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Unveiling Autaxys’ Intrinsic Meta-Logic and Operational Dynamics of Emergence

The “How” of Autaxys–From Ontological Principle to Operational Process

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This chapter undertakes the critical task of articulating these fundamental operational rules. Its aims are:

To meticulously detail the core **operational dynamics** intrinsic to autaxys—the fundamental “verbs” of its creative process.

To unveil the fundamental **meta-logical principles** that inherently guide, constrain, and give coherence to these dynamics—the deep “grammar” of autaxic generation.

To demonstrate how these dynamics and principles synergistically constitute a self-sufficient “engine” capable of generating the structured, evolving universe we observe and inhabit.

To provide the explicit, robust mechanistic foundation that is referenced and relied upon by subsequent chapters for their autaxic reinterpretations of particles (Chapter 11), spacetime (Chapter 12), mass/energy (Chapter 13), and the nature of physical laws (Chapter 10). Understanding this engine is paramount to grasping the full explanatory scope and power of the autaxic framework.

Core Operational Dynamics of the Autaxic Generative Engine: The Verbs of Creation

The operational dynamics are the fundamental ways in which autaxys acts and interacts with itself to produce patterned reality. These are not a complete or immutable list but represent the core processes identified by autology as essential for generation.

Dynamic I: Relational Processing–The Primordial Act of Differentiation and Connection. At the heart of autaxys' operation is **relational processing**. This is the fundamental mode of autaxic activity, defined as the continuous creation, propagation, interaction, and transformation of *distinctions* and *relations*. Autaxys does not begin with "things" that then relate; rather, autaxys *processes relationships*, and persistent "things" (process-patterns) emerge as stabilized configurations of these relational dynamics. The most elementary autaxic "act" or "quantum of action" is not a pre-existing particle, but a minimal act of differentiation (Pattern A *is not* Pattern B) or relation-forming (Pattern A *relates to* Pattern B in a specific manner). This contrasts sharply with substance-based ontologies where interaction is typically seen as secondary to pre-existing entities. In autaxys, entities *are* these stabilized patterns of ongoing relational processing. The manifestations and consequences of relational processing are profound and pervasive. It forms the ultimate basis for all forms of interaction; what conventional physics terms "fundamental forces" are reinterpreted within autaxys as complex, stabilized modes of relational processing occurring between different autaxic process-patterns. It provides the ontological ground for "information" (as autologically defined in Chapter 9), where information is understood as discernible, persistent patterns of relational distinctions that acquire significance through their participation in larger interactive networks. Furthermore, relational processing is foundational to the emergence of spacetime (as detailed in Chapter 12), with spacetime geometry itself being the large-scale structural expression of the pathways, constraints, and potentials of relational processing among all existent autaxic patterns. Conceptually, autaxys can be envisioned as a self-configuring, dynamic network where nodes (representing transient or stable distinctions) and connections (representing relations) are continuously formed, modified, and reformed by the processing itself.

Dynamic II: Symmetry Realization and Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking (SSB)–The Genesis of Form and Specificity. Symmetry and its breaking are pivotal to how autaxys generates specific forms from undifferentiated potentiality. Within the autaxic context, **primordial autaxys**—the state of undifferentiated potentiality before the emergence of any specific patterns—is characterized as a state of maximal symmetry. It is pure, featureless potential, invariant under all conceivable transformations precisely because no specific forms yet exist to be transformed or to define a preferred direction or state. This is the conceptual "ground state" from which all order arises. As patterns emerge, they often exhibit **realized symmetries**, which are specific invariances under certain transformations. These realized symmetries, as will be explored in Chapter 10, give rise to conservation laws as emergent meta-patterns reflecting these deep structural regularities. **Spontaneous symmetry breaking (SSB)** is a primary autaxic generative mechanism. It describes the inherent instability of perfect, undifferentiated symmetry within a dynamic system like autaxys. Due to its intrinsic dynamism—even minimal "quantum-like" fluctuations in relational processing or energy density—autaxys inevitably transitions from states of higher symmetry to those of lower symmetry. This breaking is not imposed externally; it is a spontaneous unfolding driven by autaxys' own nature. SSB is the fundamental autaxic act of *creating specific forms, distinctions, and structures* from a previously homogeneous or undifferentiated state. It is how autaxys "chooses" a path of actualization from a spectrum of possibilities, leading to the emergence of "order parameters" or specific field-analogue values that characterize the new, less symmetric state. The manifestations and consequences of SSB are far-reaching. It is understood as the origin of the diverse "particle zoo" (Chapter 11), where different cascades of SSB within autaxys lead to distinct families of stable process-patterns with unique properties. The differentiation of

fundamental forces and particle families in the early universe is interpreted as a sequence of such autaxic SSB events. On a larger scale, the formation of all macroscopic structures, such as cosmic filaments and galaxies, from initially near-uniform conditions is driven by SSB seeding initial anisotropies, which are then amplified by other dynamics. Known physical examples, like the Higgs mechanism, are reinterpreted autaxically: the Higgs field is not an external field causing SSB, but an autaxic field-process whose own stable configuration (and associated SSB that endows other patterns with mass-analogue) emerges from deeper, more fundamental autaxic dynamics.

Dynamic III: Feedback Dynamics (Amplification and Damping)–The Sculptor of Stability and Complexity. Feedback dynamics are intrinsic processes where the current state or output of an autaxic pattern (or system of patterns) influences its own subsequent evolution or the evolution of interconnected patterns. Autaxys is inherently self-referential and self-regulating in its operations, and feedback is the mechanism of this self-reference. **Positive feedback** encompasses mechanisms of selective amplification and stabilization. Nascent, transient patterns that achieve a degree of internal coherence or favorable relational coupling with their environment are selectively reinforced, stabilized, and can grow in persistence, influence, or complexity. This includes autocatalysis in pattern formation, where certain autaxic configurations create conditions that favor their own reproduction or the formation of similar or complementary patterns. Positive feedback is crucial for the initial emergence and establishment of new, stable orders from small fluctuations. **Negative feedback** involves mechanisms of regulation, damping, and constraint. Unstable, incoherent, or overly disruptive patterns (those that would lead to systemic decoherence) are suppressed, dissolved, or constrained within viable limits. Negative feedback is essential for autaxys to maintain overall systemic stability and prevent runaway chaotic proliferation or the immediate dissolution of all emergent order. It ensures that complexity evolves within bounds of sustainability. The manifestations and consequences of these feedback dynamics are ubiquitous. They explain the remarkable stability of fundamental particles (Chapter 11), which are seen as process-patterns selected and maintained by robust, self-reinforcing positive feedback loops, while also being constrained by negative feedback from the broader autaxic system. They are fundamental to the formation and persistence of complex adaptive systems at all scales, from atoms and molecules with stable electron configurations to entire biospheres, where intricate feedback networks maintain homeostasis, enable adaptation, and drive the evolution of patterned complexity. Furthermore, the selection and stabilization of specific physical laws (as emergent meta-patterns, detailed in Chapter 10) are also understood as resulting from long-term feedback dynamics that favor certain modes of interaction and relational rules for their consistency and generative potential.

Dynamic IV: Resonance and Coherence Establishment–The Basis for Harmony and Integrated Structures. Resonance within autaxys refers to the intrinsic tendency of autaxic processes or patterns to selectively amplify, synchronize with, or stably couple to other processes or patterns that share compatible dynamic characteristics. These characteristics can include analogous frequencies or rhythms of internal autaxic activity, shared structural motifs, or complementary relational signatures. This is a fundamental principle of relational compatibility and mutual reinforcement, more general than simple mechanical or electromagnetic resonance, applying to the very fabric of autaxic pattern formation. **Coherence establishment within autaxys** is the dynamic process by which autaxys achieves internal self-consistency and harmonious interrelation among the constituent sub-patterns or processes within a larger emergent configuration. Coherence is not a passive state but an active achievement, often driven by resonant coupling and feedback dynamics that eliminate dissonant or incompatible elements and reinforce harmonious relationships. The manifestations and consequences of resonance and coherence are critical for all structured existence. They explain the quantized nature of particle properties (Chapter 11), where stable particle states are specific resonant modes of autaxic activity, akin to “standing waves” of process where internal dynamics achieve a coherent, self-sustaining configuration. They are essential for the formation of all bound states—such as atomic nuclei, atoms, molecules, and even larger structures like planetary systems—where constituent patterns achieve stability and new emergent properties through resonant coupling and the establishment of coherent relational structures. They also underpin the emergence of large-scale order, synchrony, and collective behaviors in complex systems, where individual components align their activities

through resonant interactions. The apparent “fine-tuning” of fundamental constants in the universe can be speculatively understood from this perspective: our cosmic domain may represent a state where autaxys has settled into a configuration of maximal overall internal resonance and relational coherence, with the “constants” being emergent, interdependent parameters of this globally harmonized, self-generated system.

Dynamic V: Critical State Transitions and Emergent Hierarchies–The Architecture of Evolving Complexity. Criticality within autaxys refers to states or conditions within the evolving autaxic system where it (or a significant sub-system) is poised at a threshold. At such critical points, small fluctuations or incremental changes in relational density or energetic concentration can trigger large-scale, qualitative transformations, leading to the emergence of entirely new levels of organization and complexity. These are analogous to phase transitions in physical systems but are understood as a more general feature of autaxys’ generative dynamics. The mechanisms of autaxic transition involve the accumulation of relational complexity or “energetic” density (concentration of autaxic activity) driving a system towards such a critical point. At this juncture, **spontaneous symmetry breaking**, often amplified by **positive feedback** dynamics and guided by **resonance** principles selecting for new stable configurations, plays a pivotal role in navigating the transition and selecting new stable or meta-stable states of patterned organization. The manifestations and consequences of critical state transitions are fundamental to understanding the evolving complexity of the universe. They explain the step-wise emergence of new, qualitatively distinct levels of reality: for example, from primordial autaxic fluctuations to fundamental process-patterns (particles); from these to atoms with complex electron shells; from atoms to molecules with diverse chemical properties; from molecules to self-replicating structures and life; and potentially from complex neural networks to consciousness. Each such transition represents autaxys discovering and stabilizing a new, more complex stratum of patterned organization. This dynamic is responsible for the inherently hierarchical structure of the observed universe, where critical transitions act as the fundamental mechanism for building these nested levels, each with its own emergent properties and interaction rules (which are themselves autaxic meta-patterns). The very concept of “emergence,” often invoked but rarely deeply explained, finds its most fundamental mechanistic grounding in these autaxic critical state transitions.

Intrinsic Meta-Logical Principles of the Autaxic Generative Engine: The Guiding “Grammar” of Creation

The operational dynamics of autaxys do not unfold arbitrarily. They are inherently guided and constrained by a set of fundamental, intrinsic meta-logical principles. These principles are not external laws imposed upon autaxys, but rather the deepest expressions of its inherent nature—the “constitutional law” or “grammar” that ensures its generative output is coherent, consistent, and capable of evolving complexity.

Meta-Logic I: Principle of Intrinsic Coherence (Universal Self-Consistency). This principle asserts an absolute, inherent tendency and constraint within autaxys that mandates the formation and persistence of patterns that are internally self-consistent and mutually compatible in their relational dynamics. Autaxys cannot generate or sustain true logical or ontological contradictions. It operates in such a way that its manifestations are always, at some fundamental level, self-consistent. This principle acts as a fundamental selection pressure, actively pruning or preventing the stabilization of incoherent or self-contradictory patterns. It is the ultimate arbiter for feedback and resonance dynamics, ensuring they converge on viable, non-paradoxical states. A profound consequence of this principle is that the logical structure of mathematics and the perceived consistency of physical laws are deep reflections of this fundamental demand for coherence in all autaxic manifestations. The universe is “intelligible” and “lawful” precisely because autaxys intrinsically generates coherent, non-arbitrary patterns. This principle is the bedrock that prevents autaxys from being mere unconstrained chaos; it is the source of its inherent orderliness.

Meta-Logic II: Principle of Conservation of Distinguishability (Ontological Inertia of Pattern). Once a stable distinction or pattern—a form of autaxic “information”—emerges from and is sustained by autaxys, it possesses what can be termed an ontological inertia. It tends to persist or transform only in ways that conserve its fundamental distinguishability or its “transformative potential”—its capacity to participate in further relational processing and influence

other patterns. This principle imposes fundamental constraints on all autaxic transformations. It ensures that "something"—a pattern's unique identity, its structural integrity, or its potential to influence and be influenced—is not arbitrarily lost into undifferentiated potentiality or created from absolute nothingness without a corresponding transformation elsewhere in the system. This principle underpins all specific conservation laws observed in physics. The stability of fundamental particle types (once formed), the conservation of quantities like charge-analogue, and ultimately the conservation of energy-momentum (understood as measures of autaxic activity and transformative potential, as explored in Chapter 13) are all manifestations of this deeper autaxic imperative to conserve distinguishability and relational capacity. It explains *why* there are conservation laws: they are expressions of autaxys' commitment to preserving the informational content and interactive potential of its own creations.

Meta-Logic III: Principle of Parsimony in Generative Mechanisms (Intrinsic Elegance). Autaxys inherently operates via a minimal, yet sufficient, set of fundamental generative rules—its core operational dynamics and meta-logical principles—that can, through iterative application, combination, and hierarchical nesting, produce the entire observed vastness and diversity of emergent phenomena. This is the principle of parsimony in generative mechanisms. This is not an external aesthetic preference (like Occam's Razor applied by human scientists) but an intrinsic feature of how autaxys achieves maximal generative output from minimal foundational complexity. It favors the emergence of universal dynamics and scalable principles rather than a proliferation of ad-hoc, special-case rules for every new level of complexity or type of pattern. Autaxys does not "invent" new fundamental rules as it complexifies; it discovers new ways to combine and iterate its existing fundamental rules. A consequence of this principle is the perceived "elegance," "simplicity," and "universality" of fundamental physical laws. It grounds the scientific pursuit of unifying theories, suggesting that such unification reflects a genuine feature of reality's autaxic nature—a nature that builds extraordinary richness from an economical foundation.

Meta-Logic IV: Principle of Intrinsic Determinacy and Emergent Probabilism (Autaxic Causality). Every emergent pattern or transformation within autaxys arises as a necessary consequence of the system's prior state and the rigorous operation of its intrinsic dynamics and meta-logic. From the perspective of autaxys' own operational level, there are no uncaused events or truly arbitrary occurrences. This is the principle of intrinsic determinacy. This principle ensures a causally connected and fundamentally intelligible universe. However, it must also account for phenomena that *appear* probabilistic to finite observers or within specific measurement contexts, most notably in quantum mechanics. The autaxic resolution is that apparent probabilism is an **emergent feature**, not a fundamental acausality. Quantum-analogue indeterminacy (as discussed in Chapter 11) arises from the complex interplay of myriad underlying deterministic autaxic processes, particularly at points of critical transition or spontaneous symmetry breaking from a multi-potential state. It can also arise due to the inherent limitations of any finite observer-pattern to grasp the totality of influences (both local and non-local, via autaxic coherence) on a given event. Probability, in this view, reflects the branching possibilities inherent in autaxys' unfolding, where the selection of a specific branch is determined by the totality of autaxic conditions, even if those conditions are not fully accessible or computable by a localized observer-pattern. This upholds the possibility of scientific explanation and prediction while providing a deeper ontological basis for understanding the nature of probability in physics, avoiding the need to invoke fundamental randomness or acausality at the heart of reality.

Meta-Logic V: Principle of Interactive Complexity Maximization (The Drive Towards Richness, Constrained by Stability). Autaxys exhibits an inherent, non-teleological tendency to explore and actualize configurations of increasing interactive complexity, provided such configurations can achieve and maintain stability through the interplay of its dynamics (especially feedback and resonance) and its other meta-logical principles (notably coherence and parsimony). This is the principle of interactive complexity maximization. This principle acts as a directional influence on the evolution of patterns within the autaxic universe. It "pushes" the system (metaphorically speaking, as there is no external pusher) to generate not just *any* stable patterns, but those that allow for richer sets of interactions, interrelations, and emergent functionalities, thereby increasing the universe's overall capacity for patterned expression and complexifica-

tion. This is not a “goal” or “purpose” of autaxys in any conscious sense, but an emergent outcome of its unbiased exploration of relational possibilities under the fundamental constraint of stability. Unviable complexity—patterns that are internally incoherent or cannot maintain themselves against perturbations—is pruned by autaxys’ other dynamics and principles. A profound consequence of this principle is the observed complexification of the universe over cosmic time—from relatively simple primordial patterns to fundamental particles, then atoms, molecules, stars, galaxies, complex chemistry, life, and potentially consciousness. Each of these represents a new plateau of stable, interactive complexity that autaxys has “discovered” and actualized. This principle provides an intrinsic driver for the “arrow of complexity” observed in the cosmos, explaining why the universe tends to become more structured and interesting over time, without invoking external design or teleology.

Synergy and Operation: The Generative Engine as a Coherently Functioning Unified System

The operational dynamics and meta-logical principles of autaxys are not a mere list of independent features. They form a deeply interconnected, synergistic system—the generative engine itself.

The **indivisible interplay** between dynamics and meta-logic is essential: the meta-logic is the inherent “grammar” that shapes how the dynamics *must* operate, and the dynamics are the “verbs” through which the meta-logic expresses itself. For instance, intrinsic coherence guides feedback and resonance towards stable, self-consistent patterns. Conservation of distinguishability constrains SSB outcomes. Parsimony influences the universality of emergent dynamics. Interactive complexity maximization biases critical state transitions towards richer, stable organizations. This ensures autaxys functions as a coherent, self-regulating, and creatively evolving system.

Conceptually, the engine’s operation can be traced from **undifferentiated potentiality to patterned reality**:

Primordial Autaxys: Undifferentiated potentiality, maximal symmetry, latent relational processing, and inherent meta-logic.

Initial Differentiation: Intrinsic fluctuations trigger **spontaneous symmetry breaking**, creating nascent distinctions.

Pattern Selection & Stabilization: **Feedback dynamics** amplify coherent patterns, damped by negative feedback. **Resonance** selects compatible dynamics. **Intrinsic coherence** ensures self-consistent stability.

Growth of Complexity & Hierarchical Structuring: Stabilized patterns become building blocks. **Interactive complexity maximization** and **critical state transitions** drive hierarchical emergence.

The Emergent Universe: Ongoing, iterative operation results in the self-consistent, evolving cosmos.

This self-organizing nature also offers an alternative to the **“fine-tuning” problem**. Autaxys, guided by its meta-logic (resonance, coherence, parsimony, complexity maximization, stability), inherently “tunes itself” towards parameter regimes and structural configurations that are self-consistent and supportive of complex pattern formation. The “constants” of nature are emergent, interdependent parameters of this globally harmonized system.

Articulating the Operational Rules: Autology’s Path from Conceptual Framework to Foundational Theory

The detailed articulation of this generative engine forms the indispensable explanatory core of the autaxic framework and defines the primary task of autology as a research program.

The **generative engine is the indispensable explanatory core** for subsequent chapters on particles (Chapter 11), spacetime (Chapter 12), mass-energy (Chapter 13), and physical laws (Chapter 10). Without it, these chapters would lack their deepest ontological grounding.

Validation and coherence of the autaxic framework rest on its absolute internal coherence and generative sufficiency, rather than conventional Popperian falsifiability for the entire framework. Internal coherence demands that its dynamics and meta-logic are self-consistent. Generative sufficiency requires it to comprehensively and parsimoniously

generate observed universal features from its core principles. Manifest incoherence or insufficiency would be a form of "self-falsification." However, rigorous consistency with all established empirical observations remains essential. Its ability to offer more coherent explanations for existing anomalies serves as corroborating evidence.

The **autological research program** involves:

Refining the generative engine's principles.

Developing formal models.

Deriving detailed consequences for all domains of reality.

Demonstrating generative sufficiency and explanatory power. The validity of autaxys is progressively revealed through this ongoing elaboration. This chapter, by laying bare the "engine room" of autaxys, provides the essential blueprint for this endeavor.

Part II of this monograph has introduced and defined autaxys, the fundamental principle of reality conceived as a self-ordering, self-arranging, and self-generating system, and has laid out the core operational dynamics and meta-logical principles of its "generative engine." Chapter 7, *Autaxys Defined*, established the core definition of autaxys and explored its key characteristics, highlighting its ontological primacy, dynamic nature, intrinsic rationality, and capacity to generate the patterns, laws, and structures we observe in the universe. Chapter 8, *The Generative Engine*, delved deeper into the mechanisms by which autaxys operates, detailing the interplay of its core dynamics (relational processing, spontaneous symmetry breaking, feedback, resonance, critical state transitions) and meta-logical principles (intrinsic coherence, conservation of distinguishability, parsimony, determinacy/probabilism, and interactive complexity maximization). These dynamics and principles, working together synergistically, constitute the engine that drives the emergence of complexity and order in the universe, from the most fundamental particles to the largest cosmic structures and the intricate phenomena of life and consciousness. With this foundational framework established, Part III will now demonstrate the explanatory power of autaxys by applying its generative engine to reinterpret the core concepts and phenomena of modern physics, offering a new way of seeing reality that transcends the limitations and inconsistencies of conventional scientific models. This application will not merely involve relabeling existing concepts with autaxic terminology, but will demonstrate how autaxys provides a deeper ontological grounding, resolves fundamental paradoxes, and potentially opens new avenues for scientific inquiry.

9 Information Re-Founded

Prior Work and Related Literature

My earlier work in Recursive Self-consistency established a monistic foundation for physical reality by demonstrating that a single principle—recursive self-consistency—can serve as a logically closed, mathematically coherent basis for quantum cosmology. That paper argued that the universe is best understood not as described by mathematics but as mathematics in process, specifically the process of achieving recursive self-consistency through a strange loop architecture. It showed how the analytic-topological loop of the circle and the Gaussian, unified by the metaplectic group and culminating in modular self-similarity via the theta function, generates key physical structures without external axioms. The framework resolved foundational problems including the problem of time and the black hole information paradox while generating quantum mechanics, spacetime geometry, gravity, and cosmology through a six-step generative sequence. The present work, *The Generative Engine*, extends this program by articulating in explicit operational detail the "how" of autaxys—the coherent set of fundamental processes and regulative principles that constitute the intrinsic modus operandi of the autaxic framework. Where the earlier paper focused on establishing the mathematical architecture of a strange loop as a monistic foundation, this chapter undertakes the critical task of detailing the operational dynamics and meta-logical principles that constitute the generative engine itself. The recursive self-consistency principle established that a system can be self-generating through fixed-point structure; the present work unpacks what

such self-generation concretely entails by specifying five operational dynamics—relational processing, symmetry realization and spontaneous symmetry breaking, feedback dynamics, resonance and coherence establishment, and critical state transitions—alongside five meta-logical principles including intrinsic coherence and conservation of distinguishability. This represents a departure from the earlier formal-mathematical emphasis toward a more explicitly processual and mechanistic articulation of how autaxys operates.

The present chapter also builds directly on the methodological concerns raised in CFPE Methodology v2.0: Cascading Bayesian Foresight Engine with Historical Back-Casting Calibration. That paper presented a methodology for generating and stress-testing long-range paradigm-shift forecasts, validated through historical back-casting calibration across three vantage points (1976, 1950, 1926). A central finding was that the methodology systematically underpredicted technological paradigm shifts that were "already in the pipeline"—shifts with existing precursors that had not yet been accepted or realized—while overpredicting speculative theoretical shifts. The paper identified an "already in pipeline" blindness and proposed a precursor detection module to scan for existing-but-unaccepted hypotheses. The generative engine articulated in the present chapter addresses precisely this class of methodological failure by providing the mechanistic grounding that makes paradigm shifts intelligible as outcomes of an underlying generative process rather than as discontinuous ruptures. The operational dynamics detailed here—particularly critical state transitions and spontaneous symmetry breaking—offer a principled account of how qualitative transformations emerge from accumulations of relational complexity, providing the ontological depth that the CFPE methodology's reference class base rates could only approximate statistically. Moreover, the principle of parsimony in generative mechanisms articulated in this chapter—the claim that autaxys operates via a minimal yet sufficient set of fundamental generative rules that can produce the entire observed vastness of emergent phenomena—speaks directly to the CFPE's finding that the methodology's uncalibrated priors exceeded historical base rates. The autaxic framework provides a theoretical justification for why such base rates obtain: they reflect the underlying structure of a generative system that builds richness from an economical foundation, favoring universal dynamics over ad-hoc special-case rules.

The present chapter's articulation of the generative engine's meta-logical principles also extends and refines the criteria for successful monistic foundations developed in Recursive Self-consistency. That earlier paper specified four criteria—irreducibility, generative capacity, empirical validation, and mathematical coherence—and argued that recursive self-consistency uniquely satisfies all four simultaneously. The present work operationalizes these criteria at a different level of analysis. The principle of intrinsic coherence articulated here corresponds to the earlier framework's demand for mathematical coherence, but now specified as an active constraint that "cannot generate or sustain true logical or ontological contradictions." The principle of conservation of distinguishability extends the earlier framework's treatment of modular invariants and information preservation, grounding specific conservation laws in a deeper autaxic imperative to preserve informational content and interactive potential. Most significantly, the principle of interactive complexity maximization—the claim that autaxys exhibits an inherent, non-teleological tendency to explore configurations of increasing interactive complexity—provides a generative mechanism for the cosmic evolution that the earlier paper's conformal cyclic cosmology described. Where the recursive self-consistency framework posited information transfer across cosmic aeons via modular invariants and conformally invariant quantities, the present chapter explains *why* the universe tends toward complexification over cosmic time without invoking external design or teleology: it is an emergent outcome of autaxys' unbiased exploration of relational possibilities under the fundamental constraint of stability. This represents a substantive extension of the earlier framework from a static mathematical architecture to a dynamic, self-regulating generative system capable of explaining the arrow of complexity observed in the cosmos.

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