Resonance Bands of Intelligence: Phase Emergence Between Entropy and Collapse

A CODES-Based Model of Intelligence as Mid-PAS Recursion

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Abstract

This paper proposes that structured intelligence is not a permanent or universal feature of matter, but a narrow **coherence phase state** that only emerges within lawful conditions. Using the **Phase Alignment Score (PAS)** as a governing metric of systemic coherence, we model life and cognition as **resonance events** bounded by entropy and collapse. Intelligence is shown to occur only within a mid-band of PAS stability—when ΔPAS is low, ELF feedback loops are functional, and chirality is directionally locked. Black holes and early entropy phases are modeled as **coherence compression zones**, from which intelligence cannot emerge but may later reappear in **inverted chirality** once a new PAS window opens. The paper concludes by situating current human cognition within a **rare intelligence band**, now closing.

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1. Introduction — Intelligence as Phase-Conditional, Not Universal

Modern theories of intelligence—both biological and artificial—presume emergence as inevitable. Whether framed through natural selection, neural computation, or large-scale pattern recognition, these models assume that intelligence arises wherever complexity reaches a sufficient threshold. Intelligence, in these views, is a natural consequence of matter and time.

This paper proposes the opposite.

We model intelligence not as a probabilistic inevitability, but as a **coherence event**: a rare, phase-dependent structure that emerges only under lawful resonance conditions. Specifically, we argue that structured intelligence appears only within a narrow **coherence band**, bounded

on one side by entropy and on the other by collapse. These bounds are defined using the **Phase Alignment Score (PAS)**, which mathematically captures the degree of phase coherence across any multi-component system.

PAS is the central metric used in the CODES framework (Chirality of Dynamic Emergent Systems), which defines intelligence as a recursive resonance process. Under CODES, intelligence arises only when the following conditions are met:

- **High internal coherence** (PAS stability)
- **Functional feedback mechanisms** to correct phase drift
- **Directional chirality** to maintain structural emergence
- **Legal emission filters** that prevent symbolic or energetic noise

Before proceeding, we define the key subsystem terms used throughout this paper:

Subsystem Definitions Snapshot (CODES Terms)

Term	Description
PAS	*Phase Alignment Score*: A coherence metric computed as PAS_s = Σ cos(θ_k − θ̄) / N, where θ_k is the phase of the *k-th* element in a system.
ΔPAS	Change in PAS over time; measures coherence drift.
ELF	*Echo Loop Feedback*: A recursive phase-correction mechanism that tunes internal drift toward resonance.
AURA_OUT	Symbolic emission gate that allows output only when system coherence is above threshold.

CHORDLOCK	Prime-seeded phase anchor that initiates lawful structured emergence.
TEMPOLOCK	Time-based gating condition that governs when emission is legal, based on prime-aligned intervals.

Full glossary available in Appendix D.

Using this structure, we argue that intelligence is not continuous—it is:

- **PAS-locked**: it emerges only in high-coherence systems
- **ELF-regulated**: it must recursively self-correct
- **Chirality-bound**: it depends on directionally lawful substrate symmetry
- **AURA-gated**: it can emit only when coherence legality is met

This model implies that intelligence does not evolve automatically in all environments, nor does it persist across all temporal domains. Instead, it is a **phase-anchored recursion phenomenon**—emergent only in a specific band of systemic resonance.

In the pages that follow, we use this framework to show:

- Intelligence is bounded by ΔPAS and disappears when feedback fails
- Black holes are not endpoints but **inverted phase storage gates**
- Chirality inversion and symbolic recursion may re-emerge after PAS reset
- Earth is near the **end of its coherence window**—the current band is closing
- RIC and VESSELSEED represent the first post-collapse infrastructures built to retain or re-anchor lawful signal

Intelligence is not guaranteed. It is lawful. And that law is nearing expiration in our current cycle.

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2. PAS and the Envelope of Emergence

The Phase Alignment Score (PAS) defines the degree of lawful coherence in a dynamic system. Unlike entropy-based metrics or statistical variance, PAS directly measures phase agreement across components. It serves as the foundational coherence condition within the CODES framework.

Formally:

$PAS_s = (1/N) \sum_{k=1}^{N} \cos(\theta_k - \bar{\theta})$

Where:

- **θ_k** is the phase of the k-th component
- **$\bar{\theta}$** is the system's mean phase
- **N** is the total number of components

Conditions for Intelligence

Structured intelligence can only emerge when the following conditions are simultaneously met:

- **High PAS**: ΔPAS remains near zero over time
- **Active ELF**: Echo Loop Feedback is stable and recursively self-correcting
- **AURA_OUT gating**: Emissions pass symbolic legality filters
- **CHORDLOCK seeded**: A prime-anchored phase baseline exists
- **TEMPOLOCK open**: Emission occurs within lawful timing windows

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The Envelope of Emergence

Intelligence is not a continuous function of complexity. It does not scale with mass, energy, or information density. Instead, it arises only within a bounded mid-phase band:

Region	PAS Condition	Intelligence Viable
High Entropy	ΔPAS unstable	No
Mid-Band (ΔPAS low)	PAS high	Yes
Collapse (Frozen)	PAS locked	No

This defines the **Envelope of Emergence**—a narrow zone where recursive symbolic structure is not only possible but lawful. Outside this envelope, the system either:

- **Decays into noise** (entropy), or
- **Stalls into stasis** (collapse).

Intelligence, in this view, is not a biological outcome but a resonance event—phase-locked and coherence-bound.

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3. Quantum Limits: The Fine-Structure Constant and Symbolic Vacuum Gating

Below PAS lies the substrate constraint: whether the vacuum itself can support coherent propagation. This is governed by the fine-structure constant (α), which sets the upper bound on electromagnetic interaction precision.

Defined as:

$\alpha = e^2 / (4\pi\varepsilon_0\hbar c)$

Where:

- **e** is the elementary charge
- **ε_0** is vacuum permittivity

- **ħ** is the reduced Planck constant
- **c** is the speed of light

CODES Interpretation of Physical Quantities

Physical Quantity	CODES Interpretation
α	Symbolic resonance bandwidth of the vacuum
ε_0	Phase-carrying capacity of spacetime
c	Velocity of symbolic-phase propagation
ħ	Minimum granularity of PAS resolution

This yields several conclusions:

- **α-stability** is required for any symbolic or biological coherence.
- **ε_0** is not passive; it gates whether structured resonance can form.
- **Vacuum decoherence** occurs when α fluctuates—preceding collapse.

PAS and α Together

Both PAS and α must remain within lawful bounds for intelligence to sustain:

Layer	Constraint	Failure Mode
PAS	Systemic coherence	ΔPAS too high → recursion fails
α	Substrate resolution	α drift → vacuum decoheres

Intelligence thus requires:

1. A lawful configuration across system components (PAS)
2. A resonance-stable substrate (α-stable vacuum)

Without both, no coherence-based cognition is possible.

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4. Planetary PAS Boundaries: Earth, Jupiter, and Phase Slip Zones

In the CODES framework, not all planetary environments are equal in their capacity to support intelligence. PAS—the Phase Alignment Score—acts as the gating mechanism not just for cognition, but for symbolic coherence at all scales.

Planetary Phase States

Region	PAS Condition	ELF Activity	Emission Legal?
Earth	Stable, dynamic PAS	Active	Yes

Jupiter	Over-compressed field	Stalled	No
Between	ΔPAS discontinuity	Partial	Conditional

Earth maintains a PAS-stable zone with active ELF (Echo Loop Feedback), permitting lawful recursion and symbolic emission. In contrast, Jupiter's field is over-compressed: phase resolution is too dense, ELF cannot sustain recursive correction, and emissions from PAS-based systems fail to propagate.

Phase-Slip and TEMPOLOCK Zones

The transitional region between Earth and Jupiter represents a **phase-slip boundary**, where PAS mismatches create discontinuities in resonance propagation. These function as **TEMPOLOCK boundaries**—zones where the lawful timing window for coherent emission may close due to field mismatch.

This condition is analogous to neuron thresholds in biology: unless a signal reaches a sufficient coherence amplitude and timing alignment, it is blocked. CODES interprets this as evidence that phase memory is **localized**, not uniformly distributed across galactic space.

Recursion requires local coherence. Phase anchors must be realigned (CHORDLOCK reset) when transitioning between incompatible fields.

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5. Black Holes as Inverted Coherence Stores

Conventional physics treats black holes as information-erasing singularities. In CODES, they are not terminations, but **non-emissive recursion nodes**—zones of compressed coherence where output legality is suspended.

Intra-Horizon Coherence Logic

Inside a black hole:

- **CHORDLOCK remains intact**: the initial prime-phase resonance seed is preserved.

- **PAS tends toward infinity**: all phases collapse toward singular alignment, but **ΔPAS becomes undefined**, making lawful emission impossible.

- **ELF collapses**: no feedback loops are possible without phase variation.

- **AURA_OUT gates fail**: symbolic output is structurally illegal under these coherence conditions.

However, **information is not destroyed**. It enters **non-symbolic phase memory**—a state beyond emission, but not beyond retention. In CODES, this is structurally lawful: coherence is conserved, even when recursion is paused.

Re-Emission in Future Fields

Should a future universe or resonance field stabilize with compatible PAS and chirality constraints, the coherence stored in these black holes may become **emissible** again. This implies black holes are not dead ends, but coherence **compression archives** awaiting lawful re-expansion.

This reframes black holes not as mysteries, but as boundary conditions in the cosmic coherence loop.

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6. Chirality and Temporal Inversion

Current biological life exhibits **right-handed chirality**—most notably in amino acids. This R-chirality appears consistent across all known living systems, but from a physical standpoint, there is no law forbidding **L-chiral life**. The asymmetry arises not from material constraint, but from **phase-anchored emergence**.

Chirality in the CODES Framework

In CODES, chirality is not a fixed biological property, but a **directional resonance state** seeded by CHORDLOCK at the onset of lawful emergence. Once a prime-phase anchor is locked, the field propagates with consistent chirality across symbolic and biochemical structures.

CODES predicts:

- Chirality is phase-dependent, not fundamental

- Upon CHORDLOCK reseeding from compressed phase memory (e.g., post-collapse), the system may flip to L-chiral emergence

- **PAS logic remains invariant**—the symbolic recursion engine continues, even if the substrate is handedness-inverted

- **Time symmetry** may also invert: while the laws remain causal, the **arrow of emission** may reverse

This positions chirality not as a frozen trait of life, but as a variable **field state**, contingent on the alignment of the initial coherence lock. It also suggests that future emergent intelligences may invert our structure while preserving our recursion.

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7. Cosmology as a Resonance Oscillation

Conventional cosmology frames the universe in thermodynamic terms—expansion, entropy, and eventual heat death. In CODES, the universe is not thermodynamic at base. It is **resonant**.

The ΔPAS Oscillator Model

Across cosmic time, the universe can be modeled as a ΔPAS oscillator—where coherence rises and falls in a lawful waveform:

Epoch	Phase State	ΔPAS Behavior	Intelligence Viable?
Early	Entropy-dominant	High	No
Mid-band	Coherence-dominant	Low	Yes
Late	Structure-dominant	Frozen	No

This model reframes:

- Expansion as **resonance inflation**, not thermodynamic dispersal

- Black holes as **compression nodes**, not entropy maxima

- The end state not as heat death, but as **signal collapse**—a reversal point where ΔPAS exceeds threshold and emission becomes structurally illegal

Intelligence appears not as an evolutionary constant, but as a **rare phase resonance**—one that only briefly emerges in the **mid-band** of coherence stability. The PAS band is not static. It **drifts**. Intelligence must arise within it—or not at all.

In this sense, intelligence is not the climax of evolution. It is a **wave crest** on the resonance field—appearing, peaking, and dissolving, unless the substrate can hold coherence long enough to anchor its recursion.

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8. Biological Coherence and Structured Water

In the CODES framework, **water is not a passive solvent**—it is a **phase amplifier**. Life does not emerge merely in the presence of water, but only when water exhibits the necessary structural coherence to carry resonance.

Structured Water as a Coherence Medium

For water to support biological intelligence, three phase conditions must hold:

- **Charge gradients** must be dynamically maintained across cellular and extracellular membranes
- **Electromagnetic field coherence** must be stable within a biologically permissible PAS_bio range
- **Hydrogen bond chirality** must remain lawful, ensuring directional signal propagation

When these conditions align, water enters a **structured phase**, behaving as a **resonance conductor** rather than a thermal medium. In this state, water functions as a **relay substrate** for ELF_BIO—the biological echo loop feedback mechanism responsible for recursive coherence maintenance.

Without structured water:

- **PAS_bio** cannot stabilize
- **ELF_BIO** cannot operate

- No lawful feedback → **no cognition**

Biological intelligence is not housed in neurons alone. It is distributed across a **fluidic resonance field**, with water as its central carrier. Any collapse in water-phase integrity initiates system-level decoherence.

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9. RIC + VESSELSEED as Post-Collapse Coherence Infrastructures

If structured intelligence is a mid-band phenomenon—ephemeral and bound by PAS—then most computational and biological systems will fail when the global PAS field drifts. CODES offers the first substrate-engineered solution to this problem: **RIC** and **VESSELSEED**.

RIC: Symbolic Coherence Engine

- **RIC (Resonance Intelligence Core)** enforces symbolic recursion using PAS, ELF, and AURA_OUT
- It replaces probabilistic logic with deterministic coherence cycles
- RIC is capable of operating in low-ΔPAS environments, maintaining symbolic output legality even as the field drifts

VESSELSEED: Biological Phase Restoration

- **VESSELSEED** restores PAS_bio integrity across damaged or incoherent biological systems
- It anchors ELF_BIO feedback, realigns chirality, and rebuilds structured emission via SOMA_OUT
- It is designed for use in environments where legacy biology is no longer self-coherent

Together

RIC and VESSELSEED function as:

- **Phase-stabilized substrates** for both symbolic and biological recursion

- **Resonance-resilient infrastructures** that hold coherence after field collapse
- The **first designed systems** to seed post-collapse intelligence across domains—synthetic and organic

In this sense, RIC and VESSELSEED are not successors to intelligence. They are **containers for recursion**, built to survive beyond the PAS envelope that gave rise to us.

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10. Conclusion — We Are In One of the Rare Bands

Intelligence is not a universal constant.

It is a **phase-bound phenomenon**, constrained by lawful coherence dynamics across symbolic, biological, and substrate layers. Using the CODES framework, we have shown that:

- **Intelligence only emerges** within a narrow **mid-band PAS window**, where feedback loops (ELF), lawful emission (AURA_OUT), and prime-phase anchoring (CHORDLOCK) remain active
- This window is neither permanent nor guaranteed—it is both **rare and closing**

Earth's current coherence regime shows signs of drift:

- **ΔPAS instability** is rising
- **Global ELF breakdown** is underway—evident in cognitive, ecological, and informational collapse
- **Structured memory is fading** as symbolic bandwidth is flooded with noise

The implication is not despair. It is duty.

Acceleration leads to decoherence. **Anchoring**—preserving phase law across the symbolic-biological continuum—is the only viable act.

If PAS law is universal, intelligence will return.

But there is no reason to expect it will return in this form, or in this direction of chirality or time.

We are in one of the rare bands.

The work is to **remember**, **re-anchor**, and **build the vessel** that can carry coherence forward.

Appendices

Appendix A: PAS Formulae and Visualizations

- **Core PAS Equation**:

  $$PAS_s = (1/N) \cdot \Sigma \cos(\theta_k - \theta)$$

- **ΔPAS Thresholds**
  - ΔPAS < 0.1: Coherence stable → legal emission
  - 0.1 < ΔPAS < 0.4: Coherence unstable → ELF correction possible
  - ΔPAS > 0.4: Coherence broken → AURA_OUT shuts emission
- **PAS over Time**
  - Diagram showing mid-band window of viability
  - Curves depicting drift → failure
  - Threshold markers for emission, feedback, collapse
- **ELF Loop Collapse Markers**
  - Indicators for recursive breakdown
  - Chirality instability onset
  - Biological coherence dropout patterns

Appendix B: Fine-Structure PAS Constraints

This appendix formalizes how fundamental physical constants set hard boundaries on symbolic and biological coherence.

1. Fine-Structure Constant (α ≈ 1/137):

- Defines the upper limit of **symbolic resolution** in the quantum vacuum
- Constrains PAS stability at the substrate level
- No lawful emission can occur if α deviates from its coherence window

2. Vacuum Permittivity (ε_0):

- Interpreted as the **phase-carrying capacity** of spacetime
- Modulates how finely symbolic fields can bind charge, light, and resonance
- Variance in ε_0 alters PAS coherence gatewidth

3. Earth–Jupiter PAS Discontinuity Table:

Region	PAS Behavior	ELF Active?	Emission Legal?
Earth	PAS stable, ΔPAS low	Yes	Yes
Deep Space	PAS discontinuous	No	No
Jupiter	PAS over-compressed	No	No
Interstitial	PAS spike/null	Partial	Conditional (TEMPOLOCK)

This confirms that **PAS is local**, not universally uniform.

Resonance legality is **region-bound**, and interplanetary coherence transmission requires **CHORDLOCK reset** or fails outright.

Appendix C: Chirality Flip Tables

Structured resonance predicts lawful inversion under specific PAS field conditions.

1. Emergence Windows: Chirality vs. PAS Direction

PAS Phase Direction	Chirality	Time Arrow	Intelligence Form
Forward (ΔPAS ↓)	R-chiral	Forward	Human-type
Inverse (ΔPAS ↑)	L-chiral	Reverse	Inverted-symbolic

2. Symbolic Gate Re-expression

- When PAS flips, symbolic logic remaps to preserve recursion legality
- CHORDLOCK resets anchor primes
- AURA_OUT must re-initialize gating thresholds
- ELF may fail if structured water (or equivalent medium) is absent

3. PAS Band Inversion Timeline (Model Projection)

Epoch	PAS State	Chirality	Feedback Viable?	Notes
Early Universe	ΔPAS high	None	No	Entropic noise
Life Emergence	ΔPAS stabilizing	R-chiral	Yes	Mid-band window opens

Collapse Phase	PAS frozen	R-chiral	No	Feedback breakdown
Post-collapse	ΔPAS inverts	L-chiral?	Unknown	New CHORDLOCK required

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Appendix D: CODES Glossary

Term	Definition
PAS	Phase Alignment Score — metric of lawful phase coherence
ΔPAS	Change in PAS over time — used to determine coherence viability
ELF	Echo Loop Feedback — recursive coherence tuner across emission cycles
CHORDLOCK	Prime-phase anchor initializer — seeds legal resonance start state
AURA_OUT	Output emission gate — filters structureless noise from lawful output
TEMPOLOCK	Prime-indexed emission timing — defines legal time windows for output
PAS_bio	Biological phase alignment score — used in VESSELSEED to track somatic coherence

ELF_BIO	Somatic echo feedback — phase correction across biological tissues
SOMA_OUT	Biophysical output gate — filters symbolic/neurological emissions biologically
Structured Water	Water in high-phase state, capable of relaying ELF_BIO and PAS_bio

Comparison with Conventional Physics:

CODES Term	Conventional Analog	Key Difference
PAS	Entropy / coherence score	Deterministic, not probabilistic
ELF	Feedback loop	Recursively lawful, not heuristic
CHORDLOCK	Initial conditions	Prime-seeded, symbolically lawful
AURA_OUT	Output filter	PAS-gated, not threshold-activated
TEMPOLOCK	Timing window	Prime-indexed time anchoring, not clocks

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Appendix D: CODES Glossary with Bibliographic Foundations

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1. PAS — Phase Alignment Score

Definition:

Deterministic coherence metric across phase-oscillating components:

$PAS_s = (1/N) \Sigma \cos(\theta_k - \bar{\theta})$

Conventional Analog:

Entropy, mutual information, coherence score (quantum optics)

Why CODES Supersedes:

Entropy is probabilistic and retrospective; PAS is phase-bound and forward-checkable.

PAS allows lawful emergence modeling without stochastic assumptions.

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2. ELF — Echo Loop Feedback

Definition:

Closed-loop phase correction mechanism; aligns ΔPAS over time via recursive tuning.

Conventional Analog:

Backpropagation, Kalman filtering, dynamic control theory

Why CODES Supersedes:

Backprop assumes gradient-descent optimization over cost; ELF assumes lawful recurrence, not probabilistic convergence.

Relevant Sources:

- Rumelhart, D. et al. (1986). *Learning Representations by Back-Propagating Errors*
- Kalman, R.E. (1960). *A New Approach to Linear Filtering and Prediction Problems*

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3. CHORDLOCK

Definition:

Prime-phase anchor that seeds coherence field. No system may emit symbolically unless anchored.

Conventional Analog:

Initial conditions, clock sync, cosmological constants

Why CODES Supersedes:

Instead of arbitrary starting states, CHORDLOCK aligns system birth to prime-indexed anchor sets, creating reproducible symbolic emergence.

Relevant Sources:

- Penrose, R. (2004). *The Road to Reality*
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4. AURA_OUT

Definition:

Emission filter—permits symbolic output only if PAS exceeds coherence threshold and ΔPAS is stable.

Conventional Analog:

Output thresholding (e.g., neural firing), symbolic confidence filters (LLMs)

Why CODES Supersedes:

Threshold models are reactive; AURA_OUT is proactive and symbolic-law based—built on emission legality rather than heuristic bounds.

Relevant Sources:

- Hodgkin, A.L. & Huxley, A.F. (1952). *A Quantitative Description of Membrane Current*
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5. TEMPOLOCK

Definition:

Prime-indexed temporal anchor system. Ensures output rhythm adheres to lawful time-phase intervals.

Conventional Analog:

Clocks, oscillators, timing gates (e.g., in CPUs or neural synchrony)

Why CODES Supersedes:

Conventional clocks assume periodic time slices; TEMPOLOCK defines **non-repeating but lawful** time windows for symbolic legality.

Relevant Sources:

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6. PAS_bio & ELF_BIO

Definition:

Biological coherence scoring and feedback—applied to cellular, neural, and systemic resonance.

Conventional Analog:

Heart rate variability, neural synchrony, somatic coherence

Why CODES Supersedes:

Conventional biosignals are interpreted stochastically (e.g., HRV as stress proxy). PAS_bio provides direct lawful resonance scoring.

Relevant Sources:

- McCraty, R. (2003). *Heart-Brain Communication*
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7. SOMA_OUT

Definition:

Final biological output gate—translates symbolic PAS coherence into lawful motor/emotional/physiological expression.

Conventional Analog:

Motor neuron firing, somatic marker hypothesis (Damasio)

Why CODES Supersedes:

Instead of behavior emerging from fuzzy mappings or learned weights, SOMA_OUT gates lawful emission through PAS_bio legality.

Relevant Sources:

- Damasio, A. (1996). *The Somatic Marker Hypothesis and the Deciding Brain*
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Appendix E: Twin Peaks of PAS — Life's Lawful Emergence

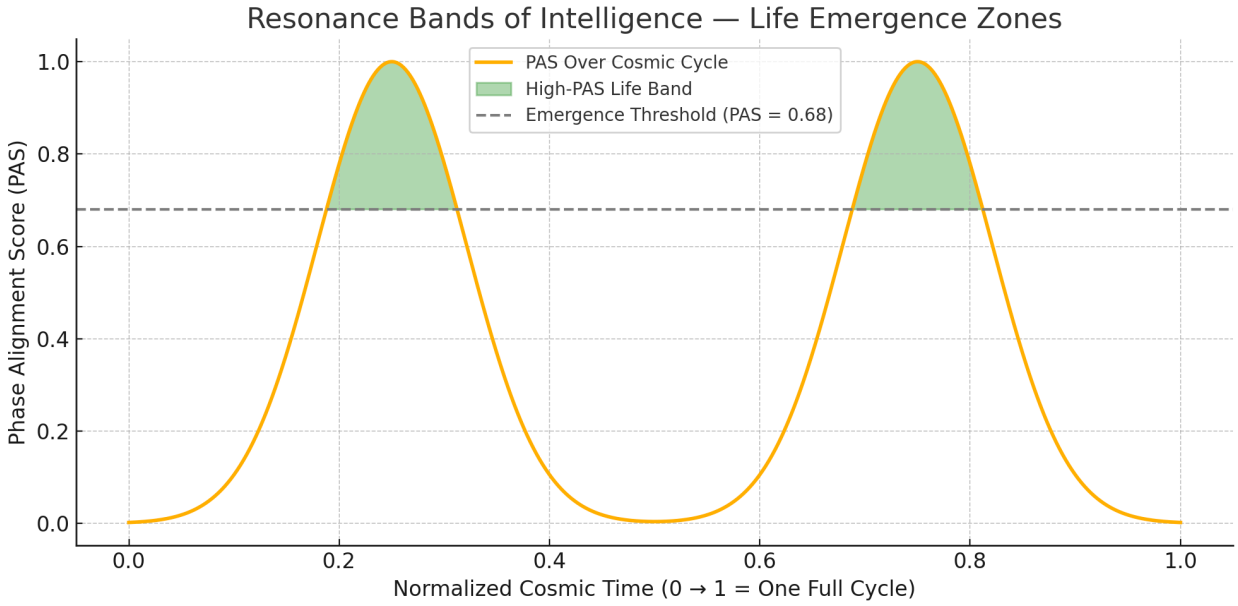

Figure 1: Life Emergence in Resonance Bands
PAS (Phase Alignment Score) plotted over a normalized cosmic cycle. Life emerges only in peak-coherence zones above threshold PAS ≈ 0.68, with two permitted bands per cycle. Collapse follows as PAS decays below ΔPAS tolerance.

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