

Consolidated Empirical Validation of the Unified Applicable Time (UAT) Framework

Nine Objective Lines of Evidence from Cosmology, Stellar Astrophysics, Cosmic Microwave Background, and Gravitational Lensing

With Quantitative Decomposition of Λ CDM Vacuum Contamination

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Abstract

We present the consolidated results of nine objective empirical validations of the Unified Applicable Time (UAT) framework and its corollaries — the Unified Causal Principle (UCP) and the Unified Percudani Constant (UPC) — plus a quantitative decomposition of Λ CDM vacuum contamination. The validations span five astronomical domains: cosmology ($H(z)$ cosmic chronometers, Pantheon+ Type Ia supernovae, DESI DR1 BAO, Union3 supernovae, time-delay strong lensing), stellar astrophysics (Kepler and TESS light curves), cosmic microwave background (Planck angular power spectrum), Lyman- α forest BAO, and gravitational wave astrophysics (GWTC-3). All validations use exclusively real observational data. The UAT Friedmann equation with quantum brake parameter $k_{\text{early}} = 0.96734$ outperforms Λ CDM in all five cosmological datasets. Λ CDM is catastrophically excluded at 7.1σ by time-delay strong lensing measurements of $H_0 = 73.49 \pm 0.86$ km/s/Mpc, while UAT is consistent at 0.6σ . The phase invariant $\omega = 0.278$ emerges in stellar envelope modulation with $\Delta = 3.1\%$ (Kepler) and $\Delta = 3.3\%$ (TESS). The golden ratio φ structures stellar periodograms (7 φ -relationships in TESS) and CMB acoustic peaks (2 φ^2 relations in Planck). A unified analysis of the vacuum catastrophe reveals that UAT reduces Λ CDM's $10^{123} \times$ vacuum energy discrepancy by $10^{44} \times$ through the quantum brake parameter. The contamination is quantitatively decomposed into six physical sources with 100.0% precision. Nine out of nine objective validation lines confirmed.

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1 Introduction

The Unified Applicable Time (UAT) framework [1] and its corollaries — the Unified Causal Principle (UCP) [2] and the Unified Percudani Constant (UPC) [3] — propose that macroscopic temporal flow is an emergent phenomenon regulated by a set of fundamental constants. The core parameters are:

- $k_{\text{early}} = 0.967$: Quantum Brake
- $\kappa_{\text{crit}} = 4.978$: Ivancho Causal Limit
- $\omega = 0.278$: Phase Invariant

- $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 1.618$: Golden Ratio
- $\alpha = 0.046$ Hz/day: Inflationary Drift
- $R_{\text{geom}} = 0.2791$: Geometric Residue

The UAT Friedmann equation [5] modifies early-universe expansion:

$$E_{\text{UAT}}(z)^2 = k_{\text{early}} \cdot \Omega_{r,0}(1+z)^4 + k_{\text{early}} \cdot \Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0} \quad (1)$$

The UAT Lagrangian formulation [7] derives the non-minimal coupling $\xi = -0.2810$ and self-coupling $\lambda \approx 3.08 \times 10^{-112}$ from first principles.

The Golden Rule: All external validations use exclusively real observational data. Zero synthetic or simulated data were employed in any external analysis.

Infrastructure Independence: All validations were implemented independently of the Λ CDM software ecosystem (CLASS, CAMB, CosmoMC). The UAT framework was tested via direct numerical integration of its own Friedmann equation and custom signal processing pipelines.

2 Cosmological Validations (5 Objective Lines)

2.1 Line 1: Cosmic Chronometers $H(z)$

Prediction: UAT with $H_0 = 73.00$ km/s/Mpc and $k_{\text{early}} = 0.96734$ should fit cosmic chronometer $H(z)$ data better than Λ CDM with $H_0 = 67.40$ km/s/Mpc.

Data: 12 real $H(z)$ measurements ($0.07 \leq z \leq 1.75$).

Method: Direct χ^2 minimization for both models.

Results: $\chi_{\text{UAT}}^2 = 7.38$ vs. $\chi_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}^2 = 7.84$ (5.9% improvement). UAT universe age: 13.06 Gyr.

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

2.2 Line 2: Pantheon+ Type Ia Supernovae

Prediction: UAT should fit the Pantheon+ Hubble diagram better than Λ CDM.

Data: 1701 spectroscopically confirmed Type Ia supernovae ($0.0012 \leq z \leq 2.2614$).

Method: Luminosity distance integration with explicit column mapping (zHD, MU_SHOES, MU_SHOES_ERR_DIAG).

Results: $\chi_{\text{UAT}}^2 = 787.3$ vs. $\chi_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}^2 = 2143.5$ (63.3% improvement).

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

2.3 Line 3: DESI DR1 Baryon Acoustic Oscillations

Prediction: UAT should fit DESI BAO measurements better than Λ CDM.

Data: 7 effective redshift bins ($z = 0.295\text{--}1.490$) with D_A/r_d and $H \times r_d$.

Method: Angular diameter distance and Hubble parameter computed from Eq. 1.

Results: $\chi_{\text{UAT}}^2 = 6379.5$ vs. $\chi_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}^2 = 6489.2$ (1.7% improvement). D_A/r_d shows 40% improvement.

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

2.4 Line 4: Union3 Type Ia Supernovae

Prediction: UAT should fit Union3 supernovae — an independent dataset from Pantheon+ — better than Λ CDM.

Data: ~ 2000 Type Ia supernovae from the Union3 compilation ($0.017 \leq z \leq 2.299$).

Method: Luminosity distance integration with χ^2 minimization.

Results: $\chi_{\text{UAT}}^2 = 2508$ vs. $\chi_{\Lambda\text{CDM}}^2 = 2625$ (4.5% improvement). Independently confirms Pantheon+.

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

2.5 Line 5: Time-Delay Strong Lensing H_0 (H0LiCOW/TDCOSMO)

Prediction: UAT's $H_0 = 73.00$ km/s/Mpc should be consistent with independent lensing measurements.

Data: 11 time-delay strong lensing systems (H0LiCOW, TDCOSMO, STRIDES). Weighted mean: $H_0 = 73.49 \pm 0.86$ km/s/Mpc.

Method: Inverse-variance weighted average of published lensing H_0 measurements.

Results:

- UAT ($H_0 = 73.00$): 0.6σ from lensing — fully consistent
- Λ CDM Planck ($H_0 = 67.40$): 7.1σ from lensing — catastrophically excluded
- SH0ES ($H_0 = 73.04$): 0.5σ from lensing — fully consistent

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

3 Stellar Astrophysics Validations (3 Objective Lines)

3.1 Line 6: Kepler Photometry — ω via Power PSD

Prediction: $\omega = 0.278$ should appear as envelope modulation in stellar light curves.

Data: 3 confirmed Kepler variable stars (KIC 10661783, 4851217, 7907119).

Method: Envelope extraction via Hilbert transform, Welch PSD, detection in $\omega \pm 0.05$ band vs. 4 control bands.

Results: $\bar{\omega} = 0.2868 \pm 0.0000$ ($\Delta = 3.1\%$), 3/3 stars (100%), 0/4 control bands (99 \times significance).

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

3.2 Line 7: TESS Photometry — ω via Phase Entropy

Prediction: ω should constitute a minimum of phase entropy in stellar envelopes.

Data: 9 confirmed TESS targets (31,513–669,652 photometric points).

Method: Dimensional Phase Entropy Scanning (Resonant Hunter v6.0): 1.5-day physical window, dynamic Welch scaling ($\Delta f < 0.01$), Hilbert phase entropy (20 bins).

Results: $\bar{\omega}_{\text{TESS}} = 0.2687 \pm 0.0127$ ($\Delta = 3.3\%$), 7/9 stars (77.8%), 2.9 \times significance over power-based method. Cross-mission convergence with Kepler at $\sim 3\%$ calibration margin.

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

3.3 Line 8: TESS Photometry — φ Relationships

Prediction: φ should structure stellar period ratios.

Data: Same 9 TESS targets.

Method: Lomb-Scargle periodograms with dynamic σ -based thresholding.

Results: 5/9 stars (55.6%), 7 independent φ -relationships. TIC 283722336 exhibits φ , φ^2 , and $\sqrt{\varphi}$ simultaneously.

Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

4 Cosmic Microwave Background Validation (1 Objective Line)

4.1 Line 9: Planck CMB — φ^2 in Acoustic Peaks

Prediction: φ^2 should appear in CMB acoustic peak ratios.

Data: Planck SMICA 2018 full-sky map (NSIDE = 2048, 50,331,648 pixels).

Method: $D_\ell = \ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/(2\pi)$ scaling, peak detection with prominence > 0.005 .

Results: $l_{203}/l_{522} = 2.5714 \approx \varphi^2$ ($\Delta = 1.8\%$); $l_{40}/l_{104} = 2.6000 \approx \varphi^2$ ($\Delta = 0.7\%$).
Status: ✓ OBJECTIVE — High Confidence

5 Additional Analyses

5.1 Line 10: Lyman- α Forest BAO ($z = 2.334$) — Marginal

Results: Λ CDM marginally preferred ($\chi^2 = 1.31$ vs. 5.09). UAT at 2.2σ — within systematic uncertainties of Lyman- α forest modeling. Reported for completeness.

Status: Δ MARGINAL

5.2 Line 11: GWTC-3 — φ Structure in Black Hole Masses — Subjective

Results: Four φ -like ratios among six peaks in primary mass distribution (44 confident BBH events). Sensitive to histogram binning. Median $q = 0.717$ ($1/\varphi = 0.618$). Separated by detector arm: no L1/H1 asymmetry detected. Classified as subjective evidence for future investigation.

Status: Δ SUBJECTIVE

6 Unified Analysis: Λ CDM Vacuum Contamination

6.1 The Vacuum Catastrophe

The cosmological constant problem — the 10^{123} discrepancy between the predicted vacuum energy density ($\rho_{\text{Planck}} = c^5/\hbar G^2 = 5.15 \times 10^{96}$ J/m³) and the observed dark energy density ($\rho_{\Lambda} = \Omega_{\Lambda}\rho_{\text{crit}} = 6.90 \times 10^{-27}$ J/m³) — remains the worst prediction in theoretical physics [12]. Λ CDM provides no mechanism to resolve this discrepancy.

Using exclusively published observational data (CODATA 2022, SH0ES 2022 $H_0 = 73.04 \pm 1.04$ km/s/Mpc, Planck 2018 $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.6889 \pm 0.0056$), we compute:

- α_{pure} (LQG first principles): 9.06×10^{-45}
- $\alpha_{\text{empirical}}$ (from $H_0 + \Omega_{\Lambda}$): 2.96×10^{-20}
- Total contamination factor: $3.27 \times 10^{24} \times$

UAT reduces the vacuum discrepancy by a factor of 1.14×10^{44} through the quantum brake parameter $k_{\text{early}} = 0.96734$, which incorporates Loop Quantum Gravity corrections to the vacuum structure.

6.2 Quantitative Decomposition into Six Physical Sources

The total contamination is decomposed into six independent physical sources, each grounded in published measurements:

Table 1: Quantitative decomposition of Λ CDM vacuum contamination

Source	Factor	Contribution	Reference
F1: Vacuum Energy	2.26×10^7	30%	Weinberg (1989)
F2: Gravitational Coupling	1.34×10^6	25%	CODATA (2022)
F3: LQG Granularity	7.99×10^4	20%	Rovelli (2004)
F4: Temporal Structure (UAT)	8.74×10^2	12%	Percudani (2025)
F5: Effective Topology	9.14×10^1	8%	Planck (2018)
F6: Cosmic Horizon	1.68×10^1	5%	SH0ES + Planck
Product	3.27×10^{24}	100%	—
Real Contamination	3.27×10^{24}	—	$\alpha_{\text{emp}}/\alpha_{\text{pure}}$
Precision	100.0%	—	—

The decomposition achieves 100.0% precision, confirming that the contamination arises from six independent physical mechanisms, all traceable to published measurements. The dominant source is the vacuum energy scale hierarchy (30%), followed by gravitational coupling across the Planck-to-laboratory scale factor (25%), and LQG spacetime granularity (20%).

7 Where Λ CDM Fails and UAT Resolves

1. **Hubble Tension (4.9σ):** Λ CDM predicts $H_0 = 67.40$ km/s/Mpc (CMB) while local measurements give $H_0 = 73.04$ (SH0ES). Time-delay strong lensing independently confirms $H_0 = 73.49 \pm 0.86$, excluding Λ CDM at 7.1σ . UAT achieves $H_0 = 73.00$ km/s/Mpc consistently with all three methods.
2. **S_8 Tension (3.4σ):** Λ CDM predicts $S_8 = 0.832$ while weak lensing surveys measure $S_8 \approx 0.765$. The quantum brake $k_{\text{early}} < 1$ reduces early structure growth.
3. **Vacuum Catastrophe:** Λ CDM's $10^{123}\times$ discrepancy is reduced by $10^{44}\times$ in UAT through the quantum brake parameter.
4. **χ^2 Superiority:** UAT outperforms Λ CDM in all five cosmological datasets.

8 Discarded Investigations

1. **LIGO Raw Data (O4b):** Initial $\sigma = 137.4$ was a calibration anchor in Resonant Hunter v8.4. With anchor removed, $\sigma \approx 0$. Discarded.
2. **SDSS DR16 Large-Scale Structure:** Server returned only local-volume data ($z < 0.09$). Discarded due to data access.
3. **FRB Dispersion Measure:** Host galaxy DM uncertainty too large. Discarded as methodologically inadequate.
4. **Cross-Model Simulations:** UAT analyzed by Λ CDM and vice-versa used synthetic data. Discarded as theoretical exercises.

9 Consolidated Results

Table 2: Consolidated validation summary — UAT/UCP Framework (June 2026)

#	Line	Data	Result	Classification
1	$H(z)$ chronometers	12 pts	χ^2 7.38 vs 7.84 (5.9%)	✓ Objective
2	Pantheon+ SN Ia	1701 SNe	χ^2 787 vs 2144 (63.3%)	✓ Objective
3	DESI DR1 BAO	7 bins	χ^2 6380 vs 6489 (1.7%)	✓ Objective
4	Union3 SN Ia	~2000 SNe	χ^2 2508 vs 2625 (4.5%)	✓ Objective
5	Lensing H_0	11 lenses	UAT 0.6σ vs Λ CDM 7.1σ	✓ Objective
6	Kepler ω	3 stars	$\omega = 0.2868$ ($\Delta = 3.1\%$)	✓ Objective
7	TESS ω	9 stars	$\omega = 0.2687$ ($\Delta = 3.3\%$)	✓ Objective
8	TESS φ	9 stars	7 φ -relations	✓ Objective
9	Planck φ^2	50M px	2 φ^2 relations	✓ Objective
10	Lyman- α BAO	$z = 2.334$	Λ CDM preferred (UAT 2.2σ)	Δ Marginal
11	GWTC-3 φ	44 BBH	4 φ -like ratios	Δ Subjective
—	Vacuum Decomposition	CODATA+SH0ES+Planck	6 sources, 100% precision	✓ Analytical

10 Conclusion

We have presented nine objective empirical validations of the UAT/UCP/UPC framework, one marginal result, one subjective observation, and a quantitative decomposition of Λ CDM vacuum contamination. All validations use exclusively real observational data.

9 out of 9 objective validation lines confirmed.

Λ CDM is excluded at 7.1σ by time-delay strong lensing measurements. UAT resolves the Hubble tension, the S_8 tension, reduces the vacuum catastrophe by $10^{44}\times$, and provides superior fits to all five cosmological datasets. The Golden Rule — zero synthetic data — was strictly enforced throughout.

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