

# Generalized Yang-Mills Fields and Gauge fields in $(A)dS_d$

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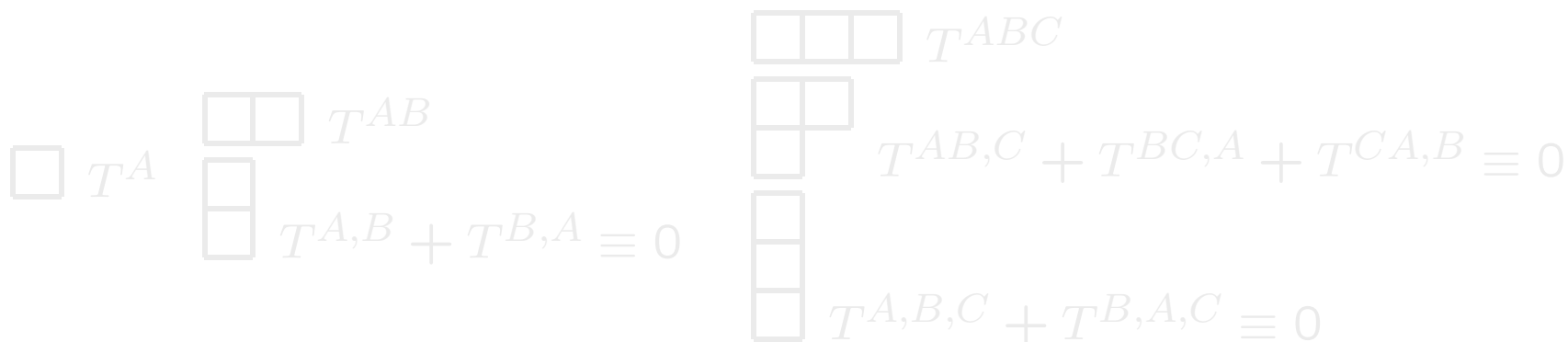
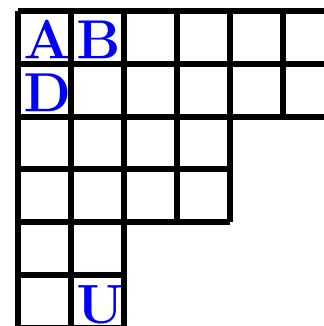
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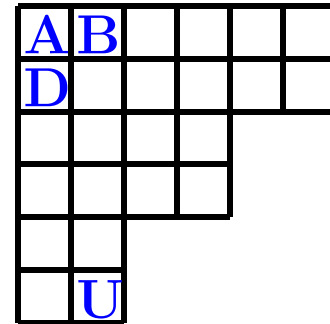
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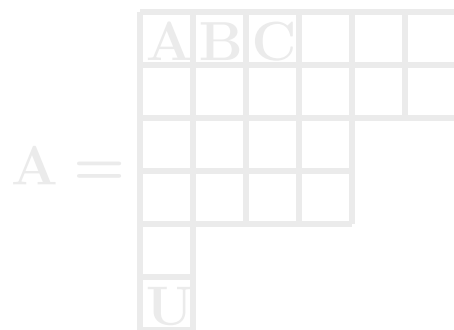
one-form in adjoint =  $\mathfrak{g}$



## Generalized Yang-Mills Connection

$q$ -form in arbitrary module  $A$

$$W_q^A \equiv W_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_q}^{ABC \dots U} dx^{\mu_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{\mu_q}$$



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# Higher-Spin fields

String theory  $\xrightarrow{\alpha' \rightarrow \infty}$  higher-spin fields

(Gross, Klebanov, Sundborg, Sezgin, Bengtsson, Sagnotti, Francia, Bonelli)



Breaking HS symmetries

$$|\phi\rangle = \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s}(x) \alpha_{-1}^{\mu_1} \dots \alpha_{-1}^{\mu_s} |0\rangle$$

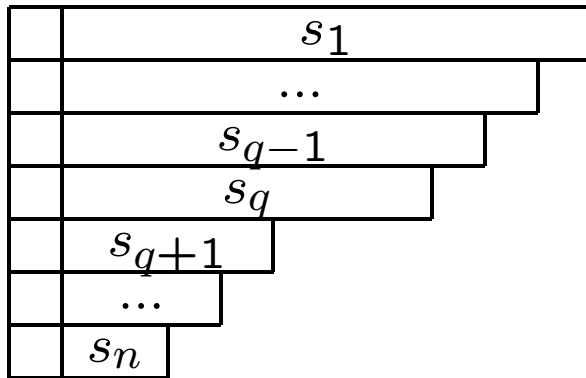
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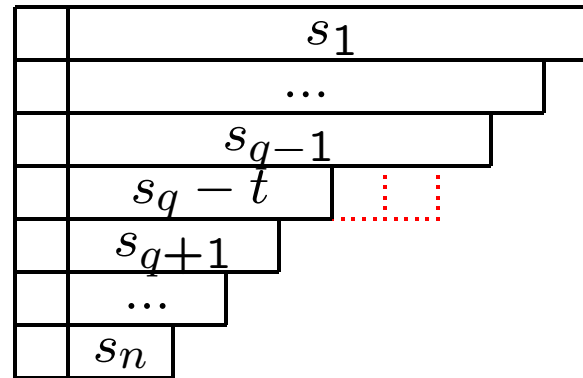
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**Gauge Fields in  $(A)dS_d \iff (S, q, t)$**

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$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\mu\nu} &= W_\mu^{c,\bullet} h_{c\nu} + W_\nu^{c,\bullet} h_{c\mu} \\ \delta\phi_{\mu\nu} &= D_\mu \xi_\nu + D_\nu \xi_\mu \\ \xi_\mu &= \xi^{c,\bullet} h_{c\nu} \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} s-1 \\ s-t \end{bmatrix}, \quad q = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} &= W_{\mu_1}^{a \dots c, \bullet \dots \bullet} h_{a\mu_2 \dots} h_{c\mu_s} + \dots \\ \delta\phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} &= D_{\mu_1} \dots D_{\mu_t} \xi_{\mu_{t+1} \dots \mu_s} + \dots \\ \xi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{s-t}} &= \xi^{a \dots c, \bullet \dots \bullet, \bullet \dots \bullet} h_{a\mu_1 \dots} h_{c\mu_{s-t}} \end{aligned}$$

# The way it works

## Simplest cases



$$A = \boxed{\quad} , q = 1$$

$$W_1^{A,B}$$

$$\delta W_1^{A,B} = D_\Omega \xi_0^{A,B}$$

$$\phi_{\mu\nu} = W_\mu^{c,\bullet} h_{c\nu} + W_\nu^{c,\bullet} h_{c\mu}$$

$$\delta \phi_{\mu\nu} = D_\mu \xi_\nu + D_\nu \xi_\mu$$

$$\xi_\mu = \xi^{c,\bullet} h_{c\nu}$$

$$A = \frac{\boxed{s-1}}{\boxed{s-t}} , q = 1$$

$$\phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} = W_{\mu_1}^{a \dots c, \bullet \dots \bullet} h_{a\mu_2 \dots \mu_s} + \dots$$

$$\delta \phi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_s} = D_{\mu_1} \dots D_{\mu_t} \xi_{\mu_{t+1} \dots \mu_s} + \dots$$

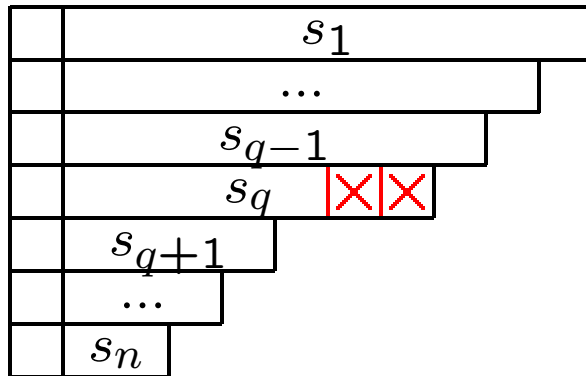
$$\xi_{\mu_1 \dots \mu_{s-t}} = \xi^{a \dots c, \bullet \dots \bullet, \bullet \dots \bullet} h_{a\mu_1 \dots \mu_{s-t}}$$



# Gauge Fields vs. Gauge Connections

Lorentz metric-like

$$\mathfrak{so}(d-1, 1)$$

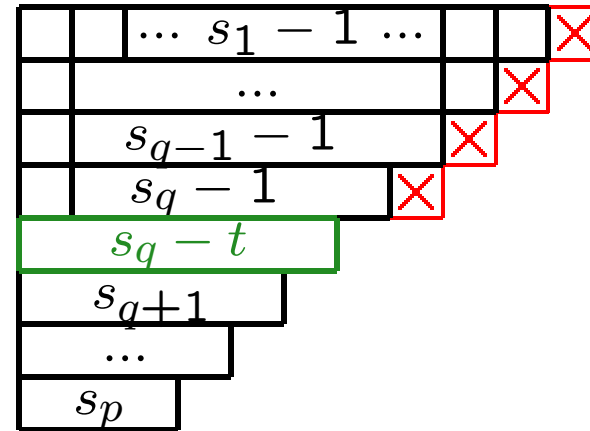


$$\delta\phi^{\mathbf{S}_0} = \overbrace{D \dots D}^t \xi^{\mathbf{S}_1} + \dots$$

extremely complicated

Connection

$$\mathfrak{so}(d, 1) \text{ or } \mathfrak{so}(d-1, 2)$$



$$\delta W_q^{\mathbf{A}} = D_{\Omega} \xi_{q-1}^{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$R_{q+1}^{\mathbf{A}} = D_{\Omega} W_q^{\mathbf{A}}$$

**Great simplifications**

# Conclusions

$(A)dS_d$ -Gauge Fields



Yang-Mills Connections

- Manifest gauge invariance
- Manifest  $(A)dS_d$  covariance
- Manifest general covariance
- Nonlinear theory??  $\longrightarrow$  String theory