ITEM #231 - LLM–DBM Dual-Run Architecture: Differential-Tree–Grounded Reasoning for 2026 Applications

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Abstract (English)

This item formalizes the **LLM–DBM Dual-Run Architecture**, a cooperative runtime paradigm in which a Large Language Model (LLM) and a Digital Brain Model (DBM) execute in parallel as *dual representations* of the same evolving problem state. While the LLM performs expressive, exploratory, language-native reasoning, the DBM simultaneously projects each intermediate reasoning state into a **Differential Tree**, locating corresponding leaf or near-leaf clusters that encode structural constraints, evidence chains, and historically grounded decision patterns.

In this architecture, every LLM intermediate state has a **structural dual** in the DBM space. When the LLM encounters uncertainty, branching explosion, oscillation, or verification difficulty, the paired DBM leaf provides grounded data support, constraint-based pruning, and

verifiable decision guidance. This design directly addresses core limitations of standalone LLM reasoning, including instability, lack of external truth anchors, and inefficient test-time search.

The Dual-Run Architecture represents a practical and scalable pathway toward reliable reasoning systems and is positioned as the **fifth major application research direction for DBM in 2026**.

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1. Motivation

Recent frontier AI research highlights a structural weakness of LLM-only systems: despite strong benchmark performance, they frequently fail to maintain logical closure, exhibit oscillatory behavior, or collapse under open-ended reasoning tasks. These failures stem from the absence of:

- Persistent structural state
- Deterministic verification mechanisms
- Grounded decision priors beyond language statistics

The DBM framework, centered on metric spaces, differential trees, and evidence-aligned reasoning, offers a complementary capability. The Dual-Run Architecture integrates these strengths at runtime rather than at training time.

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2. Core Principle: Dual Representation

Dual-Run Principle:

At runtime, an LLM's intermediate reasoning state is continuously compiled into DBM intermediate representations (IR) and located onto a Differential Tree leaf. The leaf forms a structural dual of the LLM state, providing verifiable evidence, nearest-neighbor grounding, and constraint-based pruning.

Key properties:

- The LLM state and DBM leaf represent the *same problem moment* in different computational spaces.
- Neither replaces the other; they mutually constrain and reinforce progress.
- The DBM side is not generative-first but *verification- and structure-first*.

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3. Runtime Architecture

3.1 Parallel Co-Execution

At each reasoning step *t*:

1. **LLM Generation**: Produces hypothesis, plan fragment, or candidate action set.
2. **IR Compilation**: The LLM state is compiled into DBM-compatible IR (events, relations, goals, constraints).
3. **Differential-Tree Localization**: IR is projected into the DBM differential tree to identify:
   - Leaf or near-leaf clusters
   - Structural neighbors
   - Evidence chains and contribution costs
4. **Alignment Check**: Structural invariants and constraints are evaluated against the LLM trajectory.

3.2 Leaf-as-Grounded Oracle

When the LLM encounters ambiguity or instability, the paired DBM leaf provides:

- **Data Support**: Historically similar states, successful paths, and key divergences.
- **Decision Support**: Ranking and pruning of LLM-generated candidates using metric distance and constraint satisfaction.
- **Verification Support**: Deterministic checks for oscillation, contradiction, infeasibility, or risk escalation.

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4. Advantages over LLM-Only Reasoning

The Dual-Run Architecture directly mitigates three systemic weaknesses:

1. **Oscillation Suppression**: Structural signatures detect cyclic reasoning (e.g., A→B→A loops) and penalize them explicitly.
2. **Branch Explosion Control**: Differential-tree locality provides heuristic pruning, converting blind search into guided exploration.
3. **External Verifiability**: Decision quality is anchored to structural evidence and invariant checks rather than self-referential language judgments.

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5. Minimal Interface Decomposition

A reference interface decomposition includes:

- `ILlmStateEmitter` – emits intermediate reasoning states and candidate sets

- `IDbmIrCompiler` – compiles LLM states into DBM IR
- `IDifferentialTreeLocator` – maps IR to tree leaves and evidence
- `ILeafDecisionSupport` – ranks, prunes, and explains decisions
- `IVerifierHooks` – pluggable deterministic validators

This separation allows independent evolution of LLM models and DBM infrastructures.

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6. Position in the DBM Roadmap

This architecture establishes DBM as a **runtime intelligence substrate** rather than a training-time alternative to LLMs. It aligns naturally with:

- Test-time compute expansion
- Prover–Verifier paradigms
- Evidence-centric AI governance

Accordingly, it is designated as the **fifth major DBM application research direction for 2026**.

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LLM–DBM 对偶协同架构：基于差分树的推理托底机制

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摘要

本文正式提出 **LLM–DBM 对偶协同运行架构**。在该范式中，大语言模型（LLM）与数字脑模型（DBM）在运行时并行执行，作为同一问题状态的**对偶表达**。

LLM 负责语言表达、假设生成与探索性推理；DBM 则同步将每一个中间推理状态投影到**差分树（Differential Tree）**中，定位到对应的叶子或近叶簇，用以提供结构约束、证据链、历史近邻与可验证的决策支持。

当 LLM 出现不确定性、分支爆炸、震荡或验证困难时，其对偶的 DBM 树叶将作为“结构托底层”，为其提供强有力的数据与决策支撑，从而显著提升整体推理系统的稳定性、可验证性与工程可靠性。

该架构被正式定位为 **DBM 在 2026 年的第五大应用研究方向**。

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1. 研究动机

当前纯 LLM 系统在复杂推理与真实工程场景中普遍暴露出以下问题：

- 推理路径震荡（反复修正、循环回退）
- 缺乏稳定的结构状态
- 无外部真值或确定性裁判
- 测试时搜索成本极高却效率低下

这些问题并非模型规模不足，而是**结构与验证能力缺失**。DBM 的差分树、度量空间与证据链机制，正好补足这一结构空缺。

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2. 核心原则：对偶表达

对偶协同原则：

在运行时，LLM 的每一个中间推理状态都会被持续编译为 DBM 的中间表示，并定位到差分树中的对应叶子。该叶子构成该推理状态的结构对偶，用以提供可验证证据、结构近邻与约束剪枝。

LLM 与 DBM 不是替代关系，而是互为约束、互为校验的协同关系。

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3. 运行时架构

3.1 并行双跑

在每一个推理步 t：

1. LLM 生成假设、计划片段或候选动作集合
2. 将其编译为 DBM IR（事件、关系、目标、约束）
3. 投影到差分树中，定位叶子/近叶簇
4. 执行结构一致性与不变量校验

3.2 树叶托底机制

当 LLM 出现疑问或不稳定时，DBM 树叶提供：

- **数据托底**：历史相似状态、成功路径、关键差异解释
- **决策托底**：对候选方案进行结构评分与剪枝
- **验证托底**：确定性检测震荡、冲突、不可执行性与风险

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4. 相对优势

该架构系统性解决了 LLM-only 推理的三大顽疾：

1. 显式抑制震荡循环
2. 将盲目搜索转化为结构引导搜索
3. 将“自我语言判断”替换为“可验证结构证据”

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5. 最小接口划分

推荐的最小接口包括：

- `ILlmStateEmitter`
- `IDbmIrCompiler`
- `IDifferentialTreeLocator`
- `ILeafDecisionSupport`
- `IVerifierHooks`

接口解耦保证了 LLM 与 DBM 可独立演进。

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6. 路线图定位

LLM–DBM 对偶协同架构确立了 DBM 作为**运行时结构智能底座**的角色，而非 LLM 的替代品。

因此，本条目被正式确认为 **DBM 在 2026 年的第五大应用研究方向**。