

A Covariant Symplectic Structure for Velocity-Space Curvature and the Spacetime Metric on Phase Space T^*M — An Open Framework for the Open Problem of Paper 66: The Coordinate-Free Completion of the Hinge — [Paper 76]

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ABSTRACT

Paper 66 left an open problem. The gravitational redshift lives in the $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ of the spacetime metric on the **base**, while the geometry of rest energy $E = 4\pi/|K|$ lives in **velocity space (the fiber)**. Can these two be assembled, on the phase space of positions and momenta (the cotangent bundle T^*M), into a single **covariant symplectic structure**? This paper does **not solve** that problem; it **proposes a formulation as an open framework (a research programme)**. The stage is entirely the royal-road toolkit of classical mechanics — the cotangent bundle T^*M , the canonical one-form $\theta = p_\mu dx^\mu$, the symplectic two-form $\omega = d\theta$, and Hamiltonian flow. We state three observations. (1) The base metric $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ (containing $\sqrt{g_{00}}$) and the fiber's velocity-space geometry (curvature $K = -1/c^2$) **naturally co-inhabit T^*M in distinct places — the horizontal and the vertical directions**. (2) The "hinge" joining the two is a **single coordinate-free function**, the Hamiltonian $H(x, p)$ (the completion of the hinge of Paper 63). (3) The equivalence principle translates into the statement "the fiber curvature is the same at every point of the base." **Scope**: this paper produces no new mathematics and no new predictions. What it shows is only a **structural description** — that two quantities co-inhabit one covariant phase space in distinct roles. $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ and K are **not fused** (distinct roots; Papers 58/48). Neither quantum mechanics nor gravity is derived. The sole legitimate gate from Layer 2 to Layer 1 is "a single differing prediction" — and we name **holonomy** (the co-inhabitation of Thomas precession and geodetic precession) as its candidate.

Positioning of this paper: This paper is a **structural interpretation** of established physical laws and mathematical frameworks, and a **proposal of an open research programme**. It claims neither the discovery of new physical laws nor the resolution of open problems. The geometry it uses (cotangent bundles, symplectic forms, Hamiltonian mechanics) is entirely standard and established; this paper adds no new theorem to it. The words "Universe OS," "Sync," and "rendering" are **interpretive lenses and metaphors**, not testable claims; we state this explicitly at the outset.

1. Introduction: The Open Problem Left by Paper 66

Paper 60 used the fact that the velocity space of special relativity (the set of admissible velocities $|v| < c$) is a hyperbolic space of curvature $K = -1/c^2$ to write the rest energy as a coordinate-independent invariant, $E = 4\pi/|K| = 4\pi c^2$. Paper 63 observed that "velocity-space curvature $\rightarrow$ energy" and Einstein's "energy $\rightarrow$ spacetime curvature" meet, with **energy as the hinge**. Paper 66 showed that carrying this hinge naively into a gravitational field overcounts the redshift by one power, and concluded that **the "local c " (the radius of velocity space, the same everywhere) and the "coordinate c " (an apparent, direction-dependent gauge quantity) are distinct roots**. It then opened the following problem:

The Open Problem of Paper 66 (paraphrased)

The redshift lives in the $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ of the spacetime metric (the base); the geometry of rest energy $E = 4\pi/|K|$ lives in velocity space (the fiber). Is there a natural framework that **assembles the two, on the phase space T^*M (position $\times$ velocity), into a single covariant symplectic structure**? This would be the coordinate-independent completion of the "hinge" of Paper 63.

This paper is a **proposal of a framework** for that question. Rather than delivering an answer, it shows on which stage, and with which tools, the problem can be posed correctly.

2. Two Geometries and Their Distinct Homes (Distinct Roots, Restated)

To avoid conflation, we first separate the two geometries clearly. This is the discipline established in Papers 58 and 48 — **quantities of distinct origin must not be unified, however close their values** — applied here.

Quantity	Home	Geometry	Physics carried	Source
$\sqrt{g_{00}}(x)$	Base M	Spacetime metric (Lorentzian)	Gravitational redshift, position, potential	Paper 66
$K = -1/c^2$, $E = 4\pi/ K $	Fiber $T_x M$	Hyperbolic geometry of velocity space	Rest energy, velocity, inertia	Paper 60

These are **different objects**. $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ measures "what gravitational potential stands at each point x " (a field on the base); K measures "how the admissible velocities at each point are curved" (a property of the fiber attached at each point). Forbidding any conflation of values, what this paper asks is **how the two co-inhabit one and the same space in distinct roles**. Co-inhabitation is not fusion.

3. The Stage: The Cotangent Bundle T^*M and Its Canonical Symplectic Structure

Take the configuration space to be spacetime M . Its **cotangent bundle** T^*M — the space attaching to each point $x \in M$ a space of momenta p — is the natural phase space of classical mechanics. T^*M carries, from the outset, a standard structure independent of any choice of coordinates.

Standard Fact (Canonical Symplectic Structure)

The cotangent bundle T^*M carries a coordinate-independent **canonical one-form (the Poincaré–Liouville form)**

$$\theta = p_\mu dx^\mu,$$

whose exterior derivative

$$\omega = d\theta = dp_\mu \wedge dx^\mu$$

is a **symplectic two-form** (a closed, non-degenerate two-form). Hamiltonian mechanics describes motion as the flow of the Hamiltonian vector field X_H defined by $\iota_{X_H}\omega = dH$ for a function $H : T^*M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (Arnold; Abraham–Marsden).

Here is the point. **Position x and momentum p (velocity) are paired from the outset by $\omega = dp \wedge dx$.** "Where one is" and "how one moves" are merely two faces of one structure, canonically joined on the phase space. The two quantities that Paper 66 placed at separate homes correspond precisely to the base (x -direction) and the fiber (p -direction) of this one stage, T^*M .

4. The Coordinate-Free Hinge: The Hamiltonian $H(x, p)$

The Hamiltonian of a relativistic free particle (geodesic motion) can be written, with the inverse metric $g^{\mu\nu}(x)$, as

$$H(x, p) = \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu}(x) p_\mu p_\nu.$$

Note that within this single function **the base geometry and the fiber quantity are simultaneously present, in distinct roles.**

- $g^{\mu\nu}(x)$ (containing g_{00}) is a **field on the base M** , depending on position. The gravitational redshift and potential live here (the $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ of Paper 66).
- p_μ are **fiber coordinates**, carrying velocity and momentum. The hyperbolic geometry of velocity space and the rest energy $E = 4\pi/|K|$ live here (Paper 60).

Observation 4.1 (Coordinate-Free Formulation of the Hinge)

What Paper 63 stated as "the two curvatures are joined with energy as the hinge" can be restated, in the language of phase space, as: **the Hamiltonian $H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$ is itself the hinge that joins the base metric $g^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x})$ and the fiber momentum $\mathbf{p}$ within a single coordinate-free function.** Geodesic flow (the motion of gravity) is nothing but the Hamiltonian flow $\mathbf{X}_H$ generated by this H . Energy is the hinge because the value of H is the energy.

This is no new mechanics — the Hamiltonian form of geodesic motion is standard. What is new is only the **reading**: that the three fragments appearing separately in Papers 60, 66, and 63 (the fiber curvature, the base $\sqrt{g_{00}}$, and the energy joining them) co-inhabit a single H on T^*M , each keeping its correct home.

5. The Horizontal–Vertical Split, and the Equivalence Principle

Once a connection is chosen, the tangent space at each point of T^*M splits into a **horizontal direction** (along the base M = change of position) and a **vertical direction** (along the fiber = change of momentum). The symplectic form $\omega = d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{x}$ pairs the horizontal with the vertical. That is:

- **Horizontal** = change of "where one is." Governed by the curvature of the base metric $g_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x})$ (spacetime curvature). The **geodetic precession** measured by Gravity Probe B is a manifestation of this horizontal holonomy (Paper 63).
- **Vertical** = change of "how one moves." Governed by the velocity-space curvature $K = -1/c^2$ of the fiber. The **Thomas precession** of an electron in an atom is a manifestation of this vertical holonomy (Papers 60, 63).

Observation 5.1 (Phase-Space Translation of the Equivalence Principle)

The equivalence principle (locally, special relativity holds everywhere) translates in this framework as: **the velocity-space curvature $K = -1/c^2$ of the fiber is the same at every point $\mathbf{x}$ of the base M .** The base curvature (gravity) may vary from place to place, but the internal geometry of the fiber attached at each point is everywhere invariant — this is the bundle-language statement of "the local c is the same everywhere" (Paper 66).

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

This paper is a **proposal of a framework**, and we strictly delimit what it claims.

What is shown (descriptive):

- The two quantities Paper 66 placed at separate homes — the base $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ and the fiber $E = 4\pi/|K|$ — **co-inhabit one covariant phase space, the cotangent bundle T^*M , as its horizontal and vertical directions.**

- The "hinge" of Paper 63 can be formulated as a **single coordinate-free function**, the Hamiltonian $H(x, p)$ on T^*M (Observation 4.1).
- The equivalence principle can be translated as "the fiber curvature is constant over every point of the base" (Observation 5.1).

What is not shown (restraint):

- **No new mathematics.** The symplectic geometry of cotangent bundles and the Hamiltonian form of geodesics are entirely standard. This paper adds no theorem to them.
- **$\sqrt{g_{00}}$ and K are not fused.** They are distinct quantities living at distinct places (base and fiber) (the distinct-roots discipline of Papers 58/48); their "co-inhabitation" on T^*M is not fusion.
- **Neither quantum mechanics nor gravity is derived.** The quantization of H and the derivation of the gravitational field equations lie outside this paper's scope.
- **No new prediction is made.** At present the framework yields the same observational results as standard geodesic mechanics. Hence this paper remains at Layer 2 (structural interpretation).

7. The Promotion Gate: The Only Honest Exit Is Holonomy

There is exactly one road for this framework to be promoted from Layer 2 (interpretation) to Layer 1 (testable physics): a **single differing prediction**. The map is not the railway. No such prediction exists at present, but we honestly name the most promising direction to search.

Candidate for Promotion (Unresolved; To Be Tested)

Horizontal holonomy (geodetic precession; Gravity Probe B) and vertical holonomy (Thomas precession) are both **the "mismatch after going once around a closed loop" produced by curvature on the same phase space T^*M** . If the two are paired through ω , then: **does the interaction of the two holonomies (a horizontal $\times$ vertical mixed term) predict an observable that differs slightly from the standard sum of each?** If it does, and if it is measurable, the framework is promoted to Layer 1. If it does not, the framework remains "a coordinate-free redescription of known mechanics" — which still carries the value of having posed the open problem in the correct form.

This search is attractive but still at the stage of formulation. **Until a prediction is settled, this paper is to be treated — with the "non-science" label attached — as an object to be worked out slowly** (Layers 2–3 of the three-layer model of this corpus).

8. Conclusion

For the open problem left by Paper 66 — to assemble the base $\sqrt{g_{00}}$ and the fiber $\mathbf{E} = 4\pi/|\mathbf{K}|$ into a single covariant structure — this paper has proposed **the stage of the canonical symplectic structure of the cotangent bundle $T^*\mathcal{M}$** . On it, we observed that the two quantities co-inhabit as horizontal and vertical, that the hinge of Paper 63 can be written coordinate-freely as the Hamiltonian $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$, and that the equivalence principle translates as "the fiber curvature is constant everywhere."

This is one **honest framework** for the question of "how the Universe OS synchronizes (Syncs) where one is (position) with how one moves (velocity), behind the scenes of Hamiltonian mechanics" — but "OS" and "Sync" are only lenses, and what has been shown is merely a **structural observation** that the correct stage for the open problem lies within standard geometric mechanics. New physics begins only at the moment a single differing prediction appears. Until then, this is an **open framework**.

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