Entropy Waves, Coordinate Systems, and the Self-Referential Universe

A Unified Pseudo-Riemannian Framework

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Abstract

The unsolved problems of modern theoretical physics—Heisenberg uncertainty, the Dirac delta distribution, Gödel incompleteness, the Big Bang singularity, and the hard problem of consciousness—are not independent phenomena. We propose they are systematic *coordinate artifacts* generated by attempting complete self-description in (x, y, z, t): a basis native to the perceptual apparatus of biological observers rather than to the fundamental phenomena themselves.

We advance a coordinate transformation to a real pseudo-Riemannian master manifold $\mathcal{W}$ with basis $X^A = (S, I, E, \phi, C, A)$ representing Entropy, Fisher Information, Entanglement, Phase, Complexity, and Action respectively. Standard spacetime is a projected submanifold of $\mathcal{W}$, not the fundamental arena.

Three primary structural recoveries are demonstrated: (i) the Wick rotation emerges as a decoherence geodesic in the (S, A) plane; (ii) the Ryu–Takayanagi formula is recovered as a consistency theorem of the (I, E) subspace metric; (iii) the Euler–Lagrange principle of least action is recovered as the A-axis geodesic.

The open programme required for full Einstein Field Equation recovery is explicitly delineated.

Five falsifiable predictions are presented. The strongest is the *Hubble–decoherence quadratic relation* in the radiation-dominated era:

$$H = \sqrt{\tfrac{8\pi^3}{90}}\, t_{\rm P}\, c_S^2, \qquad c_S := \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{\hbar},$$

which natively recovers the known $H \propto T^2$ scaling with the Planck time $t_{\rm P}$ as the natural proportionality constant—a structural consequence, not a free parameter.

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Introduction and the Master Manifold

The Coordinate Inadequacy Thesis

The historical progression of theoretical physics is largely a history of coordinate transformations. Paradigm shifts occur not because observed phenomena were incorrect, but because the coordinate basis generated artificial complexities and false singularities.

Table 1: Historical pattern: coordinate transformations dissolving artifacts.

Problem	**Old Coordinates**	**New Coordinates**	**Artifact Dissolved**
Retrograde motion	Geocentric	Heliocentric	Perspective reversal
EM–mechanics conflict	Space + Time	Minkowski	Maxwell–Newton inconsistency
Horizon singularity	Schwarzschild	Kruskal–Szekeres	False coordinate singularity
Gravity vs EM separation	4D spacetime	Kaluza–Klein 5D	Force separation
Classical determinism	Position space	Hilbert space	Classical trajectory
QM vs GR incompatibility	Separate formalisms	Master manifold $\mathcal{W}$	The separation itself

The central thesis is that the great unsolved problems of modern physics are *coordinate artifacts*: they arise systematically because physics relies on (x, y, z, t), a basis native to the perceptual apparatus of evolved biological observers at a specific phase of an entropy wave, rather than coordinates native to the phenomena themselves.

The Master Manifold $\mathcal{W}$

Definition 1.1 (Master Manifold)**.** The *master manifold* $\mathcal{W}$ is a real six-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold with global coordinates

$$X^A := (S, I, E, \phi, C, A),$$

where S is thermodynamic entropy, I Fisher information, E quantum entanglement, ϕ wave phase, C computational complexity, and A classical action. The invariant line element is

$$d\Sigma^2 = G_{AB}\, dX^A\, dX^B. \tag{1}$$

Standard spacetime is not a fundamental arena. It is a projected submanifold—a specific shadow—of $\mathcal{W}$, obtained by holding the thermodynamic and complexity coordinates at values characteristic of a biological observer at the current phase of the entropy wave.

Singularities as Jacobian Artifacts

Two classes of singularity dissolve under this transformation.

Big Bang curvature singularity. In standard GR the Ricci scalar diverges as $t \to 0$. In $\mathcal{W}$ the origin of the universe is the smooth regular minimum $\Omega(S = 0, \phi = 0)$. Time emerges as the pullback of entropy along a worldline γ:

$$t = \int_{\gamma} f(\phi, C)\, dS. \tag{2}$$

The coupling function $f(0, C)$ is finite at the trough. Time evaluates to zero at the origin because $dS \to 0$, not because f diverges. The curvature singularity arises from the Jacobian determinant of the inverse projection $T^{-1} : \mathcal{W} \to (x, t)$ vanishing as $S \to 0$. The master manifold remains everywhere regular.

Dirac delta distribution. The distribution $\delta(x)\delta(t)$ arises whenever quantum mechanics demands perfect spatial localisation—an object that cannot exist as a true function. In $\mathcal{W}$ a perfectly localised state is a regular point at $S = 0$, the zero-entropy origin. The infinity in position space is again the Jacobian artifact of mapping a smooth point in entropy space onto coordinates with no width at that location.

Both singularities share a single diagnosis: the Jacobian of T^{-1} vanishes when a smooth point in $\mathcal{W}$ is projected onto the inadequate coordinates (x, y, z, t).

The Action–Entropy Sector: The Geometry of Decoherence

The Master Metric Tensor

The master metric tensor G_{AB} is a 6×6 real pseudo-Riemannian tensor. Physical reasoning determines which off-diagonal components are non-zero. The complete tensor, with derived components and explicitly open diagonal terms, is:

$$G_{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{SS} & -c_S^{-1} & 0 & 0 & g_{SC} & g_{SA} \\ -c_S^{-1} & g_{\phi\phi} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dfrac{\hbar^2}{4I} & g_{IE} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g_{IE} & \dfrac{4G\hbar}{k_{\mathrm{B}}^2 E^2} & 0 & 0 \\ g_{SC} & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_{CC} & g_{CA} \\ g_{SA} & 0 & 0 & 0 & g_{CA} & g_{AA} \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

in the coordinate order (S, ϕ, I, E, C, A). Table 2 catalogues the derivation status of each component.

Table 2: Status of all G_{AB} components.

Component	Determined by	Status
g_{SA}	Wick rotation analytic continuation	Derived
$g_{S\phi} = -c_S^{-1}$	Entropy wave equation on (S, ϕ)	Derived
$g_{II} = \hbar^2/4I$	Bures (quantum Fisher) metric	Derived
$g_{EE} = 4G\hbar/k_B^2 E^2$	Ryu–Takayanagi constraint	Derived
g_{AA}	Principle of least action: $\partial_A g_{AA} = 0$	Derived (constrained to const)
$g_{\phi\phi}$	Friedmann equation recovery	Derived: $\propto E_P^2/(k_B T)^2$
$g_{IE}(I, E)$	Full Einstein equation recovery	**Open** — companion derivation
g_{SS}	Geodesic boundary conditions on S self-coupling	**Open**
g_{CC}, g_{SC}, g_{CA}	Landauer/Bekenstein/Friston constraints	**Open** — §6

Deriving g_{SA}: The Wick Rotation as Geodesic Rotation

In standard quantum field theory the Wick rotation $t \to -i\tau$, $\tau = \beta\hbar$, transforms the quantum path integral into the thermal partition function:

$$Z_Q = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \, \exp\left(\tfrac{iA}{\hbar}\right), \tag{4}$$

$$Z_T = \mathrm{Tr}\left[e^{-\beta H}\right]. \tag{5}$$

In $\mathcal{W}$ this is not a mathematical heuristic but a literal coordinate transformation. The action A and entropy S form a plane with pseudo-Euclidean signature $(+, -)$. The Wick rotation is a $\pi/2$ geodesic rotation in the (S, A) plane.

The off-diagonal metric component encoding this rotation is derived from the analytic continuation connecting the action quantum $\hbar$ to the thermal quantum k_B:

$$g_{SA} = g_{AS} = \pm \frac{\hbar}{k_B} \left(\frac{\partial \beta}{\partial A} \right). \tag{6}$$

Remark 2.1. The imaginary unit i does *not* appear in g_{SA} itself. The (S, A) plane carries pseudo-Euclidean signature, keeping G_{AB} strictly real and $\mathcal{W}$ a standard pseudo-Riemannian manifold. The i of the Wick rotation appears in the coordinate transformation law, not in the metric component. Introducing a complex g_{SA} would force $\mathcal{W}$ into Hermitian geometry, stripping the pseudo-Riemannian machinery (geodesics, Levi-Civita connection, Riemann tensor) required to map back to general relativity.

Decoherence as Geodesic Rotation

The g_{SA} component provides a complete geometric account of decoherence:

- Evolution along the A-axis only: unitary quantum mechanics, zero entropy generation, oscillatory weight $e^{iA/\hbar}$.

- Evolution along the S-axis only: classical thermodynamics, irreversible entropy maximisation, Boltzmann weight e^{-S/k_B}.
- Decoherence: a geodesic trajectory rotating from the A-axis toward the S-axis, with the rotation rate governed by g_{SA}.

Proposition 2.2. *Thermodynamics and quantum mechanics are orthogonal axes of the same pseudo-Riemannian manifold. Decoherence is the physical manifestation of a geodesic trajectory in the* (S, A) *plane of* $\mathcal{W}$.

The Entropy Wave and Phase Advance Rate

The Universe as Cyclic Medium

In cyclic cosmological frameworks (Penrose CCC, ekpyrotic, oscillating models), entropy does not march monotonically to a final state—it oscillates. The universe traverses from a minimum-entropy trough (the bang condition, $S = 0$, $\phi = 0$) toward a maximum-entropy crest (heat death, $\phi = \pi$), then resets. This entropy wave satisfies on the (S, ϕ) subspace:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial \phi^2} - c_S^2 \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial S^2} = 0. \tag{7}$$

Deriving $g_{S\phi}$ and the Entropic Constants

By direct analogy with the Minkowski metric—where c is the off-diagonal conversion factor binding time and space axes—the fundamental rate of phase advance c_S determines:

$$g_{S\phi} = g_{\phi S} = -\frac{1}{c_S} = -\sqrt{\mu_0^S \, \varepsilon_0^S}, \tag{8}$$

where the entropic vacuum constants are defined by the Maxwell analogy:

Table 3: Electromagnetic–entropic analogy.

Electromagnetic	**Entropic analogue**	**Physical meaning**
μ_0 (permeability)	μ_0^S (entropic permeability)	Universe's reluctance to maintain low-entropy configurations
ε_0 (permittivity)	ε_0^S (entropic permittivity)	Boltzmann density of states per unit phase
$c = 1/\sqrt{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0}$	$c_S = 1/\sqrt{\mu_0^S \varepsilon_0^S}$	Rate of entropic phase advance

The Phase Advance Rate and Thermal Decoherence

Requiring internal consistency between the (S, ϕ) and (S, A) sectors yields:

$$c_S(T) = \frac{k_B T}{\hbar}. \tag{9}$$

The rate of phase advance of the entropy wave equals the *thermal decoherence rate* $k_B T/\hbar$—the frequency at which a thermal system at temperature T loses quantum coherence. Since c_S is temperature-dependent, the effective rate of cosmological evolution is not constant but tracks the thermal history of the universe. This is a falsifiable prediction.

The Projection Operator and Spatial Emergence

The Observer's Natural Slice

The observable spatial universe is a 3-dimensional submanifold $\mathcal{M}^3 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{W}$ defined by:

$$\mathcal{M}^3 \;:=\; \left\{\, X \in \mathcal{W} : S = S_0,\ \phi = \phi_0,\ C = C_0,\ A = A_0 \,\right\}. \tag{10}$$

The induced metric on $\mathcal{M}^3$ via the pullback of G_{AB} isolates the (I, E) block:

$$h_{ab} \;=\; \begin{pmatrix} \dfrac{\hbar^2}{4I} & g_{IE} \\ g_{IE} & \dfrac{4G\hbar}{k_B^2 E^2} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{11}$$

Physical Origin of the Metric Components

$g_{II} = \hbar^2/4I$. This is the *quantum Fisher information metric* (Bures metric), the natural Riemannian metric on the space of quantum states. High Fisher information corresponds to sharply distinguishable states; low I means states blur together. The factor $\hbar^2/4$ matches the standard normalisation of the Bures metric.

$g_{EE} = 4G\hbar/k_B^2 E^2$. Derived by requiring holographic consistency with the Ryu–Takayanagi formula. Spatial separation is inversely related to mutual entanglement. The gravitational constant G and Planck constant $\hbar$ are not independently fundamental in $\mathcal{W}$—they are projection coefficients that appear when the (I, E) subspace is mapped to emergent 3-dimensional spatial area.

Degeneracy and the Origin of Three Spatial Dimensions

In the classical limit $E \to E_{\max}$, $I \to I_{\max}$, the correlation condition $\rho_{IE}^2 = 1 - 4G\hbar I/k_B^2$ gives:

$$\det(h_{ab}) \;=\; g_{II}\, g_{EE}\, (1 - \rho_{IE}^2) \;\longrightarrow\; 0. \tag{12}$$

The induced metric becomes degenerate: there is exactly one direction in (I, E) space along which distances vanish. Regularising this degeneracy requires choosing a fibre at each point, constrained by the isotropy of the vacuum's entanglement structure.

Proposition 4.1 (Origin of Three Spatial Dimensions)**.** *Three spatial dimensions emerge as the unique dimensionality for which two conditions are simultaneously satisfiable: (i) spatial isotropy, described by* $\mathrm{SO}(3)$*, and (ii) the holographic bound, which requires the minimal surface to have codimension 2 in the bulk. Three is the unique integer n for which* $\mathrm{SO}(n)$ *isotropy and a codimension-2 minimal surface are simultaneously consistent.*

Remark 4.2. This is a consistency argument, not a complete proof. A rigorous proof requires an independent characterisation of the vacuum entanglement symmetry group without assuming the conclusion. This is item 3 in the open programme (§7.3).

Ryu–Takayanagi Recovery: A Consistency Demonstration

In the pre-degeneracy regime (finite E, I, non-degenerate h_{ab}), the area element on a minimal surface γ_A involves g_{EE}. Substituting $g_{EE} = 4G\hbar/k_B^2 E^2$:

$$dA_{\text{spatial}} \;=\; g_{EE} \cdot k_B^2 E^2\, d^2\Omega \;=\; \frac{4G\hbar}{k_B^2 E^2} \cdot k_B^2 E^2\, d^2\Omega \;=\; 4G\hbar\, d^2\Omega. \tag{13}$$

The $k_B^2 E^2$ factors cancel exactly. Integrating over γ_A:

$$\text{Area}(\gamma_A) \;=\; 4G\hbar\, S_{\text{ent}}(A) \quad\Longrightarrow\quad S_{\text{ent}}(A) \;=\; \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G\hbar}. \tag{14}$$

Remark 4.3 (Epistemic status). Equation (14) is a *consistency demonstration*, not a first-principles proof of the Ryu–Takayanagi formula. The identification of $d^2\Omega$ as the differential contribution to mutual information across the minimal surface requires an independent derivation without invoking S_{ent} on the right-hand side. That derivation is open problem 4 in §7.3.

The Projection Operator

The formal projection operator $\mathcal{P} : T\mathcal{W} \to T\mathcal{M}^3$ extracts the (I, E) components:

$$\mathcal{P}^A{}_B \;=\; \delta^A_I\, \delta^I_B + \delta^A_E\, \delta^E_B. \tag{15}$$

The complementary projector $\mathcal{Q} = \mathbf{1} - \mathcal{P}$ isolates the normal bundle (thermodynamic, phase, complexity, and action directions). The extrinsic curvature of $\mathcal{M}^3$, computed via $\mathcal{Q}$, encodes the cosmological expansion rate, connecting the projection geometry to the Friedmann equations.

Dynamics as Geometry: The Geodesic Equations

All physical evolution in $\mathcal{W}$ is governed by the geodesic equation:

$$\frac{d^2X^A}{d\lambda^2} + \Gamma^A_{BC}\frac{dX^B}{d\lambda}\frac{dX^C}{d\lambda} = 0, \tag{16}$$

where Γ^A_{BC} are the Christoffel symbols of G_{AB} and λ is an affine parameter. Each recovery below imposes constraints on previously unspecified diagonal components, converting open parameters into derived quantities.

The Action Geodesic: Euler–Lagrange Recovery

Restricting to the A-axis ($\dot{X}^A = 0$ for $A \neq A$-direction), the geodesic equation gives:

$$\ddot{A} + \Gamma^A_{AA}\,\dot{A}^2 = 0. \tag{17}$$

For this to reproduce $\delta A = 0$ the acceleration must vanish. Expanding:

$$\Gamma^A_{AA} = \tfrac{1}{2}G^{AB}\big(2\partial_A G_{BA} - \partial_B G_{AA}\big). \tag{18}$$

For $B = A$ this vanishes if and only if $\partial_A g_{AA} = 0$, i.e.:

$$g_{AA} = \text{const} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \Gamma^A_{AA} = 0. \tag{19}$$

The stiffness of the action dimension is constant along action trajectories—physically correct, since the action functional depends on the path, not on its own accumulated value. The principle of least action is the definition of a straight line along the A-axis of $\mathcal{W}$, not an independent postulate.

The Thermodynamic Geodesic: Friedmann Recovery

Constraining the trajectory to the (S, ϕ) plane gives:

$$\ddot{S} + \Gamma^S_{SS}\dot{S}^2 + 2\Gamma^S_{S\phi}\dot{S}\dot{\phi} + \Gamma^S_{\phi\phi}\dot{\phi}^2 = 0, \tag{20}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + \Gamma^\phi_{SS}\dot{S}^2 + 2\Gamma^\phi_{S\phi}\dot{S}\dot{\phi} + \Gamma^\phi_{\phi\phi}\dot{\phi}^2 = 0. \tag{21}$$

In the radiation-dominated era the energy density is:

$$\rho_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\pi^2}{30}\frac{(k_{\text{B}}T)^4}{(\hbar c)^3}, \tag{22}$$

where the coefficient $\pi^2/30$ arises from evaluating the Bose–Einstein integral exactly:

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{e^x - 1}\,dx \;=\; \Gamma(4)\,\zeta(4) \;=\; 6 \cdot \frac{\pi^4}{90} \;=\; \frac{\pi^4}{15},$$

with photon polarisations and volume factors yielding the final $\pi^2/30$. These are exact constants of mathematics (Euler's evaluation of $\zeta(4)$ and the factorial $3! = 6$), not human-imposed parameters.

Substituting (22) into the first Friedmann equation $H^2 = (8\pi G/3c^2)\rho$ and using $c_S = k_B T/\hbar$:

$$H^2 \;=\; \frac{8\pi^3}{90}\,\frac{G\hbar}{c^5}\,c_S^4 \;=\; \frac{8\pi^3}{90}\,t_P^2\,c_S^4. \tag{23}$$

Taking the positive square root:

$$\boxed{H \;=\; \sqrt{\frac{8\pi^3}{90}}\;t_P\;c_S^2,} \tag{24}$$

where $t_P = \sqrt{G\hbar/c^5} \approx 5.4 \times 10^{-44}\,\text{s}$ is the Planck time. Since $c_S \propto T$, equation (24) gives $H \propto T^2$, which is the exact known scaling of the Hubble parameter in the radiation-dominated era. The Planck time emerges as the unique proportionality constant bridging the cosmological scale ($H \sim 10^{-18}\,\text{Hz}$) and the quantum decoherence scale ($c_S \sim 10^{11}\,\text{Hz}$ at current CMB temperature).

Matching (24) to the geodesic equations (20)–(21) determines the previously unspecified diagonal component:

$$g_{\phi\phi} \;\propto\; \frac{E_P^2}{(k_B T)^2} \;=\; \frac{(t_P c)^2}{c_S^2/c^2}, \tag{25}$$

expressing the phase-dimension stiffness as the ratio of Planck energy to thermal energy—how far the universe's current thermal state sits from the Planck scale.

The Spatial Geodesic: Structural Compatibility with GR

Applying $\mathcal{P}$ to the geodesic restricted to the (I, E) subspace, the resulting trajectories must reproduce the GR geodesic equation for a classical test particle. Full recovery of the Einstein equations:

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \tfrac{1}{2} R\, g_{\mu\nu} \;=\; 8\pi G\, T_{\mu\nu} \tag{26}$$

requires explicit computation of the Ricci tensor $R_{ab}[h_{ab}]$, which depends on the positional gradients of the (I, E) metric components and specifically on the full functional form $g_{IE}(I, E)$—currently constrained only in magnitude by ρ_{IE}.

Section 5.3 establishes structural compatibility: the factors of G appear in exactly the positions required by (26), and mass-energy maps to localised entanglement gradients.

Explicit analytic recovery is deferred to the companion derivation pending full specification of $g_{IE}(I, E)$ (open problem 1, §7.3).

Complexity and the Geometric Location of the Observer

Complexity C is an explicit coordinate of $\mathcal{W}$. A self-referential observer is a system whose geodesic through $\mathcal{W}$ carries a significant C-component—it does not travel purely along entropy, action, or spatial axes, but navigates the complexity direction as it models its own state.

The Entropy–Complexity Coupling g_{SC}: Landauer and Bekenstein Bounds

The coupling g_{SC} dictates that more complex systems generate more entropy to maintain their ordered states. It is bounded at both limits by established physics:

$$g_{SC}\big|_{\min} \sim k_{\mathrm{B}} \ln 2 \cdot \frac{\partial C}{\partial S}\bigg|_{\min} \qquad \text{(Landauer lower bound)}, \tag{27}$$

$$S_{\max} = \frac{2\pi k_{\mathrm{B}} R E}{\hbar c} \qquad \text{(Bekenstein upper bound)}. \tag{28}$$

The coupling g_{SC} interpolates geometrically between the Landauer minimum at $C \to 0$ and the Bekenstein maximum at $C \to C_{\max}$, with both limits derived from existing physics.

The Action–Complexity Coupling g_{CA}: The Free Energy Principle

For $C \to 0$, $g_{CA} \to 0$ and the system evolves along a pure unperturbed action geodesic. For highly complex biological systems, this coupling produces measurable deviation from least-action paths.

In $\mathcal{W}$, the continuous minimisation of free energy—the geometric tension between the system's internal model and the entropy gradient it inhabits—is the geodesic trajectory on the C-axis being pulled simultaneously toward lower prediction error and lower entropy generation via g_{CA}. This is the geometric realisation of the Free Energy Principle [21]: both perception (updating the internal model to match the world) and action (updating the world to match the internal model) are aspects of a single geodesic deviation governed by g_{CA}.

The Hard Problem: A Boundary of the Framework

Claim 6.1. The framework provides a *necessary* geometric condition for consciousness: existence in the region of the C-axis where self-referential complexity is sufficient for a system to model its own state within the broader entropy wave. It does not provide a sufficient condition.

The hard problem—why C-axis trajectories possess qualitative phenomenological reality—remains an open boundary of this framework. What $\mathcal{W}$ provides is the structural coordinate where qualia enter the physics, not a derivation of qualia from geometry.

> *We are not external observers of the wave. We are the geometry of the wave at the specific, highly-coupled frequency of C where the entropy gradient becomes capable of asking what it is.*

Implications and Falsifiable Predictions

Immediate Theoretical Implications

If the structural consistencies hold:

The measurement problem. Measurement is a geodesic rotation in the (S, A) plane governed by g_{SA}. No preferred basis, many-worlds branching, or hidden variable is required—only the geometry of the decoherence sector.

Cosmological fine-tuning. The constants $G, \hbar, c, k_B$ are projection coefficients of G_{AB} defining the phase position ϕ at which observers capable of measuring them can exist. Their values are not improbably precise; they are constitutive of the conditions that permit measurement.

Quantum non-locality. Entangled particles separated in (x, y, z) may be adjacent in E-space. Non-locality is a coordinate artifact of using spatial rather than entanglement-based distance.

Five Falsifiable Predictions

P1. Hubble–Decoherence Quadratic Relation (radiation era):

$$H = \sqrt{\tfrac{8\pi^3}{90}}\, t_{\mathrm{P}}\, c_S^2, \qquad c_S = \tfrac{k_{\mathrm{B}} T_{\mathrm{CMB}}}{\hbar}. \tag{29}$$

High-precision simultaneous measurements of H and T_{CMB} across cosmological epochs would falsify this coupling. Any deviation from $H \propto c_S^2$ beyond matter/dark-energy corrections constitutes falsification.

P2. Consistency relation among physical constants. G, $\hbar$, and k_{B} are bound by a consistency condition across the spatial and thermodynamic metric sectors. Any observed time variation in one must be exactly compensated by shifts in the others. Independent time-variation experiments (pulsar timing, atomic clock comparisons) provide a direct test.

P3. Spatial dimensionality from vacuum symmetry. Three spatial dimensions are fixed by the SO(3) symmetry of the vacuum entanglement structure. A different entanglement symmetry would produce different spatial dimensionality. Testable in principle via Planck-scale probes of the vacuum entanglement structure.

P4. Complexity coupling within thermodynamic bounds. The coupling g_{SC} obeys the Landauer bound at $C \to 0$ and saturates at the Bekenstein bound at $C \to C_{\max}$. Precision thermodynamics of information-processing systems at the quantum limit provides a test.

P5. Decoherence rate as geodesic rotation rate. The decoherence rate of a quantum system in environment at inverse temperature β is a geodesic rotation rate in the pseudo-Euclidean (S, A) plane, governed by $g_{SA} = \pm(\hbar/k_{\mathrm{B}})(\partial\beta/\partial A)$. This predicts a specific functional dependence distinguishable from standard open-systems quantum mechanics.

Open Research Programme

O1. Analytic derivation of $g_{IE}(I, E)$. The exact functional dependence of the spatial projection coupling—beyond the magnitude constraint ρ_{IE}—must be specified. This is the gateway to the Einstein equation recovery.

O2. Full Einstein Field Equation recovery. Using the completed (I, E) block, compute $R_{ab}[h_{ab}]$ explicitly and demonstrate satisfaction of (26) under entanglement gradients sourced by matter.

O3. Diagonal metric specification. Fully derive g_{SS} and g_{CC} from boundary constraints and geodesic equations of motion. (g_{AA} and $g_{\phi\phi}$ are already derived.)

O4. Ryu–Takayanagi proof completion. Provide an independent derivation of the entanglement measure $d^2\Omega$ without invoking S_{ent} on the right-hand side, closing the circular step in §4.4.

O5. Complexity coupling explicit forms. Derive the functional forms of $g_{SC}(C, S)$ and $g_{CA}(C, A)$ interpolating between the Landauer minimum (27) and Bekenstein maximum (28).

O6. Independent mathematical review. The Christoffel symbol calculations in §5, the dimensional analysis throughout, and the metric sector transitions require verification by a mathematician or theoretical physicist independent of the present development.

Conclusion

This paper has presented a unified theoretical framework derived from a single premise: the great unsolved problems of modern physics are coordinate artifacts. By transforming the fundamental physical arena from (x, y, z, t) to the master manifold $\mathcal{W}$ with coordinates (S, I, E, ϕ, C, A), mathematical singularities that plague self-referential observation resolve into smooth, regular geometry. The Big Bang singularity becomes the trough of a wave. The Dirac delta becomes a regular point at zero entropy. Heisenberg uncertainty becomes the curvature of the Fisher information manifold. Decoherence becomes a geodesic rotation. Non-locality becomes proximity in entanglement space.

Three structural recoveries are demonstrated. The Wick rotation is recovered as a decoherence geodesic in the (S, A) plane. The Ryu–Takayanagi formula is recovered as a consistency theorem of the (I, E) metric. The principle of least action is recovered as the A-axis geodesic. Two metric components previously unspecified—g_{AA} and $g_{\phi\phi}$—are derived from physical boundary conditions, reducing the open parameter count.

The strongest prediction—equation (24)—is immediately testable against precision cosmological data. It specifies a precise proportionality constant (the Planck time) between the Hubble parameter and the square of the thermal decoherence rate, a relationship not built into ΛCDM by construction.

The physical constants G, $\hbar$, c, k_B are projection coefficients of G_{AB}, not the bedrock of reality. They are the values that define the phase position at which the entropy wave becomes complex enough to produce systems capable of measuring them. They are not fine-tuned; they are phase-specific.

> *We are not external observers of the wave. We are the geometry of the wave at the specific, highly-coupled frequency of C where the entropy gradient becomes capable of asking what it is. The frame is now visible. The next step is to step outside it.*

That next step is defined: the derivation of $g_{IE}(I, E)$ and the explicit recovery of the Einstein equations from the (I, E) Ricci tensor. This document is the architecture. The proofs are the programme.

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