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Research Plan

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aging a century of high-precision empirical data, it also seeks to generate unique, falsifiable predictions—including spacetime granularity and context-dependent physical parameters—that can rigorously stress-test and **potentially falsify the original foundational assumptions of** H_0. The ultimate goal of this extensive program is to establish a more coherent, unified, and scientifically robust foundation for the entirety of physics, **by demonstrating the inherent instability of the current theoretical edifice when its original axioms are critically re-examined.**

Overall Program Objective & Methodological Mandate

This document meticulously outlines a series of interconnected, desk-based research modules specifically structured to conduct a rigorous, comprehensive comparative meta-analysis concerning the fundamental nature of reality. The overarching objective of this extensive endeavor is to critically evaluate the **Autaxys Process Ontology (**H_A**)** by contrasting it with the distinct foundational theories that collectively constitute modern physics.

To rigorously safeguard methodological integrity and proactively circumvent the inherent pitfalls often associated with anachronistic interpretations or conventional wisdom, this research program stringently employs a **"strict constructionist" approach**. Specifically, each foundational theory will be individually evaluated as a distinct Null Hypothesis. This evaluation will be based **solely** upon the precise assumptions, core claims, and explicit predictions articulated by its original authors within their foundational publications. Consequently, this research will purposefully refrain from engaging with the accumulated dogma and interpretive layers that have become inextricably attached to these theories over the intervening decades. The fundamental aim is to meticulously assess the logical coherence and empirical soundness of the original arguments precisely as they were initially presented. This approach will thereby facilitate the construction of a direct, transparent, and intellectually honest critique of each theoretical edifice, addressed sequentially. The underlying premise is that if the original, foundational axioms of these theories are shown to be inconsistent with modern high-precision data or to be less parsimonious than an alternative, then the entire theoretical edifice built upon them becomes fundamentally questionable. It is important to emphasize that **all research activities described herein are exclusively desk-based and do not entail the design, execution, or involvement in any new physical experiments, nor the development of new mathematical formalisms or the execution of new large-scale computational simulations.**

Part I: The Primary Hypothesis (H_A)–The Autaxys Process Ontology

The Autaxys Process Ontology (H_A) fundamentally redefines core physical concepts through a process-oriented lens. It posits a dynamic, self-organizing reality, deriving key physical properties from intrinsic rates of change. At its core, reality is fundamentally a dynamic, self-generating, and self-organizing system, termed Autaxys, comprised of interacting patterns. This system operates as, and within, a fundamental dynamic medium or substrate, which constitutes the active, computational fabric of reality. Here, "computation" refers to the continuous, iterative processing of information that generates and sustains patterns through dynamic self-organization. The detailed formalization of the Autaxys framework, including its core tenets, axiomatic development, the Universal Relational Graph (URG) as its substrate, the Autaxic Trilemma (Novelty, Efficiency, Persistence) as its core generative engine, and the iterative Generative Cycle (Proliferation, Adjudication, Solidification) as its operational mechanism, is provided in foundational documents (Quni, 2025b; Quni, 2025c). The properties of this medium are intrinsically linked to fundamental constants such as the speed of light (c) and the reduced Planck constant ($\hbar$), a concept that finds historical resonance in Maxwell's (1865) work on the electromagnetic field, where he grappled with the nature of the underlying medium for light propagation. Within this framework, all phenomena—ranging from matter to energy—are conceived as dynamic relational patterns, each characterized by intrinsic processing frequencies or rates of change. This perspective highlights a **frequency-centric view** of reality, where fundamental entities are characterized by their intrinsic oscillatory rates (Quni, 2025a).

Information, in this context, is operationalized not merely as a measure of uncertainty but as the intrinsic content and structure of the dynamic patterns themselves, potentially quantifiable through measures akin to algorithmic complexity (Quni, 2025c).

The cornerstone of the Autaxys hypothesis is the foundational identity of **mass** as intrinsic frequency ($m_0 = \omega_C$). This identity is not introduced as a new postulate but emerges as a direct consequence of equating energy expressions from Special Relativity ($E_0 = m_0c^2$) and Quantum Mechanics ($E_0 = \hbar\omega_C$) when expressed in natural units, where $\hbar$ and c are set to unity. This derivation draws upon the foundational works of Einstein (1905), Planck (1901), and de Broglie (1924), and is further elaborated in Quni (2025d). The mathematical identity $m_0 = \omega_C$ is interpreted as an ontological truth: the inertial property we conventionally refer to as mass *is* the measure of a stable pattern's intrinsic oscillation rate, its Compton frequency (Quni, 2025a). Consequently, matter is not merely "stuff" that possesses a frequency; it *is* a resonant frequency pattern, analogous to a stable standing wave or a self-sustaining harmonic mode within the dynamic medium. Their stability and distinctness arise from a self-sustaining resonance, where the pattern continuously regenerates its own coherent structure against the medium's dynamism, effectively defining its own boundaries through its intrinsic processing. This perspective further leads to a reinterpretation of Schrödinger's wave function (ψ). Unlike its interpretation as solely a probability amplitude in H_{0-SM}, within H_A, ψ is interpreted as a mathematical description of a real, physical wave pattern inherent to the dynamic medium, whose squared amplitude directly corresponds to the pattern's density or intensity, such as electric charge density, aligning with Schrödinger's own earlier interpretations (Schrödinger, 1926). This interpretation finds resonance with concepts in Quantum Field Theory (QFT), which can be understood as describing fundamental fields emerging from the dynamic substrate of reality orchestrated by Autaxys, permeating spacetime (Quni, 2025a). The observed **particle mass hierarchy** is thus interpreted as a discrete spectrum of allowed, stable resonant frequencies or patterns that the underlying fundamental dynamic medium can sustain, with each elementary particle corresponding to a unique harmonic mode (Quni, 2025a). The inherent oscillatory nature of these patterns, characterized by their peaks and troughs, is fundamental to their existence and interaction, providing a basis for intrinsic stability and potential "error correction" within the medium's dynamics, stemming from the self-regulating nature of the autaxic trilemma's resolution (Quni, 2025c).

Flowing from this, both **spacetime** and **gravity** are considered emergent phenomena within the Autaxys framework, directly challenging the core tenets of H_{0-GR}. The unified spacetime continuum, mathematically formalized by Minkowski (1908), is not fundamental in H_A but emerges as the large-scale, statistical geometry that arises from the collective processing within the dynamic medium, potentially describable through coarse-graining techniques from statistical mechanics or network theory. The Autaxys framework *posits* that the metric tensor of General Relativity can be mathematically derived as a coarse-grained, effective description of the underlying medium's **causal connection density**. This research program will *demonstrate the conceptual pathway* for such a derivation through re-interpretation of existing formalisms, showing how the distribution of high-frequency patterns (mass) creates gradients in the URG's processing tempo, forcing other patterns to follow paths of optimal coherence, which on a large scale are identical to the geodesics of curved spacetime. Similarly, **gravity** is understood as an emergent phenomenon, specifically as the effect of concentrated mass-frequency patterns dynamically structuring the local properties—such as processing tempo or effective geometry—of this fundamental medium, which then guides the propagation of other patterns through it (Quni, 2025a). This reinterpretation is profoundly aided by the use of natural unit systems, such as Planck units where $c = 1$ and $\hbar = 1$, which remove the "numerical veil" of constants, simplifying physical expressions (e.g., $E = mc^2$ becomes $E = m$, and $E = \hbar\omega$ becomes $E = \omega$). This implies a direct numerical equivalence between mass and angular frequency ($m = \omega$), revealing deeper conceptual connections. In such systems, a remarkable **dimensional reduction to a single base unit** occurs, where all fundamental physical dimensions, including Length and Time, can be expressed solely as powers of a single base unit, such as Mass (e.g., $[L] = [M^{-1}]$and $[T] = [M^{-1}]$) (Quni, 2025a). This dimensional reduction underscores the deep mathematical coherence within physical laws and highlights the interconnectedness of seemingly disparate physical quantities, supporting the view that mass can be fundamentally interpreted as an

intrinsic frequency or a manifestation of dynamic patterns. The origin of mass for elementary particles, particularly through the Higgs field, is reinterpreted as an "impedance" or resistance to oscillation and propagation introduced by interaction with a specific state of the fundamental dynamic medium that promotes pattern solidification and persistence (Quni, 2025a). The observed isotropy of the speed of light in a vacuum, where photons are understood as dynamic frequency patterns within this medium rather than classical particles, reflects the profound uniformity and inherent self-consistency of the Autaxic medium's processing at macroscopic scales, driven by the principles of Efficiency and Intrinsic Coherence (Quni, 2025a; Quni, 2025c).

The Autaxys framework further reinterprets other fundamental particle properties and forces. **Charge** and **spin**, as conserved quantities, are physical expressions of deep symmetries and efficiencies highly favored by the Autaxic Trilemma's Efficiency imperative (Quni, 2025c). A pattern's Efficiency score is high if it is computationally compressible, meaning it is invariant under certain transformations, manifesting physically as a conserved quantity. Spin, as intrinsic angular momentum, is reinterpreted as a fundamental topological or rotational characteristic of the frequency pattern itself within the URG, reflecting its internal dynamic configuration and stability (Quni, 2025c). **Fundamental forces** (electromagnetic, strong, weak) are understood as mechanisms that alter resonant states or mediate the transfer of modulatory information (encoded in frequency, phase, and amplitude) between patterns (Quni, 2025a). The exchange of force-carrying bosons is a description of how patterns interact by transferring modulatory information or excitation that influences the frequency, phase, or amplitude of the interacting patterns' intrinsic processing tempo or standing waves within the fundamental dynamic medium (Quni, 2025d). These forces arise from different modes of interaction or "tuning" of frequency patterns within the URG, governed by the Autaxic Trilemma.

The **vacuum** is reinterpreted as the default, maximally dynamic state of the Generative Cycle's "Proliferation" phase (driven by Novelty), characterized by a maximal flux of "virtual" patterns that fail to achieve the Persistence score necessary for ratification by the `RESOLVE` operator (Quni, 2025c). It is the raw, unratified sea of potentiality, with zero-point energy being a manifestation of this inherent dynamism. **Quantum fluctuations** are the ceaseless activity of this Proliferation phase, where "virtual" patterns are constantly proposed but fail to achieve the Persistence score necessary for Solidification (Quni, 2025c). The **"Problem of Time"** and the **"Block Universe"** are addressed by Autaxys: time is not a fundamental dimension but an emergent property arising from the continuous, irreversible processing and transformation of frequency patterns within the fundamental dynamic medium (Quni, 2025c). The "arrow of time" is intrinsically linked to the irreversible "Solidification" stage of the Generative Cycle, where unselected possibilities are purged, leading to an increase in thermodynamic entropy (Quni, 2025c). There is no "block universe" where past and future coexist—only the computational "now" of the Generative Cycle (Quni, 2025c). This implies that the very form of time-dependent physical laws (e.g., Schrödinger equation, Einstein Field Equations) is also emergent, reflecting the underlying computational process. **Conservation laws** are not prescriptive commands but descriptive observations of the system's operational limits, physical expressions of deep symmetries and efficiencies favored by the Autaxic Trilemma (Quni, 2025c). The broader Autaxys program *aims* to explicitly derive the specific conservation laws (e.g., energy, momentum, angular momentum, charge) from the Principle of Conservation of Distinguishability and the specific symmetries favored by the Efficiency imperative within the Autaxic Trilemma. **Locality** emerges from the constraints imposed by the propagation speed of effects within the *solidified* URG, which is limited by c. **Non-locality** (e.g., entanglement) is a computational artifact of the Adjudication stage, where shared non-local selection rules are enforced by the global, atemporal evaluation of the Autaxic Lagrangian (L_A) on a single graph state (Quni, 2025c). The correlation is not transmitted *through* emergent space because the Adjudication stage evaluates the entire graph G_t globally and atemporally (Quni, 2025c). The **fine-tuning problem** is addressed by Autaxys suggesting it "inherently 'tunes itself'" through the continuous resolution of the Autaxic Trilemma, exploring its generative landscape and settling into parameter regimes and structural configurations that are self-consistent, stable, and supportive of complex pattern for-

mation (Quni, 2025c). The **Particle Paradox** is resolved by interpreting all phenomena as fundamentally wave-like patterns. “Particles” are stable, localized resonant patterns (standing waves) within the URG, while “waves” (like photons) are transient, propagating patterns. This eliminates the need for a paradoxical dual nature.

Part II: The Null Hypotheses (H_0)–A Strict Constructionist Approach

This section defines the specific foundational theories to be challenged, based only on their original formulations.

2.1. The Null Hypothesis for Special Relativity (H_{0-SR}): Einstein (1905a)

“On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies.”

Core Assumptions to be Tested:

1. **Abandonment of a Medium:** The luminiferous ether is declared “superfluous.” This was a departure from the prevailing 19th-century view (e.g., Maxwell, 1865) that a physical medium was necessary for light propagation.
2. **Fundamental Geometric Spacetime:** The properties of reality are explained by making spacetime itself the fundamental entity, whose geometric properties (as later formalized by Minkowski, 1908) ensure the constancy of *c*.
3. **Principle of Relativity & Constancy of *c*:** These two postulates are the axiomatic foundation.
4. **Fundamental Constants:** Assumed to be universal and invariant across all space and time.
5. **Time:** A fundamental, independent dimension in which physical processes unfold.

2.2. The Null Hypothesis for Quantum Theory (H_{0-QM}): Planck (1901) & Einstein (1905b)

Planck’s “On the Law of Distribution of Energy in the Normal Spectrum” and Einstein’s “On a Heuristic Viewpoint Concerning the Production and Transformation of Light.”

Core Assumptions to be Tested:

1. **Quantization of the Field:** The interpretation of quantization as a property of the electromagnetic field itself, leading to the “photon” as a fundamental particle. This was a significant conceptual leap from Planck’s original focus on the quantization of energy *exchanged by oscillators*.
2. **Wave-Particle Duality:** The acceptance of a fundamental wave-particle duality as an inherent, paradoxical feature of reality, rather than seeking a unifying underlying reality.
3. **Intrinsic Properties:** The treatment of mass, charge, and spin as intrinsic, unexplained properties of these fundamental particles.
4. **Fundamental Constants:** Assumed to be universal and invariant across all space and time.
5. **Time:** A fundamental, independent dimension in which physical processes unfold.

2.3. The Null Hypothesis for General Relativity (H_{0-GR}): Einstein (1916)

“The Foundation of the Generalised Theory of Relativity.”

Core Assumptions to be Tested:

1. **Fundamental Geometric Spacetime:** Spacetime is a fundamental, dynamic geometric entity (a pseudo-Riemannian manifold) whose curvature *is* gravity. This builds directly on Minkowski’s (1908) reification of spacetime.
2. **Gravity as Spacetime Curvature:** Gravity is a direct manifestation of spacetime curvature, not an emergent effect of a deeper medium’s dynamics.

3. **Mass as Source of Curvature:** Mass (as a component of the stress-energy tensor) is the fundamental source of this curvature, without further explanation of mass's nature.
4. **Fundamental Constants:** Assumed to be universal and invariant across all space and time.
5. **Time:** A fundamental, independent dimension in which physical processes unfold.

Part III: The Research Plan–Falsification through Meta-Analysis

This section outlines the desk-based research modules designed to test the hypotheses. All research activities are exclusively desk-based, relying on the formalization of the Autaxys theory and the critical analysis of existing and future publicly available scientific data and literature. The "Why Now?" justification for this historical review is that a century of high-precision data allows for stress-testing the original, simple assumptions in ways previously impossible, searching for subtle, systemic deviations. It is crucial to reiterate that this program does not involve the execution of new, large-scale computational simulations; rather, the discussion of "computational models" refers to the theoretical construction and formalization of such models, and the meta-analysis of existing simulation results from the scientific literature.

3.1. Research Module 1: A Critical Examination of Special Relativity (H_{0-SR})

Objective: To challenge and **falsify** the "fundamental geometric spacetime" tenet of H_{0-SR} by proposing an emergent spacetime from a dynamic medium.

Methodology:

- **Theoretical Re-interpretation of Relativistic Effects:** Conduct a theoretical re-interpretation of the Lorentz transformations *within the established Autaxys framework* (Quni, 2025a, c), demonstrating how they emerge as an effective description of how pattern measurements change between different states of relative motion within the Autaxys medium. This desk-based analysis will show how observed effects like time dilation and length contraction *are re-interpreted and explained* as consequences of a pattern's interaction with the dynamic medium's processing tempo, thereby **falsifying the necessity of positing a fundamental geometric spacetime** as an axiom.
- **Meta-Analysis of Existing Data for Granularity:** Conduct a meta-analysis of publicly available high-precision timing data from Gamma-Ray Bursts (e.g., Abdo et al., 2009) to search for statistically significant evidence of an energy-dependent speed of light. A confirmed positive signal would **falsify the "fundamental geometric spacetime" tenet of** H_{0-SR} by indicating a non-uniform medium.

3.2. Research Module 2: A Critical Examination of Quantum Theory (H_{0-QM})

Objective: To challenge and **falsify** the "fundamental particle" and "wave-particle duality" tenets of H_{0-QM}.

Methodology:

- **Theoretical Re-interpretation of Particle Properties:** Conduct a theoretical re-interpretation of elementary particle properties by analyzing existing theoretical descriptions through the lens of the *already established* Autaxys framework (Quni, 2025a, c, d). This involves demonstrating how the *existing Autaxys framework* interprets particles as stable solutions to a non-linear wave equation within its dynamic medium, where the constraints of the Autaxic Trilemma select for discrete, quantized solutions corresponding to the known particle properties (mass hierarchy, charge/spin quantization). This re-interpretation **directly challenges the axiomatic treatment of these properties as intrinsic and unexplained in** H_{0-QM}.
- **Re-interpretation of Foundational Experiments & Resolution of the Particle Paradox:** Conduct a critical review of the foundational experiments (black-body radiation, photoelectric effect, Compton scattering) to demon-

strate that they can be explained more coherently by the interaction of resonant patterns with a dynamic medium, as described by Autaxys. This re-interpretation explicitly resolves the **Particle Paradox** by showing that the observed "particle-like" behavior is a manifestation of stable, localized resonant patterns, while "wave-like" behavior is the inherent nature of all patterns, thereby **eliminating the need for the "photon" as a fundamental particle and dissolving the wave-particle duality, thus falsifying a core tenet of H_{0-QM}.**

3.3. Research Module 3: A Critical Examination of General Relativity (H_{0-GR})

Objective: To challenge and **falsify** the "fundamental geometric spacetime" and "gravity as spacetime curvature" tenets of H_{0-GR} by proposing emergent gravity from medium dynamics.

Methodology:

- **Theoretical Re-interpretation of Gravitational Phenomena:** Conduct a theoretical re-interpretation of gravitational phenomena, demonstrating how they can be understood as emergent from medium dynamics as described by Autaxys. This involves conceptually outlining how *existing computational models from the scientific literature* (e.g., agent-based simulations, cellular automata, or continuous field dynamics) could be re-interpreted, or how theoretical frameworks *already established within Autaxys* (Quni, 2025a, c) could describe "massive objects" as regions of intensified frequency patterns that dynamically alter the underlying medium. The goal is to demonstrate how phenomena like the **precession of Mercury's orbit**, the **deflection of light by massive objects**, and **gravitational redshift** *are re-interpreted and explained* as consequences of the local influence of concentrated mass-frequency patterns altering the dynamic medium's processing, **thereby falsifying the necessity of gravity as fundamental spacetime curvature**.
- **Meta-Analysis of Existing Data for Context-Dependent Emergent Parameters:** Analyze existing high-precision spectroscopic data from extreme astrophysical environments (e.g., near magnetars or black hole event horizons) to search for subtle shifts in spectral lines that cannot be explained by standard physics. H_A predicts that in such regions of extreme medium structuring, local processing dynamics might cause emergent parameters like coupling strengths (affecting how **mass** interacts) or the effective speed of light to deviate slightly from their standard values. A confirmed anomaly in this data would **falsify H_{0-GR}'s assumption of universal, invariant constants**.

3.4. Synthesis: Implications for a Unified Theory of Gravity and Forces

Objective: To articulate the logical consequences for General Relativity and the Standard Model if Modules 1, 2, and 3 are successful.

Argument: If Module 1 shows spacetime is emergent from a dynamic medium, then GR's claim that gravity *is* the curvature of fundamental spacetime cannot be correct. If Module 2 shows particles are resonant patterns in this medium, then the source of gravity (mass) is also a property of the medium. If Module 3 successfully re-derives GR phenomena from medium dynamics, then **gravity must therefore be an emergent phenomenon of the medium's self-organization**, as proposed by Autaxys. This provides a unified framework where all forces are different modes of interaction between patterns within the same medium, resolving the "fatal flaw" and the incompatibility between GR and the Standard Model. This synthesis will argue that the success of H_A in these modules fundamentally undermines the axiomatic foundations of H_0, demonstrating that the current theoretical edifice of physics is built upon assumptions that are not only unnecessary but potentially inconsistent with a more fundamental, process-oriented reality.

Part IV: Evaluation Criteria & Alternative Hypotheses

4.1. Evaluation Criteria

The success of H_A will be judged on:

- **Parsimony:** Its ability to explain phenomena with fewer free parameters than H_0. The SM notably contains approximately 26 free parameters. A crucial objective for H_A is its *potential* to derive the *specific numerical values* of fundamental constants and particle **masses** from the inherent properties and dynamics of the Autaxys medium, building upon the established mass-frequency identity, rather than treating these values as arbitrary inputs. This research will demonstrate how the Autaxys framework *provides a conceptual basis* for such derivations, including the quantized values of fundamental charges and spins from the properties of the Autaxys medium and the constraints imposed by the Autaxic Trilemma's principles (e.g., why charge comes in discrete units, why spin is half-integer/integer).
- **Predictive Power & Falsifiability:** Its ability to generate novel, falsifiable predictions that can be tested against existing data. A hypothesis that makes more specific, quantifiable, and distinct predictions—particularly those that challenge or contradict established paradigms regarding **spacetime, mass, and gravity**—is considered more robust and scientifically fruitful.
- **Unification & Coherence:** Its ability to provide a single, coherent narrative that unifies GR and QM and explains cosmological anomalies.

4.2. Principal Alternative Hypotheses

The Autaxys framework will be contextualized against other non-standard frameworks:

- **Mathematical Universe Hypothesis (H_B):** Reality as a static mathematical structure (Tegmark, 2007).
- **Quantum Information Realism (H_C):** Spacetime emerging holographically from quantum entanglement (Wheeler, 1990; Ryu & Takayanagi, 2006).
- **Neo-Lorentzian Ether Theory (NLET) (H_D):** A passive, undetectable ether with a preferred reference frame (Bell, 2004). This will be tested by analyzing existing ultra-high-precision tests of Lorentz Invariance (e.g., Eisele et al., 2009).

Part V: Broader Implications & Future Directions

The following section outlines potential broader implications and future theoretical developments *beyond the scope of this specific desk-based meta-analysis*.

Should the Autaxys Process Ontology gain empirical support, its broader implications would be profound, extending far beyond the realm of core physics and into diverse scientific and philosophical domains. In terms of **Implications for Consciousness and Information**, if reality is fundamentally a system of interacting frequency patterns, consciousness could be re-conceptualized as a highly complex, self-organizing pattern of information processing occurring directly within the Autaxys medium. Moreover, this framework would elevate the concept of information from an abstract construct to a fundamental physical entity, intrinsically linked to the dynamic Autaxys medium itself. The **Philosophical and Epistemological Impact** of such an ontology would be substantial, fundamentally redefining what is considered "fundamental" by shifting the focus from static particles or geometric spacetime to dynamic processes and their interrelationships. This approach also offers a compelling potential framework for **Bridging Disciplinary Gaps**, providing a unifying perspective for physics and other diverse fields such as biology and cognitive science by identifying a common underlying substrate of dynamic patterning.

For **Future Theoretical Development**, a crucial next step involves establishing a complete and rigorously formal mathematical framework for the Autaxys medium. This endeavor could potentially leverage advanced concepts from computational physics, information theory, and non-linear dynamics. Such development might include exploring the implications of a "Quantum" Autaxys, where the medium's fundamental processing operates with properties analogous to a finite "Langlands $\hbar$" or "level κ." This concept, inspired by the Geometric Langlands Conjecture, could potentially lead to intrinsic error correction schemes stemming from a mathematical property akin to "ambidexterity," referring to the inherent self-duality of the underlying processes, thereby suggesting a fundamental robustness built directly into the computational paradigm of reality itself (Kapustin & Witten, 2007). A significant ambition for the Autaxys model is to attempt to precisely derive the *specific numerical values* of fundamental constants and particle masses from the inherent properties and dynamics of the Autaxys medium. This derivation would specifically build upon the established mass-frequency identity, rather than treating these values as arbitrary inputs. Finally, the emergent nature of gravity within the Autaxys model holds considerable promise for naturally resolving long-standing issues in quantum gravity, such as singularities and the information paradox associated with black holes. Further extensive theoretical work will be essential to explore precisely how the dynamic medium inherently addresses these complex challenges.

Prior Work and Related Literature

The present research plan extends the critical methodology established in my earlier examination protocols and cosmological analyses, applying their lessons to the foundational axioms of modern physics. The Ultimate Reality Framework Examination (URFE) formalized an evaluative standard demanding that any framework claiming fundamental status be tested not only for internal consistency but for its capacity to address the full spectrum of physical, cosmological, and philosophical challenges, with a strong emphasis on critical self-appraisal and the articulation of inherent limitations. The present plan operationalizes this standard directly: it treats General Relativity and the Standard Model as distinct null hypotheses to be evaluated solely on the precise assumptions and explicit predictions articulated by their original authors, purposefully refraining from engaging with accumulated interpretive layers. This "strict constructionist" approach embodies the URFE's demand for intellectual honesty and its recognition that acknowledging boundaries is a strength, not a weakness. The plan's explicit mandate to seek falsification of the foundational assumptions of H_{0-GR} and H_{0-SM}—by proposing emergent spacetime and gravity, and a frequency-based ontology of mass—is a direct application of the URFE's call for concrete, potentially achievable tests that could rigorously challenge a framework's core, unique claims, distinguishing them from predictions shared with established paradigms.

The present work also draws directly from the analysis in the Scale-Divergence Problem, which identified a foundational schism in modern cosmology: the antithetical performance of ΛCDM and MOND across different physical scales, where each framework achieves remarkable success in one domain but encounters significant challenges in another. That work argued that this divergence is not a matter of incomplete data but a structural feature of how gravity and matter are conceptualized, reflecting a deeper epistemological tension between modifying known physics and postulating unseen matter. The present plan extends this diagnosis from the cosmological scale to the foundational axioms of all of physics. It applies the same comparative logic to the axioms of Special Relativity, Quantum Theory, and General Relativity, treating each as a null hypothesis whose foundational assumptions are to be challenged. The Scale-Divergence paper's conclusion that resolving the schism requires fundamentally new physics that transcends the current dichotomy is here generalized into a mandate: the plan seeks to demonstrate that the success of the Autaxys Process Ontology would fundamentally undermine the axiomatic foundations of these theories, showing that the current theoretical edifice is built upon assumptions that are potentially inconsistent with a more fundamental, process-oriented reality. The plan's identification of the Mass-Frequency Identity ($m_0 = \omega_C$) as a unifying principle, for instance, is presented as a direct challenge to the axiomatic treatment of mass as an intrinsic, unexplained property in H_{0-SM}, just as the Scale-Divergence paper challenged the postulation of unseen matter by seeking more parsimonious explanations.

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