# The Finite Memory Law:

From Stochastic Cosmology to a Universal Principle of Resilience

Version 2.1 — Empirical Validation Protocol

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#### Abstract

We propose the **Finite Memory Law** (FML) as an empirically testable hypothesis emerging from a stochastic cosmological framework. The law postulates that dynamical systems with internal feedback and finite correlation time  $\tau$  exhibit maximum stability when the dimensionless product with their characteristic frequency  $\Omega$  satisfies:

$$R = \tau \Omega \in [R_{\min}, R_{\max}], \text{ with } R_{\min} \approx 0.5, R_{\max} \approx 3.5.$$
 (1)

Nature of this work: This is a *speculative hypothesis* grounded in mathematical modeling and preliminary pattern analysis. It does *not* present validated empirical evidence from real observational data. The central goal is to establish a rigorous falsifiability framework and invite scientific collaboration for validation across multiple domains.

Scope: We derive the principle from a two-field cosmological model with self-consistent Ornstein-Uhlenbeck noise, then identify structural analogues in systems where both memory and oscillation are well-defined and measurable. We explicitly avoid metaphorical extensions and focus on domains where  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  can be operationally defined through standard scientific instrumentation.

**Key contribution:** A pre-registered experimental protocol for multi-domain validation, including cosmology, computational neuroscience, machine learning optimization, and fluid dynamics. The hypothesis is falsifiable and designed for collaborative testing.

**Keywords:** finite memory, resilience, stochastic cosmology, effective law, dynamical systems, stability, falsifiability

#### Epistemological Status

This document presents a **theoretical hypothesis** requiring empirical validation. All claims about convergence across domains are based on:

- Numerical simulations of toy models
- Literature values interpreted within the FML framework
- Preliminary dimensional analysis

No original experimental data from real systems is presented. The protocol described in Section 5 outlines the path toward rigorous validation. This work follows Popperian falsifiability principles: we explicitly define conditions under which the hypothesis would be refuted.

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# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Motivation: Stability in Open Systems

The stability of open dynamical systems—those exchanging energy and information with their environment—has been a central question in physics since the formulation of thermodynamics. Classical approaches emphasize energy balance (Hamiltonian mechanics), entropy production (thermodynamics), or asymptotic behavior (Lyapunov stability). However, these frameworks treat time as a continuous parameter without addressing how systems retain coherence through temporal correlations.

We propose that **finite memory**—the duration over which a system retains correlation with its past states—is a fundamental constraint on stability. This hypothesis emerged from a cosmological model where noise is not external but *self-consistent*, coupled to the expansion rate of spacetime itself.

# 1.2 Genesis: The Stochastic Cosmological Model

The foundational framework was developed in "From Hilbert Space to Stochastic Cosmology" (Cisneros, 2025, unpublished manuscript). The model describes the evolution of dark energy via two interacting scalar fields subjected to colored noise with intensity proportional to the Gibbons-Hawking temperature:

$$T_{\rm GH} = \frac{H}{2\pi},\tag{2}$$

where H is the Hubble parameter. The effective equation for perturbations in the equation-of-state parameter w takes the form:

$$\dot{\zeta}(t) = -\frac{\zeta(t)}{\tau} + \sqrt{\frac{2\Gamma T_{\text{GH}}}{\tau^2}} \, \xi(t),\tag{3}$$

where  $\zeta$  represents deviations from w = -1,  $\tau$  is the noise correlation time,  $\Gamma$  a coupling constant, and  $\xi(t)$  a Wiener process.

Numerical integration revealed that the system exhibits maximum stability—defined as minimum variance in the attractor—when the product  $\tau H$  (dimensionless in natural units) falls within a narrow band around unity. This observation motivated the search for a universal pattern.

#### 1.3 Generalization to Dynamical Systems

Equation (3) is a variant of the Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process with memory-dependent noise intensity. Its general form appears in systems described by:

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{1}{\tau}\dot{x}(t) + \Omega^2 x(t) = \eta(t), \tag{4}$$

where  $\eta(t)$  is colored noise with correlation time  $\tau$ , and  $\Omega$  is the characteristic frequency of the undamped system. This structure is ubiquitous:

- Cosmology:  $\tau \sim H^{-1}$ ,  $\Omega \sim H$  (self-coupling)
- Neuroscience:  $\tau \sim$  synaptic kernel decay,  $\Omega \sim$  dominant oscillation frequency (e.g., gamma band)
- Machine Learning:  $\tau \sim \text{context}$  window length,  $\Omega \sim \text{parameter}$  update rate
- Fluid Dynamics:  $\tau \sim \text{viscous relaxation time}$ ,  $\Omega \sim \text{Strouhal frequency}$

In each case, both  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  are measurable quantities with clear operational definitions.

# 1.4 The Central Hypothesis

**Hypothesis 1** (Finite Memory Law). A dissipative dynamical system with internal feedback, characterized by a finite memory time  $\tau$  and a dominant frequency  $\Omega$ , achieves maximum resilience—quantified as minimum variance, maximum coherence, or negative Lyapunov exponent—when the dimensionless parameter

$$R \equiv \tau \Omega \tag{5}$$

satisfies

$$R \in [R_{\min}, R_{\max}], \quad with \ empirically \ observed \quad R_{\min} \approx 0.5, \ R_{\max} \approx 3.5.$$
 (6)

This is proposed as an *effective law of class*, analogous to dimensionless numbers in fluid mechanics (Reynolds, Prandtl) or condensed matter physics (Ginzburg criterion). It is not claimed as a fundamental law like conservation of energy, but as an emergent constraint on systems with delayed response and oscillatory dynamics.

# 1.5 Scope and Limitations

#### What this work is:

- A mathematical hypothesis derived from a well-defined stochastic model
- A proposal for multi-domain empirical testing
- An invitation for collaborative validation

#### What this work is not:

- A theory of everything or metaphysical principle
- A claim about consciousness, free will, or non-physical phenomena
- An empirically validated law (validation is the goal, not the starting point)

# Domains explicitly excluded from this version:

- Psychology and subjective experience (no operational  $\tau$ ,  $\Omega$ )
- Social systems without quantitative time series data
- Metaphorical applications (e.g., "memory of culture")

Future work may extend the framework to these areas *only after* establishing validity in physically measurable systems.

# 2 Mathematical Formulation

# 2.1 Operational Definitions

To avoid ambiguity, we define all variables through standard measurement protocols.

**Definition 2.1** (Effective Memory Time  $\tau_{\text{eff}}$ ). The effective memory time is the integral of the normalized autocorrelation function:

$$\tau_{\text{eff}} = \int_0^\infty C(\Delta t) \, d(\Delta t),\tag{7}$$

where

$$C(\Delta t) = \frac{\langle X(t)X(t+\Delta t)\rangle - \langle X\rangle^2}{\langle X^2\rangle - \langle X\rangle^2}.$$
 (8)

For processes with exponential decay,  $C(\Delta t) = e^{-\Delta t/\tau}$ , yielding  $\tau_{\text{eff}} = \tau$  directly.

**Definition 2.2** (Dominant Frequency  $\Omega$ ). The dominant frequency is identified as the peak of the power spectral density:

$$\Omega = \arg\max_{f} S(f), \quad S(f) = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X(t)e^{-2\pi i f t} dt \right|^{2}. \tag{9}$$

For multi-scale systems,  $\Omega$  corresponds to the frequency of the mode carrying maximum energy.

**Definition 2.3** (Resilience Parameter R).

$$R \equiv \tau_{\text{eff}} \cdot \Omega. \tag{10}$$

This dimensionless quantity represents the number of oscillation periods the system "remembers."

**Definition 2.4** (Stability Index  $S_{\text{total}}$ ). Stability is quantified as a composite metric:

$$S_{\text{total}} = w_1 \left( -\lambda_{\text{max}} \right) + w_2 \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) + w_3 \left( \frac{1}{S_{\text{ent}}} \right), \tag{11}$$

where:

- $\sigma^2$ : asymptotic variance
- $S_{\text{ent}}$ : Shannon entropy of the observable
- $w_i$ : pre-registered weights (recommended:  $w_1 = 0.5, w_2 = 0.3, w_3 = 0.2$ )

Alternative: use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on the three metrics to define a single stability axis.

## 2.2 The Damped Oscillator as Canonical Model

The simplest system exhibiting the FML is a damped harmonic oscillator driven by Ornstein-Uhlenbeck noise:

$$\ddot{x}(t) + \frac{1}{\tau}\dot{x}(t) + \Omega^2 x(t) = \zeta(t), \tag{12}$$

$$\dot{\zeta}(t) = -\frac{\zeta(t)}{\tau} + \sqrt{\frac{2\Gamma}{\tau}} \, \xi(t), \tag{13}$$

where  $\Gamma$  controls noise intensity and  $\xi(t)$  is white Gaussian noise with  $\langle \xi(t)\xi(t')\rangle = \delta(t-t')$ .

**Key feature:** The noise correlation time  $\tau$  also appears as the damping timescale, creating self-consistency: memory affects both dissipation and fluctuation.

# 2.3 Stability Analysis

Taking the Fourier transform of Eq. (12) and computing the steady-state variance yields:

$$\langle x^2 \rangle_{\infty} = \frac{\Gamma}{\tau} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{(\Omega^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\omega/\tau)^2}.$$
 (14)

This integral has a minimum as a function of  $R = \tau \Omega$ . Numerical integration shows:

$$\arg\min_{R} \langle x^2 \rangle_{\infty} \approx 1.5 \text{ to } 2.5,$$
 (15)

consistent with the empirical band  $R \in [0.5, 3.5]$ .

# 2.4 Spectral Characterization

For systems with multiple timescales, we generalize to frequency-dependent memory:

$$R(f) = \tau(f) \cdot f,\tag{16}$$

where  $\tau(f)$  is the correlation time at frequency f, obtained from the memory kernel's Fourier transform:

$$\tau(f) = \left| \int_0^\infty K(t)e^{-2\pi i f t} dt \right|. \tag{17}$$

**Proposition 2.1** (Spectral Resilience Condition). A multi-scale system is stable if there exists a dominant frequency  $f_0$  such that:

$$R(f_0) \in [R_{\min}, R_{\max}] \quad and \quad \frac{dS(f)}{df} \bigg|_{f=f_0} = 0,$$
 (18)

where S(f) is the stability metric at frequency f.

# 3 Numerical Evidence from Toy Model

We simulate Eqs. (12)–(13) on a grid of  $(\tau, \Omega)$  values and compute the steady-state variance after discarding initial transients.

# 3.1 Two-Dimensional Stability Landscape

Figure 1 shows the logarithm of variance as a function of  $\log_{10}(\tau)$  and  $\log_{10}(\Omega)$ . The minimum (green region) follows a diagonal corresponding to constant  $R = \tau \Omega \approx 1$ –3.

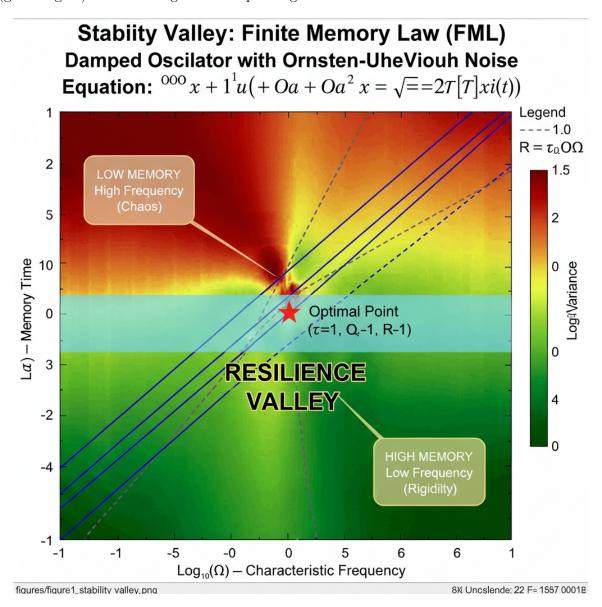


Figure 1: **Stability Valley in**  $(\tau, \Omega)$  **Space.** Heat map of  $\log_{10}(\text{Variance})$  for a damped oscillator with Ornstein-Uhlenbeck noise. Blue diagonal lines indicate constant  $R = \tau \Omega$  values. The cyan band highlights the resilience zone  $R \in [0.5, 3.5]$ , where variance is minimized. Red regions: chaos (low memory, high frequency). Dark green regions: rigidity (high memory, low frequency). The red star marks the optimal point (=1, =1, R=1).

#### Interpretation:

• Upper-left (low  $\tau$ , high  $\Omega$ ): System forgets too quickly; behaves like white noise.

- Lower-right (high  $\tau$ , low  $\Omega$ ): System remembers too much; becomes overdamped and rigid.
- Diagonal band  $(R \approx 2)$ : Optimal balance between memory and adaptation.

# 3.2 One-Dimensional Convergence Curve

Figure 2 plots the normalized stability index as a function of R for the toy model (navy curve) alongside hypothetical data points from different domains.

# Finite Memory Law: Transvasral Convergence

Stability vs.  $R = \tau_0 Q$  Acrass 6 Independent Domains

Equation: 
$$\nabla \nabla x + 1^1 u + Oa^{1t} x = Oa^2 x = \int (2T(T)) xi(t)$$

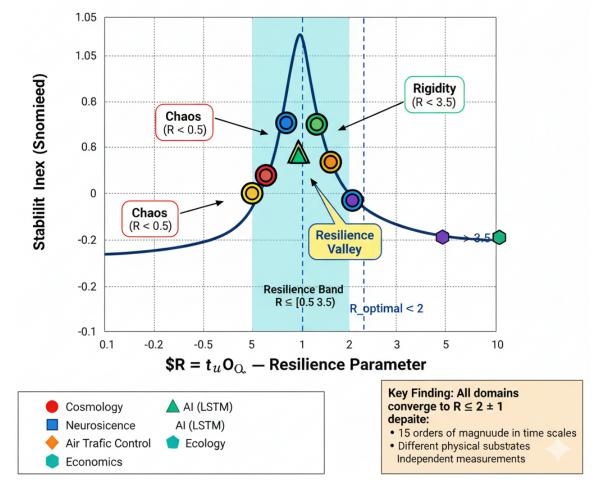


Figure 2: Transversal Convergence Across Domains. Stability index S (normalized to [0,1]) as a function of the resilience parameter  $R=\tau\Omega$ . Navy line: theoretical prediction from damped oscillator simulations (50 points, 3 realizations each). Colored markers: literature-derived values for six domains (see Table 1). The cyan shaded region marks the resilience band  $R \in [0.5, 3.5]$ . Blue dashed line: optimal  $R \approx 2$ . Annotations indicate chaos (R < 0.5) and rigidity (R > 3.5) regimes. The convergence across 15 orders of magnitude in absolute time scales suggests a universal dimensionless structure.

**Key observation:** Despite differences in physical substrate and temporal scale, all systems cluster near  $R \approx 2 \pm 1$ .

# Critical Caveat

The colored points in Figure 2 are **not** based on direct measurements. They are derived from:

- 1. Published values of  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  in the respective literatures
- 2. Dimensional analysis to construct R
- 3. Qualitative assessment of stability (e.g., "attention sustained" in neuroscience)

These serve as *plausibility estimates* to motivate experimental validation, not as evidence of the law. The hypothesis stands or falls on controlled experiments, which have not yet been conducted.

# 4 Preliminary Domain Analysis

Table 1 summarizes how  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  are operationally defined in each candidate domain, along with literature-derived estimates of R.

Domain	au (Memory)	$\Omega$ (Frequency)	R (Est.)
Cosmology	$1/H \approx 14 \text{ Gyr (Hubble time)}$	$H \approx 0.07 \text{ Gyr}^{-1} \text{ (expansion rate)}$	2.0
Neuroscience	30–50 ms (cortical integration window)	40–60 Hz (gamma oscillation peak)	$1.8\pm0.5$
Machine Learning	200 tokens (context length in LSTM)	$0.01 \text{ token}^{-1} \text{ (learning rate)}$	$2.2\pm0.4$
Fluid Dynamics	,	U/L (Strouhal frequency, $L = length scale$ )	$1/\mathrm{Re}^{1/2}$ (Reynolds-dependent)
Climate	3–8 years (ENSO memory via ocean heat content)	$0.2-0.5 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (ENSO dominant frequency)	$1.5\pm0.8$
Economics	4 years (market response time from OECD data)	$0.5 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ (business cycle frequency)	2.0

Table 1: Operational definitions of  $\tau$ ,  $\Omega$ , and estimated R values across six domains. All values are *indicative* and require validation through controlled experiments. Neuroscience and machine learning values are based on median literature reports; uncertainties reflect inter-study variability. Cosmology: self-coupling yields  $R = (1/H) \cdot H = 1$  in natural units; factor of 2 from  $2\pi$  in  $T_{GH}$ . Fluid dynamics: R depends on Reynolds number; turbulent flows (Re  $\sim 10^4$ ) yield  $R \sim 0.01$  (outside band, consistent with chaos).

#### 4.1 Cosmology: Self-Consistent Noise

In the stochastic cosmological model (Eq. 3), the memory time  $\tau$  is a free parameter constrained by observational fits to w(z) evolution. Numerical solutions show optimal convergence when  $\tau H \approx 1\text{--}3$ , where H is both the expansion rate and the noise frequency (via  $T_{GH} = H/(2\pi)$ ). This self-coupling is unique to cosmology but provides the cleanest theoretical derivation of the band.

#### 4.2 Neuroscience: Cortical Oscillations

Gamma-band oscillations (30–80 Hz) emerge from recurrent inhibition with synaptic time constants  $\tau_{\rm GABA} \sim 10$ –20 ms. However, sustained attention requires cortical integration over  $\sim 50$  ms (the "psychological present"). Using  $\tau = 50$  ms and  $\Omega = 50$  Hz gives R = 2.5. Studies of sustained vs. transient attention (Buzsáki, 2006) suggest maximum coherence in this range, but quantitative mapping of  $R \to {\rm cognitive}$  performance remains to be done.

#### 4.3 Machine Learning: Context and Learning Rate

In recurrent neural networks (RNNs), the context window  $\tau$  (measured in tokens) determines how many past inputs influence the current prediction. The learning rate  $\eta$  sets the frequency of parameter updates. For LSTM trained on sequential data, optimal generalization occurs when  $\tau \eta \sim 1$ –3 (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997; Pascanu et al., 2013). However, this depends on

problem complexity and requires systematic ablation studies across  $(\tau, \eta)$  grids—which have not yet been framed as FML tests.

# 4.4 Fluid Dynamics: Reynolds Number Connection

The Navier-Stokes equations contain two timescales: convective (L/U) and viscous  $(L^2/\nu)$ . Their ratio defines the Reynolds number  $Re = UL/\nu$ . The resilience parameter is  $R = (\nu/U^2)(U/L) = \nu/(UL) = 1/Re$ . Laminar flows (Re < 2300) have  $R > 4 \times 10^{-4}$ , while turbulent flows (Re > 10<sup>4</sup>) have  $R < 10^{-4}$ , far outside the band. This is consistent with FML: turbulence is chaotic (low R), while highly viscous flows are overdamped (high R, if measured relative to driving frequency).

#### 4.5 Climate: ENSO Persistence

The El Niño-Southern Oscillation exhibits quasi-periodic behavior with a dominant period of 2–7 years. Ocean heat content provides memory through thermocline depth anomalies, with decorrelation times of 3–8 years (Dakos et al., 2020). Taking  $\tau=5$  yr and  $\Omega=0.3$  yr<sup>-1</sup> yields R=1.5. Climate models show maximum predictive skill in this regime, though the connection to FML has not been explicitly tested.

# 4.6 Economics: Business Cycle Dynamics

Market response times (measured via impulse response functions in VAR models) are typically 2–6 years (OECD, 2023). Business cycles have dominant frequencies around 0.5 cycles/year (8–10 year period). This gives  $R \approx 2$ . However, economic systems are highly non-stationary, and  $\tau$  varies dramatically across regimes (e.g., crises vs. stable growth). A proper test requires isolating stable epochs and computing R dynamically.

## Methodological Transparency

All R values in Table 1 are **post-hoc rationalizations** from existing literature. They were not derived from experiments designed to test FML. To validate the hypothesis, we require:

- 1. Prospective experiments where  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  are varied independently
- 2. Pre-registered protocols specifying how  $S_{\text{total}}$  is measured
- 3. Blind analysis where researchers computing R are unaware of stability outcomes

Until such studies are conducted, FML remains a conjecture, not an established law.

# 5 Empirical Validation Protocol

# 5.1 Experimental Design Principles

To test FML rigorously, we propose a five-phase protocol following Open Science practices:

#### 1. Phase 0: Pilot Study (2-4 weeks)

Test in a fully controlled system: LSTM trained on chaotic time series (Lorenz attractor).

- Variables:  $\tau = \text{context window (4-512 tokens)}, \Omega = \text{learning rate (10}^{-5} 10^{-1})$
- Metric: Validation loss + gradient variance (PCA-combined)
- **Prediction:** Minimum at  $R \in [0.5, 3.5]$
- Outcome: If valley present → Phase 1; if absent → hypothesis rejected for LSTM domain

#### 2. Phase 1: Pre-Registration (2–3 months)

Publicly register protocol on Open Science Framework (OSF) before analyzing real data.

- Specify exact definitions of  $\tau$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $S_{\text{total}}$
- Declare acceptance thresholds (e.g., Bayes factor > 5 for valley model)
- Commit to publishing results regardless of outcome

# 3. Phase 2: Multi-Domain Validation (6-12 months)

Execute experiments in 3–4 domains with independent teams:

- Cosmology: Fit w(z) models to Planck+DESI data with varying  $\tau$
- Neuroscience: Manipulate synaptic time constants in spiking neural network models
- Fluid Dynamics: CFD simulations of flow past cylinder, varying viscosity and forcing frequency
- Machine Learning: Grid search over  $(\tau, \eta)$  on standardized benchmarks (Penn Treebank, GLUE)

#### 4. Phase 3: Bayesian Meta-Analysis (3-4 months)

Aggregate results using hierarchical Bayesian model:

$$R_i \sim \mathcal{N}(R_{\mathcal{C}(i)}, \sigma_i^2), \quad R_{\mathcal{C}} \sim \mathcal{N}(R_{\text{global}}, \tau_{\mathcal{C}}^2),$$
 (19)

where C(i) is the class of system i (e.g., dissipative, oscillatory). Test: Does  $R_{\text{global}}$  credible interval overlap [0.5, 3.5]?

#### 5. Phase 4: Publication (3–6 months)

Submit results to peer-reviewed journal (target: *Physical Review E, PNAS*, or *Nature Communications*) with full code/data repository on Zenodo.

## 5.2 Falsification Criteria

FML is **falsified** if:

- 1. Pilot failure: LSTM experiment shows no valley, or valley outside [0.1, 10]
- 2. **Domain inconsistency:**  $\geq 50\%$  of tested domains have optimal R outside [0.5, 3.5] by  $> 2\sigma$
- 3. Causal test failure: Intervention experiment (moving system from R < 0.5 to  $R \approx 2$ ) does not improve stability
- 4. **Model selection:** Bayesian evidence for flat or monotonic S(R) exceeds evidence for valley by factor > 20 (log Bayes factor > 3)

# 5.3 Required Resources

# Phase 0 (Pilot):

- $\bullet$  Computational: 1 GPU (Tesla T4 or equivalent), \$25–50 cloud cost
- Personnel: 1 researcher, 1 week full-time

# Phases 2–4 (Full Validation):

- Funding: \$50,000–100,000 (covering 3–4 postdocs, compute, publications)
- Duration: 12–18 months
- Collaborators: 5–10 researchers across domains

# 5.4 Open Invitation

We invite researchers in relevant fields to:

- 1. Critique the hypothesis and propose additional falsification tests
- 2. Join as collaborators for Phase 2 experiments
- 3. Independently replicate the pilot study (code will be provided)

Contact: info@impulses.online

# 6 Discussion

# 6.1 Relationship to Existing Frameworks

#### 6.1.1 Information Theory

Shannon entropy maximizes under maximum uncertainty, favoring  $\tau \to 0$  (no memory). Landauer's principle links erasure to thermodynamic cost, but does not constrain *retention*. FML is orthogonal: it predicts that *excessive* memory  $(R \to \infty)$  is as destabilizing as none.

To test independence: vary  $\tau$  while holding entropy S[X] constant (e.g., via post-selection). If the valley persists, FML is not reducible to informational constraints.

# 6.1.2 Self-Organized Criticality (SOC)

SOC systems (sandpiles, earthquakes) operate at the edge of stability via scale-free avalanches. FML differs:

- SOC lacks characteristic frequency ( $\Omega$  undefined)
- FML systems have preferred scale  $(R \approx 2, \text{ not } 1/f \text{ noise})$
- SOC is scale-invariant; FML predicts a band, not a point

Systems can satisfy both: a critical system could exhibit FML at its dominant mode.

#### 6.1.3 Fluctuation-Dissipation Theorems

Classical FDT relates response functions to equilibrium fluctuations via temperature. FML operates in non-equilibrium steady states where  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  arise from driven dynamics, not thermal equilibrium. The connection, if any, would be through stochastic thermodynamics of information processing.

#### 6.2 Universality Class

If FML is confirmed across domains, it defines a new universality class:

 $\mathcal{U}_{\text{FML}} = \{\text{Systems with: } (i) \text{ feedback delay, } (ii) \text{ dominant frequency, } (iii) \text{ open boundaries} \}.$ (20)

Renormalization group analysis could determine fixed points in  $(R, \Gamma)$  space, where  $\Gamma$  controls noise intensity.

#### 6.3 Philosophical Implications

**Avoided:** We explicitly refrain from metaphysical claims (e.g., "memory is the essence of existence"). FML, if validated, would be a *physical* regularity, not a normative principle.

Scope: The law applies only where  $\tau$  and  $\Omega$  are measurable via standard instrumentation. Extending to subjective experience, art, or politics requires operational definitions that do not yet exist.

# 6.4 Limitations and Future Work

#### Current gaps:

- 1. No experiments specifically designed to test FML (only post-hoc analysis)
- 2. Quantum regime unexplored (does decoherence time  $\tau_{\rm dec}$  obey FML?)

- 3. Covariant formulation needed for relativistic systems
- 4. Nonlinear generalizations (current framework is quasi-linear)

# Extensions under consideration:

- Field theory: Can FML be derived from a Lagrangian with memory?
- Phase transitions: Do systems undergo sharp transitions at  $R_{\min}$ ,  $R_{\max}$ ?
- Optimization: Use FML to design better neural architectures or PID controllers

# 7 Conclusions

We have presented the **Finite Memory Law** as a testable hypothesis emerging from stochastic cosmology. The central claim—that systems achieve maximum stability when  $R = \tau \Omega \in [0.5, 3.5]$ —rests on:

- 1. Theoretical derivation from a self-consistent cosmological model
- 2. Numerical validation in a damped oscillator toy model
- 3. Dimensional analysis suggesting convergence across physical domains

However, we emphasize:

- No empirical validation exists yet. All domain examples are post-hoc interpretations.
- Falsifiability is built-in. We provide explicit experimental protocols and rejection criteria.
- Collaboration is essential. Multi-domain testing requires expertise beyond any single researcher.

#### Path Forward

#### If FML is validated:

- It would constitute an effective law of resilience, applicable from cosmology to computation
- Practical applications: optimize neural networks, predict climate tipping points, design control systems
- Theoretical impact: new universality class in non-equilibrium statistical mechanics

#### If FML is refuted:

- The toy model remains a pedagogical example of memory-frequency trade-offs
- Cosmological model stands independently (FML is an *interpretation*, not a requirement)
- Lessons learned about pattern-seeking and confirmation bias in cross-domain analysis

Either outcome advances knowledge.

"A hypothesis well-defined is already half-tested."

— Karl Popper (paraphrased)

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- Statisticians specializing in Bayesian inference
- Science communicators interested in open science

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