

**Ground Ring of  $\alpha$ -Generators  
and Sequence of RNS String The-  
ories**

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The purpose of this talk is to point out the existence of new local gauge symmetries in RNS superstring theory, leading to an infinite chain of new nilpotent BRST generators that can be classified in terms of ghost cohomologies



These gauge symmetries are closely related to global nonlinear space-time  $\alpha$ -symmetries in RNS superstring theory that mix matter and ghost degrees of freedom, form ground rings and originate from hidden space-time dimensions.



The new nilpotent BRST charges, which construction will be demonstrated in this

talk, correspond to sequence of RNS superstring theories in curved backgrounds (including AdS-type) and can be used to develop SFT's around nontrivial backgrounds



In terms of RNS - Pure Spinor (PS) correspondence, we show that the appearance of new BRST charges corresponds to introducing interactions for the pure spinor variable  $\lambda^\alpha$  in the PS BRST operator  $\oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \lambda^\alpha d_\alpha$  (equivalent to OPE singularities OPE between  $\lambda$ 's that preserve the nilpotence of  $Q_{BRST}$ ). The orders of ghost cohomologies of BRST charges in RNS formalism correspond to the leading order of OPE singularity of two pure spinors in PS formalism.



In string theory the global space-time symmetries are typically generated by primary fields of conformal dimension 1 (commuting with BRST charge), while local gauge symmetries are given by BRST exact operators (of various conformal dimensions and not necessarily primary), given by commutators of BRST operator with appropriate ghost fields.



Examples of generators of local gauge symmetries on the worldsheet are the stress-energy tensor  $T$  and the supercurrent  $G$ :  $T = \{Q_0, b\}$  and  $G = [Q_0, \beta]$ , where

$$Q_0 = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \left( cT + \partial ccb - \frac{1}{2} \gamma \psi_m \partial X^m - \frac{1}{4} b \gamma^2 \right)$$

is the standard BRST charge while the dimension 1 primaries  $L^m = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \partial X^m$  and  $L^{mn} = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \psi^m \psi^n$  generate Lorentz translations and rotations on the world-sheet

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To construct a complete version of the generator of Lorentz rotations, which acts both on  $X$ 's and  $\psi$ 's one needs to improve  $L^{mn}$  with  $bc$ -ghost dependent terms, so the complete BRST-invariant expression for the rotation generator is given

by

$$L^{\tilde{m}n} = L^{mn} - 2 \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} c \xi e^{-\phi} \partial X^{[m} \psi^{n]} - \frac{1}{2} \partial c c e^{3\chi - 3\phi} \partial X^{[m} \psi^{n]}$$

with the bosonic and fermionic ghosts  $\beta, \gamma, b, c$  bosonized as

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(z) &= e^{\phi - \chi}(z); \\ \beta(z) &= e^{\chi - \phi} \partial \chi(z) \equiv \partial \xi e^{-\phi}(z) \\ b(z) &= e^{-\sigma}(z); c(z) = e^{\sigma}(z) \end{aligned}$$

This defines the BRST-invariant rotation generator, acting both on  $\psi$ 's and (up to a picture-changing) on  $X$ 's



The next, far less trivial example of global space-time supersymmetry in superstring

theory is given by the hierarchy of  $\alpha$ -symmetries. These global space-time symmetries are realised non-linearly, mixing the matter and the ghost sectors of RNS superstring theory and can be classified in terms of ghost cohomologies. Namely, it can be checked that the full matter+ghost RNS action:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_{RNS} &= S_{matter} + S_{bc} + S_{\beta\gamma} \\
S_{matter} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2z (\partial X_m \bar{\partial} X^m \\
&\quad + \psi_m \bar{\partial} \psi^m + \bar{\psi}_m \partial \bar{\psi}^m) \\
S_{bc} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2z (b \bar{\partial} c + \bar{b} \partial \bar{c}) \\
S_{\beta\gamma} &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2z (\beta \bar{\partial} \gamma + \bar{\beta} \partial \bar{\gamma})
\end{aligned}$$

is invariant under the following transformations (with  $\alpha$  being a global pa-

parameter):

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta X^m &= \alpha \{ 2e^\phi \partial \psi^m + \partial(e^\phi \psi^m) \} \\
\delta \psi^m &= -\alpha \{ e^\phi \partial^2 X^m + 2\partial(e^\phi \partial X^m) \} \\
\delta \gamma &= \alpha e^{2\phi - \chi} \{ \psi_m \partial^2 X^m - 2\partial \psi_m \partial X^m \} \\
\delta \beta &= \delta b = \delta c = 0
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta S_{matter} &= -\delta S_{\beta\gamma} \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d^2 z (\bar{\partial} e^\phi) (\psi_m \partial^2 X^m - 2\partial \psi_m \partial X^m) \\
\delta S_{bc} &= \delta S_{RNS} = 0
\end{aligned}$$



The generator of these transformations is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^\alpha &= \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^\phi F(X, \psi) \\
 &\equiv \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^\phi (\psi_m \partial^2 X^m - 2\partial\psi_m \partial X^m)
 \end{aligned}$$

where it is convenient to introduce the notation for the dimension  $\frac{5}{2}$  primary field:

$$F(X, \psi) = \psi_m \partial^2 X^m - 2\partial\psi_m \partial X^m$$

along with the matter worldsheet supercurrent

$$G = -\frac{1}{2}\psi_m \partial X^m$$

and the dimension 2 primary

$$L(X, \psi) = 2\partial\psi_m\psi^m - \partial X_m\partial X^m$$

which is the w.s. superpartner of  $F$ ,  
i.e.

$$G(z)L(w) \sim \frac{F(w)}{z-w}$$

$L^\alpha$ -generator is the element of the ghost cohomology  $H_1$ . As in the case of the rotation generator, the integrand of the  $L^\alpha$  -generator is a primary field of dimension 1, however it is not BRST-invariant since it doesn't commute with the supercurrent terms of the BRST charge; so similarly one has to introduce the  $bc$ -dependent correction terms to make it BRST-invariant.

## Definition



Positive ghost cohomologies  $H_n$  ( $n > 0$ ) consist of picture-inequivalent physical operators, existing at pictures  $n$  and above, annihilated by inverse picture changing transformation at minimal positive picture  $n$ .



Negative ghost cohomologies  $H_{-n}$  consist of picture-inequivalent physical operators, existing at pictures  $-n$  and below, annihilated by direct picture changing at minimal negative picture  $-n$ .



An isomorphism holds between positive and negative cohomologies:

$$H_n \sim H_{-n-2}$$

$H_0$  by definition consists of picture-equivalent operators existing at all pictures (including picture 0), while  $H_{-1}$  and  $H_{-2}$  are empty.

The full BRST-invariant extension of  $L^\alpha$  generating the complete set of  $\alpha$ -symmetries for the matter and the ghost sectors is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}^\alpha(w) = & \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} (z-w)^2 \{ e^\phi F P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(2)}(z) \\ & + 8c\xi (FG - \frac{1}{2}LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{4}\partial LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)}) \\ & - 24\partial cce^{2\chi-\phi}F \} \equiv \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} (z-w)^2 V_3 \end{aligned}$$

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where the conformal weight  $n$  polynomials  $P_{f(\phi_1(z), \dots, \phi_N(z))}^{(n)}$  are the generalized Hermite polynomials defined as

$$= e^{-f(\phi_1(z), \dots, \phi_N(z))} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial z^n} e^{P^{(n)} f(\phi_1(z), \dots, \phi_N(z))}$$

for an arbitrary function  $f$  of  $N$  fields  $\phi_1(z), \dots, \phi_N(z)$  (e.g.  $P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(1)} = 2\partial\phi - 2\partial\chi - \partial\sigma$ )

The operator  $\tilde{L}^\alpha$  is BRST-invariant and non-trivial, generating the full set of global nonlinear space-time symmetries, originating from hidden dimensions. Note that the dimension 3 integrand of  $\tilde{L}^\alpha$  satisfies

$$[Q_0, V_3] = \partial^3 W_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $W_0$  is dimension 0 operator (which precise form is skipped for brevity)

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While it depends on an arbitrary world-sheet coordinate  $w$ , this dependence doesn't affect any correlation functions, as the  $w$  derivatives of  $\tilde{L}^\alpha(w)$  are BRST exact, forming the ground ring.



The non-vanishing operators are the first and the second derivatives of  $\tilde{L}^\alpha(w)$  in  $w$ , given by

$$\begin{aligned}
& L_1^\alpha(w) = \partial_w L^\alpha(w) \\
& = -2 \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} (z - w) \{ e^\phi F P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(2)}(z) \\
& \quad + 8c\xi (FG - \frac{1}{2}LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{4}\partial LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)}) \\
& \quad \quad \quad - 24\partial cce^{2\chi-\phi}F \}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$L_2^\alpha(w) = \partial_w L_1^\alpha(w)$$

It is straightforward to show that these generators induce local gauge symmetries on the worldsheet and are BRST exact, that is :

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1^\alpha(w) &= \{Q_0, \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \tilde{b}(z, w)\} \\
 L_2^\alpha(w) &= \{Q_0, \partial_w \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \tilde{b}(z, w)\} \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$



with the role of the generalized  $b$ -ghost (corresponding to gauge transformations induced by  $L_j^\alpha \equiv \partial_w^j L^\alpha(w); j = 1, 2$ ) played by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \tilde{b}(z, w) \\
= & \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} (z - w)^2 \left\{ -2be^\phi F P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(1)}(z) \right. \\
& + 8\xi \left( FG - \frac{1}{2} LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} - \frac{1}{4} \partial LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)} \right) \\
& \left. + 24\partial c e^{2\chi-\phi} F \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

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Note: the integrands of  $L_1^\alpha$  and  $\tilde{b}$  are conformal dimension 2 generators.

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Now that we have the  $\tilde{b}$ -analogue of the  $b$ -ghost, what is the generalized  $\tilde{c}$  ghost?

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In analogy with the usual c-ghost, we shall look for conformal dimension  $-1$  operator, satisfying the canonical relation

$$\{\not\phi \tilde{b}, \tilde{c}\} = 1 \quad (3)$$

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Complication: since  $\tilde{b}$  is at picture  $+1$ ,  $\tilde{c}$  must be at picture  $-1$  to satisfy (). It appears there is no suitable expression for  $\tilde{c}$  satisfying these conditions. However, since  $\tilde{L}_\alpha$  is on-shell, the picture-changing transformation is applicable to it.

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Since

$$L_1^\alpha = \{Q_0, \oint \tilde{b}\}$$

and picture changing operators  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma^{-1}$  (direct and inverse) are BRST-invariant, one has

$$\Gamma^n L_1^\alpha = \{Q_0, \Gamma^n \oint \tilde{b}\}$$

so the p.c. transform can be applied to generalized ghosts as well (even though they are off-shell).



It is convenient to bring  $\oint \tilde{b}$  to picture  $-1$  by applying  $\Gamma^{-1}$  twice. The picture  $-1$  expression for  $\oint \tilde{b}$  is given by:



$$\begin{aligned} \oint \tilde{b}(w) = & \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \{ -8\partial c c e^{3\phi-4\chi} \times \\ & \{ \frac{1}{2} P_{-\sigma}^{(2)} [ -\frac{3}{8} \partial^2 L + \frac{1}{4} \partial L P_{-16\phi+3\chi-3\sigma}^{(1)} + L \\ & \times ( -\frac{3}{2} \partial^2 \phi + \frac{11}{8} \partial^2 \chi + \frac{3}{8} \partial^2 \sigma - 4(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{5}{8} (\partial\chi)^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{8} (\partial\sigma)^2 + 6\partial\phi\partial\chi - \frac{1}{2} \partial\phi\partial\sigma + \frac{7}{4} \partial\chi\partial\sigma ) ] \\ & + \frac{1}{6} P_{-\sigma}^{(3)} ( -\frac{3}{4} \partial L + L ( \frac{1}{4} \partial\sigma - \frac{1}{2} \partial\phi ) ) + \frac{1}{48} P_{-\sigma}^{(4)} L \} \\ & - c e^{2\chi-3\phi} \{ P_{-\sigma}^{(1)} \times [ -\frac{3}{8} \partial^2 F - \frac{1}{4} \partial F P_{\phi-2\chi+2\sigma}^{(1)} \\ & + F [ \frac{1}{8} \partial^2 \phi + \frac{15}{4} \partial^2 \chi - \frac{1}{4} \partial^2 \sigma + \frac{13}{8} (\partial\phi)^2 = \\ & - 3(\partial\chi)^2 - \frac{5}{2} \partial\phi\partial\chi - \frac{3}{2} \partial\phi\partial\sigma + \partial\chi\partial\sigma ] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} P_{-\sigma}^{(2)} ( \frac{-1}{2} \partial F + F ( -\frac{3}{2} \partial\phi - \partial\chi ) ) - \frac{1}{24} P_{-\sigma}^{(3)} \} \end{aligned}$$

Next, the conjugate  $\tilde{c}$ -ghost, satisfying

$$\{\not{b}, \tilde{c}\} = \Gamma$$

(note that  $\Gamma$  is picture-changing operator, i.e. picture-transformed unit operator 1) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{c} = & \frac{1}{2}e^{3\phi-\chi} \left\{ F \left( \frac{1}{3}P_{\phi-\chi}^{(3)} + \frac{1}{2}\partial\phi P_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} \right) \right. \\
& + GL \left( \frac{1}{2}P_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} + \partial\phi P_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}\partial F P_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} \right) \\
& \quad + \partial GL P_{2\phi-\chi}^{(1)} + G\partial L P_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)} \\
& \quad \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}\partial^2 GL + \partial G\partial L \right\} \\
& + be^{4\phi-2\chi} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}GFP_{\phi-\chi-\frac{3}{4}\sigma}^{(1)} P_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)} \right. \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{12}LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(3)} P_{\phi-\chi-\frac{3}{4}\sigma}^{(1)} \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{16}\partial LP_{\phi-\chi}^{(2)} P_{\phi-\chi-\frac{3}{4}\sigma}^{(1)} \right\} \\
& + \partial bbe^{5\phi-3\chi} \left\{ -\frac{1}{8}P_{\phi-\chi-\frac{3}{4}\sigma}^{(1)} P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(2)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{32}P_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(3)} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the ground ring elements  $L_1^\alpha$  and

$L_2^\alpha$  can be shown to commute:

$$[L_1^\alpha, L_2^\alpha] = 0$$

the nilpotent BRST charge of ghost cohomology  $H_1$  is by definition equal to

$$Q_1 = \tilde{c}_1 L_1^\alpha + \tilde{c}_2 L_2^\alpha$$

$$\tilde{c}_1 \equiv \tilde{c}, \tilde{c}_2 = \not\!{f} \tilde{c}$$

Computing the OPE's it is straightforward to derive the manifest integrated expression for  $Q_1$ :

$$Q_1 = \not\!{f} \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \{ c e^\phi (GL + FP_{\phi-\chi}^{(1)})$$

$$+ \frac{1}{4} e^{2\phi-\chi} (GF + \frac{1}{2} LP_{2\phi-2\chi-\sigma}^{(2)}) - \partial c c \xi L(z) \}$$

This defines a new BRST complex in RNS superstring theory! It is an ele-

ment of superconformal ghost cohomology  $H_1$



## BRST charges of Higher Order BRST Cohomologies

In case of uncompactified critical RNS superstring theory the  $\alpha$ -symmetry () is the only additional global space-time symmetry, present in the theory. For RNS theories in noncritical dimensions or critical but compactified on  $S^1$ , there is a huge set of additional  $\alpha$ -symmetries, due to interactions with the Liouville (or compactified) mode.

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Thus, for a  $d$ -dimensional RNS theory, there exist  $d+1$  additional  $\alpha$ -symmetries of ghost cohomology  $H_1$ . Combined with  $\frac{(d+1)(d+2)}{2}$  Poincare symmetries (including the Liouville direction), these  $d+2$

ghost-matter mixing symmetries of  $H_1$  enlarge space-time symmetry group from  $SO(2, d)$  to  $SO(2, d + 1)$ , bringing in the first extra-dimension. Next, an  $H_2$  cohomology can be shown to contain  $(d + 3)$  superconformal ghost number 2  $\alpha$ -symmetries which, combined with Poincare symmetries and  $\alpha$ -symmetries of  $H_2$  enlarge the space-time symmetry group to  $SO(2, d + 2)$ , bringing in the second extra-dimension.

Example of a typical  $\alpha$ -generator of  $H_2$ :

$$L^\beta = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} e^{2\phi} F(X, \psi) F(\varphi, \lambda)(z)$$

$$F(X, \psi) = \psi_m \partial^2 X^m - 2\partial\psi_m \partial X^m$$

$$F(\varphi, \lambda) = \lambda \partial^2 \varphi - \partial\lambda \partial\varphi$$

where  $\phi$  and  $\lambda$  are the super Liouville components (or those of a compactified direction)

As in the case of  $L^\alpha$ , BRST-symmetrization of

$$L^\beta \rightarrow \tilde{L}^\beta(w)$$

leads to correction terms which  $w$ -derivatives give rise to ground ring, inducing gauge transformations at the  $H_2$ -level with the associate ghost pair  $\oint \tilde{b}^{(2)}(w)$  and  $\oint c^{(2)}(w)$

satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^\beta &= \{Q_0, f\tilde{b}^{(2)}(w)\} \\ \{f\tilde{b}^{(2)}(w), \tilde{c}^{(2)}\} &= \Gamma^2 \end{aligned}$$

At this level, however, the ground ring is non-commutative and consists of 3 elements: with

$$L_i^\beta \equiv \partial_w^i L^\beta(w); i = 1, 2, 3$$

satisfying

$$[L_1^\beta, L_2^\beta] = \frac{1}{2}L_3^\beta$$

So the BRST charge at the  $H_2$ -level is

$$Q_2 = \sum_{j=1}^3 c^{(2)}_j L_j^\beta + \frac{1}{4}c^{(2)}_1 c^{(2)}_2 \partial_w^2 f\tilde{b}^{(2)}(w)$$

This construction can in principle be generalized to ghost cohomologies  $H_n$  of

arbitrary  $n$ , with each cohomology rank having its own associate BRST charge  $Q_n$ ; although I only was able to do it explicitly for  $n \leq 3$ .

Determining BRST cohomologies of  $Q_n$  for  $n \geq 1$  is a challenging and interesting problem, and though it looks plausible that each of  $Q_n$  corresponds to RNS string theory with certain background geometry.

## Properties of $Q_n$ : cohomologies

So far, we have been able to investigate the simplest nontrivial case  $n = 1$ . The problem of investigating the higher  $n$  cases is still to be addressed. In critical uncompactified case the only nontrivial element of  $Q_0 + Q_1$  is given by the massless gauge boson:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(k) = & \int e^{-3\phi} \{ (\vec{A}\partial\vec{X})(\vec{k}\partial\vec{X})(\vec{k}\vec{\psi}) \\
 & + (\vec{A}\vec{\psi})(\vec{k}\partial\vec{\psi})(\vec{k}\vec{\psi})(\vec{A}\vec{\psi})(\vec{k}\partial\vec{X})^2 \} e^{i\vec{k}\vec{X}} \\
 & \vec{k}\vec{A}(\vec{k}) = 0; (\vec{k})^2 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

This operator is the element of  $H_{-3}$ . In the noncritical cases there are other massless modes. in particular, for  $d = 4$  there are 7 extra massless vector bosons in the  $Q_0 + Q_1$  cohomology, altogether giving rise to  $SU(3)$  octet of gluons. **There**

**are no nontrivial massive modes  
in the cohomology!** Such a field-  
theoretic behaviour is characteristic for  
string theories in *AdS*-type backgrounds,  
dual to CFT (YM in  $d = 4$ )

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## New BRST Charges and Deformed Pure Spinors

In pure spinor formalism the standard BRST operator

$$Q_{PS} = \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \lambda^\alpha d_\alpha$$
$$d_\alpha = p_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m \partial X_m \theta^\beta$$
$$- \frac{1}{8} (\theta \gamma^m \partial \theta) (\gamma_m \theta)_\alpha$$
$$\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, 16$$

is nilpotent if

$$\lambda \gamma^m \lambda = 0$$

(pure spinor condition) and OPE between two  $\lambda$ 's is nonsingular. The latter condition is ensured by the fact that in the standard PS action  $\lambda$  is a free ghost



field. This condition, however, can be relaxed with  $Q$  still remaining nilpotent even if OPE between pure spinors becomes singular, provided that the pure spinor constraint is still satisfied at a normal ordered level and certain other constraints are fulfilled. E.g. consider the most general OPE between  $d_\alpha(z)$   $d_\beta(w)$  around the midpoint:

$$\begin{aligned}
d_\alpha(z)d_\beta(w) = & -\frac{\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m \Pi_m^{(1)}\left(\frac{z+w}{2}\right)}{z-w} \\
& + (z-w)^0 \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^{m_1\dots m_3} \Pi_{m_1\dots m_3}^{(2)}\left(\frac{z+w}{2}\right) \\
& + (z-w) \{ \alpha_1 \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m \Pi_m^{(3)} \\
& + \alpha_2 \gamma^{m_1\dots m_5} \Pi_{m_1\dots m_5}^{(3)} \} \left(\frac{z+w}{2}\right) (4)
\end{aligned}$$

and suppose that  $\lambda$  satisfies the OPE

$$\lambda_\alpha(z)\lambda_\beta(w) \sim (z-w)^{-2}\gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m A_m\left(\frac{z+w}{2}\right) + O(z-w)$$

(no  $(z-w)^0$ -term means that the PS constraint is fulfilled in a normal ordered (weaker) sense). Then the BRST charge is still nilpotent if either  $\alpha_1 = 0$  or  $: A_m \Pi_m^{(3)} := 0$  (other singularities vanish upon evaluating traces of gamma-matrices). This precisely is the situation that is realised if one considers the **RNS-PS map**

$$\begin{aligned}
& \theta_\alpha = e^{\frac{1}{2}\phi} \Sigma_\alpha; \\
& \lambda_\alpha = \{Q_0, \theta_\alpha\} \\
= & -\frac{1}{4} b e^{\frac{5}{2}\phi} \chi \Sigma_\alpha - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{3}{2}\phi} \chi \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m \partial X_m \tilde{\Sigma}^\beta \\
& + c e^{\frac{1}{2}\phi} \left( \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_\alpha \partial \phi + \partial \Sigma_\alpha \right)
\end{aligned}$$

) so that

$$\lambda_\alpha \lambda_\beta \sim \frac{1}{(z-w)^2} \partial b b e^{5\phi - 4\chi} \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m \psi_m + O(z-w)$$

It can be shown that, under such a PS-RNS identification the PS BRST charge is simply mapped to RNS BRST charge  $Q_0$  (up to similarity transformation) and is therefore nilpotent:

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$$Q^{PS} \rightarrow e^{-R} Q_0^{RNS} e^R$$

where

$$R = 32 \oint \frac{dz}{2i\pi} \partial_{cc} e^{2\chi - 2\phi} \partial \chi(z)$$

Thus the RNS theory is equivalent to modified PS theory with the double pole singularity in the pure spinor OPE. This construction can be generalized to include the modified pure spinors with more singular OPE; remarkably, the RNS BRST operators of higher ghost cohomologies are then reproduced, with the leading singularity order of pure spinor OPE related to the ghost cohomology order in RNS formalism (!) We have been able to show this for the  $n = 1$  case and conjectured for higher  $n$ 's. Namely, in the

$n = 1$  case one starts with

$$\tilde{\theta}^\alpha = e^{\frac{3}{2}\phi} \Sigma^\beta \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^m (2\partial^2 X_m + \partial X_m \partial \phi)$$

which is the dimension 0 primary field space-time spinor at ghost number  $\frac{3}{2}$ , **NOT** related to the previous ghost number  $\frac{1}{2}$  version of  $\theta$  by picture-changing.

Next, one defines

$$\tilde{\lambda}_\alpha = \{Q_0^{RNS}, \tilde{\theta}_\alpha\}$$

keeping  $d^\alpha$  unchanged at picture  $-\frac{1}{2}$

The straightforward calculation gives

$$Q_1^{PS} = \int \tilde{\lambda}_\alpha d^\alpha \rightarrow e^{-R} Q_1^{RNS} e^R$$

with the same  $R$ .

**Conjecture:**

RNS superstring theory with the BRST operator  $Q_n$  of  $H_n$  is equivalent to modified pure spinor (PS) theory with singular pure spinor OPE's with the leading OPE singularity order given by  $6n^2 + 6n + 2$ .

## Conclusions



Hierarchy of surprising space-time  $\alpha$ -symmetries in RNS superstring theories induces ground rings of matter-ghost mixing local gauge symmetries that can be classified in terms of ghost cohomologies  $H_n$ .



Each ground ring induces the associate new BRST charge  $Q_n$  of  $H_n$  in RNS theory, corresponding to some deformed background geometry (*AdS*-type for  $n = 1$ )



Each  $Q_n$  of RNS theory corresponds to deformed PS superstring theory, with the leading OPE singularity order in the PS formalism related to the ghost cohomology order of  $n$  in RNS formalism



Projects for the future: investigate cohomologies of  $Q_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ ; identify geometries of underlying backgrounds, building SFT's around these backgrounds... possibly developing PS-formulated SFT's inspired by generalized RNS-PS map