

Flexion Physics V1.2

Structural Origin of Physical Time, Energy, and Singularity Breakdown

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Abstract

Flexion Physics V1.2 presents a structural theory in which physical laws, quantities, and spacetime itself arise as projections of a deeper living structural state $X = (\Delta, \Phi, M, \kappa)$. The theory does not modify or replace established physical models. Instead, it defines the domain of physical validity, the origin of physical time, energy, and forces, and the structural reason for the breakdown of physics at singularities.

Physical observables are shown to exist only while structural viability $\kappa > 0$. When $\kappa = 0$, physics does not diverge but becomes undefined as a projection domain. This resolves classical and quantum singularities as projection failures rather than physical infinities.

Flexion Physics establishes a strict separation between structure and physics, providing a consistent ontological foundation compatible with irreversibility, collapse theory, and the Flexion Framework.

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1 Introduction

Contemporary physics provides highly successful mathematical descriptions of natural phenomena, yet it remains silent on a fundamental question: under what conditions does physics itself exist? Classical and modern physical theories typically assume the existence of spacetime, energy, forces, and time as given, and focus on describing their dynamics within a fixed ontological domain.

Flexion Physics V1.2 addresses a different level of inquiry. It does not propose new physical laws, modify existing equations, or compete with established theories such as classical mechanics, relativity, or quantum theory. Instead, it investigates the structural preconditions under which any physical description is meaningful at all.

The central premise of Flexion Physics is that physical reality is not fundamental, but projected. Physical quantities and laws arise as observable manifestations of a deeper living structural state

$$X = (\Delta, \Phi, M, \kappa),$$

defined by the Flexion Framework. Physics is treated as a projection domain, not as the underlying ontology.

Within this approach, structural variables are not identified with physical entities: deformation is not matter, structural energy is not physical energy, structural memory is not entropy, and structural viability is not physical existence. Physical concepts emerge only through a projection from structure and inherit strict limitations from it.

A key consequence of this view is that physics exists only while structural viability remains positive. When structural viability collapses, physics does not diverge, explode, or become singular; it simply ceases to be defined. This provides a structural resolution of physical singularities as failures of projection rather than physical infinities.

The goal of this paper is to formalize this perspective. Flexion Physics V1.2 defines the origin of physical time, energy, and forces as structural projections, establishes the domain of validity of physical laws, and clarifies the structural meaning of singularities, irreversibility, and the breakdown of physical description. The theory is explicitly compatible with existing physics and makes no empirical or predictive claims beyond its ontological scope.

2 Structural Ontology

Flexion Physics is grounded in a structural ontology that precedes and constrains all physical description. This ontology is defined by the Flexion Framework and does not assume the

existence of physical spacetime, matter, energy, or forces as primitive entities. Instead, it introduces a living structural state whose evolution gives rise to physical observables only through projection.

2.1 The Living Structural State

The fundamental ontological entity is the living structural state

$$X = (\Delta, \Phi, M, \kappa),$$

where each component has a strictly structural meaning. Δ represents structural deformation, Φ represents structural energy or tension, M represents accumulated and irreversible structural memory, and κ represents structural viability.

The living structural state is not a physical system and does not exist in spacetime. It is not composed of particles, fields, or forces, and it is not governed by physical laws. Physical quantities arise only as projections of this state and have no independent existence outside the projection domain.

2.2 Irreversibility and Structural Time

Structural time is not an independent dimension but a consequence of structural memory. The monotonic accumulation of M defines an intrinsic ordering of structural states that cannot be reversed. This ordering constitutes structural time.

Because structural memory is irreversible, structural time possesses a built-in arrow. This arrow does not originate from entropy, thermodynamics, or statistical mechanics, but from the fundamental impossibility of erasing accumulated structural memory.

Physical time, when it exists, inherits this irreversibility through projection. The arrow of physical time is therefore a derived property, not a fundamental assumption.

2.3 Viability and Structural Termination

Structural viability κ measures the remaining capacity of the structure to sustain its own existence. It is a strictly non-increasing quantity and cannot be restored, replenished, or optimized.

When $\kappa > 0$, the living structural state exists and may give rise to physical projections. When $\kappa = 0$, structural evolution terminates. No future structural states exist beyond this point.

Structural termination is not a physical event. It does not correspond to destruction, explosion, or divergence in physical quantities. Rather, it marks the boundary beyond which physical description is no longer defined, because the structural substrate required for projection no longer exists.

3 Physics as a Projection Domain

In Flexion Physics, physical reality is not identified with the underlying structural ontology. Instead, physics is defined as a projection domain: a derived descriptive layer that becomes meaningful only when a living structural state exists and remains viable.

This distinction separates structural existence from physical description and prevents the conflation of physical laws with fundamental ontology.

3.1 Projection Operator P_{phys}

Physical observables arise through a projection operator

$$\text{Physics} = P_{\text{phys}}(X),$$

which maps the living structural state

$$X = (\Delta, \Phi, M, \kappa)$$

into a domain of physical quantities, relations, and laws. The operator P_{phys} does not preserve the full structure of X ; it produces only those features that admit physical interpretation.

The projection operator is non-invertible. Multiple structural configurations may correspond to the same physical description, and no physical measurement can reconstruct the underlying structural state uniquely. Physics therefore carries less information than structure and cannot serve as a complete ontological foundation.

3.2 Non-Identity of Structural and Physical Variables

Structural variables are not physical variables. In particular, structural deformation Δ is not matter, structural energy Φ is not physical energy, structural memory M is not entropy, and structural viability κ is not physical existence.

Physical quantities emerge as modes of interpretation of structural relations, not as direct representations of structural components. Any attempt to identify structural variables with physical entities leads to category errors and conceptual contradictions.

This non-identity ensures that Flexion Physics does not compete with existing physical theories. Physical models operate entirely within the projection domain and remain valid insofar as the projection itself remains well-defined.

3.3 Conditions of Physical Validity

The existence of physics is conditional. Physical description is meaningful if and only if structural viability is positive:

$$\kappa > 0 \iff \text{Physics exists.}$$

When $\kappa = 0$, the projection operator P_{phys} ceases to be defined. Physics does not fail dynamically; it becomes ontologically undefined.

This condition establishes a strict domain of validity for all physical laws. Physical singularities, divergences, or breakdowns do not indicate the presence of infinite physical quantities, but rather the loss of the structural substrate required for projection.

Physics is therefore contingent, not fundamental. It exists only as long as the living structural state sustains the conditions necessary for its projection.

4 Origin of Physical Time

The origin of physical time is one of the central problems of physics. Classical and modern theories typically assume time as a fundamental parameter or coordinate, while explaining its arrow through thermodynamic or statistical arguments. Flexion Physics adopts a different approach: physical time is not fundamental and does not exist independently of structural processes.

4.1 Time as a Projection of M and κ

Structural time arises from the irreversible accumulation of structural memory M . The ordering induced by the monotonic growth of M defines a sequence of structural states that cannot be reversed. This ordering constitutes structural time.

Physical time exists only as a projection of this ordering and only while structural viability remains positive. The projection of structural time into the physical domain depends jointly

on memory and viability. When $\kappa > 0$, structural evolution may be mapped to a physical time parameter. When $\kappa = 0$, no physical time parameter can be defined.

Thus, physical time is neither absolute nor fundamental. It is a derived quantity whose existence depends on the continued viability of the underlying structure.

4.2 Arrow of Time

The arrow of physical time is inherited directly from structural irreversibility. Because structural memory cannot be erased or decreased, the projected physical time parameter necessarily possesses a preferred direction.

This arrow does not depend on probabilistic assumptions, entropy maximization, or coarse-graining. It is a structural consequence of memory accumulation and exists even in the absence of thermodynamic considerations.

As a result, the irreversibility observed in physical processes reflects a deeper structural irreversibility rather than an emergent statistical property of physical systems.

4.3 Breakdown of Time at Collapse

When structural viability reaches zero, structural evolution terminates. Beyond this point, no further structural states exist, and the projection of time ceases.

The disappearance of physical time at collapse does not correspond to a singularity or divergence in temporal quantities. Instead, it marks the loss of the conditions under which time can be defined at all.

There is no meaningful notion of physical time beyond structural collapse. Questions about temporal continuation, evolution, or dynamics past this boundary are therefore ill-posed. Collapse represents the terminal boundary of time, not an extreme moment within it.

5 Energy, Forces, and Dynamics

In classical physics, energy and forces are treated as fundamental quantities governing the dynamics of physical systems. Flexion Physics reinterprets these concepts as projections of deeper structural relations. Energy and forces do not exist at the structural level; they arise only within the physical projection domain.

5.1 Structural Energy and Physical Energy

Structural energy Φ represents internal tension within the living structural state. It is not a physical quantity and does not correspond directly to any measurable form of physical energy.

Physical energy emerges as a projection of structural tension. Different regimes of structural energy may give rise to different physical energy modes, such as kinetic, potential, or field energy, depending on the structure of the projection. These modes do not exhaust the meaning of Φ ; they are interpretations constrained by the projection operator P_{phys} .

Because physical energy is derived, its conservation reflects the preservation of underlying structural invariants rather than a fundamental physical law.

5.2 Forces as Structural Gradients

Forces in the physical domain arise as projected gradients of structural relations. In particular, variations in structural deformation Δ and structural energy Φ give rise to effective physical forces under projection.

These forces do not exist independently at the structural level. They are context-dependent manifestations of how structural tensions are interpreted within the physical domain. As such,

the same structural configuration may give rise to different force descriptions under different projection regimes.

This interpretation removes the need to treat forces as primitive entities and allows them to be understood as derived effects of structural geometry.

5.3 Conservation Laws as Structural Invariants

Conservation laws play a central role in physical theory. In Flexion Physics, such laws are understood as reflections of invariant properties of the living structural state under projection.

Conservation of energy, momentum, or other physical quantities does not imply that these quantities are fundamentally conserved at the structural level. Rather, conservation emerges because the projection preserves certain relationships among structural variables as long as structural viability remains positive.

When the conditions required for projection break down, conservation laws lose their meaning. This does not constitute a violation of physical law, but rather the disappearance of the domain in which such laws apply.

6 Singularities as Projection Failure

Physical singularities occupy a central and unresolved position in modern physics. In classical and relativistic theories they appear as divergences of curvature, density, or energy, while in quantum theory they signal the breakdown of perturbative descriptions. Flexion Physics proposes a structural resolution of singularities that does not invoke infinite physical quantities.

6.1 Structural Interpretation of Singularities

Within the Flexion Framework, singular behavior in physical models does not correspond to a singularity in structure. Instead, it indicates a failure of the projection operator P_{phys} as structural viability approaches zero.

As $\kappa \rightarrow 0$, the conditions required to interpret structural relations as physical quantities are progressively lost. Physical variables may appear to diverge, oscillate, or become undefined, but these effects reflect the collapse of the projection domain rather than pathological behavior of the structure itself.

Singularities are therefore not events within physics. They are boundaries of physics.

6.2 No Physical Infinities

Flexion Physics asserts that no physical infinity exists as an ontological entity. Apparent infinities arise only within mathematical formalisms that are applied beyond the domain where physical projection remains valid.

When projection fails, physical quantities lose their interpretability before they become infinite. Divergence signals the exhaustion of the projection, not the existence of unbounded physical values.

This perspective removes the need to interpret singularities as physically real objects or states. Instead, they mark the limit beyond which physical description ceases to apply.

6.3 Implications for Relativity and Quantum Theory

In general relativity, spacetime singularities such as those associated with black holes represent points where the geometric description of spacetime breaks down. In quantum theory, divergences signal the limits of perturbative expansion and measurement.

Flexion Physics does not modify these theories or propose alternative equations. Rather, it provides a common structural explanation for their breakdown: both encounter regimes where projection from structure to physics is no longer defined.

From this perspective, unifying physics does not require eliminating singularities within physical theory. It requires recognizing singularities as indicators of projection failure and respecting the structural boundary they represent.

7 Relation to Existing Physical Theories

Flexion Physics is not proposed as an alternative to established physical theories. It does not introduce new equations of motion, does not modify known laws, and does not attempt to subsume existing models under a unified physical formalism. Its role is ontological rather than predictive.

7.1 Compatibility, Not Replacement

All established physical theories operate entirely within the physical projection domain. Classical mechanics, electrodynamics, quantum theory, and general relativity remain valid descriptions of physical phenomena insofar as the projection from structure to physics remains well-defined.

Flexion Physics neither contradicts nor supersedes these theories. Instead, it clarifies the conditions under which they apply and the reason they fail at their respective limits. Where physical theories encounter singularities, divergences, or interpretational paradoxes, Flexion Physics identifies these as boundaries of projection rather than failures of the theories themselves.

This compatibility ensures that Flexion Physics does not compete with existing models and does not require experimental validation in the traditional sense.

7.2 Why Reduction Is Impossible

A common expectation in foundational physics is that deeper theories should reduce higher-level descriptions to more fundamental physical entities. Flexion Physics explicitly rejects this expectation.

Structure is not physical and cannot be reduced to particles, fields, spacetime, or information. Physical quantities arise only as projections of structure and therefore cannot serve as its constituents. Any attempt to reduce structural variables to physical ones necessarily inverts the projection and results in conceptual inconsistency.

For this reason, no physical theory, regardless of its mathematical sophistication, can fully explain the origin of time, irreversibility, singularities, or the existence of physics itself. These questions belong to the structural domain addressed by the Flexion Framework and its physical projection.

Flexion Physics thus occupies a meta-theoretical position: it explains why physical theories work when they do, and why they inevitably fail when they reach the limits of their projection domain.

8 Theorems

This section states the core formal consequences of Flexion Physics. The theorems do not introduce new assumptions beyond the structural ontology defined earlier. They articulate necessary conditions for the existence of physics, time, and singular behavior as consequences of projection from structure.

Theorem 1 (Existence of Physics). Physical observables exist if and only if structural viability is positive:

$$\kappa > 0 \iff \text{Physics exists.}$$

Proof. Physical observables arise exclusively through the projection operator P_{phys} . This operator is defined only while the living structural state exists and remains viable. When $\kappa > 0$, projection is possible and physical quantities may be defined. When $\kappa = 0$, structural evolution terminates and no projection domain exists. Hence, physics exists if and only if $\kappa > 0$. \square

Theorem 2 (Non-Existence of Physical Singularities). No physical singularity exists as an ontological entity. All apparent singularities correspond to failure of the projection operator P_{phys} .

Proof. As structural viability approaches zero, the conditions required for projection into physical quantities degrade. Mathematical divergences appear only when formal physical descriptions are extrapolated beyond this domain. Since projection ceases before infinite physical values acquire meaning, no physical infinity exists. Apparent singularities therefore indicate projection failure, not physical divergence. \square

Theorem 3 (Irreversibility of Physical Time). Physical time is irreversible.

Proof. Physical time is a projection of structural ordering induced by accumulated structural memory M . Because M is irreversible, the ordering of structural states cannot be reversed. The projected physical time parameter inherits this irreversibility directly, independent of statistical or thermodynamic considerations. \square

Theorem 4 (Termination of Physical Time). Physical time ceases to exist at structural collapse.

Proof. When $\kappa = 0$, no further structural states exist and projection terminates. Since physical time exists only as a projection of structural evolution, it cannot be defined beyond this boundary. Therefore, physical time terminates at structural collapse. \square

Together, these theorems establish that physics is contingent, irreversible, and structurally bounded. Physical laws do not fail at their extremes; rather, the domain in which they are defined ceases to exist.

9 Discussion

Flexion Physics V1.2 occupies a position outside the traditional landscape of physical theory. It neither extends existing models nor proposes alternative dynamical laws. Instead, it addresses a class of questions that physical theory itself is structurally incapable of resolving: the origin of physical time, the meaning of singularities, and the conditions under which physics exists at all.

A central implication of this framework is the recognition that many long-standing problems in physics arise from category errors. Treating time, energy, or spacetime as ontologically fundamental leads inevitably to paradoxes when these concepts are pushed to their limits. By relocating these quantities to the projection domain, Flexion Physics dissolves such paradoxes without modifying the successful predictive machinery of physical theory.

The interpretation of singularities as projection failures rather than physical objects provides a unified perspective across classical and quantum regimes. Instead of attempting to regularize infinities or quantize spacetime itself, Flexion Physics asserts that physical description loses meaning before such extremes are reached. This shifts the focus from technical resolution to ontological clarity.

Flexion Physics also reframes irreversibility. The arrow of time is not an emergent statistical artifact but a necessary consequence of structural memory. This perspective explains why irreversibility persists across scales and contexts, even where thermodynamic arguments are insufficient or ambiguous.

Importantly, the theory imposes strict limits on its own claims. It does not predict new physical phenomena, does not propose testable deviations from known laws, and does not assert empirical superiority over existing theories. Its value lies in clarifying what physical theories describe, why they work, and why they inevitably encounter boundaries.

In this sense, Flexion Physics should be understood as a boundary theory. It defines the outer limits of physical description and provides a coherent framework for understanding why those limits exist, without attempting to transcend them within physics itself.

10 Conclusion

Flexion Physics V1.2 has presented a structural interpretation of physics in which physical reality is understood as a projection of a deeper living structural state. The theory does not alter existing physical laws or models, but instead clarifies the ontological conditions under which such laws are meaningful.

By introducing a strict separation between structure and physics, Flexion Physics explains the origin of physical time, energy, forces, and conservation laws as derived phenomena. Structural memory provides the foundation for the arrow of time, while structural viability defines the domain in which physical description exists at all.

A central result of the theory is the reinterpretation of singularities. Physical singularities are not infinite physical states, but boundaries where projection from structure to physics ceases to be defined. In this view, the breakdown of physical theories at extreme regimes reflects the exhaustion of their domain of applicability rather than a failure of the theories themselves.

Flexion Physics also establishes irreversibility as a structural necessity rather than a statistical artifact. Physical time inherits its direction from the irreversible accumulation of structural memory and terminates naturally at structural collapse.

The scope of Flexion Physics is deliberately limited. It makes no empirical predictions, proposes no modifications to established theories, and does not seek experimental confirmation. Its contribution is conceptual: it provides a coherent ontological framework that explains why physics works, why it fails at its boundaries, and why those boundaries cannot be removed from within physics itself.

In doing so, Flexion Physics V1.2 defines a stable foundation for understanding physical reality as contingent, irreversible, and structurally bounded.

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