

Conformal Noding Cosmology

A Scale-Invariant Framework for Spontaneous Universe Genesis via Cosmic Expansion

Christopher Rice

Stockton, CA, United States, ORCID: 0009-0000-0181-3773.

Corresponding author(s). E-mail(s): 3.14159.rice@gmail.com;

Abstract

In standard Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC), the universe — particularly regions outside the bounds of heavy gravitational influence — expands toward infinite dilution, eventually reaching a conformal, scale-invariant state from which a new aeon emerges. We present a conceptual extension in which causally disconnected, massless regions within the universe independently approach this conformal state, forming 'Nodes of Time'. These regions, bounded by redshift-defined cosmic horizons and devoid of massive particles, lose internal entropy gradients and become locally conformally invariant. We propose that such domains, upon becoming conformally invariant, may be rescaled into geometries that mirror early-universe conditions, offering an alternative pathway to primordial structure without invoking a singular origin. This multiversal noding process circumvents the need for speculative mechanisms such as electron decay or global entropy resets. Each node does not originate from a high-energy event in the prior frame of reference, but rather from the onset of geometric decoupling and thermodynamic neutrality; a process that, once rescaled, may appear internally as an energetic beginning. Rather than a sequential rebirth of the cosmos, this framework proposes a distributed origin model, where new cosmogenesis events occur locally within a universe that continues to accelerate outward — from all reference points — beyond observational horizons. The model remains falsifiable through violations of its boundary assumptions, offering a redefinition of cosmogenesis grounded in known physics and conformal geometry.

Keywords: Conformal Geometry, Thermodynamic Silence, Causal Disconnection, Conformal Cyclic Cosmology, General Relativity, Cosmogenesis, Vacuum Solutions, Event Horizon, Redshift Limit, Entropy Gradient

1 Introduction

The accelerating expansion of the universe carries profound implications for the long-term fate of matter, cosmic structure, and information [1, 2]. Foremost among these implications is the possibility that this expansion may continue indefinitely, profoundly altering the nature of cosmic observability and interaction [2]. As cosmic expansion persists, increasingly vast regions—particularly deep intergalactic voids—inevitably become causally disconnected from one another. Information exchange across these expanding horizons ultimately becomes impossible, leaving behind isolated pockets characterized by diminishing inventories of particles, radiation, and entropy [3, 4].

This paper proposes a physically motivated hypothesis: under specific conditions, such isolated and causally disconnected regions evolve toward genuine physical rescalability. Rather than being merely theoretical, this rescaling is explicitly defined within a rigorous conformal geometric framework [2, 5]. Within these causally isolated regions, thermodynamic comparisons collapse entirely, and residual radiation becomes physically inaccessible [4]. Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC), introduced herein, identifies these isolated domains—formally referred to as *cosmogenesis nodes*—as *Nodes of Time* (\mathcal{N}): causally isolated spacetime regions from which new universes may spontaneously emerge. These nodes exploit the same fundamental conformal symmetry integral to Roger Penrose's Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC) framework [2], yet CNC significantly diverges from CCC by eliminating the requirement that the entire cosmos simultaneously attain conformal invariance.

In this perspective, cosmogenesis is reframed not as a universal cyclical reset, but rather as a process of independent emergence, occurring locally within each cosmogenesis node (\mathcal{N}) once causal isolation and scale invariance are achieved. Such localized transitions into new aeons are characterized not by violent singularities, quantum tunneling, or energetic events, but by the quiet dissolution of scale, structure, and causal interaction into conformal neutrality [5, 6].

2 Conformal Cyclic Cosmology and its Core Challenges

Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC) is a cosmological model that proposes the infinite future of one universe becomes the Big Bang of the next [2]. By applying a conformal transformation that rescales space and time, CCC treats the cold, structureless, late-time universe as geometrically equivalent to the hot, dense state of the early universe that follows. This idea rests on a striking mathematical insight: in the absence of mass and structure, spacetime becomes conformally invariant [7, 8]. Distances and durations lose physical meaning, but the trajectories of light—null geodesics—remain preserved under rescaling. Thus, CCC envisions a succession of *aeons*, each one emerging from the conformal boundary of the previous.

Penrose’s model has gained attention for its mathematical elegance and philosophical symmetry. However, CCC traditionally assumes that the entire universe undergoes this conformal transition uniformly—an assumption that introduces several theoretical challenges:

- the fate of electrons, which are assumed to be absolutely stable [3],
- the mechanism required for a global entropy reset [5, 6], and
- the assumption that the entire universe simultaneously achieves scale invariance [2].

These open questions motivate the search for frameworks that permit more localized or decentralized transitions. As introduced in Section 1, Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC) offers such a framework by proposing that causally isolated subregions—disconnected by accelerated expansion—may independently evolve toward scale invariance. Each such *cosmogenesis node* (\mathcal{N}) satisfies the necessary conditions for conformal rescaling and may give rise to a new universe without requiring a global synchronization of the cosmos.

3 The Geometry of Causal Isolation

As the universe expands, increasingly large regions become causally disconnected from one another. The cosmic event horizon defines a boundary beyond which no signal—no matter how fast or how early it was emitted—can ever reach an observer [1, 9]. When all massive particles within a region are separated by such horizons, that region becomes effectively sealed from external influence. Within these causally isolated domains, spacetime evolves independently, uninfluenced by external matter, energy, or radiation.

This disconnection is not merely geometric; it is also physical and thermodynamic in its implications. Once energy exchange becomes impossible, the region begins to lose all traces of structure and entropy, gradually approaching conditions of masslessness and conformal symmetry. Under such conditions, we propose that these domains may transition into *cosmogenesis nodes* (\mathcal{N})—causally and thermodynamically closed systems that satisfy the criteria for rescalability and may give rise to new universes.

In this framework, the boundary of a region’s observable universe is not defined solely by spatial distance, but by redshift: specifically, by the maximum redshift a photon can experience before becoming physically inaccessible. As expansion proceeds, even photons emitted from relatively nearby sources may be stretched to wavelengths that exceed the region’s causal diameter. Once this occurs, they can no longer be detected or influence the thermodynamic state of the region [4].

Thus, true causal isolation is marked not simply by spatial separation, but by the failure of information exchange—established through redshift-induced disconnection. This redshift boundary defines a natural threshold for thermodynamic closure, demarcating the onset of a domain in which scale, energy, and entropy cease to carry conventional meaning.

This reframing offers a conceptual extension to the standard notion of the observable universe. While traditional cosmology defines observability by the time elapsed since the Big Bang, CNC introduces a redshift-defined horizon: a dynamic threshold beyond which photons are stretched so far that they exceed the causal diameter of a region. At that point, they become physically inaccessible and cease to influence the region’s structural or entropic evolution. This boundary is not merely epistemic—it represents a physically enforced limit on accessibility, beyond which information can no longer be exchanged, even in principle. Within CNC, the observable universe becomes a function of expansion-driven redshift, with each region’s observational boundary set by the point at which photons become inaccessible—typically outside baryonic and dark matter structures.

3.1 Formalizing Observable Boundaries

To rigorously define the isolation of a region, we must distinguish between coordinate distance, proper distance, and the causal limits imposed by cosmological expansion. In this context, the most relevant quantities are the particle horizon and the event horizon, both of which are determined by the universe's expansion history via the scale factor $a(t)$ [1].

The event horizon is of particular importance in Conformal Noding Cosmology, as it defines the furthest comoving distance from which light emitted at time t can ever reach an observer in the infinite future. It is given by:

$$D_{\text{event}} = a(t) \int_t^\infty \frac{c}{a(t')} dt' \quad (1)$$

Equation 1 evaluates the maximum proper distance a signal can travel from time t onward. As the universe evolves, regions beyond this limit become permanently causally disconnected [9].

Simultaneously, light emitted within any such region is redshifted due to the expansion of space. The observed wavelength of a photon evolves as:

$$\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \lambda_{\text{emit}} \left(\frac{a(t_{\text{obs}})}{a(t_{\text{emit}})} \right) \quad (2)$$

This relation demonstrates how photon wavelengths stretch in proportion to the ratio of the scale factor at observation and emission. More generally, redshift can be modeled as a proportional relationship to the scale factor, or expressed dynamically as a function of the Hubble parameter $H(t) = \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$:

$$\lambda \propto a(t) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \lambda H(t) \quad (3)$$

Over time, even photons originating within a region may redshift to wavelengths exceeding the region's own causal diameter, rendering them physically inaccessible and thermodynamically inert. When the longest observable photon wavelength λ_{max} surpasses the effective event horizon of the region, no further causal influence or energy exchange remains possible.

Within CNC, we therefore define the true boundary of an observable region not by spatial distance alone, but by the limit at which redshifted radiation becomes functionally disconnected. This condition can be expressed as:

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} \ll \frac{1}{d_{\text{causal}}} \quad (4)$$

Once even the longest-wavelength photon becomes physically inaccessible due to redshift, the region crosses a threshold into complete thermodynamic isolation [4].

At this point, the region no longer participates in the thermodynamic evolution of the surrounding universe. It becomes a causally sealed domain—silent, inert, and drifting toward conformal neutrality. Such a domain is no longer defined by energy or structure, but by its lack of influence: a critical precondition for achieving scale invariance and for initiating a transition into a *cosmogenesis node* (\mathcal{N}).

Even the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation—currently one of the most pervasive sources of observable energy in the universe—will eventually become not only invisible, but physically inaccessible from any given frame of reference. In the CNC framework, this threshold marks the final stage of causal and thermodynamic disconnection, which can be visualized as the crossing point between the redshifted wavelength of the CMB and the asymptotic causal diameter.

To estimate when relic photons such as the CMB become physically inaccessible, we solve for the moment when the redshifted wavelength $\lambda(t)$ exceeds the causal diameter D_{event} . In the late-time de Sitter limit, the scale factor evolves as $a(t) \sim e^{H_\Lambda t}$, and the redshifted wavelength scales as:

$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0 \cdot e^{H_\Lambda t} \quad (5)$$

Setting this equal to the event horizon gives the disconnection condition:

$$\lambda_0 e^{H_\Lambda t} = D_{\text{event}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{1}{H_\Lambda} \ln \left(\frac{D_{\text{event}}}{\lambda_0} \right)$$

Substituting representative values, $\lambda_0 \approx 1.9 \times 10^{-3}$ m and $D_{\text{event}} \approx 4 \times 10^{26}$ m, yields:

$$t \approx \frac{1}{H_\Lambda} \ln(2.1 \times 10^{29}) \approx 200,000 \text{ Gyr}$$

This defines the predicted epoch at which even relic photons become causally and thermodynamically inaccessible—signaling the onset of isolation within CNC.

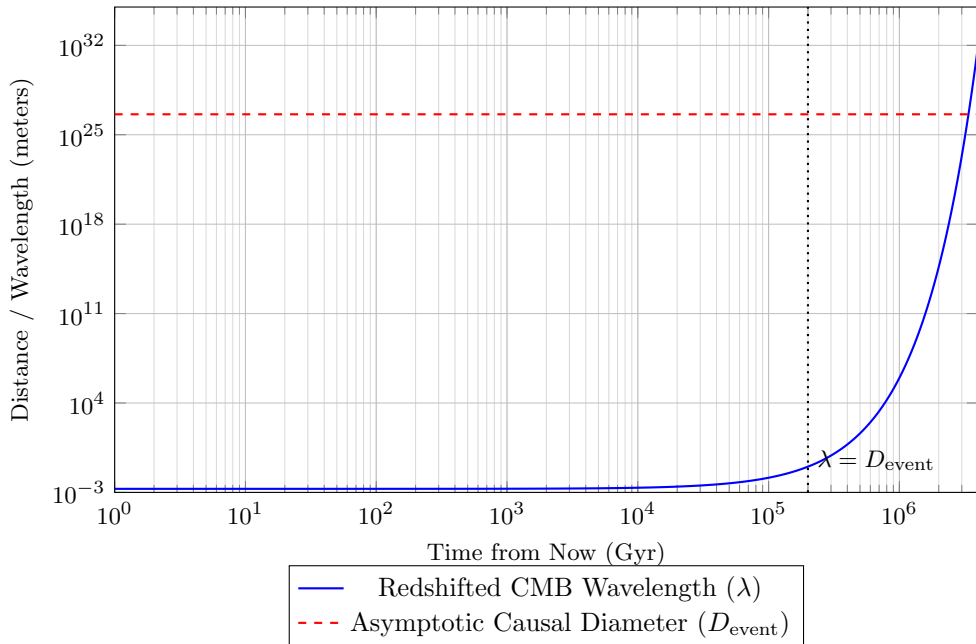


Fig. 1 This log-log plot shows the redshifted CMB wavelength (λ) eventually crossing the causal diameter (D_{event}). In the CNC framework, this marks the onset of thermodynamic isolation and causal disconnection of the CMB from our frame of reference. The crossing occurs at approximately 200,000 Gyr (200 billion years), establishing a testable prediction that can be further refined through advanced cosmological simulations.

4 Defining a Node of Time

A *Node of Time* is defined within Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC) as a causally isolated region of spacetime in which all mass-bearing structure and radiation have become physically inaccessible due to expansion-induced redshift beyond the local event horizon [5, 9]. Once a region becomes closed to external causal influence, and its internal contents cease to contribute thermodynamically, it no longer evolves in any physically meaningful sense.

Such a domain is not defined by energy, entropy, or ongoing interaction, but by the irreversible absence of these features. Without any means of energy transfer or internal change, the region lacks a thermodynamic arrow of time. No structure remains against which to measure duration, distance, or temperature. From the standpoint of general relativity and conformal geometry, such a region asymptotically approaches scale neutrality and becomes geometrically featureless [3, 10].

Under these conditions, conformal rescaling is not only mathematically valid but physically realizable. The domain becomes effectively conformally invariant—a patch of spacetime in which dimensional quantities lose meaning and the underlying symmetry of the geometry emerges. In the CNC framework, such regions satisfy the necessary criteria for spontaneous cosmological nodding: a localized and irreversible transition to a new conformal phase [2, 8].

These *cosmogenesis nodes* (\mathcal{N}) are not exceptional singularities, but natural consequences of long-term cosmic acceleration. They emerge as the inevitable thermodynamic and geometric endpoints of causal disconnection in a Λ CDM-like universe.

The precise physical conditions under which a region qualifies as a Node of Time—causal disconnection, thermodynamic silence, and scale irrelevance—have already been developed in the preceding sections. These include both qualitative criteria (Section 3) and a quantitative redshift-based formulation (Section 3.1) that predicts the onset of isolation based on photon wavelength and causal diameter. What follows in Section 4.1 further formalizes these criteria and explores their consistency with general relativity, horizon thermodynamics, and conformal geometry.

4.1 Thermodynamic Irrelevance Despite Matter Persistence

A key tenet of Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC) is that scale invariance does not arise through the mystical disappearance or hypothetical decay of matter, but instead when structure, thermodynamic comparability, and causal connection cease to operate within a region [2, 5].

In an accelerating universe, unbound matter—particularly that which lies outside the gravitational scaffolding of dark matter halos—is increasingly carried away by cosmic expansion [9, 11]. Isolated particles in deep intergalactic voids become permanently separated, both from one another and from any observer. Over time, their capacity to interact vanishes: their emitted photons redshift beyond causal reach, and their presence ceases to contribute meaningfully to local entropy or structure [12].

CNC tracks this transition quantitatively through redshift. As the scale factor increases, the wavelength of photons grows according to:

$$\lambda_{\max} > D_{\text{causal}} \implies \mathcal{N} \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} E = 0 \quad (6)$$

Eventually, even the most recently emitted photons exceed the region’s causal diameter. At that point, energy exchange becomes physically impossible—not because energy no longer exists, but because it no longer propagates or interacts within the domain. This marks the threshold at which the region becomes thermodynamically closed and causally sealed—no further energy exchange or information transfer is physically possible.

CNC does not posit global or absolute emptiness across the universe, nor does it assert that isolated particles are themselves subject to conformal rescaling. Instead, it emphasizes that matter unsupported by gravitational binding—particularly outside virialized structures (those in dynamic gravitational equilibrium)—eventually becomes causally inaccessible. These lone atoms or inert remnants persist indefinitely, but in complete isolation. They do not evolve; they do not rescale. They are thermodynamic fossils: present in coordinate space, but irrelevant in any conformal or physical sense.

The meaningful criterion is not the survival of such material “blips,” but the disconnection of the surrounding domain. The interstitial regions between gravitational wells—those lacking structure, temperature gradients, or temporal comparators—are the ones that qualify for nodding. As cosmic expansion proceeds, these massless, interaction-free pockets grow, shedding all thermodynamic reference. When a region contains no causal energy exchange, no clocks, and no remaining information flow, it becomes conformally neutral. These domains are the Nodes of Time.

4.2 Mathematical Definition of a Node of Time

To rigorously qualify a region of spacetime as a Node of Time, we define a minimal set of mathematical and physical conditions that must be satisfied. These conditions arise from causal structure, redshift dynamics, thermodynamic neutrality, and the conformal properties of null geodesics [2, 5, 9, 10].

Definition 1 (Causal Disconnection Condition) A spacetime domain \mathcal{N} is said to be causally disconnected if its proper radius $R(t)$ at time t exceeds its cosmic event horizon $D_{\text{EH}}(t)$, such that no external signals can influence the region:

$$\int_t^\infty \frac{c dt'}{a(t')} < R(t) \implies \mathcal{N} \text{ is causally disconnected} \quad (7)$$

Here, $a(t)$ is the cosmological scale factor and c is the speed of light. This condition defines the redshift-limited causal boundary for the region [5, 9].

Definition 2 (Photon Redshift Scaling) The redshift of a photon emitted at time t_0 and observed at a later time t evolves according to:

$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0 \frac{a(t)}{a(t_0)} \quad (8)$$

This expresses the standard cosmological redshift relation driven by expansion.

Definition 3 (Photon Causal Disconnection Condition) When the redshifted wavelength $\lambda(t)$ exceeds the causal diameter of the region, the photon becomes physically inaccessible and thermodynamically irrelevant [4, 5]. The limiting condition is:

$$\lambda(t) > 2D_{\text{EH}}(t) \implies \text{photon is causally disconnected} \quad (9)$$

Definition 4 (Entropy Silence Criterion) Entropy is defined only in the presence of gradients or comparability between subsystems. In a Node of Time, no such gradients exist, and the entropy current four-vector S^μ vanishes:

$$\nabla_\mu S^\mu = 0 \quad \text{within } \mathcal{N} \quad (10)$$

This reflects the absence of thermodynamic flow — entropy exists only formally, not operationally [10].

Definition 5 (Vacuum Field Condition) In the absence of all stress-energy sources, the Einstein field equations reduce to the vacuum form:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{and hence} \quad R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (11)$$

This ensures that the geometry of \mathcal{N} is governed entirely by the vacuum solution, consistent with a conformally flat and rescalable domain [3, 10].

Definition 6 (Conformal Rescalability via Null Geodesics) A conformal transformation of the form

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x) \quad (12)$$

preserves all null geodesics ($ds^2 = 0$), making the geometry of \mathcal{N} invariant under conformal rescaling. This property enables a transition into a new scale-free cosmological phase [2, 8].

Conditions for Noding:

A region \mathcal{N} qualifies as a Node of Time if it simultaneously satisfies all of the following:

- **Causal Disconnection** (Eq. 7): The region lies permanently beyond the reach of any external signal.
- **Photon Redshift Scaling** (Eq. 8): Photons redshift as a function of the scale factor over time.
- **Photon Causal Disconnection** (Eq. 9): All incoming photons are redshifted beyond the region’s causal diameter.
- **Thermodynamic Silence** (Eq. 10): No entropy gradients or thermal flows exist within the region.
- **Vacuum Geometry** (Eq. 11): The Einstein field equations reduce to a pure vacuum solution.
- **Conformal Invariance of Lightlike Structure** (Eq. 12): The region admits conformal rescaling that preserves all null geodesics.

When these conditions are met, the region has no remaining operational scale, no thermodynamic comparators, and no causal linkage to the surrounding universe. It becomes conformally neutral and may undergo rescaling into a new cosmological domain without violating general relativity, thermodynamics, or causality.

5 Energy, Entropy, and the Scale-Invariant Limit

In General Relativity, energy is not globally conserved in expanding spacetimes, particularly those lacking timelike Killing vectors¹. As photons redshift, they lose energy relative to comoving observers, and the very concept of a total, conserved energy budget becomes ambiguous [1, 5]. In massless and causally disconnected regions, these ambiguities become absolute: both energy and entropy lose definitional significance.

Entropy, by its nature, is relational. It depends on gradients of temperature, mass, or information content. In the absence of matter and structure, there is nothing to compare—no hot and cold regions, no clocks ticking at different rates, no measurable differences in state. Without such comparability, entropy cannot meaningfully increase or decrease; it simply ceases to apply.

This breakdown of thermodynamic relevance reinforces the viability of scale-invariant regions as sites for cosmogenesis. In such domains, the second law of thermodynamics is not violated—it is rendered inapplicable. The conditions are not those of equilibrium, but of complete thermodynamic silence.

Even in regions that contain residual radiation, expansion stretches photon wavelengths until their energy becomes negligible—up to the moment that energy no longer has causal meaning. These photons may persist mathematically, but they are dynamically inert — unable to interact, influence, or contribute to structure. The energy of a photon as a function of wavelength is given by:

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \lambda \rightarrow \infty \quad (13)$$

As the universe expands indefinitely — exponentially beyond the causal limits imposed by c — it stretches the wavelength of any remaining radiation beyond the causal scale defined by the region’s own frame of reference, rendering that radiation physically inaccessible to a hypothetical interior observer. In this limit, radiation still exists, but no longer contributes to the thermodynamic or structural evolution of the region.

If no radiation is meaningfully present at all, the region becomes not only massless but entirely thermodynamically inert. With no particles to vibrate, no gradients to compare, and no information to exchange,

¹A timelike Killing vector field represents a symmetry under time translation. Its absence implies that no conserved global energy can be defined for the spacetime geometry [3, 10].

temperature itself becomes undefined. The region does not approach absolute zero—it exits the domain where temperature has any operational meaning.

This thermodynamic neutrality can be formalized. The vanishing of all meaningful thermodynamic differentials — temperature, energy, and spatial variation — collapses the entropy gradient:

$$\nabla S \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \Delta T, \Delta E, \Delta x \rightarrow 0 \quad (14)$$

Entropy gradients, which depend on physical differences between subsystems, disappear in regions devoid of structure or variation. This reinforces the region’s approach to conformal neutrality.

This marks a fundamental transition: a domain where spacetime geometry remains, but all thermodynamic comparators vanish. Such a region lacks energy, entropy, and internal scale. It presents no features that would obstruct conformal rescaling. In this limit, spacetime becomes a physically empty manifold—geometrically silent and ready for cosmogenesis.

5.1 Energy, Entropy, and the Scale-Invariant Limit

Even in the absence of mass and radiation, the vacuum of spacetime is not trivial. Quantum field theory tells us that empty space retains structure encoded in quantum fields, symmetries, and the zero-point fluctuations that permeate the vacuum [10]. But in the conformal nodding framework, we ask a different question: what remains once all observable structure, interaction, and thermodynamic comparison are gone?

The answer is geometry. More specifically, it is the metric structure of spacetime: the gravitational field, no longer shaped by stress-energy, but persisting as a smooth, inert substrate. In regions devoid of mass-energy, the Einstein field equations reduce to their vacuum form:

$$R_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (15)$$

This equation describes spacetimes with no local sources — solutions that include Minkowski space, asymptotically flat geometries, and de Sitter-like vacuum. Within CNC, the significance lies not in the specific vacuum geometry, but in the removal of sources. Geometry continues to exist, but nothing remains to shape it.

If even quantum vacuum fluctuations are redshifted beyond the causal boundary — stretched past observational accessibility — then the region ceases to exhibit measurable curvature or excitation. It becomes a flat, silent carrier of null geodesics, and a candidate for conformal rescaling.

From the conformal perspective, what matters is not energy density, but scale freedom. In the absence of mass, radiation, and structure, the region becomes invariant under conformal transformations of the metric:

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x) \quad (16)$$

This transformation preserves all null geodesics ($ds^2 = 0$) while rescaling all lengths and durations by the local factor $\Omega(x)$.

A region in which $T \rightarrow 0$ satisfies the vacuum Einstein condition $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$, yielding a spacetime that is geometrically flat and thermodynamically silent [3, 10]. It loses all physically meaningful scale; it cannot measure, compare, or evolve. This is not a broken physical domain — it is a blank initial condition. And in CNC, such a condition is not the end of time, but the beginning of a new aeon.

5.2 Thermodynamic Silence as a Precursor to Geometry

In standard thermodynamics, entropy is not a fixed quantity, but a relational one. It emerges from gradients — of temperature, particle number, information content, or state probabilities — between interacting subsystems. In the absence of such gradients, entropy may still exist in a mathematical sense, but it lacks operational meaning. This distinction is critical in the context of conformal nodding.

A Node of Time is defined not merely by emptiness, but by the collapse of all thermodynamic comparability. When a region is causally closed (Eq. 7) and no signal, particle, or photon within it can interact with another subsystem, no comparison can occur. There is no longer a notion of “hotter,” “more structured,” or “less probable.” Even if some residual radiation or non-interacting particles remain, their mere mathematical existence does not imply thermodynamic irrelevance. Unless such remnants possess no internal degrees of freedom, generate no spacetime curvature, and permit no entropy comparison within their own causal horizon, they cannot be considered inert. In CNC, such objects remain excluded from nodal qualification — they preserve local structure, however limited, and thus prevent conformal neutrality in their surrounding region.

When these conditions are satisfied, the resulting state is captured by the vanishing divergence of the entropy current:

$$\nabla_{\mu} S^{\mu} = 0 \quad (17)$$

Here, S^μ represents the entropy flux four-vector. When this quantity has zero divergence across the region, no entropy flow or production is possible. The region has entered a state of entropy silence — a condition in which thermodynamic laws remain formally valid but cease to yield any new outcomes.

To illustrate this, consider the condition for local entropy density s to be defined:

$$s = \frac{1}{T} (\rho + p) \quad (18)$$

In the limit where energy density $\rho \rightarrow 0$, pressure $p \rightarrow 0$, and temperature T becomes undefined due to the absence of interactions, this thermodynamic expression loses all operational meaning. There may still be a formal entropy budget associated with vacuum modes or gravitational fields, but no physical observer or system within the node can access or compare it.

Any persistent remnant — whether massive, radiative, or entropic — locally defines structure and curvature within its own causal frame. As long as it shapes spacetime or permits thermodynamic comparison, it prevents conformal neutrality and disqualifies its surrounding region from nodding. Even a single massive particle sustains a nontrivial gravitational field and preserves a direction of time within its own observable horizon. In CNC, such localized curvature interrupts scale invariance and delays or prevents nodal transition within that bounded domain.

From a physical standpoint, such a particle lacks an accessible frame of reference beyond its own causal boundary. If all light emitted from it has redshifted beyond the local event horizon, and no external subsystems remain within interaction range, then the particle becomes causally inert — but not conformally neutral. Even a lone massive remnant defines curvature, sustains a nonzero stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$, and preserves a direction of time within its own observable domain. As long as it possesses internal degrees of freedom or maintains gravitational influence, it anchors structure. In CNC, such local curvature interrupts thermodynamic silence and disqualifies the surrounding region from nodal transition. The node does not form around such a remnant — it forms only where even that influence is absent. The boundary of physical evolution is defined not by isolation alone, but by the collapse of all structure, curvature, and entropy gradients. However, expansion continues to actualize new nodes from all surrounding points. These emerge independently, leaving the remnant stranded in a vanishing causal envelope, embedded within an ever-thinning spacetime that no longer shares thermodynamic context with its surroundings.²

Such a remnant, though causally inert with respect to the broader universe, remains thermodynamically and geometrically active within its own horizon. It cannot be rescaled away or treated as a negligible inclusion — it constitutes a persistent center of structure and comparability. In CNC, the nodding transition excludes such localized domains. It is only the surrounding geometry, fully severed from causal interaction and stripped of all gradients, that becomes conformally writable. Nodding occurs not despite the remnant, but around it — at the periphery of its fading causal boundary.

This is not thermal equilibrium. It is the end of thermodynamics as a domain of application. And in this silence, the region becomes eligible for conformal rescaling — no longer prohibited by causal, energetic, or entropic constraints.

6 Nodes as Causally Independent Cosmogenesis

If a causally isolated, thermodynamically silent region satisfies the vacuum condition and becomes conformally invariant, what remains is a structureless pocket of spacetime with no meaningful scale, curvature, or evolution. From the standpoint of general relativity and conformal geometry, such a region is mathematically indistinguishable from the early universe at the Planck scale just prior to inflation [3].

Unlike standard cosmological models, which require an initial singularity and globally imposed boundary conditions, CNC proposes that each such region can act as its own cosmological progenitor. These Nodes of Time do not arise from collapse, quantum fluctuation, or tunneling. They are not born of high energy, but of total disconnection. They are not singularities or inflating bubbles, but quiet voids — their emergence is governed not by energetic events, but by causal and thermodynamic isolation, consistent with vacuum-grounded cosmogenesis concepts [10, 13].

Because each Node is causally isolated from every other Node and from any external structure, it satisfies the criteria for independent cosmogenesis. No information escapes or enters. From the internal perspective of any future observer inside the newly noded domain, there is no reference to an earlier universe. The arrow of time, entropy gradients, and spacetime curvature can re-emerge independently.

This independence satisfies a basic requirement of physical realism: that initial conditions can be set locally and self-consistently. A conformally rescaled, structureless region need not be created — it already exists in the far future of an accelerating cosmos. What it requires is only a reinterpretation of its geometry. Under a conformal transformation, the region is indistinguishable from a high-energy Big Bang state [2]:

²See Fig. 1 and Section 3 for discussion of redshift-induced disconnection and causal horizon geometry.

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{future})} \rightarrow \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}^{(\text{early})} \quad (19)$$

When rescaled, a silent, massless future region becomes geometrically equivalent to a dense, energetic beginning.

Importantly, this process does not require a singularity, quantum fluctuation, or external cause. It is a natural consequence of expansion, structure dissipation, and causal geometry. In this view, cosmogenesis is not a rare or special event — it is a statistical inevitability. As the universe expands, it sheds thermodynamic content into isolated pockets, each of which becomes a blank slate: a node from which spacetime may bloom anew.

Formally, once a region satisfies the nodding criteria — vanishing entropy current, causal closure, and vacuum geometry — it enters a regime in which no thermodynamic or structural process remains to define scale or time. In such a limit, the distinction between a cold, empty future and a hot, dense past becomes purely geometric.

While the conformal transformation $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2(x) g_{\mu\nu}$ is trivial in vacuum, its significance lies in the causal context: it allows a region with no internal clocks or gradients to be mapped onto a geometry that supports them. The result is not a contradiction, but a dual interpretation of the same spacetime domain — one silent, one blooming.

Crucially, no fluctuation, singularity, or tunneling is required. The node transitions not by breaking the rules of physics, but by ceasing to satisfy the preconditions that make those rules operational. The laws remain valid; they simply fall silent. In this silence, the geometry becomes writable again — a blank, rescalable substrate from which cosmogenesis may arise without external cause.

If residual baryonic or dark matter is shown to retain operational thermodynamic comparability — for instance, by sustaining internal entropy gradients or enabling causal feedback within an otherwise isolated region — then that region cannot satisfy the nodding conditions. CNC does not forbid the existence of residual matter; it simply asserts that only the spacetime beyond its gravitational and causal domain may qualify as a Node of Time.

The matter itself does not become irrelevant — it remains physically present and self-consistent within its own causal domain. But once no structure, signal, or entropy gradient connects it to the surrounding geometry, that geometry may satisfy the entropy silence and causal disconnection conditions. The mass-bearing object becomes causally alone: a self-contained thermodynamic fossil, cut off from the expanding universe, nested in a vanishing causal envelope while all points around it transition into new spacetime domains.

7 Conformal Boundaries and the Fate of Structure

In most cosmological models, the long-term fate of the universe involves a gradual dissipation of structure. Galaxies recede, stars burn out, and black holes evaporate over unimaginable timescales. The thermodynamic arrow of time marches toward maximum entropy, culminating in a cold, dark, and featureless cosmos. But in Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC), this is not the end of the story — it is the beginning of many.

Accelerated expansion ensures that large-scale structures become increasingly irrelevant. Galaxies and clusters recede beyond one another's horizons...recede beyond one another's horizons³, unable to exchange energy or information. Even gravitationally bound systems are not eternal: black holes evaporate via Hawking radiation[3], and if permitted by particle physics, protons may decay on far longer timescales[14]. While not required for CNC, such decay processes contribute to the overall erosion of structure that supports scale invariance.

These processes define the gradual erosion of scale. As matter decays and gradients vanish, spacetime loses the markers that differentiate one region from another. What remains is geometry alone — an arena where rulers and clocks no longer apply. This is the precondition for conformal neutrality.

The transition to conformal invariance may be understood as a smoothing of the cosmic fabric. In the vacuum limit of Einstein's field equations, both the stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ and Einstein tensor $G_{\mu\nu}$ vanish:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0} G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (20)$$

As local curvature decays with the disappearance of matter and energy, the geometry becomes conformally neutral — structureless, inert, and rescalable.

In Penrose's original Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC), this transition occurs globally. The entire universe undergoes a collective emptying out, eventually reaching scale invariance everywhere and spawning

³Although the observable universe is centered on each observer, its boundary evolves differently depending on motion and location within spacetime. An observer moving through space slightly shifts their own causal boundary — akin to the relativistic aberration of distant sources — but in CNC, nodding is defined by local causal and thermodynamic criteria, not coordinate-dependent perception.

a new aeon [2]. In CNC, by contrast, the transition occurs locally — within countless causally disconnected regions, each reaching its conformal boundary independently and asynchronously.

This decentralization naturally leads to a multiversal architecture. Nodes of Time proliferate throughout an eternally expanding cosmos, each one emerging from its own silent pocket of isolation. Whereas CCC imagines a sequential succession of aeons, CNC implies a branching structure. Every node becomes the progenitor of a new universe, independent of a global chronology.

In this way, CNC echoes the multiverse paradigm often invoked in eternal inflation, yet without resorting to speculative mechanisms such as vacuum tunneling, false vacuum decay, or quantum fluctuations from nothing [1, 15]. The multiverse here is not stochastic — it is structural. It emerges inevitably from causal geometry and thermodynamic disconnection.

Where structure dissolves, and where all entropy gradients fade into silence, the preconditions for conformal neutrality are fulfilled. What remains is not an end state, but a boundary — and from this boundary, cosmogenesis may echo again and again.

8 Conclusion

We have presented a speculative yet physically motivated extension of Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC), grounded in the Λ CDM model's long-term projection of an expanding, emptying universe. This framework avoids reliance on singularities, exotic particles, or quantum tunneling. Instead, it interprets causally disconnected and thermodynamically neutral regions as valid domains for conformal rescaling and spontaneous cosmogenesis.

These *Nodes of Time* offer a local, non-singular path to independent cosmogenesis. Each node emerges not through energetic collapse, but through causal isolation, scale invariance, and thermodynamic silence. Future work may attempt to formalize the transition dynamics of such regions, or explore potential observational signatures encoded in the cosmic microwave background (CMB), residual curvature, horizon structure, or the distribution of large-scale voids.

At the edge of time — where scale dissolves and structure vanishes — geometry may offer the foundation for a new beginning.

8.1 Observable Limits and the Threshold of Masslessness

This section addresses edge cases related to scale invariance and the conditions for a conformally rescalable region. A *Nodes of Time* is defined by causal closure and the absence of mass-bearing structure. However, a region containing even a single atom — though causally isolated — still possesses internal structure, entropy gradients, and gravitational curvature. From the standpoint of conformal geometry, this breaks scale invariance [2, 10].

In scenarios where expansion has redshifted all photons beyond the causal diameter of a region, those photons no longer contribute to local thermodynamics [4, 5]. Their wavelengths exceed the causal horizon, rendering them physically inaccessible and thermodynamically inert. This reframes the observable boundary not by distance alone, but by the limit at which information via light can exist *within* and influence the region.

Definition 7 (Causal Disconnection by Redshift)

$$\lambda > d_{\text{causal}} \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} \ll \frac{1}{d_{\text{causal}}} \quad (21)$$

Definition 8 (Energy Isolation Condition)

$$\lambda_{\text{max}} > D_{\text{causal}} \Rightarrow \text{no energy exchange} \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} E = 0 \quad (22)$$

Thus, scale invariance requires both causal disconnection and the total collapse of thermodynamic comparability [1, 4]. When this dual condition is met, the region becomes not only conformally rescalable but a valid candidate for cosmological nodding.

This formulation extends the classical notion of an observable universe by grounding it in redshift-defined causal thresholds. In CNC, light's inability to remain dynamically relevant — not merely its travel distance — defines when a region becomes physically autonomous. This redefines observability as a consequence of expansion-induced disconnection, not simply light-travel time.

9 Experimental Viability and Observational Implications

Although Conformal Noding Cosmology (CNC) describes processes that occur on cosmological timescales and within causally isolated domains, its theoretical structure implies several subtle, testable consequences. While direct observation of a nodal transition is likely precluded by definition, CNC may nonetheless leave observable imprints in the present-day universe.

This section outlines a set of increasingly speculative avenues by which CNC could be supported, constrained, or indirectly explored using current observations or future experimental technologies.

9.1 CMB Anomalies as Indirect Traces of Noding Events

If causally isolated regions evolve toward thermodynamic silence and become scale-invariant, their geometric transitions may leave subtle imprints on the surrounding causal structure. While direct observation of a noding domain is precluded by its causal closure, the transitional phase — when the region is still marginally connected — could influence the trajectories of nearby photons.

In Conformal Cyclic Cosmology (CCC), low-variance circular anomalies in the CMB are interpreted as relics of aeon-to-aeon collisions. CNC offers an alternative: such features may instead represent the final causal influence of domains approaching conformal neutrality.

Potential observational implications include:

- **Low-variance circular regions** in the CMB, similar to those described by Penrose, potentially arising not from aeonic collisions but from incipiently noding voids at the edge of thermodynamic activity.
- **Nested anisotropies** near the limits of causal connectivity, where multiple nearly-detached regions subtly perturb photon paths during the last moments of interaction.
- **Statistical anomalies in void clustering**, particularly when cross-correlating large-scale structure with microwave background temperature fluctuations.

Recent studies [2, 16] have identified concentric low-variance circles in Planck CMB data, though their interpretation remains controversial. CNC provides an alternative explanation: not as remnants of past-universe collisions, but as traces of regions in the final stages of causal detachment — domains whose geometry was beginning to lose thermodynamic structure.

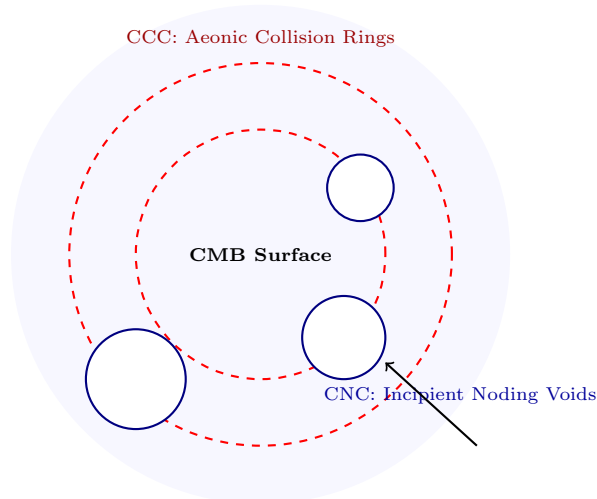


Fig. 2 Schematic comparison of two interpretations of concentric low-variance regions in the CMB. CCC attributes them to collisions between aeons, while CNC interprets them as the final causal influence of pre-noding voids approaching thermodynamic disconnection.

9.2 Gravitational Wave Background Suppression Patterns

In CNC, the formation of a Node is not a high-energy process but a thermodynamic and causal silence. Unlike inflationary models or vacuum tunneling bubbles, a noding region undergoes no energetic collapse, rapid curvature shift, or mass redistribution — and thus emits no gravitational waves. This distinct characteristic raises a speculative but testable possibility:

If CNC accurately describes the fate of some causally disconnected regions, the stochastic gravitational wave background (SGWB) may bear the imprint of their silence.

Specifically, CNC predicts:

- A possible suppression or cutoff in the gravitational wave spectrum associated with the late-time emergence of causally isolated regions
- A flattening or drop in low-frequency gravitational noise, particularly in directions corresponding to deep cosmological voids
- A statistical deviation from SGWB patterns predicted by models involving homogeneous inflation or vacuum bubble nucleation

This hypothesis remains speculative, but it may become testable through emerging observational capabilities, including:

- **LISA** (Laser Interferometer Space Antenna), which will be sensitive to low-frequency gravitational waves from large-scale structure formation and early cosmological events
- **Pulsar Timing Arrays** (e.g., NANOGrav), which may detect anomalies or absences in the SGWB across specific regions of the sky

While silence is inherently difficult to detect, a structured absence of gravitational wave signals — especially if directionally correlated with large-scale voids — may offer the first indirect signature of conformal nodding.

9.3 Void Thermodynamics and Entropy Asymmetries

The thermodynamic trajectory of an expanding universe implies that matter and radiation become increasingly diluted, producing regions with progressively lower entropy content. CNC identifies a critical threshold: when a region becomes causally closed and thermodynamically irrelevant, it becomes eligible for conformal rescaling. This prompts a key observational question:

Can the earliest hints of pre-noding zones be identified through the entropy structure of cosmological voids?

Modern and upcoming cosmological surveys are increasingly capable of characterizing the temperature, density, and entropy gradients of large-scale voids. CNC suggests that:

- Voids with anomalously low entropy content — beyond what is expected from known baryonic and dark matter evolution models — may be entering a transitional phase toward causal and thermodynamic silence
- Asymmetries in entropy density across voids of comparable size and redshift could reflect differences in their causal maturity, with some closer to satisfying the conditions for nodding
- Entropy gradients that are not accompanied by corresponding mass gradients may indicate causal decoupling rather than gravitational structure formation

While such features may also result from nonlinear structure evolution, CNC introduces a novel interpretive lens: that some entropy-sparse voids⁴ may not simply be under-evolved, but may be approaching physical irrelevance and conformal neutrality.

Observational programs such as DESI (Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument), *Euclid*, and the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope offer promising avenues for refining entropy mapping across the cosmic web. These maps may be re-analyzed in light of CNC predictions to search for early indicators of future nodding domains.

9.4 Long-Term Predictions: Redshift Cutoffs and Node Genesis Signatures

At the heart of CNC is the principle that redshift defines the operational boundary of observability and thermodynamic relevance. As expansion progresses, photons emitted within a region are stretched until their wavelengths exceed that region’s causal diameter, rendering them incapable of interaction or detection. In this regime, even radiation becomes dynamically inert.

This leads to a powerful predictive framework:

If CNC is correct, then a finite redshift limit exists beyond which no further energy, structure, or information can influence a given region — the final observable photon.

CNC therefore predicts the following:

- Each causally evolving region possesses a natural redshift cutoff — a maximum λ beyond which photons become causally disconnected. Though not measurable in real time, this cutoff marks a physical limit to energy exchange.
- As voids expand and mature, more photons are redshifted beyond causal access at finite times. The region asymptotically approaches thermodynamic silence, making it increasingly eligible for nodding.

⁴Here, “entropy-sparse” refers not to absolute thermodynamic nullity, but to a region’s diminishing ability to exhibit meaningful entropy flow or comparability — a precursor to full thermodynamic silence.

- If future instruments are capable of probing ultra-long-wavelength radiation, certain regions of the sky may exhibit directional thresholds — not due to absorption or occlusion, but due to absolute causal disconnection.

This limit is not imposed by collapse, absorption, or technological constraints. It arises from expansion alone, forming a new kind of observational boundary: a redshift-defined event horizon.

Although direct empirical access to such limits may remain unreachable, these thresholds can be modeled using numerical simulations of photon trajectories, causal structure, and scale factor evolution. CNC invites future researchers to calculate the redshift asymptotes of expanding voids and trace their thermal and radiative decline toward full causal silence. These simulations may serve as a falsifiable scaffold for assessing the long-term predictions of nodding cosmology.

Redshift Disconnection Criterion: A region enters radiative irrelevance when the longest observable wavelength exceeds the causal diameter:

$$\lambda(t) = \lambda_0 \cdot e^{H_\Lambda t} > D_{\text{event}}(t)$$

This condition — derived from Eq. 5

9.5 Mathematical Modeling Using GR and Conformal Geometry

Though CNC describes phenomena that unfold over vast spacetime scales, its core assumptions remain compatible with known physics, particularly within the frameworks of General Relativity (GR) and conformal geometry. As a result, one of the most promising near-term avenues for evaluating CNC lies in mathematical modeling.

The Einstein field equations describe how spacetime curvature responds to energy and momentum. In the CNC framework, a region approaches the nodding limit when its stress-energy tensor vanishes, as shown in Eq. 13:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{T_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow 0} G_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad (23)$$

In this regime, spacetime geometry reduces to vacuum solutions. But CNC interprets this not simply as emptiness — it represents a transition into causal closure, thermodynamic silence, and conformal neutrality.

This opens the door to:

- Constructing idealized nodding scenarios where localized regions evolve under GR to satisfy boundary conditions of causal disconnection and vanishing stress-energy
- Applying conformal compactification techniques to model how such regions behave under scale transformations — specifically, whether they map to geometries indistinguishable from early-universe states
- Exploring how null geodesics evolve in regions where matter, radiation, and structure have lost relevance, to evaluate whether they reproduce conditions analogous to the Big Bang under rescaling

These investigations may resemble those already used in Penrose’s CCC framework, but CNC requires only local scale invariance, rather than a universe-wide conformal boundary.

Mathematical tools that can provide fertile ground for testing the internal self-consistency of CNC include:

- Penrose diagrams of localized null-converging geometries
- Weyl curvature analysis to assess the smoothness of vacuum transitions
- Numerical GR simulations of entropy-diluted, causally isolated domains

Even without new physics, CNC challenges theorists to re-express the late-time universe as a source of cosmic birth — governed not by exotic mechanisms, but by equations we already possess. In this view, modeling becomes not only a method of validation, but a path to discover the nodding behavior hidden within General Relativity itself.

10 Theoretical Challenges and Invitations for Further Inquiry

Although CNC operates within the boundaries of known physics, its core implications raise several open questions — some of which are active areas of investigation in theoretical physics, and others that may offer fertile ground for novel exploration. This section outlines key conceptual and technical challenges while also highlighting opportunities for deeper inquiry.

Many of these issues are not unique to CNC. The operational significance of vacuum fluctuations in causally sealed domains, the definitional limits of time without thermodynamic comparability, and the

uniqueness (or non-uniqueness) of conformal mappings in asymptotically empty spacetimes are longstanding puzzles. However, by reframing them within a geometry-first cosmological model that permits local, causally disconnected nodding, CNC offers a new vantage point from which these questions may be approached.

Whether these challenges become barriers or entry points depends on future theoretical work. This framework invites contributions from general relativity, quantum field theory, thermodynamics, and conformal geometry alike. While CNC makes no claim to finality, it opens a path toward reinterpreting cosmic evolution — and possibly cosmogenesis — through the lens of silence, disconnection, and scale.

10.1 Masslessness and Vacuum Fluctuations

CNC relies on the premise that a region can become functionally massless and thermodynamically silent. However, the persistence of vacuum fluctuations — such as those inferred from the Casimir effect and quantum field theory — raises important questions about whether any region can ever be truly empty.

Although CNC emphasizes causal disconnection and the loss of operational entropy, one could argue that even virtual particle pairs or quantum vacuum excitations imply residual structure or energy content. This presents a conceptual challenge: do such fluctuations retain physical meaning in a causally sealed domain?

Resolving this question may require a deeper theoretical framework for interpreting vacuum energy in the absence of observers, interactions, or entropy gradients — a condition CNC explicitly invokes as the precursor to conformal rescaling.

10.2 The Meaning of Time without Mass

CNC proposes that when all thermodynamic comparability vanishes, time ceases to have physical meaning, and conformal rescaling becomes permitted. Yet this raises a profound conceptual challenge: if no clocks remain and no change is measurable, how can one meaningfully describe a transition into a new cosmological domain?

Further clarification is required to distinguish between coordinate time in General Relativity — which may persist mathematically — and the emergent, physically meaningful time that arises from causal or thermodynamic dynamics. CNC invites future work to formalize what, if anything, evolves in a domain where evolution itself becomes undefined.

10.3 Conformal Mapping Is Not Unique

Even if a region achieves conformal invariance, the choice of conformal mapping is not necessarily unique. There is no a priori guarantee that the rescaled geometry will resemble a Big Bang-like spacetime. This raises several important questions:

- Under what conditions does a noded region give rise to an FLRW-like early universe?
- Could certain noded domains remain sterile — geometrically valid but dynamically inert — failing to initiate new physics?

These questions call for further exploration of topological constraints, field behavior under conformal rescaling, and the boundary conditions that govern geometric continuity across noded transitions.

10.4 Irreversibility and Information Loss

CNC describes a process in which all causal influence and thermodynamic history are erased within a Node. While this supports the emergence of scale invariance, it also implies a radical form of information loss — a direct challenge to unitarity in quantum mechanics and to holographic principles in quantum gravity.

Although CNC does not rely on black holes, the analogy with cosmological causal boundaries invites comparisons. This may present conceptual tension or opportunity, particularly when viewed through the lenses of quantum gravity, string theory, or information-theoretic interpretations of spacetime.

10.5 Observational Permanence of the Model

Because Nodes form through isolation and causal disconnection, their emergence is observationally silent by definition. This means that a Node's formation cannot be directly observed from outside its causal domain, leading to questions about the model's falsifiability.

However, CNC is not an arbitrary metaphysical claim — it is a geometric and thermodynamic consequence of known physics. If residual matter within an isolated region retains thermodynamic comparability, such as through sustained entropy gradients or causal feedback, then that region cannot satisfy the nodding conditions. CNC overpredicts in such a case and would be falsified by the persistence of structure where causal silence should dominate.

In this way, CNC remains falsifiable not through the direct detection of Nodes, but through the violation of its boundary assumptions. If causal disconnection fails to produce thermodynamic neutrality, or if the rescaled geometry of such regions fails to yield any viable dynamical spacetime — such as one capable of supporting causal propagation, entropy gradients, or field excitations — then the model can be ruled out. This criterion is not observational in the traditional sense — it is structural and causal.

Rather than a speculative origin model, CNC represents a structural inevitability of expansion: a cosmogenesis pathway born not from special events but from the quiet, statistical decay of connectivity. Its predictions unfold not in sudden signatures, but in the long-term behavior of isolated geometries — which may be modeled, simulated, and constrained using tools already present in general relativity and conformal geometry.

While these boundary conditions offer a route to falsifiability, they do not permit it through direct observation. A region that has not yet noded cannot be taken as disproof — it may simply be premature. In this sense, CNC does not offer falsifiability through transient absences or missing signatures, but through structural contradiction.

If it can be demonstrated — via simulation, analytic constraint, or thermodynamic modeling — that no causally disconnected region can ever reach entropy silence, or that such regions fail to rescale into any internally consistent, self-evolving spacetime, then CNC collapses under its own assumptions. It would overpredict, and thus, be ruled out.

The model is therefore falsifiable not in spite of its silence, but because of it. If silence fails to emerge where physics demands it, CNC fails. If disconnection does not yield neutrality, the geometry does not close. This makes CNC not a speculation, but a structural wager — one that may quietly succeed, or quietly fail, as the universe unfolds.

Acknowledgments

Profound thanks to Sir Roger Penrose for the foundational inspiration provided by Conformal Cyclic Cosmology, without which this work would not have emerged. I also extend deep appreciation to the many researchers in adjacent fields — general relativity, thermodynamics, quantum cosmology, and conformal geometry — whose contributions have indirectly shaped this framework, even where I diverge from their conclusions.

Special thanks to Joshua Small for meticulous editing assistance, final draft preparation, and patient instruction in formatting and clarity, without which this manuscript would not have reached its present form.

A large language model (LLM), developed by OpenAI, was used to clarify and refine technical language, aid in mathematical formulation, and ensure consistency in terminology and formatting throughout the document. All original ideas, physical arguments, speculative formulations, and conclusions are my own unless otherwise cited, and the LLM was used strictly as an expressive and computational assistant.

Finally, I extend my thanks to the reader for considering these unconventional ideas. If you have made it this far, it is possible we are kindred in curiosity — and I am grateful for your time.

Author ORCID: [0009-0000-0181-3773](https://orcid.org/0009-0000-0181-3773)

Dedicated to those who never stopped asking what comes after the end of time. And to you, the reader — if you made it this far, thank you for entertaining these crazy notions with an open mind.

References

- [1] Carroll, S.M.: Spacetime and Geometry: An Introduction to General Relativity. Addison-Wesley, San Francisco (2004)
- [2] Penrose, R.: Cycles of Time: An Extraordinary New View of the Universe. Bodley Head, London (2010)
- [3] Hawking, S.W., Ellis, G.F.R.: The Large Scale Structure of Space-Time. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (1973)
- [4] Egan, C.A., Lineweaver, C.H.: A larger estimate of the entropy of the universe. *Astrophysical Journal* **710**, 1825–1834 (2010) <https://doi.org/10.1088/0004-637X/710/2/1825>
- [5] Bousso, R.: The holographic principle. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **74**, 825–874 (2002) <https://doi.org/10.1103/RevModPhys.74.825>
- [6] Ashtekar, A., Pawłowski, T., Singh, P.: Quantum nature of the big bang. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **96**(14), 141301 (2006) <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.96.141301>

- [7] Penrose, R.: Singularities and time-asymmetry. In: Hawking, S.W., Israel, W. (eds.) *General Relativity: An Einstein Centenary Survey*, pp. 581–638. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (1979)
- [8] Penrose, R.: Before the big bang: An outrageous new perspective and its implications for particle physics. *Found. Phys.* **44**, 557–575 (2014) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10701-013-9788-8>
- [9] Gibbons, G.W., Hawking, S.W.: Cosmological event horizons, thermodynamics, and particle creation. *Phys. Rev. D* **15**, 2738–2751 (1977) <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.15.2738>
- [10] Wald, R.M.: *Quantum Field Theory in Curved Spacetime and Black Hole Thermodynamics*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago (1994)
- [11] Bertone, G., Hooper, D., Silk, J.: Particle dark matter: evidence, candidates and constraints. *Phys. Rep.* **405**, 279–390 (2005) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physrep.2004.08.031>
- [12] Hawking, S.W., Hartle, J.B.: The wave function of the universe. *Phys. Rev. D* **28**, 2960–2975 (1983) <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.28.2960>
- [13] Padmanabhan, T.: Gravity and the thermodynamics of horizons. *Phys. Rep.* **406**, 49–125 (2005) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physrep.2004.10.003>
- [14] Weinberg, S.: The cosmological constant problem. *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **61**, 1–23 (1989) <https://doi.org/10.1103/RevModPhys.61.1>
- [15] Liddle, A.R., Lyth, D.H.: *Cosmological Inflation and Large-Scale Structure*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge (2000)
- [16] Gurzadyan, V.G., Penrose, R.: Concentric circles in wmap data may provide evidence of violent pre-big-bang activity. *Eur. Phys. J. Plus* **128**, 22 (2013) <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjp/i2013-13022-4>