

## Spontaneous partial breaking of $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetry and the $U(N)$ gauge model

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### Abstract.

We briefly review properties of the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  gauge model composed of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  superfields. This model can be regarded as a low-energy effective action of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  Yang–Mills theory equipped with electric and magnetic Fayet–Iliopoulos terms. In this model, the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry is spontaneously broken to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$ , and the Nambu–Goldstone fermion comes from the overall  $U(1)$  part of  $U(N)$  gauge group. We also give  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supermultiplets appearing in the vacua. In addition, we give a manifestly  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  symmetric formulation of the model by employing the unconstrained  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superfields in harmonic superspace. Finally, we study a decoupling limit of the Nambu–Goldstone fermion and identify the origin of the fermionic shift symmetry with the second, spontaneously broken supersymmetry.

### §1. Introduction

Supersymmetry has been one of the most attractive ideas in theoretical physics. As string theory does not contain adjustable coupling constants and generically leads to four-dimensional theories with extended supersymmetries, it is important to derive  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supersymmetry from spontaneous partial breaking of extended supersymmetries. However, there is a no-go theorem for partial breaking of extended supersymmetries:

The supercharge algebra:

$$\{\bar{Q}_{\alpha}^A, Q_{B\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\delta_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}\delta_B^A H \quad (A = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{N})$$

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is positive definite, so that

- if  $Q_A|0\rangle = 0$  for some  $A$ , then  $\langle 0|H|0\rangle = 0$ . This implies  $Q_A|0\rangle = 0$  for all  $A$  and supersymmetries are unbroken.
- if  $Q_A|0\rangle \neq 0$  for some  $A$ , then  $\langle 0|H|0\rangle \neq 0$ . This implies  $Q_A|0\rangle \neq 0$  for all  $A$  and supersymmetries are all broken.

This theorem prohibits partial spontaneous breaking of extended rigid supersymmetries.<sup>1</sup> But, there is a loophole to this theorem. We consider the local version of the supercharge algebra, so called, supercurrent algebra :

$$(1) \quad \int d^3y \{ \bar{J}_\alpha^A(y), J_{\alpha B}^m(x) \} = 2(\sigma^n)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} \delta_B^A T_n^m(x) + (\sigma^m)_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}} C_B^A$$

where  $J$  and  $T$  are the supercurrents and the energy momentum tensor respectively. Note that the supercurrent algebra admits a constant matrix  $C$ , which does not break the Jacobi identity.

In [1], Antoniadis, Partouche and Taylor (APT) constructed a  $U(1)$  gauge model which realizes the supercurrent algebra (1). This model can be regarded as a low-energy effective action of  $U(1)$  Yang–Mills theory equipped with electric and magnetic Fayet–Iliopoulos (FI) terms. In [9, 10], we gave the  $U(N)$  generalization of the APT model in terms of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  superfields. The key for it is the special Kähler geometry and the discrete  $SU(2)_R$  symmetry. Analyzing the vacua of this model, we find the following properties; the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry and the  $U(N)$  gauge symmetry are spontaneously broken to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  and  $\prod_{i=1}^n U(N_i)$  respectively; the Nambu–Goldstone fermion comes from the overall  $U(1)$  part of  $U(N)$  gauge group; the supercurrent algebra develops a space-time independent constant “central charge” in (1). The  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supermultiplets appearing in the vacua are also given. In [11], a manifestly  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  symmetric formulation of the model was given by employing the unconstrained  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  superfields in harmonic superspace [12], and it is generalized to one coupling with hypermultiplets in adjoint representation.

In [8], some features of “Gauge-Matrix duality” with the use of the  $U(N)$  gauge model [9, 11] are discussed. It was conjectured in [5] that non-perturbative quantities in a low energy effective gauge theory can be computed by a bosonic matrix model. This conjecture was confirmed

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<sup>1</sup>This theorem is not valid for local supersymmetries because it relies on a positive definiteness of the Hilbert space. Partial breaking of local  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry was discussed in a number of papers [7].

in [2] for the case of an  $\mathcal{N} = 1$   $U(N)$  gauge theory with a chiral superfield  $\Phi$  in the adjoint representation of  $U(N)$ . These, the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  action is obtained by “soft” breaking of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry by adding the tree-level superpotential. The group  $SU(N)$  is confined and there is a symmetry of shifting the  $U(1)$  gaugino by an anticommuting c-number. It is called “fermionic shift symmetry”. Thanks to this symmetry, effective superpotential is written as  $W_{\text{eff}} = \int d^2\chi \mathcal{F}$ , for some function  $\mathcal{F}$ . “Gauge-Matrix duality” implies that this function  $\mathcal{F}$  is given by the free energy  $F_{\text{m.m.}}$  of a bosonic matrix model. The fermionic shift symmetry is due to a free fermion and should be related to a second, spontaneously broken supersymmetry [3, 4]. In [9], it is discussed that a scaling limit generates the fermionic shift symmetry. In fact, it is shown more precisely in [8] (See also [13]) that the fermionic shift symmetry arises from the decoupling limit of the Nambu–Goldstone fermion with partial breaking of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry.

This paper is organized as follows. After introducing the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  gauge model in sections 2, we analyze the vacua of the model in section 3. A manifestly  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetric formulation is given in section 4. In the last section we discuss the decoupling limit of the Nambu–Goldstone fermion.

## §2. The $\mathcal{N} = 2$ $U(N)$ gauge model

The  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  gauge model constructed in [9] is composed of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  chiral multiplets  $\Phi = \Phi^a t_a$  and  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vector multiplets  $V = V^a t_a$ , where  $N \times N$  hermitian matrices  $t_a$  ( $a = 0, \dots, N^2 - 1$ ) generate  $u(N)$ ,  $[t_a, t_b] = i f_{ab}^c t_c$ .<sup>2</sup> The index 0 refers to the overall  $U(1)$  generator. These superfields,  $\Phi^a$  and  $V^a$ , contain component fields  $(A^a, \psi^a, F^a)$  and  $(v_m^a, \lambda^a, D^a)$ , respectively.<sup>3</sup> This model is described by an analytic function (prepotential)  $\mathcal{F}(\Phi)$ . The kinetic term of  $\Phi$  is given by the Kähler potential<sup>4</sup>  $K(\Phi^a, \Phi^{*a}) = \frac{i}{2}(\Phi^a \mathcal{F}_a^* - \Phi^{*a} \mathcal{F}_a)$ . The Kähler metric  $g_{ab} \equiv \partial_a \partial_{b^*} K(A^a, A^{*a}) = \text{Im} \mathcal{F}_{ab}$  admits isometry  $U(N)$  generated by the Killing vector  $k_a = k_a^b \partial_b = -i g^{bc} \partial_{c^*} \mathcal{D}_a \partial_b$  where  $\mathcal{D}_a = -i g_{ab} f_{cd}^b A^{*c} A^d$  is the Killing potential. The gauged action is given

<sup>2</sup> $u(N)$  Cartan generators  $t_i$  are normalized as  $\text{tr}(t_i t_j) = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ij}$ , so that the overall  $u(1)$  generator is  $t_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2N}} \mathbf{1}_{N \times N}$ .

<sup>3</sup>We follow the notation of [14].

<sup>4</sup>We denote  $\mathcal{F}_a \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial \Phi^a}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_{ab} \equiv \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{F}}{\partial \Phi^a \partial \Phi^b}$  and so on.

by introducing the counterterm  $\Gamma$  for  $U(N)$  gauging as

$$\mathcal{L}_{K+\Gamma} = \int d^2\theta d^2\bar{\theta} (K + \Gamma), \quad \Gamma = \left[ \int_0^1 d\alpha e^{\frac{i}{2}\alpha v^a (k_a - k_a^*)} v^c \mathcal{D}_c \right]_{v^a \rightarrow V^a},$$

which is simply rewritten as  $\frac{1}{4} \text{Im} \int d^4\theta (\bar{\Phi} e^{\text{ad}_V})^a \mathcal{F}_a$ . The gauge kinetic term is

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}^2} = -\frac{i}{4} \int d^2\theta^2 \mathcal{F}_{ab}(\Phi) \mathcal{W}^a \mathcal{W}^b + c.c.,$$

where  $\mathcal{W}^a$  is the gauge field strength of  $V^a$ . We also introduce the gauge invariant superpotential term

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{L}_W = \int d\theta^2 W + c.c., \quad W = e\Phi^0 + m\mathcal{F}_0,$$

with real constant  $e$  and  $m$ , and the FI D-term [6]

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{L}_D = \sqrt{2}\xi D^0,$$

which does not affect the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry. In [9], it is shown that the total action  $S = \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_{K+\Gamma} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{W}^2} + \mathcal{L}_W + \mathcal{L}_D)$  is invariant under the discrete  $\mathfrak{R}$  transformation composed of a discrete element of the  $SU(2)$  R-symmetry and a sign flip of the FI parameter

$$(5) \quad R : \lambda_I^a \rightarrow \epsilon^{IJ} \lambda_J^a \quad \& \quad R_\xi : \xi \rightarrow -\xi,$$

where  $\lambda_I^a = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_a^a \\ \psi_a^a \end{pmatrix}$ , so that  $S^{(+\xi)} \xrightarrow{R} S^{(-\xi)} \xrightarrow{R_\xi} S^{(+\xi)}$ . We have made the sign of the FI parameter manifest. This ensures the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry of our action. In fact, acting  $\mathfrak{R}$  on the first supersymmetry transformation  $\delta_{\eta_1} S^{(+\xi)} = 0$ , we have,  $\delta_{\eta_1} S^{(+\xi)} = 0 \xrightarrow{R} R(\delta_{\eta_1}) S^{(-\xi)} = 0 \xrightarrow{R_\xi} \mathfrak{R}(\delta_{\eta_1}) S^{(+\xi)} = 0$ , which implies that the resulting  $\mathfrak{R}$ -invariant action is invariant under the second supersymmetry  $\delta_{\eta_2} \equiv \mathfrak{R}(\delta_{\eta_1})$  as well. By applying the  $\mathfrak{R}$ -action on the first supersymmetry transformation, we obtain the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry transformation of the fermion as

$$(6) \quad \delta \lambda_J^a = i(\tau \cdot \tilde{D}^a)_J^K \eta_K + \dots, \quad \tilde{D}^a = -\sqrt{2} g^{ab*} \partial_{b^*} (\mathcal{E} A^{*0} + \mathcal{M} \mathcal{F}_0^*)$$

where  $\tau$  are Pauli matrices. The rigid  $SU(2)$  has been fixed by making  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  point to specific directions,  $\mathcal{E} = (0, -e, \xi)$  and  $\mathcal{M} = (0, -m, 0)$ .

Gathering these all together and eliminating the auxiliary fields by using their equations of motion, the total action of the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  model is given as

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{N}=2} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{pot}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Pauli}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{fermi}},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} &= -g_{ab} \mathcal{D}_m A^a \mathcal{D}^m A^{*b} - \frac{1}{4} g_{ab} v_{mn}^a v^{bmn} - \frac{1}{8} \text{Re}(\mathcal{F}_{ab}) \epsilon^{mnpq} v_{mn}^a v_{pq}^b \\
&\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{ab} \lambda^a \sigma^m \mathcal{D}_m \bar{\lambda}^b - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_{ab} \psi^a \sigma^m \mathcal{D}_m \bar{\psi}^b + \text{c.c.} \right), \\
\mathcal{L}_{\text{pot}} &= -\frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_a + \sqrt{2} \xi \delta_a^0 \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{D}_b + \sqrt{2} \xi \delta_b^0 \right) - g^{ab} \partial_a W \partial_{b^*} W^*, \\
\mathcal{L}_{\text{Pauli}} &= i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \mathcal{F}_{abc} \psi^c \sigma^m \bar{\sigma}^n \lambda^a v_{mn}^b + \text{c.c.}, \\
\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} &= \left( -\frac{i}{4} \mathcal{F}_{abc} g^{cd} \partial_d W - \frac{1}{2} \partial_a \partial_b W \right) \psi^a \psi^b - \frac{i}{4} \mathcal{F}_{abc} g^{cd} \partial_{d^*} W^* \lambda^a \lambda^b \\
&\quad + \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{F}_{abc} g^{cd} \left( \mathcal{D}_d + 2\sqrt{2} \xi \delta_d^0 \right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g_{ac} k_b^{*c} \right\} \psi^a \lambda^b + \text{c.c.}, \\
\mathcal{L}_{\text{fermi}} &= g_{ab} \hat{F}^a \hat{F}^{*b} + \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \hat{D}^a \hat{D}^b + \left( -\frac{i}{8} \mathcal{F}_{abcd} \psi^c \psi^d \lambda^a \lambda^b \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{i}{4} \mathcal{F}_{abc} \hat{F}^{*c} \psi^a \psi^b + \frac{i}{4} \mathcal{F}_{abc} \hat{F}^c \lambda^a \lambda^b + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{F}_{abc} \hat{D}^c \psi^a \lambda^b + \text{c.c.} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \hat{D}^a \equiv -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} g^{ab} (\mathcal{F}_{bcd} \psi^d \lambda^c + \mathcal{F}_{bcd}^* \bar{\psi}^d \bar{\lambda}^c) \\ \hat{F}^a \equiv \frac{i}{4} g^{ab} (\mathcal{F}_{bcd}^* \bar{\lambda}^c \bar{\lambda}^d - \mathcal{F}_{bcd} \psi^c \psi^d) \end{cases}.$$

Here we have defined the covariant derivative as  $\mathcal{D}_m \Psi^a \equiv \partial_m \Psi^a - \frac{1}{2} f_{bc}^a v_m^b \Psi^c$  for  $\Psi^a \in \{A^a, \psi^a, \lambda^a\}$ , and  $v_{mn}^a \equiv \partial_m v_n^a - \partial_n v_m^a - \frac{1}{2} f_{bc}^a v_m^b v_n^c$ .

### §3. Analysis of vacua

The scalar potential  $V = -\mathcal{L}_{\text{pot}}$  determines the vacua. Let us examine for concreteness the case with

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{F} = \sum_{k=0}^n \text{tr} \frac{g_k}{k!} \Phi^k,$$

then the the vacuum condition  $\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{pot}} / \partial A^a = 0$  is solved by

$$(9) \quad \langle \mathcal{F}_{00} \rangle = \frac{-e \pm i\xi}{m}$$

where  $\langle \circ \rangle$  denotes the vacuum expectation value (vev) of  $\circ$ . Without loss of generality we may choose + sign in (9). By examining the vev

of (6), it is revealed that the Nambu–Goldstone fermion exists in the overall  $U(1)$  part of  $U(N)$  gauge group,

$$\left\langle \delta_{\mathcal{N}=2} \left( \frac{\lambda^0 - \psi^0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\rangle = -2im(\eta_1 + \eta_2), \quad \left\langle \delta_{\mathcal{N}=2} \left( \frac{\lambda^0 + \psi^0}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right\rangle = 0.$$

As seen from  $\langle \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} \rangle$ ,  $\frac{\lambda^0 - \psi^0}{\sqrt{2}}$  is massless, and thus is the Nambu–Goldstone fermion which is included in the overall  $U(1)$  part of the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$   $U(N)$  vector superfield.

In order to examine general vacua, let us denote indices  $a = (i, r)$  where  $i$  ( $r$ ) label the (non) Cartan generators of  $u(N)$ , as depicted in the figure 1. We obtain three types of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supermultiplets in the case

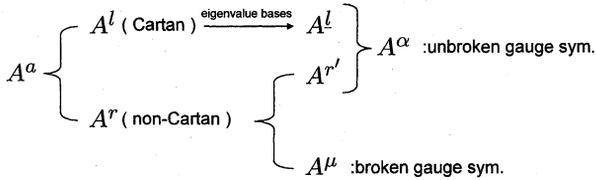


Fig. 1. index labelling

of partial breaking of  $U(N)$  gauge symmetry,  $U(N) \rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n U(N_i)$ . We

| field  | mass   | label | # of polarization states                    |
|--|--|-------|---|
| $v_m^\alpha$   | 0  | A     | $2d_u$ ( $d_u \equiv \dim \prod_i U(N_i)$ ) |
| $v_m^\mu$  | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}  f_{\mu i}^\nu \langle A^i \rangle $                           | C     | $3(N^2 - d_u)$                              |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda^\alpha \pm \psi^\alpha)$ | 0  | A     | $2d_u$                                      |
| $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda^\alpha \mp \psi^\alpha)$ | $ m \langle g^{\alpha\alpha} \rangle \langle \mathcal{F}_{0\alpha\alpha} \rangle $ | B     | $2d_u$                                      |
| $\lambda_I^\mu$                                      | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}  f_{\mu i}^\nu \langle A^i \rangle $                           | C     | $4(N^2 - d_u)$                              |
| $A^\alpha$   | $ m \langle g^{\alpha\alpha} \rangle \langle \mathcal{F}_{0\alpha\alpha} \rangle $ | B     | $2d_u$                                      |
| $\mathcal{P}_\mu^\nu A^\mu$                          | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}  f_{\mu i}^\nu \langle A^i \rangle $                           | C     | $N^2 - d_u$                                 |

Table 1. table of the mass spectrum

find the following three types of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supermultiplets. The fields labelled as A in the table form the massless  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vector multiplets of spin  $(1/2, 1)$  composed of fields. The Nambu–Goldstone vector multiplet is contained in the overall  $U(1)$  part. Those labelled as B form the massive  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  chiral multiplets of spin  $(0, 1/2)$  with masses  $|m \langle g^{\alpha\alpha} \rangle \langle \mathcal{F}_{0\alpha\alpha} \rangle|$ .

Those labelled as C form two massive multiplets of spin  $(0, 1/2, 1)$  with masses  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|f_{\mu i}^\nu \langle A^i \rangle|$ . The zero modes of  $A^\mu$  are absorbed into  $v_m^\mu$  as the longitudinal modes to form massive vector fields.

#### §4. Description in harmonic superspace formalism

Harmonic superspace [12] provides a manifestly  $\mathcal{N}=2$  supersymmetric formulation of  $\mathcal{N}=2$  supersymmetric theories in terms of off-shell  $\mathcal{N}=2$  unconstrained superfields. In [11], we gave a manifestly  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetric formulation of the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  gauge model discussed above by using  $\mathcal{N}=2$  vector multiplets  $V^{++}$  in harmonic superspace. The kinetic term of  $V^{++}$  is given by

$$(10) \quad S_V = -\frac{i}{4} \int d^4x (D)^4 \mathcal{F}(W) + c.c.$$

where  $W^a$  is the curvature of  $V^{++}$ . We note the electric FI term  $S_e = \int d^4x \xi^{AB} D_{AB}^0$ , where  $D_{AB}^a$  is the auxiliary field contained in  $V^{++}$ , causes an imaginary shift of the auxiliary field contained in the dual vector multiplet  $\tilde{V}^{++}$  of  $\tilde{W}^a = \mathcal{F}_a$ . So we introduce the magnetic FI term  $S_m$  so as to shift the auxiliary field in  $V^{++}$  by an imaginary constant:  $D^a \rightarrow \tilde{D}^a = D^a + 4i\xi_D \delta_0^a$ , so that  $S_V + S_m = S_V|_{D \rightarrow \tilde{D}}$ . See [11] for detail. These electric and magnetic FI terms cause  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry to be broken spontaneously to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$ .

In addition, we generalize this gauge model to one coupled with  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  hypermultiplets,  $q^+$  and  $\omega$ , in adjoint representation of  $U(N)$ . Examining vacua of the model, we show that this model also describes partial spontaneous supersymmetry breaking.

#### §5. Decoupling limit of Nambu–Goldstone fermion

In [8], we derive the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  action expanding the  $\mathcal{N} = 2$   $U(N)$  gauge model around the vacua and taking the limit in which the Nambu–Goldstone fermion is decoupled from other fields. Let us return to the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  superfield notation used in sections 2 and 3. We consider the case that  $U(N)$  gauge symmetry is unbroken at vacua. This is the case for  $d_u = \dim \prod_i U(N_i) = N^2$  so that  $N^2 - d_u = 0$ . It means that there is no  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  massive vector supermultiplets (“C” in table 1). Let us examine the case with  $\mathcal{F}$  given in (8). The fermions  $\psi^a$  and  $\lambda^a$  are to be mixed and the scalar fields  $A^a$  are to be shifted by its vacuum expectation value. We define

$$\lambda^{-a} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda^a - \psi^a), \quad \lambda^{+a} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\lambda^a + \psi^a), \quad \tilde{A}^a \equiv A^a - \langle A^0 \rangle \delta_0^a.$$

Substitute these into (7), we obtain the  $\mathcal{N} = 1$   $U(N)$  gauge action after spontaneous breaking of  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry,

$$(11) \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{N}=1} = \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{kin}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{pot}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{Pauli}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{Yukawa}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{fermi}},$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{kin}} &= -\tilde{g}_{ab} \mathcal{D}_m \tilde{A}^a \mathcal{D}^m \tilde{A}^{*b} - \frac{1}{4} \tilde{g}_{ab} v_{mn}^a v^{bmn} - \frac{1}{8} \text{Re}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{ab}) \epsilon^{mnpq} v_{mn}^a v_{pq}^b \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{ab} \lambda^{-a} \sigma^m \mathcal{D}_m \bar{\lambda}^{-b} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{ab} \lambda^{+a} \sigma^m \mathcal{D}_m \bar{\lambda}^{+b} + c.c. \right), \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{pot}} &= -\frac{1}{8} \tilde{g}^{ab} \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_a \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_b - \tilde{g}^{ab} \tilde{\partial}_a \tilde{W} \tilde{\partial}_b \tilde{W}^*, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{Pauli}} &= i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \lambda^{+c} \sigma^m \bar{\sigma}^n \lambda^{-a} v_{mn}^b + c.c., \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{Yukawa}} &= \left( -\frac{i}{4} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{g}^{cd} \tilde{\partial}_d \tilde{W} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\partial}_a \tilde{\partial}_b \tilde{W} \right) \lambda^{+a} \lambda^{+b} \\ &\quad - \frac{i}{4} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{g}^{cd} \tilde{\partial}_d \tilde{W}^* \lambda^{-a} \lambda^{-b} \\ &\quad + \left\{ -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{g}^{cd} \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_d + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tilde{g}_{ac} \tilde{k}_b^{*c} \right\} \lambda^{+a} \lambda^{-b} + c.c., \\ \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{fermi}} &= \tilde{g}_{ab} \tilde{F}^a \tilde{F}^{*b} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}_{ab} \tilde{D}^a \tilde{D}^b + \left( -\frac{i}{8} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abcd} \lambda^{+c} \lambda^{+d} \lambda^{-a} \lambda^{-b} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{i}{4} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{F}^{*c} \lambda^{+a} \lambda^{+b} + \frac{i}{4} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{F}^c \lambda^{-a} \lambda^{-b} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{abc} \tilde{D}^c \lambda^{+a} \lambda^{-b} + c.c. \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(\tilde{A}) &\equiv \mathcal{F}|_{\mathbf{A}=\tilde{\mathbf{A}}+\langle A^0 \rangle_{t_0}}, \quad \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_a \equiv \partial \tilde{\mathcal{F}} / (\partial \tilde{A}^a), \quad \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{ab} \equiv \partial^2 \tilde{\mathcal{F}} / (\partial \tilde{A}^a \partial \tilde{A}^b), \dots, \\ \tilde{g}_{ab} &\equiv \text{Im} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_{ab}, \quad \tilde{D}^a \equiv -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} g^{ab} \mathcal{F}_{bcd} \lambda^{+c} \lambda^{-d} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} g^{ab} \mathcal{F}_{bcd}^* \bar{\lambda}^{+c} \bar{\lambda}^{-d}, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{D}}_a &\equiv -i \tilde{g}_{ab} \mathcal{F}_{cd}^b \tilde{A}^{*c} \tilde{A}^d, \quad \tilde{F}^a \equiv \frac{i}{4} g^{ab} \mathcal{F}_{bcd}^* \bar{\lambda}^{-c} \bar{\lambda}^{-d} - \frac{i}{4} g^{ab} \mathcal{F}_{bcd} \lambda^{+c} \lambda^{+d}, \\ \tilde{W} &\equiv (e - i\xi)(\tilde{A}^0 + \langle A^0 \rangle) + m\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_0, \quad \tilde{\partial}_a \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{A}^a}. \end{aligned}$$

As a result, the action (11) agrees with the action (7) except for the superpotential term and FI D-term. There is no FI D-term in (11), and the superpotential  $W = eA^0 + m\mathcal{F}_0$  get shifted to  $\tilde{W} = (e - i\xi)\tilde{A}^0 + m\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_0$ . Component fields  $(\tilde{A}^a, \lambda^{+a})$  form massive  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  chiral multiplets  $\tilde{\Phi}^a$ . Other component fields  $(v_m^a, \lambda^{-a})$  form massless  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  vector multiplets  $\tilde{V}^a$ . The Nambu-Goldstone fermion  $\lambda^{-0}$  is contained in the overall  $U(1)$  part of  $\tilde{V}^a$ .

Reparametrizing as

$$g_k = \frac{g'_k}{\Lambda} (k \geq 3), \quad (e, m, \xi) = (\Lambda e', \Lambda m', \Lambda \xi')$$

and taking the limit  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , the action (11) is converted into

$$(12) \quad \mathcal{L} = \text{Im} \left[ \frac{-e + i\xi}{m} \left( 2 \int d^4\theta \text{tr} \tilde{\Phi}^+ e^{\tilde{V}} \tilde{\Phi} + \int d^2\theta \text{tr} \tilde{\mathcal{W}}^\alpha \tilde{\mathcal{W}}_\alpha \right) \right] \\ + \left( \int d^2\theta \tilde{W}(\tilde{\Phi}) + c.c. \right),$$

where

$$\tilde{W} \equiv m \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{h_k}{k+1} \text{tr} \tilde{A}^{k+1}, \\ h_k \equiv \frac{(k+1)}{\sqrt{2N}} \sum_{\ell=0}^{n-2-k} \frac{g_{k+\ell+2}}{(k+\ell+1)!} \binom{k+\ell+1}{\ell} \left( \frac{\langle A^0 \rangle}{\sqrt{2N}} \right)^\ell.$$

Here  $\tilde{\mathcal{W}}$  is the field strength of  $\tilde{V}$ . Note that the Nambu–Goldstone fermion  $\lambda^{-0}$ , which is contained in the overall  $U(1)$  part of  $\mathcal{N} = 1$   $U(N)$  vector superfields  $\tilde{V}$ , is decoupled from other fields in (12). However  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  supersymmetry is broken to  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  because of the presence of the superpotential. We have seen that a general  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  action (12) called a “softly” broken  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  action can be derived as a spontaneously broken  $\mathcal{N} = 2$  action. We conclude that the fermionic shift symmetry in [2] is related to the decoupling limit of the Nambu–Goldstone fermion.

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