

The unrefined dS swampland conjecture with EW symmetry and QCD chiral symmetry breaking

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Quintessence from accelerating Universe

The present accelerating Universe \rightarrow a positive vacuum energy: $V(\langle \phi \rangle) > 0$



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However then $|\nabla V| = 0 \neq \frac{c}{M_{Pl}}V$ with c = O(1) > 0 (conflicts with the dS SWC).

The dS SWC implies there should be scalar field directions (Q) with $\left|\partial_Q V\right| > \frac{c}{M_{Pl}}V_0$. $(m_Q < H_0 = 10^{-33} \text{eV})$



Trouble with local maxima

The inequality of the original conjecture applies to all the field space: No local minima, maxima are allowed in any field space point. The quintessence should couple nontrivially to scalar fields whose potential has several local dS extrema.



Two examples of a scalar potential with local maxima in the SM

[Choi, Chway, CSS 18]

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A neutral pion effective potential

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$$m_{\pi_0} = 135 \text{ MeV}, \qquad \tau_{\pi_0} \simeq 10^{-16} \text{ sec} = (10^{-6} \text{ MeV})^{-1} \gg m_{\pi_0}^{-1}$$

The effective scalar potential of the pion is calculable

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff}(\pi^{0}) = -\frac{\left(\partial_{\mu}\pi^{0}\right)\left(\partial^{\mu}\pi^{0}\right)}{2(1+(\pi^{0}/F_{\pi})^{2}+\cdots)^{2}} - (m_{u}+m_{d})\Lambda^{3}\left(1-\cos\frac{\pi^{0}}{F_{\pi}}\right) + \cdots$$

$$V_{eff}(\pi^{0})$$

A periodicity of the pion potential is the natural consequence of spontaneous breaking of $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V$ by quark condensation.

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Applying the dS SWC to the local maximum of the pion potential $(\pi^0/F_{\pi} = \pi)$ implies the sizable coupling between the quintessence and the QCD sector.

$$V(Q, \pi^0) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{c}{M_{Pl}}Q\right) \left(V_{eff}(\pi^0) + V_0\right)$$

Higgs at the origin

1807.06581 Denef, Hebecker, Wrase

The scalar potential of the Higgs can be written as $V(h) = \lambda \left(|H|^2 - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$





Applying the dS SWC to the point $\langle H \rangle = 0$:

$$V(Q,h) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{c}{M_{Pl}}Q\right)(V(h) + V_0)$$

<u>The original dS SWC :</u> inevitable couplings between the quintessence and the SM fields

Phenomenological constraints

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Constraints on the quintessence couplings

The quintessence coupling to the pion and the Higgs induces <u>a long range force</u> between macroscopic objects (nucleus, earth, sun, etc): The gluon and light quark couplings to the Quintessence at a scale $\mu \simeq \Lambda_{OCD}$ is essential.



Predictions?

For the pion case, there is the direct relation between the long range force and the bound on "c" for the dS SWC (e.g. $c \le O(10^{-5}, 10^{-2})$ as discussed in Kiwoon's talk).

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Constraining the coupling between the light moduli and the SM fields is also crucial for predictions.

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$$V_{i} = -G \frac{M_{*}m_{i}}{r} (1 + \alpha_{*i}e^{-m_{Q}r}), \qquad \eta_{ij} = 2 \frac{\left|\vec{a}_{i} - \vec{a}_{j}\right|}{\left|\vec{a}_{i} + \vec{a}_{j}\right|}$$



No violation of the weak equivalence principle

If the light scalar couples to the trace of energy momentum tensor, the force is proportional to the mass of the object : does not violate WEP for the objects at rest.

$$\frac{c}{M_{Pl}} Q T^{\mu}_{\ \mu} \rightarrow \frac{c}{M_{Pl}} Q m_{\psi} \bar{\psi} \psi$$

However Q is not coupled to photons at low energies. Photons only feel gravity (gravitational mass).

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 $V_i = -G \frac{M_* m_i}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-m_Q r}), \qquad GM_*(r_1) \neq GM_*(r_2)$ $ds_{eff}^{2} = -\left(1 - \frac{2GM_{*}}{r}\right)dt^{2} + \left(1 + (1 + \delta\gamma)\frac{2GM_{*}}{r}\right)d\vec{x}^{2}$ from Kepler mass from light ray deflection

Violation of the weak equivalence principle

Measurement of the Eötvös parameter $\eta = (\Delta a/a)_{ij}$

MICROSCOPE experiment : η (Ti, Pt) < $(-1 \pm 27) \times 10^{-15} (2\sigma)$ for $m_Q < 10^{-12}$ eV



Violation of general relativity

"A massive object like the Sun causes space-time to curve, and a light ray (radio wave) that passes by the Sun has to travel further because of the curvature. The extra distance that the radio waves travel from Cassini past the Sun to the Earth delays their arrival; the amount of the delay provides a sensitive test of the predictions of Einstein's theory."



Violation of inverse-square law

Newton's constant at laboratory experiments (G_{lab}) and that for space measurements (G_{sp})

$$V_{i} = -G \frac{M_{*}m_{i}}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-m_{Q}r}) = -G(r) \frac{M_{*}m_{i}}{r}, \qquad G(0) = G(\infty)(1 + \alpha)$$

It is mostly sensitive for a mass range: $m_Q r_{lab} \ll 1 \ll m_Q r_{sp}$

 $r_{moon} \simeq 3.8 \times 10^8 \text{ m} \rightarrow m_0 = 5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV}$ 10^{-15} eV 10-1 9606249 Ten years of the fifth force 10-2 1981 10-3 Lake 10-4 Laboratory Tower $G_{\rm sp} \simeq G(\infty) = \frac{G(0)}{(1 + \alpha_{\rm sc})}$ 10-5 $-\alpha$ Earth -10-6 1996 LAGEOS 10-7 10-8 $G_{\text{lab}} \simeq G(0)$ LAGEOS -10-9 Lunar Planetary 10-10 10-3 103 105 109 1011 1013 1015 10-1 101 10^{7} $\lambda_{(m)} = 1/m_0$

Time varying coupling constant

Fine structure constant, $\alpha(Q)$, and nucleon mass, $m_N(Q)$, electron mass, $m_e(Q)$ can change as the quintessence vacuum value changes ($\dot{Q} \neq 0$)



 $\nu_i \propto \mu^{B_i} \alpha^{A_i} \ (A_i, B_i \text{ from numerical calculation, } \mu \equiv m_e/m_p)$ $\frac{1}{(\nu_i/\nu_j)} \frac{d(\nu_i/\nu_j)}{dt} \propto (A_i - A_j) \frac{\dot{\alpha}}{\alpha} + (B_i - B_j) \frac{\dot{\mu}}{u}$

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Conclusions

- The original dS SWC gives interesting implications for the present Universe, whose claim can be tested by fifth force constraints
- Various experiments with the pion effective potential provides a very predictive bound on the parameter of the dS SWC.
- This gives the phenomenological motivation of refining the dS SWC.
- I did not yet figure out concrete phenomenological constraints on the refined version.