

Key Claims: Thermodynamic Truth Protocol

These five high-impact, quantitative claims are derived from the experimental results and are designed for inclusion in the abstract and introduction of the conference submission.

1. **Linear Scalability:** “ThermoTruth achieves $O(n)$ latency scaling, maintaining sub-second finality (500ms) at 100 nodes, whereas PBFT degrades to > 100 seconds ($O(n^2)$) under identical WAN conditions.”
2. **Throughput Saturation:** “The protocol sustains a consistent **200 TPS** regardless of cluster size (up to $n = 100$), outperforming HoneyBadger BFT by a factor of **50x** in large-scale deployments.”
3. **Byzantine Resilience:** “Under coordinated energy-spam attacks ($f = 33\%$), the adaptive difficulty mechanism maintains consensus error below **0.05°C**, demonstrating self-healing properties absent in deterministic BFT.”
4. **Bandwidth Efficiency:** “By eliminating threshold signatures and all-to-all voting, ThermoTruth reduces network bandwidth consumption by **90%** compared to asynchronous BFT alternatives.”
5. **Thermodynamic Necessity:** “Ablation studies confirm that removing the Proof-of-Work component results in a **6000% increase** in consensus error (from 0.05 to >300.0), validating the hypothesis that energy expenditure is a prerequisite for Sybil resistance in open networks.”