Higher spin fields in twistor formulation

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This talk provides a brief description of D=3 and D=4 world-line models for massive particles moving in a new type of enlarged spacetime, with D-1 additional vector coordinates, which after quantization lead to towers of massive higher spin (HS) fields.

Plan of my talk:

- It will be presented the main features of the twistorial formulation of the massless higher-spin fields theory and the required changes for the massive case.
- Two classically equivalent formulations will be presented: one with a hybrid spacetime/bispinor variables and a second described by a free two-twistor dynamics with constraints.
- After first quantization of the pure twistor models in the *D*=3 and *D*=4 cases, we will obtain that the massive wave functions are given as functions on the *SL*(2, ℝ) and *SL*(2, ℂ) group manifolds respectively, which describe arbitrary on-shell momenta and spin degrees of freedom.
- Combining the Fourier and twistor transformations we will obtain integral twistor transform which compares conventional massive multi-spinor space-time fields to the components in the expansion of the massive twistor field.
- Finally, we will present some comments related to the further studies of twistor description of massive HS fields.

Massless case

HS particle in tensorial space-time

I.Bandos, J.Lukierski, D.Sorokin, 1999, 2000 M.A.Vasiliev 2001

The D=4 HS model in tensorial space (x^{αβ}, y^{αβ}, ȳ^{αβ}) is provided by the following action

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d au \Big(\pi_{lpha} ar{\pi}_{\dot{eta}} \dot{x}^{lpha \dot{eta}} + \pi_{lpha} \pi_{eta} \dot{y}^{lpha eta} + ar{\pi}_{\dot{lpha}} ar{\pi}_{\dot{eta}} ar{y}^{\dot{lpha} \dot{eta}} + \pi_{lpha} \dot{y}^{lpha} + ar{\pi}_{\dot{lpha}} ar{y}^{\dot{lpha}} \Big)$$

 $y^{\alpha\beta}$ are three additional complex coordinates; π_{α} and y^{α} are *commuting* Weyl spinors. The constraints lead to unfolded equations on HS field $\Psi_0(x^{\alpha\beta}, y^{\alpha\beta}, \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}; y^{\alpha}, \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}})$:

$$\left(p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} - \pi_{\alpha} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}}
ight) \Psi_{0} = 0 \,, \qquad \left(p_{\alpha\beta} - \pi_{\alpha} \bar{\pi}_{\beta}
ight) \Psi_{0} = 0 \,, \qquad \left(\bar{p}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} - \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}}
ight) \Psi_{0} = 0 \,.$$

Transition to the twistor description is achieved by Penrose incidence relation:

$$\omega^{\alpha} = \mathbf{x}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}} + 2\,\mathbf{y}^{\alpha\beta}\pi_{\beta} + \mathbf{y}^{\alpha}\,, \qquad \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}} = \pi_{\beta}\mathbf{x}^{\beta\dot{\alpha}} + 2\,\bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}} + \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\dot{\alpha}}\,.$$

Then the action can be rewritten (modulo boundary terms) as the one-twistor particle model

$$S = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \left(\bar{Z}_A \dot{Z}^A + \text{h.c.} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \left(\omega^{lpha} \dot{\pi}_{lpha} - \bar{\pi}_{\dot{lpha}} \dot{\omega}^{\dot{lpha}} + \text{h.c.} \right),$$

where the D=4 twistor Z^A , A = 1, ..., 4 is described by a pair of Weyl spinors $Z^A = (\pi_\alpha, \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}}).$

 At quantization in holomorphic representation twistor field Φ₀(Z^A) combines infinite tower of arbitrary helicity massless fields, which are determined by the integral transformation

$$\psi_{\alpha_1...\alpha_n}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d\pi \, \mathbf{e}^{i \, \pi_\gamma \bar{\pi}_\gamma \mathbf{x}^{\gamma \dot{\gamma}}} \pi_{\alpha_1} \dots \pi_{\alpha_n} \, \Phi_0(\pi, \bar{\omega})|_{\bar{\omega}^{\dot{\beta}} = \pi_\beta \mathbf{x}^{\beta \dot{\beta}}} \, .$$

Massless states with fixed helicity are eigenvectors of the helicity operator

$$h=rac{i}{2}ar{Z}_AZ^A$$
.

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- Basic twistor relation $p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \sim \pi_{\alpha}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}}$ requires to use more than one twistor in the massive case $p^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \neq 0$ since $\pi^{\alpha}\pi_{\alpha} \equiv 0$. So, we have to use at least two twistors, including spinors π_{α}^{i} , i = 1, 2.
- In massless case, used variables reflect a generalized conformal symmetry Sp(8):
 - tensorial space-time $(x^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}, y^{\alpha\beta}, \bar{y}^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}})$ is the coset space $\frac{Sp(8)}{GL(4)\otimes K}$;

- Sp(8) transformations are realized as linear transformation of the twistor $Z^A = (\pi_{\alpha}, \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}})$.

- tensorial coordinates correspond to the generalized momenta generators in M-theory extension of the *N*=1 Poincare superalgebra

$$\{\mathbf{Q}_{\alpha}, \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = P_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} , \quad \{\mathbf{Q}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{Q}_{\beta}\} = Z_{\alpha\beta} , \quad \{\bar{\mathbf{Q}}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{\mathbf{Q}}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = \bar{Z}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} .$$

 In massive case we do not know what supergroup is HS generalization of the Poincare group.

The use of two (super) twistors involves consideration

of N = 2 Poincare supersymmetry with generators Q_{α}^{i} , $\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i}$. One of the possible generalizations is superalgebras with the most common right-hand side in the following anticommutators

$$\{Q^{i}_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}^{j}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = (\sigma_{a})^{ij} P^{a}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = \epsilon^{ij} P_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} + (\sigma_{r})^{ij} P^{r}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}, \qquad a = 0, 1, 2, 3, \qquad r = 1, 2, 3.$$

This involves the use of three additional vector variables $y_r^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}$ in addition to the position vector $x^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}$.

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 HS massless generalization of Shirafuji model is defined by the action (I.Bandos, J.Lukierski, D.Sorokin, 2000; M.A.Vasiliev 2001)

$$S_{mix}^{(m=0)} = \int d au \Big(\pi_{lpha} ar{\pi}_{\dot{eta}} \, \dot{x}^{lpha \dot{eta}} + \pi_{lpha} \pi_{eta} \, \dot{y}^{lpha eta} + ar{\pi}_{\dot{lpha}} ar{\pi}_{\dot{eta}} \, \dot{y}^{\dot{lpha} \dot{eta}} + \pi_{lpha} \dot{y}^{lpha} + ar{\pi}_{\dot{lpha}} ar{y}^{lpha} \Big) \,.$$

This system possesses the constraints

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} - \pi_{\alpha}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}} pprox 0, \qquad p_{\alpha\beta} - \pi_{\alpha}\pi_{\beta} pprox 0, \qquad p_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} - \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}} pprox 0,$$

which produce unfolded equations for HS wave function.

We consider the following HS massive generalization of Shirafuji model:

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{S}_{\textit{mix}}^{(m\neq 0)} &= \int d\tau \Big[\pi^{i}_{\alpha} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}i} \, \dot{\mathbf{x}}^{\alpha \dot{\beta}} + \pi^{i}_{\alpha} (\sigma^{r})^{\, j}_{i} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j} \, \dot{\mathbf{y}}^{\alpha \dot{\beta}}_{r} + \pi^{i}_{\alpha} \dot{\mathbf{y}}^{\alpha}_{i} + \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i} \dot{\bar{\mathbf{y}}}^{\alpha i} \\ &+ \rho \left(\pi^{i}_{\alpha} \pi^{\alpha}_{i} + 2M \right) + \bar{\rho} \left(\pi^{j}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\pi}^{\dot{\alpha}}_{i} + 2\bar{M} \right) \Big] \,, \end{split}$$

where $y_r^{\alpha\beta}$ are three additional vector coordinates. As we will see below, these variables play the role of conjugated coordinates to the phase coordinates, which define Pauli-Lubanski vector.

Proposed HS massive Shirafuji action leads to the constraints

$$p^{a}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} - u^{a}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \approx 0\,, \qquad \quad u^{a}_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = \pi^{i}_{\alpha}(\sigma^{a})_{i}^{j}\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j}\,, \qquad a = 0, 1, 2, 3\,,$$

which give massive generalization of HS unfolded equations after quatization and imply at a = 0 massive particle spectrum:

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}}p^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}=p^{\mu}p_{\mu}=2|M|^2=m^2$$
.

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Group-theoretic analysis of the model has a more effective after pass to pure twistor formulation.

• One half of the twistor variables are the spinors π_{α}^{i} , $\pi_{\dot{\alpha}i}$. The second half of the twistors is defined by the following HS generalization of the incidence relations

$$\bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}i} = \pi^i_{\beta} \mathbf{X}^{\beta\dot{\alpha}} + \pi^j_{\beta} (\sigma')_j{}^i \mathbf{y}^{\beta\dot{\alpha}}_r + \bar{\mathbf{y}}^{\dot{\alpha}i}, \qquad \omega^{\alpha}_i = \mathbf{X}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}i} + \mathbf{y}^{\alpha\dot{\beta}}_r (\sigma')_i{}^j \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j} + \mathbf{y}^{\alpha}_i$$

The D=4 twistors (Sp(8) spinors in HS massless limit and SU(2,2) spinors in fixed helicity limit) can be expressed by two pairs of two-component Weyl spinors

$$Z^{Aj} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_{\dot{\alpha}}^{i} \\ \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}j} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \bar{Z}_{Aj} = (\omega_{i}^{\alpha}, -\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i}), \qquad A = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Two-twistorial realization of the D= 4 Poincaré algebra is the following

$$P_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = \pi^{i}_{\alpha} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}i} , \qquad M_{\alpha\beta} = \pi^{i}_{(\alpha} \omega_{\beta)i} , \qquad M_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = \bar{\omega}^{i}_{(\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta})i} .$$

The Pauli-Lubański four-vector $W_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} P^{\nu} M^{\rho\sigma}$ can be written as follows

$$W^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = S_r \, u_r^{\alpha\dot{\beta}} \,, \qquad r = 1, 2, 3 \,,$$

where $S_r = -\frac{i}{2} \left(\pi^i_{\alpha} \omega^{\alpha}_j - \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}j} \bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}i} \right) (\sigma_r)_i^{\ j}$. It follows that

$$W^{\mu}W_{\mu}=-m^2ec{S}^2$$
 .

After quantization, we obtain the well known relativistic spin square spectrum with \vec{S}^2 replaced by s(s + 1) ($s = 0, \frac{1}{2}, 1, ...$).

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 Applying incidence relations in mixed action we get twistor formulation of HS massive particle:

$$S_{\text{twistor}}^{(m\neq0)} = \int d\tau \Big[\pi^i_{\alpha} \, \dot{\omega}^{\alpha}_i + \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i} \, \dot{\bar{\omega}}^{\dot{\alpha}i} + \mu \left(\pi^i_{\alpha} \pi^{\alpha}_i + 2M \right) + \bar{\mu} \left(\bar{\pi}^i_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{\pi}^{\dot{\alpha}}_i + 2\bar{M} \right) \Big] \,.$$

In these formulation there are presented basic constraints

$$G\equiv\pi^i_lpha\pi^lpha_i+2Mpprox 0\,,\qquad ar{G}\equivar{\pi}^i_{\dotlpha}ar{\pi}^{\dotlpha}_i+2ar{M}pprox 0\,.$$

These constraints mean that the spinors

$$g^{i}_{\alpha} \equiv M^{-1/2} \pi^{i}_{\alpha}, \quad \bar{g}_{\dot{\alpha}i} \equiv M^{-1/2} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i}; \qquad \epsilon^{\alpha\beta} g^{i}_{\alpha} g^{k}_{\beta} = \epsilon^{ik}$$

constitute a pair of complex-conjugated spinorial D=4 Lorentz harmonics (I.Bandos, 1990; F.Delduc, A.Galperin, E.Sokatchev, 1992; SF, V.Zima, 1995). Composite real four-vectors

$$e^{a}_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2M} (\sigma_{\mu})^{\alpha \dot{\beta}} u^{a}_{\alpha \dot{\beta}}, \qquad e_{\mu \, a} e^{\mu}{}_{b} = \eta_{ab}, \quad \eta_{ab} = (1, -1, -1, -1)$$

describe an orthonormal vectorial Lorentz frame defining D=4 vectorial Lorentz harmonics (E.Sokatchev, 1986).

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For the local gauge transformations generated by the constraints G, G
we introduce the gauge fixing conditions

$$i\left(\pi^{i}_{\alpha}\bar{\omega}^{\alpha}_{i}-\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i}\omega^{\dot{\alpha}i}
ight)pprox 0\,,\qquad \pi^{i}_{\alpha}\bar{\omega}^{\alpha}_{i}+\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i}\omega^{\dot{\alpha}i}pprox 0\,.$$

The Dirac brackets for the twistor components are the following

$$\begin{split} \{\pi^k_{\alpha},\pi^j_{\beta}\}_* &= \{\pi^k_{\alpha},\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j}\}_* = 0\,,\\ \{\omega^\alpha_k,\pi^j_{\beta}\}_* &= \delta^\alpha_\beta \delta^j_k + \frac{1}{2M}\pi^\alpha_k\pi^j_\beta\,, \qquad \{\bar{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}k},\pi^j_{\beta}\}_* = 0\,,\\ \{\omega^\alpha_k,\omega^\beta_j\}_* &= -\frac{1}{M}\left(\pi^\alpha_k\bar{\omega}^\beta_j - \pi^\beta_j\bar{\omega}^\alpha_k\right)\,, \qquad \{\omega^\alpha_k,\bar{\omega}^{\dot{\beta}j}\}_* = 0\,. \end{split}$$

• We will consider the $(\pi, \bar{\pi})$ -realization of quantized version of the DB algebra. In such a realization, after using the ordering with π 's at the left and ω 's at the right, we obtain $\hat{\pi}_{\alpha}^{k} = \pi_{\alpha}^{k}, \hat{\pi}_{\alpha k} = \bar{\pi}_{\alpha k}$ and

$$\hat{\omega}_{k}^{\alpha} = i \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_{\alpha}^{k}} + \frac{i}{2M} \pi_{k}^{\alpha} \pi_{\beta}^{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_{\beta}^{j}}, \qquad \hat{\omega}^{\dot{\alpha}k} = i \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}k}} - \frac{i}{2\bar{M}} \bar{\pi}^{\dot{\alpha}k} \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\beta}j}}.$$

The quantum counterparts of the spin operators

$$\hat{S}_{r} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\pi_{\alpha}^{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi_{\alpha}^{k}} - \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}k} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}i}} \right) (\sigma_{r})_{i}^{\ k} \,.$$

The square of the Pauli-Lubański vector becomes $\hat{W}^{\mu} \hat{W}_{\mu} = -m^2 \hat{S}^r \hat{S}^r$, which will be used below to define spin states.

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Thus, the twistorial wave function is defined on the space parametrized by π_{α}^{i} , $\bar{\pi}_{\alpha i}$ which satisfy the constraints *G*, \bar{G} and the matrix $g_{\alpha}{}^{i} = M^{-1/2} \pi_{\alpha}^{i}$ defines the $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ group manifold. Thus, the twistorial wave function $\Psi = \Psi(\pi_{\alpha}^{i}, \bar{\pi}_{\alpha i})$ is defined on $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ parametrized by π_{α}^{i} .

Let us analyze the twistorial wave function.

One can use the well known decomposition of SL(2, C) elements

$$g = h v$$
, $g_{\alpha}{}^{i} = h_{\alpha}{}^{k} v_{k}{}^{i}$,

in terms of the product of an hermitian matrix $h = h^{\dagger}$ with unit determinant and an SU(2) matrix v, $v^{\dagger}v = 1$.

The three parameters of the matrix *h* parametrize the coset SL(2, C)/SU(2) which defines the three-dimensional mass hyperboloid for timelike four-momenta:

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\beta}} = h_{\alpha}{}^{i}\bar{h}_{\dot{\beta}i}$$
 .

The unitary matrix v paramerizes S³ ~ SU(2) and is linked with the spin degrees of a massive particle. In particular, the spin operators take the form

$$\hat{\mathsf{S}}_r = \frac{1}{2} \, (\sigma_r)_j^{\ k} \, \mathsf{v}_{i}^{\ j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathsf{v}_{i}^{\ k}} \, .$$

We can consider the variables v_i^k as the harmonic variables that were introduced early to describe N=2 superfield formulations (GIKOS). In the notation

$$v_i{}^k = (v_i{}^1, v_i{}^2) = (v_i^+, v_i^-), \qquad v^{\pm i}v_i^- = 1, \qquad (v_i^{\pm})^* = \mp v^{\mp i},$$

the spin operators take the form

$$D^0 \equiv 2 \hat{S}_3 = v_{\rm i}^+ \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{\rm i}^+} - v_{\rm i}^- \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{\rm i}^-}\,, \qquad D^{\pm\pm} \equiv \hat{S}_1 \pm {\rm i} \hat{S}_2 = v_{\rm i}^\pm \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{\rm i}^\mp}\,,$$

and the square of the Pauli-Lubański vector is given by the formula

$$\hat{W}^{\mu}\,\hat{W}_{\mu} = -rac{m^2}{4}\left[\left(D^0
ight)^2 + 2\left\{D^{++},D^{--}
ight\}
ight]\,.$$

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• Since the variables v_i^{\pm} parametrize a compact space, the general wave function on $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ has the following harmonic expansion (we use the SU(2)-covariant expansion)

$$\Psi(h_{\alpha}^{i}, v_{i}^{k}) = \sum_{K,N=0}^{\infty} v_{(i_{1}}^{+} \dots v_{i_{N}}^{+} v_{j_{1}}^{-} \dots v_{j_{K}}^{-} f^{i_{1} \dots i_{N} j_{1} \dots j_{K}}(h),$$

where the coefficient fields $f^{(i_1...i_N j_1...j_K)}(h)$ are symmetric with respect to all indices and depend on the on-shell four-momenta p_{μ} .

Each monomial in the expansion is an eigenvector of the Casimir operator:

$$\hat{W}^{\mu}\hat{W}_{\mu}(v_{i}^{+})^{N}(v_{j}^{-})^{K}f^{(i)_{N}(j)_{K}} = -m^{2}\,s(s+1)\,(v_{i}^{+})^{N}(v_{j}^{-})^{K}f^{(i)_{N}(j)_{K}}\,,\quad s=\frac{N+K}{2}\,.$$

So, the wave function expression is the general expansion into arbitrary spin states.

• By means of the nonsingular transformation $v_i^{\pm} \to \pi_{\alpha}^{\pm}$ or $v_i^{\mp} \to \bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\pm}$ where

$$(\pi_{\alpha}^{+},\pi_{\alpha}^{-}) = (\pi_{\alpha}^{1},\pi_{\alpha}^{2}), \qquad (\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{+},\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{-}) = (\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}2},-\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}1}),$$

and by redefining component fields the expansion can be rewritten in SL(2, ℂ)-covar. form.
 But we would like to stress that the spin content in the expansion is degenerate.

This degeneracy can be however removed by the harmonic condition $D^{++} \tilde{\Psi}^{(+)} = 0$.

As a solution of this condition, we obtain the following wave function

$$\tilde{\Psi}^{(+)}(h_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{i}}, v_{\mathrm{i}}^{\pm}) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} v_{\mathrm{i}_{1}}^{+} \dots v_{\mathrm{i}_{N}}^{+} f^{\mathrm{i}_{1} \dots \mathrm{i}_{N}}(h) \, .$$

This twistor wave function rewritten in Lorentz covariant way takes the form

$$\tilde{\Psi}^{(+)}(\pi^{\pm}_{\alpha},\bar{\pi}^{\pm}_{\dot{\alpha}})=\sum_{N=0}^{\infty}\pi^{+}_{\alpha_{1}}\ldots\pi^{+}_{\alpha_{N}}\psi^{\alpha_{1}\ldots\alpha_{N}}(\boldsymbol{p}_{\mu}).$$

Note that these twistor wave function also depends on π_{α}^{-} and $\bar{\pi}_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\pm}$ through p_{μ} .

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• Spin s=L/2 massive particles are described by the fields $\psi^{\alpha_1...\alpha_L}(p_\mu)$. The corresponding multispinor spacetime fields are obtained by an integral Fourier-twistor transform which combines the Fourier and twistor transformations:

where p_{μ} is defined as a bilinear product of twistors. In the integrals for a given *L*, only the term $\pi_{\alpha_1}^+ \dots \pi_{\alpha_L}^+ \psi^{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_L}(p_{\mu})$ in the twistorial wave function gives non-zero contribution.

We can show that the multispinors φ_{α1...αN}^{β1...βM} satisfy automatically the following sequence of Dirac-Fierz-Pauli field equations

$$\begin{split} i\partial_{\alpha\dot{\beta}_{M}}\phi_{\alpha_{1}...\alpha_{N}}{}^{\dot{\beta}_{1}...\dot{\beta}_{M}} &= m\phi_{\alpha\alpha_{1}...\alpha_{N}}{}^{\dot{\beta}_{1}...\dot{\beta}_{M-1}},\\ i\partial^{\alpha\dot{\beta}_{M}}\phi_{\alpha\alpha_{1}...\alpha_{N}}{}^{\dot{\beta}_{1}...\dot{\beta}_{M-1}} &= m\phi_{\alpha_{1}...\alpha_{N}}{}^{\dot{\beta}_{1}...\dot{\beta}_{M}} \end{split}$$

and the generalized Lorenz conditions

$$\partial^{\dot{\beta}\alpha}\phi_{\alpha_1\dots\alpha_{N-1}\alpha\dot{\beta}}{}^{\dot{\beta}_1\dots\dot{\beta}_{M-1}}=0\,.$$

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In D=3 case twistorial formulation of massive HS particle is similar to the D=4 case.

• *D*=3 twistors are real four-dimensional $Sp(4; \mathbb{R}) = \overline{SO(3, 2)}$ spinors:

$$t^{A_i} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda'_{\alpha} \\ \mu^{\alpha i} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad A = 1, \dots, 4.$$

Pure twistor action of massive HS particle takes the form

$$\mathbf{S}_{twistor}^{(D=3)} = \int d\tau \Big[\lambda_{\alpha}^{i} \dot{\mu}^{\alpha i} + \ell \left(\lambda_{\alpha}^{i} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha} + \sqrt{2} \, \mathbf{m} \right) \Big]$$

• Due to the mass constraint $\lambda_{\alpha}^{i}\lambda_{i}^{\alpha} + \sqrt{2} m \approx 0$ the real matrices $h_{\alpha}{}^{i} = 2^{1/4}m^{-1/2}\lambda_{\alpha}{}^{i}$ have determinant equal to one and characterize the $SL(2; \mathbb{R})$ group manifold. So, HS D=3 twistor wave function is given as function on the $SL(2; \mathbb{R})$ group manifold.

Spin operator
$$\frac{1}{2m} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho} p^{\mu} M^{\nu\rho} = S$$
 is realized as follows $\hat{S} = \frac{i}{2} \epsilon_{ij} \lambda^{i}_{\alpha} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda^{i}_{\alpha}}$

• Let us decompose twistor wave function into a superposition of momentum-dependent eigenfunctions of the spin operator.

For it we pass to corresponding SU(1, 1) matrix

$$g = UhU^{-1}$$
, $U = e^{-i\pi\sigma_1/4}$, $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & \overline{a} \end{pmatrix}$, $|a|^2 - |b|^2 = 1$.

One can introduce the natural parametrization of the SU(1, 1) matrices

$$a = \cosh(r/2)e^{i(\psi+\varphi)/2}$$
, $b = \sinh(r/2)e^{i(\psi-\varphi)/2}$,

where $0 \le \varphi \le 2\pi$, $0 < r < \infty$, $-2\pi \le \psi < 2\pi$. In terms of the angle ψ , the spin operator takes the simple form

$$\hat{S} = i \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi}$$

i.e., it describes the D=3 U(1) spin.

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• To obtain the Hilbert space of the quantized model we use the *SU*(1, 1) regular representation on the *SU*(1, 1) manifold when the wave function is square-integrable and satisfies the periodicity conditions

 $\Psi(\varphi, r, \psi) = \Psi(\varphi + 4\pi, r, \psi) = \Psi(\varphi, r, \psi + 4\pi) = \Psi(\varphi + 2\pi, r, \psi + 2\pi)$. One can use the double Fourier expansion

$$\Psi(\varphi, r, \psi) = \sum_{k,n=-\infty}^{\infty} f_{kn}(r) e^{-i(k\varphi+n\psi)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-in\psi} F_n(r, \varphi) ,$$

where the pairs (k, n) such that the numbers k and n are both integer or half-integer.

- The eigenvalues of the operator \hat{S} coincide with parameter *n* in the expansion. As a result, the spin in our model takes *quantized* integer and half-integer values. The functions $F_n(r, \varphi) = \tilde{F}_n(p_{\mu}; m)$ describe states with definite D=3 spin equal to *n*.
- Lorentz covariant expansion is obtained after transition to the SU(1,1) spinor coordinates

$$\xi_{\alpha} = \sqrt{m} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \bar{\xi}^{\alpha} = (\xi_{\alpha})^{\dagger} = \sqrt{m} (\bar{\mathbf{a}}, \bar{\mathbf{b}}), \qquad \bar{\xi}^{\alpha} (\sigma_3)_{\alpha}{}^{\beta} \xi_{\beta} = m,$$

when anti-holomorphic wave functions $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_{\alpha}}\Psi(\xi,\bar{\xi})=0\right)$ is given by the power series

$$\Psi(\bar{\xi}) = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \bar{\xi}^{\alpha_1} \dots \bar{\xi}^{\alpha_N} \psi^{(+)}{}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_N}(p_\mu) .$$

The corresponding spacetime fields are then given by

$$\phi_{\alpha_1...\alpha_N}(\mathbf{x}) = \int \mu^3(\xi) \, \mathbf{e}^{-i(\tilde{\xi}\gamma_\mu\xi) \, \mathbf{x}^\mu} \xi_{\alpha_1} \dots \xi_{\alpha_N} \, \Psi(\xi) \; .$$

where $\tilde{\xi}^{\alpha} = \bar{\xi}^{\beta}(\gamma_0)_{\beta}^{\alpha}$ is the Dirac conjugated spinor. These fields satisfy automatically the *D*=3 Bargmann-Wigner equations $\partial_{\mu}(\gamma^{\mu})_{\beta}^{\alpha_1}\phi_{\alpha_1\alpha_2...\alpha_N} - m\phi_{\beta\alpha_2...\alpha_N} = 0$,

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Conclusion

- We present *D*=3 and *D*=4 massive HS particle models in a mixed formulation as well as in a pure twistor formulation.
- In pure twistor formulation the D=3 and D=4 wave functions are given as functions on the SL(2, ℝ) and SL(2, ℂ) group manifolds respectively, which describe arbitrary on-shell momenta and spin degrees of freedom.
- There were presented massive field twistor transformations, which associate the HS twistor wave functions with tower of conventional space-time fields.
- In mixed formulation the wave functions are defined by a massive version of Vasiliev's free unfolded equations. For example, considering the differential realization of the spinorial variables $\hat{\pi}^i_{\alpha} = -i\partial/\partial y^{\alpha}_i$ in *D*=4, and leaving only position space-time vector we will obtain the unfolded equation supplemented with the mass quantum constraints:

$$\begin{pmatrix} i \partial_{\alpha \dot{\beta}} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_i^{\alpha} \partial \bar{y}^{\dot{\beta}i}} \end{pmatrix} \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = 0 , \\ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y_i^{\alpha} \partial y_{\alpha}^{i}} - 2M \end{pmatrix} \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = 0 , \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \bar{y}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial \bar{y}_{\alpha}^{i}} - 2\bar{M} \end{pmatrix} \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}) = 0 .$$

It is interesting to make a generalization of these equations to the case of the (A)dS spacetime and HS gravity background.

• The discussed models give the same mass for all HS fields, that is very strict condition. In a physical HS case, when considering *e.g.* spin excitations in string theory, the masses are spin-dependent: $m^2 \rightarrow m^2(\vec{S}^2)$. In the twistor formulation, the spinorial mass-shell conditions may be considered as 'complex roots' of the standard mass-shell condition. It is an interesting problem to see how to introduce, in the complex mass parameter *M*, a dependence on the twistor variables that could lead to HS multiplets with masses on a Regge trajectory.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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