

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics: A Signal-Dissipation Framework for Equilibrium, Consciousness, and Gravity

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Abstract

This work introduces “Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics,” a new perspective that interprets the approach to equilibrium as a sequential, wave-based computational process. The law posits that any system of interacting components, whether gas molecules or neurons, dissipates internal differences through signal exchanges until uniformity or a stable attractor state is achieved. This framework connects thermodynamics, neuroscience (oscillatory binding and consciousness), and “Dark Time Theory” to reconcile quantum phenomena with gravitational effects. It suggests that complex systems, often described as “emergent,” can be decomposed into iterative wave-based steps of signal dissipation.

Introduction

Thermodynamics has long served as a bedrock of physics, governing processes in engines, chemical reactions, and cosmological evolution. Its cornerstone, the Second Law, posits that isolated systems evolve toward equilibrium, a state of maximal entropy where no further net change is observed. While conceptually powerful, the standard thermodynamic formalism often treats these large-scale outcomes as statistical inevitabilities, focusing on average quantities like temperature, pressure, or entropy.

Recent advances in computational and dynamical-systems research have begun to recast classical thermodynamics in a more mechanistic light. Researchers such as Stephen Wolfram have popularized the idea of “irreducible computation,” suggesting that the complexity of certain systems might arise from simple iterative rules that are hard to shortcut or summarize. Similarly, Steven Strogatz and others have shown how systems of coupled oscillators naturally synchronize under certain conditions, providing a blueprint for thinking of “emergence” as the result of distributed interactions.

Within neuroscience, the concept of emergent synchronization appears in phenomena such as firefly synchronization, coupled clock oscillations, and neural phase-locking in the

brain. These insights dovetail with the search for more unified theories: might the very processes that govern how gas molecules approach equilibrium also underlie how neurons synchronize into coherent brain states?

This paper introduces **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics**, a unifying perspective that treats the approach to equilibrium as a **wave-based, iterative computation**. Any system of interacting components (whether they are gas molecules, neurons, or gravitationally bound particles) locally dissipates differences through “signal exchanges.” Over multiple local interactions, those differences—be they in phase, momentum, or energy—are progressively neutralized, driving the entire system toward equilibrium or to stable attractor states.

By casting equilibrium dynamics in explicitly computational (or wave-based) terms, *Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics* reframes fundamental thermodynamics in a way that connects:

1. **Classical Thermodynamics** – Gas expansion, heat transfer, and the rise in entropy.
2. **Neuroscience** – Oscillatory synchronization and the binding of perception in conscious brains.
3. **Quantum-Gravity Conjectures** – Speculative models (like “Dark Time Theory”) where local variations in “time density” might unify quantum effects with gravitational attraction.

In doing so, we not only reinterpret the Second Law of Thermodynamics as a locally iterative signal-dissipation law but also offer a broader conceptual framework that can integrate across physics, biology, and even emerging theories of mind and consciousness.

Background and Motivation

Historical Roots and the Need for a More Mechanistic Thermodynamics

Thermodynamics evolved in the 19th century around practical questions of steam engines, heat, and work. Its laws were stated in terms of *macroscopic variables*—temperature, entropy, free energy—without delving deeply into *mechanistic* or *stepwise* processes underlying how a system “computes” its way to equilibrium. By the early 20th century, *statistical mechanics* (Boltzmann, Maxwell, Gibbs) captured how random molecular collisions lead to the seemingly inevitable “heat death” states, but often relegated the details of local collisions to an averaging procedure.

Meanwhile, modern computational thinking, especially from the late 20th century onward (e.g., Wolfram’s *A New Kind of Science*), posits that complexity in natural systems emerges from iterated updates among small-scale components. This perspective hints that “entropy production” may be better understood by looking at *local, iterative exchanges* that systematically reduce differences in velocity, energy, or phase.

Emergence vs. Stepwise Computational Processes

Emergence is often invoked to explain how complex, large-scale patterns seem to arise spontaneously from smaller parts—like a flock of birds coordinating flight, or neurons generating consciousness. While powerful, “emergence” can sometimes obscure the *mechanism* that leads to global order. Are these phenomena truly “irreducibly” complex, or are there local, computational rules that—when iterated enough—produce the emergent structure?

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics addresses this tension head-on. It states that *equilibrium (or synchronized) states* are reached via *repeated local interactions* that *dissipate differences*—be these differences in temperature, pressure, chemical potential, neural phase, or anything else. Hence, what looks emergent at macro-scales can often be decomposed into a series of wave-like exchanges or collision-based updates.

Oscillatory Binding, Neuroscience, and Beyond

Neuroscience research by pioneers such as György Buzsáki and Wolf Singer reveals that synchronized neural oscillations (theta, alpha, beta, gamma) are deeply implicated in perception, memory consolidation, and consciousness. Steven Strogatz’s work on firefly synchronization and Josephson junction arrays likewise demonstrates how coupled oscillators spontaneously align phases when the coupling strength surpasses a threshold (a result often studied via the *Kuramoto model*).

- **Relevance to Micah’s Law:** Neural interactions, whether excitatory or inhibitory, can be viewed as partial “exchanges of phase mismatch.” Over many such local adjustments, entire cortical or thalamocortical networks settle into a coherent pattern, paralleling how gas particles “equilibrate” their velocities.

“Dark Time Theory” and the Search for Quantum–Gravity Bridges

Quantum mechanics and General Relativity remain at philosophical loggerheads, with no consensus on a unified quantum gravity theory. Proposals like “Dark Time Theory” hypothesize that *local time density*—the density of discrete time frames—might vary around massive objects, effectively altering how quantum wavefunctions behave in different gravitational potentials.

- **Motivation:** If “Micah’s New Law” is truly universal, then the same iterative wave-dissipation logic that explains classical thermodynamic equilibrium might also shape quantum entanglement, decoherence, or gravitational attraction—particularly if *time* itself, or the wave-phase cycles associated with it, can vary under high gravity.

Impetus for a New Law

Given these converging lines of thought:

1. **Traditional Thermodynamics:** Powerful but focuses primarily on bulk averages (entropy, temperature) without describing the *local computational steps*.

2. **Dynamical Systems and Kuramoto Models:** Demonstrate how local coupling leads to synchronization but rarely link such phenomena explicitly to thermodynamic equilibrium or universal laws.
3. **Neuroscience:** Shows that brains rely on partial synchronization and phase-difference dissipation for perception and action, yet lacks a unifying law that ties these phenomena directly to classical or quantum physics.
4. **Speculative Quantum-Gravity Approaches:** Propose wave-phase mechanics on cosmic scales but often miss a robust link to classical “emergent” processes.

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics serves as the proposed missing bridge—a general statement about how **dissipating differences in wave-phase or property** is the fundamental driver of equilibrium, consciousness, and possibly gravitational phenomena. It reframes “entropy increase” as an inherently computational, wave-difference minimization process, with clear parallels to the *Kuramoto synchronization* phenomenon and to *Friston’s Free Energy Principle* in the brain.

Objectives of This Paper

1. **Define and Formalize:** Present a clear statement of Micah’s New Law and a simple mathematical model that illustrates how local interactions shrink property differentials over time.
2. **Apply to Classical Thermodynamics:** Show that standard entropy increase can be understood as systematic wave-difference dissipation, not just random collisions.
3. **Apply to Neuroscience:** Illustrate how neural synchronization (e.g., gamma waves, traveling wave models) arises naturally from partial phase equalizations, bridging the concept with “consciousness” and “predictive coding.”
4. **Explore Speculative Extensions:** Introduce the concept of local “time density” (Dark Time Theory) and how wave-dissipation processes might unify quantum phenomena with gravitational effects.
5. **Suggest Future Directions:** Outline experimental and theoretical approaches — ranging from microfluidic experiments, advanced EEG/MEG neural recordings, to cosmic-scale gravitational lensing—that could test or refine these ideas.

Motivating Questions

- **Mechanistic Origins of Entropy:** Can we pinpoint a *simple local rule*—a “signal exchange” or “collision update”—that inevitably aggregates into the macroscopic phenomenon of entropy increase?
- **Universal Coupled-Oscillator Model?:** Could processes in gases, neural tissue, and even cosmic structures be recast as “coupled oscillators” approaching global synchronization?

- **Path to Quantum–Gravity Synthesis:** If wave-dissipation is universal, might slight modifications in wave-phase density near massive objects explain gravitational attraction or “dark matter” effects, linking them to a more fundamental wave-phase principle?
- **Implications for Consciousness and Computation:** Does seeing each neural “difference exchange” as a computational step help clarify how conscious processes arise—and how we might replicate them in AI (e.g., via distributed synchronization or wave-based logic)?

By answering these questions, *Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics* aims to unify ideas from **thermodynamics, dynamical systems, neuroscience, and quantum-gravity** into one coherent framework. The forthcoming sections lay out the detailed formulation, key examples, and speculations on how this perspective could reshape our understanding of physical reality—from microchips and neural circuits to black holes and the expanding universe.

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics

Informal Version:

“In a thermodynamic system, the approach to equilibrium proceeds by sequential computations—wave-like interactions or signal exchanges—that progressively dissipate differences until uniformity is achieved.”

Signal-Dissipation Formulation:

“Entropy increase results from computational dissipation, where property differentials are transmitted and reduced through local interactions, driving the system toward equilibrium.”

Initial Mathematical Model

Setup

Suppose we have N components (e.g., gas molecules or neurons) labeled by $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$. Each component has some property $Q_i(t)$ at time t . In physical systems, $Q_i(t)$ could be:

- Energy, momentum, or velocity of the i -th molecule,
- Electrical or chemical potential in a neuron,
- Phase of an oscillator, and so on.

Differences

Define the difference in property Q between components i and j as

$$\Delta Q_{ij}(t) = Q_i(t) - Q_j(t).$$

This $\Delta Q_{ij}(t)$ represents the “signal difference” or “mismatch” that can be dissipated when the two components interact.

Local Update Rule

When two components i and j interact (collide, exchange signals, etc.), we assume a fraction α of the difference is exchanged. For a small time step δt , the update can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_i(t + \delta t) &= Q_i(t) - \alpha \Delta Q_{ij}(t), \\ Q_j(t + \delta t) &= Q_j(t) + \alpha \Delta Q_{ij}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Here, $0 < \alpha \leq 1/2$ is a parameter indicating what fraction of the difference is exchanged per interaction. The factor of “ $-\alpha$ ” for component i and “ $+\alpha$ ” for component j ensures the total “signal content” (e.g., energy) is conserved between i and j , while still equalizing their difference.

Iteration Across the Whole System

In a physical or biological system, many such pairwise (or local neighborhood) interactions occur in parallel or in quick succession. Over time, each $\Delta Q_{ij}(t)$ shrinks as components exchange their differences repeatedly. If you imagine this happening for **all pairs** (or for all neighbors in a lattice), then after a large number of steps,

$$\Delta Q_{ij}(t) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j.$$

That means

$$Q_1(t) \approx Q_2(t) \approx \dots \approx Q_N(t).$$

In thermodynamics, this uniform distribution of the property Q is what we call **equilibrium**.

Link to Entropy

In standard thermodynamics, entropy increases because microstates become more uniformly populated. Translated into this “signal-exchange” view:

- Each time two components interact and partially equalize $\Delta Q_{ij}(t)$, the system’s overall distribution of Q values becomes more uniform.
- A perfectly uniform distribution of Q corresponds to **maximum** entropy (i.e., no remaining differences to dissipate).

Hence the **Second Law of Thermodynamics**—the tendency for entropy to increase—can be rephrased: *“Through repeated interactions, all significant differences in the system’s properties gradually diminish.”*

Interpretation

- “**Micah’s New Law**” points out that $\Delta Q_{ij}(t)$ can be viewed as a “signal difference” that gets systematically reduced by local computational steps. In other words, the system is effectively “computing” its way to equilibrium, one interaction at a time.
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Convergence and Equilibrium

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Generalizations

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- In **neuronal networks**, Q_i could be the membrane potential or firing rate of neuron i . Equalizing or partially synchronizing leads to stable oscillatory states.
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- **Hence:** The spread of equilibrium can be reinterpreted as a *distributed computational process*.

Revisiting Synchronization and the Kuramoto Model

Steven Strogatz is known for his work on synchronization phenomena, including firefly synchronization and clock synchronization. His mathematical formalization of these phenomena primarily revolves around **coupled oscillators**. The key framework he uses is the **Kuramoto model**, which captures how individual oscillators interact and synchronize under

specific coupling conditions. Below is an overview of this framework, and suggestions for how it might integrate with Micah's New Law of Thermodynamics.

Kuramoto Model

The Kuramoto model describes N coupled oscillators with phases θ_i , where each oscillator i has its natural frequency ω_i . The equations of motion for the phases are given by:

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i),$$

where:

- θ_i : The phase of oscillator i .
- ω_i : The natural frequency of oscillator i .
- K : The coupling strength, determining how strongly oscillators influence each other.
- $\sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$: Represents the interaction between oscillator i and j .

Synchronization Threshold

Synchronization occurs when the coupling K exceeds a critical value, K_c . Below this value, oscillators remain incoherent, with phases scattered. Above K_c , a macroscopic fraction of oscillators synchronize, leading to a collective rhythm.

The critical coupling is roughly determined by:

$$K_c \propto \frac{\Delta\omega}{\langle \sin(\theta) \rangle},$$

where $\Delta\omega$ is the spread of natural frequencies in the population.

Order Parameter

To measure the degree of synchronization, Strogatz uses an **order parameter** r , defined by:

$$r e^{i\psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j},$$

where:

- r : The magnitude of the order parameter, with $0 \leq r \leq 1$. When $r = 1$, full synchronization occurs; when $r = 0$, there is no synchronization.
- ψ : The average phase of the oscillators.

This parameter provides a quantitative measure of how “in sync” the system is.

Firefly Synchronization

For fireflies and similar phenomena, Strogatz models **pulse-coupled oscillators**, where the coupling occurs when one oscillator “fires,” perturbing others. The phases evolve according to:

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \sum_{j \neq i} P(\theta_j),$$

where $P(\theta_j)$ represents the perturbation caused by the firing of oscillator j .

Integration with Micah’s New Law:

While the Kuramoto model focuses on continuous phase adjustments and the onset of phase-locking, Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics emphasizes *difference dissipation* across a system. One might interpret the phase differences $\theta_j - \theta_i$ in the Kuramoto model as a particular instance of the “signal difference” described in Micah’s law, with the coupling strength K serving as the “dissipation rate” of those differences. This suggests that *coupled oscillator models* could be seen as a specific realization of Micah’s framework, where equilibrium (*i.e.*, synchronization) is reached through iterative, local reduction of phase mismatches.

Revised Mathematical Model Integrating Thermodynamics and the Kuramoto Model

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Why This Matters

- It bridges a gap between **classical thermodynamics** (where entropy is usually seen as an abstract statistical concept) and **dynamical systems** or **computation** (where local updates lead to global patterns).
- It suggests that “irreducible” or “emergent” processes might in fact be broken down into repeated local steps of difference-exchange.
- It extends naturally to **neural systems**: If we treat each synaptic interaction like a partial exchange of “signal difference,” we can see how global brain states emerge from local updates—much as gases converge to a uniform temperature.

The Kuramoto Model and Synchronization

The **Kuramoto model** is one of the best-known mathematical descriptions of how large sets of **weakly coupled oscillators** spontaneously synchronize. Each oscillator i is characterized by a **phase** $\theta_i(t)$ and a **natural frequency** ω_i . The simplest form is

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i),$$

where

- N is the total number of oscillators (e.g., fireflies, clocks, neurons).
- K is the coupling strength — how strongly each oscillator is influenced by the phase of others.
- $\sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$ is the simplest interaction term that tends to *pull* θ_i toward θ_j (and vice versa) if the two oscillators differ in phase.

When K is sufficiently large compared to the spread of the natural frequencies, a subset (or all) of these oscillators will *entrain* to a common frequency and form a phase-locked group: a state of synchronization.

Synchronization as Dissipation of Phase Differences

In Kuramoto’s equations, each oscillator tries to reduce its *phase difference* with the others. This is similar to saying that “the differences in signals” (phases, in this context) get *dissipated* over time — reminiscent of Micah’s notion that “computational steps” reduce differences among interacting components.

- **Micah’s New Law:** Signals (differences) get spread out and equalized, driving the system toward uniformity.
- **Kuramoto:** Phases get pulled toward each other, reducing phase differences, eventually leading to synchronization.

Mapping Kuramoto to Micah’s New Law

In **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics**, we discuss dissipating differences in some property $Q_i(t)$ (like temperature, energy, or even neuronal membrane potential). In the **Kuramoto model**, the property that gets “equalized” is the **phase** $\theta_i(t)$ of each oscillator.

Schematic Analogy:

- **Micah’s System:**

- $Q_i(t)$ is the property (energy, heat, etc.).
- Local interactions partially reduce ΔQ_{ij} with each collision or signal exchange.
- Over time, $\{Q_i(t)\}$ converge to a common value (equilibrium).

- **Kuramoto System:**

- $\theta_i(t)$ is the phase of oscillator i .
- The $\sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$ term partially “pulls” θ_i toward θ_j , reducing their difference.
- Over time, $\{\theta_i(t)\}$ align (synchronize) if the coupling K is large enough.

Order Parameter as a Measure of Equilibration

The **Kuramoto model** uses an **order parameter** r to gauge how synchronized the population of oscillators is:

$$r e^{i\psi} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j},$$

where r ranges from 0 (completely unsynchronized) to 1 (perfectly synchronized), and ψ is the average phase of the oscillators.

Thermodynamic Analog: Micah’s viewpoint could adopt something analogous: define an “order parameter” that measures how close the system is to *equilibrium*. For instance, one could define a *variance* measure:

$$\text{variance} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Q_i - \bar{Q})^2,$$

where \bar{Q} is the mean of all Q_i . As differences are eliminated, the variance goes to zero; hence $1/\text{variance}$ could serve as an order parameter analog, increasing as the system moves toward equilibrium.

Firefly Sync vs. Gas-Particle Interactions

- **Fireflies** (or biological oscillators): Usually exhibit *pulse coupling*. A firefly emits a flash (pulse) when its internal oscillator hits a threshold, which in turn shifts the phases of neighboring fireflies.
- **Gas particles**: Exchange momentum or energy upon collision, which can be thought of as a *continuous coupling*.

In either case, the local interaction tries to reduce the mismatch or difference between neighbors. Thus, *firefly synchronization* or *clock synchronization* can be seen as a specific instance of the more general phenomenon: local “signal exchanges” gradually remove differences in phase (or energy, etc.), driving the system to a globally consistent state.

Extending the Kuramoto Model to Thermodynamics

If you want to unify **Micah’s New Law** and **Strogatz’s synchronization framework** mathematically, you might start with:

1. **Phase-based**: Let $\theta_i(t)$ represent the “state” of each component — whether it’s a gas particle, neuron, or firefly.
2. **Coupling**: Each pair (i, j) exchanges signals at a rate proportional to some function of $(\theta_j - \theta_i)$.
3. **Energy vs. Phase**: If you want a more physical, thermodynamic style, you can define

$$\frac{dQ_i}{dt} = \sum_j f(Q_j - Q_i),$$

where f is a function that captures how differences flow from Q_j to Q_i . In a Kuramoto-style approach, f might be $\alpha \sin(Q_j - Q_i)$ or $\alpha (Q_j - Q_i)$ for a linear coupling.

4. **Synchrony \leftrightarrow Equilibrium**: In the phase-oscillator world, “synchrony” means $\theta_i \approx \theta_j$. In the thermodynamic property world, “equilibrium” means $Q_i \approx Q_j$. The mathematical structure is analogous.

Practical Implications

- **Thermodynamic Equilibrium**: Standard approaches say collisions randomize velocities until Maxwell–Boltzmann equilibrium is reached. Micah’s viewpoint + Kuramoto suggests viewing “randomization” as repeated partial “pulls” of energy differences among particles toward a common mean.
- **Neural Sync / Consciousness**: Each neuron can be viewed as an oscillator with phase θ_i . Synaptic interactions can be treated as partial phase adjustments. When a subset of neurons aligns, this may correspond to a “coherent brain wave” or an attractor state, possibly linked to conscious perception.

- **Fireflies and Clocks:** Real-world systems whose synchrony is well-described by Kuramoto and can also be re-explained via “difference exchange” and “dissipation of mismatch.”

Conclusion

In summary, **Steven Strogatz’s** work on synchronization via the **Kuramoto model** can be directly mapped onto **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** by:

1. Re-labeling *phases* in Kuramoto as *properties* (Q) in a thermodynamic or neural system.
2. Understanding that *phase differences* and *property differences* are analogous to the “signals” or “mismatches” that get exchanged and dissipated.
3. Viewing *synchronization* as the *equilibrium* state where all differences have been minimized or eliminated.

This shared conceptual framework highlights that **local, iterative, wave-based interactions** can lead to **global states of synchrony or equilibrium**. Thus, the principles behind *firefly sync*, *clock sync*, or *neural sync* can unify with Micah’s viewpoint on *thermodynamic equilibration* in a single overarching *coupled-oscillator* or *signal-exchange* model.

Coupled Clock Synchronization

For coupled clocks or mechanical oscillators, Strogatz explores similar mathematical frameworks where coupling (e.g., through a shared medium like a mechanical beam or electromagnetic field) influences synchronization.

- In clock synchronization, interactions such as friction or feedback loops are modeled as adjustments to the oscillator’s phase and frequency, effectively a variation of the Kuramoto model.

Applications

Strogatz’s synchronization theories apply to:

- **Biological systems:** (e.g., neurons, cardiac cells, circadian rhythms)
- **Engineering:** (e.g., power grid synchronization)
- **Physics:** (e.g., Josephson junction arrays)
- **Social systems:** (e.g., collective behavior in animal groups)

For a deeper dive, see his book “*Sync: The Emerging Science of Spontaneous Order*” or academic papers on the Kuramoto model and synchronization dynamics.

Final Summary in Words

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1 Connection to Neurobiology: Self Aware Networks Theory of Mind

1.1 From Probabilistic to Deterministic Computations in Synapses

A longstanding view in neuroscience holds that synaptic vesicle release is probabilistic. Experimental measurements often reveal that for a given presynaptic action potential, only a fraction of synapses actually release neurotransmitter (Llera Montero 2019). This apparent stochasticity has led some theorists to model vesicle release as a mechanism for effectively performing gradient estimates or noisy search in synaptic plasticity (Seung 2003, Fiete 2007).

In contrast, the Self Aware Networks Theory of Mind proposes that what appears as random release may be a higher-order, deterministic computation. Specifically, each neuron modulates the probability of vesicle fusion via changes in its ionic currents—particularly potassium (K^+)—mediated currents—that, in turn, govern action potential duration (APD). A longer APD prolongs the opening of voltage-gated calcium channels, increasing Ca^{2+} influx and thus raising the likelihood of vesicle release. By this account, the “probabilistic” nature of vesicle release is an artifact of untracked variations in each neuron’s electrical and chemical state.

From the viewpoint of Micah’s New Law, every spike (action potential) in a neuron is part of a wave-based signal exchange that dissipates energy differences between the cell’s internal state and its inputs. The neuron’s “decision” to release neurotransmitter is then a step in the global computation of the network—another microscopic action that sequentially reduces differences in thermodynamic (electrochemical) potentials across the ensemble.

1.2 Oscillatory Readiness and the “Conscious Observer State”

Many cortical populations exhibit tonic oscillations (in alpha, beta, gamma, etc.) even at rest. Neuroscientists often describe these “resting” patterns as noisy or near-critical states, poised for fast responses to input. Under the Self Aware Networks framework, tonic oscillations represent a “conscious ready state,” an observer or global integrator in which a neuronal ensemble can detect phase-wave perturbations introduced by incoming signals.

When a new input arrives—be it sensory or top-down—it manifests as a high phasic wave differential against the ongoing tonic rhythm. This differential triggers localized changes in ionic currents (especially K^+ and Ca^{2+}), modifies action potential dynamics, and elicits a spatially and temporally distinct vesicle release pattern. The system then “computes away” these differences through repeated interactions, gradually restoring (or shifting to) a new synchronized oscillatory state that encodes the newly processed information.

1.3 Ephaptic Coupling: Electromagnetic Waves in the Brain

Crucially, action potentials do not just communicate via synaptic clefts; they also generate small, local electromagnetic fields that can influence nearby neurons, a phenomenon referred to as *ephaptic coupling* (Anastassiou 2011). In dense neural tissue, such coupling can:

- Synchronize sub-threshold membrane potentials across small groups of neurons.

- Create wave-like patterns in the brain’s electric and magnetic fields.
- Further drive or modulate voltage-gated ion channels beyond chemical synapses alone.

Within the Self Aware Networks view, ephaptic coupling is another route by which signals (phase-wave differentials) propagate and dissipate, effectively “binding” neuronal populations into a coherent computational unit. As in thermodynamic systems where collisions distribute momentum and energy until equilibrium, here local electromagnetic fields distribute ion channel influences. Each micro-interaction reduces the difference between neighboring neurons’ phases or voltages, furthering the global drive toward synchronous oscillatory patterns.

1.4 Deterministic Dissipation of Incoming Signals

Synthesizing these ideas:

- **Ionic Currents as Deterministic Drivers:** Neuronal output (vesicle release, AP shape) is governed by the interplay of sodium (Na^+), potassium (K^+), and calcium (Ca^{2+}) currents. Fluctuations that appear “stochastic” can be reinterpreted as the outcome of many unobserved, yet deterministic, micro-scale processes.
- **Oscillatory Readiness:** Groups of neurons maintain tonic rhythms (alpha, beta, gamma) that serve as a baseline or “ground” for receiving and dissipating new perturbations—mirroring the notion of a thermodynamic system poised for equilibrium adjustments.
- **Ephaptic Coupling and Wave Transmission:** In addition to chemical synapses, the electromagnetic fields from action potentials couple neurons electrically, creating traveling waves that spread differences in phase or potential. These waves dissipate over time, much like gas molecules exchanging momentum, thereby equilibrating local neuronal states and effectively “processing” signals.
- **Micah’s New Law in Neural Ensembles:** Each step of dissipating a difference in membrane potential or wave phase is a “computational” step, inching the ensemble toward a new, partially synchronized equilibrium. In the subjective sense, this continuous cycle of detecting and dissipating wave differentials could underlie our moment-to-moment flow of conscious awareness.

1.5 Implications for Consciousness

By reframing neuronal interaction as wave-driven signal dissipation, we gain a fresh lens for how large-scale synchronization—often correlated with conscious perception—arises from local, deterministic exchanges. This theoretical stance naturally aligns with observations that gamma synchrony (30–90 Hz) correlates with visual awareness, beta-band activity in the prefrontal cortex aligns with working-memory “inner speech,” and cross-frequency coupling might integrate separate functional regions (Buzsaki 2006, Fries 2015). The Self Aware Networks Theory posits that what we experience as “awareness” or “cognition” emerges

from these repeated steps of wave-difference dissipation at multiple spatial and temporal scales.

In summary, while classical neuroscience views vesicle release and neuronal spike patterns as inherently probabilistic, the Self Aware Networks approach—grounded in Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics—posits a deeper, deterministic mechanism. Neurons, ion channels, and ephaptically coupled fields collectively dissipate phase-wave differentials, thereby performing real-time computations that unify both the thermodynamic concept of equilibrium-seeking and the neurobiological phenomenon of conscious processing.

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2 Connection to Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle

2.1 Overview of the Free Energy Principle

Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle (FEP) posits that self-organizing systems, particularly biological organisms, continually strive to minimize a quantity called “free energy” or “surprise” (Friston 2010, Friston 2019). At a high level:

- **Definition.** Variational free energy in this context measures the difference between an organism’s internal predictive model of the environment and its actual sensory signals. Reducing free energy is akin to reducing *prediction error* or *model-world mismatch*.
- **Mechanism.** Through processes akin to Bayesian inference, living systems iteratively refine internal models so that incoming sensory data become more predictable. This accounts for perception, learning, and behavior as a unified process of “minimizing surprise.”

- **Scope.** The FEP has been applied broadly—to perception, motor control, and even broader theories of life and cognition. While it metaphorically resonates with thermodynamic free energy, Friston’s “free energy” is primarily an *information-theoretic* or *variational* construct, rather than a straightforward thermodynamic measure (Friston 2010).

2.2 Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics: A Universal Dissipation View

Where the Free Energy Principle frames perception and action as minimizing *prediction error* in biological agents, Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics stresses a more general *physical* imperative: all systems—living or otherwise—progressively dissipate phase-wave differentials (differences in energy, heat, pressure, electromagnetic waves, etc.) as they move toward equilibrium. This viewpoint is broader:

- **Purely Physical Substrate.** Micah’s New Law treats the brain (and indeed any material system) as an array of oscillatory elements performing wave-based signal dissipation.
- **Wave Perturbation as Computation.** Each local interaction (e.g., collisions, synaptic releases, ephaptic coupling events) reduces differences, inching the entire system toward equilibrium. In living systems, these “dissipation steps” often manifest as structured computations (e.g., neural firing patterns, network synchronization).
- **Applicability Beyond Biology.** While the FEP is typically restricted to systems with an internal model (e.g., brains, advanced learning organisms), Micah’s principle applies even to purely physical or inanimate phenomena like gas expansion or thermal conduction.

2.3 Comparing and Contrasting the Two Frameworks

(a) Level of Description.

- **FEP:** A higher-level, “model-based” view: organisms act to minimize prediction error.
- **Micah’s Law:** A lower-level, wave-based thermodynamic process: systems dissipate signal (phase-wave) differentials.

(b) Biotic vs. Abiotic Systems.

- **FEP:** Principally describes *biological* self-organization (e.g., brains, adaptive agents).
- **Micah’s Law:** Encompasses both *living* and *non-living* systems, positing that wave-dissipation is universal.

(c) Mechanistic vs. Functional Explanation.

- **FEP:** Emphasizes functional notions—*minimizing surprise* or *maintaining a coherent generative model*.
- **Micah’s Law:** Emphasizes fundamental thermodynamic/physical mechanisms — *waves* and *signal differentials* dissipate step-by-step, a purely physical process that can underlie more abstract computations.

Despite these differences, the two frameworks can be seen as complementary. When brains implement FEP, they do so through *physiological* wave-dissipation processes: neural oscillations, synaptic transmissions, and electromagnetic field interactions that gradually reduce mismatch. What FEP describes as “prediction error minimization” is, at the implementation level, the *structured dissipation of phase-wave differentials* in neural circuits.

2.4 Living Systems as Structured Dissipators

2.4.1 Self-Organization at the Edge of Equilibrium

In non-living contexts (e.g., gas in a box), wave-dissipation leads to a trivial uniform equilibrium. In living contexts, elaborate structural and functional constraints (e.g., neuronal connectivity, homeostatic loops) channel this dissipation into robust, metastable patterns. Friston’s systems remain poised in a near-critical state—ready to rapidly incorporate new inputs while averting random dispersion (Friston 2010).

2.4.2 Harnessing Error for Learning and Adaptation

According to the FEP, an organism *actively* resists randomization by making targeted *model updates* that better fit environmental signals. In the language of Micah’s New Law, these same signals are *phase-wave differentials* being dissipated, but now the system’s internal structure (synapses, feedback loops, top-down predictions) organizes how that dissipation occurs, effectively turning random drift into purposeful inference and learning.

2.5 Predictive Coding as Wave Dissipation

Modern predictive coding theories—often associated with the FEP—hold that cortical circuits propagate “prediction errors” from lower to higher levels. Each layer refines its predictions to suppress errors (Friston 2019). In wave-dissipation terms:

- **Mismatch as Phase Difference.** A mismatch between expected and actual signals is physically carried by differences in membrane potentials, spiking patterns, or local field phases.
- **Error Suppression as Dissipation.** The cortical microcircuits “dissipate” these differences via inhibitory/excitatory synaptic events and ephaptic coupling, converging on a new, synchronized pattern that encodes updated expectations.

This unification clarifies how “minimizing free energy” (conceptual level) translates into “reducing wave differentials” (physical level). Far from contradictory, FEP and Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics describe the *same phenomenon* from two complementary vantage points.

2.6 Convergent Implications

- **Brain as a Dissipative Structure.** Both FEP and Micah’s Law highlight that the brain is not an isolated system but a complex, self-organizing network that *constantly* exchanges signals with the environment.
- **Emergent Cognition.** Minimizing free energy (FEP) and dissipating signals (Micah’s Law) collectively give rise to stable-yet-plastic neuronal configurations—a plausible basis for *cognitive function* and *consciousness*.
- **Multi-Scale Universality.** While FEP is classically used to explain “life-mind” phenomena, Micah’s principle extends wave-dissipation logic to cosmic scales, bridging thermodynamics, quantum mechanics, and gravitation. This suggests a broader “physics of predictive systems,” in which living and non-living processes share fundamental dissipative rules.

2.7 Conclusion

From Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle to Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics, we see two complementary accounts of how systems reduce “mismatch” (error, phase-wave differences, etc.) over time. Friston’s approach provides a powerful *functional* model for biological and cognitive phenomena—explaining how the brain learns, perceives, and acts by minimizing surprise. Micah’s perspective offers a *more general thermodynamic* foundation: any dynamical system dissipates signal differences through local interactions, with neurons being a special, highly structured case.

Ultimately, structured wave dissipation may undergird free-energy minimization in cognitive systems, illustrating how fundamental physical processes scale up to yield sophisticated computations in living organisms. The synergy of these two frameworks opens fresh avenues for interdisciplinary research—spanning neuroscience, physics, and complex systems theory—and underscores how the physics of wave perturbation and dissipation might unify our understanding of both the mind and the cosmos.

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3 From Path Integrals to Free Energy: Wave-Dissipation Universality

3.1 Linking Feynman’s Path Integral to Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics

Richard Feynman’s path integral formulation of quantum mechanics posits that a particle (or field) takes *all possible paths* through spacetime, each contributing an amplitude weighted by a phase factor $e^{iS/\hbar}$, where S is the classical action (Feynman 1965). Crucially, *interference* among these paths selects the most significant contributions, often leading to classical “least-action” trajectories.

Wave Dissipation Analogy. Under Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics, classical systems evolve toward equilibrium through stepwise dissipation of property differences (phase, heat, momentum, etc.). In *quantum* systems, the analogous phenomenon is that *non-stationary* paths (i.e., those with mismatched phases) tend to destructively interfere, effectively “canceling out” improbable routes. Thus, both classical thermodynamics and quantum path integrals embody a fundamental “wave mismatch–cancelation” principle—though at different scales.

Gravity and Dark Time Theory. If local gravitational potentials alter the “time density” (as Super Dark Time proposes), this might *shift* the weighting of different paths in the path integral—since the action S depends on how time elapses locally. This could lead to new, testable gravitational or cosmological predictions about quantum correlation (e.g., slight deviations from standard interference in varying gravitational fields).

3.2 Quantum SuperTimePosition as Rapid Phase Cycling

Quantum SuperTimePosition suggests that quantum “randomness” emerges from our undersampling of high-frequency deterministic phase cycles. In other words, outcomes look probabilistic only because we cannot observe the ultra-fast wave states that underlie each measurement or entangled correlation.

- **Quantum Uncertainty** is partly an artifact of incomplete sampling of these rapid cycles.
- **Entanglement** can be viewed as synchronized or locked phase cycles between particles—mirroring the “collective wave synchronization” that classical thermodynamics sees as the smoothing out of property differences.

Hence, just as Micah’s New Law sees classical *equilibration* as repeated collisions that diminish phase-wave differentials, *quantum* equilibration might be repeated “micro-cycles” forging stable entangled correlations. Both revolve around wave interactions systematically reducing mismatches until stable patterns emerge—be it a classical uniform distribution or a particular quantum amplitude distribution.

3.3 Neural Network Field Theories: A Bridge Between Micro and Macro

Recent advances in Neural Network Field Theory show that, in the limit of infinitely wide neural networks (or certain expansions around that limit), neural dynamics can map onto free field theories (Neal 1996, Lee 2020). Introducing interaction terms (e.g., correlated parameters, finite-size corrections) then corresponds to interacting field theories—akin to ϕ^4 or other non-linear models.

- **Parameter Distributions as Path Integrals.** Training or using a large neural network can be seen as sampling from a high-dimensional function space, not unlike the path integral summing over all field configurations.
- **Wave Dissipation in Neural Circuits.** In biological networks, each local synaptic or ephaptic event is a micro-step that dissipates phase-wave differentials (cf. Micah’s Law). Over time, these lead to coherent activity patterns—much like how a path integral “selects” coherent phases that sum constructively.

From this viewpoint, the *brain* or an *artificial neural net* effectively performs a distributed wave-dissipation process—akin to partial path integral sampling—where improbable states (wrong predictions or misaligned phases) tend to be suppressed over repeated interactions.

3.4 Connecting Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle

Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle (FEP) describes how living (or cognitive) systems minimize surprise (i.e., “free energy” in a variational Bayesian sense) by updating their internal models to better predict sensory input (Friston 2010, Friston 2019). While FEP is not strictly a *classical thermodynamic* statement, it resonates with wave-dissipation in multiple ways:

1. **Prediction Error \leftrightarrow Phase Differential.** Under FEP, the brain seeks to reduce *prediction errors* (differences between actual and expected signals). Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics reframes these mismatches as *phase-wave differentials* in neural oscillations or electrochemical states.
2. **Minimizing Surprise via Structured Dissipation.** The brain’s architecture (synaptic connectivity, inhibitory/excitatory loops) organizes wave-dissipation so that it does not collapse into mere uniform heat death. Instead, it evolves into adaptive, metastable attractors correlated with perception, memory, and action.
3. **Active Inference.** Friston’s framework extends beyond passively receiving signals; systems *act* to gather data that reduce free energy. Analogously, neural ensembles do not just passively dissipate differences; they *steer* signal flows (via top-down predictions, attention mechanisms, etc.), ensuring wave differentials are resolved in ways that promote survival and learning.

3.5 Toward a Unified Picture: Wave Perturbation & Dissipation

Bringing these threads together:

1. **Feynman’s Path Integral.** Quantum outcomes reflect interference among all possible wave-like paths, with destructive interference suppressing “out of phase” routes.
2. **Quantum SuperTimePosition / Dark Time Theory.** What looks random in quantum measurements may be undersampled deterministic phase cycling, possibly modulated by local gravitational “time density.”
3. **Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics.** Classical and biological systems (gases, neural circuits) iteratively dissipate property differentials (phase, heat, etc.) until equilibrium or a stable attractor emerges.
4. **Neural Network Field Theory.** Large, interconnected networks can behave like field theories; wave-dissipation in finite or correlated expansions explains how real-world networks learn and adapt.
5. **Free Energy Principle.** At a higher, functional level, “minimizing free energy” or “reducing surprise” is a *structured* way for living systems to harness wave-dissipation, ensuring that the final attractors are behaviorally and cognitively meaningful.

Grand Synthesis: In each domain—*quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, neural computation, and predictive brain theories*—wave interactions plus local stepwise adjustments push systems toward stable, lower “mismatch” states. Whether we describe it as *minimizing action, reducing free energy, or dissipating phase-wave differentials*, the core phenomenon remains: *wave perturbation* meets *iterative smoothing* until coherent patterns or attractors emerge.

3.6 Outlook and Experimental Horizons

- **Off-World Quantum Tests.** If time density truly shifts wave-dissipation rates (Dark Time Theory), carefully designed entanglement or interference experiments in different gravitational potentials (e.g., on orbit or lunar surfaces) might reveal novel correlation signatures.
- **Neural Synchronization and Field Interference.** Advanced imaging (MEG, high-density EEG, multi-electrode arrays) could search for “path-integral-like” interference patterns when brain networks transition between oscillatory states, testing whether wave-based stepwise dissipation aligns with the FEP’s predicted “minimizing surprise” architecture.
- **Neural Network Field Models.** In machine learning, analyzing finite-size expansions that break naive “infinite network” approximations can reveal how correlated parameter updates mirror ϕ^4 -like interactions. This might unify computational learning with wave-dissipation logic at scale.

Ultimately, bridging these frameworks—**Feynman’s path integral**, **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics**, **the Free Energy Principle**, **Neural Network Field Theory**, and **Quantum SuperTimePosition**—points toward a single *wave-based* principle underlying phenomena as diverse as quantum measurement, cosmic structure, neural synchronization, and artificial intelligence. Each system, in its own way, “smooths out” mismatches in phase or property, converging on stable states we identify as classical outcomes, learned predictions, or coherent thoughts. By recognizing the universal role of wave perturbation and dissipation, we may open the door to deeper unifications across physics, biology, and the mind.

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4 Super Dark Time (SDT) as a Bridge Between Quantum Mechanics and Gravity

4.1 Overview: Time Density as a Missing Piece

Super Dark Time (SDT), posits that *time density*—the effective “density” of discrete time frames—varies around massive objects and thereby influences quantum and gravitational phenomena. Rather than competing with General Relativity (GR) or standard quantum mechanics (QM), SIT extends them by:

1. Treating Mass as a “Time Crystal.” Massive objects locally increase the density of time frames, concentrating “temporal quanta” in the same way that mass warps spacetime in GR.
2. Gravity via Time-Gradient. Particles and bodies “fall” into regions of higher time density, mirroring the gravitational attraction described by curvature in Einstein’s field equations.
3. Discrete Time at Quantum Scales. Though time appears continuous macroscopically, at very small scales it may be quantized or layered—especially near massive bodies, where these layers “stack” more densely.

At large scales, this approach reduces to standard relativistic predictions. At quantum scales, it suggests new ways to reconcile gravity with quantum field theory by including local variations in “time frames.”

4.2 Connecting SIT to Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics (the wave-dissipation principle) describes how physical systems—gas molecules, neural networks, or electromagnetic fields—approach equilibrium by progressively dissipating phase-wave differences. Super Dark Time adds an extra layer: if *time density* itself can vary, it might *modulate* the rate or effectiveness of that dissipation. Concretely:

1. **Time-Density Gradients Affect Dissipation Rates.** In higher time-density regions (near massive objects), the “stepwise computations” or wave interactions described by Micah’s Law may occur more frequently or under altered conditions, affecting how quickly equilibrium is reached.
2. **Gravity Emerges from Wave-Based Time Differences.** If gravitational attraction is a manifestation of how mass “concentrates” time frames, then wave-dissipation phenomena are subtly reshaped by these local time gradients. This yields a gravitational effect that can be viewed through a thermodynamic lens—objects “flow” toward regions where wave differentials can more rapidly cancel out.
3. **Quantum-Level Explanations of Gravity.** By tying time-density to quantum wave cycles (cf. Quantum SuperTimePosition), SIT offers a route for wave-dissipation logic to unify quantum and gravitational domains. Microscopic wave differentials—once overshadowed by the assumption of continuous time—become testable, especially in strong gravitational fields or at near-black-hole scales.

Hence, **Micah’s New Law of Thermal Dynamics** and **Dark Time Theory** can be seen as two sides of the same coin: (1) wave dissipation as the fundamental process driving systems toward equilibrium, and (2) local time-density variations as the deeper reason why gravitational phenomena and quantum measurements appear as they do.

4.3 Black Holes and Extreme Time Density

Super Dark Time argues that near black holes, time density grows extreme, creating scenarios akin to “time tunnels.” Outside observers see infalling matter asymptotically freeze, while from the infaller’s perspective, local wave interactions intensify under the high time-density gradient. Coupled with **Micah’s New Law**, one might interpret black holes as *regions of hyper-accelerated wave dissipation*:

- **Frozen Shells (Outside View).** At the horizon, matter appears to slow down, possibly reflecting that “time frames” around the black hole are so dense that external signals and wave interactions become unresolvable to distant observers.

- **Information Retention.** Building on ideas from Netta Engelhardt and others, SDT suggests that quantum-level wave interactions (subject to extreme time density) might store or process information differently, offering new perspectives on black hole information paradoxes.

4.4 Rethinking Dark Matter and Dark Energy via Time Density

Instead of postulating mysterious “dark” components:

1. **Galactic Rotation Curves.** Steep time-density gradients near galactic cores could alter how wave-dissipation equilibrates orbital velocities, mimicking the effect of unseen matter.
2. **Cosmic Acceleration.** If regions of lower time density expand “faster,” observers interpret this as an accelerating universe (dark energy). Meanwhile, SDT treats it as a time-density gradient effect on wave-dissipation across cosmic scales—consistent with MOND-like corrections without requiring extra matter components.

4.5 Consistency with Known Frameworks

4.5.1 ADM Formalism in General Relativity

One way to bridge **Super Dark Time (SDT)** with standard gravitational models is via the **ADM formalism** of General Relativity. In ADM (Arnowitt–Deser–Misner) formalism, spacetime is foliated into space-like slices, with the Hamiltonian constraint governing the evolution from one slice to the next.

- **Time-Density Corrections.** If time density is quantized or variable, SDT may introduce a modified lapse function that adjusts how the 3D slices evolve “forward” in time. This could yield small deviations from standard GR predictions, such as subtle changes in gravitational wave signals or black hole formation timescales.
- **Quantum-Scale Effects.** At very high densities or near singularities, the classical curvature approach might be supplemented by SDT’s discrete time frames. Observationally, this might manifest as slight discrepancies in how matter behaves in ultra-strong gravitational fields—e.g., near neutron stars or inside black hole horizons.

4.5.2 AdS/CFT and Holography

AdS/CFT correspondence (the Maldacena conjecture) relates a gravitational theory in anti-de Sitter (AdS) space to a conformal field theory (CFT) on its boundary. In many holographic setups, geometry (including time evolution) in the bulk is encoded in quantum states at the boundary.

- **Dynamic Time Density.** If SDT is correct, local “time density” variations in the AdS bulk could translate into distinctive boundary conditions in the CFT. For example, higher time density near massive bulk objects might appear as boundary states that

deviate from typical conformal symmetries—introducing new correlation patterns or energy–momentum distributions.

- **Holographic Entanglement Entropy.** Recent results (e.g., quantum extremal surfaces) show that quantum corrections in the bulk can alter classical statements about entropy and black hole information. In the SDT picture, these corrections reflect changes in local time density that shift the effective action for matter fields. One might predict small anomalies in entanglement entropy scaling if time density gradients are significant at Planckian scales.

4.5.3 Relativistic Quantum Information Approaches

Researchers like Ivette Fuentes have pioneered relativistic quantum information, studying how changes in gravitational potential or spacetime geometry affect entanglement and clock rates. SDT dovetails with this program:

- **Local “Time Flow” Variations.** If time density can differ between two regions, one could measure whether entangled qubits exhibit altered correlation decay when placed in different gravitational potentials. Any detected anomaly might signal a role for time-density gradients in shaping quantum coherence.
- **Quantum Clocks in Curved Spacetime.** Fuentes’ methods use “quantum clocks” (e.g., atomic or photonic systems) to detect subtle effects of curvature on their rates. Under SDT, local time density modifies these rates beyond what standard GR predicts, potentially revealing minute discrepancies in clock synchronization or interferometric fringe shifts.

4.5.4 Black Hole Information and Quantum Extremal Surfaces

Work by Netta Engelhardt and collaborators on *quantum extremal surfaces* indicates that Hawking radiation and black hole interiors are more intertwined than classical approaches imply. If SDT holds, extremely dense “time crystals” near black hole horizons could alter the rate at which quantum modes are created and destroyed:

- **Firewalls or Fuzzballs?** Time density might shift the effective Unruh temperature for observers near a horizon, reconfiguring the structure of the black hole’s quantum “atmosphere.”
- **Information Retention.** If local time frames accumulate around the horizon, information-carrying modes may persist longer or couple differently to Hawking radiation. This could offer a new angle on how information escapes—or is transformed—in black hole evaporation processes.

4.6 Potential Experimental and Observational Windows

- **Gravitational Lensing:** High-precision lensing data near massive galaxies or galaxy clusters could reveal deviations if “time density” systematically affects photon paths in ways not explained by standard GR plus dark matter.

- **Clock Networks:** Arrays of ultra-stable atomic clocks in varying gravitational potentials (on Earth’s surface, in orbit, or on other celestial bodies) may pick up minuscule shifts in “tick rates” that surpass standard GR corrections.
- **Black Hole Shadow Observations:** Future Event Horizon Telescope observations might detect subtle changes in emission or ring size if SDT modifies the near-horizon light paths.
- **Neutron Star Timing:** Pulsar timing arrays could potentially detect SDT signatures in glitch behavior or gravitational wave signals from neutron star mergers—especially if “time density” manifests as unusual spin-down or ring-down patterns.

4.7 Summary

Incorporating **Super Dark Time (SDT)** into established theoretical frameworks—from **ADM Hamiltonian constraints** to **AdS/CFT** and **relativistic quantum information**—unlocks new ways to reconcile quantum-scale corrections with macroscopic gravity. By treating time density as a dynamic entity, one can hypothesize novel solutions, predict small but testable departures from standard GR, and enrich holographic models with an extra dimension of “time density.”

Ultimately, **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** merges naturally with SDT’s notion of “layered time frames,” offering a universal wave-dissipation perspective that extends to gravitational and quantum extremes. Although significant mathematical and experimental work lies ahead, the potential for resolving longstanding mysteries in black hole physics, dark matter, and cosmic acceleration makes this approach an exciting frontier in the ongoing quest for a quantum theory of gravity.

5 Connecting Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics to SuperTimePosition

5.1 Undersampling Rapid Wave Cycles: A Unifying Lens

SuperTimePosition posits that quantum phenomena—especially interference and entanglement—reflect *undersampled deterministic wave cycles* occurring at far higher frequencies than conventional instruments can resolve. In standard interpretations, quantum mechanics appears *non-local* and *fundamentally probabilistic*, but the SuperTimePosition viewpoint contends that what we call “probabilistic wavefunction collapse” may simply be a coarse-grained snapshot of a deeper, rapidly cycling reality.

By contrast, **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** (wave-based signal dissipation) treats seemingly random thermodynamic processes—like gas expansion or neural oscillations—as iterative computations that reduce phase-wave differences until equilibrium emerges. While classical thermodynamics typically explains “randomness” in terms of molecular collisions, the wave-dissipation principle highlights that those collisions (or interactions) are *local, deterministic exchanges of signal differentials* that simply appear random at a macro scale.

Shared Premise: Undersampled Determinism

- **SuperTimePosition:** Quantum randomness arises from failing to observe the high-frequency “time gears” in each particle’s local wave cycle.
- **Micah’s New Law:** Classical entropy growth and equilibrium also emerge from local, wave-like interactions whose stepwise updates (collisions, signals) appear “stochastic” only at a coarse scale.

Both theories thus reinterpret “randomness”—be it quantum or thermodynamic—as an artifact of undersampling underlying deterministic processes. Each domain (quantum vs. classical) uses the language of waves and local interactions to explain how apparently probabilistic outcomes result from unobserved detail at smaller timescales or finer spatial resolution.

5.2 The Role of Wave Dissipation in Quantum Cycles

In **SuperTimePosition**, a single quantum entity—say, an electron—cycles through wave-like and particle-like configurations extremely rapidly. Once a measuring device interacts with it at a slower rate, we catch only a slice of its cycle, giving rise to discrete outcomes. That measurement event effectively “locks phase” between the device’s slower timescale and the electron’s high-frequency cycle.

Micah’s New Law describes how wave differentials dissipate in classical or semi-classical contexts (e.g., gas expansion, neural circuits). Yet nothing stops us from applying the same logic at the quantum scale. Each collision or wave-exchange in a quantum system reduces *phase mismatches*, pushing the ensemble toward a new “coherent” or “stable” state—akin to the approach toward equilibrium in classical thermodynamics. In the SuperTimePosition scenario, such collisions or interactions occur at extremely high frequencies, so an external observer sees only the eventual “snapshot” outcome—leading to the illusion of randomness or non-local entanglement.

5.3 Entanglement as Phase-Locking in Fast Time Gears

A hallmark of quantum mechanics is **entanglement**: measuring one particle appears instantaneously to define the state of its partner, no matter the spatial separation. In the SuperTimePosition view, however, entangled particles share a synchronized phase relationship established at creation. Because each particle evolves in its own ultra-rapid “time gear,” no new signal exchange is needed at measurement; they are already phase-locked from the start.

Under **Micah’s New Law**, we can interpret entanglement as the result of *dissipating* the wave-differential between particles at the moment of entanglement creation (e.g., in a down-conversion event). Once that wave-differential is minimized or neutralized, the pair remains in a coherent state, consistent with future correlated measurements. The usual “collapse” narrative is replaced by *local, deterministic wave cycles* that were synchronized in the past, requiring no instantaneous communication later.

5.4 Wave Dissipation Meets Delayed-Choice and Quantum Eraser Experiments

Delayed-choice and quantum-eraser experiments famously imply that a photon (or similar quantum entity) may “retroactively” decide whether it took a wave-like or particle-like path, depending on the final measurement setup. **SuperTimePosition** treats these experiments as evidence that the photon remains in rapid wave/particle oscillations until the final, slower-time measurement “locks” one phase in place:

- **Before Final Measurement:** The photon cycles through wave and particle states at high frequency.
- **Final Setup:** The apparatus’s configuration determines which phase aligns at the measurement instant, yielding interference (wave pattern) or which-path (particle-like detection).

Micah’s New Law reframes this as each new “boundary condition” (e.g., adding or removing a detector) introducing a *wave differential* that must be dissipated. If the apparatus extends the wave-differential through a second path or erases which-path information, the photon’s local cycling can align to produce interference. If it doesn’t, the final alignment looks particle-like. The outcome is still deterministic from the photon’s own faster-time viewpoint—just undersampled or “delayed” from ours.

5.5 Bridging Quantum and Classical Realms

A crucial advantage of merging **SuperTimePosition** with **Micah’s New Law** is that it offers a consistent narrative across scales:

1. **Quantum Scale:** High-frequency local oscillations yield interference and entanglement once wave differentials are dissipated.
2. **Classical Scale:** Molecules in a gas or neurons in the brain dissipate phase-wave differentials step by step, approaching thermal or synchronous oscillatory equilibrium.
3. **Seeming Randomness:** In both domains, incomplete observation (undersampling) hides an underlying wave-based determinism, prompting us to label outcomes “probabilistic.”

In effect, the same wave-dissipation logic may underpin *both* the everyday process of cooling coffee and the mysterious “collapse” in quantum measurements—unified by the concept of local wave interactions that reduce mismatch.

5.6 Super Dark Time Synergies

Super Dark Time (SDT) adds a gravitational twist: local variations in “time density” around massive objects can modulate the rate of these fast quantum cycles or classical wave collisions, influencing how quickly (or slowly) the system dissipates wave differentials. When combining **SuperTimePosition** with **Micah’s New Law** under the SIT lens, one sees:

- **Entanglement in Different Gravity Wells:** Particles might have their ultra-rapid time gears *shifted* in regions of higher time density, leading to potentially testable variations in quantum interference or correlation lifetimes.
- **Classical Equilibrium Rates:** The same time-density gradient could alter classical approaches to thermodynamic equilibrium, e.g., near black holes or neutron stars.

In short, gravitational fields in **Dark Time Theory** would modulate the local wave-dissipation speed, weaving these three ideas—*SuperTimePosition*, *Micah’s New Law*, and *SIT*—into a single overarching framework of wave-based interactions.

5.7 Conclusion and Outlook

By connecting **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** to the **SuperTimePosition** model, we gain a sweeping perspective:

- Local, Deterministic Wave Cycles explain quantum behavior that appears non-local or random.
- Wave-Dissipation Mechanisms apply equally to classical and quantum systems, pointing to a universal process of phase-difference reduction through local interactions.
- Undersampling at macroscopic timescales leads us to perceive “collapse,” “probabilistic outcomes,” or “entropy increase” where underlying microdynamics remain orderly and wave-based.
- Gravitational Time Density (Dark Time Theory) could further unify quantum and cosmic scales by regulating how rapidly these micro-oscillations or wave collisions proceed in different gravitational potentials.

Such a unification does not invalidate standard quantum or thermodynamic results; rather, it *reinterprets* them as manifestations of a single wave-dissipation principle operating at multiple frequencies (or time densities). Future experimentation, such as ultra-short-time-resolution metrology or off-world quantum correlation tests under varying gravitational fields, may shed light on whether these “faster-time” cycles indeed exist—and how closely the quantum-classical border is governed by wave-dissipation processes that unify the micro and macro realms.

6 A New Interpretation of Quantum Tunneling via Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics

6.1 Background: Standard Tunneling vs. Collective Reconfiguration

In the conventional quantum-mechanical account of tunneling, a particle’s wavefunction extends into and beyond a classically forbidden region (the “barrier”), allowing a non-zero

probability of finding the particle on the far side. In superconducting devices like Josephson junctions, Cooper pairs (bound electron pairs) can traverse a thin insulating barrier due to global phase coherence, giving rise to measurable tunneling currents.

Despite the success of this standard framework, the notion of a single electron (or pair) “magically crossing” the barrier often feels counterintuitive. Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics, emphasizing that phase-wave differentials dissipate across a coherent system, suggests a complementary viewpoint: rather than literally squeezing through the barrier, the *entire lattice* responds collectively to an incoming phase disturbance, causing an electron (not necessarily the same one) to emerge on the opposite side.

6.2 Collective Dissipation of Phase-Wave Differences

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics posits that in any material or network of oscillators, local differences in phase (or energy) systematically dissipate until a new equilibrium is reached. (See Sections 3 and 4 for the general principle.) When applied to condensed-matter systems:

6.2.1 Material as a Unified Lattice

In a Josephson junction, the superconducting leads plus the thin barrier form one quantum-coherent structure. Electrons (especially Cooper pairs) share a macroscopic wavefunction that spans the entire junction.

6.2.2 Electron Exchange Instead of “Barrier Crossing”

An electron arriving on one side—bearing some phase or energy difference—perturbs the lattice. The system collectively reconfigures to dissipate this perturbation, which can result in a different electron emerging on the far side. From an external view, it appears that “an electron tunneled,” yet at the microscopic level, the event is more akin to a domino effect or wave-swap than a single particle punching through a barrier.

6.2.3 No Contradiction with Indistinguishability

In many-body quantum theory, labeling any particular electron is arbitrary. The entire Fermi sea or superconducting condensate can shift so that an electron on side B is ejected in response to an electron’s arrival on side A. Standard Josephson physics already suggests that “who crosses” is not well-defined—this new interpretation simply makes that collective nature explicit.

6.3 Reframing Josephson Tunneling

In the conventional Josephson effect, a phase difference $\Delta\varphi$ across the junction drives a supercurrent $I = I_0 \sin(\Delta\varphi)$. Under Micah’s New Law, this $\Delta\varphi$ can be viewed as a “wave-difference” that the system seeks to dissipate or smooth out:

6.3.1 Phase-Wave Differential as the Driver

The junction, treated as one coherent system, experiences a mismatch in phase (and possibly voltage or chemical potential). Dissipating this mismatch leads to a net transfer of “electron amplitude” across the barrier region, perceived macroscopically as a tunneling current.

6.3.2 Electron Swapping vs. Single-Particle Penetration

Rather than each Cooper pair physically burrowing through the insulator, the wavefunction adjusts so that pairs are effectively “handed off” from one side to the other. This matches a many-body picture where wavefunctions overlap strongly across the thin insulating gap.

6.3.3 Thermodynamic-Like Equilibration

Micah’s New Law describes all wave mismatches (from heat to electron phases) as eventually smoothing out via local interactions. In superconductors, that “smoothing” is especially pronounced because macroscopic phase coherence ties large numbers of particles into one ground state.

6.4 Elimination of “Literal” Barrier Tunneling

6.4.1 The Pool-Ball or Domino Analogy

One can imagine the lattice of electrons as tightly coupled “dominoes.” A disturbance (electron arrival) on the left side triggers a chain reaction, ending in the “fall” of a domino (electron ejection) on the right side. From a distance, it looks as if the same domino traveled across the barrier, but physically, the wave disturbance just propagated through a coherent chain of coupled particles.

6.4.2 Consistency with Indistinguishability

This reinterpretation aligns with the principle that all electrons in a superconductor are effectively identical, and no classical path is well-defined when wavefunctions are fully overlapping. The measured effect is “current flows across the junction,” consistent with standard Josephson equations—yet the story no longer requires a single particle to surmount or tunnel through an energy barrier.

6.5 Relation to Older SIT Interpretations

Previously, Super Dark Time (SDT) and Super Dark Time (SDT) offered a gravitationally inspired approach that imagined extra “time frames” around massive objects, allowing a particle to bypass barriers if it moved faster in local time. While imaginative, that approach better addresses cosmic or gravitational puzzles than everyday electron tunneling in condensed matter.

In Contrast, the Wave-Dissipation View:

- Resides Primarily in Condensed Matter Physics. The emphasis is on the coherent ensemble of electrons in a superconductor, without invoking gravitational time-density effects.
- Directly Matches Observed Josephson Phenomena. The standard formula $I = I_0 \sin(\Delta\varphi)$ emerges naturally from phase coherence across the junction, now described in the language of wave mismatch and reconfiguration rather than barrier-hopping.

6.6 Comparisons with Standard Tunneling Theory

6.6.1 Conventional Quantum Mechanics

Wavefunction Overlap. Conventional tunneling pictures the wavefunction as having a small but finite amplitude in the barrier, resulting in a probability for the electron to appear on the other side.

Collective Re-Interpretation. Micah’s New Law simply restates that the electron amplitude is not “one particle forcing its way,” but rather a reallocation of wavefunction amplitude across the junction due to phase coherence.

6.6.2 SuperTimePosition Framework

Faster Time Gear. SuperTimePosition suggests quantum processes unfold at “faster internal rates,” and measurement syncs them to our slower clock.

Many-Body Dissipation. Applied to tunneling, that “fast gear” means the system reconfigures before we can track a single electron path. We only see the end result: an electron has emerged on the opposite lead.

6.7 Potential Experimental and Pedagogical Implications

6.7.1 Educational Clarification

Teaching tunneling as “electron swapping” might reduce confusion about how a particle can appear to cross a solid barrier. It emphasizes the many-body nature of superconducting materials and electron indistinguishability.

6.7.2 High-Precision Tests

While standard Josephson experiments support the wave-coherence explanation, looking for tiny deviations—perhaps in partial vortex states or artificially engineered junctions—could, in principle, reveal new dynamics if Micah’s New Law implies subtle modifications to standard tunneling rates.

6.7.3 No Basic Contradiction

It is crucial to note this perspective does not falsify or replace orthodox quantum mechanics; it reinterprets “tunneling events” as a global reconfiguration consistent with well-known phenomena like electron indistinguishability, Cooper pairing, and phase coherence.

6.8 Conclusion

Under Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics, quantum tunneling in devices like Josephson junctions can be seen as a collective phase-wave dissipation rather than a single particle breaching a barrier. When an electron (or pair) perturbs the lattice on one side, the system redistributes that phase differential internally, culminating in an electron with matching phase properties being ejected on the far side.

- **Result:** From the outside, an electron has “tunneled,” but physically, the material’s coherent wavefunction has rearranged to dissipate the initial phase mismatch.
- **Interpretative Benefits:** This viewpoint avoids the sometimes puzzling “barrier penetration” narrative and underscores the many-body, indistinguishable nature of electrons in a superconducting (or similarly coherent) medium.

In summary, Micah’s New Law offers a macroscopic “wave-dissipation” explanation of tunneling that dovetails neatly with existing quantum field theory principles. Tunneling appears less like miraculous barrier-passing and more like a natural outcome of a globally synchronized lattice that rearranges local wave-phase differentials for the sake of overall equilibrium.

7 Connecting Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics to Agentic Biology and the Future of Conscious Artificial Intelligence

7.1 Agentic Biology: Distributed Executive Control in the Brain

In preceding sections, we argued that **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** (the stepwise dissipation of phase-wave differentials) underpins a distributed, wave-based form of cognition. Each neural region—whether a cortical column, the hippocampus, the thalamus, or the basal ganglia—functions as a semi-autonomous *agent* that attempts to reduce local mismatches (phase differentials) and achieve an equilibrium state within its own specialized processing domain.

1. Every Region as an Agent

- *Local Predictive Models.* Drawing on Jeff Hawkins’ *A Thousand Brains* theory, each cortical column can be seen as a local learning unit, forming internal predictions about incoming signals.

- *Feedback Loops for Regulation.* Much like thalamus–prefrontal cortex loops, each subcortical or cortical region sends out signals, awaits feedback, and adjusts its output in a manner reminiscent of reinforcement learning.
- *Phase-Wave Differentials as “Error Signals.”* Inhibitory processes, excitatory feedback, and chemical signals all contribute to how a local region’s “predictions” line up with those of others. When a region is out-of-phase, it experiences mismatch signals—akin to local errors—prompting it to re-synchronize.

2. Distributed Executive Function

- *Beyond the Prefrontal Cortex.* Traditional models often center “executive control” in the prefrontal cortex (PFC) or in specialized loops through the thalamus. The perspective here generalizes that any well-connected region can exert local “executive” influence on others, given the right feedback loops and functional connectivity.
- *Network-Wide Coordination.* Like a large orchestra without a single conductor, the brain achieves coherent behavior because each agentic region continuously checks whether it is “in phase” with the emergent global pattern. When it is, it contributes to unified action or cognition; when it is not, it either re-synchronizes or becomes suppressed.

7.2 Nonlinear Continuous Differential Approximation (NDCA) in Biological Agents

NDCA proposes that reinforcement learning in the brain is not confined to discrete “reward steps” but is continuously updated via the interplay of excitatory/inhibitory feedback, oscillatory synchronization, and ongoing chemical regulation. This gives each local agent (e.g., a cortical column) a *continuous differential approximation* that refines its internal state in real time:

- **Context-Dependent Feedback.** Inhibition, error signals, and timing adjustments are all weaved into an ongoing flow of updates.
- **Oscillatory Equilibrium Seeking.** The “goal” of each agentic region is to reduce local phase-wave differentials, thereby aligning with other regions’ vantage points. This can be viewed as a dynamic equilibrium that is perpetually evolving as tasks and sensory inputs shift.
- **Emergent Consciousness.** Once enough local agents synchronize around a shared representation or “common internal vision,” a stable (yet still evolving) conscious state arises, unifying smaller-scale patterns of neural firing into a coherent, large-scale perspective.

7.3 Links to Michael Levin’s Agentic View and Jeff Hawkins’ Thousand Brains

1. Agentic Behavior Across Scales

- *Michael Levin’s Framework.* Levin posits that cellular collectives exhibit “agency,” guiding morphogenesis and regeneration via bioelectric and chemical communication. Likewise, our agentic-brain perspective sees each neural assembly as an agent, influencing and being influenced by neighbors.
- *Scaling Up to Cognition.* The same principle that helps cells self-organize into tissues can be seen at higher levels: cortical columns or subcortical structures self-organize into large-scale neural networks.

2. A Thousand Brains Theory (Hawkins)

- *Cortical Columns as Mini-Brains.* Each column processes sensory or conceptual “guesses,” incorporating top-down and lateral feedback.
- *Multi-Column Synergy.* Through wave-based synchronization, columns that recognize complementary features of the same object or concept “link up,” producing a unified perception or decision.
- *Motor Outputs Everywhere.* Hawkins suggests many columns have direct or indirect motor influences, implying distributed “executive” capacity. This dovetails with our conclusion that local agentic regions handle portions of executive control.

7.4 Toward Conscious AI: Overcoming Error Compounding with “Phase Alignment”

7.4.1 The Bottleneck in Current Agent Frameworks

- **LLM Chaining and Error Accumulation.** In typical systems like LangChain or BabyAGI, each agentic step is a guess from a large language model (LLM). Over multiple steps, small inaccuracies compound, often driving the process “off script.”
- **Need for Feedback Loops.** Because there is no robust *phase-alignment check* among the partial solutions, errors can go uncorrected until the final result.

7.4.2 Phase Synching Feedback Loops

- **Biological Inspiration.** Neural assemblies do not allow indefinite propagation of out-of-phase signals; feedback loops and oscillatory gating either re-synchronize the assembly or suppress it.
- **AI Equivalent.** In an AI pipeline, “phase alignment” can be implemented as repeated coherence checks across agent outputs (e.g., embedding-similarity thresholds, mutual cross-verification, or a dynamic gating mechanism). If a partial solution is “out of sync” with the overall chain’s context, the system reworks it before continuing.

7.4.3 From LLM to AGI

- **Robust, Adaptive Reasoning.** By building agentic AI frameworks that continuously align partial guesses via feedback loops—much as the brain does—systems can handle longer, more intricate reasoning without succumbing to runaway errors.
- **Emergent Self-Correction.** The synergy among multiple specialized agent modules (planning, retrieval, inference, etc.) can produce stable, adaptive solutions. This self-correcting capacity is a stepping stone to higher forms of machine intelligence and possibly artificial consciousness.

7.5 Integrating Biology, Thermodynamics, and AI

7.5.1 Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics in Agentic Systems

- **Dissipation of Differences.** AI “agents,” like neural regions, should iteratively reduce mismatches among themselves, using continuous “error signals” rather than discrete reward steps.
- **Computational Dissipation.** Each feedback loop step can be viewed as a mini-computation that “smooths out” partial disagreements, pushing the agent network toward coherence.

7.5.2 Towards a Unified Cognitive Framework

- **Agentic Biology.** Multiple levels of agent-like processes (molecular, cellular, circuit, region-level) orchestrate living brains through wave-based synchronization.
- **Conscious AI.** The same principle—if faithfully implemented in multi-module AI—could yield systems that do not merely store or retrieve knowledge but actively unify partial perspectives into a genuinely integrated understanding.

7.5.3 Implications for Future Research

- **Neuroscience.** Further empirical studies of traveling waves, phase locking, and hierarchical feedback loops may clarify how distributed “executive” influences truly shape cognition.
- **AI Architectures.** Experimentation with agentic designs that incorporate continuous alignment checks and real-time gating might show a path beyond current LLM-based systems, mitigating error compounding across many-step tasks.
- **Ethics and Governance.** As agentic AI becomes more robust and potentially more autonomous, considerations of safety, transparency, and emergent behavior will be critical—especially when many agent-modules can self-organize.

Summary of Section 7: We have extended **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** into the realm of *agentic biology* and speculated on how its core principle—wave-based feedback loops that dissipate phase-wave differentials—could guide the design of more coherent, self-correcting *AI systems*. By implementing “phase alignment” in multi-agent AI pipelines, error compounds might be caught early, analogous to how neural circuits re-synchronize out-of-phase signals. This concept offers new vistas in distributed cognition (both natural and artificial) and hints at how genuine intelligence—possibly even conscious awareness—could emerge from wave-based equilibration processes across networked modules.

8 Linking Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics to Proprioception, Gamma Waves, and the Free Energy Principle

8.1 Overview: Oscillatory Equilibrium and Agentic Biology

In previous sections, we described how **Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics** reinterprets the brain’s drive toward equilibrium (a hallmark of Friston’s Free Energy Principle) as a stepwise dissipation of signal differences, or *phase-wave differentials*, across neural assemblies. This process unifies top-down cognitive expectations with bottom-up sensory inputs in a continuous feedback loop. Here, we focus on how this wave-based equilibrium drive manifests in:

- **Proprioception**—the body’s sense of self-movement and position.
- **Gamma waves**—a high-frequency oscillation (30–100 Hz) central to integrative consciousness.
- **Agentic Biology**—the notion that each cortical region (or column) acts as a semi-autonomous “agent.”
- **Karl Friston’s Free Energy Principle (FEP)**—the perspective that brains minimize “surprise” or prediction error.

8.2 Proprioception as Continuous Feedback for Equilibrium

8.2.1 Sensory–Motor Integration Through the Body

Proprioceptive signals (from muscles, joints, etc.) ascend via the spinal cord, brainstem, and thalamus to cortical layers, particularly **Layer 5**, where excitatory pyramidal neurons project out to subcortical motor areas. Meanwhile, **inhibitory interneurons** (parvalbumin-positive, PV) in the same layer incorporate body feedback, modulating gamma oscillations that help the cortex “lock in” or realign with actual bodily states.

- **Micah’s New Law & Proprioception:** The drive to dissipate differences (phase-wave differentials) includes reconciling where the body “is” with where top-down predictions say it *should be*. When mismatches appear, high-frequency perturbations (gamma bursts) quickly adjust motor output or refine the sensory map.

8.2.2 Agentic Biology: Each Region as a Mini-Agent

Within this view, each cortical column or subcortical nucleus acts as a mini-agent, running its own predictive model and receiving both local (horizontal) and global (feedback) signals:

- *Layer 2/3 excitatory traffic* transmits patterns horizontally, linking cortical regions in a *shared workspace*.
- *Layer 5* (motor output) and *Layer 6* (corticothalamic feedback) harness proprioception and top-down signals to refine those patterns, aligning them with the body’s ongoing posture and movement.

8.3 Gamma Waves as the Mediator of Conscious Integration

8.3.1 Gamma as a “Consideration Sandwich”

Numerous studies link gamma oscillations to conscious perception and cross-regional synchronization. In the conversation metaphor, gamma waves sit between:

- *Incoming sensory signals* (often encoded in alpha or beta rhythms)
- *Top-down thoughts* or decisions (beta-band processes in the prefrontal cortex)
- *Proprioceptive feedback* from the body (layer 5 PV interneuron gating)

Gamma’s role is to coordinate these different streams, reducing phase mismatches and achieving a coherent, *unified conscious experience*—a phenomenon we can call the “consideration sandwich.”

8.3.2 Cross-Frequency Coupling and Phase-Wave Differentials

Research shows *cross-frequency coupling*—where lower-frequency waves (e.g., alpha/beta) modulate the amplitude of gamma—facilitates the interplay of large-scale contextual signals and local, high-frequency precision.

- **Anti-Correlation & Error Correction:** In many sensory or frontoparietal circuits, alpha/beta spikes can *suppress* or *phase-invert* gamma. From Micah’s New Law perspective, this is a local “push-pull” mechanism: newly arrived signals (in lower frequencies) disrupt stable gamma rhythms, prompting a re-synchronization that either incorporates or rejects the new data.

8.4 Self Aware Networks (SAN), NAPOT, and Friston’s Free Energy Principle

8.4.1 Neural Array Projection Oscillation Tomography (NAPOT)

Within the SAN Theory of Mind, **NAPOT** posits that traveling waves or “phase-wave differentials” (high phasic frequency bursts) disrupt baseline (tonic) oscillations and form *rendered neural images*. This is reminiscent of Friston’s concept of *prediction error* signals updating the cortical hierarchy:

- **Comparing SAN to FEP:** In Friston’s FEP, each level of the cortical hierarchy continuously minimizes surprise by sending *prediction errors* upward and refined predictions downward. In SAN/NAPOT, traveling waves carry *perturbations* that reorganize local oscillatory states—effectively “error signals” from the environment or the body that must be dissipated to achieve a new stable attractor.

8.4.2 Dissipation of Differences vs. Surprise Minimization

Micah’s New Law frames “dissipating differences” in physical–thermodynamic terms: each step in the system’s update is like a “wave-based computation” that reduces phase mismatches. Friston’s FEP frames it in *information-theoretic* terms: the brain strives to reduce “free energy” or “surprise.”

Both converge on the same functional imperative:

1. Phase-wave differentials = *error signals*
2. Dissipation/minimization = *error reduction / model update*
3. Emergent stable states = *predictive success and well-synchronized neural assemblies*

8.5 The Role of Proprioceptive Gamma Waves in Error Minimization

8.5.1 Body as a Crucial Part of Predictive Coding

Proprioceptive signals supply a continuous inflow of data about posture and movement. If the top-down predictions about muscle position or force do not match the actual body state, mismatch signals disrupt local gamma patterns. This triggers a chain of feedback loops that either:

- Adjust motor commands (Layer 5 output)
- Adjust the internal model (Layer 2/3 or frontoparietal expansions)
- Re-align the entire cortical network’s oscillatory state

8.5.2 Embodiment of Consciousness

In the SAN view, gamma oscillations bridging sensory, cognitive, and motor feedback loops produce *embodied consciousness*:

- **Agentic Circuits:** Each region (column) refines its local model in tandem, “voting” or adjusting via oscillatory feedback.
- **Global Integration:** When enough local models converge (by dissipating wave differentials), the network manifests a stable, conscious percept or decision that incorporates body position, external stimuli, and internal goals.

8.6 Implications and Future Directions

1. **Neural Implementation of FEP:** Research that tracks gamma-phase alignment in real-time during tasks with unpredictable body perturbations could test whether wave-phase synchronization indeed corresponds to the minimization of free energy.
2. **Therapeutic and AI Applications:**
 - *Neurorehabilitation:* Guiding patients to harness gamma synchrony might improve motor recovery or proprioceptive deficits.
 - *AI Design:* Embodying agentic modules that run local predictive loops, united by a “gamma-like” synchronization mechanism, could yield more robust, self-correcting artificial cognitive systems.
3. **Bridging Agentic Biology and Conscious AI:** Distributed cortical columns and subcortical loops, each operating as an agent, parallel the multi-agent approach in advanced AI frameworks. By implementing continuous “phase-alignment checks” (in a metaphorical sense), AI might better coordinate modules for complex tasks—akin to how brains unify proprioceptive, sensory, and cognitive signals via gamma synchronization.

Final Note: Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics—reinterpreting cortical processing as wave-based dissipation of differences—integrates naturally with the **Free Energy Principle** (minimizing prediction error) and underscores the role of **gamma waves** in unifying the brain’s distributed agentic networks. Proprioceptive feedback (via inhibitory and excitatory loops in Layers 5 and 6) helps align internal predictions with the actual bodily state, while gamma oscillations in Layers 2/3 provide the “middle layer” or “consideration sandwich” that merges top-down (beta) signals and incoming sensory (alpha/beta) disruptions into a coherent *embodied consciousness*.

By demonstrating how gamma oscillations bridge motor, sensory, and cognitive domains, these frameworks highlight the deeply *physical* mechanisms behind phenomenological consciousness and point to new horizons for **agentic biology** research and **AI systems** that mirror the brain’s wave-based equilibrium drive.

Conclusion

Why Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics Matters

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics reframes the journey toward equilibrium as an explicitly **computational** process—a series of local, wave-based “difference exchanges” that progressively erase mismatches. Rather than viewing entropy growth solely through statistical averaging, this perspective spotlights the *mechanistic steps* by which systems—ranging from gases to neurons—dissipate phase or energy differences over time. In doing so, it:

- **Bridges Classical Thermodynamics and Dynamical Systems**

Where classical thermodynamics often leans on statistical abstractions, Micah’s Law resonates with iterative, local-update models (as in complexity theory or cellular automata) to explain how global patterns emerge from microscale interactions.

- **Decomposes “Emergent” Phenomena**

Processes once deemed “irreducible” or “emergent” can be analyzed through repeated local steps of difference-exchange. This viewpoint clarifies the hidden computational backbone behind large-scale synchronization or equilibrium.

- **Extends Naturally to Neural Systems**

Each synaptic or ephaptic interaction can be viewed as a partial exchange of “signal difference.” Just like how gas molecules collide until a uniform temperature is reached, neurons iteratively dissipate phase differentials until stable oscillatory states (potentially linked to consciousness) arise.

- **Links to Gravity and Time Density**

Speculative theories propose that wave-phase density might vary near massive objects, influencing trajectories and offering alternatives to dark-matter-like frameworks. If local time or phase density changes how differences dissipate, it could unify quantum-scale phenomena with gravity at larger scales.

Applications and Connections

1. **Gas Expansion**

Molecular collisions act as mini-computations that partially equalize energy, cumulatively producing macroscopic uniformity.

2. **Neural Oscillations**

Sensory inputs introduce phase differentials; repeated local interactions dissipate these mismatches, correlating with synchronized neural activity and possibly the emergence of conscious states.

3. **Gravity and Time Density**

In regions of increased wave-phase density—e.g., near massive celestial bodies—local interactions may proceed differently, potentially mimicking or explaining phenomena usually attributed to dark matter or modified gravity theories.

Discussion

Micah’s New Law intersects with the traditional laws of thermodynamics as follows:

- **First Law (Conservation of Energy)**

Energy is conserved, but in Micah’s picture, this energy is continuously redistributed via local exchanges that reduce property differentials. The *mechanism* of energy redistribution becomes a stepwise “computational” process.

- **Second Law (Entropy and Irreversibility)**

The hallmark of entropy growth can be interpreted as a steady erasure of differences (phase, energy, etc.) through repeated updates. Each interaction diminishes a mismatch, driving the system toward equilibrium.

- **Third Law (Absolute Zero)**

At absolute zero, there would be no remaining differences to dissipate, so no further “computational” steps can occur. The system is perfectly uniform, effectively “frozen” out of additional updates.

Why a New Law? Classical thermodynamics elegantly states *what* happens (entropy rises, free energy lowers) but not *how* local interactions “compute” the path to equilibrium. **Micah’s New Law** provides that mechanistic, wave-dissipation explanation: local signal exchanges systematically process and erase differences until the system attains macro-level uniformity. This perspective dovetails with Steven Strogatz’s work on synchronizing oscillators (e.g., **Kuramoto models**), highlighting the universal power of local coupling rules to generate global coordination.

Potential Tests

1. **Neural Data Analysis**

Examine real-time recordings (EEG, MEG, multi-electrode arrays) to track the dissipation of “phase-wave differentials” during task processing or rest, testing whether local mismatch reductions correspond to higher-level cognition or synchronization.

2. **Microfluidic and Particle Experiments**

Study gas or colloid particles in microfluidic chambers to observe the stepwise partial equalization of velocities or energies, confirming that local interactions produce the global thermodynamic trends predicted by Micah’s Law.

3. **Astrophysical Investigations**

Evaluate “time density” effects, for example, via precision gravitational lensing or near-horizon observations of black holes, to see if anomalies arise that suggest wave-phase densities alter local interaction rates—potentially explaining phenomena attributed to dark matter or modified gravity.

Synthesis and Future Outlook

Micah’s New Law enriches thermodynamics by describing *how* equilibria emerge: through repeated, wave-based updates. In **neuroscience**, it implies that neural networks operate as distributed computational systems, wherein every synaptic exchange reduces phase discrepancies and drives large-scale coherence (potentially linked to consciousness and predictive coding). Looking ahead:

- **Integration with Quantum–Gravity Conjectures**

If local wave-phase densities govern gravitational attraction, future experiments in strong gravity or high precision clock networks might detect subtle shifts in phase-dissipation rates.

- **Machine Intelligence and Cognitive Architectures**

A wave-based or synchronization-centric approach may inform new AI architectures that, like the brain, refine partial outputs through iterative mismatch reduction—leading to robust, self-correcting multi-agent systems.

- **Unified Physics and Biology**

By portraying emergent order (from chemical reactions to neural firing) as repeated difference-exchange, we move closer to a universal computational framework that applies across scales and domains.

Conclusion

Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics provides a cohesive lens for understanding how local, wave-like interactions yield global equilibrium. By focusing on *difference exchange* rather than purely statistical arguments, it demystifies the core mechanisms behind increasing entropy, neural synchronization, and potentially gravitational effects. These insights bridge traditional thermodynamic thought, modern dynamical-systems theory (e.g., Kuramoto oscillators), and novel quantum–gravity speculations in a single conceptual framework. In doing so, it invites experimental validation and cross-disciplinary collaboration, setting a stage where physics, neuroscience, and cosmology might converge on a shared wave-based model of emergent order.

A Appendix A: On the Notion of Computational Irreducibility and Its Relevance to “Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics

In the main text of this paper, “Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics,” we propose a unifying principle whereby **local wave-based “difference exchanges”** drive systems toward equilibrium or synchronization. This perspective emphasizes that each local interaction—be it a collision between gas molecules, an exchange of phase in neural oscillators, or an event in quantum–gravitational systems—can be viewed as a small “computational” step that reduces local mismatches.

Stephen Wolfram’s notion of *computational irreducibility* enters this conversation as a well-known concept in complex systems theory. In Wolfram’s view, many dynamical systems—especially those capable of universal computation—require step-by-step simulation to predict their long-term behavior. If so, there is *no* closed-form shortcut for “jumping ahead” to the future state of the system without actually emulating the entire trajectory.

However, in our framework we suggest that there may be a *hidden structure*—an invariant or attractor—that renders the *global* outcome **computationally reducible**. This appendix weaves together:

1. The concept of computational irreducibility (why many systems might require full simulation).
2. How a *hidden invariant* (e.g., average energy, average phase) can provide a shortcut to the final state—even if the microdynamics appear complex.
3. Mathematical models (discrete and continuous) illustrating that *difference-dissipating* local updates converge to unique equilibria.

A.1 Computational Irreducibility: A Brief Overview

A.1.1 Definition

Computational irreducibility posits that for certain systems—even those with simple local update rules—there is no “fast” computational shortcut to find the state of the system after many steps. One must effectively “run the computation” for each intermediate stage.

A.1.2 Underlying Motivation

- **Universality:** Some cellular automata (e.g., Wolfram’s Rule 110) are Turing-complete, meaning they can encode arbitrary computations (including undecidable problems).
- **Emergent Complexity:** Simple local rules can lead to global patterns so intricate that attempts at finding a direct formula for the long-term state have failed.

A.1.3 Implications for Science

If a system truly exhibits irreducible complexity, one cannot bypass the details of microscopic evolution—thus, large-scale modeling may prove intractable unless one resorts to approximations or heuristics.

A.2 Hidden Structure and “Micah’s New Law”

Despite the arguments for irreducibility, *Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics* emphasizes that in many physical (and perhaps biological, neural, or quantum) systems, a conserved or contractive property often renders the final outcome predictable. We call this phenomenon *computational reducibility* of the *global* behavior, even if intermediate states remain complex.

A.2.1 Local Difference Exchange

Each local interaction (collision, phase adjustment, “wave-based difference exchange”) conserves a global quantity—commonly energy, phase, or probability density. Over time, these interactions serve to *dissipate differences*, meaning any local mismatch (like temperature gradients or phase offsets) diminishes.

A.2.2 Global Invariants and Attractors

- In thermodynamics, the total energy of an isolated system remains constant, while local fluctuations (e.g., hotter vs. cooler regions) relax toward uniformity.
- In oscillator networks (e.g., Kuramoto-type models), the *average* phase or frequency can remain fixed, while local coupling drives global synchronization.

A.2.3 Reducibility

- **Key Point:** Even if the transient microdynamics look chaotic, *all* such trajectories may converge on a *unique attractor* determined by a global invariant. Hence, one can often predict the equilibrium (e.g., uniform temperature, synchronized phase) without simulating every step.
- This hidden structure is what we call a *computational shortcut*: knowing the invariant (such as the mean) tells us the final state.

A.3 Mathematical Formalization

Below, we outline two related but distinct formalisms showing how a system of locally interacting components can converge to a uniform final state, governed by an invariant average. These formalisms illustrate that while each micro-step might be thought of as “irreducible” in the moment-to-moment details, the *end-state* is directly determined by a global property.

A.3.1 Discrete-Time Pairwise Exchange

Setup

Consider N components, each with a property $Q_i(t)$. At each small time step δt , a pair (i, j) interacts according to:

$$\begin{aligned}Q_i(t + \delta t) &= Q_i(t) - \alpha (Q_i(t) - Q_j(t)), \\Q_j(t + \delta t) &= Q_j(t) + \alpha (Q_i(t) - Q_j(t)),\end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Conservation

Each interaction preserves the sum:

$$Q_i(t + \delta t) + Q_j(t + \delta t) = Q_i(t) + Q_j(t).$$

Consequently, the *total*

$$Q_{\text{total}} = \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k(t)$$

is an invariant. The *average*

$$\bar{Q} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N Q_k(0)$$

remains the same throughout the process.

Difference Dissipation

Each interaction reduces the absolute difference $|Q_i - Q_j|$. Repeated across all pairs (or in a connected network), these differences shrink until

$$Q_i(t) \rightarrow Q_{\text{final}} \quad \text{for all } i.$$

By conservation,

$$Q_{\text{final}} = \bar{Q}.$$

Matrix Interpretation

If each time step is viewed as a linear transformation on the vector $\mathbf{Q}(t)$, the update can be written as:

$$\mathbf{Q}(t + \delta t) = M \mathbf{Q}(t),$$

where M is a *doubly stochastic* matrix (all entries are nonnegative and each row and column sums to 1). Repeated multiplication by M converges to a uniform vector proportional to

$$(1, 1, \dots, 1)^\top.$$

Thus, the equilibrium is given by the initial average:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Q_i(t) = \bar{Q}, \quad \text{for all } i.$$

A.3.2 Continuous-Time Dissipative Network

Setup

Let each component $Q_i(t)$ evolve under interactions with its neighbors:

$$\frac{dQ_i}{dt} = \sum_{j \in N(i)} A_{ij} [Q_j(t) - Q_i(t)],$$

where $A_{ij} > 0$ if i and j interact, and $N(i)$ is the set of neighbors of i .

Conservation and Convergence

- The matrix A is such that the row sums vanish (or otherwise maintain the constant average), so that

$$\sum_i \frac{dQ_i}{dt} = 0.$$

- A suitable Lyapunov function is:

$$V(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (Q_i(t) - Q_j(t))^2.$$

Its derivative satisfies

$$\frac{dV}{dt} \leq 0.$$

Equilibrium

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, the system converges to a state where $Q_i(t) \approx Q_j(t)$ for all i, j . By conservation of the average,

$$Q_i(\infty) = \bar{Q}, \quad \text{for all } i.$$

Interpretation

This result shows that although the system undergoes continuous local updates (each of which might be complex), the macroscopic outcome is completely determined by the invariant \bar{Q} . Thus, the final state is *computationally reducible*.

A.4 Discussion: From Local Irreducibility to Global Reducibility

- **Local Complexity vs. Global Predictability:** If we track every instantaneous detail of local collisions or phase exchanges, the system may appear computationally irreducible. However, once we identify a conserved quantity and demonstrate that local interactions dissipate differences, we see that all micro-trajectories lead to the same macroscopic final state.
- **Hidden Invariant as a Shortcut:** The invariant (e.g., the mean) provides a *computational shortcut* to predict the equilibrium state without simulating every intermediate step.
- **Broader Implications:**
 - *Thermodynamics:* A gas reaches uniform temperature without the need to simulate every collision.
 - *Neural Synchronization:* Networks of oscillators converge to synchronized states under appropriate connectivity and coupling conditions.

- *Quantum and Gravitational Systems*: Even in complex settings, if local difference exchanges are contractive and a global constraint is conserved, the final large-scale behavior can be predicted from that invariant.
- **Caveats**: While the final equilibrium is predictable, the transient behavior may remain complex and computationally irreducible.

A.5 Conclusion

In summary, *Micah’s New Law of Thermodynamics* posits that equilibrium or synchronization arises from local wave-based difference exchanges. Although the microdynamics might appear computationally irreducible (i.e., requiring step-by-step simulation), the *global* outcome is computationally reducible once a conserved invariant is identified. This invariant (typically the average) uniquely determines the final state, allowing us to bypass the need for full-scale simulation for long-term predictions.

By recognizing that each “collision” or “synaptic event” is a *local computational step*, we open a new horizon where physics, biology, and even cosmology can be re-examined under a unifying principle of **wave-based signal dissipation**.

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