

# Gauge-Mediated SUSY breaking

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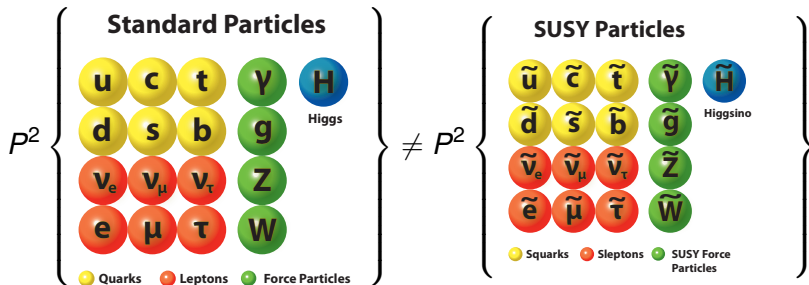
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# Disclaimer

When I say SUSY, I mean  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  SUSY

# Evidence

- Degeneracy in (s)particle mass spectrum not observed

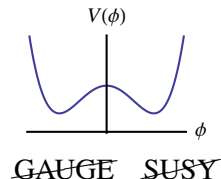
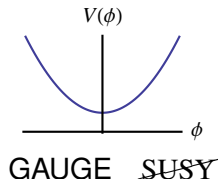
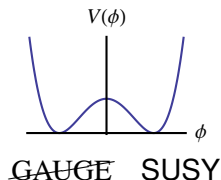
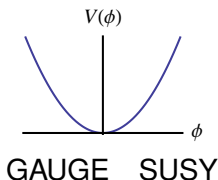


- If SUSY is realized, it is broken at low energies

# Properties

- Theory is SUSY but scalar potential  $V$  admits ~~SUSY~~ vacua

$$Q|\text{vacuum}\rangle \neq 0 \iff V(\text{vacuum}) > 0$$



# Recipe

- Additional  $U(1)$ s with associated vector superfields (VSF)
- Gauge-singlet chiral superfields ( $\chi$ SF)

Where are they?

Where? With What? Who?

# Where to Break Supersymmetry

Hidden sectors

SUSY breaking  
origin  
(hidden sector)

Flavour-blind  
interactions

MSSM  
(visible sector)

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# Particle Content and Superpotential

# Messenger mass spectrum

- SUSY field expansions

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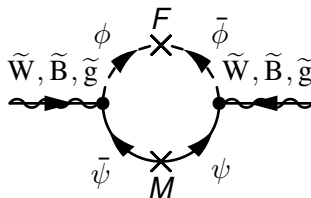
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# Soft Mass Generation

Gaugino masses at one-loop



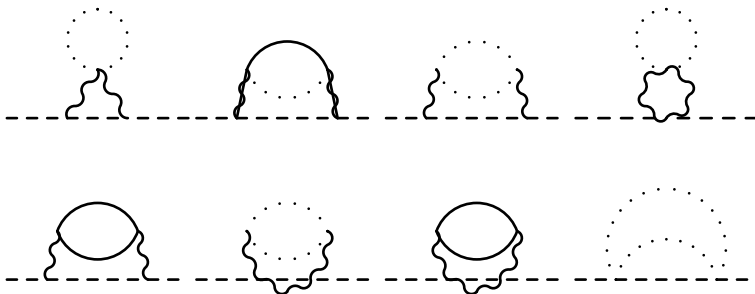
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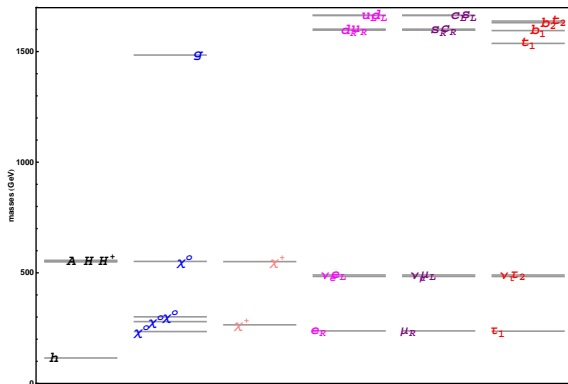
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# Here's one I made earlier...

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# Possible research avenues

- Solution to the  $b$  and  $\mu$  problems: NMSSM? Dirac Gauginos?
- Multiple hidden sectors, exotic messengers?
- ...?



# Thanks

Thanks for listening!

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- Scalar masses free from quadratic divergencies

$$\sum_{s,f} \left( \phi \text{---} \text{---} \phi \text{ (with a dashed loop labeled } s \text{)} + \phi \text{---} \text{---} \phi \text{ (with a fermion loop labeled } f \text{)} \right) = 0$$

# Gauge Coupling Unification

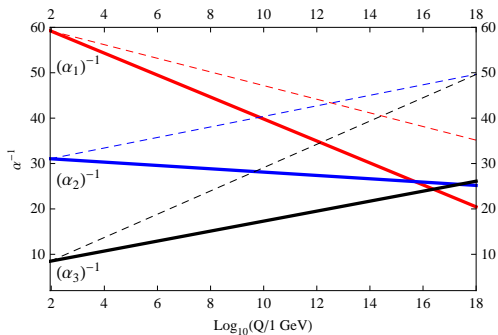
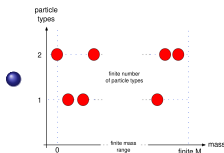


Figure: RGE of  $\alpha_i^{-1}$  in SM (dashed) and MSSM (solid)

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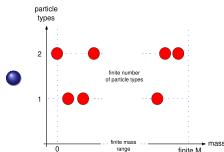
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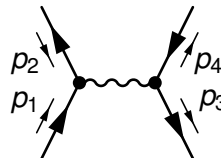
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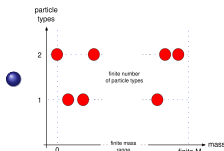
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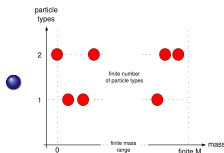
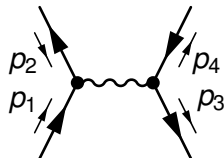
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amplitudes for elastic  $2 \rightarrow 2$  scattering are analytic functions of scattering angles

# The Coleman-Mandula Theorem

## Conclusions

“ The only possible *Lie algebra* of symmetry generators consist of translations, homogenous Lorentz transformations, together with possible internal symmetry generators (e.g. the generators of gauge groups)”



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$\implies$  No more allowed space-time *symmetries*!

# What if...?

Could we have space-time *supersymmetries*?

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is just a special case of a *graded Lie algebra*

$$\{Q, Q'\} = X$$

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$X$  = commuting element

$Q$  = anti-commuting element

# The Haag-Lopuszanski-Sohnius theorem

Bypassing Coleman-Mandula

What generators satisfying a *graded Lie algebra* are consistent with the Coleman-Mandula theorem?

# The Haag-Lopuszanski-Sohnius theorem

## Commuting elements

We already know the commuting part of the algebra

$$X = \{P, J, B\} \implies [X, X'] = X''$$

Using *graded Jacobi identities*, the rest of the (anti-)commutators of the algebra are fully determined...

# The Haag-Lopuszanski-Sohnius theorem

## The Super-Poincaré algebra

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \{Q, Q^{\dagger'}\} &= P \\ \{Q, Q'\} &= B \\ [P, Q] &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Supersymmetry algebra}$$

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- The  $Q$ s therefore generate a space-time symmetry!

# Solving the Higgs Hierarchy Problem

## Quick Higgs revision

Standard Model Higgs potential

$$V(H) \sim \mu^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4$$

Higgs vacuum expectation value (VEV)

$$\langle H \rangle = \sqrt{-\mu^2/2\lambda} \sim 174 \text{ GeV}$$

Implies a Higgs mass

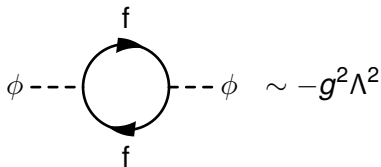
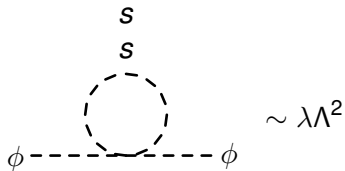
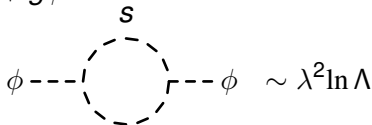
$$m_H^2 = -\mu^2 \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

# Solving the Higgs Hierarchy Problem

## Scalar Field Self-energy at One-loop

$$-\mathcal{L} \subset \lambda |S|^2 |\phi|^2 + g \phi \bar{f} f$$

$\phi, s = \text{scalars}$   
 $f = \text{fermions}$



# Solving the Higgs Hierarchy Problem

## Radiative corrections to Higgs mass

At one-loop

$$m_H^2 \longrightarrow m_H^2 + \Lambda^2 \left( \sum_{\text{scalars}} \lambda_s - \sum_{\text{fermions}} g_f^2 \right) + \ln \Lambda \sum_{\text{scalars}} \lambda_s^2$$

Natural Higgs mass

$$\Lambda \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \implies m_{\text{nat}} \sim m_{\text{Pl}}$$

# Solving the Higgs Hierarchy Problem

Supersymmetric solution

Supersymmetry  $\implies$  Superpartners

Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) field content

Standard Model Particle	Supersymmetric Partner
Gauge Boson	Gaugino
Quark	Squark
Leptons	Slepton
Higgs	Higgsino

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For scalar and fermionic superpartners

$$\lambda_s = g_f^2$$

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Problem solved!



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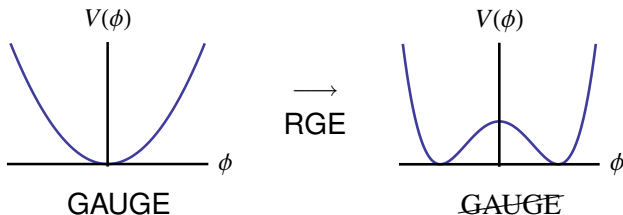
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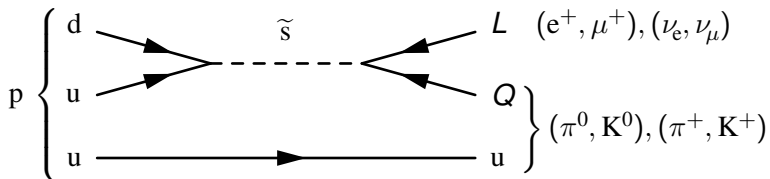
- Renormalization Group Evolution (RGE) triggers EWSB



# Dark Matter Candidate

## Proton decay

- General MSSM  $\implies$  rapid proton decay



- Forbid these interactions by imposing symmetries

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$R$ -parity

- Define a multiplicatively conserved quantum number  $P_R$
- Let all (supersymmetric) particles have  $P_R = (-)^1$

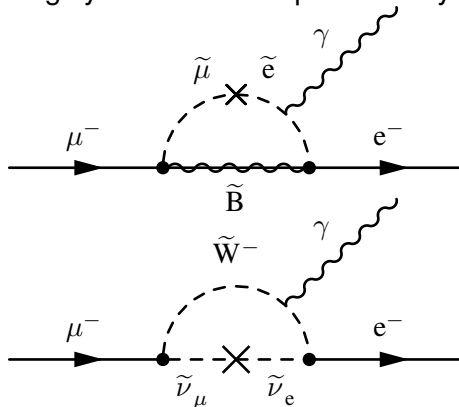


- Interaction vertices contain even numbers of superpartners
- Forbids process mediating rapid proton decay
- The lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) is stable

Dark matter candidate!

# Flavour Changing Neutral Currents

- $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \gamma$  is highly constrained experimentally



- Forbid/suppress the additional loop processes from SUSY

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- Higgs ' $b$ ' term difficult to generate
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# Flavour Universality

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{MSSM}} \subset \sum_{\phi=Q,L,\bar{u},\bar{d},e} \tilde{\phi}^\dagger m_\phi^2 \tilde{\phi} + \left( \tilde{u} a_u \tilde{Q} H_u - \tilde{d} a_d \tilde{Q} H_d - \tilde{e} a_e \tilde{L} H_d + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

Easiest way:

- Assume supersymmetry breaking is ‘universal’

$$(m_i)_{jk} = m_i \delta_{jk}, \quad i = (Q, L, u, d, e)$$

- Assume that the (scalar)<sup>3</sup> couplings are  $\propto$  the corresponding Yukawa couplings

$$a_i \propto y_i, \quad i = (u, d, e)$$



# Consequences

We find...

At any RG scale, the squark and slepton mass matrices appear

$$\left(m_{\phi}^2\right)_{ij} \approx \begin{pmatrix} m_{\phi_1}^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\phi_1}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\phi_3}^2 \end{pmatrix}_{ij} \quad \phi = (Q, L, u, d, e)$$

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- Superpotential

$$W = \lambda \bar{\Phi} X \Phi$$

- $X$  is goldstino superfield

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

# MSSM Soft Lagrangian

The most general set of positive mass dimension terms who obey SM symmetries but break SUSY are

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}^{\text{MSSM}} = & -\frac{1}{2} \left( M_3 \tilde{g}\tilde{g} + M_2 \tilde{W}\tilde{W} + M_1 \tilde{B}\tilde{B} + \text{c.c.} \right) \\
 & - \left( \tilde{u} \mathbf{a}_u \tilde{Q} H_u - \tilde{d} \mathbf{a}_d \tilde{Q} H_d - \tilde{e} \mathbf{a}_e \tilde{L} H_d + \text{c.c.} \right) \\
 & - \tilde{Q}^\dagger \mathbf{m}_Q^2 \tilde{Q} - \tilde{L}^\dagger \mathbf{m}_L^2 \tilde{L} - \tilde{u} \mathbf{m}_u^2 \tilde{u}^\dagger - \tilde{d} \mathbf{m}_d^2 \tilde{d}^\dagger - \tilde{e} \mathbf{m}_e^2 \tilde{e}^\dagger \\
 & - m_{H_u}^2 H_u^* H_u - m_{H_d}^2 H_d^* H_d - (b H_u H_d + \text{c.c.}),
 \end{aligned}$$

and form the soft supersymmetry breaking Lagrangian density