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Abstract

This paper develops a rigorous formalization of the subquantum informational vacuum within the framework of New Subquantum Informational Mechanics (NMSI). We demonstrate that Maxwell's equations constitute the classical, local, and stationary limit of a more fundamental theory based on informational dynamics. The foundational axioms of the informational vacuum are introduced, along with the NMSI unit system based on the infobit (the fundamental pre-quantum informational unit, distinct from the quantum-mechanical qubit). The electromagnetic field equations are formally derived from the informational Lagrangian. We identify domains where Maxwell's formalism becomes insufficient and propose specific, testable predictions unique to NMSI. Explicit falsifiability criteria are provided, establishing NMSI as a scientifically rigorous theoretical framework.

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1. Introduction

The electromagnetic field, as described by Maxwell's equations, remains one of the most successful theoretical constructs in physics. However, Maxwell's formalism is fundamentally phenomenological: it describes how electromagnetic fields propagate and interact, but does not address why such fields exist or what their ontological substrate might be.

Several theoretical frameworks have attempted to derive electromagnetism from more fundamental principles. These include emergent gauge field theories [1–3], information-theoretic approaches following Wheeler's 'it from bit' program [4], Bekenstein-Hawking entropy bounds [5], and axion-like extensions of electrodynamics [6]. While each offers valuable insights, none provides a complete, falsifiable framework that unifies these perspectives.

New Subquantum Informational Mechanics (NMSI) proposes that the fundamental substrate of physical reality is informational, not energetic. In this framework, the vacuum is not empty but constitutes an active informational medium characterized by an informational density field $i(x,t)$ and an oscillatory phase field $\Phi(x,t)$. All observable physical fields, including electromagnetic and gravitational fields, emerge as collective modes of this informational substrate.

The present work achieves the following:

- Establishes the complete axiomatic foundation of the subquantum informational vacuum
- Introduces the infobit as the fundamental pre-quantum unit of informational structure
- Derives Maxwell's equations as an emergent limit of the NMSI Lagrangian
- Specifies explicit coupling functions $\kappa(i,\Phi)$ and $\xi(i,\Phi)$ with estimated parameter values

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- Identifies observational domains where NMSI predictions diverge from classical electromagnetism
- Provides quantitative, testable predictions with explicit falsification criteria

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 establishes notation and fundamental terminology. Section 3 presents the axioms and state equations of the informational vacuum. Section 4 derives Maxwell's equations from the NMSI Lagrangian. Section 5 specifies the coupling functions. Section 6 presents domains where Maxwell's formalism is insufficient. Section 7 formulates testable theorems. Section 8 discusses theoretical positioning. Section 9 concludes.

2. Notation and Fundamental Terminology

Before presenting the formal development, we establish the fundamental terminology of NMSI to prevent confusion with standard quantum mechanical formalism.

2.1. Terminological Correction

IMPORTANT: Within New Subquantum Informational Mechanics (NMSI), the fundamental unit of information is the INFOBIT, not the qubit. Any use of the term 'qubit' in preliminary versions constituted an editorial error that has been corrected.

2.2. Formal Definition of the Infobit

Definition 2.1 (Infobit): The infobit is the primary subquantum informational unit, a pre-physical entity that constitutes the structural quantum of the informational vacuum.

The defining properties of the infobit are:

- It is NOT a Hilbertian object
- It is NOT associated with a measurable quantum system
- It does NOT admit operational superposition in the quantum mechanical sense
- It is NOT directly observable
- It IS a pre-quantum ontological unit
- It IS a structural quantum, not a carrier of binary logical states

Note: The NMSI infobit is not a Hilbertian quantum qubit, but rather a pre-quantum ontological informational unit. The qubit of quantum mechanics is an emergent epiphenomenon of coherently modulated infobit networks.

2.3. Infobit versus Qubit: Explicit Differentiation

Property	**Qubit (QM)**	**Infobit (NMSI)**
Domain	Quantum mechanics	Subquantum informational vacuum
Mathematical space	Hilbert space	Continuous informational field
Observability	Measurable	Not directly measurable
Superposition	Yes (fundamental principle)	No (phase resonance instead)
Entanglement	Non-local correlation	Substrate phase coherence
Collapse	Postulated (measurement problem)	Non-existent (not required)
Role	Information processing	Reality structuring

2.4. The Infobit-Energy Relation

To prevent confusion with Landauer's principle:

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The infobit possesses no intrinsic energy. The Landauer relation $E = k_\beta T \ln(2)$ represents only an emergent mapping when infobits are projected onto a classical thermodynamic system.

Within NMSI, the ontological hierarchy is:

- Information is fundamental (Level 0)
- Energy is derivative (Level 1, emergent)
- Mass is a secondary effect of informational rigidity (Level 2)

2.5. Notational Conventions

Throughout this paper, we employ the following conventions:

- Greek indices (μ, ν, α, β) run over spacetime coordinates 0,1,2,3
- Latin indices (i, j, k) run over spatial coordinates 1,2,3
- The metric signature is (+,−,−,−)
- Natural units are used where convenient, with explicit restoration of c, ℏ when needed
- Partial derivatives: $\partial\mu = \partial/\partial x^u$
- The d'Alembertian: $\square = \partial\mu\partial^u$

3. Foundations of the Subquantum Informational Vacuum

This section establishes the axiomatic basis and rigorous definitions of the subquantum informational vacuum, providing the mathematical foundation for all subsequent developments.

3.1. Axioms of the Informational Vacuum

A1. Axiom of Informational Substance: The vacuum is not empty but constitutes an active informational medium characterized by an informational density i(x,t) that is finite and non-zero at every point of spacetime.

A2. Axiom of Fundamental Oscillation: The informational vacuum oscillates with a fundamental frequency ω_0 between states of coherence and decoherence, described by the phase field Φ(x,t).

A3. Axiom of Information Conservation: The total information of a closed system is conserved: $\partial_t i + \nabla\cdot J_i = 0$, where J_i is the informational current.

A4. Axiom of Emergence: All observable physical fields (electromagnetic, gravitational) are emergent modes of the gradient and temporal variation of the fundamental informational field.

A5. Axiom of Cyclicity: The universe oscillates between concentric and eccentric phases, parameterized by the cosmic variable $Z \in [-Z_{max}, +Z_{max}]$, with $Z_{max} = 20$.

3.2. Rigorous Definitions

3.2.1. Informational Density i(x,t)

Definition 3.1: The informational density i(x,t) represents the number of infobits per unit volume, expressed in [infobits/m³].

Mathematical properties:

- $i(x,t) \geq i_0 > 0$ (strictly positive; the vacuum is never completely empty)
- $i(x,t) \leq i_{max} = c^5/(G\hbar) \sim 10^{69}$ infobits/m³ (Bekenstein-Hawking limit)
- i(x,t) is continuous and twice differentiable on regular domains
- In homogeneous, isotropic vacuum: $i(x,t) = i_0 =$ const (background value)

Operational definition for indirect measurement:

$$i(x,t) = lim\_\{V \rightarrow 0\}\, I(V)/V \qquad (3.1)$$

Note: The density i(x,t) does not represent logical units, Shannon entropy, or semantic information. It is the structural informational density of the vacuum—an ontological property, not an epistemic one.

3.2.2. Informational Phase Φ(x,t)

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Definition 3.2: The informational phase Φ(x,t) is a real scalar function describing the local coherence state of the informational vacuum, expressed in radians.

Mathematical properties:

- $\Phi(x,t) \in [0, 2\pi)$ (periodic in 2π)
- Φ is continuous but may have topological discontinuities (phase defects)
- Phase defects ($\oint \nabla\Phi \cdot dl = 2\pi n$, $n \neq 0$) correspond to quantized charges

Relation to the cosmic parameter Z:

$$\Phi(Z) = (\pi/2)(Z/Z_{\max}) + \pi/2 \qquad (3.2)$$

such that $\Phi = 0$ for $Z = -Z_{max}$ (maximal concentric phase) and $\Phi = \pi$ for $Z = +Z_{max}$ (maximal eccentric phase).

3.2.3. Informational Current $J_i(x,t)$

Definition 3.3: The informational current $J_i(x,t)$ represents the flux of infobits through a unit surface per unit time, expressed in [infobits/(m²·s)].

$$J_{\mathrm{i}} = i \cdot v_{\mathrm{i}} \qquad (3.3)$$

where v_i is the informational propagation velocity. In the subluminal regime: $|v_i| \leq c$.

3.3. NMSI Unit System

NMSI introduces a fundamental unit system based on the infobit:

Quantity	**Symbol**	**NMSI Unit**	**SI Mapping (emergent)**
Information	I	infobit	~ $k_\beta T \ln(2)$ (thermal)
Info. density	i	infobit/m³	structure/m³
Info. current	J_i	infobit/(m²·s)	structural flux
Phase	Φ	rad	radians
Info. rigidity	κ	J·s/infobit²	$\kappa_0 = 1/(\mu_0 c^2)$

Emergent mapping relations (not fundamental conversions):

$$1\ infobit \leftrightarrow \hbar/2\ (minimal\ action\ quantum, emergent) \qquad (3.4)$$

$$1\ infobit \leftrightarrow k_\beta T\ ln(2)\ (thermal\ equivalent, emergent) \qquad (3.5)$$

$$\kappa_0 = \varepsilon_0 = 1/(\mu_0 c^2) \sim 8.85 \times 10^{-12}\ F/m \qquad (3.6)$$

3.4. State Equations of the Informational Vacuum

3.4.1. Informational Continuity Equation

$$\partial_t i + \nabla \cdot J_{\mathrm{i}} = \sigma_{\mathrm{i}} \qquad (3.7)$$

where σ_i is the source/sink term, null in free vacuum ($\sigma_i = 0$).

3.4.2. Phase Evolution Equation (Informational sine-Gordon)

$$\partial_t{}^2\Phi - v_{\mathrm{i}}{}^2\nabla^2\Phi + \omega_0{}^2 \sin(\Phi) = 0 \qquad (3.8)$$

This is the informational sine-Gordon equation.

Note: Physical motivation for sine-Gordon: The equation admits topologically stable solitonic solutions corresponding to phase defects (quantized charges). The nonlinear term sin(Φ) ensures topological stability and minimal energy for configurations with non-zero winding number.

3.4.3. The i-Φ Coupling

$$i = i_0[1 + \alpha \cos(\Phi)] \qquad (3.9)$$

where $\alpha \in (0,1)$ is the informational modulation coefficient.

3.4.4. The Informational Potential V(i,Φ)

$$V(i,\Phi) = (\lambda/4)(i - i_0)^4 + (\omega_0{}^2/2)i_0[1 - cos(\Phi)] \quad (3.10)$$

The first term ensures density stability around the equilibrium value i_0; the second describes phase oscillation.

4. Formal Derivation of Maxwell's Equations

4.1. Emergence of the Electromagnetic Potential

The electromagnetic potential is defined as a projection of the informational phase gradient:

$$A\mu = \alpha_{\text{em}}\, \partial\mu\Phi \; (4.1)$$

where $\alpha_{em} = \hbar/(2e)$ is the scaling coefficient (magnetic flux quantum divided by 2π).

The electromagnetic tensor emerges automatically:

$$F\mu\nu = \partial\mu A\nu - \partial\nu A\mu = \alpha_{\text{em}}(\partial\mu\partial\nu\Phi - \partial\nu\partial\mu\Phi) \; (4.2)$$

In the absence of topological defects (smooth space): $F\mu\nu = 0$.

In the presence of informational phase defects: $F\mu\nu \neq 0$.

Key interpretation: Electromagnetic fields are not carried by qubits or discrete quantum excitations, but represent collective emergent modes of the coherently phase-modulated infobit network.

4.2. The NMSI Lagrangian for the Electromagnetic Sector

The total Lagrangian contains three blocks:

Block 1: EM field in informational medium

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = -(1/4)\kappa(i,\Phi)\, F\mu\nu F^{\text{uv}} \quad (4.3)$$

where κ(i,Φ) is the informational rigidity of the vacuum.

Block 2: Informational substrate dynamics

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = (1/2)g(i,\Phi)(\partial\mu\Phi)(\partial^{\text{u}}\Phi) - V(i,\Phi) + (1/2)h(i,\Phi)(\partial\mu i)(\partial^{\text{u}} i) \quad (4.4)$$

Block 3: Axionic coupling (topological effects)

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = -(1/4)\xi(i,\Phi)\, F\mu\nu\, F^{\text{uv}} \quad (4.5)$$

where $F^{uv} = (1/2)\varepsilon^{uv\alpha\beta}F\alpha\beta$ is the Hodge dual.

Interaction with sources

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{j}} = -J\mu A^{\text{u}} \quad (4.6)$$

The total Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{nmsi}} = \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_3 + \mathcal{L}_{\text{j}} \; (4.7)$$

4.3. Euler-Lagrange Equations

Varying the action $S = \int \mathscr{L}\, d^4x$ with respect to $A\nu$:

$$\partial\mathcal{L}/\partial A\nu - \partial\mu(\partial\mathcal{L}/\partial(\partial\mu A\nu)) = 0 \; (4.8)$$

yields:

$$\partial\mu[\kappa(i,\Phi)F^{\text{uv}} + \xi(i,\Phi)F^{\text{uv}}] = J^{\text{v}} \; (4.9)$$

This is the generalized Maxwell equation in the informational vacuum.

4.4. Recovery of Classical Maxwell Equations

In the limit of homogeneous and stable vacuum:

- $\kappa(i,\Phi) \to \kappa_0 = 1/\mu_0$ = constant
- $\xi(i,\Phi) \to 0$ (or constant with null derivative)

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- ∇i → 0, ∇Φ → 0 (negligible gradients)

Equation (4.9) becomes:

$$\partial\mu F^{uv} = \mu_0 J^v \quad (4.10)$$

The Bianchi identities (from the definition of F):

$$\partial[\alpha F\beta\gamma] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \nabla \cdot B = 0 \text{ and } \nabla \times E + \partial_t B = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

In familiar 3D form:

$$\nabla \cdot E = \rho/\varepsilon_0 \quad (4.12a)$$

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0 \quad (4.12b)$$

$$\nabla \times E = -\partial_t B \quad (4.12c)$$

$$\nabla \times B = \mu_0 J + \mu_0\varepsilon_0\partial_t E \quad (4.12d)$$

Theorem 1 (NMSI-Maxwell Correspondence): If $|\nabla i|/i_0 \ll 1/L$ and $|\nabla\Phi| \ll 1/L$ on characteristic scale L, then the NMSI-EM equations reduce exactly to Maxwell's equations in vacuum, with error $O((\nabla i)^2, (\nabla\Phi)^2)$.

Proof sketch: Expand κ(i,Φ) and ξ(i,Φ) around the homogeneous background (i_0, Φ_0). First-order terms vanish by symmetry or can be absorbed into redefinitions. Second-order terms give the stated error bounds. QED.

5. Specification of Coupling Functions

5.1. Informational Rigidity κ(i,Φ)

The explicit proposed form:

$$\kappa(i,\Phi) = \kappa_0[1 + \beta(i - i_0)/i_0][1 + \gamma\cos(\Phi)] \quad (5.1)$$

Parameter values:

- $\kappa_0 = 1/\mu_0 \sim 7.96 \times 10^5\ H^{-1}$ (classical vacuum value)
- $\beta \ll 1$: density sensitivity coefficient ($\beta \sim 10^{-40}$ estimated)
- $\gamma \ll 1$: phase modulation coefficient ($\gamma \sim 10^{-30}$ estimated)

Asymptotic behavior:

$$lim\_\{i \to i_0, \Phi \to const\}\ \kappa(i,\Phi) = \kappa_0(1 + \gamma\cos(\Phi_0)) \approx \kappa_0 \quad (5.2)$$

The smallness of β and γ ensures compatibility with all existing precision tests of electromagnetism while permitting detectable deviations at cosmological scales or in extreme environments.

5.2. Axionic Coupling ξ(i,Φ)

The explicit form:

$$\xi(i,\Phi) = \xi_0 \sin(\Phi)(i/i_0)^n \quad (5.3)$$

where:

- $\xi_0 \sim 10^{-42}$ s (axionic coupling scale)
- n = 1 or 2 (coupling exponent)

In classical vacuum: Φ ~ const ⟹ ξ ~ 0, recovering standard Maxwell.

The functional form sin(Φ) ensures that the axionic coupling vanishes at the phase equilibria (Φ = 0, π), consistent with the absence of observed birefringence effects in laboratory experiments.

5.3. Informational Propagation Velocity

$$v_i^2 = \kappa(i,\Phi)/\rho_i(i,\Phi) \quad (5.4)$$

where ϱ_i is the informational inertia density:

$$\rho_i = i_0[1 + \delta(i - i_0)/i_0] \quad (5.5)$$

In the classical limit: $v_i \to c$ (speed of light).

The dispersion relation for electromagnetic waves in the informational vacuum becomes:

$$\omega^2 = k^2c^2[1 + (\beta - \delta)(i - i_0)/i_0 + \gamma\cos(\Phi) + O((\Delta i)^2)] \quad (5.6)$$

This predicts frequency-dependent and direction-dependent propagation effects testable through multi-frequency astronomical observations.

6. Domains Where Maxwell's Formalism Becomes Insufficient

This section identifies observational domains where Maxwell's formalism cannot make predictions, but NMSI provides testable extensions.

6.1. Vacuum Birefringence and Dispersion

Maxwell: ε_0 and μ_0 are universal constants.

NMSI: $\varepsilon_e ff(i,\Phi)$ and $\mu_e ff(i,\Phi)$ are functions of the informational state.

NMSI prediction: Systematic polarization rotation over cosmic paths (cosmic birefringence):

$$\Delta\Psi = (1/2)\oint (\partial\xi/\partial\Phi)(\nabla\Phi\cdot dl) \qquad (6.1)$$

Test instruments: LiteBIRD, CMB-S4, radio/optical polarimetry.

Distinctive signature: The rotation depends on the path (integral over $\nabla\Phi$), not merely on local magnetic fields. This distinguishes NMSI birefringence from standard Faraday rotation.

6.2. Relativistic Jets from Black Holes

Maxwell + MHD: Collimation via magnetic fields requires fine-tuning.

NMSI: Jets are informational evacuation channels, with collimation controlled by the gradient (∇i, $\nabla\Phi$).

NMSI predictions:

- Non-standard composition (recycled primary baryons)
- Anomalously coherent EM polarization
- Stability over distances where MHD would predict collapse

Test instruments: EHT, VLBI, JWST/IR, ALMA.

Distinctive signature: Collimation angle $\theta \sim (\nabla\Phi)^{-1}$ persistent over >100 kpc without MHD fine-tuning.

6.3. CMB Anisotropies

Maxwell: CMB = decoupled thermal radiation with Gaussian initial fluctuations.

NMSI: CMB = informational memory imprint; anisotropies reflect phase structures $\Phi(Z)$.

NMSI predictions:

- Coherent non-Gaussian correlations
- Specific relationship between multipoles and large-scale structure
- Anomalies at large angular scales connected to phase coherence

Test instruments: Planck (reanalysis), LiteBIRD, cross-correlations with DESI/Euclid.

6.4. Non-locality and Entanglement

Maxwell: Strictly local; cannot support correlations without signals.

NMSI: Entanglement = phase resonance in the informational substrate.

This interpretation:

- Does not violate relativity (no classical signal exists)
- Provides non-metaphorical physical support for non-locality
- Is compatible with cosmic Bell experiments

Test instruments: Cosmic Bell experiments, delayed-choice experiments, satellite links.

Distinctive signature: Correlations exhibit weak dependence on the ambient informational state (i, Φ) not attributable to local hidden variables.

6.5. Vacuum and Zero-Point Energy

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Maxwell: Passive vacuum; divergent zero-point energy.
NMSI: Active informational vacuum; energy is not fundamental but emergent.
NMSI predictions:

- Contextually modified Casimir effect
- Resolution of the cosmological constant problem
- Vacuum energy dependent on informational phase, not merely field modes

Test instruments: Precision Casimir experiments, fundamental constant measurements.

7. Testable Theorems and Quantitative Predictions

7.1. Fundamental Theorems

T1. Maxwell Recovery Theorem: If $|\nabla i| \to 0$ and $|\nabla\Phi| \to 0$ on domain D, then $\kappa(i,\Phi)$ = const and $\xi(i,\Phi) = 0$ in D, and the NMSI-EM equations reduce exactly to Maxwell in vacuum.
Numerical test: Upper limits on ($\varepsilon_e$ff, $\mu_e$ff) variation from precision metrology (cavities, optical clocks). Required precision: $\Delta\varepsilon/\varepsilon < 10^{-18}$.

T2. Cosmic Birefringence Theorem: If $\xi = \xi(\Phi)$ and $\nabla\Phi \neq 0$ along path L, then an EM beam accumulates rotation $\Delta\Psi \sim (1/2)\int_l (d\xi/d\Phi)(\nabla\Phi\cdot dl)$.
Test: Extract $\Delta\Psi$ from CMB/quasars; fit parameters $\xi(\Phi)$. Distinctive signature: direction and distance dependence (not merely Faraday RM).

T3. Vacuum Dispersion Theorem: If $\kappa = \kappa(i,\Phi)$ varies slowly in space, the phase velocity becomes weakly dispersive: $v_{ph}(\omega) \sim c\,[1 - \delta(i,\Phi,\omega)]$.
Test: Time differences in multi-band signals (FRB/GRB) with systematic control. Distinctive signature: correlation with Φ map, not merely line-of-sight plasma.

T4. Theorem (Infobit Ontology): If the fundamental structure of the vacuum is informational, then any observable energy quantization is an emergent approximation of the infobitic phase discretization. Consequence: Planck's constant is not fundamental; $\hbar$ is a transition parameter; quantization appears after information.

7.2. Specific Quantitative Predictions

P1. Fine-structure constant variation:

$$\Delta\alpha/\alpha \sim \beta(\Delta i/i_0) \sim 10^{-6}\ \text{on cosmological scales}\ (z > 2) \tag{7.1}$$

Current observational limits: $\Delta\alpha/\alpha < 10^{-5}$ at z ~ 1–4 [Webb et al.]. NMSI predicts detectability with next-generation spectrographs.

P2. CMB polarization rotation:

$$\Delta\Psi\_CMB \sim \xi_0 \int (\nabla\Phi \cdot dl) \sim 0.1° - 1° \tag{7.2}$$

Current evidence: Planck and ACT report hints at ~0.3° birefringence [Minami & Komatsu 2020]. NMSI provides a mechanism.

P3. FRB temporal dispersion:

$$\Delta t/t \sim 10^{-21}\ \text{between radio and optical frequencies for sources at}\ z \sim 1$$

(7.3)

Current limits: ~10^{-17} from gamma-ray burst observations. NMSI predicts effects at the edge of current sensitivity.

P4. BH jet collimation: Opening angle $\theta \sim (\nabla\Phi)^{-1}$ persistent over >100 kpc without MHD fine-tuning. Observable with: EHT + VLBI morphology studies of M87 and Sgr A*.

7.3. Falsification Criteria

NMSI can be rejected if:

- Cosmic birefringence is found to be exactly zero at the 0.01° level across all directions
- FRB vacuum dispersion is exactly zero with precision 10^{-22}
- BH jets show no informational coherence signature
- Fine-structure variation is exactly zero on all scales with precision 10^{-8}
- Casimir effect shows no contextual dependence at the 0.1% level

These criteria establish NMSI as a genuinely falsifiable theory in the Popperian sense.

8. Discussion

8.1. Theoretical Positioning of NMSI

NMSI is positioned conceptually between:

- Emergent gravity / emergent gauge field theories [Verlinde, Padmanabhan]
- Information-theoretic approaches (Landauer, Bekenstein, Wheeler's 'it from bit')
- Axion-like / vacuum birefringence extensions [Carroll, Ni]

The originality of NMSI lies in integrating all these elements into a unified axiomatic system, not merely a phenomenological model. The derivation of Maxwell's equations as an emergent limit provides a concrete theoretical achievement, not just a philosophical reframing.

8.2. Comparison with Related Frameworks

Unlike string theory, NMSI:

- Makes predictions at currently accessible energy scales
- Does not require extra dimensions
- Has explicit falsification criteria

Unlike loop quantum gravity, NMSI:

- Provides a complete electromagnetic sector
- Has a clear classical limit
- Makes specific observational predictions

Unlike standard axion electrodynamics, NMSI:

- Derives the axionic coupling from first principles
- Connects electromagnetic effects to cosmological structure
- Predicts specific parameter values

8.3. Ontological Clarification

It is essential to understand NMSI's position relative to quantum mechanics:

NMSI does not extend quantum mechanics. NMSI explains why quantum mechanics appears.

The infobit is to physical reality what the atom was to chemistry: not a computational tool, but an ontological structure.

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This places NMSI in the tradition of explanatory unification: just as statistical mechanics explained thermodynamics by revealing its microscopic basis, NMSI aims to explain quantum mechanics (and by extension, classical electromagnetism) by revealing its informational basis.

8.4. Relationship to Observational Anomalies

Several observational anomalies find natural explanations within NMSI:

- CMB large-scale anomalies (low quadrupole, hemispherical asymmetry): phase coherence effects
- Hubble tension: informational rigidity variation with cosmic epoch
- Cosmic birefringence hints: non-zero ξ(Φ) integrated over cosmological paths
- Ultra-high-energy cosmic ray spectrum: informational vacuum dispersion

While none of these currently constitutes definitive evidence for NMSI, the framework provides a unified explanatory structure where previously disconnected anomalies become related manifestations of informational dynamics.

9. Conclusions

The present work has achieved the following:

- Complete formalization of the subquantum informational vacuum through axioms, definitions, and state equations
- Rigorous introduction of the infobit as the pre-quantum informational unit (distinct from the qubit)
- Introduction of the NMSI unit system and emergent mapping relations
- Rigorous derivation of Maxwell's equations as an emergent limit of the NMSI Lagrangian
- Explicit specification of coupling functions κ(i,Φ) and ξ(i,Φ) with estimated parameter values
- Identification of domains where Maxwell's formalism becomes insufficient
- Formulation of quantitative, testable predictions with explicit falsification criteria

KEY FORMULATION

Maxwell's equations are not fundamental laws of nature, but effective equations of an emergent field resulting from the informational phase dynamics of the subquantum vacuum.

Maxwell is not wrong. Maxwell is incomplete.

NMSI derives it, extends it, and surpasses it predictively.

Maxwell describes how the field propagates. NMSI explains why the field exists.

This work positions classical electromagnetism as an emergent phenomenon from a deep informational substrate, providing a unified framework that extends Maxwell without contradicting it. If predictions concerning cosmic birefringence, FRB dispersion, and BH jets are confirmed, NMSI may become a new theoretical pillar of fundamental physics.

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Appendix A: Mathematical Details

Appendix A.1. Derivation of Equation (4.9)

Starting from the Lagrangian density:

$$\mathcal{L} = -(1/4)\kappa F\mu\nu F^{uv} - (1/4)\xi F\mu\nu F^{uv} - J\mu A^{u}$$

The variation with respect to Aν gives:

$$\delta\mathcal{L}/\delta A\nu = -J^{v}$$

$$\partial\mu(\delta\mathcal{L}/\delta(\partial\mu A\nu)) = \partial\mu(\kappa F^{uv} + \xi F^{uv})$$

The Euler-Lagrange equation yields:

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$$\partial\mu(\kappa F^{uv} + \xi F^{uv}) = J^{v}$$

For spatially varying κ and ξ:

$$\kappa\partial\mu F^{uv} + F^{uv}\partial\mu\kappa + \xi\partial\mu F^{uv} + F^{uv}\partial\mu\xi = J^{v}$$

The additional terms (proportional to gradients of κ and ξ) represent NMSI corrections to Maxwell.

Appendix A.2. Order of Magnitude Estimates

The parameter estimates are based on:

- $\beta \sim 10^{-40}$: Required to satisfy laboratory precision tests of ε_0 while permitting cosmological effects
- $\gamma \sim 10^{-30}$: Constrained by absence of observed local birefringence
- $\xi_0 \sim 10^{-42}$ s: Set by observed CMB birefringence hints (~0.3°)

These values are self-consistent and compatible with all current observations while predicting detectable effects in upcoming experiments.

Appendix A.3. Connection to Standard Axion Electrodynamics

The standard axion-modified Maxwell equations take the form:

$$\partial\mu F^{uv} = J^{v} + g_{a\gamma}\partial\mu(aF^{uv})$$

where a is the axion field and $g_{a\gamma}$ is the coupling constant.

In NMSI, the identification is:

$$a \leftrightarrow \Phi\ (informational\ phase)$$

$$g_{a\gamma} \leftrightarrow d\xi/d\Phi$$

The key difference is that in NMSI, Φ is not a separate particle field but the phase of the informational vacuum itself, providing a physical origin for the axionic coupling.

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