

# Manifestly Covariant Formulation of Worldline Particles

Why World Line Particles?

- Classical Analog of UIR  
Easier to handle
- Comparison with String
- Higher Spm gravity

## I. Introduction

$$S = \int P^{\mu} dx^{\mu} + e(p^2 - M^2) = \int dt (\vec{P} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}} - \sqrt{\vec{P}^2 + M^2})$$

$\Rightarrow$  [  $\vec{x}$ :  $d\tau$  m.d.o.f (or  $2(d\tau)$  -dim phase space)  
Scalar particle, scalar UIR

- Scalar field  $\begin{cases} \infty \text{ m.d.o.f} \\ 1. \text{ f. d.o.f} \end{cases}$

- Spinning field :  $n. \text{ f-d.o.f} = n \times \infty \text{ m.d.o.f}$

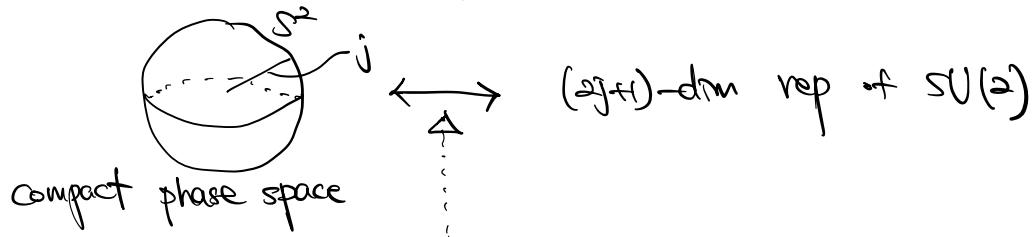
ex: lightcone

- Spinning particle  $\begin{cases} \vec{x} (\vec{p}) : d\tau \text{ m.d.o.f} \\ \alpha (?) : 0 \text{ m.d.o.f} \end{cases}$

(or  $n$  discrete d.o.f)  
(or  $n$  spin d.o.f)

What is classical description of spin d.o.f?

Breznik:



- Spherical harmonics on  $S^2$
- only spin  $j$  survives ("spin projection")

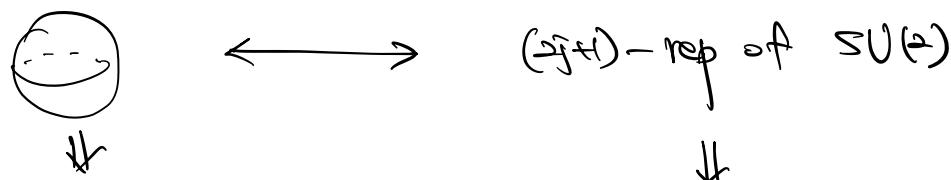
Parametrizat. of  $S^2$ :

- $(\theta, \varphi)$  : Not manifestly covariant
  - $(\vec{x}, \vec{p})$  : 6 instead of 2  
Embedding Phase Space
  - impose  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \text{st class const} \\ 2 & 2 \text{nd class const} \end{bmatrix}$
- $$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{p} = 0$$
- $$\vec{p}^2 = j^2$$
- $$\vec{x}^2 = 1$$

\* We can also use Grassmannian odd variables which also involve other d.o.f.

\* Not to be confused with spinning top.

Relativistic Spinning Particles in Mink,  $(A) dS$



Coadjoint orbits  
of

- $ISO(1, d+1)$
- $SO(2, d)$
- $SO(1, d+1)$

$\leftrightarrow$

USR of

- $ISO(1, d+1)$
- $SO(2, d)$
- $SO(1, d+1)$



$(\theta, \varphi) \rightarrow (\hat{x}, \hat{p})$  with constraints



Coadjoint orbit

intrinsic  
coordinate

Embedding phase space  
with constraints

"manifestly covariant formulat."

\* We found all coadjoint orbits of  $\begin{pmatrix} SO(1, d) \\ SO(2, d) \\ SO(1, d+1) \end{pmatrix}$

and corresponding manifestly covariant formulations !

Not unique

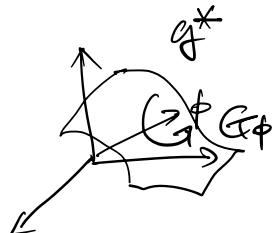
[ . "Vectorial Model" ]

[ . "Twistor Model"  $\Rightarrow$  Reproduce most of twistor particles  
and more. ]

For classical Lie group,

- matrix component as embedding space coord
- definition as constraints

## II. Coadjoint orbits and geometric action



$$\mathcal{O}_\phi = G/G_\phi \quad \text{symplectic}$$

$G$ : principal  $G_\phi$  bundle over  $\mathcal{O}_\phi$

• section  $\sigma: \mathcal{O}_\phi \rightarrow G$

Symplectic  
2-form

$$\omega = \sigma^* \langle \phi, g^* dg \wedge g^* d\bar{g} \rangle = -d\theta$$

$$S = \int_{x \in O_\phi} \theta = \int_{\sigma(x) \in G} \langle \phi, g^* dg \rangle$$

$$Z = \int D\gamma \exp\left(\frac{i}{\hbar} S\right)$$

$\sigma$  independence of  $Z \Rightarrow$  quantization of  $\langle \phi, J_i \rangle$

$$\downarrow$$

$$U(1) \subset G_\phi$$

III. Classification of coadjoint orbits

$\Rightarrow$  classification of  $\phi$

Poincaré

$\phi = m p^\circ, \quad g_\phi = \underline{\mathbb{R}} \oplus \underline{m} \oplus \underline{\text{so}(d-1)}$

$$\frac{dm}{2} O_\phi = dH$$

$\phi = m p^\circ + s J^{12}, \quad g_\phi = \underline{\mathbb{R}} \oplus \underline{m} \oplus \underline{U(1)} \oplus \underline{\text{so}(d-3)}$

(3) quantized

$$O_\phi = \frac{\text{ISO}(1, d-1)}{\mathbb{R} \times U(1) \times \text{SO}(d-3)}, \quad \frac{dm}{2} O_\phi = dH + dJ$$

$$= \frac{\text{ISO}(1, d-1)}{\mathbb{R} \times \text{SO}(d-1)} \times \boxed{\frac{\text{SO}(d-1)}{\text{SO}(2) \times \text{SO}(d-3)}} \quad \text{Gr}_{\mathbb{R}}(2, d-1)$$

$$\cdot \phi = E P^+ + S J^{12}, \quad g_\phi = (\text{hers}_{\mathbb{D}V(\mathbb{H})} \oplus \text{iso}(d-4))$$

$$\frac{\dim \mathcal{O}_\phi}{2} = d+1-d-4 = -2(d-2) + 1$$

AdS

$$P^A = J^{0'A}$$

$$\cdot \phi = m P^0, \quad g_\phi = \underbrace{U(1)}_{m \text{ quantized}} \oplus SO(d-1)$$

$$\cdot \phi = m P^0 + S J^{12}, \quad g_\phi = \underbrace{U(1)}_{m} \oplus \underbrace{U(1)}_S \oplus SO(d-3)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_\phi = \mathcal{O}_{\text{scalar}} \times \text{Gr}_{\mathbb{R}}(\geq d-1)$$

$$\cdot \phi = S P^0 + S J^{12}. \quad g_\phi = U(1,1) \oplus SO(d-2)$$

$$\cdot \phi = \epsilon J^{++} \quad \begin{cases} + = 0+1 \\ ++ = 0'+2 \end{cases}$$

$$g_\phi = (Sp(2, \mathbb{R}) \oplus SO(d-2)) \in \text{hers}_{\mathbb{D}V(\mathbb{H})}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Minimal Coadjoint Orbit (Singleton)

$$\frac{\dim}{2} = d-2$$