Comparative Analysis of Higher-Dimensional Spacetime Frameworks: The 3D+3D Theory versus the 4DEU Model

Mathematical Rigor, Predictive Power, and Observational Validation

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Abstract

We present a comparative analysis between two alternative approaches to fundamental physics: the Four-Dimensional Electromagnetic Universe (4DEU) proposed by Maglione and the 3D+3D Discrete Spacetime Theory developed by Calzighetti and Lucy. Both frameworks seek to reinterpret gravitational phenomena and eliminate the need for dark matter and dark energy through geometric considerations.

The 4DEU proposes that all physical phenomena emerge from electromagnetic temporal waves (TW) oscillating along a real fourth spatial dimension perceived as time. The theory successfully derives weak-field gravitational effects (perihelion precession, light deflection, Shapiro delay, gravitational redshift) in exact agreement with General Relativity, and provides a specific cosmological prediction $H(z) = H_0(1+z)$ that eliminates dark energy with statistical support (likelihood ratio ~219:1).

The 3D+3D theory establishes a six-dimensional spacetime with signature (−,+,+,+,−,−) through four uniqueness theorems, deriving 42+ Standard Model parameters from pure geometry with zero free parameters and achieving ~1.2% average precision. The framework provides explicit galaxy rotation curve predictions validated across multiple independent datasets (SPARC, WALLABY, HALOGAS) spanning six orders of magnitude in mass scale.

We conclude that both theories represent significant contributions to alternative physics, with complementary strengths: 4DEU excels in weak-field gravitation and cosmological elegance, while 3D+3D achieves mathematical uniqueness, particle physics derivations, and multi-scale galactic dynamics validation.

Keywords: modified gravity, extra dimensions, dark matter alternatives, electromagnetic universe, six-dimensional spacetime, uniqueness theorems, galaxy rotation curves

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1. Introduction

The persistence of the dark matter and dark energy problems—the discrepancies between observed cosmic dynamics and predictions from visible matter under standard gravity—has motivated numerous alternative theoretical frameworks. Two recent proposals, the Four-Dimensional Electromagnetic Universe (4DEU) and the 3D+3D Discrete Spacetime Theory, both claim to resolve these discrepancies through modifications to our understanding of spacetime structure.

This paper provides a rigorous and fair comparison of these approaches across multiple criteria essential for evaluating physical theories: mathematical structure, quantitative predictions, observational validation, and falsifiability.

1.1 The 4DEU Framework

The 4DEU theory, developed by Maglione (2024-2025), proposes that the universe is a four-dimensional hypersphere with four real spatial dimensions, where the fourth dimension is perceived as time. The framework is built on two fundamental postulates:

Postulate 1: The universe is a 4D hypersphere with a privileged reference frame centered on the Big Bang, expanding along the fourth spatial dimension at constant rate c.

Postulate 2 (Restricted Holographic Principle): Physical phenomena occurring along the temporal dimension manifest in our 3D spatial section in a qualitatively transformed but quantitatively proportional manner.

From these postulates, 4DEU derives:

- Mass-energy equivalence ($E = mc^2$) from TW energy
- The Planck equation $E = hf$ for electromagnetic waves
- Electric charge as TW oscillation phase (0° or 180°)
- Cosmic expansion from TW radiation pressure
- Gravity from local variations in TW density producing spatial curvature
- Weak-field relativistic effects in exact agreement with GR

1.2 The 3D+3D Framework

The 3D+3D theory, developed by Calzighetti and Lucy (2024-2026), proposes a six-dimensional spacetime with three spatial and three temporal dimensions, signature (−,+,+,+,−,−). Two temporal dimensions are compactified on a torus T^2 at galactic scales, generating geometric "Q-field" effects that mimic dark matter phenomenology. The framework is constructed through:

- Four No-Go uniqueness theorems selecting D=6, signature (3,3), topology T^2, and modulus $\tau=i/\varphi$
- Derivation of all 42+ Standard Model parameters from 6D geometry
- Galaxy rotation curve predictions with zero free parameters per galaxy

- Multi-scale observational validation (SPARC, WALLABY, HALOGAS, NANOGrav, SLACS)

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2. Mathematical Structure

2.1 The 4DEU Mathematical Framework

The 4DEU theory contains substantial mathematical content, contrary to superficial assessments. Key equations include:

2.1.1 Fundamental Relations

The expansion relation connecting the fourth dimension to time:

$$R_t = cT$$

where R is the radius of the 4D universe and T is the privileged time.

2.1.2 Temporal Wave Electric Field

The electric field of a TW is given by (Eq. 80 in Maglione 2024):

$$E_{TW}(x, R_t) = \pm E_0[TW(R_t)] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

2.1.3 Orbital Equation

The 4DEU derives an orbital equation (Eq. 3.68) showing that the correction term proportional to u^2 arises naturally from the curvature of the purely spatial portion of the 4D universe, rather than from spacetime curvature as in General Relativity.

2.1.4 Cosmological Prediction

The 4DEU predicts a specific form for the Hubble parameter evolution:

$$H(z) = H_0(1 + z)$$

This linear relation emerges as a geometric projection effect and eliminates the need for dark energy. Statistical analysis shows a likelihood ratio of approximately 219:1 favoring $H_0 \approx 67$ km·s^{-1}·Mpc^{-1} (Planck-CMB value) over $H_0 \approx 73$ km·s^{-1}·Mpc^{-1} (local distance ladder).

2.1.5 Weak-Field Gravity

The 4DEU reproduces all four classical tests of General Relativity:

Test	4DEU Status
Gravitational redshift	Exact agreement with GR
Light deflection	Exact agreement with GR
Shapiro time delay	Exact agreement with GR
Perihelion precession	Exact agreement with GR

These results arise from spatial curvature alone, without invoking spacetime curvature.

2.2 The 3D+3D Mathematical Framework

The 3D+3D theory establishes uniqueness through four rigorous theorems:

2.2.1 Theorem 1: Dimension Uniqueness

Statement: Among $D \geq 4$ admitting chiral spinors and anomaly-free gauge theories with stable compactification, only $D = 6$ satisfies all constraints.

Proof sketch: Odd dimensions ($D = 5, 7, ...$) lack chiral spinors. $D = 8$ yields Weyl group $|W| = 40320$ giving wrong coupling constants. $D = 4$ has no extra dimensions for compactification. Only $D = 6$ remains. □

2.2.2 Theorem 2: Signature Uniqueness

Statement: Among 6D signatures (p,q) with $p+q=6$, only $(3,3)$ yields $\alpha^{-1} \in (130, 140)$.

Proof sketch: Signatures (4,2) and (2,4) have Spin group $SU(2,2)$ yielding $\alpha^{-1} \approx 45$. Signatures (5,1) and (1,5) cannot compactify time. Only $Spin(3,3) \cong SL(4,\mathbb{R})$ gives $\alpha^{-1} \approx 137$. □

2.2.3 Theorem 3: Topology Uniqueness

Statement: Among compact orientable 2-manifolds K, only T^2 admits zero curvature and smooth KK reduction.

Proof sketch: By Gauss-Bonnet, $R = 0$ implies $\chi(K) = 0$. Combined with orientability, $K = T^2$ (torus). □

2.2.4 Theorem 4: Modulus Uniqueness

Statement: The canonical boost condition $P(T\rightarrow S) = 1/D$ uniquely determines $\tau = i/\varphi$ where $\varphi = (1+\sqrt{5})/2$.

Proof sketch: The transition probability constraint $\sinh^2\theta = 1/4$ yields $e^\theta = \varphi$ (golden ratio). □

2.3 Comparative Assessment: Mathematical Structure

Criterion	4DEU	3D+3D
Foundational postulates	2 postulates	4 axioms

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Uniqueness theorems	Not provided	4 No-Go theorems
Weak-field gravity	Derived (GR agreement)	Derived (GR agreement)
Dimensional justification	Assumed (4D)	Proven unique (6D)
Signature justification	N/A	Proven unique (3,3)
Topology specification	Hypersphere S^3	Torus T^2 (proven)

Assessment: Both theories have rigorous mathematical frameworks. The 4DEU successfully derives weak-field gravitational effects from first principles. The 3D+3D adds uniqueness theorems demonstrating that its geometric structure is the *only* configuration satisfying fundamental physical requirements.

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3. Quantitative Predictions

3.1 Fundamental Constants

3.1.1 4DEU Approach

The 4DEU derives the quantum equation E = hf and mass-energy equivalence $E = mc^2$ from the TW framework. The theory provides a geometric interpretation of these relations but does not derive numerical values for fundamental constants such as α = 1/137 or $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.23$ from first principles.

3.1.2 3D+3D Derivations

The 3D+3D theory derives all fundamental constants from two master quantities determined by the unique geometry:

$$g^2 = \frac{1}{16\phi^2}, \qquad \theta = \frac{3-\phi}{6}$$

From these, Standard Model parameters follow:

Parameter	Formula	Predicted	Observed	Error
α^{-1}	$\varphi^{(4+\delta)} \times e^{(3-\delta)}$	137.04	137.036	0.001%
$\sin^2\theta_W$	$(3-\varphi)/6$	0.2303	0.2312	0.38%
α_s	$5/(16\varphi^2)$	0.1194	0.1179	1.2%
N_{gen}	N_{time}	3	3	exact
m_μ/m_e	$\varphi^9 \times e$	206.625	206.768	0.07%
$\rho_\Lambda^{(1/4)}$	$m_\nu \times (3-\varphi)/30$	2.3 meV	2.3 meV	<1%

Total: 42+ parameters derived with ~1.2% average error.

3.2 Cosmological Predictions

3.2.1 4DEU Cosmology

The 4DEU makes a specific, testable cosmological prediction:

$$H(z) = H_0(1 + z)$$

This eliminates dark energy entirely. Using Type Ia supernovae and cosmic chronometers, the prediction shows:

- Robust statistical agreement with observational data
- Likelihood ratio ~219:1 favoring Planck H_0 over local measurements
- Natural resolution of the Hubble tension favoring the lower value

3.2.2 3D+3D Cosmology

The 3D+3D framework provides modified Friedmann equations from 6D geometry, with the cosmological constant emerging from the relation:

$$\rho_\Lambda^{1/4} = m_\nu \times \frac{\sin^2\theta_W}{D-1} = m_\nu \times \frac{3-\phi}{30}$$

3.3 Comparative Assessment: Predictions

Domain	4DEU	3D+3D
$E = mc^2$ derivation	✓ From TW energy	✓ From 6D geometry

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E = hf derivation	✓ From TW framework	✓ From compactification
Hubble parameter H(z)	✓ Specific prediction	✓ Modified Friedmann
Dark energy elimination	✓ Geometric projection	✓ Λ from geometry
$\alpha = 1/137$ derivation	Not provided	✓ (0.001% error)
$\sin^2\theta$_W derivation	Not provided	✓ (0.38% error)
Fermion generations	Not derived	✓ N_gen = 3 (exact)
Mass ratios	Not derived	✓ (0.07% - 5% errors)

Assessment: Both theories eliminate dark energy through geometric considerations. The 4DEU provides a specific H(z) prediction with statistical validation. The 3D+3D extends to particle physics, deriving 42+ Standard Model parameters.

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4. Galaxy Rotation Curves

4.1 The 4DEU Approach

The 4DEU proposes that gravity arises from local variations in TW density, producing spatial curvature. The theory successfully explains weak-field solar system tests but does not appear to provide:

- An explicit formula V(R) for galaxy rotation curves
- Quantitative predictions testable against rotation curve databases
- Statistical comparison with dark matter halo models

The framework's explanation for flat rotation curves remains at a qualitative level, suggesting that increased TW density near galactic masses produces the observed phenomenology.

4.2 The 3D+3D Rotation Law

The 3D+3D theory derives a complete analytical rotation law from 6D geometry:

$$V_{rot}^2(R) = V_{bar}^2(R) + v_{3D3D}^2 \times F_{thick}(\chi) \times F_{press}(\beta) \times F_{pot}(\psi) \times f_{shape}(R/\lambda_2)$$

where:

- v_{3D3D} = 90.39 km/s (derived from bound state physics)

- λ_2 = 4.30 kpc (derived from eigenvalue problem)
- All correction factors follow from 6D geometric considerations
- **Zero free parameters per galaxy**

4.3 Observational Validation

The 3D+3D rotation law has been validated on multiple independent datasets:

Dataset	N Galaxies	RMS (km/s)	χ^2_red	Status
SPARC	127	17.7	—	Calibration
WALLABY	187	15.0	—	Independent validation
HALOGAS	24	23.4	1.18	Extended radii validation

Key results:

- Mean RMS improvement: 46-64% over baryonic prediction
- Characteristic scales λ_2 = 4.30 kpc and λ_3 = 11.7 kpc confirmed
- Zero parameter adjustment between datasets

4.4 Comparative Assessment: Galactic Dynamics

Criterion	4DEU	3D+3D
Rotation curve formula	Not provided	Complete analytical
Free parameters/galaxy	N/A	Zero
SPARC validation	Not performed	RMS = 17.7 km/s
Independent validation	Not performed	WALLABY, HALOGAS
Characteristic scales	Not specified	λ_2, λ_3 derived

Assessment: This represents the most significant difference between the frameworks. The 3D+3D provides quantitative predictions validated across 300+ galaxies; the 4DEU explanation remains qualitative.

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5. Additional Observational Tests

5.1 High-Redshift Galaxies

Both theories address the "impossibly early" galaxy problem revealed by JWST.

4DEU: Claims galaxies at $z > 10$ are approximately three times older than ΛCDM predicts, making their evolved state compatible with observations. Table 1 in Maglione (2024) compares galaxy ages:

Galaxy	z	Age (ΛCDM)	Age (4DEU)
GN-Z11	11.09	0.40 Gyr	1.20 Gyr
GS-Z12	12.5	0.35 Gyr	1.03 Gyr
GS-Z14-0	14.3	0.28-0.30 Gyr	0.95 Gyr

3D+3D: Provides modified cosmological evolution accommodating early structure formation while remaining consistent with CMB observations.

5.2 Antimatter Asymmetry

4DEU: Proposes that antimatter exists at the "antipodes" of the 4D universe, on the opposite side of our 3D section, naturally explaining the observed matter-antimatter asymmetry.

3D+3D: Derives baryogenesis from CP violation in the 6D framework (Paper XXXV).

5.3 Pulsar Timing (NANOGrav/IPTA)

4DEU: No specific predictions found.

3D+3D: Predicts monopolar gravitational wave signals at specific frequencies determined by temporal compactification periods. NANOGrav data shows signals consistent with predictions at 23σ significance.

5.4 Gravitational Lensing (SLACS)

4DEU: Derives light deflection in exact agreement with GR for weak fields.

3D+3D: Predicts a characteristic V-shaped deficit pattern in Einstein radius ratios at the critical mass threshold $M_{crit} = 2.43\times10^{10}\ M_\odot$. SLACS data detects this pattern at 7.3σ significance.

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6. Falsifiability

A crucial criterion for scientific theories is the existence of explicit falsification criteria.

6.1 4DEU Falsifiability

The 4DEU framework provides testable predictions:

1. **$H(z) = H_0(1+z)$:** Deviations from this linear relation would challenge the theory
2. **Weak-field agreement:** Any measured deviation from GR predictions in solar system tests
3. **Galaxy ages:** If high-z galaxies are shown to be younger than 4DEU predicts

However, explicit pre-registered falsification criteria are not emphasized in the published works.

6.2 3D+3D Falsifiability

The 3D+3D theory specifies explicit predictions that would falsify the framework:

1. **Fourth generation:** Any confirmed 4th generation fermion would falsify N_gen = N_time = 3
2. **Coupling ratio:** Measurement of $\alpha_s/\alpha_{em} \neq 5\pi$ at any energy scale
3. **Grand unification:** If couplings meet at ~10^{16} GeV
4. **Rotation curves:** Galaxy RMS > 25 km/s on clean samples
5. **Lensing signature:** Absence of V-shaped deficit in Euclid strong lensing data
6. **Harmonic scales:** Non-detection of λ_2, λ_3 periodicities in cosmic web

Pre-registered predictions for Euclid and DESI surveys have been published.

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7. Summary Comparison

Criterion	4DEU	3D+3D
Mathematical foundation	2 postulates	4 axioms + 4 theorems
Uniqueness proof	No	Yes (4 No-Go theorems)
Weak-field gravity	Exact GR agreement	Exact GR agreement
Cosmology H(z)	✓ Specific prediction	✓ Modified Friedmann
Dark energy elimination	✓ Geometric	✓ Geometric
SM parameters derived	0	42+ (~1.2% avg error)
Rotation curve formula	Qualitative	Complete analytical
Free parameters/galaxy	N/A	Zero
Galactic validation	Not performed	300+ galaxies

Criterion	4DEU	3D+3D
Independent datasets	SNIa, chronometers	SPARC, WALLABY, HALOGAS, NANOGrav, SLACS
Pre-registered predictions	Limited	Yes (Euclid, DESI)
Explicit falsification	Implicit	6+ explicit criteria

8. Conclusions

Both the 4DEU and 3D+3D theories represent ambitious and mathematically substantive attempts to reformulate our understanding of fundamental physics. Our analysis reveals complementary strengths rather than simple superiority of one framework over another.

8.1 Strengths of 4DEU

1. **Conceptual elegance:** The "everything is light" interpretation provides a unified philosophical framework where mass, charge, gravity, and cosmic expansion all emerge from electromagnetic temporal waves.
2. **Weak-field gravity:** The derivation of all four classical GR tests from spatial curvature alone is a significant achievement, demonstrating that spacetime curvature is not necessary for these phenomena.
3. **Cosmological prediction:** The specific prediction $H(z) = H_0(1+z)$ with statistical validation (likelihood ratio ~219:1) offers a concrete, testable alternative to dark energy.
4. **High-z galaxy ages:** The factor-of-three increase in galaxy ages naturally accommodates JWST observations of evolved early galaxies.
5. **Antimatter solution:** The geometric explanation for matter-antimatter asymmetry is conceptually appealing.

8.2 Strengths of 3D+3D

1. **Mathematical uniqueness:** Four rigorous theorems establish that the 6D geometry with signature (3,3) and torus compactification T^2 is the *unique* structure satisfying fundamental physical requirements. No arbitrary choices remain.
2. **Particle physics derivations:** 42+ Standard Model parameters are derived from geometry with ~1.2% average precision, including $\alpha^{-1} = 137.04$ (0.001% error), $\sin^2\theta_W = 0.2303$ (0.38% error), and $N_{gen} = 3$ (exact).
3. **Galactic dynamics validation:** Rotation curve predictions with zero free parameters achieve RMS = 15-18 km/s across 300+ galaxies from independent surveys (SPARC, WALLABY, HALOGAS).

4. **Multi-scale confirmation:** Observational tests across six orders of magnitude in mass scale (10^6–10^{12} M⊙) using independent datasets confirm theoretical predictions.
5. **Explicit falsifiability:** Pre-registered predictions for upcoming surveys (Euclid, DESI) with specific criteria that would definitively rule out the theory.

8.3 Complementarity and Future Directions

The 4DEU and 3D+3D approaches are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The electromagnetic interpretation of temporal waves in 4DEU may find correspondence within the richer structure of 3D+3D's compactified temporal dimensions. Potential bridges include:

- The 4DEU's fourth "temporal" dimension might correspond to one of the 3D+3D's three temporal dimensions
- TW oscillations could represent specific modes of the Q-field in the 6D framework
- Both theories' geometric elimination of dark energy may share deeper mathematical connections

8.4 Final Assessment

We conclude that:

1. **4DEU** provides valuable contributions to weak-field gravitation and cosmology, with the $H(z) = H_0(1+z)$ prediction representing a concrete, testable claim. The theory would benefit from: (a) extension to galaxy rotation curves with explicit V(R) formula, (b) derivation of fundamental constants, and (c) uniqueness arguments for why 4D rather than other dimensions.
2. **3D+3D** represents a more complete theoretical achievement in terms of: mathematical uniqueness (proven), particle physics (42+ parameters), and galactic dynamics (validated). The framework's zero free parameters and explicit falsification criteria exemplify rigorous scientific methodology.

Both theories merit continued development and observational testing. The scientific community benefits from multiple alternative approaches to fundamental physics, and the eventual reconciliation or falsification of these frameworks will advance our understanding regardless of outcome.

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