

# Article: Brane-world unification with early-time $p^2$ and dark radiation

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## Abstract

From a higher-dimensional master action and Gauss–Codazzi/Israel junction conditions we obtain the SMS effective equations. In FRW, the Friedmann relation gains a  $p^2$  term and a dark-radiation piece. The brane tension  $\lambda$  fixes a GW spectral break and correlates with  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$ , enabling a joint PTA→LISA + CMB/BBN test. We use NANOGrav 15-yr KDE spectrum data with a Planck-2018  $N_{\text{eff}}$  prior to present posteriors and overlays.

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