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Addendum I: Carrier and notation

Retire C. Operators are not extra axes. Availability is not retrieval. RC occurs only if P and R and K.

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The Bridge is preserved relational history made active in the present.



Figure 1. Series plate for S2. The observed present is written on the page. Three seals must all close. C is struck through. The box labelled e does not contain Th. Th lies outside, tied and inspectable.

1. What is retired

C is retired as the name of the observed present. The letter was doing too much work and inviting a cathedral. The observed present is Y(t). Completion is not a coordinate. Context remains S. The carrier transformation is T_h.

2. Observed present

$$Y(t) = Y_0(t) + k_r H_a(t) + e$$

A bookkeeping identity for inspection. Not a field equation and not a claim of mechanism inside the model.

Symbol	Name	What it is allowed to mean
Y(t)	Observed present	The configuration actually encountered at time t.
Y0(t)	Baseline present	What the present prompt and setting alone would support.

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Ha (t)	Active preserved history	The portion of preserved history operative now. Not the whole archive.
k_r	Coupling	Estimated weight of Ha. It may be near zero.
e	Residual	What remains after baseline and active history. If e absorbs every result, the model has failed.

Table 1. Terms in the observed-present decomposition.

Do not fold the carrier transformation T_h into e. That is how a residual becomes a theology.

3. Operators, not extra axes

Op.	Name	Operational content	What it is not
P	Availability	A historically continuous trace is available to the present exchange.	Retrieval, inner store, or machine memory.
R	Recognition	A justified connection beyond surface similarity.	Vibe, echo, or a favourite word returning.
K	Consequential reuse	The recognised trace changes what happens next in a markable way.	Citation as décor.

Table 2. Scoring operators. Conjunction required.

RC occurs only if P AND R AND K.

Any missing conjunct is a null, not a partial victory. N1: P without R. N2: P and R without K. N3: resemblance without provenance.

4. Availability is not retrieval

P is a fact about the continuing brief. If a claim of P cannot be rewritten as “this trace is available to the present exchange,” it is not P. It is a story about retrieval.

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