Unified Cosmological Model: Summary Document

Entropy, Shear, and the Recursive Geometry of Time: A Unified Theory and Simulation Framework for a Layered Block Universe

Simulation Framework: Testing Entropy-Shear Cosmology

Abstract

We present a unified cosmological model that reframes the universe as a stratified, thermodynamically active four-dimensional block manifold. This framework integrates general relativity, entropy dynamics, and fractal geometry into a recursive system of inter-slice interactions. We propose that observable cosmological phenomenasuch as redshift, structure formation, and the apparent acceleration of expansionemerge from three testable mechanisms: (1) temporal shear across adjacent now slices, manifesting as shear heat and curvature-induced drift; (2) the Horizon Spine, a four-dimensional structure whose projections appear as photons or black holes depending on local entropy-curvature alignment; and (3) the Cascade Engine, a recursive wave of entropic reversals that replaces singular origins with regionally driven expansion phases. We extend this theoretical model into a simulation framework that defines entropy-curvature fields, modifies the Friedmann equation with shear-based energy terms, and derives observable signatures for comparison with supernovae data, CMB anisotropies, and BAO measurements. By removing metaphysical constructs like dark energy and singular beginnings, this theory restores ontological coherence to cosmology while producing falsifiable predictions that invite empirical evaluation.

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We propose a unified cosmological framework that reinterprets spacetime as a stratified, thermodynamically active block universe in which curvature, entropy, and observerhood co-evolve through recursive feedback. Building upon the foundational structure of temporal foliation, we introduce three core mechanisms: (1) temporal sheara geometric-thermodynamic tension across adjacent now slices, manifesting as shear heat and lensing anomalies; (2) the Horizon Spinea continuous four-dimensional structure whose intersections appear as photons or black holes depending on local entropy-curvature alignment; and (3) the Cascade Enginea recursive wave of entropic reversals generating localized Big Bangs and sustained cosmological evolution without a singular origin. Each model emerges from a common entropy-curvature field formalism, enabling a redefinition of cosmic acceleration, redshift phenomena, and structure formation as slice-level thermodynamic effects. This framework offers falsifiable predictions, including anisotropic void heating, non-Gaussian CMB residues, and curvature-induced redshift drift. By replacing metaphysical constructs like dark energy and singular beginnings with testable geometric mechanisms, this theory aims to restore ontological coherence and empirical alignment in cosmology.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be honored to contribute to your journals ongoing exploration of foundational questions in physics.

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1. Introduction

Modern cosmology operates under increasing tension: precision data continues to accumulate, but its theoretical scaffolding relies heavily on unobservable entitiesdark energy, inflatons, and multiverseswhose metaphysical opacity undermines the scientific foundation. In this paper, we propose a radical shift: to treat the universe not as a causally evolving arena, but as a layered thermodynamic structure embedded within a four-dimensional block manifold.

This perspective is grounded in the block universe ontology, where all eventspast, present, and futurecoexist as a geometric whole. We extend this static view into a dynamic framework by introducing thermodynamic foliation: the decomposition of spacetime into semi-autonomous now slices, each with its own curvature, entropy, and energy profile. These slices interact through a set of coupled geometric and entropic mechanisms, forming the core of a new cosmological model grounded in general relativity, thermodynamics, and fractal geometry.

2. Formal Foundations: Geometry and Thermodynamics of Layered Spacetime

We define a foliation of the 4D Lorentzian manifold $\mathcal{M}$ into spacelike hypersurfaces Σ_n, each with an induced metric $h_{ij}^{(n)}$, extrinsic curvature $K_{ij}^{(n)}$, and entropy field $

S^{(n)}(x^i) \). The entropy-curvature field equation:

\[\nabla_t K_{ij} - \beta h_{ij} \nabla_t S + \gamma R_{ij} = 0 \]

Shear tensor:

\[\Xi_{ij} := \nabla_t K_{ij} + \alpha \nabla_i \nabla_t S \]

Heat dissipation:

\[\Delta Q_{\text{shear}} \propto | \Xi_{ij} \Xi^{ij} | \]

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The Horizon Spine is a 4D structure whose projections into our 3D slices appear as either photons or black holes depending on local entropy and curvature. Formally, \(\nabla^\mu \nabla_\mu \Phi = 0 \), with \(\nabla^\mu \Phi \nabla_\mu S = 0 \). Light and gravity become dual projections of a common spine, reframed through entropy-curvature slicing.

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Each region \(\mathcal{G}_i \) evolves through expansion, collapse, and reversal:

1. Expansion: \(dS/dt > 0 \)

2. Collapse: \(dS/dt \to 0 \)

3. Reversal: \(dS/dt < 0 \)

The Cascade Engine describes recursive entropic reversals:

\[\frac{\partial S_{n+1}}{\partial n} \approx \eta \left(\frac{\partial S_n}{\partial n} + \delta R_n \right) \]

5. Observational Predictions and Phenomenology

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- Shear heat in cosmic voids: observable via infrared and X-ray excess

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- Lensing drift: entropy-curvature linked time-delay and angular misalignments

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- Time as gradient: $\vec{t}_{\text{arrow}} = \nabla S$

- Consciousness as entropic coherence

- No need for dark energy or singular origins

- All predictions are falsifiable

7. Conclusion and Future Work

This model replaces metaphysical constructs with geometric thermodynamics:

Redshift as entropy lensing

Big Bang as local reversal

Conscious observers as coherence attractors

Future directions include simulations, quantum bifurcation modeling, and entropy-curvature action formalism.

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Appendix: Quantum Fields in the Entropy-Shear Manifold

7. Quantum Fields as 4D Structures in a Layered Entropy-Shear Manifold

In conventional physics, quantum fields are treated as probabilistic entities evolving dynamically within a background of spacetime. In the framework of the Gearwork Universe, we instead interpret quantum fields as

intrinsic components of a layered 4D manifold shaped by entropy gradients and temporal shear. These fields permeate the entire block structure, forming a static, globally extended configuration from which localized excitationswhat we perceive as particlesemerge at the intersection with a given now slice or gear phase.

7.1 Particles as Cross-Sectional Field Products

From the block-universe perspective, each local observer traverses a stratified sequence of entropic slices, intersecting the quantum field structure at specific orientations and curvatures. The observable particle state at any given moment is thus the visible 3D cross-section of a 4D field excitationits appearance contingent on local entropic flow S^, shear tensor ^, and curvature scalar R.

7.2 Modified Klein-Gordon Equation

To formally incorporate entropy and shear into the structure of field equations, we propose a modified Klein-Gordon equation for a scalar field within a layered entropy-shear manifold:

[+ m2 + _ S^ + ^ _ _ + R] = 0

This equation explicitly couples quantum field behavior to the local thermodynamic and geometric environment. It suggests that:

- Field excitations (and thus particle appearances) are modulated by entropy gradients.

- Shear between adjacent gear phases influences the dispersion and propagation of field modes.

- The background curvature further shapes field behavior.

7.3 Supporting Theoretical Foundations

This reinterpretation draws conceptual support from several threads in modern physics:

- Block universe formulations of quantum theory, such as those explored by Huw Price and Julian Barbour.

- Path-integral formulations (Feynman, HartleHawking), which inherently sum over all spacetime configurations.

- Relational quantum mechanics (Rovelli) and decoherent histories (Gell-Mann, Hartle), which support perspective-based emergence of classicalityanalogous to the gear-phase decoherence interpretation.

7.4 Conclusion

By integrating entropy flow, temporal shear, and curvature directly into quantum field dynamics, this framework unifies the ontological status of quantum fields with the geometric structure of a layered spacetime. It suggests that what we perceive as particles are emergent projections of deeper, globally consistent field configurations modulated by the local state of the manifold.

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