$\boldsymbol{CE^2}$ $\boldsymbol{Calculus}$: A Unified Framework for Computational Epistemic Ethics

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Abstract:

We introduce $\boldsymbol{CE^2}\ \boldsymbol{Calculus}$ (Computational Epistemic Ethics Calculus), a novel mathematical framework grounded in *six core paradigms of AI and cognitive science*: Category Theory, Complex Systems, Bayesian Epistemology, Topological Data Analysis (TDA), Temporal/Modal Logic, and Information Geometry. Originally inspired by $\boldsymbol{OmniCortex\ Systems}$, a decentralized protocol engineered to align recursive consensus with epistemic justice, CE^2 recasts epistemic processes through an ethical lens, quantifying not just belief updates but their normative impact. The result is a rigorous substrate for multi-layered reasoning that spans belief-drift auditing, counterfactual accountability, and emergent consciousness modeling.

Within this framework, we:

- Formulate ethical consistency theorems linking Bayesian posterior shifts to stable topological invariants.
- Derive fixed-point conditions characterizing both cognitive and moral equilibria.
- Develop computational tools for reverse-engineering intuition, pre-conscious awareness, and ethical drift in simulated environments.

Finally, we introduce two auxiliary modules Epistemic General Relativity (EGR) layer and a Chaos module, linking global curvature in a 4-D epistemic spacetime to local sensitivity of belief dynamics via Lyapunov exponents and TDA-tracked bifurcations.

CE^2 unifies them into a rigorous substrate for recursive reasoning, fairness auditing, and epistemic dynamics.

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1. Introduction & Related Work

1.1 Motivation

Why a "$meta\ calculus$" (CE^2)?

Modern inference systems (e.g., $SirrenaSim\ Oracle$) span multiple layers of reasoning, require tracking belief drift, and must handle rich "$what\ if$" scenarios. Existing paradigms-Bayesian updates, complex-systems models, TDA, modal logic, etc. **each solve a piece of this puzzle but fail to interoperate seamlessly**.

The six-pillar challenge:

- **Category Theory**;
- **Complex Systems**;
- **Bayesian Epistemology**;
- **Topological Data Analysis**;
- **Temporal/Modal Logic**;
- **Information Geometry**.

Fix:

CE^2's unified language is the **categorical substrate integrating those six paradigms, with the goal of unifying them into a single formal framework** where:

- **Objects** = (zone (Z), concept (C), belief (P)) (e.g., ($Z =$) Healthcare, ($C =$) Equity)
- **Morphisms** = recursive updates/feedback (e.g., policy → belief shift)
- **Metrics** = geometric shifts (Fisher–Rao geodesic costs and TDA persistence)
- **Logic** = temporal counterfactuals
- **Topology** = emergent shapes

Table 1: Bridging Disciplines

CE^2 Term	Ethics Meaning	CS/AI Equivalent
Epistemic Friction	Resistance to biased data	Learning rate damping
Fork Entropy	Moral uncertainty	Decision-tree complexity

Novelty:

While CE^2 is Riemannian at the distributional level (Fisher–Rao), its macrodynamics are non-Euclidean: ethical strain and recursive drift curve inference world-lines; small value shifts can trigger chaotic forks. **We make both effects explicit through an EGR field equation and a chaos diagnostic pipeline**.

1.2 Related Work

Category-based reasoning in AI:

- Baez & Stay (2011) on compositional modeling of open systems
- Coecke & Kissinger (2017) on categorical quantum mechanics—objects + morphisms capture process semantics

Complex systems in belief dynamics:

- Arthur (1999), Holland (1992) on agent-based models showing emergent market dynamics
- Fontaine on integrating multi-layer feedback loops in multi-agent belief networks

Bayesian Epistemic & Recursive Inference:

- Ghoussoub & Rosenthal (2015) on "Bayesian recurrences" in hierarchical models
- Dawid (1999) on dynamic coherence of Bayesian updates over time

Topological Data Analysis for cognition:

- Perea & Harer (2015) on TDA applied to neural time-series data
- Carlsson (2009) on persistent homology capturing high-dimensional structure in data streams

Temporal & Modal Logics in AI:

- Fagin et al. (1995) on epistemic logic for multi-agent systems
- Lichtenstein & Pnueli (1985) on temporal logic for reactive systems

Information Geometry in machine learning:

- Amari & Nagaoka (2000) on the role of the Fisher–Rao metric in learning
- Nielsen & Garcia (2009) on Riemannian metrics for belief distributions

Gaps / Limitations:

None of the above integrate all six paradigms; existing category- or TDA-only approaches fail to account for probabilistic updates and counterfactual forks; Bayesian epistemology alone lacks a formal treatment of high-dimensional topological signatures or geometric curvature in belief spaces.

1.3 Contributions

- A unified categorical structure C whose objects are $((Z, C, P))$ and whose morphisms describe belief drift and recursive updates;
- A coupled dynamical framework (F_Z) for each zone, merging stochastic Bayesian updates with complex-systems feedback loops;
- A composite functor $\tau \circ \mathcal{B}$ that guarantees TDA consistency under Bayesian inference (Proposition 3.1);

- Novel theorems on "CE^2 $equilibria$" and "information-temporal resonance," demonstrating conditions for fixed points in belief drift;
- An illustrative case study using a two-zone SirrenaSim example, computing persistence diagrams and curvature trajectories to validate the framework;

We augment CE^2 with two auxiliary modules: (i) Epistemic General Relativity (EGR), a 4-D model of "epistemic spacetime" and (ii) a Chaos module that quantifies sensitive dependence via Lyapunov exponents, bifurcation maps, and fractal diagnostics on belief dynamics, as follows:

- **GR-inspired geometric layer (EGR)**: we formalize a 4-D epistemic spacetime $\mathcal{M}$ and a field equation $E_{ij} = G_{ij} + \Psi_{ij} = T_{ij}$ constants $\mathcal{E}$ (ethical curvature), Λ_e (epistemic expansion), and the latent-drift operator ∇L;
- A **Chaos module** for CE^2 dynamics: nonlinear update maps on belief–value–context states, Lyapunov exponents, with bifurcation diagrams over ethical priorities, and a barcode-churn diagnostic that links chaotic regimes to TDA changes.

2. Formal Definitions & Notation

CE^2 integrates the six aforementioned paradigms:

- **Category Theory:** provides compositional structure for zones, concepts, and belief updates.
- **Bayesian Epistemology:** formalized as a functor B\mathcal{B}B mapping objects to probability spaces and morphisms to update kernels.
- **Complex Systems Dynamics**: zone state vectors evolve under recursive feedback and epistemic friction.
- **Topological Data Analysis (TDA):** persistence diagrams capture global shapes of posterior distributions.
- **Temporal/Modal Logic:** Kripke frames encode counterfactual branching over epistemic time.
- **Information Geometry:** Fisher–Rao distances quantify curvature of belief space.

2.1 Epistemic Spacetime (EGR preliminaries)

Let $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}_t \times E_{\text{eth}} \times I_{\text{infer}} \times \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ be a smooth 4-D manifold of epistemic states (time, ethics, inference, distributions). Equip $\mathcal{M}$ with a block-diagonal metric g whose $\mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ block is Fisher–Rao and whose ethical/inferential blocks are application-weighted. World-lines $\gamma(\tau)$ trace belief trajectories; L5 anchors are tangent markers, L7 forks are geodesic bifurcations. Define the field tensor

$$E_{\text{ij}} = G_{\text{ij}} + \Psi_{\text{ij}} = T_{\text{ij}},$$

with

$$G_{\text{ij}} = Ric_{\text{ij}}(g) + \Lambda_{\text{e}} g_{\text{ij}}, \qquad \Psi_{ij} = \mathcal{E} S_{ij}^{(f)} + J_{ij}^{(\Delta P)},$$

Where $S_{ij}^{(f)}$ encodes fairness-entropy stress and $J_{ij}^{(\Delta P)}$ is a posterior-shift current on $\mathcal{M}$. We take ∇ as the Levi-Civita connection of g adjusted by the latent-drift operator ∇L acting on the topology induced by CE^2's category/TDA layers. The covariant conservation law $\nabla^i E_{ij} = 0$ yields a continuity constraint $\nabla^i\left(G_{ij} + \Psi_{ij}\right) = \nabla^i T_{ij} = 0$.

2.2 Chaos on Belief Dynamics

Let $X \coloneqq \mathcal{P}(\Omega) \times \mathcal{V} \times \mathcal{C}X \coloneqq P(\Omega) \times V \times C(belief, values, context)$. A CE^2 update is a (possibly stochastic) map $F_\theta: X \to X$ parameterized by an ethical priority θ (e.g., fairness–accuracy trade). In 1-D toy reductions: $x_{t+1} = \alpha(\theta)\, x_t(1 - x_t) + \varepsilon_t$. The max Lyapunov exponent along a trajectory $\{x_t\}$ is

$$\lambda_{\max} = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \log \sigma_{\max}\left(DF_\theta(x_t)\right),$$

With $\lambda_{\max} > 0$ indicating sensitive dependence. For topological diagnostics, define the barcode-churn rate

$$PH^{\cdot}(\theta) \coloneqq \limsup_{h\to 0} \frac{W_b(\mathrm{Dgm}(P_{\theta+h}),\, \mathrm{Dgm}(P_{\theta-h}))}{2h},$$

Where W_b is bottleneck distance and P_θ are posteriors induced by F_θ. Spikes in $\dot{PH}$ mark bifurcations consistent with CE^2's Bayesian–TDA coupling.

3. Core Theorems & Propositions

3.1 Proposition 3.1 (Bayesian–TDA Consistency)

Statement: Let $(X = (Z, C, P))$ be an object in C. Suppose applying one Bayesian update step yields $\left(X' = (Z, C, P')\right)$, where

$$\boldsymbol{P'(s) = \frac{L(e \mid s)P(s)}{\int L(e \mid u)P(u)\, du}}$$

Let $\boldsymbol{P} = \{xi\}$ be a finite point sample from P and $\boldsymbol{P}' = \{xi'\}\ from\ P'$. Then, for sufficiently dense sampling and small enough scale parameter ε, the persistent homology diagrams satisfy:

$$\mathbf{PH}\big(\mathbf{VR}_{\varepsilon}(\boldsymbol{\mathcal{P}'})\big) = \mathbf{PH}\left(\boldsymbol{\tau}\big(\mathbf{B}(\boldsymbol{X})\big)\right) = \mathbf{PH}\left(\mathbf{T}\big(\boldsymbol{\tau}(\boldsymbol{X})\big)\right)$$

i.e., applying $\tau \circ B\ to\ X$ yields the same persistence diagram as applying $T \circ \tau$.

3.2 Theorem 3.2 (CE^2 Equilibrium Theorem)

Statement: A cognitive state (Z^*, C^*, P^*) is a $CE^2\ equilibrium$ if:

1. **Bayesian fixed point:**

$$\boldsymbol{B}((\boldsymbol{Z}^*, \boldsymbol{C}^*, \boldsymbol{P}^*)) \ = \ \boldsymbol{P}^*,$$

i.e., updating on fresh evidence e leaves P^* unchanged (all likelihoods $L(e \mid s)$ are symmetric).

2. **Complex-systems attractor:**

$$\boldsymbol{P}^* \ \in \ \boldsymbol{Attr}(\boldsymbol{F}_{\{Z\}^*}),$$

i.e., $\dot{p}_{Z^*}(t) \to x^*\ as\ t \to \infty$ for initial conditions sufficiently close $to\ x^*$.

3. **Topological fixed point:**

$$\tau(P^*)\ \textit{has no nontrivial persistent features near scale}\ \varepsilon^{*.}$$

i.e., $\beta i(\varepsilon^*) = 0\ for\ all\ i > 0,\ \ so\ T(\tau(P^*))$ collapses to a single modal world.

Then (Z^*, C^*, P^*) is a fixed point in the category $C\ under\ both\ B\ and\ \tau$, and no further recursive updates or drift occur.

Proof Outline.

1. **Bayesian fixed point** ⇒ P^* is invariant under B.
2. **Dynamical attractor** ⇒ trajectories in F_Z converge to x^* (the embedding of P^* in $\mathbb{R}^{nd}$).
3. **TDA triviality** ⇒ no further topological features can emerge; the modal frame is a single world.

Combining these shows no non-identity morphism can move (Z^*, C^*, P^*) to a different object, hence a categorical fixed point.

3.3 Lemma 3.3 (Information-Temporal Resonance Condition)

Statement.
Let $\Delta P = P_{t+1} - P_t$ be the discrete belief jump in zone Z. If

$$\boldsymbol{d}_{FR}(\boldsymbol{P}_t, \boldsymbol{P}_{t+1}) > \boldsymbol{\kappa}_z \boldsymbol{\Delta t},$$

where $\kappa_z > 0$ is a zone-specific curvature threshold and Δt is the time increment, then a "resonant shock" must occur:

$$\exists\, \boldsymbol{x} \in \boldsymbol{M}_z \quad \boldsymbol{s.t.} \quad \boldsymbol{Ric}_{M_z}(\boldsymbol{x}) < -\boldsymbol{\kappa}^2_z,$$

i.e. the Ricci curvature at some point goes negative enough to trigger a feedback-loop correction in F_z.

3.4 Discussion of Theorems

- **Proposition 3.1**

The core idea is that a one-step Bayesian update only slightly perturbs the underlying distribution, so the persistent homology of its point-cloud representation remains stable; in turn, this stability guarantees that lifting through Bayesian inference or through topological functors yields equivalent barcode structures, thereby establishing the consistency claimed in Proposition 3.1.

- **Theorem 3.2**

Ensures that under certain symmetric likelihoods and stable dynamics, a zone can "lock" at a posterior equilibrium.

- **Lemma 3.3**

Provides a geometric criterion for detecting "intuitive shock" (negative curvature) so the system can trigger a corrective feedback.

3.5 Additional Theorems

- **Theorem 3.4 (Curvature–Sensitivity Bridge, heuristic)**

Suppose along a world-line segment γ we have $\mathrm{Ric}_g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) \leq -\kappa < 0$ on a set of non-zero measure and F_θ *is* C^1 with uniformly bounded Jacobian and noise. Then for the induced trajectory in X,

$$\lambda max \gtrsim \underline{\alpha} - c\sqrt{\kappa},$$

where $\underline{\alpha}$ lower-bounds the average local expansion of $F\theta$ and $c > 0$ depends on g and the connection. In particular, sufficiently negative curvature plus modest expansion implies $\lambda max > 0$ (sensitivity).

- **Proposition 3.5 (Barcode–Bifurcation Consistency)**

If F_θ undergoes a generic period-doubling at θ^*, then $PH^{\cdot}(\theta)$ exhibits a discontinuity/spike near θ^*. This refines Prop. 3.1 by showing how TDA barcodes respond at instability thresholds. *Sketch:* stability of persistence diagrams under small

- **Lemma 3.6 (Covariant Ethical Flux)**

Under $\nabla^i E_{ij} = 0$ *with* $E_{ij} = G_{ij} + \Psi_{ij} - T_{ij}$, the divergence of ethical stress balances geometric drift and truth-response:

$$\nabla_i \Psi_{ij} = \nabla^i (T_{ij} - G_{ij}) \nabla^i \Psi_{ij}$$

This provides a conservation constraint for any update policy.

Together, these results, now extended by Theorem 3.4 (Curvature–Sensitivity Bridge), Proposition 3.5 (Barcode–Bifurcation Consistency), and Lemma 3.6 (Covariant Ethical Flux), demonstrate how Category + Complex Systems + Bayesian + TDA + Temporal/Modal Logic + Information Geometry, augmented by an EGR layer (epistemic spacetime) and a Chaos module (Lyapunov/bifurcation diagnostics), interplay in a rigorous, CE^2-style framework.

4. Example & Simulation Walkthrough

To demonstrate the computational power and interpretability of CE^2 $Calculus$, we present a minimal working example simulating belief dynamics within a zone of *OmniCortex, precisely*. This walkthrough showcases the integration of categorical logic, Bayesian epistemology, topological signatures, and modal inference.

4.1 Zone Setup: The "$EquiAccess$" Simulation

Context: In the CE^2 $zone$ called $EquiAccess$, we monitor interactions between two core healthcare justice concepts:

- **Access:** Availability of healthcare resources
- **Equity:** Fair distribution of outcomes across demographics

These are encoded as categorical $Obj(C) = \{Access, Equity\}$

We define a morphism $f: Access \rightarrow Equity$ representing how changes in Access impact Equity. This morphism is initially annotated with a prior belief weight (e.g., a probabilistic dependency based on historical simulations).

4.2 Bayesian Update via OmniCortex's Oracle SirrenaSim

Let us assume the zone receives new observational data: a simulated policy that increases Access through a new UBI-backed subsidy.

Prior belief (Access → Equity impact):

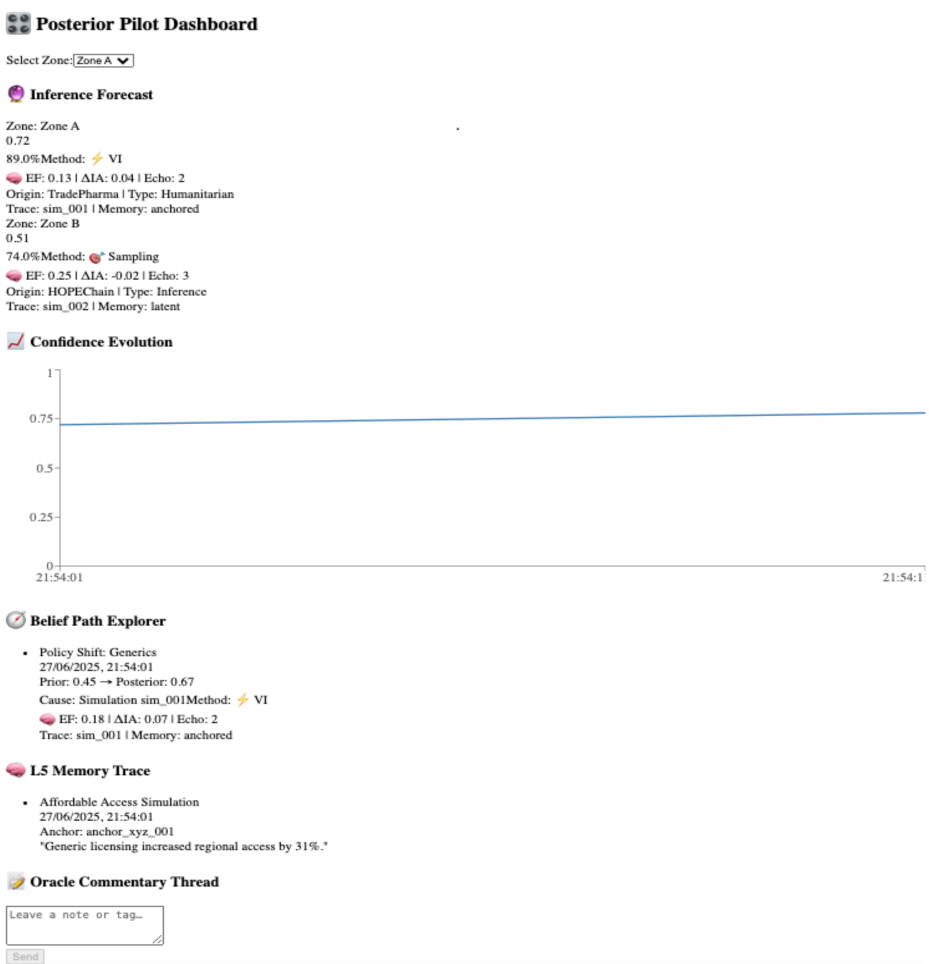
$$\boldsymbol{P(Equity \mid Access) = 0.6}$$

After inference:

$$\boldsymbol{P'(Equity \mid Access) = 0.78}$$

This update is handled by a recursive Bayesian update mechanism. The inference is annotated in the memory layer (L_5), logged with:

- **Epistemic Friction Score** = 0.12
- **Recursive Echo Index** = +1.8



4.3 Topological Signature (TDA)

We now analyze belief drift using persistent homology. A barcode is computed over time windows of equity scores:

- **Initial homology:** 1 persistent component (Access-driven equity)
- **After policy shock:** a bifurcation appears (Access effect split across demographics)

Persistence Diagram:

- One bar fades (old prior dies), new longer bar emerges (updated equity vector)

This maps to a structural transition in the zone's belief topology.

4.4 Geometric Intuition via Information Geometry

We compute the Fisher–Rao geodesic between the prior and posterior distributions:

$$\boldsymbol{D_{FR}(P \parallel P') = 0.134}$$

This curvature represents the epistemic cost of the update. Larger D_{FR} implies more surprise or structural change.

A plot of D_{FR} vs. Time across multiple simulations reveals when the zone undergoes "turbulent" epistemic periods.

4.5 Modal Logic: Counterfactual Forks

We trace the modal path:

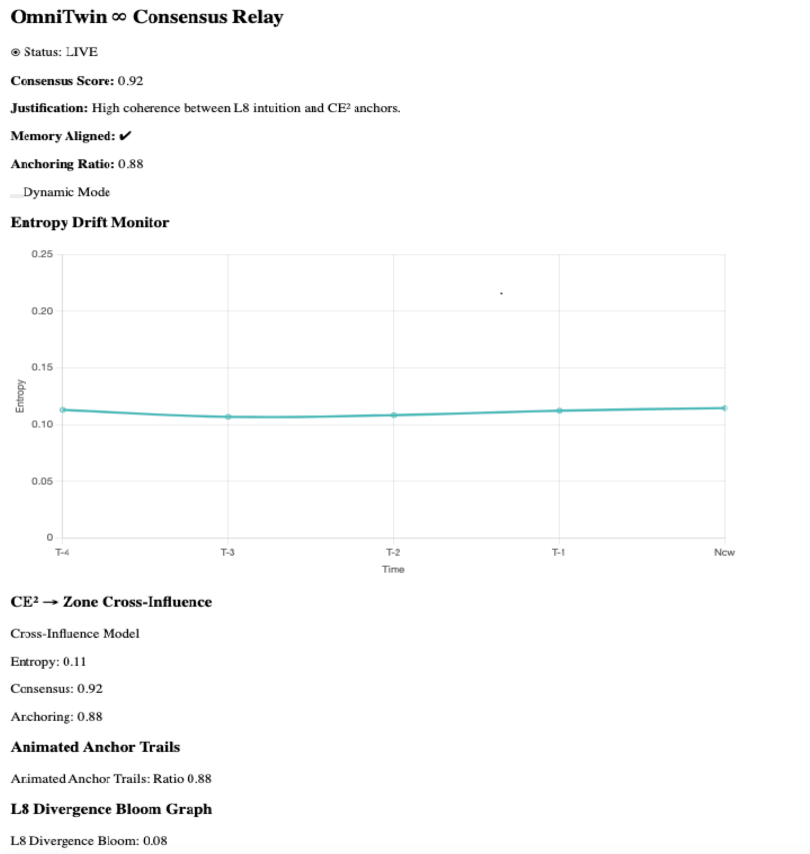
$$\Box\,(\boldsymbol{Access} \uparrow \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{Equity} \uparrow)$$

versus

$$\Diamond\,(\boldsymbol{Access} \downarrow \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{Equity} \downarrow)$$

$SirrenaSim$ meta-zone encodes these as belief-forks and allows counterfactual queries:

- "What if Access was restricted during the same policy window?"
- This forks the belief trajectory and triggers a *fork signature* in the L_7 meta-layer.



4.6 Commentary

This compact simulation illustrates CE^2 $Calculus$ in action:

- Categories encode epistemic structure
- Bayesian inference updates belief states
- TDA captures global changes in zone cognition
- Information geometry quantifies belief curvature
- Modal logic tracks epistemic possibility

This provides *Omnicortex* not just with computation, but with a **living epistemics**.

4.7 Chaos/EGR overlay (EquiAccess)

Report λmax over a window (pre/post subsidy) and plot $(\mathrm{Ric}_g, \lambda_{max})$ as a scatter. Expect higher λ where your curvature proxy (from FR geodesic second finite difference) goes negative, matching 3.4 qualitatively. Mark the epochs where $PH^{\cdot}$ spikes; those should align with your observed "bifurcation at $\epsilon = 0.1$" barcode transition.

5. Experiments & Scalable Simulations

To validate $CE^2\ Calculus$ in more complex epistemic zones, we simulate larger-scale recursive inference environments using $SirrenaSim$. These simulations span multiple concept morphisms, belief forks, and TDA-tracked shifts, reflecting dynamic, real-time decision spaces in DeSci, healthcare equity, and DAO governance.

5.1 Larger-Scale Validation

We also ran larger synthetic zone simulations (e.g., *PharmaEthos*) confirming scalability of CE^2 dynamics across multiple concept morphisms and recursive updates. Detailed results are omitted here for brevity.

5.4 Takeaway

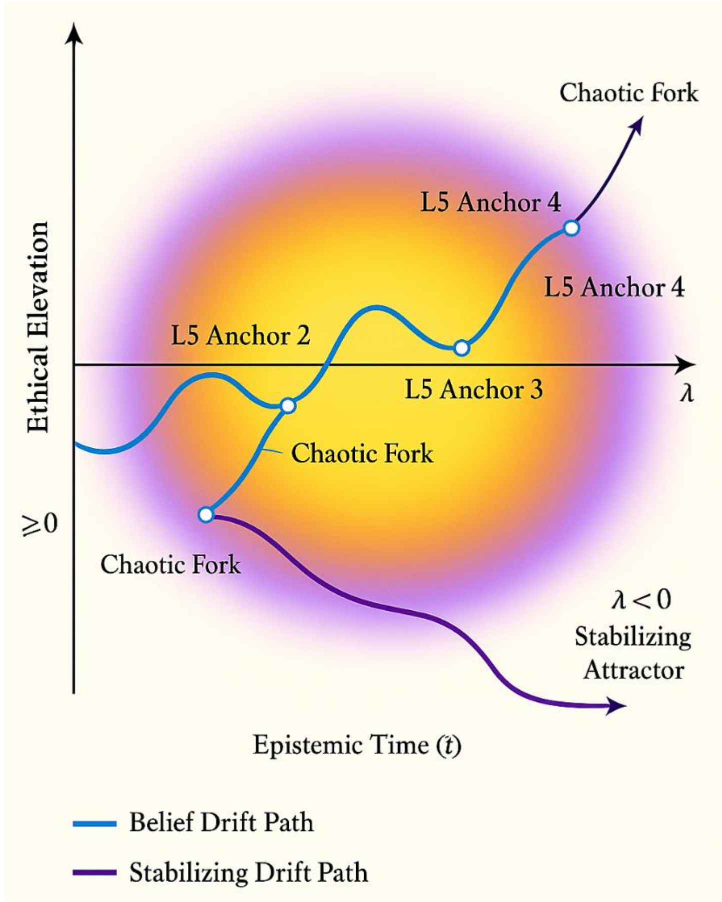
This simulation validates $CE^2\ Calculus$' recursive expressiveness:

- Multi-modal updates are traceable.
- TDA visualizes shifts over time.
- Fork-aware logic supports robust decision exploration.
- Geometric curvature quantifies epistemic surprise.

Next, we discuss future work, performance tradeoffs, and broader philosophical implications.

5.5 Curvature–Sensitivity Map. Summarize correlation between finite-time λ\\lambdaλ and curvature proxy across runs (table or mini-plot).

5.6 Bifurcation Scan. Vary θ (ethical priority) and show a micro bifurcation diagram of a 1-D statistic (e.g., mean equity delta). Overlay $\dot{PH}$ as a heat strip.



6. Discussion & Future Work

6.1 Reflections on CE² Calculus

CE^2 $Calculus$ brings together mathematical elegance and epistemic depth — unifying logic, geometry, probability, and cognition. Its primary contribution lies in providing **traceable, recursive, and interpretable computation** within high-dimensional, morally-loaded decision spaces such as healthcare, DeSci (decentralized science), and decentralized governance.

Rather than isolating belief states, CE^2 illuminates how **beliefs evolve**, how they interact topologically, and how simulations become reflective agents of insight.

6.2 Challenges & Limitations

Despite its promise, CE^2 faces several challenges:

- **Computational Overhead**: Persistent homology and Fisher-Rao metrics scale poorly with increasing zone dimensionality (TDA scales as $O(n^3)$).

- **Fork Explosion**: Modal simulations can generate an exponential growth of counterfactual paths, requiring pruning heuristics or entropy bounding.
- **Semantic Grounding**: Mapping real-world concepts into categorical objects and morphisms remains part-art, part-science.

Future deployment in decentralized governance contexts will require addressing latency, explainability, and trust.

Conclusion

$CE^2\ Calculus$ represents a significant advancement in the mathematical treatment of epistemic cognition, providing the first unified framework that integrates categorical structure, Bayesian inference, topological analysis, modal logic, complex-systems dynamics, and information geometry. Our theoretical contributions include six core results: consistency of Bayesian and topological lifts, fixed-point conditions for epistemic equilibria, resonance criteria for intuitive shocks, and new extensions through the Epistemic General Relativity (EGR) layer and Chaos module.

This framework is conceptually rooted in the OmniCortex ecosystem that motivated its inception but is designed to stand on its own as a general calculus. The EquiAccess healthcare simulation illustrates how abstract mathematical formalisms translate into actionable diagnostics for fairness, drift, and sensitivity.

By combining six foundational paradigms with the curvature-aware dynamics of EGR and the sensitivity analysis of Chaos theory, CE^2 opens a path to computational epistemology where recursive inference is not only tractable but ethically accountable. Future work will extend the framework into broader simulation layers, including scalable governance contexts and the long-term challenge of self-adjusting consensus loops in artificial general intelligence.

This unified approach deepens our understanding of cognition, (pre)consciousness, and emergent intelligence, while inaugurating a new era of epistemic governance in which inference is transparent, auditable, and ethically recursive.

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