



DECAYING VACUUM AND SUPERNOVAE-CMB TENSION

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Abstract

In this work we analyze some physical consequences of an accelerating cosmology endowed with interaction in the cosmic dark sector (dark energy + cold dark matter) where the dark energy component is represented by a time-dependent Λ -term. In this context we discuss the existing tension between Supernovas (which prefer a closed Universe) and CMB data favoring a spatially flat Universe. By considering that the variable Λ -term mimics a curvature term (since both terms have the same dependence on the scale factor), we show that its contribution helps to alleviate the tension SNe Ia-CMB existing in the standard cosmic concordance model. The present model solves the age of the Universe problem and also evolves to a de Sitter model as occur with the Λ CDM scenario. The contribution of the free parameter is limited through a joint statistical analysis involving Supernovas, CMB (shift parameter) and baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO).

Palavras-chave: Cosmology, Vacuum decay.