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Eddy Cosmology: Dark Energy as Turbulent Wave Interference

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ABSTRACT

Dark energy is modeled as interference fronts of a self-advecting scalar field ϕ, producing turbulent eddies analogous to magnetic repulsion. Local underdensities arise as decaying eddies; distant regions exhibit phantom-like growth. The same Burgers-type equation governs quantum vacuum fluctuations (Casimir effect) and cosmic flows, linking scales fractally. The Hubble tension resolves via the gradient in apparent expansion. Predictions include asymmetric supernova dimming and drifting CMB cold spots, testable with Euclid and DESI. The universe swirls, ripples and pulses - not expands eternally.

Keywords: dark energy inhomogeneity, Hubble tension, scalar field turbulence, fractal cosmology, eddy backreaction, CMB drift, Euclid predictions

1. INTRODUCTION

Standard cosmology assumes uniform dark energy. Yet local $H_0 \approx 73$ km/s/Mpc conflicts with distant $H_0 \approx 67$ km/s/Mpc. We propose dark energy arises from turbulent scalar waves that form eddies - regions where repulsive force is not constant, but surges where waves interfere constructively and weaken where they drift apart.

2. THE MODEL

The field ϕ obeys

$$\partial_t \phi + \mathbf{v}_\phi \cdot \nabla \phi = \kappa \nabla^2 \phi, \tag{1}$$

with

$$\mathbf{v}_\phi = -\alpha \nabla \phi + \beta (\nabla \phi)^2 \tag{2}$$

Gradients drive repulsion; curls form eddies.

3. QUANTUM CONNECTION

Identical form appears in renormalized Casimir energy and Burgers turbulence-quantum jitter scaled cosmically.

4. CONSEQUENCES

Local eddy: decaying ϕ, slower expansion. Distant walls: growing ϕ, phantom phase. Late ISW induces drifting cold spots.

5. TESTS

Euclid: redshift asymmetry $z > 1$. DESI: filament-dependent dimming. Roman: cold spot motion $\sim 1^\circ$/Gyr.

6. DISCUSSION

If confirmed, cosmology gains rhythm-transient acceleration, "eddy cycles". If falsified, backreaction remains relevant.

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