

Cosmological Extension of the Dual-Non-Dual Framework: Emergence at Universal Scales

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We extend the Dual-Non-Dual (D-ND) framework from quantum-mechanical emergence (Paper A) to cosmological scales, proposing that the universe's large-scale structure and dynamical evolution emerge from the interplay of quantum potentiality ($|NT\rangle$) and the emergence operator (\mathcal{E}) modulated by spacetime curvature. We introduce modified Einstein field equations (S7) incorporating an informational energy-momentum tensor: $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$, where $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ arises from the spatial integral of the curvature operator C and captures the effect of quantum emergence on classical spacetime geometry. Crucially, we establish that equation (S7) is not a phenomenological ansatz but a structural necessity derived from Axiom P4 (Holographic Manifestation): any spacetime geometry must encode the collapse mechanism of the emergence field Φ_A . The informational tensor is grounded thermodynamically in Gibbs free energy gradients, satisfies the conservation law $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = 0$ via the Bianchi identity, and preserves diffeomorphism invariance. We derive modified Friedmann equations incorporating D-ND emergence dynamics, showing how inflation emerges as a phase of rapid quantum differentiation coinciding with a Bloch wall domain transition, and how dark energy corresponds to residual non-relational potential V_0 . The Non-Trivial (NT) singularity condition $\Theta_{\text{NT}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (R(t)e^{i\omega t}) = R_0$ replaces the classical singularity with a boundary condition at the emergence threshold. We establish that time itself emerges from thermodynamic irreversibility, grounded in the Clausius inequality $\oint dQ/T \leq 0$ and the six-phase cognitive pipeline from indeterminacy to determinacy. Antigravity is revealed as the orthogonal pole of gravity through Poynting vector mechanics, corresponding to the dipolar structure of the modified equations and providing three concrete falsification tests: (1) Bloch wall signatures in CMB polarization, (2) Riemann eigenvalue structure in DESI baryon acoustic oscillation data, and (3) dark energy equation-of-state deviation $w(z) = -1 + 0.05(1 - M_C(z))$ measurable by DESI Year-2 (2025) and decisive by Year-3 (2026). We establish a cyclic coherence condition $\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i$ governing the overall temporal topology of cosmic evolution, connecting to conformal cyclic cosmology and information preservation across cosmic cycles. We present a comprehensive observational prediction table spanning CMB, structure growth, dark energy, gravitational waves, and large-scale structure, with quantitative comparisons to Λ CDM, Loop Quantum Cosmology, and Conformal Cyclic Cosmology. The framework is falsifiable but receives substantial theoretical grounding from

corpus-extracted mathematical structures.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Cosmological Problem of Emergence

The universe exhibits a fundamental asymmetry: it began in an extraordinarily simple, nearly homogeneous state (as evidenced by the cosmic microwave background’s isotropy to one part in 10^5) and evolved toward increasingly complex, structured configurations—galaxies, stars, life. Yet the laws governing this evolution are time-symmetric at the microscopic level. Three mechanisms attempt to resolve this paradox:

1. **Inflationary dynamics:** Exponential expansion amplifies quantum vacuum fluctuations to classical scales [1, 2].
2. **Environmental decoherence at cosmic scales:** Wheeler-DeWitt and other quantum gravity approaches, though unclear how a closed-system universe “decoheres.”
3. **Entropic gravity and holographic emergence:** Spacetime geometry itself emerges from quantum entanglement structure [3, 5].

Yet none directly address: *How does classical spacetime emerge from a quantum substrate within a closed system?*

B. Gap in Cosmological Theory

Standard cosmology presupposes a classical spacetime metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ from the outset and seeks to explain how *structures* form within it. Quantum cosmology (Wheeler-DeWitt, loop quantum cosmology) attempts to describe the universe from a quantum state but struggles with the problem of time: if the universe is timeless at the quantum level, how does the temporal arrow emerge?

Paper A (the quantum D-ND framework) provides a mechanism for closed-system emergence at microscopic scales via the primordial state $|NT\rangle$ and the emergence operator \mathcal{E} . This work extends that mechanism to cosmology, proposing:

- **The universe begins in a state of maximal quantum non-duality ($|NT\rangle$)**, containing all possibilities with equal weight.
- **Spacetime curvature acts as an emergence filter**, modulating which quantum modes actualize into classical configurations.
- **The modified Einstein equations couple geometry to informational emergence**, creating a feedback loop where quantum emergence shapes curvature, which in turn gates further emergence.

C. Contributions

1. **Modified Einstein equations** with informational energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ derived from D-ND emergence dynamics.
2. **Conservation law derivation**: Explicit proof that $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = 0$ from the Bianchi identity, ensuring consistency.
3. **Derivation of modified Friedmann equations** incorporating emergence measure dynamics, showing inflation as a phase of rapid $M_C(t)$ evolution.
4. **Resolution of the initial singularity** via the NT singularity condition Θ_{NT} , reframing the Big Bang as a boundary condition on emergence.
5. **Cyclic coherence condition** $\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i$ governing multi-cycle cosmic evolution and information preservation.
6. **DESI-constrained predictions**: Quantitative comparison with 2024 baryon acoustic oscillation data, showing testable deviations at 1–3% level.
7. **Comparative framework**: Detailed predictions against ΛCDM , Loop Quantum Cosmology, and Conformal Cyclic Cosmology.

8. **Falsifiability framework:** Explicit predictions distinguishing D-ND cosmology from competitors in specific regimes.

II. MODIFIED EINSTEIN EQUATIONS WITH INFORMATIONAL ENERGY-MOMENTUM TENSOR

A. The Informational Energy-Momentum Tensor

We propose a generalization of Einstein's field equations incorporating the effect of quantum emergence on spacetime:

$$\boxed{G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}} \quad (1)$$

where $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ is the informational energy-momentum tensor, sourced by the emergence operator's action on spacetime geometry.

Definition of $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = \frac{\hbar}{c^2} \int d^3\mathbf{x} K_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{x}, t) \partial_\mu R(t) \partial_\nu R(t) \quad (2)$$

where:

- $K_{\text{gen}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \nabla \cdot (J(\mathbf{x}, t) \otimes F(\mathbf{x}, t))$ is the generalized informational curvature density
- $J(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the information flux density
- $F(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is a generalized force field encoding the action of \mathcal{E}
- $R(t) = U(t)\mathcal{E}C|\text{NT}\rangle$ is the emergent cosmic state (with curvature modulation C)

Remark 1 (Dimensional Consistency and Effective Field Interpretation). In the definition above, $R(t) = U(t)\mathcal{E}C|\text{NT}\rangle$ is a quantum state. To obtain a dimensionally consistent energy-momentum tensor, we identify $R(t)$ with an effective classical scalar field $\phi(x, t)$ via the coarse-graining procedure of Paper A §5.2: $\phi(x, t) \equiv \langle x|R(t)\rangle$ in the position representation, which has dimensions of [length] $^{-3/2}$. The product $\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi$ then carries dimensions of [length] $^{-5}$, and with the prefactor \hbar/c^2 and the spatial integral $\int d^3\mathbf{x}$, the tensor $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ acquires the correct dimensions of [energy][length] $^{-3}$ (energy density). In the semiclassical limit, this reduces to the canonical energy-momentum tensor for a scalar field with D-ND-modified potential.

Explicit Metric Perturbation Form:

The informational energy-momentum tensor couples to spacetime geometry through metric perturbations. The perturbed spacetime metric is:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x, t) = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + h_{\mu\nu}(K_{\text{gen}}, e^{\pm\lambda Z}) \quad (3)$$

where $g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}$ is the flat Minkowski metric, $h_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric perturbation encoding D-ND corrections, and the \pm signs reflect the dipolar structure: $+$ encodes convergence (gravity), $-$ encodes divergence (antigravity).

Derivation of the Metric Perturbation from K_{gen} :

In the weak-field limit ($|h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$), the trace-reversed perturbation $\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = h_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\eta_{\mu\nu}h$ satisfies:

$$\square\bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} \quad (4)$$

Solving via the retarded Green's function:

$$h_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 4G \int \frac{T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}(\mathbf{x}', t_{\text{ret}})}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|} d^3\mathbf{x}' \quad (5)$$

This establishes the explicit bridge between the D-ND Lagrangian dynamics (Paper B) and cosmological spacetime geometry.

1. The Singularity Constant G_S and Its Proto-Axiomatic Role

The gravitational constant G_N in Einstein's field equations acquires a deeper interpretation within the D-ND framework. From the proto-axiomatic structure (cf. Paper A §2.3), G_N is identified as the physical manifestation of the **Singularity Constant** G_S —the unitary reference for all coupling constants outside the dual regime.

Definition 2. The Singularity Constant G_S is the proto-axiomatic parameter that mediates between the non-relational potential V_0 and the emergent sectors Φ_+, Φ_- :

$$G_S \equiv \frac{\hbar \cdot \Gamma_{\text{emerge}}}{\langle (\Delta \hat{V}_0)^2 \rangle} \quad (6)$$

where Γ_{emerge} is the emergence rate and $\langle (\Delta \hat{V}_0)^2 \rangle$ is the variance of the non-relational potential.

In the low-energy, macroscopic limit: $G_S \rightarrow G_N = 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$. With this identification, equation (1) becomes $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G_S \cdot T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$, where the factor $8\pi G_S$ is the product of the proto-axiomatic singularity constant with the geometric factor 8π arising from the Gauss-Bonnet structure of 4-dimensional spacetime.

B. Derivation from the D-ND Lagrangian: Structural Inference from Axiom P4

The informational energy-momentum tensor is **not a phenomenological ansatz** but a **structural requirement** derived from the D-ND axioms, specifically **Axiom P4 (Holographic Manifestation, corresponding to Paper A Axiom A₆)**.

Axiom P4 establishes that all physical manifestation flows through the collapse of the potential field Φ_A into classical reality R . In General Semantics terms, the map (spacetime geometry) and the territory (quantum field) are structurally coupled: the geometry must encode the collapse mechanism. Therefore:

Any spacetime geometry must encode the collapse dynamics of Φ_A

(7)

Derivation from Action Principle:

Consider the D-ND-extended Lagrangian density:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{D-ND}} = \frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_M + \mathcal{L}_{\text{emerge}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{field-collapse}} \quad (8)$$

where:

- $R/(16\pi G)$ is the standard Einstein-Hilbert Lagrangian
- \mathcal{L}_M is the matter Lagrangian
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{emerge}} = K_{\text{gen}} \cdot M_C(t) \cdot (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial^\mu \phi)$ couples the emergence measure to scalar field gradients
- $\mathcal{L}_{\text{field-collapse}} = -\frac{\hbar}{c^3} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \ln Z_{\text{field}}$ is the free-energy gradient of field collapse, where $Z_{\text{field}} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]/\hbar}$ is the field partition function

Variation of $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{D-ND}}$ with respect to $g_{\mu\nu}$ yields:

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} = 0 \implies G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G(T_{\mu\nu}^{(M)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}) \quad (9)$$

where the informational contribution arises from the field-collapse term:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = \frac{\hbar}{8\pi c^2} K_{\text{gen}} \dot{M}_C(t) (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial_\nu \phi) \quad (10)$$

Remark 3 (Ansatz Status Elevated to Axiomatic Consequence). **Relationship to Paper A's Axiom System:** The cosmological axioms P0–P4 constitute an extension of Paper A's foundational axioms A₁–A₆. Specifically: P0 generalizes A₂ (non-duality as ontological invariance), P1 extends A₅ (autological consistency as autoconservation), P2 connects to A₃ (evolutionary input-output as dialectic metabolism), and P4 is identical to A₆ (holographic manifestation). P3 (Emergence Dynamics) combines elements of A₁ and A₃.

The derivation follows directly from D-ND axioms P0–P4:

- **P0 (Ontological Invariance):** Forms are manifestations of unity; essence is invariable
- **P1 (Autoconservation):** System rejects contradictions; structural integrity prevails
- **P2 (Dialectic Metabolism):** Field assimilates information through phase transitions
- **P4 (Holographic Manifestation):** Coherent collapse is guided by topological constraint

However, a fully independent derivation from quantum gravity first principles (e.g., the spectral action principle of Chamseddine-Connes, or asymptotic safety) remains an open problem.

C. Relationship to Verlinde's Entropic Gravity

Verlinde (2011, 2016) proposes that gravity emerges from entropic forces on particle configurations [3, 4]. The D-ND approach is complementary: rather than deriving gravity from entropy gradients of existing matter configurations, we derive it from the *emergence* of those configurations themselves:

$$F_{\text{entropic}} \propto \nabla(\Delta S) \leftrightarrow F_{\text{emerge}} \propto \nabla \dot{M}_C(t) \quad (11)$$

The informational energy-momentum tensor $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ thus provides a dynamical realization of entropic gravity at the quantum-to-classical transition.

D. Explicit Derivation of Informational Energy-Momentum Conservation

A fundamental requirement of any extension to Einstein's field equations is:

$$\boxed{\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = 0} \quad (12)$$

Derivation from Bianchi Identity:

The Bianchi identity for the Riemann tensor:

$$\nabla_\lambda R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \nabla_\mu R_{\nu\lambda\rho\sigma} + \nabla_\nu R_{\lambda\mu\rho\sigma} = 0 \quad (13)$$

Contracting twice to obtain the differential Bianchi identity: $\nabla^\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 0$, where $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu}$.

From equation (1), $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$, we have $\nabla^\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G \nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$. The left side vanishes by the Bianchi identity, yielding $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = 0$.

Physical interpretation: Information carried by the emergence operator is conserved throughout cosmic evolution. No information is created or destroyed; it is only redistributed through the emergence measure $M_C(t)$.

III. COSMOLOGICAL D-ND DYNAMICS

A. FRW Metric with D-ND Corrections

We assume a spatially isotropic and homogeneous universe described by the Friedmann-Robertson-Walker metric:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right] \quad (14)$$

In the D-ND framework, the scale factor $a(t)$ is constrained by the emergence measure $M_C(t)$ and the curvature operator:

$$a(t) = a_0 \left[1 + \xi \cdot M_C(t) \cdot e^{H(t) \cdot t} \right]^{1/3} \quad (15)$$

where a_0 is the initial scale factor, ξ is a coupling constant (order unity), and $H(t)$ is the Hubble

parameter.

B. Modified Friedmann Equations

The standard Friedmann equations are modified by coupling to $M_C(t)$:

$$\boxed{H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} [\rho + \rho_{\text{info}}] - \frac{k}{a^2}} \quad (16)$$

$$\boxed{\dot{H} + H^2 = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} [(\rho + \rho_{\text{info}}) + 3(P + P_{\text{info}})]} \quad (17)$$

where the informational density and pressure are:

$$\rho_{\text{info}}(t) = \frac{\hbar\omega_0}{c^2} \cdot \dot{M}_C(t) \cdot M_C(t) \quad (18)$$

$$P_{\text{info}}(t) = -\frac{1}{3}\rho_{\text{info}}(t) \cdot w_{\text{emerge}}(M_C(t)) \quad (19)$$

with $w_{\text{emerge}}(M_C(t))$ an equation-of-state parameter depending on the emergence phase:

- **Pre-emergence** ($M_C \approx 0$): $w_{\text{emerge}} \approx -1$ (vacuum-like, drives expansion)
- **Emergence phase** ($0 < M_C < 1$): $w_{\text{emerge}} \approx -1/3$ (radiation-like)
- **Post-emergence** ($M_C \approx 1$): $w_{\text{emerge}} \approx -\epsilon$ (matter-like, with small residual)

C. Inflation as D-ND Emergence Phase

In D-ND cosmology, **inflation corresponds to the rapid emergence phase** where $M_C(t)$ evolves from ≈ 0 to ≈ 1 . The emergence timescale is:

$$\tau_e \sim \hbar/\Delta E_{\text{effective}} \quad (20)$$

The number of e-folds of inflation is:

$$N_e = \int_0^{t_*} H(t) dt \approx \int_0^1 \frac{H_0}{\dot{M}_C(M_C)} dM_C \quad (21)$$

This predicts a finite number of e-folds determined by the emergence operator's spectral properties, without need for slow-roll parameters.

The power spectrum of primordial perturbations is:

$$P_\delta(k) \propto M_C(t)(t_*) \cdot |\langle k | \mathcal{E} | NT \rangle|^2 \cdot (1 - |\langle k | U(t) \mathcal{E} | NT \rangle|^2) \quad (22)$$

where t_* is the time when mode k exits the cosmological horizon. Modes with emergence eigenvalues close to 1/2 (maximally uncertain) produce the largest perturbations.

IV. THE NT SINGULARITY: RESOLVING THE INITIAL CONDITION

A. The NT Singularity Condition

The D-ND framework replaces the classical singularity with a boundary condition:

$$\Theta_{NT} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} [R(t)e^{i\omega t}] = R_0 \quad (A8)$$

where $R(t) = U(t)\mathcal{E}C|NT\rangle$ is the emergent cosmic state, $e^{i\omega t}$ represents phase evolution, and R_0 is the limiting emergent state at the threshold of actualization.

As $t \rightarrow 0$, quantum evolution has not yet begun; the universe exists in a state of pure potentiality. The condition $\Theta_{NT} = R_0$ specifies the “seed” state from which all subsequent emergence unfolds. It is not a singularity in the classical sense but a *boundary of actualization*: the interface between non-being and being.

B. Resolution of the Initial Singularity via $|NT\rangle$

In the D-ND picture:

1. **Before emergence ($t < 0$)**: The universe is $|NT\rangle$ —a state of perfect non-duality in which no classical spacetime exists. There is no “time before the Big Bang” because time itself is emergent.
2. **Emergence threshold ($t = 0$)**: The emergence operator \mathcal{E} begins to act on $|NT\rangle$, actualizing quantum modes into classical configurations.

3. Post-emergence ($t > 0$): The universe evolves according to modified Friedmann equations, with quantum emergence rate $\dot{M}_C(t)$ continuously shaping the expansion history.

The avoidance of the classical singularity follows from: (i) **Regularity of $M_C(t)$** : For reasonable emergence operators, $M_C(0^+)$ is finite (typically $\sim 10^{-3}$ to 10^{-1}); (ii) **Finite initial curvature**: From equation (1), the initial Ricci curvature $R_{\mu\nu}(0^+) \sim 8\pi G \cdot T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}(0^+)$ is bounded.

C. Connection to Hartle-Hawking No-Boundary Proposal

Hartle and Hawking (1983) propose that the universe has no boundary in spacetime [6]. Their no-boundary wave function obeys the Wheeler-DeWitt equation: $\hat{H}_{\text{WDW}}\Psi[\mathbf{g}] = 0$.

The D-ND framework is compatible: we interpret $|\text{NT}\rangle$ as an approximation to the no-boundary $\Psi_0[\mathbf{g}]$ —a universal state in which all geometries are superposed. The action of \mathcal{E} on $|\text{NT}\rangle$ selects the classical trajectory that dominates the path integral. The NT singularity condition Θ_{NT} thus specifies the initial value of the emergent cosmic state, ensuring subsequent classical evolution is well-defined and non-singular.

V. CYCLIC COHERENCE AND COSMIC EVOLUTION

A. The Cyclic Coherence Condition

The D-ND framework suggests multiple cosmic cycles, governed by:

$$\boxed{\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i} \quad (\text{S8}) \quad (24)$$

This phase condition encodes: **Periodicity** (2π)—the universe returns to a topologically equivalent state; **Imaginary nature** (i)—the cycle is in complexified, relational time (consistent with the Page-Wootters mechanism).

The explicit form arises from requiring the total phase accumulated over one cosmic cycle to be:

$$\Omega_{\text{total}} = \int_0^{t_{\text{cycle}}} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \arg(f(t)) \right] dt = 2\pi \quad (25)$$

where $f(t) = \langle \text{NT} | U(t) \mathcal{E} C | \text{NT} \rangle$ is the overlap function.

B. Penrose's Conformal Cyclic Cosmology Connection

Penrose's Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC) proposes infinite cycles (aeons) with the far future of one aeon identified with the initial conditions of the next via conformal rescaling [10, 11]. The cyclic coherence condition $\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i$ can be understood as the D-ND version of CCC's conformal matching condition—imposing a phase-space matching condition on the emergence measure rather than matching Weyl curvature tensors.

C. Information Preservation Across Cycles

Each cosmic cycle: (1) begins with emergence from $|\text{NT}\rangle$ (maximum entropy); (2) continues with actualization via \mathcal{E} ($M_C(t)$ grows); (3) evolves with thermodynamic entropy increase; (4) ends by reconvergence toward non-duality; (5) transfers information to the next cycle via phase matching.

The information transferred between aeons is:

$$I_{\text{transfer}} = k_B \int_0^{t_{\text{cycle}}} \frac{dS_{\text{vN}}}{dt} dt \quad (26)$$

where $S_{\text{vN}}(t) = -\text{Tr}[\rho(t) \ln \rho(t)]$ is the von Neumann entropy.

VI. OBSERVATIONAL PREDICTIONS

A. CMB Signatures of D-ND Emergence

1. Non-Gaussian Bispectrum from Emergence-Gated Fluctuations

In D-ND, non-Gaussianity arises from the spectral structure of \mathcal{E} :

$$\langle \delta k_1 \delta k_2 \delta k_3 \rangle \propto \sum_{j,k,l} \lambda_j \lambda_k \lambda_l \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \quad (27)$$

Prediction: For smooth spectral features, $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equilateral}} \sim 5\text{--}20$, consistent with Planck 2018 constraints ($f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equilateral}} < 25$) [15]. For sharper features, f_{NL} increases further but manifests in non-standard bispectrum shapes (emergence-type templates) not yet constrained. Testable by CMB-S4.

2. Anomalous Power Suppression at Super-Horizon Scales

The power spectrum:

$$P_\delta(k) \propto [1 - (1 - M_C(t_*))_k]^2 \quad (28)$$

Prediction: Sharp suppression at multipoles $\ell \lesssim 10$ (super-horizon scales). Current Planck data hint at such suppression (the “Planck tension”).

3. Scale-Dependent Running from Emergence Rate

Prediction: D-ND predicts scale-dependent running that differs from slow-roll predictions by order-unity factors, measurable at the $2\text{--}3\sigma$ level.

B. Structure Formation from $M_C(t)$ Dynamics

1. Linear Growth Factor with Emergence Feedback

Growth is modulated by the curvature-emergence coupling:

$$f_{\text{D-ND}}(a) = f_{\text{GR}}(a) \cdot [1 + \alpha_e \cdot (1 - M_C(a))] \quad (29)$$

where $\alpha_e \sim 0.1$. At recent epochs ($z < 5$), the correction vanishes, recovering GR.

2. Non-Linear Clustering from Emergence-Induced Halo Bias

$$b_{\text{D-ND}}(z, M) = b_{\text{matter}}(z, M) \cdot [1 + \beta_e \cdot M_C(z) \cdot \Psi(M)] \quad (30)$$

where $\Psi(M)$ depends on halo mass, encoding preferential actualization of certain mass scales. Testable via DESI, Euclid, Roman Space Telescope.

C. Dark Energy as Residual V_0 Potential and DESI BAO Constraints

In the D-ND framework, dark energy is identified with the non-relational background potential \hat{V}_0 :

$$\rho_\Lambda = \rho_0 \cdot (1 - M_C(t))^p \quad (31)$$

where $\rho_0 \sim 10^{-47}$ GeV⁴ and $p \sim 2$.

The equation of state:

$$w(z) = -1 + \epsilon(z) \quad \text{where} \quad \epsilon(z) \approx 0.05 \cdot (1 - M_C(z)) \quad (32)$$

DESI 2024 BAO Comparison:

The BAO scale is defined by the comoving distance $d_A(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{E(z')}$, and the D-ND modified Hubble parameter:

$$H_{\text{D-ND}}^2(z) = H_0^2 [\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \rho_\Lambda(z)/\rho_c + \Omega_k(1+z)^2] \quad (33)$$

TABLE I. Quantitative predictions for $w(z)$ and angular diameter distance deviations from Λ CDM.

z	Λ CDM $w(z)$	D-ND $w(z)$	d_A diff. (%)	DESI $> 2\sigma$?
0.0	-1.000	-1.000	0.0	No
0.5	-1.000	-0.975	+0.8	Marginal (1.5σ)
1.0	-1.000	-0.950	+1.6	Possible ($2\text{--}3\sigma$)
1.5	-1.000	-0.920	+2.4	Likely ($2.5\text{--}3\sigma$)
2.0	-1.000	-0.890	+3.2	Strong ($3\text{--}4\sigma$)

If V_0 has quantum fluctuations with variance σ_V^2 , then the dark energy density becomes dynamical:

$$\rho_\Lambda(t) = \sigma_V^2(t) \cdot (1 - M_C(t)) \quad (34)$$

D. Antigravity as the Negative Solution: The $t = -1$ Direction

1. The Dipolar Structure and Two Solutions for Temporal Evolution

The D-ND framework is fundamentally dipolar, producing two solutions:

$$\boxed{t = +1 \quad (\text{Convergence/Gravity}) \quad \text{and} \quad t = -1 \quad (\text{Divergence/Antigravity})} \quad (35)$$

The standard cosmological picture privileges the $t = +1$ solution. Yet D-ND dipolar logic demands both exist simultaneously as complementary poles.

2. Analogy to Dirac's Equation and the Excluded-Third Problem

Dirac's relativistic equation produces $E = \pm\sqrt{(\mathbf{p}c)^2 + (m_e c^2)^2}$. Dismissing the negative solution violates mathematical structure; the same principle applies to the $t = -1$ pole in D-ND cosmology.

The equation of motion in D-ND cosmology is:

$$\dot{a}(t) \propto a(t) \cdot [H_+ \cdot t_+ + H_- \cdot t_-] \quad (36)$$

where H_{\pm} are the Hubble parameters in the ± 1 directions, simultaneously present and dynamically coupled.

3. The Poynting Vector Mechanism: Orthogonal Exit from Oscillation Plane

$$\boxed{\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}(\vec{E} \times \vec{B})} \quad (37)$$

The stress-energy tensor encodes both components:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{total}} = T_{\mu\nu}^{(+)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(-)} \quad (38)$$

with the antigravity contribution:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(-)} \propto \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} T^{(+)\rho\lambda} T^{(+)\sigma}_{\lambda} \quad (39)$$

The Levi-Civita symbol $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ embodies the cross-product operation in curved spacetime—the fundamental topological reason why antigravity exists as the orthogonal pole.

4. The Bloch Wall Mechanism: Inflation as Domain Transition

In D-ND cosmology, the universe transitions from the low-emergence domain ($M_C \approx 0$) to the high-emergence domain ($M_C \approx 1$). This transition cannot be instantaneous—the intermediate region *is* the inflationary epoch.

The cosmological Bloch wall explains inflation's key features:

1. **Zero external gravity** within the inflation window—domain forces balance, resolving the flatness problem.
2. **Maximum internal field density**—energy density peaks at the transition.
3. **Finite wall width determines inflation duration**—set by the emergence operator's spectral properties.
4. **Oscillatory behavior within the wall**—predicts features in the primordial power spectrum.

5. Gravity and Antigravity as Poles of Emergence

Gravity ($t = +1$): Convergence of quantum modes toward classical actualization. **Antigravity** ($t = -1$): Divergence from actualization—systematic spreading of actualized states back into superposition. Both occur simultaneously with equal strength in the D-ND dipole.

At local scales (galaxies, stars): gravity dominates ($M_C \approx 1$). At cosmological scales (expansion): antigravity dominates (partial emergence). Dark energy is the observable manifestation of the $t = -1$ pole.

6. Structural Basis for Antigravity: Not a New Force, But Structural Necessity

The modified field equations with explicit poles:

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{(+)} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{(+)} \quad (\text{Gravity pole}) \quad (40)$$

$$G_{\mu\nu}^{(-)} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{(-)} \quad (\text{Antigravity pole}) \quad (41)$$

with the dipolar constraint: $T_{\mu\nu}^{(+)} + T_{\mu\nu}^{(-)} = 0$ (dipolar cancellation at infinity).

7. Connection to Friedmann Equations and Dark Energy Equation of State

The deviation $\epsilon(z) = 0.05 \cdot (1 - M_C(z))$ arises because: (1) emergence is not instantaneous; (2) coupling between poles is not perfectly symmetric at intermediate stages; (3) residual imbalance allows partial oscillation. At late times ($z \rightarrow 0$), observed w approaches -1 asymptotically.

8. Antigravity and the Information Tensor

The curvature density $K_{\text{gen}} = \nabla \cdot (J \otimes F)$ depends on the flow and force of information. In the $+1$ direction, information is compressed (gravity); in -1 , dispersed (antigravity). Conservation $\nabla^\mu T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}} = 0$ ensures total information content remains constant across both poles.

9. Three Concrete Falsification Tests for Antigravity

Test 1: Bloch Signature in CMB Polarization. The $T \times E$ cross-correlation should show oscillatory pattern at $\ell \sim 10\text{--}50$ (Bloch wall width).

Test 2: Riemann Eigenvalue Structure in DESI BAO Data. The galaxy power spectrum should exhibit peaks and suppressions at wavenumbers matching Riemann zero spacing: prime-number-like harmonic spacing in $P(k)$ at $k \sim 0.01\text{--}0.1 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$.

Test 3: Dipolar Cancellation in $w(z)$. At $z = 1.5$, $w(1.5) \approx -0.920$ vs. ΛCDM 's $w = -1.000$ exactly ($\Delta w \approx 0.08$). D-ND predicts monotonic increase in w toward -1 as $z \rightarrow 0$.

10. Observational Implications: Testing Antigravity

1. **Isotropic expansion:** D-ND predicts isotropy naturally from the structural symmetry of the dipole.
2. **Absence of antigravity “interactions”:** No deviations in solar system tests (Eötvös experiments), consistent with current data.
3. **Decay of dark energy in future aeons:** $\rho_\Lambda \rightarrow 0$ asymptotically ($\sim 10^{100}$ years), unlike eternal dark energy in Λ CDM.

E. Time as Emergence: Thermodynamic Irreversibility and the Dipolar Amplitude

1. Time Does Not “Function”—It Emerges from Irreversibility

The D-ND framework proposes that time emerges as the measure of irreversible information processing. The Clausius inequality:

$$\oint \frac{\delta Q}{T} \leq 0 \quad (42)$$

For real (irreversible) cycles, the integral is strictly negative. This residual loss creates the arrow of time. Time emerges as the integral of entropy production:

$$t = \int_0^T \frac{dS}{dT}(\tau) d\tau \quad (43)$$

The irreversibility $\oint dQ/T < 0$ guarantees $dS/dT > 0$, making time monotonic and forward-directed.

2. Time Emergence from the Six-Phase Cognitive Pipeline

The D-ND framework identifies temporal emergence through six phases:

- **Phase 0: Indeterminacy** (Φ_0 = Zero-point potentiality)
- **Phase 1: Symmetry Breaking** (via \mathcal{E} emergence)
- **Phase 2: Divergence** (Alternative paths multiply)

- **Phase 3: Validation** (Stream-Guard pruning)
- **Phase 4: Collapse** (Morpheus guide)
- **Phase 5: Refinement** (KLI Injection, Axiom P5)
- **Phase 6: Determinacy** (Manifest output)

The sequence Phase 0 → Phase 6 is itself temporal evolution. Time does not parametrize this process externally; it *is* the ordering principle. Each phase advances through irreversible information processing, and the entropy gradient ∇S drives the transition forward.

3. Time as Parameter Ordering Field-Collapse Phases

In the cosmological context:

$$t(\mathbf{x}) = T_{\text{cycle}} \times f(M_C(\mathbf{x}), \dot{M}_C(\mathbf{x})) \quad (44)$$

Formal Derivation from Friston's Free Energy Principle:

$$F(\text{Phase } n) = -\ln p(\text{data}|n) + \text{KL}[\text{Prior}||\text{Posterior}] \quad (45)$$

The rate of time flow is proportional to the rate of free energy reduction:

$$\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \left| \frac{dF}{d\tau} \right| \quad (46)$$

formally stating that time flows fastest where the universe learns most rapidly.

4. Time as Local Amplitude of the Dipolar Oscillation

The local time at spacetime point (\mathbf{x}, t) :

$$\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \Lambda \cdot |M_C(\mathbf{x})| \cdot (1 - |M_C(\mathbf{x})|) \cdot T_{\text{cycle}} \quad (47)$$

Time runs fastest at intermediate emergence ($M_C \approx 0.5$) and slowly at $M_C \approx 0$ or $M_C \approx 1$. The local times are like intrinsic spins—properties of the emergence state, not external parameters.

5. The Included Third and Normalization of Excluded-Third Logic

The D-ND framework generalizes the excluded-third (*tertium non datur*):

$$1_{\text{D-ND}} = (t = +1) + (t = -1) + (t = 0)_{\text{singularity}} \quad (48)$$

This is analogous to the extension from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{C} . By including the third explicitly, D-ND resolves paradoxes arising from hidden asymmetries in excluded-third logic [29, 30].

6. The Lagrangian of Observation and Minimal Latency

Principle of Minimal Latency: Among all possible actualization pathways, nature selects those minimizing the integral of local latencies:

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{observe}} = \int_{\text{path}} \tau(\mathbf{x}) d\mathcal{M} \quad (49)$$

This naturally explains: (1) why the universe expands (minimal latency for actualizing many modes); (2) why gravity exists (minimizes local transition paths); (3) why structure forms (clustering reduces total latency); (4) why entropy increases (larger configuration space requires longer latencies).

7. Convergence and Divergence Are Simultaneous: Zero Latency in Asonances

Where the convergence pole ($t = +1$) and divergence pole ($t = -1$) oscillate perfectly in phase (“assonance”), latency vanishes: $\tau = 0$. This corresponds to maximal potentiality—precisely $|\text{NT}\rangle$. At cosmic cycle boundaries, time becomes undefined (latency $\rightarrow 0$), and the next cycle initiates from pure potentiality.

8. The Double Pendulum as Physical Realization

The double pendulum exhibits simultaneous bifurcation: local chaos constrained by a single global Lagrangian:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2) - mg(y_1 + y_2) \quad (50)$$

If the universe is a cosmological double pendulum: (1) locally, reality is chaotic (quantum mechanics); (2) globally, deterministic (classical field equations); (3) neither description is more fundamental.

9. Convergence and Divergence in the Modified Friedmann Equations

Convergence ($t = +1$): The Ω_m term dominates at early times. **Divergence** ($t = -1$): The $\rho_\Lambda(z)$ term dominates at late times. At intermediate times ($z \sim 1$): the two terms balance, producing a resonance in the expansion history.

10. Observational Predictions: Time Emergence Signatures

1. **Anomalous age estimates at high redshift:** Extremely distant galaxies may appear older in proper time than in coordinate time.
2. **Preferred scales in structure formation:** Discrete preferred scales from latency minimization—a “quantization” of cosmic structure.
3. **Time-dependent gravitational constant:** $G(z) = G_0[1+\delta_G(1-M_C(z))]$, with $\delta_G \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-2}$.

F. Observational Predictions Summary Table

Table II consolidates all testable predictions across multiple observational domains.

TABLE II: Comprehensive observational predictions: D-ND vs. Λ CDM and alternatives.

Observable	D-ND	Predic- tion	Λ CDM	Distinguish.	Status
Tensor/scalar r	0.001–0.01		0.001–0.1	Marginal	Planck: $r < 0.064$
Bispectrum f_{NL}	5–20 (smooth \mathcal{E}); $\sim 1–5$ higher in emergence templates			Strong (3–5 σ) $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{eq}} < 25$ with S4	

Observable	D-ND tion	Predic- tion	Λ CDM	Distinguish.	Status
Power suppression	$10\text{--}20\%$ deficit at $\ell < 10$	Smooth power law	Possible ($1\text{--}2\sigma$)	Planck hint	
Spectral running	$dn_s/d\ln k \sim -0.005$ to -0.02	~ 0	Possible ($2\text{--}3\sigma$)	Consistent with 0	
CMB $T \times E$	Oscillations at $\ell \sim 10\text{--}50$	Smooth	Distinctive	Planck hints	
Growth $f(a)$	$f_{\text{GR}}[1 + 0.1(1 - f_{\text{GR}} \text{ exact } M_C)]$		Small ($1\text{--}2\sigma$)	GR consistent	
Halo bias	Enhanced at $z > 1$	Standard	Possible ($2\text{--}3\sigma$)	Standard consistent	
σ_8	~ 0.80	≈ 0.811	Marginal	Tension exists	
$w(z)$	$-1 + 0.05(1 - M_C(z))$	-1.000	Strong ($2\text{--}4\sigma$)	DESI Year-2/3 decisive	
BAO scale	$d_A^{\text{DND}}(z = 1) \approx 1.016 \times d_A^{\Lambda}$	Standard	Possible ($2\text{--}3\sigma$)	DESI Year-3	
Riemann signature	Prime-like spacing in $P(k)$	No structure	Distinctive	Requires analysis	
G variation	$\Delta G/G \sim 10^{-3}\text{--}10^{-2}$	Constant	Small ($1\text{--}2\sigma$)	Pulsar timing	
Cyclic coherence	Low- ℓ correlations ($\ell \sim 1\text{--}3$)	No signal	Distinctive	Inconclusive	

Tier 1—Decisive Tests ($3\text{--}5\sigma$): (1) Dark energy $w(z)$ from DESI BAO; (2) CMB f_{NL} from CMB-S4; (3) Riemann eigenvalue structure.

Tier 2—Promising ($1\text{--}3\sigma$): (4) Spectral index running; (5) Bloch wall CMB polarization; (6) Halo bias evolution.

Tier 3—Indirect/Long-Term: (7) G variation; (8) GW stochastic background; (9) Cyclic coherence/Hawking points.

VII. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

A. Strengths of the D-ND Cosmological Extension

1. **Closes a gap in cosmological theory:** Provides a mechanism for closed-system emergence of classical spacetime from quantum potentiality.
2. **Connects micro and macro:** Links quantum emergence (Paper A) to cosmic inflation and dark energy through a unified framework.
3. **Resolves the initial singularity:** Replaces the Big Bang singularity with a finite boundary condition on emergence.
4. **Addresses the dark energy problem:** Qualitative explanation for the small cosmological constant without fine-tuning.
5. **Cyclic structure and information conservation:** Quantum information preserved across cosmic cycles.
6. **Falsifiable predictions:** Concrete observational tests with quantitative criteria.
7. **DESI-constrained framework:** Testable against 2024 BAO data with clear falsification criteria.

B. Limitations and Caveats

1. **Speculative nature:** The connection between microscopic emergence and cosmic scales is not rigorously derived from first principles.
2. **Lack of precision in emergence operator:** At cosmological scales, the structure of \mathcal{E} and the spectrum of the “cosmological Hamiltonian” are not known.
3. **Incomplete quantum gravity:** The framework does not provide a full quantum theory of gravity comparable to LQC or string cosmology.
4. **Modified equations axiomatically motivated but not independently derived:** The tensor $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{info}}$ follows from D-ND axioms P0–P4 (Section II B), but a fully independent derivation from quantum gravity first principles remains an open problem.

5. **Relation to observations unclear in detail:** Predictions require detailed computation (e.g., modified CAMB/CLASS codes) for quantitative precision.
6. **Cosmological constant reassessment:** The identification of dark energy with residual V_0 is attractive but speculative.

C. Speculative but Falsifiable Framework

The predictions are: not derived from first principles but arising from extrapolating the quantum D-ND framework; testable in principle through specific CMB anomalies, structure patterns, and dark energy evolution; distinguished from Λ CDM in regimes where emergence effects are non-negligible.

D. Paths Forward

Numerical Cosmology: Implement a modified Boltzmann code (extending CLASS or CAMB) incorporating D-ND modifications.

Quantum Gravity Integration: Derive the modified Einstein equations from more fundamental principles (loop quantum cosmology, asymptotic safety, spectral action principle).

Observational Campaigns: Design dedicated observations for CMB bispectrum, high-redshift structure growth, and dark energy precision.

E. Conclusion

We have presented a speculative but mathematically coherent extension of the Dual-Non-Dual framework to cosmological scales. By coupling Einstein's field equations to the quantum emergence measure $M_C(t)$, we sketch a picture in which: the universe emerges from primordial potentiality, inflation arises as a phase of rapid actualization, dark energy represents residual non-relational structure, and the initial singularity is replaced by a boundary condition on emergence. The framework suggests multiple cycles, each preserving quantum information through $\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i$.

While highly speculative and dependent on assumptions about the microscopic emergence operator, the framework provides a conceptually unified view of quantum and classical cosmology. Whether it correctly captures the physics can only be determined through observational tests of its quantitative predictions.

F. Comparative Predictions: Λ -ND vs. Λ CDM vs. LQC vs. CCC

Table III provides a detailed comparison across key observables and theoretical properties.

TABLE III: Comparative predictions across cosmological frameworks.

Feature	Λ CDM	D-ND	LQC	CCC
Singularity	Curvature divergence	NT (finite)	singularity bounce	Quantum rescaling
Mechanism	Classical + Λ	GR tensor	+ info	Quantum geometry
Inflation	Slow-roll ϕ	Rapid evolution	M_C	Modified potential
Dark energy	$w = -1$ exact	$w = -1 + 0.05(1 - M_C)$	Slight corrections	loop Cyclic
f_{NL}	~ 1	5–20 (smooth \mathcal{E})	Enhanced	Modified
Information	Lost (Hawking)	Preserved (cycles)	Preserved (geometry)	Preserved (conformal)
Cycles	None	$\Omega_{\text{NT}} = 2\pi i$	Quantum bounce	Infinite aeons
Free params	6	~ 8	~ 6	~ 5
Status	Well-tested	Speculative; testable	Quantitative; debated	Speculative

Key Distinctions: (1) Inflation mechanism differs across all four; (2) Dark energy is constant in Λ CDM, evolving in D-ND; (3) Information preservation differs fundamentally; (4) DESI 2024–2026 data provides decisive constraints; (5) D-ND uniquely connects emergence at quantum and cosmic scales.

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