

# NONCOMMUTATIVE SUPERGRAVITY

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

- WHY NC AT SMALL SCALES  $\sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^3}}$
- $[x^\mu, x^\nu] = i\theta^{\mu\nu}$
- KNOWN (OLD) EXAMPLES :
  - PHASE SPACE OF QM:  $[x^i, p^j] = i\hbar \delta^{ij}$
  - ELECTRONS IN 2-DIM + STRONG MAGNETIC FIELD  $\vec{B}$   
 $\{x^\mu, x^\nu\} = \frac{c}{e|B|} \epsilon^{\mu\nu}$ . QUANTIZATION  $\rightarrow$  NC POSITION OP.
- SNYDER (1947)
- DEFORMATION (OF PRODUCT DUE TO) QUANTIZATION  
ARISES IN THE NC STRUCTURE OF QM

- WEYL QUANTIZATION RULE

CLASSICAL PHASE SPACE  
FUNCTIONS

→  
W

QUANTUM  
OPERATORS

$$q^m p^m \rightarrow W(q^m p^m) = \frac{1}{2^m} \sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} \hat{p}^{m-k} \hat{q}^m \hat{p}^k$$

ex:  $W(q p^2) = \frac{1}{4} (\hat{p}^2 \hat{q} + 2 \hat{p} \hat{q} \hat{p} + \hat{q} \hat{p}^2)$

- YIELDS HERMITIAN OPERATOR
- CAN BE RESTATED AS  $W(q^m p^m) = : e^{-\frac{i\hbar}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q \partial p}} q^m p^m :$   
 $::$  MEANS  $q \rightarrow \hat{q}$ ,  $p \rightarrow \hat{p}$  AND  $\hat{q}$  ORDERED TO LEFT
- W IS INVERTIBLE  $\Rightarrow$  1-1 CORRESP. BETWEEN OP. AND PHASE SPACE FUNCTIONS



- **MOYAL PRODUCT**

$$A * B \equiv W^{-1} (W(A) W(B))$$

VON NEUMANN (1931), GROENEWOLD (1946), MOYAL (1949) ...

- **EXPLICITLY**

$$A * B = A(q,p) e^{\frac{i\hbar}{2} \Delta} B(q,p)$$

$$\Delta \equiv \begin{matrix} \overleftarrow{\partial} & \overrightarrow{\partial} \\ \underline{\partial} & \underline{\partial} \end{matrix} - \begin{matrix} \overleftarrow{\partial} & \overrightarrow{\partial} \\ \underline{\partial} & \underline{\partial} \end{matrix}$$

$$A \Delta B = \{A, B\}_{PB}$$

- **INHERITS THE PROPERTIES OF THE OP. PRODUCT:**

ASSOCIATIVE, NONCOMMUTATIVE

KONTSEVICH, FEDOSOV : GIVEN A POISSON STRUCTURE

$$\{A, B\} = \vartheta^{ij}(x) \partial_i A \partial_j B \quad \text{ON A MANIFOLD } \mathcal{M}$$

THERE IS ESSENTIALLY ONE  $*$  PRODUCT

$$A * B = AB + \frac{i\hbar}{2} \{A, B\} + O(\hbar^2)$$

UP TO LINEAR REDEFINITIONS OF  $A, B$

$$A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\hbar)A \equiv A + \hbar \mathcal{D}_1(A) + \hbar^2 \mathcal{D}_2(A) + \dots$$

$\mathcal{D}_i : \text{Funct } \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Funct } \mathcal{M}$  diff op.

LC (1978) : RELATION TO OTHER QUANTIZATION RULES

NB isomorphic algebras, but **inequivalent** hamiltonians  
cf Vassilevich

## 2. \* FIELD THEORIES

- POINT OF VIEW : USUAL FUNCTIONS OF  $\mathbb{R}^4$  WITH DEFORMED PRODUCT (Moyal)

$$\begin{aligned} A(x) * B(x) &\equiv A(x) e^{\frac{i}{2} \overleftarrow{\partial}_\mu \theta^{\mu\nu} \overrightarrow{\partial}_\nu} B(x) \\ &= AB + \frac{i}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu A \partial_\nu B + \frac{1}{2!} \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)^2 \theta^{\mu\nu} \theta^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \partial_\rho A (\partial_\nu \partial_\sigma B) \\ &\quad + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- IN PARTICULAR  $X^\mu * X^\nu - X^\nu * X^\mu = i \theta^{\mu\nu}$

- STUDY OF \* DEFORMED FIELD THEORIES

$$S = \int d^D x \mathcal{L}(\phi)_*$$

- CYCLICITY OF  $\int \phi * \chi * \dots d^D x$

NEXT : \* GRAVITY AND SUPERGRAVITY

- FORMS,  $d$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_V \dots \rightarrow$  \* DIFF CALCULUS
- MORE GENERAL : TWISTED DIFF CALCULUS

$\rightarrow$  DEFORM PRODUCTS OF FORMS



### 3. TWISTED DIFF CALCULUS

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WORONOVICZ, ... WESS GROUP

$$i) \quad g * h \equiv \mu \circ F^{-1}(g \otimes h), \quad F: \text{TWIST}$$

$F \in U\mathfrak{H} \otimes U\mathfrak{H}$ ,  $\mathfrak{H}$ : LINEAR SPACE OF SMOOTH VECTOR FIELDS ON SMOOTH MANIFOLD  $\mathcal{M}$

- Example: MOYAL TWIST (A PARTICULAR ABELIAN TWIST)

$$F = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{2} \theta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \otimes \partial_\nu\right)$$

- NOTATION:  $F = f^\alpha \otimes f_\alpha$ ,  $F^{-1} = \bar{f}^\alpha \otimes \bar{f}_\alpha$

THUS:  $f * g = \bar{f}^\alpha(f) \bar{f}_\alpha(g)$

- \* - EXTERIOR PRODUCT  $\wedge_*$

$$\tau \wedge_* \tau' \equiv \bar{f}^\alpha(\tau) \wedge \bar{f}_\alpha(\tau')$$

$$\bar{f}^\alpha(\tau) \equiv \mathcal{L}_{\bar{f}^\alpha} \tau$$

ASSOCIATIVE

- EXTERIOR DERIVATIVE  $d$

$$d(f * g) = df * g + f * dg$$

$$d(\tau \wedge_* \tau') = d\tau \wedge_* \tau' + (-1)^{\deg(\tau)} \tau \wedge_* d\tau'$$

USUAL (GRADED) LEIBNIZ RULE

- INTEGRATION: GRADED CYCLICITY

FOR ABELIAN TWISTS:

$$\int \tau \wedge_* \tau' = (-1)^{\deg(\tau) \deg(\tau')} \int \tau' \wedge_* \tau$$

UP TO BODY TERMS

- COMPLEX CONJUGATION

CHOOSING REAL FIELDS IN THE DEF. OF TWIST  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} (f * g)^* &= g^* * f^* \\ (\tau \wedge_* \tau')^* &= (-1)^{\deg(\tau) \deg(\tau')} \tau'^* \wedge_* \tau^* \end{aligned}$$

## 4. \* GRAVITY

i) CLASSICAL

$$S = \int R^{ab} \wedge V^c \wedge V^d \epsilon_{abcd} = -4 \int R \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

$$\text{WITH } R^{ab} \equiv d\omega^{ab} - \omega^{ac} \wedge \omega_c^b$$

• INDEX-FREE :

$$S = i \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5)$$

$$V = V^a \gamma_a, \quad \Omega = \frac{1}{4} \omega^{ab} \gamma_{ab}, \quad R = d\Omega - \Omega \wedge \Omega$$



THEN  $R = \frac{1}{4} (d\omega^{ab} - \omega^{ac} \wedge \omega_c{}^b) \gamma_{ab} = \frac{1}{4} R^{ab} \gamma_{ab}$

AND  $i \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) =$

$$\frac{i}{4} \int R^{ab} \wedge V^c \wedge V^d \underbrace{\text{Tr} (\gamma_{ab} \gamma_c \gamma_d \gamma_5)}_{-4i \epsilon_{abcd}}$$

$-4i \epsilon_{abcd}$

IS THE USUAL EINSTEIN-HILBERT ACTION

• INVARIANCES :

• DIFF  $\mathcal{L}_\epsilon = i_\epsilon d + d i_\epsilon$

• LOCAL LORENTZ  $\delta_\epsilon V = -V \epsilon + \epsilon V$

$\delta_\epsilon \Omega = d\epsilon - \Omega \epsilon + \epsilon \Omega$

$\epsilon = \epsilon^\mu \partial_\mu$

$\epsilon = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon^{ab} \gamma_{ab}$

• UNDER LORENTZ :  $\delta_\epsilon R = \epsilon R - R\epsilon$

$$\text{THUS } \delta_\epsilon S = -i \delta_\epsilon \int \text{Tr}(R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) = 0$$

BY CYCLICITY OF  $\text{Tr}$ , AND BECAUSE  $[\gamma_5, \epsilon] = 0$

HERMITICITY

$$\gamma_0 V \gamma_0 = V^\dagger, \quad -\gamma_0 \Omega \gamma_0 = \Omega^\dagger, \quad -\gamma_0 \epsilon \gamma_0 = \epsilon^\dagger$$

CAN BE USED TO CHECK REALITY OF ACTION

CHARGE CONJUGATION

$$CVC = V^T, \quad C\Omega C = \Omega^T, \quad C\epsilon C = \epsilon^T$$

ii) \* GRAVITY

$$S = -i \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge * V \wedge * V \gamma_5) \quad (\text{CHAMSEDDINE 2003})$$

WITH:

$$V = V^a \gamma_a + \tilde{V}^a \gamma_a \gamma_5$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{4} \omega^{ab} \gamma_{ab} + i \omega \mathbb{1} + \tilde{\omega} \gamma_5$$

\* INVARIANCES :

- DIFF  $\mathcal{L}_\varepsilon = i_\varepsilon d + d i_\varepsilon$

- LOCAL  $SO(1,3) \times U(1) \times U(1)$

$$(SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{C}))$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon V = -V * \varepsilon + \varepsilon * V, \quad \delta_\varepsilon \Omega = d\varepsilon - \Omega * \varepsilon + \varepsilon * \Omega$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{1}{4} \varepsilon^{ab} \gamma_{ab} + i \varepsilon \cdot \mathbb{1} + \tilde{\varepsilon} \cdot \gamma_5$$

\*- GAUGE INVARIANCE DUE TO

$$\delta_\varepsilon R = -R \star \varepsilon + \varepsilon \star R$$

CYCLICITY OF  $\text{Tr}$ , GRADED CYCLICITY OF  $\int$   
 $\varepsilon$  STILL COMMUTES WITH  $\gamma_5$

• FIELD EQS (INDEX-FREE)

$$\text{EINSTEIN: } \text{Tr} [\Gamma_{a, \alpha 5} (iV \wedge_\star R + iR \wedge_\star V)] = 0$$

$$\text{TORSION: } \text{Tr} [\Gamma_{ab, t, s} (iT \wedge_\star V - iV \wedge_\star T)] = 0$$

$$\text{WITH } T \equiv dV - \Omega \wedge_\star V - V \wedge_\star \Omega = T^a \gamma_a + \tilde{T}^a \gamma_a \gamma_5$$

$$\text{SOLUTION: } T = 0$$



• FIELDS :  $V^a$   $\tilde{V}^a$   
 $\omega^{ab}$   $\omega, \tilde{\omega}$

• HOW TO GET RID OF EXTRA FIELDS IN  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  LIM.?

• ANSWER : CHARGE CONJUGATION CONDITIONS  
ON  $V, \omega$  (EXPLOITING  $\theta$ -DEPENDANCE)  
COMPATIBLE WITH  $*$ -TRANSF.

## $\theta$ -DEPENDENT FIELDS

- MOYAL TWIST  $F^{-1} = e^{\frac{i}{2}\theta \Theta^{\rho\sigma} \partial_\rho \otimes \partial_\sigma}$   $\theta$  DIMENSIONFUL

- $\phi_\theta(x) = \phi_0(x) + \theta \phi_1(x) + \theta^2 \phi_2(x) + \dots$   
 $\varepsilon_\theta(x) = \varepsilon_0(x) + \theta \varepsilon_1(x) + \theta^2 \varepsilon_2(x) + \dots$

→ INFINITE TOWER OF  $x$ -DEPENDENT FIELDS

FINITE NUMBER AT EACH ORDER IN  $\theta$

AT  $D$ -TH ORDER ONLY CLASSICAL FIELDS CONTRIBUTE

- GAUGE TRANSF OF  $\phi_i(x)$  DEDUCED BY EXPANDING IN  $\theta$

$$\delta_\varepsilon V = -V * \varepsilon + \varepsilon * V, \quad \delta_\varepsilon \Omega = d\varepsilon - \Omega * \varepsilon + \varepsilon * \Omega$$

NB:  $\phi_0$  TRANSFORMS WITH CLASSICAL  $\delta_\varepsilon^0$

- THE SEIBERG-WITTEN MAP CAN BE USED TO RELATE HIGHER-ORDER FIELDS TO THE CLASSICAL FIELDS IN A WAY CONSISTENT WITH THE  $\star$ GAUGE VARIATIONS

$$\delta_\varepsilon \phi(\phi_0) = \phi(\delta_\varepsilon^0 \phi_0)$$

THEN THE  $\star$ -DEFORMED THEORY CONTAINS ONLY THE  $\phi_0$  FIELDS

## HERMITICITY AND CHARGE CONJUGATION

$$\gamma_0 V \gamma_0 = V^\dagger, \quad -\gamma_0 \Omega \gamma_0 = \Omega^\dagger, \quad -\gamma_0 \varepsilon \gamma_0 = \varepsilon^\dagger$$

→ ACTION IS REAL

$$C V_\theta C = V_{-\theta}^\top, \quad C \Omega_\theta C = \Omega_{-\theta}^\top, \quad C \varepsilon_\theta C = \varepsilon_{-\theta}^\top$$

$$\rightarrow V_\theta^a = V_{-\theta}^a, \quad \tilde{V}_\theta^a = -\tilde{V}_{-\theta}^a$$

$$\omega_\theta^{ab} = \omega_{-\theta}^{ab}, \quad \omega_\theta = -\omega_{-\theta}, \quad \tilde{\omega}_\theta = -\tilde{\omega}_{-\theta}$$

→ FOR  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  ONLY  $V_0^a, \omega_0^{ab}$  SURVIVE

THE COMM. LIMIT IS THE USUAL FIRST-ORDER GRAVITY.



## 6. \* GRAVITY + FERMIONS (SPIN 1/2)

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i) CLASSICAL

$$S = i \int \text{Tr}(R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) - \int \text{Tr}((\mathcal{D}\psi) \bar{\psi} \wedge V \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5)$$

$\psi$ : DIRAC SPINOR,  $\mathcal{D}\psi \equiv d\psi - \Omega\psi$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}((\mathcal{D}\psi) \bar{\psi} \wedge V \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) &= \text{Tr}((\mathcal{D}\psi) \bar{\psi} \wedge V^a \wedge V^b \wedge V^c \underbrace{\gamma_a \gamma_b \gamma_c \gamma_5}_{\epsilon_{abcd} \gamma^d}) \\ &= \bar{\psi} \gamma^a \mathcal{D}\psi \wedge V^b \wedge V^c \wedge V^d \epsilon_{abcd} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \det V d^4x$$

- INVARIANCES

- DIFF

- LOCAL LORENTZ  $\delta_\varepsilon \psi = \varepsilon \psi \rightarrow \delta_\varepsilon \bar{\psi} = -\bar{\psi} \varepsilon$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_\varepsilon \mathcal{D}\psi = \varepsilon (\mathcal{D}\psi)$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon ((\mathcal{D}\psi)\bar{\psi}) = \varepsilon ((\mathcal{D}\psi)\bar{\psi}) - ((\mathcal{D}\psi)\bar{\psi}) \varepsilon$$

$$S = i \int \text{Tr}(R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) - \int \text{Tr}((\mathcal{D}\psi)\bar{\psi} \wedge V \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5)$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon S = 0$$

- $\bar{\psi} \equiv \psi^\dagger \gamma_0$

ii) \* GRAVITY + FERMIONS

$$S = -i \int \text{Tr}(R \wedge *V \wedge *V \gamma_5) + \int \text{Tr}((\mathcal{D}\psi) \bar{\psi} \wedge *V \wedge *V \wedge *V \gamma_5)$$

- INVARIANT UNDER DIFF AND  
\* GAUGE  $SO(1,3) \times U(1) \times U(1)$   $(SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{C}))$

- CHARGE CONJUGATE  $\psi^c \equiv C(\bar{\psi})^T$   
TRANSFORMS UNDER \*-GAUGE AS  $\psi_{-\theta}$

- $\Rightarrow$  MAJORANA CONDITION

$$\psi_{\theta}^c = \psi_{-\theta} \quad (\Rightarrow \psi_{\theta}^{\dagger} \gamma_0 = \psi_{-\theta}^T C)$$

## 7. \* SUPERGRAVITY

i) CLASSICAL

$$S = i \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge V \wedge V \gamma_5) - 2 \int \text{Tr} [(\mathcal{D}\psi) \wedge \bar{\psi} + \psi \wedge \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi}] \wedge V \gamma_5]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Tr} [(\mathcal{D}\psi) \wedge \bar{\psi} \wedge V \gamma_5] &= \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \wedge V \wedge \mathcal{D}\psi = \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma_a \wedge \mathcal{D}\psi \wedge V^a \\ &= \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma^5 \gamma^a \mathcal{D}_\rho \psi_\sigma V_\nu^a d^4x \end{aligned}$$

RARITA - SCHWINGER (SPIN 3/2)

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mathcal{D}\psi &= d\psi - \Omega \psi \\ \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} &= d\bar{\psi} - \bar{\psi} \Omega \end{aligned}$$

• MAJORANA CONDITION

$$\psi^\dagger \gamma_0 = \psi^T C$$



- TORSION EQ :  $\delta\Omega$  VARIATION

$$\delta S = \int T_{\mu} \left[ \delta\Omega \left[ -i (TV - VT) \gamma_5 - 2\psi \wedge \bar{\psi} \wedge V \gamma_5 - 2V \gamma_5 \wedge \psi \wedge \bar{\psi} \right] \right]$$

$$\text{WITH } T \equiv dV - \Omega \wedge V - V \wedge \Omega$$

- SOLUTION :  $T = i (\psi \wedge \bar{\psi} - \gamma_5 \psi \wedge \bar{\psi} \gamma_5) = i [\psi \wedge \bar{\psi}, \gamma_5] \gamma_5$

$$\text{REPRODUCES } \mathcal{D}V^c = \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi} \gamma^c \psi$$

USING FIERZ IDENTITY

$$\psi_A \wedge \bar{\psi}_B = \frac{1}{4} \left( \mathbb{1} \bar{\psi}_B \psi_A + \gamma_5 \bar{\psi}_B \gamma_5 \psi_A + \gamma_5 \gamma_a \bar{\psi}_B \gamma^a \psi_A + \gamma_a \bar{\psi}_B \gamma^a \psi_A - \frac{1}{8} \gamma^{ab} \bar{\psi}_B \gamma_{ab} \psi_A \right)$$



• SUPERSYMMETRY

$$\delta_\varepsilon V = i (\bar{\varepsilon} \gamma^a \psi) \gamma_a = -i [\psi \bar{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon \bar{\psi}, \gamma_5] \gamma_5$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \psi = d\varepsilon - \Omega \varepsilon$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon \bar{\psi} = d\bar{\varepsilon} + \bar{\varepsilon} \Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_\varepsilon D\psi = -R\varepsilon$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon D\bar{\psi} = \bar{\varepsilon} R$$

$$\delta_\varepsilon S = 0$$

IF  $\psi, \varepsilon$  MAJORANA SPINORS

( $\Rightarrow \bar{\psi} \varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} \psi, \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \varepsilon = \bar{\varepsilon} \gamma_5 \psi$  etc...)

## ii) \* SUPERGRAVITY

$$S = i \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge * V \wedge * V \gamma_5) - 2 \int \text{Tr} ((\mathcal{D}\psi \wedge * \bar{\psi} + \psi \wedge * \mathcal{D}\psi) \wedge * V \gamma_5)$$

INVARIANT UNDER

- DIFF  $\mathcal{L}_\xi = i_\xi d + d i_\xi$   $\xi = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu$
  - GAUGE  $SO(1,3) \times U(1) \times U(1)$   $\xi = \frac{1}{4} \xi^{ab} \gamma_{ab} + \xi \cdot \mathbb{1} + \tilde{\xi} \cdot \gamma_5$
  - SUSY  $\delta_\xi V = -i [\psi * \bar{\xi} - \xi * \bar{\psi}, \gamma_5] \gamma_5$   
 $\delta_\xi \psi = d\xi - \Omega * \xi$
- BROKEN FOR MAJORANA GRAVITINO !
  - UNBROKEN FOR WEYL GRAVITINO ( $\rightarrow$  COMPLEX VIELBEIN)

D=3, N=1 \* SUPERGRAVITY

$$V = V^a \gamma_a + i v \mathbb{1}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{4} \omega^{ab} \gamma_{ab} + i \omega \mathbb{1}$$

$$S = \int \text{Tr} (R \wedge * V) + i \int \text{Tr} (\mathbb{D} \psi \wedge * \bar{\psi})$$

(CACCIATORI, MARTUCCI by different method)

• INVARIANT UNDER

• DIFF

• LOCAL  $SO(1,2) \times U(1) \approx U(1,1)$  \* GAUGE

• N=1 \* SUPERSYMMETRY

$$\delta_\varepsilon V = i (\varepsilon * \bar{\psi} - \psi * \bar{\varepsilon}), \quad \delta_\varepsilon \psi = d\varepsilon - \Omega * \varepsilon$$

## 7. SOLUTIONS

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- SOLUTIONS OF CLASSICAL GRAVITY AND THEIR KILLING VECTORS
- USE A COMMUTING SUBSET  $K$  OF THESE KILLING VECTORS TO DEFINE A  $*$  PRODUCT (ABELIAN TWIST)
- CHOOSE VIELBEIN  $V$  SUCH THAT  $\mathcal{L}_K V = 0$
- THEN ALL  $*$  PRODUCTS INVOLVING  $V$ 'S REDUCE TO ORDINARY PRODUCTS !

⇒  $V$  IS A SOLUTION ALSO OF  $*$ -EQ. OF MOTION



## 8. CONCLUSIONS

- $D=3$  \*SUPERGRAVITY : \* SUPERSYMMETRIC  
USUAL COMM. LIMIT
- $D=4$  \* SUPERGRAVITY :
  - 1) MAJORANA  $\psi \rightarrow$  NO \* SUSY  
USUAL COMM. LIMIT
  - 2) WEYL  $\psi \rightarrow$  \* SUSY  
CHIRAL LIMIT (COMPLEX V)