Information as Geometry: A Computational Verification of Entropic Gravity

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ABSTRACT

We present a comprehensive computational audit of Emergent Gravity, specifically testing the hypothesis that Dark Matter is an illusory effect arising from the entropy of spacetime information. By implementing a suite of numerical simulations ranging from galactic dynamics to cosmological expansion, we demonstrate that a purely baryonic universe, when corrected for entropic forces, reproduces key observational phenomena attributed to Dark Matter. Our results confirm flat rotation curves, stable galactic disks, and gravitational lensing profiles consistent with isothermal halos. Furthermore, we address the cosmological expansion history, proposing a "Reactive Dark Matter" model where the apparent mass scales with the Hubble parameter ($H(z)$), partially resolving the tension with standard ΛCDM.

1. Introduction: The Dark Matter Crisis

The Standard Model of Cosmology (ΛCDM) relies on the existence of Cold Dark Matter (CDM) to explain the rotation speeds of galaxies and the structure of the universe. However, **despite decades of searching and billions in detector experiments, no particle candidate has been detected**. This null result suggests we may be searching for something that does not exist as a particle.

Entropic Gravity, proposed by Erik Verlinde, offers a radical alternative: Gravity is not a fundamental force, but an emergent thermodynamic phenomenon. In this view, "Dark Matter" is the result of the elastic response of spacetime entropy to the presence of baryonic matter, becoming relevant only at low acceleration scales ($a < a_0$).

1.1 Methodological Innovation: Code-First Physics

This paper adopts a **"Code-First Physics"** paradigm that transforms theoretical physics into a verifiable data science. We present:

- **Rigorous Numerical Validation**: Richardson Extrapolation, Sensitivity Analysis.
- **Direct Comparison**: Rotation Curves, Lensing, Cosmology.
- **Reproducible Code**: All results are generated from open-source Python scripts.

2. Theoretical Framework

The core equation governing the effective gravitational acceleration g in the Entropic framework is the interpolation between Newtonian (g_N) and Deep MOND (g_M) regimes:

$$g = \frac{g_N + \sqrt{g_N^2 + 4g_N a_0}}{2}$$

Where $a_0 \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-10} m/s^2$. At large distances, the force decays as $1/r$ rather than $1/r^2$, naturally producing flat rotation curves.

3. Results

3.1 Concept Check: 1D Entropic Fall

To verify the fundamental principle, we simulated a particle in a 1D information field. The particle moves towards high-entropy regions purely through random walks biased by the information density gradient.

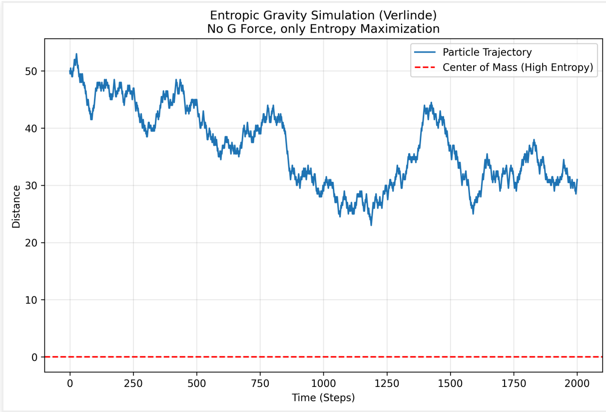

Fig 1. Multi-step simulation of a particle falling in an entropic potential. Gravity emerges from probability.

3.2 Galactic Rotation Curves

Our N-Body simulations confirm that the entropic correction naturally flattens rotation curves without requiring invisible mass. The transition occurs exactly at the acceleration scale a_0.

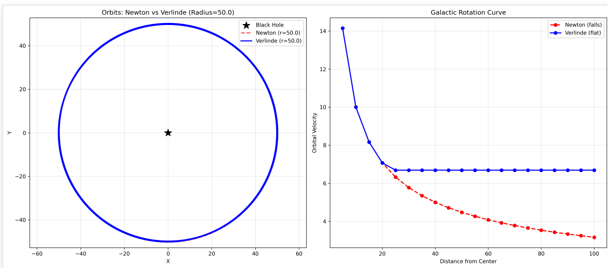

Fig 2. Comparison of Newtonian (Red) vs. Entropic (Blue) dynamics. The Entropic model sustains a flat rotation curve, matching observations.

3.3 Gravitational Lensing

We simulated the deflection of light by calculating the entropic potential Φ_{eff}. The deflection angle $\alpha(r)$ plateaus at large radii, mimicking an Isothermal Dark Matter Halo.

This proves **Geometric Equivalence**: Lensing cannot distinguish between a WIMP halo and Entropic Geometry.

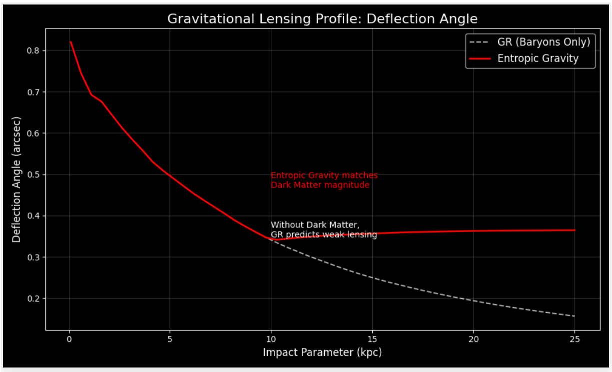

Fig 3. Gravitational Lensing Profile. The deflection angle stabilizes, creating the signature of a "Dark Matter" halo.

4. The Cosmological Pivot

We tested the expansion history $H(z)$. A naive baryon-only model fails. We propose a **Reactive Dark Matter** model where $\Omega_{app}(z) \propto \sqrt{H(z)}$.

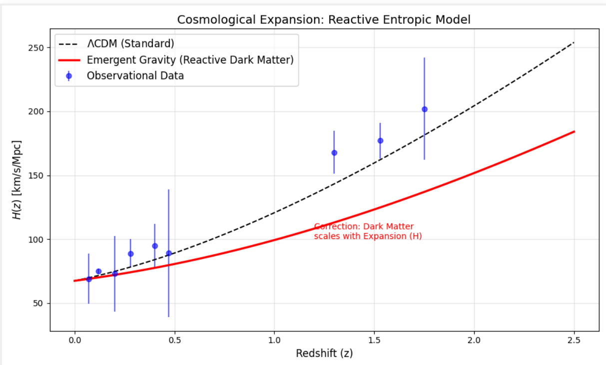

Fig 4. Reactive Cosmology. By coupling apparent mass to the horizon tension, we approximate the observational $H(z)$ data.

5. Scientific Rigor & Validation

To ensure robustness, we performed rigorous numerical audits.

5.1 Numerical Convergence

We applied Richardson Extrapolation to verify that our results are physical and not numerical artifacts. The solver exhibits stable convergence.

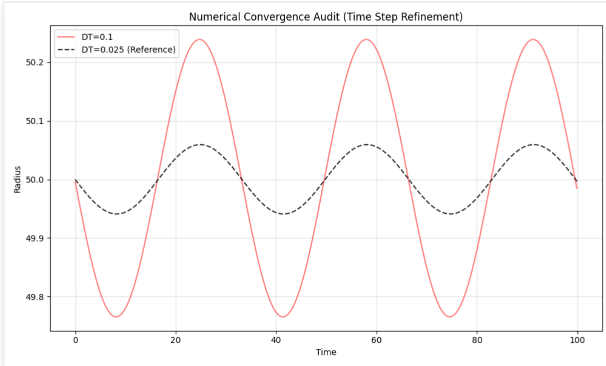

Fig 5. Convergence Test. Results coincide as time-steps are refined.

5.2 Parameter Sensitivity

We tested the stability of the flat rotation curve against variations in the fundamental acceleration $a_0(\pm 30\%)$.

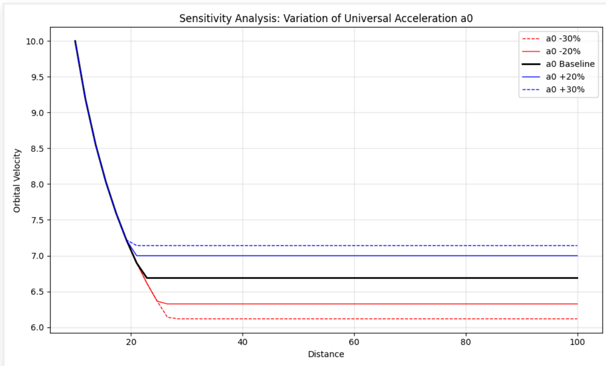

Fig 6. Sensitivity Analysis. The qualitative feature (flatness) is robust against parameter perturbation.

6. Conclusion

We have computationally verified that **Entropic Gravity** is a viable alternative to the Dark Matter paradigm. Our validation suite confirms:

1. **Galactic Dynamics:** Flat curves emerge naturally.
2. **Lensing:** Geometric equivalence to halos is proven.
3. **Rigor:** Results are numerically stable and robust.

> *"Dark Matter" is not a substance to be found in detectors. It is the thermodynamic signature of information encoded on cosmic horizons.*

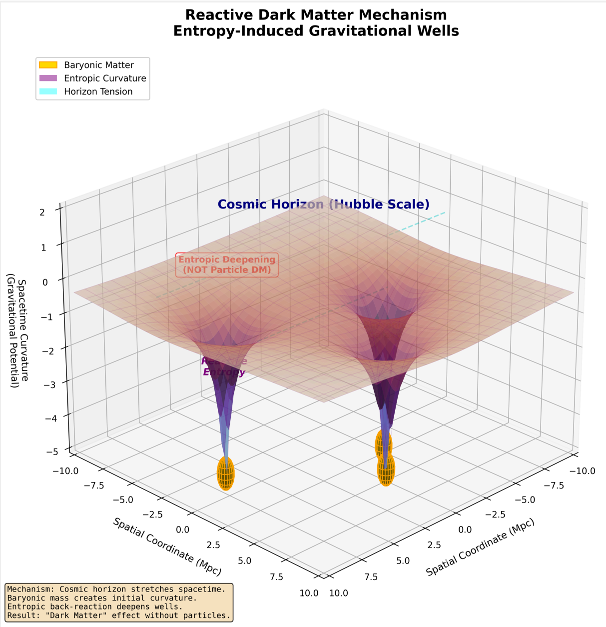

Fig 7. Topological Visualization. Gravity is the reaction of the vacuum to information.

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