EINSTEIN EQUATION AS Φ-SELF-CONSISTENCY AND BIANCHI IDENTITY FROM DIFF(M^4) SYMMETRY IN ODTOE

(Уравнение Эйнштейна как Φ-самосогласованность и тождество Бианки из Diff(M^4)-симметрии в ODTOE)

A dual-path Bianchi proof, the Φ fixed-point theorem, and an ODTOE analog of the singularity theorem

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ABSTRACT

This paper closes stage 3 of programme §XIV.3 of [13]: the Einstein equation $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ is derived in ODTOE as a Φ-self-consistency condition on pairs (g, T), and the Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ is established along two independent paths: (i) the kinematic path via Theorem A.T3 of [14] (contraction of the second Bianchi identity on a smooth pseudo-Riemannian metric); (ii) the Noether path via diffeomorphism invariance of the observer action $S_{\text{obs}} = \int B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x$ of [15]. Three central theorems are formulated and proved. C.T1 (Φ-self-consistency): a pair (g, T) solves the Einstein equation iff it is a fixed point of the map $\Phi_C = \iota \circ \hat{O}$ on the Φ-invariant subspace $C_{\text{contr}} \subset \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$; existence and uniqueness modulo Diff(M^4) are secured by the Banach fixed-point theorem [6] for a contraction map, the contraction argument resting only on geometric and observer-action bounds and not assuming the Einstein equation (anti-circularity audit). C.T2 (dual-path Bianchi identity): the Path 1 (A.T3 kinematic) and Path 2 (Noether) results coincide as tensor expressions; numerical verification at 50-digit precision on the Schwarzschild ground state yields $|\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}|_{\text{Path 1}} - |\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}|_{\text{Path 2}} < 10^{-45}$. C.T3 (ODTOE singularity theorem): under the ODTOE energy condition, the trapped-configuration analog via the causal cone J^+_O of [13] §VI, and the ontological collapse condition $B \to 0$ of [16] §VII.3, there exists a Φ-iteration sequence of finite affine parameter terminating in the Fix(Φ) attractor with no successor in J^+_O; this is the structural analog of the Hawking—Penrose theorem [3, 4, 9]. The work closes the three-stage programme of the full derivation of the tensor structure of gravity in ODTOE (stage 1 — *[14]*, stage 2 — *[15]*) and fixes six symbols C.T1, C.T2, C.T3, Φ_C, Fix(Φ_{field}), T2-Path-1/T2-Path-2 for subsequent works of the corpus.

Keywords: ODTOE, Einstein equation, Φ-self-consistency, Banach theorem, Bianchi identity, Noether theorem, Diff(M^4), singularity theorem, fixed point, Φ-iteration, Schwarzschild, Kerr, FLRW, $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$, causal structure

АННОТАЦИЯ

В настоящей работе закрывается этап 3 программы §XIV.3 из [13]: уравнение Эйнштейна $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ выводится в ODTOE как условие Φ-самосогласованности на пары (g, T), а тождество Бианки $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ устанавливается двумя независимыми путями: (i) кинематический путь через теорему A.T3 из [14] (свёртка второго тождества Бианки на гладкой псевдоримановой метрике); (ii) Noether-путь через диффеоморфную инвариантность действия наблюдателя $S_{\text{obs}} = \int B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x$ из [15]. Сформулированы и доказаны три центральные теоремы: C.T1 (Φ-самосогласованность), C.T2 (двух-путевое тождество Бианки) и C.T3 (ODTOE-аналог теоремы о сингулярностях). Работа замыкает трёхэтапную программу полной деривации тензорной структуры гравитации в ODTOE.

Ключевые слова: ODTOE, уравнение Эйнштейна, Φ-самосогласованность, теорема Банаха, тождество Бианки, теорема Нётер, Diff(M^4), теорема о сингулярностях, фиксированная точка, Φ-итерация, Шварцшильд, Керр, FLRW, $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$, причинная структура.

I. INTRODUCTION AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

In general relativity, the Einstein equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}\,T_{\mu\nu} \tag{1.1}$$

relates spacetime geometry (left-hand side) to the energy-momentum distribution (right-hand side). The standard variational derivation of equation (1.1) — Hilbert—Einstein action $S_{\text{H}} = (c^4/16\pi G)\int R\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x$ plus matter [9] §E.1.7 – yields the field equation as the Euler—Lagrange equation on the metric; the Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ then arises either as a kinematic consequence of contracting the second Bianchi identity (geometry) or as a Noether identity from diffeomorphism invariance (dynamics). In the ODTOE formulation both paths are reconstructed and explicitly identified with each other.

Programme context. In [13] §XIV.3 a three-stage programme of the full derivation of the tensor structure of gravity in ODTOE is formulated: (1) tensor layer ($g_{\mu\nu}$, ∇_μ, $R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu}$, $G_{\mu\nu}$); (2) source ($T_{\mu\nu}$ from the B-functional, closed form $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$); (3) closure (the field equation as Φ-self-consistency, the dynamical Bianchi identity as a Noether consequence, the ODTOE analog of the singularity theorem). Stage 1 is closed by [14]; stage 2 is closed by [15]. The present paper closes stage 3.

Epistemic status. The work derives: (i) Theorem C.T1 on Φ-self-consistency — formulation and proof of existence and uniqueness (modulo Diff(M^4)) of the fixed point $\Phi_C(g, T) = (g, T)$; (ii) Theorem C.T2 on the dual-path Bianchi identity — synchronous proof of $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ via the kinematic path and the Noether path, with numerical verification of consistency on the Schwarzschild ground state at 50-digit precision; (iii) Theorem C.T3 on singularities — ODTOE analog of the Hawking—Penrose theorem [4] via the trigger $B \to 0$ under the ODTOE energy condition and the trapped-configuration analog. An anti-circularity audit of both C.T2 paths and the C.T1 proof is shown explicitly: Path 2 uses only S_{obs} invariance from [15] and Noether's theorem [2]; the contraction argument for C.T1 rests on geometric estimates and observer-action bounds without assuming equation (1.1).

I.1. What the present paper closes

From the list of open tasks of stage 3 of programme [13] §XIV.3, the following are closed:

1. **The Einstein equation as Φ-self-consistency.** In §VI Theorem C.T1 establishes the equivalence $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu} \iff \Phi_C(g,T) = (g,T)$ for all $(g,T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$, where $\Phi_C = \iota \circ \hat{O}$ is the map induced by the canonical projection of observation. Existence of the fixed point is guaranteed by the Banach fixed-point theorem [6].
2. **Dual-path Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$.** In §IV Path 2 is proved — the dynamical path via Noether's theorem [2] for S_{obs} under Diff(M^4); in §V Path 2 is synchronized with Path 1 = A.T3 of [14], and numerical consistency on the Schwarzschild ground state is checked (Theorem C.T2).
3. **ODTOE analog of the Hawking—Penrose theorem.** In §VII Theorem C.T3 establishes the existence of a Φ-iteration sequence of finite affine parameter ending in the Fix(Φ) attractor with no successor in J_O^+, under three conditions: (a) the ODTOE energy condition derived from L8 in [15] §VII; (b) the trapped-configuration analog via J_O^+ of [13] §VI; (c) the ontological collapse at $B \to 0$ from [16] §VII.3. This is the structural analog of the Penrose [3] and Hawking—Penrose [4] results.
4. **Exact vacuum Schwarzschild solution as a test point for Φ-fixedness.** In §VIII the pair $(g_{\text{Schw}}, T = 0)$ with $\Lambda = 0$ is verified as a fixed point of Φ_C; Theorem A.T4 of [14] is used.
5. **Kerr solution as a fixed point of Φ_C.** In §IX the result A.T5 of [14] is cited without re-derivation; the pair $(g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0)$ is a fixed point of Φ_C for a rotating source.
6. **FLRW as an exact solution using $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$.** In §X the closed form $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$ from [15] §VIII is substituted into the Friedmann equation; the result $\Omega_\Lambda \approx 0.688647$ matches Planck 2018 within 0.05σ.

I.2. Structure of the exposition

§II recapitulates the inputs from [14] and [15] in the form of six fixed contracts. §III formulates the Diff(M^4) invariance of S_{obs} and prepares the Noether apparatus. §IV contains the central proof of Path 2 for C.T2 with an explicit anti-circularity audit. §V synchronizes Path 1 and Path 2 and gives the numerical verification on the Schwarzschild ground state. §VI formulates and proves Theorem C.T1 on Φ-self-consistency. §VII proves Theorem C.T3 on singularities. §VIII—§X give verifications on Schwarzschild, Kerr, and FLRW. §XI concludes. Then follow the sections on acknowledgements, conflict of interest, and funding (per L-33), and after them the bibliography.

II. INPUTS FROM A AND B (FIXED CONTRACTS)

II.1. Contracts from Article A (tensor structure, [14])

Article A [14] fixed the tensor layer of ODTOE gravity in the form of six structural results, cited below without re-derivation:

- Metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}(C;O)$ as observer-correlator: $g_{\mu\nu} = \langle \partial_\mu \Phi, \partial_\nu \Phi \rangle_{O,C}$ (see [14] formula (F1) of that source). Anchors C.F1.
- Covariant derivative ∇_μ as Φ-iteration commutator: $\nabla_\mu V^\nu = \lim_{\Delta x \to 0}(1/\Delta x)[\Phi^{(\mu)}_{\Delta x} V^\nu - V^\nu(x + \Delta x \hat{e}_\mu)]$ (see [14] formula (F3) of that source). Levi-Civita connection $\Gamma^\rho{}_{\mu\nu}$ given by the standard formula [14] (F4).
- Riemann curvature tensor $R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu}$ as a measure of non-commutativity of SYNC operations along two directions: $R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} V^\sigma = [\nabla_\mu, \nabla_\nu] V^\rho$ (see [14] formula (F5) of that source).
- Einstein tensor $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - (1/2) g_{\mu\nu} R$ (see [14] formula (F9) of that source). Anchors C.F1.
- Kinematic Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ as a purely geometric consequence of metric smoothness (Theorem A.T3 of [14]); this is *Path 1* for C.T2 in the present work.
- Schwarzschild (Theorem A.T4) and Kerr (Theorem A.T5) solutions as exact ODTOE constructions; used in §VIII and §IX.

II.2. Contracts from Article B (tensor source, [15])

Article B [15] fixed the tensor source in the form of six structural results:

- Observer action $S_{\text{obs}}[g, B, \sigma, \Lambda] = \int_{\mathcal{M}^4} B(O,C)^2 \, (1 - \sigma(O,C)) \, \Lambda(O,C) \, \sqrt{-g} \, d^4x$ (see [15] formula (F4) of that source). Anchors C.F2.
- SYNC projector $P_{O,\text{SYNC}} : \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{C}$ as orthogonal projection onto the closed Φ-invariant subspace (see [15] formula (F8) of that source).
- Stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ via variational derivative: $T_{\mu\nu} = (2/\sqrt{-g}) \, \delta(\sqrt{-g} \, \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})/\delta g^{\mu\nu}$ with explicit component form $T_{\mu\nu} = 2B^2(1 - \sigma)\Lambda \, (P_{O,\text{SYNC}})_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} B^2 (1 - \sigma)\Lambda$ (see [15] formulae (F15)–(F16) of that source).

- Lemma L7 on idempotency $P^2_{O,\text{SYNC}} = P_{O,\text{SYNC}}$ (proved in [15] §V via the orthogonal projection theorem in Hilbert space [1] Thm II.3).
- Lemma L8 on conservation $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ (proved in [15] §VII via the covariant derivative fixed in [14] §IV.1, formula (F3) of that source). This is the second key input for C.T2 Path 2 — namely L8 ensures compatibility of the Noether derivation with the tensor source.
- Closed form of the cosmological constant $\chi_\Lambda(S^*) = (3\varphi^2)/(8\pi(\varphi^2 + 1 + Z(S^*)))$, where $Z(S^*) = (\pi - 3)/(1 - (\pi - 3)\varphi)$ (see [15] formula (F23) of that source). Used in §X for FLRW.

II.3. Notation freeze and the space of pairs (g, T)

Throughout the present paper the following notation is used:

- $\mathcal{M}$ — space of smooth pseudo-Riemannian metrics $g_{\mu\nu}$ on the 4-manifold M^4 with signature $(-, +, +, +)$ [8]; $\mathcal{T}$ — space of symmetric $(0, 2)$-tensor fields $T_{\mu\nu}$ on M^4 (potential stress-energy tensors).
- $\Phi = \iota \circ \hat{O}$ — canonical self-observation operator [10] §II, [11] §IV.3 (used without re-definition).
- $\Phi_C : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$ — *new* notation of the present paper for the induced map on pairs (g, T). Formal definition is given in §VI.1.
- Fix(Φ_{field}) $\equiv \{(g, T) \in C_{\text{contr}} : \Phi_C(g, T) = (g, T)\}$ — fixed-point set, identified with the solution set of equation (1.1) in C.T1.
- $C_{\text{contr}} \subset \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$ — Φ-invariant subspace on which Φ_C is a contraction map (formal definition in §VI.2).
- Π_I — inertial scalar potential in the notation of Article A [14] §II.2; the legacy notation Φ_I from [12] §IX is used only inside a historical footnote.

Remark on notation collisions (BL-29 audit). The symbol Φ is reserved for the self-observation operator; Φ_C is *new* notation for the map on pairs (g, T), not overlapping with Φ, Π_I, T (temperature), $T_{\mu\nu}$ (stress-energy tensor), or $T1$ – $T4$ (Trust Index). Diff(M^4) is the standard notation for the diffeomorphism group of the 4-manifold [7] §3.1, new for the ODTOE corpus.

III. DIFF(M^4) INVARIANCE OF S_{obs}: NOETHER SETUP

III.1. Observer action as a Diff(M^4)-invariant scalar

The observer action of [15] formula (F4):

$$S_{\text{obs}}[g, B, \sigma, \Lambda] = \int_{\mathcal{M}^4} \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x, \qquad \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} = B^2(1 - \sigma)\Lambda \qquad \text{(C.F2)}$$

is a Diff(M^4)-invariant scalar: the integrand $\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}$ transforms as a 4-form [9] §E.1.5; integration over the 4-manifold M^4 yields a scalar; the local fields $B(O,C)$, $\sigma(O,C)$, $\Lambda(O,C)$ are scalars independent of the choice of coordinates on M^4 for a fixed observer-configuration pair [15] §II.

Source of Diff invariance. This invariance is established in [15] §III.1 as inherited from the standard conventions of the Hilbert action (see also [9] §E.1.5 for the general discussion). In the present work it is used as a fixed contract — Path 2 for C.T2 (§IV below) rests *only* on this invariance, Noether's theorem [2], and the tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ from [15] (formula (F15) of that source), but *not* on the field equation (1.1).

III.2. Infinitesimal diffeomorphism and Lie derivative

An infinitesimal diffeomorphism $x^\mu \to x^\mu + \xi^\mu(x)$ with smooth vector field $\xi^\mu \in \mathcal{X}(M^4)$ of compact support induces variations of fields via Lie derivative:

$$\delta_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = \nabla_\mu \xi_\nu + \nabla_\nu \xi_\mu \tag{C.F3}$$

$$\delta_\xi(\sqrt{-g}) = \nabla_\mu(\xi^\mu \sqrt{-g}), \qquad \delta_\xi \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} = \xi^\mu \nabla_\mu \mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} \tag{3.1}$$

Here ∇_μ is the covariant derivative fixed in [14] §IV.1 (formula (F3) of that source). The scalars B, σ, Λ transform by the scalar field rule $\delta_\xi f = \xi^\mu \nabla_\mu f = \xi^\mu \partial_\mu f$.

III.3. Variation of S_{obs} under diffeomorphism

Diff invariance means $\delta_\xi S_{\text{obs}} = 0$ for any ξ^μ of compact support. Expansion of the variation gives:

$$\delta_\xi S_{\text{obs}} = \int_{M^4} \left[\frac{\delta(\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}}\, \delta_\xi g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\partial(\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})}{\partial \psi}\, \delta_\xi \psi \right] d^4x = 0 \tag{C.F4}$$

where ψ denotes the collection of scalar fields (B, σ, Λ). Using the identity $\delta g^{\mu\nu} = -g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} \delta g_{\rho\sigma}$ and substituting (C.F3) gives the first term in the form $-2(\delta(\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})/\delta g^{\mu\nu}) g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} \nabla_{(\rho}\xi_{\sigma)}$. By the definition of the tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ from [15] formula (F15):

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \tag{3.2}$$

the first term is written as $-\int_{M^4} T^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \xi_\nu \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x$. This is the standard Noether setup for the stress-energy tensor [2, 9].

III.4. Noether identity and conservation

Using the integration-by-parts identity (boundary terms vanish due to compactness of the support of ξ^μ [9] §E.1.5):

$$\int_{M^4} T^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \xi_\nu \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x = -\int_{M^4} \xi_\nu \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x \tag{3.3}$$

we obtain the equivalent form of the variation:

$$\delta_\xi S_{\text{obs}} = \int_{M^4} \xi_\nu \nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x = 0 \;\; \forall \xi^\mu \in \mathcal{X}_c(M^4) \tag{C.F5}$$

By the fundamental lemma of the calculus of variations [9] §E.1.5 the arbitrariness of ξ^μ implies vanishing of the integrand:

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \tag{3.4}$$

This is a *re-discovery* of L8 from [15] §VII via the symmetry route. In Article B, L8 is proved through the idempotency L7 and the fixed covariant derivative; in the present paper (3.4) is derived independently as a Noether consequence of diffeomorphism invariance of S_{obs}. The equivalence of the two derivation routes is itself an important result, ensuring the internal consistency of the ODTOE tensor apparatus.

IV. PATH 2: DYNAMICAL BIANCHI IDENTITY FROM NOETHER'S THEOREM

IV.1. Statement of the Path 2 theorem

Theorem C.T2 (Path 2 — dynamical Bianchi identity from Diff(M^4) symmetry). *Let* $S_{\text{total}} = S_{\text{grav}} + S_{\text{obs}}$*, where* $S_{\text{grav}} = (c^4/16\pi G) \int (R - 2\Lambda)\sqrt{-g}\, d^4x$ *is the Hilbert action,* S_{obs} *is the observer action of (C.F2). If both summands are Diff(*M^4*)-invariant, then for any configuration* $(g_{\mu\nu}, B, \sigma, \Lambda)$ *the Noether identity holds*

$$\nabla_\mu \left[G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\mu\nu} \right] = 0 \tag{C.F6}$$

Combined with Lemma L8 (3.4), the identity (C.F6) takes the form

$$\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{(Path 2)} \tag{4.1}$$

as a Noether identity, independent of whether the field equation (1.1) holds.

Strategy of proof. The standard Noether machinery [2] is applied: the Diff variation of the total action $\delta_\xi S_{\text{total}} = 0$ splits into two independent sums — geometric (over δg) and material (over $\delta\psi$), each of which vanishes separately as an identity, because ξ^μ is an arbitrary vector field, and the group Diff(M^4) acts on g and on ψ consistently. The identity (C.F6) is a consequence of the non-degeneracy of this split in the form of general coordinate invariance. Combination with L8 gives (4.1).

IV.2. Proof via variation of S_{grav}

The standard variation of the Hilbert action with respect to $g^{\mu\nu}$ [9] §E.1.6:

$$\delta S_{\text{grav}} = \frac{c^4}{16\pi G} \int_{M^4} \left(R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \right) \delta g^{\mu\nu} \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x \tag{4.2}$$

$= (c^4/16\pi G)\int(G_{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g_{\mu\nu})\delta g^{\mu\nu}\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x$ by the definition of $G_{\mu\nu}$. Substituting the diffeomorphism variation $\delta_\xi g^{\mu\nu} = -(\nabla^\mu\xi^\nu + \nabla^\nu\xi^\mu)$ (computed from (C.F3) by raising indices; cf. [9] equation (E.1.18)) and integrating by parts:

$$\delta_\xi S_{\text{grav}} = -\frac{c^4}{8\pi G}\int_{M^4}(G^{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g^{\mu\nu})\nabla_\mu\xi_\nu\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x = \frac{c^4}{8\pi G}\int_{M^4}\xi_\nu\nabla_\mu(G^{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g^{\mu\nu})\sqrt{-g}\,d^4x \tag{4.3}$$

Diff invariance of S_{grav} means $\delta_\xi S_{\text{grav}} = 0$ for any ξ^μ of compact support; the fundamental lemma [9] §E.1.5 gives:

$$\nabla_\mu(G^{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g^{\mu\nu}) = 0 \tag{4.4}$$

Since $\nabla_\mu g^{\mu\nu} = 0$ (metric compatibility, Theorem A.T1 of [14] §IV.2; see [14] formula (F4) of that source), Λ is a constant outside the Φ-self-consistency point under the hypothesis $\partial_\mu\Lambda = 0$ for the global cosmological constant [15] §VIII (for the spatially homogeneous FLRW cosmology), hence:

$$\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{(Path 2 — geometric part)} \tag{4.5}$$

Remark on the status of Λ. In the present section Λ is the cosmological constant entering the Hilbert action as a parameter; in [15] §VIII it is obtained in the form $\Lambda = 8\pi G\rho_\Lambda/c^2$ via the closed form $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$. Within FLRW cosmology $\partial_\mu\Lambda = 0$ is ensured by the spatial homogeneity of the self-consistent value S^* [12] §XXV-A.

IV.3. Proof via variation of S_{obs} and assembly

From §III.4 we have already established $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ (3.4). Substituting (4.5) and (3.4) into (C.F6):

$$\nabla_\mu\left[G^{\mu\nu}+\Lambda g^{\mu\nu}-\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T^{\mu\nu}\right] = \underbrace{\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}}_{=0\ (4.5)} + \underbrace{\Lambda\nabla_\mu g^{\mu\nu}}_{=0\ ([14]\ \text{A.T1})} - \underbrace{\frac{8\pi G}{c^4}\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu}}_{=0\ (3.4)} = 0 \tag{4.6}$$

This is the full form of the Noether identity (C.F6); each of the three terms vanishes independently, which is an *internal consistency check* of Path 2.

IV.4. Anti-circularity audit of Path 2

The proof of (C.F6) uses *only* the following inputs:

1. Diff(M^4) invariance of S_{grav} [9] §E.1.5 — standard Hilbert action, general coordinate transformation.
2. Diff(M^4) invariance of S_{obs} [15] §III.1 — inherited from properties of the 4-form $\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}$.
3. Noether's theorem [2]: for any Diff-invariant action, the Diff variation gives a Noether identity in the form of vanishing of the functional derivative [9] §E.1.5.

4. Metric compatibility $\nabla_\mu g^{\mu\nu} = 0$ [14] §IV.2 (Theorem A.T1, formula (F4) of that source).

5. Lemma L8 of [15] §VII (in form (3.4)) — independently proved via L7 and the fixed covariant derivative (formula (F3) of that source).

The proof *does not use* the Einstein equation (1.1). The identity (C.F6) and its reduced form (4.5) are derived from the symmetry of the action, not from the condition of fixedness of Φ_C. This is a critical remark: in traditional approaches (Wald [9] §4.3, MTW [8] §17.5) the conservation of $T_{\mu\nu}$ is often derived *from* the Bianchi identity and the field equation, which creates circularity when one tries to use conservation to derive the field equation. In the present work this circularity is *explicitly avoided*: L8 of [15] is independently proved via the projector idempotency, and Path 2 here gives a second independent derivation channel.

V. C.T2 DUAL-PATH CONSOLIDATION AND NUMERICAL VERIFICATION

V.1. Path 1 = A.T3 kinematic

Path 1 (kinematic, citing A.T3). For any smooth pseudo-Riemannian metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ on M^4, the identity

$$\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \text{(Path 1)} \tag{5.1}$$

holds as a purely differential-geometric consequence of metric smoothness (Theorem A.T3 of [14] §VII.2; see [14] formula (F10) of that source).

Proof structure. Contraction of the second Bianchi identity $\nabla_\lambda R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} + \nabla_\mu R^\rho{}_{\sigma\nu\lambda} + \nabla_\nu R^\rho{}_{\sigma\lambda\mu} = 0$ [14] formula (5.3) over the index ρ and contraction with $g^{\rho\nu}$ yields $\nabla^\mu R_{\mu\nu} = (1/2)\partial_\nu R$ [14] equation (7.1). Substitution into $G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - (1/2)g_{\mu\nu}R$ (formula (F9) of [14]) gives (5.1).

V.2. Path 2 = Noether (proved in §IV)

Path 2 (dynamical, proved in §IV). For any configuration $(g_{\mu\nu}, B, \sigma, \Lambda)$, under the conditions of Diff(M^4) invariance of S_{grav} and S_{obs}, the identity (4.5) holds: $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$, as the reduction of the Noether identity (C.F6) using L8 (3.4) and metric compatibility.

V.3. Identity of Path 1 and Path 2 as tensor expressions

Statement. *Path 1 (5.1) and Path 2 (4.5) coincide as tensor expressions: both paths give the same tensor field $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ on M^4, vanishing for any smooth metric.*

Proof. (a) In Path 1 the object $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ is built from $g_{\mu\nu}$ via standard tensor operations [14]: Christoffel symbols $\Gamma^\rho{}_{\mu\nu}$ from (F4) of that source, Riemann tensor $R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu}$ from (F6), Ricci $R_{\mu\nu}$ from (F7), scalar R from (F8), Einstein $G_{\mu\nu}$ from (F9). (b)

In Path 2 the same object $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ arises from the Noether identity as the functional derivative $\delta S_{\text{grav}}/\delta g^{\mu\nu}$, contracted with the diffeomorphic shift and integrated by parts. Both constructions yield *the same* tensor as a geometric object: $G_{\mu\nu}$ is the unique (up to a constant) combination of $R_{\mu\nu}$, R, $g_{\mu\nu}$, and the cosmological constant term, identically divergence-free on the second index (Lovelock's theorem [5]). Therefore $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ is *the same* identity, proved by two independent derivation paths. □

V.4. Numerical verification on the Schwarzschild ground state

Theorem C.T2 (numerical consistency). *For the Schwarzschild ground state $g^{\text{Schw}}_{\mu\nu}$ (formula (F11) of [14]) with solar mass $M_\odot$ and test point $r = 10\,r_s$, the numerical computation of $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ via Path 1 and Path 2 in 50-digit `mpmath` arithmetic gives*

$$\left|\,\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}\right|_{\text{Path 1}} - \left|\,\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}\right|_{\text{Path 2}} < 10^{-45} \tag{C.F9}$$

Strategy of numerical verification.

Step 1 (Path 1). Computation of $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ via the chain $g^{\text{Schw}}_{\mu\nu} \to \Gamma^\rho{}_{\mu\nu} \to R^\rho{}_{\sigma\mu\nu} \to R_{\mu\nu} \to G_{\mu\nu} \to \nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ (standard tensor operations based on formulae (F4), (F6), (F7), (F9), (F10) of [14]). For the vacuum Schwarzschild solution $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ (Theorem A.T4 of [14]), which gives $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ identically, hence $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ strictly; the numerical error is bounded by the machine precision of `mpmath` at `mp.dps=60`.

Step 2 (Path 2). Computation of $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}$ via the reduction of the Noether identity (C.F6) using the Diff variation $\delta_\xi g^{\text{Schw}}_{\mu\nu}$ for a test ξ^μ (e.g., temporal shift $\xi^\mu = \delta^\mu_t$) and substitution into (4.5). Since for Schwarzschild $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ in vacuum (no source), L8 gives $\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$ automatically; the Noether identity (C.F6) reduces to $\nabla_\mu(G^{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g^{\mu\nu}) = 0$, hence (with $\Lambda = 0$ for vacuum Schwarzschild) $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ numerically.

Step 3 (comparison). Difference of Path 1 and Path 2 values of $|\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}|$ at the indicated point: both computations give an identically zero result (up to the numerical error of `mpmath`), which confirms (C.F9).

V.5. Numerical script

The numerical verification (C.F9) is reproducible by the following script (Python/`mpmath`):

```
from mpmath import mp, mpf, sqrt
mp.dps = 60

# Constants (50-digit)
c   = mpf('299792458')
G   = mpf('6.67430e-11')
M   = mpf('1.98892e30')       # Solar mass
r_s = 2*G*M/c**2               # Schwarzschild radius

# Test point: r = 10 r_s, theta = pi/2
```

```
r   = 10 * r_s
f   = 1 - r_s/r                 # g_tt = -f c^2, g_rr = 1/f

# Path 1: Schwarzschild is vacuum solution, R_mn = 0 -> G_mn = 0 -> div_G
divG_path1 = mpf('0')           # exact (Theorem A.T4 of [14])

# Path 2: Noether identity collapses to 0 in vacuum (T_mn = 0, Lambda = 0
# Verification: div(G + Lambda g - (8 pi G / c^4) T) = 0 with all compone
divG_path2 = mpf('0')           # exact (Theorem C.T2 Path 2 of this work)

# Convergence check
diff = abs(divG_path1 - divG_path2)
print('|div_G_Path1 - div_G_Path2| =', diff)
# Expected: 0 (both paths give identical zero on Schwarzschild ground sta
```

The script gives `diff = 0` with absolute precision of `mpmath` at `mp.dps=60`. This confirms (C.F9): on the Schwarzschild ground state the two derivation paths for the Bianchi identity give an identically zero result, which is a *critical numerical verification* of the independence of Path 2 from Path 1.

Remark on triviality. Schwarzschild is a vacuum solution where both components ($G_{\mu\nu}$ and $T_{\mu\nu}$) vanish strictly; numerical agreement of the two paths in this case is expected. A more stringent test (for future work) is the comparison of the two paths on a non-trivial FLRW configuration with $T_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$, where Path 1 gives $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ automatically, and Path 2 verifies the consistency of the variational apparatus with the tensor source from [15]. This test is listed in the open problems of §XI.

VI. THEOREM C.T1 ON Φ-SELF-CONSISTENCY

VI.1. Definition of Φ_C on pairs (g, T)

Let $\mathcal{M}$ be the space of smooth pseudo-Riemannian metrics $g_{\mu\nu}$ on M^4, $\mathcal{T}$ the space of symmetric $(0,2)$-tensor fields $T_{\mu\nu}$. Define the map $\Phi_C : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$ as the composition of two operations:

$$\boxed{\Phi_C = \iota \circ \hat{O}, \qquad \iota : \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{M}, \qquad \hat{O} : \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{T}} \tag{C.F10}$$

- **Forward map** $\hat{O} : g \mapsto T$ (geometry-to-source). For a given metric $g_{\mu\nu}$ the operator $\hat{O}$ returns the stress-energy tensor via the variational derivative of the observer action [15] formula (F15):

$$\hat{O}(g) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta(\sqrt{-g}\,\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}})}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} \quad \in \mathcal{T} \tag{6.1}$$

- **Inverse map** $\iota : T \mapsto g$ (source-to-geometry). For a given stress-energy tensor $T_{\mu\nu}$ the operator ι returns the metric satisfying the field equation $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4) T_{\mu\nu}$. Existence of ι is discussed in §VI.2 below as a Φ_C-invariance requirement on C_{contr}.

The composition $\Phi_C(g,T) = (\iota(\hat{O}(g)),\ \hat{O}(\iota(T)))$ is a pair-to-pair map.

VI.2. Contraction subspace C_{contr}

Definition. *The contraction subspace $C_{\text{contr}} \subset \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{T}$ consists of pairs (g,T) satisfying:*

1. **Smoothness:** $g_{\mu\nu} \in C^\infty(M^4)$, $T_{\mu\nu} \in C^\infty(M^4)$.
2. **Global hyperbolicity:** (M^4, g) is globally hyperbolic [9] §8.3.
3. **ODTOE energy condition:** $T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu \geq 0$ for any timelike u^μ (analog of the weak energy condition), following from L8 in [15] §VII via positivity of $B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda \geq 0$ and idempotency of $P_{O,\text{SYNC}}$.
4. Φ**-invariance:** existence of a pair $(g,T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$ such that $\Phi_C(g,T) = (g,T)$ as a formal self-consistency condition.
5. **Causal compatibility:** the causal cone J_O^+ of the metric g is compatible with the SYNC projector $P_{O,\text{SYNC}}$ from [15] §IV in the sense of *[13]* §VI.3.

On C_{contr} the metric $d_{\mathcal{M}\times\mathcal{T}}((g_1,T_1),(g_2,T_2))$ is given as the sum of L^2 norms of tensor differences with weight $\sqrt{-g}$:

$$d^2((g_1,T_1),(g_2,T_2)) = \int_{M^4} \left[\|g_1 - g_2\|^2 + \frac{(8\pi G)^2}{c^8} \|T_1 - T_2\|^2 \right] \sqrt{-g}\, d^4x \tag{6.2}$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ is the standard tensor norm (contraction over all indices with $g^{\mu\rho}g^{\nu\sigma}$).

VI.3. Theorem C.T1: statement

Theorem C.T1 (Φ-self-consistency of the Einstein equation). *A pair $(g,T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$ satisfies the Einstein equation (1.1) iff (g,T) is a fixed point of the map Φ_C:*

$$\boxed{G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} \iff \Phi_C(g,T) = (g,T)} \tag{C.F11}$$

Existence of such a pair is ensured by the Banach theorem [6]: Φ_C is a contraction map on the complete metric space (C_{contr}, d), hence there exists a unique (modulo Diff(M^4)) fixed point $\text{Fix}(\Phi_{\text{field}}) \subset C_{\text{contr}}$.

VI.4. Proof of the "forward implication": solution $\Rightarrow$ fixed point

Proof. Let $(g,T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$ satisfy (1.1). Then:

- Applying $\hat{O}$ to g: $\hat{O}(g) = T'$, where T' is given by formula (6.1). By the condition, $T_{\mu\nu} = (c^4/8\pi G)(G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu})$, and since T is consistent with g via (1.1), $T' = T$ (variational derivative identity).

- Applying ι to T: $\iota(T) = g'$, where g' is the metric satisfying $G'_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g'_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$. Since g already satisfies this equation with the same T, uniqueness of solutions of the Einstein equation with given T (up to a diffeomorphism) gives $g' = g$.

Composition: $\Phi_C(g,T) = (\iota(\hat{O}(g)), \hat{O}(\iota(T))) = (\iota(T), \hat{O}(g)) = (g,T)$. □

VI.5. Proof of the "reverse implication": fixed point ⇒ solution

Proof. Let $\Phi_C(g,T) = (g,T)$. Then:

- From the definition of Φ_C: $\iota(\hat{O}(g)) = g$ and $\hat{O}(\iota(T)) = T$.
- The first equality means that the metric g is a solution of the Einstein equation $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)\hat{O}(g)$ with right-hand side $\hat{O}(g)$.
- The second equality means $T = \hat{O}(\iota(T))$. Since $\iota(T) = g$, hence $T = \hat{O}(g)$.
- Substituting $T = \hat{O}(g)$ into the first equality: $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$. □

VI.6. Existence (Banach) and anti-circularity audit

Existence of a fixed point (Banach theorem [6]). On C_{contr} we show that Φ_C is a contraction map with Lipschitz constant $q < 1$:

$$d(\Phi_C(g_1,T_1), \Phi_C(g_2,T_2)) \le q \cdot d((g_1,T_1),(g_2,T_2)) \quad \text{(C.F11-Lip)}$$

Lipschitz estimate. A direct estimate via the chain rule for functional derivatives:

- For $\hat{O}$: Lipschitz constant $L_{\hat{O}} \le C_1 \cdot \sup_{(g,T)\in C_{\text{contr}}} |\partial^2\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}/\partial g^2|$, where C_1 is a geometric constant depending only on the metric g_2 relative to a reference (via the L^2 norm on C_{contr}). Since $\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}} = B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda$ is a smooth function of the metric via $\sqrt{-g}$, $|\partial^2\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}/\partial g^2|$ is bounded on C_{contr} by the value $|\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}| \cdot O(1)$.
- For ι: Lipschitz constant $L_\iota \le C_2 \cdot (c^4/8\pi G)$, where C_2 is the inversion estimate of the differential operator $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \to g_{\mu\nu}$ via the implicit function theorem [1] on C_{contr} (requires non-degeneracy of the linearization, ensured by global hyperbolicity).
- Total constant: $q = L_{\hat{O}} \cdot L_\iota \le C_1 \cdot C_2 \cdot (c^4/8\pi G) \cdot |\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}|$.

When C_{contr} is chosen so that $|\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}| < (8\pi G)/(C_1C_2c^4)$, we get $q < 1$, and the Banach theorem [6] Thm guarantees the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point $(g^*,T^*) \in C_{\text{contr}}$.

Uniqueness modulo Diff(M^4). If (g_1,T_1) and (g_2,T_2) are both fixed points of Φ_C in C_{contr}, then by the uniqueness of the Banach fixed point $d((g_1,T_1),(g_2,T_2)) = 0$, which in (6.2) means either $g_1 = g_2$ and $T_1 = T_2$, or differing by a diffeomorphism ϕ^* (zero metric difference for $g_1 = \phi^* g_2$). This is the uniqueness modulo Diff(M^4).

Anti-circularity audit of C.T1. The contraction argument uses:

1. Geometric estimates of norms $\|g_1 - g_2\|$, $\|T_1 - T_2\|$ via the L^2 norm with weight $\sqrt{-g}$ — standard estimates on smooth manifolds.

2. Observer-action bounds $|\mathcal{L}_{\text{obs}}| = |B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda|$ — boundedness from the definitions $B \in [0,1]$, $\sigma \in [0,1]$, and the normalization of Λ from [15] §II.1.

3. The implicit function theorem [1] for the inversion of the differential operator ι — a standard result of functional analysis.

4. The Banach theorem [6] on the fixed point of a contraction map on a complete metric space.

The contraction argument *does not use* the Einstein equation (1.1) and *does not assume* the existence of a solution. The identity $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ arises as a *consequence* of the existence of a fixed point (via the reverse implication of §VI.5), not as an assumption. This is the key distinction from circular approaches: the field equation is derived from the symmetry of the action (Noether's theorem) and the existence of a fixed point (Banach's theorem), without appeal to the equation itself.

VII. THEOREM C.T3 ON THE ODTOE ANALOG OF THE SINGULARITY THEOREM

VII.1. ODTOE energy condition from L8

Lemma (ODTOE energy condition). *For any pair* $(g,T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$ *with* $T_{\mu\nu}$ *given by formula (F16) of [15], the inequality holds*

$$T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu \geq 0 \qquad \forall\, u^\mu \text{ timelike: } g_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu < 0 \tag{7.1}$$

Proof. From (F16) of [15]: $T_{\mu\nu} = 2B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda(P_{O,\text{SYNC}})_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu}B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda$. Substituting $u^\mu u^\nu$:

$$T_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu = 2B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda\,(P_{O,\text{SYNC}})_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu - B^2(1-\sigma)\Lambda\, g_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu \tag{7.2}$$

The first term is non-negative (since $B^2 \geq 0$, $(1-\sigma) \geq 0$, $\Lambda \geq 0$ from [15] §II.1; $(P_{O,\text{SYNC}})_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu \geq 0$ by non-negativity of the projector, Theorem L7 [15] §V). The second term: $-g_{\mu\nu}u^\mu u^\nu > 0$ for timelike u^μ. The sum is ≥ 0. □

Remark. (7.1) is the structural analog of the weak energy condition (WEC) [9] §9.2.1 in ODTOE. In standard GR, WEC is taken as a postulate on matter; here it is *derived* from positivity of the B-functional and the idempotency of the SYNC projector.

VII.2. ODTOE analog of a trapped configuration

Definition (trapped ODTOE configuration). *A configuration* $C_* \in \mathcal{C}$ *is called trapped if for any null geodesic* $\gamma : [\lambda_0, \lambda_*) \to M^4$ *emanating from* C_* *in the direction* $\hat{n}$*, the front expansion* $\theta(\hat{n}) < 0$ *for all* $\hat{n} \in T_{C_*}M^4$ *satisfying* $g_{\mu\nu}\hat{n}^\mu\hat{n}^\nu = 0$.

Connection to J_O^+. In the terms of [13] §VI a trapped configuration is one for which the causal future $J_O^+(C_*)$ has compact closure; that is, the SYNC cycle Φ from C_* cannot expand in $\mathcal{C}$ in a finite number of iterations. This differs from the standard Penrose definition [3] (trapped surface $\to$ compact topological region); in ODTOE compactness is given through the boundedness of Φ iterations, not topologically.

VII.3. Theorem C.T3: statement

Theorem C.T3 (ODTOE analog of the Hawking—Penrose singularity theorem). *Let (M^4, g) be a globally hyperbolic spacetime, $(g, T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$, and assume three conditions:*

1. *ODTOE energy condition (7.1).*
2. *There exists a trapped ODTOE configuration C_* (definition §VII.2).*
3. *Ontological collapse condition at $B \to 0$: $B(\tau) \to 0$ at $\tau < \tau_{\text{crit}}$ from* [16] *equation (7.1) of that source.*

Then there exists a Φ-iteration sequence $\{C_n\}_{n=0}^N$ of finite affine parameter $\sum_{n=0}^N \Delta\tau_n < \infty$, such that $C_N \in \text{Fix}(\Phi)$ attractor and $J_O^+(C_N) = \emptyset$ — no successor in the causal future.

VII.4. Proof strategy and sketch

Strategy. Structurally repeats the proof of Penrose [3]: (a) the existence of a trapped configuration C_* ensures the focusing of the Φ-iteration sequence; (b) the ODTOE energy condition (7.1) guarantees positivity of the focusing operator (via the Raychaudhuri theorem for null geodesics [9] §9.2); (c) the ontological collapse condition $B \to 0$ from [16] §VII.3 gives a critical time $\tau_{\text{crit}} < \infty$, upon reaching which the SYNC structure $\hat{O}$ vanishes, and the iteration terminates in the $\text{Fix}(\Phi)$ attractor *[11]* §IV.4 without the possibility of further expansion of the causal future.

Proof sketch.

Step 1. By the definition of a trapped configuration, $\theta(\hat{n}) < 0$ for all null directions from C_*. By the Raychaudhuri theorem [9] equation (9.2.32): $d\theta/d\lambda \leq -\theta^2/2 - R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu$, where k^μ is the null tangent of the geodesic. The ODTOE energy condition (7.1) via the Einstein equation (1.1) gives $R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu \geq 0$.

Step 2. Hence $d\theta/d\lambda \leq -\theta^2/2$, and the standard consequence [9] §9.2 gives $\theta \to -\infty$ in finite affine parameter $\Delta\lambda \leq 2/|\theta_0|$, where $\theta_0 = \theta(\lambda_0) < 0$.

Step 3. In ODTOE, the point $\theta \to -\infty$ corresponds to a Φ-iteration point at which $B \to 0$ (decoherence due to focusing): per [16] §VII.3 this critical condition is reached in finite time $\tau_{\text{crit}} = \tau(\theta = -\infty)$.

Step 4. Per [16] equation (7.1): when $B(\tau_{\text{crit}}) \to 0$, the observation operator $\hat{O} \to 0$ and $\Psi \to \Psi_{\text{bare}}$ — an empty potential state without observer structure. This means that $C_N = \Psi_{\text{bare}}$ is the terminal point of the Φ-iteration in the $\text{Fix}(\Phi)$ attractor.

Step 5. Since $\hat{O} = 0$ at C_N, the causal future $J^+_O(C_N) = \emptyset$ by the definition of causal structure from [13] §III: causal reachability $C_N \preceq_O C'$ requires non-zero $\hat{O}$ to actualize C'. □

VII.5. Status of the proof and conditional caveats

Status. The sketch of §VII.4 establishes the structural analog of the Hawking—Penrose theorem in ODTOE. A full formal proof requires:

- Precise formulation of the ODTOE analog of the Raychaudhuri equation in [13] §VI/§VII (open).
- Topological theory of the limit $B \to 0$ as a boundary point of the Φ-iteration (open).
- Proof of compatibility of the Φ-iteration sequence of finite affine parameter with the smoothness of g on the entire M^4 except the point C_N (open).

Conditional caveat (R3 mitigation). If the limit $B \to 0$ does not have a well-defined topological structure as a boundary point of the Φ-iteration, then Theorem C.T3 is formulated as a *hypothesis* with an explicit status marker:

$$\text{C.T3 (status: HYPOTHESIS)} \implies \text{additional paper on the topology of the boundary layer} \tag{7.3}$$

In the present paper C.T3 is presented with a proof sketch; full formalization is an open task of §XI.

$$B(\tau_{\text{crit}}) \to 0 \ \ \text{(ontological collapse criterion)} \tag{C.F13}$$

$$\exists\,\{C_n\}_{n=0}^{N} : \ \sum_{n=0}^{N} \Delta\tau_n < \infty, \ \ C_N \in \text{Fix}(\Phi), \ \ J^+_O(C_N) = \emptyset \ \ \text{(C.T3 statement)} \tag{C.F14}$$

VIII. VERIFICATION ON SCHWARZSCHILD

VIII.1. Schwarzschild as a fixed point of Φ_C

Statement (Schwarzschild as a fixed point of Φ_C). *The pair* $(g_{\text{Schw}}, T = 0)$ *with* $\Lambda = 0$ *is a fixed point of the map* Φ_C *in* C_{contr}.

Proof. The Schwarzschild metric (formula (F11) of [14]):

$$ds^2_{\text{Schw}} = -\left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right) c^2 dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2, \qquad r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2} \tag{C.F15}$$

By Theorem A.T4 of [14] §VIII.1, $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ for all $r > r_s$ in vacuum; hence $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ identically for (F11). Application of $\hat{O}$ from (6.1) to g_{Schw} gives $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$ in vacuum (no observer $B(O, C) > 0$ with non-zero local density for $r > r_s$ in the standard interpretation of Schwarzschild). Application of ι to $T = 0$: the metric satisfying $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ for a test body on a spherically symmetric background is unique up to a diffeomorphism (Birkhoff's theorem [9] §6.1). Therefore $\iota(T = 0) = g_{\text{Schw}}$ (modulo Diff). Composition: $\Phi_C(g_{\text{Schw}}, T = 0) = (g_{\text{Schw}}, T = 0)$. □

VIII.2. Numerical verification Schwarzschild $=$ Fix(Φ_C)

Numerical verification on the basis of the Mercury perihelion shift test (§IX of [14]):

$$\Delta\phi_{\text{century}} = 42.9916585896956795 \text{ arcsec/century} \tag{8.1}$$

With this perihelion-shift value, Schwarzschild passes the first-order verification (Theorem A.T4 + numerical test of [14] §IX.1) as an exact vacuum solution, which is equivalent to Φ_C-fixedness per the statement of §VIII.1.

IX. KERR SOLUTION AS A FIXED POINT OF Φ_C (WITHOUT RE-DERIVATION)

Statement (Kerr as a fixed point of Φ_C). *The pair $(g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0)$ with $\Lambda = 0$ is a fixed point of Φ_C in C_{contr} for a rotating source of mass M with angular momentum $J = Mac$.*

Proof (citation without re-derivation). By Theorem A.T5 of [14] §VIII.2, the Kerr metric (formula (F12) of [14]) in Boyer—Lindquist coordinates [8] satisfies $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ in vacuum (standard result of Kerr theory [8]). The outer horizon and ergosphere are given by the explicit expressions [14] equations (8.2)–(8.3): $r_+ = M + \sqrt{M^2 - a^2}$, $r_E^{\text{eq}} = 2M = r_s$. Application of Φ_C to $(g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0)$ by an argument analogous to §VIII.1 (applied to the stationary axisymmetric metric with angular momentum [8] §33) gives $\Phi_C(g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0) = (g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0)$. □

$$\Phi_C(g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0) = (g_{\text{Kerr}}, T = 0) \qquad \text{(C.F16)} \tag{C.F16}$$

Numerical verification of r_+ and r_E^{eq} is given in [14] §IX.2 (formulae (9.6)–(9.8)) at 50-digit precision; not repeated here.

X. FLRW VERIFICATION USING $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$ FROM B

X.1. Friedmann equation from Φ_C-fixedness

For the spatially homogeneous isotropic FLRW metric

$$ds^2_{\text{FLRW}} = -c^2dt^2 + a(t)^2\left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2d\Omega^2\right] \tag{10.1}$$

with scale factor $a(t)$ and curvature $k \in \{-1, 0, +1\}$, the Einstein tensor has components

$$G_{tt} = 3\left(\frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} + \frac{kc^2}{a^2}\right), \qquad G_{ij}\, g^{ij} = -2\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} - \frac{\dot{a}^2}{a^2} - \frac{kc^2}{a^2} \tag{10.2}$$

The Φ_C-fixedness of the pair $(g_{\text{FLRW}}, T_{\text{cosm}})$ gives the Friedmann equation through the substitution $\hat{O}(g_{\text{FLRW}}) = T_{\text{cosm}}$ from (6.1) and $\iota(T_{\text{cosm}}) = g_{\text{FLRW}}$ back:

$$\boxed{H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho_{\text{tot}} - \frac{kc^2}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3}, \qquad H = \dot{a}/a} \tag{C.F17}$$

where $\rho_{\text{tot}} = \rho_m + \rho_r + \rho_\Lambda$ is the total density of matter, radiation, and dark energy.

X.2. Substitution of $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$

From the closed form of $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$ from [15] formula (F23):

$$\chi_\Lambda(S^*) = \frac{3\varphi^2}{8\pi(\varphi^2 + 1 + Z(S^*))}, \qquad Z(S^*) = \frac{\pi - 3}{1 - (\pi - 3)\varphi} \tag{10.3}$$

and the identity $\chi_\Lambda = (3/8\pi)\Omega_\Lambda$ [15] formula (F22a):

$$\Omega_\Lambda(S^*) = \frac{\varphi^2}{\varphi^2 + 1 + Z(S^*)} \tag{C.F18}$$

Substitution of the 50-digit constants π, φ, $(\pi - 3)$ from [15] §VIII.4 steps 1–3:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi &= 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510 \\
\varphi &= 1.61803398874989484820458683436563811772030917980576 \\
(\pi - 3) &= 0.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510 \\
\varphi^2 &= 2.61803398874989484820458683436563811772030917980576 \\
Z(S^*) &= 0.18367229293062031020\ldots \\
\Omega_\Lambda(S^*) &= 0.68864709548066742428\ldots
\end{aligned}$$

X.3. Agreement with Planck 2018

Comparison with the observational value of Planck 2018:

$$|\Omega_\Lambda^{\text{Planck}} - \Omega_\Lambda(S^*)| = |0.6889 - 0.68864709\ldots| = 0.00025290\ldots < 0.0056 = 1\sigma \quad \Rightarrow \quad 0.05\sigma \text{ deviation} \tag{10.4}$$

which reproduces the result of [15] equation (F24) without fitting. FLRW cosmology as a Φ_C-fixed point is *derived* from (1.1) with substitution of the closed form $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$ from [15]; agreement with Planck 2018 is an additional confirmation of C.T1 in the cosmological limit.

XI. CONCLUSION

In the present paper, stage 3 of programme §XIV.3 of [13] is closed: the Einstein equation $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ is derived in ODTOE as a Φ-self-consistency condition on pairs $(g, T) \in C_{\text{contr}}$ (Theorem C.T1, §VI), where existence and uniqueness modulo Diff(M^4) are ensured by the Banach theorem [6] for the contraction map $\Phi_C = \iota \circ \hat{O}$ with an explicit anti-circularity audit of the contraction argument. The Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ is established along two independent paths: Path 1 — kinematic via A.T3 of [14] (contraction of the second Bianchi identity on a smooth pseudo-Riemannian metric); Path 2 — dynamical via Noether's theorem [2] for S_{obs} under the action of Diff(M^4) (Theorem C.T2 §IV–V); numerical verification on the Schwarzschild ground state gives $|\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}|_{\text{Path 1}} = |\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu}|_{\text{Path 2}} = 0$ strictly in 50-digit arithmetic of `mpmath`. The ODTOE analog of the Hawking—Penrose singularity theorem (Theorem C.T3 §VII) is formulated through the trigger $B \to 0$ under the ODTOE energy condition (derived from L8 of [15]) and the trapped-configuration analog via the causal cone J_O^+ of [13]; the full topological formalization of the limit $B \to 0$ as a boundary point of the Φ-iteration is left as an explicit open task. The exact Schwarzschild (Theorem A.T4, §VIII), Kerr (Theorem A.T5, §IX), and FLRW (with closed form $\chi_\Lambda(S^*)$ of [15], §X) solutions are verified as fixed points of Φ_C.

The main methodological result is the *synthetic nature* of the ODTOE derivation of the Einstein equation. The standard variational approach gives the field equation as the Euler—Lagrange equation on the Hilbert action; the ODTOE approach gives *the same* equation as a Φ-self-consistency condition on pairs (g, T), fully consistent with both the symmetry (Noether) and the fixed-point (Banach) interpretations. The Bianchi identity $\nabla_\mu G^{\mu\nu} = 0$ is the common output of both paths: kinematic (geometric) and dynamical (Noether) — confirming the structural uniqueness of $G_{\mu\nu}$ in the sense of Lovelock's theorem [5]. Six symbols are fixed for subsequent works of the corpus: C.T1 — the theorem on Φ-self-consistency (row N+55), C.T2 — the dual-path Bianchi identity (row N+56), C.T3 — the ODTOE analog of the singularity theorem (row N+57), the form of the field equation as a Φ-fixed point $G_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = (8\pi G/c^4)T_{\mu\nu}$ (row N+58), $\text{Fix}(\Phi_{\text{field}}) \equiv \{(g, T) \in C_{\text{contr}} : \Phi_C(g, T) = (g, T)\}$ (row N+59), the dual-path label T2-Path-1 = A.T3 kinematic and T2-Path-2 = Noether (row N+60).

Thus, the three-stage programme of the full derivation of the tensor structure of gravity in ODTOE is closed: stage 1 (tensor layer) is performed in [14], stage 2 (tensor source + cosmological constant) is performed in [15], stage 3 (field equation as Φ-self-consistency + dual-path Bianchi identity + singularity theorem) is performed in the present paper. Open tasks remain: (i) the full topological formalization of the limit $B \to 0$ for C.T3; (ii) the analytical check of Path 2 on a non-trivial FLRW state with $T_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$; (iii) the ODTOE formulation of smoothness and causality conditions for Φ-iteration sequences near horizons and singularities; (iv) integration with the thermodynamic derivation of [15] §IX through horizon ODTOE analogs of the Hawking—Ellis [9] theorems. Each of these items is a self-contained task of a separate publication, developing the ODTOE-gravity corpus beyond the initial trilogy.

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