

# Superconformal Chern-Simons-matter theories coupled to superconformal gravity

Motivation: → Three dimensions

- Fun
- M2 branes
- Condensed matter

- Outline:
- extended superspace approach
    - on-shell equations
    - classification of gauge groups
    - supersymmetry enhancement
    - gauge groups in presence of supergravity

# 3d susy algebra

$$\{D_{\alpha}^I, D_{\beta}^J\} = 2i\delta^{IJ}(\gamma^a)_{\alpha\beta}\partial_a$$

SO(N) R-symmetry

SO(2,1) Lorentz

Sl(2,R)=spin(2,1) Lorentz

Supercovariant derivatives:

$$D_{\alpha}^I = \partial_{\alpha}^I + i\theta^{I\beta}(\gamma^a)_{\alpha\beta}\partial_a$$

# Extended gauge multiplet

$$\{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^I, \mathcal{D}_\beta^J\} = 2i\delta^{IJ}\mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} + F_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ}$$

$$[\mathcal{D}_\alpha^I, \mathcal{D}_b] = F_{\alpha b}^I$$

$$[\mathcal{D}_a, \mathcal{D}_b] = F_{ab}$$

Constraint:

$$F_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ} = i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}W^{IJ}$$

„Gauge multiplet“

Jacobi identities

$$F_{\alpha b}^I \sim (\gamma_b)_\alpha{}^\beta \mathcal{D}_\beta^J W_J^I$$

$$F_{ab} \sim (\gamma_{ab})^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}_\alpha^I \mathcal{D}_\beta^J W_{IJ}$$

# Matter: Scalar multiplet

(on-shell) condition:

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha^I Q_i = i(\Sigma^I \Lambda_\alpha)_i \leftarrow \text{spin(N)}$$

Parametrisation:

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha^I \Lambda_\beta =: H_{(\alpha\beta)}^I + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} H^I$$

$$\Sigma^I \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} Q$$

Closure of susy algebra

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = W^{IJ} Q$$

**Only task: To solve this for  $H^I$**

# What is $H^I$ ?

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = W^{IJ} Q$$

What is  $W^{IJ}$  in terms of matter?  $\longrightarrow$  dimension one

$$W^{IJ} Q = a \left( Q \Sigma^{IJ} \tau_A \bar{Q} \right) \tau^A Q$$

$$W_A^{IJ}$$

Gauge group  
generator

$$F_{ab} \sim (\gamma_{ab})^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}_\alpha^I \mathcal{D}_\beta^J W_{IJ} \sim \varepsilon_{abc} (\bar{Q} \mathcal{D}^c Q - Q \overline{\mathcal{D}^c Q})$$

indeed

Chern-Simons equation of motion:  $F_{ab} = \varepsilon_{abc} J^c$

group factor	$(\tau^A)_{ij}(\tau_A)_{kl}$	$W^{IJ}Q = (Q\Sigma^{IJ}\tau^A\bar{Q})(\tau_A Q)_k$
$\text{SO}(N)$	$2\delta_{k[i}\delta_{j]l}$	$2(Q^{[k}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^{l]})Q_l$
$\text{Sp}(N)$	$2\Omega_{k(i}\Omega_{j)l}$	$2(Q^{(k}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^{l)})Q_l$
$\text{U}(1)$	$-q^2\delta_i^j\delta_k^l$	$-q^2(Q^l\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_l)Q_k$
$\text{SU}(N)$	$\frac{1}{N}\delta_i^j\delta_k^l - \delta_i^l\delta_k^j$	$\frac{1}{N}(Q^l\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_l)Q_k - (Q_k\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^l)Q_l$
$\text{U}(N)$	$-\delta_i^l\delta_k^j$	$-(Q_k\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^l)Q_l$

bifundamental representations:

$$\Sigma^{[J}H^{I]} = W^{IJ}Q + QV^{IJ}$$

right-acting

$$(Q_w^{\bar{v}}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v)Q_v^{\bar{w}} \qquad (Q_v^{\bar{v}}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v)Q_w^{\bar{w}}$$

left-acting

$$Q_w^{\bar{v}}(\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v\Sigma^{IJ}Q_v^{\bar{w}}) \qquad Q_w^{\bar{w}}(\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v\Sigma^{IJ}Q_v^{\bar{v}})$$

examples:

$\text{U}(N)$

$\text{U}(1)$

# What is $H^I$ ?

All possible terms cubic in  $Q$  and ranks-1

$$H^I = \{(\Sigma^I Q)\bar{Q}Q\} + \dots + \dots + \{(Q\Sigma^I \bar{Q})Q\} + \dots$$

$\{\dots\}$  all possible gauge index combinations of rank-1

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} \stackrel{!}{=} \longrightarrow \text{only rank-2 bilinears are allowed}$$

Result (comes out for all  $N$ ):

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = \{(Q\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q})Q - Q(\bar{Q}\Sigma^{IJ}Q)\}$$

*right- and left-acting terms with same gauge index structure*

# What is $H^I$ ?

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = \{ (Q \Sigma^{IJ} \bar{Q}) Q - Q (\bar{Q} \Sigma^{IJ} Q) \}$$

Which groups fulfil this? —————> bifundamental matrix products

$$\text{U(M)} \times \text{U(N)} \quad (Q_w^{\bar{v}} \Sigma^{IJ} \bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v) Q_v^{\bar{w}} - Q_w^{\bar{v}} (\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v \Sigma^{IJ} Q_v^{\bar{w}})$$

$\text{SU(N)} \times \text{SU(N)}$ , b/c of cancelling „U(1) terms“

$$\dots - \frac{1}{N} (Q_v^{\bar{v}} \Sigma^{IJ} \bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v) Q_w^{\bar{w}} + \frac{1}{N} Q_w^{\bar{w}} (\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v \Sigma^{IJ} Q_v^{\bar{v}})$$

$\text{SU(N)} \times \text{SU(M)} \times \text{U(1)}^\circ$ , with compensating  $\text{U(1)}^\circ$  factor

$\text{SO(N)} \times \text{Sp(M)}$ , only for  $N=4,5$  (with reality condition), for  $N=6$  if  $N=2$

fundamental  $\text{SU(N)} \times \text{U(1)}^\circ$  and  $\text{Sp(N)} \times \text{U(1)}^\circ$  (special limits of above)

***These groups allow a solution for  $H^I$  and closure of the algebra***

(agrees with Gaiotto, Witten; Hosomichi, 3xLee, Park; Schnabl, Tachikawa 2008)

# What is $H^I$ ?

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = \{ (Q \Sigma^{IJ} \bar{Q}) Q - Q (\bar{Q} \Sigma^{IJ} Q) \}$$



For N=7,8 one gets  $(\Sigma^{IJ})_{[ij]} Q_i \bar{Q}_k Q_j$

only possible with real  $SU(2) \times SU(2)$

where  $\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v = \varepsilon^{vw} Q_w^{\bar{w}} \varepsilon_{\bar{w}\bar{v}}$

there it holds that

$$Q_{[i} \bar{Q}_{|k|} Q_{j]} = -\frac{1}{2} Q_{[i} \bar{Q}_{j]} Q_k - \frac{1}{2} Q_k \bar{Q}_{[i} Q_{j]}$$

representation:	fundamental	bifundamental
$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$SU(N)_a \times U(1)_{a-a/N}$ $Sp(N)_a \times U(1)_{-a}$	$U(M)_a \times U(N)_{-a}$ $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_{-a}$ $Sp(M)_a \times SO(N)_{-a}$
$\mathcal{N} = 5$	$SU(N)_a \times U(1)_{a-a/N}$ $Sp(N)_a \times U(1)_{-a}$	$U(M)_a \times U(N)_{-a}$ $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_{-a}$ $Sp(M)_a \times SO(N)_{-a}$
$\mathcal{N} = 6$	$SU(N)_a \times U(1)_{a-a/N}$ $Sp(N)_a \times U(1)_{-a}$	$U(M)_a \times U(N)_a$ $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_{-a}$ $Sp(M)_a \times SO(2)_a$
$\mathcal{N} = 7$		$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$
$\mathcal{N} = 8$		$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$

# Relation of different N

—► via their SO(N) spin matrices

SO(N)/spin(N) algebra:  $[\mathcal{N}^{IJ}, \mathcal{N}^{KL}] = 4\delta^{[K[I} \mathcal{N}^{J]L]}$

Clifford algebra:  $\gamma^I \gamma^J = \delta^{IJ} + \gamma^{IJ}$

—► then  $\mathcal{N}^{IJ} = -\frac{1}{2}\gamma^{IJ}$  generate spin(N)

Chiral representation:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^1 &= \sigma_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{1} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1} \\ \mathbb{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\tilde{\gamma} \\ -i\tilde{\gamma} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma^{2,\dots,2m} &= i\sigma_2 \otimes i\tilde{\gamma}^{1,\dots,\mathcal{N}-1} & & \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix} \\ \gamma^* &= \gamma^{2m+1} = -i^m \gamma^1 \cdot \dots \cdot \gamma^{2m} = \sigma_3 \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{1} \end{aligned}$$

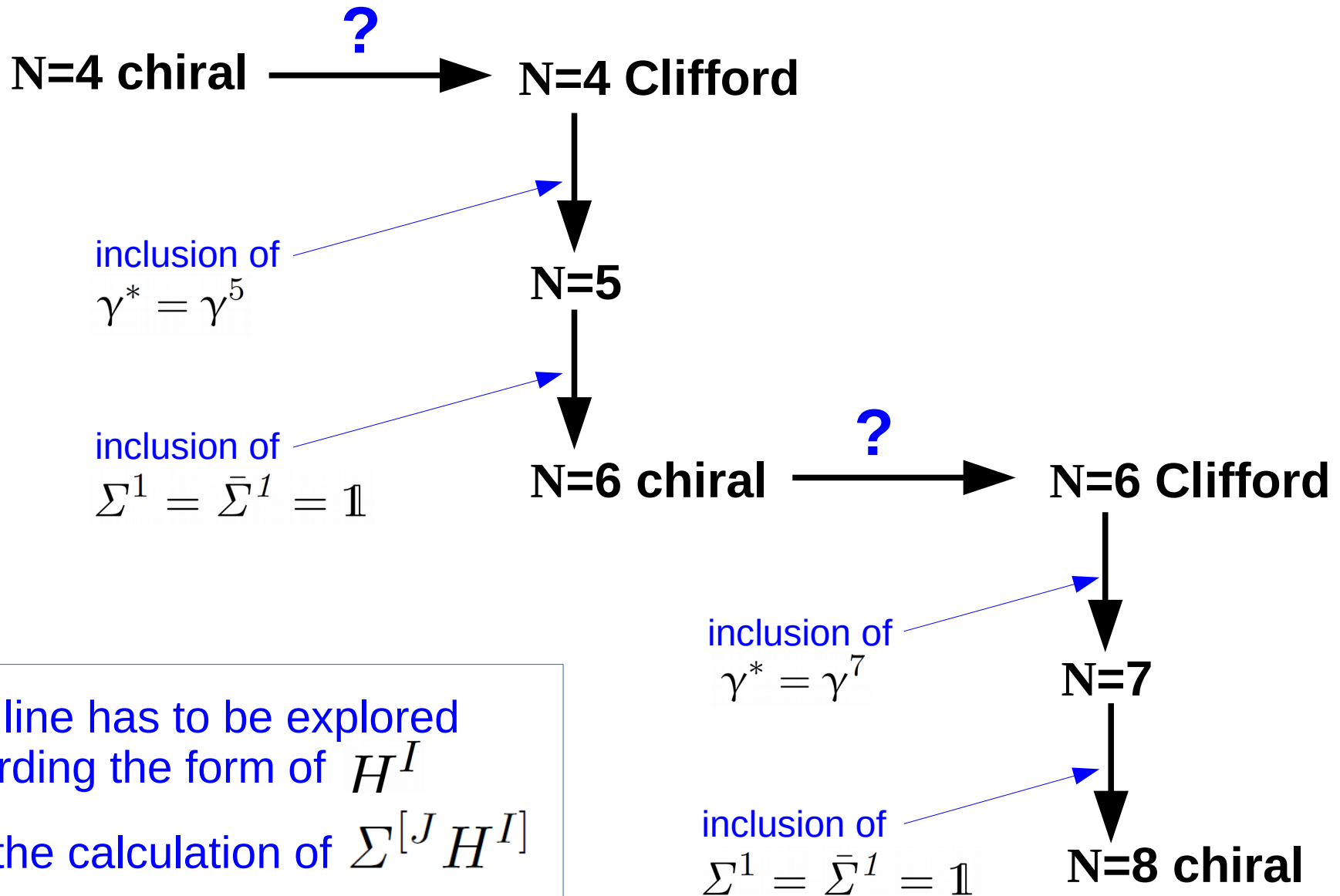
For even N:  $\gamma^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{IJ} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\Sigma}^{IJ} \end{pmatrix}$   $P_{L/R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm \gamma^*)$  —► reducible

$$\Sigma^I \bar{\Sigma}^J = \delta^{IJ} + \Sigma^{IJ}$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}^I \Sigma^J = \delta^{IJ} + \bar{\Sigma}^{IJ}$$

call them *Clifford* representations  
and *chiral* representations

# Relation of different N

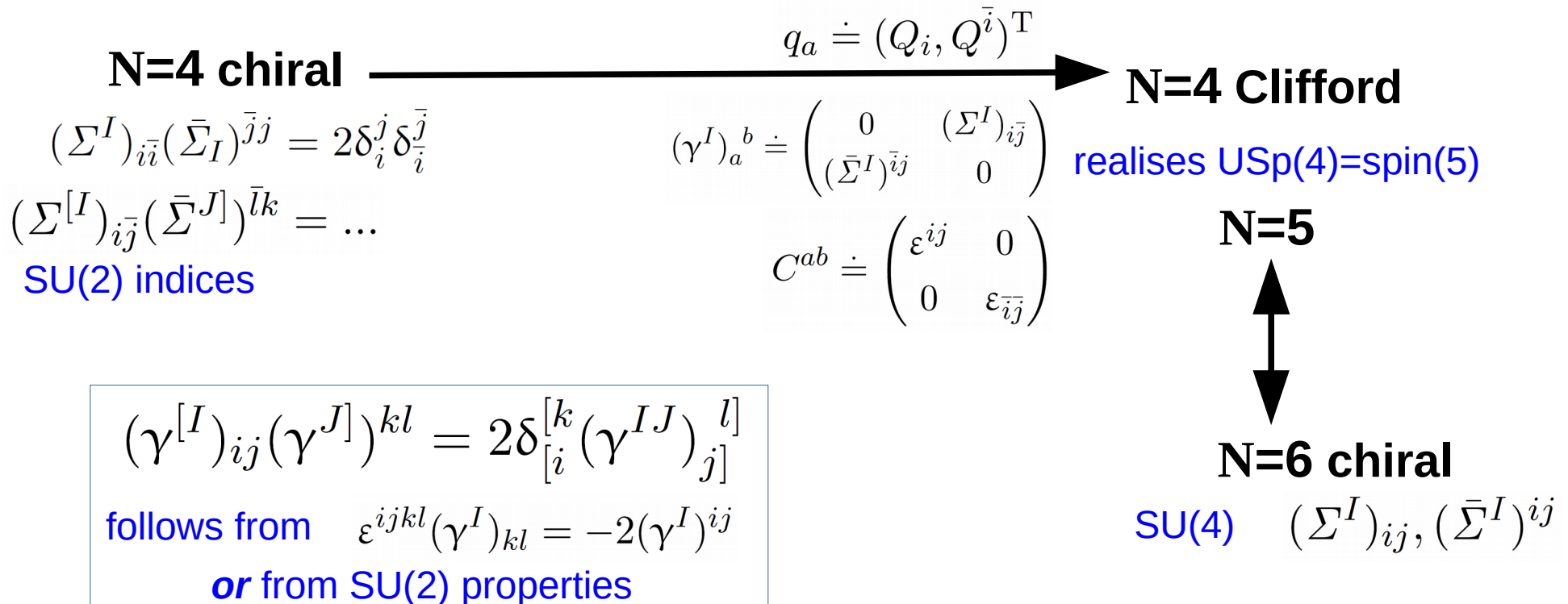


This line has to be explored  
regarding the form of  $H^I$   
and the calculation of  $\Sigma^{[J} H^I]$

Suppose the situation:  $(\Sigma^I)(\Sigma_I) \sim \delta, \varepsilon$  metric tensors

Then generally:  $H^I = \{(\Sigma^I Q)\bar{Q}Q\} + \dots + \{(Q\Sigma^I \bar{Q})Q\} + \dots$  and no  $(\Sigma^{IK})(\Sigma_K)$

in order to get rank-2 bilinears:  $(\Sigma^{[J})(\Sigma^{I]}) \sim (\delta)(\Sigma^{IJ})$



$$H^{I,k} = -a(\gamma^I)^{kl} \{ (q_l \bar{q}^i q_i - q_i \bar{q}^i q_l) + 2(\gamma^I)^{ij} q_i \bar{q}^k q_j \}$$

$$(\Sigma^I)_{ij}(\bar{\Sigma}_I)^{kl} = -4\delta_{[i}^k\delta_{j]}^l$$

$$(\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{ij}(\bar{\Sigma}_I)^{kl} = 2\varepsilon^{ijkl}$$

$$(\gamma^I)(\gamma_I)\not\gamma\delta\delta$$

$$(\gamma^{[J})(\gamma^{I]})\not\gamma(\delta)(\gamma^{IJ})$$

fails b/c of complexness  
of spin(6)=SU(4)

**N=6 chiral**

**N=6 Clifford**

**N=6 chiral**

**N=6 Majorana**  $q_a = \begin{pmatrix} Q_i \\ \bar{Q}^i \end{pmatrix}$

realises spin(7)

in a real basis:

$$(\gamma^I)_{i(j}(\gamma^I)_{l)k} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{i(j}\delta_{l)k}$$

Fierz lemma:

$$8\delta_{ac}\delta_{bd} = \delta_{ad}\delta_{bc} + \gamma_{ad}^I\gamma_{bc}^I - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{ad}^{IJ}\gamma_{bc}^{IJ} - \frac{1}{6}\gamma_{ad}^{IJK}\gamma_{bc}^{IJK}$$

$$\gamma_{ab}^{I[K}\gamma_{cd}^{L]I} = 4\delta_{[a[c}\gamma_{d]b}^{KL} - \gamma_{ab}^{[K}\gamma_{cd}^{L]}$$

$$\rightarrow -8\delta_{(c[a}\gamma_{b]d)}^K = \delta_{cd}\gamma_{ab}^K - \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{cd}^{KIJ}\gamma_{ab}^{IJ}$$

$$-8\delta_{[c[a}\gamma_{b]d)}^K = -\gamma_{cd}^{KI}\gamma_{ab}^I + \gamma_{ab}^{KI}\gamma_{cd}^I$$

**N=7**



**N=8 chiral**  
 $(\Sigma^I)_{i\bar{i}}, (\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{\bar{i}i}$

**N=6 M**  $H_k^I = \gamma_{kl}^I [q_l \bar{q}_i q_i - q_i \bar{q}_l q_i] + \gamma_{ij}^I q_i \bar{q}_j q_k - \gamma_{ij}^{IK} \gamma_{kl}^K q_i \bar{q}_j q_l - \gamma_{ij}^{I*} \gamma_{kl}^{K*} q_i \bar{q}_j q_l$

**N=7**  $H_k^I = \gamma_{kl}^I [q_l \bar{q}_i q_i - q_i \bar{q}_l q_i] + \gamma_{ij}^I q_i \bar{q}_j q_k - \gamma_{ij}^{IK} \gamma_{kl}^K q_i \bar{q}_j q_l$

**N=8 ch**  $H_{\bar{k}}^I = (\bar{\Sigma}^I)_{\bar{k}l} [Q_l \bar{Q}_i Q_i - Q_i \bar{Q}_l Q_i] - (\Sigma^{IK})_{ij} (\bar{\Sigma}^K)_{\bar{k}l} Q_i \bar{Q}_j Q_l$

# Supergravity

Extended curved superspace: local structure group  $SI(2,R) \times SO(N)$

$$\mathcal{D}_A = E_A^M \partial_M + \frac{1}{2} \Omega_A^{mn} \mathcal{M}_{mn} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_A^{PQ} \mathcal{N}_{PQ}$$

Superalgebra:

$$[\mathcal{D}_A, \mathcal{D}_B] = -T_{AB}^C \mathcal{D}_C + \frac{1}{2} R_{AB}^{PQ} \mathcal{N}_{PQ} + \frac{1}{2} R_{AB}^{mn} \mathcal{M}_{mn}$$

Weyl invariant constraints:

$$T_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ,c} = -i\delta^{IJ}(\gamma^c)_{\alpha\beta}$$

For anti de Sitter, only

$$T_{a\beta,K}^{J,\gamma} = (\gamma_a)_\beta^\gamma K^{JK} + (\gamma^b)_\beta^\gamma L_{ab}^{JK}$$

$$K^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} K \neq 0$$

$$T_{ab,K}^\gamma = \Psi_{ab,K}^\gamma$$

super Jakobi identity implies:

$$\{\mathcal{D}_\alpha^I, \mathcal{D}_\beta^J\} = 2i\delta^{IJ} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta} + i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \left( W^{IJKL} + 4\delta^{K[I} K^{J]L} \right) \mathcal{N}_{KL} + 4iK^{IJ} \mathcal{M}_{\alpha\beta}$$

↑  
super Cotton tensor

# Supergravity-matter coupling

SO(N) field strength

$$F_{ab}^{IJ} \sim (\gamma_{ab})^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}_{\alpha}^K \mathcal{D}_{\beta}^L W^{IJKL}$$

coupling to matter

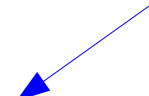
$$W^{IJKL} = -\frac{\lambda}{16} \bar{Q} \Sigma^{IJKL} Q$$

$$\Sigma^{[J} H^{I]} = -\frac{1}{2} (W^{IJKL} \Sigma_{KL} + 4K \Sigma^{IJ}) Q$$

solvable with  $W^{IJKL}$  off shell for  $N=4,5,6$

**e.g.  $N=6$ :**

special U(1)  
R-symmetry factor



$$\{\mathcal{D}_{\alpha}^I, \mathcal{D}_{\beta}^J\} Q = 2i(\gamma^a)_{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{D}_a Q - \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} W_{PQ} \Sigma^{IJPQ} Q + q \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} W^{IJ} Q - 2i \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} K \Sigma^{IJ} Q$$

$$H_{\text{SG}}^I = -\frac{i}{2} W_{PQ} \bar{\Sigma}^{IPQ} Q + i W^{IK} \bar{\Sigma}_K Q + 2K \bar{\Sigma}^I Q$$

$$W^{IJ} = \frac{\lambda}{16} i |Q \bar{\Sigma}^{IJ} \bar{Q}|$$

$$H_{\text{SG}}^{I,k} = -\frac{\lambda}{4} |Q_i \bar{Q}^k| (\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{il} Q_l + \frac{\lambda}{16} |Q_i \bar{Q}^i| (\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{kl} Q_l + 2K \bar{\Sigma}^I Q$$

# Modification of groups

Keep the ansatz general

$$H_{\text{SG}}^I = XW_{PQ}\bar{\Sigma}^{IPQ}Q + YW^{IK}\bar{\Sigma}_KQ + 2K\bar{\Sigma}^IQ$$

solve it together with gauge groups ansatz

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma^{[J}H_{\text{SG}}^{I]} &= \frac{\lambda}{16}[2iX|Q_i\bar{Q}^i|(\Sigma^{IJ}Q)_k - i(6X+Y)(\Sigma^{IJ})_k{}^l|Q_l\bar{Q}^m|Q_m \\ &\quad - i(2X-Y)|Q_k\bar{Q}^j|(\Sigma^{IJ}Q)_j + i(2X-Y)|Q\bar{\Sigma}^{IJ}\bar{Q}|Q_k] - 2K\Sigma^{IJ}Q \\ \Sigma^{[J}H_{\text{CS}}^{I]} &= \dots\end{aligned}$$

reproduce the supergravity sector and potential field strengths

representation:	fundamental	bifundamental
$\mathcal{N} = 4$	$SU(N)_a \times U(1)_{a-a/N}$ $Sp(N)_a \times U(1)_{-a}$	$U(M)_a \times U(N)_{-a}$ $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_{-a}$ $Sp(M)_a \times SO(N)_{-a}$
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+SG	$SU(N) \times U(1)$	$SU(N)_a \times SU(M)_a$
$\mathcal{N} = 7$		$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$
+SG	$SO(N)_{-\lambda/16}$ $SU(N)_{-\lambda/8} \times U(1)_{(2-N)\lambda/16}$	$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_{a-\lambda/8}$
$\mathcal{N} = 8$		$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$
+SG	$SO(N)_{-\lambda/8}$ $SU(N)_{-\lambda/4} \times U(1)_{(2-N)\lambda/8}$	$SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_{a-\lambda/4}$

# Comments

- Things are for free in superspace
- On-shell approach is a quite universal treatment of different  $N$
- Gravitationally coupled theories
  - Realise topologically massive gravity with fixed scale
  - Possible applications for M-theory or condensed matter
  - Relevant for adS/CFT with free boundary