

Soft terms from theories with a gauged R-symmetry in $\mathcal{N} = 1$ supergravity.

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- a gauge kinetic function $f(\Phi)$

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Say one has a (globally) supersymmetric Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{SUSY}$ containing the Standard Model fields

- Every Standard Model field has a superpartner (that has not yet been detected)
- Global supersymmetry $\longrightarrow$ mass Standard Model field = mass of its superpartner.
- Impossible, otherwise they'd already been detected.

Conclusion: Supersymmetry should be *broken*.

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- called 'Soft Supersymmetry Breaking Terms'
- These terms break supersymmetry explicitly.
- Where could they come from?

Summary of talk:

- Assume Supersymmetry is a *local* symmetry.
- gauged supersymmetry = *Supergravity*
- Supersymmetry is then broken spontaneously
- After supersymmetry breaking one hopes to retrieve some $\mathcal{L}_{SOFT}$

Before we start, there are two more things:

1. Hidden sector

- For reasons that I omit, the Standard Model fields cannot be the cause of supersymmetry breaking.
- We need to define a *hidden sector* of fields.
- These fields are usually very heavy and singlets under Standard Model gauge groups.
- The hidden sector scalars acquire a VEV and break supersymmetry spontaneously.
- Supersymmetry breaking is then communicated to the visible (Standard Model) due to gravity effects in the Lagrangian.

Footnote: There are a lot of ways to break supersymmetry, this is just one of them.

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We want the minimum of our potential to be very small and positive (like the cosmological constant).

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The plan:

- (a) Define particle content of hidden sector.
- (b) Choose K, W, f based on symmetry principles.
- (c) Fine-tune parameters such that the potential allows for small and positive minimum.
- (d) Calculate soft breaking terms.
- (e) (look at particle phenomenology)

(a) Particle content of hidden sector

- One chiral multiplet S (scalar and fermion) and one gauge multiplet (gauge boson and fermion).
- The gauge boson belongs to a $U(1)$ different from the Standard Model $U(1)_Y$
- the scalar s of the chiral multiplet has a *shift symmetry* under the extra $U(1)$
- $s \longrightarrow s - ic\theta$, where c is constant and θ is gauge parameter.

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A few remarks:

- under the shift symmetry $W \longrightarrow W e^{-ibc\theta}$
- This is an R-symmetry $\longrightarrow$ Fayet-Iliopolous D-term.

We have:

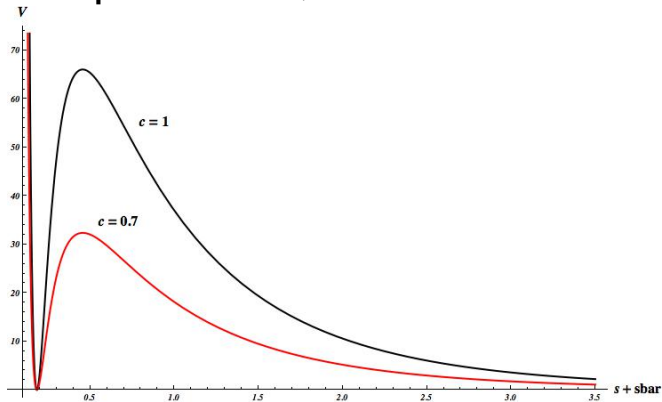
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One still has to specify the gauge kinetic function $f(s)$:

- most general possible: $f(s) = \gamma + \beta s$.
- $\beta \neq 0$ implies existence of Green-Schwarz term.
- take $\beta = 0, \gamma = 1$.
- Tunability of the potential requires then $p = 1$

(c) Tune parameters to obtain small and positive minimum of the potential for $s + \bar{s}$



$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_F + \mathcal{V}_D$$

- Negative F-term (from superpotential)
- Positive D-term (from shift symmetry)
- Tune parameters to obtain small cosmological constant

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Problem: The predicted universal soft masses squared m_0^2 for the sparticles are negative.

Possible solutions:

- Include extra (Polonyi-like) field z .

$$W = a(1 + \gamma z) + W_{MSSM}$$

Not all γ are possible

$$\gamma \in [0.5, 1.707].$$

- Give MSSM fields non-canonical Kähler potential

$$K = \dots + (s + \bar{s})^{-\nu} \sum \varphi \bar{\varphi}$$

Constraint on ν :

$$\nu > 2.6.$$

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However, something strange is happening with the gaugino masses

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Kahler Transformation

$$K \longrightarrow K + J + \bar{J}$$

$$W \longrightarrow We^{-J}$$

with $J = bS$ gives an classically equivalent theory

$$K = -p \log(s + \bar{s}) + b(s + \bar{s}),$$

$$W = a,$$

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T_R Dynkin index representation R (normalized to 1/2 for SU(N) fundamental), T_G Dynkin index adjoint representation.

We summarize the soft terms for $\gamma = 1$

$$m_0 \approx 0.72 m_{3/2},$$

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$$m_Y \approx 0.0153 m_{3/2},$$

$$m_2 \approx 0.0245 m_{3/2},$$

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- $m_\gamma < m_2 \longrightarrow$ dark matter candidate LSP is most likely the lightest neutralino, which is mostly Bino-like. (In contrast with mAMSB)
- Lower (LEP) bound on lightest chargino drive gravitino mass up to $m_{3/2} \gtrsim O(10 \text{ TeV})$. (In contrast with mSUGRA)
- Forces us to negotiably drop naturalness.

Conclusions:

- Model based on a gauged R-symmetry.
- Breaks supersymmetry spontaneously.
- Minimum of the potential positive and tunably small
- Gravitino mass also tunable
- Soft masses realistic upon inclusion of one extra hidden sector field or noncanonical Kahler potentials.
- Phenomenology distinguishable from mSUGRA and mAMSB

(bonus slide) Outline:

Make theory based on gauged R-symmetry

Minimum of the potential has to be positive and small
(tunable) [I. Antoniadis and R. Knoops, arXiv:1403.1534 [hep-th]]

Cancel quantum anomalies [I. Antoniadis, D. M. Ghilencea and R. Knoops,
arXiv:1412.4807 [hep-th]]

Use this as 'hidden sector' and communicate SUSY
breaking to MSSM [I. Antoniadis and R. Knoops, to be published]

See if phenomenology is viable

(bonus slide) Difference with mSUGRA:

No gaugino masses at tree level $\longrightarrow$ big mass differences
(compared with mSUGRA)

Differences with mAMSB

Spectrum resembles much the mAMSB spectrum

Important difference: mAMSB LSP is mostly Wino-like neutralino, ours is mostly Bino-like.

second term in $m_{1/2}$ is missing in mAMSB, our gaugino masses are slightly larger.

We have no possible issues with tachyonic scalar masses.

We have big tree-level A_0 , compared with small A_0 generated at one-loop for mAMSB.

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The real part of the scalar s acquires a vev, breaking the shift symmetry and supersymmetry by a combination of F-term and D-term breaking.

The gauge boson A_μ *eats* the imaginary part of the scalar a by a Stückelberg mechanism and becomes massive.

A linear combination of the two fermions, χ and the gaugino λ , is the Goldstino. This Goldstino is eaten by the gravitino by a super-BEH mechanism, and the gravitino becomes massive.