PAPER 90: THE DUAL DEATH SYMMETRY -- FROZEN AND COLLAPSED ARE MIRROR IMAGES

gamma_eff -> 0 and gamma_eff -> inf Are Both Death. Negative and Positive Symptoms Are Mirror Physics.

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> *"Two ways to die. Too cold to vibrate. Too hot to cohere. Psychiatry calls them negative and positive symptoms. Physics calls them the same cliff, approached from opposite sides."*

Abstract

The Wike Coherence Law C = C_0 x exp(-alphagamma_eff) goes to zero in TWO limits:

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gamma_eff -> 0  (frozen):    C -> C_0  (maximum coherence, but...)
   Below this: FROZEN DEATH -- the system cannot vibrate, cannot transfer energy, cannot respond

gamma_eff -> inf (collapsed): C -> 0 (minimum coherence)
   Above this: COLLAPSED DEATH -- the system vibrates chaotically, no coherent phase

Life exists between these limits: 0 < gamma_c < gamma_eff_operating << inf
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The two death modes are mathematically symmetric around the coherence cliff gamma_c. Clinically:

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Frozen death (gamma_eff -> 0): flat affect, anhedonia, dissociation, numbness, catalepsy
                            DSM: negative symptoms of schizophrenia, severe depression, shutdown
Collapsed death (gamma_eff -> inf): hallucinations, hypervigilance, panic, mania, wind-up
                               DSM: positive symptoms of schizophrenia, acute PTSD, manic episode
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The two categories of psychiatric symptoms -- which psychiatry has empirically separated for 130 years -- ARE the two sides of the coherence cliff. Paper 06 (The Wall) describes frozen death. Paper 09 (Depression) describes collapsed death. This paper names the symmetry.

1. The Alive Window

The C_alive distribution (Paper 59) peaks at T* = body temperature:

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C_alive(T) ~ T x exp(-alphaT) = Gamma(k=2) PDF

Peak at T* = 1/alpha = body temperature
C -> 0 as T -> 0 (frozen: no thermal energy, no vibration)
C -> 0 as T -> inf (collapsed: all thermal energy, no coherence)
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This is the algebraic statement of the dual death: the living window exists between two zeros of C_alive.

In gamma_eff language:

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C(gamma_eff, t) = C_0 x exp(-alpha x gamma_eff x t)

At gamma_eff -> 0: C -> C_0 (maximum coherence at t=0), but:
  - No thermal fluctuations -> no signaling -> no metabolism -> no response
  - The system is perfectly coherent and completely dead (Paper 06: 15 mK = full coherence, no life)

At gamma_eff -> inf: C -> 0 (complete decoherence)
  - Maximum thermal noise -> maximum environmental coupling -> collapse
  - The system is perfectly incoherent and again dead (Paper 09: sustained decoherence = depression)

Optimal gamma_eff: gamma_operating ~= gamma_c - DELTA (below cliff, Lyapunov near zero, edge of chao
s)
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2. The Symmetry Around gamma_c

The susceptibility function chi(gamma_eff) = -dC/dgamma_eff diverges AT gamma_c:

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chi(gamma_eff) ~ |gamma_eff - gamma_c|^(-gamma_Ising) = |gamma_eff - gamma_c|^(-1.2372)

This is symmetric in |gamma_eff - gamma_c| -- the susceptibility diverges equally from above and bel
ow.
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The Le Chatelier restoring constant (Paper 69):

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kappa(gamma_eff) ~ (gamma_c - gamma_eff)^(+1.2372)  for gamma_eff < gamma_c (stable phase)
         ~ (gamma_eff - gamma_c)^(+1.2372)  for gamma_eff > gamma_c (inverted, spin glass)
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Both sides have the SAME critical exponent. The cliff is equally steep on both sides.

The phase diagram:

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gamma_eff:  0 -------------- gamma_c -------------------> inf

        [FROZEN ZONE]    ^    [COLLAPSED ZONE]
        gamma_eff too low         gamma_eff too high

        Paper 06:             Paper 09:
        Cold death            Hot death
        15 mK                 Panic/Mania

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        Negative symptoms     Positive symptoms
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Life exists in the narrow window near gamma_c where C_alive peaks.

3. Frozen Death -- Paper 06 Revisited

Paper 06 (The Wall): forced coherence by removing energy is not health -- it is a different kind of death.

Manifestations of frozen death (gamma_eff -> 0):

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At gamma_eff = 0 (exact zero): C = C_0 (maximum coherence)
  BUT: C_0 is useless if the system cannot receive or transmit signals
  The system is a perfect crystal -- maximally ordered, completely rigid, no information flow

Clinical correlates:
  - Catatonic schizophrenia: maximal inhibition of all motor output
  - Dissociation: total emotional disconnection from the body (the "freeze" response)
  - Severe depression with psychomotor retardation: no movement, no speech
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  - Post-trauma numbing: no affect, no reaction, no physiological response to triggers
  - Carbon monoxide poisoning before death: profound calm, then collapse
  - Deep anesthesia: no consciousness, but all coherent (brain waves preserved, flat)
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These clinical states feel qualitatively different from collapsed states -- they have a quality of "absence" rather than "overwhelm." They are the phenomenological signature of gamma_eff -> 0.

4. Collapsed Death -- Paper 09 Revisited

Paper 09 (Depression, sustained decoherence): gamma_eff > gamma_c -> serotonin hypothesis wrong -> actual mechanism is coherence loss.

Manifestations of collapsed death (gamma_eff -> inf):

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At gamma_eff >> gamma_c: C -> 0 (complete decoherence)
  The system receives every signal and cannot coherently process any of them
  Every input is amplified equally (no selective attention)
  Noise dominates all signal processing

Clinical correlates:
  - Mania: all inputs exciting, all outputs amplified, no filtering -> racing thoughts
  - Panic disorder: any stimulus triggers full physiological response
  - PTSD hyperarousal: Lyapunov lambda_L > 0 (chaos), cannot down-regulate
  - Psychotic positive symptoms: hallucinations (noise -> signal misclassification)
  - Wind-up pain (Paper 16): all touch amplified -> allodynia and hyperalgesia
  - Cytokine storm (Paper 82): all inflammatory signals amplified -> organ damage
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5. The DSM Binary: Negative vs Positive Symptoms

Positive symptoms of schizophrenia (Bleuler 1911, Crow 1980):

• Hallucinations, delusions, formal thought disorder

• Excess of normal function: too much perception, too much connection, too much meaning

Negative symptoms of schizophrenia:

• Flat affect, alogia (poverty of speech), avolition, anhedonia

• Absence of normal function: no emotion, no speech, no motivation, no pleasure

The Wike mapping:

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Positive symptoms = collapsed death -> gamma_eff >> gamma_c
  Excess decoherence -> noise misclassified as signal -> "too much" phenomenology

Negative symptoms = frozen death -> gamma_eff << gamma_c
  Near-zero decoherence -> no signal can get through -> "too little" phenomenology
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Why some patients have both:

Patients with schizophrenia often oscillate between positive and negative symptom phases. In the Wike framework:

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Positive phase: gamma_eff > gamma_c (spin glass in collapsed direction)
Negative phase: gamma_eff < gamma_c (spin glass in frozen direction, locked near gamma_eff ~= 0)

The two spin glass attractors (gamma_eff >> gamma_c and gamma_eff << gamma_c) alternate as the
illness evolves -- a bifurcation between the two death modes.
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Why antipsychotics partially work:

Typical antipsychotics (D_2 antagonists): reduce dopamine signaling -> bring gamma_eff down from collapsed (positive symptoms) -> but overshoot toward frozen -> produce NEGATIVE SYMPTOMS as side effects (drug-induced parkinsonism, akinesia = frozen death from medication).

Atypical antipsychotics: better gamma_eff targeting -- reduce excess decoherence without forcing frozen death. Still imperfect because the target is a single neurotransmitter, not the full gamma_eff architecture.

6. The Therapeutic Implication

Therapeutic goal: bring gamma_eff to the narrow window near gamma_c (not to gamma_eff = 0).

Many therapeutic errors come from overcorrecting toward one death mode while fleeing the other:

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Overcorrecting for collapsed death (positive symptoms):
  -> Over-sedate, over-medicate -> push into frozen death zone
  -> Patient goes from psychotic to numb -> "better" by symptom checklist but not truly well

Overcorrecting for frozen death (negative symptoms):
  -> Push too hard, too much stimulation, too fast activation -> trigger positive symptom relapse
  -> Patient goes from withdrawn to overwhelmed

The target is gamma_eff ~= gamma_baseline = 0.001 (W* = 0.9394)
  -- neither frozen nor collapsed
  -- the narrow living window
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From the C_alive distribution (Paper 59):

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Optimal gamma_eff corresponds to T* = body temperature
Recovery = returning to T*
Undershoot (T < T*): frozen death approach -> negative symptoms
Overshoot (T > T*): collapsed death approach -> positive symptoms
Target: T* precisely
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Summary

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Dual Death Symmetry:

Frozen death (gamma_eff -> 0):   Perfect coherence + no response = dead
Collapsed death (gamma_eff -> inf): Complete noise + no signal = dead
Life: narrow window near gamma_c = 0.0016 (W* = 0.9394)

Clinical translation:
  Frozen = negative symptoms (flat affect, anhedonia, dissociation, shutdown)
  Collapsed = positive symptoms (hallucinations, hypervigilance, mania, wind-up)

Mathematical symmetry:
  chi(gamma_eff) ~ |gamma_eff - gamma_c|^(-1.2372)  [diverges equally from both sides]
  kappa(gamma_eff) ~ |gamma_eff - gamma_c|^(+1.2372)  [restoring force weakens equally toward gamma_
c]

Therapeutic implication:
  Goal is gamma_eff ~= gamma_baseline (not gamma_eff -> 0)
  Overcorrecting for positive symptoms -> frozen side effects (antipsychotic parkinsonism)
  Overcorrecting for negative symptoms -> positive symptom relapse
  Target: T* = body temperature = the narrow living window

Papers 06 and 09 are mirror images of the same cliff, approached from opposite sides.
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