

# Universal Modular Dynamics and the Structure of Ultimate Reality

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## Abstract

We analyze the question of ultimate reality within a formal theoretical framework based on Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD). Rather than attempting to prove or disprove the existence of a fundamental entity, we adopt a structural approach, investigating whether objects and relations arising within the theory correspond to classical philosophical concepts of ultimate foundation.

In UMD, the density operator  $\rho$  is treated as the primary object, and its modular generator  $K = -\log \rho$  defines the intrinsic organization of the system. The spectral distribution of  $K$  provides a basis for describing structure, emergence, and transformation without introducing external primitives such as spacetime or predefined dynamics.

We show that key properties traditionally associated with ultimate reality—such as unity, self-sufficiency, and fundamentality—arise naturally as structural features of the theory. At the same time, no separate entity corresponding to a classical notion of an external or personal foundation is required.

This leads to a reformulation of the problem: the question of ultimate reality can be understood not as a question of existence, but as a question of structural organization. The results suggest that classical philosophical concepts may reflect genuine features of underlying structure, while their interpretation as independent entities is not supported within the formal framework.

The work establishes a bridge between theoretical physics and philosophical analysis, demonstrating that questions traditionally considered metaphysical can be meaningfully addressed within a rigorous structural theory.

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# 1 The Question

The question of the ultimate foundation of reality has accompanied human thought across philosophy, theology, and science. It has been formulated in various forms: as the question of God, as the problem of first cause, and as the inquiry into the nature of existence itself. Despite differences in formulation, these perspectives share a common intuition: that there may exist a fundamental basis underlying all observable structure.

Traditionally, this question has been addressed outside the scope of strict formal analysis. Philosophical and theological systems have proposed rich conceptual frameworks, yet these often lack a direct connection to a mathematically defined structure. Conversely, modern physics, while highly successful in describing observable phenomena, typically operates within predefined ontological settings and does not explicitly address the nature of an ultimate foundation.

In this work, we adopt a different approach. Rather than attempting to prove or disprove the existence of a fundamental entity, we reformulate the problem in structural terms. The central question becomes:

Do structures arising within a well-defined theoretical framework correspond to classical concepts of ultimate reality?

This shift replaces the question of existence with a question of correspondence. Instead of asking whether a given concept is true or false, we investigate whether it reflects a structural feature that emerges within a formal system.

To carry out this analysis, we employ the framework of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD), in which the density operator  $\rho$  is treated as the primary object. Within this approach, all physical structures are derived from intrinsic properties of  $\rho$  and its associated modular generator.

The aim of this work is therefore not to assert a definitive answer, but to examine whether a rigorous structural theory gives rise to objects or relations that can be meaningfully associated with classical notions of ultimate foundation.

If such structures arise, this suggests that traditional concepts may reflect genuine features of underlying organization. If they do not, it indicates that such concepts may be structurally unnecessary within the given framework.

In this sense, the present work seeks to translate a long-standing philosophical question into the language of modern theoretical physics, preserving both analytical rigor and conceptual depth.

## 2 Classical Concepts of Ultimate Reality

In order to analyze the question formulated in the previous section, it is necessary to clarify the conceptual structures that have historically been associated with the idea of ultimate reality.

Rather than treating these concepts as claims about existence, we reinterpret them as abstract structural types. Each of these types specifies a particular relation between a fundamental basis and the structures that arise from it. This reformulation allows for a direct comparison with formally defined theoretical frameworks.

### 2.1 Personal (Theistic) Structure

One of the most prominent models of ultimate reality is based on the notion of a personal foundation. In this view, the fundamental basis is understood as an entity possessing attributes such as agency, intentionality, and the capacity to generate and govern the structure of the world.

From a structural perspective, this corresponds to the presence of an external generator: a source that is not derived from the system itself but determines its existence and evolution. The

defining feature of this model is the asymmetry between the foundation and the structures it produces.

## 2.2 Self-Identical (Pantheistic) Structure

An alternative model identifies the foundation with reality itself. In this case, there is no distinction between the underlying basis and its manifestations. The structure of the world is not produced by an external source but is identical with the fundamental level of organization.

Structurally, this corresponds to a closed system in which all properties are determined internally. The defining characteristic of this model is self-consistency: the foundation is not separate from the system, but coincides with it.

## 2.3 Emanational and Hierarchical Models

A third class of concepts describes ultimate reality in terms of hierarchical emergence. In these models, complex structures arise through a sequence of transformations originating from a more fundamental level.

The key features include: the existence of multiple levels of organization, a directional relation between levels, and the progressive differentiation of structure.

From a structural viewpoint, this corresponds to a system in which higher-order organization emerges through transformations of an underlying base, without requiring the introduction of independent elements.

## 2.4 Absolute as Limit

In more abstract philosophical approaches, ultimate reality is understood as a limit rather than as a specific object or process. In this interpretation, the foundation represents a boundary condition: a structure that cannot be reduced to something more fundamental.

Such a concept is characterized by invariance, minimality, or irreducibility. It does not act as a generator but serves as a reference point relative to which all other structures are defined.

## 2.5 Informational Interpretations

Modern approaches increasingly interpret the foundation of reality in terms of information. In these perspectives, the primary level of description is not composed of objects, but of relations and informational structure.

This shift emphasizes the role of organization over substance. The fundamental basis is understood as a configuration of information from which physical properties emerge.

Importantly, this interpretation is compatible with formal frameworks in which information is represented mathematically, making it particularly suitable for structural comparison.

## 2.6 Structural Synthesis

Despite their differences, the concepts considered above can be viewed as variations of a common theme: each specifies a distinct type of relation between a fundamental basis and the structures derived from it.

They differ not in their intent, but in their structural assumptions: whether the foundation is external or internal, whether it is identical with the system or distinct from it, whether it acts as a generator, a process, or a limit.

This observation allows us to treat these concepts as a set of structural templates. The next step is to examine whether such templates are realized within a formal theoretical framework.

### 3 Universal Modular Dynamics

#### 3.1 Informational Ontology

The starting point of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD) is the assumption that the fundamental characteristic of reality is distinguishability. Rather than introducing predefined objects, one considers a set of configurations equipped with a notion of distinguishability.

Consistency requirements on such a structure, including additivity and invariance under relabeling, lead naturally to a probabilistic representation. The canonical realization of this structure is given by a density operator  $\rho$  acting on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\rho \geq 0, \quad \text{Tr}(\rho) = 1. \quad (1)$$

In contrast to conventional interpretations,  $\rho$  is not treated as a statistical description of an underlying system, but as a primary object from which structure itself is derived.

#### 3.2 Density Operator as Fundamental Object

The central conceptual shift in UMD is the interpretation of the density operator as a fundamental entity. This implies that structures such as space, time, and interaction are not assumed a priori, but must arise as emergent properties.

In this sense, the theory does not describe a pre-existing world, but provides a framework in which the organization of that world is constructed.

#### 3.3 Modular Generator

To extract structural information, one introduces the modular generator:

$$K = -\log \rho. \quad (2)$$

The operator  $K$  plays a central role for several reasons:

- it is uniquely determined by  $\rho$ ,
- it encodes the full informational structure of the state,
- it is invariant under changes of representation.

Unlike a Hamiltonian,  $K$  is not externally specified. It is derived directly from the structure of  $\rho$ , and therefore reflects intrinsic organization rather than imposed dynamics.

#### 3.4 Spectral Distribution

Let

$$K = \sum_i k_i |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \quad (3)$$

be the spectral decomposition of the modular generator.

While the individual eigenvalues  $\{k_i\}$  carry information, the primary object of interest is their distribution:

$$p(k). \quad (4)$$

This distribution characterizes the global structure of the system. It encodes how information is organized across different scales and serves as the basis for defining emergent properties.

Thus, the description of structure is shifted from individual components to the statistical organization of the spectrum.

### 3.5 Structural Emergence Chain

Within UMD, a natural hierarchy of structures arises:

$$\rho \rightarrow K \rightarrow p(k) \rightarrow \text{structural properties} \rightarrow \text{geometry and dynamics.} \quad (5)$$

Each level in this chain is derived from the previous one. No additional elements are introduced externally. This defines a form of emergence in which complexity results from the organization of underlying structure.

### 3.6 Dynamics and $\lambda$ -Flow

Evolution in UMD is described not by an external time parameter, but by an ordering parameter  $\lambda$ , defining a flow in the space of states:

$$\rho \rightarrow \rho(\lambda). \quad (6)$$

A general form of the evolution equation can be written as:

$$\frac{d\rho}{d\lambda} = -i[K_{\rho|\sigma}, \rho] + \mathcal{D}[\rho], \quad (7)$$

where  $K_{\rho|\sigma}$  is a relative modular operator and  $\mathcal{D}$  is a completely positive trace-preserving (CPTP) dissipator.

This formulation defines dynamics as structural transformation rather than motion in a pre-existing temporal background.

### 3.7 Closure Principle

A defining feature of UMD is its structural closure. All objects and processes in the theory are determined by  $\rho$  and its derived quantities.

No external elements are introduced:

- no predefined spacetime,
- no external dynamics,
- no external generating entity.

This implies that the theory is self-contained. Any structure that arises does so as a consequence of internal organization.

### 3.8 Implications of Closure

The closure property has a critical consequence. If a structure appears within UMD that corresponds to a given conceptual type, it cannot be attributed to an external assumption.

Instead, such a structure must be regarded as a necessary consequence of the theory itself.

This makes it possible to analyze classical concepts of ultimate reality not as independent hypotheses, but as potential manifestations of intrinsic structural organization.

## 4 Structural Mapping

Having introduced both the structural types associated with classical concepts of ultimate reality and the formal framework of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD), we now proceed to their comparison.

The aim of this section is not to establish equivalence between philosophical concepts and elements of the theory, but to determine whether structures arising within UMD fulfill analogous roles. The analysis is therefore based on correspondence rather than identification.

## 4.1 External vs Internal Foundation

Concepts that posit an external source of reality assume the existence of a structure that is not derived from the system itself, but instead determines its existence and evolution.

Within UMD, no such structure appears. All elements of the theory are defined in terms of the density operator  $\rho$  and its derived quantities. In particular, there is no object that exists independently of  $\rho$  and acts as an external generator.

This absence indicates that models requiring an external foundation do not find a direct structural counterpart in the framework.

## 4.2 Identity of Structure

In contrast, concepts that identify the foundation with reality itself correspond naturally to the role of  $\rho$  in UMD.

The density operator encodes the complete structure of the system, while its spectral properties determine its organization. There is no separation between the underlying basis and its manifestations.

From a structural perspective, this corresponds to a fully self-contained system in which the foundation is identical with the totality of structure.

## 4.3 Hierarchical Emergence

Hierarchical models of ultimate reality, in which higher levels arise from more fundamental ones, correspond closely to the emergence chain in UMD:

$$\rho \rightarrow K \rightarrow p(k) \rightarrow \text{structural properties.} \quad (8)$$

Each level is derived from the previous one through transformation of structure, rather than through the addition of new elements. This provides a natural realization of a layered organization without invoking independent ontological domains.

## 4.4 Limit Structures

Concepts that interpret the foundation as a limit can be associated with invariant or asymptotic properties of the structure defined by  $\rho$ .

Such properties may include stability under transformations, extremal configurations, or minimal descriptions. In this interpretation, the foundation is not an object within the system, but a boundary condition that constrains all possible structures.

## 4.5 Information as Foundation

Interpretations that regard information as fundamental find a direct correspondence within UMD.

The density operator  $\rho$  can be understood as encoding the complete informational content of the system, while the modular generator  $K$  and its spectrum define the organization of this information.

In this sense, physical structure is interpreted as an expression of informational order.

## 4.6 Structural Synthesis

The comparison reveals that different classical concepts do not correspond to distinct objects within the theory, but rather to different aspects of a single underlying structure.

They can be understood as alternative descriptions of relationships between levels of organization, rather than as independent ontological entities.

In particular:

- concepts requiring external generation do not correspond to any structure in UMD,
- self-identifying models correspond to the role of  $\rho$ ,
- hierarchical models correspond to the emergence chain,
- limit-based concepts correspond to invariant properties,
- informational interpretations correspond directly to the structure of  $\rho$  and  $K$ .

This synthesis allows classical philosophical concepts to be reinterpreted as structural templates, whose realization can be tested within a formal framework.

## 5 Analysis

The structural mapping established in the previous section allows us to move from correspondence to analysis. The purpose of this section is to determine what conclusions about the nature of ultimate reality follow from the internal structure of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD).

### 5.1 Absence of External Generator

One of the most immediate consequences of the framework is the absence of any structure corresponding to an external generator.

All elements of the theory are defined in terms of the density operator  $\rho$  and its derived quantities. There is no object that exists independently of  $\rho$  and acts as a source of its structure or evolution.

This implies that the explanation of structure is entirely internal. No additional layer of causation, external to the system, is required.

### 5.2 Structural Self-Sufficiency

The closure of UMD leads directly to the property of structural self-sufficiency.

All observed structures emerge as consequences of a single underlying object. There is no need to introduce independent mechanisms or supplementary principles that are not derivable from  $\rho$ .

This eliminates the necessity of multiple explanatory levels and replaces them with a unified structural basis.

### 5.3 Unity Across Levels

The emergence chain

$$\rho \rightarrow K \rightarrow p(k) \rightarrow \text{structure} \quad (9)$$

demonstrates that different levels of organization are not independent domains, but rather different manifestations of the same underlying structure.

Geometry, dynamics, and higher-order organization are therefore not separate layers, but expressions of a common foundation.

This establishes a form of structural unity in which differences between levels correspond to differences in organization rather than in ontological status.

## 5.4 Reformulation of Causality

In classical approaches, the notion of ultimate reality is often tied to the idea of a first cause.

Within UMD, this notion is reformulated. Since no external generator is present, the question of causation is replaced by the question of structure.

The fundamental level does not act as a cause in a temporal sense, but defines the form within which all structures arise. Causality is thus replaced by structural determination.

## 5.5 Limit Structures and Invariants

Concepts that interpret the foundation as a limit find a natural realization in invariant or extremal properties of the structure defined by  $\rho$ .

Such properties may include stability under transformations, fixed points of the  $\lambda$ -flow, or minimal configurations of the spectral distribution.

These invariants serve as reference structures relative to which other configurations can be understood, providing a formal counterpart to the notion of an absolute limit.

## 5.6 Information as Ontology

The interpretation of  $\rho$  as a fundamental object implies that the structure of reality is informational in nature.

In this view, physical properties are not primary, but emerge from the organization of information encoded in  $\rho$  and its spectrum.

The modular generator  $K$  provides a quantitative representation of this organization, while the distribution  $p(k)$  captures its global structure.

This establishes a direct link between informational structure and physical manifestation.

## 5.7 Synthesis

The analysis shows that properties traditionally associated with ultimate reality—such as unity, self-sufficiency, and fundamentality—arise naturally within UMD.

However, these properties are not attributes of a distinct entity. They are consequences of the internal organization of the system.

This leads to a fundamental shift: the role traditionally assigned to an ultimate entity is fulfilled by structural properties.

In this sense, the question of ultimate reality is transformed from a question of existence into a question of structural organization.

## 5.8 On the Interpretation of Exceptional Phenomena

The structural perspective developed in this work also provides a natural framework for interpreting phenomena that are typically regarded as exceptional or unexplained.

Such phenomena are often described as “miracles,” understood as events that fall outside the range of expected behavior within a given model of reality. In the present framework, this notion can be reformulated in structural terms.

Within UMD, observable behavior corresponds to typical configurations of the spectral distribution  $p(k)$  and their evolution under the  $\lambda$ -flow. From this perspective, exceptional phenomena may arise in several ways.

First, they may correspond to statistically rare configurations of the spectrum. Although such configurations are not prohibited by the theory, they occur with extremely low probability and therefore appear anomalous from the standpoint of typical behavior.

Second, exceptional phenomena may be associated with structural transitions, such as proximity to critical points  $\lambda^*$ , where qualitative changes in organization take place. In such regimes, small variations in underlying structure may lead to large observable effects.

Third, they may reflect limitations of the effective models used to describe the system. Since observable descriptions are necessarily coarse-grained, certain structural features of  $\rho$  may remain inaccessible, leading to apparent deviations from expected behavior.

In all cases, such phenomena do not require the introduction of external intervention. Instead, they can be understood as manifestations of structural properties that are either rare, transitional, or not captured by the current level of description.

This interpretation preserves the distinction between correspondence and identification. It does not deny the occurrence of exceptional events, but situates them within the structural framework, where their apparent unpredictability reflects the depth and complexity of the underlying organization.

## 6 Interpretation

The results of the previous sections require careful interpretation. The analysis has shown that structures arising within Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD) exhibit properties traditionally associated with concepts of ultimate reality. However, these structures do not correspond to distinct entities.

This raises the question of how such correspondences should be understood.

### 6.1 From Entity to Structure

Classical formulations typically describe ultimate reality in terms of an entity possessing certain attributes. In contrast, the UMD framework replaces this picture with a structural description.

The properties identified in the analysis—such as unity, self-sufficiency, and fundamentality—do not belong to an object. Instead, they arise as characteristics of the organization defined by  $\rho$ ,  $K$ , and their spectral structure.

This implies a shift from an entity-based ontology to a structure-based ontology.

### 6.2 Reinterpretation of Classical Notions

Within this structural perspective, several classical notions acquire a different meaning.

Unity no longer refers to the uniqueness of an object, but to the coherence of a single underlying structure.

Fundamentality does not indicate temporal priority, but irreducibility with respect to the structural hierarchy.

Self-sufficiency does not imply independence from external causes, but closure of the system under its own defining relations.

These reinterpretations preserve the conceptual content of classical ideas while removing the need to associate them with independent entities.

### 6.3 Limits of Interpretation

It is essential to emphasize that the correspondences identified in this work do not establish equivalence.

The structures arising in UMD should not be interpreted as direct realizations of classical philosophical or theological concepts. Rather, they represent formal analogues that reproduce certain structural features.

The distinction between correspondence and identification is therefore crucial for maintaining both conceptual clarity and scientific rigor.

## 6.4 Levels of Interpretation

The results admit multiple levels of interpretation.

At a minimal level, they can be understood as purely structural correspondences within a formal system.

At a broader level, they suggest that classical concepts of ultimate reality may reflect genuine features of the organization of physical structure.

At a more speculative level, they may be taken as indications that certain philosophical intuitions have a structural basis, even if their traditional formulations require reinterpretation.

The choice between these levels lies beyond the scope of the theory itself.

## 6.5 Scope and Boundaries

UMD provides a formal framework for analyzing structure, but it does not prescribe a unique interpretation of its results.

Questions concerning meaning, metaphysical significance, or existential implications remain open. The role of the theory is to identify structural properties and relations, not to determine their ultimate interpretation.

## 6.6 Observer as Structural Fluctuation

The structural perspective developed in this work also allows for a natural interpretation of the role of the observer.

Within the UMD framework, all observable structures correspond to configurations of the spectral distribution  $p(k)$  and their evolution under the  $\lambda$ -flow. From this viewpoint, an observer can be understood as a localized and sufficiently stable configuration within this structure.

Such configurations may be interpreted as structural fluctuations that exhibit internal coherence and persistence, allowing them to encode and process information about the surrounding organization.

In this sense, observation does not represent an external act imposed on the system. Rather, it can be viewed as a process through which the underlying structure becomes locally accessible to itself.

This interpretation preserves the internal consistency of the framework: the observer is not introduced as an independent entity, but arises as a particular regime of the same structural dynamics that defines the system as a whole.

In this sense, the present work remains within the domain of formal analysis, while allowing for a range of possible conceptual readings.

## 6.7 Observer, Exceptional Phenomena, and Structural Transitions

The structural interpretation developed in this work admits a unified description of three elements that are often treated separately: the observer, exceptional phenomena, and structural transitions.

Within UMD, the evolution of structure is governed by the  $\lambda$ -flow, under which the spectral distribution  $p(k)$  undergoes continuous or, in certain regimes, rapidly changing transformations. Critical configurations of this flow, associated with characteristic scales  $\lambda^*$ , define points at which qualitative changes in structure occur.

In this context, the observer, previously interpreted as a stable structural fluctuation, occupies a specific region within the space of configurations. The effective description accessible to such a configuration is necessarily limited to a subset of the full structure.

Exceptional phenomena may then be understood as events in which the observed configuration intersects regions of the  $\lambda$ -flow characterized by rapid structural reorganization. Near

critical points, small variations in the underlying structure can lead to disproportionately large observable effects.

From the perspective of the observer, such events appear anomalous, as they fall outside the range of behavior captured by the effective model. However, within the full structural description, they correspond to well-defined transitions between regimes.

This leads to a unified interpretation:

- the observer is a localized stable configuration of structure,
- exceptional phenomena correspond to rare or transitional configurations,
- renormalization describes the global organization of these transitions.

In this sense, what is perceived as a “miracle” may be interpreted as the local manifestation of a structural transition occurring within a broader organization that is not fully accessible to the observer.

This perspective preserves the empirical distinction between regular and exceptional phenomena, while situating both within a single, coherent structural framework.

## 6.8 Synthesis

The interpretation developed here suggests a consistent picture: structures arising within UMD can reproduce key features associated with classical notions of ultimate reality, without requiring the introduction of a distinct foundational entity.

This leads to a reformulation of the original question. Instead of asking whether such an entity exists, one may ask whether the structural properties attributed to it are realized within a given theoretical framework.

From this perspective, the question of ultimate reality becomes a question of structure rather than existence.

## 7 Structural Consequences

The structural interpretation developed in the previous sections is not purely conceptual. It has direct consequences for the description of physical systems. In this section, we outline how structural properties of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD) manifest as observable or physically meaningful features.

### 7.1 Stability and Structure

In the UMD framework, stability is not imposed externally, but emerges from the structure of the spectral distribution  $p(k)$ .

Configurations corresponding to stable structures are characterized by robust features of the spectrum, such as concentration, separation, or invariance under the  $\lambda$ -flow. These properties define configurations that persist under structural transformations.

Thus, stability is interpreted as a structural property, rather than a dynamical assumption.

### 7.2 Lifetime and Spectral Isolation

The persistence of a structure can be associated with the degree of spectral isolation in the modular generator  $K$ .

If a subset of spectral components is weakly coupled to the rest of the distribution, transitions out of that configuration are suppressed. This leads to an effective lifetime that can be expressed schematically as:

$$\tau \sim \frac{1}{\Gamma}, \tag{10}$$

where  $\Gamma$  represents the effective transition rate determined by structural overlap.

In this sense, long-lived structures correspond to regions of the spectrum that are structurally protected.

### 7.3 Renormalization and Critical Scale

The  $\lambda$ -flow provides a natural framework for describing scale-dependent behavior.

Critical points arise as special configurations of the spectral distribution  $p(k)$ , where qualitative changes in structure occur. These points can be associated with a critical scale  $\lambda^*$ :

$$\lambda^* = \mathcal{F}(p(k)), \quad (11)$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a functional depending on the global organization of the spectrum.

This formulation replaces parameter-based renormalization with a distributional description, in which criticality is determined by structural properties rather than external inputs.

### 7.4 Emergence of Matter-like Structures

Within this framework, structures analogous to physical objects can be identified as stable patterns in the spectral distribution.

Such patterns are characterized by:

- spectral localization,
- stability under  $\lambda$ -flow,
- weak coupling to surrounding structure.

These features provide a basis for interpreting persistent spectral configurations as matter-like structures.

In particular, properties such as mass and stability can be related to spectral characteristics, such as gaps or concentration of  $p(k)$ .

### 7.5 Structural Universality

An important consequence of the framework is that these properties do not depend on the specific realization of the system.

Since all structures are derived from the same underlying object  $\rho$ , the mechanisms responsible for stability, persistence, and critical behavior are universal.

This suggests that diverse physical phenomena may be understood as manifestations of a common structural principle.

### 7.6 Synthesis

The analysis shows that structural properties derived from UMD naturally give rise to features typically associated with physical systems, including stability, lifetime, and scale dependence.

This provides a direct connection between the abstract structural framework and observable phenomena.

In this way, the interpretation of ultimate reality as structure is not limited to conceptual analysis, but extends to concrete physical consequences.

## 8 Limits and Open Problems

While the structural framework developed in this work provides a consistent basis for analyzing concepts of ultimate reality, several limitations and open problems remain.

## 8.1 Finite vs Infinite Systems

The present formulation is primarily developed within finite-dimensional settings. While this allows for explicit spectral analysis and well-defined modular structures, many physically relevant systems are inherently infinite-dimensional.

Extending the framework to infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces raises nontrivial questions concerning the definition of spectral distributions, convergence of modular operators, and stability of structural features.

## 8.2 Choice of Observables

Although the structural approach reduces dependence on specific observables, practical implementations often rely on selected operators to probe the system.

The extent to which conclusions depend on such choices remains an open question. A fully intrinsic formulation would require observable-independent characterizations of structure.

## 8.3 Dynamical Completeness

The  $\lambda$ -flow provides a general description of structural evolution, but its precise form may vary depending on the choice of dissipative terms and reference states.

A complete classification of admissible flows and their relation to physical dynamics remains to be established.

## 8.4 Connection to Physical Models

While the framework suggests clear physical interpretations, a detailed connection to established models in quantum field theory, condensed matter, or cosmology requires further development.

In particular, identifying explicit realizations of  $\rho$  and  $p(k)$  corresponding to known physical systems is an important direction for future work.

## 8.5 Experimental Accessibility

The structural quantities introduced in this work, such as the spectral distribution of the modular generator, are not directly observable in standard experimental setups.

Developing operational procedures or proxies that allow indirect access to these quantities is essential for empirical validation.

## 8.6 Interpretational Boundaries

Finally, it is important to emphasize that the interpretation of structural correspondences remains open.

While the framework provides a rigorous basis for identifying structural analogues of classical concepts, it does not prescribe a unique philosophical interpretation.

The relationship between formal structure and conceptual meaning is therefore not fully determined within the theory itself.

## 8.7 Synthesis

These limitations do not undermine the structural approach, but rather define its scope.

They indicate that while UMD provides a coherent framework for analyzing structure, its full development requires further work in mathematical formalization, physical realization, and interpretational clarification.

Addressing these challenges represents a natural continuation of the program initiated in this work.

## 9 On the Scope of Scientific and Personal Interpretation

The analysis presented in this work is strictly confined to the domain of formal theoretical structure. Its aim is not to establish or deny the existence of any metaphysical or theological entity, but to examine whether certain structural properties arise within a well-defined framework.

In this context, it is important to distinguish between scientific description and personal interpretation.

Concepts such as God, as understood in religious or philosophical traditions, often play a role that is not limited to explanation of physical structure. They are associated with personal meaning, ethical orientation, and existential experience.

From this perspective, the presence of such concepts in the inner world of an individual may be understood as an essential element of human cognition and experience. Their role is not reducible to formal structure, and they may retain significance independently of any scientific framework.

We explicitly emphasize that the presence of God in the inner life of a believer — under any name, form, or tradition — is not questioned within the present framework. In contrast, such presence is recognized as one of the fundamental elements of the individual's spiritual and existential experience.

This acknowledgment reflects an important distinction between structural description and personal meaning. Although the formal analysis developed in this work operates strictly within the domain of theoretical structure, it does not negate or diminish the role of faith as an integral component of human cognition and lived experience.

In this sense, the present framework is fully compatible with a wide range of religious and philosophical interpretations, insofar as these operate within the domain of personal, cultural, and existential understanding rather than formal structural description.

The results obtained in this work do not contradict such interpretations. Rather, they operate on a different level, describing the structural properties of systems without addressing the questions of personal belief or meaning.

In this sense, the present analysis should be understood as complementary rather than opposing. It provides a structural perspective on questions traditionally associated with ultimate reality, while leaving open the domain of personal and cultural interpretation.

## 10 Conclusion

In this work, we have examined the question of ultimate reality within the framework of Universal Modular Dynamics (UMD), adopting a structural rather than ontological perspective.

Instead of attempting to establish the existence or non-existence of a fundamental entity, we reformulated the problem in terms of correspondence between classical conceptual structures and objects arising within a well-defined theoretical system. This shift allowed us to translate a traditionally philosophical question into the language of formal analysis.

The results demonstrate that structures emerging from the density operator  $\rho$ , its modular generator  $K = -\log \rho$ , and the associated spectral distribution  $p(k)$  naturally exhibit properties commonly attributed to ultimate reality. These include unity, self-sufficiency, fundamentality, and invariance under structural transformations.

At the same time, no independent entity corresponding to a classical notion of an external or personal foundation appears within the framework. The roles traditionally assigned to such an entity are fulfilled by intrinsic structural properties of the system.

This leads to a fundamental reinterpretation. The question of ultimate reality is no longer formulated as a question of existence, but as a question of structure. In this view, what has historically been described in terms of entities may instead reflect properties of underlying

organization. An important implication of this structural perspective concerns the interpretation of exceptional phenomena.

Events traditionally described as “miracles” are often understood as deviations from the expected behavior of natural systems. Within the present framework, such phenomena can be reinterpreted without invoking external intervention.

In UMD, observable regularities correspond to typical configurations of the spectral distribution  $p(k)$  and their evolution under the  $\lambda$ -flow. Exceptional events may arise as rare configurations, as manifestations of structural transitions near critical points  $\lambda^*$ , or as effects that lie beyond the scope of effective descriptions.

From this viewpoint, such phenomena do not represent violations of structure, but rather expressions of structural complexity that are not captured by standard models.

This interpretation preserves the empirical content of exceptional events while situating them within the same formal framework as regular behavior. It further reinforces the central result of this work: that features often attributed to external or transcendental causes may instead reflect intrinsic properties of underlying structure. An important aspect of this result is that it does not depend on additional assumptions beyond those defining the theory. The emergence of these structural features is a direct consequence of the internal consistency and closure of UMD.

At the same time, the work remains within the domain of formal analysis. It does not prescribe a unique philosophical interpretation, nor does it resolve questions concerning meaning beyond structure. Instead, it establishes a framework within which such questions can be addressed with greater precision.

From a broader perspective, the results suggest that concepts traditionally considered metaphysical may admit a structural reformulation. This opens the possibility of a systematic dialogue between theoretical physics and philosophical analysis, in which longstanding questions are revisited in a rigorously defined setting in which questions about the foundations of reality can be meaningfully articulated and analyzed, including those that traditionally mark the boundary between the explainable and the exceptional. At the same time, as discussed in the preceding section, this structural perspective does not exhaust the full scope of interpretations associated with such concepts, leaving open the domain of personal, cultural, and existential meaning. In this broader sense, observation itself, including its encounter with the exceptional, may be understood as a structural process through which the underlying organization becomes locally accessible across different regimes of the  $\lambda$ -flow.

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