(Extra)Ordinary Gauge Mediation

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The LHC is coming...



What will we see?

The MSSM

• The MSSM is still the most well-motivated possibility.

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Higgs, higgsinos	H_u	$\begin{pmatrix} H_u^+ & H_u^0 \end{pmatrix}$	$(\widetilde{H}_u^+ \ \widetilde{H}_u^0)$	$({f 1}, {f 2}, + {1\over 2})$
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Table 1.1: Chiral supermultiplets in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model. The spin-0 fields are complex scalars, and the spin-1/2 fields are left-handed two-component Weyl fermions.

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winos, W bosons	\widetilde{W}^{\pm} \widetilde{W}^{0}	$W^{\pm} W^0$	(1, 3, 0)
bino, B boson	\widetilde{B}^0	B^0	(1, 1, 0)

Table 1.2: Gauge supermultiplets in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.

MSSM, cont'd

• But even if we are fortunate enough to discover the MSSM at the LHC, the main theoretical challenge will still be ahead of us: explaining the origin of the 100+ soft SUSY breaking parameters.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{MSSM}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(M_3 \tilde{g} \tilde{g} + M_2 \widetilde{W} \widetilde{W} + M_1 \widetilde{B} \widetilde{B} + \text{c.c.} \right) - \left(\widetilde{\overline{u}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{u}} \widetilde{Q} H_u - \widetilde{\overline{d}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{d}} \widetilde{Q} H_d - \widetilde{\overline{e}} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{e}} \widetilde{L} H_d + \text{c.c.} \right) - \widetilde{Q}^{\dagger} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{Q}}^2 \widetilde{Q} - \widetilde{L}^{\dagger} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{L}}^2 \widetilde{L} - \widetilde{\overline{u}} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{u}}^2 \widetilde{\overline{u}}^{\dagger} - \widetilde{\overline{d}} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{d}}^2 \widetilde{\overline{d}}^{\dagger} - \widetilde{\overline{e}} \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{e}}^2 \widetilde{\overline{e}}^{\dagger} - m_{H_u}^2 H_u^* H_u - m_{H_d}^2 H_d^* H_d - (bH_u H_d + \text{c.c.}) .$$

- Any explanation will have to address various problems, including:
 - SUSY flavor problem
 - SUSY CP problem
 - "little hierarchy" problem

Gauge Mediation

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Gauge mediation is a successful theory of the soft masses. It has many attractive features, including:

- flavor blindness
- calculability
- predictivity
- distinctive phenomenology



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Simplest choice consistent with unification:

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 \Rightarrow Bino or right-handed slepton NLSP!

More on the NLSP

- The nature of the NLSP determines much of the collider phenomenology, since every sparticle decay chain passes through it
- In particular, promptly decaying bino NLSP have a very clean and distinctive collider signature: diphoton+MET:



 $\mathcal{O}(10^3-10^4)~{\rm fb}^{-1}$ cross section at the LHC

SM background virtually non-existent

Gauge mediation = OGM?

It is crucial to fully map out the phenomenology of gauge mediation, if we are to discover or rule it out at the LHC.

Motivated by this, we studied the phenomenology of a large family of simple extensions of OGM, obtained by deforming the OGM superpotential by messenger mass terms

$$W = \lambda_{ij} X \phi_i \tilde{\phi}_j + m_{ij} \phi_i \tilde{\phi}_j$$

In fact, this corresponds to the most general messenger superpotential allowed by gauge symmetry and renormalizability.

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Actually...

In today's talk, we will see that many of the classic features of OGM can be modified in this more general (but just as "ordinary"!) class of models.

Thus, there is more to gauge mediation than just OGM!



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Example:

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$$W = \mathcal{M}_{ij}(X)\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_j = \lambda_i X\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_i + m_i\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_{i+1}$$
$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda X & m & 0\\ 0 & \lambda X \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda X & m & 0\\ 0 & \lambda X & m\\ 0 & 0 & \lambda X \end{pmatrix}, \quad ete$$

Determinant Identity

Because of the R-symmetry, the messenger mass matrix $\mathcal{M} \equiv \lambda X + m$ satisfies an important identity:

$$\det \mathcal{M} = X^n G(m, \lambda)$$

This determinant identity, which follows directly from the R-symmetry, has a number of important consequences.

E.g. in the previous example det $\mathcal{M} = \lambda^N X^N$ (note: independent of m!)

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These three categories of models have very different properties. Since OGM belongs to the second category, we will focus on this category in today's talk.

Phenomenology of (Extra)Ordinary Gauge Mediation



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Remember, in OGM one has $\Lambda_G = NF/X$, $\Lambda_S = \sqrt{N}F/X$, $N_{eff} = N$

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Doublet/Triplet Splitting (cont'd)

• Doublet/triplet splitting means there can be different numbers of effective doublet and triplet messengers:

$$N_{eff,2} = N_{eff}(X, m_2, \lambda_2), \qquad N_{eff,3} = N_{eff}(X, m_3, \lambda_3)$$

$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = 2\sum_{r=1}^3 C_{\tilde{f}}^r \left(\frac{\alpha_r}{4\pi}\right)^2 \frac{\Lambda_G^2}{N_{eff,r}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\tilde{q}} : m_{\tilde{\ell}} \sim \frac{\alpha_3}{\sqrt{N_{eff,3}}} : \frac{\alpha_2}{\sqrt{N_{eff,2}}}$$

- This can alter the spectrum in various ways. For instance, it can change the relations between slepton and squark masses -- one no longer necessarily has $m_{\tilde{q}}: m_{\tilde{\ell}} \sim \alpha_3 : \alpha_2$
- A less obvious, but also important consequence is a "focussing" effect in the running of the Higgs soft masses...



• In OGM, the first term is always smaller than the second, leading to

$$m_{H_u}^2 \sim -\frac{3}{4\pi^2} y_t^2 m_{\tilde{t}}^2 \log \frac{M_{mess}}{m_{\tilde{t}}} \lesssim -(\text{TeV})^2$$

 This implies that there must be at least 0.1-1% fine tuning in the mu parameter in order to achieve the observed EWSB:

$$\mu^2 + m_{H_u}^2 \approx -\frac{m_Z^2}{2}$$

"Little hierarchy problem"



- Agashe & Graesser pointed out that with different numbers of doublets and triplets, one can make the first and second terms comparable, leading to a smaller Higgs mass parameter and hence smaller mu.
- Thus with doublet/triplet splitting, one can get much smaller mu in EOGM than OGM!

 $\mu\gtrsim 1~{\rm TeV}$ normally $\rightarrow \mu\ll 1~{\rm TeV}$ with "focussing"

Higgsino NLSPs

• Small mu in turn implies that the lightest neutralino is Higgsino like:

$$m_{\tilde{N}} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -c_\beta s_W m_Z & s_\beta s_W m_Z \\ 0 & M_2 & c_\beta c_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z \\ -c_\beta s_W m_Z & c_\beta c_W m_Z & 0 & -\mu \\ s_\beta s_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- So the NLSP can be the Higgsino, not the bino or the stau!!
- Because of the bias from OGM, this is not a well-studied scenario. It could have interesting implications at the LHC, e.g.

ZZ, Zh, hh + MET instead of $\gamma\gamma + MET$

• Could the LHC be a Higgs factory??

Unification?

Doublet/triplet splitting can potentially spoil gauge coupling unification. However the R-symmetry improves the situation.

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According to the determinant identity,

$$\det \mathcal{M}_r = X^n G(m_r, \lambda_r)$$

In general, $G(m, \lambda)$ is independent of some of the couplings. Then these couplings can be split arbitrarily without spoiling unification.

E.g., $G(m, \lambda) = \det \lambda$ independent of m. Then as long as $G(\lambda_2) = G(\lambda_3)$ gauge coupling unification can be preserved.

An example

• Consider again the model

$$W = \mathcal{M}_{ij}(X)\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_j = \lambda_i X\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_i + m_i\phi_i\tilde{\phi}_{i+1}$$
$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda X & m & 0\\ 0 & \lambda X \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda X & m & 0\\ 0 & \lambda X & m\\ 0 & 0 & \lambda X \end{pmatrix}, \qquad etc.$$

At large X, the model is equivalent to N messenger OGM. At small X, there is only one light messenger. Thus Neff interpolates between 1 and N.

Example: Neff



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Squark and slepton masses squashed

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messengers come in just right to fix up the running!

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- Many choices for the hidden sector are possible, but one is especially minimal. Because of the R-symmetry, these EOGM models are one step away from being generalized O'Raifeartaigh models.

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- Interestingly, all R-symmetric deformations of OGM have this property:

$$\det \lambda \neq 0 \qquad \Rightarrow R(\tilde{\phi}_i) = -R(\phi_i)$$

If $m_{ij} \neq 0 \Rightarrow R(\phi_i) + R(\tilde{\phi}_j) = 2$

So either $R(\phi_i)$, $R(\tilde{\phi}_i)$, $R(\phi_j)$, or $R(\tilde{\phi}_j)$ must be different from 0, 2.

Thus, any R-symmetric deformation of OGM leads to a viable model of SUSY and R-symmetry breaking!

These are possibly the simplest known models of "direct gauge mediation."

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Straightforward to find messenger masses, compute Coleman-Weinberg potential:

$$V_{CW} = \text{Tr} M_B^4 \log \frac{M_B^2}{\mu^2} - \text{Tr} M_F^4 \log \frac{M_F^2}{\mu^2}$$

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An R-symmetry breaking minimum is generated at one-loop!

Conclusions, future directions

- We have argued that OGM is part of a much wider model space which is not forbidden by any symmetries.
- By exploring this model space, we have seen that many of the classic features of OGM can qualitatively change.
 - higgsino-like neutralino NLSP
 - small mu
 - squashed slepton/squark spectrum
- Thus, gauge mediation, even in its simplest form, allows for richer phenomenological possibilities than previously thought.

Conclusions, cont'd

- Some future directions/open questions are:
 - Collider phenomenology of these models, esp. higgsino NLSP (work in progress)
 - What happens if we give up R-symmetry altogether?
 - Can these types of models be generated dynamically?
 - Cosmological implications R-axion, (nearly) stable messengers?
 - What do known solutions to the mu problem look like in this framework?