

On the stability of extra dimensions in nonlinear multidimensional gravity with multiple factor spaces

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We consider a multidimensional Kaluza--Klein-like model with nonlinear curvature terms and two spherical extra spaces of dimensions m and n . The properties of an effective action for the scale factors of extra dimensions are studied. Dimensional reduction leads to an effective 4D multiscalar-tensor theory. Based on qualitative estimates of the Casimir energy contribution at a physically reasonable length scale, we demonstrate the existence of such sets of the initial parameters of the theory in the case $m = n$ that provide a minimum of the effective potential at this scale which yields a fine-tuned value of the effective 4D cosmological constant. The corresponding size of extra dimensions depends of which conformal frame is interpreted as the observational one: it is about three orders of magnitude larger than the standard Planck length if we adhere to the Einstein frame, but it is n -dependent in the Jordan frame, and its invisibility requirement leads to some restrictions on the total dimension of space-time.

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