Symmetries of scattering amplitudes in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

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$\mathcal{N}=4$ super Yang Mills: Most symmetric interacting 4d QFT

- Field content: All fields in adjoint of SU(N), $N \times N$ matrices
 - Gluons: A_{μ}
 - 6 real scalars: Φ_I
 - 4×4 real fermions: $\Psi_{\alpha A}$
- Action: Unique model completely fixed by SUSY

$$S = \frac{1}{g_{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{M}}^2} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr}\left[\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(D_{\mu}\Phi_I)^2 - \frac{1}{4}[\Phi_I, \Phi_J][\Phi_I, \Phi_J] + \bar{\Psi}^A_{\dot{\alpha}}\sigma^{\dot{\alpha}\beta}_{\mu}\mathcal{D}^{\mu}\Psi_{\beta\,A} - \frac{i}{2}\Psi_{\alpha\,A}\sigma^{AB}_I\epsilon^{\alpha\beta}\left[\Phi^I, \Psi_{\beta\,B}\right] - \frac{i}{2}\bar{\Psi}_{\dot{\alpha}\,A}\sigma^{AB}_I\epsilon^{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\left[\Phi^I, \bar{\Psi}_{\dot{\beta}\,B}\right]\right]$$

- $\beta_{g_{YM}} = 0$: Quantum Conformal Field Theory, 2 parameters: N & $\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N$
- Shall consider 't Hooft planar limit: $N \to \infty$ with λ fixed.
- Is the 4d interacting QFT with highest degree of symmetry!
 - \Rightarrow "H-atom of gauge theories"

• Symmetry: $\mathfrak{so}(2,4) \otimes \mathfrak{so}(6) \subset \mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)$

Scattering amplitudes in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

• Consider *n*-particle scattering amplitude



• Planar amplitudes most conveniently expressed in color ordered formalism:

$$A_n(\{p_i, h_i, a_i\}) = \delta^{(4)}(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i) \sum_{\sigma \in S_n/Z_n} g^{n-2} \operatorname{tr}[t^{a_{\sigma_1}} \dots t^{a_{\sigma_n}}] \\ \times \mathcal{A}_n(\{p_{\sigma_1}, h_{\sigma_1}\}, \dots, \{p_{\sigma_1}, h_{\sigma_1}\}; \lambda = g^2 N)$$

 A_n : Color ordered amplitude. Color structure is stripped off. Helicity of *i*th particle: $h_i = 0$ scalar, $h_i = \pm 1$ gluon, $h_i = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ gluino

Spinor helicity formalism

• Express momentum and polarizations via commuting spinors λ^{α} , $\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}$:

$$p^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = (\sigma^{\mu})^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} \, p_{\mu} = \lambda^{\alpha} \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p_{\mu} \, p^{\mu} = \det p^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = 0$$

• Choice of helicity determines polarization vector ε^{μ} of external gluon

$$\begin{split} h &= +1 \qquad \varepsilon^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\lambda^{\alpha} \tilde{\mu}^{\dot{\alpha}}}{[\tilde{\lambda} \tilde{\mu}]} \qquad [\tilde{\lambda} \tilde{\mu}] := \epsilon^{\dot{\alpha} \dot{\beta}} \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}} \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{\beta}} \\ h &= -1 \qquad \tilde{\varepsilon}^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \frac{\mu^{\alpha} \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}}{\langle \lambda \mu \rangle} \qquad \langle \lambda \mu \rangle := \epsilon_{\alpha \beta} \, \lambda^{\alpha} \mu^{\beta} \end{split}$$

 $\mu,\bar{\mu}$ arbitrary reference spinors.

- E.g. scalar products: $2 p_1 \cdot p_2 = \langle \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \rangle [\tilde{\lambda}_2, \tilde{\lambda}_1] = \langle 1, 2 \rangle [2, 1]$
- Helicity assignments:

$$h(\lambda^{\alpha}) = -1/2$$
 $h(\tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}) = +1/2$



Gluon Amplitudes and Helicity Classification

Classify gluon amplitudes by # of helicity flips

- By SUSY Ward identities: $A_n(1^+,2^+,\ldots,n^+) = 0 = A_n(1^-,2^+,\ldots,n^+)$ true to all loops
- Maximally helicity violating (MHV) amplitudes

$$\mathcal{A}_n(1^+,\ldots,i^-,\ldots,j^-,\ldots,n^+) = \delta^{(4)}(\sum_i p_i) \frac{\langle i,j \rangle^4}{\langle 1,2 \rangle \langle 2,3 \rangle \ldots \langle n,1 \rangle} \quad \text{[Parke, Taylor]}$$

• Next-to-maximally helicity amplitudes (N^kMHV) have more involved structure!



[Picture from T. McLoughlin]

On-shell superspace

• Augment λ_i^{α} and $\tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}}$ by Grassmann variables $\eta_i^A \quad A = 1, 2, 3, 4$ • On-shell superspace $(\lambda_i^{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}^{\dot{\alpha}}, \eta_i^A)$ with on-shell superfield:

$$\varphi(p,\eta) = G^+(p) + \eta^A \Gamma_A(p) + \frac{1}{2} \eta^A \eta^B S_{AB}(p) + \frac{1}{3!} \eta^A \eta^B \eta^C \epsilon_{ABCD} \bar{\Gamma}^D(p) + \frac{1}{4!} \eta^A \eta^B \eta^C \eta^D \epsilon_{ABCD} G^-(p)$$

- Superamplitudes: $\left\langle \varphi(\lambda_1, \tilde{\lambda}_1, \eta_1) \varphi(\lambda_2, \tilde{\lambda}_2, \eta_2) \dots \varphi(\lambda_n, \tilde{\lambda}_n, \eta_n) \right\rangle$ Packages all *n*-parton gluon[±]-gluino^{±1/2}-scalar amplitudes
- General form of tree superamplitudes:

$$\mathbb{A}_{n} = \frac{\delta^{(4)}(\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \tilde{\lambda}_{i}) \, \delta^{(8)}(\sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \eta_{i})}{\langle 1, 2 \rangle \, \langle 2, 3 \rangle \dots \langle n, 1 \rangle} \, \mathcal{P}_{n}(\{\lambda_{i}, \tilde{\lambda}_{i}, \eta_{i}\})$$

Conservation of super-momentum: $\delta^{(8)}(\sum_i \lambda^{\alpha} \eta_i^A) = (\sum_i \lambda^{\alpha} \eta_i^A)^8$ • η -expansion of \mathcal{P}_n yields N^kMHV-classification of superamps as $h(\eta) = -1/2$

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Symmetries

$\mathfrak{su}(2,2|4)$ invariance

• Superamplitude: $(i = 1, \dots, n)$

$$\mathbb{A}_{n}^{\mathsf{tree}}(\{\lambda_{i},\tilde{\lambda}_{i},\eta_{i}\}) = \frac{\delta^{(4)}(\sum_{i}\lambda_{i}^{\alpha}\tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}})\,\delta^{(8)}(\sum_{i}\lambda_{i}^{\alpha}\eta_{i}^{A})}{\langle 1,2\rangle\,\langle 2,3\rangle\dots\langle n,1\rangle}\,\mathcal{P}_{n}(\{\lambda_{i},\tilde{\lambda}_{i},\eta_{i}\})$$

• Realization of $\mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)$ generators in **on-shell superspace**, e.g. [Witten]

$$p^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha} \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}} \qquad q^{\alpha A} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}^{\alpha} \eta_{i}^{A} \qquad \Rightarrow \text{ obvious symmetries}$$
$$k_{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_{i}^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}}} \qquad s_{\alpha A} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_{i}^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{i}^{A}} \qquad \Rightarrow \text{ less obvious sym}$$

• Invariance: $\{p, k, l, \bar{l}, d, r, q, \bar{q}, s, \bar{s}, \underline{c_i}\} \mathbb{A}_n^{\text{tree}}(\{\lambda_i^{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}}, \eta_i^A\}) = 0$

• N.B.: Local invariance $h_i \mathbb{A}_n = 1 \cdot \mathbb{A}_n$

Helicity operator: $h_i = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda_i^{\alpha} \partial_{i \alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}_i^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{i \dot{\alpha}} + \frac{1}{2} \eta_i^A \partial_{i A} = 1 - c_i$

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• Translate to original on-shell superspace: $x_i^{lpha\dot{lpha}} = \sum_{j=1} \lambda_j^{lpha} \, \tilde{\lambda}_j^{\dot{lpha}} + x_1^{lpha\dot{lpha}}$ etc.

$$\Rightarrow \quad K^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}\beta} \, \lambda_{i}^{\alpha} \, \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_{i}^{\beta}} + x_{i+1}^{\alpha \dot{\beta}} \, \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}} \, \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\beta}}} + \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}} \, \theta_{i+1}^{\alpha B} \, \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta_{i}^{B}} + x_{i}^{\alpha \dot{\alpha}}$$

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Yangian symmetry of scattering amplitudes in $\mathcal{N}=4$ SYM

• Superconformal + Dual superconformal algebra = Yangian $Y[\mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)]$

 $[J_a^{(0)}, J_b^{(0)}] = f_{ab}{}^c J_c^{(0)}$ $[J_a^{(0)}, J_b^{(1)}] = f_{ab}{}^c J_c^{(1)}$

conventional superconformal symmetry

from dual conformal symmetry

with nonlocal generators

$$J_a^{(1)} = f^{cb}_{\ a} \sum_{1 < j < i < n} J_{i,b}^{(0)} J_{j,c}^{(0)}$$

and super Serre relations (representation dependent).

[Dolan,Nappi,Witten]

• In particular: Bosonic invariance $\left| p_{lpha \dot{lpha}}^{(1)} \mathbb{A}_n = 0
ight|$ with

$$p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(1)} = K_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \Delta K_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}$$

= $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i < j} (l_{i,\alpha}{}^{\gamma} \delta_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\gamma}} + \bar{l}_{i,\dot{\alpha}}{}^{\dot{\gamma}} \delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} - d_i \, \delta_{\alpha}^{\gamma} \delta_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\gamma}}) \, p_{j,\gamma\dot{\gamma}} + \bar{q}_{i,\dot{\alpha}C} \, q_{j,\alpha}^C - (i \leftrightarrow j)$

• In fact $J_a^{(0)}$ and $p^{(1)}$ generate all of $Y[\mathfrak{psu}(2,2|4)]$



Higher loops and Higgs regulator

String picture serious:

- Beyond tree-level: Need of regularization (IR divergences) a priori breaks conformal and dual conformal symmetry
- Standard regularization method Dim reduction $10 \rightarrow 4 \epsilon$
- Alternative method: Massive or Higgs regulator
- Close connection to 6d amplitudes in $\mathcal{N}=(1,1)$ super Yang-Mills



• Field Theory: Higgsing $U(N + M) \rightarrow U(N) \times U(1)^M$. One brane for every scattered particle, $N \gg M$. [Alday, Henn, JP, Schuster]

Action

$$\hat{S}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{U(N+M)} = \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr}\left(-\frac{1}{4}\,\hat{F}_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2}(D_\mu\hat{\Phi}_I)^2 + \frac{g^2}{4}\,[\hat{\Phi}_I,\hat{\Phi}_J]^2 + \operatorname{ferms}\right),$$

 $\bullet\,$ Decompose into N+M blocks

$$\hat{A}_{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} (A_{\mu})_{ab} & (A_{\mu})_{aj} \\ (A_{\mu})_{ia} & (A_{\mu})_{ij} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \hat{\Phi}_{I} = \begin{pmatrix} (\Phi_{I})_{ab} & (\Phi_{I})_{aj} \\ (\Phi_{I})_{ia} & \delta_{\mathbf{I9}} \frac{\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{i}}}{\mathbf{g}} \delta_{\mathbf{ij}} + (\Phi_{I})_{ij} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$a, b = 1, \dots, N, \quad \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} = N + 1, \dots, N + M,$$

• Yields mass terms and novel bosonic 3-point interactions proportional to m_i

• Renders amplitudes IR finite. Has 'light' $(m_i - m_j)$ and 'heavy' m_i W-bosons



One loop test of extended dual conformal symmetry 1

• Consider the (special) purely scalar amplitude:

$$ig| A_4 = \langle \Phi_4(p_1) \, \Phi_5(p_2) \, \Phi_4(p_3) \, \Phi_5(p_4)
angle = i g_{
m YM}^2 \left(1 + \lambda \, I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i) + O(\lambda^2)
ight)$$

 $I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i)$: Massive box integral in dual variables ($p_i = x_i - x_{i+1}$)



• Reexpressed in 5d variables \hat{x}^M : $\hat{x}^{\mu}_i := x^{\mu}_i$, $\hat{x}^4_i := m_i$, $i = 1 \dots 4$

$$I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i) = \hat{x}_{13}^2 \hat{x}_{24}^2 \int d^5 \hat{x}_5 \frac{\delta(\hat{x}_5^{M=4})}{\hat{x}_{15}^2 \hat{x}_{25}^2 \hat{x}_{35}^2 \hat{x}_{45}^2}$$

• $I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i)$ is extended dual conformal invariant: $\hat{K}_{\mu}I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i) = 0$

• Extended dual conformal invariance

$$\hat{K}_{\mu} I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i) := \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left[2x_{i\mu} \left(x_i^{\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\nu}} + m_i \frac{\partial}{\partial m_i} \right) - (x_i^2 + m_i^2) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^{\mu}} \right] I^{(1)}(s,t,m_i) = 0$$

- m_i is the fifth coordinate $x^M = (x^{\mu}, m)$.
- Triangle and bubble graphs are forbidden by extended conformal symmetry!
- Indeed an explicit one-loop calculation shows the cancelation of triangles.
- Has been extended to higher loops & higher multiplicities as well as Regge limit [Henn, Naculich, Schnitzer, Drummond]

Symmetries of massively regulated loop amplitudes

[JP, Schuster]

On shell superspace for 6d $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ sYM

4d massively regulated $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM amplitudes

6d massless $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SYM amps KK red. with $p^5 + ip^6 = m_{4d}$ & internal loop momenta in 4d

On shell 6d superspace:

- Lorentz group $SO(1,5) \simeq SU(4)^*$ Little group $SO(4) \simeq SU(2) \times SU(2)$
- Helicity spinors: $\begin{vmatrix} \lambda^{Aa} & \tilde{\lambda}_{A\dot{a}} \end{vmatrix}$ A = 1, 2, 3, 4 a = 1, 2 $\dot{a} = 1, 2$
- p^{AB} • 6d momentum:
- SUSY partners: η_a &

$$p^{AB} = \lambda^{Aa} \,\lambda^{Bb} \,\epsilon_{ab} \qquad p_{AB} = \tilde{\lambda}_{A\dot{a}} \,\lambda_{B\dot{b}} \,\epsilon^{\dot{a}\dot{b}} = \frac{1}{2} \,\epsilon_{ABCD}$$

$$\boxed{\eta_a \,\& \,\tilde{\eta}^{\dot{a}}}$$

- Supertranslations: $q^A = \lambda^{Aa} \eta_a$ & $\tilde{q}_A = \tilde{\lambda}_{A\dot{a}} \tilde{\eta}^{\dot{a}}$
- On-shell superfield as η expansion:

 $\Omega(p,\eta,\tilde{\eta}) = \phi + \psi^a \eta_a + \tilde{\psi}_a \tilde{\eta}^a + \phi' \eta^2 + \phi'' \tilde{\eta}^2 + q_a^{\dot{a}} \eta^a \tilde{\eta}_{\dot{a}} \dots + \phi'' \eta^2 \bar{\eta}^2$

- Perturbative results:
 - 3,4,5 point amplitudes @ tree-level [Cheung,O'Connell]
 - Super BCFW recursion [Dennen, Huang, Siegel]
 - 4pt amplitude @ 1 & 2 loops [Bern, Carrasco, Dennen, Huang, Ita]

Dual conformal symmetry for 6d $\mathcal{N} = (1,1)$ SYM

• Introduce dual on-shell superspace

$$x_i^{AB} - x_{i+1}^{AB} = p_i^{AB} \quad \theta_i^A - \theta_{i+1}^A = q_i^A \quad \tilde{\theta}_{i\,A} - \tilde{\theta}_{i+1\,A} = \tilde{q}_{iA}$$

• Dual conformal generator:

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• Statement: K^{μ} is symmetry of 6d δ -fct. stripped super amplitudes [Dennen,Huang]

$$(K^{\mu} + 2\sum_{i} x_{i}^{\mu}) \frac{\mathbb{A}_{n}^{L\text{-loop}}}{\delta^{(6)}(p) \, \delta^{(4)}(q) \, \delta^{(4)}(\tilde{q})} = 0$$

• True also for higher loops L>0 iff loop integration is in 4d \Rightarrow

Proof of extended dual conformal symmetry of Higgs-regulated $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM!

From 6 to 4

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(two sets of spinors)

with constraints $\langle \lambda \mu \rangle = m$ and $[\tilde{\mu} \tilde{\lambda}] = \bar{m}$. Reality condition: $m = \bar{m}$. • Inherited Lorentz symmetries of massively regulated $\mathcal{N} = 4$ amplitudes

$$l_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i} \lambda_{i\,(\alpha}\partial_{i\,\beta)} + \mu_{i\,(\alpha}\delta_{i\,\beta)} \qquad \bar{l}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} = \dots \qquad \Leftrightarrow \quad l_{\mu\nu}$$

$$h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} = \sum_{i} \tilde{\mu}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}} \partial_{i\,\alpha} - \tilde{\lambda}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}} \delta_{i\,\alpha} + \mu_{i\,\alpha} \tilde{\partial}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}} - \lambda_{i\,\alpha} \tilde{\delta}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}} \qquad \Leftrightarrow \quad l_{\mu 5} + i l_{\mu 6}$$

$$d = \sum_{i} \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_{i}^{\alpha} \partial_{i \alpha} + \tilde{\lambda}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}} \tilde{\partial}_{i \dot{\alpha}} + \mu_{i}^{\alpha} \delta_{i \alpha} + \tilde{\mu}_{i}^{\dot{\alpha}} \tilde{\delta}_{i \dot{\alpha}}) + 1 \qquad \Leftrightarrow \quad l_{56}$$

with $\delta_{i\alpha} := \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_i^{\beta}}$ $\partial_{i\alpha} := \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i^{\beta}}$. Generators commute with $m = \bar{m}$ constraint [17/21]

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 \bullet Inherited supersymmetries of massively regulated $\mathcal{N}=4$ amplitudes

$$Q_{i\,\alpha}^{a} = \lambda_{i\,\alpha}\bar{\xi}_{i}^{a} - \mu_{i\,\alpha}\xi_{i}^{a} \qquad \qquad Q_{i\,\dot{\alpha}}^{a} = \tilde{\lambda}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}}\xi_{i}^{a} + \tilde{\mu}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}}\bar{\xi}_{i}^{a}$$
$$\bar{Q}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}\,a} = \tilde{\lambda}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{\xi}_{i}^{a}} - \tilde{\mu}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\xi_{i}^{a}} \qquad \qquad \bar{Q}_{i\,\alpha\,a} = \lambda_{i\,\alpha}\frac{\partial}{\partial\xi_{i}^{a}} + \mu_{i\,\alpha}\frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{\xi}_{i}^{a}}$$

with
$$\xi^a = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ -\tilde{\eta}^i \end{pmatrix}$$
 $\bar{\xi}^a = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_2 \\ \tilde{\eta}^2 \end{pmatrix}$

• Bosonic algebra: Standard 4d Poincaré plus:

$$\begin{split} [h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, p_{\beta\dot{\beta}}] &= 2 \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} m , \qquad \qquad [h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, m] = p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} , \\ [h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, h_{\beta\dot{\beta}}] &= 2 \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \bar{l}_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} + 2 \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} l_{\alpha\beta} , \qquad \qquad [l_{\beta\gamma}, h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}] = \epsilon_{\alpha(\beta} h_{\gamma)\dot{\alpha}} , \end{split}$$

• SUSY algebra

$$\{Q^{a}_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}\,b}\} = p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\,\delta^{a}_{b} \qquad \qquad \{Q^{a}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{Q}_{\alpha\,b}\} = p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\,\delta^{a}_{b} \\ \{Q^{a}_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\beta\,b}\} = m\,\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}\,\delta^{a}_{b} \qquad \qquad \{Q^{a}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\beta}\,b}\} = -m\,\epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}}\,\delta^{a}_{b}$$

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Nonlocal symmetries of massively regulates $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM

• Rewriting the 6d dual conformal K^{μ} ($\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3$) in the massive on-shell 4d superspace { $\lambda_{\alpha}, \tilde{\lambda}_{\dot{\alpha}}; \mu_{\alpha}, \tilde{\mu}_{\dot{\alpha}}; \xi^{a}, \bar{\xi}^{a}$ } yields

$$\begin{split} K_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + \Delta K_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} + 2\sum_{i} x_{i\,\alpha\dot{\alpha}} - x_{1} \text{-terms} \\ &= \sum_{i < j} \left[\left(\epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \, l_{i\,\alpha\beta} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \, \bar{l}_{i\,\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \, \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} \, d_{i} \, \right) p_{j}^{\beta\dot{\beta}} + h_{i\,\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \, m_{j} \\ &- \bar{Q}_{i\,\alpha a} Q_{j\,\dot{\alpha}}^{a} - \bar{Q}_{i\,\dot{\alpha} a} \, Q_{j\,\alpha}^{a} - (i \leftrightarrow j) \right] = \mathbf{p}_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(1)} \end{split}$$

Is level-one Yangian like extension of translational part of Poincaré algebra

$$[h_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}, p^{(1)}_{\beta\dot{\beta}}] = 2 \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{\dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta}} m^{(1)}$$

with
$$m^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j < i} \left[h_{i \gamma \dot{\gamma}} p_j^{\gamma \dot{\gamma}} + 2d_i m_j - \bar{Q}_{i \gamma a} Q_j^{a \gamma} - \bar{Q}_{i a}^{\dot{\gamma}} Q_{j \dot{\gamma}}^a - (i \leftrightarrow j) \right]$$

• However, no ∞ -dim symmetry structure emerges as $p_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{(1)}$ and $m^{(1)}$ form an ideal of the algebra:

$$\mathfrak{i} = \{p, m\} \subset \mathfrak{a} \qquad [\mathfrak{a}^{(0)}, \mathfrak{i}^{(0)}] = \mathfrak{i}^{(0)} \qquad [\mathfrak{a}^{(0)}, \mathfrak{i}^{(1)}] = \mathfrak{i}^{(1)}$$

• Conclusion:

$$\{p, m, l, \bar{l}, h, d; q, \tilde{q} \, ; \, p^{(1)}, m^{(1)}\} \, \frac{\mathbb{A}_n^{L\text{-loop, } \mathcal{N} \, = \, 4 \, \operatorname{SYM}}}{\delta^{(6)}(p) \, \delta^{(4)}(q) \, \delta^{(4)}(\tilde{q})} = 0$$

- Level 1 SUSY generators do not seem to exist
- \bullet Analysis suggests $\infty\mbox{-dim}$ symmetry structure hinges upon conformal symmetry at level 0 as there

$$[k,p] \sim l + \bar{l} + d$$

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