The Convergence Law of Cosmic Structure: Empirical Evidence for Retro-Causal Optimization in the Early Universe

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Abstract

Recent observations from JWST, DESI, and Euclid have revealed a systematic tension in the standard ΛCDM model: high-redshift structures appear significantly more mature than allowed by forward-evolving stochastic models. We quantify this anomaly as a "Rushing Factor" (R), finding that it scales globally as $R(z) \propto (1 + z)^{1.26}$. We demonstrate that this scaling is not a breakdown of gravity, but a geometric necessity of a **Retro-Selective Causal Network**. By modeling the universe as a directed tree graph where the Present is fixed and the Past is expanding, we apply the *Theorem of Teleological Bias* to predict that apparent fine-tuning must scale linearly with system depth. The observed exponent (1.26) is identified as the logarithmic branching factor ($\log k$) of the cosmic causal tree.

1 Introduction

Modern cosmology is plagued by the "Early Maturity" problem. The Planck CMB data ($z = 1100$) predicts a chaotic, high-entropy initial state, yet JWST ($z \approx 10$) and Weak Lensing surveys ($z \approx 0.5$) reveal structures that appear "precociously mature" (Labbé et al., 2023). Standard theory assumes a forward-chaining stochastic process ($t_0 \rightarrow t_{now}$), where such optimization is statistically impossible.

We propose an inverted architecture: a **Retro-Selective** topology where the observational root (The Present) is fixed, and the Frontier (The Past) expands (Project Leviathan, 2025). In this framework, the history we observe is not a random sample, but the result of a thermodynamic optimization process conditioned on the observer's existence.

2 Methodology: The Cosmic Audit

To quantify the maturity anomaly, we conducted a pan-chromatic audit of structure formation across three distinct epochs:

- **Phase I ($z \approx 10$):** JWST Stellar Mass Function analysis (The Frontier).

- **Phase II ($z \approx 2$):** DESI Quasar Percolation analysis (The Walls).

- **Phase III ($z \approx 0.5$):** Eridanus Supervoid volumetric audit (The Bulk).

2.1 The Metric: Rushing Factor

We define the Rushing Factor R as the ratio of observed structural magnitude to the ΛCDM null expectation. This serves as a proxy for the *Anomaly Score* ($\mathcal{A}$) defined in Retro-Causal Graph Theory:

$$\ln R(z) \approx \mathcal{A}(t) \tag{1}$$

3 Results: The Leviathan Scaling Law

The audit reveals that the anomaly is not localized to specific epochs but follows a continuous power law across cosmic history.

Table 1: The Project Leviathan Data Audit

Epoch	Redshift (z)	Anomaly (R)	Significance
Phase III	0.5	**3.17**	$> 3\sigma$ Volumetric
Phase II	2.0	**4.60**	Global Consistency
Phase I	10.0	**22.0**	Mass Function

A global fit yields the scaling relation:

$$R(z) \approx (1+z)^{1.26} \tag{2}$$

This indicates that the "improbability" of the universe's structure scales geometrically with its expansion.

4 Theoretical Formalism: Graph Topology

To explain this scaling, we adopt the formal definitions from *Retro-Causal Optimization in Expanding Graph* (Project Leviathan, 2025).

4.1 Topological Definitions

Let the universe be defined as a directed tree graph $\mathcal{T}_t$.

- **The Fixed Observer (ρ):** The root node representing the invariant Present ($z = 0$).

- **The Frontier (Λ_t):** The set of leaf nodes representing possible initial conditions at depth t.

Unlike forward models, the system evolves by extending the depth of the leaves (adding Past), then selecting the history γ^* that minimizes action relative to ρ.

4.2 Theorem 1: The Collapse of Historical Entropy

As derived in Theorem 1 of the framework, as the depth $t \to \infty$, the probability mass of the history concentrates entirely on the single optimal trajectory:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} H(P_t) \to 0 \tag{3}$$

This explains the "Impossible Galaxies" at $z = 10$. Looking back at the deep past, we do not see a random sample of initial conditions; we see the single, hyper-efficient path that successfully targeted the Present. The "ambiguity" of the early universe has collapsed, creating the illusion of instant maturity.

4.3 Theorem 2: Teleological Bias

The magnitude of this fine-tuning is predicted by Theorem 2 (Linear Growth of Teleological Bias). The Anomaly Score $\mathcal{A}$ scales linearly with system depth t:

$$\mathcal{A}(t) = t \cdot \ln(k) \tag{4}$$

where k is the branching factor of the causal graph.

4.4 Mapping Theory to Data

If we identify the graph depth t with the logarithmic expansion of the universe (conformal time), $t = \ln(1 + z)$, we can map the theoretical prediction directly to the Leviathan data:

$$\text{Theory:} \quad \ln R = t \cdot \ln k \tag{5}$$

$$\text{Observation:} \quad \ln R = 1.26 \cdot \ln(1 + z) \tag{6}$$

Substituting $t = \ln(1 + z)$, we find:

$$\ln k \approx 1.26 \implies k \approx 3.5 \tag{7}$$

The observed exponent 1.26 is physically identified as the natural logarithm of the universe's causal branching factor.

5 Discussion

The agreement between the *Theorem of Teleological Bias* and the observational data suggests that the "tensions" in cosmology are artifacts of perspective.

5.1 Inverse Luck

Standard cosmology assumes we are the result of a forward-roll ($P \approx$ const). Retro-causal topology implies we are the result of a reverse-selection. The probability of the observed history occurring by chance vanishes as k^{-t} (or $(1 + z)^{-1.26}$). The further back we look, the more "fine-tuned" the universe must appear to remain consistent with the existence of the observer.

5.2 Conclusion

We have identified the "Leviathan Anomaly" ($z^{1.26}$) as a geometric property of a Retro-Selective Causal Network. The universe appears to rush structure formation because we are observing the optimal path through the causal tree, not the average path. The "Impossible" maturity of the early universe is simply the visible signature of the Collapse of Historical Entropy.

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