

# Schur–Weyl–Howe-type duality and Ellipticity of symplectic twistor complexes

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# Introduction

- Twistor operators in *classical spin geometry* for manifolds with  $Spin(p, q)$ -structure
- **[Penrose]** for signature  $(1, 3)$
- They form elliptic complexes in definite signature, special cases of complexes on Hermitian manifolds whose Laplacians are so called Stein–Weiss operators, e.g. [Baston]
- *Elliptic complex = complex of symbols is exact out of the zero section of the cotangent bundle*

# Manifold and Structure Groups

- $(M^{2n}, \omega)$  symplectic manifold
- $G = Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})$  symplectic group (non-compact) of  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n}, \omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix})$   
 $\pi_1(Sp(2n, \mathbb{R})) = \pi_1(U(n)) = \mathbb{Z}$
- $\lambda : \tilde{G} = Mp(2n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow G$  connected two-fold cover; metaplectic group

# Segal–Shale–Weil/oscillator/metaplectic/symplectic spinor representation

- $\rho : \tilde{G} \rightarrow U(H)$ ,  $H = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$  Segal–Shale–Weil representation,  $\mathbb{R}^{2n} = \mathbb{R}^n \oplus \mathbb{R}^n$  splitting in maximal isotropic vector subspaces
- $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \supseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n) \supseteq \mathbb{C}[x^1, \dots, x^n]e^{-|x|^2} = \mathbf{S}^\bullet(\mathbb{C}^n)e^{-|x|^2}$   
(symmetric algebra)  $\times e^{-|x|^2}$
- $H = H_+ \oplus H_-$  where  $H_\pm$  are the even and odd square integrable functions
- Complex OG-spinors  $\mathbb{S} = \mathbb{S}_+ \oplus \mathbb{S}_- = \mathbf{\Lambda}^\bullet(\mathbb{C}^n)$  for  $Spin(2n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow SO(2n, \mathbb{R})$  **one of the similarities**

# Symplectic Spinors

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- Let  $M$  admit symplectic spinors ([ForgerHess]); construct the associated vector bundle; we denote it by  $\mathcal{H}$  (Kostant's **bundle of symplectic spinors**)
- $\mathcal{H}^i = \bigwedge^i T^*M \otimes \mathcal{H}$  exterior forms twisted by SSW-repr.
- $\mathcal{T}^i \subseteq \mathcal{H}^i$ ,  $\mathcal{T}^i = \text{Ker}(Y)$ ,  $Y(\alpha \otimes s) = \sum_{i,j=1}^{2n} \omega^{ij} e_i \alpha \otimes e_j \cdot s$ ,  
 $i$ th **symplectic twistor bundle**
- $p^i : \bigwedge^i T^*M \otimes \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}^i$

# Fedosov connection, Covariant derivatives, Symplectic twistor operators

- $\nabla$  symplectic connection, i.e.,  $\nabla\omega = 0$ . If  $T^\nabla = 0$  as well, called **Fedosov connection**;  
affine space of symplectic connections isomorphic to  $\Gamma(S^3 T^*M)$
- $\nabla^i$   $i$ th exterior covariant derivative  
 $\nabla^i : \Gamma(\wedge^i T^*M \otimes \mathcal{H}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\wedge^{i+1} T^*M \otimes \mathcal{H})$
- Symplectic twistor operators  $T^i = \rho^{i+1} \nabla^i_{|\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i)}$
- Theorem (Krysl, Monats. Math., 2010):  $(M, \omega)$  symplectic manifold,  $\nabla$  Fedosov connection. If  $\nabla$  is Weyl-flat,  $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T_i)_{i=0, \dots, n}$  and  $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T_i)_{i=n, \dots, 2n}$  are complexes.

# Symbols of the symplectic twistor complexes

- Are these complexes elliptic, i.e., are complexes of operators' symbols fibre-wise exact for any  $0 \neq \xi \in T_m^*M$  in the category of vector spaces?
- Symbols are  $\sigma^i = \sigma(T^i, \xi)(\alpha \otimes s) = p^{i+1}((\xi \wedge \alpha) \otimes s)$
- $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T^i)_{i=0, \dots, n}$  and  $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T^i)_{i=n, \dots, 2n}$  form complexes  
 $\implies \sigma^{i+1}\sigma^i = 0$
- $\text{Ker } \sigma^{i+1} \subseteq \text{Im } \sigma^i$ ? Compute  $p^i$ .
- Projections  $p^i \in \text{End}_{\tilde{G}}(\wedge^i \mathbb{R}^{2n} \otimes H)$  since they are projection onto a  $\tilde{G}$ -subrepresentation;  $\text{End}_{\tilde{G}} =$  so-called commutant algebra, space of  $\tilde{G}$ -equivariant maps, space of  $\tilde{G}$ -homomorphisms



# Schur–Weyl–Howe-type duality

- Theorem (Krysl, J. Lie Thy. 2012, or arXiv 2008): There is a representation  $\sigma : \mathfrak{osp}(1|2) \rightarrow \text{End}_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}(\wedge^{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^{2n} \otimes H)$  such that  $\langle \sigma(\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)), p_{\pm} \rangle = \text{End}_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}(\wedge^{\bullet} \mathbb{R}^{2n} \otimes H)$ , where  $p_{\pm} : H \rightarrow H_{\pm}$ .
- Schur: Image of the permutation representation for the symmetric group  $S_k$  generates  $\text{End}_{GL(V)}(V^{\otimes k})$ .
- Weyl: Image of the permutation representation of an appropriate braid-group generates  $\text{End}_{SO(V)}(V^{\otimes k})$ .

# Schur–Weyl–Howe-type duality

- 1) R. Howe [Howe89] further generalizations and a systematization
- 2) “Many” examples and extensions: Leites and Ščepočkina [LeitSca]
- Examples of application: 1) Decomposition of polynomials into sum of products of harmonic polynomials ( $\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} p = 0$ )  $\times$  polynomials in variable  $r^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x^i)^2$  ( $SO(n)$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$ ); 2) full set of invariants regarding similarity ( $= g^{-1} - g$ ) of matrices on a f. dim. vector space; 3)  $U(n)$  and  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbb{C})$  regarding Kähler manifolds (Weil)

## Symbols via $\mathfrak{osp}(1|2)$

$$\begin{aligned}F^+(\alpha \otimes s) &:= \sigma(f^+)(\alpha \otimes s) = \frac{i}{2} \epsilon^i \wedge \alpha \otimes e_j \cdot s \\F^- &:= \sigma(f^-)(\alpha \otimes s) = F^-(\alpha \otimes s) = \frac{1}{2} \omega^{ij} i_{e_j} \alpha \otimes e_j \cdot s \\E^\pm &:= \sigma(e^\pm) = \pm 2\{\sigma(f^\pm), \sigma(f^\pm)\}, \sigma(h) = 2\{\sigma(f^+), \sigma(f^-)\}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$

$$\sigma^i(\alpha \otimes s) = \xi \wedge \alpha \otimes s + \frac{2}{i-n} F^+(\alpha \otimes \xi^\# \cdot s) + \frac{i}{i-n} E^+(i_{\xi^\#} \alpha \otimes s)$$

(rather complicated for proving  $\text{Im} = \text{Ker}$ )

**Assertion** (Krysl, Arch. Math. (Brno), 2011): Let us suppose that a symplectic manifold with a Fedosov connection is Weyl-flat and admits symplectic spinors. Then the symplectic spinor complexes  $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T^i)_{i=0, \dots, n}$  and  $(\Gamma(\mathcal{T}^i), T^i)_{i=n, \dots, 2n}$  are elliptic.







## Scheme of the proof

Proof of  $\text{Ker } \sigma^i \subseteq \text{Im } \sigma^{i+1}$  : Apply  $E^-$  to reduce the form-degree by two  $\implies i_{\xi^\#} \alpha = 0$ . Incorporate it.

Apply  $i_{\xi^\#} \implies \xi \wedge \alpha \otimes \xi^\# \cdot s = 0$

Use injectivity of  $\xi^\# \cdot$  to deduce that  $\xi \wedge \alpha = 0$ .


Use Cartan lemma on exterior systems  $\implies \alpha \otimes s = \xi \wedge \beta \otimes s$   
which is the pre-image.


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## Supplement: Definition of Ricci and Weyl symplectic curvature tensors

- **Ricci tensor**  $\sigma(X, Y) = \text{Tr}(Z \mapsto R^\nabla(Z, X)Y)$ ,  
 $\sigma_{ij} = R^k{}_{ijk} = +R^k{}_{ikj}$ , coordinates with respect to a local symplectic frame  $(e_i)_{i=1}^{2n}$ ,  $R^\nabla$  classical curvature of affine connection  $\nabla$ . Unlike the curvature of a Riemannian metric it maps anti-symmetric 2-tensor fields into *symmetric* 2-tensor fields (because of the duality between symmetric and anti-symmetric differential 2-forms defining the appropriate geometries; see Vaisman).
- **Extended Ricci tensor:**  
$$\sigma_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2n+2}(\omega_{il}\sigma_{jk} - \omega_{ik}\sigma_{jl} + \omega_{jl}\sigma_{ik} - \omega_{jk}\sigma_{il} + 2\sigma_{ij}\omega_{kl}),$$
$$\hat{\sigma} = \sigma_{ijkl}\epsilon^i \otimes \epsilon^j \otimes \epsilon^k \otimes \epsilon^l \text{ where } (\epsilon^i)_i \text{ is the dual basis (not } \omega\text{-dual) (See [Vaisman])}$$
- $W = R^\nabla - \hat{\sigma}$  symplectic **Weyl curvature tensor**
- **Definition:** A Fedosov connection is called symplectic *Weyl-flat* (or symplectic Ricci-type) if  $W = 0$ .