

# Provenance and Co-Authorship Statement

## Purpose

This statement exists to clarify authorship, responsibility, and development process for works within this corpus that were produced with the assistance of AI systems. It is not intended to substitute for peer review, nor to distribute responsibility away from the human author.

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## Nature of AI Involvement

The documents in this corpus were developed through an iterative collaboration between a human author and an AI language model.

The AI system was used as a **constrained structural reasoning partner**, assisting with:

- conceptual clarification and reframing,
- identification of structural inconsistencies,
- constraint checking against stated methodological rules,
- iterative drafting under explicit human direction,
- and compression or expansion of text to preserve coherence.

The AI system did **not** originate the core hypotheses, define the governing constraints, determine scope, or exercise independent judgment over conclusions. At no point did the AI system act autonomously or select final formulations without human review and acceptance.

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## Authorship and Responsibility

All substantive intellectual responsibility for the content of these works rests with the human author.

This includes responsibility for:

- the selection and framing of hypotheses,
- the acceptance, rejection, or modification of generated material,
- the ordering and structure of arguments,
- and the final form of every published document.

AI assistance is acknowledged as instrumental rather than authoritative. The AI system does not bear authorship responsibility and should not be treated as an independent contributor for purposes of attribution, citation, or review.

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## **Provenance Record**

The complete development history of these works—including prompts, revisions, rejected drafts, refinements, and structural decisions—exists as preserved conversational records within the author's AI account environment.

These records constitute the full provenance trail for the documents. They are retained in their original form and order but are not publicly reproduced here, both to preserve privacy and to avoid misinterpretation of intermediate reasoning artifacts as final claims.

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## **Review and Interpretation Guidance**

Readers and reviewers should evaluate these works on the basis of their internal coherence, explanatory power, and stated methodological constraints, rather than on assumptions about the proportion of AI involvement.

This disclosure is provided to remove ambiguity about process, not to delegate accountability or to pre-empt critique.

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## **Scope of Applicability**

Unless otherwise stated, this provenance statement applies to all documents within this corpus that acknowledge AI assistance.

Individual works may include additional, work-specific disclosures where appropriate.

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*(This statement is part of the corpus infrastructure and may be referenced by downstream works without repetition.)*