

# Higher-Spin Gauge Theories

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# Plan

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- I** Properties of HS theory
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# Symmetries

HS gauge theory: theory of maximal symmetries

Usual lower-spin symmetries

• Relativistic theories: Poincaré symmetry:

$$\delta x^a = \varepsilon^a + \varepsilon^a{}_b x^b \quad \varepsilon^a : \text{translations}; \quad \varepsilon^{ab} : \text{Lorentz rotations}$$

**Lie algebra:**  $\delta x^a = [T, x^a], \quad T = \varepsilon^n P_a + \varepsilon^{ab} M_{ab}$

$$P_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}, \quad M_{ab} = x_a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^b} - x_b \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$$

$$[M_{ab}, P_c] = P_a \eta_{bc} - P_b \eta_{ac}$$

$$[M_{ab}, M_{cd}] = M_{ad} \eta_{bc} - M_{bd} \eta_{ac} - M_{ac} \eta_{bd} + M_{bc} \eta_{ad}$$

$$[P_a, P_b] = 0$$

## $(A)dS$ deformation

$$[P_a, P_b] = \Lambda M_{ab}$$

$\Lambda < 0$ :  $AdS$ ,  $o(d-1, 2)$

$\Lambda > 0$ :  $dS$ ,  $o(d, 1)$

$\Lambda = 0$ : **Minkowski space**,  $iso(d-1, 1)$

- **SUSY**

$$P_a, M_{ab} \longrightarrow P_a, M_{ab}, Q_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\{Q_\alpha, Q_\beta\} = \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^a P_a$$

$$[M_{ab}, Q_\alpha] = \sigma_{ab\alpha}{}^\beta Q_\beta, \quad \sigma_{ab} = \frac{1}{4}[\gamma_a, \gamma_b]$$

- **Inner symmetries: generators  $T_i$  are space-time invariant**

$$[T_i, (P_a, M_{ab})] = 0$$

**Standard Model:**  $T_i \sim SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

- **Conformal (super)symmetries**

# Local Symmetries

**Useful viewpoint:** any global symmetry is the remnant of a local symmetry with parameters like  $\varepsilon^a(x), \varepsilon^{ab}(x), \varepsilon^\alpha(x), \varepsilon^i(x)$  being arbitrary functions of space-time coordinates

Local symmetries are symmetries of the full theory

Global symmetries are symmetries of its particular solution

**Example:**

Infinitesimal diffeomorphisms  $\delta x^a = \varepsilon^a(x)$  are symmetries of GR

Global symmetry with  $\varepsilon^a(x) = \varepsilon^a + \varepsilon^a_b x^b$  are symmetries of the Minkowski solution  $g_{ab} = \eta_{ab}$  of Einstein equations

# Gauge fields

Let

$$S = \int_{M^d} L(\varphi(x), \partial_a \varphi(x), \dots)$$

be invariant under a global symmetry  $g$  with parameters  $\varepsilon^n$  ( $n = a, \alpha, i, \dots$ )

For  $\varepsilon^n(x)$

$$\delta S = - \int_{M^d} J_n^a(\varphi) \partial_a \varepsilon^n(x)$$

$J_n^a(\varphi)$  are conserved currents since  $\partial_a J_n^a(\varphi) \cong 0$  by virtue of field equations

To achieve local symmetry introduce gauge fields  $A_a^n$

$$\delta A_a^n = \partial_a \varepsilon^n + \dots$$

$$S \longrightarrow S + \Delta S + \dots, \quad \Delta S = \int_{M^d} J_n^a(\varphi) A_a^n(x)$$

$\Delta S$ : Noether current interaction.

## Subtlety

If  $\varphi(x)$  were gauge fields with gauge parameters  $\varepsilon'$ ,  $J_n^a(\varphi)$  may not be invariant under the  $\varepsilon'$  symmetry

Noether current interaction for several gauge fields may be obstructed



## Inner symmetry:

### Yang-Mills fields - spin 1

$$A_a(x) = A_a^i(x)T_i, \quad \varepsilon(x) = \varepsilon^i(x)T_i$$

$$\delta A_a(x) = D_a \varepsilon(x), \quad D_a \varepsilon(x) = \partial_a \varepsilon(x) + [A_a(x), \varepsilon(x)]$$

$$[D_a, D_b] = R_{ab}, \quad R_{ab} = \partial_a A_b - \partial_b A_a + [A_a, A_b], \quad \delta R_{ab} = g[R_{ab}, \varepsilon]$$

# Poincaré symmetry:

**Cartan gravity - spin 2**  $A_\nu^n = (e_\nu^a, \omega_\nu^{ab})$

$e_\nu^a$  relates indices  $\nu$  with  $a$  identified in Minkowski space at  $e_\nu^a = \delta_\nu^a$

**Gauge transformation**

$$\delta e_\nu^a(x) = \partial_\nu \varepsilon^a(x) + \omega_\nu^a{}_b(x) \varepsilon^b(x) - \varepsilon^a{}_b(x) e_\nu^b(x) + \Delta e_\nu^a$$

$$\delta \omega_\nu^{ab}(x) = \partial_\nu \varepsilon^{ab}(x) + \omega_\nu^a{}_c(x) \varepsilon^{cb}(x) - \omega_\nu^b{}_c(x) \varepsilon^{ca}(x) + \Delta \omega_\nu^{ab}$$

$\Delta e_\nu^a, \Delta \omega_\nu^{ab}$  **corrections to YM transformation proportional to curvatures**

$$R_{\nu\mu}{}^a = \partial_\nu e_\mu^a + \omega_\nu^a{}_b e_\mu^b - (\nu \leftrightarrow \mu), \quad R_{\nu\mu}{}^{ab} = \partial_\nu \omega_\mu^{ab} + \omega_\nu^a{}_c \omega_\mu^{cb} - (\nu \leftrightarrow \mu)$$

$R_{\nu\mu}{}^a = 0 \rightarrow \omega = \omega(e, \partial e), \quad R_{\nu\mu}{}^{\rho\sigma}$ : **Riemann tensor**

**Metric**  $g_{\nu\mu} = e_\nu^a e_\mu^b \eta_{ab}$

# SUSY

**SUGRA:** spin 3/2 gauge field gravitino

$$\delta\psi_{\nu\alpha} = D_{\nu}\varepsilon_{\alpha} + \dots$$

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking

Equations of motion are  $G$ -invariant

while a solution that describes our world is not

**Higgs:**  $H^i(x) = H_0^i + h^i(x)$

Unbroken part  $\tilde{G} \subset G$  is a leftover symmetry of  $H_0^i$

$\tilde{G} = SU(3) \times U(1)$  in SM

If  $H_0^i$  has non-zero dimension  $[H_0^i] = cm^{-1} \sim GeV$

spontaneous symmetry breaking is a low-energy effect

symmetry restoration at  $E > H_0^i$

In the unbroken regime, gauge fields associated with usual lower-spin symmetries describe massless particles

$$s = 1: \quad A_\nu{}^i$$

$$s = 3/2: \quad \psi_\nu{}^\alpha$$

$$s = 2: \quad e_\nu{}^a \omega_\nu{}^{ab}$$

# General Features of HS Theories

Key question: is it possible to go to larger **HS** symmetries?

What are HS symmetries and HS counterparts of lower-spin theories including **GR**?

What are physical motivations for their study and possible outputs?

# Fronsdal fields

All  $m = 0$  HS fields are gauge fields

$\varphi_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}$  is a rank  $s$  symmetric tensor obeying  $\varphi^\rho{}_\rho{}^\mu{}_{\mu\nu_3 \dots \nu_s} = 0$

Gauge transformation:

$$\delta\varphi_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s} = \partial_{(\nu_1} \varepsilon_{\nu_2 \dots \nu_s)}, \quad \varepsilon^\mu{}_{\mu\nu_3 \dots \nu_{s-1}} = 0$$

Field equations:  $G_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}(x) = 0$      $G_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}(x)$  : Einstein-like tensor

$$G_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}(x) = \square\varphi_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}(x) - s\partial_{(\nu_1} \partial^\mu \varphi_{\nu_2 \dots \nu_s \mu)}(x) + \frac{s(s-1)}{2} \partial_{(\nu_1} \partial_{\nu_2} \varphi^\mu{}_{\nu_3 \dots \nu_s \mu)}(x)$$

Action

$$S = \int_{M^d} \left( \frac{1}{2} \varphi^{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s} G_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_s}(\varphi) - \frac{1}{8} s(s-1) \varphi_\mu{}^\mu{}_{\nu_3 \dots \nu_s} G^\rho{}_\rho{}_{\nu_3 \dots \nu_s}(\varphi) \right)$$

## No-go and the role of $(A)dS$

In 60th it was argued (Weinberg, Coleman-Mandula) that HS symmetries cannot be realized in a nontrivial local field theory in Minkowski space

In 70th it was shown by Aragone and Deser that HS gauge symmetries are incompatible with GR if expanding around Minkowski space

**Green light:**  $AdS$  background with  $\Lambda \neq 0$  Fradkin, MV, 1987

In agreement with no-go statements the limit  $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$  is singular



# HS Symmetries versus Riemann geometry

HS symmetries do not commute to space-time symmetries

$$[T^a, T^{HS}] = T^{HS}, \quad [T^{ab}, T^{HS}] = T^{HS}$$

HS transformations map gravitational fields (metric) to HS fields

Consequence:

Riemann geometry is not appropriate for HS theory:

concept of local event may become illusive!

# Differential forms: coordinate independence without metric

Differential forms are totally antisymmetric tensors

$p$ -form:  $\omega(x) = \theta^{\nu_1} \dots \theta^{\nu_p} \omega_{\nu_1 \dots \nu_p}(x)$

$$\theta^\nu \theta^\mu = -\theta^\mu \theta^\nu, \quad (\theta^\nu = dx^\nu)$$

Invariant differentiation is provided by de Rham differential

$$d = \theta^\nu \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}, \quad d^2 = 0$$

Due to total antisymmetrization symmetric Christoffel symbols drop out

Connections  $A = \theta^\nu A_\nu^i T_i$  are one-forms

Curvatures  $R = D^2$ ,  $D = d + A$  are two-forms

Elaboration of this language in HS theory leads to new understanding of fundamental concepts of space-time including its dimension

# HS Gauge Theory and Quantum Gravity

HS symmetry is in a certain sense **maximal** relativistic symmetry. Hence, it cannot result from spontaneous breakdown of a larger symmetry:

HS symmetries are manifest at ultrahigh energies above any scale including Planck scale

- HS gauge theory should capture effects of Quantum Gravity:  
restrictive HS symmetry versus unavailable experimental tests
- Lower-spin theories as low-energy limits of HS theory:  
lower-spin symmetries: subalgebras of HS symmetry

# HS theory and String theory

- **String Theory as spontaneously broken HS theory?! ( $s > 2, m > 0$ )**

**Recent conjecture (Chang, Minwalla, Sharma and Yin (2012)):**

**String Theory = Quantum HS theory?!**

# HS AdS/CFT correspondence

$AdS_4$  HS theory is dual to  $3d$  vectorial conformal models Klebanov- Polyakov (2000)  
Giombi and Yin (2009)

$AdS_3/CFT_2$  correspondence Gaberdiel and Gopakumar (2010)

Analysis of HS holography helps to uncover the origin of  $AdS/CFT$

# Global HS Symmetry

HS symmetry in  $AdS_{d+1}$ :

Maximal symmetry of a  $d$ -dimensional free conformal field(s)=singletons  
usually, scalar and/or spinor

Consider KG massless equation in Minkowski space

$$\square C(x) = 0, \quad \square = \eta^{ab} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^a \partial x^b}$$

What are symmetries of KG equation? [Shaynkman, MV 2001 3d](#); [Eastwood 2002  \$\forall d\$](#)

*i* Poincaré

*ii* Scale transformation (dilatation)

$$\delta C(x) = \varepsilon DC(x), \quad D = x^a \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a} + \frac{d}{2} - 1$$

*iii* Special conformal transformations

$$\delta C(x) = \varepsilon_a K^a C(x), \quad K^a = (x^2 \eta^{ab} - 2x^a x^b) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^b} + (2 - d)x^a$$

**Problem 1.1.** Check invariance

**Problem 1.2.** Check:  $P_a, M_{ab}, K^a, D$  form a Lie algebra (conformal algebra)

**Problem 1.3.** Check that conformal algebra is  $o(d, 2)$

## Auxiliary problem

Consider equations

$$DC_A(x) = 0, \quad D^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$D = d + \omega(x), \quad \omega_A^B(x) = \omega^\Omega(x) T_{\Omega A}^B$$

$\omega(x)$ : flat connection on the space  $V$  of  $C_A$

(1) is invariant under the gauge transformation

$$\delta C(x) = -\varepsilon(x)C(x), \quad \varepsilon_A^B(x) = \varepsilon^\Omega(x) T_{\Omega A}^B$$

$$\delta \omega(x) = D\varepsilon(x) := d\varepsilon(x) + \omega(x)\varepsilon(x) - \varepsilon(x)\omega(x)$$

**Problem 1.4.** Check



## Global symmetry parameters

For a particular  $\omega(x) = \omega_0(x)$ , to keep the equations invariant demands

$$\delta_0 \omega(x) \longrightarrow D_0 \varepsilon_{gl}^{\Omega}(x) = 0$$

Since  $D_0^2 = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon_{gl}^{\Omega}(x)$  is reconstructed (locally) in terms of  $\varepsilon^{\Omega}(x_0) \forall x_0$   
 $\varepsilon^{\Omega}(x_0)$ : global symmetry parameters of  $D_0 \mathcal{C}(x) = 0$

**Solution:**  $\omega_0(x) = g^{-1}(x)dg(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}(x) = g^{-1}(x)\mathcal{C}$ . For  $g(x_0) = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(x_0)$

# Massless scalar unfolded

**Minkowski space:**  $\omega(x) = e^a(x)P_a + \omega^{ab}(x)M_{ab}$

**Cartesian coordinates:**  $\omega^{ab} = 0, e^a(x) = \theta^a$

**Introduce an infinite set of 0-forms**

$$C_{a_1 \dots a_n}(x) = C_{(a_1 \dots a_n)}(x), \quad \eta^{bc} C_{bca_3 \dots a_n}(x) = 0$$

**Unfolded KG equation**

$$dC_{a_1 \dots a_n}(x) = \theta^b C_{a_1 \dots a_n b}(x)$$

**This system is consistent since**  $\theta^b \wedge \theta^c = -\theta^c \wedge \theta^b$

**First two equations imply**

$$\partial_a C(x) = C_a(x), \quad \partial_a C_b(x) = C_{ab}(x) \longrightarrow C_{ab}(x) = \partial_a \partial_b C(x)$$

**Tracelessness of  $C_{nm}(x)$  :**

$$\square C(x) = 0.$$

**All other equations:**

$$C_{a_1 \dots a_n}(x) = \partial_{a_1} \dots \partial_{a_n} C(x)$$

$C_{a_1 \dots a_n}(x)$ : **set of all on-mass-shell nontrivial derivatives of  $C(x)$**

# Conformal HS algebra

Conformal HS algebra in  $d$  dimensions: algebra of linear transformations of the infinite-dimensional space  $V$  of various traceless symmetric tensors  $C, C_a, C_{ab} \dots$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{gl}(V)$

$\mathfrak{h}$  was carefully defined by Eastwood in 2002 by different methods

Algebraic construction simplifies in  $d = 3$  using spinor formalism most relevant in the context of  $AdS_4/CFT_3$  HS holography Shaynkman, MV (2001)

# 3d multispinors

**3d Lorentz algebra:**  $o(2, 1) \sim sp(2, R) \sim sl_2(R)$ . **3d spinors are real**

$$\chi_\alpha^\dagger = \chi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, 2$$

**$sp(2, R)$  invariant tensor**  $\epsilon^{\alpha\beta} = -\epsilon^{\beta\alpha}$  **relates lower and upper indices**

$$\chi^\alpha = \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} \chi_\beta, \quad \chi_\alpha = \chi^\beta \epsilon_{\beta\alpha}$$

**Antisymmetrization of 3d spinor indices is equivalent to contraction**

$$A_{\alpha,\beta} - A_{\beta,\alpha} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} A_{\gamma,\gamma}$$

**IRREPS of Lorentz algebra: totally symmetric multispinors**  $A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n}$

**Consequence:**

$$A_{a_1 \dots a_m} \sim A_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2m}}, \quad A^b{}_{ba_3 \dots a_m} = 0$$

**Problem 1.5.** Prove by checking the number of independent components

**Explicit map via**  $2 \times 2$  **real symmetric matrices**

$$A_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^n A_n, \quad \sigma_{\alpha\beta}^n = \sigma_{\beta\alpha}^n$$

# Spinorial form of 3d massless equations

Space  $V$  of all 3d traceless symmetric tensors is the space of (even) functions of commuting spinor variable  $y^\alpha$

$$C(y|x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2n}}(x) y_{\alpha_1} \dots y_{\alpha_{2n}}$$

Unfolded massless equations take the form

$$\theta^{\alpha\beta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \right) C(y|x) = 0 \quad (2)$$

**Problem 1.6.** Check

**Problem 1.7.** Check that for odd  $C(-y|x) = -C(y|x)$  (2) describes 3d massless spinor field  $C_\alpha(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} C(y|x) \Big|_{y=0}$

## 3d HS symmetry

3d conformal HS algebra is the algebra of various differential operators

$\epsilon(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y})$  obeying  $\epsilon(-y, -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}) = \epsilon(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y})$

$$\delta C(y|x) = \epsilon(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}|x)C(y|x)$$

$$\epsilon(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}|x) = \exp \left[ -x^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \right] \epsilon_{gl}(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}) \exp \left[ x^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} \right]$$

**Problem 1.8.** Check

For any polynomial  $\epsilon_{gl}(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y})$ ,  $\epsilon(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}|x)$  is polynomial as well:

polynomial.  $\epsilon_{gl}(y, \frac{\partial}{\partial y})$  describe local HS transformations

## Conformal subalgebra

3d **Conformal algebra**  $sp(4) \sim o(3, 2)$

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta}, \quad K^{\alpha\beta} = y^\alpha y^\beta, \quad M_{\alpha\beta} = y_\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} + y_\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha}, \quad D = y^\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} + 1$$

**Problem 1.9.** Check that  $P, K, M, D$  form closed algebra

**Problem 1.10.** \* Derive conformal transformations of  $C(x)$

# Weyl algebra

Weyl algebra  $A_n$ : associative algebra of polynomials of oscillators  $\hat{Y}_A$

$$[\hat{Y}_A, \hat{Y}_B] = C_{AB}, \quad A, B, \dots = 1, \dots, 2n, \quad C_{AB} = -C_{BA}$$

3d CHS algebra =  $AdS_4$  HS algebra is (even part of) Weyl algebra  $A_2$

$$\hat{Y}_A = \begin{pmatrix} y^\alpha \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} \end{pmatrix}$$



## Symbols of operators

$$\hat{f}(\hat{Y}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f^{A_1 \dots A_n} \hat{Y}_{A_1} \dots \hat{Y}_{A_n}, \quad \text{symmetric } f^{A_1 \dots A_n}$$

**Weyl symbol**  $f(Y)$  of the operator  $\hat{f}(\hat{Y})$  is a function of commuting variables  $Y^A$  of the same expansion

$$f(Y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f^{A_1 \dots A_n} Y_{A_1} \dots Y_{A_n}$$

$Y_A$  is the Weyl symbol of  $\hat{Y}_A$ .

# Star-product

**Weyl star-product algebra is defined by the rule**

$(f * g)(Y)$  is a symbol of  $\hat{f}(\hat{Y})\hat{g}(\hat{Y})$ . In particular,

$$[Y_A, Y_B]_* = 2iC_{AB}, \quad [a, b]_* = a * b - b * a$$

**Problem 1.11.** Prove

$$\{Y_A, f(Y)\}_* = 2Y_A f(Y), \quad [Y_A, f(Y)]_* = 2i \frac{\partial}{\partial Y^A} f(Y), \quad Y^A = C^{AB} Y_B$$

**Weyl-Moyal formula**

$$(f_1 * f_2)(Y) = f_1(Y) \exp [i \overleftarrow{\partial}^A \overrightarrow{\partial}^B C_{AB}] f_2(Y), \quad \partial^A \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial Y_A}$$

**Problem 1.12.** Prove using Campbell-Hausdorff formula for  $\exp J^A \hat{Y}_A$

**Important properties**

- **associativity:**  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$
- **regularity:** star product of any two polynomials of  $Y$  is a polynomial

**Integral representation**

$$(f_1 * f_2)(Y) = \frac{1}{\pi^{2M}} \int dS dT \exp(-iS_A T_B C^{AB}) f_1(Y + S) f_2(Y + T)$$

# Properties of HS algebras

Global symmetry of symmetric vacuum of bosonic HS theory

Let  $T_s$  be a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $2(s-1)$

$$[T_{s_1}, T_{s_2}] = T_{s_1+s_2-2} + T_{s_1+s_2-4} + \dots + T_{|s_1-s_2|+2}.$$

Once spin  $s > 2$  appears, the HS algebra contains an infinite tower of higher spins:  $[T_s, T_s]$  gives rise to  $T_{2s-2}$  as well as  $T_2$  of  $o(3,2) \sim sp(4)$ .

Usual symmetries:  $\text{spin-}s \leq 2$   $u(1) \oplus o(3,2)$ : maximal finite-dimensional subalgebra of  $hu(1,0|4)$ .  $u(1)$  is associated with the unit element.

# 4d HS systems

Three series of 4d HS algebras:  $hu(n, m|4)$ ,  $ho(n, m|4)$ ,  $husp(2n, 2m|4)$

Spin-one YM sector:

$$g = u(n) \oplus u(m), o(n) \oplus o(m) \text{ or } usp(2n) \oplus usp(2m)$$

fermions: bifundamental.

Odd spins: adjoint representation of  $g$ .

Even spins: the opposite symmetry second rank representation of  $g$ ,

Particle spectrum always contains a singlet for  
colorless graviton and colorless scalar

$ho(1, 0|4)$  is minimal HS algebra: even spins  $s = 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots$

Colorless scalar is the prediction of HS symmetry!

# Some Reviews

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## Lecture II

### HS theory in $AdS_4$ and space-time metamorphoses

**III** Nonlinear HS Theory

**IV** Space-time metamorphoses

# Summary of Lecture I

General consequences of HS symmetry

3d conformal HS algebra is even part of Weyl algebra  $A_2$  of functions

$$f(Y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} f^{A_1 \dots A_n} Y_{A_1} \dots Y_{A_n}$$

of oscillators

$$[Y_A, Y_B]_* = 2iC_{AB}, \quad A = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$AdS_4$  HS algebra coincides with 3d conformal HS algebra

# Spinorial language in four dimensions

**Key fact**  $2 \times 2 = 4$

**Minkowski coordinates as  $2 \times 2$  hermitian matrices**

$$X^n \Rightarrow X^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{n=0}^3 X^n \sigma_n^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \quad \sigma_n^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = (I^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, \vec{\sigma}_k^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}})$$

$I^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$ : **unit matrix**

$\vec{\sigma}_k^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ : **Pauli matrices**

$\alpha, \beta, \dots = 1, 2$ ,  $\dot{\alpha}, \dot{\beta}, \dots = 1, 2$  **two-component spinor indices**

$$\det |X^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}| = (X^0)^2 - (X^1)^2 - (X^2)^2 - (X^3)^2$$

**Lorentz symmetry:**  $sl(2, \mathbb{C}) \sim o(3, 1)$ .

**Dictionary between tensors and multispinors by:**

$$\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^a, \quad \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}^{ab} = \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{[a} \sigma_{\dot{\beta}}^{b]}, \quad \bar{\sigma}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}^{ab} = \sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{[a} \sigma_{\dot{\beta}}^{b] \alpha}$$

**Pair of dotted and undotted indices: vector**

**Pairs of symmetrized indices of the same type: antisymmetric tensors**

**Problem 1.13.** Check



# NonAbelian HS Algebra

3d Conformal HS symmetry =  $AdS_4$  HS symmetry

HS gauge fields:  $\omega(Y|X)$

$Y_A = (y_\alpha, \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}})$ ,  $\alpha, \dot{\alpha} = 1, 2$  two-component spinor indices

$$\omega(Y|X) = \sum_{n,m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n!m!} \omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\alpha}_1 \dots \dot{\alpha}_m}(X) y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_n} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_1} \dots \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}_m}$$

HS curvature and gauge transformation

$$R(Y|X) = d\omega(Y|X) + \omega(Y|X) * \wedge \omega(Y|X)$$

$$\delta\omega(Y|X) = D\epsilon(Y|X) = d\epsilon(Y|X) + [\omega(Y|X), \epsilon(Y|X)]_*$$

$$[y_\alpha, y_\beta]_* = 2i\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}, \quad [\bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}}]_* = 2i\varepsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$$

# Vacuum

**Equation of**  $AdS_4$ :  $R_0 = 0$  **for**  $\omega_0 \in sp(4) \sim o(3, 2)$

$$\omega_0(Y|X) = \frac{1}{4i}(w^{\alpha\beta}(X)y_\alpha y_\beta + \bar{w}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}(X)\bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} + 2\lambda h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}(X)y_\alpha\bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}})$$

**Problem 1.14.** Check

## Fluctuations

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_1, \quad R_1 = D_0\omega_1 = d\omega_1 + [\omega_0, \omega_1]_*$$

# Central On-shell theorem

The full unfolded system for free massless fields of all spins is formulated in terms of one-form  $\omega(Y|X)$  and zero-form  $C(Y|X)$

$$R_1(y, \bar{y} | X) = \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C(0, \bar{y} | X) + H^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} C(y, 0 | X) ,$$

$$\tilde{D}_0 C(y, \bar{y} | X) = 0 ,$$

where

$$H^{\alpha\beta} = h^\alpha_{\dot{\alpha}} \wedge h^{\beta\dot{\alpha}} , \quad \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = h_\alpha^{\dot{\alpha}} \wedge h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} ,$$

$$R_1(y, \bar{y} | X) = D^{ad} \omega(y, \bar{y} | X)$$

$$D_0^{ad} \omega = D^L - \lambda h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \left( y_\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\alpha} \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} \right) , \quad \tilde{D}_0 = D^L + \lambda h^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \left( y_\alpha \bar{y}_{\dot{\beta}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} \right) ,$$

$$D^L A = d_X - \left( \omega^{\alpha\beta} y_\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial y^\beta} + \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \bar{y}_{\dot{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} \right)$$

# Pattern of massless equations

Gauge fields of different spins: homogeneous polynomials in  $Y$

$$\omega^s(\nu y, \nu \bar{y}|X) = \nu^{2(s-1)} \omega(y, \bar{y}|X), \quad C^s(\nu y, \nu^{-1} \bar{y}|X) = \nu^{\pm 2s} C(y, \bar{y}|X)$$

Infinite set of spins  $s = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, 5/2 \dots$

$$\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}^s : \quad n + m = 2(s - 1), \quad C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}^s : \quad |n - m| = 2s$$

$C(Y|X)$ : gauge invariant HS curvatures and spin-zero matter fields

Dynamical fields

Frame-like fields  $\omega_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_n}^s$  contain Fronsdal fields

$C(0, 0|x)$ : scalar

Other components are expressed via higher derivatives of the dynamical fields which come in combination

$$\lambda^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad \lambda^2 = -\Lambda$$

Higher derivatives source nonanalyticity in  $\Lambda$ .

# Examples

$$s = 0 : \quad C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_n}^0 \sim C_{a_1 \dots a_n}, \quad C^b_{ba_3 \dots a_n} = 0$$

**Problem 1.15.** Derive Maxwell equations in the spin-one sector

$$s = 2$$

**Gauge fields: Lorentz connection**  $\omega_{\alpha\beta}, \bar{\omega}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}$  **and vierbein**  $\omega_{\alpha, \dot{\beta}}$

**Zero-forms**  $C_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 \alpha_4}(X)$  **and**  $\bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}_1 \dot{\alpha}_2 \dot{\alpha}_3 \dot{\alpha}_4}(X)$  : **Weyl tensor in terms of two-component spinors.**

**Higher components**  $C_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n, \dot{\beta}_1 \dots \dot{\beta}_m}^s$  :  $|n - m| = 4$  : **all its derivatives**

$R_{\alpha, \dot{\beta}} = 0$  : **expresses Lorentz connection via vierbein**

$R_{\alpha\beta} = H^{\gamma\delta} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ ,  $R_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = \bar{H}^{\dot{\gamma}\dot{\delta}} \bar{C}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}\dot{\gamma}\dot{\delta}}$  : **nonzero part of the Riemann tensor belongs to Weyl tensor**

## Spin two in tensorial language

$$R_{\nu\mu}{}^a = 0, \quad R_{\nu\mu}{}^{ab} = e_\nu{}^c e_\mu{}^d C_{cd,}{}^{ab}, \quad C_{ab,}{}^b{}_c = 0$$

$C_{cd,}{}^{ab}$  coincides with Weyl tensor

$R_{\nu\mu} = R_{\nu\rho}{}^\rho{}_\mu = 0$ : Einstein equations

HS counterparts impose Fronsdal equations  $G_{\nu_1\dots\nu_s} = 0$  and express generalized Weyl tensors in terms of Fronsdal fields

## From COST to nonlinear theory

$$R(y, \bar{y} | X) = \bar{H}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} C(0, \bar{y} | X) + H^{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta} C(y, 0 | X) + \dots$$

$$\tilde{D}C(y, \bar{y} | X) + \dots, \quad \dots = O(C, \omega_1)$$

$$R(y, \bar{y} | X) = d\omega(y, \bar{y} | X) + \omega(y, \bar{y} | X) * \omega(y, \bar{y} | X)$$

$$\tilde{D}C(y, \bar{y} | X) = dC(y, \bar{y} | X) + \omega(y, \bar{y} | X) * C(y, \bar{y} | X) - C(y, \bar{y} | X) * \omega(y, -\bar{y} | X)$$

Such field equations are **unfolded**: exterior differential of any field is expressed via the fields themselves

**Problem**: find gauge invariant nonlinear corrections

# General properties of HS interactions

HS interactions contain higher derivatives

Nonanalyticity in  $\Lambda$

Background HS gauge fields contribute to higher-derivative terms in the evolution equations: evolution is determined by higher-spin fields along with the metric: **no geodesic motion in presence of nonzero HS fields**

Hence insufficiency of metric in presence of HS fields

HS fields source lower-spin fields via  $\omega * \omega$  terms

lower-spin fields source HS fields via  $C^2$  terms

**gravity sources HS fields and vice-versa**



## Idea of Nonlinear Construction

Being possible in a few first orders, straightforward construction of nonlinear deformation quickly gets complicated

- Trick: to find a larger algebra  $g'$  such that a substitution

$$\star \quad \omega \rightarrow W = \omega + \omega C + \omega C^2 + \dots$$

into  $g'$  reconstructs nonlinear equations via a zero-curvature condition

$$dW + W \wedge W = 0$$

To find restrictions on  $W$  that reconstruct  $\star$  in all orders

## Doubling of spinors

$$\omega(Y|X) \longrightarrow W(Z; Y|X), \quad C(Y|X) \longrightarrow B(Z; Y|X)$$

to be accompanied by equations that determine dependence on the additional variables  $Z^A$  in terms of “initial data”

$$\omega(Y|X) = W(0; Y|X), \quad C(Y|X) = B(0; Y|X)$$

$S(Z, Y|X) = dZ^A S_A$  is connection along  $Z^A$

## HS star product

$$(f \star g)(Z, Y) = \int dS dT f(Z + S, Y + S) g(Z - T, Y + T) \exp -i S_A T^A$$

$$[Y_A, Y_B]_\star = -[Z_A, Z_B]_\star = 2i C_{AB}, \quad Z - Y : Z + Y \text{ normal ordering}$$

Inner Klein operators:

$$\kappa = \exp iz_\alpha y^\alpha, \quad \bar{\kappa} = \exp iz_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \quad \kappa \star f(y, \bar{y}) = f(-y, \bar{y}) \star \kappa, \quad \kappa \star \kappa = 1$$

# Nonlinear HS Equations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dW + W \star W = 0 \\ dB + W \star B - B \star \tilde{W} = 0 \\ dS + W \star S + S \star W = 0 \\ S \star B - B \star S = 0 \\ S \star S = i(dZ^A dZ_A + dz^\alpha dz_\alpha F(B) \star \kappa + d\bar{z}^{\dot{\alpha}} d\bar{z}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{F}(B) \star \bar{\kappa}) \end{array} \right.$$

## Manifest gauge invariance

$$\delta\mathcal{W} = [\varepsilon, \mathcal{W}]_\star, \quad \delta B = \varepsilon \star B - B \star \tilde{\varepsilon}, \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon(Z; Y; K|x)$$

Nontrivial equations are free of space-time differential  $d$

The equations are formally consistent and regular: no divergences despite non-polynomial Klein operators:  $\kappa = \exp iz_\alpha y^\alpha$  and  $\bar{\kappa} = \exp i\bar{z}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}}$

## Perturbative analysis

**Vacuum solution**  $B_0 = 0$ ,  $S_0 = dZ^A Z_A$ ,  $W_0 = \frac{1}{2}\omega_0^{\mu\nu}(x)Y_\mu Y_\nu$

$dW_0 + W_0 \star W_0 = 0 \longrightarrow \omega_0^{\mu\nu}(x)$  describes  $AdS_d$

**First-order analysis reproduces Central On-Shell Theorem**

**A particular form of star product plays crucial role**

# Unfolded Dynamics

First-order form of differential equations

$$\dot{q}^i(t) = \varphi^i(q(t)) \quad \text{initial values: } q^i(t_0)$$

# degrees of freedom = # of dynamical variables

Unfolded dynamics: multidimensional generalization

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rightarrow d, \quad q^i(t) \rightarrow W^\Omega(x) = dx^{n_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{n_p} W_{n_1 \dots n_p}^\Omega(x)$$

$$dW^\Omega(x) = G^\Omega(W(x)), \quad d = dx^n \partial_n$$

$G^\Omega(W)$  : function of “supercoordinates”  $W^\Omega$

$$G^\Omega(W) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f^\Omega_{\wedge_1 \dots \wedge_n} W^{\wedge_1} \wedge \dots \wedge W^{\wedge_n}$$

Covariant first-order differential equations

$d > 1$ : Compatibility conditions

$$G^\wedge(W) \wedge \frac{\partial G^\Omega(W)}{\partial W^\wedge} \equiv 0$$

# Properties

- General applicability
- Manifest (HS) gauge invariance under the gauge transformation

$$\delta W^\Omega = d\varepsilon^\Omega + \varepsilon^\wedge \frac{\partial G^\Omega(W)}{\partial W^\wedge},$$

gauge parameter  $\varepsilon^\Omega(x)$  is a  $(p_\Omega - 1)$ -form.

- Invariance under diffeomorphisms

Exterior algebra formalism

- Interactions: nonlinear deformation of  $G^\Omega(W)$
- Degrees of freedom are in 0-forms  $C^i(x_0)$  at any  $x = x_0$  (as  $q(t_0)$ )  
infinite-dimensional module dual to the space of single-particle states  
realized as a space of functions of auxiliary variables (like  $C(y, \bar{y})$ ) instead  
of phase space coordinates in the Hamiltonian approach

Unfolded dynamics provides a tool to control unitarity in presence of  
higher derivatives

## Space-time metamorphoses

Independence of ambient space-time: geometry is encoded by  $G^\Omega(W)$

Key observation: unfolded equation makes sense in any space-time

$$dW^\Omega(x) = G^\Omega(W(x)), \quad x \rightarrow X = (x, y), \quad d_x \rightarrow d_X = d_x + d_y, \quad d_y = dy^u \frac{\partial}{\partial y^u}$$

$X$ -dependence is reconstructed in terms of fields  $W^\Omega(X_0) = W^\Omega(x_0, y_0)$   
at any  $X_0$ . To take  $W^\Omega(x_0, y_0)$  in space  $M_X$  with coordinates  $X_0$  is the  
same as to take  $W^\Omega(x_0)$  in the space  $M_x \in M_X$  with coordinates  $x$

# Unfolding as a covariant twistor transform

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & C(Y|x) & \\ \eta \swarrow & & \searrow \nu \\ M(x) & & T(Y). \end{array}$$

$W^\Omega(Y|x)$  are functions on the “correspondence space”  $C$ .

Space-time  $M$  : coordinates  $x$ . Twistor space  $T$  : coordinates  $Y$ .

Unfolded equations: Penrose transform mapping functions on  $T$  to solutions of field equations in  $M$ .

Holographic duality: different space-times  $M$  for the same twistor space



## 3d conformal fields and currents

### 3d massless equations

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} \pm i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial y^\beta}\right) C_j^\pm(y|x) = 0, \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, \quad j = 1, \dots, \mathcal{N} \quad \text{Shaynkman, MV (2001)}$$

### Rank-two equations: conserved currents Gelfond MV 2008

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^{(\alpha} \partial u^{\beta)}} \right\} J(u, y|x) = 0$$

$J(u, y|x)$ : **generalized stress tensor. Rank-two equation is obeyed by**

$$J(u, y|x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\mathcal{N}} C_i^-(u+y|x) C_i^+(y-u|x)$$

**Bilocal fields in the twistor space.**

# Elementary currents

**Primaries:**  $3d$  currents of all spins

$$J(u, 0|x) = \sum_{2s=0}^{\infty} u^{\alpha_1} \dots u^{\alpha_{2s}} J_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s}}(x), \quad \tilde{J}(0, y|x) = \sum_{2s=0}^{\infty} y^{\alpha_1} \dots y^{\alpha_{2s}} \tilde{J}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s}}(x)$$

$$J^{asym}(u, y|x) = u_{\alpha} y^{\alpha} J^{asym}(x)$$

$$\Delta J_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s}}(x) = \Delta \tilde{J}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_{2s}}(x) = s + 1 \quad \Delta J^{asym}(x) = 2$$

**Differential equations: conservation condition**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial u_{\alpha} \partial u_{\beta}} J(u, 0|x) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^{\alpha\beta}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_{\alpha} \partial y_{\beta}} \tilde{J}(0, y|x) = 0$$

## From 3d currents to 4d massless fields

Extension of 3d current equation to 4d massless equations is easy in unfolded dynamics:  $x^{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow X^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}$

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^\alpha \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}}} \right) C(y, \bar{y}) = 0$$

Unfolded equations for 4d massless fields of all spins at  $\Lambda = 0$

AdS:  $x^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2}(X^{\alpha\beta} + X^{\beta\alpha})$  : boundary coordinates,  
 $z^{-1} = X^{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ : radial coordinate

At the non-linear level full HS theory in  $AdS_4$  is equivalent to the theory of 3d currents of all spins interacting through conformal HS gauge fields

## $sp(8)$ invariant setup

$4d$  massless field equations for **all** spins are  $sp(8)$  symmetric (Fronsdal 1985)

To see  $Sp(8)$  extend  $4d$  massless equations to a ten-dimensional space

$\mathcal{M}_4$  : with local coordinates  $X^{AB} = X^{BA}$   $A = (\alpha, \dot{\alpha}) = 1, 2, 3, 4$

$$dX^{AB} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{AB}} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^A \partial Y^B} \right) C(Y|X) = 0, \quad A, B = 1, \dots, M$$

$M = 2$ :  $3d$  massless fields:  $Sp(4)$  is  $3d$  conformal group Shaynkman, MV (2001)

$M = 4$ :  $Sp(8)$  extends  $4d$  conformal group  $SU(2, 2)$

# From four to ten

Dynamical variables in  $\mathcal{M}_4$  :

$C(0|X)$  describes all  $4d$  integer spins

$Y^A C_A(0|X)$  describes all  $4d$  half-integer spins

Nontrivial field equations:

(2001)

**bosons** : 
$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^{AB} \partial X^{CD}} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^{CB} \partial X^{AD}} \right) C(X) = 0$$

**fermions** : 
$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{AB}} C_C(X) - \frac{\partial}{\partial X^{CB}} C_A(X) \right) = 0$$

# From ten to four

Usual space-time picture appears as a result of identification of a local event simultaneously with the metric tensor

Time in  $\mathcal{M}_M$

$$X^{AB} = T^{AB}_t$$

$T^{AB}$  is positive-definite (2002)

Usual space in  $\mathcal{M}_M$ : Clifford algebra

$$X^{AB} = x^n \gamma_n^{AB}$$

$M = 2, 4, 8, 16$  :  $d = 3, 4, 6, 10$

Bandos, Lukierski, Sorokin (1999); MV

(2002); Bandos, Bekaert, de Azcarraga, Sorokin, Tsulaia (2005)

## HS theory and quantum mechanics

Unfolded dynamics distinguishes between positive and negative frequencies

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial X^{AB}} \pm i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^A \partial Y^B}\right) C^\pm(Y|X) = 0,$$

$$C(X) = C^+ + C^-, \quad C^\pm = \int d^M \xi c^\pm(\xi) \exp \pm i \xi_A \xi_B X^{AB}$$

Time parameter  $t = \frac{1}{M} X^{AB} T_{AB}$  with any positive-definite  $T_{AB}$

# Holographic duality between relativistic HS theory and nonrelativistic QM

Reduction of  $X^{AB}$  to  $t$  with  $T_{AB} = \delta_{AB}t$

$$i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}C^\pm = \pm\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^A\partial Y^B}\delta^{AB}C^\pm(Y|X)$$

$C^\pm$  counterparts of  $\psi$  and  $\bar{\psi}$

Twistor coordinates  $Y$  play a role of non-relativistic coordinates

$AdS$  and  $dS$  harmonic potentials with correct and wrong sign 2012 related results Bekaert, Meunier and Moroz (2011)

HS theory explains both gravity and QM?!

nonlinear QM with gravitationally small coupling constant?!



# Multiparticle algebra as a symmetry of a multiparticle theory

$l(U(\mathfrak{h}))$  (2012)

- contains  $\mathfrak{h}$  as a subalgebra
- admits quotients containing up to  $k^{\text{th}}$  tensor products of  $\mathfrak{h}$ :  
 $k$  Regge trajectories?!
- Acts on all multiparticle states of HS theory

Promising candidate for a HS symmetry algebra of HS theory with mixed symmetry fields like String Theory

String Theory as a theory of bound states of HS theory

Chang, Minwalla, Sharma and Yin (2012)

# Conclusion

HS gauge theories contain gravity along with infinite towers of other fields with various spins including ordinary matter fields: singlet scalar!

HS gauge theories available in any  $d \geq 3$  are analogues of pure SUGRA

HS theory contains non-minimal higher-derivative interactions

To achieve spontaneous breakdown of HS symmetries a string-like extension is needed

A multiparticle theory: quantum HS theory and String Theory

Remarkable interplay between classical and quantum physics

A very few exact solutions are known in  $4d$  HS theory:

BH-like solution      Didenko, MV 2009, Iazeola, Sundell 2010

A number of inequivalent BTZ-like solutions in  $3d$  HS theory

Didenko, MV 2009, Gutperle, Kraus 2011,...