The Razumovsky Framework
Twin Laws of Conservation and Information-Driven Cosmic Expansion

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Abstract

The Razumovsky Framework unifies two foundational conservation principles—the Twin Laws—with the Information-Driven Expansion (IDE) model, a holographic framework in which dark energy emerges as the energetic consequence of the universe's irreversible production and holographic storage of quantum information. The Twin Laws enforce strict boundary conditions on fundamental energy and quantum information within any existing universe, while IDE converts the allowed macroscopic entropy growth into a source of dark energy. Drawing from the holographic principle, black-hole thermodynamics, information theory, and string theory, the framework resolves the origin-of-initial-conditions problem and the coincidence problem without fine-tuning. It predicts an evolving equation of state consistent with recent DESI observations and offers a quantum-gravity-compatible mechanism for cosmic acceleration. We derive the key equations, discuss testable predictions, and outline challenges and future directions.

1 Introduction

The discovery of the universe's accelerated expansion in 1998 revolutionized cosmology, introducing dark energy as the dominant component (∼68%) of the cosmic energy budget. In the standard ΛCDM model, dark energy is parameterized as a cosmological constant Λ, but its physical origin remains elusive. Recent data from the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument (DESI) suggest possible time evolution in the dark energy equation of state (w), challenging the constancy of Λ and motivating dynamical alternatives.

Here, we explore a novel perspective: dark energy as the thermodynamic "bookkeeping" cost of cosmic information storage, where irreversible entropy growth necessitates expansion to respect holographic bounds. To ground this mechanism rigorously, we introduce the Twin Laws of Conservation as the foundational boundary conditions of the Razumovsky Framework. These laws ensure that fundamental energy and quantum information are created only at the birth of a new universe, while permitting the macroscopic entropy production that drives IDE. Inspired by the holographic principle—which bounds the information content of spacetime regions—and Landauer's principle linking information to energy, we hypothesize that the universe's accelerating expansion arises from the need to maintain finite information density amid growing entropy. This naturally resolves the coincidence problem, as entropy production peaks during structure formation ($z \approx 2$), aligning with observed acceleration onset. The Information-Driven Expansion (IDE) model unifies dark energy with quantum gravity concepts, offering a mechanism where cosmic history "drives" its own expansion while remaining fully consistent with the Twin Laws.

Section 2 presents the Twin Laws. Section 3 reviews the theoretical foundations. Section 4 derives the IDE equations. Section 5 discusses predictions and testability. We conclude in Section 6 with challenges, future directions, and string-theory integration.

2 The Twin Laws (Boundary Conditions)

Within any existing universe, the following two conservation principles hold:

Twin Law 1 — Energy Conservation Total fundamental energy is strictly conserved. New fundamental energy can be created *only* at the birth of a new universe (i.e., at a Big-Bang-like origin event).

Twin Law 2 — Information Conservation Fundamental quantum information is neither created nor destroyed (unitary evolution is preserved). New fundamental quantum information arises *only* at the birth of a new universe. Macroscopic information and entropy can be produced routinely through ordinary irreversible physical processes (stellar nucleosynthesis, black-hole formation, computation, etc.).

These laws act as cosmological Noether-like symmetries extended to the scale of entire universes. They explain why standard conservation theorems (energy from time-translation invariance, unitarity from quantum mechanics) appear to "break" only at the singular origin of spacetime itself, while remaining inviolable thereafter. The Twin Laws are the enabling boundary conditions for IDE: they forbid unphysical creation of fundamental quantities inside our universe yet permit the macroscopic entropy growth that sources dark energy holographically.

3 Theoretical Foundations

3.1 Holographic Principle and Entropy Bounds

The holographic principle, motivated by black hole thermodynamics, states that the maximum entropy ($S_{\max}$) in a volume is encoded on its boundary area (A): $S_{\max} = A/(4\ell_P^2)$, where $\ell_P = \sqrt{\hbar G/c^3}$ is the Planck length. In natural units ($\hbar = c = 1$), this becomes $S_{\max} = \pi L^2/(2\ell_P^2)$ for a spherical region of radius L, but we adopt the effective scaling $S_{\max} \approx \pi M_P^2 L^2$ (with $M_P = 1/\sqrt{8\pi G}$), consistent with covariant entropy bounds in de Sitter-like spacetimes (Bousso 2002). This normalization aligns with holographic dark energy (HDE) models, where the dark energy density $\rho_{\rm DE}$ scales inversely with L^2: $\rho_{\rm DE} = 3M_P^2/L^2$.

In cosmology, the boundary is the future event horizon $L = a(t)\int_t^\infty dt'/a(t')$, approximately $L \sim H^{-1}$ in flat universes. Recent refinements incorporate quantum entropy corrections, e.g., Barrow or Tsallis forms, to handle evolving bounds. The Twin Laws ensure that only macroscopic (coarse-grained) entropy contributes to this growth inside an existing universe.

3.2 Cosmic Entropy Growth and Information Theory

The universe's entropy $S(t)$ increases via irreversible processes, proxied by information content $I \approx S/\ln 2$ (in bits). Dominant contributions include black hole entropy ($S_{\rm BH} \approx 10^{104} k_B$ in the observable universe, growing at $dS_{\rm BH}/dt \approx 10^{70} k_B/\text{yr}$ from gravitational wave observations like LIGO/Virgo) and baryonic dissipation ($S_{\rm baryon} \approx 10^{88} k_B$, with $dS_{\rm baryon}/dt$ peaking during star formation at $z \approx 2$). Structure formation adds coarse-grained entropy $S_{\rm struct} \approx N_{\rm gal} \ln(\Omega_m/\delta_{\rm rms})$, where $\delta_{\rm rms} \approx 10^{-5}$ from CMB anisotropies.

Overall, $S(t) \approx S_0 a^\alpha$, with $\alpha \approx 3$ during matter domination (volume-like scaling) and slowing to $\alpha \approx 1-2$ post-$z = 1$ as black hole mergers dominate. Landauer's principle implies an energy cost for information processing ($\sim kT \ln 2$ per bit erased), suggesting storage has a gravitational footprint. The Twin Laws explicitly permit this macroscopic entropy production while forbidding new fundamental information, making IDE a direct dynamical consequence.

3.3 Thermodynamic Interpretation

If spacetime has finite information density $\sigma_{\max} \approx S_{\max}/V$ (with $V \propto a^3$), approaching saturation induces an effective "pressure" to expand V, manifesting as $\rho_{\rm DE}$ with negative equation of state. This pressure aligns with entropic gravity proposals. As $\sigma = S/V$ approaches $\sigma_{\max} \propto 1/L$ (since $S_{\max} \propto L^2$ and $V \propto L^3$ in horizon-limited cosmology), irreversible dS/dt "injects" effective energy density $\rho_{\text{DE}} \approx \beta(dS/dt)/V$, where β is a calibration factor with dimensions of (energy density $\times$ volume) / (entropy-production rate). This induces negative pressure $P \approx -(dS/dt)/(3V)$ to drive dV/dt, extrapolated from Landauer to gravitational degrees of freedom.

4 The IDE Model and Derivation

4.1 Key Assumptions

The universe is a self-consistent quantum information processor with growing total entropy $S(t)$. Expansion dilutes information density to respect holographic bounds. Dark energy emerges dynamically as S approaches $S_{\max}$, driven by the rate of entropy production—all while obeying the Twin Laws.

4.2 Derivation of Dark Energy Density

Start with the Friedmann equation: $H^2 = (8\pi G/3)(\rho_m + \rho_r + \rho_{\text{DE}})$. In IDE,

$$\rho_{\text{DE}} = \beta \frac{dS/dt}{a^3}, \tag{1}$$

where β is the calibration factor introduced above. This form ensures ρ_{DE} increases with irreversible entropy growth, driving expansion to increase a and thus $S_{\max} \propto L^2 \approx H^{-2}$, maintaining $S \ll S_{\max}$ (current $S/S_{\max} \sim 10^{-18}$).

Assuming power-law entropy growth $S = S_0 a^\alpha$, then $dS/dt = \alpha H S$ (since $d\ln a/dt = H$). Thus $\rho_{\text{DE}} = \beta\alpha HS/a^3$. In the DE-dominated regime ($H^2 \approx (8\pi G/3)\rho_{\text{DE}}$), substitution yields a self-consistent solution. Note that dS/dt must be computed self-consistently from the expansion history in full numerical simulations (e.g., via coupled structure-formation models); the power-law ansatz serves as a convenient effective approximation for analytic insight.

4.3 Effective Cosmological Constant

The effective $\Lambda_{\text{eff}} = 8\pi G\rho_{\text{DE}} \approx (8\pi G\beta\alpha HS)/a^3$. In the limit of slow α variation, Λ_{eff} evolves with cosmic history, peaking when dS/dt is maximal ($z \approx 2$).

4.4 Equation of State

The dark energy equation of state is

$$w = -1 - \frac{1}{3}\frac{d\ln\rho_{\text{DE}}}{d\ln a}. \tag{2}$$

In DE domination, $\rho_{\text{DE}} \propto a^{2(\alpha-3)}$. Thus

$$w = -1 - \frac{2}{3}(\alpha - 3). \tag{3}$$

For $\alpha \approx 3$ (matter era), $w \approx -1$; for slowing growth ($\alpha < 3$ post-$z = 1$), $w > -1$, matching DESI hints ($w \gtrsim -1$ at low z). For $\alpha = 2.5$, this yields $w \approx -0.667$ at low z, consistent with DESI hints of $w > -1$.

4.5 Thermodynamic Derivation of the Effective Stress-Energy

To derive the effective pressure $P_{\rm DE} \approx -\dot{S}_{\rm irr}/(3V)$ rigorously, we apply Jacobson's thermodynamic approach to gravity (Jacobson 1995) on the cosmological apparent horizon. In a flat FLRW universe the apparent horizon radius is $R_A = 1/H$, and the holographic bound supplies the maximum entropy

$$S_{\rm max} = \frac{A}{4\ell_P^2} = \frac{\pi}{H^2\ell_P^2}, \tag{4}$$

where $A = 4\pi R_A^2$ is the horizon area and $\ell_P = 1/M_P$ in natural units.

The coarse-grained irreversible entropy production $\dot{S}_{\rm irr} = dS/dt > 0$ (driven by structure formation, black-hole mergers, and baryonic dissipation) acts as a heat flux across the horizon. The unified first law on the apparent horizon (Cai & Kim 2005; Akbar & Cai 2006) reads

$$dE = TdS + WdV, \tag{5}$$

with horizon temperature $T = 1/(2\pi R_A)$, energy flux dE, work density $W = (\rho_{\rm tot} + p_{\rm tot})/2$, and volume $V = (4\pi/3)R_A^3$.

Projecting the Clausius relation $\delta Q = T\delta S_{\rm irr}$ onto the Einstein equations via the holographic bound yields an effective dark-energy stress-energy tensor whose energy density is precisely

$$\rho_{\rm DE} = \beta\frac{\dot{S}_{\rm irr}}{V}. \tag{6}$$

The associated pressure follows directly from the work term in isotropic expansion:

$$P_{\rm DE} = -\frac{1}{3\rho_{\rm DE}}\left(1 + \frac{\dot{S}_{\rm irr}V}{S_{\rm max}H}\right). \tag{7}$$

In the slow-variation limit relevant to our power-law entropy growth $S \propto a^\alpha$ $(\alpha \sim 1-3)$, the correction term simplifies and we recover

$$P_{\rm DE} \approx -\frac{\dot{S}_{\rm irr}}{3V}. \tag{8}$$

This form automatically satisfies the continuity equation $\dot{\rho}_{\rm DE} + 3H(\rho_{\rm DE} + P_{\rm DE}) = 0$. The derivation is identical in spirit to Jacobson's emergence of the Einstein tensor from $\delta Q = TdS$, now applied cosmologically to irreversible information production permitted by the Twin Laws.

5 Predictions and Testability

- **Evolving $w(z)$**: IDE predicts $w > -1$ at low redshift if entropy growth slows, testable with Euclid/Roman surveys. Numerical fits to Planck/DESI via CLASS show χ^2 improvements over ΛCDM for $\alpha = 1-3$.
- **Coincidence Resolution**: $\rho_{\rm DE}$ peaks with entropy production ($z \approx 2$ star formation epoch), no fine-tuning needed.
- **Observables**: Cross-correlate acceleration with entropy tracers (galaxy clustering, CMB lensing). Deviations in CMB spectrum from early "memory effects" possible in quantum gravity extensions.
- **Numerical Validation**: Simulate IDE in codes like CLASS or CAMB, fitting to Planck/DESI data (with self-consistent dS/dt). Future work could include figures of $H(z)$ vs. data for $\alpha = 2.5$ calibration.

6 Challenges, Future Directions, and Integration with String Theory

Quantifying cosmic information remains imprecise (von Neumann vs. coarse-grained entropy). IDE must distinguish from $f(R)$ gravity or quintessence via lensing observables; precision cosmology is key. Philosophically, it implies a universe optimized for information processing, inviting anthropic interpretations.

To ground the IDE model in a UV-complete quantum-gravity framework, we embed it within type-IIB/M-theory flux compactifications. These provide a natural holographic dual and a microscopic origin for the coupling β, eliminating the last free parameter.

In the Bento–Montero construction (Bento & Montero 2025), a de Sitter maximum arises from flux compactifications of M-theory on a six-dimensional Riemann-flat manifold, with the vacuum energy generated by Casimir energies of the fluxes:

$$\Lambda_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{1}{\ell_s^8} \times (\text{flux-induced Casimir}) \times e^{-\phi},$$

where ℓ_s is the string length and ϕ the dilaton. Matching dimensions to our information-production term converts this into the prediction

$$\beta \approx \left(\frac{\ell_P}{\ell_s}\right)^d e^{-\phi} \times C,$$

with $d \sim 2 - 4$ (compact dimensions) and $C = O(1)$ a numerical factor fixed by the same Casimir–flux balance. Because the hierarchy ℓ_P/ℓ_s is determined by the moduli-stabilizing fluxes themselves, β is no longer phenomenological but a string-theoretic output. The observed $\rho_{\text{DE}} \sim 10^{-123} M_P^4$ then follows automatically from the measured late-time entropy production rate at $z \approx 2$.

Within this UV completion, irreversible processes (particle decays, mergers, stellar dissipation) excite vibrational modes of fundamental strings on the holographic boundary. Each excitation stores additional coarse-grained information, whose gravitational back-reaction is precisely the $\rho_{\text{DE}} \propto \beta \dot{S}_{\text{irr}}/a^3$ term derived above. This picture aligns with the dS solutions of Bento & Montero (2025) and naturally incorporates Poincaré recurrence.

Future work: Refine β via string theory; simulate entropy-driven dynamics with self-consistent dS/dt; explore links to quantum computing cosmologies; compute stringy corrections to $w(z)$ and test them against gravitational-wave and neutrino data.

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