


Title: Embedding Quintessence in Spontaneously Broken N=1 Supergravity

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Abstract:



# Supergravity and Dark Energy

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# Motivation

- ★ Is Dark Energy a scalar field theory? **If yes:**
- ★ Embed dark energy into high energy physics with a status similar to **inflation** or even better **dark matter**.
- ★ Answer some very pressing questions:
  - Who is driving dark energy?
  - How does it couple to matter?
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  - How many fundamental parameters?
- ★ Model building issues:
  - Is it connected to Supersymmetry?
  - Is it connected to extra dimensions?
  - Is it connected to String theory?
- ★ **Falsify** dark energy models

# Dark Energy in Broken Supergravity

## ★ General Framework

Coupling the Observable, Hidden and Dark Energy sectors

Breaking susy and soft Terms

Electroweak symmetry breaking

Gravity tests

## ★ Models?

Models with an early minimum

No-scale models

Warping

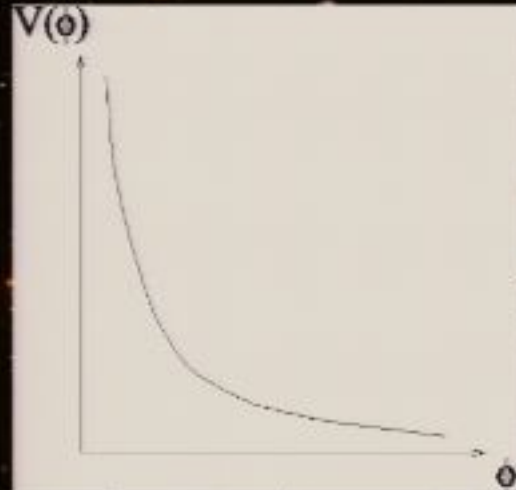
# Large Field Attractor

## ★ Quintessence and Attractors:

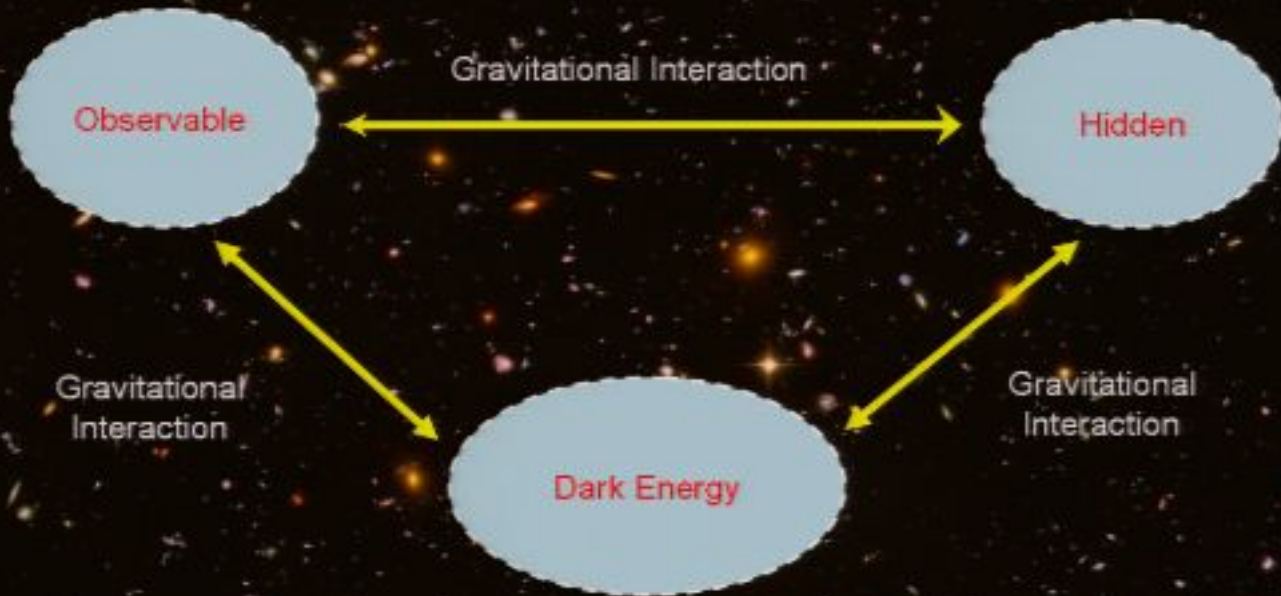
most quintessence models with insensitivity to initial conditions require an **attractor mechanism**

e.g. inverse power law potentials  
exponential potentials .....

- ★ Large values of  $Q_{\text{now}} \approx m_{\text{P}}$   
**Supergravity** can handle **large field values** and connects gravity with high energy physics



# Supergravity Framework



# Three Sectors

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# Gaugino Masses

- ★ **Gauginos** acquire a mass depending on the **gauge coupling function**

$$\Re [f_G(d_\alpha, z_i)] = \frac{1}{g_G^2}$$

- ★ The mass depends on the **F-terms** breaking supersymmetry

$$(m_{1/2})_G = \frac{1}{f_G + f_G^\dagger} \left( \sum_\alpha F^{d_\alpha} \frac{\partial f_G}{\partial d_\alpha} + \sum_i F^{z_i} \frac{\partial f_G}{\partial z_i} \right) \equiv e^{\kappa K_{\text{eunt}}/2} (m_{1/2}^0)_G \quad (1)$$

- ★ The gauge coupling dependence on the dark energy sector leads to **variations of constants**

# Variation of Constants

- ★ The gauge coupling constants at the weak scale

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_i(m)} = 4\pi f_i - \frac{b_i}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{GUT}}}{m}\right)$$

- ★ The **fine structure constant** at the weak scale

$$\alpha_{\text{QED}}(Q) = \frac{\alpha_2^2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$$

- ★ The **proton to electron** mass ratio varies

$$\frac{\Delta r}{r} \sim -\frac{8\pi^2}{b_3} \Delta f_3 + b_u \frac{m_u}{m_p} \Delta \alpha_u + \left(b_d \frac{m_d}{m_p} - 1\right) \Delta \alpha_d + \frac{C_p \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{m_p} \frac{\Delta \alpha_{\text{QED}}}{\alpha_{\text{QED}}} \quad (1)$$

# Electro-weak Symmetry Breaking

- ★ The **Higgs potential** depends on the dark energy sector via the soft terms evaluated at the electro-weak scale

$$V^{\text{Higgs}} = e^{\kappa K_{\text{quint}}} \left[ \left( |\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_u}^2 \right) |H_u^0|^2 + \left( |\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_d}^2 \right) |H_d^0|^2 - 2\mu B(Q) |H_u^0| |H_d^0| \right] + \frac{1}{8} (g^2 + g'^2) \left( |H_u^0|^2 - |H_d^0|^2 \right)^2$$

- ★ The two Higgs vev's depend on quintessence too

$$\langle H_u^0 \rangle \equiv v_u = v \sin \beta, \quad \langle H_d^0 \rangle \equiv v_d = v \cos \beta$$

- ★ The angle  $\beta$  depends on quintessence

$$\tan \beta(Q) = \frac{2|\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_u}^2(Q) + m_{H_d}^2(Q)}{2\mu B(Q)} \times \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4\mu^2 B^2(Q) \left[ 2|\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_u}^2(Q) + m_{H_d}^2(Q) \right]^{-2}} \right)$$

# Boson and Fermion Masses

- ★ The **Higgs scale** becomes (large  $\tan \beta \gg 1$  regime)

$$v(Q) = \frac{2e^{\kappa K_{\text{quint}}/2}}{\sqrt{g^2 + g'^2}} \sqrt{|\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_u}^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\tan \beta}\right)$$

- ★ The **gauge boson masses** depend on quintessence

$$m_{W^\pm}^2 = \frac{g^2}{2} (v_u^2 + v_d^2) \equiv \frac{g^2}{2} v^2, \quad m_{Z^0}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (g^2 + g'^2) (v_u^2 + v_d^2)$$

- ★ The **matter Fermion masses** depend on quintessence

$$m_{u,a}^F(Q) = \lambda_{u,a}^F e^{\kappa K_{\text{quint}}/2 + \sum_i |a_i|^2/2} v_u(Q), \quad m_{d,a}^F(Q) = \lambda_{d,a}^F e^{\kappa K_{\text{quint}}/2 + \sum_i |a_i|^2/2} v_d(Q)$$

# Violation of the Weak Equivalence Principle

★ At the microscopic level, particles of types  $u$  or  $d$  do not have the same mass dependence on quintessence  $\longrightarrow$  WEP violation

★ Coupling to matter

$$A_{u,d}(Q) \equiv e^{\kappa K_{\text{quint}}/2 + \sum_i |a_i|^2/2} \frac{v_{u,d}(Q)}{v_{u,d}(0)}$$

★ Scalar-tensor effective action

$$S = -\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu Q \partial_\nu Q + V_{\text{DE}}(Q) \right] + S_{\text{mat}} [\phi_{u,a}, A_u^2(Q) g_{\mu\nu}] + S_{\text{mat}} [\phi_{d,a}, A_d^2(Q) g_{\mu\nu}] .$$

★ Need to analyse the WEP violation for macroscopic bodies

# Fifth Force

- ★ Gravity tests are only relevant for **nearly massless quintessence**, Newton's law becoming

$$F_N = G_N(1 + 2\alpha_A\alpha_B)m_A m_B / r_{AB}^2$$

- ★ **Cassini experiments** constraint

$$\alpha^2 < 10^{-5}$$

- ★ The **gravitational coupling constant**

$$\alpha_A = \kappa^{-1/2} d \ln m_A / dQ$$

## Coupling to matter

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_u &= \frac{\kappa^{1/2}}{2} \partial_Q K_{\text{quint}} + \frac{\kappa^{-1/2}}{2} \sum_i \partial_Q |a_i|^2 + \frac{\kappa^{-1/2}}{v} \frac{dv}{dQ} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\tan^2 \beta}\right), \\ \alpha_d &= \frac{\kappa^{1/2}}{2} \partial_Q K_{\text{quint}} + \frac{\kappa^{-1/2}}{2} \sum_i \partial_Q |a_i|^2 - \kappa^{-1/2} \left( \frac{dm_{H_u}^2}{dQ} + \frac{dm_{H_d}^2}{dQ} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( 2|\mu|^2 e^{\sum_i |a_i|^2} + m_{H_u}^2 + m_{H_d}^2 \right)^{-1} + \kappa^{-1/2} \frac{d \ln B(Q)}{dQ} + \frac{\kappa^{-1/2}}{v} \frac{dv}{dQ} \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\tan^2 \beta}\right).\end{aligned}$$

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- ★ Cosmological evolution **equivalent to a pure cosmological constant** both at the background and perturbative levels

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★ Explicit example:

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★ Matter and hidden sectors on D3 branes, **quintessence=moduli**.

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# Warping

- ★ Preserve **no-scale** property and suppress coupling to gravity:

$$K = -\frac{3}{\kappa_4^2} \ln(1 - z\bar{z} + \Omega_{UV} + z\bar{z}\Omega_{IR})$$

- ★ Typical of **Supersymmetric Randall-Sundrum** models:

$$z = e^{-kI}$$

- ★ Easier to use the canonically normalised field

$$q = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

- ★ The **coupling to matter** behaves like:

$$A(q) = \cosh^3\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}q\right) + \dots$$

# Small Field Dark Energy

- ★ The gravitational coupling is large at short distance:

$$\alpha_g = \sqrt{6}, \quad z = O(1)$$

- ★ The gravitational coupling is **small at large distance**:

$$\alpha_g = 2q = 2z, \quad z \ll 1$$

- ★ This leads to the possibility of studying **small field dark energy** models akin to small field inflation models (hybrid etc...)

# Conclusion

- ★ Coupling quintessence to particle physics in supergravity would lead to very interesting phenomenology
- ★ Obstruction to quintessence models
- ★ Warped models?

