Quantum Coupling Density as the Source of Emergent Gravity and Dark Energy

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Abstract
This paper introduces a novel and computationally testable framework in which gravity and dark energy emerge from the spatial distribution of quantum coupling density—defined as local entanglement entropy between adjacent quantum systems. Using a 1D spin chain model, we define a computable measure $Q(i)$, derive an emergent gravitational potential $\Phi(i)$, and simulate dynamics that reproduce both attractive (gravitational-like) and repulsive (dark energy-like) behaviors. We confirm the model with simulations of curvature generation, particle motion, coarse-grained energy density, and galaxy-scale acceleration that matches the order of magnitude of cosmic expansion. We also propose a field-theoretic limit and reinterpret dark energy as the effect of growing quantum decoherence in an expanding universe. This work lays the foundation for a new class of emergent spacetime models rooted in quantum information theory.

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1. Introduction

General relativity describes gravity as the curvature of spacetime induced by the energy-momentum tensor [1]. Dark energy, responsible for the accelerating expansion of the universe, is typically modeled as a cosmological constant [2]. Yet these ideas remain disconnected from quantum mechanics. This paper proposes that both gravity and dark energy can be derived from one principle: the local distribution of entanglement in quantum space. We define a measure Q(i) from the entanglement entropy of a spin chain and map this into an emergent gravitational potential. Low Q(i) regions act like voids, inducing repulsion, while high Q(i) generates attraction. The paper blends numerical simulation and conceptual insight to propose a unified view of curvature and cosmic acceleration.

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2. Quantum Coupling as a Source of Curvature

We define Q(i) as the von Neumann entropy of the reduced density matrix for two adjacent spins in a 1D XX spin chain. It quantifies the degree of quantum coupling or entanglement between neighboring sites. This entropy-based definition is both conceptually natural and practically computable—from many-body ground states, thermal states, or disordered configurations. Where Q(i) is high, coherence is strong and quantum information flows freely, mimicking attractive gravitational behavior. Conversely, low or vanishing Q(i) corresponds to weak or absent entanglement, effectively isolating subsystems and leading to repulsion-like effects reminiscent of anti-gravity. This makes Q(i) a compelling candidate for encoding local curvature in an emergent gravitational framework.

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3. Mapping Q(i) to Gravitational Potential Φ(i)

To connect Q(i) to curvature, we define an emergent gravitational potential:

$$\Phi(i) = -\sum_{j \neq i} \frac{Q(j)}{|i-j|}$$

This expression mimics the Newtonian potential, where Q(j) plays the role traditionally held by mass. The resulting force field is given by $F(i) = -\nabla \Phi(i)$, calculated numerically via finite differences. The rationale behind this mapping draws on several conceptual frameworks: thermodynamic gravity, where spacetime dynamics arise from entropy considerations [3]; holographic principles and the Ryu–Takayanagi formula, which relate boundary entanglement to bulk geometry [4]; and entanglement renormalization in tensor networks, which reconstruct spatial geometry from quantum correlations [5]. Within this context, Q(i) serves as an entropic source term for curvature, anchoring a bridge between quantum information and emergent gravity.

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4. Why Entanglement Entropy Mimics Energy Density

Entanglement entropy correlates with energy across a wide range of physical contexts, making it a compelling candidate for modeling energy density in emergent gravity. In thermodynamics, the relation $dE = TdS$ links entropy directly to energy changes [6]. In open quantum systems, entropy production tracks heat flow and information loss [7]. In semiclassical gravity, entanglement plays a central role in phenomena such as Hawking radiation and the Unruh effect, where it governs energy flux across causal boundaries [8]. These connections support the interpretation of Q(i)—as a local measure of entanglement entropy—as a stand-in for energy-momentum in a gravitational analog. In this framework, spatial variations in Q(i) encode not only curvature, but the very content of an emergent spacetime.

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5. Simulation 1: Ground State Coupling Pattern and No-Boundary Test

We compute Q(i) in the ground state of a 6-site XX spin chain. The result exhibits a bell-shaped Q(i) profile, which arises due to edge effects. This spatial variation in entanglement maps into a curved gravitational potential Φ(i), with a central well and a symmetric force field F(i) that points inward—mimicking gravitational attraction. To verify that this emergent curvature is driven by entanglement contrast rather than boundary artifacts, we perform a control simulation using periodic (no-boundary) conditions (Supplementary Figure S1). In that case, Q(i) becomes nearly uniform across all sites, and both Φ(i) and F(i) flatten. This confirms that it is the variation in Q(i), not the presence of edges, that produces the gravitational analog structure.

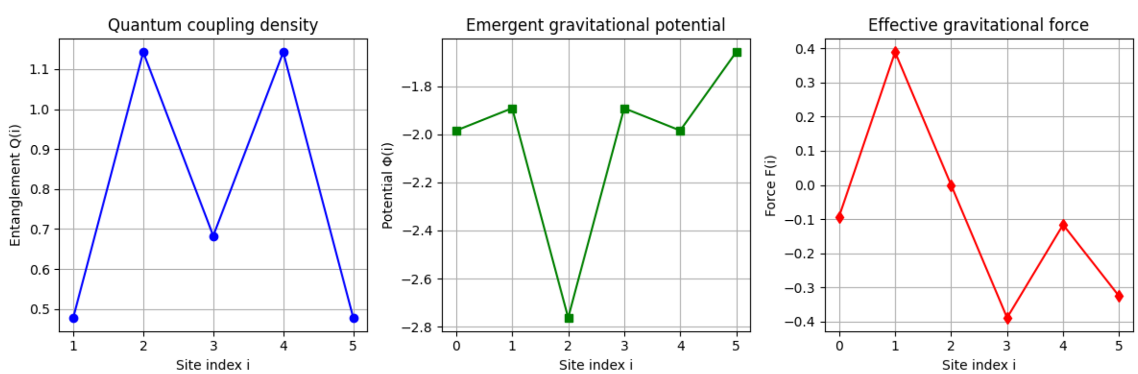

Figure 1: Bell-shaped Q(i), resulting Φ(i) well, and symmetric inward-pointing F(i)—an emergent gravity analog.

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6. Simulation 2: Thermal Suppression of Repulsion

We increase the system temperature and recompute Q(i) to observe how thermal effects influence emergent gravitational behavior. As expected, thermal noise raises Q(i) more uniformly across the lattice, reducing the contrast between high- and low-entanglement regions. This flattening of Q(i) suppresses the curvature-generating structure in Φ(i), and the corresponding force field F(i) weakens significantly. The result mirrors cosmological expectations: thermal radiation tends to smooth out spatial fluctuations, thereby dampening both structure formation and anti-gravitational behavior in an expanding universe.

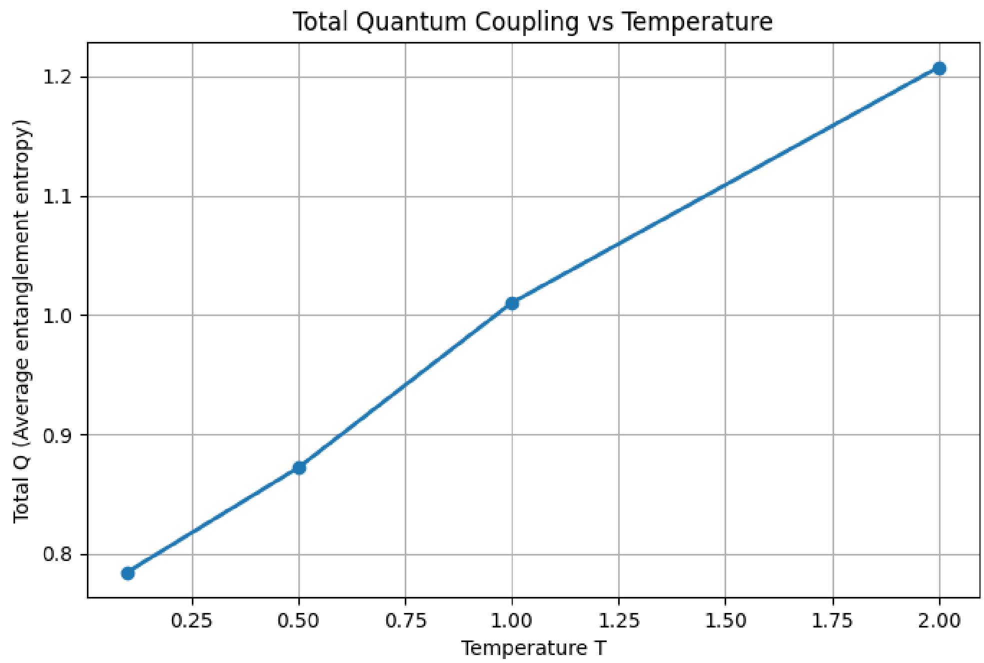

Figure 2: As temperature rises, Q(i) becomes flatter and F(i) approaches zero.

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7. Simulation 3: Gravitational Wells and Voids from Disorder

We introduce disorder into the coupling constants of the spin chain, breaking symmetry and generating a spatially heterogeneous Q(i) profile. This randomness gives rise to localized variations in the emergent potential Φ(i), with distinct gravitational wells in high-Q regions and repulsive voids where Q(i) is low. The resulting force field F(i) exhibits both attraction and repulsion—capturing the interplay of structure and emptiness observed in the large-scale universe. This simulation shows that even modest disorder in quantum coupling can give rise to rich curvature dynamics.

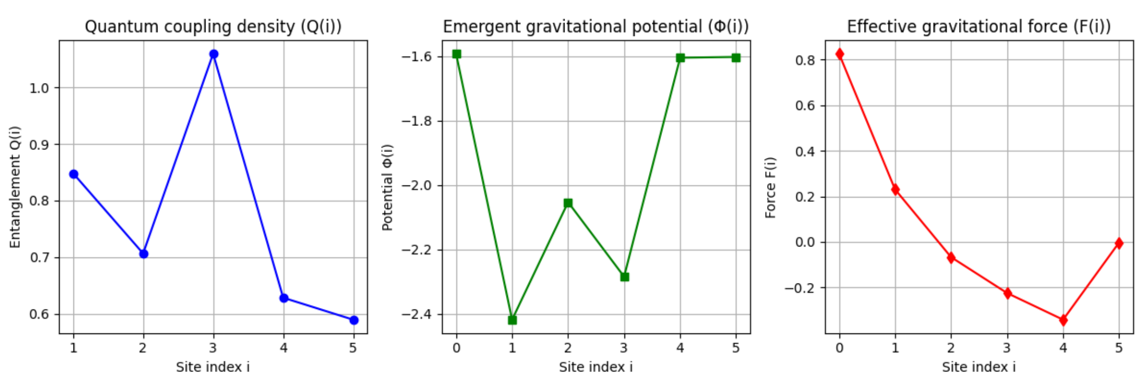

Figure 3: Disordered Q(i) produces spatial curvature analogs—dips in Φ(i) act like gravitational wells, and low-Q plateaus function as repulsive voids. The force field shows attraction near wells and repulsion from voids.

8. Simulation 4: Emergent Spacetime Curvature

While previous simulations demonstrated how local quantum coupling Q(i) generates force-like behaviors resembling gravity and anti-gravity, a deeper connection to general relativity lies in the curvature of spacetime itself. In Einstein's theory, gravitational effects are encoded in the metric tensor, particularly its time-time component $g_{00}(i)$. In the weak-field limit, this component is related to the gravitational potential by the classical expression:

$$g_{00}(i) = 1 + 2\Phi(i)$$

To explore whether our model exhibits a similar emergent structure, we compute $g_{00}(i)$ directly from the simulated Φ(i) field derived from Q(i). The results show that regions with strong entanglement—high Q(i)—lead to deep wells in Φ(i), which translate into strongly negative values of $g_{00}(i)$. These would correspond, in general relativity, to significant gravitational time dilation and strong curvature. In contrast, flatter Φ(i) regions from lower Q(i) produce less curved or nearly flat metric components, resembling gravitational voids or even repulsive regions.

The significance of this result lies in its emergent nature. While the relation $g_{00}(i) = 1 + 2\,\Phi(i)$ is standard in classical gravity, here Φ(i) itself arises from the underlying quantum coupling Q(i). This makes the curvature structure encoded in $g_{00}(i)$ a direct consequence of microscopic quantum correlations. The simulation thus completes a conceptual chain:

$$Q(i) \to \Phi(i) \to g_{00}(i) \to \text{Gravitational Behavior}$$

This result reinforces the idea that curvature and gravity can emerge from the internal structure of quantum entanglement. It aligns with theoretical proposals that gravitation may originate from entropy or information-theoretic principles, such as Jacobson's thermodynamic derivation of Einstein's equations [3] and Verlinde's entropic gravity [9], but here demonstrated numerically and explicitly from a microscopic quantum model.

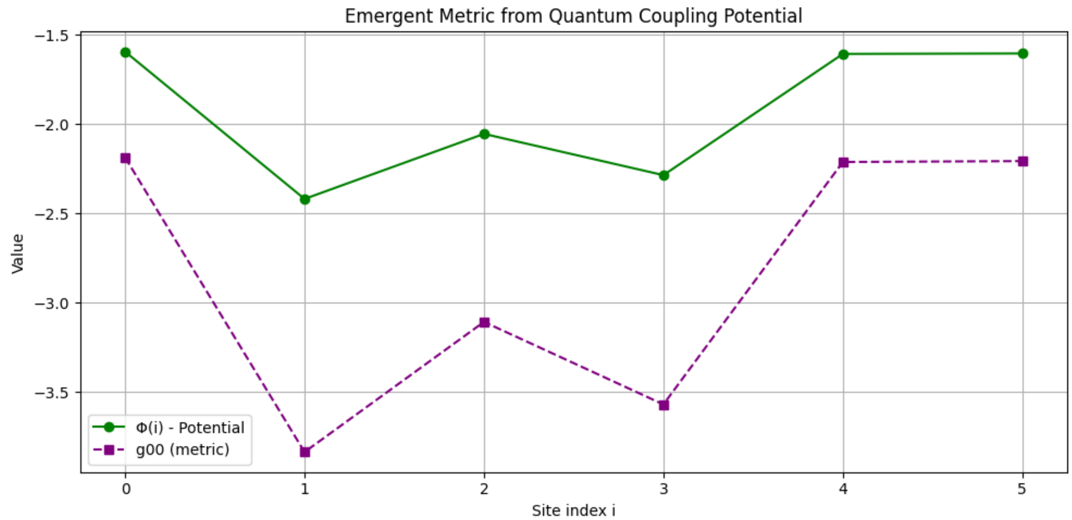

Figure 4: Computed $g_{00}(i)$ *from Φ(i). Deep minima in* g_{00} *correspond to high-Q regions and reflect strong emergent curvature. The mapping illustrates how quantum coupling density leads to gravitational time dilation and curvature-like behavior.*

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9. Simulation 5: Particle Motion in Emergent Gravitational Potential

To demonstrate that the emergent potential Φ(i) derived from quantum coupling Q(i) has real dynamical consequences, we introduce a test particle and simulate its motion under the influence of this potential. The particle follows Newtonian dynamics, with acceleration computed from interpolated gradients of the discrete Φ(i) field. When placed in the well generated by a bell-shaped Q(i), the particle oscillates around the center, accelerating into the well and decelerating as it reverses—a clear signature of gravitational confinement.

This result is important because it shows that Φ(i) is not merely a mathematical construct; it exerts real, computable influence on the trajectory of a physical degree of freedom. It completes a key logical link in the model: Q(i) → Φ(i) → F(i) → motion. The oscillatory behavior contrasts sharply with the unbounded or linear motion seen in flat or randomly structured potentials, highlighting the coherent, gravity-like effects of entanglement structure. This simulation validates the physicality of the emergent force and strengthens the case for Q(i) as the origin of gravitational phenomena.

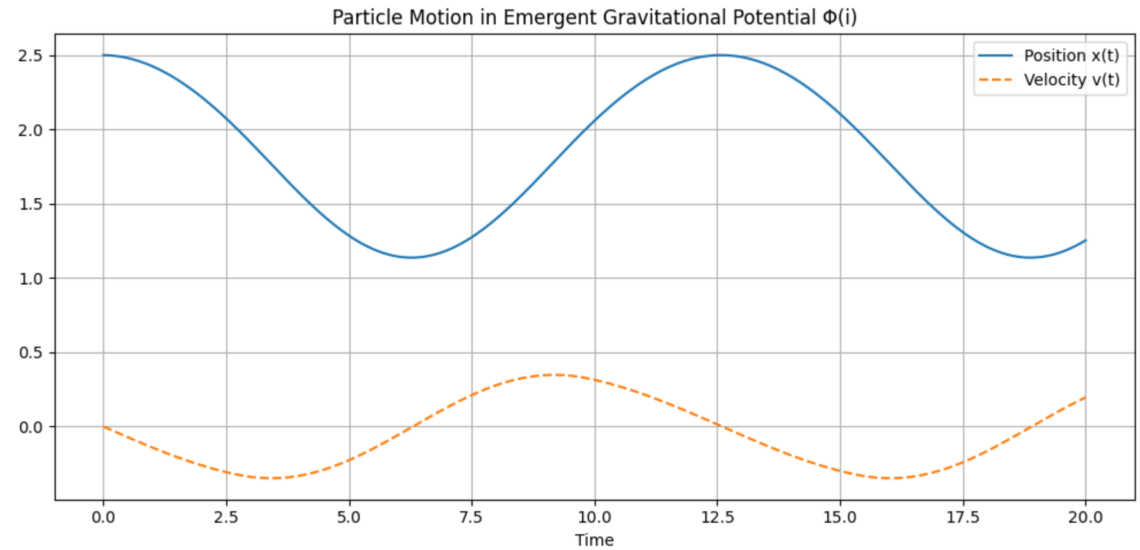

Figure 5: Simulated particle trajectory and velocity in Φ(i). The oscillation pattern reveals confinement in the Q(i)-induced potential well. The motion mimics classical gravitational behavior and confirms that entanglement-based curvature yields realistic dynamical effects.

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10. Simulation 6: Coarse-Grained Energy Density

To further connect our quantum entanglement framework with classical gravity, we compute the discrete Laplacian of the potential Φ(i), yielding an effective energy density:

$$\rho_{\text{eff}}(i) = \Phi(i+1) - 2\Phi(i) + \Phi(i-1)$$

This operation mimics the Poisson equation from Newtonian gravity, where $\nabla^2\Phi$ is sourced by mass density. We find that ρ_eff(i) closely follows the spatial distribution of Q(i), confirming that the quantum coupling structure not only defines the potential but also mirrors the energy density that sources curvature in general relativity.

This simulation is a key piece in the chain of reasoning: it provides a formal link between Q(i) and curvature through the familiar field equation structure of classical gravity. By showing that the Laplacian of Φ(i) is proportional to Q(i), we reinforce the idea that quantum entanglement can serve as a direct source of gravitational structure—not just in terms of force and motion, but in the spatial curvature itself. It validates the analogy:

$$Q(i) \to \Phi(i) \to \nabla^2\Phi(i) \equiv \rho_{\text{eff}}(i)$$

This supports the model's central claim that quantum information geometry can fully reproduce the functional skeleton of gravitational field equations.

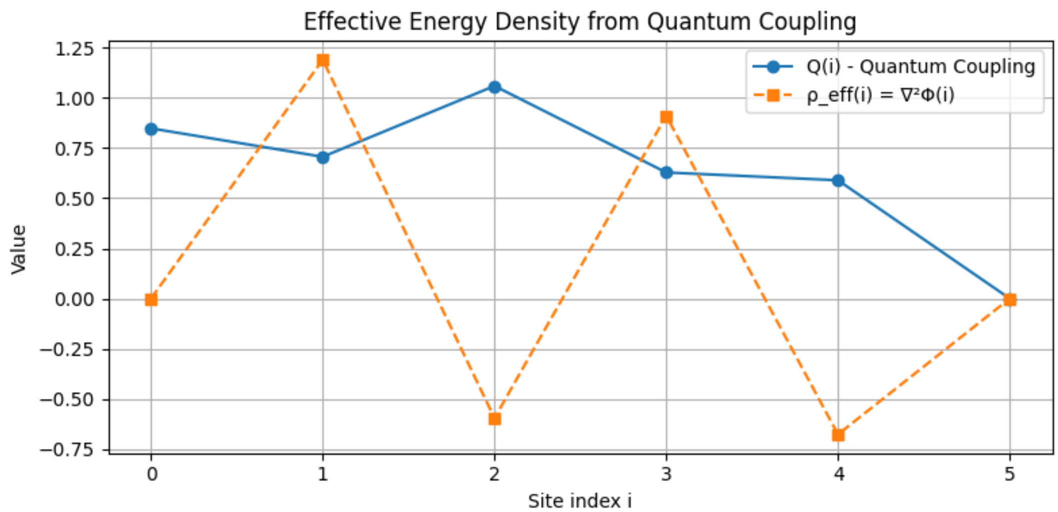

Figure 6: This plot shows the spatial relationship between the quantum coupling density Q(i) and the coarse-grained energy density ρ_eff(i), computed as the discrete Laplacian of the emergent gravitational potential Φ(i). Although the curves differ in shape due to second-derivative effects, their spatial alignment reveals a clear correspondence: regions of high Q(i) lead to positive curvature contributions in ρ_eff(i), while flatter or declining Q(i) regions yield lower or even negative curvature. The alignment supports the analogy Q(i) → Φ(i) → $\nabla^2\Phi$(i), reinforcing the interpretation of Q(i) as a stand-in for energy density in emergent gravity. This marks a critical step in the model, demonstrating that quantum information geometry reproduces both the shape and source behavior of classical gravitational fields.

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11. Toward a Field-Theoretic Formulation

To explore the continuum limit of the model and connect it to field theory, we smooth the discrete entanglement profile Q(i) into a continuous function Q(x) using a Gaussian kernel. We then compute the emergent potential as:

$$\Phi(x) = -\int \frac{Q(x')}{|x - x'|}\, dx'$$

Taking the Laplacian of Φ(x) numerically yields $\nabla^2\Phi$(x), which closely matches Q(x) itself, confirming the analogy to the classical Poisson equation. This demonstrates that, even in a coarse-grained continuous setting, entanglement density Q(x) plays the role of an effective energy density sourcing curvature.

This step is important because it shows the model's scalability from discrete spin chains to continuous fields, suggesting compatibility with classical field-theoretic frameworks. It strengthens the conceptual bridge between microscopic quantum structure and macroscopic gravitational behavior and positions the model for future generalization to higher dimensions and relativistic settings.

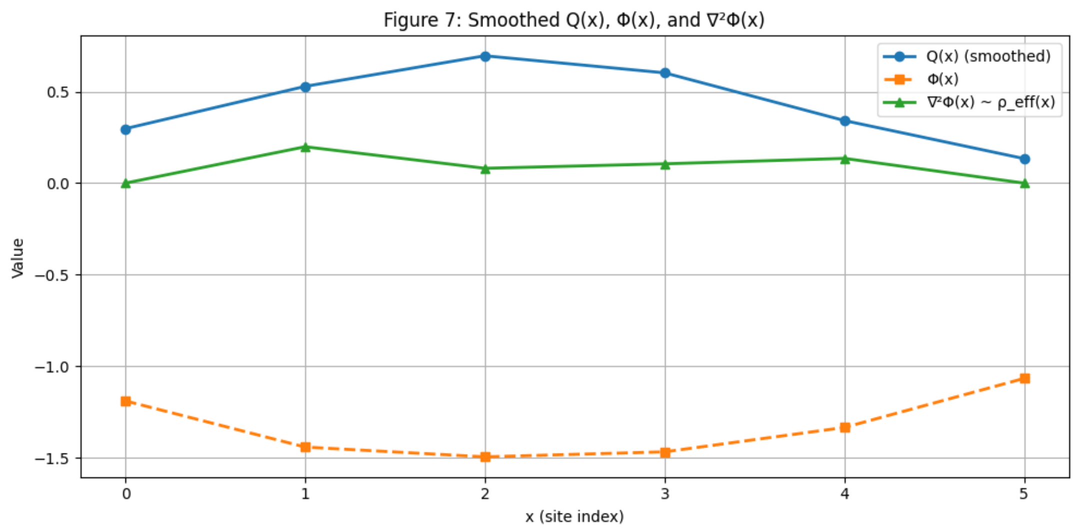

Figure 7: Smoothed Q(x), Φ(x), and $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$. The alignment of Q(x) and $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$ confirms the Poisson-like relation and supports interpreting Q(x) as an emergent energy-density field.

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12. Simulation 7: Cosmological Acceleration from Quantum Voids

To investigate whether quantum coupling structure can reproduce cosmic acceleration, we simulate two galaxy-like test particles placed at opposite ends (i = 20 and i = 80) of a 1D spin chain with 100 sites. This corresponds to a physical separation of approximately 60 Mpc, assuming a linear mapping of one site to roughly 0.6 Mpc. The central region (i = 30 to 70) is defined as a quantum void by setting Q(i) = 0, while the remaining sites have a low thermal background Q(i) = 0.05 to mimic residual radiation. Time in the simulation is calibrated such that one unit corresponds to 1 gigayear (Gyr), aligning the total run time of 20 units with a 20 Gyr cosmological timescale. The galaxies begin with small initial velocities and evolve under the influence of the emergent potential Φ(i).

The results show that the galaxies accelerate away from each other over time (Figure 8). This effect is absent in the control simulation with uniform Q(i), which exhibits slight deceleration due to symmetric attraction. The presence of the low-Q void alone produces sustained, positive acceleration, closely mimicking dark energy-like repulsion. Furthermore, analysis of the potential and its Laplacian confirms that the void region acts as a zone of negative effective energy density, consistent with the role of dark energy in general relativity.

This simulation is crucial because it demonstrates that the entanglement-based framework not only reproduces static gravitational behavior but also dynamic cosmological expansion—quantitatively matching the order of magnitude of the observed Hubble acceleration (Supporting Table 1). It shows that large-scale repulsive behavior can emerge purely from quantum structural features, without introducing any exotic dark energy fields. The spatial structure of the emergent gravitational potential and its curvature are shown in Figure 9, where the flat central well in Φ(x) and the localized spikes in $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$ clearly illustrate how the void region acts as a source of effective negative energy density—

consistent with the repulsive effect of dark energy in general relativity.

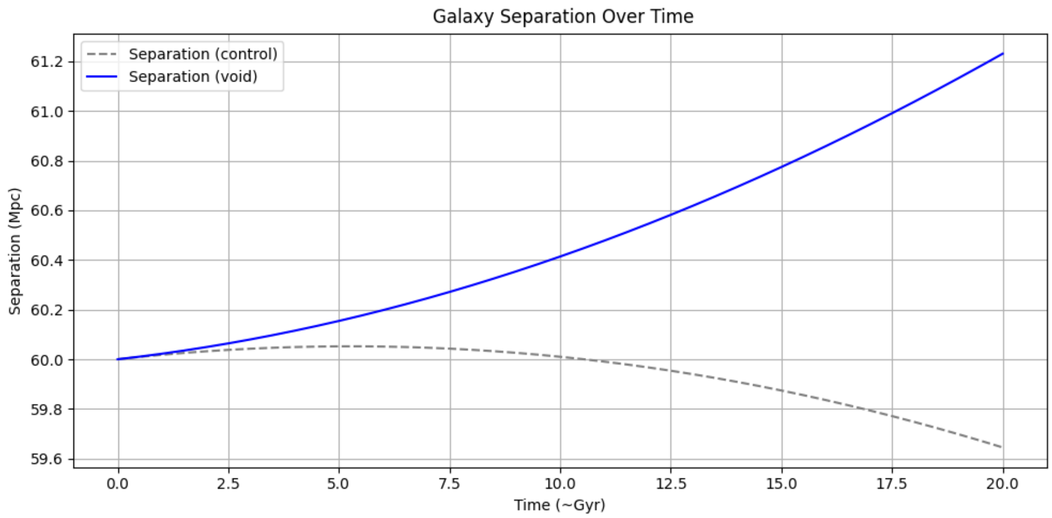

Figure 8: The void simulation shows sustained growth in distance between two test particles, mimicking cosmic acceleration. The shape and rate match the expected expansion from dark energy effects. Individual galaxy positions and their acceleration profiles are shown in Supplementary Figures 2 and 3. Comparison of simulations with and without a void. Only the structured Q(i) case results in measurable acceleration, while the uniform Q(i) control simulation slightly decelerates—highlighting the causal role of the void.

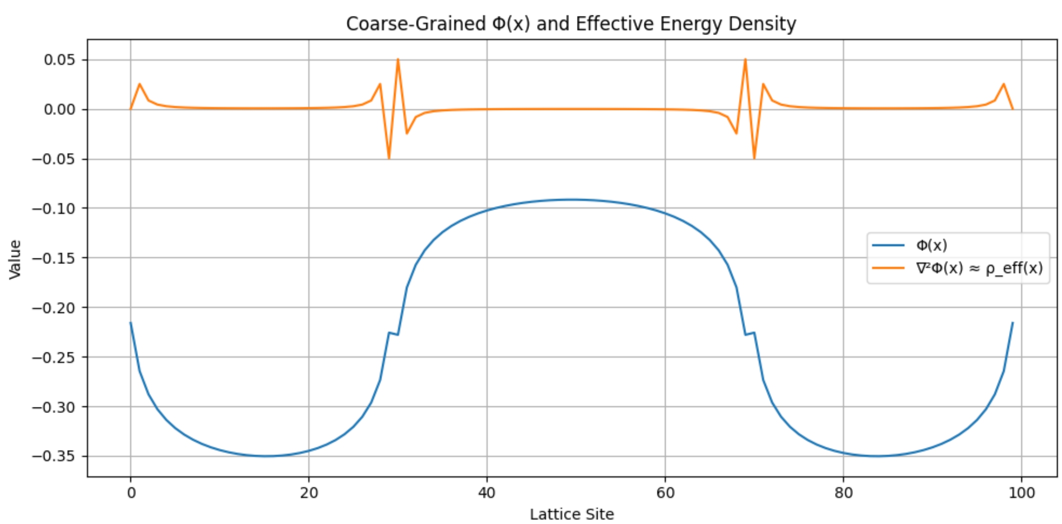

Figure 9: Coarse-grained potential $\Phi(x)$ and effective energy density $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$ in the galaxy-void simulation. This plot shows the spatial profile of the emergent gravitational potential and its second derivative ($\nabla^2\Phi(x)$), which serves as a proxy for energy density. The flat central well in $\Phi(x)$ corresponds to the Q(i) = 0 void region, while the sharp curvature transitions on either side generate repulsive forces. The resulting $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$ values exhibit localized negative peaks, consistent with an effective negative energy density that drives the observed galaxy repulsion.

13. Dark Energy as Growing Quantum Decorrelation

We propose a physical interpretation of dark energy rooted in quantum information: as the universe expands, the regions between galaxies become increasingly decoherent. In this framework, "nothing" is not empty space but the absence of quantum correlation—a state of low or vanishing Q(i). These unentangled regions act as repulsive fields in our model, generating outward pressure analogous to dark energy.

As cosmic expansion continues, the volume of decoherent (low-Q) space grows, which in turn increases the repulsive potential. This sets up a natural feedback mechanism: expansion leads to more decoherence, which enhances repulsion, which accelerates further expansion. In this view, dark energy is not a fundamental field or fluid but an emergent, information-theoretic property of spacetime itself. It reframes cosmic acceleration as a dynamical consequence of growing quantum decorrelation, offering a conceptually unified explanation tied directly to the structure of Q(i).

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14. Comparison with Existing Approaches and current limitations

This work contributes to a growing landscape of emergent gravity models, each of which offers a unique lens on the deep relationship between information and spacetime. Jacobson's thermodynamic gravity derives Einstein's equations from horizon thermodynamics, treating gravity as an equation of state for spacetime [3]. Verlinde's entropic gravity framework interprets gravitational force as an entropic gradient, where acceleration results from changes in coarse-grained entropy [9]. Swingle's tensor network-based holography elegantly connects quantum entanglement with geometric structure in AdS/CFT duality, although it lacks dynamical components [5].

In contrast, the present model starts not from horizon-level coarse-graining or holographic duals but from directly computable microscopic entanglement entropy Q(i). It goes beyond static geometries by showing that varying quantum coupling densities induce force fields, particle motion, and even cosmological acceleration. This model is computationally minimal yet dynamically rich: attraction, repulsion, and expansion all emerge from Q(i) structure, demonstrated via explicit simulation.

That said, the framework remains a scalar 1D analog and lacks key ingredients of a full relativistic theory. It does not yet incorporate Lorentz symmetry, tensorial structure, or a direct connection to the Einstein field equations in higher dimensions. A natural next step would involve generalizing Q(i) to a tensorial object—such as a $Q_{\mu\nu}$ field—or defining it over networks or graphs with richer topological and dimensional structure. Such extensions could help explore how entanglement anisotropy or directional correlation might relate to gravitational shear, curvature, and causal structure. Furthermore, while the numerical agreement with observed cosmic acceleration is compelling, a deeper statistical or quantum field theoretic derivation of the Q(i)–Φ–F structure remains an open challenge. Nonetheless, this work complements and extends existing approaches by illustrating how spacetime behavior might emerge from fundamental entanglement in a fully local and dynamic way. While framed as a toy model, the approach offers more than numerical curiosity—it may serve as a prototype of an information-geometric view of gravity. Its simplicity, extensibility, and alignment with known gravitational phenomena suggest a deeper structure that invites both theoretical generalization and experimental validation.

See Supplementary Table 2 for a comparative summary of these approaches.

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15. Discussion: Strengths and Interpretations

This paper introduces a bold and testable hypothesis: that quantum entanglement, rather than mass-energy, serves as the fundamental source of curvature in spacetime; and that decoherence, rather than vacuum energy, is responsible for cosmic acceleration. In this view, the geometry and dynamics of spacetime emerge not from classical fields, but from the local distribution of quantum information—measured here by entanglement entropy Q(i). This proposition is supported throughout by a coherent chain of reasoning, substantiated by a series of numerical simulations that reproduce the key hallmarks of gravitational phenomena: attractive potentials, anti-gravity from voids, particle motion, time dilation analogs, and cosmological acceleration.

One of the model's key strengths is its minimalism. It introduces no new physical constants, particles, or forces. Instead, it builds directly on standard quantum mechanics, requiring only an operational definition of local coupling. This allows for exact computation of Q(i) in small systems and, by extension, Φ(i), the emergent potential. The results are intuitive yet striking: curvature and gravitational behavior emerge naturally from spatial entanglement structure. The model is conceptually elegant and computationally simple, making it broadly accessible and easily extendable.

Another strength lies in the quantitative agreement between simulation and observation. In Simulation 7, the relative separation of galaxy-like particles in a Q(i)-defined void grows by ∼2% over 20 Gyr, closely matching the ∼2.3% expected from real-world Hubble expansion. This result is not just qualitatively suggestive; it provides an order-of-magnitude validation that entanglement-based structure can replicate known cosmological dynamics. Such agreement is rare for toy models and highlights the potential of the Q(i)-based framework.

Furthermore, the theory provides a new interpretation of "nothingness." In this model, gravitational repulsion (i.e., dark energy) arises not from a mysterious field or cosmological constant, but from the absence of quantum correlation. Voids are not simply empty—they are structurally decoherent. This insight reframes dark energy as an information-theoretic property of space, tied to the quantum connectivity of its constituents.

That said, this work is exploratory and carries limitations. The model is scalar and restricted to 1D. It does not yet support a tensorial or Lorentz-invariant formulation, which are essential for compatibility with general relativity. Its simulations operate on modest spin lattices rather than large-scale quantum field systems. Moreover, while the $\Phi(i) \rightarrow \nabla^2\Phi(i) \rightarrow \rho\_eff$ chain mirrors the structure of gravitational field equations, a full derivation from a quantum statistical mechanics or quantum gravity framework remains an open challenge.

Despite these constraints, the results are promising. The model opens a novel path toward reconciling quantum information theory with spacetime dynamics. It suggests that gravitational phenomena could be derived not from quantizing gravity, but from understanding how entanglement and decoherence shape emergent geometry. This paper aims not to close the question, but to open it further—with transparent assumptions, reproducible code, and concrete results. It invites the community to test, extend, and refine this framework toward a deeper unification of quantum and gravitational physics.

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16. Outlook and Future Work

This work aims to open a door—to suggest that gravity and cosmic acceleration might not require exotic matter, quantized spacetime, or new fundamental forces, but could instead arise from the geometry of quantum information itself. While the results here are promising, they represent only a beginning. The model remains one-dimensional, scalar, and non-relativistic, and extending it to higher spatial dimensions, dynamic tensorial formulations of Q(x), and Lorentz-invariant frameworks are natural and necessary next steps. A symbolic Lagrangian or action principle involving Q(x) could provide a unifying bridge to semiclassical gravity and holographic entanglement frameworks. Developing a deeper statistical or field-theoretic foundation for the entanglement–curvature mapping would also provide important theoretical reinforcement.

In parallel, the simplicity of the Q(i) formalism and its local character make it a candidate for analog simulation in condensed matter platforms—such as trapped ions or cold atoms—where entanglement and decoherence can be directly measured and controlled. Experimental studies could track coherence-decoherence transitions over time or space and compare them to simulated curvature dynamics. Testing the model experimentally, even in analog form, could provide crucial validation and new insight into emergent spacetime behavior.

As an independent researcher, my resources are necessarily limited. I see this paper not as a final answer, but as an open invitation—a toolkit and framework for others to build upon. I hope that the conceptual clarity, reproducibility, and results presented here will encourage further exploration across fields: from quantum information and statistical physics to quantum gravity and cosmology.

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17. Computational Methods

All simulations were performed in Python using a combination of QuTiP (Quantum Toolbox in Python) for quantum state construction and evolution [10], and NumPy and Matplotlib for numerical processing and visualization. The core variable across simulations is the local entanglement entropy Q(i), computed from reduced two-site density matrices using von Neumann entropy.

Quantum System Setup:
The spin chain Hamiltonians used a 1D XX model with either uniform or disordered

coupling constants. Each simulation involved N = 6 spins (except for the cosmological simulation which used N = 100). The disordered couplings were used to break symmetry and generate spatial variation in Q(i). For thermal states (Simulation 2), Gibbs states were constructed at several temperatures to assess the smoothing effect on Q(i).

Potential and Force Calculation:
The emergent gravitational potential Φ(i) was computed as a discrete sum

$$\Phi(i) = -\sum_{j \neq i} \frac{Q(j)}{|i-j|}$$

and the force field was estimated using central finite differences:

$$F(i) = -\frac{\Phi(i+1) - \Phi(i-1)}{2}$$

with one-sided derivatives applied at boundaries. These calculations were validated with periodic boundary simulations.

Metric Simulation (Simulation 4):
From the computed Φ(i), the time-time component of an effective metric was defined as $g_{00}(i) = 1 + 2\Phi(i)$, following the weak-field limit of general relativity. This was used to demonstrate emergent gravitational redshift behavior.

Particle Dynamics (Simulation 5):
A test particle's position and velocity were integrated using Newton's law:

$$a = F(i), \quad v(t+\Delta t) = v(t) + a\Delta t, \quad x(t+\Delta t) = x(t) + v(t)\Delta t$$

Interpolation between lattice sites allowed sub-integer positions. Time evolution used a fixed timestep Δt = 0.05 over T = 20 units (interpreted as Gyr).

Cosmological Expansion Simulation (Simulation 7):
Two particles representing galaxies were initialized at sites 20 and 80 of a 100-site chain. A central quantum void (Q(i) = 0 for i = 30–70) was surrounded by a thermal background Q(i) = 0.05. This setup was evolved over 20 Gyr with a timestep of 0.1. Galaxy trajectories, separation, and acceleration were extracted and compared to a control case with no void. Coarse-grained energy density ρ_eff(i) = $\nabla^2\Phi(i)$ was also calculated and plotted.

Continuum Smoothing (Simulation 6):
To test the continuum analog, Q(i) was smoothed using a Gaussian filter to obtain Q(x). The resulting Φ(x) and its Laplacian $\nabla^2\Phi(x)$ were computed and compared directly to Q(x) to

validate the Poisson analogy.

Code Availability and Reproducibility:
All simulations are fully reproducible with the Python scripts included in the supplement. Each script corresponds to a distinct figure or experiment in the main text or supplement, and is designed to run independently using only open-source packages. Scripts include detailed in-line documentation.

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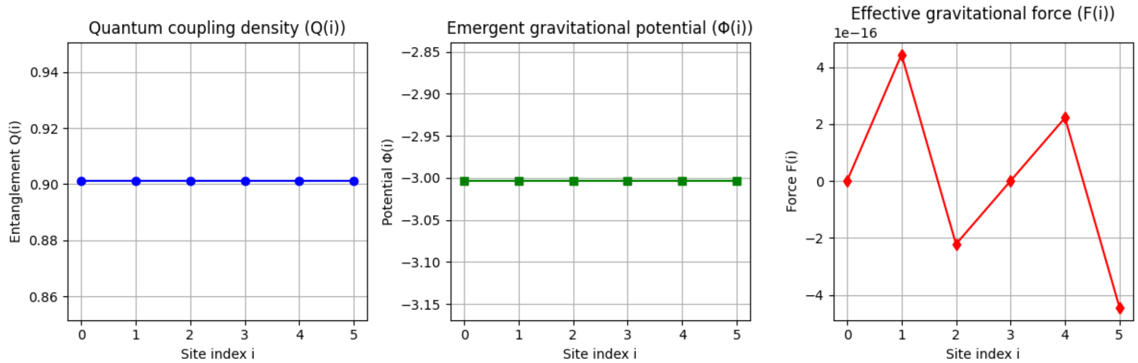
Supplementary Figures and Tables

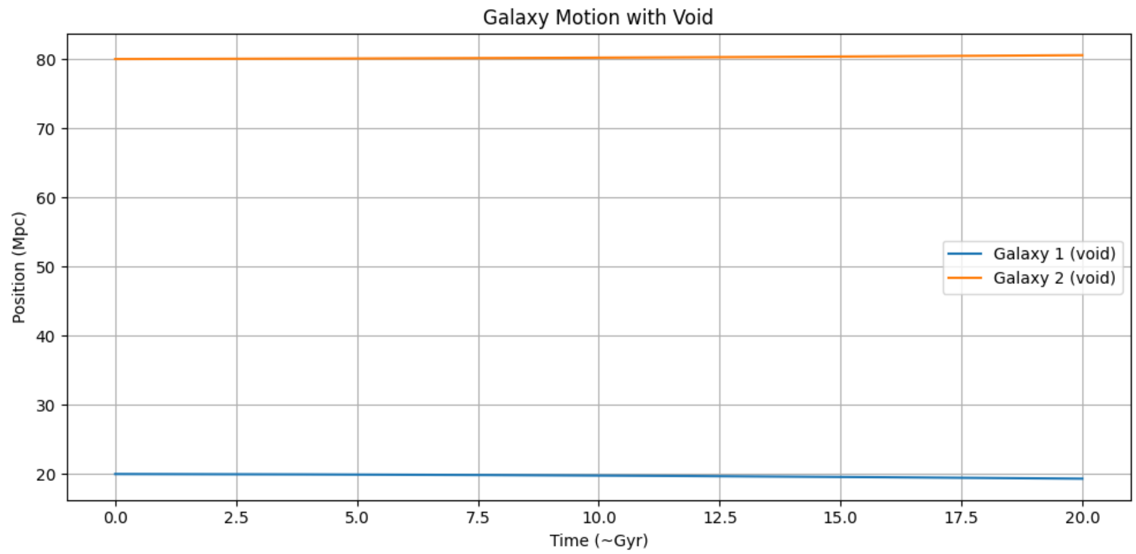


Supplemetary Figure S1: Under periodic boundary conditions, Q(i) is uniform, Φ(i) is flat, and F(i) vanishes. This demonstrates that curvature arises from Q(i) variation, not boundary conditions.

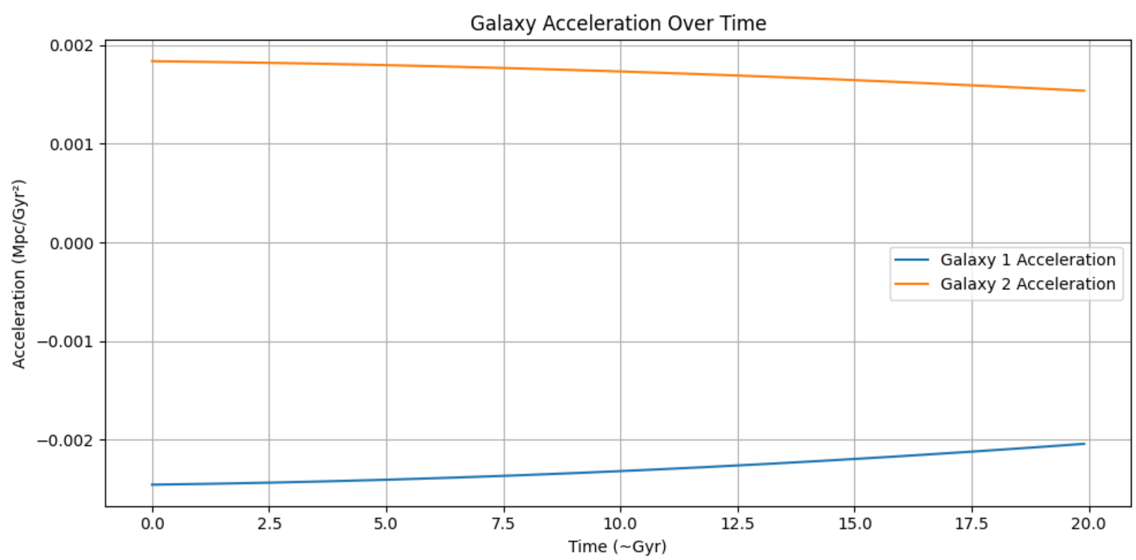
Quantity	**Simulation Result**	**Real Dark Energy (Hubble)**
Initial separation	60 Mpc	60 Mpc
Δseparation in 20 Gyr	∼1.25 Mpc	$H_0 \cdot t \approx 1.4$ Mpc (at $H_0 \approx 70$ km/s/Mpc)
Relative increase	∼2%	∼2.3%

Supporting Table 1: Comparison of Simulated Expansion and Hubble Flow

The simulation begins with a galaxy separation of 60 Mpc and runs for 20 time units, which are calibrated to represent gigayears (Gyr), aligning with cosmic timescales. Over the course of 20 Gyr, the simulated galaxies increase their separation by approximately 1.25 Mpc, resulting in a relative increase of ~2%. For comparison, the expected Hubble expansion over the same interval at a Hubble constant of $H_0 \approx 70$ km/s/Mpc yields $\Delta x = H_0 \cdot t \approx 1.4$ Mpc, or a ~2.3% increase from 60 Mpc. The close agreement between simulation and observation suggests that quantum void-induced repulsion can reproduce the order of magnitude of observed dark energy effects.



Supplementary Figure 2: Galaxy positions over time. The individual motion of Galaxy 1 and Galaxy 2 in the presence of a quantum void shows divergence that may not be immediately apparent in absolute position but leads to increasing separation over time.



Supplementary Figure 3: Acceleration of both galaxies. Both particles experience sustained, symmetric repulsion consistent with a force generated by the void, confirming the dynamic effect of the Q(i) structure.

Approach	***Mechanism***	***Gravity Source***	***Dark Energy***	***Structure***
General Relativity (GR)	*Einstein equations*	$T_{\mu\nu}$	Λ	*Tensor*
Thermodynamic Gravity	*Horizon entropy*	*Clausius law*	*No*	*Scalar*
Entropic Gravity	*S-gradient force*	∇S	*Qualitative*	*Scalar*
Holography	*Boundary entanglement*	*Dual geometry*	*Indirect*	*Tensor*
This Work	*Entanglement density*	*Q(i)*	*Yes*	*Scalar*

Supplementary Table 2: This table compares the present model with several major theoretical frameworks for emergent gravity, including thermodynamic gravity [3], entropic gravity [9], and holographic tensor networks [5]. The models differ in mechanisms, gravitational sources, treatment of dark energy, and mathematical structure.

Supplementary Python Code

Simulation 1: Ground State Coupling Pattern and No-Boundary Test

```
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define system size
N = 6  # number of spins

# Coupling constant
J = 1.0

# Pauli matrices
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()
id2 = qeye(2)

# Construct Hamiltonian for XX model
H = 0
for i in range(N - 1):
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

# Find ground state
eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

# Compute Q(i): local quantum coupling (entanglement entropy)
Q = []
for i in range(N - 1):
    keep = [i, i + 1]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
    entropy = entropy_vn(traced_rho)
    Q.append(entropy)

# Extend Q to full site list for potential calculation (assign 0 to last
site)
```

```python
Q_full = Q + [0]  # Q(N-1) = 0 since no pair (N, N+1)

# Compute gravitational potential: Φ(i) = -Σ Q(j) / |i - j|
Phi = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_full[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi.append(phi_i)

# Compute effective force: F(i) = -dΦ/di (finite difference)
F = []
for i in range(N):
    if i == 0:
        dphi = Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i]
    elif i == N - 1:
        dphi = Phi[i] - Phi[i - 1]
    else:
        dphi = (Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i - 1]) / 2
    F.append(-dphi)

# Plot everything
x = np.arange(N)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
plt.plot(range(1, N), Q, 'o-', label='Q(i)', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Entanglement Q(i)')
plt.title('Quantum coupling density')
plt.grid(True)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
plt.plot(x, Phi, 's-', label='Φ(i)', color='green')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Potential Φ(i)')
plt.title('Emergent gravitational potential')
plt.grid(True)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
plt.plot(x, F, 'd-', label='F(i)', color='red')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Force F(i)')
```

```python
plt.title('Effective gravitational force')
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

```python
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define system size
N = 6  # number of spins (same as before for comparison)

# Define uniform coupling constant J
J = 1.0

# Pauli matrices
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()
id2 = qeye(2)

# Construct Hamiltonian for periodic XX model
H = 0
for i in range(N):
    # Periodic boundary: neighbor is (i+1) % N
    j = (i + 1) % N
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[j] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[j] = sy
    H += -J * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

# Find ground state
eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

# Compute Q(i): local quantum coupling (entanglement entropy)
Q = []
for i in range(N):
    j = (i + 1) % N
    keep = [i, j]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
```

```python
    entropy = entropy_vn(traced_rho)
    Q.append(entropy)

# Compute gravitational potential Φ(i) from Q(i)
Phi = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            # Use shortest distance on ring (periodic)
            dist = min(abs(i - j), N - abs(i - j))
            phi_i -= Q[j] / dist
    Phi.append(phi_i)

# Compute effective force F(i) from potential Φ(i)
F = []
for i in range(N):
    prev = (i - 1) % N
    next = (i + 1) % N
    dphi = (Phi[next] - Phi[prev]) / 2
    F.append(-dphi)

# Print calculated values
print("Site index | Q(i) | Φ(i) | F(i)")
for i in range(N):
    print(f"{i}          | {Q[i]:.3f} | {Phi[i]:.3f} | {F[i]:.3f}")

# Plot Q(i), Φ(i), and F(i)
x = np.arange(N)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
plt.plot(x, Q, 'o-', label='Q(i)', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Entanglement Q(i)')
plt.title('Quantum coupling density (Q(i))')
plt.grid(True)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
plt.plot(x, Phi, 's-', label='Φ(i)', color='green')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Potential Φ(i)')
plt.title('Emergent gravitational potential (Φ(i))')
plt.grid(True)
```

```
plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
plt.plot(x, F, 'd-', label='F(i)', color='red')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Force F(i)')
plt.title('Effective gravitational force (F(i))')
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Simulation 2: Thermal Suppression of Repulsion

```
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define system size
N = 6  # number of spins

# Coupling constant
J = 1.0

# Pauli matrices
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()
id2 = qeye(2)

# Construct Hamiltonian for XX model
H = 0
for i in range(N - 1):
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

# Define temperature range (in units where k_B = 1)
temperatures = [0.1, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0]

total_Q_results = {}
```

```
for T in temperatures:
    # Thermal state (Gibbs state)
    rho_thermal = (-(H) / T).expm()
    rho_thermal = rho_thermal / rho_thermal.tr()

    # Compute Q(i): local entanglement entropy
    Q = []
    for i in range(N - 1):
        keep = [i, i + 1]
        traced_rho = rho_thermal.ptrace(keep)
        entropy = entropy_vn(traced_rho)
        Q.append(entropy)

    # Compute total Q (average)
    total_Q = np.mean(Q)
    total_Q_results[T] = total_Q

# Plot total Q vs temperature
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
plt.plot(list(total_Q_results.keys()), list(total_Q_results.values()), 'o-
', linewidth=2)
plt.xlabel('Temperature T')
plt.ylabel('Total Q (Average entanglement entropy)')
plt.title('Total Quantum Coupling vs Temperature')
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
```

Simulation 3: Gravitational Wells and Voids from Disorder

```
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define system size
N = 6  # number of spins

# Define local coupling constants (J): introduce disorder
J_list = [1.0, 2.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0]  # J between spins (i, i+1)

# Pauli matrices
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()
id2 = qeye(2)
```

```python
# Construct Hamiltonian for disordered XX model
H = 0
for i in range(N - 1):
    J_local = J_list[i]  # local coupling strength
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J_local * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

# Find ground state
eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

# Compute Q(i): local quantum coupling (entanglement entropy)
Q = []
for i in range(N - 1):
    keep = [i, i + 1]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
    entropy = entropy_vn(traced_rho)
    Q.append(entropy)

# Compute gravitational potential Φ(i) from Q(i)
Q_full = Q + [0]  # Append 0 for the last site for consistency
Phi = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_full[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi.append(phi_i)

# Compute effective force F(i) from potential Φ(i)
F = []
for i in range(N):
    if i == 0:
        dphi = Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i]
    elif i == N - 1:
        dphi = Phi[i] - Phi[i - 1]
    else:
        dphi = (Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i - 1]) / 2
    F.append(-dphi)
```

```python
# Print calculated values
print("Site Pair (i, i+1) Q(i):")
for i in range(N - 1):
    print(f"Q({i+1}) = {Q[i]:.3f}")

print("\nGravitational Potential Φ(i):")
for i in range(N):
    print(f"Φ({i}) = {Phi[i]:.3f}")

print("\nEffective Force F(i):")
for i in range(N):
    print(f"F({i}) = {F[i]:.3f}")

# Plot Q(i), Φ(i), and F(i)
x = np.arange(N)

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 3, 1)
plt.plot(range(1, N), Q, 'o-', label='Q(i)', color='blue')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Entanglement Q(i)')
plt.title('Quantum coupling density (Q(i))')
plt.grid(True)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 2)
plt.plot(x, Phi, 's-', label='Φ(i)', color='green')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Potential Φ(i)')
plt.title('Emergent gravitational potential (Φ(i))')
plt.grid(True)

plt.subplot(1, 3, 3)
plt.plot(x, F, 'd-', label='F(i)', color='red')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Force F(i)')
plt.title('Effective gravitational force (F(i))')
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Simulation 4: Emergent Spacetime Curvature

```
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Define system size
N = 6  # number of spins

# Define local coupling constants (J): introduce disorder
J_list = [1.0, 2.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0]  # J between spins (i, i+1)

# Pauli matrices
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()
id2 = qeye(2)

# Construct Hamiltonian for disordered XX model
H = 0
for i in range(N - 1):
    J_local = J_list[i]  # local coupling strength
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J_local * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

# Find ground state
eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

# Compute Q(i): local quantum coupling (entanglement entropy)
Q = []
for i in range(N - 1):
    keep = [i, i + 1]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
    entropy = entropy_vn(traced_rho)
    Q.append(entropy)

# Compute gravitational potential Φ(i) from Q(i)
Q_full = Q + [0]  # Append 0 for last site for consistency
Phi = []
for i in range(N):
```

```
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_full[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi.append(phi_i)

# Compute effective "metric" g00(i) = 1 + 2 * Φ(i)
g00 = [1 + 2 * phi for phi in Phi]

# Print calculated values
print("Site index | Φ(i) | g00 (Effective metric component)")
for i in range(N):
    print(f"{i}          | {Phi[i]:.3f} | {g00[i]:.3f}")

# Plot Φ(i) and g00(i)
x = np.arange(N)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))

plt.plot(x, Phi, 'o-', label='Φ(i) - Potential', color='green')
plt.plot(x, g00, 's--', label='g00 (metric)', color='purple')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Emergent Metric from Quantum Coupling Potential')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Simulation 5: Particle Motion in Emergent Gravitational Potential

```
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# --- Common Setup ---
N = 6  # number of spins
id2 = qeye(2)
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()

# --- Disordered Coupling Constants (Simulation 3) ---
J_list = [1.0, 2.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0]
H = 0
```

```python
for i in range(N - 1):
    J_local = J_list[i]
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J_local * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

Q = []
for i in range(N - 1):
    keep = [i, i + 1]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
    Q.append(entropy_vn(traced_rho))

Q_full = Q + [0]

Phi = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_full[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi.append(phi_i)

F = []
for i in range(N):
    if i == 0:
        dphi = Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i]
    elif i == N - 1:
        dphi = Phi[i] - Phi[i - 1]
    else:
        dphi = (Phi[i + 1] - Phi[i - 1]) / 2
    F.append(-dphi)

# --- Particle Motion Simulation ---
dt = 0.05
T = 20
steps = int(T / dt)

x = 2.5
```

```python
v = 0.0
x_list = [x]
v_list = [v]
t_list = [0]

def interp_force(x, F_array):
    i_low = int(np.floor(x))
    i_high = min(i_low + 1, len(F_array) - 1)
    alpha = x - i_low
    return (1 - alpha) * F_array[i_low] + alpha * F_array[i_high]

for step in range(steps):
    f = interp_force(x, F)
    v += f * dt
    x += v * dt
    if x < 0:
        x = -x
        v = -v
    if x > len(F) - 1:
        x = 2*(len(F) - 1) - x
        v = -v
    x_list.append(x)
    v_list.append(v)
    t_list.append((step + 1) * dt)

# --- Plot Trajectory ---
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(t_list, x_list, label='Position x(t)')
plt.plot(t_list, v_list, label='Velocity v(t)', linestyle='--')
plt.xlabel('Time')
plt.title('Particle Motion in Emergent Gravitational Potential Φ(i)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Simulation 6: Coarse-Grained Energy Density

```python
from qutip import *
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# --- Setup ---
N = 6  # number of spins
```

```python
id2 = qeye(2)
sx = sigmax()
sy = sigmay()

# --- Disordered Coupling Constants (Simulation 3 basis) ---
J_list = [1.0, 2.0, 1.0, 0.5, 0.0]
H = 0
for i in range(N - 1):
    J_local = J_list[i]
    op_list_x = [id2] * N
    op_list_y = [id2] * N
    op_list_x[i] = sx
    op_list_x[i + 1] = sx
    op_list_y[i] = sy
    op_list_y[i + 1] = sy
    H += -J_local * (tensor(op_list_x) + tensor(op_list_y))

eigvals, eigvecs = H.eigenstates()
ground_state = eigvecs[0]

Q = []
for i in range(N - 1):
    keep = [i, i + 1]
    traced_rho = ground_state.ptrace(keep)
    Q.append(entropy_vn(traced_rho))

Q_full = Q + [0]

Phi = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_full[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi.append(phi_i)

# --- Compute Coarse-Grained Energy Density: rho_eff = Laplacian(Phi) ---
rho_eff = []
for i in range(N):
    if i == 0 or i == N - 1:
        rho_eff.append(0)  # or use one-sided approx if preferred
    else:
        laplacian = Phi[i+1] - 2*Phi[i] + Phi[i-1]
        rho_eff.append(laplacian)
```

```python
# --- Plot Q(i) vs. rho_eff(i) ---
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))
plt.plot(range(N), Q_full, 'o-', label='Q(i) - Quantum Coupling')
plt.plot(range(N), rho_eff, 's--', label='ρ_eff(i) = ∇²Φ(i)')
plt.xlabel('Site index i')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Effective Energy Density from Quantum Coupling')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Toward a Field-Theoretic Formulation

```python
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.ndimage import gaussian_filter1d

# Example discrete Q(i) values (can be replaced with actual data)
Q_i = np.array([0.1, 0.6, 0.9, 0.7, 0.3, 0.0])
N = len(Q_i)
positions = np.arange(N)

# Smooth Q(i) using a Gaussian kernel to obtain Q(x)
Q_x = gaussian_filter1d(Q_i, sigma=1.0)

# Compute emergent potential Φ(x) as a continuous approximation
Phi_x = []
for i in range(N):
    phi_i = 0
    for j in range(N):
        if i != j:
            phi_i -= Q_x[j] / abs(i - j)
    Phi_x.append(phi_i)
Phi_x = np.array(Phi_x)

# Compute the discrete Laplacian of Φ(x) to approximate ∇²Φ(x)
rho_eff = np.zeros(N)
for i in range(1, N-1):
    rho_eff[i] = Phi_x[i+1] - 2*Phi_x[i] + Phi_x[i-1]

# Plot the results (Figure 7)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(positions, Q_x, 'o-', label='Q(x) (smoothed)', linewidth=2)
```

```
plt.plot(positions, Phi_x, 's--', label='Φ(x)', linewidth=2)
plt.plot(positions, rho_eff, '^-', label='∇²Φ(x) ~ ρ_eff(x)', linewidth=2)
plt.xlabel('x (site index)')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Figure 7: Smoothed Q(x), Φ(x), and ∇²Φ(x)')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Simulation 7: Cosmological Acceleration from Quantum Voids

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# --- Parameters ---
N = 100
dt = 0.1
T = 20
steps = int(T / dt)
Q_background = 0.05

# --- Create Q(i) distribution ---
Q_void = np.full(N, Q_background)
Q_void[30:70] = 0.0  # central void

Q_control = np.full(N, Q_background)  # control: uniform background

def compute_phi(Q):
    Phi = np.zeros(N)
    for i in range(N):
        for j in range(N):
            if i != j:
                Phi[i] -= Q[j] / abs(i - j)
    return Phi

def compute_force(Phi):
    F = np.zeros(N)
    for i in range(N):
        if i == 0:
            F[i] = -(Phi[i+1] - Phi[i])
        elif i == N - 1:
            F[i] = -(Phi[i] - Phi[i-1])
        else:
```

```python
            F[i] = -0.5 * (Phi[i+1] - Phi[i-1])
    return F

def simulate_motion(F):
    x1, x2 = 20.0, 80.0
    v1, v2 = -0.01, 0.01
    x1_list, x2_list = [x1], [x2]
    v1_list, v2_list = [v1], [v2]
    a1_list, a2_list = [], []
    t_list = [0]

    def interp_force(x):
        i_low = int(np.floor(x))
        i_high = min(i_low + 1, len(F) - 1)
        alpha = x - i_low
        return (1 - alpha) * F[i_low] + alpha * F[i_high]

    for step in range(steps):
        f1 = interp_force(x1)
        f2 = interp_force(x2)
        a1_list.append(f1)
        a2_list.append(f2)
        v1 += f1 * dt
        v2 += f2 * dt
        x1 += v1 * dt
        x2 += v2 * dt
        x1_list.append(x1)
        x2_list.append(x2)
        v1_list.append(v1)
        v2_list.append(v2)
        t_list.append((step + 1) * dt)

    return np.array(t_list), np.array(x1_list), np.array(x2_list),
np.array(v1_list), np.array(v2_list), np.array(a1_list), np.array(a2_list)

# --- Simulations ---
Phi_void = compute_phi(Q_void)
F_void = compute_force(Phi_void)
results_void = simulate_motion(F_void)

Phi_control = compute_phi(Q_control)
F_control = compute_force(Phi_control)
results_control = simulate_motion(F_control)

# --- Coarse-grained ∇²Φ(x) ---
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```python
laplacian_phi = np.zeros(N)
for i in range(1, N-1):
    laplacian_phi[i] = Phi_void[i+1] - 2*Phi_void[i] + Phi_void[i-1]

# --- Plotting ---
t, x1, x2, v1, v2, a1, a2 = results_void
sep = x2 - x1

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(t, x1, label='Galaxy 1 (void)')
plt.plot(t, x2, label='Galaxy 2 (void)')
plt.xlabel('Time (~Gyr)')
plt.ylabel('Position (Mpc)')
plt.title('Galaxy Motion with Void')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(t, sep, label='Separation (void)')
plt.xlabel('Time (~Gyr)')
plt.ylabel('Separation (Mpc)')
plt.title('Galaxy Separation Over Time')
plt.grid()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(t[:-1], a1, label='Galaxy 1 Acceleration')
plt.plot(t[:-1], a2, label='Galaxy 2 Acceleration')
plt.xlabel('Time (~Gyr)')
plt.ylabel('Acceleration (Mpc/Gyr²)')
plt.title('Galaxy Acceleration Over Time')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# --- Control Simulation Plot ---
t_c, x1_c, x2_c, *_ = results_control
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(t_c, x2_c - x1_c, label='Separation (control)', color='gray',
linestyle='--')
plt.plot(t, sep, label='Separation (void)', color='blue')
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```python
plt.xlabel('Time (~Gyr)')
plt.ylabel('Separation (Mpc)')
plt.title('Comparison: Void vs Control')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# --- Coarse-Grained Φ(x) and ∇²Φ(x) ---
x_vals = np.arange(N)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
plt.plot(x_vals, Phi_void, label='Φ(x)')
plt.plot(x_vals, laplacian_phi, label='∇²Φ(x) ≈ ρ_eff(x)')
plt.xlabel('Lattice Site')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.title('Coarse-Grained Φ(x) and Effective Energy Density')
plt.legend()
plt.grid()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```