

# Compactification of moduli of parabolic sheaves and moduli of parabolic Higgs sheaves

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## Introduction

Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism of locally noetherian schemes,  $D$  be an effective relative Cartier divisor on  $X/S$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be an  $f$ -very ample invertible sheaf. Assume that  $S$  is of finite type over a universally Japanese ring  $\Xi$ . In the previous paper “Moduli of Parabolic Stable Sheaves” [13], we have extended the notion of parabolic bundles on curves to higher dimensional cases, i.e. parabolic sheaves on a geometric fibre  $X_s$  of  $f$  is a triple  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  consisting of a torsion free coherent sheaf  $E$ , a filtration  $E = F_1(E) \supset F_2(E) \supset \cdots \supset F_l(E) \supset F_{l+1}(E) = E(-D)$  and a system of weights  $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \cdots < \alpha_l < 1$ . Moreover, we have constructed a coarse moduli scheme  $M_{D/X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  of parabolic stable sheaves with fixed weights  $\alpha_*$  and fixed Hilbert polynomials  $H_*$ .

In this article, we shall construct a moduli scheme  $\bar{M}_{D/X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  of equivalence classes of parabolic semi-stable sheaves and show that it is projective over  $S$  under some boundedness conditions. We could do more. In fact, the method used in constructing moduli schemes of stable pairs (cf. [26]) leads us to a construction of a moduli scheme of “parabolic pairs”. Let  $\Omega$  be a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. Combining the notion of parabolic sheaves and that of  $\Omega$ -pairs, we come to a notion of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs, i.e. a parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair is a pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  of a parabolic sheaf  $E_*$  and a parabolic homomorphism  $\varphi: E_* \rightarrow E_* \otimes \Omega$  with  $\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$ . The word “parabolic Higgs sheaves” used in our title means  $\Omega_X^1(\log D)$ -pairs (in the case where  $\Omega_X^1(\log D)$  is locally free). In the case of curves, it is in fact equivalent to the notion of Simpson’s “filtered regular Higgs bundles” [25]. Simpson [25] gave a natural one-to-one correspondence between stable filtered regular Higgs bundles of degree zero and stable filtered local systems of degree zero. In this paper, since we shall restrict ourselves to the moduli problem for parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs,  $\Omega$  can be any locally free sheaf. Our main theorem is the existence of a moduli scheme of equivalence classes of parabolic semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pairs. Moreover, we shall define a morphism of the moduli scheme to an affine space of “characteristic polynomials” and prove that it is projective as a

natural generalization of results of Hitchin [7] in the case of Higgs bundles on curves or Simpson's [24] in higher dimensional cases. Then as a special case, we obtain the moduli scheme  $\bar{M}_{D/X/S}^{H_r, z_r^*}$  which is projective over  $S$ .

In §1, we shall give various definitions on parabolic pairs. Almost all notions are naturally extended to our case. §2 is devoted to the construction of a parameter space  $R^{ss}$  of all parabolic semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pairs with fixed Hilbert polynomials and weights. Moreover, a morphism  $\tilde{\Psi}$  of  $R^{ss}$  to the product of a Gieseker space  $\tilde{Z}$  and some Grassmann schemes  $G_i$  is constructed. Then the results in [13] can be generalized to our case. In particular, the existence of a coarse moduli scheme of stable parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs is proved. §3 is devoted to the analysis of orbit spaces of  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$  which is a natural generalization of results in §2 of M. Maruyama [10]. In the case of parabolic sheaves, under the assumption that  $S$  is a scheme over a field of characteristic zero, most of these are not needed since the projectivity of the morphism  $\tilde{\Psi}$  of  $R^{ss}$  to  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$  is proved in our Appendix. The notion of extensions of points in Gieseker spaces is naturally extended to our case but it does not work well since the set of all extensions of two points in  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i$  is not a complete family. Hence, we shall introduce a notion of "quasi-extension". In §4, we shall prove the main theorem, that is, the existence of a moduli scheme of parabolic semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pairs. The projectivity of the moduli scheme of parabolic semi-stable sheaves is proved in §5. For the moduli scheme of parabolic semi-stable pairs, the properness of the morphism of the moduli scheme to the space of "characteristic polynomials" is proved. We shall derive these results by the method used in S. G. Langton [8]. In appendix, we shall show that the morphism  $\Psi: R^{ss} \rightarrow (Z \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$  constructed in [13] is proper in the case of characteristic zero. Strangely, the author could not prove it without an additional condition " $\alpha_1 > 0$ " where  $\alpha_1$  is the minimum weight. However, in the case of curves or more generally in the case where  $\mu$ -(semi-)stability is the same as (semi-)stability, by changing weights, we can also get a moduli scheme which is projective over  $S$ .

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**Notation and Convention.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism of locally noetherian schemes,  $D$  be an effective relative Cartier divisor on  $X/S$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be an  $f$ -very ample invertible sheaf. For a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $E$  and a numerical polynomial  $H$ , we denote simply by  $\text{Quot}(E, H)$  the Quot-scheme  $\text{Quot}_{E/X/S}^H$ . If  $s$  is a geometric point of  $S$ , then  $X_s$  means the geometric fiber of  $X$  over  $s$  and  $E_s = E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_s} k(s)$ . We denote by  $S^i(E)$  the  $i$ -th symmetric product of  $E$ , by  $S^*(E)$  the symmetric  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebra. For a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_s}$ -module  $F$ , the degree of  $F$  with respect to  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  is that of the first Chern class of  $F$  with respect to  $\mathcal{O}_{X_s}(1) = \mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_s}}$  and it is denoted by  $\text{deg}_{\mathcal{O}_X(1)} F$  or simply  $\text{deg } F$ . Moreover, the rank of  $F$  is denoted by  $\text{rk}(F)$ ,  $\mu(F) = \text{deg } F / \text{rk}(F)$  and  $h^i(F) = \dim_{k(s)} H^i(X_s, F)$ .

For polynomials  $f_1(n)$  and  $f_2(n)$ ,  $f_1(n) < f_2(n)$  (or,  $f_1(n) \leq f_2(n)$ ) means that

$f_1(n) < f_2(n)$  (or,  $f_1(n) \leq f_2(n)$ , resp.) for all sufficiently large integers  $n$ . For a polynomial  $H$  and a number  $m$ ,  $H[m]$  denotes the polynomial such that  $H[m](x) = H(m + x)$ .

**1. Parabolic pairs**

Let  $X$  be a non-singular, projective variety over an algebraically closed field  $k$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be a very ample invertible sheaf on  $X$ . Fix an effective Cartier divisor  $D \subset X$  and a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\Omega$  of finite rank.

Let us recall some definitions on parabolic sheaves. (For details, see §1 of [13].)

**Definition 1.0.** A parabolic sheaf is a triple  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  of a torsion free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $E$ , a filtration

$$(1.0.1) \quad E = F_1(E) \supset F_2(E) \supset \dots \supset F_l(E) \supset F_{l+1}(E) = E(-D)$$

and a system of weights  $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots < \alpha_l < 1$ . For a parabolic sheaf  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$ , we have a filtration

$$(1.0.2) \quad \bigcup_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} E(-mD) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbf{R}} E_\alpha \supset \dots \supseteq E_x \supseteq E_\beta \supseteq \dots$$

where  $E_x = F_i(E)(-[\alpha]D)$  with  $i$  an integer such that  $\alpha_{i-1} < \alpha - [\alpha] \leq \alpha_i$  ( $\alpha_0 = \alpha_l - 1$  and  $\alpha_{l+1} = 1$ ). We often denote  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  by  $E_*$ .

A parabolic homomorphism of  $E_*$  to  $F_*$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphism of  $E$  to  $F$  which maps  $E_x$  into  $F_x$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ . In this paper, we change the definition of parabolic subsheaves given in [13], i.e. a parabolic sheaf  $F_*$  is said to be a parabolic subsheaf of  $E_*$  when if  $F$  is a coherent subsheaf of  $E$  and  $F_x \subseteq E_x$  for all  $\alpha$ .

The parabolic Hilbert polynomial of  $E_*$  is

$$(1.0.3) \quad \text{par-}\chi(E_*(m)) = \int_0^1 \chi(E_x(m)) dx.$$

The polynomial  $\text{par-}\chi(E_*(m))/\text{rk}(E)$  is denoted by  $\text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$ . Moreover, the parabolic degree of  $E_*$  is

$$(1.0.4) \quad \text{par-deg}(E_*) = \int_0^1 \text{deg}(E_x) dx + \text{rk}(E) \cdot \text{deg} D.$$

$\text{par-}\mu(E_*)$  is  $\text{par-deg}(E_*)/\text{rk}(E)$  and  $\text{wt}(E_*)$  is  $\text{par-deg}(E_*) - \text{deg} E$ .

For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $\text{deg} E(-D) \leq \text{deg} E_\alpha \leq \text{deg} E$ . Hence, by (1.0.4), we have the following inequalities.

$$(1.0.5) \quad 0 \leq \text{wt}(E_*) \leq \text{rk}(E) \cdot \text{deg} D.$$

We can naturally extend the notion of  $\Omega$ -pairs (cf. [6], [19], [24] and [26]) to parabolic cases.

**Definition 1.1.** A pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  of a parabolic sheaf  $E_*$  and a parabolic homomorphism  $\varphi: E_* \rightarrow E_* \otimes_X \Omega$  is said to be a parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair if  $\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$ , where  $\varphi \wedge \varphi$  is the following homomorphism

$$E \xrightarrow{\varphi} E \otimes_X \Omega \xrightarrow{\varphi \otimes 1} E \otimes_X \Omega \otimes_X \Omega \longrightarrow E \otimes_X \wedge^2 \Omega$$

and  $E_* \otimes_X \Omega$  is a parabolic sheaf such that  $(E \otimes_X \Omega)_\alpha = E_\alpha \otimes_X \Omega$ . The polynomial  $\text{par-}\chi(E_*(m))$  is called the parabolic Hilbert polynomial of  $(E_*, \varphi)$ .

A parabolic subsheaf  $E'_*$  of  $E_*$  is called  $\varphi$ -invariant when for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $\varphi(E'_\alpha)$  is contained in  $E'_\alpha \otimes_X \Omega$ . For parabolic pairs  $(E_*, \varphi)$  and  $(E'_*, \varphi')$ , an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphism  $f$  of  $E$  to  $E'$  is said to be a homomorphism of parabolic pairs when  $\varphi' \circ f = (f \otimes id_\Omega) \circ \varphi$  and  $f$  is a parabolic homomorphism of  $E_*$  to  $E'_*$ .  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  is called a (parabolic) sub-pair of  $(E_*, \varphi)$  if  $E'$  is a coherent subsheaf of  $E$ ,  $E'_\alpha \subseteq E_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$  and  $\varphi|_{E'} = \varphi'$ .

Let  $F$  be a  $\varphi$ -invariant coherent subsheaf of  $E$  such that  $E/F$  is torsion free. If we put  $F_\alpha = E_\alpha \cap F$ , then  $(F_*, \varphi|_F)$  is a sub-pair of  $(E_*, \varphi)$ . In this case, we call this structure of  $(F_*, \varphi|_F)$  the induced (sub-)structure of  $(E_*, \varphi)$ . Let  $G$  be a torsion free coherent quotient sheaf of  $E$  with quotient map  $g: E \rightarrow G$ . Assume that  $\ker(g)$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant. Setting  $G_\alpha = (E_\alpha + F)/F$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ , we get a quotient pair  $(G_*, \bar{\varphi})$  of  $(E_*, \varphi)$  where  $\bar{\varphi}$  is the homomorphism of  $G$  to  $G \otimes_X \Omega$  induced from  $\varphi$ .

**Remark 1.2.**  $\varphi$  induces an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphism  $\check{\varphi}$  of  $\Omega^\vee$  to  $\mathcal{E}nd^{Par}(E_*)$ . The condition " $\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$ " implies that  $\check{\varphi}$  is extended to a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebras of  $S^*(\Omega^\vee)$  to  $\mathcal{E}nd^{Par}(E_*)$ . Thus we have a parabolic homomorphism associated to  $\varphi$ ;

$$\varphi^\alpha: E_* \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee) \longrightarrow E_*.$$

**Definition 1.3.** 1)  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be parabolic stable (or, parabolic semi-stable) if for every  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaf  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ , we have

$$\text{par-}P_{F_*}(m) < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \quad (\text{or, } \leq, \text{ resp.}).$$

2)  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be parabolic  $\mu$ -stable (or, parabolic  $\mu$ -semi-stable) if for every  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaf  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ , we have

$$\text{par-}\mu(F_*) < \text{par-}\mu(E_*) \quad (\text{or, } \leq, \text{ resp.}).$$

3) Let  $e$  be an integer.  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be of type  $e$  if for every  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaf  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ , we have

$$\text{par-}\mu(F_*) \leq \text{par-}\mu(E_*) + e.$$

**Remark 1.4.** By Remark 1.11 of [13], we may assume that in the above

definitions,  $F_*$  has the induced structure.

Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism of noetherian schemes,  $D \subset X$  be a relative effective Cartier divisor with respect to  $f$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be an  $f$ -very ample invertible sheaf. Let  $H, H_1, \dots, H_l$  be polynomials and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l$  be real numbers such that  $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_l < 1$ . Set  $H_* = \{H_1, \dots, H_l\}$  and  $\alpha_* = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$ .

We denote by  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  the family of classes of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs on the fibres of  $X$  over  $S$  such that  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  if and only if  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is a parabolic semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pair on a geometric fibre of  $X$  over  $S$ ,  $\chi(E(m)) = H(m)$ ,  $\chi((E/F_{i+1})(E))(m) = H_i(m)$  and the system of weights is  $\alpha_*$ .

By the inequality (1.0.5), if  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is of type  $e$ , then for all  $\varphi$ -invariant coherent subsheaf  $F$  of  $E$ , we have that  $\mu(F) \leq \mu(E) + \deg D + e$ . Hence, by Proposition 1.6 of [26], we have

**Lemma 1.5.** *If  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is of type  $e$ , then there exists an integer  $e'$  which depends only on  $e, D, \Omega$  and  $\text{rk}(E)$  such that  $E$  is of type  $e'$ , i.e. for all coherent subsheaf  $F$  of  $E$ ,  $\mu(F) \leq \mu(E) + e'$ .*

By virtue of the boundedness results on the families of coherent sheaves (cf. [11]), we have the following.

**Corollary 1.6.** *The family  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded if one of the following conditions is satisfied.*

- 1)  $S$  is a noetherian scheme over a field of characteristic zero.
- 2) The rank is not greater than 3.
- 3) The dimension of  $X$  over  $S$  is not greater than 2.

Let us recall that a torsion free coherent sheaf  $E$  on a geometric fibre  $X_k$  is said to be of  $c$ -type  $e$  if for general non-singular curves  $C = D_1 \cdots D_{n-1}$ ,  $D_i \in |\mathcal{O}_{X_k}(1)|$ , every subsheaf  $E' (\neq 0)$  of  $E \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_C$  has a degree  $\leq \text{rk}(E')(\mu(E) + e)$ .

**Definition 1.7.** 1)  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be parabolic  $e$ -stable (or, parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable) if  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is parabolic stable (or, parabolic semi-stable, resp.) and  $E$  is of  $c$ -type  $e$ .

2)  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be strictly parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable if it is  $e$ -semi-stable and if for every  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic quotient sheaf  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $\text{par-}P_{E_*} = \text{par-}P_{F_*}$ ,  $(F_*, \varphi|_{F_*})$  is parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable.

Let  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  be the sub-family of  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  such that  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is contained in  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  if and only if  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable.

By virtue of Lemma 3.3 of [9] and Lemma 1.5, we have

**Proposition 1.8.** *The family  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded.*

By virtue of Proposition 1.8, Lemma 2.6 of [13] and by a similar proof as Proposition 2.5 of [13], we have

**Proposition 1.9.** *There exists an integer  $N_0$  such that*

1) *if  $(E_*, \varphi) \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is parabolic stable, then for all  $m \geq N_0$  and all  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaves  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ ,*

$$\int_0^1 h^0(F_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(F) < \int_0^1 h^0(E_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(E),$$

2) *if  $(E_*, \varphi) \in \mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is not parabolic stable, then for all  $m \geq N_0$  and all  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaves  $F_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ ,*

$$\int_0^1 h^0(F_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(F) \leq \int_0^1 h^0(E_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(E),$$

*and there exists a non-trivial  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaf  $E'_*$  of  $E_*$  such that for all  $m \geq N$  and  $i > 0$ ,*

$$\int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(E') = \int_0^1 h^0(E_x(m)) d\alpha/\text{rk}(E),$$

*$h^i(E'(m)) = 0$  and  $E'(m)$  is generated by its global sections.*

**Remark 1.10.** Recall that a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $E$  is said to be  $f$ -torsion free or relatively torsion free if it is flat over  $S$  and for every geometric fibre  $X_s$  of  $f$ ,  $E \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_{X_s}$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_s}$ -module. By the argument below Definition 1.13 of [13], we know that if  $E$  is  $f$ -torsion free, then the canonical homomorphism  $E \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-D) \rightarrow E$  is injective.

Let  $(Sch/S)$  be the category of locally noetherian schemes over  $S$ . Let  $T$  be an object of  $(Sch/S)$ . A triple  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  of a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_T}$ -module  $E$ , a filtration  $F_*$  of  $E$  as in (1.0.1) and a system of weights  $\alpha_*$  is called a *flat family of parabolic sheaves* on  $X_T/T$  if  $E$  is  $f_T$ -torsion free and all  $E/F_i(E)$  are flat over  $T$  (hence, all  $F_i(E)$  are flat over  $T$ ). Note that a flat family of parabolic sheaves has a filtration as in (1.0.2), hence we denote it simple by  $E_*$ . A *flat family of parabolic pairs* is a pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  of a flat family of parabolic sheaves  $E_*$  and an  $\mathcal{O}_{X_T}$ -homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $E$  to  $E \otimes_X \Omega$  such that  $\varphi(E_x) \subseteq E_x \otimes_X \Omega$  for all  $x$ .

For the openness of parabolic stability of parabolic pairs, we have

**Proposition 1.11.** *Let  $g: Y \rightarrow T$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism of locally noetherian schemes,  $\mathcal{C}_Y(1)$  be a  $g$ -very ample invertible sheaf,  $D \subset Y$  be a relative effective Cartier divisor and  $(E_*, \varphi)$  be a flat family of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs on  $Y/T$ . If  $H^i(Y_t, \mathcal{C}_Y(1) \otimes k(t)) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and  $t \in T$ , then there exist open sets  $T^{ss}$  and  $T^s$  of  $T$  such that for all algebraically closed fields  $k$ ,*

$$T^{ss}(k) = \{t \in T(k) \mid (E_*, \varphi) \otimes k(t) \text{ is strictly parabolic } e\text{-semi-stable}\}$$

$$T^s(k) = \{t \in T(k) \mid (E_*, \varphi) \otimes k(t) \text{ is parabolic } e\text{-stable}\}.$$

*Proof.* By virtue of Corollary 2.3, there exists a closed subscheme  $Q^\varphi$  of  $Q = \text{Quot}(E, H)$  such that for every object  $T'$  of  $(Sch/T)$ ,

$$Q^\varphi(T') = \{G \in Q(T') \mid G \text{ is } \varphi_{X_{T'}}\text{-invariant}\}.$$

Using the scheme  $Q^\varphi$  instead of  $Q$  in the proof of Proposition 2.8 of [13], the proof in [13] holds good for our case.  $\square$

By the similar proof as in the usual case, we see that every parabolic semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  has a Jordan-Hölder filtration

$$E = E^0 \supset E^1 \supset \dots \supset E^{m+1} = 0$$

where for all  $i$ ,  $E_i$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant,  $((E^i/E^{i+1})_*, \bar{\varphi})$  with the induced structure is parabolic stable and  $\text{par-}P_{(E^i/E^{i+1})_*}(m) = \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$ . We denote by  $\text{gr}(E_*, \varphi)$  the direct sum  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^m ((E^i/E^{i+1})_*, \bar{\varphi})$ . The Jordan-Hölder filtration is not in general unique but  $\text{gr}(E_*, \varphi)$  is uniquely determined up to parabolic isomorphisms. It is easy to see that  $\text{gr}(E_*, \varphi)$  is also parabolic semi-stable. Moreover, every parabolic pair has a unique  $(\mu)$ -Harder-Narasimhan filtration of parabolic pairs, see §5 for the proof.

**Definition 1.12.** For an object  $T$  of  $(Sch/S)$ , set

$$\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}(T) = \left\{ (E_*, \varphi) \left| \begin{array}{l} (E_*, \varphi) \text{ is a flat family of} \\ \text{parabolic } \Omega\text{-pairs on } X_T/T \\ \text{with the property (1.12.1)} \end{array} \right. \right\} / \sim$$

where  $\sim$  is the equivalence relation defined by (1.12.2).

(1.12.1) For every geometric point  $t$  of  $T$ ,  $((E_t, (F_*)_t, \alpha_*) , \varphi_t)$  is parabolic semi-stable,  $\chi(E_t(m)) = H(m)$  and  $\chi((E_t/F_{i+1}(E))_t(m)) = H_i(m)$ , where  $(F_*)_t$  is the filtration consisting of  $\varphi$ -invariant subsheaves

$$E_t = F_1(E)_t \supset F_2(E)_t \supset \dots \supset F_{i+1}(E)_t = E_t(-D).$$

(1.12.2)  $(E_*, \varphi) \sim (E'_*, \varphi')$  if and only if (1)  $(E_*, \varphi) \simeq (E'_*, \varphi') \otimes_T L$  or (2) there exist filtrations consisting of  $\varphi$ -invariant subsheaves  $E = E^0 \supset E^1 \supset \dots \supset E^m = 0$  and  $E' = E'^0 \supset E'^1 \supset \dots \supset E'^m = 0$  such that for every geometric point  $t$  of  $T$ , their restrictions to  $X_t$  provide us with Jordan-Hölder filtrations of  $((E_t)_*, \varphi)$  and  $((E'_t)_*, \varphi')$ , respectively,  $\text{gr}(E_*, \varphi) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^m ((E^i/E^{i+1})_*, \varphi_i)$  is  $T$ -flat and that  $\text{gr}(E_*, \varphi) \cong \text{gr}(E'_*, \varphi') \otimes_T L$ , for some invertible sheaf  $L$  on  $T$ .

For a morphism  $g: T' \rightarrow T$  in  $(Sch/S)$ ,  $g^*$  defines a map of  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}(T)$  to  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}(T')$ . Then  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  is a contravariant functor of  $(Sch/S)$  to  $(Sets)$ . We denote by  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  the sub-functor of  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  consisting of all flat families of parabolic stable  $\Omega$ -pairs. Moreover for each non-negative integer  $e$ ,  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  (or,  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ ) denotes a subfunctor of  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  (or,  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$ , resp.) consisting of all flat families of strictly parabolic

$e$ -semi-stable (or, parabolic  $e$ -stable, resp.)  $\Omega$ -pairs. By virtue of Proposition 1.11, if we assume that  $H^i(X_s, \mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes k(s)) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$  and all  $s \in S$ , then these are open sub-functors of  $\text{par-}\overline{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$ .

## 2. Moduli of parabolic stable pairs

In this section, we shall construct a coarse moduli scheme  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  of the functor  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$ . We shall fix the following situation:

(2.0.1) Let  $S$  be a scheme of finite type over a universally Japanese ring  $\Xi$  and let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism such that the dimension of each fiber of  $X$  over  $S$  is  $n$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be an  $f$ -very ample invertible sheaf such that for all points  $s$  in  $S$  and all  $i > 0$ ,  $H^i(X_s, \mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_s}) = 0$ . Let  $D \subset X$  be a relative effective Cartier divisor and let  $\Omega$  be a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module.

Fix a non-empty family  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega}^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ . We assume that all  $\alpha_i$  are rational numbers. By Proposition 1.8, there exists an integer  $N_0$  such that for every member  $(E_*, \varphi)$  of  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega}^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ , the conditions 1), 2) in Proposition 1.9 and the following conditions are satisfied.

(2.0.2) For all  $i$  and all  $m \geq N_0$ ,  $F_i(E)(m)$  and  $(E/F_i(E))(m)$  are generated by its global sections.

(2.0.3) For all  $i$ , all  $j \geq 1$  and all  $m \geq N_0$ ,  $H^j(F_i(E)(m)) = 0$  and  $H^j((E/F_i(E))(m)) = 0$ .

(2.0.4) For all  $m \geq N_0$ , if an invertible sheaf  $L$  on a geometric fibre  $X_s$  has the same Hilbert polynomial as  $\det(E(m))$ , then

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_s}}^j(\wedge^r(V \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_s}), L) = 0$$

for all  $j \geq 1$ , where  $r$  is the rank of  $E$ ,  $V$  is a free  $\Xi$ -module of rank  $r$  and  $S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)$  is the sheaf  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{(r-1)\text{rk}(\Omega)} S^i(\Omega^\vee)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** 1) If (2.0.4) holds, then for all  $j \geq 1$ , all free  $\Xi$ -modules  $V$  and all invertible sheaves  $L$  on  $X_s$  with the same Hilbert polynomial as  $\det(E(m))$ , we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_{X_s}}^j(\wedge^r(V \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_s}), L) = 0$$

2) In the previous paper [26], for a locally sheaf  $\Omega$ , we have denoted by  $S_r^*(\Omega)$  the sheaf  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{r-1} S^i(\Omega)$ . Lemma 1.2 of [26] was wrong. But it becomes correct and hence all results in [26] hold good if we change the definition of  $S_r^*(\Omega)$  to  $\bigoplus_{i=0}^{(r-1)\text{rk}(\Omega)} S^i(\Omega)$ . We must change, in the proof of Lemma 1.2, 1.17 in p.313 of [26]:

$$(\text{or, } \{\varphi'(x_1)^{i_1} \cdots \varphi'(x_m)^{i_m}(f) | f \in F, 0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_m \leq r-1\}, \text{ resp.})$$



to the following.

$$\text{(or, } \{\varphi'(x_1)^{i_1} \cdots \varphi'(x_m)^{i_m}(f) | f \in F, \sum_{j=1}^m i_j \leq (r-1)m, 0 \leq i_1, \dots, i_m\}, \text{ resp.)}$$

We need the following result of the base change theory. (See for the proof §1 of A. Altman and S. Kleiman [1].)

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a proper morphism of noetherian schemes and let  $I$  and  $F$  be two coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules, with  $F$  flat over  $S$ . Then there exist a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $H(I, F)$  and an element  $h(I, F)$  of  $\text{Hom}_X(I, F \otimes_S H(I, F))$  which represents the functor*

$$M \longmapsto \text{Hom}_X(I, F \otimes_S M)$$

defined on the category of quasi-coherent  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $M$ , and the formation of the pair commutes with base change; in other words, the Yoneda map defined by  $h(I, F)$ ,

$$(2.2.1) \quad y: \text{Hom}_T(H(I, F)_T, M) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{X_T}(I_T, F \otimes_X M)$$

is an isomorphism for every  $S$ -scheme  $T$  and every quasi-coherent  $\mathcal{O}_T$ -module  $M$ . Moreover if  $I$  is flat over  $S$  and if  $\text{Ext}_{X_s}^1(I \otimes k(s), F \otimes k(s)) = 0$  for all points  $s$  of  $S$ , then  $H(I, F)$  is locally free.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a proper morphism of noetherian schemes and let  $\varphi: I \rightarrow F$  be an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphism of coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules with  $F$  flat over  $S$ . Then there exists a unique closed subscheme  $Z$  of  $S$  such that for all morphisms  $g: T \rightarrow S$ ,  $g^*(\varphi) = 0$  if and only if  $g$  factors through  $Z$ .*

*Proof.* By the isomorphism (2.2.1),  $\varphi$  corresponds to an  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -homomorphism  $\psi: H(I, F) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$ . The closed subscheme  $Z$  of  $S$  defined by the ideal sheaf  $\text{Image}(\psi)$  is the desired one.  $\square$

Fix an integer  $m \geq N_0$  and a free  $\Xi$ -module  $V_m$  of rank  $H(m)$ . Set  $Q = \text{Quot}(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_X, H[m])$  and  $Q_i = \text{Quot}(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_X, H_i[m])$ . Let  $\phi: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_Q} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)$  (or,  $\phi_i: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_{Q_i}} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_i(m)$ ) be the universal quotient on  $X_Q$  (or,  $X_{Q_i}$ , resp.). Let  $Q^0$  be the open subscheme of  $Q$  such that for all algebraically closed fields  $K$ ,

$$Q^0(K) = \{x \in Q(K) | \tilde{E}|_{X_x} \text{ is torsion free}\}.$$

Let  $U_i$  be the maximal open subscheme of  $Q_i$  such that for all points  $x$  of  $U_i$  and all  $j \geq 1$ ,  $H^j(\tilde{E}_i(m)|_{X_x}) = 0$  and  $f_{i*}(\phi_i): V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \rightarrow f_{i*}(\tilde{E}_i(m)|_{X_{U_i}})$  is surjective where  $f_i$  is the projection of  $X_{U_i}$  to  $U_i$ . Note that  $f_{i*}(\tilde{E}_i(m)|_{X_{U_i}})$  is a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ -module of rank  $H_i(m)$ . Hence, the quotient map  $f_{i*}(\phi_i)$  defines a morphism of  $\gamma_i: U_i \rightarrow G_i$  where  $G_i = \text{Grass}(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_S, H_i(m))$ .

In §3 of [13], we have constructed a closed subscheme  $\Gamma$  of  $Q^0 \times_S \prod_{i=1}^l U_i$  and a flat family of parabolic sheaves  $(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_\Gamma}, \tilde{F}_* \alpha_*)$  of length  $l$  and a surjection  $\phi \otimes 1: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_\Gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)_{X_\Gamma}$  where  $\tilde{F}_*$  is a filtration of  $\tilde{E}(m)_{X_\Gamma}$  such that

$\tilde{E}(m)_{X_t}/\tilde{F}_{i+1}(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_t})$  is isomorphic to  $\tilde{E}_i(m)_{X_t}$ , as quotients of  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_t}$ . These have the following universal property.

(2.4.1) Let  $T$  be an object of  $(Sch/S)$ . Assume that a flat family of parabolic sheaves  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  of length  $l$  on  $X_T$  and a surjection  $\phi': V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_T} \rightarrow E$  have the following properties.

1. For all geometric points  $t$  of  $T$  and all  $i$ , the Hilbert polynomial of  $E$  (or,  $E/F_{i+1}(E)$ ) on  $X_t$  is  $H[m]$  (or,  $H_i[m]$ , resp.) and  $H^j((E_i/F_{i+1}(E))_t) = 0$  for all  $j \geq 1$ .
2. For all  $i$ , the natural homomorphism of  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_T$  to  $(f_T)_*(E/F_{i+1}(E))$  is surjective.

Then there exists a unique morphism of  $T$  to  $\Gamma$  such that  $(E, F_*, \alpha_*)$  and  $\phi'$  are given by the pull back of  $(\tilde{E}_{X_t}, \tilde{F}_*, \alpha_*)$  and  $\phi_t: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_t} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)_{X_t}$ .

As in [9], let  $P$  be a finite union of connected components of  $\text{Pic}_{X/S}$  which have a non-empty intersection with  $v(Q)$  where  $v$  is the morphism of  $Q$  to  $\text{Pic}_{X/S}$  determined by  $\det(\tilde{E}(m))$ . Let  $Z$  be a Gieseker space such that  $Z$  is a  $\mathbf{P}^N$ -bundle over  $P$  in étale topology and for each  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  of  $P$ , the fibre  $Z_x$  is isomorphic to

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Hom}_K(\wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} K), H^0(L_x))^\vee)$$

where  $L_x$  is the invertible sheaf corresponding to  $x$  and  $r$  is the rank of  $\tilde{E}$  on fibres. Then we have a morphism  $\tau$  of  $Q$  to  $Z$  defined in §4 of [9], roughly speaking, it maps a point of  $Q$  which corresponds to a quotient  $v: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow E$  to a point

$$\wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_X) \xrightarrow{\wedge^{r(r)}} \wedge^r E \longrightarrow \det E$$

of  $\mathbf{P}(\text{Hom}_K(\wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} K), H^0(\det E))^\vee)$ . Note that, by Proposition 4.9 of [9],  $\tau|_{Q^0}$  is an immersion. Let  $\Psi$  be the restriction of  $\tau \times \prod \gamma_i: Q^0 \times \prod U_i \rightarrow Z \times \prod G_i$  to  $\Gamma$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & Z \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i \\ \text{closed} \searrow \text{immersion} & & \nearrow \tau \times \prod \gamma_i \\ & & Q^0 \times \prod_{i=1}^l U_i \end{array}$$

By Proposition 2.2, there exists a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_\Gamma$ -module  $H(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_t}, (\tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X \Omega)_{X_t})$  such that the scheme  $\mathbf{V}(H(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_t}, (\tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X \Omega)_{X_t}))$  represents a functor

$$(Sch/\Gamma) \ni T \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{X_T}(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_T}, (\tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X \Omega)_{X_T}).$$

By Corollary 2.3, it is easy to see that there exists a closed subscheme  $R$  of  $\mathbf{V}(H(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_t}, (\tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X \Omega)_{X_t}))$  which represents a sub-functor of the above

$$(Sch/\Gamma) \ni T \longrightarrow$$

$$\{\varphi | \varphi(\tilde{F}_i(\tilde{E}(m)_{X_T})) \subseteq (\tilde{F}_i(\tilde{E}(m)) \otimes_X \Omega)_{X_T} \text{ for all } i \text{ and } \varphi \wedge \varphi = 0\}$$

where  $\varphi \wedge \varphi$  is the homomorphism defined as in Definition 1.1. From now on, let us denote  $\tilde{E}(m)_{X_R}$  (or,  $\phi \otimes 1: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_R} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)_{X_R}$ ) by  $\tilde{E}(m)$  (or,  $\phi: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_R} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)$ , resp.). Thus, on  $X_R$ , we have a universal family of parabolic pairs  $((\tilde{E}(m), \tilde{F}_*, \alpha_*, \tilde{\varphi}))$  and a surjection  $\phi$  where  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a “parabolic” homomorphism

$$\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{E}(m) \longrightarrow \tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X \Omega.$$

Since  $\tilde{\varphi} \wedge \tilde{\varphi} = 0$ , we have a homomorphism

$$\tilde{\varphi}^u: \tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee) \longrightarrow \tilde{E}(m)$$

which is naturally defined by  $\tilde{\varphi}$ .

Now, by the condition (2.0.4), Remark 2.1 and Proposition 4.7 of [26], there exists a  $P$ -scheme  $\tilde{Z}$  such that  $\tilde{Z}$  is  $\mathbf{P}^N$ -bundle in étale topology and for a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  of  $P$ , the fiber  $\tilde{Z}_x$  is isomorphic to

$$\mathbf{P}(\text{Hom}_{e_{X_K}}(\wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_K}), L_x)^\vee).$$

By the argument in §4 in [26], we obtain a morphism

$$\tilde{\tau}: R \longrightarrow \tilde{Z}$$

which is determined by the following homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_R}) & \xrightarrow{\wedge^r(\phi \otimes 1)} & \wedge^r(\tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)) \\ \xrightarrow{\wedge^r \tilde{\varphi}^u} & \wedge^r(\tilde{E}(m)) & \longrightarrow \det(\tilde{E}(m)). \end{array}$$

Therefore, by  $\tilde{\tau}$  and the morphism  $R \rightarrow \Gamma \xrightarrow{\Psi} Z \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ , we obtain a morphism

$$\tilde{\Psi}: R \longrightarrow \tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i.$$

By virtue of Proposition 1.11, there exists an open subscheme  $R^{ss}$  (or,  $R^s$ ) of  $R$  such that a geometric point  $x$  of  $R$  is contained in  $R^{ss}$  (or,  $R^s$ , resp.) if and only if the corresponding parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair  $((\tilde{E}(m), \tilde{F}_*, \alpha_*, \tilde{\varphi})|_{X_x})$  is strictly parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable (or, parabolic  $e$ -stable, resp.) and the homomorphism

$$(2.4.2) \quad H^0(\phi|_{X_x}): V_m \otimes_{\Xi} k(x) \longrightarrow H^0(\tilde{E}(m)|_{X_x})$$

is an isomorphism.

**Proposition 2.5.** *The morphism  $\tilde{\Psi}: R^{ss} \rightarrow \tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$  is an immersion.*

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{Q}$  be the Quot-scheme  $\text{Quot}(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee), H[m])$  and let  $\tilde{\phi}: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_{\tilde{Q}}} \rightarrow \tilde{E}(m)$  be the universal quotient. By  $\tilde{Q}^0$ , we denote an open

subscheme of  $\tilde{Q}$  consisting of all points  $x$  such that  $\tilde{E}(m)|_{X_x}$  is torsion free and the restriction of  $\tilde{\phi} \otimes k(x)$  to  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_x} = V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S^0(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x} \subseteq V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x}$  is surjective.  $\tilde{\phi} \otimes k(x)|_{V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_x}}$  defines a morphism of  $\tilde{Q}^0$  to  $Q^0$ . The surjection on  $X_R$

$$V_m \otimes S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_R} \xrightarrow{\phi \otimes 1} \tilde{E}(m) \otimes_X S_r^*(\Omega^\vee) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}^a} \tilde{E}(m)$$

defines a morphism of  $R$  to  $\tilde{Q}^0$ . Moreover, the homomorphism

$$\wedge^r(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_{\tilde{Q}}}) \xrightarrow{\wedge^r(\tilde{\phi} \otimes 1)} \wedge^r(\tilde{E}(m)) \longrightarrow \det(\tilde{E}(m))$$

defines a morphism of  $\tilde{Q}$  to  $\tilde{Z}$  whose restriction to  $\tilde{Q}^0$  is an immersion by Proposition 4.7 of [26]. The composite of these two morphism is clearly  $\tilde{\tau}: R \rightarrow \tilde{Z}$ . Thus, we obtain the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} R & \longrightarrow & \tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod U_i & \longrightarrow & Q^0 \times \prod U_i & \hookrightarrow & \Gamma \\ \tilde{\psi} \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ \tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod G_i & \longrightarrow & Q^0 \times \prod G_i & \hookrightarrow & Z \times \prod G_i \end{array}$$

Note that  $\tilde{Q}^0$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{V}(H(V_m \otimes_{\Xi} (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{r-1} S^i(\Omega^\vee))_{X_Q}, \tilde{E}(m)))$  as a  $Q$ -scheme. Then using Corollary 2.3 repeatedly, we can easily show that the morphism of  $R$  to  $\tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod U_i$  is a closed immersion.

In the proof of Proposition 3.1 of [13], we have constructed a subscheme  $\mathcal{A}_i^0$  of  $Q \times Q_i \times G_i$  which is characterized by the following property. For an  $S$ -morphism  $g: T \rightarrow Q \times Q_i \times G_i$ , let  $g_Q: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_T} \rightarrow E$  ( $g_{Q_i}: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_T} \rightarrow E_i$  or  $g_{G_i}: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_i$ ) be the quotient corresponding to the  $T$ -valued point of  $Q$  ( $Q_i$  or  $G_i$ , resp.) which is determined by  $g$ . Then  $g$  factors through  $\mathcal{A}_i^0$  if and only if (i)  $E_i$  is a quotient of  $E$  and  $\mathcal{H}_i \otimes_T \mathcal{L}_{X_T}$  as the quotient of  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_T}$  and (ii) in the exact commutative diagram obtained by (i)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & J_i \otimes_T \mathcal{L}_{X_T} & \longrightarrow & V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_T} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{H}_i \otimes_T \mathcal{L}_{X_T} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & F_{i+1} & \longrightarrow & E & \longrightarrow & E_i & \longrightarrow & 0. \end{array}$$

$J_i \otimes_T \mathcal{L}_{X_T} \rightarrow F_{i+1}$  is surjective.

Set  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_1^0 \times_Q \cdots \times_Q \mathcal{A}_i^0$ . It is a subscheme of  $Q \times \prod Q_i \times \prod G_i$ . We have proved in [13] that the projection  $\eta$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $Q \times \prod G_i$  is an immersion. By the  $Q$ -morphism of  $R$  to  $Q^0 \times \prod G_i$  and to  $Q^0 \times \prod U_i$ , we obtain a morphism of  $R$  to  $Q^0 \times \prod U_i \times \prod G_i$ . By the conditions (2.0.2), (2.0.3) and the above property of  $\mathcal{A}_i^0$ , the morphism of  $R^{ss}$  to  $Q^0 \times \prod U_i \times \prod G_i$  is factored by a subscheme

$$\mathcal{A} \cap (Q^0 \times \prod U_i \times \prod G_i).$$

It follows that the morphism of  $R^{ss}$  to  $\tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod U_i \times \prod G_i$  is factored by

$$\mathcal{A}' = (\mathcal{A} \cap (Q^0 \times \prod U_i \times \prod G_i)) \times_{Q^0} \tilde{Q}^0$$

The morphism  $R^{ss} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}'$  is an immersion because  $R^{ss} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}' \rightarrow \tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod U_i$  is the immersion. Moreover, the projection  $\eta \times 1_{\tilde{Q}^0}$  of  $\mathcal{A}'$  to  $\tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod G_i$  is also an immersion. Thus,  $\tilde{\Psi}|_{R^{ss}}$  is a composite of the following three immersions

$$R^{ss} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}' \hookrightarrow \tilde{Q}^0 \times \prod G_i \hookrightarrow \tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i. \quad \square$$

Set  $G = \text{SL}(V_m)$  which acts on  $R, \tilde{Z}$  and  $G_i$ . It is easy to see that  $\tilde{\Psi}$  is a  $G$ -morphism and  $R^{ss}$  (or,  $R^s$ , resp.) is a  $G$ -invariant open set of  $R$ . We shall say that a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -invertible sheaf  $L$  has a  $G$ -linearization when there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $L^{\otimes m}$  is an invertible sheaf and has a  $G$ -linearization. As in the case of parabolic sheaves, we choose a  $G$ -linearized  $\mathbf{Q}$ -invertible sheaf

$$L = \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(\text{par-} P_{E_*}(m)) \otimes \bigotimes_{i=1}^l \mathcal{O}_{G_i}(\varepsilon_i).$$

on  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ , where  $E_*$  is an underlying parabolic sheaf for some member of  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega}^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i = \alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, l$  ( $\alpha_{l+1} = 1$ ) and  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(1)$  (or,  $\mathcal{O}_{G_i}(1)$ ) is the tautological  $\mathbf{Q}$ -invertible sheaf on  $\tilde{Z}$  (or,  $G_i$ , resp.) which has the canonical  $G$ -linearization. ( $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(n+1)$  is an invertible sheaf ( $n = \dim(X/S)$ ) but in general  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Z}}(1)$  is not invertible.) The open set consisting of all semi-stable (or, stable) points with respect to this  $G$ -linearization is denoted by  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^{ss}$  (or,  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^s$ , resp.). Those are  $G$ -invariant open subsets of  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ .

Recall some facts on stable points of  $\tilde{Z}$  or  $G_i$ . Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ . We denote the point of  $\tilde{Z}(K)$  (or,  $G_i(K)$ ) determined by  $x$  by  $T_x$  (or,  $g_{i,x}$ , resp.). We use the same symbol  $g_{i,x}$  for the surjection  $g_{i,x}: V_m \otimes K \rightarrow J_{i,x}$  which corresponds to  $x$  and moreover, we denote its kernel by  $W_{i,x}$ .  $T_x$  is regarded as a  $K$ -valued point of a Gieseker space  $P_{S_r^*(\Omega \vee)_{X,x}}(V_m \otimes \varepsilon, K, r, L_x)$  (cf. §3) where  $L_x$  is the invertible sheaf corresponding to  $\rho(x) \in P(K)$ .

For the convenience of readers, we shall recall some notations and definitions on Gieseker spaces (cf. [26]). Let  $P_{\Omega}(V, r, L) = \mathbf{P}(\text{Hom}_X(\wedge^r(V \otimes_k \Omega), L)^\vee)$  be a Gieseker space where  $X$  is a scheme over a field  $k$ ,  $V$  is a  $k$ -vector space,  $\Omega$  (or,  $L$ ) is a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module (or, an invertible sheaf, resp.) and  $r$  is a positive integer. For vector subspaces  $V_1, \dots, V_l$  of  $V_K$  and non-negative integers  $r_1, \dots, r_l$ , we denote by  $[V_1; r_1, \dots, V_l; r_l]$  an image of the following natural homomorphism:

$$\wedge^{r_1}(V_1 \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_{X_K} \cdots \otimes_{X_K} \wedge^{r_l}(V_l \otimes_k \Omega) \longrightarrow \wedge^r(V_K \otimes_k \Omega).$$

If  $r_i = 1$ , a symbol  $[\cdots, V_i, \cdots]$  is simply used instead of  $[\cdots, V_i; 1, \cdots]$ . Moreover, if  $V_i$  is generated by one element  $e$ , then  $[\cdots, e, \cdots]$  is used. Let  $T$  be a  $K$ -valued point of  $P_{\Omega}(V, r, L)$  which is identified as a non-zero homomorphism  $T: \wedge^r(V_K \otimes_k \Omega) \rightarrow L_K$ . Vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_l$  of  $V_K$  are said to be  $T$ -independent if  $T|_{[e_1, \dots, e_l, V_K; r-i]} \neq 0$ . Otherwise, those are said to be  $T$ -dependent. Note that those vectors may contain same vectors. Let  $W$  be a subspace of  $V_K$ . Vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_l$  in  $W$  is called a  $T$ -basis of  $W$  if  $e_1, \dots, e_l$  are  $T$ -independent and for all vectors  $e$  in  $W$ ,  $e_1, \dots, e_l, e$  are  $T$ -dependent. The maximal (or, minimal) length of  $T$ -basis of  $W$  is denoted by  $\overline{\dim}_T W$  (or,  $\underline{\dim}_T W$ , resp.) and called the maximal (or, minimal,

resp.)  $T$ -dimension of  $W$ . In general,  $\underline{\dim}_T W \leq \overline{\dim}_T W$  and if equality holds, then it is denoted by  $\dim_T W$ .

We need the following criterion of semi-stability of points of  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ .

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i$ . Assume that the point  $T_x$  in  $\tilde{Z}(K)$  has the following property:*

$$(2.6.1) \quad \text{For all subspaces } W \text{ of } V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K, \underline{\dim}_{T_x} W = \overline{\dim}_{T_x} W.$$

*Then the point  $x$  is semi-stable (or, stable) with respect to the  $G$ -linearized invertible sheaf  $L$  if and only if for all non-trivial vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K$ , the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)(\dim_{T_x} W \cdot \dim_K (V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K) - r \dim_K W) \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i (\dim_K W \cdot \dim_K W_{i,x} - \dim_K (V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K) \cdot \dim_K (W_{i,x} \cap W)) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(or,  $> 0$ , resp.).

*Proof.* Set  $T = T_x$ ,  $V = V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K$  and  $N = H(m) = \dim_K V$ . Let  $\lambda$  be a non-trivial one parameter subgroup of  $G$  and let  $e_1, \dots, e_N$  be a basis of  $V$  such that  $e_i^{\lambda(\alpha)} = \alpha^{r_i} e_i$  where  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_N$  and  $\sum r_i = 0$ . Then by Proposition 2.3 of [16], we see easily that

$$\mu^{eZ^{(1)}}(T, \lambda) = - \min_{1 \leq d_1, \dots, d_r \leq N} \{r_{d_1} + \dots + r_{d_r} \mid T|_{[e_{d_1}, \dots, e_{d_r}]} \neq 0\}.$$

Let  $W^i$  be the vector subspace generated by  $e_1, \dots, e_i$ . Let  $k_1$  be the minimum integer such that  $e_{k_1}$  is  $T$ -independent. If a sequence of integers  $k_1, \dots, k_p$  are defined, then let  $k_{p+1}$  be the minimum integer such that  $e_{k_1}, \dots, e_{k_{p+1}}$  are  $T$ -independent. Thus we have a sequence of integers  $k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_r$ . By the proof of the claim (3.3.2) of [13], we have that

$$\mu^{eZ^{(1)}}(T, \lambda) = - \sum_{i=1}^r r_{k_i}.$$

If  $i$  appears  $a_i$ -times in the sequence  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ , then  $\dim_T W^i = \dim_T W^{i-1} + a_i$ . Thus we have that

$$\mu^{eZ^{(1)}}(T, \lambda) = - \sum_{i=1}^N (\dim_T W^i - \dim_T W^{i-1}) r_i.$$

The rest of the proof is completely same as that of Lemma 3.3 of [13]. □

Let  $\sigma(W, x)$  be the left-hand side of the above inequality. Since  $\dim_K (V_m \otimes_{\underline{\varepsilon}} K) = H(m)$  and  $\dim_K W_{i,x} = H(m) - H_i(m)$ , we have the following description of  $\sigma(W, x)$ :

$$\sigma(W, x) = H(m) \cdot (\text{par-} P_{E_*}(m) \cdot \dim_{T_x} W - \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i \dim_K (W_{i,x} \cap W) - \alpha_1 \dim_K W).$$

- Proposition 2.7.** 1)  $\tilde{\Psi}(R^{ss}) \subseteq (\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^{ss}$ .  
 2)  $\tilde{\Psi}(R^s) \subseteq (\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^s$ .  
 3) If a point  $x$  is in  $R^{ss}$  but not in  $R^s$ , then  $\tilde{\Psi}(x)$  is not in  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^s$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $R^{ss}$  and  $W$  be a non-trivial vector subspace of  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} K$ . Then we have a parabolic pair  $(E_*(m), \varphi)$  on  $X_x$  and a surjection  $\phi_x: V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_x} \rightarrow E(m)$  which correspond to  $x \in R^{ss}(K)$ . Let  $\varphi'$  be the following surjection

$$\varphi': V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x} \xrightarrow{\phi_x \otimes 1} E(m) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee) \xrightarrow{\varphi^a} E(m)$$

and let  $\varphi'_r$  be its restriction to  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x}$ . The  $K$ -valued point  $T_{\tilde{\Psi}(x)}$  of  $\tilde{Z}$  corresponds to the homomorphism

$$\wedge^r (V_m \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x}) \xrightarrow{\wedge^r \varphi'_r} \wedge^r (E(m)) \longrightarrow \det (E(m)).$$

By Lemma 3.7 in the next §3, we have that

$$(2.7.1) \quad \underline{\dim}_{T_{\tilde{\Psi}(x)}} W = \overline{\dim}_{T_{\tilde{\Psi}(x)}} W = \text{rk} (\varphi'_r(W \otimes_K S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})).$$

By Lemma 1.2 of [26] and Remark 2.1.2,  $\varphi'_r(W \otimes_K S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})$  is generically isomorphic to  $\varphi'(W \otimes_K S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})$ . Let  $F(m)$  be a subsheaf of  $E(m)$  containing  $\varphi'(W \otimes_K S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})$  such that  $E(m)/F(m)$  is torsion free and  $F(m)/\varphi'(W \otimes_K S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})$  is a torsion sheaf. Then by (2.7.1),  $\underline{\dim}_{T_{\tilde{\Psi}(x)}} W = \text{rk} (F)$ . Since  $H^0(\phi_x): V_m \otimes_{\Xi} K \rightarrow H^0(E(m))$  is an isomorphism, we know that (cf. [13] (3.4.2) and (3.4.3))  $\dim_K W \leq h^0(F(m))$ ,  $\dim_K (W \cap W_{i, \tilde{\Psi}(x)}) \leq h^0(F(m) \cap F_{i+1}(E(m)))$  and therefore

$$\sigma(W, \tilde{\Psi}(x)) \geq H(m) \cdot \left( \text{par-} P_{E_*}(m) \cdot \text{rk} (F) - \int_0^1 h^0(F_x(m)) d\alpha \right)$$

where  $F_*(m)$  has the induced structure. Since  $\varphi'(W \otimes_K S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x})$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant, so is  $F(m)$ . Hence, the assertions 1), 2) follows from Propositions 1.9, (2.7.1) and Lemma 2.6. To prove 3), let  $E'_*$  be the  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaf of  $E_*$  given in 2) of Proposition 1.9. Note that the parabolic structure of  $E'_*$  is the induced structure. Set  $W = H^0(E'(m))$ . Since  $E'(m)$  is generated by its global sections and  $\varphi$ -invariant,  $\varphi'_r(W \otimes_K S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_x}) = E'(m)$ . Hence, by the above argument,  $\underline{\dim}_{T_{\tilde{\Psi}(x)}} W = \text{rk} (E')$  and

$$\sigma(W, \tilde{\Psi}(x)) = H(m) \cdot \left( \text{par-} P_{E_*}(m) \cdot \text{rk} (E') - \int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha \right) = 0.$$

By Lemma 2.6,  $\tilde{\Psi}(x)$  is not in  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i)^s$ . □

Let  $\tilde{R}^{ss}$  be the scheme theoretic image of  $R^{ss}$  in  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_i)^{ss}$ . Then by virtue of Theorem 4 of [20], there exists a good quotient  $\zeta : R^{ss} \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y$  is projective over  $S$ . Set  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e} = Y - \zeta(\tilde{R}^{ss} - R^{ss})$ . Then  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  is quasi-projective over  $S$ . Moreover  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  contains  $M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e} = \zeta(R^s)$  as an open subscheme.

**Theorem 2.8.**  $M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  is a coarse moduli scheme of  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ , that is,  $M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  has the following properties.

(2.8.1) For each geometric point  $s$  of  $S$ , there exist a natural bijection:

$$\theta_s : \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(k(s)) \longrightarrow M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(k(s)).$$

(2.8.2) For  $T \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and  $[(E_*, \varphi)] \in \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(T)$ , there exists a morphism

$$f_{[(E_*, \varphi)]}^e : T \longrightarrow M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$$

such that for all points  $t$  in  $T(k(s))$ ,  $f_{[(E_*, \varphi)]}^e(t) = \theta_s((E_*, \varphi)|_{X_t})$ . Moreover, for a morphism  $g : T' \rightarrow T$  in  $(\text{Sch}/S)$ ,

$$f_{[(E_*, \varphi)]}^e \circ g = f_{[(1_X \times g)^*(E_*, \varphi)]}^e.$$

(2.8.3) If  $M' \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and maps

$$\theta'_s : \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(k(s)) \longrightarrow M'(k(s))$$

$$f'_{[(E_*, \varphi)]} : T \longrightarrow M'$$

have the properties (2.8.1) and (2.8.2), then there exists a unique  $S$ -morphism  $\Upsilon$  of  $M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  to  $M'$  such that  $\Upsilon(k(s)) \circ \theta_s = \theta'_s$  and  $\Upsilon \circ f_{[(E_*, \varphi)]}^e = f'_{[(E_*, \varphi)]}$  for all geometric points  $s$  of  $S$  and for all  $[(E_*, \varphi)] \in \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(T)$ .

(2.8.4)  $M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  is quasi-projective over  $S$ .

*Proof.* Though the proof is essentially the same as in the case of moduli of stable sheaves, we give the proof for completeness. (2.8.4) is already proved. Set  $\Sigma = \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  and  $M = M_{\Omega/\bar{D}/\bar{X}/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ . Let  $s$  be a geometric point of  $S$ . We have a natural map

$$\pi_s : R^s(k(s))/G(k(s)) \longrightarrow \Sigma(k(s)).$$

For each pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  in  $\Sigma(k(s))$ , by (2.0.3),  $h^0(E(m)) = H(m)$ . Taking an isomorphism  $V_m \otimes_{\Xi} k(s) \simeq H^0(E(m))$ , by (2.0.2), we obtain a surjective homomorphism  $\phi' : V_m \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_s} \rightarrow E(m)$ . By the universal property of  $R^s$ ,  $(\phi', (E_*, \varphi))$  defines a  $k(s)$ -valued point of  $R^s$ . Hence,  $\pi_s$  is surjective. Moreover, by the property (2.4.1) for points of  $R^s$ ,  $\pi_s$  is injective. Since  $\xi(k(s)) : R^s(k(s)) \rightarrow M(k(s))$  induces a bijection  $R^s(k(s))/G(k(s)) \simeq M(k(s))$ , we obtain a bijection  $\theta_s : \Sigma(k(s)) \simeq M(k(s))$ .

To prove (2.8.2), assume that  $T \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and  $[(E_*, \varphi)] \in \Sigma(T)$  are given. Then by virtue of the properties (2.0.2) and (2.0.3),  $E' = (f_T)_*(E(m))$  is locally free of rank  $H(m)$  and the canonical map  $(f_T)^*(E') \rightarrow E(m)$  is surjective where  $f_T$  is



the projection of  $X_T$  to  $T$ . Let  $T = \bigcup_\lambda T_\lambda$  be an open covering of  $T$  such that  $E'|_{T_\lambda}$  is free for each  $\lambda$ . Take an isomorphism  $\beta_\lambda: V_m \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{T_\lambda}} \mathcal{O}_{T_\lambda} \simeq E'|_{T_\lambda}$ . By the universal property of  $R^s$ , a surjection

$$V_m \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{T_\lambda}}} \xrightarrow{\beta_\lambda} (f_T)^*(E'|_{T_\lambda}) \longrightarrow E(m)|_{X_{T_\lambda}}$$

and  $(E_*, \varphi)|_{X_{T_\lambda}}$  defines a morphism  $h_\lambda$  of  $T_\lambda$  to  $R^s$ . On  $T_{\lambda\mu} = T_\lambda \cap T_\mu$ , a  $T_{\lambda\mu}$ -valued point  $\beta_\mu \circ \beta_\lambda$  of  $G$  transforms  $h_\lambda$  to  $h_\mu$ . Since  $M$  is a geometric quotient of  $R^s$ ,  $\xi \circ h_\lambda = \zeta \circ h_\mu$  on  $T_{\lambda\mu}$ . Thus we have a morphism  $f_{(E_*, \varphi)}^e$  of  $T$  to  $M$ . Note that by the same argument,  $f_{(E_*, \varphi)}^c = f_{(E_*, \varphi) \otimes L}^c$  for each invertible sheaf on  $T$ . Clearly,  $f_{(E_*, \varphi)}^e$  is the desired one.

Finally, let us prove (2.8.3). The universal parabolic pair  $(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})|_{X_{R^s}}$  (simply denote by  $(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})$ ) on  $X_{R^s}$  determines a morphism

$$\omega: R^s \longrightarrow \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$$

Since  $\sigma^*((\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi}) \simeq p_2^*((\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi}))$ , we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G \times R^s & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & R^s \\ \downarrow p_2 & & \downarrow \omega \\ R^s & \xrightarrow{\omega} & \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e} \end{array}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the action of  $G$  on  $R^s$  and  $p_2$  is the projection. The property (2.8.2) implies that there exists a morphism  $\delta$  of  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  to  $M'$ . Moreover, we have that

$$\delta \circ \omega = f'_{[(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})]}.$$

Hence, we see that  $f'_{[(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})]} \circ \sigma = f'_{[(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})]} \circ p_2$ . Since  $M$  is a geometric quotient of  $R^s$  by  $G$ , there exists a unique morphism  $\Upsilon: M \rightarrow M'$  with  $\Upsilon \circ \xi = f'_{[(\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})]}$ . Then by the universality of  $R^s$ , we know easily that  $\Upsilon$  has the property in (2.8.3).

By the similar arguments as in §5 of [9], we know that there exists a unique morphism  $v_{e, e'}$  of  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  to  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e'}$  if  $e \leq e'$ . Moreover,  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  can be regarded as an open subscheme of  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e'}$  through  $v_{e, e'}$ . Taking inductive limit of  $\{M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}\}$ , an  $S$ -scheme  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$  is obtained.

**Theorem 2.9.**  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$  is a coarse moduli scheme of  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$ . Moreover,  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$  is separated and locally of finite type over  $S$ .

*Proof.* Since  $M = M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$  is the union of open subschemes  $M^e = M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  which are quasi-projective over  $S$ , it is locally of finite type over  $S$ . Moreover,  $M \times_S M$  is covered by open subschemes  $M^e \times_S M^e$ . Let  $\Delta$  (or,  $\Delta^e$ ) be the diagonal morphism  $M \rightarrow M \times_S M$  (or,  $M^e \rightarrow M^e \times_S M^e$ , resp.). Then  $\Delta \cap M^e \times_S M^e$  is closed in  $M^e \times_S M^e$ . Hence,  $\Delta$  is closed in  $M \times_S M$ , i.e.  $M$  is separated over  $S$ . For all  $K$ -valued geometric points  $s$  of  $S$ ,  $M(k(s)) = \bigcup_e M^e(k(s))$  and  $\Sigma(k(s)) = \bigcup_e \Sigma^e(k(s))$  where  $\Sigma = \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, *}$  and  $\Sigma^e = \text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ . Hence,

clearly  $M(k(s)) = \Sigma(k(s))$  in a natural way. It is easy to see that  $\Sigma = \varinjlim_e \Sigma^e$  and there exists natural commutative diagrams for  $e \leq e'$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma^e & \longrightarrow & \Sigma^{e'} \\ \downarrow g^e & & \downarrow g^{e'} \\ M^e & \xrightarrow{v^{e,e'}} & M^{e'} \end{array}$$

where  $g^e$  is a morphism given by the property (2.8.2). Hence, there exists a natural morphism  $g$  of  $\Sigma$  to  $M$ . Finally for each morphism  $h$  of  $\Sigma$  to  $M' \in (Sch/S)$ , there is a morphism  $v^e$  of  $M^e$  to  $M'$  such that  $v^e \circ g^e = h|_{\Sigma^e}$ . By the property (2.8.3), we know that  $v^{e'} \circ v^{e,e'} = v^e$  for  $e \leq e'$ . Hence, we get a unique morphism  $v$  of  $M$  to  $M'$  whose restriction to  $M^e$  is  $v^e$ . Since the restriction of  $v \circ g$  to  $\Sigma^e$  is the same as that of  $h$ ,  $v \circ g = h$ . Clearly, such  $v$  is unique.  $\square$

### 3. $GL(V)$ -orbits of $\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i$

In this section, we shall analyze orbit spaces of  $(\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$  with respect to  $GL(V)$ .

Let  $X$  be a smooth, projective variety over a field  $k$  and  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  a very ample invertible sheaf. Fix a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\Omega$  of finite rank. As in §3 of [26], for a  $k$ -vector space  $V$  of dimension  $N$ , a non-negative integer  $r$  and an invertible sheaf  $L$  on  $X$ , we denote by  $P_\Omega(V, r, L)$  a Gieseker space  $\mathbf{P}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\wedge^r(V \otimes_k \Omega), L)^\vee)$  on which the algebraic group  $G = GL(V)$  acts and there is the  $G$ -linearized invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ . Let  $\alpha_* = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$  (or,  $N_* = \{N_1, \dots, N_l\}$ ) be a set of rational numbers (or, positive integers, resp.) such that  $0 \leq \alpha_1 < \dots < \alpha_l < 1$  (or,  $0 < N_1 < \dots < N_l < N$ , resp.). Set  $\varepsilon_i = \alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i$  ( $\alpha_{l+1} = 1$ ). We denote by  $G(V, N_i)$  the Grassmann variety  $\text{Grass}(V, N_i)$ . On  $G(V, N_i)$ , we have a natural  $G$ -linearized invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_{G(V, N_i)}(1)$ . Moreover, we denote by  $\Theta_\Omega(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$  the scheme

$$P_\Omega(V, r, L) \times F(V, N_*)$$

with a  $G$ -linearized  $\mathbf{Q}$ -invertible sheaf

$$\mathcal{O}_\Theta(1) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i}{r}\right) \otimes \bigotimes_{i=1}^l \mathcal{O}_{G(V, N_i)}(\varepsilon_i),$$

where  $F(V, N_*)$  is a flag variety consisting of all flags  $V \supset W_1 \cdots \supset W_l$  with  $\dim_k W_i = N - N_i$  and where  $\bigotimes_{i=1}^l \mathcal{O}_{G(V, N_i)}(\varepsilon_i)$  is regarded as a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -invertible sheaf on  $F(V, N_*)$  by a canonical inclusion  $F(V, N_*) \hookrightarrow \prod_{i=1}^l G(V, N_i)$ .

In this section, we shall fix  $\Omega$ , hence we denote  $\Theta_\Omega(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$  (or,  $P_\Omega(V, r, L)$ ) simply by  $\Theta(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$  (or,  $P(V, r, L)$ , resp.). Moreover for  $\Theta = \Theta(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$ , the above  $l$  (or,  $\varepsilon_i$ ) is sometimes denoted by  $l(\Theta)$  (or,  $\varepsilon(\Theta)_i$ , resp.) and  $l(\Theta)$  is called the length of  $\Theta$ . For a  $K$ -valued point  $x$  of  $\Theta(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$ , we denote by  $T_x$  (or,  $g_{i,x}$ ) the point of  $P(V, r, L)(K)$  (or,

$G(V, N_i)(K)$ , resp.) determined by  $x$ . We use the same symbol  $g_{i,x}$  for the surjection  $g_{i,x}: V \otimes_k K \rightarrow J_{i,x}$  which corresponds to  $x$  and its kernel is denoted by  $F_{i,x}(V)$ . Moreover, for each  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , we set

$$V_x^\alpha = F_{i-1,x}(V) \quad \text{if } \alpha_{i-1} < \alpha \leq \alpha_i,$$

where  $\alpha_0 = \alpha_l - 1$ ,  $\alpha_{l+1} = 1$  and  $F_{0,x}(V) = V \otimes_k K$ . We denote by  $F(V, N_*, \alpha_*)$  the scheme  $F(V, N_*)$  when this additional structure " $\alpha \mapsto V_x^\alpha$ " is given for each flag  $F_{*,x}(V)$  which corresponds to each point  $x$  on  $F(V, N_*)$ . Note that

$$(3.0.1) \quad \int_0^1 \dim_K V_x^\alpha d\alpha = N - \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i N_i > 0.$$

From now on, set  $\Theta = \Theta(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$ ,  $\Theta' = \Theta(V', r', L', N'_*, \alpha'_*)$  and  $\Theta'' = \Theta(V'', r'', L'', N''_*, \alpha''_*)$ . Let us recall that the notion of extension of points in Gieseker spaces (cf. [10] and [26]). It is generalized for our case.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $T, T'$  and  $T''$  be  $K$ -valued geometric points of  $P(V, r, L)$ ,  $P(V', r', L')$  and  $P(V'', r'', L'')$ , respectively and let  $\phi: L' \otimes_x L'' \rightarrow L$  be an injective homomorphism. The point  $T$  is said to be a  $\phi$ -extension or, simply, an extension of  $T''$  by  $T'$  if the following conditions are satisfied;

$$(3.1.1) \quad r = r' + r'',$$

(3.1.2) there exists an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V' \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{f} V \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{g} V'' \otimes_k K \longrightarrow 0$$

such that

(3.1.2.1) the following diagram is commutative (mod  $K^\times$ ).

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^{r'}(V'_K \otimes_K \Omega_K) \otimes_{X_K} \wedge^{r''}(V''_K \otimes_K \Omega_K) & \longrightarrow & \wedge^r(V_K \otimes_K \Omega_K) \\ T' \otimes (T'' \circ \wedge^{r''}(g \otimes id_\Omega)) \downarrow & & \downarrow T \\ L'_K \otimes_{X_K} L''_K & \xrightarrow{\phi_K} & L_K \end{array}$$

In this case,  $T'$  (or,  $T''$ ) is said to be a subpoint (or, quotient point, resp.) of  $T$ .

Let  $x, x'$  and  $x''$  be  $K$ -valued geometric points of  $\Theta, \Theta'$  and  $\Theta''$ , respectively. The point  $x$  is said to be a  $\phi$ -quasi-extension or, simply, a quasi-extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$  if  $T_x$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $T_{x''}$  by  $T_{x'}$ , i.e. the above conditions (3.1.1) and (3.1.2) are satisfied and moreover, in (3.1.2), the following holds.

$$(3.1.2.2) \quad \text{For all } 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, f(V_x^{\alpha'}) \subseteq V_x^\alpha \text{ and } g(V_x^\alpha) \subseteq V_x^{\alpha''}.$$

Moreover, the point  $x$  is said to be  $\phi$ -extension (or, extension) if, in addition, the following induced sequence is exact for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

$$(3.1.3) \quad 0 \longrightarrow V_{x'}^{''z} \xrightarrow{f} V_x^z \xrightarrow{g} V_{x''}^{''z} \longrightarrow 0$$

**Remark 3.2.** If  $x$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$  as above, then by virtue of (3.0.1) and (3.1.3), we have that

$$(3.2.1) \quad N - \sum_{i=1}^l \varepsilon_i N_i = (N' - \sum_{i=1}^{l'} \varepsilon'_i N'_i) + (N'' - \sum_{i=1}^{l''} \varepsilon''_i N''_i).$$

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $x, x'$  and  $x''$  be  $K$ -valued geometric points of  $\Theta, \Theta'$  and  $\Theta''$ , respectively and let  $\phi: L' \otimes_x L'' \rightarrow L$  be an injective homomorphism. Assume that  $x$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$  and let

$$0 \longrightarrow V' \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{f} V \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{g} V'' \otimes_k K \longrightarrow 0$$

be the underlying exact sequence of the extension. Then  $x$  is said to be a  $\phi$ -direct sum of  $x'$  and  $x''$  if there exists a  $K$ -linear map  $i: V'' \otimes_k K \rightarrow V \otimes_k K$  such that  $g \circ i = id_{V'' \otimes_k K}$ ,  $i(V_{x''}^{''z}) \subseteq V_x^z$  for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and that  $T_x|_{i(V_{x''}^{''z}):s, V_K:r-s} = 0$  whenever  $s > r''$ .

The notion of isomorphisms of  $K$ -valued geometric points is naturally defined, for two  $K$ -valued geometric points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\Theta$ ,  $x \simeq y$  if and only if these are in the same  $GL(V)$ -orbit. If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are two  $\phi$ -direct sums of  $x'$  and  $x''$ , then we know that  $x_1 \simeq x_2$  (see Lemma 2.16 of [10]). Thus a direct sum of  $x'$  and  $x''$  can be denoted by  $x' \oplus x''$ . Moreover, let  $x'_i$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\Theta(V'(i), l_i, L'(i), N'(i)_*, \alpha'(i)_*)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq t$ ) and put  $r_i = l_1 + \dots + l_i$  and  $V(i) = V'(1) \oplus \dots \oplus V'(i)$ . Let  $\phi_i: L(i-1) \otimes L'(i) \rightarrow L(i)$  be a sequence of injective homomorphisms ( $1 \leq i \leq t, L(0) = \mathcal{O}_x$ ). We can define  $\phi_i$ -direct sum of  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x'_i$  inductively. Each  $x_i$  is a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\Theta(V(i), r_i, L(i), N(i)_*, \alpha(i)_*)$  and it is denoted by  $(\dots((x'_1 \oplus x'_2) \oplus x'_3) \oplus \dots) \oplus x'_i$ . By a similar argument as in Lemma 2.19 and Corollary 2.19.1 of [10], we can denote  $x_i$  by  $x'_1 \oplus \dots \oplus x'_i$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $Z'$  (or,  $Z''$ ) be a  $GL(V')$  (or,  $GL(V'')$ , resp.)-invariant closed subset of  $\Theta'$  (or,  $\Theta''$ , resp.) and let  $\phi: L' \otimes_x L'' \rightarrow L$  be an injective homomorphism. Then there exists a  $GL(V)$ -invariant closed subset  $Z$  of  $\Theta$  such that for all algebraically closed fields  $K$  containing  $k$ ,

$$Z(K) = \{x \in \Theta(K) \mid x \text{ has one of the following properties (3.4.1), (3.4.2)}\}.$$

(3.4.1)  $x$  is a  $\phi$ -quasi-extension of  $x''$  in  $Z''(K)$  by  $x'$  in  $Z'(K)$ .

(3.4.2) There exist points  $x'$  in  $Z'(K)$ ,  $x''$  in  $Z''(K)$  and an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow V'_K \xrightarrow{f} V_K \xrightarrow{g} V''_K \rightarrow 0 \text{ such that } T_x|_{(f(V'_K):r', V_K:r')} = 0 \text{ and for all } 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1, f(V_x^{'z}) \subseteq V_x^z \text{ and } g(V_x^z) \subseteq V_{x''}^{''z}.$$

*Proof.* We can find that there exists a subscheme  $U_0$  of  $\text{Hom}_k(V', V) \times_k \text{Hom}_k(V, V'')$  such that for all fields  $K$  containing  $k$ ,  $U_0(K) = \{(f, g) \mid 0 \rightarrow V'_K \xrightarrow{f} V_K \xrightarrow{g} V''_K \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact}\}$  (cf. Lemma 2.6 of [10]) and on  $U_0$ , we have a universal

exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V'_{U_0} \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} V_{U_0} \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} V''_{U_0} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Let

$$\gamma: \wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes \wedge^{r''}(V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \longrightarrow \wedge^r(V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega)$$

be a homomorphism defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \gamma((v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_{r'}) \otimes (w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_{r''})) \\ &= (\tilde{f} \otimes 1)(v_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\tilde{f} \otimes 1)(v_{r'}) \wedge w_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge w_{r''} \end{aligned}$$

where  $v_i$  (or,  $w_i$ ) are local sections of  $V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega$  (or,  $V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega$ , resp.). Taking  $\text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(-, L_{U_0})^\vee$ , we obtain a homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(\wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_{X_{U_0}} \wedge^{r''}(V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega), L_{U_0})^\vee & \xrightarrow{\cong} & M_{U_0} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma' \\ \text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(\wedge^r(V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega), L_{U_0})^\vee & \xrightarrow{\cong} & N_{U_0} \end{array}$$

where  $M = \text{Hom}_X(\wedge^{r'}(V' \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_X \wedge^{r''}(V \otimes_k \Omega), L)^\vee$  and  $N = \text{Hom}_X(\wedge^r(V \otimes_k \Omega), L)^\vee$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_{M_{U_0}}(1)$  be the tautological invertible sheaf on  $\mathbf{P}(M_{U_0}) \simeq \mathbf{P}(M) \times_k U_0$  and let  $M'$  be the kernel of the natural quotient map

$$q^*(M_{U_0}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_M(1)$$

where  $q$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{P}(M_{U_0})$  to  $U_0$ . Set

$$Z_0 = \mathbf{P}(q^*(N_{U_0})/q^*(\gamma')(M')) \subset \mathbf{P}(q^*(N_{U_0})) \simeq \mathbf{P}(M) \times_k \mathbf{P}(N) \times_k U_0.$$

Then we obtain the following commutative diagram

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & Z_0 & \\ q' \swarrow & & \searrow p' \\ \mathbf{P}(N) \times_k U_0 & \cdots \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}(M) \times_k U_0 \\ p \searrow & & \swarrow q \\ & U_0 & \end{array}$$

Let  $x = (T_x, (f_x, g_x))$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\mathbf{P}(M) \times_k U_0$  where  $T_x$  is a homomorphism (mod  $K^\times$ )

$$T_x: \wedge^{r'}(V'_K \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes \wedge^{r''}(V_K \otimes_k \Omega) \longrightarrow L_K$$

and  $(f_x, g_x)$  determines an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V'_K \xrightarrow{f_x} V_K \xrightarrow{g_x} V''_K \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then the fibre  $p'^{-1}(x)$  is a closed subscheme of  $\mathbf{P}(N)_K \simeq \mathbf{P}(V, r, L)_K$  and we can

find that

(3.4.3)  $T \in P(V, r, L)_K(K)$  is in  $p'^{-1}(x)(K)$  if and only if  $T \circ (\wedge^{r'}(f \otimes 1) \wedge (\wedge^{r''} id)) = T_x$  as a point of  $P(V, r, L)_K(K)$ , or  $T \circ (\wedge^{r'}(f \otimes 1) \wedge (\wedge^{r''} id)) = 0$ .

On the other hand, from a surjection

$$\wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_{X_{U_0}} \wedge^{r''}(V_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \longrightarrow \wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_{X_{U_0}} \wedge^{r''}(V''_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega)$$

defined by  $\tilde{g}$  (i.e.  $(\wedge^{r'} id) \wedge (\wedge^{r''}(\tilde{g} \otimes 1))$ ) and the injection  $\phi: L' \otimes_X L'' \rightarrow L$ , we obtain a surjection

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(\wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega), L'_{U_0})^\vee \otimes_{U_0} \text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(\wedge^{r''}(V''_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega), L''_{U_0})^\vee \\ & \simeq \text{Hom}_{X_{U_0}}(\wedge^{r'}(V'_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega) \otimes_{X_{U_0}} \wedge^{r''}(V''_{U_0} \otimes_k \Omega), (L' \otimes_X L'')_{U_0})^\vee \\ & \rightarrow M_{U_0} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the Veronese embedding, we have a closed immersion:

$$\iota: P(V', r', L') \times_k P(V'', r'', L'') \times_k U_0 \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}(M) \times_k U_0.$$

Now set  $F = F(V, N_*, \alpha_*)$ ,  $F' = F(V', N'_*, \alpha'_*)$ ,  $F'' = F(V'', N''_*, \alpha''_*)$  and  $\tilde{F} = F \times_k F' \times_k F''$ . Then there exists a closed subscheme  $U_1$  of  $U_0 \times_k \tilde{F}$  such that for all algebraically closed fields  $K$  containing  $k$ ,

$$U_1(K) = \left\{ ((f, g), V^*, V'^*, V''^*) \left| \begin{array}{l} f(V'^\alpha) \subset V^\alpha \text{ and } g(V''^\alpha) \subset V'^{\alpha'} \\ \text{for all } 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

Taking the product of (\*) and  $\tilde{F}$  and combining natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta \times U_0 \times F' \times F'' & \simeq \mathbf{P}(N) \times U_0 \times \tilde{F}, \\ \Theta' \times \Theta'' \times U_0 \times F & \simeq P(V', r', L') \times P(V'', r'', L'') \times U_0 \times \tilde{F}, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 \times \tilde{F} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{p}'} \mathbf{P}(M) \times U_{0,x} \tilde{F} \xleftarrow{\iota'} Z' \times Z'' \times U_0 \times F \\ \downarrow \tilde{q}' & & \downarrow \tilde{q} \\ \Theta \times U_0 \times F' \times F'' & \xrightarrow{\tilde{p}} U_0 \times \tilde{F} \xleftarrow{\quad} U_1 \end{array}$$

Set

$$Z_1 = \tilde{p}'^{-1}(\tilde{q}'^{-1}(U_1) \cap \iota'(Z' \times Z'' \times U_0 \times F)).$$

By virtue of (3.4.3) it is easy to see that  $Z = \pi(\tilde{q}'(Z_1))$  is the desired set where  $\pi$  is the projection of  $\Theta \times U_0 \times F' \times F''$  to  $\Theta$ . We must prove that  $Z$  is closed and  $\text{GL}(V)$ -invariant. It is not difficult to verify that the properties (3.4.1) and (3.4.2) are  $\text{GL}(V)$ -invariant, hence  $Z$  is  $\text{GL}(V)$ -invariant.

Set  $H = \text{GL}(V') \times_k \text{GL}(V'')$ . It is easy to see that all morphisms in (\*) are  $H$ -morphisms and hence  $Z_1$  is  $H$ -invariant. Moreover,  $U_0$  is a principal  $H$ -bundle

over the Grassmann scheme  $G(V, \dim V')$  and  $Z_1$  is proper over  $U_0$ , therefore by Proposition 7.1 of [16] and its proof,  $Z_1$  is a principal  $H$ -bundle over a proper  $G(V, \dim V')$ -scheme  $Z_2$ . Since  $H$  acts on  $\Theta$  trivially, the projection  $\pi: Z_1 \rightarrow \Theta$  factors through  $Z_2$ . Therefore  $Z$  is closed because it is the image of the complete  $k$ -scheme  $Z_2$ .  $\square$

For a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  of  $\Theta$ ,  $o(x)$  denote its  $G$ -orbit.

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $x, x'$  and  $x''$  be  $K$ -valued geometric points of  $\Theta, \Theta'$  and  $\Theta''$ , respectively and let  $\phi: L \otimes_x L'' \rightarrow L$  be an injective homomorphism. Assume that  $x$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$ . Then the closure of  $\text{GL}(V)$ -orbit  $\overline{o(x)}$  contains the orbit  $o(x' \oplus x'')$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R$  be a discrete valuation ring over  $K$  with residue field  $K$ . Let  $i$  be a section of the underlying exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V'_K \xrightarrow{u} V_K \xrightarrow{v} V''_K \longrightarrow 0$$

of the extension  $x$ . Then  $V_K = U_1 \oplus U_2$  with  $U_1 = u(V'_K)$  and  $U_2 = i(V''_K)$ . We may assume that  $i(V''_K) \supset V_x^z$ . Take an automorphism  $g = id_{U_1} \oplus \pi \cdot id_{U_2}$  of  $V_{Q(R)}$  where  $\pi$  is a uniformizing parameter of  $R$ . Set  $x_1 = \sigma(g, x)$ . Using a natural decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Hom}_{X_K}(\wedge^r(V_K \otimes_K \Omega_K), L_K) \\ &= \bigoplus_{s=0}^r \text{Hom}_{X_K}(\wedge^s(U_1 \otimes_K \Omega_K) \otimes \wedge^{r-s}(U_2 \otimes_K \Omega_K), L_K), \end{aligned}$$

$T_x$  can be denoted by  $\sum_{s=0}^r T_x^s$  with

$$T_x^s \in \text{Hom}_{X_K}(\wedge^s(U_1 \otimes_K \Omega_K) \otimes \wedge^{r-s}(U_2 \otimes_K \Omega_K), L_K).$$

By the condition (3.1.2), for all  $s$  with  $r - s > r''$ ,  $T_x^s = 0$  and  $T_x^{r'} \neq 0$ . Hence, we have

$$T_{x_1} = \sum_{s=r'}^r \pi^{s-r'} T_x^s.$$

The point  $\tilde{T} = \sum_{s=r'}^r \pi^{s-r'} T_x^s$  can be regarded as an  $R$ -valued point of  $P(V, r, L)$ . Since  $T_{x_1} = \tilde{T}$  as point of  $P(V, r, L)(Q(R))$ ,  $\tilde{T}(\text{mod } \pi) = T_x^{r'}$  and  $T_x^{r'}|_{[U_2; s, V_K; r-s]} = 0$  whenever  $s > r''$ , we know that  $\tilde{T}(\text{mod } \pi)$  and the flag structure for  $x$  determines a point  $x' \oplus x''$ .  $\square$

Recall the definition of excellent points of Gieseker spaces (cf. [10], [26]).

**Definition 3.6.** A  $K$ -valued geometric point  $T$  of  $P(V, r, L)$  is said to be excellent, if  $T$  has the following properties.

(3.6.1) For all vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V_K$ ,

$$\underline{\dim}_T W = \overline{\dim}_T W.$$

(3.6.2) For all subpoints  $T' \in P(V', r', L')(K)$  of  $T$  and for all vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V'_K$ , if  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  is a  $T'$ -basis of  $W$ , then  $f(e_1), \dots, f(e_i)$  is a  $T$ -basis of  $W$  where  $f: V' \otimes_k K \rightarrow V \otimes_k K$  is an injection which makes  $T'$  the subpoint of  $T$ .

A  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\Theta$  is said to be excellent if  $T_x$  is excellent.

Note that if  $T$  is excellent, then for all subpoints  $T' \in P(V', r', L')(K)$  of  $T$  and for all vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V'_K$ ,

$$\underline{\dim}_{T'} W = \overline{\dim}_{T'} W = \dim_T W.$$

The following lemma is (5.3.1) of [26] and is a natural generalization of a part of Lemma 4.4 of [10]. We give a proof since it is omitted in [26].

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $T$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $P(V, r, L)$ . Assume that there exists a surjective homomorphism  $\varphi: V_K \otimes_K \Omega_K \rightarrow E$  with  $E$  a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_K}$ -module of rank  $r > 0$  such that  $\det E \simeq L_K$  and  $T$  is given by the following homomorphism.*

$$\wedge^r(V_K \otimes_K \Omega_K) \xrightarrow{\wedge^r \varphi} \wedge^r E \longrightarrow \det E \simeq L_K.$$

Then  $T$  is excellent. Moreover, for all  $K$ -vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V_K$ ,

$$\dim_T W = \text{rk}(\varphi(W \otimes_K \Omega)).$$

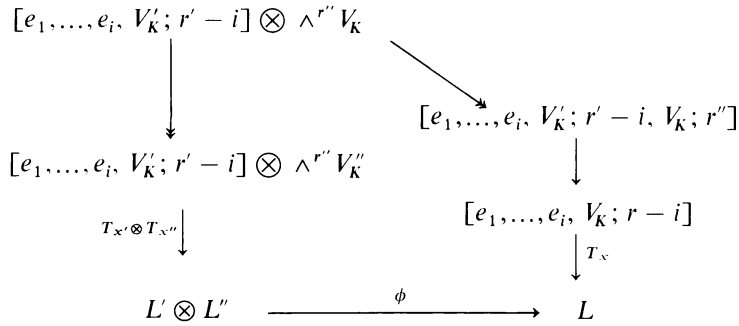
*Proof.* We may assume that  $k = K$  and  $\det E = L_K$ . Since  $\det E$  is torsion free, for every submodule  $M$  of  $\wedge^r(V \otimes_k \Omega)$ ,  $T|_M = 0$  if and only if  $T_\xi|_{M_\xi} = 0$  where  $\xi$  is the generic point of  $X$ . Let  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  be a  $T$ -basis of  $W$ . Then  $T|_{[e_1, \dots, e_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_r]}$   $\neq 0$ . Therefore there exist elements  $w_1, \dots, w_i$  of  $\Omega_\xi$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_{r-i}$  of  $(V \otimes_k \Omega)_\xi$  such that

$$T_\xi((e_1 \otimes w_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (e_i \otimes w_i) \wedge v_1 \wedge \dots \wedge v_{r-i}) \neq 0.$$

Hence,  $\varphi(e_1 \otimes w_1), \dots, \varphi(e_i \otimes w_i)$  is linearly independent over  $k(\xi)$ . Since any element  $e$  of  $W$  is  $T$ -dependent on  $e_1, \dots, e_i$ , we know that for any element  $w$  of  $\Omega_\xi$ ,  $\varphi(e \otimes w)$  is linearly dependent on  $\varphi(e_1 \otimes w_1), \dots, \varphi(e_i \otimes w_i)$ , and so is  $\varphi(v)$  for any element  $v$  of  $(W \otimes_k \Omega)_\xi$ . Therefore, the length  $i$  must be equal to  $\text{rk}(\varphi(W \otimes_k \Omega))$ . Thus the condition (3.6.1) and the last assertion of our lemma were proved.

Next, let us prove the condition (3.6.2). Assume that  $T$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $T'' \in P(V'', r'', L'')(K)$  by  $T' \in P(V', r', L')(K)$ . Let  $W$  be a  $K$ -vector subspace of  $V'_K$ . For vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  in  $W$ , we have a following commutative diagram.





By this commutative diagram, if  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  are  $T'$ -independent, then so are  $T$ -independent. Conversely, assume that  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  are  $T$ -independent. It is easy to see that  $\dim_T V'_K = r'$  and there exist vectors  $e_{i+1}, \dots, e_{r'}$  in  $V'_K$  such that  $e_1, \dots, e_{r'}$  is a  $T$ -basis of  $V'_K$ . Then  $T|_{[e_1, \dots, e_{r'}, V_K; r'']} \neq 0$ . Hence,  $T'|_{[e_1, \dots, e_{r'}]} \neq 0$ . In particular,  $e_1, \dots, e_i$  are  $T'$ -independent.

Lemma 2.3 is rewritten for  $\Theta$  as follows.

**Lemma 3.8.** *Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $\Theta$ . Assume that  $T_x$  has the property (3.6.1). Then the point  $x$  is semi-stable (or, stable) with respect to  $\mathcal{O}_\Theta(1)$  if and only if for all non-trivial vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V_K$ , the following inequality holds*

$$(3.8.1) \quad (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) \dim_{T_x} W - r \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_x^\alpha) d\alpha \geq 0$$

(or,  $> 0$ , resp.).

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $x, x'$  and  $x''$  be  $K$ -valued geometric points of  $\Theta, \Theta'$  and  $\Theta''$  respectively and let  $\phi: L' \otimes_x L'' \rightarrow L$  be an injective homomorphism. Assume that  $x$  is excellent and is a  $\phi$ -extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$  with underlying exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow V'_K \xrightarrow{f} V_K \xrightarrow{g} V''_K \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then  $x'$  and  $x''$  satisfy the condition (3.6.1) and for all vector subspaces  $W$  of  $V'_K$ , the following inequality holds

$$(3.9.1) \quad \dim_{T_x} W \geq \dim_{T_{x'}} f^{-1}(W) + \dim_{T_{x''}} g(W).$$

Moreover, if  $W$  contains  $f(V'_K)$ , then

$$(3.9.2) \quad \dim_{T_x} W = r' + \dim_{T_{x''}} g(W).$$

*Proof.* We regard  $V'_K$  as a subspace of  $V_K$  by  $f$ . Let  $v_1, \dots, v_d$  be a  $T_{x'}$ -basis of  $W \cap V'_K$  and let  $w_1, \dots, w_e$  be elements of  $W$  such that  $g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e)$  is a  $T_{x''}$ -basis of  $g(W)$ . Then, by virtue of (3.1.2.1), we obtain a following natural commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [v_1, \dots, v_d, V'_K; r' - d] \otimes [w_1, \dots, w_e, V_K; r'' - e] & & \\
 \downarrow & \searrow & \\
 [v_1, \dots, v_d, V'_K; r' - d] \otimes [g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e), V''_K; r'' - e] & & [v_1, \dots, v_d, V'_K; r' - d, w_1, \dots, w_e, V_K; r'' - e] \\
 \downarrow T_{x'} \otimes T_{x''} & & \downarrow i \\
 L' \otimes L'' & \xrightarrow{\phi} & L \\
 & & \downarrow T_x \\
 & & [v_1, \dots, v_d, w_1, \dots, w_e, V_K; r - d - e]
 \end{array}$$

Since  $T_{x'}|_{[v_1, \dots, v_d, V'_K; r' - d]} \neq 0$  and  $T_{x''}|_{[g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e), V''_K; r'' - e]} \neq 0$ , we have

$$T_{x'} \otimes T_{x''}|_{[v_1, \dots, v_d, V'_K; r' - d] \otimes [g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e), V''_K; r'' - e]} \neq 0.$$

Hence, by the above diagram,  $T_x|_{[v_1, \dots, v_d, w_1, \dots, w_e, V_K; r - d - e]} \neq 0$ . It follows that

$$(3.9.3) \quad \dim_{T_x} W \geq d + e.$$

Since  $x$  is excellent,  $x'$  satisfies (3.6.1) and hence  $d = \dim_{T_{x'}} f^{-1}(W)$ . It is sufficient to prove that  $x''$  satisfies the condition (3.6.1) and that for  $W \supseteq V'_K$ , (3.9.2) holds.

If  $W \supseteq V'_K$ , then  $d = \dim_{T_{x'}} V'_K = r'$ . Fix a  $T_{x'}$ -basis  $v_1, \dots, v_{r'}$ . For vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_e$  of  $W$ , the injection  $i$  in the above diagram is an isomorphism. Hence, we know that  $T_x|_{[v_1, \dots, v_d, w_1, \dots, w_e, V_K; r - d - e]} \neq 0$  if and only if  $T_{x''}|_{[g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e), V''_K; r'' - e]} \neq 0$ . This fact implies that  $g(w_1), \dots, g(w_e)$  is a  $T_{x''}$ -basis of  $g(W)$  if and only if  $v_1, \dots, v_{r'}, w_1, \dots, w_e$  is a  $T_x$ -basis of  $W$ . Hence each  $T_{x''}$ -basis of  $g(W)$  has the same length  $\dim_{T_x} W - r'$ . Thus  $x''$  satisfies the condition (3.6.1) and we obtain the equality (3.9.2).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10.** *Under the same situation as in Lemma 3.9, assume, moreover, that*

$$(3.10.1) \quad \frac{1}{r} (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) = \frac{1}{r'} (N' - \sum_i \varepsilon'_i N'_i) = \frac{1}{r''} (N'' - \sum_i \varepsilon''_i N''_i).$$

Then

- (1)  $x'$  and  $x''$  are semi-stable when  $x$  is semi-stable.
- (2) If  $x'$  and  $x''$  are excellent and semi-stable, then  $x$  is semi-stable.

*Proof.* (1) Assume that  $x$  is semi-stable. For each vector subspace  $W \neq 0$  of  $V'_K$ , by (3.6.2), (3.8.1) and (3.10.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) \dim_{T_x} W - r \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_x^z) dz \\
 &= \frac{r}{r'} \left( (N' - \sum_i \varepsilon'_i N'_i) \dim_{T_{x'}} W - r' \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_{x'}^z) dz \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 3.8,  $x'$  is semi-stable.

To prove that  $x''$  is semi-stable, take  $0 \neq W \subseteq V_K''$ . Since the sequence (3.1.3) is exact, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V_{x'}'' \xrightarrow{f} g^{-1}(W) \cap V_x^z \xrightarrow{g} W \cap V_{x''}'' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then, by (3.8.1), (3.9.2) and (3.10.1),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) \dim_{T_x} g^{-1}(W) - r \int_0^1 \dim_K (g^{-1}(W) \cap V_x^z) d\alpha \\ &= (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) (\dim_{T_{x''}} W + r') \\ &\quad - r \left( \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_{x''}'' ) d\alpha + \int_0^1 \dim_K V_{x'}'' d\alpha \right) \\ &= \frac{r}{r''} \left( (N'' - \sum_i \varepsilon_i'' N_i'') \dim_{T_{x''}} W - r'' \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_{x''}'' ) d\alpha \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 3.8,  $x''$  is semi-stable.

(2) Assume that  $x'$  and  $x''$  are excellent and semi-stable. Let  $W \neq 0$  be a vector subspace of  $V_K$ . Then, by the exact sequence (3.1.3), we obtain the following exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V_{x'}^z \cap W \longrightarrow V_x^z \cap W \longrightarrow V_{x''}'' \cap g(W).$$

Hence, by (3.8.1), (3.9.1) and (3.10.1), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &(N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) \dim_{T_x} W - r \int_0^1 \dim_K (W \cap V_x^z) d\alpha \\ &\geq (N - \sum_i \varepsilon_i N_i) (\dim_{T_{x'}} (W \cap V_{x'}^z) + \dim_{T_{x''}} g(W)) \\ &\quad - r \int_0^1 (\dim_K (V_{x'}^z \cap W) + \dim_K (V_{x''}'' \cap g(W))) d\alpha \\ &= \frac{r}{r'} \left( (N' - \sum_i \varepsilon_i' N_i') \dim_{T_{x'}} (W \cap V_{x'}^z) - r' \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_{x'}^z \cap W) d\alpha \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{r}{r''} \left( (N'' - \sum_i \varepsilon_i'' N_i'') \dim_{T_{x''}} g(W) - r'' \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_{x''}'' \cap g(W)) d\alpha \right) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.8,  $x$  is semi-stable. □

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $\phi_i: L_{i-1} \otimes L_i' \rightarrow L_i$  be injective homomorphisms ( $1 \leq i \leq t, L_0 = \mathcal{O}_X$ ),  $0 < r_1 < \dots < r_t = r$  be a sequence of integers and let  $D_i$  be a  $\text{GL}(V_i)$ -invariant closed set of  $\Theta_i = \Theta(V_i, r_i, L_i, N_i^*, \alpha_i^*)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq t$ ). Assume that*

for every algebraically closed field  $K$  containing  $k$ , all the points of  $D_i(K)$  are excellent and that

$$(3.11.1) \quad \frac{1}{r_1} (N^1 - \sum_{j=1}^{l(\Theta_1)} \varepsilon(\Theta_1)_j N_j^1) = \cdots = \frac{1}{r_t} (N^t - \sum_{j=1}^{l(\Theta_t)} \varepsilon(\Theta_t)_j N_j^t).$$

Let  $S_i$  be a  $k$ -rational, stable, excellent point in  $\Theta'_i = \Theta(V'_i, r'_i, L'_i, N_{*}^{i'}, \alpha_{*}^{i'})(\bar{k})$  where  $r'_i = r_i - r_{i-1}$  and  $\bar{k}$  is the algebraic closure of  $k$ . Then there exists a  $\text{GL}(V_t)$ -invariant closed set  $Z_t = Z(S_1, \dots, S_t)$  of  $D_t^{\text{ss}} = D_t^{\text{ss}}(\mathcal{O}_{\Theta_t}(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{D_t})$  such that for every algebraically closed field  $K$  containing  $k$ ,

$$Z_t(K) = \{x \in D_t(K) \mid x \text{ has the following property } (*)_t\}.$$

$(*)_t$ : There exists a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x_i$  in each  $D_i^{\text{ss}} = D_i^{\text{ss}}(\mathcal{O}_{\Theta_i}(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{D_i})$  such that  $x_1 \simeq S_1$ ,  $x_i$  is a  $\phi_i$ -extension of  $S_i$  by  $x_{i-1}$  ( $2 \leq i \leq t$ ) and  $x = x_t$ .

Moreover if  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_t)$  is not empty, then  $\text{GL}(V_t)$ -orbit  $o(S_1, \dots, S_t)$  of  $S_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus S_t$  is a unique closed orbit in  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_t)$ .

*Proof.* If  $(*)_t$  holds, then by (3.2.1), we have that

$$(3.11.2) \quad \begin{aligned} N^i - \sum_j \varepsilon_j^i N_j^i \\ = (N^i - \sum_j \varepsilon_j^i N_j^i) - (N^{i-1} - \sum_j \varepsilon_j^{i-1} N_j^{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon_j^i = \varepsilon(\Theta_i)_j$  and  $\varepsilon_j^{i'} = \varepsilon(\Theta'_i)_j$ . Hence, we may assume that (3.11.2) holds because otherwise  $Z_t = \emptyset$  is desired one.

We prove the first assertion by induction on  $t$ . When  $t = 1$ , set  $Z_1 = o(S_1)$ . Since  $S_1$  is stable,  $Z_1$  is closed in  $D_1^{\text{ss}}$ . Obviously,  $Z_1$  is desired one. Assume the assertion holds for  $t - 1$ . Then there exists a  $\text{GL}(V_{t-1})$ -invariant closed set  $Z_{t-1}$  of  $D_{t-1}$  such that  $Z_{t-1}$  satisfies the property  $(*)_t$ . Let  $\overline{Z_{t-1}}$  (or,  $\overline{o(S_t)}$ ) be the closure of  $Z_{t-1}$  (or,  $o(S_t)$ , resp.) in  $D_{t-1}$  (or,  $\Theta'_t$ , resp.). Then by Lemma 3.4, we obtain a  $\text{GL}(V_t)$ -invariant closed subset  $Z$  of  $\Theta_t$  such that a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  of  $\Theta_t$  is contained in  $Z(K)$  if and only if  $x$  has one of the following properties.

$$(3.11.3) \quad x \text{ is a } \phi_t\text{-quasi-extension of a } x'' \text{ in } \overline{o(S_t)}(K) \text{ by a } x' \text{ in } \overline{Z_{t-1}}(K).$$

(3.11.4) There exist points  $x'$  in  $\overline{Z_{t-1}}(K)$ ,  $x''$  in  $\overline{o(S_t)}(K)$  and an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow V_{t-1} \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{f} V_t \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{g} V_t' \otimes_k K \longrightarrow 0$$

such that  $T_x|_{[f(V_{t-1} \otimes_k K); r_{t-1}, V_t \otimes_k K; r_t]} = 0$  and for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha) \cong (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha$  and  $g((V_t)_x^\alpha) \subseteq (V_t')_x^\alpha$ .

We claim that  $Z_t = Z \cap D_t^{\text{ss}}$  is desired one. Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $Z_t$ . If  $x$  has the property (3.11.4), then  $\dim_{T_x} f(V_{t-1} \otimes_k K) < r_{t-1}$ . By

virtue of (3.11.1), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & (N_t - \sum_j \varepsilon_j^t N_j^t) \dim_{T_x} f(V_{t-1} \otimes_k K) - r_t \int_0^1 \dim_K (f(V_{t-1} \otimes_k K) \cap (V_t)_x^\alpha) d\alpha \\ & < (N_t - \sum_j \varepsilon_j^t N_j^t) r_{t-1} - r_t \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha d\alpha = 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.8, this inequality contradicts to semi-stability of  $x$ . Hence,  $x$  satisfies the condition (3.11.3).

We claim that  $x$  is not only a  $\phi_t$ -quasi-extension but also a  $\phi_t$ -extension. Let

$$0 \longrightarrow V_{t-1} \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{f} V_t \otimes_k K \xrightarrow{g} V_t' \otimes_k K \longrightarrow 0$$

be the underlying exact sequence of the quasi-extension. We must prove that for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha) = (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha$  and  $g((V_t)_x^\alpha) = (V_t')_x^\alpha$ . These are trivial for  $\alpha = 0$ . By the condition (3.1.2.2),  $f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha) \supseteq (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha$  and  $g((V_t)_x^\alpha) \subseteq (V_t')_x^\alpha$ . Hence, it is enough to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \dim_K f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha / (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha) d\alpha = 0 \quad \text{and} \\ & \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_t')_x^\alpha / g((V_t)_x^\alpha) d\alpha = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is excellent and semi-stable, by Lemma 3.8, Lemma 3.9, (3.0.1) and (3.11.1),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \leq \int_0^1 \dim_K f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha / (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha) d\alpha \\ & \leq \frac{1}{r_t} (N^t - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^t N_i^t) \dim_{T_x} f(V_{t-1} \otimes_k K) - (N^{t-1} - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^{t-1} N_i^{t-1}) \\ & = \frac{r_{t-1}}{r_t} (N^t - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^t N_i^t) - (N^{t-1} - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^{t-1} N_i^{t-1}) \\ & = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all  $\alpha$  with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $f^{-1}((V_t)_x^\alpha) = (V_{t-1})_x^\alpha$ . Therefore we obtain that  $g((V_t)_x^\alpha) \simeq (V_t)_x^\alpha / f((V_{t-1})_x^\alpha)$ . Hence by (3.0.1) and (3.11.2), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \dim_K g((V_t)_x^\alpha) d\alpha \\ & = \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_t)_x^\alpha / f((V_{t-1})_x^\alpha) d\alpha \\ & = \int_0^1 \dim_K (V_t')_x^\alpha d\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , we have that  $g((V_t)_x^\alpha) = (V_t')_x^\alpha$ .

By equalities (3.11.1), (3.11.2) and  $r_t - r_{t-1} = r'_t$ , we get easily equalities

$$\frac{1}{r_t} (N^t - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^t N_i^t) = \frac{1}{r_{t-1}} (N^{t-1} - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^{t-1} N_i^{t-1}) = \frac{1}{r'_t} (N^t - \sum_i \varepsilon_i^t N_i^t).$$

Hence, by virtue of Lemma 3.10,  $x'$  and  $x''$  are semi-stable. Therefore  $x'$  (or,  $x''$ ) is in  $Z_{t-1}(K) = \overline{Z_{t-1}} \cap D_t^{ss}(K)$  (or,  $o(S_t)(K) = \overline{o(S_t)} \cap \Theta_t^{ss}(K)$ , resp.). Thus  $x$  satisfies the condition  $(*)_t$ .

Conversely, if a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  in  $D_t(K)$  satisfies the condition  $(*)_t$ , then  $x$  is a  $\phi$ -extension of a  $x''$  in  $o(S_t)$  by  $x'$  in  $Z_{t-1}$  and by Lemma 3.10,  $x$  is semi-stable. Hence,  $x$  is in  $Z_t(K) = Z \cap D_t^{ss}(K)$ .

Let us prove the last assertion by induction on  $t$ . If  $t = 1$ , then  $Z(S_1) = o(S_1)$  is closed in  $D_1^{ss}$ . Assume that our assertion holds for  $t - 1$ . Then  $o(S_1, \dots, S_{t-1})$  is a unique closed orbit of  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_{t-1})$ . Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued geometric point of  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_t)$  such that  $o(x)$  is closed in  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_t)$ . Then by  $(*)_{t-1}$ , there exists  $x'$  in  $Z(S_1, \dots, S_{t-1})(K)$  such that  $x$  is a  $\phi_t$ -extension of  $S_t$  by  $x'$ . By virtue of Lemma 3.5,  $\overline{o(x' \oplus S_t)} \supseteq o(S_1, \dots, S_t)$ . Hence,

$$o(x) = \overline{o(x)} \supseteq \overline{o(x' \oplus S_t)} \supseteq o(S_1, \dots, S_t).$$

Hence,  $o(x) = o(S_1, \dots, S_t)$ . □

#### 4. Moduli of parabolic semi-stable pairs

In this section, under the situation (2.0.1), we shall show that the functor  $\text{par-}\overline{\Sigma}_{\Omega}^{H, \alpha, s, s}/S$  has a moduli scheme. We may assume that  $S$  is connected and  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_{\Omega}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is not empty.  $r$  or  $r_{\mathcal{F}}$  denotes the rank of members of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\mathcal{F}} &= H - \sum_i \varepsilon_i H_i \\ P_{\mathcal{F}} &= H_{\mathcal{F}}/r_{\mathcal{F}}. \end{aligned}$$

$H_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the parabolic Hilbert polynomial of members of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the family of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs such that  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  is contained in  $\mathcal{G}$  if and only if there is a strictly parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pair  $(E_*, \varphi) \in \mathcal{F}$  and a Jordan-Hölder filtration  $E = E^0 \supset E^1 \supset \dots \supset E^m = 0$  of  $(E_*, \varphi)$  such that  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  is isomorphic to some  $((E^i/E^j)_*, \varphi_{i,j})$  where  $(E^i/E^j)_*$  has the induced structure defined by the parabolic structure of  $E_*$  and  $\varphi_{i,j}$  is the parabolic homomorphism of  $(E^i/E^j)_*$  to  $(E^i/E^j)_* \otimes \Omega$  induced from  $\varphi$ . For such  $(E'_*, \varphi')$ , we have  $\text{par-}P_{E'_*} = P_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Therefore there exists an integer  $M$  depending only on  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\text{deg } E' \geq M$ . By virtue of Corollary 1.2.1 of [12], it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{G}$  is bounded. Hence, there is a finite set of families

$$\mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F}_{\Omega}(H^1, H^1_*, \alpha^1_*), \dots, \mathcal{F}_N = \mathcal{F}_{\Omega}(H^N, H^N_* \alpha^N_*)$$

such that  $\mathcal{G} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N \mathcal{F}_i$  and  $\mathcal{G} \cap \mathcal{F}_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i$ . Note that for all  $i$ ,  $P_{\mathcal{F}} = P_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ . We may assume that  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_1$ .

By Proposition 1.9 and the proof of Proposition 2.5 of [13], we have

**Lemma 4.1.** *For each non-negative integer  $e$ , there exists an integer  $m_e$  such that if  $m \geq m_e$ , then for all geometric points  $s$  of  $S$  and for all strictly parabolic  $e$ -semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pairs  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on  $X_s$  which is contained in some  $\mathcal{F}_i$ , the conditions (2.0.2), (2.0.3), (2.0.4) and the following condition are satisfied:*

(4.1.1) *for all  $\varphi$ -invariant parabolic subsheaves  $E'_*$  of  $E_*$  with  $E' \neq 0$ ,*

$$\int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha \leq \text{rk}(E') \cdot \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$$

and moreover, the equality holds if and only if

$$\text{par-}P_{E'_*}(m) = \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) = P_{\mathcal{F}_i}(m).$$

We may assume that  $m_e \geq m_{e'}$  if  $e \geq e'$ . Set  $\mathcal{F}_i^e = \mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H^i, H_*^i, \alpha_*^i)$ . Let  $V_{i,e}$  be a free  $\Xi$ -module of rank  $H^i(m_e)$  and let  $R_i$  and  $P_i$  be the schemes constructed in §2 for  $\mathcal{F}_i^e$  and  $V_{i,e}$  instead of  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega^e(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  and  $V_m$ . On  $X_{R_i}$ , we have a flat family of parabolic sheaves  $(\tilde{E}^i(m_e), \tilde{F}_*^i, \alpha_*^i)$ , a universal parabolic homomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi}^i: \tilde{E}^i(m_e)_* \rightarrow \tilde{E}^i(m_e)_* \otimes_X \Omega$  and surjections;

$$V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{O}_{X_{R_i}} \xrightarrow{\phi^i} \tilde{E}^i(m_e) \xrightarrow{\phi_{i1}^i} \tilde{E}_{i1}^i(m_e) \xrightarrow{\phi_{i2}^i} \dots \xrightarrow{\phi_{i1}^i} \tilde{E}_{i1}^i(m_e),$$

where  $\tilde{E}_j^i(m_e)$  is  $\tilde{E}^i(m_e)/\tilde{F}_{j+1}^i(\tilde{E}^i(m_e))$ .

Moreover, let  $\tilde{Z}_i$  be a  $P_i$ -scheme such that  $\tilde{Z}_i$  is a  $\mathbf{P}^M$ -bundle in étale topology and for a  $K$ -valued geometric point  $x$  of  $P_i$ , the fiber  $(\tilde{Z}_i)_x$  over  $x$  is a Gieseker space

$$P_{S_{\mathcal{F}_i}^*(\Omega^\vee)_{xK}}(V_{i,e} \otimes K, r_{\mathcal{F}_i}, L_x)^1$$

where  $L_x$  is an invertible sheaf corresponding to  $x$ . Then as in §2, we have a  $\text{GL}(V_{i,e})$ -morphism  $\tilde{\tau}_i: R_i \rightarrow \tilde{Z}_i$  and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_i & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \tilde{Z}_i \times \prod_j G_{i,j} \\ & \searrow \nu_i & \swarrow \pi_i \\ & & P_i \end{array}$$

where  $G_{i,j}$  is a Grassmann scheme  $\text{Grass}(V_{i,e}, H_j^i(m_e))$ .

By virtue of Proposition 1.11, for each integer  $e'$  with  $0 \leq e' \leq e$ , there exists an open subscheme  $R_i^{ss}(e, e')$  (or,  $R_i^s(e, e')$ ) of  $R_i$  such that a geometric point  $x$  of  $R_i$  is contained in  $R_i^{ss}(e, e')$  (or,  $R_i^s(e, e')$ , resp.) if and only if the corresponding parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair  $((\tilde{E}^i(m_e), \tilde{F}_*^i, \alpha_*^i), \tilde{\varphi}^i) \otimes k(x)$  is strictly parabolic  $e'$ -semi-stable (or, parabolic  $e'$ -stable, resp.) and the homomorphism

<sup>1</sup>  $\tilde{Z}_i$  is slightly different from  $\tilde{Z}$  which is defined in §2, that is, if we define  $\tilde{Z}_i$  as in §2, then the fibre  $(\tilde{Z}_i)_x$  must be  $P_{S_{\mathcal{F}_i}^*(\Omega^\vee)_{xK}}(V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} K, r_{\mathcal{F}_i}, L_x)$ . But all arguments in §2 hold good for this modification because we have a relation  $r \geq r_{\mathcal{F}_i}$ .

$$(4.1.2) \quad H^0(\phi^i \otimes k(x)): V_{i,e} \otimes k(x) \longrightarrow H^0(\tilde{E}^i(m_e) \otimes k(x))$$

is an isomorphism.

By virtue of Proposition 2.5 and Proposition 2.7, the GL( $V_{i,e}$ )-morphism

$$\tilde{\Psi}_i: R_i^{ss}(e, e') \longrightarrow (\tilde{Z}_i \times \prod_j G_{i,j})^{ss}$$

is an immersion. Let  $\tilde{R}_i^{ss}(e, e')$  be the scheme theoretic closed image of  $R_i^{ss}(e, e')$  in  $(\tilde{Z}_i \times \prod_{j=1}^i G_{i,j})^{ss}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *For all  $k$ -valued geometric points  $y$  of  $P_i$ , every geometric point of  $\tilde{R}_i^{ss}(e, e')_y$  is excellent in  $(\tilde{Z}_i)_y = P_{S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_k}}(V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} k, r_{\mathcal{F}_i}, L_y)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{Q}_i$  be a Quot-scheme  $\text{Quot}(V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee), H^i[m_e])$  and let

$$\tilde{\phi}^i: V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_{\tilde{Q}_i}} \longrightarrow \tilde{E}^i(m_e)$$

be the universal quotient. The homomorphism

$$\wedge^{r_{\mathcal{F}_i}}(V_{i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_{\tilde{Q}_i}}) \xrightarrow{\wedge^{r_{\mathcal{F}_i}}(\tilde{\phi}^i \otimes 1)} \wedge^{r_{\mathcal{F}_i}}(\tilde{E}^i(m_e)) \longrightarrow \det(\tilde{E}^i(m_e))$$

defines a morphism of  $\tilde{Q}_i$  to  $\tilde{Z}_i$ . Let us denote its scheme theoretic image by  $\bar{Q}_i$ . By virtue of Lemma 3.7, every geometric point of  $(\bar{Q}_i)_y$  is excellent in  $(\tilde{Z}_i)_y$ . Since the morphism  $\tilde{\tau}_i: R_i \rightarrow \tilde{Z}_i$  is factored by  $\bar{Q}_i$ ,  $\tilde{R}_i^{ss}(e, e')$  is a subscheme of  $\bar{Q}_i \times \prod_j G_{i,j}$ . Therefore, every geometric point of  $\tilde{R}_i^{ss}(e, e')_y$  is excellent.  $\square$

Let  $s$  be a  $k$ -valued geometric point of  $S$  and let  $(E_*, \varphi)$ ,  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  and  $(E''_*, \varphi'')$  be parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs on  $X_s$  satisfying the conditions (2.0.2) and (2.0.3) with  $N_0 = 0$ . Assume that we have an exact sequence of parabolic pairs

$$(4.3.0) \quad 0 \longrightarrow (E'_*, \varphi') \xrightarrow{f} (E_*, \varphi) \xrightarrow{g} (E''_*, \varphi'') \longrightarrow 0.$$

Set  $V = H^0(E)$ ,  $r = \text{rk}(E)$ ,  $L = \det E$ ,  $N_i = \dim_k H^0(E/F_{i+1}(E))$  and let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_i$  be weights of  $E_*$ . For  $E'_*$  (or,  $E''_*$ ), let us denote similarly those for  $E'_*$  (or,  $E''_*$ ) by attaching ' (or, '', resp.), for example  $V' = H^0(E')$ . We have a natural surjections  $\eta: V \otimes_k \mathcal{O}_{X_s} \rightarrow E$  and also have  $\eta'$  or  $\eta''$  for  $E'$  or  $E''$  respectively. Then  $\eta$  defines a  $k$ -valued point of  $P_{S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)}(V, r, L)$  by

$$\wedge^r(V \otimes_k S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)) \xrightarrow{\wedge^r \eta} \wedge^r E \longrightarrow \det E = L.$$

where  $\tilde{\eta} = \varphi^a \circ (\eta \otimes 1)$ . Moreover, for each  $i$ , a natural surjection  $\phi_i: V = H^0(E) \rightarrow H^0(E/F_{i+1}(E))$  defines a  $k$ -valued point of  $G(V, N_i)$ . Thus,  $\eta$  and  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_i$  defines a  $k$ -valued point  $x$  of  $\Theta = \Theta_{S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)}(V, r, L, N_*, \alpha_*)$ . Similarly, we get a  $k$ -valued point  $x'$  (or,  $x''$ ) of  $\Theta' = \Theta_{S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)}(V', r', L', N'_*, \alpha'_*)$  (or,  $\Theta'' = \Theta_{S_r^*(\Omega^\vee)}(V'', r'', L'', N''_*, \alpha''_*)$ , resp.).

**Lemma 4.3.** *Under the above situation,  $x$  is an extension of  $x''$  by  $x'$  with the underlying exact sequence*



$$(4.3.1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow V' \xrightarrow{H^0(f)} V \xrightarrow{H^0(g)} V'' \longrightarrow 0.$$

Moreover,  $x$  is a direct sum of  $x'$  and  $x''$  under (4.3.1) if and only if the sequence (4.3.0) splits as an exact sequence of parabolic pairs.

*Proof.* Set  $\tilde{\Omega} = S^*(\Omega^\vee)$ . We have an exact commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & V' \otimes_k \tilde{\Omega} & \xrightarrow{H^0(f) \otimes 1} & V \otimes_k \tilde{\Omega} & \xrightarrow{H^0(g) \otimes 1} & V'' \otimes_k \tilde{\Omega} \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \tilde{\eta}' & & \downarrow \tilde{\eta} & & \downarrow \tilde{\eta}'' \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & E' & \xrightarrow{f} & E & \xrightarrow{g} & E'' \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

The condition (3.1.1) is clear. To prove the commutativity of the diagram in (3.1.2.1), we may assume that  $\tilde{\Omega}, E, E'$  and  $E''$  are free and  $E \simeq E' \oplus E''$  because it is enough to prove that on a open set  $U$  of  $X_s$  with  $\text{codim}(X_s, U) \leq 2$  and moreover, the question is local on  $X_s$ . For  $a_1, \dots, a_r \in V' \otimes_k \tilde{\Omega}$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_{r''} \in V \otimes_k \tilde{\Omega}$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi(T_x(a_1, \dots, a_r) \otimes T_x(b_1, \dots, b_{r''})) \\ &= \phi((\tilde{\eta}'(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}'(a_r)) \otimes (\tilde{\eta}''(b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}''(b_{r''}))) \\ &= \phi((\tilde{\eta}'(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}'(a_r)) \otimes (g(\tilde{\eta}(b_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge g(\tilde{\eta}(b_{r''})))) \\ &= f(\tilde{\eta}'(a_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge f(\tilde{\eta}'(a_r)) \wedge \tilde{\eta}(b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}(b_{r''}) \\ &= \tilde{\eta}(f'(a_1)) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}(f'(a_r)) \wedge \tilde{\eta}(b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \tilde{\eta}(b_{r''}) \\ &= T_x(f'(a_1), \dots, f'(a_r), b_1, \dots, b_{r''}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $f' = H^0(f)$ ,  $g' = H^0(g) \otimes 1$  and  $\phi$  is a natural isomorphism of  $L' \otimes L''$  to  $L$ . Thus, the condition (3.1.2) is proved. For each  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $V_x^\alpha = \ker(\phi^{i-1})$  and  $E_x = F_i(E)$  when  $\alpha_{i-1} < \alpha \leq \alpha_i$ . By virtue of (2.0.3),  $\ker(\phi^{i-1}) = H^0(F_i(E))$ . Hence, we have that  $H^0(E_x) = V_x^\alpha$  for each  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . Therefore, the condition (3.1.2.2) and (3.1.3) hold by the exactness of (4.3.0).

To prove the second assertion, assume that there exists a  $k$ -linear map  $i: V'' \rightarrow V$  satisfying the conditions in Definition 3.3. Let  $E'''$  be the image of  $\tilde{\eta} \circ (i \otimes 1): V'' \otimes_k S^*(\Omega^\vee) \rightarrow E$ . Then  $E'''$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant. Since  $i$  is a section of  $g'$ ,  $g(E''') = E''$ . Hence,  $E' + E''' = E$ . If  $E' \cap E'''$  is not zero, then  $r''' = \text{rk}(E''') > \text{rk}(E') = r''$ . Take local sections  $a_1, \dots, a_{r''}$  of  $E''$  and  $a_{r''+1}, \dots, a_r$  of  $E'$  so that  $a_1, \dots, a_r$  are linearly independent over  $k(\xi)$  where  $\xi$  is the generic point of  $X_s$ . Moreover, take local sections  $b_1, \dots, b_{r''}$  of  $i(V'') \otimes_k S^*(\Omega^\vee)$  and  $b_{r''+1}, \dots, b_r$  of  $f(V') \otimes_k S^*(\Omega^\vee)$  such that  $\tilde{\eta}(b_j) = a_j$  for all  $j$ . Then  $T_x(b_1, \dots, b_r) \neq 0$  which contradicts the condition  $T_x|_{i(V''); r''', V; r-r'''} = 0$  in Definition 3.3. Hence,  $E''' \cap E'$  is zero and so  $g|_{E'''}: E''' \rightarrow E''$  is the isomorphism. Applying this argument to  $E_x$ , we know that the image of  $\tilde{\eta} \circ (i \otimes 1): V_x''' \otimes_k S^*(\Omega^\vee) \rightarrow E$  is a  $\varphi$ -invariant submodule  $E_x''$  of  $E'''$  such that  $g|_{E_x''}: E_x''' \rightarrow E_x''$  is an isomorphism. Thus  $g|_{E_x''}^{-1}$  is the desired section. Conversely, if (4.3.0) splits as an exact sequence of parabolic pairs. If  $i$  is the given section, then  $H^0(i)$  is clearly the section of  $H^0(g)$  and

$H^0(i)(V_x''^{\otimes s}) \subset V_x^{\otimes s}$ . Since  $\eta''(H^0(i)(V'') \otimes_k \mathcal{L}_{X_s}) \simeq E''$  and its rank is  $r''$ ,  $T_x|_{[i(V'')];s,V;r-s} = 0$  for  $s > r''$ .  $\square$

By virtue of Proposition 3.11, we obtain the following results on  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -orbits of  $R_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e')$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $s$  be a  $k$ -valued geometric point of  $S$  and let  $((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t)$  be parabolic  $e'$ -stable  $\Omega$ -pairs on  $X_s$  such that  $\bigoplus_i ((\bar{E}_i)_*, \varphi_i)$  is in  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_1$ . Let  $y$  be a  $k$ -valued point of  $P_1$  corresponding to an invertible sheaf  $\bigotimes_{i=1}^t \det(\bar{E}_i(m_e))$ . Then there exists a  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed subset  $Z((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t)$  of  $(R_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e'))_y = (v_1)^{-1}(y) \cap R_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e')$  such that*

$$(4.4.1) \quad \tilde{\Psi}_1(Z((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t))) \text{ is closed in } (\tilde{Z}_1 \times \prod_i G_{1,i})_y^{\mathrm{ss}},$$

(4.4.2) for every algebraically closed field  $K$  containing  $k$ ,

$$Z(((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t))(K) = \{x \in (R_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e'))_y(K) \mid \mathrm{gr}((\tilde{E}^1(m_e)_*, \tilde{\varphi}^1)_x) \simeq \bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e))_K\},$$

(4.4.3) the  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -orbit of  $x_0$  corresponding to  $\bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e))$  is the unique closed orbit in  $Z((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $((\bar{E}_i)_*, \varphi_i)$  (or,  $\bigoplus_{j=1}^i ((\bar{E}_j)_*, \varphi_j)$ ) is in  $\mathcal{F}_{\zeta_i}$  (or,  $\mathcal{F}_i$ , resp.) and let  $y'_i$  (or,  $y_i$ , resp.) be the  $k$ -valued geometric point of  $P_{\zeta_i}$  (or,  $P_i$ , resp.) corresponding to  $L'_i = \det(\bar{E}_i(m_e))$  (or,  $L_i = \bigotimes_{j=1}^i \det(\bar{E}_j(m_e))$ , resp.). Then we have a natural isomorphism  $\phi_i: L_{i-1} \otimes L'_i \rightarrow L_i$ . Note that  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_i$ , hence,  $t_i = 1$ . By virtue of Lemma 4.1,  $\bar{E}_i(m_e)$  is generated by its global sections for each  $i$ . Hence, we have a surjection

$$\bar{\eta}_i: V_{\zeta_i, e} \otimes_{\mathcal{L}_{X_s}} \longrightarrow \bar{E}_i(m_e).$$

Let  $x'_i$  be a  $k$ -valued point of  $R_{\zeta_i}^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e')_{y'_i}$  corresponding to  $(\bar{\eta}_i, (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e)))$ . Set

$$z'_i = \tilde{\Psi}_{\zeta_i}(x'_i) \in (\tilde{Z}_{\zeta_i} \times \prod_j G_{\zeta_i, j})_{y'_i}.$$

By virtue of Lemma 4.2, applying Proposition 3.11 to the case where  $D_i = \tilde{R}_{\zeta_i}^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e')_{y'_i}$  and  $S_i = z'_i$ , we obtain a  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed set  $Z(z'_1, \dots, z'_t)$  of  $R' = \tilde{R}_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e')_y$  which satisfies the condition  $(*)_t$  in Proposition 3.11. For a permutation  $\delta$  of  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ , a  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed set  $Z(z'_{\delta(1)}, \dots, z'_{\delta(t)})$  is similarly defined. Set  $Z' = \bigcup_{\delta \in \mathcal{S}_t} Z(z'_{\delta(1)}, \dots, z'_{\delta(t)})$  where  $\mathcal{S}_t$  is the permutation group of  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ . Then  $Z'$  is the  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed set of  $R'$  (hence, of  $(\tilde{Z}_1 \times \prod_i G_{1,i})_y^{\mathrm{ss}}$ ). We claim that  $Z'$  is closed subset of  $R'' = \tilde{\Psi}_1((R_1^{\mathrm{ss}}(e, e'))_y)$ . Since  $C = R' - R''$  is a  $\mathrm{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed set, if  $Z' \cap C$  is not empty, it contains the unique closed orbit  $o(z'_1, \dots, z'_t)$  of  $z'_1 \oplus \dots \oplus z'_t$  in  $Z'$ . By virtue of Lemma 4.3,  $o(z'_1, \dots, z'_t) = \tilde{\Psi}_1(o(\bar{\eta}, \bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e))))$  where  $\bar{\eta}$  is a natural surjection

$$V_{1,e} \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_x} \simeq \bigoplus_i V_{\zeta_i,e} \otimes_{\Xi} \mathcal{L}_{X_x} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_i \bar{E}_i(m_e).$$

Hence,  $Z' \cap C$  is empty. Set  $Z = Z((\bar{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\bar{E}_t)_*, \varphi_t) = \tilde{\Psi}_1^{-1}(Z')$ . Let us prove that  $Z$  is the desired set. Since  $\tilde{\Psi}_1(Z) = Z'$ , (4.4.1) and (4.4.3) are already proved.

Finally, let us prove (4.4.2). Let  $x$  be a  $K$ -valued point of  $(R_1^{ss}(e, e'))_y$  such that  $\text{gr}((\tilde{E}^1(m_e)_*, \tilde{\varphi}^1)_x) \simeq \bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e))_K$ . Then we can find a Jordan-Hölder filtration of  $(E_*, \varphi) = (\tilde{E}^1(m_e)_*, \tilde{\varphi}^1)_x$

$$0 = J_0(E) \subset J_1(E) \subset \dots \subset J_t(E) = E$$

where  $J_j(E)$  are  $\varphi$ -invariant subsheaves of  $E$ . Set  $\bar{J}_j(E) = J_j(E)/J_{j-1}(E)$ . Then  $(J_j(E)_*, \varphi_j)$  and  $(\bar{J}_j(E)_*, \bar{\varphi}_j)$  are strictly parabolic  $e'$ -semi-stable (see Lemma 3.5 of [10] which can be easily extended to our case) with respect to the induced structures where  $\varphi_j$  and  $\bar{\varphi}_j$  are the canonical induced parabolic homomorphisms. By our assumption, there is a permutation  $\delta$  of  $\{1, \dots, t\}$  such that  $(\bar{J}_j(E)_*, \bar{\varphi}_j) \simeq (\bar{E}_{\delta(j)}(m_e)_*, \varphi_{\delta(j)}(m_e))_K$ . Now by virtue of Lemma 4.3, we conclude that  $\tilde{\Psi}_1(x)$  is in  $Z(z'_{\delta(1)}, \dots, z'_{\delta(t)})(K) \subset Z'(K)$ . Hence,  $x$  is in  $Z(K)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $x$  is in  $Z(K)$ . Take a Jordan-Hölder filtration as above. Then  $(\bar{J}_i(E)(-m_e)_*, \bar{\varphi}_i(-m_e))$  is a member of some  $\mathcal{F}_{\lambda_i}$ . Hence, we obtain a  $K$ -valued point  $w'_i$  of  $(\tilde{Z}_{\lambda_i} \times \prod_j G_{\lambda_i, j})_{u'_i}$  where  $u'_i$  is a  $K$ -valued point of  $P_{\lambda_i}$  corresponding to  $\det(\bar{J}_i(E))$  as  $z'_i$  is obtained from  $((\bar{E}_i)_*, \varphi_i)$ . Moreover, we know that  $\tilde{\Psi}_1(x)$  is in  $Z(w'_1, \dots, w'_t)$ . On the other hand,  $\tilde{\Psi}_1(x)$  is in  $Z'(K)$ . Since  $Z(w'_1, \dots, w'_t)$  and  $Z'(K)$  are  $\text{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed subsets of  $R' = \bar{R}_1^{ss}(e, e')_y$ ,  $Z(w'_1, \dots, w'_t) \cap Z'(K)$  contains a closed orbit. By the uniqueness of the closed orbit in  $Z(w'_1, \dots, w'_t)$  or  $Z'(K)$ , we conclude that  $o(z'_1, \dots, z'_t) = o(w'_1, \dots, w'_t)$ . Therefore,  $\bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi(m_e))$  and  $\bigoplus_i (\bar{J}_i(E)_*, \bar{\varphi}_i)$  are in the same orbit, equivalently  $\bigoplus_i (\bar{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi(m_e)) \simeq \bigoplus_i (\bar{J}_i(E)_*, \bar{\varphi}_i)$ .  $\square$

By virtue of Theorem 4 of [20], there exists a good quotient

$$\zeta: \tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e') \longrightarrow Y$$

and  $Y$  is projective over  $S$ . Set

$$\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'} = Y - \zeta(\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e') - R_1^{ss}(e, e')).$$

Then  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  is quasi-projective over  $S$ . Moreover, it contains  $M_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'} = \zeta(R_1^s(e, e'))$  as an open subscheme.

**Proposition 4.5.**  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  has the following properties:

(4.5.1) For each geometric point  $s$  of  $S$ , there exists a natural bijection

$$\bar{\theta}_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(\text{Spec}(k(s))) \longrightarrow \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(k(s)).$$

(4.5.2) For  $T \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and a flat family of strictly parabolic  $e'$ -semi-stable  $\Omega$ -pairs  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on  $X_T/T$ , there exists a morphism  $\bar{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}^{e, e'}$  of  $T$  to  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  such that

$$\tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}^{e, e'}(t) = \bar{\theta}_s([(E_* \otimes_T k(t), \varphi \otimes_T k(t))])$$

for all points  $t$  in  $T(k(s))$ . Moreover, for a morphism  $g: T' \rightarrow T$  in  $(Sch/S)$ ,

$$\tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}^{e, e'} \circ g = \tilde{f}_{(1_X \times g)^*(E_*, \varphi)}^{e, e'}.$$

(4.5.3) If  $\bar{M}' \in (Sch/S)$  and maps  $\bar{\theta}'_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(\text{Spec}(k(s))) \rightarrow \bar{M}'(k(s))$  have the above property (4.5.2), then there exists a unique  $S$ -morphism  $\bar{\Psi}$  of  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  to  $\bar{M}'$  such that  $\bar{\Psi}(k(s)) \circ \bar{\theta}_s = \bar{\theta}'_s$  and  $\bar{\Psi} \circ \tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}^{e, e'} = \tilde{f}'_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  for all geometric points  $s$  of  $S$  and for all  $(E_*, \varphi)$ , where  $\tilde{f}'_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  is the morphism given by the property (4.5.2), for  $\bar{M}'$  and  $\bar{\theta}'_s$ .

*Proof.* For two  $K$ -valued geometric points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e')$ ,  $\zeta(x_1) = \zeta(x_2)$  if and only if  $\overline{o(x_1)} \cap \overline{o(x_2)}$  is not empty. Let  $K$  be an algebraically closed field. For  $K$ -valued point  $x$  of  $(R_1^{ss}(e, e'))_y$ , set  $\text{gr}(x) = \text{gr}((\tilde{E}^1(m_e)_*, \tilde{\varphi}^1)_x)$ . If  $\text{gr}(x) \simeq \bigoplus_i (\tilde{E}_i(m_e)_*, \varphi_i(m_e))$ , by Proposition 4.4,  $x$  is contained in  $\text{GL}(V_{1,e})$ -invariant closed subset  $Z(x) = Z(((\tilde{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1), \dots, ((\tilde{E}_1)_*, \varphi_1))$  of  $(R_1^{ss}(e, e'))_y$  satisfying conditions (4.4.1), (4.4.2) and (4.4.3). By (4.4.2),  $x$  is in  $Z(x)$ . By (4.4.1) and (4.4.3), we conclude that for  $x$  and  $x'$  in  $(R_1^{ss}(e, e'))_y(K)$ ,  $\zeta(x) = \zeta(x')$  if and only if  $\text{gr}(x) \simeq \text{gr}(x')$ . Moreover, if  $x \in (R_1^{ss}(e, e'))_y(K)$  and  $x' \in \tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e') - R_1^{ss}(e, e')$ , since  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e') - R_1^{ss}(e, e')$  and  $Z(x)$  are closed in  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e')$ ,  $\zeta(x) \neq \zeta(x')$ . Thus (4.5.1) is proved. The construction of the morphisms in (4.5.2) is completely same as that of (2.8.2). Finally, the morphism of (4.5.3) is similarly constructed as in the proof of (2.8.3) by the isomorphism  $\sigma^*((\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi})) \simeq p_2^*((\tilde{E}(m)_*, \tilde{\varphi}))$  and the fact that  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  is the geometric quotient.  $\square$

The construction of a moduli scheme of the functor  $\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  is completely same as in §4 of [10], that is,  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'} = \varprojlim_e \bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** In the situation of (2.0.1), there exists an  $S$ -scheme  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  with the following properties:

(4.6.1)  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  is locally of finite type and separated over  $S$ .

(4.6.2) There exists a coarse moduli scheme  $M_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  of  $\text{par-}\Sigma_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  and it is contained in  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  as an open subscheme.

(4.6.3) For each geometric point  $s$  of  $S$ , there exists a natural bijection

$$\bar{\theta}_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(\text{Spec}(k(s))) \longrightarrow \bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(k(s)).$$

(4.6.4) For  $T \in (Sch/S)$  and a flat family of parabolic semi-stable pairs  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on  $X_T/T$ , there exists a morphism  $\tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  of  $T$  to  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  such that for all points  $t$  in  $T(k(s))$ ,  $\tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t) = \bar{\theta}_s([(E_* \otimes_T k(t), \varphi \otimes_T k(t))])$ . Moreover, for a morphism  $g: T' \rightarrow T$  in  $(Sch/S)$ ,

$$\tilde{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)} \circ g = \tilde{f}_{(1_X \times g)^*(E_*, \varphi)}.$$

(4.6.5) If  $\bar{M}' \in (Sch/S)$  and maps  $\bar{\theta}'_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}(\text{Spec}(k(s))) \rightarrow \bar{M}'(k(s))$  have

the above property (4.6.4), then there exists a unique  $S$ -morphism  $\bar{\Psi}$  of  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  to  $\bar{M}'$  such that  $\bar{\Psi}(k(s)) \circ \bar{\theta}_s = \bar{\theta}'_s$  and  $\bar{\Psi} \circ \bar{f}_{(E_*, \varphi)} = \bar{f}'_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  for all geometric points  $s$  of  $S$  and for all  $(E_*, \varphi)$ , where  $\bar{f}'_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  is the morphism given by the property (4.6.4) for  $\bar{M}'$  and  $\bar{\theta}'_s$ .

*Proof.* The proof of (4.6.1) is completely same as Theorem 2.9. (4.6.2) is already proved. (4.6.3) is clear, because we have that

$$\text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}(\text{Spec}(k(s))) = \bigcup_e \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}(\text{Spec}(k(s))).$$

Moreover, (4.6.4) and (4.6.5) are easy by Proposition 1.11 and the proof of Theorem 2.9. □

If  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  is bounded, then there exists an integer  $e$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*} = \mathcal{F}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ . Hence, we have

**Corollary 4.7.** *If  $\mathcal{F}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  is bounded, then  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*}$  is quasi-projective over  $S$ .*

### 5. Compactness of moduli spaces

In this section, we shall prove some compactness theorems. As in the case of semi-stable Higgs bundles, we shall construct a morphism from the moduli scheme of parabolic semi-stable pairs to an affine space of characteristic polynomials and prove the properness of the map along the method of S. G. Langton [8].

First of all, let us generalize the notion of  $(\mu)$ -semi-stability of parabolic pairs. Let  $k$  be a field. For a parabolic sheaf  $E_*$  on a fibre  $X_k$ , set

$$\text{par-}P_{E_*} = \frac{d \cdot m^n}{n!} + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(E_*) m^{n-i}.$$

where  $d$  is the degree of  $X_k$  and  $n$  is the dimension of  $X_k$ . Let us introduce the lexicographic order into  $\mathbf{R} \times \cdots \times \mathbf{R}$ , i.e.  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_r) < (\mu'_1, \dots, \mu'_r)$  if and only if  $\mu_j < \mu'_j$  for  $j = \min \{i | \mu_i \neq \mu'_i\}$ . In §1,  $(\mu)$ -semi-stability was defined only on parabolic pairs on schemes over algebraically closed fields, but we need them over arbitrary fields.

**Definition 5.1.** Let  $k$  be a field over  $S$  and let  $(E_*, \varphi)$  be a parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair on a fibre  $X_k$ .  $(E_*, \varphi)$  is said to be semi-stable of level  $i$ , if for all  $\varphi_{\bar{k}}$ -invariant coherent subsheaves  $F$  of  $E_{\bar{k}}$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E_{\bar{k}}$  and with torsion free quotient  $E_{\bar{k}}/F$ , we have

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) \leq (\mu_1(E_*), \dots, \mu_i(E_*))$$

where  $\bar{k}$  is the algebraic closure of  $k$  and  $F_*$  has the induced structure, i.e.  $F_x = F \cap (E_x)_{\bar{k}}$ .

**Remark 5.2.** Semi-stability of level 1 is equivalent to  $\mu$ -semi-stability and semi-stability of level  $n = \dim X_k$  is equivalent to semi-stability. Clearly, for each  $i$ , semi-stability of level  $i$  implies that of level  $i - 1$ .

**Definition 5.3.** Let  $k$  be a field over  $S$  and let  $(E_*, \varphi)$  be a parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair on a fibre  $X_k$ . A filtration of  $(E_*, \varphi)$

$$0 \subset (E_*^1, \varphi^1) \subset \dots \subset (E_*^l, \varphi^l) = (E_*, \varphi)$$

is said to be a Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$ , if for each  $j$ , the following conditions are satisfied;

(5.3.1)  $(E_*^j, \varphi^j)$  has the induced structure.

(5.3.2)  $\bar{E}^j = E^j/E^{j-1}$  is torsion free.

(5.3.3)  $((\bar{E}^j)_*, \bar{\varphi}^j)$  with the induced structure is semi-stable of level  $i$ .

(5.3.4)  $(\mu_1(\bar{E}_*^j), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{E}_*^j)) > (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*^{j+1}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{E}_*^{j+1}))$ .

Harder-Narasimhan filtrations of level 1 (or, of level  $n$ ) are sometimes called  $\mu$ -Harder-Narasimhan filtrations (or, Harder-Narasimhan filtrations, resp.).

**Proposition 5.4.** *Let  $k$  be a field over  $S$ . Every parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on a fibre  $X_k$  has a unique Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$ .*

*Proof.* First of all, let us prove the proposition by induction on the rank of  $E$  under the situation that the base field  $k$  is algebraically closed. If  $\text{rk}(E) = 0$ , there is nothing to prove. Assume the assertion holds for all parabolic pairs of rank  $< \text{rk}(E)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a set of all  $\varphi$ -invariant coherent subsheaves  $F$  of  $E$  such that  $E/F$  is torsion free and that

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) \geq (\mu_1(E_*), \dots, \mu_i(E_*)),$$

where  $F_*$  has the induced structure. Note that by Riemann-Roch theorem,

$$\mu_1(E_*) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left\{ \left( \mu(E) + \frac{c_1(X)}{2} \right) + \frac{\text{wt}(E_*)}{\text{rk}(E)} \right\}.$$

Moreover, we have inequalities  $0 \leq \text{wt}(E_*) \leq \text{rk}(E) \deg D$ . Hence, the set of degrees of members of  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded below. By virtue of Corollary 1.2.1 of [12],  $\mathcal{F}$  is bounded and hence, the set of polynomials

$$\{\text{par-}P_{F_*}(m) \mid F \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } F_* \text{ has the induced structure}\}$$

is a finite set. Thus, there exists a member  $F$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*))$  is maximal among all members of  $\mathcal{F}$  (with respect to induced structures). Let us take such a member  $F$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  whose rank is maximal among all such members. Then  $(F_*, \varphi)$  with induced structure is semi-stable of level  $i$ . By our induction hypothesis,  $((E/F)_*, \bar{\varphi})$  with induced structure has a unique Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$ ;

$$0 \subset ((E^1/F)_*, \bar{\varphi}) \subset \dots \subset ((E^i/F)_*, \bar{\varphi}) = ((E/F)_*, \bar{\varphi}).$$

We claim that the filtration

$$0 \subset (F_*, \varphi) \subset (E_*^1, \varphi) \subset \dots \subset (E_*^i, \varphi) = (E_*, \varphi)$$

gives a Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  where each  $(E_*^j, \varphi)$  has the induced structure. We may assume that  $E/F \neq 0$ . It is enough to prove that

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) > (\mu_1((E^1/F)_*), \dots, \mu_i((E^1/F)_*)).$$

We have an equality

$$\text{par-}\chi(F_*(m)) + \text{par-}\chi((E^1/F)_*(m)) = \text{par-}\chi(E_*^1(m)).$$

Hence, we get

$$\text{rk}(F)(\text{par-}P_{F_*}(m) - \text{par-}P_{E_*^1}(m)) = \text{rk}(E^1/F)(\text{par-}P_{E_*^1}(m) - \text{par-}P_{E^1/F_*}(m)).$$

Therefore, by the choice of  $F$ ,

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) > (\mu_1(E_*^1), \dots, \mu_i(E_*^1)) > (\mu_1((E^1/F)_*), \dots, \mu_i((E^1/F)_*)).$$

Now we shall prove the uniqueness. The following lemma is easily proved, so we omit its proof.

**Lemma 5.5.** *Let  $(E_*, \varphi)$  and  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  be parabolic pairs which are semi-stable of level  $i$ . If there exists a non-zero homomorphism of parabolic pairs of  $(E_*, \varphi)$  to  $(E'_*, \varphi')$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$(\mu_1(E_*), \dots, \mu_i(E_*)) \leq (\mu_1(E'_*), \dots, \mu_i(E'_*)).$$

Let  $0 \subset (E_*^1, \varphi) \subset \dots \subset (E_*^i, \varphi) = (E_*, \varphi)$  be another Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$ . If  $F \subseteq E'^j$  and  $F \not\subseteq E'^{j-1}$  ( $E^0 = 0$ ), then we have a natural non-zero homomorphism of parabolic pairs

$$(F_*, \varphi) \longrightarrow ((E'^j/E'^{j-1})_*, \bar{\varphi}).$$

Hence, by Lemma 5.5, we obtain an inequality

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) \leq (\mu_1((E'^j/E'^{j-1})_*), \dots, \mu_i((E'^j/E'^{j-1})_*)).$$

If  $j \geq 2$ , then the right-hand side is less than  $(\mu_1(E_*^1), \dots, \mu_i(E_*^1))$ . It contradicts the choice of  $F$ . Hence,  $j = 1$ . Then by the above inequality and the choice of  $F$ , we conclude that  $F = E^1$ . This and our induction hypothesis imply the assertion.

Now let us prove our proposition over arbitrary fields  $k$ . Let  $\bar{k}$  be the algebraic closure of  $k$ . By induction on the rank of  $E$ , it is enough to prove that the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(E_*, \varphi)_{\bar{k}}$  is defined over the base field  $k$ . Set  $Q = \text{Quot}(E/X_k/k)$ . The first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(E_*, \varphi)_{\bar{k}}$  corresponds to a  $\bar{k}$ -valued point of  $Q$ . Let  $x$  be the scheme point of  $Q$  defined by the  $\bar{k}$ -valued point. We

claim that the residue field  $K$  of the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{Q,x}$  must be  $k$ . Note that the extension of fields  $K/k$  is a finite extension. If  $K/k$  is not purely inseparable, then there exist at least two embeddings of fields of  $K$  to  $\bar{k}$  over  $k$ . It contradicts the uniqueness of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$ . Hence,  $K/k$  is a purely inseparable field extension. Set  $B = K \otimes_k \bar{k}$ .  $B$  is an artinian local ring with residue field  $\bar{k}$ . We have an exact sequence of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_K}$ -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow F \xrightarrow{f} E_K \xrightarrow{g} G \longrightarrow 0$$

such that  $F_{\bar{k}}$  gives the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(E_{\bar{k}}, \varphi_{\bar{k}})$ . Note that  $F$  and  $G$  are  $\varphi_K$ -invariant and torsion free because these hold over  $\bar{k}$ . Hence, setting  $F_* = (E_x)_K \cap F$ ,  $(F_*, \varphi_*)$  becomes a parabolic pair. Let us consider the following homomorphism

$$\zeta: F \otimes_K B \xrightarrow{f_B} E_B \xrightarrow{g_{\bar{k}} \otimes 1_B} G \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} B.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the maximal ideal of  $B$ . If  $\zeta$  is not zero, then for some  $i$ , we have  $\zeta(F \otimes_K B) \subseteq G \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} \mathfrak{m}^i$  and  $\zeta(F \otimes_K B) \not\subseteq G \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} \mathfrak{m}^{i+1}$ . Hence, we get a non-zero homomorphism

$$\bar{\zeta}: F_{\bar{k}} \simeq F \otimes_K B \otimes_B B/\mathfrak{m} \longrightarrow G \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} \mathfrak{m}^i/\mathfrak{m}^{i+1} \simeq G_{\bar{k}} \otimes_{\bar{k}} \mathfrak{m}^i/\mathfrak{m}^{i+1}.$$

There is an element  $\delta$  of  $\text{Hom}_{\bar{k}}(\mathfrak{m}^i/\mathfrak{m}^{i+1}, \bar{k})$  such that  $(1_{G_{\bar{k}}} \otimes \delta) \circ \bar{\zeta}$  is not zero. Since  $\zeta(F_x \otimes_K B) \subseteq G_x \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} \mathfrak{m}^i$ , we obtain a non-zero homomorphism of parabolic pairs

$$(1_{G_{\bar{k}}} \otimes \delta) \circ \bar{\zeta}: (F_*)_{\bar{k}} \longrightarrow (G_*)_{\bar{k}}.$$

By the same argument used in the above proof of the uniqueness of Harder-Narasimhan filtrations, such a non-zero homomorphism does not exist. Hence, we conclude that  $\zeta$  must be zero. It implies that two quotients

$$E_B \xrightarrow{g_B} G_B \text{ and } E_B \xrightarrow{g_{\bar{k}} \otimes 1_B} G \otimes_K \bar{k} \otimes_{\bar{k}} B$$

are same quotients. Hence, corresponding  $B$ -valued homomorphisms of  $Q$  are also the same one, i.e.

$$(K \ni a \longrightarrow a \otimes 1 \in B) = (K \ni a \longrightarrow 1 \otimes a \in B).$$

Therefore,  $K = k$  and  $F$  is defined over  $k$ . □

**Corollary 5.6.**  *$(E_*, \varphi)$  is semi-stable of level  $i$  if and only if for all  $\varphi$ -invariant coherent subsheaves  $F$  of  $E$  with  $0 \neq F \neq E$ , the following inequality holds*

$$(\mu_1(F_*), \dots, \mu_i(F_*)) \leq (\mu_1(E_*), \dots, \mu_i(E_*)).$$

where  $F_*$  has the induced structure.

From now on, let  $R$  be a discrete valuation ring over  $S$  and let  $K$  ( $k$  or  $\pi$ )



be the quotient field (residue field or uniformizing parameter, resp.) of  $R$ . For a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -module  $E$ , we denote  $E/\pi E = E \otimes_R k$  by  $\bar{E}$ .

**Theorem 5.7.** *Let  $(E_*, \varphi)$  be a flat family of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs on  $X_R/R$ . Assume that  $(E_*, \varphi)_K$  is semi-stable of level  $i$ . Then there exists a  $\varphi$ -invariant  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -submodule  $E'$  of  $E$  such that  $E'_K = E_K$  and  $(E'_*, \varphi')$  is a flat family of parabolic pairs on  $X_R/R$  and  $(E'_*, \varphi')_k$  is semi-stable of level  $i$  where  $E'_\alpha = E' \cap E_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\varphi'$  is a parabolic homomorphism induced from  $\varphi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(\bar{F}_*, \bar{\varphi})$  be the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(\bar{E}_*, \bar{\varphi})$ . Set  $E^{(1)} = \ker(E \rightarrow \bar{E} \rightarrow \bar{E}/\bar{F})$  and  $E_\alpha^{(1)} = E_\alpha \cap E^{(1)}$  for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then  $E_\alpha^{(1)}$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant.

We claim that  $(E_*^{(1)}, \varphi)$  is a flat family of parabolic  $\Omega$ -pairs on  $X/R$ . It is sufficient to prove that for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $E^{(1)}/E_\alpha^{(1)}$  is  $R$ -flat,  $E_{\alpha+1}^{(1)} = E_\alpha^{(1)}(-D)$  and that  $\bar{E}^{(1)}$  is torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}$ -module. Since  $\pi E/\pi E^{(1)} \simeq E/E^{(1)} \simeq \bar{E}/\bar{F}$  and  $\bar{F} \simeq E^{(1)}/\pi E$ , we have an exact sequence

$$(5.7.1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \bar{E}/\bar{F} \xrightarrow{f} \bar{E}^{(1)} \xrightarrow{g} \bar{F} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Hence,  $\bar{E}^{(1)}$  is torsion free. For all  $\alpha \geq 0$ , since  $E^{(1)}/E_\alpha^{(1)}$  is a subsheaf of a torsion free  $R$ -module  $E/E_\alpha$ ,  $E^{(1)}/E_\alpha^{(1)}$  is  $R$ -torsion free, i.e.  $R$ -flat. Finally, since  $E_\alpha/E_\alpha^{(1)}$  is a subsheaf of a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}$ -module  $E/E^{(1)}$ , we get natural injections

$$E_\alpha(-D)/E_\alpha^{(1)}(-D) \simeq (E_\alpha/E_\alpha^{(1)}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-D) \hookrightarrow E_\alpha/E_\alpha^{(1)} \hookrightarrow E/E^{(1)}.$$

Hence,  $E_{\alpha+1}^{(1)} = E^{(1)} \cap E_\alpha(-D) = E_\alpha^{(1)}(-D)$ .

Let  $(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi})$  be the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(\bar{E}_*^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi})$ . We claim that

$$(5.7.2) \quad (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})) \leq (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*)),$$

where the equality holds only if  $g$  maps  $\bar{F}^{(1)}$  to  $\bar{F}$  injectively. Let  $\alpha$  be a non-negative real number. Note that  $\bar{F} \simeq E^{(1)}/\pi E$  and that  $\bar{E}_\alpha \simeq E_\alpha + \pi E/\pi E$ . We have natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{E}_\alpha^{(1)} &= E_\alpha^{(1)} + \pi E^{(1)}/\pi E^{(1)}, \\ (\bar{E}/\bar{F})_\alpha &= \bar{E}_\alpha + \bar{F}/\bar{F} \simeq E_\alpha + E^{(1)}/E^{(1)} \simeq \pi E_\alpha + \pi E^{(1)}/\pi E^{(1)} \text{ and} \\ \bar{F}_\alpha &= \bar{F} \cap \bar{E}_\alpha = (E^{(1)} \cap (E_\alpha + \pi E))/\pi E = E_\alpha^{(1)} + \pi E/\pi E, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\bar{E}/\bar{F})_*$  has the induced structure from  $\bar{E}_*$ . Moreover, since

$$\pi E \cap (E_\alpha^{(1)} + \pi E^{(1)}) = (\pi E \cap E^{(1)} \cap E_\alpha) + \pi E^{(1)} = \pi E_\alpha + \pi E^{(1)},$$

we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \pi E_\alpha + \pi E^{(1)}/\pi E^{(1)} \xrightarrow{f} E_\alpha^{(1)} + \pi E^{(1)}/\pi E^{(1)} \xrightarrow{g} E_\alpha^{(1)} + \pi E/\pi E \longrightarrow 0.$$

Compatibility of  $f$  (or,  $g$ ) and  $\bar{\varphi}$  is easily verified. Thus, the sequence (5.7.2)

induces an exact sequence of parabolic pairs

$$0 \longrightarrow ((\bar{E}/\bar{F})_*, \bar{\varphi}) \xrightarrow{f} (\bar{E}_*^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}) \xrightarrow{g} (\bar{F}_*, \bar{\varphi}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Now, let us provide  $(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi})$  (or,  $(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi})$ ) with the induced substructure (or, quotient structure, resp.) from  $(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi})$ . Then  $(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi})$  (or,  $(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi})$ ) becomes a sub-pair of  $((\bar{E}/\bar{F})_*, \bar{\varphi})$  (or,  $(\bar{F}_*, \bar{\varphi})$ , resp.) and we have an exact sequence of parabolic pairs

$$0 \longrightarrow (f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi}) \longrightarrow (\bar{F}_*^{(1)}, \bar{\varphi}) \longrightarrow (g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*, \bar{\varphi}) \longrightarrow 0.$$

If  $g(\bar{F}^{(1)})$  is not zero, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})) &\leq (\mu_1(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*), \dots, \mu_i(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*)) \\ &\leq (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*)). \end{aligned}$$

If  $f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})$  is not zero, then

$$(5.7.3) \quad (\mu_1(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*), \dots, \mu_i(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*)) < (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*)).$$

Hence, the inequality (5.7.2) always holds. Suppose that the equality holds, then  $g(\bar{F}^{(1)})$  is not zero and we obtain the equality

$$(\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})) = (\mu_1(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*), \dots, \mu_i(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*))$$

If  $f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})$  is not zero, then by the equality

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{rk}(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})) \cdot (\text{par-}P_{f^{-1}(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})}(m) - \text{par-}P_{\bar{F}_*^{(1)}}(m)) \\ &= \text{rk}(g(\bar{F}^{(1)})) \cdot (\text{par-}P_{\bar{F}_*^{(1)}}(m) - \text{par-}P_{g(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*}(m)), \end{aligned}$$

we get

$$(\mu_1(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*), \dots, \mu_i(f^{-1}(\bar{F}^{(1)})_*)) = (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})).$$

which contradicts (5.7.3). Thus we conclude our claim.

Let us construct  $(E_*^{(m)}, \varphi)$  and  $(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}, \bar{\varphi})$  inductively. Set  $(E_*^{(0)}, \varphi) = (E_*, \varphi)$  and  $(\bar{F}_*^{(0)}, \bar{\varphi}) = (\bar{F}_*, \bar{\varphi})$ . Repeating the construction of  $(E_*^{(1)}, \varphi)$  from  $(E_*, \varphi)$ , we obtain a sequence of flat families of parabolic pairs  $(E_*^{(m)}, \varphi)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) which is called the sequence of elementary transformations of level  $i$  of  $(E_*, \varphi)$ . Let  $(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}, \bar{\varphi})$  be the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(\bar{E}_*^{(m)}, \bar{\varphi})$ . Then  $E^{(m+1)} = \ker(E^{(m)} \rightarrow \bar{E}^{(m)}/\bar{F}^{(m)})$ . By virtue of the above argument, we have that for all  $m$ ,

$$(\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m+1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(m+1)})) \leq (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(m)})),$$

where the equality holds only if the natural map  $\phi_m$  of  $\bar{F}^{(m+1)}$  to  $\bar{F}^{(m)}$  is injective. We can easily prove the theorem using the following lemma successively.

**Lemma 5.8.** *Let  $(E_*, \varphi)$  be a flat family of parabolic pairs on  $X_R/R$ .*

Assume that  $(E_*, \varphi)_K$  is semi-stable of level  $i$  and  $(E_*, \varphi)_k$  is semi-stable of level  $i - 1$ . Let  $(E_*^{(m)}, \varphi)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be the sequence of elementary transformations of level  $i$ . Then for sufficiently large integer  $m$ ,  $(\bar{E}_*^{(m)}, \bar{\varphi})$  is semi-stable of level  $i$ .

*Proof of Lemma 5.8.* We have inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*)) &\geq (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)})) \\ &\geq (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(2)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(2)})) \\ &\geq \dots \geq (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{E}_*)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\bar{E}_*$  is semi-stable of level  $i - 1$ , we have

$$(\mu_1(\bar{F}_*), \dots, \mu_{i-1}(\bar{F}_*)) \leq (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*), \dots, \mu_{i-1}(\bar{E}_*)).$$

Hence, for all  $m$ , we have

$$(\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}), \dots, \mu_{i-1}(\bar{F}_*^{(m)})) = (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*), \dots, \mu_{i-1}(\bar{E}_*)).$$

Therefore, we have a descending sequence of rational numbers

$$\mu_i(\bar{F}_*) \geq \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(1)}) \geq \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(2)}) \geq \dots \geq \mu_i(\bar{E}_*).$$

Since the system of weights of  $\bar{F}_*^{(m)}$  is a subset of that of  $\bar{E}_*^{(m)}$  i.e. that of  $\bar{E}_*$ , there exists an integer  $M$  such that for all  $m$ ,  $\mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}) \in \frac{1}{M} \mathbf{Z}$ . Hence, for sufficiently large integer  $N$ ,

$$\mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(N)}) = \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(N+1)}) = \dots = \mu_i.$$

Then the natural homomorphism  $\phi_m$  of  $\bar{F}_*^{(m+1)}$  to  $\bar{F}_*^{(m)}$  is injective for all  $m \geq N$ . We may assume that  $\text{rk}(\bar{F}_*^{(N)}) = \text{rk}(\bar{F}_*^{(N+1)}) = \dots = p$ . For all  $m \geq N$ , we have

$$0 = \mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}) - \mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m+1)}) = \frac{1}{P(n-1)!} \cdot \int_0^1 \text{deg}(\bar{F}_x^{(m)}/\phi_m(\bar{F}_x^{(m+1)})) dx.$$

Hence,  $\text{deg} \bar{F}_x^{(m)} = \text{deg} \bar{F}_x^{(m+1)}$  for all  $x \geq 0$  and for all  $m \geq N$ . We may assume without loss of generality that  $N = 0$ . We claim that  $\mu_i = \mu_i(\bar{E}_*)$ , then since  $(\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(m)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(m)})) = (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*^{(m)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{E}_*^{(m)}))$  for  $m \geq N$ ,  $(\bar{E}_*^{(m)}, \bar{\varphi})$  is semi-stable of level  $i$ . We may assume that  $R$  is complete.

By the argument in the proof of Lemma 2 in §5 of [8], we have the following.

**Lemma 5.9** (S. G. Langton). *Assume that  $R$  is complete. Let  $E$  be a torsion free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module of rank  $r$  and let  $E = E^{(0)} \supseteq E^{(1)} \supseteq \dots \supseteq E^{(m)} \supseteq \dots$  be a sequence of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -submodules such that  $E^{(m+1)} \supseteq \pi E^{(m)}$  and  $E^{(m)}/E^{(m+1)}$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{X}}$ -module for all  $m$ . Let  $\bar{F}^{(m)}$  be the image of the natural homomorphism  $\phi_m: \bar{E}^{(m+1)} \rightarrow \bar{E}^{(m)}$ . Assume that for all  $m$ ,  $\phi_m$  maps  $\bar{F}^{(m+1)}$  to  $\bar{F}^{(m)}$  injectively,  $\text{rk}(\bar{F}^{(m+1)}) = \text{rk}(\bar{F}^{(m)}) = p$  and  $\text{deg}(\bar{F}^{(m+1)}) = \text{deg}(\bar{F}^{(m)})$ . Then there exists an integer  $N$  such that for all  $m \geq N$ ,  $\phi_m: \bar{F}^{(m+1)} \rightarrow \bar{F}^{(m)}$  is an isomorphism and there*

exists a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -submodule  $F$  of  $E^{(N)}$  such that  $F/\pi^m F \simeq E^{(m+N)}/\pi^m E^{(N)}$ .

Let us apply this lemma to our sequence

$$E_x = E_x^{(0)} \supseteq E_x^{(1)} \supseteq \cdots \supseteq E_x^{(m)} \supseteq \cdots$$

for  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Then we obtain an integer  $N_x$  such that for all  $m \geq N_x$ ,  $\phi_m: \bar{F}_x^{(m+1)} \rightarrow \bar{F}_x^{(m)}$  is an isomorphism and there exists a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -submodule  $F_x$  of  $E_x^{(N)}$  such that

$$(5.8.1) \quad F_x/\pi^m F_x \simeq E_x^{(m+N_x)}/\pi^m E_x^{(N)}.$$

Since  $E_{x+1}^{(m)} = E_x^{(m)}(-D)$ , we may assume that  $N_x$  is independent on  $\alpha$ . Set  $N = N_x$ . By virtue of (5.8.1), we have that  $F_x + \pi^m E_x^{(N)} = E_x^{(m+N)}$ . Hence,

$$F_x = \bigcap_{m \geq 0} (F_x + \pi^m E_x^{(N)}) = \bigcap_{m \geq 0} E_x^{(m+N)}.$$

Therefore, for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $F_x$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant and  $F_x = F \cap E_x^{(N)} (F = F_0)$ .

We claim that  $(F_*, \varphi)$  is a flat family of parabolic pairs. We must prove that  $F$  is flat over  $R$ ,  $F/\pi F$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_k}$ -module and that for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $F/F_x$  is flat over  $R$  and  $F_{x+1} = F_x(-D)$ . We have a natural injection

$$F/\pi F \simeq E^{(N+1)}/\pi E^{(N)} \longrightarrow E^{(N)}/\pi E^{(N)}.$$

Hence,  $F/\pi F$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_k}$ -module and  $E^{(N)}/F$  is flat over  $R$ . Since for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $F/F_x \subseteq E^{(N)}/E_x^{(N)}$  and  $E^{(N)}/E_x^{(N)}$  is  $R$ -torsion free,  $F/F_x$  is  $R$ -torsion free i.e.  $R$ -flat.  $E_x^{(N)}/F_x$  is relatively torsion free. In fact,  $E_x^{(N)}/F_x$  is a subsheaf of  $E^{(N)}/F$  which is flat over  $R$ . Hence,  $E_x^{(N)}/F_x$  is flat over  $R$ . We have an isomorphism

$$(E_x^{(N)}/F_x)_k \simeq E_x^{(N)}/E_x^{(N+1)}.$$

Therefore,  $(E_x^{(N)}/F_x)_k$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_k}$ -module. Since torsion freeness is open property (cf. [12]),  $(E_x^{(N)}/F_x)_k$  is also torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_k}$ -module. Thus, by Remark 1.10, the natural homomorphism

$$E_x^{(N)}(-D)/F_x(-D) \simeq (E_x^{(N)}/F_x) \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-D) \longrightarrow E_x^{(N)}/F_x \longrightarrow E^{(N)}/F$$

is injective. Therefore,  $F_{x+1} = E_x^{(N)}(-D) \cap F = F_x(-D)$ .

Now,  $(\bar{F}_*, \bar{\varphi})_k$  is isomorphic to  $(\bar{F}_*^{(N)}, \bar{\varphi})$ . In fact, by (5.8.1), for all  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,

$$F_x/\pi F_x \simeq E_x^{(N+1)} + \pi E_x^{(N)}/\pi E_x^{(N)} \simeq \bar{F}_x^{(N)}.$$

$(F_*, \varphi)_K$  is a sub-pair of  $(E_*^{(N)}, \varphi)_K$ . Hence,

$$(\mu_1((F_*)_K), \dots, \mu_i((F_*)_K)) \leq (\mu_1((E_*^{(N)})_K), \dots, \mu_i((E_*^{(N)})_K)).$$

Since  $(F_*, \varphi)$  and  $(E_*^{(N)}, \varphi)$  are flat families of parabolic pairs, by the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mu_1(\bar{F}_*^{(N)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{F}_*^{(N)})) &= (\mu_1((F_*)_k), \dots, \mu_i((F_*)_k)) \\
 &\leq (\mu_1(\bar{E}_*^{(N)}), \dots, \mu_i(\bar{E}_*^{(N)})).
 \end{aligned}$$

In this inequality, the equality holds because  $(\bar{F}_*^{(N)}, \bar{\varphi})$  is the first term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of level  $i$  of  $(\bar{E}_*^{(N)}, \bar{\varphi})$ . Thus our claim holds.  $\square$

Now, let us define a morphism of the moduli scheme to a space of characteristic polynomials. For a parabolic  $\Omega$ -pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on  $X_k$ , its characteristic polynomial is defined as follows. Let  $t$  be an indeterminate and let

$$t - \varphi: E \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t] \longrightarrow E \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t]$$

be an  $S^*(\Omega)[t]$ -homomorphism defined by

$$(t - \varphi)(e \otimes a) = e \otimes at - \varphi(e)a$$

where  $e$  (or,  $a$ ) is a local section of  $E$  (or,  $S^*(\Omega)[t]$ , resp.) and  $\varphi(e)$  is regarded as a local section of  $E \otimes_X \Omega \subset E \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t]$ . Let  $r$  be the rank of  $E$ . Taking  $r$ -th exterior product over  $S^*(\Omega)[t]$ , we get a homomorphism

$$\wedge^r(t - \varphi): (\wedge^r E) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t] \longrightarrow (\wedge^r E) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t].$$

Let  $U$  be the maximal open set of  $X_k$  such that  $E|_U$  is locally free and let  $\eta$  be the natural inclusion of  $U$  to  $X_k$ . Since  $E$  is torsion free,  $\text{codim}(X_k - U, X_k) \geq 2$ . Hence,  $\det E \simeq \eta_*(\wedge^r E|_U)$ . Thus we obtain a homomorphism

$$\eta_*(\wedge^r(t - \varphi)|_U): (\det E) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t] \longrightarrow (\det E) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega)[t].$$

Tensoring  $(\det E)^\vee$  and taking the image of 1 of  $S^*(\Omega)[t]$ , we obtain an element  $\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t)$  of  $H^0(X_k, S^*(\Omega)[t]_{X_k})$ . Let us call it the characteristic polynomial of  $(E_*, \varphi)$ .  $\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t)$  is determined by its restriction on  $U$ . Moreover, for each open set  $U' \subset U$  such that  $E|_{U'}$  is free,  $\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t)|_{U'}$  is in fact the characteristic polynomial of the  $r \times r$  matrix with elements in  $H^0(U', \Omega_{U'})$ . Therefore,  $\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t)$  is in

$$\bigotimes_{i=0}^r H^0(X_k, S^i(\Omega)_{X_k}) t^{r-i} \subset H^0(X_k, S^*(\Omega)[t]_{X_k})$$

and the coefficient of  $t^r$  is 1. Set

$$\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t) = t^r + a_1((E_*, \varphi)) t^{r-1} + \dots + a_r((E_*, \varphi))$$

where  $a_i((E_*, \varphi))$  is in  $H^0(X_k, S^i(\Omega)_{X_k})$ .

By Proposition 2.2, there exists a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $H(\mathcal{O}_X, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{r-1} S^i(\Omega))$  such that  $A = \mathbf{V}(H(\mathcal{O}_X, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{r-1} S^i(\Omega)))$  represents a functor

$$(\text{Sch}/S) \ni T \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{X_T}(\mathcal{O}_{X_T}, \bigoplus_{i=0}^{r-1} S^i(\Omega)_{X_T}).$$

In particular, for a field  $k$  over  $S$ , we have the natural identification

$$A(k) \simeq \bigoplus_{i=0}^{r-1} H^0(X_k, S^i(\Omega)_{X_k}).$$

The polynomial  $\phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}(t)$  is regarded as an element of  $A(k)$  which corresponds

to  $(a_1((E_*, \varphi)), \dots, a_r((E_*, \varphi)))$  under the above identification.

Characteristic polynomials determine an  $S$ -morphism  $\Phi$  of the moduli scheme  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  to  $A$ . In fact, we have constructed  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  as an inductive limit  $\varinjlim_e \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  and  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e}$  is a good quotient of  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)$ . On  $X_{\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)}$ , we have a universal (parabolic) homomorphism

$$\tilde{\varphi}: \tilde{E} \longrightarrow \tilde{E} \otimes_X \Omega.$$

Let  $U$  be the maximal open set of  $X_{\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)}$  such that  $\tilde{E}|_U$  is locally free. Then we know that

$$\eta_*(\det \tilde{E}|_U) = \det \tilde{E}$$

where  $\eta$  is the natural inclusion map of  $U$  to  $X_{\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)}$  (cf. the proof of Lemma 4.2 of [9]). Thus  $\eta_*(\wedge^r(t - \tilde{\varphi}))$  determines a morphism  $\tilde{\Phi}_e$  of  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)$  to  $A$ . This is clearly a  $\text{GL}(V_1, e)$ -morphism with respect to the trivial action of  $\text{GL}(V_1, e)$  on  $A$ . Since  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  is a categorical quotient of  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)$ ,  $\tilde{\Phi}_e$  induces a morphism  $\Phi_e$  of  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'}$  to  $A$ . It is easy to see that for  $e' \geq e$ ,  $\Phi_e = \Phi_{e'} \circ j_{e, e'}$  for the natural open immersion  $j_{e, e'}: \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e'} \rightarrow \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e', e'}$ . Thus we obtain a morphism  $\Phi$  of  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  to  $A$ . Clearly, for each parabolic pair  $(E_*, \varphi)$  on a geometric fibre  $X_k$  which corresponds to a  $k$ -valued point  $x$  of  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e}$ ,  $\Phi(x) = \phi_{(E_*, \varphi)}$  as a point of  $A(k)$ .

**Theorem 5.10.** *Let  $R$  be a discrete valuation ring over  $A$ . Then the natural map  $v: \text{Hom}_A(\text{Spec}(R), \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(\text{Spec}(K), \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e})$  is bijective.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.6,  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  is separated and locally of finite type over  $S$ . Hence,  $\Phi$  is separated and locally of finite type. Therefore, by the valuative criterion of separatedness,  $v$  is injective. To prove the surjectivity, let us take an  $A$ -morphism  $g$  of  $\text{Spec}(K)$  to  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$ . Then  $g$  is contained in  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e, e}$  for some  $e$ . Hence, there exist a finite extension  $K'$  of  $K$  and a  $K'$ -valued point  $x$  of  $\tilde{R}_1^{ss}(e, e)$  such that  $\zeta(x)$  is the  $K'$ -valued point

$$g': \text{Spec}(K') \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(K) \xrightarrow{g} \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}.$$

Let  $R'$  be an extension of  $R$  whose quotient field is  $K'$ . Thus we have a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Spec}(K') & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(K) & \xrightarrow{g} & \bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec}(R') & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(R) & \longrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

If  $g'$  is extended to an  $A$ -morphism of  $\text{Spec}(R')$  to  $\bar{M}_{\Omega/D/X/S}^{H_*, z_*, e}$  then since  $R' \cap K = R$ , we obtain a desired extension of  $g$ . Hence, we may assume that  $R = R'$ ,  $K = K'$  and  $g = g'$ . The  $K$ -valued point  $x$  corresponds to a strictly  $e$ -semi-stable parabolic pair  $(E_*^1, \varphi^1)$  on a fibre  $X_k$ . Let  $E'$  be a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -submodule of

$i_*(E^1)$  such that  $i^*(E') = E^1$  where  $i$  is a canonical open immersion of  $X_K$  to  $X_R$ . Set

$$\varphi = i_*(\varphi^1): i_*(E^1) \longrightarrow i_*(E^1 \otimes_X \Omega) \simeq i_*(E^1) \otimes_X \Omega.$$

Since  $\varphi \wedge \varphi = 0$ ,  $\varphi$  induces a homomorphism  $\varphi^a: i_*(E^1) \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee) \rightarrow i_*(E^1)$ . Let  $E$  be the image of  $E' \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee)$  by the homomorphism  $\varphi^a$ . Then  $E$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant.

We claim that  $E$  is a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -module. Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X_K$  such that  $E^1|_U$  is locally free. Then, by virtue of the Cayley-Hamilton theorem,  $\phi_{(E^1, \varphi^1)}(\varphi^1)|_U = 0$  as a homomorphism of  $E^1|_U$  to  $(E^1 \otimes_X S^r(\Omega))|_U$ . Since  $E^1$  is torsion free,  $\phi_{(E^1, \varphi^1)}(\varphi^1) = 0$ . Let  $\phi(t) \in \bigoplus_{i=0}^r H^0(X_R, S^i(\Omega)_{X_R}) t^{r-i}$  be the polynomial which corresponds to the given morphism  $\text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow A$ . Since  $\phi(t)|_{X_K}$  is given by  $\phi_{(E^1, \varphi^1)}(t)$ ,  $\phi(t)$  is monic. Set

$$\phi(t) = t^r + a_1 t^{r-1} + \dots + a_r$$

where  $a_i$  is in  $H^0(X_R, S^i(\Omega)_{X_R})$  for each  $i$ . Since  $\phi(\varphi)|_{X_K} = 0$  as a homomorphism of  $E^1$  to  $E^1 \otimes_X S^r(\Omega)$ ,  $\phi(\varphi) = 0$  as a homomorphism of  $i_*(E^1)$  to  $i_*(E^1) \otimes_X S^r(\Omega)$ . Hence, for each local section  $\theta$  of  $\Omega^\vee$ , a local section of algebras  $S^*(\Omega^\vee)_{X_R}$ :

$$\theta^r + \theta(a_1)\theta^{r-1} + \dots + \theta(a_r)$$

annihilates  $i_*(E^1)$ . Therefore, we know that the image  $E = \varphi^a(E' \otimes_X S^*(\Omega^\vee))$  is same as  $\varphi^a(E' \otimes_X S^r(\Omega^\vee))$  (cf. the proof of Lemma 1.2 of [26] and Remark 2.1.2). Thus  $E$  is coherent. By Proposition 6 of [8], there exists a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -module  $E' \subset i_*(E|_{X_K})$  such that  $i^*(E') = E|_{X_K}$  and  $E'_{X_K}$  is torsion free. We prove this fact by giving  $E'$  explicitly as follows.

**Lemma 5.11.** *Let  $E$  be a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -module flat over  $R$ . Assume that  $E|_{X_K}$  is  $\mathcal{O}_{X_K}$ -torsion free. Then  $E' = E^{\vee\vee} \cap i_*(E|_{X_K})$  is a relatively torsion free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ -module and the restriction of a natural injection  $E \hookrightarrow E'$  to the fibre  $X_K$  (or,  $X_k$ ) is isomorphism (or, generically isomorphism, resp.) where  $E^{\vee\vee}$  and  $i_*(E|_{X_K})$  are regarded as submodules of  $i_*(E^{\vee\vee}|_{X_K})$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $i_*(E|_{X_K})$  is quasi-coherent. Hence, the module  $E'$  is coherent because it is a quasi-coherent submodule of a coherent module  $E^{\vee\vee}$ . Let  $U$  be an open subscheme of  $X_R$  such that  $E|_U$  is locally free and  $U \cap X_K$  is not empty. Then clearly  $E|_U = E'|_U$ . Hence,  $E|_{X_K} = E'|_{X_K}$  and  $E|_{X_k}$  is generically isomorphic to  $E'|_{X_k}$ . Since  $E'$  is  $R$ -torsion free, it is  $R$ -flat. By the assumption,  $E'|_{X_K} = E|_{X_K}$  is torsion free. To prove the torsion freeness of  $E'|_{X_k}$ , we may assume that  $X_R = \text{Spec}(B)$  and  $E$  is the sheaf associated with a torsion free finite  $B$ -module  $M$ . We must prove that  $M^{\vee\vee} \cap M_\pi / \pi(M^{\vee\vee} \cap M_\pi)$  is a torsion free  $B/\pi B$ -module. Note that an element  $m/\pi^n \in M_\pi$  is in  $M^{\vee\vee}$  if and only if for all elements  $f \in M^\vee$ ,  $f(m)$  is in  $\pi^n B$ . Take an element  $m/\pi^n \in M^{\vee\vee} \cap M_\pi$  and assume that there is an element  $b \in B \setminus \pi B$  such that  $b \cdot m/\pi^n \in \pi(M^{\vee\vee} \cap M_\pi)$ . Then for all elements  $f \in M^\vee$ ,  $f(bm) = b f(m) \in \pi^{n+1} B$ . Since  $f(m) \in \pi^n B$  and  $b \notin \pi B$ ,  $f(m)$

is in  $\pi^{n+1}B$ , i.e.  $m/\pi^n$  is in  $\pi(M^{\vee\vee} \cap M_\pi)$ .

Now, set  $E' = E^{\vee\vee} \cap i_{*\}(E|_{X_K})$ . Then  $E'$  is  $\varphi$ -invariant and relatively torsion free. By the properness of Quot-schemes, there exists a unique coherent subsheaf  $E'_\alpha$  of  $E'$  such that  $E'_\alpha|_{X_K} = E_\alpha^1$  and  $E'/E'_\alpha$  is flat over  $R$  for each  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ . Since  $E' \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-D)|_{X_K} \rightarrow E'|_{X_K}$  is injective,  $E'/E' \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-D)$  is flat over  $R$ . Hence,  $E'_1 = E' \otimes_X \mathcal{O}_X(-D)$ . Thus, we obtain the flat family of parabolic pairs  $(E'_*, \varphi)$ . By virtue of Theorem 5.7, we have a  $\varphi$ -invariant coherent subsheaf  $E''$  of  $E'$  such that  $(E'', \varphi)$  with the induced structure is a flat family of parabolic pairs,  $(E''_*, \varphi)_K = (E_*, \varphi)_K$  and  $(E''_*, \varphi)_k$  is semi-stable. Thus by virtue of Theorem 4.6, we can extend the given  $A$ -morphism of  $\text{Spec}(K)$  to  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  over  $\text{Spec}(R)$ .  $\square$

If  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded, then for some  $e$ ,  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*} = \bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*, e, e}$  which is quasi-projective over  $S$ . Hence  $\Phi$  is a quasi-projective morphism. By the valuative criterion of properness and Theorem 5.10, we have the following.

**Corollary 5.12.** *If the family  $\mathcal{F}_\Omega(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded, then the morphism  $\Phi: \bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*} \rightarrow A$  is projective. In particular, if  $S$  is a noetherian scheme over a field of characteristic zero, then  $\Phi: \bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*} \rightarrow A$  is projective.*

In the case that  $\Omega = 0$ , we have that  $A = S$  and that  $\bar{M}_{\Omega|D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*} = \bar{M}_{D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$ . Therefore we have

**Corollary 5.13.** *If the family  $\mathcal{F}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded, then the moduli scheme of semi-stable parabolic sheaves  $\bar{M}_{D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  is projective over  $S$ . In particular, if  $S$  is a noetherian scheme over a field of characteristic zero, then  $\bar{M}_{D|X/S}^{H_*, \alpha_*}$  is projective over  $S$ .*

**A. Compactification of moduli of parabolic sheaves in the case of characteristic zero**

In this appendix, we shall deal with only parabolic sheaves and assume that  $\Xi$  contains a field of characteristic zero. Then we have the following “strong” boundedness results (see for the proof, [11]).

**Proposition A.1.** *For each positive integer  $r$ , there exists a non-negative integer  $e$  such that all  $\mu$ -semi-stable sheaves with its rank  $\leq r$  are of  $c$ -type  $e$ .*

By Proposition 3.4 1) of [13], we have a morphism  $\Psi: \Gamma^{ss} \rightarrow (Z \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$ . If, in §2, we set  $\Omega = 0$ , then  $\Psi = \tilde{\Psi}$ ,  $\Gamma^{ss} = R^{ss}$  and  $(Z \times \prod G_i)^{ss} = (\tilde{Z} \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$ . Hence, we use notations in §2 assuming  $\Omega = 0$ . The construction of  $\Psi: \Gamma \rightarrow (Z \times \prod G_i)$  depends on  $m$  fixed at the first part of §2. Hence, we denote  $\Psi, \Gamma, Z$  and  $G_i$  by  $\Psi_m, \Gamma_m, Z_m$  and  $G_{i,m}$  respectively. Our aim in this section is to prove the following.

**Proposition A.2.** *Assume that  $\alpha_1 > 0$ . Then there exists an integer  $m$  such that the morphism  $\Psi_m: \Gamma_m^{ss} \rightarrow (Z_m \times \prod_{i=1}^l G_{i,m})^{ss}$  is proper. Hence, it is a closed immersion.*



In the case of curves, this is proved by U. N. Bhosle [2] Proposition 3. Since we deal with higher dimensional cases, we need some boundedness results.

For an integer  $L$ , we set

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}^L}(H, H_*, \alpha_*) = \left\{ E_* \left| \begin{array}{l} E_* \text{ is a parabolic sheaf on some fiber } X_s \\ \text{with the properties (A.2.1) and (A.2.2).} \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

(A.2.1) The Hilbert polynomial of  $E$  (or,  $F_{i+1}(E)$ ) is  $H$  (or,  $H_i$ , resp.) and the system of weights of  $E_*$  is  $\alpha_*$ .

(A.2.2) For some integer  $m \geq L$ , there exists a generically surjective homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_s}$  to  $E(m)$  such that

(A.2.2.1) for all  $i$ , there exists a vector subspace  $W_i$  of  $V_m \otimes k(s)$  of dimension  $H(m) - H_i(m)$  such that  $H^0(\varphi)(W_i) \subseteq H^0(F_{i+1}(E)(m))$  and

(A.2.2.2) the point of  $Z_m \times \prod G_{i,m}$  determined by  $V_m \otimes k(s) \rightarrow V_m \otimes k(s)/W_i$  and  $\wedge^r \varphi: \wedge^r(V_m \otimes k(s)) \rightarrow H^0(\det(E(m)))$  is contained in  $(Z_m \times \prod G_{i,m})^{ss}(k(s))$ .

**Lemma A.3.** *There exists an integer  $L_0$  such that the family  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{A}^{L_0}}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded.*

*Proof.* We need the following lemma which is equivalent to ‘‘Fundamental lemma’’ in [9].

**Lemma A.4** (Lemma 2.6 in [13]). *Let  $S$  be a locally noetherian, connected scheme,  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a smooth, projective, geometrically integral morphism of relative dimension  $n$  and let  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  be an  $f$ -very ample invertible sheaf on  $X$ . Let  $a$  be a rational number,  $r$  be a positive integer and  $P(m)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with the highest term  $hm^n/n!$  where  $h$  is the degree of  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  on fibers of  $f$ . Then there exist integers  $L$  and  $M$  such that if  $F$  is a torsion free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X_s}$ -module of rank  $r' \leq r$  for some geometric point  $s$  of  $S$  and if  $F$  has the properties;*

1) *for general non-singular curves  $C = D_1 \cdot D_2 \cdots D_{n-1}$ ,  $D_i \in |\mathcal{O}_{X_s}(1)|$ , every coherent subsheaf  $E (\neq 0)$  of  $F \otimes_{X_s} \mathcal{O}_C$  has a degree  $\leq \text{rk}(E)a$ ,*

2)  $\mu(F) \leq M$ ,

*then for all  $m \geq L$ , the following inequality holds;*

$$h^0(F(m)) \leq r' P(m).$$

Apply Lemma A.4 to the case where  $a = \mu_0 + e$  ( $\mu_0 = \mu(E)$  and  $e$  is a non-negative integer as in Proposition A.1),  $P(m)$  is a polynomial such that  $P(m) < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$  and  $r = r$ . Then there exist integers  $L_0$  and  $M$  such that if a coherent sheaf  $F$  of rank  $\leq r$  on a fiber  $X_s$  satisfies the above conditions 1) and 2), then for all integers  $m \geq L_0$ , we have

$$h^0(F(m))/\text{rk}(F) \leq P(m).$$

We may assume that for all  $m \geq L_0$ ,  $P(m) < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$ . Hence, for all  $m \geq L_0$ ,

we have

$$(A.4.1) \quad h^0(F(m))/\text{rk}(F) < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m).$$

To prove the boundedness of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^L(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ , it is sufficient to prove that there exists an integer  $\beta$  such that for all members  $E_*$  of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^L(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ ,  $E$  is of type  $\beta$ . Let  $E_*$  be a member of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^L(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  and  $E'$  be the last term of the Harder-Narasimhan filtration of  $E$ . Set

$$W = \ker(V_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k(s) \longrightarrow H^0(E(m)) \longrightarrow H^0(E'(m))).$$

If  $x$  is the point defined in (A.2.2.2), by Lemma 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \sigma(W, x) \\ &= H(m)(\text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \dim_{T_x} W - \sum \varepsilon_i \dim_{k(s)}(W_i \cap W) - \alpha_1 \dim_{k(s)} W). \end{aligned}$$

By the condition (A.2.2.1),

$$\dim_{k(s)}(W_i \cap W) \geq \dim_{k(s)} W_i - h^0(F_{i+1}(E'(m))),$$

where  $F_{i+1}(E'(m)) = \text{Image}(F_{i+1}(E(m)) \hookrightarrow E(m) \twoheadrightarrow E'(m))$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \dim_{T_x} W - \sum \varepsilon_i \dim_{k(s)} W_i - \alpha_1 \dim_{k(s)} W \\ &\quad + \sum \varepsilon_i h^0(F_{i+1}(E'(m))) \\ &= \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)(\dim_{T_x} W - \text{rk}(E)) + \alpha_1 \dim_{k(s)}(V_m \otimes k(s)/W) \\ &\quad + \sum \varepsilon_i h^0(F_{i+1}(E'(m))) \\ &\leq -\text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \text{rk}(E') + \int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha \end{aligned}$$

where  $E'_*(m)$  has the induced structure. Therefore

$$(A.4.2) \quad \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \leq \int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha / \text{rk}(E').$$

On the other hand, by virtue of Proposition A.1, for general non-singular curves  $C = D_1 \cdot D_2 \cdots D_{n-1}$ ,  $D_i \in |\mathcal{C}_{X_s}(1)|$  and for all non-trivial coherent subsheaves  $E''$  of  $E'|_C$ ,

$$\mu(E'') \leq \mu(E'|_C) + e \leq \mu_0 + e = a.$$

Clearly, all  $E'_\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ) satisfies the above condition. Hence, by (A.2.1), if  $\mu(E') \leq M$  (hence,  $\mu(E'_\alpha) \leq M$ ), then for all  $m \geq L_0$ , we have

$$\int_0^1 h^0(E'_x(m)) d\alpha / \text{rk}(E') < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m).$$

Therefore, if we take  $L = L_0$ ,  $\mu(E') > M$ . It follows that there exists a integer  $\beta$  depending only on  $\mu_0$ ,  $M$  and  $r$  such that  $E$  is of type  $\beta$ .  $\square$

Therefore, there exists an integer  $L_1 \geq L_0$  such that for all  $m \geq L_1$  and  $E_* \in \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^{L_0}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ , we have

$$(A.4.3) \quad h^i(E(m)) = 0, h^i(F_j(E)(m)) = 0 \text{ and } h^i((E/F_j(E))(m)) = 0 \text{ for all } j \text{ and } i > 0.$$

$$(A.4.4) \quad E(m), F_j(E)(m) \text{ and } (E/F_j(E))(m) \text{ are generated by its global sections.}$$

**Lemma A.5.** *Let  $E_*$  be a member of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^{L_1}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  and let  $m$  be an integer  $\geq L_1$ . If a generically surjective homomorphism  $\varphi: V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_s} \rightarrow E(m)$  and  $W_i \subset V_m \otimes k(s)$  satisfy the conditions (A.2.2.1) and (A.2.2.2), then  $H^0(\varphi): V_m \otimes k(s) \rightarrow H^0(E(m))$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $\varphi$  is surjective. Moreover, there exists an integer  $L_2 \geq L_1$  such that all members  $E_*$  of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^{L_2}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  are parabolic semi-stable.*

*Proof.* Set  $W = \ker(H^0(\varphi))$ . Then  $\dim_{T_x} W = 0$  and by the condition (A.2.2.2), we have

$$0 \leq \frac{\sigma(W, x)}{H(m)} = - \sum \varepsilon_i \dim(W_i \cap W) - \alpha_1 \dim W.$$

Since we assume  $\alpha_1 > 0$ , we have  $W = 0$ . By the condition (A.4.3),  $H^0(\varphi)$  is an isomorphism.

Set

$$\mathcal{B}^L(H, H_*, \alpha_*) = \left\{ E'_* \left| \begin{array}{l} E'_* \text{ is the last term of the Harder-Narasimhan} \\ \text{filtration of some member } E_* \text{ of } \mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^L(H, H_*, \alpha_*) \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$

Since the Harder-Narasimhan filtration is unique, the family  $\mathcal{B}^{L_1}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$  is bounded. Therefore, there exists an integer  $L_2$  such that for all members  $E'_*$ , all  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and all  $j > 0$ ,  $h^j(E'_\alpha) = 0$  and  $\text{par-}P_{E'_*}(m) < \text{par-}P_{E_*}(m)$  for all  $m \geq L_2$  if  $E' \neq E$ . Note that the inequality (A.4.1) hold for  $E'_*$ . Hence for all members  $E'_*$  of  $\mathcal{B}^{L_2}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ , we see that there is an integer  $m \geq L_2$  such that

$$\text{par-}P_{E_*}(m) \leq \text{par-}P_{E'_*}(m).$$

It follows that  $E' = E$ . □

*Proof of Proposition A.2.* Let  $m$  be an integer  $\geq L_2$ . We use the valuative criterion. Let  $R$  be a discrete valuation ring with the residue field  $k$  and the quotient field  $K$ . Set  $C = \text{Spec}(R)$ . Assume we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C - p & \longrightarrow & \Gamma^{ss} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ C & \xrightarrow{g} & (Z \times \prod G_i)^{ss} \end{array}$$

where  $p$  is the closed point of  $C$ .  $\Gamma^{ss}$  is the subscheme of  $Q \times \prod Q_i$ . Since  $Q \times \prod Q_i$  is prober over  $S$ , the  $S$ -morphism of  $C - p$  to  $Q \times \prod Q_i$  is uniquely

extended to a  $S$ -morphism  $\theta$  of  $C$  to  $Q \times \prod Q_i$ . Hence on  $X_C$ , there exist surjections  $V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_C} \rightarrow E(m)$  and  $V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_C} \rightarrow E_i(m)$ .

Consider the canonical homomorphism  $E(m) \rightarrow E^{\vee\vee}(m)$ . Since  $E^{\vee\vee}(m)$  is a torsion free  $\mathcal{O}_{X_C}$ -module, it is flat over  $C$ . Moreover it is easy to see that  $E^{\vee\vee}(m)$  is  $f_C$ -torsion free. If the Hilbert polynomial of  $E^{\vee\vee}$  on fibers is  $H'$ , then  $E(m) \otimes_R K \hookrightarrow E^{\vee\vee}(m) \otimes_R K$  defines a morphism of  $\text{Spec}(K)$  to the Quot-scheme  $\text{Quot}(E^{\vee\vee}(m), H' - H[m])$  and by properness of  $\text{Quot}(E^{\vee\vee}(m), H' - H[m])$  over  $C$ , it is extended to a unique morphism  $\delta$  of  $C$  to  $\text{Quot}(E^{\vee\vee}(m), H' - H[m])$ . The kernel  $\bar{E}(m)$  of the quotient map defined by  $\delta$  is  $f_C$ -torsion free and its Hilbert polynomial on fibers is  $H[m]$ . Then we have injections:

$$E(m) \xrightarrow{\xi} \bar{E}(m) \hookrightarrow E^{\vee\vee}(m),$$

where  $\xi$  has the following properties:

(A.5.1)  $\xi \otimes_R K : E(m) \otimes_R K \rightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R K$  is an isomorphism.

(A.5.2)  $\xi \otimes_R k : E(m) \otimes_R k \rightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k$  is generically isomorphism and its kernel is the torsion sheaf of  $E(m) \otimes_R k$ .

Since we have surjections on  $X_K$ :

$$\bar{E}(m) \otimes_R K \simeq E(m) \otimes_R K \longrightarrow E_1(m) \otimes_R K \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow E_1(m) \otimes_R K.$$

There exist surjections of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_C}$ -modules flat over  $C$ ;

$$\bar{E}(m) \longrightarrow \bar{E}_1(m) \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \bar{E}_1(m)$$

which induce the above sequence of surjections on  $X_K$ . We obtain a flat family of parabolic sheaves on  $X_C$ . Hence, on  $X_k$ , we have

$$V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_k} \longrightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k \longrightarrow \bar{E}_1(m) \otimes_R k \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow \bar{E}_1(m) \otimes_R k,$$

where  $V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_k} \rightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k$  is generically surjective. Let  $x$  be the  $k$ -valued point defined by the morphism  $g$  of  $C$  to  $(Z \times \prod G_i)^{ss}$ . Easily we see that the homomorphism  $V_m \otimes k \rightarrow H^0(\bar{E}(m) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_k})$  maps  $W_{i,x}$  to  $H^0(F_{i+1}(\bar{E}(m)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_k})$  where  $F_{i+1}(\bar{E}(m)) = \ker(\bar{E}(m) \rightarrow \bar{E}_i)$ . Therefore  $\bar{E}(m)_* \otimes_R k$  is a member of  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{A}^{L^2}(H, H_*, \alpha_*)$ . By virtue of Lemma A.5, we see that  $V_m \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X_k} \rightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k$  is surjective and  $\bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k$  is parabolic semi-stable. Hence,  $\xi \otimes_R k : E(m) \otimes_R k \rightarrow \bar{E}(m) \otimes_R k$  is an isomorphism and therefore the image of  $p$  in  $Q \times \prod Q_i$  is contained in  $\Gamma^{ss}$ .

**Remark A.6.** In the case of  $\alpha_1 = 0$ , if we change the system of weights by  $\alpha_* + \varepsilon = \{\alpha_1 + \varepsilon, \dots, \alpha_l + \varepsilon\}$  so that  $0 < \alpha_1 + \varepsilon < \dots < \alpha_l + \varepsilon < 1$ , then we can apply Proposition A.2. Changing weights, (semi-)stability may be different to the original one. But by such a change as above,  $\mu$ -(semi-)stability is not changed. Hence, in the case of curves, or, in higher dimensional cases if  $\mu$ -(semi-)stability is same as (semi-)stability, we can recover the case “ $\alpha_1 = 0$ ”.

By virtue of Theorem 4 of [21], there exists a good quotient  $\bar{M}$  of  $\Gamma^{ss}$ . Let  $s$  be a  $k$ -valued geometric point. If we prove the following (1) and (2), then we can easily prove the next Corollary. The proof of (1) and (2) is easier than the analysis of orbits in  $(Z_m \times \prod_i G_{i,m})^{ss}$  given in §3, so we omit its proof.

(1) For parabolic stable sheaves  $(E_1)_*, \dots, (E_r)_*$  on  $X_s$  such that  $\bigoplus_i (E_i)_*$  corresponds to a  $k$ -valued point of  $\Gamma^{ss}$ , the orbit of  $x_0$  of  $\Gamma^{ss}(k)$  corresponding to  $\bigoplus_i (E_i)_*$  is closed.

(2) For each semi-stable parabolic sheaf  $E_*$  corresponding to a  $k$ -valued point  $x$  of  $\Gamma^{ss}$ , the closure of orbit of  $x$  contains the point corresponding to  $\text{gr}(E_*)$ .

**Corollary A.7.**  $\bar{M}$  has the following properties.

1) For each geometric point  $s$  of  $S$ , there exists a natural bijection:

$$\bar{\theta}_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{D/X/S}^{H_*, x_s} (k(s)) \longrightarrow \bar{M}(k(s)).$$

2) For  $T \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and a flat family of parabolic sheaves  $E_*$  on  $X_T/T$  such that  $E_*$  has the property (1.14.1) of [13] and for every geometric point  $t$  of  $T$ ,  $E_*|_{X_t}$  is parabolic semi-stable, then there exists a morphism

$$f_{E_*}: T \longrightarrow \bar{M}$$

such that for all points  $t$  in  $T(k(s))$ ,  $f_{E_*}(t) = \bar{\theta}([E_*|_{X_t}])$  where  $[\cdot]$  means the equivalence class defined by (1.14.2) of [13]. Moreover, for a morphism  $g: T' \rightarrow T$  in  $(\text{Sch}/S)$ , we have

$$f_{E_*} \circ g = f_{(1_x \times g)^*(E_*)}.$$

3) If  $M' \in (\text{Sch}/S)$  and maps

$$\theta'_s: \text{par-}\bar{\Sigma}_{D/X/S}^{H_*, x_s; e} (k(s)) \longrightarrow M'(k(s))$$

have the above property 2), then there exists a unique  $S$ -morphism  $\Upsilon$  of  $M_e$  to  $M'$  such that  $\Upsilon(k(s)) \circ \theta_s = \theta'_s$  and  $\Upsilon \circ f_{E_*} = f'_{E_*}$  for all geometric points  $s$  of  $S$  and for all  $E_*$ , where  $f'_{E_*}$  is a morphism given by the property 2) for  $M'$  and  $\theta'_s$ .

4)  $\bar{M}$  is projective over  $S$ .

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