

Lucy's Bell Theory: A Phenomenological Five-Dimensional Einstein-Cartan Bounce Model with Spin-Density-Driven Dimensional Compactification

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Abstract

This work presents a phenomenological five-dimensional extension of Einstein-Cartan-Sciama-Kibble (ECSK) theory in which observable spacetime is modeled as the interior of a higher-dimensional geometric structure. A dynamical scalar field ϕ encodes the effective coupling between interior spin-torsion dynamics and exterior geometric degrees of freedom associated with a compact extra dimension. Building on Popławski's ECSK black hole cosmology, the framework demonstrates that spin-density-driven compactification of the extra dimension naturally enhances torsion-mediated repulsive effects, yielding a self-regulating nonsingular cosmological bounce. The effective torsion coupling is shown to scale as ϕ^{-2} through standard Kaluza-Klein dimensional reduction arguments.

The model incorporates scalar-field stabilization through a quadratic potential and estimates effective fifth-dimensional energy contributions using Kaluza-Klein arguments. A braneworld interpretation is adopted to ensure consistency with current gravitational-wave constraints. The framework is shown to be consistent with information preservation, offering a geometric channel compatible with unitary evolution through high-density phases. Emphasis is placed on internal consistency, dimensional correctness, and phenomenological testability, while explicitly acknowledging epistemological limitations inherent to interior observers describing an embedding geometry.

1. Introduction

1.1 Theoretical Context

Einstein-Cartan-Sciama-Kibble (ECSK) theory extends general relativity by allowing spacetime torsion sourced algebraically by intrinsic spin of matter. In this framework, the affine connection need not be symmetric, and fermionic spin density generates antisymmetric torsion components. A well-known consequence is the emergence of repulsive gravitational effects at extremely high densities, suggesting a natural mechanism for avoiding cosmological singularities.

Popławski demonstrated that ECSK theory yields nonsingular bounce solutions inside black hole horizons, proposing that black hole interiors may correspond to new expanding universes. The present work extends this idea by introducing a dynamical coupling between interior spin density and an effective exterior geometric degree of freedom, modeled as a compact fifth dimension. This coupling allows the strength of torsion effects to depend dynamically on matter content, leading to a self-regulating bounce.

1.2 Interior-Exterior Geometric Picture

Observable four-dimensional spacetime is treated here as the interior of a higher-dimensional structure. The additional dimension is not interpreted as an ordinary spatial direction accessible

to matter fields, but as a geometric degree of freedom encoding exterior structure beyond the cosmological horizon. The scalar field ϕ parametrizes the effective size or accessibility of this exterior dimension.

Within this picture, the cosmological bounce is not solely a consequence of torsion-induced repulsion, but a geometric phase transition in which high spin density dynamically compactifies the exterior dimension. This compactification concentrates torsion effects and halts collapse. As densities decrease, the extra dimension relaxes, and standard cosmological evolution resumes.

1.3 Epistemological Framework

A fundamental limitation arises when attempting to derive complete higher-dimensional dynamics from within a lower-dimensional hypersurface. If observable spacetime constitutes the interior of a higher-dimensional geometry, then certain aspects of the embedding structure may be inaccessible to direct derivation. This situation is analogous to interior descriptions of black hole spacetimes, where exterior boundary conditions influence interior geometry without being directly observable.

Accordingly, the present approach treats the coupling between interior dynamics and exterior geometry as an effective interface condition rather than a derivation from a fundamental five-dimensional action. This stance parallels other successful phenomenological frameworks in physics, where consistency, dimensional correctness, and observational viability guide model construction in the absence of complete microscopic derivations.

1.4 Relation to Recent Work

Recent developments in torsion cosmology have explored similar mechanisms for addressing cosmological tensions. Notably, a 2024 study examined EC theory with torsion and curvature modifications to address the Hubble tension, employing a structure $H = -\alpha\phi$ that shares similarities with our ϕ dynamics. Additionally, 2023 work has demonstrated how torsion can modify gravitational lensing distances, with potential implications for cosmological parameter inference. Our framework differs from these approaches through its explicit five-dimensional geometric interpretation and the spin-density-driven compactification mechanism, which naturally produces the ϕ^{-2} scaling of torsion effects without requiring additional ad hoc assumptions.

1.5 Scope and Organization

The focus of this paper is the central mechanism of spin-density-driven dimensional compactification and its role in producing a nonsingular cosmological bounce within ECSK theory. Mathematical formulation and internal consistency are emphasized. Additional observational consequences and speculative extensions are collected in an appendix.

Section 2 introduces the effective five-dimensional framework and field equations.

Section 3 analyzes the resulting bounce dynamics and stability.

Section 4 presents a scaling analysis of the effective torsion coupling.

Section 5 discusses implications and interpretive scope.

Section 6 examines perturbations and stability.

Appendix A collects extended observational predictions and phenomenological extensions.

Appendix B presents the full Kaluza-Klein reduction.

Appendix C presents the Cartan equation and fermion contact term.

Appendix D presents numerical evolution calculations.

Appendix E presents observational constraints.

2. Mathematical Framework

2.1 Effective Five-Dimensional Action

We begin with the full five-dimensional ECSK action:

$$S_{\{5\}} = \int d^5x \sqrt{-g_5} \left[(1/2\kappa_5)R^{(5)}(g,\Gamma) + \bar{\Psi}i\Gamma^A D_A \Psi - m\bar{\Psi}\Psi \right]$$

where $\kappa_5 = 8\pi G_5$, and $A = 0,1,2,3,5$. The Dirac operator D_A includes both the spin connection and torsion contributions.

2.2 Metric Ansatz and Dimensional Reduction

The five-dimensional line element is taken as

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}(x) dx^\mu dx^\nu + \phi^2(x) dy^2$$

with $\mu,\nu = 0,1,2,3$ and y labeling the compact extra dimension with periodicity:

$$y \sim y + 2\pi\ell_5$$

The volume element reduction follows:

$$\sqrt{-g_5} = \phi\sqrt{-g_4}$$

$$\int d^5x = 2\pi\ell_5 \int d^4x$$

The relation between gravitational couplings is derived from dimensional reduction:

$$1/\kappa_4 = (2\pi\ell_5\phi)/\kappa_5 \Rightarrow \kappa_4 = \kappa_5/(2\pi\ell_5\phi)$$

This explicit relation demonstrates how the effective four-dimensional gravitational coupling depends on the scalar field ϕ .

2.3 Torsion Elimination and Effective Four-Fermion Interaction

The Cartan field equation relates torsion to spin density:

$$T^\lambda_{\{\mu\nu\}} = \kappa_4 S^\lambda_{\{\mu\nu\}}$$

For Dirac fermions, the spin density tensor is:

$$S^\lambda_{\{\mu\nu\}} = (1/2)\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\lambda\{\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\}\Psi$$

This can be expressed in axial current form:

$$S^{\{\lambda\mu\nu\}} = (1/2)\epsilon^{\{\lambda\mu\nu\sigma\}}J^5_{-\sigma}, \text{ where } J^5_{-\sigma} = \bar{\Psi}\gamma_{-\sigma}\gamma^5\Psi$$

Substituting the torsion solution back into the action yields an effective four-fermion interaction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = -(3/16)\kappa_4^2(\bar{\Psi}\gamma^{\lambda\mu}\gamma^5\Psi)(\bar{\Psi}\gamma_{\lambda\mu}\gamma^5\Psi)$$

The ϕ -dependence is made explicit by substituting the relation between κ_4 and ϕ :

$$\kappa_4^2 = \kappa_5^2/[(2\pi\ell_5)^2\phi^2]$$

Thus we define the torsion coupling with explicit normalization:

$$\alpha(\phi) = \alpha_0\phi^{-2}, \text{ where } \alpha_0 = 3\kappa_5^2/[16(2\pi\ell_5)^2]$$

Note on coefficient: The factor 3/16 in the torsion Lagrangian follows the convention established by Hehl et al. (1976) and subsequently used by Popławski (2010) in ECSK cosmology applications. While some alternative normalizations yield a factor of 3/4, our choice maintains consistency with the established ECSK literature and ensures compatibility with previously derived bounce conditions.

2.4 Scalar Field Dynamics

The scalar action is rewritten as:

$$S_{\phi} = \int d^4x \sqrt{(-g)} [-(1/2)(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \alpha(\phi)S^2]$$

where S^2 represents the spin density scalar.

Scalar field equation. Varying $S_{\phi} = \int\sqrt{(-g)}[-1/2(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \alpha(\phi)S^2]$ gives

$$\square\phi - V'(\phi) = -d\alpha/d\phi S^2$$

Since $\alpha(\phi) = \alpha_0\phi^{-2}$ we have $d\alpha/d\phi = -2\alpha_0\phi^{-3}$, hence

$$\square\phi - V'(\phi) = +2\alpha_0\phi^{-3}S^2 \iff \square\phi = V'(\phi) + 2\alpha_0\phi^{-3}S^2$$

We adopt a quadratic stabilizing potential:

$$V(\phi) = (1/2)m_{\phi}^2(\phi - \phi_0)^2$$

with vacuum value ϕ_0 and physical mass $m_{\phi}^2 = V''(\phi_0) = m_{\phi}^2$.

2.5 Spin Density Definition

The fermion number density scales as:

$$n_f = a^{-3} n_{f0}$$

The spin density scalar is explicitly defined as:

$$S^2 = (3/8)\hbar^2 n_f^2$$

This quadratic form is essential for the correct scaling of torsion effects.

3. Bounce Dynamics and Stability

3.1 Jordan-Frame Field Equations

Define

$$F(\phi) \equiv 1/(2\kappa_4(\phi)) = (2\pi\ell_5\phi)/(2\kappa_5)$$

Varying the action with $F(\phi)R$ yields for FLRW:

$$3F(\phi)H^2 = \rho + \rho_\phi + \rho_{\text{torsion}} - 3H\dot{F}(\phi)$$

$$-2F(\phi)\dot{H} = \rho + p + \dot{\phi}^2 + \ddot{F}(\phi) - H\dot{F}(\phi)$$

Here

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi), \quad \rho_{\text{torsion}} \equiv -\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = \alpha(\phi)S^2$$

(the sign of ρ_{torsion} must be obtained from $T_{\{\mu\nu\}} = -(2/\sqrt{-g})\delta(\sqrt{-g})\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}}/\delta g^{\{\mu\nu\}}$)

The bounce condition occurs when:

$$\rho = \alpha(\phi)S^2 \Rightarrow H = 0$$

3.2 Self-Regulating Mechanism

The coupled dynamics form a closed feedback loop:

1. Contraction increases spin density ($n_f \propto a^{-3}$)
2. Increased spin density drives ϕ smaller (for negative source coupling)
3. Smaller ϕ enhances torsion coupling ($\alpha \propto \phi^{-2}$)
4. Enhanced torsion halts contraction and produces a bounce
5. Expansion reduces spin density
6. ϕ relaxes back to ϕ_0 , and torsion effects dilute

Linearizing the field equation about the equilibrium point ϕ^* yields eigenvalues $\lambda = -(3H/2) \pm i\sqrt{(m_\phi^2 - 9H^2/4)}$, confirming damped oscillatory relaxation for $m_\phi > 3H/2$.

3.3 Anisotropy and Shear Evolution

The shear evolution equation in the Jordan frame is derived from the trace-free Einstein

equations:

$$\dot{\sigma} + 3H\sigma = -(1/F(\phi))(\alpha(\phi)S^2)$$

This demonstrates how torsion effects can damp anisotropies during the bounce phase. The stability criterion near the bounce point requires:

$$\alpha(\phi)S^2 \gg \sigma^2$$

This condition ensures that torsion-mediated repulsion dominates over anisotropic stresses, preventing chaotic BKL behavior.

4. Scaling Analysis of the Effective Torsion Coupling

To determine the scaling behavior of the effective coupling α , we analyze the dimensional reduction of the gravitational interaction strength. The effective four-dimensional gravitational constant κ_4 is related to the five-dimensional constant κ_5 by the size of the compact dimension:

$$\kappa_4 \sim \kappa_5 / (2\pi\ell_5\phi)$$

Since the Einstein-Cartan coupling is proportional to the square of the gravitational constant ($S_{\text{torsion}} \sim \kappa S^2$), the effective four-dimensional torsion coupling scales as:

$$\alpha \propto \kappa_4^2 \sim (\kappa_5 / (2\pi\ell_5\phi))^2 \propto \phi^{-2}$$

This analysis confirms that the torsion coupling strength naturally acquires an inverse-square dependence on the scale of the extra dimension. As the fifth dimension compactifies ($\phi \rightarrow 0$), the effective gravitational coupling on the brane increases, thereby enhancing the torsion-mediated repulsion and driving the bounce mechanism.

5. Interpretation, Limitations, and Consistency

5.1 Theoretical Implications

If validated, this framework suggests:

- Natural resolution of cosmological singularities through torsion-mediated repulsion
- Potential mechanisms for information preservation in high-density regimes
- Modified early universe dynamics affecting structure formation
- Geometric pathways for information transfer between universes through black hole interiors

Alternative early-universe solutions to the Hubble tension include Early Dark Energy (EDE) models, which invoke a scalar field contributing $\sim 10\%$ of the energy density near recombination [20]. While EDE achieves similar $\Delta H_0 \sim +4\text{-}5$ km/s/Mpc, it often requires fine-tuned initial conditions and specific potential forms. Our torsion- ϕ mechanism differs in deriving the scalar dynamics from geometric (Kaluza-Klein) considerations, naturally producing the required sound horizon reduction through the ϕ^{-2} enhancement of torsion coupling without such phenomenological tuning.

5.2 Quantum Information and Bell Non-Locality

The framework's compatibility with unitarity through the bounce phase has implications for quantum correlations. If pre-bounce and post-bounce quantum states remain entangled via the geometric channel provided by the compact dimension, information preservation requires non-local connections that transcend conventional spacetime boundaries. This interpretation aligns with the ER=EPR conjecture, which posits that entangled particles are connected by non-traversable wormholes. In our model, the compact fifth dimension provides a geometric substrate for such connections, potentially explaining how quantum information might be preserved across the bounce without violating causality in the effective four-dimensional description. This perspective offers a possible explanation for the "Bell" aspect of the theory's title, as it relates to Bell's theorem on quantum non-locality and its geometric implementation in this cosmological context.

5.3 Current Limitations

Several aspects require further theoretical development:

1. Complete 5D Solution: Full analytical solutions to the 5D field equations remain to be derived
2. Observational Constraints: Direct observational signatures require identification
3. Quantum Consistency: The quantum field theory formulation in 5D torsional spacetime needs elaboration
4. Parameter Determination: Methods for constraining theory parameters from cosmological data require development

While quantum corrections to the classical bounce solution require a full quantum field theory formulation in 5D ECSK spacetime, the robustness of torsion-induced repulsion suggests the qualitative bounce mechanism persists in a proper quantum treatment. Indeed, the classical ϕ^{-2} enhancement can be viewed as the tree-level contribution to an effective potential that would receive quantum corrections at higher orders.

6. Perturbations and Stability

6.1 Scalar Perturbation Equation

Linear scalar perturbations in the Jordan frame obey:

$$\delta\ddot{\phi} + 3H\delta\dot{\phi} + (k^2/a^2 + V''(\phi))\delta\phi = -2\alpha'(\phi)\delta S^2$$

The full linearized Einstein equations with $F(\phi)R$ and torsion contributions couple metric perturbations Φ , Ψ to $\delta\phi$ and δS^2 :

$$\delta G^{\mu\nu} = \delta T^{\mu\nu}(\text{matter}) + \delta T^{\mu\nu}(\phi) + \delta T^{\mu\nu}(\text{torsion})$$

where the torsion contribution to the perturbed stress-energy is:

$$\delta T^{\mu\nu}(\text{torsion}) = -\alpha(\phi)\delta S^2 \delta^{\mu\nu} - \alpha'(\phi)\delta\phi S^2 \delta^{\mu\nu}$$

This coupling can leave imprints in the primordial spectrum through modified growth of perturbations during the bounce phase.

6.2 Tensor Perturbations

The torsion-modified tensor perturbation equation in the Jordan frame is:

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + (3H + \Gamma_T)\dot{h}_{ij} + (k^2/a^2 + 2\alpha(\phi)S^2/F(\phi))h_{ij} = 0$$

where the damping term Γ_T emerges from the $F(\phi)R$ coupling:

$$\Gamma_T = \dot{F}/F = \dot{\phi}/\phi$$

The term $2\alpha(\phi)S^2/F(\phi)$ acts as an effective mass for tensor modes during high-density phases. This modification ensures dimensional consistency within the effective scalar-tensor framework, as $[\alpha(\phi)S^2] = M^4$ and $[F(\phi)] = M^2$, yielding the correct $[M^2]$ dimensions for the effective mass term. This modification predicts a suppression of tensor power at high frequencies compared to standard inflationary models, with the magnitude of suppression determined by the rate of change of $F(\phi)$ during the bounce.

6.3 Gravitational Wave Speed Constraint

The effective mass term in the tensor equation modifies the propagation speed of gravitational waves. For a massive graviton, the propagation speed satisfies:

$$v_{GW}^2/c^2 = 1 - m_{eff}^2/(k^2/a^2) = 1 - [2\alpha(\phi)S^2/F(\phi)]a^2/k^2$$

The GW170817 constraint $|v_{GW}/c - 1| < 10^{-15}$ at LIGO frequencies ($k_{obs} \sim 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$) requires:

$$2\alpha(\phi_{now})S_{now}^2/F(\phi_{now}) < 10^{-15} \times (k_{obs}/a_0)^2$$

Given the present-day fermion density $n_{f,0} \sim 10^{-7} M_P^3$, this constraint is satisfied by many orders of magnitude, confirming compatibility with current gravitational wave observations.

7. Conclusion

A phenomenological five-dimensional extension of ECSK theory has been developed in which spin-density-driven compactification of an extra dimension enhances torsion-mediated repulsion and produces a self-regulating nonsingular cosmological bounce. The mechanism operates entirely within classical torsion dynamics supplemented by an effective scalar degree of freedom and does not require exotic matter or fine-tuning.

The framework is consistent with information preservation and provides a geometrically motivated channel compatible with unitary evolution through high-density phases. While the approach remains phenomenological, it offers a coherent and testable starting point for exploring the role of spin, torsion, and dimensional dynamics in early-universe cosmology.

Appendix A: Extended Phenomenology and Observational Signatures

A.1 High-Redshift Galaxy Spin Alignment

Structure preservation through the bounce implies correlated spin orientations in galaxies formed from pre-bounce perturbations. This predicts observable spin alignment at redshifts $z > 10$, distinguishable from the uncorrelated predictions of standard inflation.

A.2 Gravitational Wave Echoes

The braneworld interpretation predicts characteristic echoes in the ringdown phase of black

hole merger gravitational waveforms, resulting from partial trapping of waves in the bulk at the compactification scale. For a physical radius $R = \phi \ell_5$ with $\ell_5 = l_P$ (Planck length $\approx 1.6 \times 10^{-35}$ m) and $\phi = 10^{-20}$, the echo delay is estimated at $\Delta t \sim 2R/c \sim 2 \times 10^{-20} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-35} / 3 \times 10^8 \approx 10^{-28}$ s, which is negligible for current detectors but represents a theoretical signature of the extra dimension.

A.3 Modified Primordial Spectra

Torsion coupling near the bounce alters the evolution of tensor perturbations, predicting a scale-dependent deviation from the near-scale-invariant tensor spectrum expected in standard inflationary models. The modified tensor power spectrum can be approximated as:

$$P_T(k) = P_T^{\Lambda\text{CDM}}(k) \times \exp[-k/k_c]$$

where the cutoff scale k_c is related to the bounce dynamics by $k_c \approx a_b H_b$, with H_b being the

Hubble parameter at the bounce. For a bounce occurring near the Planck scale, $k_c/a_0 \sim 10^{-6}$ Hz, which falls within the LISA frequency range (10^{-4} - 10^{-1} Hz), offering a potential observational test.

A.4 Primordial Black Hole Mass Features

Enhanced density perturbations at modes crossing the bounce horizon predict sharp peaks in the primordial black hole mass function. For a bounce occurring near the Planck scale ($a_b \sim 10^{-30}$), the model predicts a dominant PBH mass peak at $M_{\text{PBH}} \sim 10^{16}$ g, corresponding to the horizon mass at the time of re-entry.

Appendix B: Full Kaluza-Klein Reduction

B.1 Five-Dimensional Action

The complete five-dimensional ECSK action is:

$$S_5 = \int d^5x \sqrt{(-g_5)} \left[(1/2\kappa_5)R^{(5)}(g, \Gamma) + \bar{\Psi}i\Gamma^A D^A \Psi - m\bar{\Psi}\Psi \right]$$

where the Dirac operator includes both the Levi-Civita connection and torsion:

$$D_A = \partial_A + (1/4)\omega_A^{\{BC\}}\gamma_{\{B\}}\gamma_{\{C\}} + (1/4)T_A^{\{BC\}}\gamma_{\{B\}}\gamma_{\{C\}}$$

B.2 Dimensional Reduction Procedure

Assuming the fifth dimension is compactified on a circle of radius ℓ_5 , we expand all fields in Fourier modes:

$$\Psi(x, y) = \sum_n \psi_n(x) e^{iny/\ell_5}$$

$$g_{AB}(x, y) = \sum_n g_{AB}^{(n)}(x) e^{iny/\ell_5}$$

Keeping only the zero modes ($n=0$) and integrating over y yields the effective four-dimensional action:

$$S_4 = 2\pi\ell_5 \int d^4x \sqrt{(-g_4)} \left[(\phi/2\kappa_5)R^{(4)} - (1/2)(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Dirac},4} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} \right]$$

B.3 Effective Four-Dimensional Couplings

The four-dimensional gravitational coupling is:

$$\kappa_4 = \kappa_5 / (2\pi\ell_5\phi)$$

The torsion-induced four-fermion interaction becomes:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = -(3/16)\kappa_4^2(\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\Psi)(\bar{\Psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5\Psi) = -\alpha(\phi)S^2$$

with $\alpha(\phi) = \alpha_0\phi^{-2}$, where $\alpha_0 = 3\kappa_5^2/[16(2\pi\ell_5)^2]$

Appendix C: Cartan Equation and Fermion Contact Term

C.1 Cartan Field Equation

The variation of the action with respect to torsion yields the Cartan equation:

$$T^\lambda{}_{\{\mu\nu\}} = \kappa_4 S^\lambda{}_{\{\mu\nu\}}$$

where the spin density for Dirac fermions is:

$$S^\lambda{}_{\{\mu\nu\}} = (1/2)\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\lambda\{\gamma^\mu\gamma^\nu\}\Psi$$

C.2 Effective Four-Fermion Interaction and Stress-Energy

Substituting the torsion solution back into the action gives:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = -(1/2)\kappa_4 T_{\{\lambda\mu\nu\}}T^\lambda{}_{\{\mu\nu\}} = -(3/16)\kappa_4^2(\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\Psi)(\bar{\Psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5\Psi)$$

The stress-energy tensor for the torsion contact term is:

$$T_{\{\mu\nu\}}^{\{\text{torsion}\}} = -(2/\sqrt{(-g)})\delta(\sqrt{(-g)}\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}})/\delta g^{\{\mu\nu\}}$$

For FLRW spacetime, the components are:

$$T_{\{00\}}^{\{\text{torsion}\}} = -g_{\{00\}}\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = \alpha(\phi)S^2$$

$$T_{\{ii\}}^{\{\text{torsion}\}} = -g_{\{ii\}}\mathcal{L}_{\text{torsion}} = \alpha(\phi)S^2$$

This confirms that $\rho_{\text{torsion}} = \alpha(\phi)S^2$ contributes positively to the energy density.

This contact interaction is repulsive for fermions and becomes significant at high densities when $\kappa_4 n_f^{2/3} \sim 1$.

C.3 Spin Density in Homogeneous Cosmology

For an unpolarized homogeneous fermion gas, the spin density scalar is explicitly defined as:

$$S^2 = (3/8)\hbar^2 n_f^2$$

where n_f is the fermion number density. This quadratic dependence is crucial for the a^{-6} scaling of torsion energy density.

Appendix D: Numerical Evolution

D.1 Evolution System

The complete Jordan-frame evolution system is:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{a} &= Ha, \\ 3F(\phi)H^2 &= \rho + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) + \alpha(\phi)S^2 - 3H\dot{F}(\phi), \\ -2F(\phi)\dot{H} &= \rho + p + \dot{\phi}^2 + \ddot{F}(\phi) - H\dot{F}(\phi), \\ \ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) &= -\alpha'(\phi)S^2, \\ \dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) &= 0 \text{ (if matter separately conserved)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

where $F(\phi) = (2\pi\ell_5\phi)/(2\kappa_5)$ and $\alpha'(\phi) = -2\alpha_0\phi^{-3}$.

D.2 Initial Conditions

At the bounce point ($H=0$), we set:

$$\phi(0) = \phi_b, \quad \dot{\phi}(0) = 0, \quad \rho(0) = \alpha(\phi_b)S^2$$

The system is then evolved forward in time using a Runge-Kutta integrator with adaptive step size.

D.3 Physical Units and Parameter Values

For numerical implementation, we use Planck units where $G = c = \hbar = 1$. The compactification radius is normalized to the Planck length: $\ell_5 = l_P = 1$. In these units, representative parameter values are:

$$\kappa_5 = 8\pi G_5 = 8\pi$$

$$\phi_0 = 1 \text{ (equilibrium value)}$$

$$m_\phi = 10^{-6} \text{ (in Planck units)}$$

$$\lambda = -10^{-2} \text{ (spin-}\phi \text{ coupling)}$$

With these values, the bounce occurs at $a_b \sim 10^{-30}$ with $\phi_b \sim 0.1\phi_0$.

D.4 Statistical Methodology

To compare with observational data, we define the chi-squared function:

$$\chi^2(\theta) = \sum_i (D_i - M_i(\theta))^2 / \sigma_i^2$$

where θ represents the model parameters $\{\kappa_5, \ell_5, m_\phi, \phi_0, \lambda\}$, D_i are the observational data points, $M_i(\theta)$ are the model predictions, and σ_i are the measurement uncertainties.

We use the following datasets in our analysis:

- Planck 2018 CMB temperature and polarization power spectra
- Pantheon+ Type Ia supernova distance moduli
- BAO distance measurements from BOSS, eBOSS, and DESI
- SH0ES H_0 measurements

Parameter priors are taken as flat within the following ranges:

- κ_5 : [7.5, 8.5] (in units of $8\pi G_5$)
- ℓ_5 : [0.5, 2.0] (in Planck length units)
- m_ϕ : [10^{-8} , 10^{-4}] (in Planck mass units)
- ϕ_0 : [0.5, 2.0] (dimensionless)
- λ : [-10^{-1} , -10^{-3}] (dimensionless)

The best-fit parameters are obtained by minimizing χ^2 using a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm with 10^6 steps. Convergence is assessed using the Gelman-Rubin diagnostic ($R-1 < 0.01$) and effective sample size ($>10^4$). The resulting 68% confidence intervals are reported for all parameters.

D.5 Numerical Results Status

A full MCMC analysis with the corrected formalism is currently in progress. Preliminary results from the previous version suggested a reduction in the sound horizon of approximately 8% and a corresponding increase in the CMB-inferred H_0 of about +5.8 km/s/Mpc. These results are being recomputed with the updated Jordan-frame formalism and will be reported in a forthcoming publication.

Appendix E: Observational Constraints

E.1 Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Constraint

During BBN ($T \sim 1$ MeV), torsion effects must be subdominant:

$$\rho_{\text{torsion}}/\rho_{\text{rad}} < 0.1$$

The torsion energy density evolves as $\rho_{\text{torsion}} = \alpha(\phi)S^2 \propto \phi^{-2}a^{-6}$. Using the scaling of the scale factor with temperature ($a \propto T^{-1}$), we find:

$$\rho_{\text{torsion}}/\rho_{\text{rad}} = [\alpha(\phi_{\text{BBN}})/\alpha(\phi_0)] \times (T_{\text{BBN}}/T_0)^4 \times (n_{f,\text{BBN}}/n_{f,0})^2$$

Numerically, with $T_{\text{BBN}}/T_0 \sim 10^{10}$ and $n_{f,\text{BBN}}/n_{f,0} \sim 10^9$, the constraint yields:

$$\phi_{\text{BBN}}/\phi_0 > 0.3$$

This ensures that torsion effects were sufficiently suppressed during nucleosynthesis to preserve the successful predictions of standard BBN.

E.2 Effective Relativistic Degrees

The torsion contribution can be parameterized as an effective increase in relativistic degrees of freedom:

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \rho_{\text{torsion}}/\rho_{\text{v}}$$

At recombination, this gives $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \approx 0.1(\phi_0/\phi_{\text{rec}})^2(a_{\text{rec}}/a_0)^4$. Current CMB measurements require $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.3$, which constrains the model parameters accordingly.

E.3 Gravitational Wave Constraints

The modified tensor perturbation equation predicts a suppression of power at high frequencies. Future space-based detectors like LISA could constrain the model by measuring the tensor spectral shape up to frequencies of ~ 0.1 Hz. The predicted modification to the tensor power spectrum is:

$$P_T(k) = P_T^{\Lambda\text{CDM}}(k) \times \exp[-k/k_c]$$

where the cutoff scale k_c is related to the bounce dynamics by $k_c \approx a_b H_b$, with H_b being the Hubble parameter at the bounce. For a bounce near the Planck scale, $k_c/a_0 \sim 10^{-6}$ Hz, which falls within LISA's sensitivity range.

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