

# Lagrangians for Conformal Gauge Gravity and Conformal Simple Supergravity

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The connection, curvature, and Lagrangian for a conformal gauge gravity are obtained. A set of generators of the conformal simple supergroup is given, the commutation and anticommutation relations for the superalgebra are calculated, and a Lagrangian of the simple supergravity is established.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Poincaré group  $ISO(3, 1)$  is a space-time transformation group often used in the gauge theory of gravity, leaving invariant the metric of space-time; the de Sitter group is a transformation group of space-time with constant curvature, leaving invariant the de Sitter curvature of space-time; and the conformal group  $SO(4, 2)$  is also a space-time transformation group, leaving invariant the proper time of space-time. The group  $ISO(3, 1)$  is a degenerate version of the de Sitter group, and the de Sitter group is a subgroup of group  $SO(4, 2)$ , so that the de Sitter gauge theory of gravity will be a subgravity of the conformal gauge theory of gravity, and the  $ISO(3, 1)$  gauge theory of gravity (Changgui and Bangqing, 1986) will be a degenerate form of the de Sitter gauge theory of gravity (S. Changgui *et al.*, unpublished). In this paper we construct a Lagrangian for the conformal gauge theory of gravity, give a set of generators for a simple conformal superalgebra, and obtain a Lagrangian for the simple conformal supergravity.

## 2. LAGRANGIAN OF CONFORMAL GAUGE GRAVITY

Let  $\{\partial_\mu\}$  (in this paper indices  $\mu, \nu, \dots = 1, 2, 3, 0$ ) be a natural basis on the space-time manifold  $M$ ; then  $\forall$  point  $X \in M$ ,  $X^\mu$  are the coordinates

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of  $X$ . We suppose that the space-time manifold  $M$  possesses local conformal invariance; then, for any space-time point  $X$ , the local gauge actions of gauge group  $SO(4, 2)$  on the manifold  $M$  may be expressed by a gauge action space  $E_{x(4,2)}$ , which is a six-dimensional tangent space of  $M$  at  $X$ . Let  $\{Z_\alpha\}$  (in this paper indices  $\alpha, \beta, \dots = 1, 2, 3, 0, 4, 5$ ) be a frame in  $E_{x(4,2)}$  at  $X$ ; then all actions exerted by elements of  $SO(4, 2)$  at  $X$  shall be isomorphic to all actions exerted by the element of  $SO(4, 2)$  on the frame at  $X$ ; thus, we can obtain a set of frames under the actions of  $SO(4, 2)$ , and denote the set as  $\{Z_\alpha\}_x$ . Now let

$$P_x = \{Z_\alpha\}_x = \Pi^{-1}(X)$$

where  $\Pi$  is the bundle projection, and take the union  $P(M)$  of the  $P_x$  at all  $X \in M$ . Then we have

$$P(M) \equiv \bigcup_{x \in M} P_x(M) = \bigcup_{x \in M} \{Z_\alpha\}_x$$

The bundle  $P(M)$  is a frame fiber bundle and it is a principal fiber bundle of which the group  $SO(4, 2)$  is the structure group and the space-time manifold  $M$  is the base manifold. We can write the principal bundle as

$$P(M) = P(M, SO(4, 2))$$

We have noted that the conformal group  $SO(4, 2)$  is a space-time transformation group, which leaves the proper time of space-time invariant, but it is not a linear transformation group of space-time, because the Weyl transformation would not leave invariant the metric of space-time. When we use the above bundle  $P(M)$  to describe the gauge actions of group  $SO(4, 2)$ , we may express the conformal gauge theory of gravity with a linear method.

Let the metric of pseudo-Euclidean space  $E_{(4,2)}$  be

$$\eta_{\alpha\beta} = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1, I, -I)$$

We have  $I = |\lambda|/\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the de Sitter curvature of  $M$ . Let the operator generators of group  $SO(4, 2)$  be

$$X_{\alpha\beta} = \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta - \xi_\beta \partial_\alpha$$

where  $\xi_\alpha$  is a vector in  $E_{(4,2)}$ . Since the group  $SO(3, 1)$  is a subgroup of  $SO(4, 2)$ , if the generators of  $SO(3, 1)$  are  $M_{ab}$  (in this paper the indices  $a, b, \dots = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), then  $M_{ab} = X_{ab}$ . We denote generators of de Sitter rotations, the generators of de Sitter boosts, and the dilation generator by  $P_a, K_a$  and  $D$ , respectively. Then we have

$$P_a = X_{5a} \frac{\sqrt{|\lambda|}}{\epsilon}, \quad K_a = X_{6a} \frac{\sqrt{|\lambda|}}{\epsilon}, \quad D = -X_{56}$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a dimensional constant,  $[\varepsilon] = L^{-1}$ , and its value is taken as 1. Thus, the commutation relations of generators of group  $SO(4, 2)$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M_{ab}, M_{cd}] &= \eta_{bc}M_{ad} + \eta_{ad}M_{bc} - \eta_{bd}M_{ac} - \eta_{ac}M_{bd} \\
 [M_{ab}, P_c] &= \eta_{bc}P_a - \eta_{ac}P_b, \quad [M_{ab}, K_c] = \eta_{bc}K_a - \eta_{ac}K_b \\
 [P_a, P_b] &= -I\lambda M_{ab}, \quad [K_a, K_b] = I\lambda M_{ab} \\
 [P_a, K_b] &= \lambda\eta_{ab}D, \quad [P_a, D] = -IK_a, \quad [K_a, D] = -IP_a
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking a suitable frame on conformal frame bundle  $P(M)$ , we may obtain the conformal connection (S. Changgui *et al.*, unpublished)

$$[\mathcal{B}^{\alpha}_{\mu\beta}] = \begin{bmatrix} B^a_{\mu b} & V^a_{\mu} & C^a_{\mu} \\ -IV_{\mu b} & 0 & h_{\mu} \\ IC_{\mu b} & h_{\mu} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $V^a_{\mu}$  are Lorentz frame coefficients.

Now we define the horizontal lifting basis

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}\beta^{\alpha\beta} X_{\alpha\beta}$$

Then, by using

$$[\mathcal{D}_{\mu}, \mathcal{D}_{\nu}] = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}^{\alpha\beta}_{\mu\nu} X_{\alpha\beta}$$

we may obtain the curvature tensor on  $P(M)$  as

$$\mathcal{R}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu\beta} = \partial_{\mu}\mathcal{B}^{\alpha}_{\nu\beta} + \mathcal{B}^{\alpha}_{\mu\gamma}\mathcal{B}^{\gamma}_{\nu\beta} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu)$$

$\mathcal{R}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu\beta}$  is valued on the Lie algebra  $so(4, 2)$  and it may be written as the matrix

$$[\mathcal{R}^{\alpha}_{\mu\nu\beta}] = \begin{bmatrix} F^a_{\mu\nu b} - IV^a_{\mu\nu b} + IC^a_{\mu\nu b} & J^a_{\mu} + C^a_{\mu\nu} & K^a_{\mu\nu} + V^a_{\mu\nu} \\ -IJ^a_{\mu\nu b} - IC^a_{\mu\nu b} & 0 & \partial_{\mu\nu} + IC^a_{\mu\nu} \\ IK^a_{\mu\nu b} + IV^a_{\mu\nu b} & \partial_{\mu\nu} + IC^a_{\mu\nu} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^a_{\mu\nu b} &= \partial_{\mu}B^a_{\nu b} + B^a_{\mu c}B^c_{\nu b} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) \\
 V^a_{\mu\nu b} &= V^a_{\mu}V_{\nu b} - C^a_{\nu}V_{\mu b} \\
 C^a_{\mu\nu b} &= C^a_{\mu}C_{\nu b} - C^a_{\nu}C_{\mu b} \\
 J^a_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_{\mu}V^a_{\nu} + B^a_{\mu b}V^b_{\nu} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) \\
 K^a_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_{\mu}C^a_{\nu} + B^a_{\mu b}C^b_{\nu} - (\mu \leftrightarrow \nu) \\
 V^a_{\mu\nu} &= V^a_{\mu}\partial_{\nu} - V^a_{\nu}\partial_{\mu} \\
 C^a_{\mu\nu} &= C^a_{\mu}\partial_{\nu} - C^a_{\nu}\partial_{\mu} \\
 h_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_{\mu}h_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}h_{\mu} \\
 C^a_{\mu\nu} &= C^a_{\mu}V_{\nu a} - C^a_{\nu}V_{\mu a}
 \end{aligned}$$

We choose the Yang–Mills type of action for this  $SO(4, 2)$  gauge gravity; then the Lagrangian of the gravity is

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{4}\text{tr}(\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{8}\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\beta}^{\alpha}\mathcal{R}_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu\beta}$$

Using the above expression, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu a}^b F_b^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu a}^b V_b^{\mu\nu a} + \frac{1}{2}IJ_{\mu\nu}^a J_a^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}IF_{\mu\nu a}^b V_b^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{2}IF_{\mu\nu b}^a C_a^{\mu\nu b} + IJ_{\mu\nu}^a C_a^{\mu\nu} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}V_b^{\mu\nu a} V_a^{\mu\nu b} - IK_{\mu\nu}^a V_a^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}C_{\mu\nu a}^b C_b^{\mu\nu a} \\ & + \frac{1}{2}IC_{\mu\nu}^a C_a^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}C_{\mu\nu} C^{\mu\nu} - IC_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}IK_{\mu\nu}^a K_a^{\mu\nu} \\ & - \frac{1}{2}IV_{\mu\nu}^a V_a^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}h_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu}) \end{aligned}$$

We denote the first four terms by  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ds}}$ . Then

$$L_{\text{ds}} = \frac{1}{2}(-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu a}^b F_b^{\mu\nu a} - \frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu a}^b V_b^{\mu\nu a} + \frac{1}{2}IJ_{\mu\nu}^a J_a^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}IF_{\mu\nu a}^b V_b^{\mu\nu a})$$

and  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ds}}$  is the Lagrangian of the de Sitter gauge theory of gravity (S. Changgui *et al.*, unpublished). The four terms of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ds}}$  are the Einstein, cosmological, torsion, and Einstein–Cartan terms of gravity, respectively. The action of the conformal gauge gravity may be constructed as

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

where  $\sqrt{-g} = V \equiv \det(V^a_{\mu})$ .

Since there is an Einstein term for gravitation in the conformal gauge gravity but not in the Weyl gravity, in this  $SO(4, 2)$  gauge theory we may avoid the difficulty we have met in the Weyl gravity. The de Sitter Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ds}}$  is involved in the conformal gauge Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$ , so the de Sitter effect will also appear in the  $SO(4, 2)$  gauge theory, and GR will be a degenerate case of this gravity. Since we know that the action of the usual Yang–Mills fields is invariant under the Weyl mapping (Yang, 1977), then the Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}$  of the theory will be invariant under the mapping, so this gravity is a conformal gauge gravity holding the Weyl invariance.

### 3. LAGRANGIAN OF CONFORMAL SIMPLE SUPERGRAVITY

First let us construct a supergroup  $SU(2, 2|1)$ . The usual matrix generators belonging to the subgroup  $SU(2, 2)$  of supergroup  $SU(2, 2|1)$  may be written, using Dirac matrices, as

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ab} &= \frac{1}{4}[\gamma_a, \gamma_b] = \sigma_{ab} \\ P_a &= \frac{1}{2}\gamma_a, \quad K_a = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_a\gamma_5, \quad D = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_5 \end{aligned}$$

The above generators are given by the  $4 \times 4$  matrices, but in the  $SU(2, 2|1)$  supergravity they must be written as  $5 \times 5$  matrix forms. When we do this, we may write these generators as  $5 \times 5$  matrices. However, the elements

located at the fifth rows and the fifth columns are all zero. Here we have

$$\{\gamma_a, \gamma_b\} = 2\eta_{ab}, \quad \gamma_5 = \gamma_1\gamma_2\gamma_3\gamma_4, \quad \gamma_4 = i\gamma_0$$

The generator belonging to the subgroup  $U(1)$  of supergroup  $SU(2, 2|1)$  is the central charge

$$A = -(i/4) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 & \vdots & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \vdots & 0 \\ & & & 1 & \vdots & \\ & & & & 1 & \vdots \\ \cdots & & & & & \cdots \\ & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Other generators of  $SU(2, 2|1)$  are the Majorana spinor charges; we take them as

$$S_\tau = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \vdots & L_{1a} \\ & 0 & & \vdots & \\ & & & \vdots & \\ \cdots & & & \cdots & L_{4a} \\ (CR)_{a1} \cdots (CR)_{a4} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \vdots & R_{1a} \\ & 0 & & \vdots & \\ & & & \vdots & \\ \cdots & & & \cdots & R_{4a} \\ (CL)_{a1} \cdots (CL)_{a4} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $L = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_5)$  and  $R = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma_5)$  are chirality projection operators,  $C = -C^{-1} = -C^T$  is the charge conjugate matrix,  $C = \gamma_0$ ,  $C\gamma_\alpha C^{-1} = -\gamma_\alpha^T$ , and in this paper the indices  $\sigma, \tau = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

The superalgebra relations of the above 28 generators are

$$\begin{aligned} [S, M_{ab}] &= -(\sigma_{ab}^T)S, & [Q, M_{ab}] &= -(\sigma_{ab}^T)Q \\ [S, A] &= -\frac{3}{4}i\gamma_5 S, & [Q, A] &= \frac{3}{4}i\gamma_5 Q \\ [S, D] &= -\frac{1}{2}S, & [Q, D] &= \frac{1}{2}Q \\ [S, P_a] &= -\frac{1}{2}\gamma_a^T Q, & [Q, P_a] &= -\frac{1}{2}\gamma_a^T S \\ [S, K_a] &= -\frac{1}{2}\gamma_a Q, & [Q, K_a] &= -\frac{1}{2}\gamma_a^T S \\ \{S_\sigma, S_\tau\} &= -\frac{1}{2}(\gamma^a C)_{\sigma\tau}(P_a + K_a) \\ \{Q_\sigma, Q_\tau\} &= \frac{1}{2}(\gamma^a C)_{\sigma\tau}(P_a - K_a) \\ \{Q_\sigma, S_\tau\} &= -\frac{1}{2}C_{\sigma\tau}D - (C\sigma^{ab})_{\sigma\tau}M_{ab} + (i\gamma_5 C)_{\sigma\tau}A \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [M_{ab}, M_{cd}] &= \eta_{bc}M_{ad} + \eta_{ad}M_{bc} - \eta_{bd}M_{ac} - \eta_{ac}M_{bd} \\ [M_{ab}, P_c] &= \eta_{bc}P_a - \eta_{ac}P_b \\ [M_{ab}, K_c] &= \eta_{bc}K_a - \eta_{ac}K_b \\ [P_a, P_b] &= -IM_{ab}, & [K_a, K_b] &= IM_{ab} \\ [P_a, K_b] &= \eta_{ab}D, & [P_a, D] &= -IK_a \\ [K_a, D] &= -IP_a \end{aligned}$$

where we let  $\lambda = 1$ .

If we take supergroup  $SU(2, 2|1)$  and space-time  $M$  as the structure group and base manifold, respectively, we may set up a principal fiber bundle (Kobayashi and Nomizu, 1963)  $\hat{P}(M) = \hat{P}(M, SU(2, 2|1))$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{D}}_\mu^A$  (in this paper the indices  $A, B, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, 24$ ) be the connection on bundle  $\hat{P}(M)$ ; then

$$\hat{\mathcal{D}}_\mu = \partial_\mu + \hat{\mathcal{B}}_\mu^A \hat{X}_A$$

is the horizontal lifting basis, where

$$\hat{X}_A = \{M_{ab}, P_a, K_a, D; S_\sigma, Q_\tau; A\}$$

are the generators of  $SU(2, 2|1)$ . The  $\hat{X}_A$  will be a basis on the vertical subspace of bundle space  $\hat{P}$ , so  $(\hat{\mathcal{D}}_\mu, \hat{X}_A)$  may be a basis on the bundle space  $\hat{P}(M)$ , and

$$[\hat{\mathcal{D}}_\mu, \hat{X}_A] = 0$$

For the bundle  $\hat{P}(M)$ , we may obtain the connection  $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_\mu^A$  as

$$\hat{\mathcal{B}}_\mu^A = \{B_\mu^{ab}, V_\mu^a, C_\mu^a, h_\mu; \bar{\phi}_\mu^\sigma, \bar{\psi}_\mu^\tau, A_\mu\}$$

and the curvature  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^A$  as

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^A = \partial_\mu \hat{\mathcal{B}}_\nu^A - \partial_\nu \hat{\mathcal{B}}_\mu^A + \hat{\mathcal{F}}_{BC}^A \mathcal{B}_\mu^B \mathcal{B}_\nu^C$$

where  $\hat{\mathcal{F}}_{BC}^A$  are structure constants of gauge group  $SO(2, 2|1)$ , and we also have

$$[\hat{X}_A, \hat{X}_B] = \hat{X}_A \hat{X}_B - (-1)^{\hat{\sigma}_A \hat{\sigma}_B} \hat{X}_B \hat{X}_A$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_A, \hat{\sigma}_B$  are the Grassman parity symbols.

The  $\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^A$  components corresponding to different generators are

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(M) = F_{\mu\nu}^{ab} - IV_{\mu\nu}^{ab} + IC_{\mu\nu}^{ab} - [\bar{\psi}_\mu(C\sigma^{ab}C^{-1})\phi_\nu + \psi \leftrightarrow \phi]$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^a(P) = -J_{\mu\nu}^a - IC_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\phi}_\mu \gamma^a \phi_\nu + \bar{\psi}_\mu + \gamma^a \psi_\nu)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^a(K) = IK_{\mu\nu}^a + V_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma^a \psi_\nu - \bar{\phi}_\mu \gamma^a \phi_\nu)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(D) = h_{\mu\nu} + IC_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_\mu \phi_\nu + \psi \leftrightarrow \phi)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(A) = A_{\mu\nu} + i(\bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_5 \phi_\nu + \psi \leftrightarrow \phi)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(S) = \bar{\phi}_\nu \bar{D}_\mu^1 - \bar{\phi}_\mu \bar{D}_\nu^1 - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_\nu - \bar{\psi}_\nu \gamma_\mu) - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\psi}_\mu \tilde{\gamma}_\nu - \bar{\psi}_\nu \tilde{\gamma}_\mu)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \bar{\psi}_\nu \bar{D}_\mu^2 - \bar{\psi}_\mu \bar{D}_\nu^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\phi}_\mu \gamma_\nu - \bar{\phi}_\nu \gamma_\mu) + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\phi}_\mu \tilde{\gamma}_\nu - \bar{\phi}_\nu \tilde{\gamma}_\mu)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_\mu^1 &\equiv \partial_\mu + B_{\mu ab}(\sigma^{ab})^T + \frac{3}{4}i\gamma_5 A_\mu - \frac{1}{2}h_\mu \\
 D_\mu^2 &\equiv \partial_\mu + B_{\mu ab}(\sigma^{ab})^T - \frac{3}{4}i\gamma_5 A_\mu + \frac{1}{2}h_\mu \\
 A_{\mu\nu} &\equiv \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu, \quad \gamma_\mu \equiv (\gamma^a)^T V_{\mu a}, \quad \tilde{\gamma}_\mu \equiv (\gamma^a)^T C_{\mu a}
 \end{aligned}$$

By lifting and lowering the tensor indices, we may obtain the Lagrangian of Yang–Mills type as

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{4} \text{tr}(\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} \hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu})$$

and if we write it with component forms corresponding to every generator,  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\mathcal{L}} = &-\frac{1}{4}[\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^{ab}(M)\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{ab}^{\mu\nu}(M) + \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^a(P)\hat{\mathcal{R}}_a^{\mu\nu}(P) \\
 &+ \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}^a(K)\hat{\mathcal{R}}_a^{\mu\nu}(K) + \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(D)\hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu}(D) \\
 &+ \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(A)\hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu}(A) + \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(Q)C\hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu}(S) \\
 &+ \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu}(S)C\hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu}(Q)], \quad a > b
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the action evaluated on the conformal superalgebra  $su(2, 2|1)$  is

$$S = -\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \text{tr}(\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mu\nu} \hat{\mathcal{R}}^{\mu\nu})$$

From the Lagrangian  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  we may see that the graviton and gravitino will be contained in the theory. If the space-time manifold  $M$  is flat and only the free field  $\psi_\mu^\sigma$  is discussed, we can obtain a spin-3/2 massless gravitino, which satisfies the Rarita–Schwinger equation.

With the generators  $S_\sigma$  and  $Q_\tau$  we can expand the group  $SU(2, 2|1)$  to the case  $N > 1$  and establish an expanded supergroup  $SU(2, 2|N)$ , which may be used to construct the extended conformal supergravity (Changgui *et al.*, 1986).

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