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Superpartner spectrum of minimal gaugino-gauge mediation

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ABSTRACT: We evaluate the sparticle mass spectrum in the minimal four-dimensional construction that interpolates between gaugino and ordinary gauge mediation at the weak scale. We find that even in the hybrid case — when the messenger scale is comparable to the mass of the additional gauge particles — both the right-handed as well as the left-handed sleptons are lighter than the bino in the low-scale mediation regime. This implies a chain of lepton production and, consequently, striking signatures that may be probed at the LHC already in the near future.

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1 Introduction

In this note, we compute the sparticle spectrum in the minimal construction [1, 2] of “gaugino mediation” [3, 4] at the weak scale. Our renewed interest in these models (which are a particular example of General Gauge Mediation [5]) is twofold. First, this class of models is expected to have interesting phenomenological properties, which may allow early discovery at LHC, in some regime of its parameters space [6, 7]. Second, simple generalizations of such models have a natural embedding in (deformed) SQCD, and can thus provide a dynamical realization of direct gaugino mediation [8].

This minimal four-dimensional construction interpolates between gaugino and ordinary gauge mediation, and we thus refer to it as “Minimal gaugino-Gauge Mediation” (MgGM). In ref. [9], we computed the sparticle mass spectrum of MgGM at the messenger scale (see also [10–12] for generalizations). The theoretical setting and the explicit results of [9] will be presented in section 2. In section 3 of the present work, we evaluate the sparticle spectrum in this class of models at the weak scale.

The main result of this note is the following. Even in the hybrid case — when the messenger scale is comparable to the mass of the additional gauge particles — both the right-handed as well as the left-handed sleptons are lighter than the bino in the low-scale mediation regime. This implies a chain of lepton production and, consequently, striking signatures that may be probed at the LHC already in the near future [6, 7]. Our results are further discussed in section 4.

2 Theoretical setting

The model consists of a visible sector with the MSSM matter fields (Q, \tilde{Q}) , which are charged under a gauge group G_1 ; the messenger fields (T, \tilde{T}) are charged instead under a second gauge group G_2 . Supersymmetry breaking is communicated to the visible sector by link fields (L, \tilde{L}) , which are charged under both of the gauge groups. A quiver diagram for the model is shown in figure 1. The messenger fields (T, \tilde{T}) couple to the spurion of

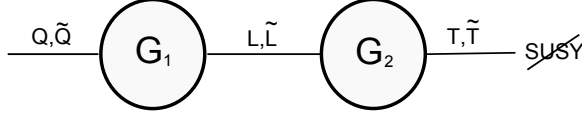


Figure 1. Quiver diagram for the model.

SUSY-breaking, S , whose scalar components get VEVs,

$$S = M + \theta^2 F, \quad (2.1)$$

as in Minimal Gauge Mediation (MGM), and we denote the effective SUSY-breaking scale, F/M , by

$$\Lambda \equiv F/M. \quad (2.2)$$

Finally, the link fields get a VEV,

$$L = \tilde{L} = v. \quad (2.3)$$

This model interpolates between gaugino mediation (when the VEV is much smaller than the messenger scale, $v \ll M$), and MGM (when $v \gg M$).

The gauge groups G_1 and G_2 are both chosen to be $SU(5)$; at energies below the gauge coupling unification scale, G_1 is spontaneously broken to $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$. The VEV of the link fields v breaks $G_1 \times G_2$ to a linear combination of the two groups, with gauge couplings

$$\frac{1}{\left(g_{SM}^{(r)}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{\left(g_1^{(r)}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{\left(g_2^{(r)}\right)^2}, \quad (2.4)$$

where $r = 1, 2, 3$ correspond to the $U(1)$, $SU(2)$, $SU(3)$ gauge couplings, respectively.

Let us introduce the four dimensionless parameters x and y_r :

$$x \equiv \frac{\Lambda}{M}, \quad y_r \equiv \frac{m_{v_r}}{M}, \quad m_{v_r} = 2v \sqrt{\left(g_1^{(r)}\right)^2 + \left(g_2^{(r)}\right)^2}, \quad (2.5)$$

where m_{v_r} is the mass of the corresponding massive combination of the gauge particles of $G_1 \times G_2$, which is spontaneously broken by v . In order to maintain the gauge coupling unification we require that G_2 is $SU(5)$ -invariant just above the scale v [1]; then all the three couplings $g_2^{(r)}$ are equal to the same value g_2 . In this work we consider cases where $M > v$. The mass scales,

$$m_{v_r} = \frac{2vg_2^2}{\sqrt{g_2^2 - \left(g_{SM}^{(r)}\right)^2}}, \quad (2.6)$$

at the messenger scale M , are thus functions of the coupling constant g_2 and the MSSM gauge couplings, measured at the messenger scale.

The coupling g_2 is a free parameter, which controls how much the sfermions mass suppression factor is uniform among the three SM gauge groups; in the formal limit $g_2 \gg g_{SM}^{(3)}$, the suppression factors are the same for each gauge group. In the opposite limit, where $g_2 \approx g_{SM}^{(3)}$, there is almost no suppression factor for the squarks masses, while there

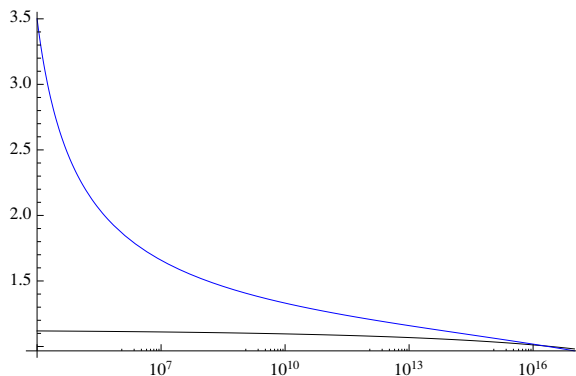


Figure 2. Plot of m_{v_2}/m_{v_1} (lower curve) and m_{v_3}/m_{v_1} (upper curve) as a function of the messenger scale, for $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1}(M) = 10$.

is suppression for the sleptons masses. For the model to be calculable, we cannot choose g_2 to be too strong. The quantities $(m_{v_2}/m_{v_1}, m_{v_3}/m_{v_1})$ as a function of the energy scale are plotted in figure 2, for $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1}(M) = 10$.

The gauginos soft masses are the same as in minimal gauge mediation [13, 14]:

$$m_{\tilde{g}_r} = \frac{\alpha_{SM}^{(r)}}{4\pi} \Lambda n_r q(x), \quad \alpha_{SM}^{(r)} \equiv \frac{(g_{SM}^{(r)})^2}{4\pi}, \quad (2.7)$$

where

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} ((1+x) \log(1+x) + (1-x) \log(1-x)), \quad (2.8)$$

and n_r is the Dynkin index for the pair of messengers in a normalization where $n_r = 1$ for $N + \bar{N}$ of $SU(N)$, and $n_1 = \frac{6}{5} Y^2$ for a messenger pair with electro-weak hypercharge $Y = Q_{EM} - T_3$ (we use the GUT normalization for α_1 , as in [13]).

The sfermions soft masses were computed in [9]:

$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 = 2\Lambda^2 \sum_r \left(\frac{\alpha_{SM}^{(r)}}{4\pi} \right)^2 C_r^{\tilde{f}} n_r s(x, y_r), \quad (2.9)$$

where $C_r^{\tilde{f}}$ is the quadratic Casimir invariant of the MSSM scalar field \tilde{f} , in a normalization where $C_3 = 4/3$ for color triplets, $C_2 = 3/4$ for $SU(2)$ doublets and $C_1 = \frac{3}{5} Y^2$. The function $s(x, y)$ is given by

$$s(x, y) = \frac{1}{2x^2} \left(s_0 + \frac{s_1 + s_2}{y^2} + s_3 + s_4 + s_5 \right) + (x \rightarrow -x), \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} s_0 &= 2(1+x) \left(\log(1+x) - 2\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\text{Li}_2\left(\frac{2x}{1+x}\right) \right), \\ s_1 &= -4x^2 - 2x(1+x) \log^2(1+x) - x^2 \text{Li}_2(x^2), \\ s_2 &= 8(1+x)^2 h\left(\frac{y^2}{1+x}, 1\right) - 4x(1+x) h\left(\frac{y^2}{1+x}, \frac{1}{1+x}\right) - 4xh(y^2, 1+x) - 8h(y^2, 1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

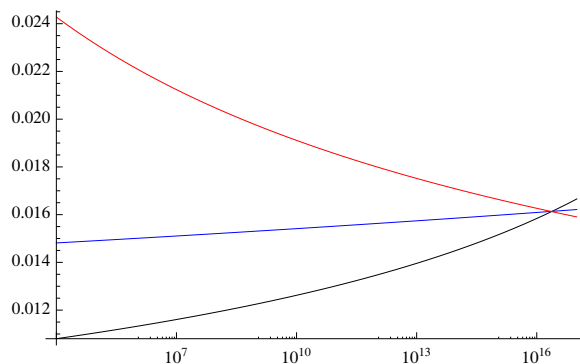


Figure 3. The quantity $\omega_r = \alpha_{SM}^{(r)}/(4\pi)$ plotted as a function of energy; this gives an estimation of the three loops corrections.

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_3 &= -2h\left(\frac{1}{y^2}, \frac{1}{y^2}\right) - 2x h\left(\frac{1+x}{y^2}, \frac{1}{y^2}\right) + 2(1+x)h\left(\frac{1+x}{y^2}, \frac{1+x}{y^2}\right), \\
 s_4 &= (1+x)\left(2h\left(\frac{y^2}{1+x}, \frac{1}{1+x}\right) - h\left(\frac{y^2}{1+x}, 1\right) - h\left(\frac{y^2}{1+x}, \frac{1-x}{1+x}\right)\right), \\
 s_5 &= 2h(y^2, 1+x) - 2h(y^2, 1).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.12}$$

The function h is defined by the integral [15]:

$$h(a, b) = \int_0^1 dx \left(1 + \text{Li}_2(1 - \mu^2) - \frac{\mu^2}{1 - \mu^2} \log \mu^2\right), \quad \mu^2 = \frac{ax + b(1-x)}{x(1-x)}, \tag{2.13}$$

where the dilogarithm is defined by $\text{Li}_2(x) = -\int_0^1 \frac{dt}{t} \log(1 - xt)$, and an analytical expression for h can be found in [15]. We refer the reader to ref. [9] for more details.

Finally, a comment is in order. Equations (2.9)–(2.13) give the sfermions masses in the two-loop approximation. As pointed out in [8], in some regimes of parameters space, where the suppression factors $s(r) \equiv s(x, y_r)$ are small, it might be that the three-loop corrections are actually bigger than the two-loop ones. The size of the three-loop corrections is weighted by an extra loop factor, $\omega_r \equiv \alpha_{SM}^{(r)}/(4\pi)$, instead of the suppression factors $s(r)$; a plot of ω_r is given in figure 3. Hence, the higher-loops corrections are negligible when ω_r are sufficiently smaller than $s(r)$; for the examples presented in the following section, we will argue that this is indeed the case.

3 Sparticle spectrum

If the massive gauge particles masses are bigger than the messenger scale, $m_{v_r} \geq M$, for all $r = 1, 2, 3$, we can ignore contributions to the soft terms beta functions from the hidden sector. In the following we will focus on some examples with $m_{v_1} = M$. These are particularly interesting, since they provide a hybrid model of MgGM — something which is right in between gaugino mediation and MGM. We consider for simplicity the case of N_{mess} degenerate messengers in the $(5 + \bar{5})$ representation of $SU(5)$.

$N_{\text{mess}} = 1$ $\tan \beta = 8$ $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1} = 10$	$M = 3.2 \times 10^5$ $\Lambda = 0.99M$ $v = 1.3 \times 10^5$	$M = 10^8$ $\Lambda = 2.7 \times 10^5$ $v = 3.9 \times 10^7$	$M = 10^{15}$ $\Lambda = 2.0 \times 10^5$ $v = 3.6 \times 10^{14}$
(y_1, y_2, y_3) $(s(1), s(2), s(3))$	(1, 1.10, 1.62) (0.02, 0.03, 0.08)	(1, 1.09, 1.38) (0.10, 0.12, 0.16)	(1, 1.03, 1.05) (0.10, 0.11, 0.11)
(M_1, M_2, M_3) (m_Q, m_u, m_d) (m_L, m_e) $(\mu, B\mu)$	(665, 1144, 2360) (847, 829, 827) (186, 79) (687, 881 ²)	(477, 753, 1274) (898, 847, 842) (328, 169) (821, 894 ²)	(571, 625, 658) (439, 382, 364) (271, 202) (787, 745 ²)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	2773	1855	1413
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(571, 681, 683, 1115)	(362, 672, 799, 829)	(266, 502, 792, 804)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(672, 1115)	(672, 828)	(503, 804)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$ $(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$ $(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$ $(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(1810, 1811) (1775, 1775) (1649, 1774) (1753, 1774)	(1625, 1627) (1573, 1571) (1382, 1562) (1539, 1569)	(1333, 1335) (1270, 1262) (1018, 1258) (1224, 1259)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$ $(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(168, 400, 392) (165, 400, 391)	(219, 461, 454) (216, 461, 453)	(294, 484, 477) (289, 484, 477)
m_{h_0} $(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$ $(\mu, B\mu)$	116 (783, 783, 787) (671, 815 ²)	116 (919, 919, 923) (793, 937 ²)	116 (924, 923, 927) (787, 933 ²)

Table 1. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples with $\mu > 0$ and $\tan \beta = 8$. All the masses are in GeV. The notation $s(r)$ is a short version for $s(x, y_r)$. The input masses $(M_r, m_{Q,u,d,L,e})$ are at the messenger scale M ; $(\mu, B\mu)$ under these soft masses are also evaluated at M . In the last line, the parameters $(\mu, B\mu)$ are evaluated at $Q = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{t}_1} m_{\tilde{t}_2}}$.

At one loop (and ignoring the threshold corrections), the MSSM gauge couplings as functions of the energy scale are:

$$\left(\alpha_{SM}^{(1)}\right)^{-1} = 59.2 - \frac{33}{5} \frac{t}{2\pi}, \quad \left(\alpha_{SM}^{(2)}\right)^{-1} = 29.6 - \frac{t}{2\pi}, \quad \left(\alpha_{SM}^{(3)}\right)^{-1} = 8.5 + \frac{3t}{2\pi}, \quad (3.1)$$

where $t = \ln(Q/m_Z)$. We use this as an initial estimation in order to compute the soft masses at the messenger scale; the program SOFTSUSY [16] is then used to solve the Renormalization Group Evolution down to the electroweak scale and to compute the physical spectrum. These are used by SOFTSUSY to compute the gauge couplings at the messenger scale; the result is then used to correct the initial estimation for the soft masses. This procedure is repeated until a self-consistent result is found (typically convergence is achieved with good approximation after 3–4 steps). The trilinear A-terms are set to zero at the messenger scale (this is usually a good approximation because they have the dimension of a mass and they are suppressed by an extra loop factor compared to the gaugino masses). We work in the usual approximation where only the (3, 3) family components, y_b, y_t, y_τ , of each Yukawa couplings matrix are important (for a review of these and other issues, see e.g. [17–19]).

$N_{\text{mess}} = 1$	$M = 2.4 \times 10^5$	$M = 10^8$	$M = 10^{15}$
$\tan \beta = 20$	$\Lambda = 0.99M$	$\Lambda = 2.1 \times 10^5$	$\Lambda = 1.5 \times 10^5$
$\alpha_{g_2}^{-1} = 10$	$v = 9.6 \times 10^4$	$v = 3.9 \times 10^7$	$v = 3.7 \times 10^{14}$
(y_1, y_2, y_3)	(1, 1.10, 1.66)	(1, 1.10, 1.39)	(1, 1.03, 1.05)
$(s(1), s(2), s(3))$	(0.02, 0.03, 0.09)	(0.10, 0.12, 0.16)	(0.10, 0.11, 0.11)
(M_1, M_2, M_3)	(497, 862, 1808)	(372, 589, 999)	(430, 472, 497)
(m_Q, m_u, m_d)	(665, 652, 651)	(707, 668, 663)	(332, 289, 275)
(m_L, m_e)	(140, 59)	(257, 131)	(205, 152)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(534, 736^2)	(661, 598^2)	(610, -176^2)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	2131	1475	1089
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(425, 526, 528, 845)	(281, 520, 637, 666)	(198, 375, 606, 618)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(516, 845)	(520, 665)	(375, 618)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$	(1405, 1407)	(1298, 1300)	(1027, 1030)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$	(1380, 1380)	(1258, 1256)	(981, 975)
$(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$	(1280, 1383)	(1102, 1251)	(781, 978)
$(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(1354, 1377)	(1218, 1249)	(929, 965)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$	(129, 302, 292)	(174, 363, 354)	(223, 368, 359)
$(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(106, 309, 291)	(150, 368, 352)	(197, 371, 355)
m_{h_0}	116	116	116
$(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$	(566, 566, 572)	(689, 689, 694)	(660, 660, 666)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(519, 641^2)	(631, 735^2)	(600, 687^2)

Table 2. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples with $\mu > 0$ and $\tan \beta = 20$.

Concerning the Higgs sector, as common in this kind of phenomenological studies [20, 21], we do not choose any specific model for $(\mu, B\mu)$, but we treat them as free parameters. The value of $\tan \beta$ is fixed at the beginning of the calculation; the parameters $(\mu, B\mu)$ are then found from the Higgs VEV and from the chosen value of $\tan \beta$. We take the boundary conditions for the soft masses of the Higgs fields, $m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2$, to be their values as obtained from eq. (2.9), namely, we assume that there are no extra contributions from the mechanism that generates $(\mu, B\mu)$.

Some examples of the spectrum, for $\tan \beta = 8, 20, 50$ and $N_{\text{mess}} = 1$, are shown in tables 1, 2, 3, respectively. Some examples with $\tan \beta = 20$ and $N_{\text{mess}} = 5$ are shown in table 4. In these tables we choose $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1} = 10$; we have checked that for $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1} = 5$ there are no big differences in the spectrum. For comparison, some examples of the spectrum in Minimal Gauge Mediation, for $\tan \beta = 20$ and $N_{\text{mess}} = 1, 5$, are shown in tables 5, 6, respectively.

On the first column of each table the case of low messenger scale $M \approx 10^5 \text{ GeV}$ is considered, with the requirement $M = 0.99\Lambda$; this corresponds to a rather extreme corner of the parameters space, where the lighter messenger has a mass near the 10 TeV, and where the sfermion masses are particularly suppressed. The precise value of M is chosen in order to satisfy the two experimental constraints: $m_{h_0} > 114.4 \text{ GeV}$, and that the mass of the lowest charged slepton $m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}$ is bigger than about 100 GeV. In this regime, the suppression

$N_{\text{mess}} = 1$ $\tan \beta = 50$ $\alpha_{g_2}^{-1} = 10$	$M = 4.3 \times 10^5$ $\Lambda = 0.99M$ $v = 1.7 \times 10^5$	$M = 10^8$ $\Lambda = 3.2 \times 10^5$ $v = 3.9 \times 10^7$	$M = 10^{15}$ $\Lambda = 2.2 \times 10^5$ $v = 3.6 \times 10^{14}$
(y_1, y_2, y_3) $(s(1), s(2), s(3))$	(1, 1.10, 1.58) (0.02, 0.03, 0.08)	(1, 1.09, 1.38) (0.10, 0.12, 0.16)	(1, 1.03, 1.04) (0.10, 0.11, 0.11)
(M_1, M_2, M_3) (m_Q, m_u, m_d) (m_L, m_e) $(\mu, B\mu)$	(897, 1529, 3101) (1086, 1061, 1059) (248, 107) (896, 856 ²)	(564, 887, 1499) (1055, 995, 988) (387, 199) (1004, -1631 ²)	(627, 684, 721) (481, 419, 399) (297, 221) (982, -2811 ²)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	3634	2163	1539
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(771, 844, 853, 1485)	(432, 797, 894, 927)	(294, 556, 831, 841)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(839, 1485)	(797, 926)	(556, 841)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$ $(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$ $(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$ $(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(2347, 2348) (2299, 2298) (2143, 2252) (2195, 2247)	(1892, 1893) (1830, 1826) (1614, 1762) (1694, 1758)	(1453, 1455) (1384, 1374) (1117, 1310) (1219, 1298)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$ $(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(223, 532, 526) (98, 548, 518)	(258, 541, 535) (99, 552, 520)	(322, 529, 523) (100, 522, 490)
m_{h_0} $(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$ $(\mu, B\mu)$	117 (601, 602, 608) (836, 1008 ²)	117 (672, 673, 677) (891, 909 ²)	117 (625, 625, 630) (829, 758 ²)

Table 3. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples with $\mu > 0$ and $\tan \beta = 50$.

factors $s(1)$ and $s(2)$ are rather small, comparable to the three-loop extra factor ω_r in figure 3. We have checked though that allowing for corrections in $s(r)$ of order ω_r , the results are essentially unchanged. The $\tilde{\tau}_1$ slepton is mainly right-handed; the lightest neutralino is mainly a bino in the case of one messenger, while it is mainly higgsino in the case of $N_{\text{mess}} = 5$.

On the second and third columns, the cases of $M = 10^8, 10^{15}$ GeV are considered; the value of Λ is chosen to satisfy the two constraints on m_{h_0} and $m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}$. In all these cases, the lightest neutralino is mainly a bino, and the $\tilde{\tau}_1$ slepton is mainly right-handed. The three-loop corrections are negligible in these cases.

In the tables, in addition to the sparticle spectrum at the weak scale, we also present the values of the soft masses at the messenger scale,

$$(M_r, m_Q, m_u, m_d, m_L, m_e, \mu, B\mu),$$

as well as the messenger scale M itself, the effective SUSY-breaking scale Λ , and the link fields VEV, v . The values of the suppression factors $s(r)$, and the parameters y_r , are also introduced in each example. Note that the values of y_r in the tables take into account the threshold corrections to $\alpha_{SM}(M)$ obtained in the iterations described above; on the other hand, the plot in figure 2 uses the input values in eq. (3.1).

$N_{\text{mess}} = 5$ $\tan \beta = 20$ $\alpha_{g2}^{-1} = 10$	$M = 7.0 \times 10^4$ $\Lambda = 0.99M$ $v = 2.8 \times 10^4$	$M = 10^8$ $\Lambda = 5 \times 10^4$ $v = 3.9 \times 10^7$	$M = 10^{15}$ $\Lambda = 3.4 \times 10^4$ $v = 3.6 \times 10^{14}$
(y_1, y_2, y_3) $(s(1), s(2), s(3))$	(1, 1.10, 1.73) (0.02, 0.03, 0.10)	(1, 1.10, 1.39) (0.10, 0.12, 0.16)	(1, 1.03, 1.05) (0.10, 0.11, 0.11)
(M_1, M_2, M_3) (m_Q, m_u, m_d) (m_L, m_e) $(\mu, B\mu)$	(706, 1240, 2709) (462, 454, 453) (90, 38) (496, 812 ²)	(443, 700, 1185) (374, 353, 351) (137, 70) (647, 576 ²)	(487, 534, 562) (168, 146, 139) (104, 77) (655, -204 ²)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	3005	1705	1212
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(481, 495, 645, 1212)	(334, 578, 626, 696)	(225, 424, 650, 664)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(490, 1212)	(578, 695)	(424, 664)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$ $(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$ $(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$ $(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(1577, 1579) (1548, 1548) (1459, 1558) (1530, 1546)	(1325, 1327) (1294, 1293) (1145, 1291) (1253, 1285)	(1102, 1105) (1060, 1057) (855, 1052) (1004, 1045)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$ $(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(144, 345, 335) (129, 348, 334)	(149, 333, 323) (122, 339, 321)	(200, 360, 351) (171, 364, 347)
m_{h_0} $(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$ $(\mu, B\mu)$	116 (560, 560, 566) (485, 652 ²)	116 (663, 663, 668) (618, 717 ²)	116 (693, 693, 698) (645, 723 ²)

Table 4. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples with $\mu > 0$, $\tan \beta = 20$ and $N_{\text{mess}} = 5$.

Already for one messenger, in most of the parameters space the NLSP is the $\tilde{\tau}_1$ slepton. The exception to this is realized for a very large messenger scale M and sufficiently low $\tan \beta$; for $M = 10^{15}$ GeV and $\tan \beta = 20$, the lightest neutralino and the $\tilde{\tau}_1$ have a comparable mass. This is different from Minimal Gauge Mediation, where for one messenger the NLSP is mainly a bino in most of the parameters space.

In the case of a low messenger scale $M \approx 10^5$ GeV, $\Lambda \geq 0.8M$ with one messenger, both the right-handed and the left-handed sleptons are lighter than the lightest neutralino. If we increase the number of messengers, this kind of spectrum is much more generic; for example, for $N_{\text{mess}} = 5$, this is generically possible for $M \leq 10^8$ GeV and $\Lambda \approx 10^5$ GeV. This scenario can lead to striking collider signatures [6, 7]; squark decay chains can pass through one or more sleptons and typical final states from squark and gluino production at the LHC would include multiple leptons.

Finally, models with $B\mu = 0$ at the messenger scale may have phenomenologically attractive features, e.g. because a vanishing $B\mu$ may provide an explanation to the absence of potentially dangerous CP violating phases $\mu^*(B\mu)M_r^*$, and it may sometimes be useful in addressing the $\mu/B\mu$ problem. It is thus curious to note that this can be achieved in MgGM, for example for $N_{\text{mess}} = 1$, $\tan \beta = 20$, $M \approx 2.615 \times 10^{13}$ GeV and $\Lambda = 1.7 \times 10^5$. A scan of the parameter space of General Gauge Mediation models with $B\mu = 0$ was recently discussed in [22].

$N_{\text{mess}} = 1$ $\tan \beta = 20$	$M = 1.5 \times 10^5$ $\Lambda = 0.99M$	$M = 10^8$ $\Lambda = 1.6 \times 10^5$	$M = 10^{15}$ $\Lambda = 1.5 \times 10^5$
(M_1, M_2, M_3)	(307, 538, 1161)	(282, 448, 764)	(427, 469, 495)
(m_Q, m_u, m_d)	(1336, 1270, 1264)	(1363, 1264, 1251)	(996, 867, 824)
(m_L, m_e)	(453, 224)	(570, 309)	(621, 468)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(542, 785 ²)	(820, 874 ²)	(797, 585 ²)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	1469	1214	1125
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(270, 478, 537, 593)	(216, 418, 791, 799)	(200, 385, 789, 796)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(477, 591)	(418, 799)	(385, 796)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$	(1560, 1562)	(1593, 1595)	(1372, 1374)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$	(1498, 1494)	(1500, 1490)	(1260, 1229)
$(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$	(1384, 1513)	(1278, 1493)	(948, 1246)
$(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(1479, 1504)	(1462, 1490)	(1194, 1234)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$	(240, 483, 476)	(323, 600, 594)	(494, 686, 681)
$(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(229, 483, 474)	(304, 599, 590)	(464, 679, 672)
m_{h_0}	116	116	116
$(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$	(677, 677, 683)	(939, 939, 942)	(984, 985, 988)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(528, 733 ²)	(783, 977 ²)	(784, 1011 ²)

Table 5. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples in Minimal Gauge Mediation, with $\mu > 0$ and $\tan \beta = 20$.

4 Discussion

In this note, we computed the sparticle mass spectrum in Minimal gaugino-Gauge Mediation (MgGM) at the weak scale in various regimes in the parameters space (2.5), and for several numbers of messengers. In particular, we found that for a sufficiently low messenger scale M , the NLSP is the right-handed stau, followed by the right-handed selectron, and the left-handed sleptons, all of which are lighter than the lightest neutralino. Such a hierarchy of the spectrum has striking signatures in hadronic colliders, since it gives rise to a cascade of leptonic production, and consequently it may be probed at the LHC in the near future [6, 7].

It is remarkable that such a weak-scale phenomenology can be obtained already in the minimal model, yet it should be interesting to investigate some generalizations. For instance, it would be instructive to inspect a general messenger sector, along the lines of the General Messenger Gauge Mediation (GMGM) models studied in [23, 24] (note however that MgGM and its generalizations are not GMGM-type). Of particular interest are the weak-scale phenomenological aspects of the ‘‘Direct Gaugino Mediation’’ models of [8], and their generalizations, since they have a simple dynamical realization in deformed SQCD.

It should also be interesting to study the effects of doublet-triplet splitting in the messenger sector, as in [13, 25], or in the link field sector. This is likely to allow unusual hierarchies of masses, as in the (Extra)Ordinary Gauge Mediation models studied in [25]. Finally, it would also be nice to consider richer link fields sectors, e.g. larger quivers, of the

$N_{\text{mess}} = 5$ $\tan \beta = 20$	$M = 5.0 \times 10^4$ $\Lambda = 0.99M$	$M = 10^8$ $\Lambda = 4 \times 10^4$	$M = 10^{15}$ $\Lambda = 3.4 \times 10^4$
(M_1, M_2, M_3)	(501, 888, 1981)	(354, 561, 953)	(486, 533, 561)
(m_Q, m_u, m_d)	(1016, 968, 964)	(761, 706, 698)	(505, 439, 417)
(m_L, m_e)	(334, 163)	(319, 173)	(315, 238)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(441, 738^2)	(643, 605^2)	(704, 224^2)
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	2218	1418	1226
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_0}$	(408, 441, 478, 880)	(267, 497, 621, 647)	(226, 428, 698, 709)
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{\pm}}$	(433, 880)	(497, 646)	(429, 709)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_L}, m_{\tilde{d}_L})$	(1515, 1517)	(1290, 1292)	(1196, 1199)
$(m_{\tilde{u}_R}, m_{\tilde{d}_R})$	(1469, 1466)	(1241, 1237)	(1134, 1123)
$(m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2})$	(1383, 1487)	(1082, 1239)	(901, 1121)
$(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_2})$	(1454, 1476)	(1206, 1232)	(1078, 1112)
$(m_{\tilde{e}_R}, m_{\tilde{e}_L}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_e})$	(195, 411, 403)	(205, 402, 394)	(300, 465, 458)
$(m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}, m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}, m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau})$	(186, 412, 402)	(186, 405, 392)	(274, 464, 452)
m_{h_0}	116	116	116
$(m_{H_0}, m_{A_0}, m_{H_{\pm}})$	(561, 561, 567)	(695, 695, 699)	(786, 785, 790)
$(\mu, B\mu)$	(432, 636^2)	(614, 739^2)	(693, 815^2)

Table 6. Sparticle masses in some numerical examples in Minimal Gauge Mediation, with $\mu > 0$, $\tan \beta = 20$ and $N_{\text{mess}} = 5$.

type analyzed in [2, 10, 11], and to study in detail the regime where the messenger scale M is not comparable to the massive gauge particles scale m_v .

Note added. For sufficiently small $\tan \beta$, our models may have the Tevatron signatures of promptly-decaying slepton co-NLSPs, studied recently in [26]; we thank Nathan Seiberg for pointing out this work to us.

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