

# R-symmetric Gauge Mediation and the MRSSM

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# Motivation

- Supersymmetry pairs each Standard Model (Weyl) fermion with a spin-0 boson, and each boson with a (Weyl) fermion.
- Solves the gauge hierarchy problem by canceling quantum corrections in the Higgs sector.
- Also improves Grand Unification, provides Dark Matter candidates, has many nice theoretical properties, ...

# Motivation

- Problem: we do not see scalar electrons or fermionic gluons! This can be resolved by Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking.
- Solution to hierarchy problem is assured as long as SUSY-breaking operators are "soft" ( $d < 4$ ).
- Naively doubling the SM content, adding a second Higgs doublet, and writing down all soft SUSY breaking operators allowed by symmetries is called the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.

# The MSSM Soft Operators

- Hermitian scalar masses:

$$m_{ij}^2 \tilde{q}_i^* \tilde{q}_j$$

- Holomorphic scalar mass ("B-terms"):

$$B_\mu H_u H_d$$

- Holomorphic trilinear couplings ("A-terms"):

$$A_{ij} H_{u,d} \tilde{q}_L^i \tilde{q}_R^j$$

- Majorana gaugino masses:

$$M_{1/2} \lambda \lambda$$

# A New Puzzle

- With all these new operators, the MSSM has 124 parameters – and that's the MINIMAL model!
- Many of those parameters are flavor mixing angles and phases, implying large FCNC's and CP violation. This is called the **SUSY Flavor/CP Puzzle**.
- We need some principle to eliminate this flavor violation to avoid conflicts with observation and reduce the parameter space to something manageable for experiments.

# A New Solution

- An R-symmetry rotates fields within a supermultiplet differently.
- Kribs, Poppitz, Weiner (arXiv:0712.2039) found that by imposing an additional R-symmetry to the MSSM you can have sizable flavor-violating operators while not generating large FCNC's or CP violation, as long as gluinos are heavy.
- We impose a  $U(1)_R$  symmetry, although a discrete symmetry would work as well.

# The MRSSM

- Features of the MRSSM:
  - No Majorana masses for the gauginos, but there are Dirac masses.
  - No  $A$ -terms for the scalars; hence no left-right squark/slepton mixing.
  - No  $\mu$ -term, but there is a  $B$ -term (complicated Higgs sector).

# K-Kbar Mixing

Strongest constraint in SUSY flavor physics.

Parametrize mixing:  $\delta_L \equiv \frac{m_{\tilde{Q}12}^2}{M_{\tilde{q}}^2}$   $\delta_R \equiv \frac{m_{\tilde{d}12}^2}{M_{\tilde{q}}^2}$

The Low-Energy Effective Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\alpha_s^2(M_{\tilde{g}})}{216} \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{q}}^2}{M_{\tilde{g}}^4} \right) \sum_n C_n(\mu) \mathcal{O}_n(\mu)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = (\bar{d}_L^i \gamma^\mu s_L^i) (\bar{d}_L^j \gamma_\mu s_L^j)$$

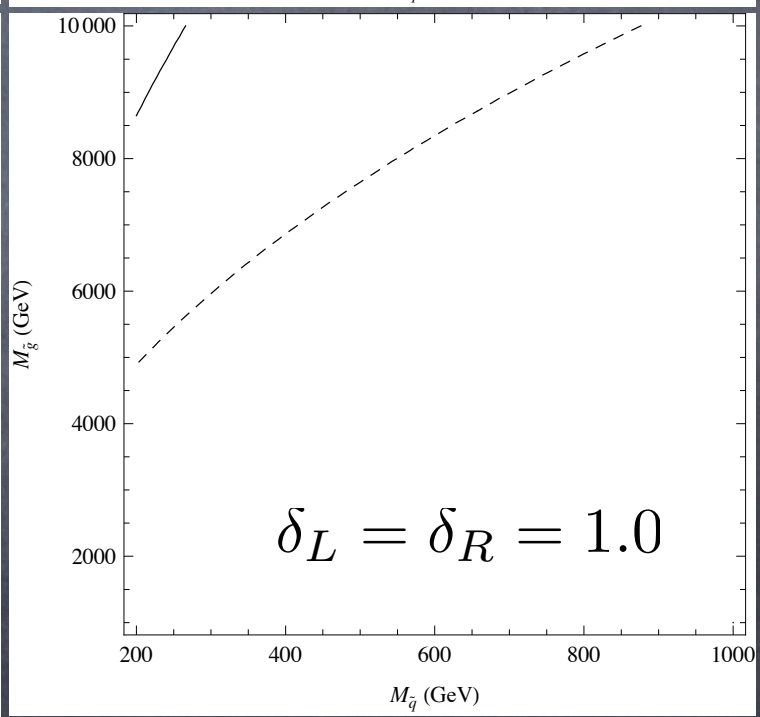
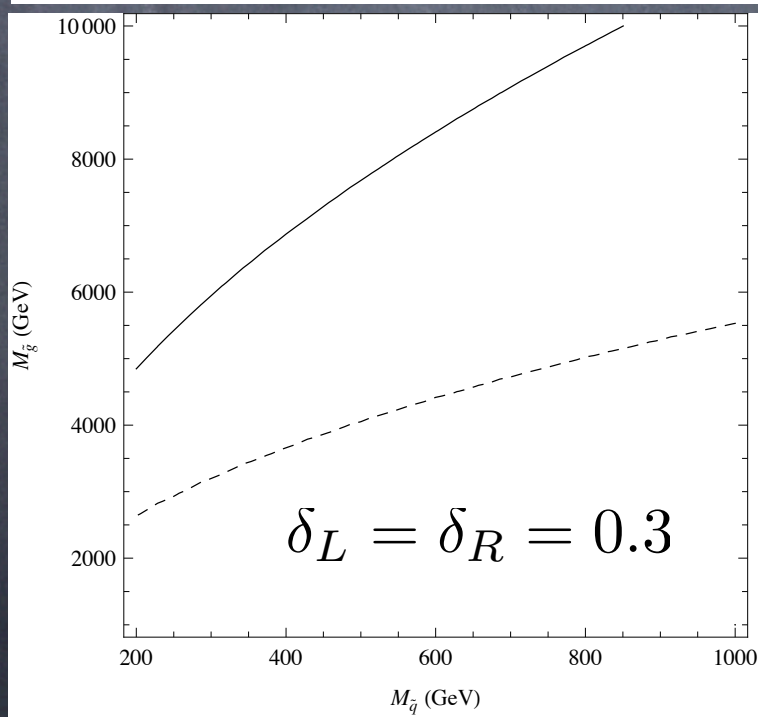
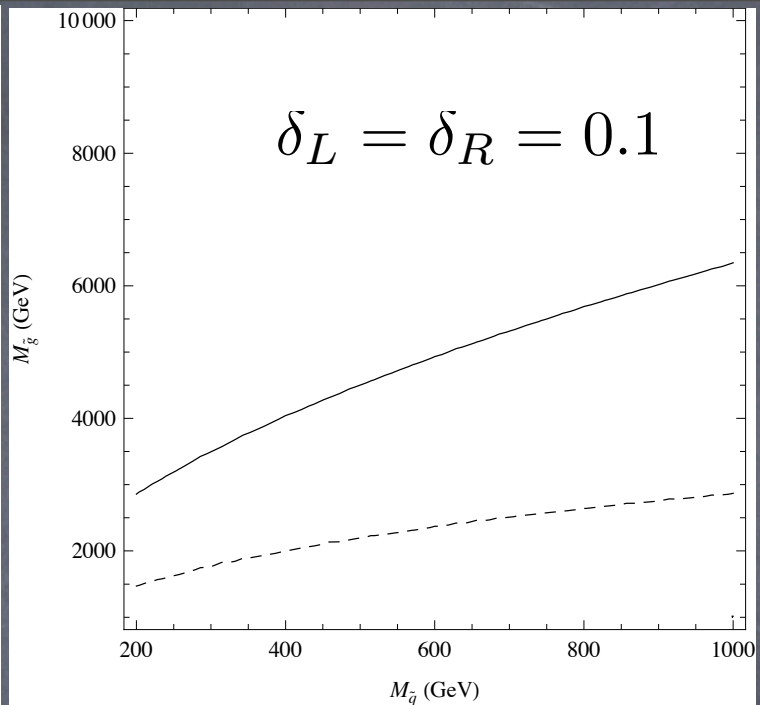
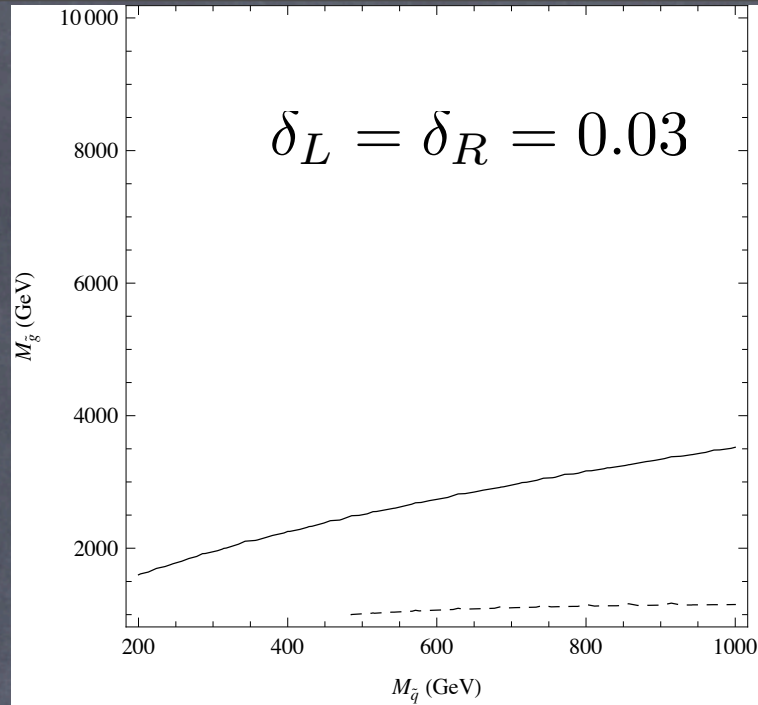
$$\mathcal{O}_4 = (\bar{d}_R^i s_L^i) (\bar{d}_L^j s_R^j)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = (\bar{d}_R^i s_L^j) (\bar{d}_L^j s_R^i)$$

QCD Corrections computed in  
A.B., S.-P. Ng, arXiv:0803.3811



$M_{\tilde{g}}(\text{GeV})$



$M_{\tilde{q}}(\text{GeV})$

# Results: CP Violation

Assuming this contribution saturates the measured bound of  $\epsilon_K$ :

$M_{\tilde{g}}$	$M_{\tilde{q}}$	$\delta_L \equiv \delta_R$	KPW phase	BN phase
3.5 TeV	400 GeV	0.06	0.15	$9.8 \times 10^{-3}$
3.5 TeV	400 GeV	0.25	0.01	$5.7 \times 10^{-4}$

# A Problem...

- Anytime you spontaneously break SUSY, you have a goldstino and a cosmological constant.
- When turning on supergravity, this goldstino is "eaten" by the gravitino (gauge field of SUSY) and it gains a mass which is R-violating (at least in N=1 SUSY).
- This mass term feeds into the MSSM through anomaly mediation, so it looks like this model can never be realized...

# ... A Solution!

- Gauge mediation has a very light gravitino, typically around 1 keV or so, rendering these troublesome effects irrelevant.
- Ordinary gauge mediation breaks the R-symmetry, but if we can find a framework where we can maintain the symmetry through a gauge-mediation-like mechanism, then we might realize the MRSSM naturally...

# ISS Models

- Intriligator, Seiberg and Shih (hep-th/0609529) show that certain SUSY-QCD theories have a "metastable" vacuum that spontaneously breaks SUSY but preserves an R-symmetry.

- The electric theory has  $N_f$  quark superfields, an  $SU(N_c)$  gauge group, and a superpotential:

$$W_{el.} = \text{Tr } m Q \bar{Q}$$

- The magnetic theory has a "meson" superfield,  $N_f$  "dual quark" superfields, an  $SU(N_f - N_c)$  gauge group and a superpotential:

$$W_{magn.} = \bar{q} \mathcal{M} q + m \Lambda \mathcal{M} + \dots$$

# A Minimal Model

- Previously, much effort has gone into finding ways to break the R-symmetry so as to give the gauginos Majorana masses (see our paper for a list of references).
- We will consider  $N_F = 6$ ,  $N_C = 5$  as the simplest model – no gauge fields in the magnetic theory (Csaki, Shirman, Terning, hep-ph/0612241).
- The dual squarks will get vevs, breaking
$$SU(6) \rightarrow SU(5)$$

• We will write the  $SU(6)$  fields in terms of  $SU(5)$  fields:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} M & N \\ \bar{N} & X \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \\ \psi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \bar{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\varphi} \\ \bar{\psi} \end{pmatrix}$$

We embed the Standard Model group as a gauged subgroup of  $SU(5)$ .

We also add two additional adjoint superfields.

	$SU(5)_V$	$U(1)$	$U(1)_R$
$M$	$\text{Adj}+1$	0	+2
$X$	1	0	+2
$N$	5	+6	+2
$\bar{N}$	$\bar{5}$	-6	+2
$\varphi$	5	+1	0
$\bar{\varphi}$	$\bar{5}$	-1	0
$\psi$	1	-5	0
$\bar{\psi}$	1	+5	0
$\Phi$	$\text{Adj}'$	0	0
$M'$	$\text{Adj}$	0	0

- Because of the symmetry breaking, there will be 11 massless Nambu-Goldstone modes - we would like to get rid of these since they will have charge under the SM gauge group.
- We therefore "tilt" the ISS superpotential to explicitly break the SU(6) symmetry and give masses to these NG modes:

$$W = W'_{\text{magn}} + W_1$$

$$W_{\text{magn}} = \lambda (\bar{\varphi} M \varphi + \kappa' \bar{\psi} X \psi + \kappa \bar{\varphi} N \psi + \kappa \bar{\psi} \bar{N} \varphi) - f^2 (X + \omega \text{Tr} M)$$

$$\text{and } W_1 = y (\bar{\varphi} \Phi N - \bar{N} \Phi \varphi)$$



# Messenger Spectrum

At the SUSY-breaking metastable vacuum:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle &\equiv v^2 = \frac{f^2}{\lambda\kappa'}, \\ \langle F_{\text{Tr}M} \rangle &= \omega f^2\end{aligned}$$

We can parametrize all the masses in terms of two scaleless variables and a mass:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \lambda\omega & z &\equiv \frac{\omega\kappa'}{\kappa^2} \\ M_{\text{mess}}^2 &\equiv \frac{x}{z} f^2\end{aligned}$$

# Messenger Spectrum

Scalars:

$N, \bar{N}$  : SUSY-preserving mass<sup>2</sup>  $M_{\text{mess}}^2$

$\varphi, \bar{\varphi}$  : SUSY-breaking mass<sup>2</sup>  $(1 \pm z)M_{\text{mess}}^2$

**R-preserving!!**

Fermions:

$\varphi\bar{N} + N\bar{\varphi}$  : SUSY-preserving (Dirac) mass  $M_{\text{mess}}$

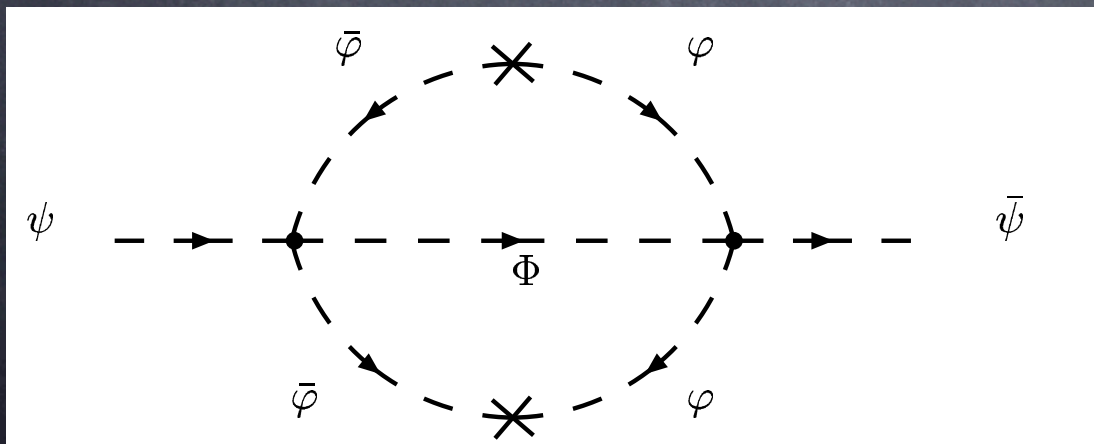
Note: with all this matter, QCD will  
develop a Landau Pole  $\Lambda_3$

# Messenger Spectrum

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \psi &= v e^{(\eta+i\xi)/v} \\ \bar{\psi} &= v e^{-(\eta+i\xi)/v} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Coleman-Weinberg calculation} \\ \text{gives} \\ \langle \eta \rangle = 0 \end{array}$$

$\xi$  is the NG boson of the U(1) symmetry.

$W_1$  explicitly breaks this symmetry and so will generate a potential for the NG boson at two loops:



$$V_{\text{eff}}(\xi) = -\mu^2 v^2 \cos\left(\frac{2\xi}{v}\right)$$

$$m_{\xi}^2 = \left(\frac{\lambda\kappa\gamma}{16\pi^2}\right)^2 M_{\text{mess}}^2 H(z)$$

where  $H(1) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3}$

# Charge Conjugation

- Charge conjugation symmetry exchanges barred and unbarred fields.
- Gauge fields (including gaugino) change sign, so to make a Dirac mass:

$$\bar{\Phi} \longrightarrow -\Phi$$

- This explains the relative sign in  $W_1$ .
- This also forbids a tadpole for the hypercharge adjoint, up to SM contributions that we assume are small.
- This also forbids dangerous kinetic mixing of the SUSY breaking spurion with the hypercharge D term which could generate tachyonic sleptons.

# Soft terms in the Visible Sector

There are two contributions:

- Contributions from unknown UV physics.



**Flavor violation can occur here!**

- IR ("Gauge Mediation") contributions.

# UV Contributions

All terms can be generated by a SUSY-breaking spurion:

$$\Xi \equiv \langle \text{Tr} M \rangle = \theta^2 \omega f^2$$

and all UV contributions are proportional to a single scale:

$$M_{UV} = \frac{\omega f^2}{\Lambda} = \left( \frac{z}{\lambda} \right) \left( \frac{M_{\text{mess}}}{\Lambda} \right) M_{\text{mess}}$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the scale at which these operators are generated.

# UV Contributions: The Size of $\Lambda$

There are two extremes for estimating the UV scale:

- $\Lambda \sim M_P$  : UV operators are irrelevant; does not realize the large flavor-violating operators of the MRSSM, so we will not consider it here.
- $\Lambda \sim \frac{\Lambda_3}{4\pi}$  : UV operators are important – this is the maximal size of the operators (using NDA). We will consider this case, but it could overestimate the size of these contributions.

# UV Contributions

UV Dirac Gaugino Mass:

$$\int d^2\theta \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} (W^\alpha \Phi) \bar{D}^2 D_\alpha (\Xi^\dagger \Xi) \quad m_{1/2} \sim M_{UV} \left( \frac{M_{UV}}{\Lambda} \right)$$

**Small!** 

UV Scalar Mass:

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{c_{ij}}{\Lambda^2} (\Xi^\dagger \Xi) Q_i^\dagger Q_j \quad m_{0\ ij} \sim M_{UV}$$

Adjoint Masses:

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{\Xi^\dagger \Xi}{\Lambda^2} (\text{Tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \text{Tr} \Phi^2) + \int d^4\theta \frac{1}{\Lambda} \Xi^\dagger M M'$$

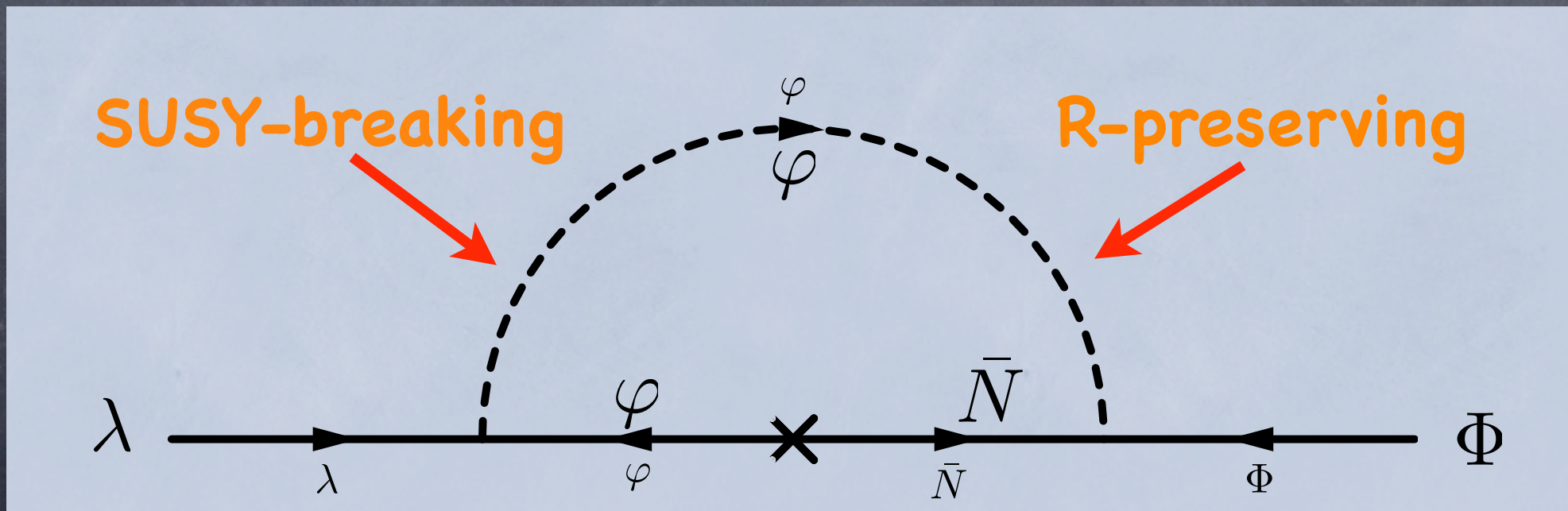
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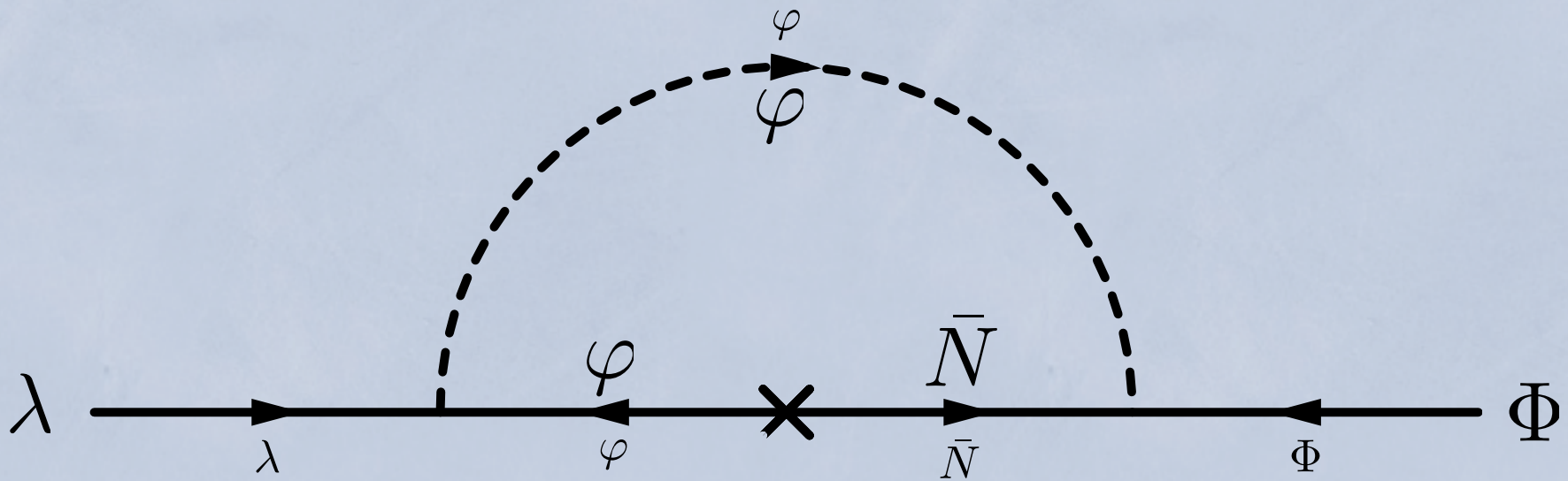
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# IR Contributions: Dirac Gaugino Mass

There is a new diagram:





This diagram gives:

**Yukawa dependent!**

$$m_{1/2} = \frac{gy}{16\pi^2} M_{\text{mess}} R(z) \cos\left(\frac{\langle \xi \rangle}{v}\right)$$

where we have the new function:

$$R(z) = \frac{1}{z} [(1+z) \log(1+z) - (1-z) \log(1-z) - 2z]$$

# IR Contributions: Scalar Masses

Identical to Gauge Mediation with **one** messenger:

$$m_0^{(IR)2} = 2C_F^{(a)} \left( \frac{\alpha_a}{4\pi} \right)^2 M_{\text{mess}}^2 F(z)$$

where  $F(z)$  is the usual GM function:

$$F(z) = (1+z) \left[ \log(1+z) - 2\text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{z}{1+z} \right) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Li}_2 \left( \frac{2z}{1+z} \right) \right] + (z \rightarrow -z)$$

# IR Contributions:

## Adjoint Scalar Masses

- Messenger loops will also generate masses for the adjoint scalars (at **ONE** loop!):

$$m_\phi^2 = \frac{y^2}{16\pi^2} M_{\text{mess}}^2 R_s(z)$$

$$B_\phi = \frac{y^2}{16\pi^2} M_{\text{mess}}^2 R(z)$$

- This leads to the prediction:

$$\frac{m_\phi}{m_{1/2}} \sim \frac{\sqrt{|B_\phi|}}{m_{1/2}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{\alpha}}$$

# IR Contributions:

## Adjoint Scalar Masses

- Notice that  $m_\phi^2 \sim |B_\phi|$  and  $B_\phi < 0$  so the scalar will be lighter than the pseudoscalar.
- So the adjoint scalars are typically quite heavy – this can have consequences for the low energy spectrum, since these scalars contribute at two loops.
- Interesting phenomenology in its own right: single production of scalars through gluon fusion; double production at the LHC if light enough (Plehn, Tait, arXiv:0810.3919 [hep-ph]).

- Thus we have ordinary scalar GM masses, but a new kind of gaugino mass.
- Recall that the MRSSM needed gauginos heavier than squarks by a factor of 5.

However:

$$\frac{m_{1/2}}{m_0^{IR}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2C_F}} \left( \frac{y}{g} \right) \left( \frac{R(z)}{\sqrt{F(z)}} \right)$$

- This ratio function of  $z$  is strictly less than unity, so to make gauginos heavy requires a large Yukawa.

# A Generalized Model

- The key to generating the spectrum was that we had a SUSY-breaking **AND** an R-preserving messenger scalar mass, as well as an R-preserving chirality flip.
- We can seek to capture these effects in a more general model that removes any excess material in the messenger sector:

$$W_{mess} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{mess}} (\Xi \bar{\varphi}^i \varphi^i + M_{mess} \bar{\varphi}^i N^i + M_{mess} \bar{N}^i \varphi^i + y \bar{\varphi}^i \Phi N^i - y \bar{N}^i \Phi \varphi^i)$$

- Less adjoints means the QCD Landau pole is higher, which will help us control the UV operators.

# Benefits of The Generalized Model

- The Generalized Model has an additional parameter:  $N_{\text{mess}}$
- Both the gaugino mass and the squark mass squared are proportional to  $N_{\text{mess}}$ . Thus the gaugino:squark mass ratio  $\propto \sqrt{N_{\text{mess}}}$ .
- This will also lower the Landau pole, but not as much as the adjoints do.



# Sample Spectra

Let us consider three sample spectra:

- ISS Model, small Yukawa
- ISS Model, large Yukawa
- Generalized Model

NOTE: All scalar masses are only IR contributions.

We will use  $z = 0.99$ ,  $\lambda = 1$

and all other couplings  $\mathcal{O}(1)$

# Spectrum 1:

## ISS, Small Yukawa

$SU(3)$	$m_{\tilde{q}}$	1400 GeV	$m_{\tilde{g}}$	880 GeV
$SU(2)$	$m_{\tilde{l}}$	360 GeV	$m_{\tilde{W}}$	520 GeV
$U(1)$	$m_{\tilde{e}^c}$	160 GeV	$m_{\tilde{B}}$	370 GeV
Messenger sector	$M, M', \tilde{\Phi}$	15 TeV	$m_{-}$	10 TeV
		100 TeV	$m_{\xi}$	3100 GeV

$$y = 2 \quad \Lambda_3 = 8 \times 10^3 \text{ TeV}$$

# Spectrum 2:

## ISS, Large Yukawa

$SU(3)$	$m_{\tilde{q}}$	1300 GeV	$m_{\tilde{g}}$	3500 GeV
$SU(2)$	$m_{\tilde{l}}$	350 GeV	$m_{\tilde{W}}$	2100 GeV
$U(1)$	$m_{\tilde{e}^c}$	160 GeV	$m_{\tilde{B}}$	1500 GeV
Messenger sector	$M, M', \tilde{\Phi}$	13 TeV	$m_{-}$	10 TeV
		100 TeV	$m_{\xi}$	13 TeV

$$y = 8 \quad \Lambda_3 = 10^4 \text{ TeV}$$

# Spectrum 3: Generalized Model

$SU(3)$	$m_{\tilde{q}}$	1900 GeV	$m_{\tilde{g}}$	5300 GeV
$SU(2)$	$m_{\tilde{l}}$	620 GeV	$m_{\tilde{W}}$	3500 GeV
$U(1)$	$m_{\tilde{e}^c}$	290 GeV	$m_{\tilde{B}}$	2600 GeV
Messenger sector		80 TeV		

$$y = 3, \quad N_{\text{mess}} = 6 \quad \Lambda_3 = 5 \times 10^4 \text{ TeV}$$

# Tuning

Recall that scalar masses have two relevant contributions: UV and IR.

There are two types of tuning in these models:

- To make the squarks light enough, there is a UV-IR cancelation.
- To satisfy flavor constraints, there is a tuning of the off-diagonal mass terms in the UV contribution.

# UV-IR Cancellation

- Recall that the UV operators contribute

$$c_D \frac{M_{\text{mess}}^2}{\lambda \Lambda}$$

to the diagonal masses.

- If  $m_0$  is the physical mass, then this puts an estimate on  $c_D$ :

$$c_D = \frac{m_0^2 - m_{IR}^2}{M_{UV}^2}$$

Thus:

$$c_D \sim 10^{-2} \text{ for ISS Models}$$

$$c_D \sim 1 \text{ for Generalized Models}$$

# Flavor Tuning

- Ideally we would like  $c_D \sim c_{OD}$  to solve the flavor puzzle.
- We can estimate the size of  $c_{OD}$

$$c_{OD} = \delta \left( \frac{m_0}{M_{UV}} \right)^2 \quad (\delta_L = \delta_R)$$

- From this we can derive a general formula for the flavor tuning:

$$t \equiv \left| \frac{c_{OD}}{c_D} \right| = \frac{\delta}{|1 - (m_{IR}/m_0)^2|}$$

- Note that this is independent of  $M_{UV}$

# Flavor Tuning

$$t \equiv \left| \frac{c_{OD}}{c_D} \right| = \frac{\delta}{|1 - (m_{IR}/m_0)^2|}$$

- From this formula, it is clear that it is difficult to avoid tuning.
- Using the results from  $K - \bar{K}$  mixing:

	$m_0$	$\delta$	$t$
ISS with Large $y$	600 GeV	0.05	1.4%
General Model	1 TeV	0.07	2.7%



# Next Step: Higgs Sector

- The Higgs sector is quite complicated compared to the MSSM. It can be thought of as two hypermultiplets  $(H_u, R_u)$ ,  $(H_d, R_d)$  in  $N=2$  SUSY:

$$\delta W = \mu_u H_u R_u + \lambda_1^u H_u \Phi_1 R_u + \lambda_2^u H_u \Phi_2 R_u + (u \rightarrow d)$$

- The  $H$  superfields have R-charge 0 while the  $R$  superfields have R-charge +2. Notice the new form of the  $\mu$ -term.
- Due to the supersoft nature of this model, the Higgs D-term vanishes in the limit that the soft mass terms for the adjoint scalars vanish, thus making EWSB difficult in general...

# Next Step: Higgs Sector

- $\mu$  and B terms can be generated through UV operators:

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\Xi^\dagger \Xi) H_u H_d \quad \sqrt{B_\mu} \sim M_{UV}$$

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{1}{\Lambda} \Xi^\dagger H_{u(d)} R_{u(d)} \quad \mu_{u(d)} \sim M_{UV}$$

- Except for the B term, the Higgs sector obeys a PQ symmetry. This is different than the MSSM where **both**  $\mu$  and B violate this symmetry.
- This implies that these operators must be generated by different physics!

# Charginos

- In ordinary GM, the gravitino is the LSP, and it is so here as well:

$$m_{3/2} \sim \frac{f^2}{M_P} \sim 1 \text{ keV}$$

- Kribs, Martin and Roy (arXiv:0807.4936) study the EW gauginos/higgsinos.
- In many regions of parameter space, they find the charginos are the NLSP, and that all SUSY particles can decay through a cascade involving the charged wino (lower bound at 101 GeV). This leads to interesting new collider signals.

# Discussion

- MRSSM: A new class of SUSY model with some fascinating possibilities!
- Besides a new and untried phenomenological model, it is a great home for ISS-like models.
- RGM: A modified SUSY-breaking mediator that provides a new and unique spectrum, both through what it allows, and the nature of the mass spectrum.

# Discussion

- For RGM to realize MRSSM, it is possible but requires a better understanding of the UV theory.
- “mu problem” solved, but “B problem” is still open - where does this operator come from?
- The Higgs sector, even at low energy, provides a rich environment for new physics due to the  $N=2$  couplings and pseudo-SuperSoft nature of the model - work in progress...

**The End!**