

Alternative mechanism to SUSY (Conservative extensions of the Poincaré group)

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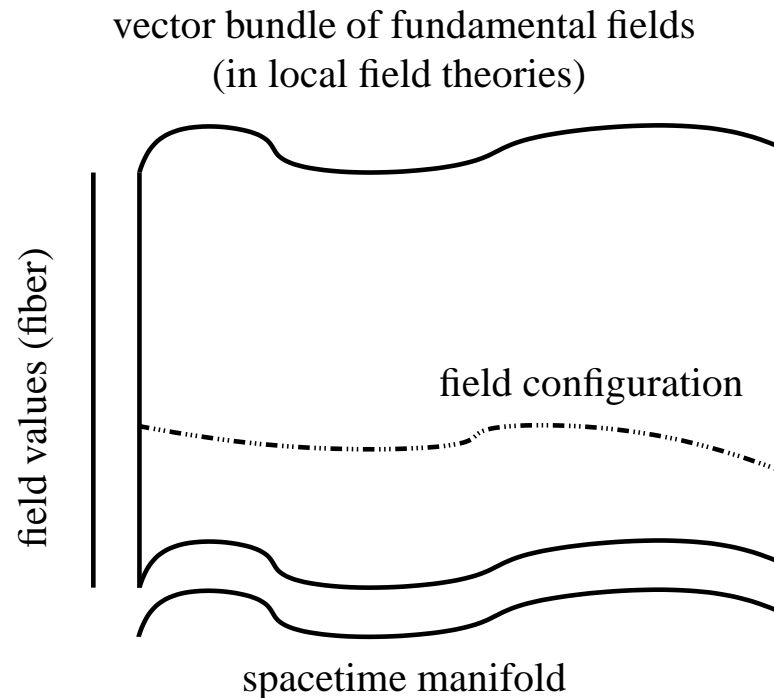
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- General structure of Lie groups and the SUSY
- All possible extensions of the spacetime symmetry group
- Non-SUSY gauge and spacetime symmetry unification
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Introduction to local field theories and their symmetries

- **What is a (classical) local field theory?** We have a vector bundle of fundamental fields over some spacetime manifold:



A local Lagrangian is given as a function of field configurations and their gradients.

The action functional is an integral of the Lagrangian.

Physical field configurations: where the derivative of the action functional vanishes.

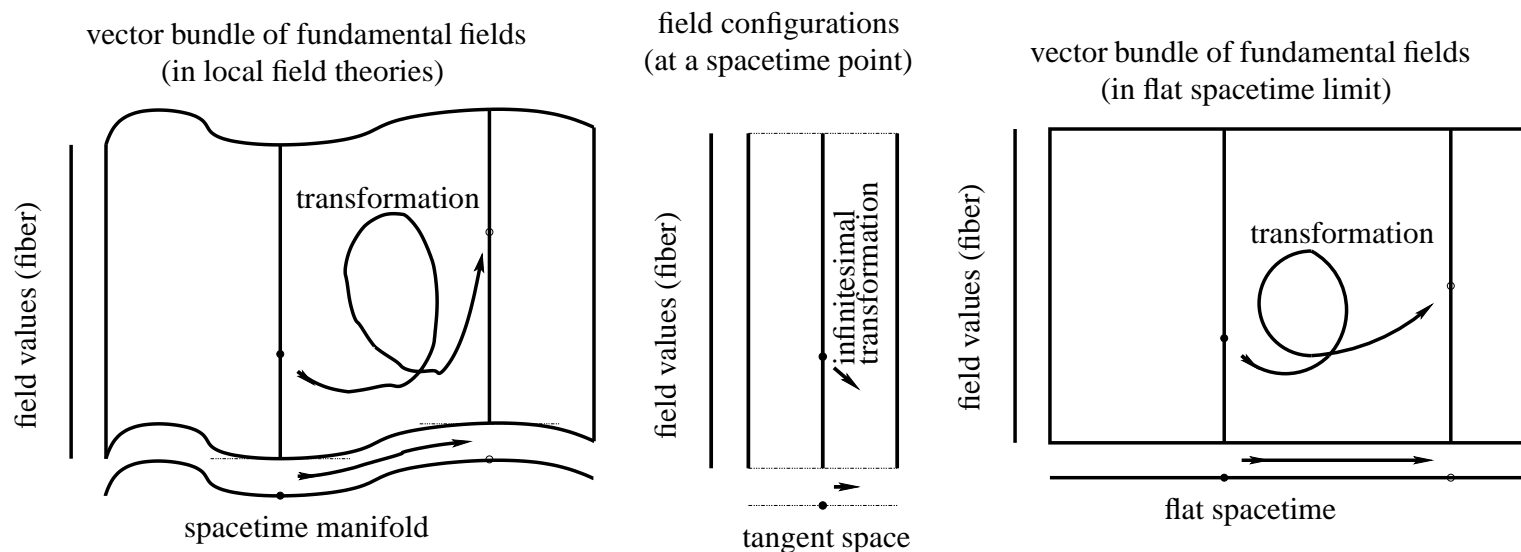
Local symmetries of a theory: deformations to which the action is invariant.

- **More symmetries simplify a theory.** Larger symmetry requirement reduces the number of variants of a field theoretical Lagrangian, and relates its coupling constants.
- **Grand unification (GUT) strategy.** Models with large, direct-indecomposable symmetry group is looked for.
- **Unification no-go theorems.** Spacetime symmetries (Poincaé group) and compact internal symmetries (compact gauge group) cannot be simply unified (McGlinn1964, Coleman-Mandula1967).
- **Supersymmetry (SUSY).** With this, the no-go theorems are circumventable (Haag-Lopuszanski-Sohnius1975).
SUSY seemed justified by its convenient properties.
But a bit unusual, it is “super-Lie algebra”.
- **SUSY is not seen experimentally.** At present status (ICHEP2016 conference).
- **Alternative exists.** We found a group theoretical mechanism to possibly substitute SUSY.

Remark: the no-go theorems are based on global symmetry arguments.

This happens to be enough because:

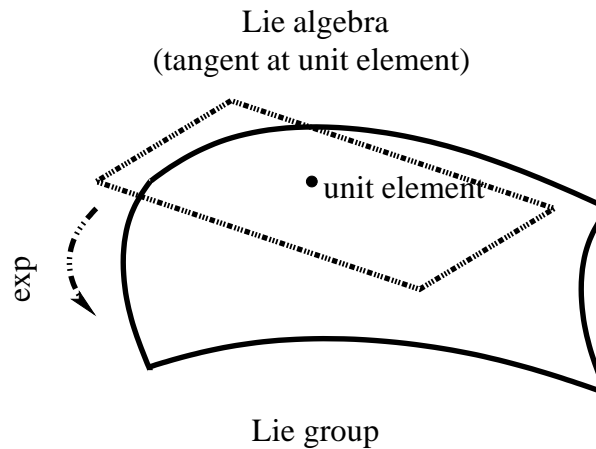
1. the no-go theorems use infinitesimal (symmetry generator level) arguments,
2. the global symmetries infinitesimally act in the same way on the fields at a point of spacetime as local symmetries would do.



For studying symmetries at a point it is enough to study finite dimensional Lie algebras. Lie algebras are infinitesimal versions of Lie groups, i.e. of parametric groups.

General structure of Lie groups and the SUSY

- **Group.** A collection of transformations, which can be composed, inverted, and there is unit transformation within the collection.
- **Lie group.** A parametric group, parametrized by a finite collection of real parameters. E.g.: rotation group, symmetry group of flat plane, Poincaré group, $SU(N)$ etc.
- **Lie algebra.** Derivatives (or, equivalently, the tangent) of a Lie group at the unit element.



Thus, a Lie algebra is the infinitesimal version of a Lie group.

Exponential map makes a Lie group element from Lie algebra element.

- **Ado's theorem.** Lie algebra completely characterizes Lie group, modulo global topology.
- **Lie bracket.** Lie algebra has the Lie bracket $[,]$ (commutator).

- **Subgroup.** A sub-group of a group.
- **Normal, or invariant subgroup.** A subgroup N is normal, whenever $g N g^{-1} \subset N$, for all group elements g .
E.g. the translations in the symmetry group of flat plane.
- **Extension, or semi-direct product.** Just synonym to above. If N is normal subgroup, and H is a complementing part, then we sometimes write $N.H$ for the entire group.
- **Semi-direct product.** As above, but complementing part H is subgroup. Notation: $N \rtimes H$.
E.g. the symmetry group of flat plane is semi-direct product of translations and rotations.
- **Direct product.** As above, but H is also normal subgroup. Notation: $N \times H$ or $H \times N$.
Direct product means that the large group is built of completely independent parts N, H .
E.g. Standard Model gauge group: $U(1) \times SU(2) \times SU(3)$.
GUT strategy tries to avoid direct product (requirement of direct-indecomposability).

- **Killing-form:** it is an invariant scalar product $x \cdot y = \text{Tr}(\text{ad}_x \text{ad}_y)$ on any Lie algebra, where $\text{ad}_x(\cdot) = [x, \cdot]$. (E.g. it appears in the $F_{ab} \cdot F^{ab}$ Yang-Mills Lagrangian.)

- **Levi decomposition theorem:**

$$\underbrace{E}_{\text{Lie group}} = \underbrace{R}_{\substack{\text{degenerate directions of Killing form} \\ \text{(radical, or solvable part)}}} \rtimes \underbrace{L}_{\substack{\text{non-degenerate directions of Killing form} \\ \text{(Levi factor, or semisimple part)}}$$

holds for any Lie group, where \rtimes denotes semi-direct product.

The symmetries of flat plane (translations \rtimes rotations) is a typical example.

Groups like $SU(N)$, $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ only have Levi factor, i.e. they are semisimple.

- **Poincaré group:**

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{Poincaré group}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{T}}_{\text{translation group (radical)}} \rtimes \underbrace{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{homogeneous Lorentz group (Levi factor)}}$$

is an educative demonstration of Levi's decomposition theorem.

 **super-Poincaré group (SUSY group):**

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}_s}_{\text{SUSY group}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{S}}_{\text{supertranslation group (radical)}} \times \underbrace{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{homogeneous Lorentz group (Levi factor)}}$$

is a similar example, with a bit larger radical.

Supertranslations: it is a transformation group on the vector bundle of superfields. They act as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \theta^A \\ x^a \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \theta^A + \epsilon^A \\ x^a + d^a + \sigma_{AA'}^a i(\theta^A \bar{\epsilon}^{A'} - \epsilon^A \bar{\theta}^{A'}) \end{pmatrix}$$

on the “supercoordinates” and the affine spacetime coordinates.

One can write:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}_s}_{\text{SUSY group}} = \left(\underbrace{\mathcal{T} \cdot \mathcal{Q}}_{\text{translations supercharges}} \right) \rtimes \underbrace{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{Lorentz group}}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{super-Poincaré group (SUSY group)}}$

The diagram illustrates the structure of the SUSY group \mathcal{P}_s . It is equal to the semidirect product of a super-Poincaré group and a Lorentz group. The super-Poincaré group is the direct product of translations (\mathcal{T}) and supercharges (\mathcal{Q}). The Lorentz group (\mathcal{L}) acts nontrivially on both the translations and supercharges subgroups, as indicated by the arrows pointing from \mathcal{L} to both \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{Q} .

where arrows indicate which subgroup acts nontrivially on which normal subgroup.

● **super-Lie algebra presentation**: traditionally they are not presented as Lie algebras, but as “super-Lie algebras”.

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark & \quad [P_a \quad , P_b \quad] = 0, \\ \checkmark & \quad [P_a \quad , Q_A \quad] = 0, \\ \checkmark & \quad [P_a \quad , \bar{Q}_{A'} \quad] = 0, \\ !!! \rightarrow & \quad \{ Q_A \quad , Q_B \quad \} = 0, \\ !!! \rightarrow & \quad \{ \bar{Q}_{A'} \quad , \bar{Q}_{B'} \quad \} = 0, \\ !!! \rightarrow & \quad \{ Q_A \quad , \bar{Q}_{A'} \quad \} = 2 \sigma_{AA'}^a P_a. \end{aligned}$$

What does that mean? It has also ordinary Lie algebra presentation!

[Nucl.Phys.**B76**(1974)477, Phys.Lett.**B51**(1974)239]:

Introduce alternative generators $\delta_{(i)} = \epsilon_{(i)}^A Q_A$ instead of Q_A , where $\epsilon_{(i)}^A$ ($i = 1, 2$) is “supercoordinate” (Grassmann valued two-spinor) basis. Will make ordinary Lie algebra.

Via exponentiating this Lie algebra: SUSY Lie group obtained. SUSY is not that exotic!
Ordinary Lie group / Lie algebra theory applies!

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With super-Lie algebra, one can exactly generate those ordinary Lie algebras (Lie groups) which have the structure

$$\underbrace{(\mathcal{T} \cdot \mathcal{Q})}_{=\mathcal{S}} \times \mathcal{L}$$

with

- \mathcal{L} being a subgroup,
- \mathcal{S} being a complementing normal subgroup,
- \mathcal{T} being a normal subgroup within \mathcal{S} , and
- \mathcal{T} as well as $\mathcal{Q} \cong \mathcal{S}/\mathcal{T}$ being abelian. ←!!!

(translations are abelian,

supercharges without considering contribution of translations are abelian.)

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This makes it possible to switch the sign of “odd” part (\mathcal{Q}) with Grassmannian basis.

All possible extensions of the spacetime symmetry group

Now we understand that SUSY is just a Lie group / Lie algebra extension of Poincaré group.
 (Infinitesimal symmetries of any relativistic local field theory must be a Poincaré extension.)

Poincaré extensions are classified by O’Raifeartaigh theorem (1965), via Levi decomposition:

● **Either:**

$$\begin{array}{l}
 E = R \rtimes L \\
 \cup \quad \cup \\
 \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{T} \rtimes \mathcal{L}
 \end{array}
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{(A)} \quad E = \mathcal{P} \times \{\text{some further Lie group}\} \\
 \quad \quad \quad \text{(trivial extension, case of no-go theorems)} \\
 \text{(B)} \quad \text{Not (A), } \mathcal{L} \subset L, R \text{ is solvable extension of } \mathcal{T}. \\
 \quad \quad \quad \text{(SUSY, and our new example is such)}
 \end{array} \right.$$

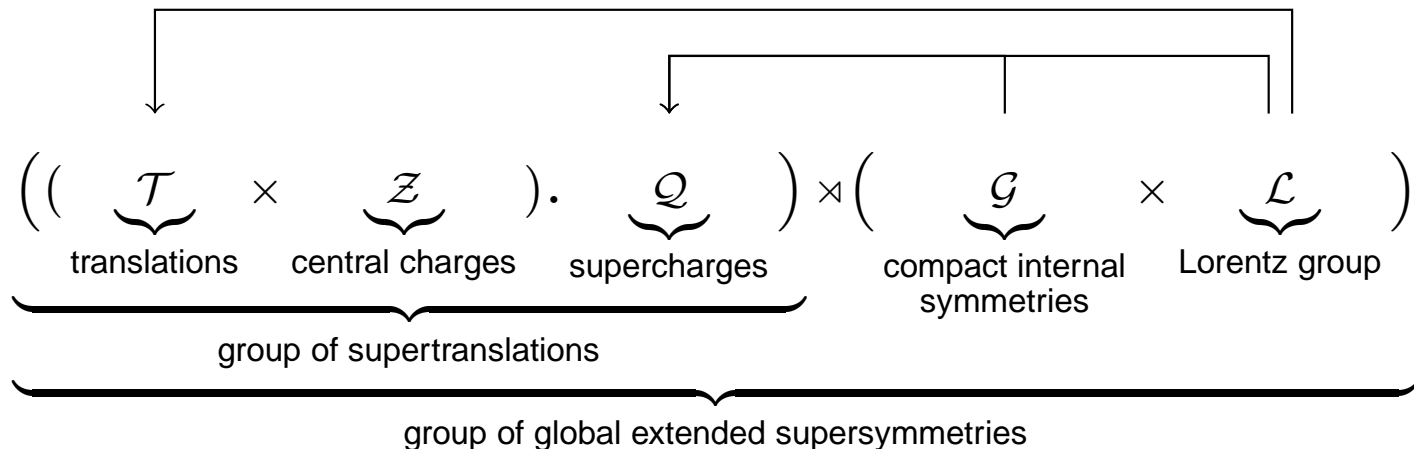
● **Or:**

$$\begin{array}{l}
 E = R \rtimes L \\
 \cup \quad \cup \\
 \mathcal{P} = \quad \quad (\mathcal{T} \rtimes \mathcal{L})
 \end{array}
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \text{(C)} \quad L \text{ contains entire } \mathcal{P}, \text{ and } L \text{ is simple Lie group.} \\
 \quad \quad \quad \text{(conform, and } E_8, SO(1, 13) \text{ theories)}
 \end{array} \right.$$

Consequently: if non-trivial extension is looked for, and we do not want to achieve this via symmetry breaking of a giant symmetry group, then we need to extend the radical (case B).

How (extended) SUSY works?

Unification via *extended SUSY group*:



Arrows: indicate nontrivial subgroup action.

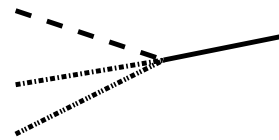
Parts not connected by arrows: are independent.

The extended SUSY group is direct-indecomposable.

⇒ Connects spacetime symmetries with compact internal (gauge) symmetries.

⇒ Connects potentially independent compact internal symmetries with each-other.

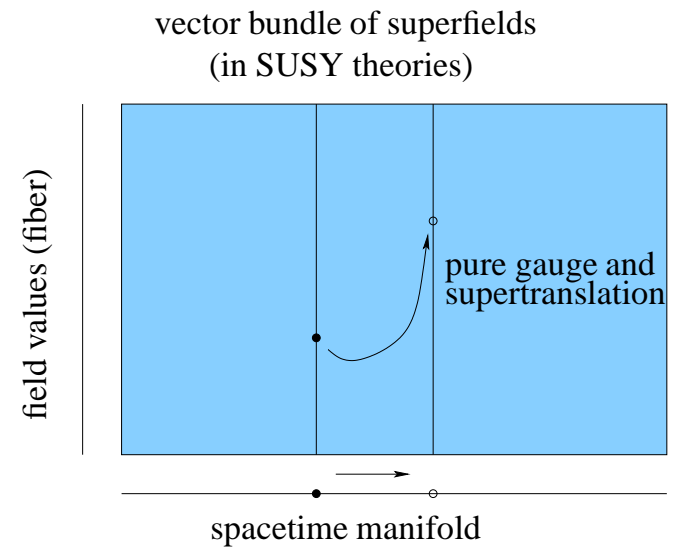
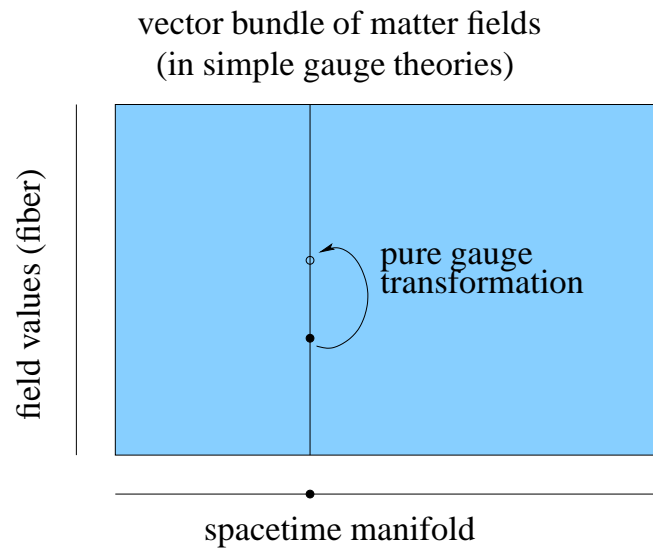
⇒ Running of coupling factors do unify.



Running of gauge couplings

Operated by O’Raifeartaigh theorem case B. Via the extension of the radical.

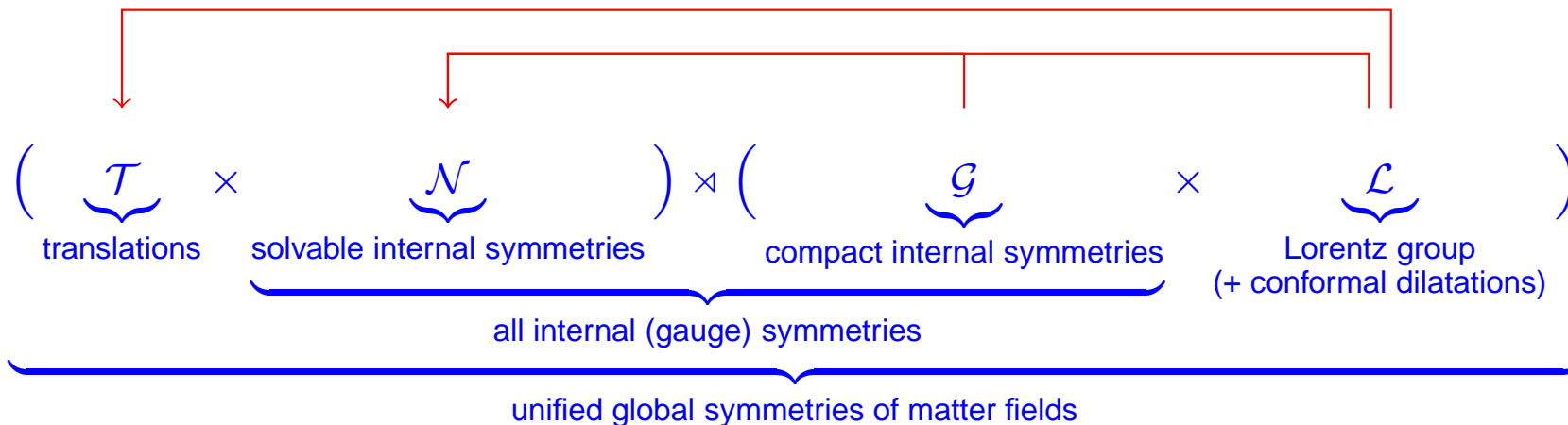
- **Symmetry breaking needed.** Because in the (extended) SUSY the complementing symmetries to spacetime symmetries couple too strongly to spacetime symmetries.



Experimental evidence not seen for this, so symmetry breaking needed for an SM-like limit.

Non-SUSY gauge and spacetime symmetry unification

- Conservative extensions of the Poincaré group.**
 - \Leftrightarrow The complementing symmetries are all *inner*, i.e. do not act on spacetime.
 - \Leftrightarrow There exists $\mathcal{P} \xrightarrow{i} E \xrightarrow{o} \mathcal{P}$ homomorphisms, such that $o \circ i = \text{identity}$.
 - \Leftrightarrow Extension and its invariant restriction both exists.
 - \Leftrightarrow The extended symmetries do not need symmetry breaking for an SM-like limit.
- The (extended) SUSY group is a non-conservative extension of the Poincaré group.**
- All possible conservative extensions of the Poincaré group:**

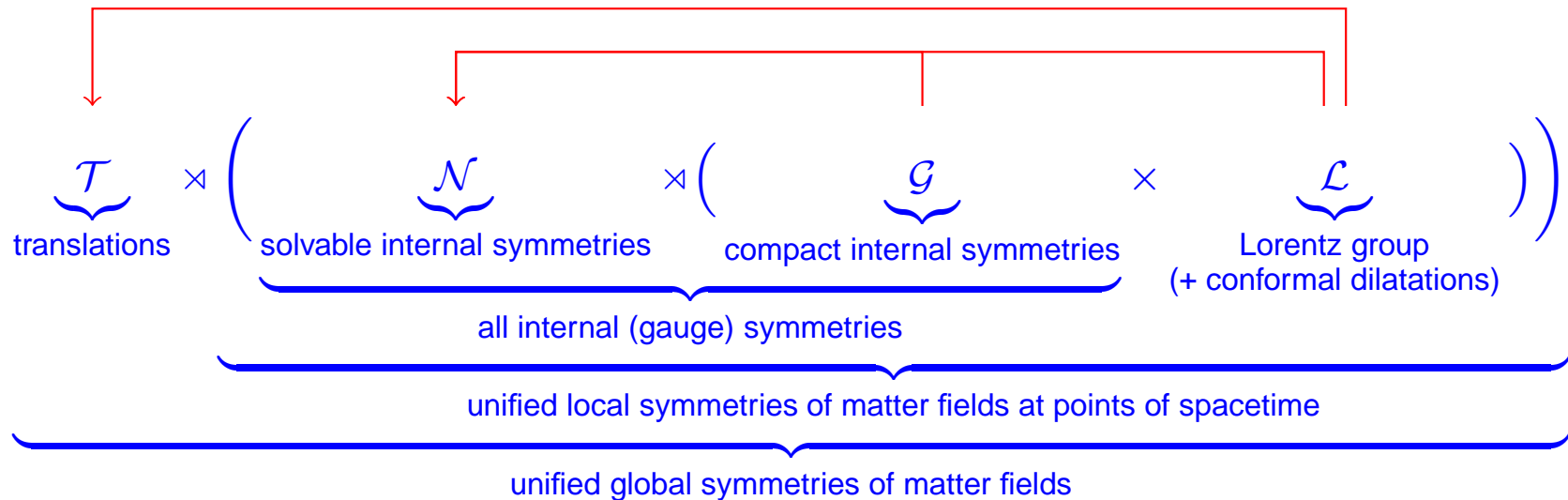


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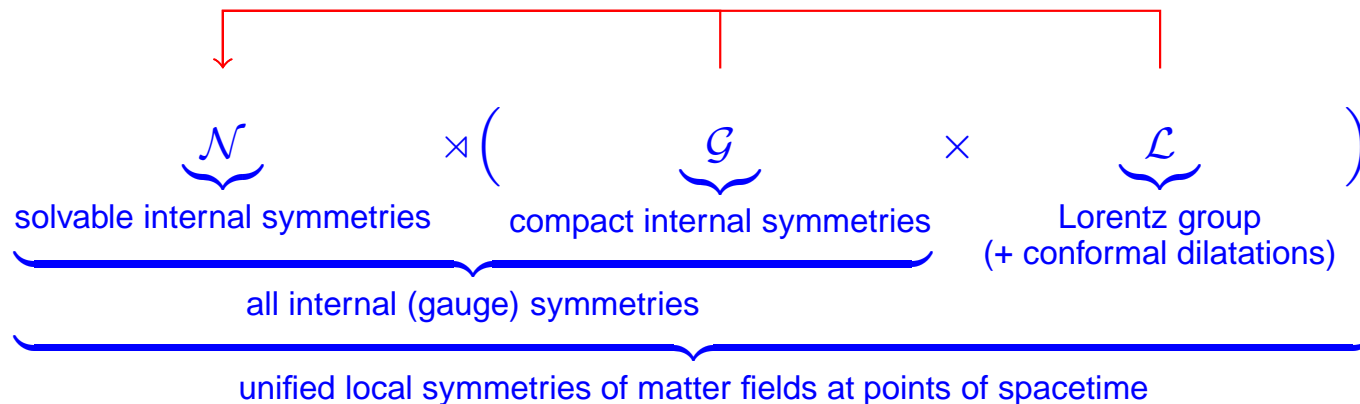
O’Raifeartaigh theorem + energy non-negativity \Rightarrow these are the only possible ones.

Similar gauge - spacetime symmetry unification as extended SUSY, via extended radical.

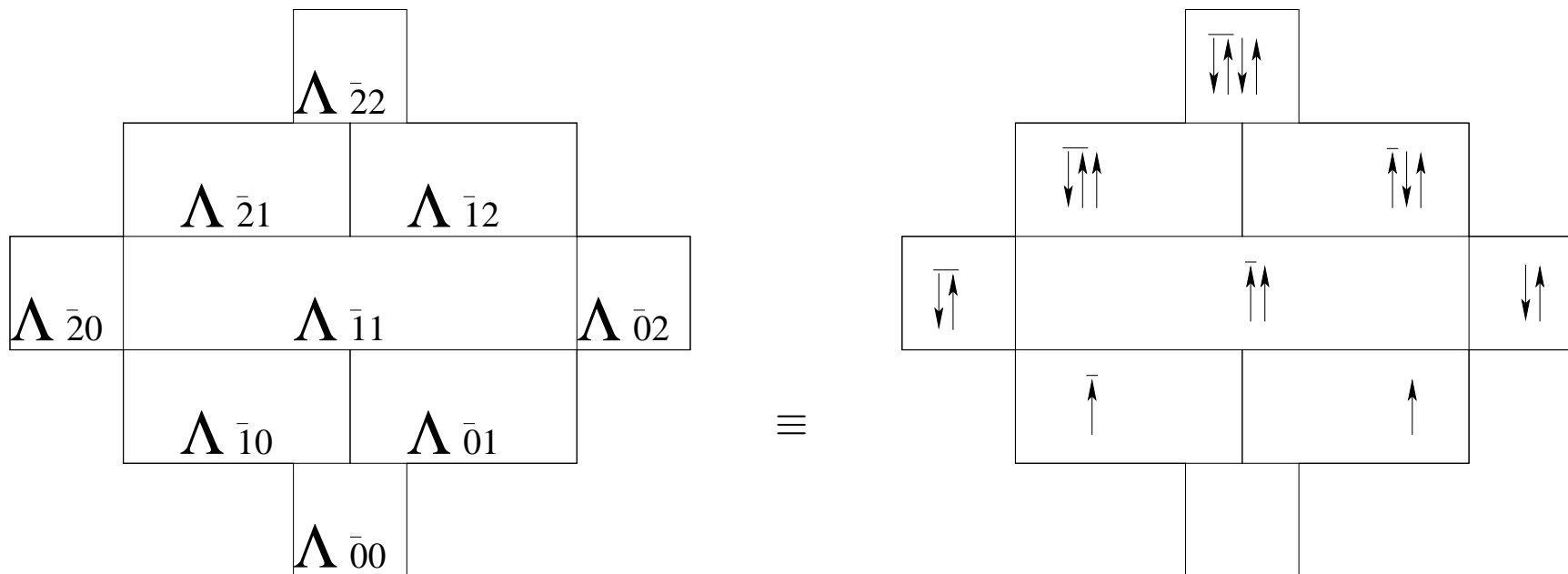
- **A conservative Poincaré group extension can be made local.** The discussed group structure can be equivalently reordered as:



- **The local, i.e. spacetime pointwise acting part is the key ingredient:**



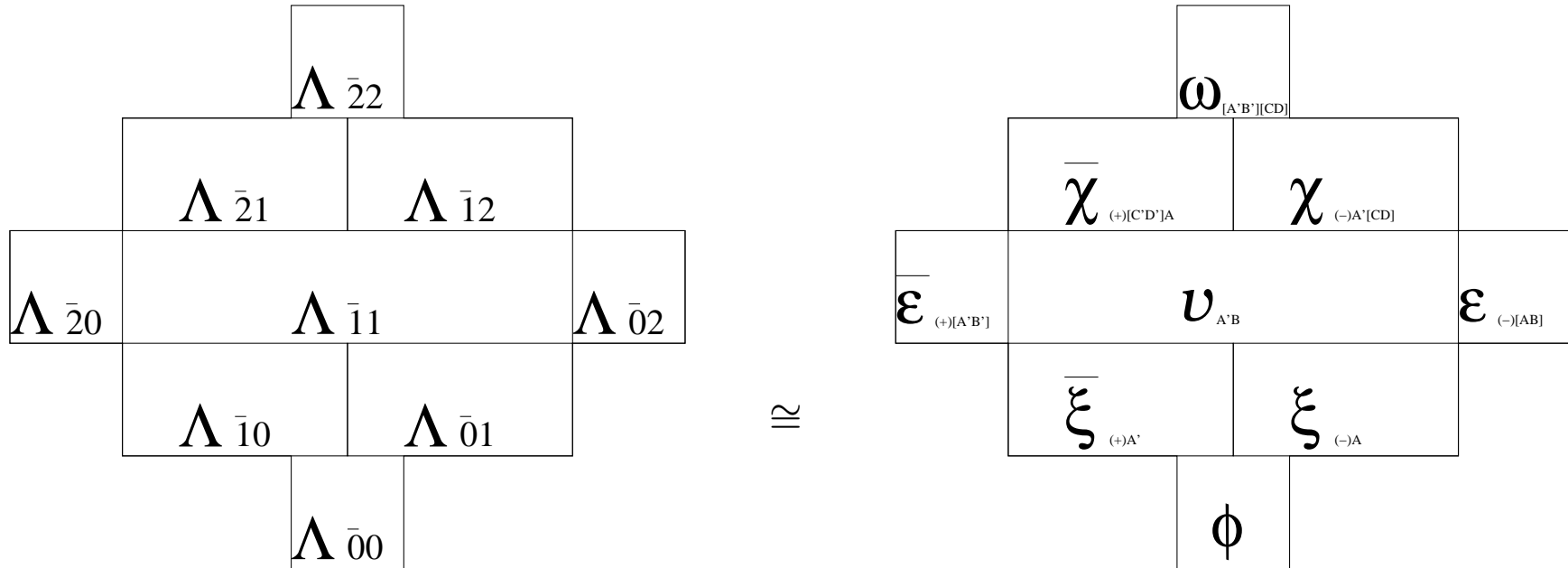
Constructed example for $\mathcal{G} = U(1)$ in JPhys**A50**(2017)115401 and IJMP**A32**(2016)1645041.
 It is a symmetry group of a QFT-related algebra:



\sim algebra of creation operators of fermion and antifermion in the limit if we only had spin.
 (Encoding 2 fundamental degrees of freedom, Pauli principle, and charge conjugation.)

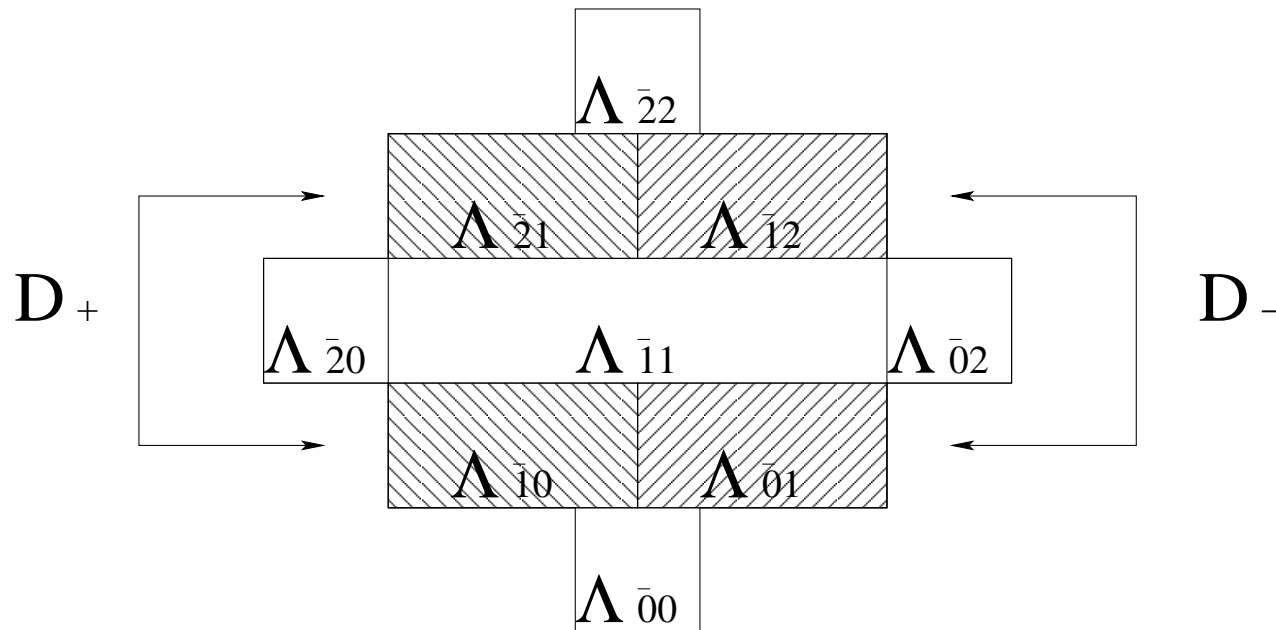
We named it **spin algebra**.

Spin algebra can also be represented via two-spinor formalism:



$\sim \Lambda(\bar{S}^*) \otimes \Lambda(S^*)$, where S^* is lower index two-spinor space (it is a 9-tuple of spinor fields).

Within spin algebra, the Dirac bispinors are contained:



Possible to define Dirac gamma map $\gamma : T \rightarrow \text{Lin}(A)$, such that it obeys Clifford relations

$$\gamma_a \gamma_b + \gamma_b \gamma_a = 2 I g_{ab}$$

when restricted to D_+ and D_- . (But that does not hold on entire spin algebra.)

However, the spin tensor

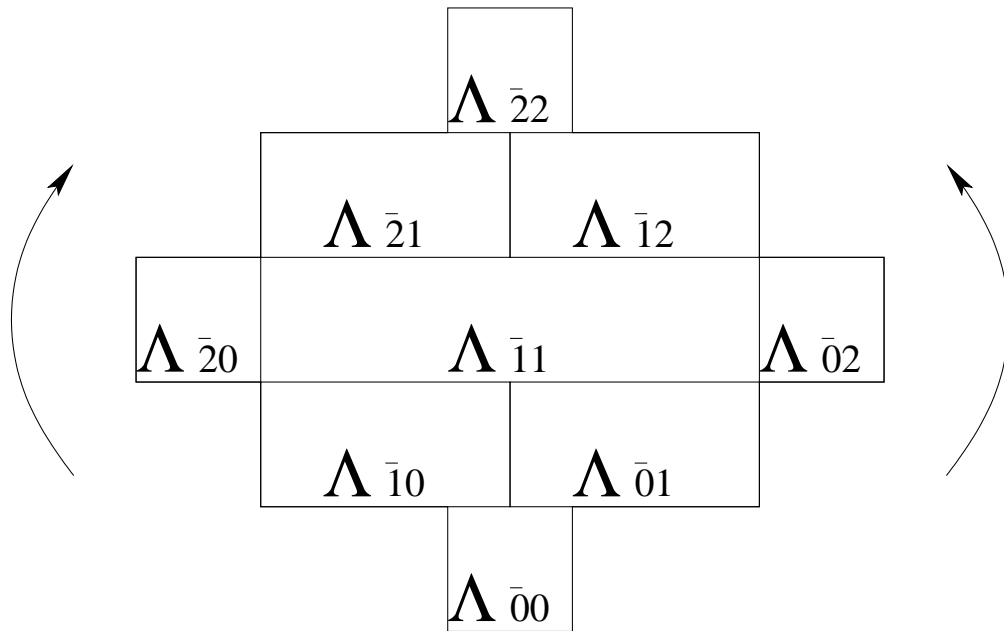
$$\Sigma_{ab} := \frac{i}{2} (\gamma_a \gamma_b - \gamma_b \gamma_a)$$

implements the Lorentz group action over the entire spin algebra hierarchy, correctly.

The exotic symmetries (\mathcal{N}) act as “dressing” transformations.

$$\underbrace{e_i}_{\text{generators}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{N}} \underbrace{e_i + \text{higher polynomials}}_{\text{new generators}}$$

$(i=1,2)$



In QFT analogy: 1-particle spaces not conserved. Are “dressed” by higher particle content.

These symmetries are invisible when truncated to 1-particle theory.

Price to pay for such unification of gauge and spacetime symmetries:

- Full gauge group is $\mathcal{N} \times \mathcal{G}$, i.e. “zero-energy” non-propagating gauge field modes (\mathcal{N}).
- In QFT analogy: CM is bypassed by relaxing preservation of 1-particle space.

Mechanism singled out group theoretically by “conservativeness” of the Poincaré extension.

Summary

- **SUSY experimentally not visible at present.** See e.g.: ICHEP2016 conference.
- **Mathematical alternatives to SUSY exist.** These are also O’Raifeartaigh B type, as SUSY.
- **The alternative: “conservative” extensions of the spacetime symmetries.** The complementing symmetries to spacetime symmetries are all inner. Symmetry breaking not needed.
- **Concrete example constructed.** At present, merely with $U(1)$ as compact gauge group.
- **It connects gauge and spacetime symmetries.** Just like extended SUSY.
- **Harmonizes with present experimental situation.** Extra symmetries are inherently “hidden”.

Backup slides

● **General structure of Lie groups / Lie algebras** (modulo topology):

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Some info about properties of radical:

- **solvability of radical R** \Leftrightarrow for the Lie algebra r of R , the sequence $r^0 := r$, $r^1 := [r^0, r^0]$, $r^2 := [r^1, r^1]$, \dots , $r^k := [r^{k-1}, r^{k-1}] = \{0\}$ for finite k .
- **special case: R is nilpotent.** There is finite k such that $\text{ad}_{x_1} \dots \text{ad}_{x_k} = 0$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_k \in r$.
- **special case: R is abelian.** For all $x \in r$ one has $\text{ad}_x = 0$.

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Some info about the Levi factor:

- The Levi factor (semisimple part) is direct product of **simple** parts:
 L_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are themselves semisimple and have no normal subgroups within.
- Simple Lie groups / Lie algebras are completely classified (complete list available):
 $SU(N)$, $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$, etc.

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where L_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) are *simple* (no normal subgroup within).

- Structure of Poincaré group:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{P}}_{\text{Poincaré group}} = \underbrace{\mathcal{T}}_{\text{translations (radical)}} \times \underbrace{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{homogeneous Lorentz group (Levi factor)}}$$

- General structure of compact Lie groups / compact Lie algebras:

$$\underbrace{G}_{\text{compact Lie group}} = \underbrace{U(1) \times \cdots \times U(1)}_{\text{compact abelian part (radical)}} \times \underbrace{G_1 \times \cdots \times G_m}_{\text{compact non-abelian part (Levi factor)}}$$

where G_j ($j = 1, \dots, m$) are *compact simple* (no normal subgroup within).