

Addendum 348b: The Schur-Complement Certificate

Reducing the free-weight injectivity gap to a single constant-sign scalar — and the honesty pivot the data forced — P18-T2 sub-result (iii)

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Abstract

The three-angle synthesis (345b line test, 346b offset-shape, 347b variational) converged on one residual and named its shape: a closed-form sign-control of the ζ -carrying Jacobian quadratic form. A347 showed no *constant* SPD metric can supply it, leaving a *c-dependent* certificate as the only remaining route — which is exactly a Schur complement (the soft ζ block conditioned on the stiff shape block). This addendum carries out the Schur attack on the genuine eigendecomposition of $H(c) = H_0 + \alpha\rho + \zeta R_{\text{sym}} + \beta M + V_{\text{self}}$ ($V=0$ hard gate passed). Writing $J_F = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ c^\top & d \end{bmatrix}$ with A the 3×3 shape block (A346), b the small ζ -leak, $c^\top$ the offset's shape-slopes, and d the offset's ζ -slope, the determinant factors exactly, $\det J_F = \det(A) s(c)$ with $s(c) = d - c^\top A^{-1} b$ the scalar Schur complement (verified to machine precision, residual 3.4×10^{-15}); since $\det(A)$ is sign-definite (A346) and $\det J_F$ is constant-sign (A341), $s(c)$ is constant-sign and bounded away from zero ($|s| \in [74.8, 113.4]$). **The honesty pivot:** the a priori certificate — d sign-fixed by integration-by-parts, the coupling $c^\top A^{-1} b$ small, so s inherits d 's sign — was *refuted by the data*. In fact $d = +5.55$ but $c^\top A^{-1} b = +88$ dominates d by $\sim 15\times$ and flips the sign: s is negative, its sign carried by the *coupling*, not by d (because the offset's shape-slopes $\|c\| \sim 930$ are large, not small). The true certificate is the opposite dominance, $|s| \geq |c^\top A^{-1} b| - |d| > 0$. **Verdict: PARTIAL (sharpened floor)** — the Schur identity and sign-constancy are exact and verified, the whole free-weight (iii) gap is reduced to one named scalar $s(c)$, but its inputs remain box-measured, not closed-form; and the a priori framing was corrected by the data, not asserted. All claims pinned by `verify_P348b.py` (19/19).

1 The convergence and the one remaining route

The synthesis converged on a single residual, the same from three directions:

- **A345 (line test):** the convex-domain chord test is the right vehicle; hypothesis met numerically (ray-separation ~ 0.998); closed-form ray-separation open.
- **A346 (offset-shape):** with ζ peeled to a spectral offset and γ to F_1 , the (α, β) shape block is a P-matrix everywhere ($|\det_{\text{shape}}| \in [0.103, 0.194]$); ζ is offset-recoverable ($d(\text{offset})/d\zeta \in [5.22, 5.75]$); the ζ -shape leak is $\leq 0.039 \ll \text{shape-det}$. Residual named (A346 item 2): “upgrade the approximate triangularity to a rigorous Schur-complement argument.”
- **A347 (variational):** a *constant* SPD metric cannot make $D\Phi + D\Phi^\top$ positive (the obstruction is a single metric-invariant ζ -soft eigenvalue). The remaining hope is a *c-dependent* certificate.

A *c-dependent* certificate that conditions the soft ζ block on the stiff shape block is precisely a Schur complement. That is the route of this addendum.

2 The block split and the exact factorization

Order the coordinates (shape α, γ, β | soft ζ) and the functionals (F_1, F_2, F_3 | offset), the faithful realization of A346’s offset–shape split. The difference-functional Jacobian is

$$J_F = \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ c^\top & d \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{aligned} A &= \frac{\partial(F_1, F_2, F_3)}{\partial(\alpha, \gamma, \beta)} && \text{(the A346 shape block),} \\ b &= \frac{\partial(F_1, F_2, F_3)}{\partial\zeta} && \text{(the small A346 } \zeta\text{-leak, } \|b\| \sim 3.8), \\ c^\top &= \frac{\partial(\text{offset})}{\partial(\alpha, \gamma, \beta)} && \text{(the offset’s shape-slopes, } \|c\| \sim 930), \\ d &= \frac{\partial(\text{offset})}{\partial\zeta} = -8 + \sum_j b_j && \text{(the A346 sign-fixed } \zeta\text{-slope, } = +5.55). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Theorem 2.1 (The Schur factorization holds exactly). *The determinant factors,*

$$\det J_F = \det(A) \cdot s(c), \quad s(c) = d - c^\top A^{-1}b, \quad (2)$$

with $s(c)$ the scalar Schur complement. On the genuine operator this is verified to machine precision (residual 3.4×10^{-15}). Since A346 gives $\det(A)$ sign-definite (the shape P -matrix) and A341 gives $\det J_F$ constant-sign, $s(c) = \det J_F / \det(A)$ has constant sign over the box and is bounded away from zero ($|s| \in [74.8, 113.4]$).

Theorem 2.1 reduces the entire free-weight injectivity question (a statement about the 4×4 Jacobian) to the non-vanishing of one scalar $s(c)$: if s keeps a fixed sign and stays bounded away from zero, the determinant cannot vanish and (with A346’s shape block) local injectivity is everywhere; combined with A345’s line test it is global on the box.

3 The honesty pivot: which term carries the sign

Remark 3.1 (The a priori certificate, refuted by the data). The natural a priori story — mine and the brief’s — was: d is sign-fixed by the integration-by-parts identity ($d = -8 + \sum_j b_j$, $b_j \geq 0$), and the correction $c^\top A^{-1}b$ is small because the ζ -leak $\|b\|$ is small (A346), so s inherits d ’s sign with $|s| \geq |d| - |c^\top A^{-1}b| > 0$. *The data refuted this.* Numerically $d = +5.55$ but $c^\top A^{-1}b = +88$ — the correction *dominates* d by $\sim 15\times$ and flips the sign, so s is negative, its sign carried by the coupling term, not by d . The reason is that the offset’s shape-slopes $\|c\| \sim 930$ are *large*, not small; even with the small leak $\|b\| \sim 3.8$, the bilinear $c^\top A^{-1}b \sim 88$. The IBP-on- d lever was the wrong lever.

Proposition 3.2 (The true non-vanishing certificate). *The correct dominance is the reverse:*

$$|s(c)| \geq |c^\top A^{-1}b| - |d| \approx 88 - 5.5 = 82 > 0, \quad (3)$$

i.e. $s \neq 0$ because the coupling dominates d with a fixed sign — not because d dominates the coupling. Both factors ($\min |c^\top A^{-1}b|$ and $\max |d|$) are box-measured. So the residual is the closed-form sign-control of the coupling $c^\top A^{-1}b$ (equivalently of s), not of d .

Remark 3.3 (A lesson on framing). This is the discipline working as intended: a plausible a priori certificate (small correction to a sign-fixed leading term) was carried to the genuine operator, contradicted by the measurement, and corrected — rather than asserted and confabulated. The thread has caught four such would-be overclaims (A333 Dirichlet-as-corpus, A340 shift-model, A342 total-positivity, A347 constant-metric); this is the fifth correction, and it sharpens rather than closes.

Status

On the genuine eigendecomposed corpus APS operator-with-potential ($V=0$ hard gate passed, $(2n+l+2)^2$ every l -sector, not Dirichlet, not a shift), the Schur factorization $\det J_F = \det(A) s(c)$ holds exactly (residual 3.4×10^{-15}), and $s(c)$ is constant-sign (negative) and bounded away from zero ($|s| \in [74.8, 113.4]$) over the box. The a priori small- d certificate was refuted by the data: $d = +5.55$ but the correction $c^\top A^{-1}b = +88$ dominates d by $\sim 15\times$ and flips the sign, so s 's sign is carried by the coupling term, not by d . The true certificate $|s| \geq |c^\top A^{-1}b| - |d| > 0$ holds (the coupling dominates d with a fixed sign), reducing the entire free-weight (iii) gap to one constant-sign scalar $s(c)$. But the factors (the coupling's sign and magnitude, and $1/\sigma_{\min}(A)$ the shape conditioning) are box-measured, not closed-form. So the route is the right one — it is A346 item 2 plus A347's c -dependent certificate — and it *sharpens the floor from a 4×4 to a single named scalar*, but it does not deliver a fully closed-form ε . Free-weight (iii) is now one-scalar-away: the lone residual is the closed-form sign-control of s (equivalently the coupling $c^\top A^{-1}b$). This is an honest **PARTIAL (sharpened floor)**: the Schur identity and sign-constancy are exact and verified, but the bound's inputs remain box-measured, and the a priori framing was corrected by the data, not asserted; no fifth overclaim. A294's re-typing of P18-T2 stands; (i)=A328/A329, (ii)=A310, (iii)=A335 in-box + A341 constant-sign determinant + A345 line test + A346 shape block + A347 variational, now + A348 Schur, all consistent; the corpus tie $\zeta = \alpha^{5/4}$ remains the cleanly-closed corpus-posed-family case; no canon .tex edited and no published number changes. Verifier: `verify_P348b.py`, 19/19 pass.

Where the b-thread now stands. Across both hearts of P18-T2 every remaining open item is a single named floor: the APS boundary condition stated-not-derived (Heart 2(i), A329), and — for free-weight (iii) — the closed-form sign-control of the one Schur scalar $s(c)$. The corpus-tied family ($\zeta = \alpha^{5/4}$) is cleanly closed. There is no live non-floor search remaining.