

# Gaugino condensation: 25 years later

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# Outline

- Basic questions: moduli stabilization and Susy breakdown: Fluxes and Gaugino Condensation
- A large and a little hierarchy
- Mirage Mediation
- Distinct pattern of soft terms
- Some remarks on fine tuning
- Explicit schemes KKLT and LNR
- Robust prediction for gaugino masses
- The Gaugino Code
- Conclusions and outlook

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## Recent progress in

- moduli stabilization via fluxes in warped compactifications of **Type IIB string theory**  
(Dasgupta, Rajesh, Sethi, 1999; Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski, 2001)
- generalized flux compactifications of **heterotic string theory**  
(Becker, Becker, Dasgupta, Prokushkin, 2003; Gurrieri, Lukas, Micu, 2004)
- combined with gaugino condensates and “uplifting”  
(Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, 2003)

# The role of gaugino condensates

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$$X \sim \log(M_{\text{Planck}}/m_{3/2})$$

providing a “**little**” hierarchy.

(Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, Pokorski, 2004)

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Thus the contribution due to “Anomaly Mediation” (suppressed by a loop factor) becomes competitive, leading to a Mixed Modulus-Anomaly-Mediation scheme.

For reasons that will be explained later we call this scheme

**MIRAGE MEDIATION**

(Loaiza, Martin, HPN, Ratz, 2005)

# The little hierarchy

$$m_X \sim \langle X \rangle m_{3/2} \sim \langle X \rangle^2 m_{\text{soft}}$$

is a generic signal of such a scheme

- moduli and gravitino are heavy
- gaugino mass spectrum is compressed

(Choi, Falkowski, HPN, Olechowski, 2005; Endo, Yamaguchi, Yoshioka, 2005;  
Choi, Jeong, Okumura, 2005)

- such a situation occurs if SUSY breaking is e.g.  
“sequestered” on a warped throat

(Kachru, McAllister, Sundrum, 2007)

# Mirage Unification

Mirage Mediation provides a

- characteristic pattern of soft breaking terms.

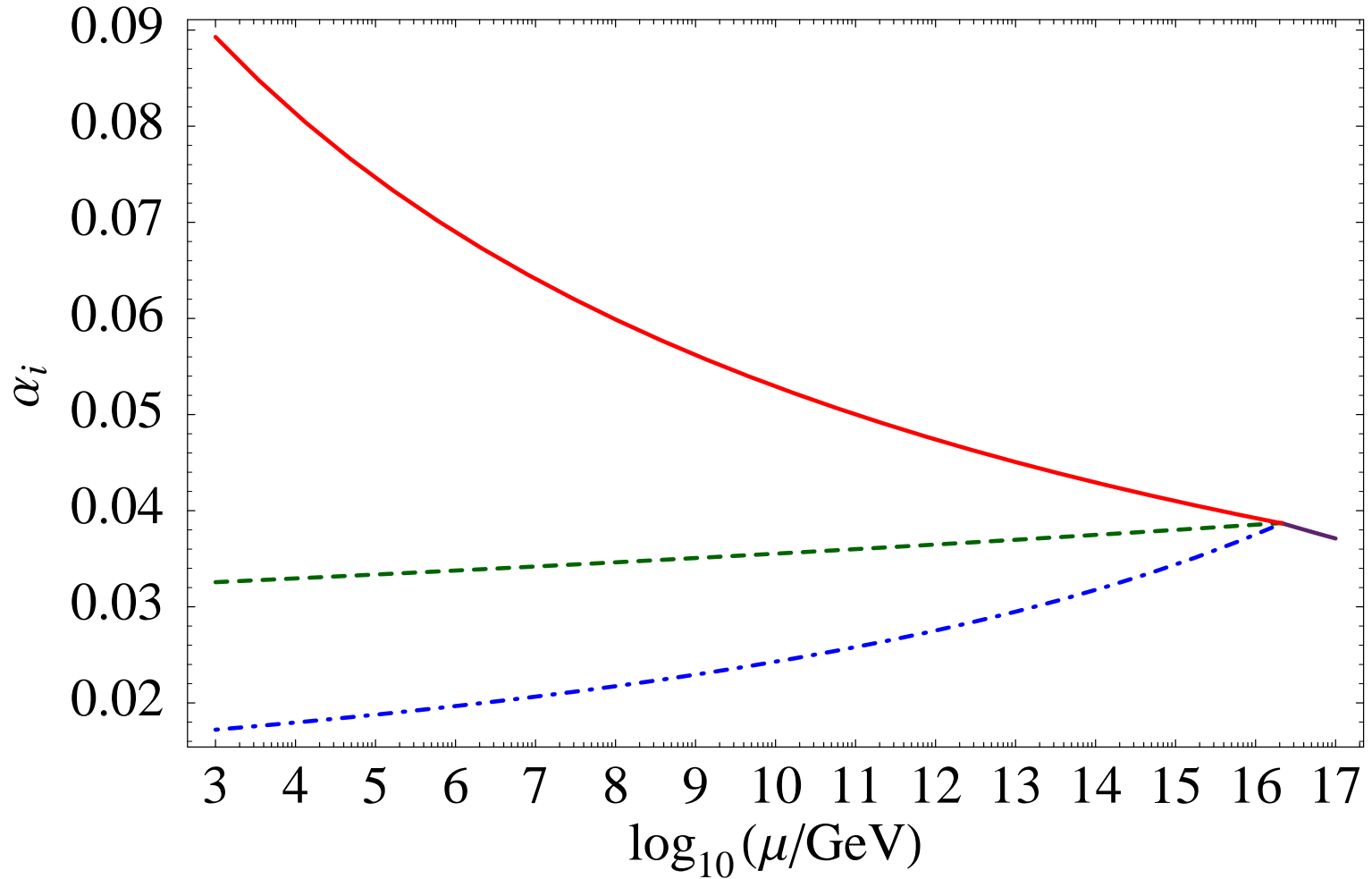
To see this, let us consider the gaugino masses

$$M_{1/2} = M_{\text{modulus}} + M_{\text{anomaly}}$$

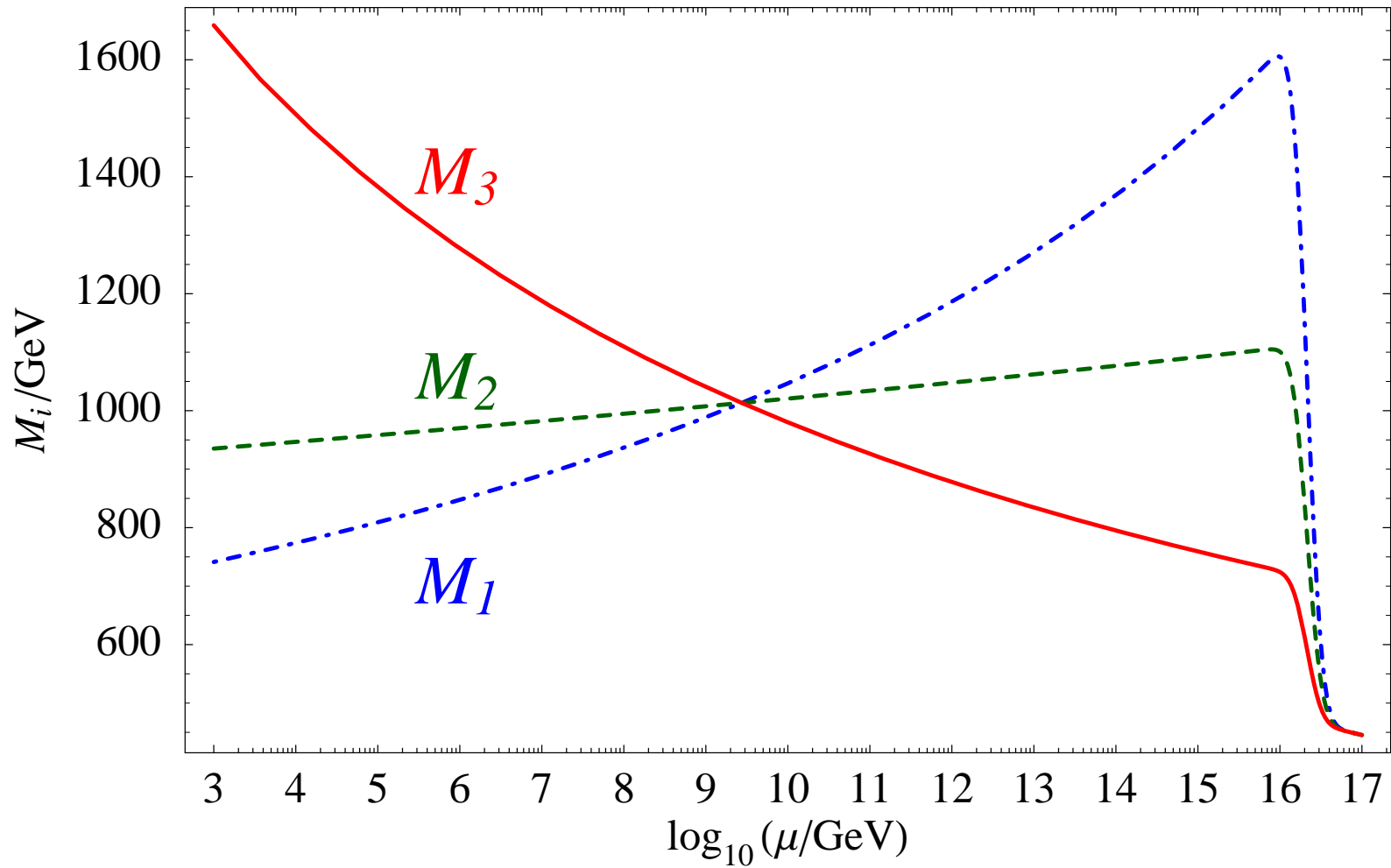
as a sum of two contributions of comparable size.

- $M_{\text{anomaly}}$  is proportional to the  $\beta$  function,  
i.e. **negative** for the gluino, **positive** for the bino
- thus  $M_{\text{anomaly}}$  is non-universal below the GUT scale

# Evolution of couplings



# The Mirage Scale



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# The Mirage Scale (II)

The gaugino masses **coincide**

- above the GUT scale
- at the mirage scale

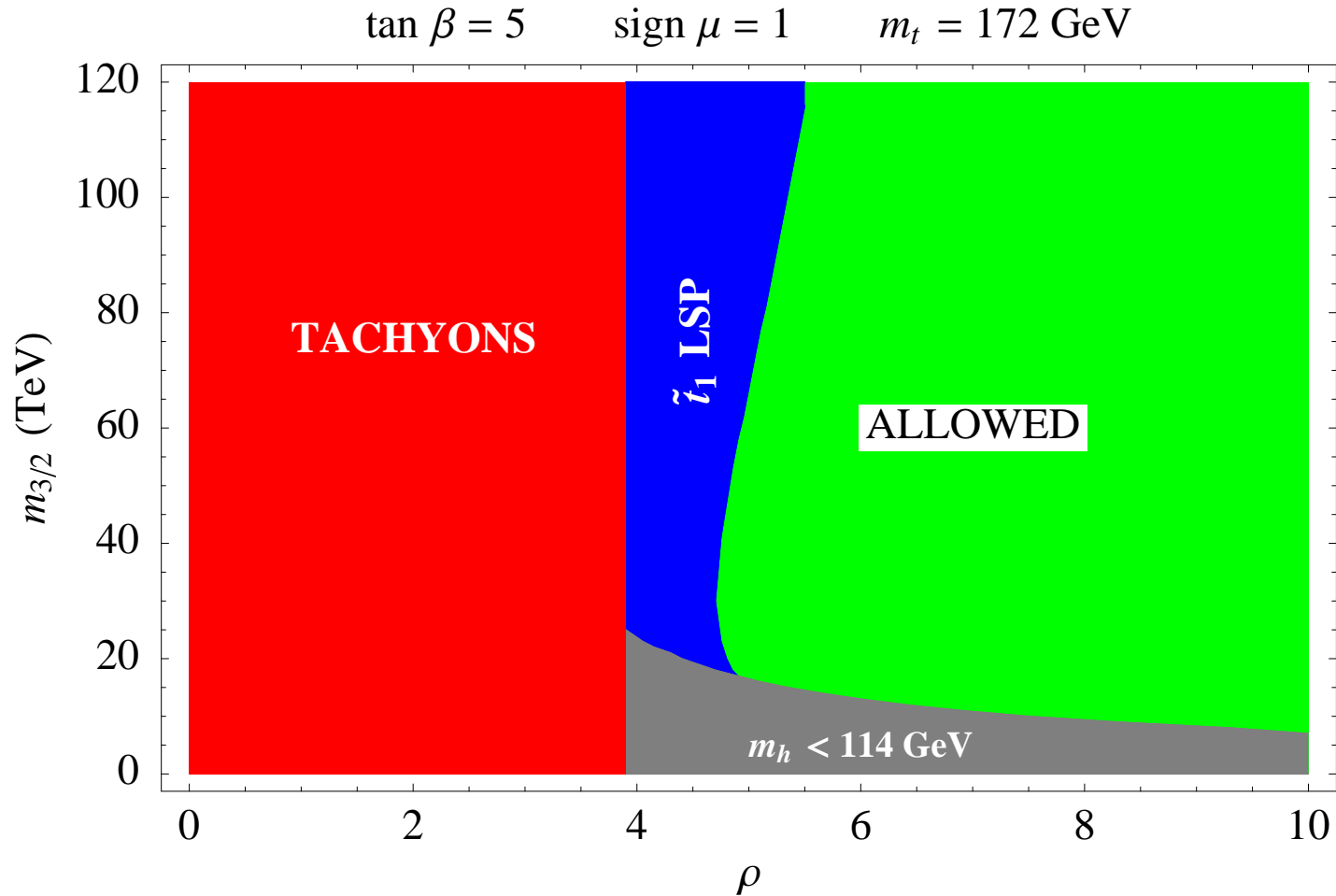
$$\mu_{\text{mirage}} = M_{\text{GUT}} \exp(-8\pi^2/\rho)$$

where  $\rho$  denotes the “ratio” of the contribution of **modulus** vs. **anomaly mediation**. We write the gaugino masses as

$$M_a = M_s(\rho + b_a g_a^2) = \frac{m_{3/2}}{16\pi^2}(\rho + b_a g_a^2)$$

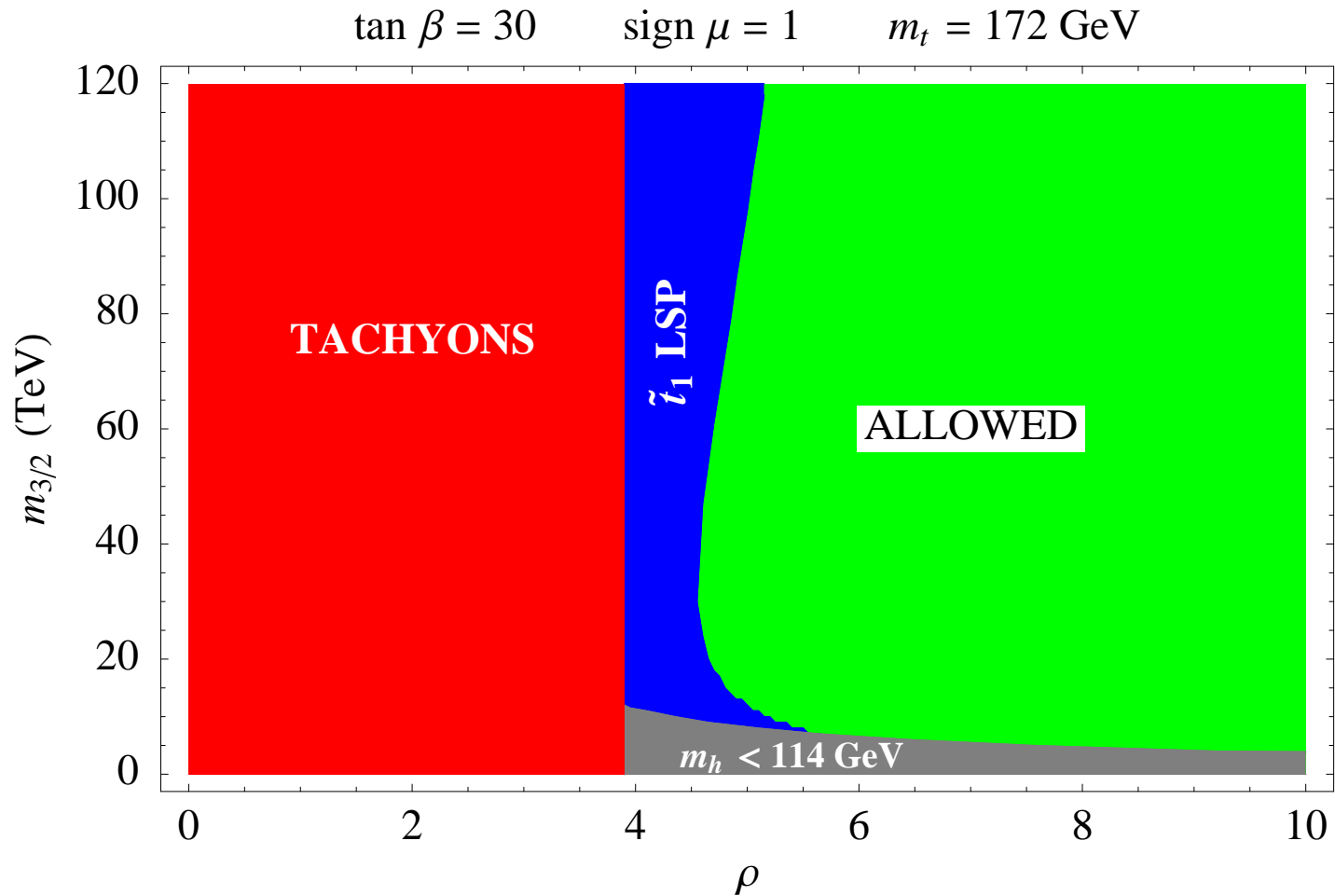
and  $\rho \rightarrow 0$  corresponds to pure anomaly mediation.

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Thus we might worry about a fine-tuning to obtain

- the mass of the weak scale around 100 GeV from

$$\frac{m_Z^2}{2} = -\mu^2 + \frac{m_{H_d}^2 - m_{H_u}^2 \tan^2 \beta}{\tan^2 \beta - 1},$$

and there are large corrections to  $m_{H_u}^2$  .....

(Choi, Jeong, Kobayashi, Okumura, 2005)

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Mirage mediation improves the situation

- especially for **small  $\rho$**
- because of a **reduced gluino mass** and a **“compressed”** spectrum of supersymmetric partners  
(Choi, Jeong, Kobayashi, Okumura, 2005)
- explicit model building required  
(Kitano, Nomura, 2005; Lebedev, HPN, Ratz, 2005; Pierce, Thaler, 2006; Dermisek, Kim, 2006; Ellis, Olive, Sandick, 2006; Martin, 2007)

# Explicit schemes I

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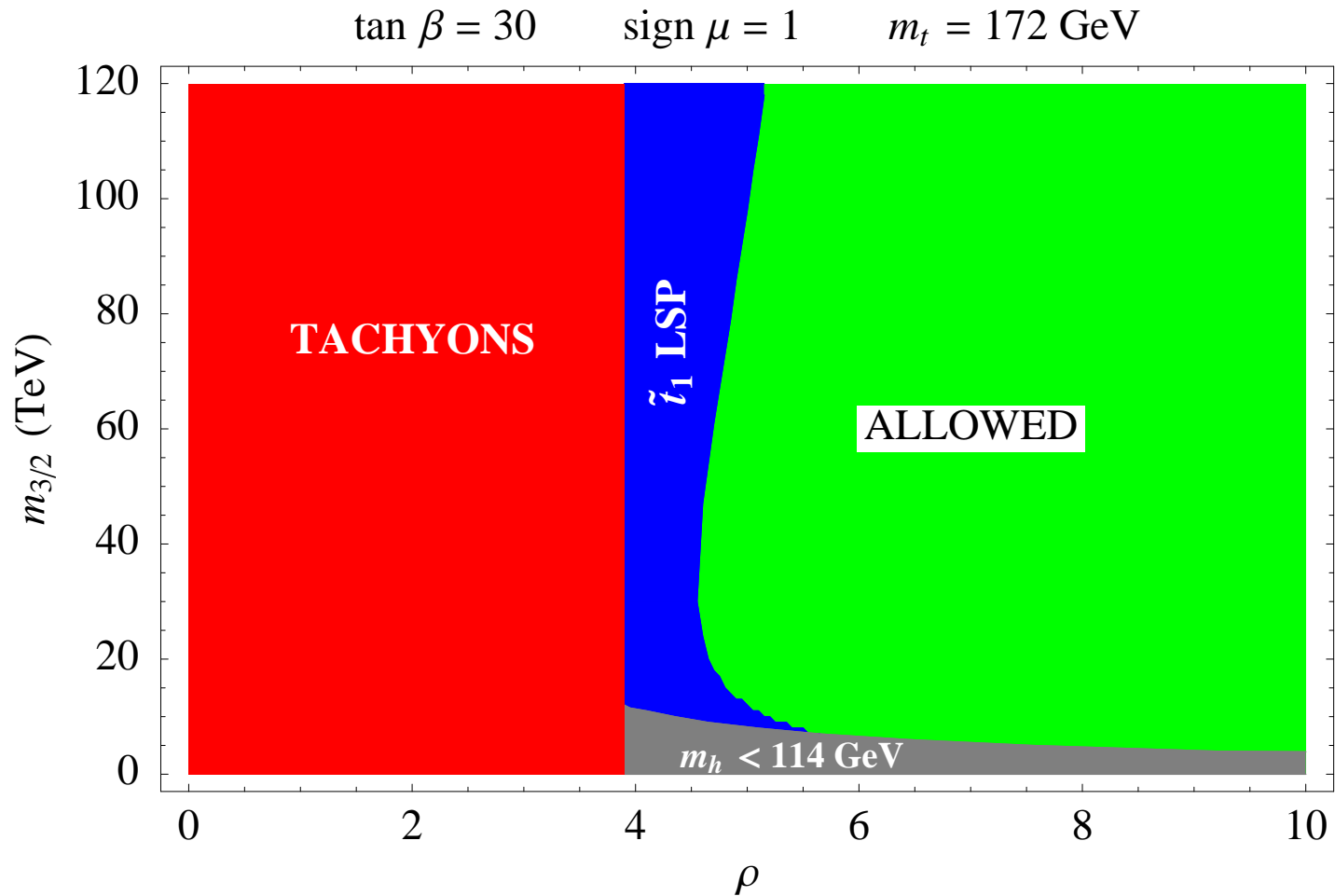
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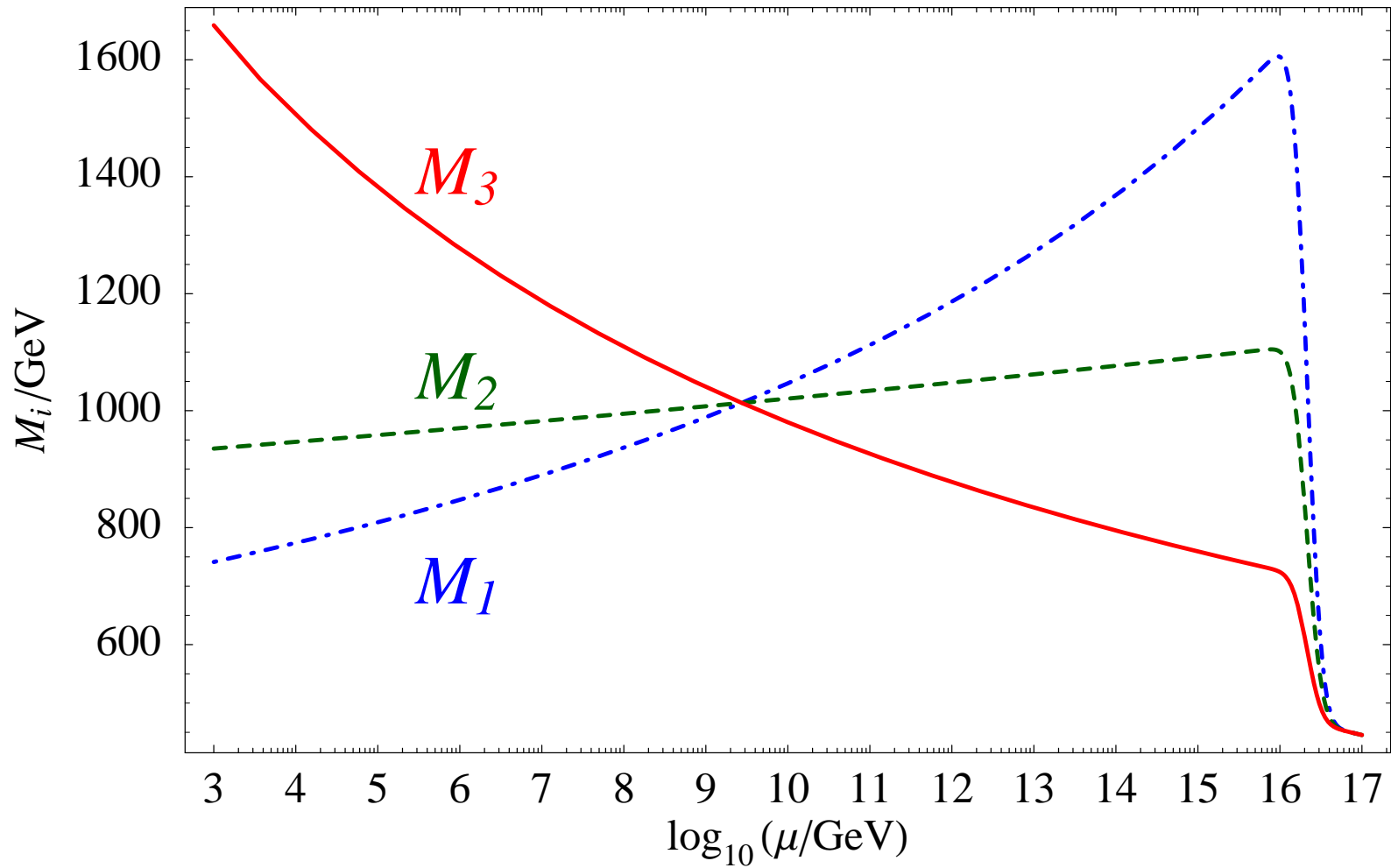
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- This scheme leads to **pure mirage mediation**:
  - gaugino masses and
  - scalar masses
- **both meet at a common mirage scale**

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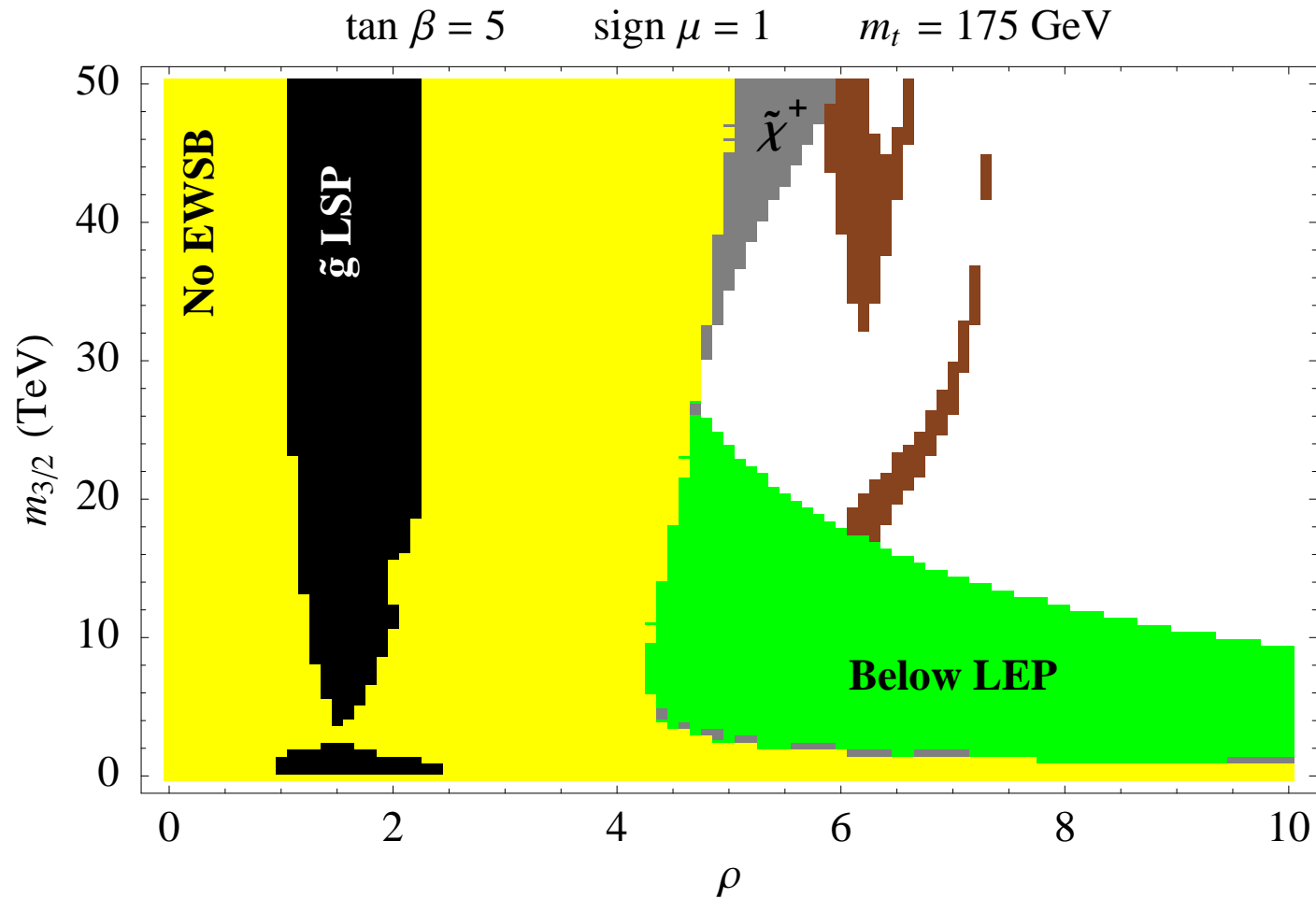
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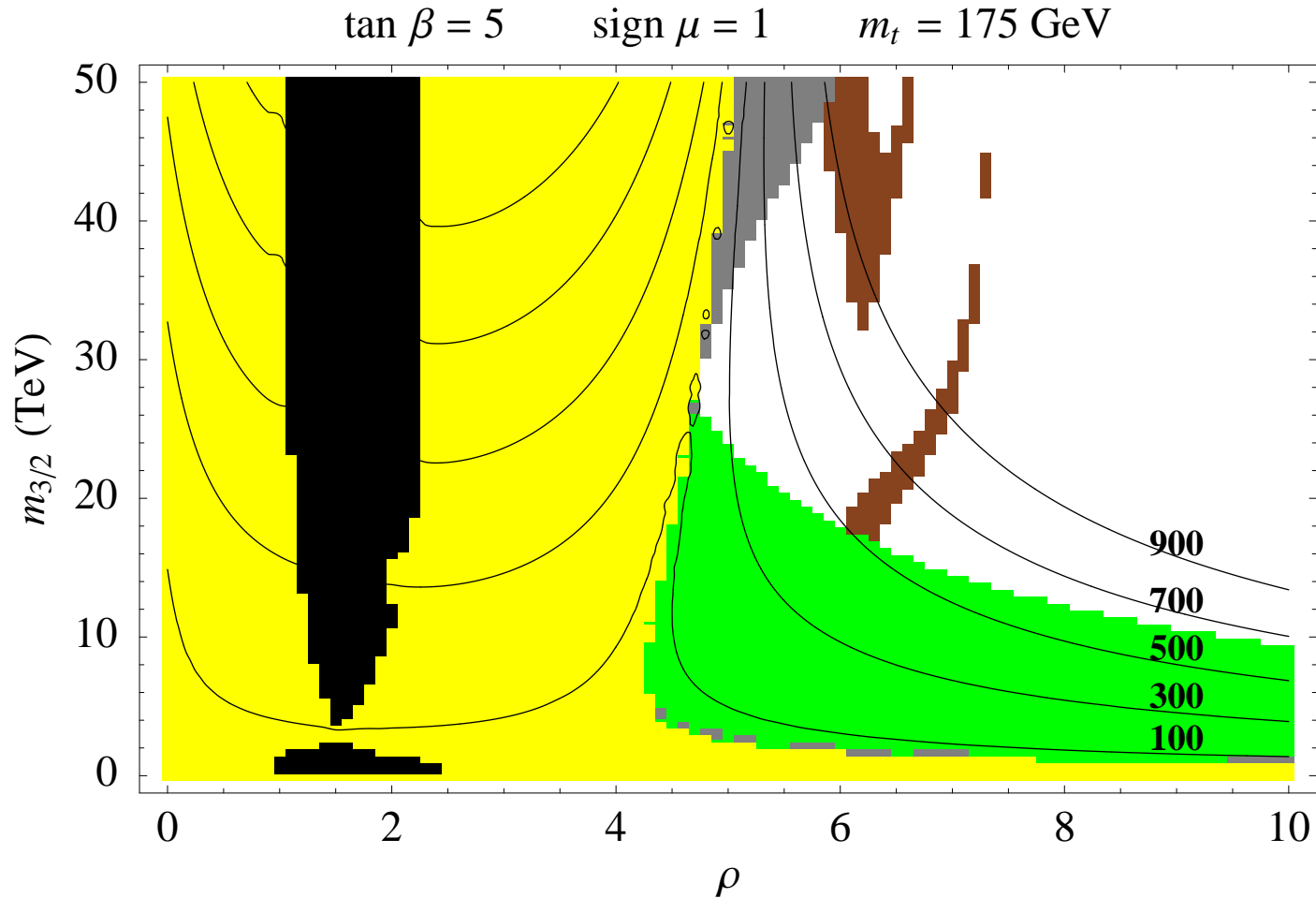
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- **gaugino masses still meet at a mirage scale**
  - **soft scalar masses might be dominated by modulus mediation**
  - similar constraints on the mixing parameter

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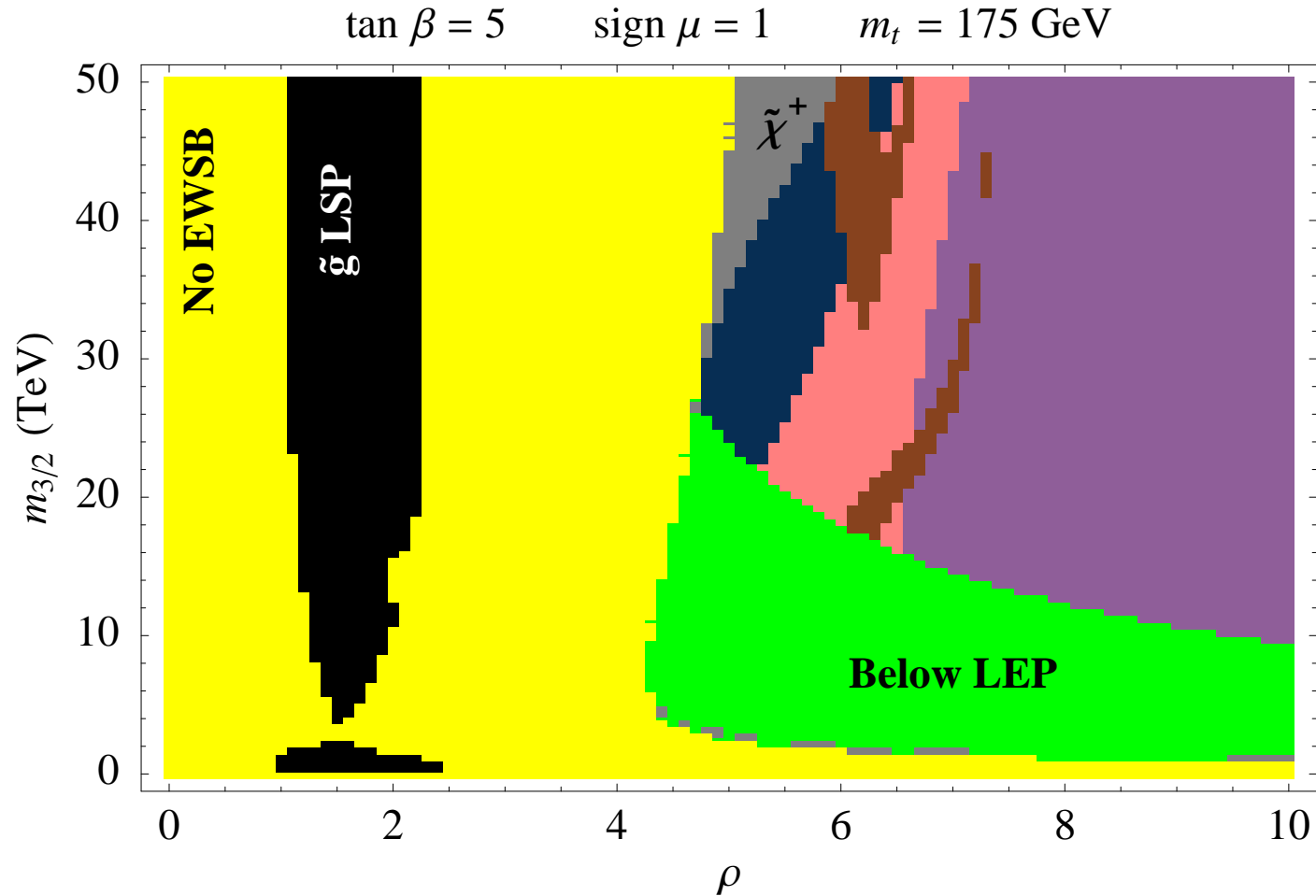
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## Main message

- predictions for gaugino masses are more robust than those for sfermion masses

mirage pattern for gaugino masses rather generic

# Obstacles to D-term uplifting

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Moreover in these schemes we have

$$F \sim m_{3/2} M_{\text{Planck}} \quad \text{and} \quad D \sim m_{3/2}^2.$$

So if  $m_{3/2} \ll M_{\text{Planck}}$  the D-terms are irrelevant.

(Choi, Jeong, 2006)

# The Gaugino Code

How can we test these ideas at the LHC?

Look for pattern of gaugino masses

Let us assume the

- low energy particle content of the MSSM
- measured values of gauge coupling constants

$$g_1^2 : g_2^2 : g_3^2 \simeq 1 : 2 : 6$$

The evolution of gauge couplings would then lead to **unification** at a GUT-scale around  $10^{16}$  GeV

# The Gaugino Code

Observe that

- evolution of gaugino masses is tied to evolution of gauge couplings
- for MSSM  $M_a/g_a^2$  does not run (at one loop)

This implies

- robust prediction for gaugino masses
- gaugino mass relations are the key to reveal the underlying scheme

## 3 CHARACTERISTIC MASS PATTERNS

(Choi, HPN, 2007)

# mSUGRA Pattern

Universal gaugino mass at the GUT scale

- mSUGRA pattern:

$$M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 2 : 6 \simeq g_1^2 : g_2^2 : g_3^2$$

as realized in popular schemes such as gravity-, modulus-, gauge- and gaugino-mediation

This leads to

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Bino
- $M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 6$

as a characteristic signature of these schemes.

# Anomaly Pattern

Gaugino masses below the GUT scale determined by the  $\beta$  functions

- anomaly pattern:

$$M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 3.3 : 1 : 9$$

at the TeV scale as the signal of anomaly mediation.

For the gauginos, this implies

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Wino
- $M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 9$

Pure anomaly mediation inconsistent, as sfermion masses are problematic in this scheme (tachyonic sleptons).



# Mirage Pattern

Mixed boundary conditions at the GUT scale characterized by the parameter  $\rho$  (the ratio of anomaly to modulus mediation).

- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 1.3 : 2.5$  for  $\rho \simeq 5$
- $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \simeq 1 : 1 : 1$  for  $\rho \simeq 2$

The mirage scheme leads to

- LSP  $\chi_1^0$  predominantly Bino
- $M_{\text{gluino}}/m_{\chi_1^0} < 6$
- a “compact” gaugino mass pattern.

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How much can it be suppressed?

$$\log(m_{3/2}/M_{\text{Planck}})$$

So we might expect

**a mixture of tree level and loop contributions.**

# Conclusion

Mirage Mediation naturally appears in string theory models with background fluxes and gaugino condensation. It

- relieves cosmological problems of moduli and gravitino
- reduces the fine tuning of the weak scale
- gives a consistent neutralino dark matter candidate

## Mirage mediation

- avoids the problems of conventional schemes like anomaly and modulus mediation
- is the correct way to implement anomaly mediation
- gives a consistent picture with very few parameters

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