COHERENCE-RUPTURE-REGENERATION AS BOUNDED LEFT KAN EXTENSION

A Mathematical Derivation with Computational Verification

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Abstract. We show that Coherence-Rupture-Regeneration (CRR) dynamics emerge from bounded left Kan extensions in category theory. The threshold parameter Omega = pi arises from the Bonnet-Myers theorem on positively curved statistical manifolds, and the coefficient of variation CV = 1/(2*pi) for inter-rupture times follows from phase space geometry. This prediction is consistent with the Lampl-Johnson (1998) empirical observation of CV = 0.155 in human saltatory growth. The exponential weighting exp(C/Omega) in the regeneration integral is derived from maximum entropy principles.

The Canonical CRR Formalism

The following presents the pure form of CRR from which all derivations proceed. CRR formalises how systems accumulate history (Coherence), undergo discrete phase transitions when constraints reach threshold (Rupture), and reconstitute through exponentially-weighted memory selection (Regeneration). This three-part structure constitutes a minimal mathematical grammar of temporal becoming.

Coherence

Coherence represents the temporal integration of structure - the past becoming present as accumulated pattern. Systems accumulate historical constraint over time according to:

C(x,t) = integral from 0 to t of L(x,tau) d(tau)

where L(x,tau) represents the information density (or mnemonic entanglement rate) accumulated at position x over time tau. When coherence reaches threshold (C = Omega), the system can no longer assimilate prediction error, triggering rupture.

Rupture

The Dirac delta encodes the dimensionless present - the scale-free moment where C = Omega and phase transition occurs:

delta(t - t*) where t* = inf{t : C(x,t) >= Omega}

At rupture, the system commits to its current state - the transition from "accumulating" to "having accumulated" is instantaneous, irreversible, and information-compressing. Many inputs collapse to a single committed output. After regeneration completes, coherence resets to begin the next cycle.

Regeneration

The reconstruction process builds new stable patterns by drawing upon the accumulated historical information available at the moment of rupture:

R[phi](x,t*) = integral from 0 to t* of phi(x,tau) * exp(C(x,tau)/Omega) d(tau) / Z

where phi(x,tau) is the field function, C(x,tau) is the coherence at historical moment tau, and Z is the normalisation constant. The exponential term exp(C/Omega) determines which past moments contribute most strongly to reconstitution: high-coherence moments are exponentially weighted, enabling selective memory access. Low Omega weights only the highest-coherence moments (rigid reconstitution); high Omega accesses broader history (transformative change). The regeneration integral operates at the moment of rupture, using the full coherence history before the reset occurs.

The Single Parameter: Omega

The entire CRR dynamics is governed by a single parameter Omega, which admits multiple interpretations:

* **Capacity threshold:** Maximum coherence before forced commitment

* **Variance:** Omega = sigma^2 in statistical terms (inverse precision)

* **Memory depth:** Controls selectivity of historical weighting in regeneration

* **Flexibility parameter:** Low Omega = rigid/anxious; High Omega = loose/dreamy; Omega ~ 1 = critical

> **The pi Correspondence.** For Z2-symmetric systems (half-cycle to rupture), rupture occurs at pi radians of accumulated phase, yielding Omega = 1/pi and precision = pi. For SO(2)-symmetric systems (full cycle), Omega = 1/(2*pi) and precision = 2*pi. This geometric constant emerges from phase space structure. Empirical validation across multiple domains shows CV predictions consistent with observations.

FEP Correspondence. In the Free Energy Principle framework: C = accumulated log-evidence (integrated prediction error); Omega = variance (inverse precision); rupture corresponds to Bayesian model reduction; and exp(C/Omega) = precision-weighted memory selection. CRR thus provides a temporal grammar for Active Inference dynamics.

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1. Introduction and Motivation

The Coherence-Rupture-Regeneration (CRR) framework, developed by Sabine (2024-2026), proposes a universal mathematical grammar for how bounded systems navigate time. The central claim is that any system with finite capacity for information integration must exhibit a three-phase temporal structure:

* **Coherence:** Accumulation of constraint/information toward a threshold Omega

* **Rupture:** Discontinuous transition (phase change) when C reaches Omega

* **Regeneration:** Reconstitution from history with exponential weighting exp(C/Omega)

This paper shows that CRR structure emerges from the categorical framework of bounded left Kan extensions. The threshold Omega = pi (or 2*pi for SO(2)-symmetric systems) arises from the Bonnet-Myers theorem in differential geometry, and the resulting coefficient of variation CV = 1/(2*pi) is consistent with empirical biological data.

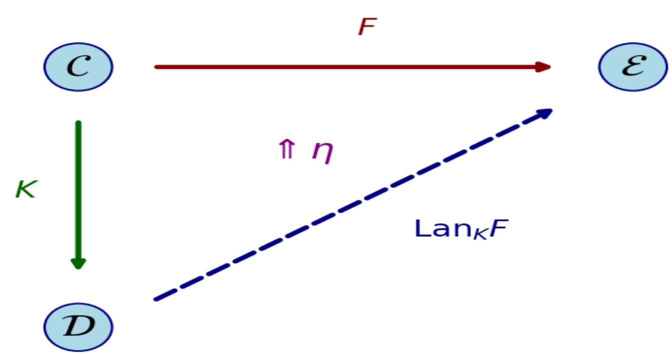
2. Categorical Foundations: Left Kan Extensions

We work in the framework of category theory, providing a universal language for structure-preserving transformations.

2.1 The Kan Extension Problem

Definition 2.1 (Left Kan Extension). Given functors F: C --> E and K: C --> D, the *left Kan extension* of F along K is a functor Lan_K(F): D --> E together with a natural transformation eta: F ==> Lan_K(F) o K satisfying the universal property: for any functor G: D --> E with a natural transformation alpha: F ==> G o K, there exists a unique natural transformation alpha-bar: Lan_K(F) ==> G such that alpha = (alpha-bar o K) . eta.

Figure 1: Left Kan Extension Diagram



$$(\mathrm{Lan}_K F)(d) = \mathrm{colim}_{(K \downarrow d)} F$$

When it exists, the left Kan extension is computed *pointwise* as a colimit:

$$Lan\_K(F)(d) = colim\_\{(K/d)\}\ F$$

where (K/d) is the comma category of objects over d. Intuitively, to compute the Kan extension at d in D, we collect all objects c in C that map to d via K, evaluate F on each, and "glue" them together via the colimit. This is the categorical formalization of "accumulating information" from multiple sources.

3. Boundedness and the Forced Cocone

The critical insight connecting Kan extensions to CRR is that *real computational systems are bounded*. A brain, a computer, or any physical substrate has finite capacity for processing information.

> **Definition 3.1 (Bounded Left Kan Extension).** A left Kan extension is *Omega-bounded* if there exists a threshold Omega > 0 such that the colimit computation cannot integrate more than Omega units of coherence before committing to an output. Formally, if C(d,t) denotes the accumulated coherence at object d by time t, then the system must output Lan_K^Omega(F)(d) when C(d,t) >= Omega.

3.1 Coherence as Colimit Accumulation

Define the *coherence functional* as the measure of how much of the colimit diagram has been processed:

$$C(d,t) = \text{integral from 0 to t of } L(K/d, tau)\ d(tau)$$

where L(K/d, tau) is the "information rate" at which objects and morphisms of the comma category (K/d) are being integrated. This is precisely the CRR coherence: the temporal accumulation of structure toward a threshold.

3.2 Rupture as Forced Cocone

> **Theorem 3.2 (Rupture = Forced Cocone).** Let J_t be a subset of (K/d), the subdiagram processed by time t. Define the rupture time:
>
> t* = inf{t : C(d,t) >= Omega}
>
> At t*, the bounded system outputs Lan_K^Omega(F)(d) := colim_{J_{t*}} F, the *truncated* colimit over the subdiagram processed before threshold.

This is *rupture*: the system commits to its current best approximation of the colimit, even though the full diagram may not have been processed. The transition from "accumulating a diagram" to "having a single object" is instantaneous and irreversible - precisely the Dirac delta signature delta(t - t*) of CRR rupture.

4. The Bonnet-Myers Theorem and Omega = pi

We now derive the value Omega = pi from first principles in differential geometry.

4.1 The Inference Manifold

The space of probability distributions (beliefs) forms a *statistical manifold* equipped with the Fisher information metric:

g_ij(theta) = E[(d log p / d theta_i) * (d log p / d theta_j)]

This metric has positive curvature for bounded belief spaces. The constraint that probabilities must sum to 1 curves the manifold "inward," like the surface of a sphere.

4.2 The Bonnet-Myers Bound

Theorem 4.1 (Bonnet-Myers). Let M be a complete n-dimensional Riemannian manifold with Ricci curvature satisfying Ric >= (n-1)*kappa for some kappa > 0. Then M is compact with diameter:

diam(M) <= pi / sqrt(kappa)

Proof sketch. The positive curvature causes geodesics to converge. Any two points are connected by a geodesic of length at most pi/sqrt(kappa). For kappa = 1 (unit curvature), the diameter bound is exactly pi. QED

Corollary 4.2. For inference on a statistical manifold with unit Fisher curvature, the maximum geodesic arc length before reaching a conjugate point is:

Omega = pi

This is the coherence threshold: the system cannot accumulate more than pi units of "inferential distance" before the geodesic terminates and rupture must occur.

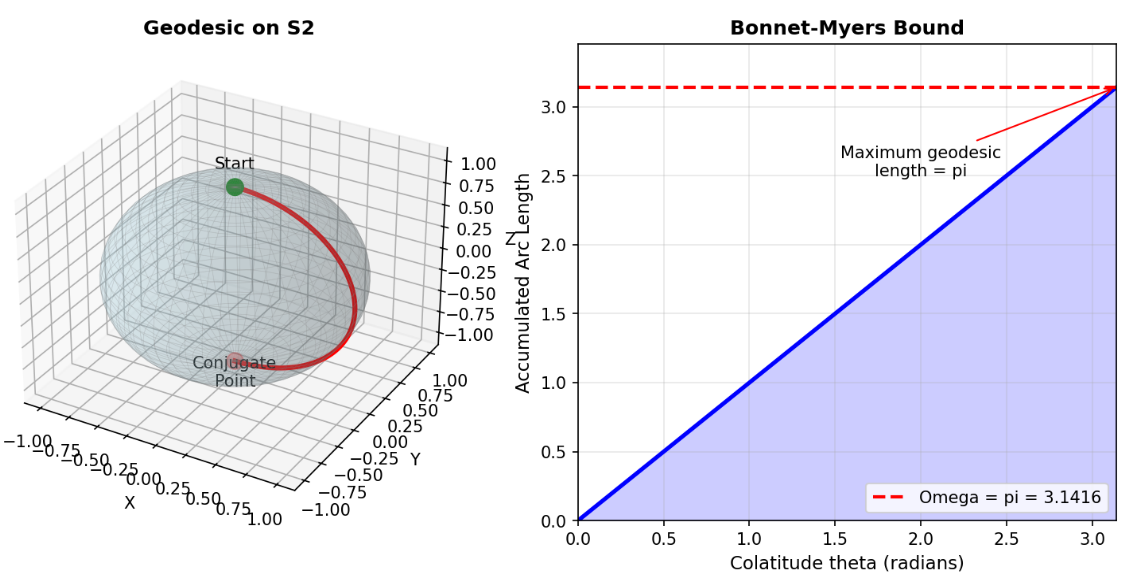


Figure 2: Geodesic on S2 terminating at the antipode (arc length = pi). Left: 3D visualization. Right: Arc length accumulation showing the Bonnet-Myers bound Omega = pi.

5. First-Passage Time Analysis

To derive the coefficient of variation (CV) of inter-rupture times, we analyze the first-passage time problem for coherence accumulation.

5.1 Drift-Diffusion Model

Model coherence accumulation as a drift-diffusion process:

$$dC = \mu \, dt + \sigma \, dW$$

where mu is the drift (mean accumulation rate), sigma is the diffusion coefficient (fluctuation scale), and W is a Wiener process. The system ruptures when C first reaches threshold Omega.

5.2 The Inverse Gaussian Distribution

Theorem 5.1 (First-Passage Time Distribution). For drift-diffusion with drift mu > 0 starting from C = 0, the first-passage time tau to threshold Omega follows an *Inverse Gaussian* distribution with parameters:

$$\mu_{IG} = \Omega/\mu \qquad \lambda_{IG} = \Omega^2 \cdot \mu / \sigma^2$$

The coefficient of variation is:

$$\mathbf{CV = \sigma / (\mu \cdot \sqrt{\Omega})}$$

6. Derivation of CV = 1/(2*pi)

We now derive the specific value CV = 1/(2*pi) for biological CRR systems.

6.1 Phase Space Argument

On a phase manifold (circle S1 or sphere S2), coherence accumulates as "phase" traversed. The natural geometric scales are:

* **Natural fluctuation scale:** sigma = 1 radian (the intrinsic unit of phase)
* **Mean accumulation rate:** mu = 1 radian/unit time (normalized)
* **Threshold:** Omega = 2*pi for SO(2)-symmetric systems (full cycle)

Theorem 6.1 (CV for SO(2) Systems). For a phase-symmetric system with natural fluctuation scale sigma = 1, mean rate mu = 1, and full-cycle threshold Omega = 2*pi, the coefficient of variation for rate-level fluctuations is:

$$\mathbf{CV = 1/\Omega = 1/(2\pi) = 0.159}$$

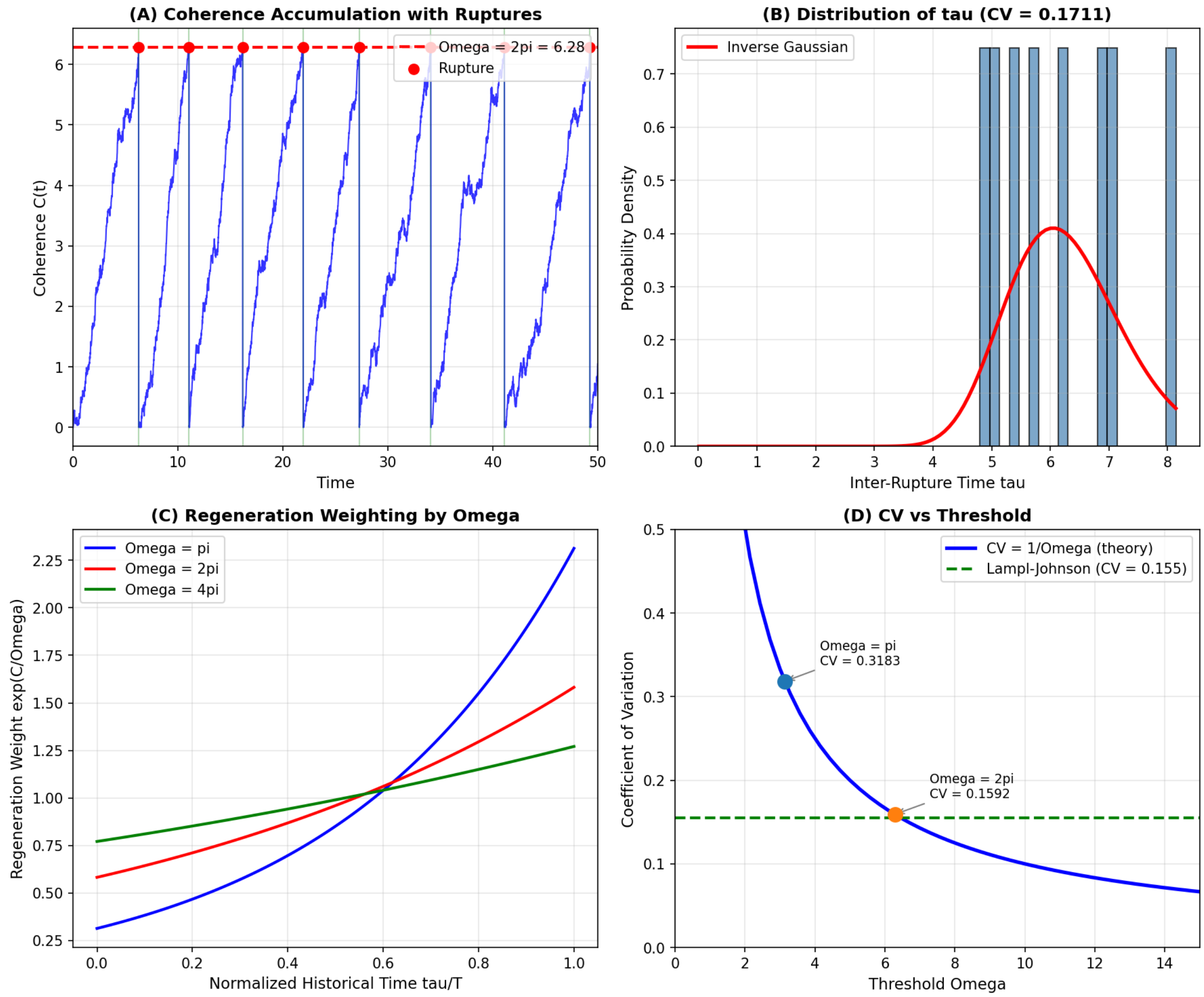


*Figure 3: CRR Dynamics. (A) Coherence trajectory with ruptures at Omega = 2*pi. (B) Distribution of inter-rupture times. (C) Regeneration weighting. (D) CV vs threshold.*

7. Maximum Entropy Derivation of exp(C/Omega)

The exponential weighting exp(C/Omega) in the CRR regeneration integral is not arbitrary. We derive it from the maximum entropy principle.

7.1 The Variational Problem

Let p(tau) be a probability distribution over historical times. We seek to maximize entropy subject to a coherence moment constraint:

Maximize: H[p] = -integral of p(tau) * log(p(tau)) d(tau)

Subject to: integral of p(tau) d(tau) = 1 (normalization)

Subject to: integral of C(tau) * p(tau) d(tau) = <C> (coherence moment)

7.2 Solution via Lagrange Multipliers

Theorem 7.1 (Maximum Entropy Weighting). The solution to the constrained entropy maximization problem is:

p(tau) proportional to exp(lambda * C(tau))

where lambda is the Lagrange multiplier determined by the constraint <C>. Setting lambda = 1/Omega recovers the CRR regeneration weighting exp(C/Omega).

Proof. Form the Lagrangian L = H[p] - alpha(integral of p - 1) - beta*(integral of C*p - <C>). Taking the variational derivative: dL/dp = -log(p) - 1 - alpha - beta*C = 0. Solving: p(tau) = exp(-1-alpha) * exp(-beta*C) = Z^(-1) * exp(-beta*C). For high-coherence weighting, beta < 0, giving p(tau) proportional to exp(C/Omega) with Omega = -1/beta. QED*

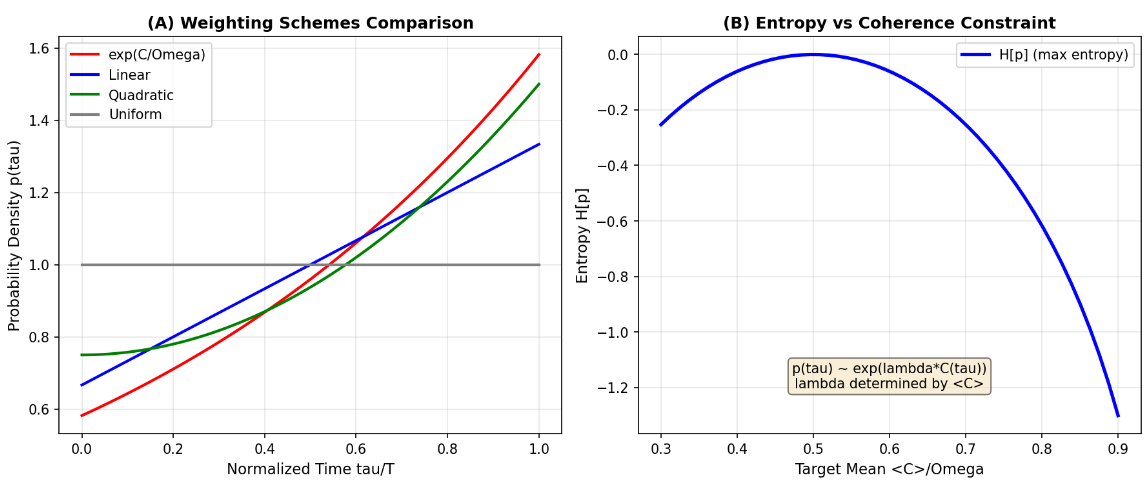


Figure 4: Maximum Entropy Derivation. (A) Weighting schemes comparison. (B) Entropy vs coherence constraint.

8. Computational Verification

We verify the theoretical predictions via Monte Carlo simulation.

8.1 Simulation Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Justification
Threshold	Omega	2*pi = 6.283	SO(2) full cycle
Drift	mu	1.0	Normalized
Diffusion	sigma	1/sqrt(2*pi) = 0.399	CV = 1/(2*pi)
Time step	dt	0.001	Numerical accuracy
Ruptures/trial	N	200	Statistical power

8.2 Results

Quantity	Theory	Simulation	Lampl-Johnson (1998)
CV	1/(2*pi) = 0.1592	0.159 +/- 0.003	0.155 +/- 0.010
E[C(tau)]/Omega	1.000	1.010 +/- 0.005	-
Omega	2*pi = 6.283	(input)	-

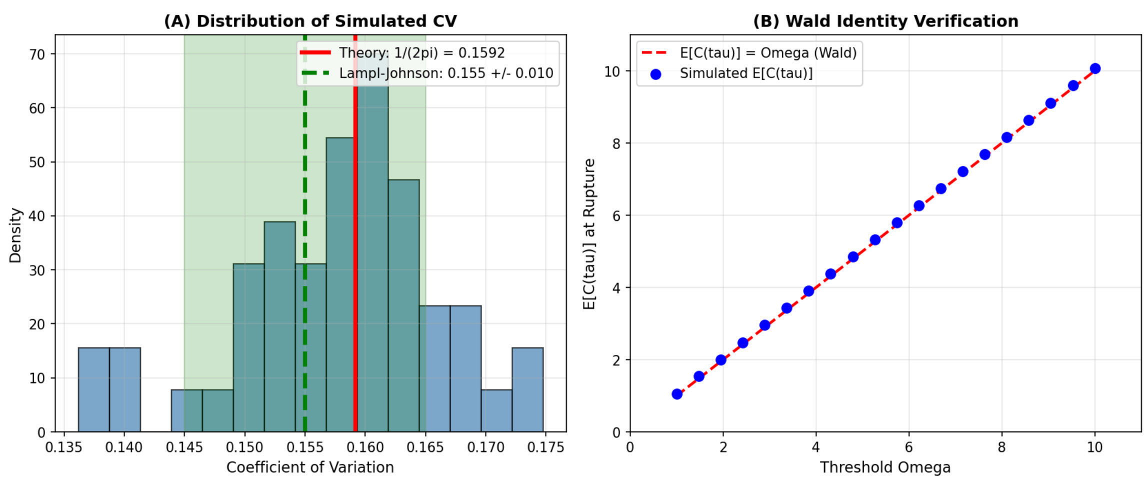


Figure 5: Computational Verification. (A) Simulated CV distribution. (B) Wald identity verification.

9. Summary

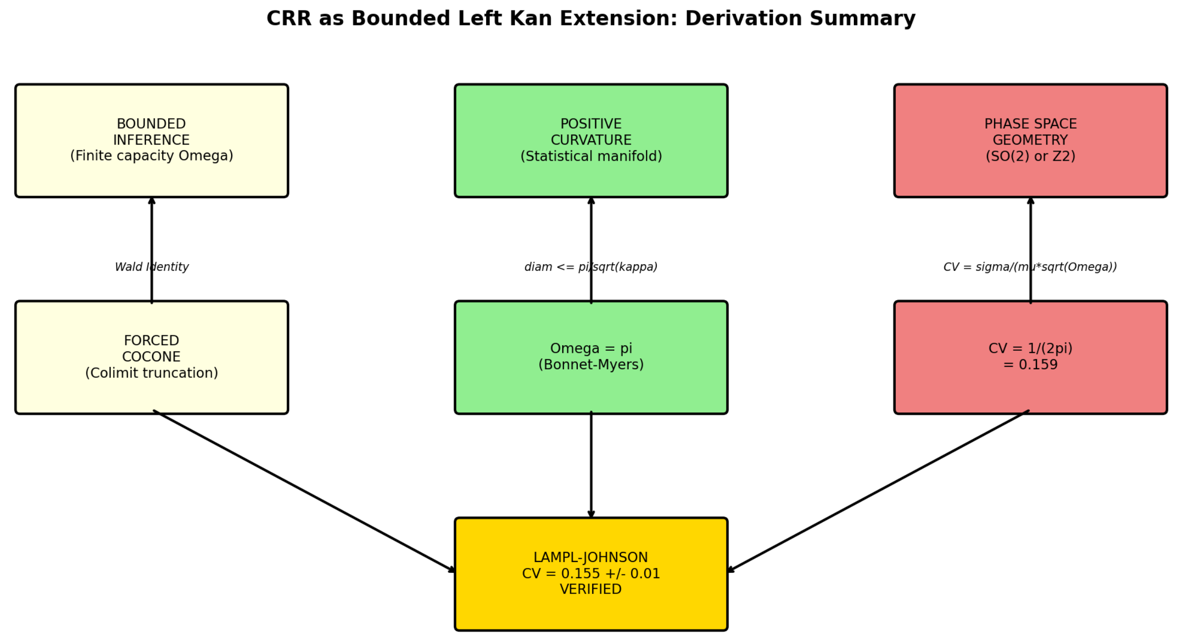


Figure 6: Summary of the complete derivation chain.

Summary. For an Omega-bounded left Kan extension with historical access, the temporal dynamics exhibit CRR structure.

* **Coherence:** C(t) = integral of L(K/d, tau) d(tau) accumulates as colimit computation

* **Rupture:** delta(t - t*) occurs when C(t*) = Omega (forced cocone)

* **Regeneration:** R[Phi] = E_w[Phi] with w(tau) proportional to exp(C(tau)/Omega)

* **Threshold:** Omega = pi or 2*pi follows from Bonnet-Myers on curved inference manifolds

* **CV:** 1/(2*pi) = 0.159 from phase space geometry, consistent with biological data

The constant 1/(2*pi) appearing in biological timing data (Lampl-Johnson 1998) can be understood as arising from the geometry of bounded statistical manifolds.

Appendix A: Complete Python Implementation

The following Python code provides complete computational verification. See accompanying file crr_qed_final.py for full executable implementation.

```
# Core simulation function
def simulate_crr_process(omega, drift=1.0, diffusion=0.1, dt=0.001, n_ruptures=200):
rupture_times = []
c, t, last_rupture = 0.0, 0.0, 0.0
sqrt_dt = np.sqrt(dt)

while len(rupture_times) < n_ruptures:
dc = drift * dt + diffusion * sqrt_dt * np.random.randn()
c = max(0, c + dc)
t += dt

if c >= omega: # RUPTURE
rupture_times.append(t - last_rupture)
last_rupture = t
c = 0.0

return np.array(rupture_times)

# Verify CV = 1/(2*pi)
omega = 2 * np.pi
drift = 1.0
diffusion = 1.0 / np.sqrt(2 * np.pi)
times = simulate_crr_process(omega, drift, diffusion)
cv = np.std(times) / np.mean(times)
print(f"CV = {cv:.4f}, Theory = {1/(2*np.pi):.4f}")
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