

Title: Gauge mediation of SUSY breaking

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- We need to understand:
  - How is supersymmetry broken?
  - How is the information about supersymmetry breaking mediated to the MSSM?
  - Predict the soft breaking terms.

# SUSY Breaking mediation



	Gravity mediation	Gauge mediation
Coupling to MSSM	Through Planck suppressed ops.	MSSM gauge interactions
FCNC	Challenging	Naturally suppressed
Dark matter	Simple	Challenging
$\mu/B\mu$ problem	Simple	Challenging

# Minimal gauge mediation – models with simple messengers [Dine, Nelson, Nir, Shirman, ..

$$W = X\Phi^2 + \dots$$
$$\langle X \rangle = M + \theta^2 F$$

$X$  couples to the SUSY breaking sector. Its vev is the only source of **SUSY breaking**. It can be treated classically.

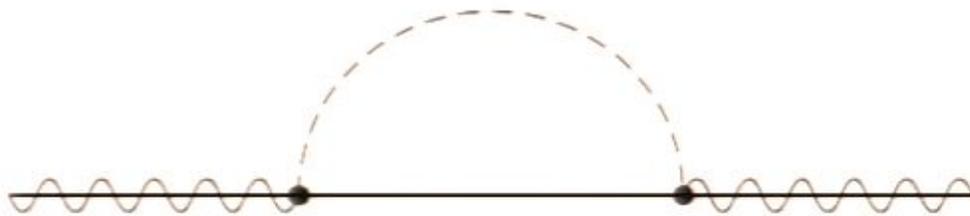
$\Phi$  are **messengers** in a real representation of the MSSM gauge group

The messengers' spectrum is not SUSY.

Their coupling to the MSSM gauge fields feeds SUSY breaking to the rest of the MSSM.

# Properties of minimal gauge mediation

- Very simple – calculable (perturbative)
- Very predictive (too predictive?)
  - Gaugino masses arise at one loop



$$m_{\lambda_r} \sim \alpha_r \frac{F}{M}$$

$$r = 1, 2, 3$$

- Sfermion mass squares arise at two loops (8 graphs).



$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 \sim \frac{F^2}{M^2} \sum_{r=1}^3 \alpha_r^2 c_2^r$$

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- Flavor universality – no FCNC
- Colored superpartners are heavier than non-colored ones
- Relations between gaugino masses and sfermion masses
- Small A-terms
- Hard to generate  $\mu \sim B \sim m_{\lambda}$
- Gravitino LSP
- Bino or stau are NLSP
- ...

# Original gauge mediation models – direct mediation

[Dine, Fischler, Nappi, Ovrut, Alvarez-Gaume, Claudson, Wise...]

- Start with the O’Raifeartaigh model

$$W = X(\Phi^2 - F) + MY\Phi$$

- Let  $Y, \Phi$  be in a real representation of the MSSM gauge group. (Need to extend it to break its R-symmetry.)
- Similar to the previous case but:
  - The spontaneous SUSY breaking mechanism is manifest (explicit).
  - The messengers participate in SUSY breaking – more economical.

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- These difficulties are made easier or even avoided using **metastable DSB** [... Intriligator, NS, Shih ...].

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Based on Meade, NS and Shih arXiv:0801.3278

# Definition: gauge mediation

- In the limit  $\alpha_r \rightarrow 0$  the theory decouples to two sectors.



- The hidden sector includes
  - the SUSY breaking sector
  - messengers if they exist
  - other particles outside the MSSM
- For small  $\alpha_r$  the gauge fields of the MSSM couple to the hidden sector and communicate SUSY breaking.

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- When  $\alpha_r \neq 0$ , the two sectors are coupled via these gauge fields.

# The currents

- All the hidden sector information we'll need is captured by the **global symmetry currents** and their **correlation functions**.
- Assume for simplicity that the global symmetry is  $U(1)$ .
- The **conserved current** is in real a supermultiplet  $\mathcal{J}(x, \theta, \bar{\theta})$  satisfying the conservation equation

$$D^2 \mathcal{J} = 0.$$

- In components

$$\mathcal{J} = J + i\theta j - i\bar{\theta}\bar{j} - \theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}j_\mu + \dots$$

The ellipses represent terms which are determined by the lower components, and

$$\partial_\mu j^\mu = 0.$$

# Current correlation functions

$$\mathcal{J} = J + i\theta j - i\bar{\theta}\bar{j} - \theta\sigma^\mu\bar{\theta}j_\mu + \dots$$

Lorentz invariance and current conservation determine the nonzero two point functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle J(p)J(-p) \rangle &= C_0(p^2) \\ \langle j_\alpha(p)\bar{j}_{\dot{\alpha}}(-p) \rangle &= -\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu p_\mu C_{\frac{1}{2}}(p^2) \\ \langle j_\mu(p)j_\nu(-p) \rangle &= -(p^2\eta_{\mu\nu} - p_\mu p_\nu)C_1(p^2) \\ \langle j_\alpha(p)j_\beta(-p) \rangle &= \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}MB(p^2)\end{aligned}$$

# Couple to the MSSM gauge fields

- Expanding to second order in  $g$  we need the **exact current two point functions** in the hidden sector theory.

- $C_a(p^2)$  correct the kinetic terms of the gauge multiplets:

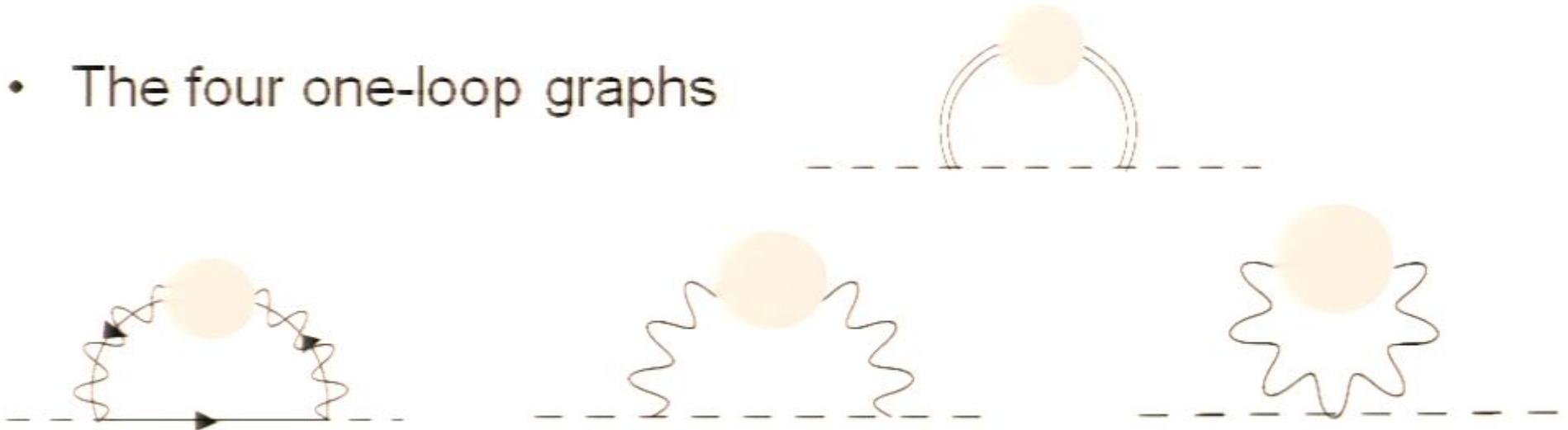
$$\frac{1}{2}g^2 \left[ C_0(p^2) D^2 - C_{\frac{1}{2}}(p^2) i\lambda\sigma^\mu\partial_\mu\bar{\lambda} - \frac{1}{4}C_1(p^2) F_{\mu\nu}^2 \right].$$

- $B(p^2)$  generates  $-\frac{1}{2}g^2 M B(p^2) \lambda\lambda$ .

- It leads to gaugino masses

$$m_\lambda = g^2 M B(p = 0).$$

- The four one-loop graphs



lead to sfermion masses

$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = -\alpha^2 \int dp^2 \left[ C_0(p^2) - 4C_{\frac{1}{2}}(p^2) + 3C_1(p^2) \right]$$

The typical momentum in the integral is of order  $M$ .

Therefore this effect cannot be computed in the low

energy theory with  $p \ll M$ .

## More generally, for the MSSM gauge group

- We have independent functions labeled by  $r = 1, 2, 3$  for the three factors of

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1).$$

- The gaugino masses

$$m_{\lambda_r} = g^2 M B^r (p = 0)$$

are in general unrelated to each other. This fact is independent of preserving unification. (Is there a CP problem?)

- The sfermion masses

$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = \sum_{r=1}^3 \alpha_r^2 c_2^r(f) A_r$$

$$A_r = - \int dp^2 \left[ C_0^r(p^2) - 4C_{\frac{1}{2}}^r(p^2) + 3C_1^r(p^2) \right]$$

depend on the Casimirs of the representation of  $f$  under the factor labeled by  $r$ , and on the gauge coupling  $\alpha_r$ .

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- 5 sfermion masses are expressed in terms of 3 constants. Hence there must be two linear relations between them – **sum rules**:

$$\text{Tr} (B - L) m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = 0$$

$$\text{Tr} Y m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = 0.$$

These are valid at the scale  $M$  and should be renormalized down.

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- The general model has 3 complex parameters (gaugino masses) and 3 real parameters (determining the sfermion masses).
- There exist models with weakly coupled messengers leading to this number of parameters. Hence, generically there cannot be additional relations [Carpenter, Dine, Festuccia and Mason].
- Additional couplings and parameters are needed to explain  $\mu/B\mu$ .

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