

Supersymmetric Higher Spin Current Multiplets

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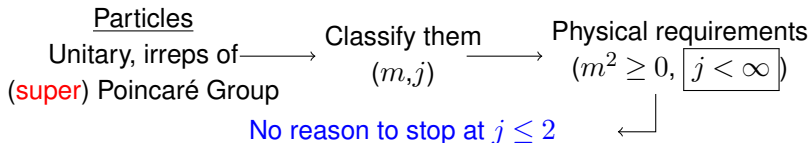
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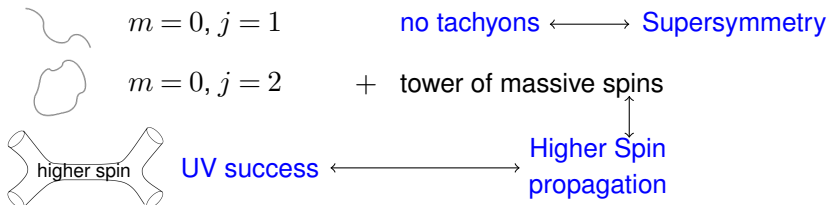
Why Study (supersymmetric) Higher Spins ?

- ▶ Fact: $0 \leq \text{spin of elementary particles} \leq 2$ ← No-Go theorems
 $0, 1/2, 1, \boxed{3/2}, 2$ → **Supersymmetry**

- ▶ First Motivation: **General structures in (Supersymmetric) Field Theory**



- ▶ Second Motivation: **String Theory** [SUSY + higher spin states]



$E \gg m \rightarrow \{\text{ignore masses}\} \rightarrow \{\text{symmetries emerge}\} \leftarrow$ **Higher Spin gauge theories**

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- ▶ Third Motivation: **Holography** (AdS/CFT)

[QFT in fixed spacetime (D) = Gravity in different spacetime (AdS) (D+1)]

Successful Models for
higher spin interactions
(Vasiliev's theory, 3D CS hs-gravity)

Two features

$m = 0, j = 2$

Not Flat Spacetime (AdS)

Higher spins a playground
for Holography

[supersymmetric h.s. consistent with AdS]

Interacting (supersymmetric) Theories

$$[T^m, T^{HS}] = T^{HS}$$

$$[T^{mn}, T^{HS}] = T^{HS}$$

$$\delta_{HS} h_{mn} = h_{HS}$$

- ▶ Fact: Consistent Interacting Theories = Difficult Problem
(without guiding principle)
- ▶ spin 1 (YM): Principle Bundles
- ▶ spin 2 (GR): Riemannian Manifolds
- ▶ higher spins: No Geometrical Input → Alternative methods
- ▶ Physical requirement: d.o.f. interacting theory = d.o.f. free theory

Supergeometry

Gauge Invariance

(manifest susy)

(supersymmetric) h.s. interactions respect (susy covariant) gauge symmetries

Noether's Method

Noether's method: A **systematic, perturbative**, analysis of **invariance**

Coupling Matter to Higher Spins

- ▶ Two types of fields: matter fields (ϕ), gauge fields (h)
- ▶ Expand the interacting action $S[\phi, h]$ in terms of coupling constant g
the field transformations $\delta\phi, \delta h$

$$S[\phi, h] = S_0[\phi] + g S_1[\phi, h] + g^2 S_2[\phi, h] + \dots ,$$

$$\delta\phi = 0 + g \delta_1\phi + g^2 \delta_2\phi + \dots ,$$

$$\delta h = \delta_0 h + g \delta_1 h + g^2 \delta_2 h + \dots$$

- ▶ Invariance of order g :
$$\int \left\{ \frac{\delta S_0}{\delta\phi} \delta_1\phi + \frac{\delta S_1}{\delta h} \delta_0 h \right\} = 0$$

- ▶ Current \mathcal{J} generated cubic terms: $S_1[\phi, h] \sim \int \mathcal{J}[\phi] h$

$$\int \left\{ \frac{\delta \boxed{S_0}}{\delta\phi} \boxed{\delta_1\phi} + \mathcal{J}[\phi] \boxed{\delta_0 h} \right\} = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{on-shell}} \text{conservation of } \mathcal{J}$$

Supersymmetric matter and gauge superfields

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- ▶ **matter fields** → **matter supermultiplets** (Φ, Σ)

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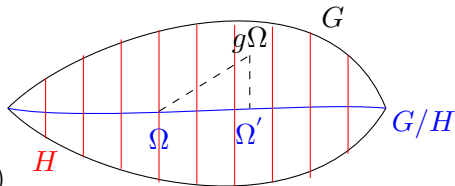
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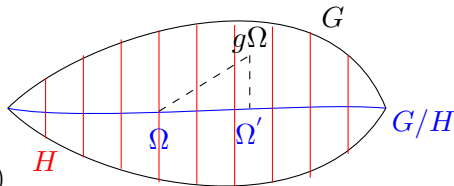
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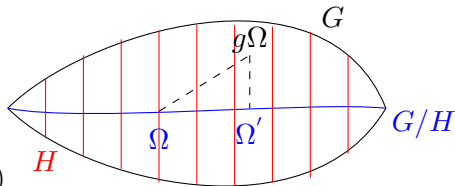
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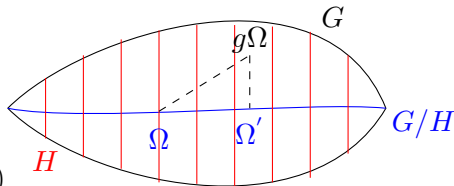
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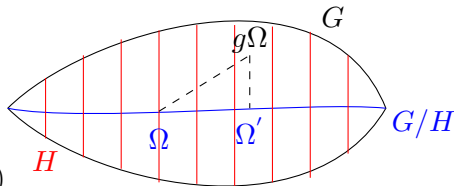
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Chiral supermultiplet

Goal: Find a **non-trivial** $\delta_1 \Phi$

can not be absorbed by redefinitions
doesn't depend on e.o.m
(doesn't vanish on-shell)

Properties of $\delta_1 \Phi$: 1. **First order** in $\bar{\Phi}$

2. **Consistent** with chiral constraint: $\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \delta_1 \Phi = 0$

Inspiration: Cubic interactions between (super)matter and (super)gravity

linearized **(super)diffeomorphism**

$$\delta_1 \Phi = A^\alpha D_\alpha \Phi + \Delta^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \Phi$$

Ansatz:

$$\delta_1 \Phi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & A^{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)} D_{\alpha_{k+1}} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} D_{\alpha_k} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \\ & + \Gamma^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D^2 \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} D_{\alpha_k} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \\ & + \Delta^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} D_{\alpha_k} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \\ & + E^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} D^2 \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} D_{\alpha_k} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \end{aligned} \right\}$$

“Higher Spin transformation” of Chiral superfield

► Chirality + Non-triviality:

$$\delta_1 \Phi = - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \bar{D}^2 \ell^{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)} D_{\alpha_{k+1}} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} D_{\alpha_k} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \bar{D}^{(\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} \ell^{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D_{\alpha_{k+1}} \dots \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} D_{\alpha_1} \Phi \right\}$$

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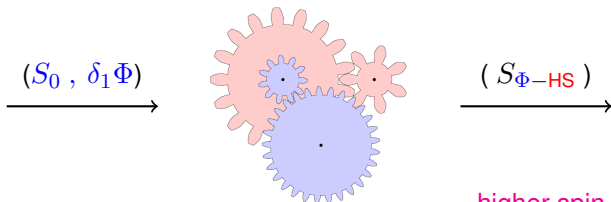
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Matter - Higher Spin cubic interactions

Starting point: Single, free, massless chiral $S_0 = \int d^8z \bar{\Phi}\Phi$

Noether's method:



Cubic interactions:

$$S_{\Phi\text{-HS}} = g \int \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \left\{ H^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} + \left[\chi^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} D_{\alpha_s} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} + c.c. \right] \right\}$$

higher spin supertrace \longleftarrow

higher spin supercurrent \longleftarrow

Higher Spin Supercurrent multiplet of chiral

Canonical supercurrent multiplet: $\left\{ \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} , \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} \right\}$

Properties:

- ▶ Not uniquely defined (**Improvement terms**)
- ▶ Include higher derivatives (**Metsaev bound** : ✓)
- ▶ Interactions only with half-integer superspin supermultiplets $(s+1, s+1/2)$
- ▶ Conservation equations:

$$\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \bar{D}^2 D_{(\alpha_{k+1}} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(k))\dot{\alpha}(k)} , \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\bar{D}^2 \mathcal{J} = 0$$

$\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_s} A_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \bar{D}^2 B_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}$
partially used this freedom during
Noether's procedure

$$s_{max} \leq \#\partial \leq s_1 + s_2 + \dots$$

Minimal supercurrent multiplet

Explore improvement terms freedom:

$$\delta \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} D_{(\alpha_{k+1}} \bar{D}^2 \bar{U}_{\alpha(k))\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \bar{D}_{(\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D^2 U_{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)})$$

$$\delta \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} = \frac{k+2}{k+1} D^{\alpha_{k+1}} U_{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)} + \bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} \bar{U}_{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)}$$

Minimal supercurrent multiplet: $\{ \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{min}, 0 \}$

▶ There is unique choice of $U_{\alpha(k+1)\dot{\alpha}(k)}$ such that $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} = 0$

▶ Not true in general (**property** of S_0)

▶ Conservation equation : $\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}s} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{min} = 0$

▶ Cubic interactions:

$$S_{\Phi\text{-HS}} = g \sum_{s=0} \int H^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{min}$$

$$s = 0 : \mathcal{J}^{min} = -\Phi \bar{\Phi}$$

$$s = 1 : \mathcal{J}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{min} = \frac{1}{3} D_{\alpha} \Phi \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\Phi} + \frac{i}{3} \partial_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \Phi \bar{\Phi} - \frac{i}{3} \Phi \partial_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\Phi}$$

$$s = 2 : \mathcal{J}_{\alpha\beta\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{min} = -\frac{1}{10} \partial^{(2)} \Phi \bar{\Phi} - \frac{1}{10} \Phi \partial^{(2)} \bar{\Phi} + \frac{2}{5} \partial \Phi \partial \bar{\Phi} - \frac{i}{5} D \Phi \partial \bar{\Phi} + \frac{i}{5} \partial D \Phi \bar{\Phi}$$

Conformal higher spin supercurrents

Poincaré v.s. Conformal ($s + 1, s + 1/2$) supermultiplets :

▶ Poincaré : $H_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}, \chi_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow \delta_0 H_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} &= \frac{1}{s!} D_{(\alpha_s} \bar{L}_{\alpha(s-1))\dot{\alpha}(s)} - \frac{1}{s!} \bar{D}_{(\dot{\alpha}_s} L_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}) \\ \delta_0 \chi_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} &= \bar{D}^2 L_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} + D^{\alpha_{s+1}} \Lambda_{\alpha(s+1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} \end{aligned}$$

▶ Conformal : $H_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}$

$$\longrightarrow \delta_0 H_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \frac{1}{s!} D_{(\alpha_s} \bar{L}_{\alpha(s-1))\dot{\alpha}(s)} - \frac{1}{s!} \bar{D}_{(\dot{\alpha}_s} L_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)})$$

▶ Superfield strength : $\mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2s+1)}$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2s+1)} \sim \bar{D}^2 D_{(\alpha_{2s+1}} \partial_{\alpha_{2s}}^{\dot{\alpha}_s} \dots \partial_{\alpha(s+1)}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} H_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)})$$

Minimal supercurrent = conformal supercurrent

$$S = \int \bar{\Phi} \Phi + g \sum_{s=0} \int H^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}$$

$$\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_s} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = 0$$

conformal invariant

[Sezgin-Sundell 2002] [Kuzenko-Manvelyan-Theisen 2017]

Massive chiral supermultiplet

- ▶ Consider a **mass** term correction:

$$S_0 = \int d^8 z \bar{\Phi} \Phi + \frac{m}{2} \int d^6 z \Phi^2 + \frac{m}{2} \int d^6 \bar{z} \bar{\Phi}^2$$

- ▶ Starting action is no longer conformal invariant
- ▶ Minimal supercurrent multiplet can not be reached : $\mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} \neq 0$
- ▶ Supercurrent and supertrace acquire **mass corrections**

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{min} + m \dots$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = 0 + m \dots$$

Massive chiral supermultiplet

► Consider

$$(\Phi = \bar{D}^2 \Lambda)$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{min}$$

$$+ m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \gamma_p \partial^{(p)} D \bar{D} \Lambda \partial^{(s-1-p)} \Phi + m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \delta_p \partial^{(p)} \bar{D} \Lambda \partial^{(s-1-p)} D \Phi$$

$$- m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \gamma_p^* \partial^{(p)} \bar{D} D \bar{\Lambda} \partial^{(s-1-p)} \bar{\Phi} - m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \delta_p^* \partial^{(p)} D \bar{\Lambda} \partial^{(s-1-p)} \bar{D} \bar{\Phi}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = 0 + m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \zeta_p \partial^{(p)} \Lambda \partial^{(s-1-p)} \Phi + m \sum_{p=0}^{s-1} \xi_p \partial^{(p)} \bar{\Lambda} \partial^{(s-1-p)} \bar{\Phi}$$

$$+ m \sum_{p=0}^{s-2} \sigma_p \partial^{(p)} \bar{D} D \Lambda \partial^{(s-2-p)} \Phi$$

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- ▶ **Check** conservation equation: $\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}s} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \frac{1}{s!} \bar{D}^2 D_{(\alpha s} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1))\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}$

Answer: **YES BUT ONLY FOR ODD s** [$s = 2l + 1$, $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$]

consistent coupling only with $(2l + 2, 2l + 3/2)$ supermultiplets

- ▶ Includes supergravity ($l = 0$) but NOT the vector supermultiplet

Nonlinear sigma model

- ▶ A more **general** starting point:

$$S_0 = \int d^8 z \mathcal{K}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \int d^6 z \mathcal{W}(\Phi) + \int d^6 \bar{z} \bar{\mathcal{W}}(\bar{\Phi})$$

$$\mathcal{K}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) \sim \mathcal{K}(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) + \Lambda(\Phi) + \bar{\Lambda}(\bar{\Phi}),$$

$$\mathcal{W}(\Phi) \sim \mathcal{W}(\Phi) + \text{constant}$$

- ▶ Search for a **supercurrent multiplet** $\{\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}, \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}\}$ such that

$$\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_s} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} = \frac{1}{s!} \bar{D}^2 D_{(\alpha_s} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}$$

$$\bar{D}^2 \mathcal{J} = 0$$

$$S_I \sim \int d^8 z \left\{ H^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} + [\chi^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} D_{\alpha_s} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} + c.c.] \right\}$$

Nonlinear sigma model: Results

- ▶ $s = 0$ (vector supermultiplet):

ONLY IF $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(\Phi\bar{\Phi}), \mathcal{W}(\Phi) = 0$

$$\mathcal{J} = \Phi\mathcal{K}_{\Phi}$$

Global $U(1)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{gauging}}$ vector supermultiplet

- ▶ $s = 1$ (supergravity supermultiplet):

YES for any \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}

$$(\Phi = \bar{D}^2\Lambda, \mathcal{W} = \Phi\mathcal{F})$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = D_{\alpha}\Phi\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\mathcal{K}_{\Phi} - D_{\alpha}\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}(\Lambda\mathcal{F}) + \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}D_{\alpha}(\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\mathcal{F}})$$

$$\mathcal{T} = -\mathcal{K} + \Lambda\mathcal{F} + 2\bar{\Lambda}\bar{\mathcal{F}}$$

Expected!

Anything can be coupled to supergravity

Nonlinear sigma model: Results

- ▶ $s \geq 2$ (higher spin supermultiplets):

ONLY IF

- 1.) $\mathcal{K} = \bar{\Phi}\Phi$, $\mathcal{W} = 0$: Free, massless, chiral
 - 2.) $\mathcal{K} = \bar{\Phi}\Phi$, $\mathcal{W} = f\Phi$: Free, chiral with linear superpotential
 - 3.) $\mathcal{K} = \bar{\Phi}\Phi$, $\mathcal{W} = m\Phi^2$: Free, massive, chiral (s -odd selection rule)
- ▶ Results are **consistent** with expectations from:
 1. Coleman-Mandula (assumes non-trivial \mathcal{S} -matrix)
 2. Maldacena-Zhiboedov (assumes non-trivial h.s. current)

Non-minimal matter supermultiplet:

- ▶ Consider a free, massless, **complex linear**

$$S_0 = - \int d^8 z \bar{\Sigma} \Sigma$$

- ▶ Repeat: Find $\delta_1 \Sigma \rightarrow \dots$

- ▶ **OR** use duality:

$$S = - \int d^8 z \bar{\sigma} \sigma + \int d^8 z \Phi \sigma + \int d^8 z \bar{\Phi} \bar{\sigma} + g_\sigma \int d^8 z \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} H^{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}$$

Results:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{(\Sigma)} = \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s)}^{(\Phi)} \Big|_{\Phi \rightarrow \Sigma} \quad , \quad g_\Sigma = (-1)^{s+1} g_\Phi$$

1. For **even** spin $j = s + 1$ (supergravity, ...) **same** charge (attractive forces)
2. For **odd** spin $j = s + 1$ (vector, ...) **opposite** charge (repulsive forces)

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like superdiffeo
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► Conservation equations:

Poincaré: $D^2 \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = \frac{1}{s!} D_{(\alpha_s} \mathcal{T}_{\alpha(s-1))\dot{\alpha}(s-1)}, \bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_{s-1}} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = 0$

Conformal: $D^{\alpha_s} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = 0, \bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}_{s-1}} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s)\dot{\alpha}(s-1)} = 0$

Integer superspin supercurrents

Consider $\delta_1 \Phi$ linear in $\bar{\Phi}$

$$\delta_1 \Phi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & A^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \\ & + \Delta^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \\ & + \Gamma^{\alpha(k+1)\alpha(k)} D_{\alpha_{k+1}} \bar{D}^2 D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \\ & + E^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} \bar{D}^2 D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Chirality + Non-triviality :

$$1. \delta_1 \Phi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \bar{D}^{(\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} \bar{\xi}^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)}) \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \right. \\ \left. + \bar{D}^2 \bar{\xi}^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k)} D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \right\}$$

$$2. \delta_1 \Phi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \bar{D}^2 \bar{\ell}^{\alpha(k)\dot{\alpha}(k+1)} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_{k+1}} D_{\alpha_k} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_k} \dots D_{\alpha_1} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}_1} \bar{\Phi} \right\}$$

integer conformal superspin

integer Poincaré superspin

Matter - Integer Superspin cubic interactions

Starting point: Single, free, massless chiral $S_0 = \int d^8z \bar{\Phi}\Phi$

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Part II

Supersymmetric Higher Spin Currents

of higher spin multiplets

Beyond matter theories

- ▶ Consider cubic interactions of **higher spin supermultiplets**
- ▶ Focus on **non-minimal** coupling (higher derivative lagrangians)
- ▶ Special type of vertices : h_j where j is written in terms of **field strengths**
- ▶ Distinctive feature : **Uniqueness** (up to trivial field redefinitions)
[Berends, Burgers, van Dam 1986] [Gelfond, Skvortsov, Vasiliev 2008]
- ▶ Superfield strengths of higher spin supermultiplets:

$$Y = s + 1/2 : \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2s+1)} \sim \bar{D}^2 D_{(\alpha_{2s+1}} \partial_{\alpha_{2s}}^{\dot{\alpha}_s} \partial_{\alpha_{2s-1}}^{\dot{\alpha}_{s-1}} \dots \partial_{\alpha_{s+1}}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} H_{\alpha(s)})\dot{\alpha}(s)}$$

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$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(k)} = 0 \text{ (chiral)} \quad , \quad D^{\alpha k} \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(k)} = 0 \text{ (e.o.m)}$$

$$Y_1 - Y_2 - Y_2$$

- ▶ Consider the cubic vertex $Y_1 - Y_2 - Y_2$ where

$$\underline{Y_1 = s_1 + 1/2} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{Y_2 \text{ is arbitrary}}$$

- ▶ Interactions generated by a supercurrent $\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)}$

$$S_I = g \int d^8 z H^{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)}$$

$$\bar{D}^{\dot{\alpha}s_1} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} = 0 \quad , \quad \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} = \bar{\mathcal{J}}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)}$$

- ▶ General ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} = & \sum_{p=0}^{s_1-2Y_2} \alpha_p \partial^{(p)} \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2Y_2)} \partial^{(s_1-2Y_2-p)} \bar{\mathcal{W}}_{\dot{\alpha}(2Y_2)} \\ & + \sum_{p=0}^{s_1-2Y_2-1} \beta_p \partial^{(p)} D \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2Y_2)} \partial^{(s_1-2Y_2-1-p)} \bar{D} \bar{\mathcal{W}}_{\dot{\alpha}(2Y_2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_1 - Y_2 - Y_2$$

Reality + conservation = Unique answer

$$\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} = c(i)^{s_1-2Y_2} \sum_{p=0}^{s_1-2Y_2} (-1)^p \frac{\binom{s_1-2Y_2}{p} \binom{s}{p}}{\binom{2Y_2+p}{2Y_2}} \left\{ \partial^{(p)} \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2Y_2)} \partial^{(s_1-2Y_2-p)} \bar{\mathcal{W}}_{\dot{\alpha}(2Y_2)} \right. \\ \left. + i(-1)^{2Y_2} \frac{s_1-2Y_2-p}{2Y_2+1+p} \partial^{(p)} \text{DW}_{\alpha(2Y_2)} \partial^{(s_1-2Y_2-1-p)} \bar{\text{D}}\bar{\mathcal{W}}_{\dot{\alpha}(2Y_2)} \right\}$$

Observations :

- ▶ **Constrained superspin values:** $s_1 \geq 2Y_2$
Supersymmetric extension of Weinberg-Witten theorem
- ▶ **Special case (I):** $s_1 = 2Y_2$, $\mathcal{J}_{\alpha(s_1)\dot{\alpha}(s_1)} = c \mathcal{W}_{\alpha(2Y_2)} \bar{\mathcal{W}}_{\dot{\alpha}(2Y_2)}$
Supersymmetric and higher spin extension of the Bel-Robinson tensor
 [Howe, Stelle, Townsend 1981]
- ▶ **Special case (II):** $Y_2 = 0$ (matter theory)
Recover matter higher spin supercurrents

THANK YOU!

