Letter: A testable brane-world unification with early-time ρ^2 and dark radiation

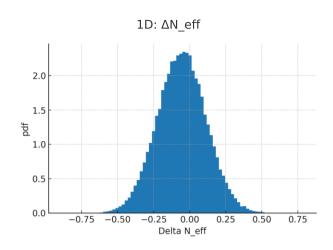
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Abstract

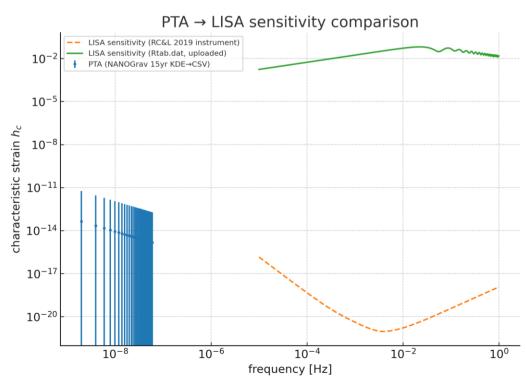
We obtain an effective 4-D cosmology with a ρ^2 correction and a dark-radiation term from a higher-D brane setup. The brane tension λ sets a GW spectral break (f_br \propto $\lambda^{1/4}$) and correlates with ΔN_eff , enabling a falsifiable joint test using PTA \rightarrow LISA and CMB/BBN. We provide posteriors using the official NANOGrav 15-yr KDE spectrum with a Planck- $\frac{1}{18}$ \frac

$$f_{\rm br}(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{1/4}$$
, $C/\rho_{\gamma, 0} = \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} \Delta N_{\rm eff}$

Posterior: λ vs ΔN_eff 3500 0.75 3000 0.50 2500 0.25 Delta N_eff 72000 weight 0.00 1500 -0.25 1000 -0.50500 -0.75 0.0 10.0 2.5 5.0 7.5 12.5 lambda (arb. units)



PTA→LISA (Rtab vs instrument)



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