

Falling Outward: An RSVP Analogue Extended to Inflation

The “falling outward” concept, as articulated by Mark Whittle in his cosmology lectures, provides an intuitive framework for understanding cosmic expansion, particularly in voids dominated by dark energy. Here, we reframe this argument within the Relativistic Scalar-Vector-Potential (RSVP) model, emphasizing entropic relaxation processes. We begin with the core analogy and then extend it to inflationary dynamics, recast as the lamphron-lamphrodyne flash—a rapid initial entropic smoothing that establishes the conditions for subsequent void expansion.

Core Analogy: Entropic Relaxation in the Plenum

Consider a spherical region within the RSVP plenum, with a test particle positioned at its boundary. The dynamics are governed by the interplay of three fields: the scalar capacity Ξ (driving entropic smoothing), the vector flow \mathbf{u} (mediating local transport), and the entropy field S (quantifying disorder and relaxation).

Case 1: Matter-Dominated Sphere. In a region dominated by structured matter (e.g., baryonic clusters or collapsed solitons), the effective energy experienced by the test particle follows a Newtonian-like form:

$$E \sim -\frac{GMm}{r},$$

where M is the enclosed mass, m is the test mass, and r is the radius. This inward pull minimizes entropy through gravitational collapse, analogous to a particle rolling toward a potential minimum.

Case 2: Entropic Vacuum-Dominated Sphere. In contrast, for a region dominated by the lamphron-lamphrodyne background—the entropic substrate of the plenum—the “mass” scales with volume, $M(r) \propto r^3$. The effective energy then becomes:

$$E \sim -\frac{GM(r)m}{r} \sim -r^2.$$

This quadratic dependence implies an outward relaxation, where entropy is minimized by dispersal rather than concentration.

Self-Sustaining Relaxation. The expansion generates the entropy required to fill the enlarged volume, sourced from the downhill entropic fall itself. In RSVP terms, this duality manifests as two complementary gradients: inward collapse for matter-rich regions (entropy minimization via clustering) and outward smoothing for voids (entropy minimization via expansion). Thus, clustering and void growth are twin expressions of the same entropic dynamics, obviating the need for a global scale factor.

RSVP Interpretation. Whittle’s punchline—that space “weighs something” and thus falls outward—is recast in RSVP as space containing entropic potential, driving outward smoothing. Voids do not passively expand; they actively relax outward, fueled by the entropic gradient that parallels gravitational collapse.

Extension to Inflation: The Lamphron-Lamphrodyne Flash

Building on Whittle’s extension to dense vacuum states, where a high-energy vacuum falls outward at an accelerated rate, we parallel this to inflationary cosmology within RSVP. Inflation is reinterpreted as the lamphron-lamphrodyne flash: an initial, rapid entropic smoothing phase that prefigures the later expansion of cosmic voids.

In the early plenum, prior to significant structure formation, the scalar capacity Ξ dominates in a high-entropy, pre-relaxed state. Analogous to a superdense vacuum, the effective energy scales steeply with radius due to the lamphron (high-potential entropy carriers) transitioning to lamphrodyne (smoothed, low-potential states):

$$E \sim -\rho_{\Xi} r^2,$$

where ρ_{Ξ} is the scalar density, far exceeding later-era values. This leads to exponential outward relaxation:

$$\frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} \propto \rho_{\Xi} r,$$

mirroring the inflationary scale factor evolution $a(t) \propto e^{Ht}$, with Hubble parameter $H \propto \sqrt{\rho_{\Xi}}$.

The flash resolves horizon and flatness issues by rapidly smoothing entropic gradients across super-horizon scales, establishing causal uniformity. Post-flash, residual entropic potentials drive the observed void expansion, linking early rapid smoothing to late-time acceleration.

In RSVP, this phase is self-regulating: the lamphron-lamphrodyne transition exports entropy outward, generating the capacity for subsequent baryonic structure while ensuring global coherence. Thus, inflation is not an ad hoc addition but an emergent consequence of entropic relaxation in the dense early plenum.

Implications for Cosmological Coherence

This framework reinforces the RSVP model’s emphasis on internal consistency: entropic dynamics constrain parameter variations, disfavoring multiverse scenarios with arbitrary inflationary potentials. The observed CMB isotropy, bounded by super-horizon gradients ($\Delta\Upsilon_{*} \text{few} \times 10^{-5}$), extends this coherence beyond the observable horizon, aligning with the “falling outward” narrative across cosmic epochs.