String signatures for the LHC

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Outline

- Basic questions: moduli stabilization and Susy breakdown: Fluxes and Gaugino Condensation
- A large hierarchy creates a little hierarchy
- Mirage Mediation
- Distinct “compressed” pattern of soft terms
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- Robust prediction for gaugino masses
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- 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)

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In fact in this simple scheme

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

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

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

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.

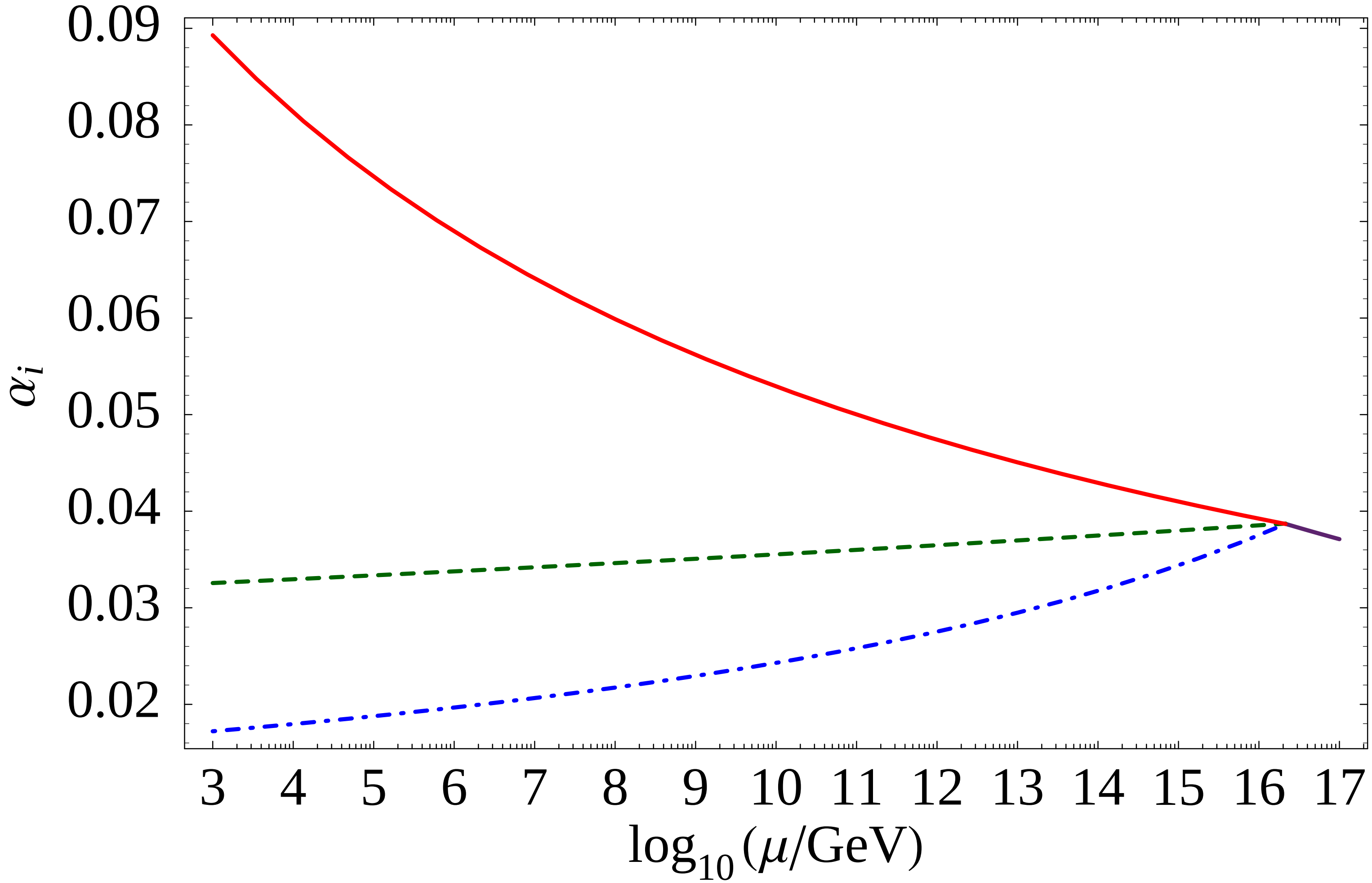
To see this, let us consider the gaugino masses

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

as a sum of two contributions of comparable size.

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

Evolution of couplings



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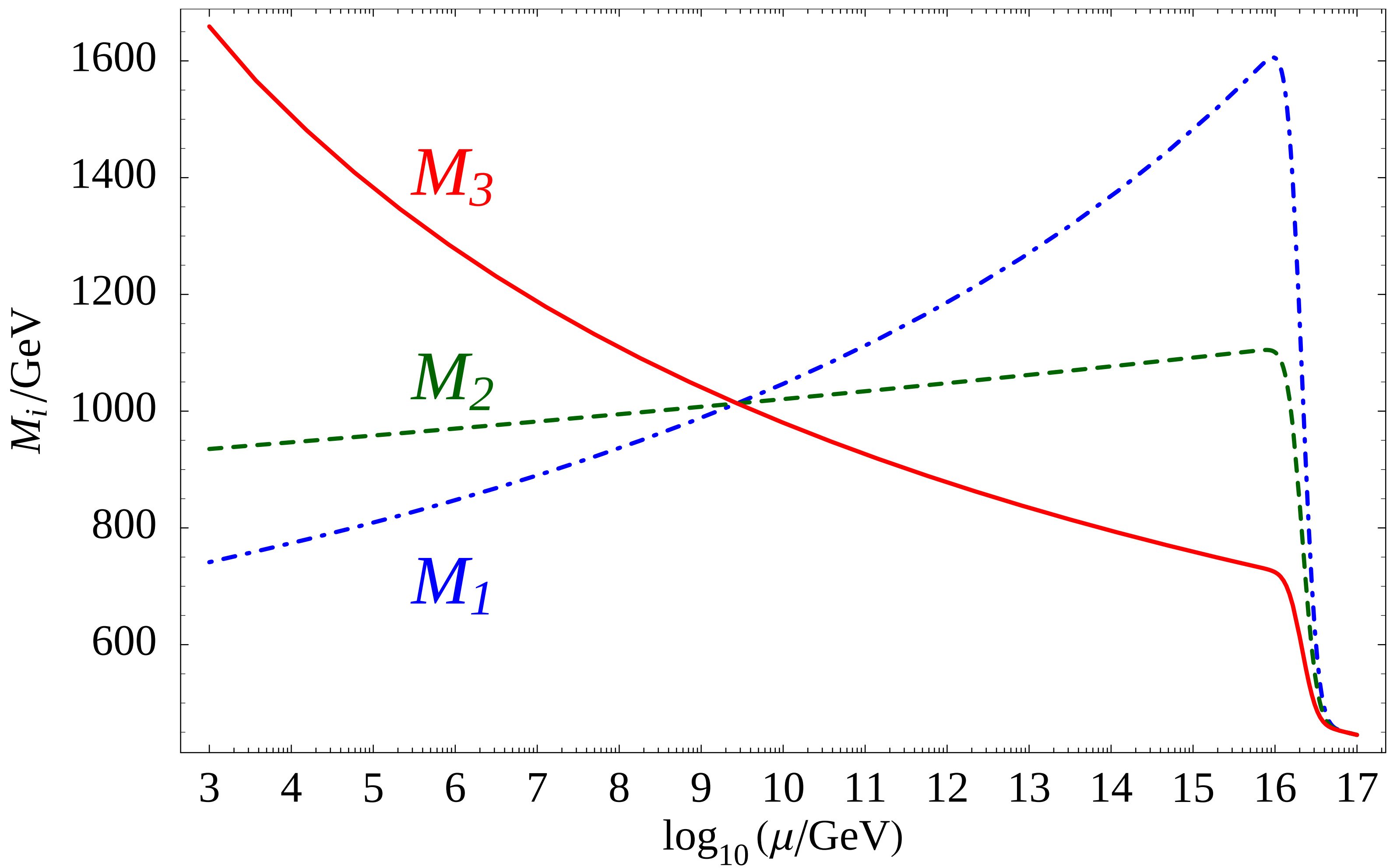

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The Mirage Scale (II)

The gaugino masses coincide

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

where ρ 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 $\rho \to 0$ corresponds to pure anomaly mediation.

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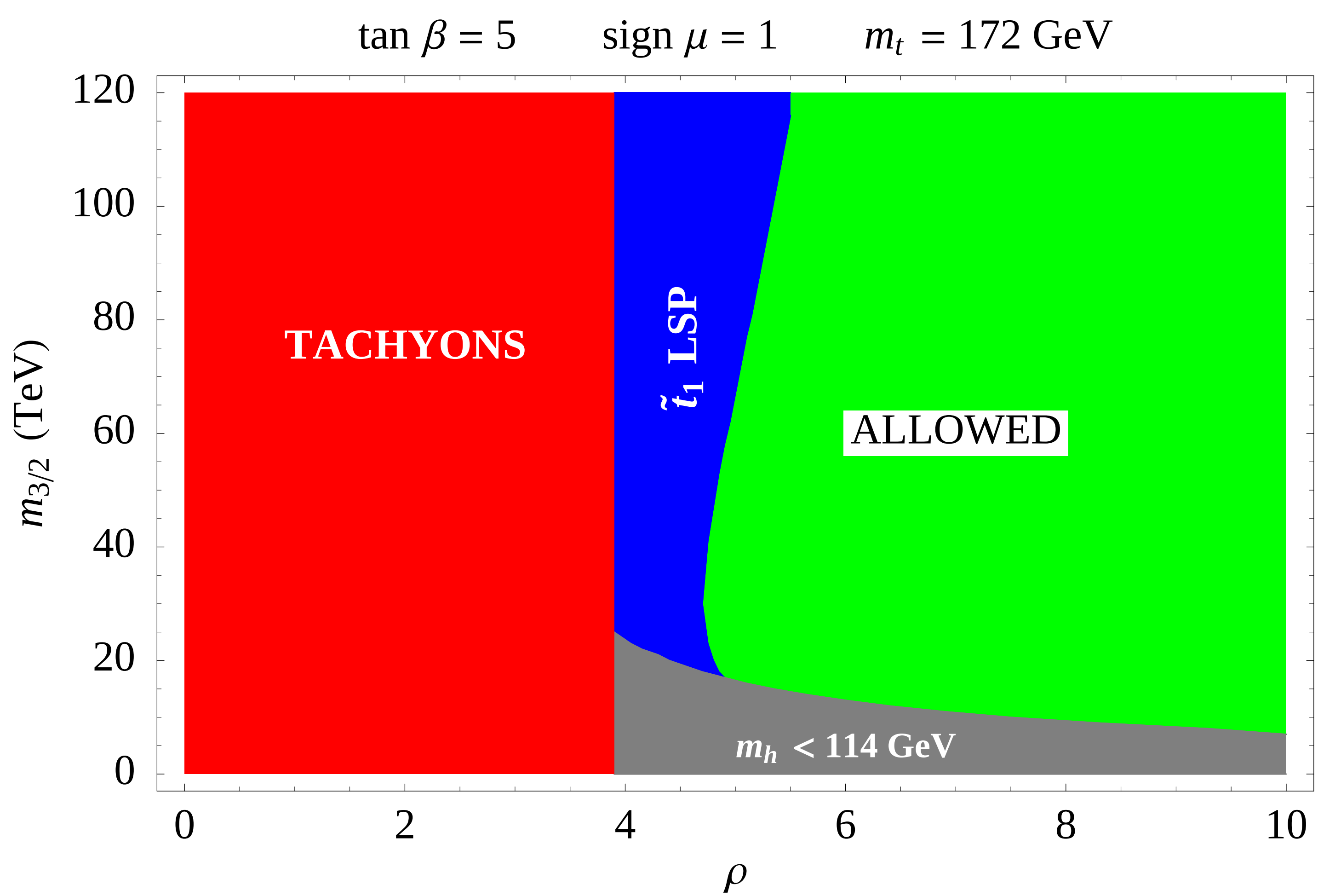

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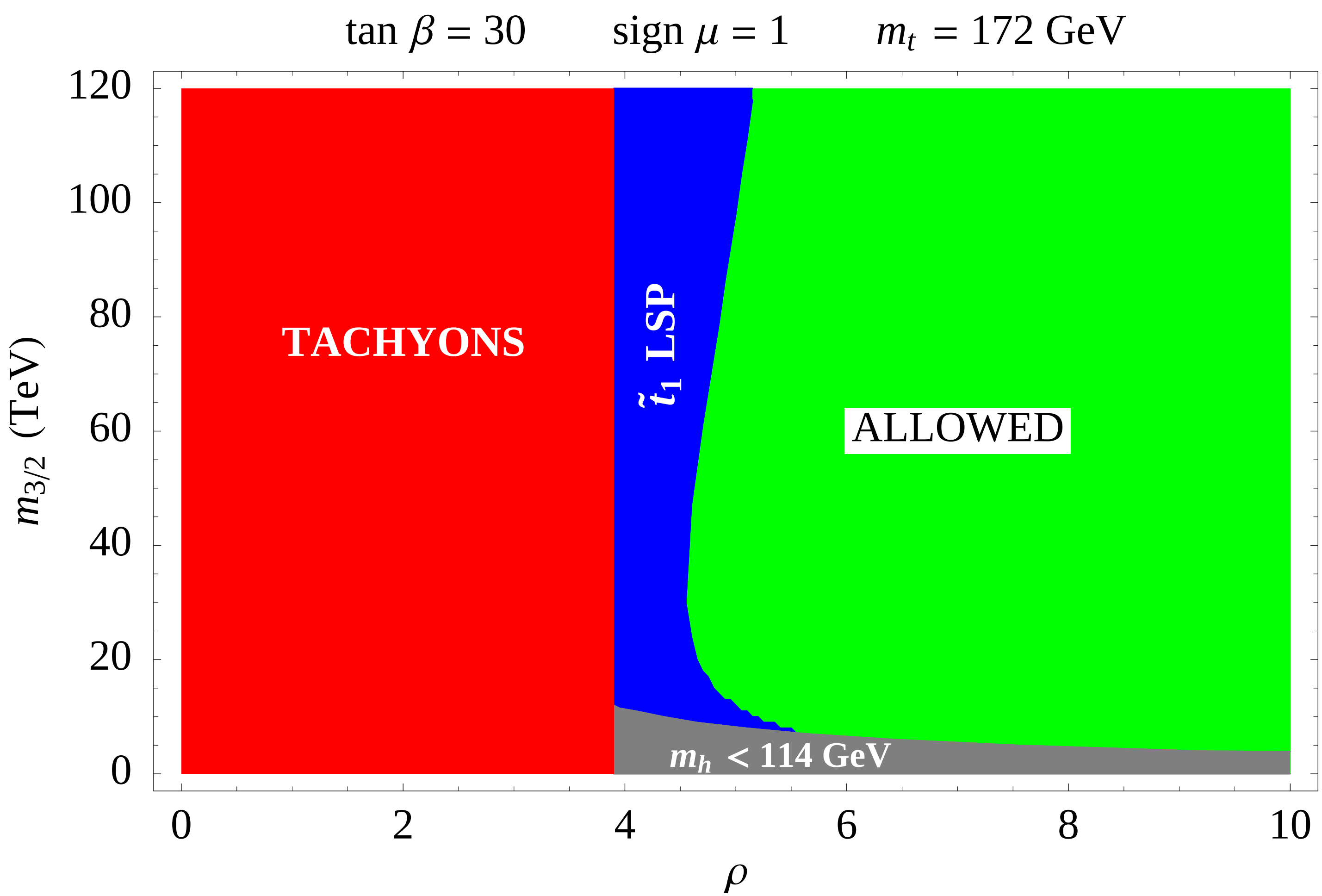

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One might worry about a fine-tuning to obtain

- 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 $m_{H_u}^2$......

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Mirage mediation improves the situation

- especially for small ρ
- 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

The different schemes depend on the mechanism of uplifting:

- uplifting with anti D3 branes

  (Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, 2003)

  - $\rho \sim 5$ in the original KKLT scenario leading to
  - a mirage scale of approximately 10^{11} GeV
- This scheme leads to pure mirage mediation:
  - gaugino masses and
  - scalar masses
- both meet at a common mirage scale

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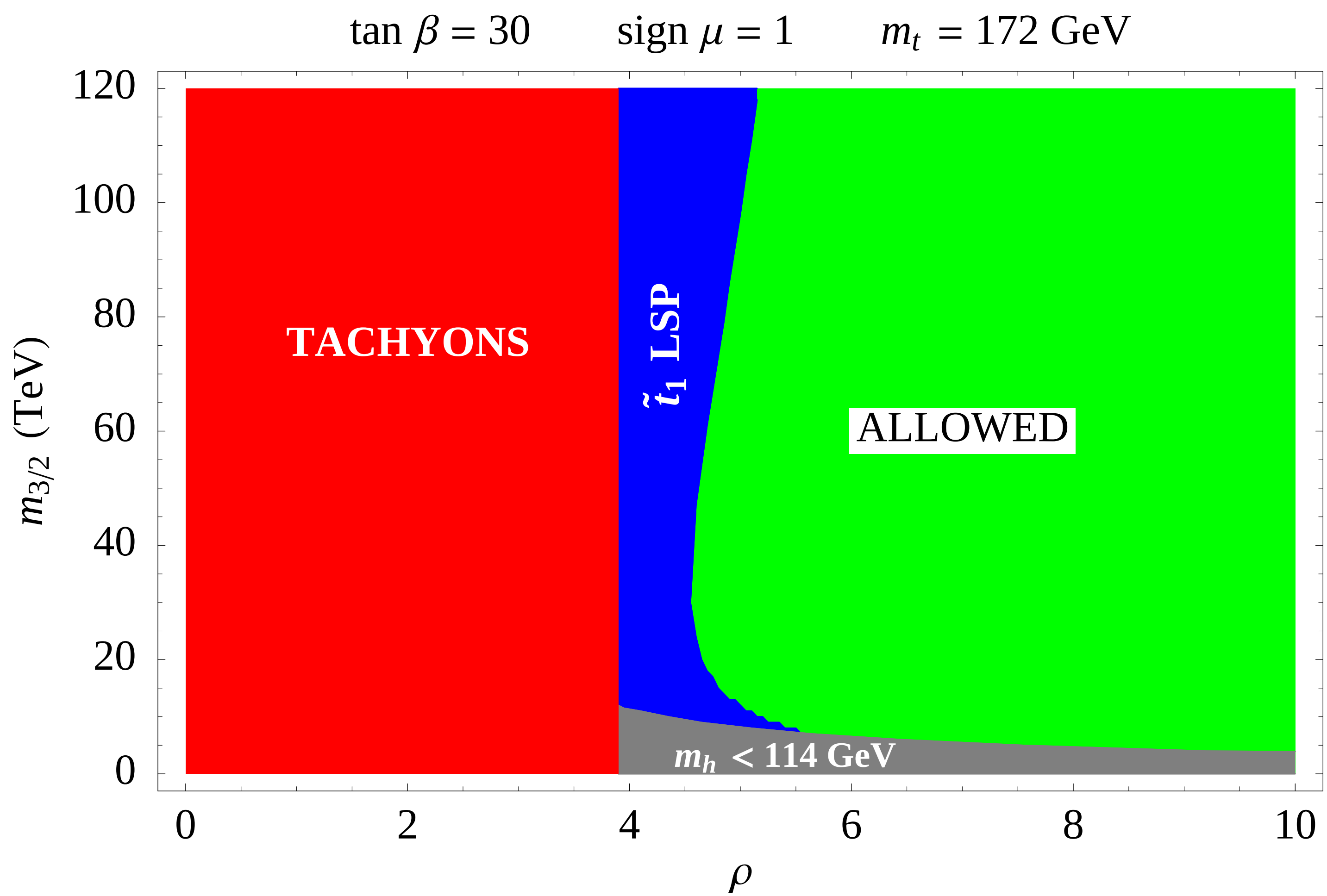

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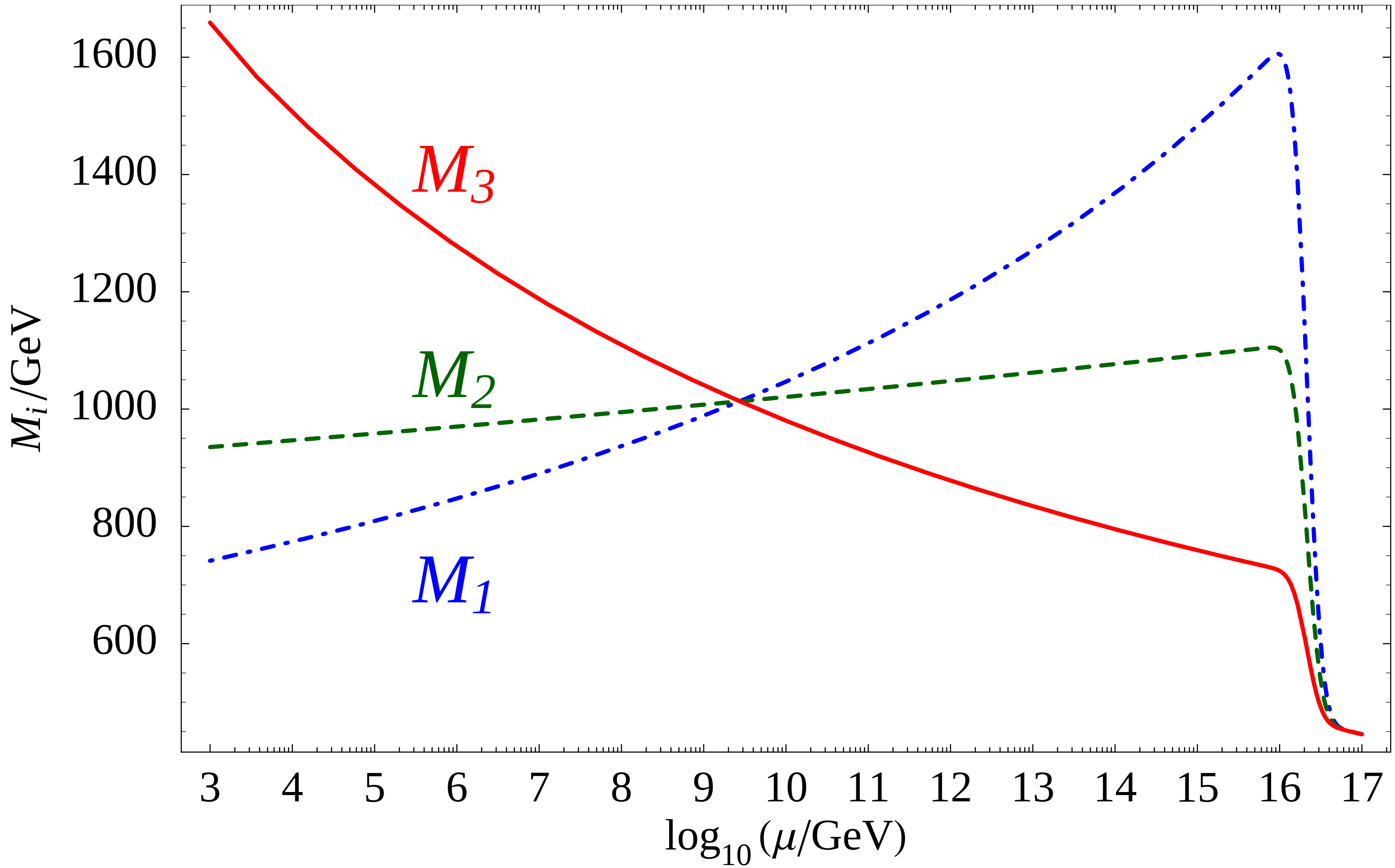

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- soft scalar masses might be dominated by modulus mediation

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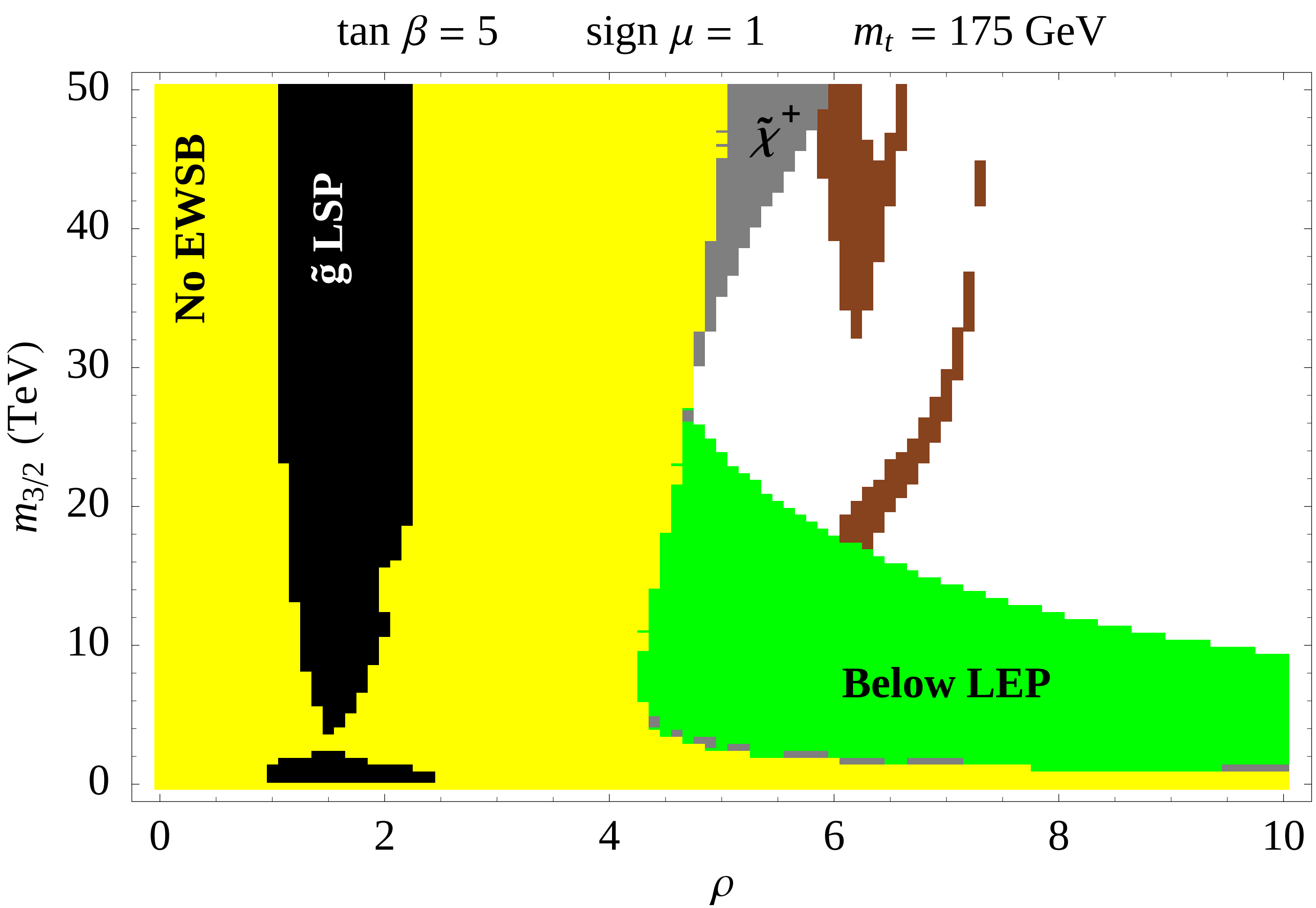

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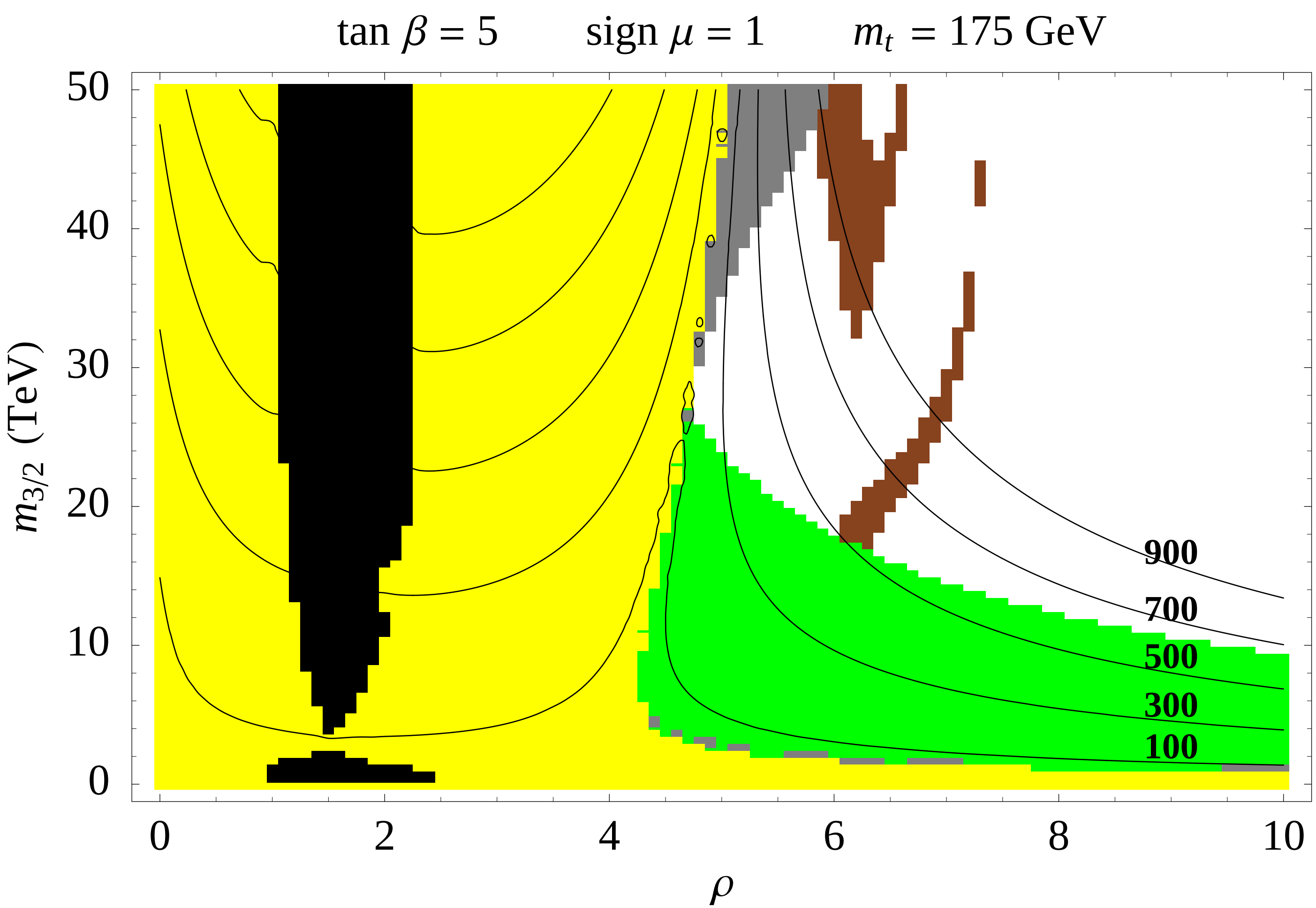

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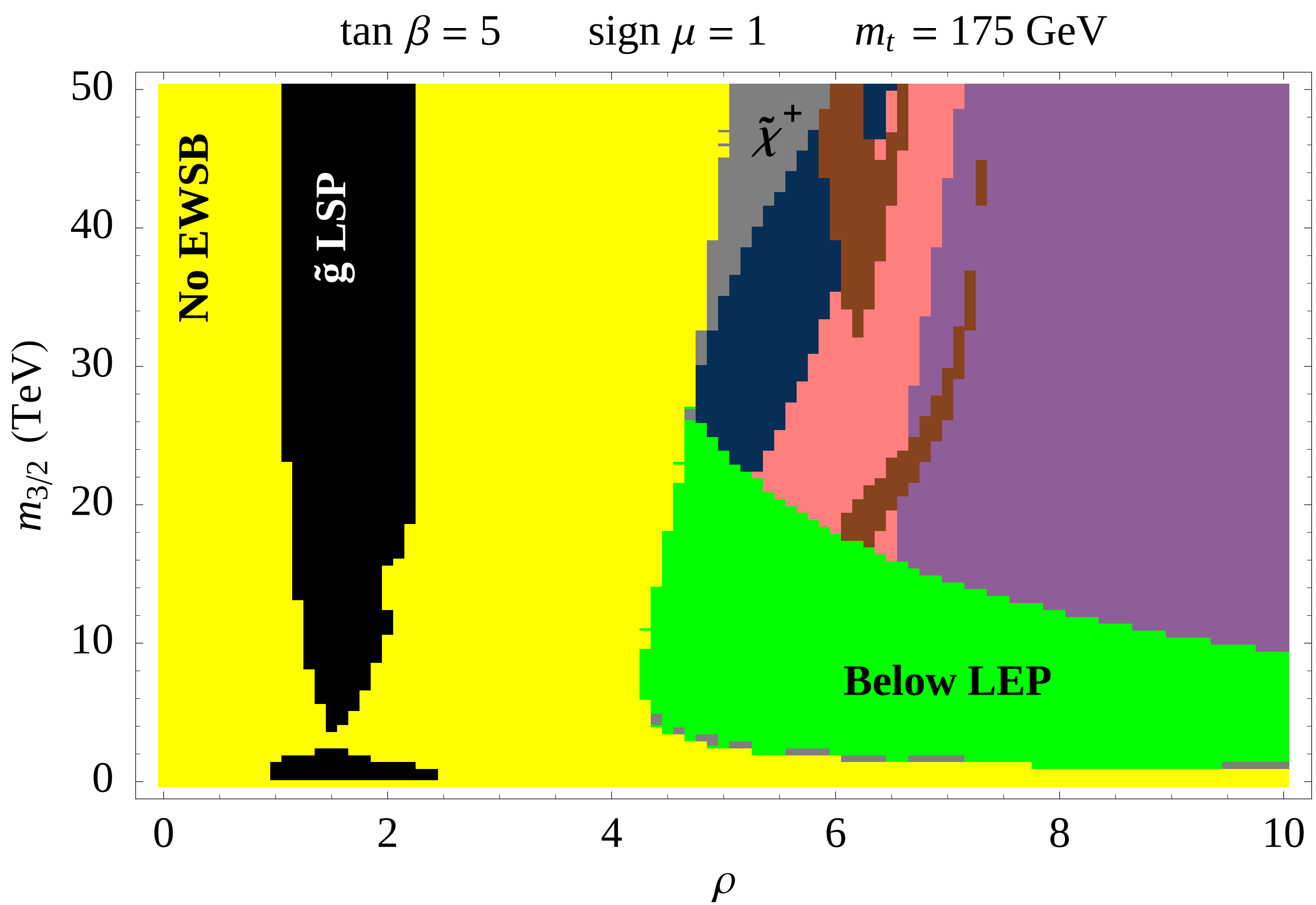

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Main message

- predictions for gaugino masses are more robust than those for sfermion masses
- mirage (compressed) pattern for gaugino masses rather generic

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Moreover in these schemes we have

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

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

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Questions:

- are there distinct signatures for the various schemes?
- can they be identified with LHC data?

(Choi, HPN, 2007)

The Gaugino Code

First step to 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 χ_1^0 predominantly Bino
- $M_{\rm gluino}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 6$

as a characteristic signature of these schemes.

Anomaly Pattern

Gaugino masses below the GUT scale determined by the β 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 χ_1^0 predominantly Wino
- $M_{\rm gluino}/m_{\chi_1^0} \simeq 9$

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 ρ
(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 χ_1^0 predominantly Bino
- $M_{\rm gluino}/m_{\chi_1^0} < 6$
- a “compact” gaugino mass pattern.

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How much can it be suppressed?

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

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

- predicts heavy moduli and a heavy 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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