{61} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{14} &= -\frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{33} + \lambda_{61} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{24} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{62} - \lambda_{34} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{45} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{58} - \lambda_{47} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{15} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{59} - \lambda_{44} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{25} &= -\frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{45} + \lambda_{60} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{35} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{46} + \lambda_{57} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{16} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{60} - \lambda_{45} \right), \\ \tilde{T}^{26} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{44} + \lambda_{59} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{36} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{47} + \lambda_{58} \right), \qquad \tilde{T}^{46} &= \frac{i}{2} \left( \lambda_{46} - \lambda_{57} \right) \quad (B.7) \end{split}$$

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and

$$\begin{split} \tilde{Y}^{12} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{27} - \lambda_{16} + \lambda_{40} - \lambda_{55} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{34} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{55} - \lambda_{16} + \lambda_{27} - \lambda_{40} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{56} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{55} - \lambda_{16} - \lambda_{27} + \lambda_{40} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{13} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{54} - \lambda_{19} + \lambda_{26} - \lambda_{43} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{23} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{53} - \lambda_{18} - \lambda_{25} + \lambda_{42} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{14} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{18} + \lambda_{25} + \lambda_{42} + \lambda_{53} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{24} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{19} - \lambda_{26} - \lambda_{43} + \lambda_{54} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{45} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{50} - \lambda_{23} + \lambda_{30} - \lambda_{39} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{15} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{31} - \lambda_{20} - \lambda_{36} + \lambda_{51} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{25} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{21} + \lambda_{32} - \lambda_{37} - \lambda_{52} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{35} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{20} + \lambda_{31} + \lambda_{36} + \lambda_{51} \right), & \tilde{Y}^{16} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{50} - \lambda_{23} - \lambda_{30} + \lambda_{39} \right), \\ \tilde{Y}^{46} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \lambda_{29} - \lambda_{22} + \lambda_{38} - \lambda_{49} \right). & (B.8) \end{split}$$

# C Scalar potential for $SO(4) \times USp(2)$ gauging

The scalar potential for compact gauge group  $SO(4) \times USp(2)$  is given by

$$\begin{split} V &= 2g_2^2(3 + \cosh b) \sinh^6 \frac{b}{2} + \frac{1}{16}g_1g_2 \left[68 + 4\cos(2a_4) + 2\cos(2(a_4 - a_5)) + 4\cos(2(a_4 - a_5)) + 4\cos(2(a_5) + 2\cos(2(a_4 + a_5))) + 2\cos(2(a_4 - a_6)) + \cos(2(a_4 - a_5 - a_6))) + 2\cos(2(a_5 - a_6)) + \cos(2(a_4 + a_5 - a_6)) + 4\cos(2(a_4 - a_5 + a_6)) + 2\cos(2(a_5 + a_6)) + \cos(2(a_4 + a_5 + a_6))) + 32\cos^2 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cos^2 a_6\cos(2a_7)\right] (3 + \cosh b) \sinh^6 \frac{b}{2} \\ &-4g_1^2 \left[\cos^2 a_5\cos^2 a_6\cos^2 a_7\cosh^2 \frac{b}{2}(3 + \cosh b)^2\sin^2(2a_4) + 64\cos^2 a_4\cosh^4 \frac{b}{2}\sin^2 a_4\sin^2 a_5 + 64\cos^2 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cosh^4 \frac{b}{2} \\ &\times \sin^2 a_4\sin^2 a_6 + 64\cos^2 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cos^2 a_6\cosh^4 \frac{b}{2}\sin^2 a_4\sin^2 a_7 + \frac{1}{16384} \left[51 + 259\cos(2a_4) + 4(-17 + 63\cos(2a_4))\cosh b + (17 + \cos(2a_4)) \\ &\times \cosh(2b) + 16\cos^2 a_4\cos(2a_5)\sinh^4 \frac{b}{2} + 32\cos^2 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cos(2a_6)\sinh^4 \frac{b}{2} \\ &+ 64\cos^2 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cos^2 a_6\cos(2a_7)\sinh^4 \frac{b}{2}\right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left[-4\cos^4 a_4\cos^2 a_5\cos^2 a_6 \\ &\times \cos^2 a_7\sin^2 a_5\sinh^6 \frac{b}{2} - 4\cos^4 a_4\cos^4 a_5\cos^2 a_6\cos^2 a_7\sin^2 a_6\sinh^6 \frac{b}{2} \\ &- 4\cos^4 a_4\cos^4 a_5\cos^4 a_6\cos^2 a_7\sin^2 a_7\sinh^6 \frac{b}{2} - 4\sin^2(2a_4)\sin^2 a_5\sinh^2 b \right] \end{split}$$

$$-16 \cos^{2} a_{4} \cos^{2} a_{5} \sin^{2} a_{4} \sin^{2} a_{6} \sinh^{2} b - 16 \cos^{2} a_{4} \cos^{2} a_{5} \cos^{2} a_{6} \sin^{2} a_{4}$$

$$\times \sin^{2} a_{7} \sinh^{2} b - \frac{1}{16} \cos^{2} a_{5} \cos^{2} a_{6} \cos^{2} a_{7} \sin^{2}(2a_{4}) \left[7 \sinh \frac{b}{2} + 3 \sinh \frac{3b}{2}\right]^{2}$$

$$-\frac{1}{4096} \left[16 \cos^{2} a_{4} \left[\cos(2a_{5}) + 2 \cos^{2} a_{5} \left(\cos(2a_{6}) + 2 \cos^{2} a_{6} \cos(2a_{7})\right)\right] \times \cosh \frac{b}{2} \sinh^{3} \frac{b}{2} + 2[63 \cos(2a_{4}) + 17 \cosh b - 17] \sinh b$$

$$+ \cos(2a_{4}) \sinh(2b) \right]^{2} \right].$$
(C.1)

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