

Higher derivatives couplings from maximal conformal supergravity

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Supersymmetries and Quantum symmetries, Yerevan

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Supergravities in 4 dimensions

- Supergravity theories are supersymmetric extensions of Einstein's gravity.

Freedman, van Nieuwenhuizen, Ferrara, 1976

→ Local symmetries: supersymmetry + Poincaré symmetries
translations + Lorentz

- Extended supergravity: N independent supersymmetry parameters ϵ^i .

$$i = 1, \dots, N$$

van Nieuwenhuizen, Ferrara, 1976

→ There is always a so-called gravity multiplet: $(\underbrace{e_\mu}_\text{vierbein}{}^a, \underbrace{\psi_\mu}_\text{gravitini}^i, \dots)$

Physical states
of the
gravity multiplets

(massless multiplets)

Lagrangians:

$$\mathcal{L} = \det(e)R + \dots$$

SUSY
completion

helicity	N=1	N=2	N=3	N=4	N=5	N=6	N=7	N=8	N=9
+5/2									1
+2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
+3/2	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	45
+1		1	3	6	10	16	28	28	120
+1/2			1	4	11	26	56	56	210
+0				2	10	30	70	70	252
-1/2			1	4	11	26	56	56	210
-1		1	3	6	10	16	28	28	120
-3/2	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	8	45
-2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
-5/2									1

Supergravity limit

Higher-spin
field

Supergravities in 4 dimensions

- As Einstein's gravity, supergravities typically **suffer from** unrenormalizable **ultraviolet divergences** at the quantum level.
 - N=8 and N=4 are *special*:
 - N=8 is the **maximal theory**. Latest result: finite up to five loops!

Bern, Carrasco, Chen, Edison, Johansson, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Zeng, 2018

- $N=4$ has its first divergence at four loops. It is believed to be tied to a rigid $U(1) \subset SU(1,1)$ duality symmetry anomaly in the theory. *Grisaru,*

Grisaru, 1978

Marcus. 1985

Bern, Davis, Dennen, A.Smirnov, V.Smirnov, 2013

Conformal supergravity

$i = 1, \dots, N$

- Conformal supergravities are supersymmetric extensions of conformal gravity.

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→ Local symmetries:

N supersymmetries + conformal symmetries + internal R-symmetries

Q- and S-
supersymmetries

Poincaré
+ dilatations
+ conformal boosts

Only for N>0

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- Conformal gravity (N=0):

The fields of theory are the gauge fields associated to the local conformal symmetries:

$$(e_\mu^a, \omega_\mu^{ab}, b_\mu, f_\mu^a)$$

Poincaré dilatations conformal boosts

As in gravity, some fields are **not independent** as a result of algebraic constraints.

The **unique invariant Lagrangian** is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \det(e) C^{\mu\nu}_{ab} C_{\mu\nu}^{ab}$$



Higher-derivative
Lagrangian

Weyl tensor (traceless Riemann tensor)

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- Conformal supergravity ($N \neq 0$):

The fields of theory include the gauge fields associated to the local superconformal symmetries. They organise into a so-called

Weyl multiplet: $(e_\mu{}^a, \omega_\mu{}^{ab}, b_\mu, f_\mu{}^a, \psi_\mu{}^i, \phi_\mu{}^i, \dots)$

S-susy
gauge field

The invariant Lagrangian is the superconformal completion of the Weyl tensor squared:

$$\mathcal{L} = \det(e) C^{\mu\nu}{}_{ab} C_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab} + \dots$$

← Higher-derivative Lagrangian

Weyl tensor (traceless Riemann tensor)

D=4 conformal supergravities

**Weyl
multiplets
(off-shell):**

	N=1	N=2	N=3	N=4	N=5
spin-5/2					1
spin-2	1	1	1	1	10
spin-3/2	2	4	6	8	44
spin-1	1	6	15	27	110
spin-1/2		4	20	48	165
spin-0		1	14	42	132

Conformal supergravity limit →

- The N=1,2 conformal supergravities have been *studied extensively*.

[*Butter, de Wit, Ferrara, Gates, Kaku, Kuzenko, Novak, Siegel, Stelle, Tartaglino-Mazzucchelli, Townsend, Van Holten, Van Proeyen, West ...*]

Powerful: **off-shell formalism** to construct higher-derivatives invariants.

After gauge fixing the conformal symmetries, they provide insights into the higher-derivatives structure of the Poincaré theories.

→ String theory effective action, subleading corrections to black hole entropy,...

- N=4 conformal supergravity is the **maximal theory**.

Until now' still no Lagrangian...

N=4 conformal supergravity

$i = 1, \dots, 4$

The full field content was derived 35 years ago:

Bergshoeff, de Roo, de Wit, 1981

→ N=4 Weyl multiplet: gauge fields + ‘matter’ fields.

Gauge fields

	Field	Symmetry (Generator)	Name/Restrictions	SU(4)	w	c
Bosons	e_μ^a	Translations (P)	vierbein	1	-1	0
	ω_μ^{ab}	Lorentz (M)	spin connection	1	0	0
	b_μ	Dilatation (D)	dilatational gauge field	1	0	0
	$V_\mu^i{}_j$	SU(4) (V)	SU(4) gauge field $V_{\mu i}{}^j \equiv (V_\mu^i{}_j)^* = -V_\mu^j{}_i$ $V_\mu^i{}_i = 0$	15	0	0
	f_μ^a	Conformal boosts (K)	K-gauge field	1	1	0
Fermions	a_μ	U(1)	U(1) gauge field	1	0	0
	ϕ_{μ_i}	S-supersymmetry (S)	S-gauge field $\gamma_5 \phi_{\mu_i} = \phi_{\mu_i}$	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	ψ_μ^i	Q-supersymmetry (Q)	gravitino; $\gamma_5 \psi_\mu^i = \psi_\mu^i$	4	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$

Gauge symmetries
=
conformal symmetries
+
internal symmetries:
 $SU(4) \times U(1)$
+
Q- and S-Supersymmetries

N=4 conformal supergravity

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 1, \dots, 4 \\ \alpha &= 1, 2 \end{aligned}$$

In addition to gauge fields, the N=4 Weyl multiplet contains “auxiliary fields”:

**Matter
fields**

	Field	Properties	SU(4)	w	c
Bosons	ϕ_α	$\phi^\alpha = \eta^{\alpha\beta} (\phi_\alpha)^\star, \phi_\alpha \phi^\alpha = 1$	1	0	-1
	E_{ij}	$E_{ij} = E_{ji}$	10	1	-1
	T_{ab}^{ij}	$\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_{ab}^{cd}T_{cd}^{ij} = -T_{ab}^{ij}$	6	1	-1
		$T_{ab}^{ij} = -T_{ab}^{ji}$			
	D^{ij}_{kl}	$D^{ij}_{kl} = \frac{1}{4}\varepsilon^{ijmn}\varepsilon_{klpq}D^{pq}_{mn}$ $D_{kl}^{ij} \equiv (D^{kl}_{ij})^* = D^{ij}_{kl}$ $D^{ij}_{kj} = 0$	20'	2	0
Fermions	Λ_i	$\gamma_5 \Lambda_i = \Lambda_i$	4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2}$
	χ^{ij}_k	$\gamma_5 \chi^{ij}_k = \chi^{ij}_k; \chi^{ij}_k = -\chi^{ji}_k$ $\chi^{ij}_j = 0$	20	$\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{1}{2}$

The complex scalars ϕ_α, ϕ^α transform under rigid SU(1, 1) transformations and satisfy:

$$\phi_1 \phi^1 + \phi_2 \phi^2 = 1$$

and parametrize SU(1, 1) matrices:

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & -\phi^2 \\ \phi_2 & \phi^1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The scalars ϕ_α are also subject to the local U(1) symmetry and therefore describe two physical degrees of freedom associated with an SU(1, 1)/U(1) coset space.
- They carry no Weyl weight and will play a central role.

Lagrangian(s?)

The full ***off-shell superconformal transformation rules*** have been derived:

Bergshoeff, de Roo, de Wit, 1981

$$\delta_Q e_\mu{}^a = \bar{\epsilon}^i \gamma^a \psi_{\mu i} + \text{h.c.},$$

$$\delta_Q \psi_\mu{}^i = 2 \mathcal{D}_\mu \epsilon^i - \frac{1}{2} \gamma^{ab} T_{ab}{}^{ij} \gamma_\mu \epsilon_j + \varepsilon^{ijkl} \bar{\psi}_{\mu j} \epsilon_k \Lambda_l,$$

$$\delta_Q E_{ij} = 2 \bar{\epsilon}_{(i} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \Lambda_{j)} - 2 \bar{\epsilon}^k \chi^{mn}{}_{(i} \varepsilon_{j)kmn} - \bar{\Lambda}_i \Lambda_j \bar{\epsilon}_k \Lambda^k + 2 \bar{\Lambda}_k \Lambda_{(i} \bar{\epsilon}_{j)} \Lambda^k,$$

...

Their non-linearity makes it *very tedious* to construct the **invariant Lagrangian** by directly supersymmetrising the Weyl tensor squared:

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“Minimal” N=4
conformal SUGRA

→ **Partial construction:** with this iterative (“Noether”) method, the Lagrangian was derived up to quadratic order in fermions.

FC, Sahoo, 2015

→ Unlike for N<4, there is *no multiplet calculus available...*

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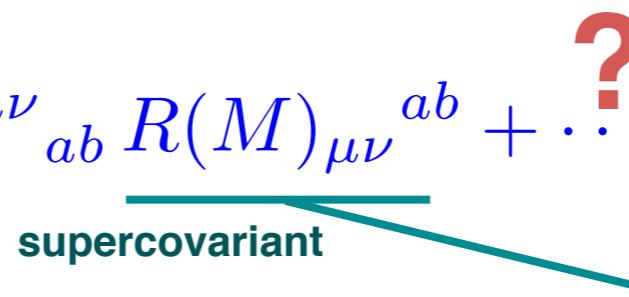
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“Non-minimal” $N=4$
conformal SUGRA

$= C_{\mu\nu}{}^{ab} + \text{fermions}$

In fact, it was suggested already a long time ago that there could/should exist a **large class of actions**, that depend on a function of the coset scalars $\mathcal{H}(\phi_\alpha, \phi^\alpha)$.

Fradkin, Tseytlin, 1982

Harvey, Moore, 1998

[Dijkgraaf, Verlinde²; Cardoso, de Wit, Kappeli, Mohaupt; Jatkar, Sen...]

How to proceed...?

Bossard, Howe, Stelle, 2013

How we construct the invariant Lagrangian(s)?

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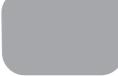
→ Entirely written in terms of 4-forms. Schematically:

$$e^4 = e^a \wedge e^b \wedge e^c \wedge e^d$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{N=4} = e^4 \boxed{} + e^3 \psi \boxed{} + e^2 \psi^2 \boxed{} + e \psi^3 \boxed{} + \psi^4 \boxed{},$$

Weyl weight w : $\begin{array}{cc} -4 & +4 \\ \hline -7/2 & +7/2 \end{array} \dots$

$\begin{array}{cc} -2 & +2 \\ \hline \end{array}$

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Two assumptions:

- The 4-forms that appear only involve the gravitini and the vierbein.
- The bottom composites transform in the $20'$ of $SU(4)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{N=4} = & \cdots - i \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_{\mu i} \psi_{\nu j} \bar{\psi}_\rho^k \psi_\sigma^l A^{ij}{}_{kl} \\ & - \frac{i}{4} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_{\mu i} \psi_{\nu j} \bar{\psi}_{\rho k} \psi_{\sigma l} \varepsilon^{klrs} C^{ij}{}_{rs} + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

$20'$

Require $\delta_Q(\text{density formula}) = 0$ **at each order in** e **and** ψ : →

Cancellation of $\epsilon\psi^4$ variations

We parametrise the Q-supersymmetry transformations of the bosonic composites:

$$\delta C^{ij}_{kl} = \bar{\epsilon}^m \Xi^{ij}_{kl,m} + \bar{\epsilon}_m \Xi^{ij,m}_{kl},$$

$$\delta A^{ij}_{kl} = \bar{\epsilon}^m \Omega^{ij}_{kl,m} + \bar{\epsilon}_m \Omega^{ij,m}_{kl},$$

in terms of
fermionic composites.

Gathering all the Q-supersymmetry variations proportional to $\epsilon\psi^4$ and requiring them to vanish, leads to the following **constraints on the variations of the composites** C^{ij}_{kl} and A^{ij}_{kl} :

$$\rightarrow [\Xi^{ij}_{kl,m}]_{\overline{60}} = [2\Lambda_m A^{ij}_{kl}]_{\overline{60}}, \quad [\Xi^{ij,m}_{kl}]_{\overline{60}} = 0, \quad \Lambda_m \in \text{Weyl multiplet} \\ (\text{not a composite})$$

$$[\Omega^{ij}_{kl,m}]_{\overline{60}} = [\Lambda_m \bar{C}^{ij}_{kl}]_{\overline{60}}$$

$$\rightarrow [\Xi^{ij}_{kl,m} + 2\Lambda_m A^{ij}_{kl}]_{\overline{20}} \propto \square \quad \text{where } \square \text{ and } \square \text{ are the fermionic} \\ \text{composites coming from:}$$

$$[\Omega^{ij}_{kl,m} + 3\Lambda_m \bar{C}^{ij}_{kl}]_{\overline{20}} \propto \square \quad \mathcal{L}_{N=4} = \cdots + e\psi^3(\square, \square) + \cdots$$

Fixes the Q-supersymmetry transformations of C^{ij}_{kl} and A^{ij}_{kl} : determines the expressions of some higher composites.

Repeat for all other variations: $\epsilon e\psi^3, \epsilon e^2\psi^2, \dots$

Completing the density formula

By requiring all variations to vanish, we obtain further constraints which determine the supersymmetry transformation rules of all the composites.



Final (and necessary) check:

We then verify that the transformations of the composites satisfy the same algebra as those of the Weyl multiplet fields.

→ We make use of the computer algebra package **Cadabra**

Peeters, 1998

Summary at this point:

We have **determined an invariant Lagrangian** (as a density formula) which is expressed **in terms of supercovariant composites** that do not yet depend explicitly on the Weyl multiplets fields.

Constructing the composites

Last step: Express the composites in terms of the Weyl multiplet fields.

$$\mathcal{L}_{N=4} = e^4 \text{ ?} + e^3 \psi \text{ ?} + e^2 \psi^2 \text{ ?} + e \psi^3 \text{ ?} + \psi^4 \text{ ?},$$

Start with
 $C^{ij}{}_{kl}$ and $A^{ij}{}_{kl}$

→ Determine the other composites via the SUSY transformations rules.

Task: $C^{ij}{}_{kl}$ and $A^{ij}{}_{kl}$ have to be in the 20' of SU(4) and S-supersymmetric.

They **must satisfy**:

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We find only one solution:

- Depends on a holomorphic function $\mathcal{H}(\phi_\alpha)$ which is homogeneous of zero-th degree in the coset scalars:
→ $\mathcal{H}(\phi_\alpha)$ only depends on powers of ϕ_1/ϕ_2 .
→ The expressions of all the other composites depend on $\mathcal{H}(\phi_\alpha)$.
- Predicted by Bossard, Howe, Stelle, 2012, 2013*

N=4 conformal supergravity Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{D} = -\phi^\alpha \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_\beta}$$

The bosonic terms of this class of Lagrangians are, up to a total derivative:

Weyl tensor

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(e)^{-1} \mathcal{L} = & \mathcal{H} \left[\frac{1}{2} R(M)^{abcd} R(M)_{abcd}^- + R(V)^{abij}{}_j R(V)_{ab}^{-j}{}_i + \frac{1}{8} D^{ij}{}_{kl} D^{kl}{}_{ij} + \frac{1}{4} E_{ij} D^2 E^{ij} - 4 T_{ab}^{ij} D^a D_c T^{cb}{}_{ij} \right. \\
 & - \bar{P}^a D_a D_b P^b + P^2 \bar{P}^2 + \frac{1}{3} (P^a \bar{P}_a)^2 - \frac{1}{6} P^a \bar{P}_a E_{ij} E^{ij} - 8 P_a \bar{P}^c T^{ab}{}_{ij} T_{bc}{}^{ij} - \frac{1}{16} E_{ij} E^{jk} E_{kl} E^{li} \\
 & + \frac{1}{48} [E_{ij} E^{ij}]^2 + T^{ab}{}_{ij} T_{ab}{}_{kl} T^{cd}{}^{ij} T_{cd}{}^{kl} - T^{ab}{}_{ij} T_{cd}{}^{jk} T_{ab}{}_{kl} T^{cd}{}^{li} - \frac{1}{2} E^{ij} T^{ab}{}_{kl} R(V)_{ab}{}^m{}_i \varepsilon_{jklm} \\
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 & + T^{ab}{}_{ij} T_a{}^{ckl} R(V)_{bc}{}^m{}_k \varepsilon_{ijlm} - \frac{1}{24} E_{ij} E^{ij} T^{ab}{}_{kl} T_{ab}{}^{mn} \varepsilon_{klmn} - \frac{1}{6} E^{ij} T_{ab}{}^{kl} T^{ac}{}_{mn} T_b{}^p{}_c \varepsilon_{iklm} \varepsilon_{jpqn} \\
 & \left. + \mathcal{D}^2 \mathcal{H} \left[\frac{1}{6} E_{ij} T_{ab}{}^{ik} T^{ac}{}_{jl} T_b{}^m{}_n \varepsilon_{klmn} - \frac{1}{8} E_{ij} E_{kl} T_{ab}{}^{ik} T^{ab}{}_{jl} + \frac{1}{384} E_{ij} E_{kl} E_{mn} E_{pq} \varepsilon^{ikmp} \varepsilon^{jlnq} \right. \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{32} T^{ab}{}_{ij} T^{cd}{}_{pq} T_{ab}{}^{mn} T_{cd}{}^{kl} \varepsilon_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{mnpq} - \frac{1}{64} T^{ab}{}_{ij} T^{cd}{}_{pq} T_{ab}{}^{kl} T_{cd}{}^{mn} \varepsilon_{ijkl} \varepsilon_{mnpq} \right] \\
 & + 2 \mathcal{H} e_a{}^\mu f_\mu{}^c \eta_{cb} \left[P^a \bar{P}^b - P^d \bar{P}_d \eta^{ab} \right] + \text{h.c}
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Fermions still being massaged...
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How to transition to Poincaré ? \longrightarrow use ‘compensating’ matter.

Conformal gravity (N=0) example:

2-derivatives Lagrangian:

Free scalar ϕ in a conformal gravity background



gauge equivalence



Einstein’s gravity

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conformal gauge fixing

$$\begin{aligned} b_\mu &= 0 \\ \phi &= -\sqrt{3/\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

\uparrow
Einstein’s constant

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ϕ : compensator for the dilatation symmetry

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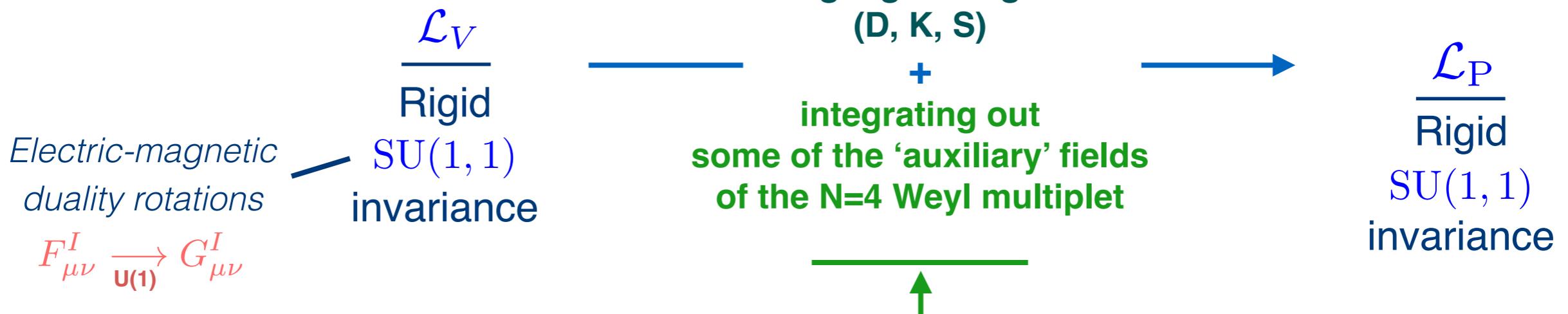
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Field strength
for spin 1

The field equations are not algebraic anymore.

- \mathcal{L}'_P contains an infinity of terms: series in F and $\partial F \rightarrow$ Exclusive to SUGRA (Differs from Born-Infeld)
- Involved in practice but the result is guaranteed to be supersymmetric.

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→ Connection with (2,0), D=6 conformal supergravity.

Butter, Kuzenko, Novak, Theisen, 2016

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Thank you for your attention.

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