

Lorentz-violating supersymmetric quantum field theoriesDiego Redigolo^{1,*}¹*Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) & International Solvay Institutes (ISI), Campus Plaine CP231, B-1050, Belgium*
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We study the possibility of constructing Lorentz-violating supersymmetric quantum field theories under the assumption that these theories have to be described by Lagrangians which are renormalizable by weighted power counting. Our investigation starts from the observation that at high energies Lorentz-violation and the usual supersymmetry algebra are algebraically compatible. Demanding linearity of the supercharges, we see that the requirement of renormalizability drastically restricts the set of possible Lorentz-violating supersymmetric theories. In particular, in the case of supersymmetric gauge theories the weighted power counting has to coincide with the usual one and the only Lorentz-violating operators are introduced by some weighted constant c that explicitly appears in the supersymmetry algebra. This parameter does not renormalize and has to be very close to the speed of light at low energies in order to satisfy the strict experimental bounds on Lorentz violation. The only possible models with nontrivial Lorentz-violating operators involve neutral chiral superfields and do not have a gauge invariant extension. We conclude that, under the assumption that high-energy physics can be described by a Lorentz-violating extension of the standard model which is renormalizable by weighted power counting, the Lorentz fine tuning problem does not seem solvable by the requirement of supersymmetry.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Lorentz symmetry is a basic ingredient of the standard model and it has been verified with great precision by different experiments [1]. However, from a theoretical point of view it would be possible to violate Lorentz invariance at very high energies requiring this symmetry to be restored at low energies [2]. Moreover, it has been shown that Lorentz violation could emerge as a preferred-frame effect both in string theory [3,4] and in loop quantum gravity [5].

In our approach, we want to preserve the requirement of renormalizability as an *a priori* selection criterion for physical theories at high energies and at the same time enlarge the class of renormalizable theories relaxing the hypothesis of Lorentz invariance but preserving both locality and unitarity.

The issue of renormalizability in the context of Lorentz-violating theories has been defined and widely studied for both matter and gauge fields [6–11]. The basic idea is that one can break Lorentz symmetry at high energies introducing a weighted power counting that weights differently time and space coordinates. Thanks to this modified power counting, we can improve the UV behavior of propagators by introducing higher space derivatives terms in the kinetic Lagrangian. The number of higher space derivatives in a given theory is parametrized by some integer n . This procedure preserves perturbatively the unitarity of the theories because the weighted power counting coincides with the usual one on the time coordinate.

Lorentz-violating theories become less divergent and contain new interactions which are nonrenormalizable by the usual power counting but renormalizable by the weighted one. We assume that Lorentz-violating terms arise at energies greater than a breaking energy scale Λ_L .

The implications of Lorentz violation on physics beyond the standard model and, in particular, its consequences on low-energy phenomenology has been widely explored in the literature [12,13]. There are several purposes of possible Lorentz-violating extensions of the standard model that answer some questions about neutrino physics such as neutrino oscillations and neutrino masses [14] and give an alternative framework which concerns the origin of the mass of elementary particles [15–17].

The recovery of Lorentz invariance in the low-energy limit is not automatic and depends mostly on the running of the coupling constants associated to noncovariant operators that are renormalizable in the usual sense and for this reason are not suppressed by any powers of Λ_L . It has been shown that these coupling constants go to zero in the IR limit for *CPT*-preserving operators in the context of pure Yang-Mills theories, but grow for *CPT*-violating ones [18]. However, even if we assume *CPT* invariance we need a strong fine tuning on dimension 2 and dimension 3 operators at low energies to be in agreement with the strict constraints on Lorentz violation [19,20]. This problem is known in the literature as the Lorentz fine tuning problem [21]. One of the best candidates for trying to solve this new naturalness problem in the context of Lorentz-violating theories seems to be supersymmetry [22,23].

On this basis, it can be interesting to study quantum field theories that are exact representations of the SUSY algebra

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and contain Lorentz-violating terms. The idea of combining supersymmetry and Lorentz violation arises from a simple observation: even though the SUSY algebra is constructed as the graded extension of the Poincaré algebra, Lorentz violation and the SUSY algebra are not incompatible. In fact, if we weight differently space and time we have to eliminate from the Poincaré algebra the generators of the boosts, but these generators do not appear in the anticommutator of two supercharges. Hence, we can eliminate all the relations that contain them obtaining again a closed algebra [22].

From this algebraic compatibility we can start to construct $N = 1$ supersymmetric field theories with Lorentz violation. The classification of Lorentz-violating effective field theories that are exact representations of the SUSY algebra and the study of their quantum corrections have already been the subject of careful investigations in the literature [24,25]. However, in this work we want to focus our attention on the possibility of constructing Lorentz-violating supersymmetric theories which are renormalizable by weighted power counting. If we require the existence of superspace and the linearity of supercharges in the momenta we find, using weighted power counting, that the Kähler potential must have the same form as in the Lorentz-invariant case and, in particular, it cannot contain higher space derivatives. This happens because the Grassmannian spinor variables associated with the supercharges are not affected by the weighted power counting. However, for theories with even n we can introduce an even number of higher space derivatives as “mass” terms in the superpotential, preserving the rotational invariance in the spatial submanifold $\vec{M}_{\vec{a}}$. In this approach we can classify all the possible theories for chiral superfields and derive the corresponding Feynman rules. The structure of Feynman graphs in the Grassmann variables is not modified so that the nonrenormalization theorem works as in the Lorentz-invariant case.

Using a result of [24], we show that it is not possible to construct a gauged version of the terms with higher space derivatives in the superpotential. Moreover, by looking at the gauge sector we find that a generic Lorentz-violating gauge theory, defined once we have assigned weights to the fields, admits a supersymmetric extension if and only if the weighted power counting coincides with the usual one. Therefore, the requirement of supersymmetry rules out the possibility of having high energy renormalizable extensions of the standard model with higher dimensional operators. The only Lorentz-violating operators in the theory have to be renormalizable in the usual sense and their coupling constants need to fulfill the strict experimental bounds on Lorentz violation. In the supersymmetric case the Lorentz invariance recovery is regulated by the constant c in the spatial part of the kinetic term that does not renormalize if we assume that supersymmetry is softly

broken at a scale $\mu_s \ll \Lambda_L$. Therefore, the experimental bounds at low energies determine the values of the Lorentz-violating parameter also at high energies and the Lorentz violation effects will be irrelevant. The only nontrivial high-energy theories that we can construct involve neutral superfields which are singlets with respect to the standard model gauge group and interact through Landau-Ginzburg vertices Φ^N .

However, the problem of constructing Lorentz-violating supersymmetric field theories remains an open field of research because in principle we could consider various modified supersymmetry algebras in which the anticommutator of two conjugate supercharges is linear in the time momentum but nonlinear in the space momenta. These structures are still compatible with the weighted power counting and the Coleman-Mandula theorem [26,27] and in the limit $\Lambda_L \rightarrow \infty$ they approach the usual supersymmetry algebra. It is straightforward to find free Lagrangians that are invariant under the action of the new supercharges but, however, the nonlinearity in the spatial momenta makes the problem of constructing interacting theories a very complicated one.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we study the possible supersymmetry algebras in the Lorentz-violating case and discuss the problem of constructing interacting theories when the supercharges are nonlinear in the momenta. In particular, we explain on which point we disagree with the results of [28]. In Sec. III, assuming linearity of supercharges in the momenta, we construct the most general renormalizable Lorentz-violating theory for chiral superfields in four dimensions. We study the renormalization properties of these theories and show that the usual nonrenormalization theorem for supersymmetric theories has a trivial extension to the Lorentz-violating case. We also give a complete classification of the possible supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theories for neutral chiral superfields. In Sec. IV, we study the problem of constructing Lorentz-violating gauge theories. We apply a result of [24] to show that the theories of Sec. III are not generalizable to the case of charged chiral superfields. Finally, we show that if we demand supersymmetry for gauge theories the weighted power counting has to coincide with the usual one. In Sec. V, we discuss the low-energy limit of our theories and the recovery of Lorentz invariance. In the superfield formalism, it is almost trivial to show that the Lorentz-violating parameter c in the kinetic Lagrangian does not renormalize to all orders of perturbation theory. However, we will explicitly see in components how the requirement of supersymmetry remarkably changes the one-loop renormalization group equations for Lorentz-violating theories at low energies. Moreover, we discuss whether or not the deviation from the speed of light is physically observable in the Lorentz-violating supersymmetric theories. Section VI contains our conclusions.

II. SUSY ALGEBRA VS LORENTZ SYMMETRY BREAKING

A. Berger-Kosetelcký construction

We consider the spacetime manifold M_d and we take $d = 4$. Defining the weighted power counting, we split M_d into the product of two submanifolds $M_{\hat{d}} \times M_{\bar{d}}$ and so the complete Lorentz symmetry $SO(1,3)$ breaks into the residual symmetry $SO(1, \hat{d}-1) \times SO(\bar{d})$. The weighted power counting is defined once we assign the scaling laws, or equivalently the weights of coordinates or momenta [9]:

$$\hat{x} \rightarrow \hat{x} e^{-\Omega}, \quad \bar{x} \rightarrow e^{-\Omega/n}, \quad [\hat{p}] = 1, \quad [\bar{p}] = \frac{1}{n}. \quad (1)$$

Since we are breaking Lorentz symmetry, we have to discard the boost generator $J_{\hat{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$ between $M_{\hat{d}}$ and $M_{\bar{d}}$ from the Poincaré algebra \mathfrak{p} . However, $J_{\hat{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$ appears only on the left of the SUSY algebra commutation relations, so we can eliminate from the SUSY algebra \mathfrak{sp} the relations that contain $J_{\hat{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$ obtaining again a closed superalgebra \mathfrak{sp}' . In general, the anticommutator between the two conjugate supercharges will be

$$\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2a\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\hat{\mu}} P_{\hat{\mu}} + 2b\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}} P_{\bar{\mu}}. \quad (2)$$

Evaluating (2) on a generic physical state $|\psi\rangle$ and contracting the spinor indices, we obtain

$$0 < \langle \psi | \theta^\alpha \{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} \theta^{\dot{\alpha}} | \psi \rangle \\ = 2 \langle \psi | \theta^\alpha (a\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\hat{\mu}} P_{\hat{\mu}} + b\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}} P_{\bar{\mu}}) \theta^{\dot{\alpha}} | \psi \rangle.$$

The operator $\sigma^\mu P_\mu$ is positive definite on the physical states and this implies that $a > 0 \forall b$ for both massive and massless particles. We can rescale the supercharges defining $Q'_\alpha = \sqrt{a} Q_\alpha$, and dropping the primes we obtain

$$\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\hat{\mu}} P_{\hat{\mu}} + 2c\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}} P_{\bar{\mu}}. \quad (3)$$

To be consistent with the definition of weighted power counting (1), the constant c has to be dimensionless and to weight $[c] = 1 - 1/n$. The weight of supercharges is fixed by the commutation relations and is equal to their dimension:

$$[Q] = [\bar{Q}] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We can reabsorb the modification of the SUSY algebra by redefining the Minkowski metric $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ and the σ matrices [22]:

$$\sigma'^{\hat{\mu}} = \sigma^{\hat{\mu}}, \quad \sigma'^{\bar{\mu}} = c\sigma^{\bar{\mu}}, \\ (\sigma'^{\mu} \bar{\sigma}'^{\nu})^\alpha_\beta = -2\delta^\alpha_\beta \eta'^{\mu\nu} = -2\delta^\alpha_\beta (\eta_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}} + c^2 \eta_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}), \\ \square' = \eta'^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu = \partial^{\hat{\mu}} \partial_{\hat{\mu}} + c^2 \partial^{\bar{\mu}} \partial_{\bar{\mu}}, \\ p'^2 = \eta'^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu = p^{\hat{\mu}} p_{\hat{\mu}} + c^2 p^{\bar{\mu}} p_{\bar{\mu}} \quad (4)$$

and after these redefinitions the algebra (3) looks like the usual one. Therefore, the structure of the superspace is

identical to the Lorentz-invariant case as was observed in [29]. In particular we can define, as usual, the covariant derivatives so that $\{D, Q\} = \{D, \bar{Q}\} = 0$. In our construction, the crucial requirement is the linearity of the supercharges in the space momenta $P_{\hat{\mu}}$. This assumption makes possible the usual definitions of the $N = 1$ superspace as a coset space defined by the set of variables $z^\pi = (\hat{x}, \bar{x}, \theta, \bar{\theta})$. The operator $U(\hat{y}, \bar{y}, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = e^{i(\hat{y}\hat{P} + \bar{y}\bar{P} + i\eta Q + i\bar{\eta}\bar{Q})}$ is a well-defined translation in superspace and we can define a scalar superfield $S(\hat{x}, \bar{x}, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ so that $\delta_U S = -i\hat{y}\hat{P} - i\bar{y}\bar{P} + \eta Q S + \bar{\eta}\bar{Q} S$. From the Leibniz rule for the supercharges and the definition of covariant derivatives it follows that every polynomial in the superfields and its covariant derivatives is still a superfield.

B. Higher-momenta superalgebras

The Lorentz-violating case admits a larger class of superalgebras compatible with the Coleman-Mandula theorem and the weighted power counting. The anticommutator $\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\}$ is in the $(1/2, 1/2)$ representation of the Poincaré algebra and has dimension 1. In the Lorentz-invariant case this implies that it has to be proportional to $\sigma^\mu P_\mu$, which is the only operator of dimension 1 in the same representation. In the Lorentz-violating case, we can construct new operators $\bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}}$ of weight $[\bar{O}] = 1$ and dimension 1 in the vector representation of the $so(\bar{d})$ algebra. These operators are simply weighted polynomials of odd degree in the momentum \bar{P}

$$\bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}} = \sum_k a_k \frac{\bar{P}^{2k} \bar{P}^{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^{2k}}, \quad \text{with } k \leq \left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right],$$

where the constants a_k weight $[a_k] = 1 - (2k+1)/n$ and $[a_k] \geq 0$. The parameter n should be understood as the highest power of \bar{P} that appears in the quadratic terms of the Lagrangian, as explained in [9]. Therefore, we can construct new superalgebras allowed by the Coleman-Mandula theorem and by the weighted power counting:

$$\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^\mu P_\mu + 2\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^{\bar{\mu}} \bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}}, \\ \{D_\alpha, \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = -2\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^\mu P_\mu - 2\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^{\bar{\mu}} \bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}}. \quad (5)$$

The new operators $\bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}}$ have the same commutation rules as $\bar{P}^{\bar{\mu}}$ in the SUSY algebra because, removing $J_{\hat{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$ from the original superalgebra \mathfrak{sp} , \bar{P}^2 becomes a Casimir operator for the new superalgebra \mathfrak{sp}' . If we take the low-energy limit $\Lambda_L \rightarrow \infty$ in (5) we obtain again (3). In principle \mathfrak{sp}' has the same superspace as \mathfrak{sp} because we have not introduced new supercharges, but now our supercharges will be nonlinear operators in \bar{P} :

$$Q_\alpha = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^\alpha} - i\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^\mu \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \partial_\mu - i\sigma'_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}{}^{\bar{\mu}} \bar{\theta}^{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{O}^{\bar{\mu}}, \quad (6)$$

so the operator $U(\hat{y}, \bar{y}, \eta, \bar{\eta}) = e^{i(\hat{y}\hat{P} + \bar{y}\bar{P} + i\eta Q + i\bar{\eta}\bar{Q})}$ is not a simple translation in superspace anymore. We can still

define a superfield S so that $\delta_U S = -i\hat{y}\hat{P} - i\bar{y}\bar{P} + \eta QS + \bar{\eta}\bar{Q}S$, but now it is in general not true that every polynomial in S is still a superfield because the supercharges (6) do not respect Leibniz rule: $\delta_U(S_1 S_2) \neq \delta_U S_1 S_2 + S_1 \delta_U S_2$. For this reason the superfield formalism loses its usefulness and it is not possible to promote directly the usual supersymmetric Lagrangians for matter and gauge fields to Lagrangians which are symmetric under the modified SUSY algebra (5). The construction of a recent publication [28] is completely invalidated by this observation. Actually, that construction works only for free theories because the Leibniz rule for the supercharges (6) is fulfilled up to a total derivative if we consider only bilinears in the superfields. As an example of our general argument we consider the same theory as [28], namely for (1,3) splitting we take the superalgebra (5) for $n = 3$. For the chiral supermultiplet we can write a kinetic Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = & \hat{\phi}\phi^\dagger\hat{\phi} + \left(c_1\bar{\partial} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^2\bar{\partial}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\phi^\dagger\left(c_1\bar{\partial} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^2\bar{\partial}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\phi \\ & + \chi^\dagger\left(i\hat{\partial} + c_1i\hat{\not{D}} + \frac{i\hat{\partial}^3}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\chi + F^\dagger F. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The Lagrangian is invariant under the transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_\eta\phi &= \sqrt{2}\eta\chi, \\ \delta_\eta\chi &= i\sqrt{2}\left(\sigma^{\hat{\mu}}\bar{\eta}\partial_{\hat{\mu}} + \sigma^{\bar{\mu}}\bar{\eta}\left(c_1\partial_{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^2\partial_{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\right)\phi + \sqrt{2}\eta F, \\ \delta_\eta F &= i\sqrt{2}\bar{\eta}\left(\bar{\sigma}^{\hat{\mu}}\partial_{\hat{\mu}} + c_1\bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\mu}}\left(c_1\partial_{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\partial^2\partial_{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\right)\chi, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which are clearly generated by supercharges that satisfy the superalgebra (5) for $n = 3$. The author [28] claims that if we want to add interactions invariant under (8) to this theory, it is sufficient to rephrase the usual superfield formalism for the new supercharges. Following his derivation, from the definition of the chiral superfield $\bar{D}_\alpha\Phi = 0$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x, \theta) = & \phi(x) + i\theta\sigma^{\hat{\mu}}\bar{\theta}\partial_{\hat{\mu}}\phi(x) - i\theta\sigma^{\bar{\mu}}\bar{\theta}\left(c_1\partial_{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^2\partial_{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\phi(x) \\ & + \frac{1}{4}\theta^2\bar{\theta}^2\left(\hat{\partial}^2 + 2c_1\frac{\bar{\partial}^4}{\Lambda_L^2} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^6}{\Lambda_L^4}\right)\phi(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta\chi(x) \\ & + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta^2\bar{\theta}\left(\bar{\sigma}^{\hat{\mu}}\partial_{\hat{\mu}} + \bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\mu}}\left(c_1\partial_{\bar{\mu}} + \frac{\bar{\partial}^2\partial_{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^2}\right)\right)\chi(x) \\ & + \theta^2 F(x). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

If the superfield formalism worked, then each holomorphic function of the superfield (9) would be invariant under (8). As an example of a possible interaction Lagrangian, let us consider the usual cubic interaction in the superfields:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{g}{3} \int d^2\theta\Phi^3 + \text{H.c.} = gF\phi^2 - g\phi\psi\psi + \text{H.c.}$$

Now varying \mathcal{L}_{int} with respect to (8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = & i\sqrt{2}\bar{\eta}\left[\partial^{\hat{\mu}}(\bar{\sigma}_{\hat{\mu}}\chi\phi^2) + \partial^{\bar{\mu}}(c_1\bar{\sigma}_{\bar{\mu}}\chi\phi^2) + \frac{\partial^{\bar{\mu}}}{\Lambda_L^2}(\bar{\partial}^2\chi\phi^2 \right. \\ & \left. - 2\bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\nu}}\partial_{\bar{\mu}}\chi\partial_{\bar{\nu}}\phi\phi + 2\bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\nu}}(\partial_{\bar{\mu}}\partial_{\bar{\nu}}\phi\phi + \partial_{\bar{\mu}}\phi\partial_{\bar{\nu}}\phi))\right] \\ & + i2\sqrt{2}\bar{\eta}\bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\mu}}\chi\partial^{\bar{\nu}}\partial_{\bar{\mu}}\phi\partial_{\bar{\nu}}\phi. \end{aligned}$$

Because of the last term in the previous equation, $\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \neq \partial^{\hat{\mu}}A_{\hat{\mu}} + \partial^{\bar{\mu}}B_{\bar{\mu}}$ and therefore the action is not invariant under the transformations (8). This was expected, since the supercharges are nonlinear in the spatial derivatives.

Clearly, the possibility of constructing interacting quantum field theories which are invariant under the superalgebra (5) is not ruled out by our observation and could be an interesting open field of research which, however, needs more involved constructions.

In the rest of this paper we will restrict ourselves to the case in which the supercharges are assumed to be linear in the spatial momenta and we will work with the supersymmetric algebra (3).

III. RENORMALIZABLE LORENTZ-VIOLATING THEORIES FOR CHIRAL SUPERFIELDS

A. General discussion

The integration measure in four dimensions for a general splitting $4 = \hat{d} + \bar{d}$ weights $-\mathfrak{d} \equiv -(\hat{d} + \frac{\bar{d}}{n})$, so a renormalizable Lagrangian has to be a weighted polynomial in the momenta of weight $[\mathcal{L}] = \mathfrak{d}$ and dimension 4, as we want to keep the action dimensionless and weightless.

Considering the superalgebra (3), we take a chiral superfield $\Phi(\hat{x}, \bar{x}, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ in the $N = 1$ superspace defined by the constraint $\bar{D}\Phi = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\hat{x}, \bar{x}, \theta, \bar{\theta}) = & \phi + i\theta\sigma^{\hat{\mu}}\bar{\theta}\partial_{\hat{\mu}}\phi + \frac{\theta^2\bar{\theta}^2}{4}\square'\phi + \sqrt{2}\theta\chi \\ & + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}\theta^2\bar{\theta}\bar{\sigma}^{\hat{\mu}}\partial_{\hat{\mu}}\chi + \theta^2 F. \end{aligned}$$

The complex scalar field $\phi(x)$ and the Weyl spinor $\chi(x)$ are propagating quantum fields, and we can derive their weights from their kinetic Lagrangian [9]. The chiral superfield then weights

$$[\Phi] = [\phi] = \frac{\mathfrak{d} - 2}{2} = [\theta] + [\chi] = [\theta] + \frac{\mathfrak{d} - 1}{2}. \quad (10)$$

The equation (10) fixes the weight of the spinor coordinates to $[\theta] = -1/2 \forall n$, which is equal to the difference of weight between scalars and fermions and is constant with respect to n . The spinor coordinates in the superspace do not rescale with n and their weights are equal to their dimensions so that, as in the Lorentz-invariant case, $[d^4\theta] = 2$ and $[d^2\theta] = [d^2\bar{\theta}] = 1 \forall n$.

We want to construct the most general Lorentz-violating Lagrangian for M different chiral superfields Φ_i with

$i = 1 \dots M$. The Kähler potential $K[\Phi, \bar{\Phi}]$ weights $[K] = \mathfrak{d} - 2$ and the superpotential $f[\Phi]$ weights $[f] = \mathfrak{d} - 1$. If we demand polynomiality of the Lagrangian, $[\Phi] > 0$, we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_{(\hat{d}, \bar{d})} = \int d^4\theta \bar{\Phi}_i \Phi_i + \sum_{\alpha, N} \int d^2\theta \frac{\lambda_{N, \alpha}}{N \Lambda_L^{N(d-2)/2 + p_1 + p_2 - 3}} \times [\hat{\partial}^{p_1} \bar{\partial}^{p_2} \Phi^N]_{\alpha} + \text{H.c.}, \quad (11)$$

where α labels possible different derivative structures and a combinatorial factor can appear in the denominator if there are identical superfields. The most general Kähler potential which is renormalizable by weighted power counting has the same form as the Lorentz-invariant one. This observation severely restricts the possibility of constructing supersymmetric Lorentz-violating models and at the same time will have important implications in the study of the renormalization group flow at low energies of the c parameter. In the superpotential, the derivative structure of the vertex defines a monomial in the superfield momenta of weight $\delta_N^{\alpha} = p_1 + p_2/n$. If we want to preserve CPT invariance and symmetry under rotation in the submanifold $M_{\bar{d}}$ we have to assume that p_1 and p_2 are even numbers. The coupling constant $\lambda_{\alpha, N}$ associated to a vertex with N superfields is a symmetric tensor with N internal indices $i_1 \dots i_N$, where $i_k = 1 \dots M \forall k$, and by power counting it has to weight

$$[\lambda_{N, \alpha}] = \mathfrak{d} - 1 - N[\Phi] - \delta_N^{\alpha}. \quad (12)$$

We will call a vertex weighted marginal when its coupling constant weights $[\lambda_{N, \alpha}] = 0$, weighted relevant when $[\lambda_{N, \alpha}] > 0$ and weighted irrelevant when $[\lambda_{N, \alpha}] < 0$. As it has been shown in [9], the renormalization rules in the Lorentz-violating case work as in the Lorentz invariant one after the substitution $d \rightarrow \mathfrak{d}$, so that we can express the renormalizability condition imposing that the weight of the coupling constant has to be greater or equal to zero, $[\lambda_{N, \alpha}] \geq 0$. As we need $[\Phi] > 0$ for polynomiality, taking $N = 2$ in this inequality we can derive an upper bound on the weight of the monomial in the momenta $\delta_N^{\alpha} \leq 1$, that ensures perturbative unitarity of the theory and forbids the presence of terms with time derivatives in the superpotential. We write $\mathcal{L}_{(\hat{d}, \bar{d})} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}$, where the kinetic term of the Lagrangian (11) is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \int d^4\theta \bar{\Phi}_i \Phi_i + \int d^2\theta \left(\sum_{l \leq [n/2]} \frac{(a_l)_{ij}}{2 \Lambda_L^{2l-1}} \bar{\partial}^l \Phi_i \partial^l \Phi_j \right) + \text{H.c.} \quad (13)$$

Only terms with an even number of space derivatives are allowed and the index l in the sum is an integer that goes from zero to the integer part of the ratio $[n/2]$. The higher space derivatives terms generalize the mass term in the Wess-Zumino model [30] and are regulated by the coupling constants $(a_l)_{ij}$, which are $M \times M$ symmetric matrix of

weight $[a_l] = 1 - 2l/n$. The diagonal terms of a_l behave as Majorana mass terms, whereas the off-diagonal terms behave as Dirac mass terms. In order to simplify the notation, we omit the internal index structure and take the free partition function of a theory with only one chiral superfield, in which the coupling constant a_l becomes a coefficient and we can construct only Majorana mass terms.

$$Z_0[J, \bar{J}] = \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{D}\bar{\Phi} \exp - \left\{ \int d^8z \left[\frac{1}{2} (\Phi \quad \bar{\Phi}) A \begin{pmatrix} \Phi \\ \bar{\Phi} \end{pmatrix} - (\Phi \quad \bar{\Phi}) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{D^2}{4} J \\ \frac{\bar{D}^2}{4} \bar{J} \end{pmatrix} \right] \right\}$$

$$\text{and } A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} \frac{D^2}{4} & 1 \\ 1 & A_{22} \frac{\bar{D}^2}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{where } A_{11} = A_{22} = \left(\sum_{l \leq [n/2]} \frac{(-)^l a_l \bar{\partial}^{2l}}{\Lambda_L^{2l-1}} \right).$$

From the partition function, we can derive the propagators for the chiral superfield using the methods of [31]:

$$\langle \Phi(1) \bar{\Phi}(2) \rangle_{J=0} = \frac{\delta_{12}}{p'^2 + \left(\sum_{l \leq [n/2]} \frac{a_l}{2 \Lambda_L^{2l-1}} (\bar{p}^2)^l \right)^2}, \quad (14)$$

$$\langle \Phi(1) \Phi(2) \rangle_{J=0} = \frac{D^2}{4} \left(\sum_{l \leq [n/2]} \frac{a_l (\bar{p}^2)^l}{\Lambda_L^{2l-1}} \right) \times \frac{\delta_{12}}{p'^2 (p'^2 + \left(\sum_{l \leq [n/2]} \frac{a_l (\bar{p}^2)^l}{\Lambda_L^{2l-1}} \right)^2)}, \quad (15)$$

where we have reabsorbed the $-D^2/4$ factors in the Feynman rules for the vertices and p'^2 is defined in (4). If we differentiate the propagators (14) and (15) with respect to any coefficient a_l with $l < [n/2]$, the weight of the denominator increases by $1 - 2l/n$ and differentiating with respect to c increases by $1 - 1/n$. Hence, we can make any Feynman graph convergent by differentiating it a suitable number of times with respect to the coefficients a_l or c , and the counterterms will be polynomials in a_l and c . We can consider the super-renormalizable operators associated with the coefficients a_l and c as vertices with two external lines and treat them perturbatively. Doing that, we can study the UV behavior of the Lorentz-violating theories keeping in the propagators (14) and (15) only the terms with the maximum number of spatial derivatives:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi \bar{\Phi}} = \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 + a_{[n/2]}^2 \frac{(\bar{p}^2)^{2[n/2]}}{\Lambda_L^{4[n/2]-2}}}, \quad (16)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi \Phi} = \frac{D^2}{4} \frac{a_{[n/2]} (\bar{p}^2)^{[n/2]}}{\Lambda_L^{2[n/2]-1}} \frac{\delta_{12}}{p'^2 (\hat{p}^2 + a_{[n/2]}^2 \frac{(\bar{p}^2)^{2[n/2]}}{\Lambda_L^{4[n/2]-2})}}. \quad (17)$$

The weight of the coefficient $a_{[n/2]}$ is zero for even n and strictly positive for odd n , and in fact the operators $(\bar{\partial}^{[n/2]}\Phi)^2$ in the free Lagrangian (13) are strictly renormalizable for even n and super-renormalizable for odd n . Therefore, for odd n we cannot construct propagators which are the inverse of homogeneous polynomials of weight 2 and this fact completely invalidates our construction. To understand what does not work in the odd n case, we compare the kinetic terms of the fermionic and the scalar Lagrangians in the nonsupersymmetric case for an arbitrary n [9]:

$$\mathcal{L}_s = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\partial}\phi)^2 - \frac{c^2}{2}(\bar{\partial}\phi)^2 - \sum_{l=2}^n \frac{a_l^2}{2\Lambda_L^{2l-2}}(\partial^l\phi)^2 - \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2, \quad (18)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_f = \bar{\psi}\left(i\hat{\not{\partial}} + v i\bar{\not{\partial}} + \sum_{\text{odd}}^n \frac{b_l'}{\Lambda_L^{l-1}}(i\bar{\not{\partial}})^l + \sum_{\text{even}}^n \frac{b_l}{\Lambda_L^{l-1}}(i\bar{\not{\partial}})^l - M\right)\psi. \quad (19)$$

From the equations of motion associated with the Lagrangians (18) and (19), we derive the corresponding dispersion relations¹:

$$E_s^2(\bar{p}) = c^2\bar{p}^2 + \sum_{l=2}^n a_l^2 \frac{\bar{p}^{2l}}{\Lambda_L^{2l-2}} + m^2, \quad (20)$$

$$E_f^2(\bar{p}) = \bar{p}^2\left(v + \sum_{\text{odd}}^n \frac{b_l'}{\Lambda_L^{l-1}}\bar{p}^{l-1}\right)^2 + \left(M + \sum_{\text{even}}^n \frac{b_l}{\Lambda_L^{l-1}}\bar{p}^l\right)^2. \quad (21)$$

In the Lorentz-invariant case, the dispersion relation among energy and spatial momentum is universal for all particles $E^2(\bar{p}) = c^2\bar{p}^2 + m^2$. Conversely, we see from (21) that in the Lorentz-violating case the dispersion relation for fermions contains two different kinds of contributions that are related, respectively, to terms with an even or an odd number of derivatives in the kinetic Lagrangian (19). This happens because the terms with an even number of derivatives behave like mass terms from the point of view of the spin 1/2 representation of the Lorentz group, while the terms with an odd number of derivatives behave like \bar{p} . A necessary condition for the theory to be supersymmetric is that all the dispersion relations of particles in the same supermultiplet have to be the same. We have shown that all the higher spatial derivatives terms that behave like masses can be supersymmetrized by adding appropriate F-terms to the superpotential. On the contrary, all terms with an odd number of higher spatial derivatives would correspond to modifications of the Kähler potential. However, a Kähler

¹For simplicity, we write the dispersion relations in the case of (1, 3) splitting, in which there is a natural identification of the energy with the only component of the four momentum whose weighted dimension coincides with the usual one. The extension to different splittings is straightforward.

potential which is renormalizable by weighted power counting should have the same form as the Lorentz-invariant one and therefore we cannot construct a supersymmetric version of a theory with an odd number of higher spatial derivatives in the fermionic kinetic term. If n is odd this means that it is not possible to construct a supersymmetric version of a free theory with scalars and fermions. For even n we can construct supersymmetric theories in which dispersion relations for fermions will be of the form (21) with $b_l' = 0 \forall l$.

The Feynman rules for the vertices remain unchanged with respect to the Lorentz-invariant case [31] because the Lorentz-violating terms do not modify the θ -structure of Feynman graphs. Therefore, the divergent contributions to the effective energy are polynomials in the external momenta of the form

$$\Gamma_\infty = \int d^4x d^4\theta F(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}, D\Phi, \dots, \bar{\partial}\Phi, \dots). \quad (22)$$

By power counting, we obtain $[F] = \mathfrak{d} - 2$, so that the nonrenormalization theorem [32] for the divergent contributions still works in the Lorentz-violating case and the divergent contributions affect only the Kähler potential. We can calculate the superficial divergence for a generic Feynman graph G at L loops, with I propagators, V vertices and E external lines²

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(G) &= (\mathfrak{d} - 2)L - 2I - E + \sum_{N,\alpha} v_N(N - 1 + \delta_N^\alpha) \\ &= d(E) - 2 - \sum_{N,\alpha} v_N^\alpha[\lambda_{\alpha,N}], \quad \text{where } d(E) = \mathfrak{d} - E[\Phi] \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

and the weights of the chiral superfield Φ and of the coupling constant are defined in (10) and (12). For renormalizable theories, taking $E = 2$ yields an upper bound for the superficial divergence, $\omega(G) \leq 0$, that is in agreement with the result of the nonrenormalization theorem (22). Therefore, in a supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theory the Kähler potential can receive radiative corrections with logarithmic divergences if and only if there are strictly renormalizable interactions. If the theory contains only super-renormalizable interactions, then the theory is finite. In the Lorentz-invariant Wess-Zumino model, the nonrenormalization theorem ensures that the behavior of the theory at different energies is regulated only by the wave function renormalization constant. In our models this is not

²The covariant derivatives algebra contains the positive weighted constant c , so that their commutation rules generate nonhomogeneous polynomials of degree 1 in the momenta. A chiral vertex $\int d^2\theta \Phi^N$ yields $N - 1$ D^2 factors to the numerators, that correspond to a nonhomogeneous polynomial of maximum degree $N - 1$ in the momenta. In the computation of the superficial divergence, we consider the term of maximum degree for every polynomial generated by the covariant derivatives commutation rules. The other terms will have a better UV behavior.

true anymore. However, we can derive relations among different renormalization constants. The most general renormalizable interaction Lagrangian contains two different kinds of composite operators:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} \supset \int d^2\theta \left\{ \frac{\lambda_k}{\Lambda_L^{k-3}} \Phi^k + \frac{\lambda'_{k,l,\alpha}}{\Lambda_L^{k+2l-3}} [\bar{\partial}^{2l} \Phi^k]_{\alpha} \right\} + \text{H.c.}$$

Demanding the renormalizability of the theory it is easy to see that k is an integer number $2 < k \leq \bar{N}$, where \bar{N} is the maximum number of legs for the chiral vertex in a Lorentz-violating theory with fixed n ,

$$\bar{N} = \left[2 \frac{\bar{d} - 1}{\bar{d} - 2} \right], \quad (24)$$

and we indicate with the squared brackets the integer part of the enclosed ratio.

Consequently, $n/2 \leq l < n$, where in our case $n/2$ is always an integer because our theories are defined for even n only. We will classify all the possible models for different splittings in section III C. The renormalization constant of operators like Φ^k is simply the product of k times the renormalization constant of the superfield Φ , whereas composite operators like $O_{k,l,\alpha} \equiv [\bar{\partial}^{2l} \Phi^k]_{\alpha}$ renormalize in a nontrivial way because of the space derivatives in the vertices. Rewriting the Lagrangian respect to the *bare* quantities, we get

$$(\lambda_k)_B = \mu^{\epsilon(k/2-1)} Z_{\lambda_k} \lambda_k, \quad \Phi_B = Z_{\Phi}^{1/2} \Phi, \quad (a_l)_B = Z_{a_l} a_l, \\ c_B = c + \Delta_c, \quad (\lambda'_{k,l,\alpha})_B = \mu^{\epsilon(k/2-1)} Z_{\lambda'_{k,l,\alpha}} \lambda'_{k,l,\alpha},$$

$$(O_{k,l,\alpha})_B = Z_{O_{k,l,\alpha}} O_{k,l,\alpha}, \quad \Lambda_{LB} = Z_{\Lambda_L} \Lambda_L.$$

From the nonrenormalization of the superpotential we then obtain

$$\frac{Z_{\Phi}^{k/2} Z_{\lambda_k}}{Z_{\Lambda_L}^{k-3}} = 1, \quad \frac{Z_{O_{k,l,\alpha}} Z_{\lambda'_{k,l,\alpha}}}{Z_{\Lambda_L}^{k+2l-3}} = 1. \quad (25)$$

On the other hand, the Kähler potential is renormalized by a single superfield wave function renormalization $K_B[\bar{\Phi}, \Phi] = Z_{\Phi} K[\bar{\Phi}, \Phi]$, so that

$$\Delta_c = 0, \quad \frac{Z_{a_l}}{Z_{\Lambda_L}} = 1. \quad (26)$$

This last result implies that the deviation from the speed of light of a supermultiplet does not renormalize in a supersymmetric theory. We will discuss in more detail the physical consequences of this result in Sec. V.

B. Homogeneous theories

We call homogeneous a theory whose vertices are all marginal. This kind of theory is invariant at the classical level under the weighted dilatations (1), while at the quantum level the weighted scale invariance is anomalous and related to the renormalization group [9]. Moreover, in the

nonsupersymmetric case homogeneous models for scalars and spinors were classified in [9]. In this section, we want to study the possibility of constructing homogeneous Lorentz-violating supersymmetric theories. To analyze this problem, it is important to emphasize that in the supercharges algebra (3) Lorentz-violation is introduced by means of the weighted constant c . Therefore, if $[c] > 0$ and $c \neq 0$ the kinetic term in the Kähler potential always introduces a nonhomogeneous term in the propagator, which breaks the weighted scale invariance.

We can define Lorentz-violating homogeneous theories if $[c] = 0$ and $n = 1$. In this case, we obtain the model proposed in [22], in which the interaction sector is equal to the Wess-Zumino model. However, we can obtain another class of homogeneous theories by taking $c = 0$. In this case, the super-algebra (3) becomes

$$\{Q_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\hat{\mu}} P_{\hat{\mu}}. \quad (27)$$

The resulting algebra (27) is the usual $N = 1$ supersymmetry algebra in $d = 4$, but projected on the submanifold $M_{\hat{d}}$. It is clear that the Kähler potential for the chiral superfields associated with this algebra does not introduce nonhomogeneous terms in the propagators. Therefore, we can define a class of free homogeneous Lagrangians for every even value of n , inserting in the superpotential (13) only the bilinear with the maximum number of spatial derivatives, regulated by the weightless constant $a_{n/2}$. The propagators are the inverse of homogeneous polynomials of weight 2:

$$\langle \Phi(1) \bar{\Phi}(2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 + a_{n/2}^2 \frac{\bar{p}^{2n}}{\Lambda_L^{2n-2}}}, \quad (28) \\ \langle \Phi(1) \Phi(2) \rangle = \frac{D^2 a_{n/2} (\bar{p}^2)^{n/2}}{4 \Lambda_L^{n-1}} \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 (\hat{p}^2 + a_{n/2}^2 \frac{(\bar{p}^2)^n}{\Lambda_L^{2n-2}})}.$$

From these free theories, we can construct interacting Lagrangians by adding all the renormalizable terms in the superpotential. When $c = 0$, if we consider only the strictly renormalizable interactions in the superpotential, we then obtain homogenous interacting theories. At the quantum level, the fixed points of the renormalization group for these theories are still invariant under weighted scale transformations, but far from the fixed points the symmetry is anomalous. In the low-energy limit we cannot restore the usual $N = 1$ supersymmetry algebra in $d = 4$ and we cannot obtain a Lorentz-invariant theory with usual propagators because of the weighted scale invariance; in fact super-renormalizable terms cannot be produced by renormalization because they would break the weighted scale invariance. In the IR limit, the propagators (28) become

$$\lim_{\Lambda_L \rightarrow \infty} \langle \Phi(1) \bar{\Phi}(2) \rangle = \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2}, \quad \lim_{\Lambda_L \rightarrow \infty} \langle \Phi(1) \Phi(2) \rangle = 0. \quad (29)$$

The propagators (29) do not depend on \bar{p} , so that all the diagrams constructed with these propagators are not computable, because they contain divergences that no counter-terms can eliminate. Hence the IR limit is singular. From homogenous theories, we can construct nonhomogeneous theories invariant under the algebra (27), by adding to the superpotential all the super-renormalizable terms. Doing that, we are breaking the weighted scale invariance, but terms fundamental for the Lorentz symmetry recovery such as $\phi^* \partial^{\bar{\mu}} \partial_{\bar{\mu}} \phi$ or $i \partial_{\bar{\mu}} \bar{\psi} \bar{\sigma}^{\bar{\mu}} \psi$ are not generated by renormalization because they break the symmetry of the Lagrangian under supersymmetry transformations (27). This means that for $c = 0$ Lorentz symmetry cannot be restored and the IR limit of these theories is still singular.

C. Classification of neutral chiral superfield’s models

We want to classify all the possible theories invariant under the superalgebra (3) for all possible splittings of the four dimensional spacetime manifold. The basic ingredient of such classification will be the maximum number of legs for a chiral vertex defined in (24).

- (1) For splitting (0, 4) we have $\bar{N} = [2 \frac{4-n}{4-2n}]$. The only solution is the $n = 1$ and $\bar{N} = 3$ and we thus recover the Wess-Zumino model.
- (2) For (1, 3) splitting we obtain $\bar{N} = [2 \frac{3}{3-n}]$. For $n = 1$ we find again the Lorentz-violating Wess-Zumino model proposed in [22,29]. Taking $n = 2$ we find

$\bar{N} = 6$, which is the only nontrivial solution of the condition (24). Hence, for (1, 3) splitting the only theory with strictly renormalizable interactions has $n = 2$ and $\bar{d} = 5/2$. The Lagrangian, requiring symmetry under the transformation $\Phi \rightarrow -\Phi$, will be

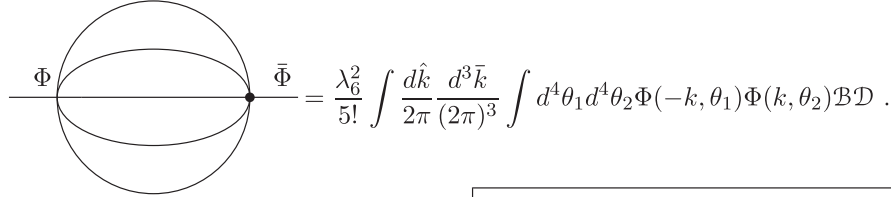
$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^4\theta \bar{\Phi} \Phi + \int d^2\theta \left[\frac{(\bar{\partial}\Phi)^2}{2\Lambda_L} + \frac{m\Phi^2}{2} \right] + \int d^2\theta \left[\lambda_4 \frac{\Phi^4}{4!\Lambda_L} + \lambda_6 \frac{\Phi^6}{6!\Lambda_L^3} \right] + \text{H.c.} \quad (30)$$

We can derive the propagators for the superfields and expand them for high momenta in order to study the UV behavior of the theory:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi\bar{\Phi}} = \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 + (c^2 + \frac{2m}{\Lambda_L})\bar{p}^2 + \frac{\bar{p}^4}{\Lambda_L^2} + m^2} \simeq \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 + \frac{\bar{p}^4}{\Lambda_L^2}}, \quad (31)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi\Phi} = \frac{D^2 \bar{p}^2}{4 \Lambda_L} \frac{\delta_{12}}{\hat{p}^2 + (c^2 + \frac{2m}{\Lambda_L})\bar{p}^2 + \frac{\bar{p}^4}{\Lambda_L^2} + m^2} \simeq \frac{D^2 \bar{p}^2}{4 \Lambda_L} \frac{\delta_{12}}{p'^2 (\hat{p}^2 + \frac{\bar{p}^4}{\Lambda_L^2})}. \quad (32)$$

The first divergent radiative correction to the Kähler potential is at 4 loops:



The covariant derivatives algebra is easy to compute if we recall the usual identities

$$\mathcal{D} = \delta_{12} \frac{D^2 \bar{D}^2}{16} \delta_{12} \frac{\bar{D}^2 D^2}{16} \delta_{12} \frac{D^2 \bar{D}^2}{16} \delta_{12} \frac{D^2 \bar{D}^2}{16} \delta_{12} = \delta_{12}.$$

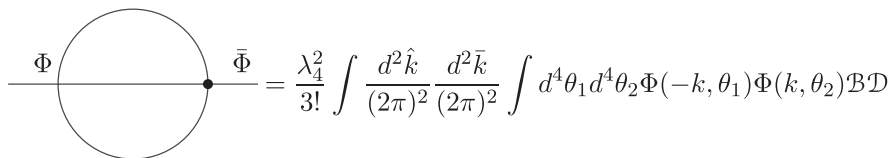
Therefore, the superfields computation is reduced to the computation of the bosonic integral \mathcal{B} , which is not easily computable because of the modified form of the propagators (31) and (32).

- (3) For (2, 2) splitting $\bar{N} = n + 2$ and we can construct theories with strictly renormalizable interactions for any even n . For example, we can choose $n = 2$ and

write the complete theory:

$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^4\theta \bar{\Phi} \Phi + \int d^2\theta \left[\frac{(\bar{\partial}\Phi)^2}{2\Lambda_L} + \frac{m\Phi^2}{2} \right] + \int d^2\theta \left[\frac{\lambda_3}{3!} \Phi^3 + \frac{\lambda_4}{4!\Lambda_L} \Phi^4 \right].$$

The kinetic term is the same of the theory $n = 2$ for (1, 3) splitting and the propagators are (31) and (32). The first divergent radiative correction to the Kähler potential is at 2 loops:



Again, for this graph $\mathcal{D} = \delta_{12}$ but the bosonic integral \mathcal{B} is again very hard to compute.

- (4) In the (3, 1) case, we obtain $\bar{N} = [2\frac{2n+1}{n+1}]$ that has only one integer solution for $n = 1$ that is the trivial one. Therefore we can construct only super-renormalizable theories.
- (5) For splitting (4, 0), we obtain the Lorentz-invariant Wess-Zumino model.

IV. GAUGE INVARIANT THEORIES

We want to study the problem of finding a gauge invariant version of the Lorentz-violating supersymmetric theories that we have found in Sec. III. First of all, we apply a result of [24] to show that it is not possible to generalize the theories of Sec. III to the case of charged chiral superfields. The basic observation in our construction was that it is possible to insert higher space derivatives as mass terms in the superpotential in (13) because they preserve the chirality of Φ , which is clear recalling that $[D_\alpha, \partial_{\bar{\mu}}] = 0$. Charged chiral superfields transform with a phase under the action of a general $SU(N)$ gauge group

$$\Phi_i \rightarrow e^\Lambda \Phi_i,$$

where Λ is a chiral superfield. We can define a gauge invariant version of the supersymmetric covariant derivative:

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha \Phi_i = e^{-V} D_\alpha (e^V \Phi_i),$$

where $V(\hat{x}, \bar{x}, \theta, \bar{\theta})$ is the vector superfield with its usual gauge transformation law: $e^V \rightarrow e^{\hat{\Lambda}} e^V e^{-\hat{\Lambda}}$. It is clear that explicit spatial derivatives in the action break gauge invariance. In principle, as was observed in [24], we could still introduce higher spatial derivatives in the superpotential promoting $\partial_{\bar{\mu}}$ to a covariant derivative:

$$D_{\bar{\mu}} \Phi = -\frac{i\bar{\sigma}_{\bar{\mu}}^{\dot{\alpha}\alpha}}{4} \bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \mathcal{D}_\alpha \Phi. \quad (33)$$

The problem, however, is that $D_{\bar{\mu}}$ does not preserve the chirality condition. In fact, as it was checked in [24]:

$$\bar{D}_{\dot{\alpha}} \bar{D}_{\dot{\beta}} (e^{-V} D_\alpha e^V \Phi_i) = 2\varepsilon_{\dot{\beta}\dot{\alpha}} W_\alpha \Phi \neq 0. \quad (34)$$

This argument shows that the theories that we have constructed are not generalizable to the case of charged chiral superfields.

Now we will see directly in the gauge sector that, requiring gauge invariance and supersymmetry, the weighted power counting has to coincide with the usual one. We briefly review the derivation of the weights for the gauge fields referring to [7,8] for a complete study of Lorentz-violating gauge theories. In the Lorentz-violating case, the gauge field A_μ has to be decomposed as all the other vectors into time and space components $A = (\hat{A}, \bar{A})$. Therefore the covariant derivative is decomposed as

$$D = (\hat{D}, \bar{D}) = (\hat{\partial} + e\hat{A}, \bar{\partial} + e\bar{A}), \quad (35)$$

where e is the gauge coupling constant. To be consistent with the definition of covariant derivative (35) we have to weight $[e\hat{A}] = [\hat{\partial}] = 1$ and $[e\bar{A}] = [\bar{\partial}] = 1/n$. The field strength is split into three parts:

$$\hat{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\hat{\mu}\hat{\nu}}, \quad \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\hat{\mu}\bar{\nu}}, \quad \bar{F}_{\mu\nu} \equiv F_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}.$$

The kinetic Lagrangian has to contain $(\hat{\partial}\hat{A})^2$, so we can obtain the weight of \hat{A} , that is equal to the weight of the scalar field, and from the definition of covariant derivatives we derive the weights for \bar{A} and $[e] = 2 - \hat{d}/2$. Summarizing, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d} - 2}{2}, & [\bar{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 2 + \frac{1}{n}, & [\hat{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2}, \\ [\tilde{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{n}, & [\bar{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 2 + \frac{2}{n}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

The requirement of absence of spurious subdivergences [7] implies that

$$\hat{d} = 1, \quad \hat{d} < 2 + \frac{2}{n}, \quad d = \text{even}, \quad n = \text{odd},$$

and the only acceptable splitting is (1, 3). In this case, we have $\hat{F} = 0$ so it is possible to rearrange the weights of the gauge field and the gauge coupling so that the product eA maintains the same weight and at the same time $[\tilde{F}] = \hat{d}/2$:

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - \frac{1}{n}, & [\bar{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 1, & [\tilde{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2}, \\ [\bar{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 1 + \frac{1}{n}, & [e] &= 1 + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{\hat{d}}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

In the supersymmetric case, both weight assignments (36) and (37) have to be consistent with the relations among the weights of the fields imposed by the supersymmetric transformations generated by the supercharges (3). For the vector multiplet the supersymmetric transformations are

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_\eta A^\mu &= \bar{\eta} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\lambda} \lambda + \bar{\lambda} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\lambda} \eta, \\ \delta_\eta \lambda &= \frac{i}{2} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \bar{\sigma}^{\nu\lambda} \eta F_{\mu\nu} + \eta D, \\ \delta_\eta D &= \bar{\eta} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\lambda} \partial_\mu \lambda - \partial_\mu \bar{\lambda} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu\lambda} \eta, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

where the gaugino λ is a propagating Majorana fermion, D is an auxiliary field and η is the spinorial parameter of the supersymmetry transformation. Since we know the weights of λ , η and of the weighted constant c , we can obtain the weights of the other fields of the supermultiplet, applying the weighted power counting to the relations (38) yields

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d} - 2}{2}, & [\bar{A}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - \frac{1}{n}, & [D] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2}, & [\hat{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2}, \\ [\tilde{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right), & [\bar{F}] &= \frac{\hat{d}}{2} - 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

Any gauge theory that has a supersymmetric extension invariant under the supersymmetry algebra (3) has to satisfy the constraint on the weight of the fields (39). Therefore, we can take the two possible weight assignments for Lorentz-violating gauge field theories (36) and (37) and check for which value of n these theories can admit a supersymmetric extension. Doing that we found that the only possible value is $n = 1$ in both cases and hence, as long as we require supersymmetry and gauge invariance, we have to weight time and space in the same way, regardless of the condition of absence of spurious divergences. The only Lorentz-violating operators are introduced by the weighted constant c . These operators are renormalizable in the usual sense and correspond to the CPT preserving operator in the gauge sector of the SME [13]. In particular, they can be expressed introducing a twisted derivative $\tilde{\partial}_\mu = \partial_\mu + k'_\mu \partial_\nu$ [33], where in our case $k_{\mu\nu} = (c - 1)\delta_{\bar{\mu}\bar{\nu}}$. We will show in the next section that the constant c does not renormalize in the supersymmetric case. As we need to fine tune c in order to recover Lorentz symmetry at low energies, the Lorentz-violating parameters will be extremely small also at high energies. This argument shows that demanding renormalizability under weighted power counting and gauge invariance for supersymmetric theories, the Lorentz invariance follows as a consequence.

V. LOW-ENERGY LIMIT AND LORENTZ SYMMETRY RECOVERY

If we consider Lorentz-violating theories as candidates to describe high-energy physics, then Lorentz-invariant theories are effective field theories which describe physics at low energies with respect to Λ_L . In the framework of renormalizable Lorentz-violating theories it is still true that the renormalization procedure commutes with the low-energy limit. Therefore, it is a general result that a Lorentz-violating high-energy theory renormalizable by weighted power counting tend to a low-energy theory which is renormalizable by usual power counting and contains Lorentz-violating parameters. The low-energy theory is then obtained from the high-energy one simply by taking the limit $\Lambda_L \rightarrow \infty$. The recovery of Lorentz invariance at low energies is regulated by the renormalization group behavior of the Lorentz-violating parameters at low energies that correspond to operators of dimension less than or equal to four, which are not suppressed by any power of Λ_L .

In this section, we want to study how the Lorentz recovery problem at low energies is modified in the presence of supersymmetry. If supersymmetry is an exact symmetry of nature at high energies, then in the low-energy limit supersymmetry has to be broken for several phenomenological reasons [34]. Ignoring the exact mechanism of SUSY breaking, we can parametrize the supersymmetry breaking at low energies by adding explicit breaking terms to the

supersymmetric Lagrangian. We require the breaking to be soft, in the sense that the supersymmetry breaking terms should not generate quadratic divergences. It has been pointed out in [35] that the natural setting for studying the low-energy limit of supersymmetric theories in the presence of soft-breaking terms is the superfield formalism. The soft-breaking terms are parametrized as couplings among dynamical superfields and external spurion superfields. The possible types of spurion superfields which break supersymmetry softly for Lorentz-invariant theories are classified in [35].

On this basis, we can compute the low-energy limit for the general supersymmetric Lorentz-violating Lagrangian (11). Assuming that the supersymmetry breaking soft terms are generated at energy $\mu_s \ll \Lambda_L$ we obtain the standard Lorentz-invariant soft terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \int d^4\theta \bar{\Phi}_i \Phi^i + \int d^2\theta \left(\frac{m_{ij}}{2} \Phi^i \Phi^j + \frac{\lambda_{ijk}}{3} \Phi^i \Phi^j \Phi^k \right) \\ & + \text{H.c.} + \int d^4\theta U_{ij} \bar{\Phi}^i \Phi^j + \int d^2\theta (\chi_{ij} \Phi^i \Phi^j \\ & + \eta_{ijk} \Phi^i \Phi^j \Phi^k) + \text{H.c.}, \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

where $U_{ij} = \mu_s^2 u_{ij} \theta^2 \bar{\theta}^2$, $\chi_{ij} = \mu_s^2 x_{ij} \theta^2$ and $\eta_{ijk} = \mu_s n_{ijk} \theta^2$ are the soft-breaking spurion superfields and u , x , n are dimensionless matrices in the generations indices. We can write the resulting soft-breaking terms in components:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{break}} = & \mu^2 ((u+x)_{ij} A^i A^j + (u-x)_{ij} B^i B^j) \\ & + \mu n_{ijk} (A^i A^j A^k - 3A^i B^j B^k). \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

All the terms in (41) are super-renormalizable and they introduce new divergences in addition to the usual wave function renormalization of the Wess-Zumino model, which are studied in [35,36]. Since they all are super-renormalizable, these terms do not affect the divergent part of the wave function renormalization. Therefore, even for softly broken supersymmetry, it is easy to see that the Lorentz-violating parameter c does not renormalize, because it does not appear explicitly in the superfield Lagrangian. In the IR limit, we need to fine tune c according to the experimental bounds on Lorentz-violation, but the low-energy value of c will be also the value of the constant c at high-energy, because c does not renormalize. Hence the deviation from the speed of light of the limiting speed of elementary particle is negligible for Lorentz-violating supersymmetric models.

We will consider an explicit model in components in order to understand how the behavior of the renormalization group equations is modified by the fact that the effective theory at low energies is the low-energy limit of a supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theory with soft breaking. For this specific model, we will explicitly show at one loop how the renormalization properties of a softly broken supersymmetric theory imply the nonrenormalization of c .

Let us consider the most general low-energy limit of a renormalizable supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theory for an interacting chiral multiplet. Since supersymmetry is softly broken at low-energy, from the previous discussion it is clear that we can parametrize this breaking considering as independent the dimensionful parameters of the Lagrangian. Therefore, the low-energy Lagrangian will be described by six independent parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & \frac{(\hat{\partial}A)^2}{2} + \frac{c^2(\bar{\partial}A)^2}{2} + \frac{(\hat{\partial}B)^2}{2} + \frac{c^2(\bar{\partial}B)^2}{2} + \frac{m^2A^2}{2} \\ & + \frac{m'^2B^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\psi}(\hat{\not{\partial}} + \nu\bar{\not{\partial}} + M)\psi + \frac{\lambda_3}{3!}A^3 + \frac{\lambda_3'}{2}AB^2 \\ & + \frac{g^2}{4!}(A^4 + B^4 + 6A^2B^2) + gA\bar{\psi}\psi + igB\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi. \end{aligned}$$

In the approximation of small deviations from the speed of light, we can put $c^2 \simeq 1 + \delta_{c^2}$ and $\nu \simeq 1 + \delta_\nu$. The bare quantities are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} A_b &= Z_A^{1/2}A, & B_b &= Z_B^{1/2}B, & \psi_b &= Z_\psi^{1/2}\psi, \\ \delta_{c^2b} &= \delta_{c^2} + \Delta_{\delta_{c^2}}, & \delta_{\nu b} &= \delta_\nu + \Delta_{\delta_\nu}, \\ m_b^2 &= m^2 + \Delta m^2, & m_b'^2 &= m'^2 + \Delta m_B'^2, \\ M_b &= M + \Delta M, & \lambda_{3b} &= \mu^{\epsilon/2}(\lambda_3 + \Delta_{\lambda_3}), \\ \lambda_{3b}' &= \mu^{\epsilon/2}(\lambda_3' + \Delta_{\lambda_3}'), & g_b &= \mu^\epsilon(g + \Delta_g). \end{aligned}$$

Recalling the Feynman rules for Majorana fermions [37], we obtain at one loop

$$\begin{aligned} Z_A &= Z_B = 1 - \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}(1 - \bar{d}\delta_\nu), \\ Z_\psi &= 1 - \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}\left(1 - \frac{\bar{d}}{3}\delta_{c^2} - \frac{\bar{d}}{3}\delta_\nu\right), \\ \Delta_{\delta_{c^2}} &= \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}\left(\frac{\delta_{c^2}}{2} - \delta_\nu\right), \\ \Delta_{\delta_\nu} &= \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}(2\delta_\nu - \delta_{c^2}). \end{aligned}$$

If supersymmetry is softly broken, the divergent part of the wave function renormalization has to be the same for all particles in the same supermultiplet. Therefore, imposing $Z_\psi = Z_A$ we obtain $2\delta_\nu = \delta_{c^2}$, which implies $\Delta_{\delta_{c^2}} = \Delta_{\delta_\nu} = 0$. We thus conclude that the Lorentz-violating parameter does not renormalize. The only renormalization constant left is a common renormalization for the wave functions $Z_A = Z_B = Z_\psi = 1 - \frac{g^2}{2\pi^2\epsilon}(1 - \bar{d}\delta_\nu)$, that at the zeroth order in δ_ν is in agreement with the well known result for the Wess-Zumino model.

An interesting problem to address concerns the nature of the constant which parametrizes the deviation from the speed of light in supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theories. In particular, we want to understand whether or not the weighted constant c is physically observable. As

was already noted in [24], if we consider a supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theory with one single sector the parameter c appears both in the kinetic Lagrangian (13) and in the supersymmetry transformations (3) and can therefore be reabsorbed by a rescaling of the spatial coordinates $x_{\bar{\mu}}' = cx_{\bar{\mu}}$. Now, as far as supersymmetry is an exact symmetry of our theory, all interacting supermultiplets have the same limiting speed c , because this parameter explicitly appears in the supersymmetry transformations. In this type of theory, the parameter c is physically unobservable because we can always set it to one by suitably choosing the length units. However, as was suggested in [38], we can construct more complicated situations with two or more sectors which are separately invariant under supersymmetry transformations (3) with different limiting speeds c_i , where the lower index labels the number of sectors. For example let us consider two different sectors S_1 and S_2 , separately invariant under the supersymmetry transformations

$$\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}}P_{\bar{\mu}} + 2c_1\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}}P_{\bar{\mu}}, \quad (42)$$

$$\{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}}P_{\bar{\mu}} + 2c_2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\bar{\mu}}P_{\bar{\mu}}. \quad (43)$$

If S_1 and S_2 are completely decoupled, the supersymmetry algebras (42) and (43) are exactly realized in their respective sectors.³ Taking $c_1 \neq c_2$, we can still rescale the spatial coordinates in order to reabsorb c_1 or c_2 but, after the rescaling, we will have a Lorentz-invariant sector S_1 with $c_1 = 1$ and a Lorentz-violating hidden sector S_2 completely decoupled with $c_2 \neq 1$. Moreover, we can make S_1 and S_2 interacting by adding super-renormalizable interactions which will softly break supersymmetry in both sectors. The deviation from the speed of light in S_2 then becomes experimentally observable because any rescaling performed in order to remove the c_2 factor will produce Lorentz-violating effects in S_1 , as was already pointed out in [38].

In conclusion, there is always the possibility to set one limiting speed to one by rescaling the spatial coordinates. This fact can make the Lorentz-violating supersymmetric models presented in [22,38] physically equivalent to the Lorentz-invariant ones if we restrict our attention to models with a single sector. Besides that we have shown that the parameter c does not renormalize in any softly broken supersymmetric theory, so that even if the deviation from the speed of light is indeed observable it would be extremely small at any energy scale.

³The Lorentz-violating theories that we are considering are rigid supersymmetric theories with very good approximation. Indeed the scale Λ_L has to be around 10^{14} GeV in order to explain the neutrino masses [14]. Therefore we can neglect gravitational effects and consider the two sectors S_1 and S_2 completely decoupled.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have investigated the possibility of constructing supersymmetric Lorentz-violating theories that can be renormalized by a weighted power counting. Our analysis starts from the observation that supersymmetry and Lorentz violation are compatible at the level of the algebra [22].

Moreover, we have shown that in the Lorentz-violating case it is possible to construct new superalgebras with supercharges nonlinear in the spatial momenta. However, the nonlinearity of the supercharges makes the problem of finding interacting theories invariant under the new superalgebras very involved, because the superfield formalism loses its usefulness. As an example of this general difficulty, we have shown that the interacting theory constructed in [28] is not invariant under this new class of superalgebras.

Assuming linearity of the supercharges in the spatial momenta we find weighted power counting renormalizable supersymmetric Lorentz-violating models for even n and classify them. It is straightforward to verify in the superspace formalism that the nonrenormalization theorem is still valid in the Lorentz-violating case and as a consequence our models exhibit the improved ultraviolet behavior typical of supersymmetric theories. Moreover, the weighted constant c appearing in the supercharges algebra which parametrizes the limiting speed of the multiplet does not renormalize at high energies because the Kähler potential of a Lorentz-violating theory renormalizable by weighted power counting has the same form as in the Lorentz-invariant case. Furthermore, the low-energy recovery of Lorentz symmetry is parametrized only by this parameter c , which does not renormalize even at low energies if we assume supersymmetry to be broken softly.

In the case of gauge theories, we show that demanding supersymmetry implies that the weighted power counting

has to coincide with the usual one. The only Lorentz-violating operators are then introduced by the weighted constant c , which does not renormalize and has to be very close to 1 at low energies in order to satisfy the experimental bounds on Lorentz-violation [1]. Therefore, if we demand renormalizability by weighted power counting, gauge invariance and supersymmetry, the Lorentz invariance follows as a consequence.

Our analysis agrees with the conjecture that supersymmetry can solve the Lorentz fine tuning problem for Lorentz-violating theories, but at the same time it reveals that the requirement of supersymmetry restricts drastically the possibility of constructing Lorentz-violating theories at high energies are renormalizable by weighted power counting. Indeed, the final picture which emerges from our investigation is that the only possible models with nontrivial Lorentz-violating operators involve neutral chiral superfields and do not have a gauge invariant extension. Therefore, if we want to construct Lorentz-violating extensions of the standard model which are renormalizable by weighted power counting and have new interesting phenomenological consequences, the Lorentz fine tuning problem [21,23] does not seem solvable by the requirement of supersymmetry.

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