

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

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

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

SO(N) R-symmetry

SO(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:

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

Parametrisation:

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

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

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

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

indeed

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

group factor $(\tau^A)_{ij}(\tau_A)_{kl}$

$$W^{IJ}Q = (Q\Sigma^{IJ}\tau^A\bar{Q})(\tau_AQ)_k$$

SO(N)

$$2\delta_{k[i}\delta_{j]l}$$

$$2(Q^{[k}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^{l]})Q_l$$

Sp(N)

$$2\Omega_{k(i}\Omega_{j)l}$$

$$2(Q^{(k}\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^{l)})Q_l$$

U(1)

$$-q^2\delta_i^j\delta_k^l$$

$$-q^2(Q^l\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_l)Q_k$$

SU(N)

$$\frac{1}{N}\delta_i^j\delta_k^l - \delta_i^l\delta_k^j$$

$$\frac{1}{N}(Q^l\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}_l)Q_k - (Q_k\Sigma^{IJ}\bar{Q}^l)Q_l$$

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

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

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

left-acting

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

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

examples:

U(N)

U(1)

What is H^I ?

All possible terms cubic in Q and ranks-1

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

{...} 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

* N=4,5,6

What is H^I ?

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

Which groups fulfil this? \longrightarrow bifundamental matrix products

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

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

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

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

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

fundamental $SU(N) \times U(1)^\circ$ and $Sp(N) \times U(1)^\circ$ (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 $\bar{Q}_{\bar{v}}^v = \epsilon^{vw} Q_w^{\bar{w}} \epsilon_{\bar{w}\bar{v}}$

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

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:

$$\gamma^1 = \sigma_1 \otimes \mathbb{1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1} \\ \mathbb{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^2, \dots, 2m = i\sigma_2 \otimes i\tilde{\gamma}^1, \dots, \mathcal{N}-1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i\tilde{\gamma} \\ -i\tilde{\gamma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\gamma^* = \gamma^{2m+1} = -i^m \gamma^1 \cdot \dots \cdot \gamma^{2m}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

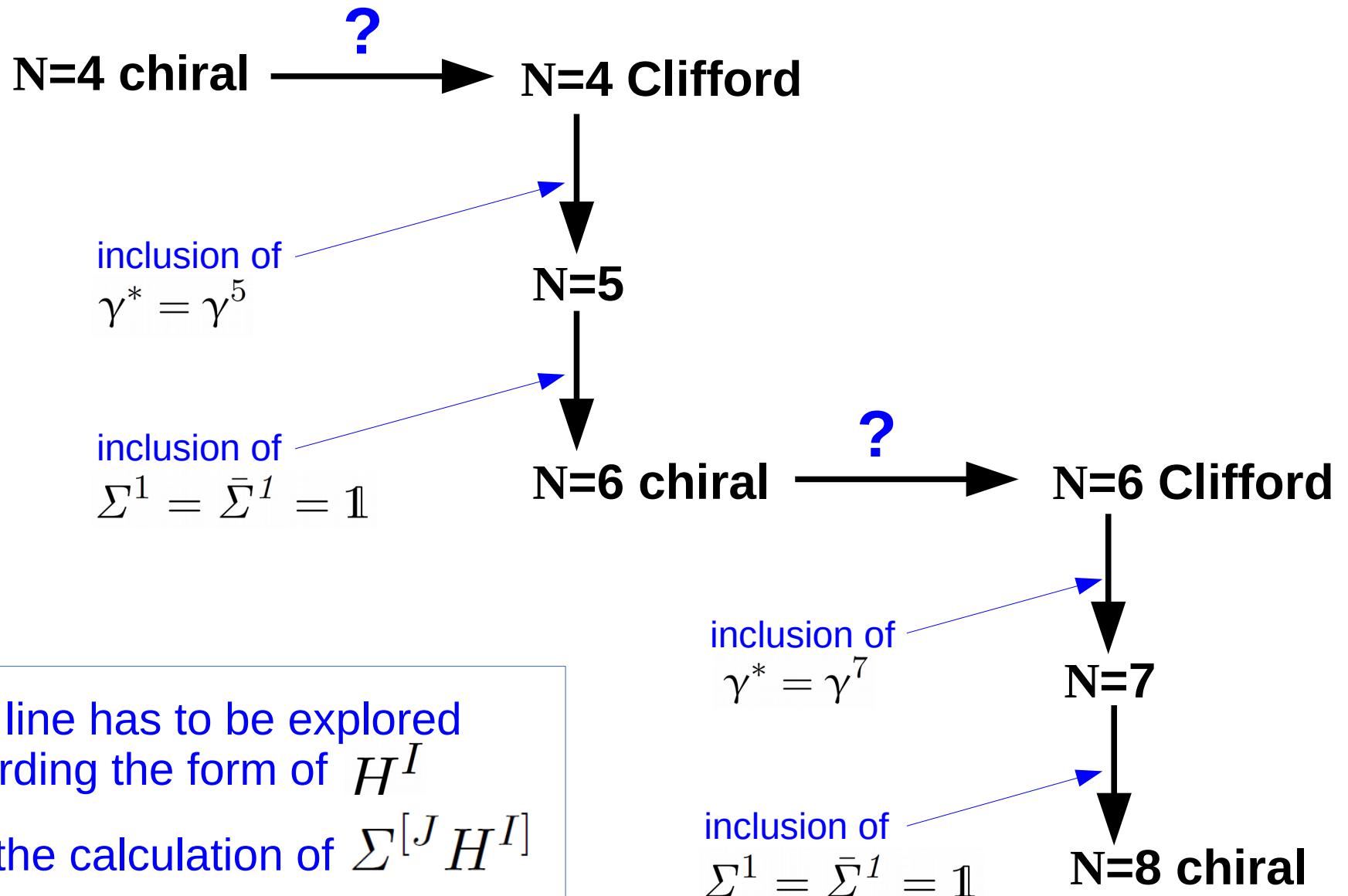
For even N: $\gamma^{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma^{IJ} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\Sigma}^{IJ} \end{pmatrix}$ $P_{L/R} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} \pm \gamma^*)$ → reducible

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

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

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 $\sum [J H^I]$

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: $(\Sigma^{[J})(\Sigma^{I]}) \stackrel{!}{\sim} (\delta)(\Sigma^{IJ})$

N=4 chiral

$$(\Sigma^I)_{i\bar{i}} (\bar{\Sigma}_I)^{\bar{j}j} = 2\delta_i^j \delta_{\bar{i}}^{\bar{j}}$$

$$(\Sigma^{[I})_{i\bar{j}} (\bar{\Sigma}^{J]})^{\bar{l}k} = \dots$$

SU(2) indices

$$q_a \doteq (Q_i, Q^{\bar{i}})^T$$

$$(\gamma^I)_a{}^b \doteq \begin{pmatrix} 0 & (\Sigma^I)_{i\bar{j}} \\ (\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{\bar{i}j} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

realises $USp(4) = \text{spin}(5)$

$$C^{ab} \doteq \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon^{ij} & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{i\bar{j}} \end{pmatrix}$$

N=5



N=6 chiral

$$\text{SU}(4) \quad (\Sigma^I)_{ij}, (\bar{\Sigma}^I)^{ij}$$

$$(\gamma^{[I})_{ij} (\gamma^{J]})^{kl} = 2\delta_{[i}^k (\gamma^{IJ})_{j]}^l$$

$$\text{follows from } \varepsilon^{ijkl} (\gamma^I)_{kl} = -2(\gamma^I)^{ij}$$

or from SU(2) properties

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

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

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

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

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

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

N=6 chiral \longrightarrow **N=6 Clifford**

N=6 chiral \longrightarrow **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:

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

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

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

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

N=7

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

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

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 $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \times SO(N)$

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

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:

$$T_{\alpha\beta}^{IJ,c} = -i\delta^{IJ}(\gamma^c)_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{For anti de Sitter, only}$$

$$T_{a\beta,K}{}^{J,\gamma} = (\gamma_a)_\beta{}^\gamma K^{JK} + (\gamma^b)_\beta{}^\gamma L_{ab}{}^{JK} \quad K^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ} K \neq 0$$

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

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. $N=6$:

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

special U(1)
R-symmetry factor

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

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

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

Modification of groups

Keep the ansatz general

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

solve it together with gauge groups ansatz

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

$$\Sigma^{[J} H_{\text{CS}}^{I]} = \dots$$

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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| $\mathcal{N} = 5$ | $SU(N)_a \times U(1)_{a-a/N}$ $Sp(N)_a \times U(1)_{-a}$ | $U(M)_a \times U(N)_{-a}$ $SU(N)_a \times SU(N)_{-a}$ $Sp(M)_a \times SO(N)_{-a}$ |
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| $\mathcal{N} = 7$ | | $SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$ |
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| +SG | $SO(N)_{-\lambda/16}$ $SU(N)_{-\lambda/8} \times U(1)_{(2-N)\lambda/16}$ | $SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_{a-\lambda/8}$ |
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| $\mathcal{N} = 8$ | | $SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_a$ |
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| +SG | $SO(N)_{-\lambda/8}$ $SU(N)_{-\lambda/4} \times U(1)_{(2-N)\lambda/8}$ | $SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_{a-\lambda/4}$ |
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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