

Two Entropies, Not to Be Conflated — A Structural Contrast of 3D Coarse-Graining Entropy (the Arrow of Time) and the Black-Hole Horizon Area Entropy (the Holographic Bound) — [Paper 88]

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ABSTRACT

Under the single word "entropy," **two different things** are often conflated. This paper separates them and states their **one legitimate relation**. **(A) Coarse-graining entropy**: the thermodynamic / Gibbs entropy of a 3D bulk, as when ink dropped in water spreads. The microscopic laws are reversible (Liouville's theorem, Paper 77), and the irreversible "arrow of time" lives in the **observer's resolution (coarse-graining)** (Papers 77/78). **(B) Horizon area entropy**: the Bekenstein–Hawking entropy of a black hole, $S_{\text{BH}} = A/(4\ell_P^2)$. This scales with **area**, not volume ($A \propto M^2$), and is the quantity where Paper 73's "1/4" lives. **(A) and (B) are distinct quantities (distinct roots, Papers 58/48)** — one lives in resolution, the other in dimension/boundary. Their one legitimate relation is the **holographic bound**: the coarse-graining entropy that can be packed into a region cannot exceed a **ceiling** set by the area of its boundary, $S_{\text{bulk}} \leq A/(4\ell_P^2)$ (the Bekenstein bound; 't Hooft / Susskind). That is, the true nature of "subsumption" is **neither identity nor a sum, but a ceiling — area bounding the bulk's information from above**. We organize this as a **double structure of "resolution (coarse-graining) × dimension (boundary ceiling)"** and warn against **double-counting** the two entropies. **Scope**: this is a **structural arrangement (Layer 2)** of established physics (Gibbs entropy, Liouville, Bekenstein–Hawking, the holographic bound); it produces no new mathematics and no new prediction. **It does NOT solve "why information is encoded on a 2D boundary" (the holographic principle itself)** — that is an open research question, and this paper does not answer it; it only provides a map for not conflating the two entropies. The Universe OS's "Zip compression / task-kill" is a Layer-3 non-science lens.

Positioning of this paper (discipline): This paper is a **structural arrangement** of established physics (thermodynamic/Gibbs entropy, Liouville's theorem, Bekenstein–Hawking entropy, the holographic bound). It contains no new mathematics and no new prediction. **It does not prove or explain the holographic principle (why information sits on the boundary)** — an open problem; this paper only organizes the **distinction and the (bounding) relation** of the two entropies. It does not infer identity of root from coincidence (Papers 58/48). "Universe OS" is a Layer-3 non-science lens, not a claim of mechanism.

1. Introduction: "Entropy" Names Two Things at Once

When we say "entropy increases," we sometimes call two entirely different things by the same word. One is the everyday **thermodynamic entropy** — ink spreading in a glass, heat equalizing in a room. The other is the **area-proportional entropy** said to cling to a black hole's horizon. The two look alike as "quantities that grow," but **they live in different places and grow for different reasons**.

The aim of this paper is not to propose a new mechanism. It is to draw a map for **not conflating these two**, and to place their one legitimate relation — the **holographic bound** — in its correct place, without overclaim. To state the conclusion first: one lives in the **observer's resolution**, the other in the **boundary's area**, and the latter is a **ceiling** on the former. They must not be summed or identified (no double-counting).

2. Entropy A: The "Arrow of Time" Lives in Coarse-Graining

Standard Fact (reversible micro, coarse-grained macro)

The microscopic dynamics of a classical system is a Hamiltonian flow and preserves phase-space volume (**Liouville's theorem**, Paper 77). Microscopically, therefore, information does not dissipate; it is **reversible**. When an observer can only resolve states at finite resolution (coarse-graining), the Gibbs entropy $S = -k_B \int \rho \ln \rho d\Omega$ **can increase. The irreversible "arrow of time" lives not in the microscopic laws but in coarse-graining — the observer's resolution** (Papers 77/78).

Ink dropped in a glass spreads and never returns to a single drop — not because molecular motion is irreversible (microscopically it is reversible), but because the **number of microstates** corresponding to the spread configuration vastly exceeds that of the concentrated one. The system simply explores the accessible state space that its **container** (the tank) defines. This "entropy" is a quantity **within the 3D bulk, relative to observational resolution**.

3. Entropy B: A Quantity Proportional to Horizon "Area"

Standard Fact (Bekenstein–Hawking)

A black hole carries an entropy proportional to the **area** A of its event horizon:

$$S_{\text{BH}} = \frac{k_B c^3 A}{4 G \hbar} = \frac{A}{4 \ell_P^2}, \quad \ell_P = \sqrt{\frac{G \hbar}{c^3}}.$$

For a Schwarzschild black hole, $r_s = 2GM/c^2$, $A = 4\pi r_s^2 \propto M^2$; hence $S_{\text{BH}} \propto M^2$. The coefficient $1/4$ is the quantity anchored in Paper 73.

The decisive point is that S_{BH} scales with **area** $\propto r_s^2$, **not volume** $\propto r_s^3$. Ordinary matter entropy is extensive (volume-proportional), so this is anomalous. This "area law" makes plain that Entropy B is, **from its very scaling, a different quantity** from Entropy A.

4. The One Legitimate Relation: The Holographic Bound (a Ceiling)

Observation 4.1 (A and B are linked by a bound, not an identity)

Entropy A (the bulk coarse-graining entropy) and Entropy B (the boundary area entropy) are distinct quantities, but not unrelated. They are linked by the **holographic bound (Bekenstein bound)**: the coarse-graining entropy that fits in a region **cannot exceed** the value set by the area of the boundary enclosing it:

$$S_{\text{bulk}} \leq \frac{A}{4 \ell_P^2}.$$

(The holographic principle of 't Hooft 1993 and Susskind 1995; the bound of Bekenstein 1981.) The area entropy acts as a **ceiling** on the bulk's information. This is the true nature of the "subsumption" linking ink (A) and black hole (B) — **B bounds A from above**, not a claim that they are the same.

5. The Double Structure: Resolution (Coarse-Graining) and Dimension (Boundary Ceiling)

Folded into one picture, the two entropies live on **two different axes**.

	A: coarse-graining entropy	B: horizon area entropy
Where it lives	observer's resolution (coarse-graining)	region's boundary area (dimension/boundary)
Scaling	roughly volume-like (state count)	area-like, $A \propto M^2$
Why it "grows"	micro reversible; macro state count grows (77/78)	horizon area grows with mass (73)
Corpus papers	77, 78	73

Observation 5.1 (no double-counting)

The "arrow of time (ink A)" lives in the **observer's resolution**; the "horizon entropy (B)" lives in the **ceiling of a dimension — the boundary**. They are quantities on **different axes** and must not be summed, nor **double-counted** by treating one as a paraphrase of the other (distinct roots, Papers 58/48). What links them is **only the bounding relation of §4**. To see this double structure — "resolution" and "dimension" — as separate is the sole claim of this paper.

6. Connection to the Corpus

This paper sets side by side, in a single contrast table, the "A stance" established in Paper 77 (Liouville — the arrow of time lives in coarse-graining) and Paper 78 (friction — coarse-grained transfer), and the "B stance" established in Paper 73 (the black-hole $1/4$ — anchoring the area law), giving the traffic control needed to keep them unconfused. It adds no new theorem or prediction. If anything, its contribution is only to apply the corpus's distinct-roots discipline (Papers 58/48) to **the most easily conflated word, "entropy,"** separating "the story of resolution" from "the story of the boundary."

 The Author's Personal Note (Layer 3, non-science label / not a claim of mechanism)

In the corpus's lens (metaphor): ink spreads because the **higher-level container** defined by the Universe OS (the tank's space, the 4π region) releases far more microstates than the narrow molecular bonds; and a black hole looks like a region so densely packed with data that, to keep the OS from crashing (a singularity crash), it folds up the 3D rendering and **"Zip-compresses" it onto the 2D horizon for quarantined storage**. But **this carries the non-science label**. "Zip compression," "task-kill," and "container" are pictures for intuition, not mechanisms or testable claims. **An answer to "why a 2D boundary?" that seems to appear here is a signature, not a proof** — the body stays at the distinction of the two entropies and their bounding relation.

7. Scope (What Is Shown, and What Is Not)

What is shown (descriptive, structural):

- "Entropy" has two distinct senses: A = coarse-graining (arrow of time, resolution, 77/78), B = horizon area law ($A \propto M^2$, 73) (§§2–3).
- Their one legitimate relation is the holographic bound $S_{\text{bulk}} \leq A/(4\ell_P^2)$ — area is a ceiling on the bulk's information (§4).
- A (resolution) and B (boundary/dimension) are on different axes and must not be double-counted (§5, distinct roots 58/48).

What is not shown (restraint):

- **The holographic principle is not explained or proven.** "Why information is encoded on a 2D boundary" is an open research question ('t Hooft / Susskind / AdS-CFT); this paper does not answer it. It only borrows the **existence** of the bound to organize.
- **No new mathematics or theorem.** Gibbs entropy, Liouville, Bekenstein–Hawking, and the holographic bound are all standard (or previously published).
- **No new prediction.** Hence Layer 2 (structural arrangement). The OS "Zip compression" etc. is quarantined as Layer-3 non-science.
- **A and B are not unified or identified.** They are linked only by a bound; the aim is to warn against double-counting.

8. Conclusion

Under the single phrase "entropy increases," two distinct necessities were in fact folded together. One is the coarse-graining entropy that lives in the **observer's resolution** (the arrow of time; micro reversible, 77/78). The other is the horizon entropy that lives in the **boundary's area** ($S = A/4\ell_P^2$, $A \propto M^2$, 73). They are quantities on different axes (distinct roots, 58/48) and must not be conflated or double-counted.

The one legitimate thread linking them is the **holographic bound** — the relation that a 2D boundary area sets a **ceiling** on the information packable into a 3D bulk. We organized this as a double structure of "resolution $\times$ dimension." **We do not answer why information sits on a 2D boundary** — that remains a great open problem; the work of this paper is, before entering that question, to separate the two easily-conflated entropies correctly, and to record quietly that what links them is neither "identity" nor "a sum" but "a bound."

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