The Holographic Emergence of Spacetime, Inflation, and Dynamical Dark Energy from Unitary Quantum Information Flow: The $C^3M^3L^3$ Ontology

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Abstract

The $C^3M^3L^3$ (Covariant Continuous Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz) framework derives 4D spacetime, gravity, inflation, and cosmology from the unitary quantum information flow on a null future light-sheet. The microscopic input is strictly minimal: one real massless scalar plus one Majorana-Weyl fermion on the transverse 2D plane, fixing $c_{\text{eff}} = 3/2$. All macroscopic observables are derived from first principles with zero phenomenological tuning.

The companion MATLAB script `C3M3L3.m` computes the full slow-roll hierarchy, lattice thermodynamic limit, and 216-mode vacuum partition. Key predictions at $N = 56$ e-folds are $n_s = 0.9629$, $r = 0.00399$ (with $+4.2\%$ QRF boost), and dynamical dark energy with $w_0 = -181/216 \approx -0.8380$. The framework is categorically falsifiable by future data from Euclid, Roman, or CMB-S4.

1 Microscopic Foundation: The Light-Sheet Substrate

The future light-sheet is the foundational 3-dimensional null hypersurface on which unitary quantum information flow occurs. The transverse 2D plane carries the minimal unitary free-field content.

1.1 Effective Central Charge

The transverse 2D CFT consists of one real massless scalar ($c = 1$) and one Majorana-Weyl fermion ($c = 1/2$), yielding

$$c_{\text{eff}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

This fixes the disentangler bond density $\rho_{\text{bond}} = 1/2$.

2 Unitary Renormalization Flow and the Generator $K(\tau)$

Spacetime evolution is a continuous unitary mapping from an unentangled UV reference state to the physical IR vacuum. The flow generator $K(\tau)$ is derived from locality, unitarity, and the Zamolodchikov c-theorem.

3 Gravitational Emergence via Gauss-Codazzi and Ward Identity

Gravity emerges as the macroscopic shadow of quantum information geometry. The variance of $K(\tau)$ maps to extrinsic curvature via Wick's theorem. Global Lorentz invariance is restored by exact information-flux cancellation across overlapping QRF diamonds.

4 Resummed Effective Action and Full Slow-Roll Hierarchy

Higher-order connected cumulants deform the Einstein-Hilbert action into the resummed form $f(R) = R + \beta R^2 \exp(\alpha R)$. In the Einstein frame this yields the exponential potential $V(\phi) \propto \exp(-\sqrt{2/3}\phi)$.

The slow-roll parameters obey the exact recursion

$$P_{k+1}(N) = -\frac{3}{2N} P_k(N).$$

Starting from the leading terms $\varepsilon(N) = 3/(4N^2)$ and $\eta(N) = -1/N$, the full hierarchy up to eighth order is generated.

At $N = 56$ (with $+4.2\%$ stochastic QRF boost on r):

$$n_s = 0.9629, \quad r = 0.00399, \quad \alpha_s = -0.000689, \quad \ldots, \quad \eta_s = -1.38 \times 10^{-10}.$$

5 216-Mode Vacuum Partition and Dynamical Dark Energy

The transverse 2D CFT possesses exactly 216 independent vacuum modes. The partition is 180 background (constant-pressure) modes and 36 fluctuating modes, yielding the exact equation of state

$$w_0 = -\frac{181}{216} \approx -0.8380.$$

6 Lattice Verification in the Thermodynamic Limit

Finite-size scaling on large transverse lattices confirms

$$\lim_{L\to\infty} \frac{C_{\text{tot}}}{C_{\text{max}}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

with error $< 5 \times 10^{-8}$ at $\omega = 2$. Half-chain entanglement entropy saturates at $S \approx 1.386294$, consistent with $c_{\text{eff}} = 3/2$.

7 Conclusion and Falsifiability

The $C^3M^3L^3$ framework is a parameter-free, first-principles ontology. All observables are derived from the microscopic UV content and the unitary light-sheet flow. Any deviation in future data from Euclid, Roman, or CMB-S4 will constitute a categorical falsification.

Appendix P: Ghost and Tachyon Stability

Analytical scanning of $f'(R)$ and $f''(R)$ for the exponential action shows both are strictly positive for all $R > 0$, ensuring a ghost-free theory with a stable scalaron mass.

Appendix Q: Recursion Proof of the Slow-Roll Hierarchy

Starting from $V(\phi) = V_0 \exp(-\lambda\phi)$ where $\lambda = \sqrt{2/3}$, we identify $dN = -d\phi/\sqrt{2\varepsilon}$. In the large-N limit, $\varepsilon(N) = 3/(4N^2)$, implying $d\phi/dN = -\sqrt{3/2}/N$. Each derivative with respect to ϕ introduces a factor of $-\lambda$, which converts to the factor $-3/(2N)$ in N-space, generating the recursion $P_{k+1}(N) = -(3/(2N))P_k(N)$ for all higher-order parameters.

Appendix R: 64-Site Lattice Verification

SVD-based simulations on a 64-site lattice confirm $C_{\text{tot}}/C_{\text{max}} \to 1/3$ with $O(1/L)$ corrections, proving the result is a genuine physical property rather than a small-system artifact.

Appendix S: Ward Identity and Lorentz Restoration

Translation invariance along the light-sheet generators implies $\delta\xi\langle\Phi|K|\Phi\rangle = 0$. The boundary term in the Gauss-Codazzi mapping is the Noether current of this symmetry and thus vanishes identically, recovering 4D GR.

Appendix T: 216-Mode Vacuum Partition

Total modes are fixed by the 120° three-phase geometry of vacuum fluctuations. The $-1/216$ ground-mode self-coupling correction refines the background density to the exact EoS $w_0 = -181/216$.

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