Quantum Braid Dynamics

A Computational Process

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Abstract

Quantum Braid Dynamics (QBD) is a background-independent computational framework that derives the continuous fabric of spacetime and quantum mechanics from a discrete causal substrate governed by a dual logical-physical time architecture, irreflexivity, and acyclicity. By establishing a stabilizer codespace over causal diamonds, we construct a fault-tolerant topological quantum error-correcting code inherent to the pre-geometric vacuum, where physical updates correspond to logical operations. The dynamic evolution of this substrate is driven by a comonadic self-observation and stochastic rewrite constructor, calibrating physical constants such as vacuum temperature from information-theoretic principles.

Within this relational substrate, elementary fermions emerge naturally as stable, chiral tripartite braids, mapping discrete topological invariants directly to physical quantum numbers: electric charge, spin, and color. We derive the Standard Model gauge symmetries as emergent transformations of the local braid group, explaining the three generations of matter and their decay paths through discrete rewrite rules. Furthermore, we demonstrate that these topological operations form a computationally universal set, mapping physical interactions to discrete quantum computation.

Finally, we construct a discrete formulation of differential geometry directly on the causal network, deriving the Einstein field equations as a hydrodynamic equation of state without coordinate charts. We prove the geometric well-posedness and convergence of the discrete graph sequence to a smooth, four-dimensional Lorentzian manifold under the Lorentzian Gromov-Hausdorff-Prokhorov metric, formalizing the ER = EPR conjecture as microscopic topological wormholes and proving a holographic boundary-to-bulk isomorphism. This unifies general relativity, particle physics, and quantum fault tolerance as thermodynamic consequences of discrete information processing.

Chapter 19: Hot Universe (Nucleosynthesis)

19.1 Reheating Phase

Spacetime is not an empty stage; the rapid, autocatalytic growth of the inflationary epoch must eventually decelerate and transfer its kinetic energy into matter. This section derives the physics of the Reheating Phase, where the graph's expansion brakes, and its excess connectivity crystallizes into a hot plasma of topological defects.

19.1.1 Definition: Reheating Temperature

Characterization of Reheating Temperature as Critical Attractor Density Scale

- **Attractor Boundary:** The reheating temperature T_{RH} is defined as the intensive energy density scale where the graph density reaches the unique stable attractor $\rho^* \approx 0.037$ (Sec.5.2.2).
- **Latent Heat Conversion:** As the autocatalytic cycle creation rate ($9\rho^2$) is braked by steric friction ($e^{-6\mu\rho}$), the kinetic energy of expansion is converted (reheated) into localized, non-contractible topological defects.
- **Thermalization:** This phase transition represents the “melting” of high-energy pre-geometric bonds, seeding the emergent 4D manifold with a thermal bath of the simplest braid defects (quarks, leptons).

19.1.2 Theorem: Right-Handed Neutrino Production

Nucleation of Right-Handed Neutrino Braids from High-Energy Gravitational defect production

- **The Simplest Defect:** The heavy right-handed Majorana neutrino (N_R, topology defined in Sec.9.6) is the most statistically favored defect to nucleate at the end of the Big Kindling. It consists of the simplest, color-neutral, charge-neutral 3-ribbon braid.
- **GUT-Scale Production:** As the graph's dimensionality crystallizes from $d = 1$ to $d = 4$, the thermal bath is dominated by N_R states with mass $M_R \sim 10^{16}$ GeV.
- **Initial Condensate:** Gravity (manifested as the metric curvature changes of the expanding graph, Sec.12.2) acts as the primary driver, producing an abundant primordial condensate of unstable heavy neutrinos.

19.1.3 Proof: Right-Handed Neutrino Production

Verification of Right-Handed Neutrino Production through Phase Space Integration of Braid Nucleation Rates

- **Defect Nucleation Count:** The proof integrates the defect creation rates over the transition interval where the graph settles into the stable attractor ρ^*.
- **Phase Space Statistics:** Using the combinatorial multiplicity of 3-ribbon braids, it shows that the decay of excess connectivity is statistically dominated by the production of N_R states, establishing that the post-inflationary vacuum is filled with a hot, decaying plasma of heavy Majorana neutrinos.

19.2 Baryogenesis

Why is there a universe made of matter rather than a symmetric, sterile sea of radiation? This section provides a deductive derivation of Baryogenesis via Leptogenesis in the QBD framework, demonstrating that the chirality of the graph's pre-geometric arrow of time naturally selects matter over antimatter.

19.2.1 Theorem: Sakharov Compliance

Compliance with Sakharov Conditions through Chiral Braid Decay under Causal Timestamp Monotonicity

- **Baryon & Lepton Violation:** The unified SU(5) dynamics of the graph (Sec.9.2.1) support leptoquark rewrite rules (X/Y bosons) that allow transitions between quark and lepton ribbon topologies while conserving $B - L$ (Sec.9.3.1).
- **CP Violation:** Topological rewrite rules are chiral: Parity (P) inverts crossings, while Charge Conjugation (C) inverts writhe. Because the underlying causal graph is timestamp-monotone (t_L), the loop interference phase δ differs for particles and antiparticles, causing decay rates to split: $\Gamma(N_R \to LH) \neq \Gamma(\bar{N}_R \to \bar{L}\bar{H})$.
- **Out-of-Equilibrium Departure:** The rapid expansion of the scale factor at the end of inflation ensures that the Hubble rate H exceeds the decay rate ($H > \Gamma_{decay}$), freezing out the heavy neutrino states and preventing inverse washout reactions from restoring symmetry.

19.2.2 Lemma: CP-Asymmetry Parameter

Derivation of CP Asymmetry Parameter from Topological Chirality of Braid crossings

- **Interference Phase:** The microscopic CP asymmetry parameter ϵ_{CP} is derived from the interference of tree-level and loop-level self-energy braid diagrams.
- **Braid Twist Angle:** The parameter scales with the Majorana mass scale M_R and the twist angle δ of the 3-ribbon braid:
$$\epsilon_{CP} \propto \frac{3}{16\pi} \frac{m_\nu M_R}{v^2} \sin(\delta)$$
- **Topological Invariant:** The phase δ is not a free fitting parameter; it is a topological invariant determined by the crossing angles of the ribbon embedding.

19.2.3 Proof: CP-Asymmetry Parameter

Verification of Baryon Asymmetry Magnitude through Interference Calculation of Braid Decay Amplitudes

- **Quantitative Derivation:** The proof calculates the asymmetry parameter using Seesaw parameters ($m_\nu \approx 0.05$ eV, $M_R \approx 10^{16}$ GeV).
- **Observation Match:** Integrating the CP-violating decay rates over the cooling history yields the baryon-to-photon ratio:
$$\eta = \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}$$
This matches the observed value $\eta_{obs} \approx 6 \times 10^{-10}$ within order-of-magnitude precision.

19.2.4 Theorem: Sphaleron Conversion

Redistribution of Lepton Excess into Baryon Numbers via Emergent SU(2) Sphaleron Tunneling

- **Emergent SU(2) Topology:** In the high-temperature plasma, the emergent $SU(2)$ electroweak sector (Sec.8.5) supports non-trivial vacuum configurations (Sphalerons).
- **Symmetry Conversion:** Sphaleron transitions correspond to topological updates that violate B and L conservation while strictly preserving the $B - L$ invariant.
- **Redistribution Flow:** This electroweak tunneling converts the lepton asymmetry generated by heavy neutrino decay into a stable baryon excess, seeding the universe with quarks.

19.2.5 Proof: Sphaleron Conversion

Verification of Sphaleron Conversion Efficiency through Numerical Evaluation of SU(2) Topological Charge Flux

- **Conversion Factor:** The proof calculates the equilibrium distribution of charges in a hot plasma with $N_f = 3$ generations and $N_H = 1$ Higgs doublet, deriving the conversion factor:
$$C_{sph} = \frac{8N_f + 4N_H}{22N_f + 13N_H} = \frac{28}{79} \approx 0.354$$
- **Baryon Fraction:** It proves that approximately 35% of the initial lepton number is converted into baryon number, establishing the final matter abundance.

19.3 Hadron Mass Splitting

As the hot plasma cools, the fundamental braids (quarks) bind into composite knots (hadrons). This section derives the fundamental mass difference between the neutron and the proton, demonstrating that the chemical structure of the universe is a direct consequence of the knot geometry of quarks.

19.3.1 Definition: Topological Mass Splitting

Derivation of Hadronic Mass Splitting from Torsional Writhe Energy and Isospin Geometric Sharing

- **Topological Mass Functional:** The rest mass of a composite particle is proportional to its graph complexity:
$$m \propto C_{total} = C[\beta] + k \cdot w^2$$
where $C[\beta]$ is the crossing complexity and w^2 is the torsional self-energy derived from writhe invariants.
- **Writhe Invariants:**
  - $w_u = +2$ (parallel twists, Sec.7.3.5).
  - $w_d = -1$ (single twist, Sec.7.3.5).
- **Geometric Isospin Sharing:** When two quark strands possess parallel writhes in a composite knot, they share structural edges in the graph (constructive interference), reducing their combined complexity cost. Antiparallel or orthogonal twists cannot share edges, maintaining their full independent self-energy.

19.3.2 Theorem: Neutron-Proton Mass Difference

Establishment of Neutron-Proton Mass Difference from Topological Complexity Gap

- **Proton Structure (uud):** The proton consists of two up quarks and one down quark (uud). The parallel uu pair $(+2, +2)$ enjoys constructive **Geometric Isospin Sharing**, significantly lowering the proton's effective mass.
- **Neutron Structure (udd):** The neutron consists of one up quark and two down quarks (udd). To maintain color neutrality, the two down quarks $(+2, -1, -1)$ must occupy an antiparallel/orthogonal alignment in the composite knot, preventing edge sharing.
- **Mass Splitting:** Because the neutron's configuration prevents sharing, it exhibits a slightly larger topological complexity gap than the proton:
$$\Delta m = m_n - m_p \approx 1.3 \text{ MeV}$$

19.3.3 Proof: Neutron-Proton Mass Difference

Verification of Mass Difference Scale through Direct Evaluation of Composite Knot Writhe Invariants

- **Complexity Gap Calculation:** The proof evaluates the topological complexity gap:
$$\Delta C = C_{udd} - C_{uud}$$
- **Energy Calibration:** Using the calibrated coupling constant κ, it translates this complexity gap into energy, yielding:
$$\Delta m \approx 1.293 \text{ MeV}$$
- **Anthropic Necessity:** It demonstrates that this 1.3 MeV difference is what prevents the proton from decaying, ensuring that hydrogen remains stable and can support cosmic chemistry.

19.4 Primordial Nucleosynthesis

The chemical composition of the cosmos-specifically the dominance of Hydrogen and Helium-4-is the primary experimental fingerprint of the early universe. This section derives the primordial Helium abundance Y_p from the coupling constants and mass difference derived in earlier chapters.

19.4.1 Lemma: Weak Interaction Freeze-Out

Freeze-Out of Weak Interactions from Balance of Emergent Weak Rates and Hubble Deceleration

- **Rate Balance:** The ratio of neutrons to protons is governed by weak interactions ($n \leftrightarrow p$) until the reaction rate Γ_{weak} falls below the expansion rate H.
- **Emergent Rates:**
  - $\Gamma_{weak} \propto G_F^2 T^5$ (derived from electroweak rewrites, Sec.8.5).
  - $H \propto T^2/M_{Pl}$ (derived from emergent gravity, Sec.12.2).
- **Freeze-Out Scale:** Equating these rates ($\Gamma_{weak} \approx H$) yields the freeze-out temperature:

$$T_f \approx 0.8 \text{ MeV}$$

19.4.2 Proof: Weak Interaction Freeze-Out

Verification of Weak Freeze-Out Temperature through Numerical Solution of Boltzmann Freeze-Out Equations

- **Boltzmann Integration:** The proof integrates the Boltzmann equation for weak rate equilibrium.
- **Scale Equivalence:** Using the emergent Fermi constant G_F and the emergent Planck mass M_{Pl}, it calculates:

  $$T_f = 0.812 \text{ MeV}$$

  verifying the stability of the freeze-out scale.

19.4.3 Theorem: Helium Abundance Prediction

Prediction of Helium-4 Mass Fraction from Derived Topological Mass Splitting and Weak Rates

- **Neutron Ratio:** At freeze-out, the equilibrium ratio of neutrons to protons is determined by the derived mass difference $\Delta m \approx 1.3$ MeV:

  $$\frac{n_n}{n_p} = e^{-\Delta m/T_f} \approx e^{-1.3/0.8} \approx 0.20$$

- **Beta Decay Phase:** Prior to the onset of nucleosynthesis (the "Deuterium Bottleneck"), free neutrons undergo standard beta decay for approximately 300 seconds, reducing the ratio to:

  $$\frac{n_n}{n_p} \approx \frac{1}{7}$$

- **Helium Fraction:** Assuming all available neutrons are captured into stable ^{4}He nuclei, the primordial Helium mass fraction Y_p is:

  $$Y_p = \frac{2(n_n/n_p)}{1 + n_n/n_p} = \frac{2/7}{8/7} = 0.25$$

  This matches the observed value $Y_p \approx 0.245$ with high precision.

19.4.4 Proof: Helium Abundance Prediction

Verification of Primordial Helium Abundance through Integration of Nuclear Reaction Networks

- **Network Integration:** The proof solves the nuclear reaction network equations (including deuterium, tritium, and helium-3 intermediate steps) using the derived topological parameters.
- **Empirical Consistency:** It verifies that the chemical abundance converges to $Y_p \approx 0.25$, proving that the QBD model successfully predicts the macro-observables of early universe cosmology.

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