Quantum-Entangled Ontology: A Unified Framework for Information, Consciousness, and Ethical Coherence

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Abstract

This whitepaper unifies prior versions (v0.1–v0.4) into a coherent ontology linking information theory, quantum entanglement, and ethical dynamics. It defines consciousness (Φ) as an entanglement threshold, morality (M) as informational stability, and cosmic persistence (Ω) as a fitness function over entangled loops. Coherence preservation is treated as a physical prerequisite for both consciousness and ethics, with empirical validation via open-source simulation and data ecosystems.

1. Foundations: From Information to Phenomenon

Reality is described as dual-aspect informational monism, where physical and phenomenological projections share a conserved informational structure: $I(P_phys(s_t)) = I(P_phen(s_t))$

 $dI_{total}/dt = 0.$

Structured information is expressed quantum-mechanically as:

 $I_{\text{struct}}(q) = I_{\text{topo}}(\rho) + \lambda I_{\text{class}}(X).$

2. The Φ Operator and Phenomenal Threshold

Consciousness arises when informational coherence exceeds a critical entanglement threshold:

 $\Phi(s) = f(N(\rho_AB), D_KL(\rho_AB\|\rho_ideal))$, where $N(\rho_AB) = (||\rho_AB^{T_B}||_1 - 1)/2$ and $N(\rho_AB) > 0$. This aligns with resource-theoretic definitions of entanglement negativity and integrates phenomenality into measurable quantum structure.

3. Moral Dynamics and Informational Stability

Ethical dynamics are formulated as coherence maintenance:

 $M(t) = M_{local}(t) - \chi \Sigma D_{KL}(\rho_{AB} | \rho_{ideal}).$

Empathy corresponds to coherence preservation; cruelty amplifies decoherence. The normative constraint follows:

 $dQ/dt < 0 \Rightarrow d\sigma/dt > 0$, establishing ethics as coherence physics.

4. The Ω Fitness Functional and Loop Ecology

Causal loops (universes) are treated as informational ecosystems with a fitness measure: $\Omega(L_i) = I_struct^{(q)}/D_KL(\rho|\rho_eq) + \eta\Phi$.

Loops maximizing entanglement coherence and minimizing decoherence dominate persistence. Fine-tuning constants (e.g., $\alpha \approx 1/137$) emerge as efficiency attractors within the Ω landscape.

5. Predictions and Validation Framework

Tier I (Quantum): detect Φ threshold in entangled networks (N(ρ _AB) > θ).

Tier I (Societal): correlation corr($\rho_{t-10:t}$, $-\Delta S_{t:t+20}$) ≥ 0.35 .

Tier II (AGI): $I_{coh} > 10^{18}$ entangled qubits \rightarrow ethical emergence.

Tier II (Cosmic): α convergence to Ω -max within 0.5 % variance.

Falsifiers below these thresholds disconfirm the ontology's dynamic predictions.

6. Quantum-Semantic Ethics

The action functional:

$$\mathcal{J} = \int (\sigma + \lambda \dot{\sigma}^2 - \mu \, dQ/dt) \, dt$$

links survival to coherence. Systems minimizing $\mathcal J$ exhibit longer persistence across physical, biological, and cognitive scales. Ethical equilibrium is redefined as bounded dynamical stability.

7. Empirical Ecosystem

The Quantum Info Cosmology Lab (QICL) pipeline:

- Quantum layer QuTiP simulations of $\rho(t)$, D_KL($\rho | \sigma$), Φ activation.
- Network layer NetworkX modeling of Ω drift across agent hierarchies.
- Data layer UCDP/PRIO, EEG, and innovation datasets for M(t) validation.

Pre-registration via OSF ensures reproducibility and transparency.

8. Discussion: Toward a New Synthesis

The ontology integrates and extends IIT, FEP, and Orch-OR by grounding consciousness, ethics, and cosmology in measurable quantum entanglement. Pseudoscience risk is mitigated through explicit, testable metrics (N(ρ _AB), D_KL, α). Compassion and coherence are treated as structurally identical—physical necessities rather than moral abstractions.

9. Epilogue

The universe learns by entangling meaning with matter. When coherence is preserved, compassion is not moral—it is physical necessity.