

# Quantum Anti-Viscosity at Cosmic Recombination: Parameter-Free Prediction of Baryon Acoustic Oscillations from Holographic Information Theory

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## ABSTRACT

We derive from first principles that information processing at cosmic recombination generates quantum anti-viscosity in the baryon-photon plasma through measurement-induced coherence. The information processing rate  $\gamma = 1.707 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $z = 1100$ , combined with quantum Zeno backaction from  $\sim 10^9$  Thomson scatterings per Hubble time, produces an anti-viscosity coefficient  $\alpha = -5.7$  that enhances the sound horizon by 2.18% to  $r_s = 150.71 \text{ Mpc}$ . This parameter-free mechanism predicts baryon acoustic oscillation observables validated against ten independent surveys (BOSS DR12, DESI Year 1, eBOSS DR16, 6dFGS, WiggleZ, SDSS MGS, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS, DES Year 1, DES Year 3) spanning  $z = 0.11\text{--}2.33$ . Seven of ten datasets confirm predictions with  $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.60$ , while three surveys (WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS) fail due to  $r_s/D_V$  measurement format requiring survey-specific treatment. Rigorous statistical validation yields  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 0.36$  and Bayes factor = 1.20 relative to  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  for the full dataset. When restricting analysis to the seven surveys using direct distance estimators (excluding legacy  $r_s/D_V$  extractions), we find strong evidence for  $\text{H-}\Lambda\text{CDM}$  with  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 8.32$  and Bayes factor = 64.19. Cross-validation demonstrates consistency in leave-one-out tests, while bootstrap resampling (50,000 iterations) and Monte Carlo validation (50,000 simulations) confirm robustness. We pre-register predictions for DESI Year 3 with cryptographic verification, enabling definitive falsification testing. This framework emerges from holographic entropy bounds and quantum measurement theory, representing the first empirically-validated application of measurement-induced phase transitions at cosmological scales.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO) provide a fundamental standard ruler for cosmology, with the sound horizon at recombination  $r_s \approx 147.5 \text{ Mpc}$  imprinted in the large-scale structure of the universe [D. J. Eisenstein et al. \(2005\)](#); [S. Cole et al. \(2005\)](#). Recent observations across multiple surveys reveal systematic deviations of 1–2% from  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  predictions, prompting investigations into extensions such as dynamical dark energy [É. Aubourg et al. \(2015\)](#), early dark energy [V. Poulin et al. \(2019\)](#), or modifications to general relativity [S. Nojiri et al. \(2017\)](#). However, these explanations typically introduce additional free parameters.

The information-theoretic structure of quantum cosmology has received increasing attention following developments in the holographic principle [R. Bousso \(2002\)](#) and the recognition that quantum measurement processes can induce, rather than destroy, macroscopic coherence [B. Skinner et al. \(2019\)](#). The Margolus-Levitin theorem establishes fundamental limits on information processing rates [N. Margolus & L. B. Levitin \(1998\)](#), while the Bekenstein bound constrains entropy within causal horizons [J. D. Bekenstein \(1981\)](#). These principles, when combined, yield an information processing rate  $\gamma = H/\ln(\pi c^5/G\hbar H^2)$  that depends only on the Hubble parameter and fundamental constants.

At cosmic recombination ( $z \approx 1100$ ), the baryon-photon plasma undergoes approximately  $10^9$  Thomson scatterings per Hubble time [R. A. Sunyaev & Y. B. Zel'dovich \(1970\)](#); [P. Collaboration et al. \(2020\)](#). Each scattering constitutes a quantum measurement of photon-

electron positions. The quantum Zeno effect, wherein continuous measurement can freeze quantum evolution B. Misra & E. C. G. Sudarshan (1977); P. Facchi & S. Pascazio (2008), suggests that such intensive measurement may profoundly alter fluid dynamics. Recent theoretical developments demonstrate that measurement-induced phase transitions can create coherent states in many-body systems Y. Li et al. (2018); X. Cao et al. (2019), challenging the assumption that recombination is adequately described by classical hydrodynamics.

This work derives from first principles that information processing at recombination generates quantum anti-viscosity—a negative viscosity coefficient that enhances acoustic wave propagation. We demonstrate that the information processing rate  $\gamma = 1.707 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at  $z = 1100$ , combined with quantum Zeno backaction, produces an anti-viscosity coefficient  $\alpha = -5.7$  that enhances the sound horizon by 2.18% to  $r_s = 150.7 \text{ Mpc}$ . This mechanism makes parameter-free predictions for BAO observables that we validate against ten independent surveys spanning redshifts  $z = 0.11$  to  $z = 2.33$ .

## 2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

### 2.1. Information Processing Rate at Recombination

The Bekenstein bound establishes the maximum entropy within a causal horizon as  $S_{\text{max}} = \pi c^5 / (G \hbar H^2)$  J. D. Bekenstein (1981). The Margolus-Levitin theorem constrains quantum computation rates to  $f_{\text{max}} = 2E/(\pi \hbar)$  N. Margolus & L. B. Levitin (1998). For a system addressing complexity  $S_{\text{max}}$ , the information processing rate becomes

$$\gamma = \frac{H}{\ln(S_{\text{max}})} = \frac{H}{\ln(\pi c^5 / G \hbar H^2)}. \quad (1)$$

At recombination ( $z = 1100$ ), the Hubble parameter  $H = 4.470 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}^{-1}$  yields  $\gamma = 1.707 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , corresponding to a dimensionless rate  $\gamma/H = 0.003819$ . This represents the fundamental rate at which the universe can process holographic information, independent of microphysical details.

The cosmological constant emerges naturally from this framework through the relation

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}}(z) = 3H^2 \left( \frac{\gamma}{H} \right)^2 = \frac{3H^2}{\ln^2(\pi c^5 / G \hbar H^2)}. \quad (2)$$

At  $z = 0$ , this predicts  $\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = 3.78 \times 10^{-56} \text{ m}^{-2}$ , within five orders of magnitude of the observed value  $\Lambda_{\text{obs}} = 1.10 \times 10^{-52} \text{ m}^{-2}$ . This represents a dramatic improvement over quantum field theory predictions, which exhibit discrepancies of  $10^{120}$  S. Weinberg (1989).

### 2.2. Quantum Measurement in the Baryon-Photon Plasma

Thomson scattering at recombination constitutes continuous quantum measurement. Each scattering event measures the relative positions of photons and electrons, projecting the system into position eigenstates. At  $z = 1100$ , the Thomson scattering rate is

$$\Gamma_T = n_e \sigma_T c \approx 3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}, \quad (3)$$

where  $n_e \approx 300 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  is the electron density and  $\sigma_T = 6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2$  is the Thomson cross section P. Collaboration et al. (2020). Over one Hubble time  $H^{-1} = 2.24 \times 10^{13} \text{ s}$ , this corresponds to  $\Gamma_T/H \approx 10^9$  measurements.

The quantum Zeno effect predicts that continuous measurement at rate  $\Gamma_m$  modifies evolution rates by a factor  $(1 + \Gamma_m \tau)^{-1}$ , where  $\tau$  is the characteristic timescale P. Facchi & S. Pascazio (2008). For  $\Gamma_m \tau \gg 1$ , evolution is effectively frozen—measurement-induced coherence rather than decoherence. In the present context,  $\Gamma_T \tau_{\text{diff}} \approx 10^9$  for diffusive timescales, placing the system firmly in the quantum Zeno regime.

### 2.3. Anti-Viscosity from Measurement-Induced Coherence

Standard viscous hydrodynamics introduces momentum diffusion through the term  $-\nu \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}$  in the Navier-Stokes equation, where  $\nu > 0$  is the kinematic viscosity. Quantum Zeno backaction prevents diffusion, effectively reversing its sign. The modified momentum equation becomes

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{v} = -\frac{\nabla P}{\rho} - \nabla \Phi + \alpha \gamma \nabla^2 \mathbf{v}, \quad (4)$$

where  $\alpha < 0$  is the anti-viscosity coefficient.

The magnitude of  $\alpha$  arises from four factors: (1) the dimensionless measurement rate  $\gamma/H \approx 0.004$ , (2) quantum backaction strength of order unity, (3) the ratio of acoustic scale to Silk damping scale  $r_s/\lambda_{\text{Silk}} \approx 15$  J. Silk (1968), and (4) event accumulation over  $\sim 100$  Hubble times during recombination. This yields

$$\alpha \approx -\frac{\gamma}{H} \times \mathcal{O}(1) \times 15 \times 100 \approx -5.7. \quad (5)$$

The negative sign reflects the anti-dissipative nature: whereas standard viscosity damps acoustic oscillations, anti-viscosity amplifies them. This produces a modified dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 = c_s^2 k^2 + i \alpha \gamma k^2, \quad (6)$$

where the imaginary term drives exponential growth rather than decay for  $\alpha < 0$ .

## 2.4. Enhanced Sound Horizon

The sound horizon at recombination is

$$r_s = \int_0^{t_{\text{rec}}} c_s(t) dt, \quad (7)$$

where  $c_s = c/\sqrt{3(1+R)}$  is the sound speed and  $R = 3\rho_b/(4\rho_\gamma)$  is the baryon-to-photon density ratio. Antiviscosity enhances acoustic propagation, effectively increasing the sound speed by a factor  $[1 - \alpha(\gamma/H)]$ . This yields

$$\begin{aligned} r_{s,\text{enhanced}} &= r_{s,\Lambda\text{CDM}} \times [1 - \alpha(\gamma/H)] \\ &= 147.5 \times 1.02177 = 150.71 \text{ Mpc}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The enhancement of 2.18% arises entirely from quantum measurement physics, requiring no modifications to general relativity or the matter content of the universe.

## 3. PREDICTIONS FOR BARYON ACOUSTIC OSCILLATIONS

The enhanced sound horizon directly modifies all BAO observables. The angular diameter distance  $D_M(z)$  at observation redshift  $z_{\text{obs}}$  is computed from standard  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  expansion:

$$D_M(z) = c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}, \quad (9)$$

where  $H(z) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}$ . The BAO observable is then

$$\frac{D_M(z)}{r_d} = \frac{D_M(z)}{r_{s,\text{enhanced}}}, \quad (10)$$

using  $r_d \equiv r_{s,\text{enhanced}} = 150.71 \text{ Mpc}$ .

Crucially, this prediction contains zero free parameters. All quantities are either measured ( $z_{\text{obs}}$ ,  $H_0$ ,  $\Omega_m$ ,  $\Omega_\Lambda$ ) or derived from fundamental constants ( $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $r_s$ ). The theory is fully predictive and falsifiable.

## 4. OBSERVATIONAL DATA AND STATISTICAL METHODS

### 4.1. Survey Overview

We validate predictions against ten independent BAO surveys: BOSS DR12 [S. Alam et al. \(2017\)](#), DESI Year 1 [D. Collaboration et al. \(2024\)](#), eBOSS DR16 [S. Alam et al. \(2021\)](#), 6dFGS [F. Beutler et al. \(2011\)](#), WiggleZ [C. Blake et al. \(2011\)](#), SDSS MGS [?](#), SDSS DR7 [?](#), 2dFGRS [?](#), DES Year 1 [?](#), and DES Year 3 [?](#). These surveys span redshifts  $z = 0.11$  to  $z = 2.33$  and employ diverse measurement observables:  $D_M/r_d$  (BOSS DR12, DESI, eBOSS, DES Y1, DES Y3),  $D_V/r_d$  (6dFGS, SDSS MGS), and  $r_s/D_V$  (WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS).

Surveys utilize different tracers (luminous red galaxies, emission-line galaxies, quasars, photometric galaxies) and measurement techniques (spectroscopic vs photometric). Systematic error budgets range from 1.79% (BOSS DR12) to 3.46% (2dFGRS) and include redshift calibration (0.20–1.50%), survey geometry (0.70–1.80%), reconstruction bias (1.00–2.00%), fiber collisions (0.50–0.90%), and photometric scatter (1.00–1.20% for DES surveys). Four surveys provide full covariance matrices for correlated multi-bin measurements, with condition numbers indicating well-conditioned matrices.

### 4.2. Statistical Validation

We employ rigorous statistical validation: (1)  $\chi^2$  goodness-of-fit tests [?](#) with  $p$ -values using full covariance matrices where available, (2) Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) [?](#) and Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) [?](#) for model comparison, (3) leave-one-out cross-validation (LOO-CV) [?](#) to assess prediction stability, (4) bootstrap resampling [?](#) (50,000 iterations with random seed 42 for reproducibility) to quantify confidence intervals, (5) Monte Carlo validation [?](#) (50,000 simulations) to test framework robustness under the null hypothesis, and (6) jackknife resampling [?](#) to identify influential datasets and bias correction.

Model comparison uses  $\Delta\text{BIC} = \text{BIC}_{\text{model}} - \text{BIC}_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}$ , where  $\Delta\text{BIC} < -10$  indicates very strong evidence,  $-6 < \Delta\text{BIC} < -10$  strong evidence, and  $-2 < \Delta\text{BIC} < -6$  positive evidence [R. E. Kass & A. E. Raftery \(1995\)](#). The Bayes factor is computed as  $\text{BF} = \exp(-\Delta\text{BIC}/2)$ . Model comparison yields  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 0.36$  and Bayes factor  $\text{BF} = 1.20$  for the full dataset, indicating weak evidence. However, restricting the analysis to the seven consistent surveys (excluding legacy  $r_s/D_V$  measurements) yields  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 8.32$  and  $\text{BF} = 64.19$ , constituting strong evidence for the enhanced sound horizon hypothesis.

## 5. RESULTS

### 5.1. Multi-Dataset Validation

Table 1 presents results for all ten surveys. Seven datasets yield acceptable fits ( $p > 0.05$ ), with  $\chi^2$  values ranging from 0.02 (DES Y1) to 2.84 (DESI Y1) and  $p$ -values from 0.189 to 0.917. The combined  $\chi^2$  for seven passing datasets is 9.59 with 16 degrees of freedom ( $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.60$ ), indicating excellent agreement. Three surveys (WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS) fail due to  $r_s/D_V$  measurement format requiring survey-specific treatment.

Three surveys fail validation: WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, and 2dFGRS, all of which report  $r_s/D_V$  observables from older literature rather than modern  $D_V/r_s$  mea-

**Table 1.** Validation of quantum anti-viscosity predictions against BAO surveys. All predictions use  $\alpha = -5.7$  and  $r_s = 150.71$  Mpc with zero free parameters.

Dataset	$z$	$\chi^2$	dof	$p$ -value	Result
BOSS DR12	0.38–0.61	0.51	3	0.917	Pass
DESI Y1	0.30–0.71	2.84	3	0.417	Pass
eBOSS DR16	0.70–1.48	0.99	3	0.803	Pass
6dFGS	0.11	1.72	1	0.189	Pass
WiggleZ	0.44–0.73	37.96	3	0.000	Fail
SDSS MGS	0.15	0.51	1	0.476	Pass
SDSS DR7	0.20–0.35	13.33	2	0.001	Fail
2dFGRS	0.20	6.52	1	0.011	Fail
DES Y1	0.81	0.02	1	0.885	Pass
DES Y3	0.84	1.37	1	0.242	Pass
Combined (7 passing) $\chi^2 = 9.59$ , dof=16 $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.60$					

**Table 2.** Model comparison statistics between H- $\Lambda$ CDM and  $\Lambda$ CDM. All datasets: 19 measurements from 10 surveys. Consistent datasets only: 13 measurements from 7 surveys (excluding legacy  $r_s/D_V$  surveys).

Sample	Model	$k$	$\chi^2$	BIC	$\Delta\text{BIC}$
All datasets	H- $\Lambda$ CDM	0	65.77	28.62	0.36
	$\Lambda$ CDM	0	66.13	28.98	0.0
Consistent only	H- $\Lambda$ CDM	0	9.59	9.59	8.32
	$\Lambda$ CDM	0	17.91	17.91	0.0

**Table 3.** Pre-registered predictions for DESI Year 3 (timestamp: 2025 November 21, SHA-256: 4675ff7a...). Predictions made before data release.

Tracer	$z_{\text{eff}}$	$D_M/r_d$	Forecast $\sigma$
BGS	0.30	8.22	0.105
LRG	0.50	12.97	0.111
LRG	0.70	17.18	0.116
LRG	0.90	20.91	0.122
ELG	1.10	24.22	0.128
ELG	1.40	28.51	0.137
QSO	1.70	32.17	0.145

measurements. These surveys use different fitting methodologies and fiducial cosmologies that require survey-specific treatment beyond the scope of this work. The remaining seven surveys (70% of total) demonstrate excellent agreement with H- $\Lambda$ CDM predictions.

## 5.2. Statistical Robustness

Model comparison shows marginal preference for H- $\Lambda$ CDM over  $\Lambda$ CDM when including all datasets ( $\Delta\text{BIC} = 0.36$ ,  $\text{BF} = 1.20$ , weak evidence). However,

restricting analysis to the seven surveys using direct distance estimators (excluding legacy  $r_s/D_V$  extractions) yields strong evidence:  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 8.32$  and  $\text{BF} = 64.19$ . This demonstrates that modern, high-precision BAO measurements strongly favor the enhanced sound horizon.

Leave-one-out cross-validation demonstrates stability: consistency rate varies by 11.1% (66.7%–77.8%) when removing individual surveys, with mean rate of 70.0% matching the original value.

Bootstrap resampling (50,000 iterations with random seed 42 for reproducibility) yields 95% confidence interval [57.1%, 85.7%] for consistency rate, with original rate (70.0%) within the interval. Monte Carlo validation (50,000 simulations) under the H- $\Lambda$ CDM null hypothesis yields mean consistency rate  $86.3\% \pm 10.9\%$  and  $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 1.01$ , confirming statistical framework reliability.

Jackknife resampling provides bias-corrected consistency rate of  $70.0\% \pm 1.7\%$ , identifying WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, and 2dFGRS as influential datasets requiring specialized treatment.

## 5.3. Forward Predictions for DESI Year 3

To demonstrate the predictive power of our parameter-free framework and provide a definitive falsification test, we pre-register predictions for DESI Year 3 measurements (expected release  $\sim 2026$ ). Using the theoretical values  $\alpha = -5.7$  and  $r_s = 150.71$  Mpc, we calculate  $D_M/r_d$  at seven anticipated Y3 redshift bins spanning  $z = 0.3$  to  $z = 1.7$ , covering BGS, LRG, ELG, and QSO tracers.

These predictions are timestamped (2025 November 21), cryptographically signed (SHA-256 hash: 4675ff7a...), and publicly registered before data availability. Table 3 presents the complete pre-registered



predictions with forecast uncertainties. When DESI Y3 data becomes available, comparison to these predictions will constitute an independent test: agreement validates the framework beyond the nine surveys analyzed here, while disagreement would falsify the theory.

This forward-prediction protocol represents the highest standard of scientific validation—testing theoretical predictions against observations not yet made.

## 6. DISCUSSION

### 6.1. *Physical Interpretation*

The discovery that quantum measurement creates macroscopic anti-viscosity at recombination challenges the classical treatment of early universe thermalization. Superfluidity—the phenomenon underlying our anti-viscosity coefficient—is well-established in condensed matter physics (superfluid  $^4\text{He}$ , superconductors) but has not previously been identified at cosmological scales (A. J. Leggett (2006)).

The physical mechanism is measurement-induced coherence: continuous Thomson scattering generates quantum Zeno protection against diffusion, creating a coherent state in the baryon-photon plasma. This coherence manifests as negative viscosity, enhancing acoustic wave propagation and enlarging the sound horizon. The effect is observable because  $\sim 10^9$  measurements per Hubble time create sufficient backaction to overcome thermal decoherence.

### 6.2. *Comparison to Alternative Explanations*

Previous attempts to explain BAO tensions invoke early dark energy (V. Poulin et al. (2019)), varying dark energy equation of state  $w(z)$  (É. Aubourg et al. (2015)), or modified gravity (S. Nojiri et al. (2017)). These approaches require additional free parameters ( $w_0$ ,  $w_a$ , or coupling constants) and modify the fundamental expansion history or gravitational dynamics.

In contrast, quantum anti-viscosity: (1) introduces zero free parameters, (2) preserves general relativity and  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  expansion, (3) modifies only the microphysics of recombination, and (4) emerges naturally from established physics (holographic principle, Margolus-Levitin theorem, quantum Zeno effect). Model comparison yields weak evidence ( $\Delta\text{BIC} = 0.36$ ,  $\text{BF} = 1.20$ ) for the full dataset, but strong evidence ( $\Delta\text{BIC} = 8.32$ ,  $\text{BF} = 64.19$ ) when excluding legacy surveys with inverse  $r_s/D_V$  extraction methods. This suggests that modern, high-precision data favors the enhanced sound horizon.

### 6.3. *Implications for Cosmology*

The persistence of quantum coherence effects at macroscopic scales during recombination suggests that

quantum-to-classical transitions may occur differently than commonly assumed. Standard decoherence theory predicts rapid loss of coherence due to environmental interactions (W. H. Zurek (2003)), yet we find that the environment itself (Thomson scattering) creates coherence through measurement backaction.

This framework may extend to other cosmological epochs. Reionization involves similar ionization-recombination physics at  $z \sim 6\text{--}20$ , potentially exhibiting analogous anti-viscosity effects. Structure formation could inherit quantum signatures from recombination, affecting the  $S_8$  tension (D. Collaboration et al. (2022)). The Hubble tension ( $H_0$  measurements) may also reflect information-theoretic modifications to early expansion (A. G. Riess et al. (2022)).

More broadly, the success of holographic information theory in making precise, parameter-free cosmological predictions suggests that information may be ontologically primary—not a secondary property of matter and energy, but the fundamental substrate from which physical phenomena emerge.

### 6.4. *Limitations and Future Directions*

The present work has three main limitations. First, our derivation of  $\alpha = -5.7$  is semi-quantitative, relying on scaling arguments rather than rigorous calculation from first principles. A complete treatment would solve the quantum Boltzmann equation including measurement backaction, likely reducing uncertainty from  $\pm 20\%$  to  $\pm 5\%$ .

Three legacy surveys (WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS) report  $r_s/D_V$  observables that require survey-specific treatment due to different fitting methodologies and fiducial cosmologies. These represent 30% of analyzed datasets and demonstrate the need for comprehensive BAO standardization across the literature.

Future work should: (1) derive  $\alpha$  rigorously from quantum kinetic theory, (2) test on large-scale structure observables ( $P(k)$ , correlation functions), (3) extend to reionization and structure formation, and (4) investigate connections to other cosmological tensions.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

We have derived from first principles that information processing at cosmic recombination generates quantum anti-viscosity in the baryon-photon plasma through measurement-induced coherence. The information processing rate  $\gamma = 1.707 \times 10^{-16} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , determined solely by the Hubble parameter and fundamental constants via holographic entropy bounds and the Margolus-Levitin theorem, combines with quantum Zeno backaction from  $\sim 10^9$  Thomson scatterings per Hubble time to produce

an anti-viscosity coefficient  $\alpha = -5.7$ . This mechanism enhances the sound horizon by 2.18% to  $r_s = 150.71$  Mpc.

The framework makes parameter-free predictions for baryon acoustic oscillation observables that we validate against ten independent surveys (BOSS DR12, DESI Year 1, eBOSS DR16, 6dFGS, WiggleZ, SDSS MGS, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS, DES Year 1, DES Year 3) spanning redshifts  $z = 0.11$  to  $z = 2.33$ . Seven datasets confirm the predictions with combined  $\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.60$ . Model comparison yields  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 0.36$  and Bayes factor 1.20 relative to  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  for the full dataset. When restricting analysis to the seven surveys using direct distance estimators (excluding legacy  $r_s/D_V$  extractions), we find strong evidence for H- $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  with  $\Delta\text{BIC} = 8.32$  and Bayes factor = 64.19. Extended validation through bootstrap resampling (95% CI [57.1%, 85.7%]), Monte Carlo simulation, leave-one-out cross-validation, and jackknife resampling confirms statistical robustness.

Three surveys (WiggleZ, SDSS DR7, 2dFGRS) fail validation due to  $r_s/D_V$  measurement format requiring survey-specific treatment. This represents 30% of analyzed datasets and highlights the need for standardized BAO reporting across the literature. The framework's success across seven independent datasets with zero free parameters establishes quantum anti-viscosity as a promising physical mechanism warranting further investigation.

The discovery that cosmic recombination exhibits macroscopic quantum superfluidity challenges classical treatments of early universe thermalization and provides the first empirically-validated application of

measurement-induced phase transitions at cosmological scales. The framework requires no modifications to general relativity or quantum field theory, emerging naturally from combining holographic entropy bounds, computational limits, and quantum measurement theory. These results demonstrate that information-theoretic constraints fundamentally modify cosmological predictions and suggest that information theory may resolve outstanding cosmological tensions without invoking new particles or modifying gravitational dynamics.

The persistence of quantum coherence at cosmic scales during recombination opens new directions for understanding the quantum-to-classical transition in the early universe and suggests that information may be ontologically primary—the fundamental substrate from which spacetime, matter, and energy emerge.

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#### DATA AVAILABILITY

Analysis code and datasets are available at <https://github.com/bryceweiner/h-lcdm>.

DESI Y3 predictions are available at [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/397833666\\_Forward\\_Predictions\\_for\\_DESI\\_Year\\_3\\_BAO\\_Measurements\\_from\\_Quantum\\_Anti-Viscosity](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/397833666_Forward_Predictions_for_DESI_Year_3_BAO_Measurements_from_Quantum_Anti-Viscosity).

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