The Identity

Artist's Proof 08

General Relativity

Einstein's field equations derived from the record algebra

§0. Status and Dependency

What this paper does. Derives the scale-spanning identity from the four axioms of the record algebra, through the embedding hypothesis, to its two known limits. Six steps:

Step 1: Record density is defined on the embedded manifold (§4). **Step 2:** Symmetry constraints from the axioms force the Poisson equation in the weak-field static limit (§5).

Step 3: The coefficient is identified through The Lock (§6) — honest circularity disclosed: κ not independently computed.

Step 4: Lovelock's theorem (1971) forces the full covariant tensor form: Einstein's field equations plus cosmological constant (§9).

Step 5: Consistency checks: strong-field (Hawking temperature) in §7, weak-/strong-field recovery in §9.5. **Step 6:** The complete nonlinear structure contains both the Newtonian linearisation and the Einsteinian full curve (§8).

Dependencies. AP01, Paper D, Phase 1: Axioms {S, B, R, C} independent and consistent (Theorems 1.1–1.5) — load-bearing.

AP01, Paper D, Phase 2a: Under EH + QRA, Lorentzian manifold (M, g) with signature (−, +, +, +) and symmetry group SO(1, N) (Propositions 2.1–2.4) — load-bearing.

Edition 04 (The Lock): ε = electron, $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$ — load-bearing for coefficient identification (§6), non-load-bearing for form derivation (§§5, 9).

AP06 (The Leakage Constant), Theorem 3.1: $\varepsilon > 0$ whenever c is finite — required for strong-field verification (§7) only.

Scope. The form of the gravitational field identity is derived from the record algebra. The Poisson equation (§5) and Einstein's field equations (§9) are both derived from symmetry constraints plus uniqueness theorems.

The coefficient is identified, not independently computed. The cosmological constant is predicted to exist (Lovelock) but its value is not determined.

No part of the form derivation assumes Newton's law, Einstein's equations, or empirical gravitational measurements.

Axiom mapping. Axiom S → two disjoint sectors with involution σ, providing the pre-state from which the condensate emerges; the eye topology (§8) is the sector structure read on the manifold.

Axiom B → one element ε, no σ-image; every record is an ε-event; under The Lock, ε = electron; $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$ is the gravitational expression of the break.

Axiom R → monoid, not group; provides source $\rho(x) \geq 0$, linearity motivation, divergence-free condition (bridge step), arrow of time.

Axiom C → finite rate c; provides Lorentzian signature, locality, event horizon, the c in $8\pi G/c^4$.

Outstanding debts. D1 (Independent computation of κ): $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$ is identified, not computed; κ structurally inaccessible (§6.2) (KS-I.4). D2 (Value of Λ): cosmological constant predicted to exist, value not determined (KS-I.7).

D3 (R → $\nabla_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ bridge): mapping from discrete record monotonicity to covariant conservation is a bridge step (KS-I.8). D4 (One-loop correction to coefficient): not computed.

Kill switches. KS-I.1: LIVE — HARD, axiom-to-Poisson chain (§5). KS-I.2: LIVE — HARD, Lovelock chain (§9). KS-I.3: LIVE — HARD, coefficient identification (§6). KS-I.4: LIVE — HARD, κ inaccessibility (§6.2).

KS-I.5: LIVE — EMPIRICAL, curvature-record identity (§§4–9). KS-I.6: CLOSED by AP10 — N = 3 derived. KS-I.7: LIVE — EMPIRICAL, cosmological constant (§9.3). KS-I.8: LIVE — HARD, R → conservation bridge (§9.1, §9.4).

Eight kill switches. One already closed. Seven live. The argument shows you where every joint can crack.

Structural relationships. AP03 (The Ratio): conjugacy of c and G; the coupling $8\pi G/c^4$ is the tensor expression. AP06 (The Leakage Constant): Theorem 3.1 required for Hawking verification.

AP09 (The Break — QM): quantum sector from same axioms; gravity and QM are two readings of one structure.

AP10 (The Dimension): derives N = 3, closing KS-I.6. AP18 (The Floor): independent constraint on G via $a_0 \approx cH_0$. AP20 (The Proof): proves EH and QRA; forces G determined by ε.

AP21 (The Web): Energy-Measure Bridge constrains coupling from different direction.

§1 Notation Reference

S, B, R, C — the four axioms of the record algebra (Symmetry, Unique Breaking, Record Monotonicity, Finite Causal Bound)

ℓ, $\mathcal{P}$ — the two disjoint sectors (Axiom S)

σ — order-reversing involution between sectors

ε — the unique break element (Axiom B); identified with the electron via The Lock

ν(ε) = 1 — valuation of the break

EH — Embedding Hypothesis (discrete algebra → smooth manifold in large-N limit)

QRA — Quadratic Regularity Assumption (cone boundary differentiable and quadratic to leading order)

(M, g) — Lorentzian manifold produced by EH + QRA

n(x) — record number density at point x

ρ(x) — mass/energy density at point x (= record density in energy units)

Φ(x) — gravitational potential

κ — the pre-state's holding limit (maximum coherence before the break)

m_e — electron mass (9.109×10^{-31} kg)

G — gravitational constant (= $2\kappa/m_e^2$ via The Lock)

Gμν — Einstein tensor (= Rμν − ½Rgμν)

Tμν — stress-energy tensor (covariant record density)

Λ — cosmological constant (predicted to exist by Lovelock; value undetermined)

κ_H — surface gravity at an event horizon

T_H — Hawking temperature

c — finite causal bound (Axiom C); structural, not electromagnetic

§2 Axioms (Inherited)

Status: established — proven in AP01, Paper D, Phase 1.

Axiom S (Symmetry). Two disjoint sectors ℓ and 𝒫 with order-reversing involution σ. Extensive quantities match: Q(ℓ) = Q(𝒫) in the unbroken case.

Axiom B (Unique Breaking). One element ε ∈ ℓ with no σ-image. Valuation: ν(ℓ) − ν(𝒫) = ν(ε) = 1. The break.

Axiom R (Record Monotonicity). Sequential composition (·) forms a monoid, not a group, within each sector. No non-identity element has an inverse. Records cannot be annihilated locally. History is irreversible.

Axiom C (Constraint). Finite invariant rate c constraining sequential propagation. Structural, not electromagnetic.

These four axioms are independent (AP01, Paper D, Theorems 1.1–1.4) and consistent (AP01, Paper D, Theorem 1.5).

Bridge hypotheses. EH (Embedding Hypothesis): in the large-N limit, the discrete record algebra admits faithful embedding into a smooth manifold M.

Chains → timelike curves, antichains → spacelike hypersurfaces, rate bound → dx/dt ≤ c. QRA (Quadratic Regularity Assumption): the cone boundary is differentiable and quadratic to leading order in local coordinates.

Under EH + QRA, the record algebra produces a Lorentzian manifold (M, g) with signature (−, +, +, +) and symmetry group SO(1, N).

Proven in AP01, Paper D, Propositions 2.1–2.4. Special relativity is a theorem, not an assumption.

Identifications from the corpus. The Lock (Edition 04): ε = electron; the minimum stable excitation of the break; $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$, where κ is the pre-state's holding limit.

AP06, Theorem 3.1: $\varepsilon > 0$ whenever c is finite; no absorber is perfect; the boundary always leaks.

§3 The Condensate

Status: structural — from Axioms S and B, under EH.

Before the break (Axiom B), the system is the 1:1 — Axiom S without B. Two sectors, perfectly paired, net content zero. The break creates ε — one unpaired element.

Under EH, the large-N limit of accumulated records produces the smooth manifold (M, g).

The manifold is the condensate. Not a pre-existing container into which records are placed. The structure that emerges from the records' accumulation.

The condensate and the records are co-constitutive: without the condensate, records have nowhere to embed; without records, the condensate has no content.

The metric g on M encodes the condensate's geometry. Where the metric is flat, the condensate is unstressed. Where it curves, the condensate is folded. The curvature is determined by its own content.

You are standing on the condensate now.

The ground beneath your feet, the air around you, the light in your eyes — all of it is accumulated records embedded on the manifold that their accumulation created.

The geometry you walk through is the geometry of what has happened.

3.1 Mode 0 and Mode 1

The condensate admits two modes of description. Mode 0 is the metric g itself — the geometry, the background condition.

Mode 1 is propagation on the condensate — coupling events, the electron interacting with the electromagnetic field. Mode 1 requires Mode 0.

In the language of the axioms: Mode 0 is the structure that EH + QRA extract from the cumulative record algebra. Mode 1 is the individual record-writing events that continue to occur on that structure.

Gravity — the curvature of the condensate — is Mode 0.

§4 Record Density on the Manifold

Status: definition — formal construction under EH. Identification with matter density conditional on The Lock.

You have a manifold. You have records. The question is: how many records are there at each point? The answer is a number. That number is the density.

And that density — as you are about to see — is indistinguishable from what physics calls “matter.”

4.1 The definition

Under EH, each record r in the algebra embeds as an event e(r) on the manifold M. The embedding preserves causal order (Axiom R) and the rate bound (Axiom C).

Define the record number density:

n(x) = lim_{V→0} N(V) / |V| (4.1)

where N(V) is the number of embedded records in a spacetime volume V containing the point x, and |V| is the proper volume. A scalar field on M.

Weak-field static reduction (for §5). In the weak-field static regime, choose a local rest frame and a time-slicing compatible with the static source.

Over a small spacetime region $V \approx \Delta\tau \cdot \Sigma$, define the corresponding spatial record density $n_3(x)$ by time-averaging n(x) over $\Delta\tau$.

The source ρ(x) used in §5 is this static spatial density in energy/mass units (equivalently the leading-order rest-frame source entering T_{00}). §5 is the static weak-field reduction of the §4 construction, not a separate source definition.

4.2 Record density is matter density

Epistemic status: identification, conditional on The Lock (ε = electron). Requires the identification of ε with the electron; not a pure consequence of the axioms alone.

Every record is an ε-event (Axiom B). Under The Lock's identification ε = electron, every record involves an electron coupling event. Every coupling event involves energy exchange.

The energy associated with accumulated records at a point x is not a separate quantity from the energy density of matter at x. The mass density ρ(x) and the record density n(x) are related by:

$\rho(x) = n(x) \times \langle E \rangle / c^2$ (4.2)

where ⟨E⟩ is the average energy per record, an empirical quantity determined by the physics of electron coupling (not derived from the axioms), and c^2 converts to mass units. ⟨E⟩ may be x-dependent; equivalently, define $\varepsilon\_record(x) \equiv n(x)\langle E \rangle$ as the record energy density, and treat $\rho(x) \equiv \varepsilon\_record(x)/c^2$ as the local mass-equivalent.

No later uniqueness argument requires ⟨E⟩ to be constant — only that ε_record(x) is a local scalar density field.

A statement of identity: the matter density and the record density are two measurements of the same quantity, in different units.

Scope note: The identification is direct for electromagnetic matter (where every record involves electron coupling).

For non-electromagnetic sources of stress-energy (dark matter, radiation fields, vacuum energy), the identification requires extending "record" beyond electron coupling events to include all irreversible traces on the manifold.

Consistent with Axiom R (which does not restrict records to electromagnetic events) but extends beyond The Lock's specific identification ε = electron.

The general Tμν in §9 should therefore be understood as: the total stress-energy from all sources that produce irreversible traces on the condensate, of which electromagnetic records (The Lock's domain) are the dominant chemical-scale subset.

4.3 Covariant source (bridge identification for §9)

AP08 does not derive a unique constitutive form for the full stress-energy tensor from the axioms alone.

For the covariant derivation in §9, the standard symmetric stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ of the embedded matter sector is introduced as a bridge identification, with the weak-field static rest-frame limit satisfying $T_{00} \approx \rho c^2$ and negligible momentum flux/stress corrections at leading order.

§4 provides (i) a record-density construction and (ii) an identification of the weak-field source density ρ.

The full covariant source $T_{\mu\nu}$ used in §9 is a compatibility bridge to standard relativistic matter descriptions, not a completed derivation from Axioms {S, B, R, C}.

4.4 Properties inherited from the axioms

From R (Record Monotonicity): $\rho(x) \geq 0$ everywhere. Records accumulate; they do not annihilate. The density cannot go negative.

From C (Finite Causal Bound): Changes in ρ propagate at most at speed c. The density field respects causality.

From B (Unique Breaking): Every record involves ε. Under The Lock's identification, the density is denominated in electron coupling events.

§5 The Form of the Identity (Weak-Field Limit)

Status: derivation — mathematical argument from established premises.

You have a manifold. You have a density field on it. Now ask: what is the most general equation relating the curvature of the condensate to the record density? You are not choosing the answer.

You are watching the constraints eliminate every alternative until only one remains.

5.1 The constraints

Constraint 1 (Lorentz invariance): The identity must be covariant under SO(1, N). Derived from the axioms via AP01, Paper D, Propositions 2.1–2.4.

Constraint 2 (Linearity in the weak-field limit): Records accumulate additively (Axiom R). In the weak-field regime, the leading-order approximation is linear in the perturbation.

Constraint 2 is not a strict consequence of Axiom R alone — Axiom R establishes that records compose as a monoid, which motivates but does not force additivity of the gravitational response.

The linearity is also supported by the weak-field expansion of the full tensor identity (§9.5), where the linearisation of $G_{\mu\nu}$ around flat spacetime produces the Laplacian acting on the perturbation.

Best understood as a consistency requirement between §5 and §9, not as an independent derivation from Axiom R. Note: the full nonlinear extension (§9) does not require this constraint; Lovelock's theorem works independently of linearity.

Constraint 3 (Locality): The causal bound (Axiom C) ensures that the curvature at point x depends only on the density at x and its immediate neighbourhood. A local differential equation.

Constraint 4 (Second order): Curvature is a second-derivative quantity. On the manifold produced by EH + QRA, the curvature involves second derivatives of g.

In the weak-field limit where $g \approx \eta + h$, the curvature reduces to second spatial derivatives of the perturbation.

Constraint 5 (Scalar): The record density $\rho(x)$ is a scalar field. In the static weak-field limit, the gravitational potential Φ is also a scalar. The identity relates two scalar quantities.

5.2 The unique form

Constraints 1–5 determine the form of the identity in the weak-field static limit. The most general local, linear, second-order, scalar equation on a flat background relating a potential Φ to a source ρ is:

$\nabla^2\Phi(x) = A \cdot \rho(x)$ (5.1)

where A is a constant and $\nabla^2 = \partial^2/\partial x^2 + \partial^2/\partial y^2 + \partial^2/\partial z^2$ is the Laplacian. A theorem of potential theory: given the five constraints above, equation (5.1) is the unique form.

Proof sketch: Linearity excludes ρ^2, ρ^3, etc. Locality excludes integral operators. Scalar-to-scalar excludes vector or tensor equations. Second-order fixes the differential operator to the Laplacian (the only second-order, rotationally invariant scalar operator on $\mathbb{R}^3$).

The only freedom is the constant A.

The Poisson equation. Not derived by assuming Newton's law or Einstein's equations. Forced by the symmetries of the record algebra under embedding.

You have just watched gravity's equation emerge from four axioms and a uniqueness theorem. No one told the mathematics what gravity looks like. The constraints left exactly one possibility. The Laplacian. The Poisson equation.

The equation Newton found by observation, forced here by structure.

§6 The Coefficient

Status: identification — conditional on The Lock (ε = electron).

Equation (5.1) has the form $\nabla^2\Phi = A\rho$. The constant A must be identified.

Through The Lock:

$G = 2\kappa / m^{e2}$ (6.1)

Therefore:

$A = 4\pi G = 8\pi\kappa / m^{e2}$ (6.2)

and the identity reads:

$\nabla^2\Phi = (8\pi\kappa / m^{e2}) \cdot \rho$ (6.3)

The coefficient is the ratio of the fabric's holding limit to the square of the electron mass.

The entire gravitational sector is determined by two quantities: how much the fabric could hold (κ), and how much had to leave (m^{e}).

You are looking at gravity expressed as a ratio of what stayed to what escaped.

6.1 The circularity and why it is structural

Honest disclosure: κ is defined as $Gm_e^2/2$. Therefore writing $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$ is, at the level of numerical computation, a tautology: $G = 2(Gm_e^2/2)/m_e^2 = G$. The coefficient has been relabelled, not independently derived.

Anyone who reads §6 and concludes that G has been computed from first principles without empirical input is mistaken.

What HAS been done: The form $\nabla^2\Phi = A\rho$ is derived from the axioms. The five symmetry constraints in §5 force the Laplacian, force linearity, and leave exactly one free constant A.

The form is genuinely new. The constant A is then identified — not derived — as $4\pi G$, or equivalently $8\pi\kappa/m_e^2$.

6.2 Why κ cannot be independently measured

κ is the holding limit of the pre-state — the maximum coherence the system could sustain before the break became necessary. Measurement itself is a product of the break that κ describes.

Before the break (Axiom B), there are no records (Axiom R has nothing to order), no observers, no instruments, and no manifold (EH has nothing to embed).

The only access to κ is through its consequences — G and m^e — which are the residuals of the break. κ is a real structural quantity with well-defined dimensions and physical meaning, but it is accessible only through its products.

Kill switch KS-I.4: If an observable is found that constrains κ without going through G, the structural inaccessibility claim is falsified and κ becomes independently testable.

You cannot measure what existed before measurement existed. κ is the capacity of the pre-state — and the pre-state is, by definition, the state before records. The circularity is not a bug.

It is the structure telling you what it can and cannot show you. You are inside the break. You cannot look behind it.

§7 The Strong-Field Limit (Hawking Verification)

Status: verification — consistency check against established physics. Note: uses the Schwarzschild solution, which is derived from the Einstein field equations of §9. Post-hoc consistency check, not a step in the derivation chain.

7.1 Maximum curvature

As record density increases, the condensate folds more tightly. When the fold becomes total, the causal bound (Axiom C) creates a one-way boundary: records can enter but not exit. Outward propagation is forbidden.

The event-horizon interpretation from the condensate picture. The explicit horizon geometry used in §§7.2–7.3 is the Schwarzschild solution of §9 — a post-hoc consistency check, not a derivation step from the axioms alone.

7.2 The leakage at the horizon

AP06, Theorem 3.1: $\varepsilon > 0$ whenever c is finite. At the event horizon, absorption is near-perfect but not perfect.

Hawking radiation provides the established nonzero horizon-leakage channel; AP06's $\varepsilon > 0$ reading is a compatible interpretive identification.

The surface gravity of a Schwarzschild horizon of mass M is:

$\kappa_H = c^4 / (4GM)$ (7.1)

The leakage temperature is:

$T_H = \hbar\kappa_H / (2\pi c k_B) = \hbar c^3 / (8\pi k_B G M)$ (7.2)

The Hawking temperature. It follows from: (i) the fold becoming total, (ii) the leakage being nonzero (AP06, Theorem 3.1), and (iii) the surface gravity being determined by the fold's geometry.

7.3 The electron at the boundary

Substituting $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$ into equation (7.2):

$T_H = \hbar c^3 m_e^2 / (16\pi k_B \kappa M)$ (7.3)

The Hawking temperature contains the electron mass. Under The Lock's identification, the leakage at the horizon is the same ε that broke the symmetry and that writes records at the quantum scale.

The electron appears at both limits of the identity: at the quantum scale as the break, at the event horizon as the boundary leakage.

§8 The Full Nonlinear Structure

Status: structural — the complete picture.

The Poisson equation (§5) is a linearisation. It describes the weak-field regime where the relationship between curvature and record density is approximately linear.

The full relationship is nonlinear: the curvature depends on the density, and the density depends on the curvature.

8.1 The topology

The eye topology describes the full nonlinear curve. Two curves (the two sectors ℓ and $\mathcal{P}$ from Axiom S, related by the involution σ) meet at a common point.

The point is $\emptyset$ — the 1:1, the pre-state of perfect symmetry before the break. The topology is closed: when folded onto a sphere, the two apparent endpoints are the same point.

8.2 Reading the structure

At the common point (0): The two sectors meet. No separation, no break, no curvature, no records. The Poisson equation is the linearisation of the full curve near this point.

Moving outward: The break occurs. ε appears. Records accumulate. The curves separate. Curvature increases.

At maximum separation: Maximum curvature. Maximum record density. The event horizon.

The extremal point relative to which the full structure is measured — relativistic in the original sense (relative to its own extremal point, not to a fixed background).

The closed topology: The quantum scale (near the common point, where ε is the break) and the cosmological scale (the full extent of the curve) are connected in the topology.

The electron at both ends (§7.3) is a consequence of this closure.

8.3 Newton vs Einstein

Newton's gravity is the linearisation near the common point: curvature proportional to density, constant coefficient, valid where the fold is gentle.

Einstein's gravity is the full curve: the geometry and the distribution of energy-momentum locked together by a nonlinear identity.

The architecture derives both: the linearisation is forced by symmetry constraints (§5); the full tensor form is forced by Lovelock's theorem (§9).

You have now seen the full shape. Newton saw the straight line near the origin. Einstein saw the curve. They are the same structure read at different distances from the common point.

The mathematics did not choose between them. It produced both. You do not choose either. You inherit both.

§9 The Tensor Form

Status: derivation — same method as §5, applied at the covariant level.

9.1 The constraints

Constraint 1 (General covariance): The identity must hold in all coordinate systems. Under EH, the manifold has no preferred coordinates. A tensor equation.

Constraint 2 (Symmetric rank-2 tensor): The source is the stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ — the covariant generalisation of ρ. The geometry side must match: symmetric rank-2 tensor built from the metric.

Constraint 3 (Divergence-free source; bridge compatibility): To write a consistent local covariant field identity with matter coupling on the embedded manifold, the source tensor is required to satisfy $\nabla_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$. Motivated by Axiom R: because records cannot be created or destroyed locally, the total number of records in any region changes only due to flow across the boundary, and in the continuum limit this conservation law translates to the vanishing of the covariant divergence of the stress-energy tensor.

The exact map from record monotonicity to covariant local conservation is a bridge step, not a completed derivation in this paper (KS-I.8). The condition then restricts the geometric side via Lovelock's theorem.

Constraint 4 (Second-order in the metric): The curvature involves second derivatives of g (from QRA). The geometric tensor must be built from $g_{\mu\nu}$ and its first and second derivatives.

Constraint 5 (Four-dimensional): The manifold has dimension 3+1. N = 3 is derived from the four independent axioms (AP10, The Dimension). KS-I.6 is CLOSED. The derivation is unconditional.

9.2 Lovelock's theorem

Theorem (Lovelock, 1971). In four dimensions, the only symmetric, divergence-free, rank-2 tensor constructed from the metric tensor and its first and second derivatives is: $a \cdot G_{\mu\nu} + b \cdot g_{\mu\nu}$, where $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu}$ is the Einstein tensor, $g_{\mu\nu}$ is the metric tensor, and a, b are constants.

The tensorial analogue of the uniqueness of the Laplacian. The proof is constructive and independent of physical content — pure differential geometry (Lovelock 1971, independently verified).

9.3 The identity in tensor form

Constraints 1–5 from the axioms, plus Lovelock's theorem, force the full identity:

$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)\, T_{\mu\nu}$ (9.1)

Gμν is the Einstein tensor — the unique divergence-free, symmetric, rank-2 curvature tensor in four dimensions.

Tμν is the stress-energy tensor — the covariant record density.

Λ is the cosmological constant. It appears automatically from Lovelock's theorem. The axioms do not determine its value. It represents the vacuum energy of the condensate. Its value is an open problem.

8πG/c⁴ is the coupling constant — the same $8\pi\kappa/(m_e^2 c^4)$ from §6.

Equation (9.1) is Einstein's field equation. Not assumed.

Forced by the symmetries of the record algebra under EH + QRA, using the same method as §5: list the constraints from the axioms, invoke a uniqueness theorem.

You are looking at the most important equation in physics. And you have just watched it emerge from four axioms and a theorem about differential geometry. No one assumed spacetime curves in response to mass.

The axioms required it. Lovelock's theorem left no alternative. The equation was not discovered. It was forced. You did not need to observe an apple falling. You needed four axioms and a uniqueness theorem.

9.4 The divergence-free condition (compatibility and interpretation)

Two claims must be distinguished:

Claim A (geometric, automatic): The Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ holds for any metric. Geometry, not physics. Automatic once Lovelock's theorem selects $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}$ as the geometric tensor.

Claim B (physical, from Axiom R): Axiom R requires that the total record content in any closed spacetime region cannot decrease. Under EH, this maps to a local conservation law.

The precise mapping from the discrete monoid property to the differential conservation law requires that EH preserves the monoid structure at the continuum level — a consequence of EH's faithfulness requirement but best understood as a bridge compatibility step, not a completed derivation within this paper alone.

AP08 connects the divergence-free condition to Axiom R as a structural interpretation and compatibility motivation for imposing $\nabla_\mu T_{\mu\nu} = 0$, but does not fully derive covariant local energy-momentum conservation from the record algebra alone.

Interpretive note: The claim that "the arrow of time and the conservation of energy are the same thing, read from different sides" is a structural interpretation, not a formal derivation. Suggestive but non-load-bearing.

9.5 Consistency checks

Weak-field static limit: Take $g\mu\nu = \eta\mu\nu + h\mu\nu$ with h small, static source, Λ negligible. G_{00} reduces to $-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2 h_{00}$. With $\Phi = -\frac{1}{2}c^2 h_{00}$: gives $\nabla^2\Phi = 4\pi G\rho$. Recovers §5's Poisson equation. Consistent.

Strong-field limit: Schwarzschild solution of (9.1) with $\Lambda = 0$ gives event horizon at $r = 2GM/c^2$. Hawking temperature $T_H = \hbar c^3/(8\pi k_B GM)$. Recovers §7. Consistent.

Conservation: $\nabla\mu\ G\mu\nu = 0$ identically (Bianchi identity). Therefore $\nabla\mu\ T\mu\nu = 0$ — records are conserved. Consistent with Axiom R.

Vacuum: Where $T\mu\nu = 0$ (no records), the equation becomes $G\mu\nu = -\Lambda g\mu\nu$. Curvature can exist without local records. The condensate has its own ground-state geometry.

The vacuum energy value is not determined by the axioms.

9.6 Honest status

Derived: The form of the full covariant identity. Einstein's field equations + Λ, forced by Lovelock's theorem from axiom-derived constraints.

Assumed: N = 3 (four-dimensional spacetime). CLOSED: derived in AP10.

Identified: The coupling constant $8\pi G/c^4 = 8\pi\kappa/(m_e^2 c^4)$. Same honest status as §6.

Predicted: The cosmological constant Λ exists (Lovelock forces it). Value undetermined.

New: The divergence-free condition is geometrically automatic (Bianchi identity) and structurally motivated by Axiom R as a bridge compatibility step.

§10 Derivation Chain Summary

1. Axioms {S, B, R, C} → independent, consistent (AP01, Paper D, Phase 1).

2. + EH + QRA → Lorentzian manifold (M, g) with signature (−, +, +, +) (AP01, Paper D, Phase 2a).

3. + Record density on M → weak-field source scalar $\rho(x)$; bridge identification of covariant source $T_{\mu\nu}$ (§4).

4. + Constraints from axioms → Poisson equation forced: $\nabla^2\Phi = A\rho$ (§5).

5. + Lovelock's theorem → $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)\, T_{\mu\nu}$ (§9).

6. + The Lock → coupling constant = $8\pi G/c^4 = 8\pi\kappa/(m_e^2 c^4)$ (§6).

7. Verification: weak-field limit → Poisson; strong-field limit → Hawking temperature (§7).

Every link is either a theorem (axiom independence, Lovelock), a definition (record density), an auxiliary hypothesis (EH, QRA), or an identification (The Lock).

No link appeals to Newton, Einstein, or empirical gravitational measurements for the form. The form is derived. The coefficient is identified. You have now seen the entire chain.

If you want to break it, the kill switches in §11 show you where.

§11 Kill Switch Register

KS-I.1 — Against the axiom-to-Poisson chain. Target: §5. Test: Show that the five constraints in §5.1 do not follow from the axioms under EH + QRA, or that they do not uniquely force the Laplacian.

Kill condition: form derivation fails. Current status: not falsified.

KS-I.2 — Against the Lovelock chain. Target: §9. Test: Show that the five constraints in §9.1 do not follow from the axioms, or that Lovelock's theorem contains an error. Kill condition: tensor form not derived.

Current status: not falsified. Lovelock is established mathematics (1971, independently verified).

KS-I.3 — Against the coefficient identification. Target: §6. Test: If $8\pi\kappa/m^{e2}$ does not match $4\pi G$ when κ and m^e are independently measured. Kill condition: form survives, coefficient needs a different source.

Current status: cannot be tested independently (κ is structurally inaccessible, §6.2).

KS-I.4 — Against κ structural inaccessibility. Target: §6.2. Test: Find an observable that constrains κ without going through G. Kill condition: κ becomes independently testable. Current status: open.

KS-I.5 — Against the curvature-record identity. Target: §§4–9. Test: Find a physical system where curvature and record density come apart — where the geometry at a point does not correspond to the density of actualization events.

Kill condition: identity reading wrong; axioms and Lorentzian signature survive. Current status: not falsified.

KS-I.6 — Against N = 3. Target: §9. Test: Derive N = 3 from the axioms, or show additional spatial dimensions exist. Kill condition: Lovelock permits additional terms in D > 4. Current status: CLOSED.

N = 3 derived in AP10. Lovelock unconditional.

KS-I.7 — Against the cosmological constant. Target: §9.3. Test: Show that $\Lambda = 0$ exactly. Kill condition: Lovelock allows $\Lambda = 0$ as special case; existence prediction survives but observed nonzero value unexplained.

Current status: observational evidence supports $\Lambda > 0$.

KS-I.8 — Against the Axiom R → source conservation bridge. Target: §9.1 Constraint 3, §9.4 Claim B.

Test: Construct a faithful embedding (satisfying EH) of a monoid of irreversible records into a Lorentzian manifold where the resulting continuum source tensor does not satisfy $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$. Kill condition: Lovelock derivation still holds if divergence-free imposed by hand, but structural connection to record algebra is weakened.

Current status: open.

§12 Claim Summary

Record density (§4). Status: definition + identification. n(x) defined under EH. Identification ρ = record density in energy units conditional on The Lock.

Covariant source $T_{\mu\nu}$ is a bridge identification, not derived from the axioms alone.

Poisson equation (§5). Status: derived. Form $\nabla^2\Phi = A\rho$ forced by five symmetry constraints from the axioms. No empirical gravitational input.

Coefficient (§6). Status: identified, not derived. $A = 8\pi\kappa/m_e^2$ via The Lock. Honest circularity: $\kappa = Gm_e^2/2$. KS-I.3, KS-I.4 live.

Hawking verification (§7). Status: consistency check. Strong-field limit produces $T_H = \hbar c^3/(8\pi k_B GM)$. Post-hoc verification, not derivation step.

Full nonlinear structure (§8). Status: structural. Newton = linearisation near 0; Einstein = full curve. Closed topology: electron at both ends.

Einstein field equations (§9). Status: derived (unconditional; N = 3 derived in AP10). $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ forced by Lovelock's theorem from axiom-derived constraints.

Cosmological constant (§9). Status: predicted to exist. Lovelock forces Λ. Value undetermined.

Divergence-free condition (§9.4). Status: geometric identity (Bianchi) + source compatibility requirement, structurally motivated by Axiom R. Identification with arrow-of-time is interpretive, non-load-bearing. KS-I.8 live.

κ structural inaccessibility (§6.2). Status: argued, not proven. KS-I.4 live.

§13 Conditionality Footer

Dependencies. AP01, Paper D (Axioms, independence, Lorentzian signature) — load-bearing. Edition 04 (The Lock: ε = electron, $G = 2\kappa/m_e^2$) — load-bearing for coefficient (§6); non-load-bearing for form derivation.

AP06 (The Leakage Constant: Theorem 3.1) — required for strong-field verification (§7) only. Edition 02 (The Building), Edition 03 (The Keys) — notation references.

Dependents. Any downstream AP referencing the gravitational identity, the eye topology, or the κ-identification inherits KS-I.1–KS-I.8.

Open problems. Value of Λ (KS-I.7). Independent measurement of κ (KS-I.4). One-loop correction to the coefficient. Formal proof or counterexample for the Axiom R → $\nabla\mu T\mu\nu = 0$ bridge under faithful EH (KS-I.8).

Kill switches. KS-I.1: Against axiom-to-Poisson chain. KS-I.2: Against Lovelock chain. KS-I.3: Against coefficient identification. KS-I.4: Against κ structural inaccessibility. KS-I.5: Against curvature-record identity. KS-I.6: Against N = 3 (CLOSED). KS-I.7: Against cosmological constant.

KS-I.8: Against Axiom R → source conservation bridge. Inherited: AP01 Paper D kill switches, Edition 04 kill switches, AP06 kill switches.

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