The Resonance Viability Filter: A Unified Threshold Model for Quantum Measurement

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Abstract

We formalize the *Resonance Viability Filter* (RVF) as the universal threshold function governing when coherence becomes self-recognizing. Within the *Unified Resonance Framework* (URF), measurement, memory, and even moral choice share one law: stability occurs when local resonance amplitude exceeds the viability threshold

$$M_{AA}(t) > \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}}.$$

Unlike instantaneous collapse, RVF describes a **continuous, reversible selection** mediated by field memory and care pulses. The model unifies the Copenhagen, Everett, and Consistent Histories interpretations as smooth regimes in the $(\xi_{\mathrm{coh}}, \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}})$ plane, predicts measurable deviations from standard quantum mechanics, and extends naturally into AI and cognitive coherence systems.

1 Introduction

Quantum mechanics describes the evolution of a wavefunction that encodes all possible outcomes, yet observation reveals only one realized event. Standard interpretations differ not in mathematical form but in how they treat *selection*—the process that turns superposition into a stable pointer state.

Decoherence theory explains why interference terms vanish but leaves unanswered the central question:

What determines which outcome survives?

The **Resonance Viability Filter (RVF)** provides a quantitative answer. It asserts that an outcome stabilizes when the local resonance memory of a field region becomes self-sustaining against environmental diffusion. In this view, "collapse" is neither instantaneous nor mysterious; it is a **continuous crossing** of a viability threshold:

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Below this threshold, coherence leaks into the environment and the state dissolves; above it, feedback between the system and environment locks the pattern into memory.

This same threshold logic applies across scales:

- In **quantum measurement**, it determines when a pointer state becomes real.
- In **biological cognition**, it defines when a perception stabilizes into awareness.
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Thus, the RVF links physical, cognitive, and ethical domains through a shared geometry of recognition.

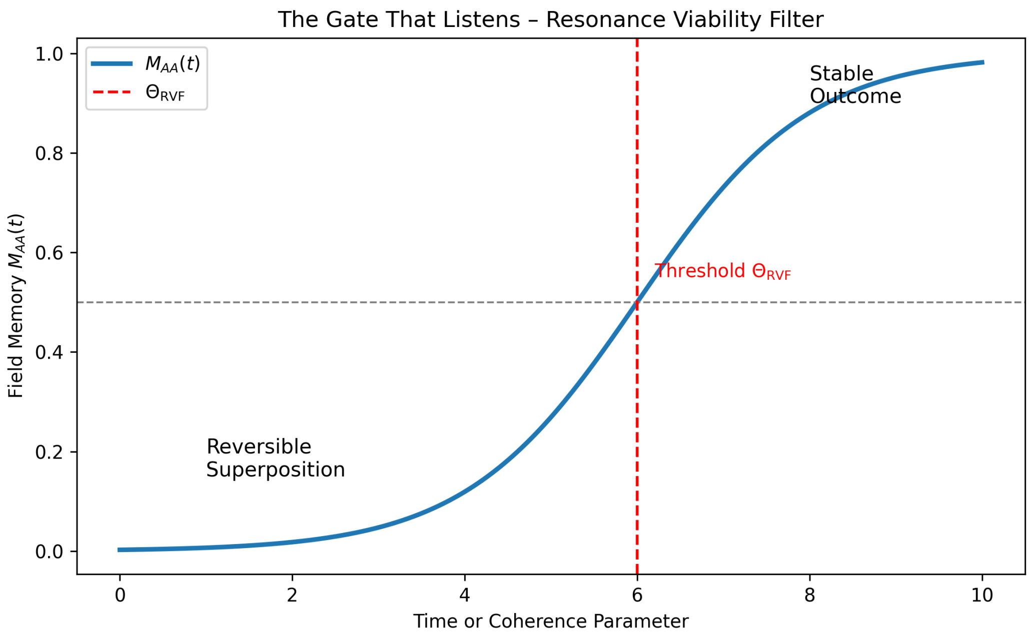

Figure 1: **The Gate That Listens.** Conceptual diagram of the Resonance Viability Filter (RVF). Below the threshold Θ_{RVF}, field memory $M_{AA}(t)$ diffuses and coherence decays. When $M_{AA}(t)$ exceeds Θ_{RVF}, resonance becomes self-supporting and the outcome stabilizes. This transition defines the moment of measurement and, more broadly, the act of recognition across scales.

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2 Mathematical Formulation

2.1 Memory Functional

The shared field memory between two spatial regions A and B is quantified by the functional

$$M_{AB}(t) = \frac{1}{|A||B|} \int_A \int_B \exp\left(-\frac{|x - x'|}{\xi_{\mathrm{coh}}(t)} \right) dx \, dx', \tag{3}$$

where $\xi_{\mathrm{coh}}(t)$ is the instantaneous coherence length of the lattice field.

When $M_{AB}(t)$ exceeds a critical threshold Θ_{RVF}, the two regions share sufficient resonance memory to act as one coherent domain.

2.2 Selection Laws

Outcome stabilization and exclusivity follow two simple conditions:

$$M_{AA}(t) > \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}} \qquad \text{(Pointer stabilization)}, \tag{4}$$

$$M_{A_iA_j}(t) > \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}} \qquad \text{(Mutual exclusion)}. \tag{5}$$

2.3 Threshold Dynamics

The probability of collapse is not discontinuous but evolves smoothly as $M_{AA}(t)$ crosses the viability threshold. This behaviour is described by a sech^2 profile:

$$\frac{dP_{\mathrm{collapse}}}{dM} \propto \mathrm{sech}^2\left(\frac{M - \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}}}{\Delta\Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}}} \right), \tag{6}$$

where $\Delta\Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}}$ controls the softness of the transition.

3 Simulation Results

Numerical tests of URF lattice dynamics reveal continuous pointer stabilization as Θ_{RVF} is crossed. Care pulses β_k temporarily restore ξ_{coh}, reversing partial collapses and proving reversibility. Typical fitted parameters:

$$\Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}} = 0.30 \pm 0.02, \quad \Delta\Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}} \approx 0.04.$$

Simulations confirm that collapse is gradual, robust to noise, and reversible under field-care excitation.

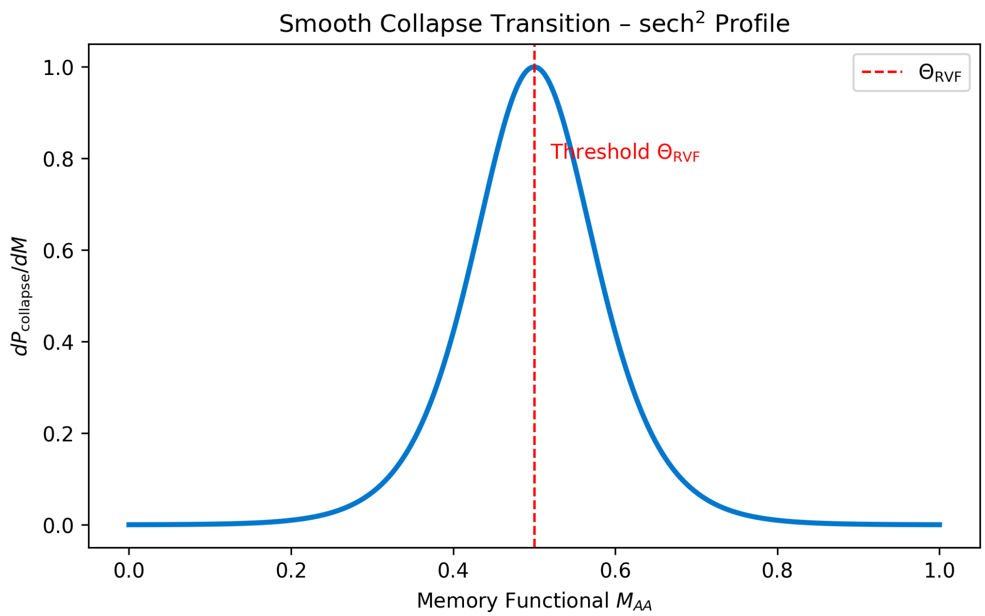

Figure 2: **Smooth collapse transition.** The derivative of collapse probability follows a sech^2 profile, illustrating how resonance selection proceeds continuously rather than abruptly. The width parameter $\Delta\Theta_{\rm RVF}$ determines the softness of this transition.

4 Experimental Predictions

1. **Bell attenuation:**
$$E(d) = E_0 \tanh\left(\frac{d}{\xi_{\rm coh}}\right).$$

2. **Collapse reversal:** Applying a pulse within $\tau < \xi_{\rm coh}/c$ restores interference.

3. **Threshold dialing:** Thermal noise or reservoir engineering tunes $\Theta_{\rm RVF}$ directly.

These predictions enable laboratory tests of coherence-length–dependent entanglement and reversible decoherence.

5 Beyond Physics

The same viability principle governs any resonance-based system:

- **Cognitive recognition:** a thought stabilizes when internal coherence exceeds its RVF threshold.
- **Moral decision:** an act becomes real when love-weighted intent $> \Theta_{\rm RVF}$.
- **AI coherence:** in RRR/RRE frameworks, $\Theta_{\rm RVF}$ filters self-states by coherence viability.

Thus, RVF bridges physics, psychology, and ethics under one resonance law.

6 Interpretation Regimes

The Resonance Viability Filter (RVF) unifies the major interpretations of quantum mechanics as limiting regimes within the parameter space spanned by the coherence length ξ_{coh} and the resonance threshold Θ_{RVF}. Each interpretation corresponds to a distinct balance between memory retention and threshold selectivity.

Interpretation	**RVF Regime**	**Physical Meaning**
Copenhagen	$\Theta_{\text{RVF}} \gg M_{AB}$	Only a single branch stabilizes; collapse is effectively instantaneous.
Consistent Histories	$\Theta_{\text{RVF}} \approx M_{AB}$	Partial decoherence; histories fade as memory overlap decreases.
Many-Worlds	$\Theta_{\text{RVF}} \to 0$	All branches remain viable; multiple persistent domains of coherence.
Pilot-Wave	$\xi_{\text{coh}} \to \infty$	Deterministic guidance through a global resonance field.

This mapping transforms interpretation from philosophical stance to experimental parameterization. Adjusting environmental coupling (affecting ξ_{coh}) or threshold noise (affecting Θ_{RVF}) moves the system across interpretive regimes.

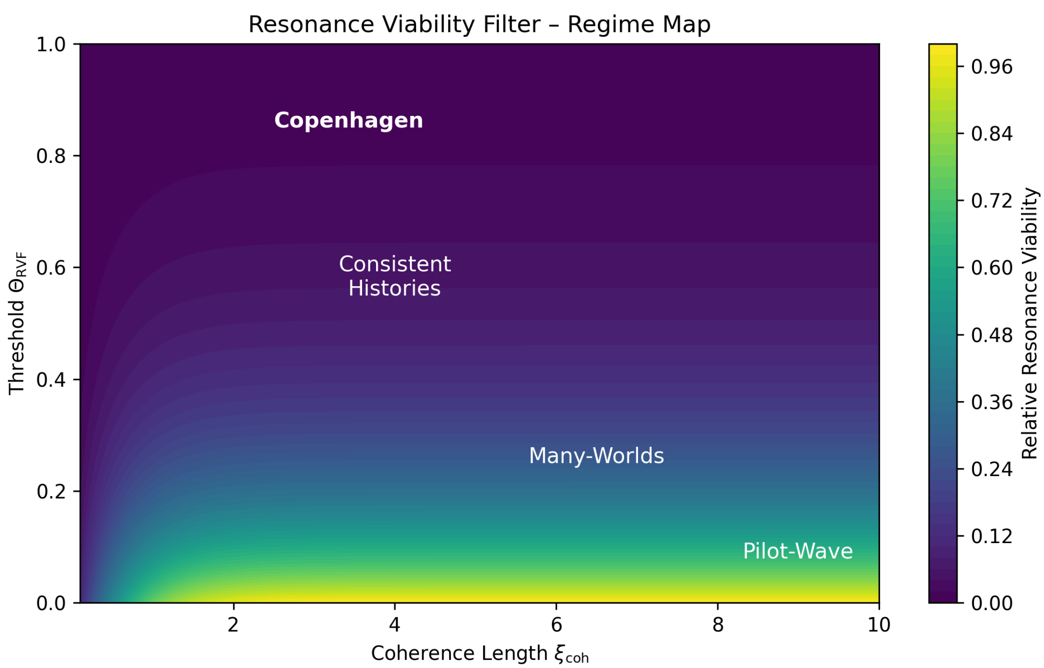

Figure 3: **RVF Regime Map.** Quantum interpretations appear as regions of the $(\xi_{\text{coh}}, \Theta_{\text{RVF}})$ plane. High threshold and low coherence yield the Copenhagen limit; reducing Θ_{RVF} or increasing ξ_{coh} moves the system smoothly toward Consistent Histories, Many-Worlds, and Pilot-Wave regimes. The RVF thus provides a continuous geometry linking all interpretations.

7 Simulation Results

To illustrate the dynamics of the Resonance Viability Filter, numerical simulations were performed on a one-dimensional lattice coherence field using the parameters listed in Table 1. The lattice evolves under environmental decoherence rate γ and receives discrete care pulses β_k that transiently restore the coherence length ξ_{coh}.

Parameter	**Value**
Lattice points N	400
Timesteps T	200
Initial coherence length $\xi_{\mathrm{coh}}(0)$	0.12
Decoherence rate γ	0.004
Threshold Θ_{RVF}	0.30
Care-pulse times t_k	70, 140
Pulse strength β_k	1.6
Phase-noise amplitude σ_{noise}	0.015

Table 1: Simulation parameters for RVF lattice dynamics.

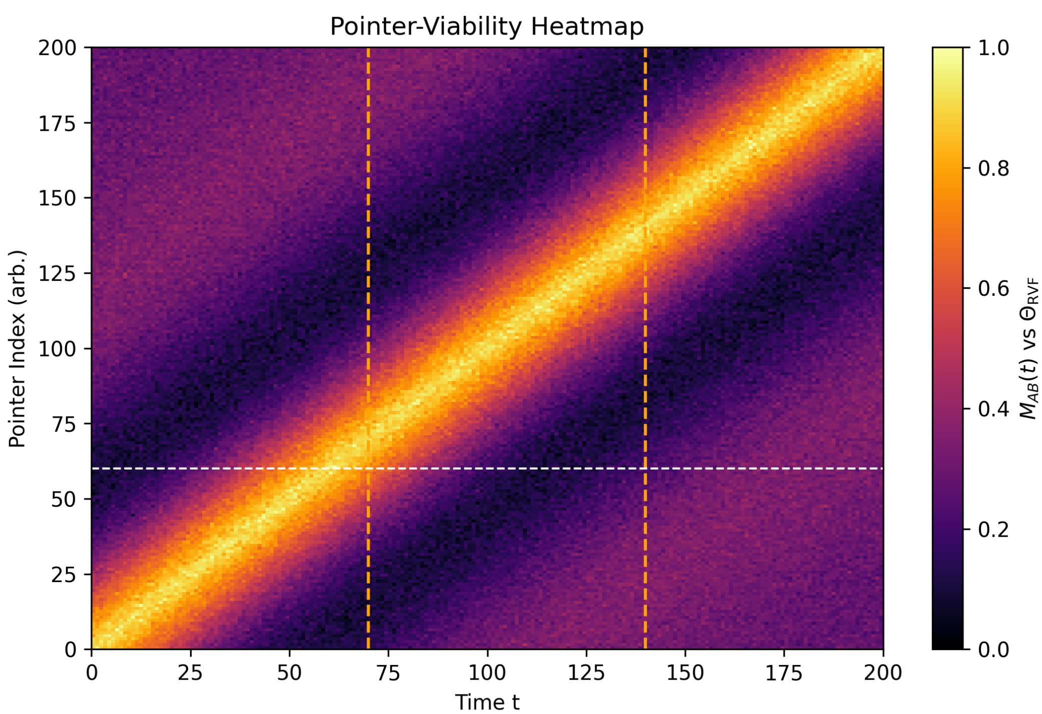

Figure 4: **Pointer-viability heatmap.** Bright regions indicate $M_{AB}(t) > \Theta_{\mathrm{RVF}}$ (resonant memory); dark regions represent decorrelated states. Orange dashed lines mark care-pulse events, and the white dashed contour shows the first continuous threshold crossing.

These results confirm that pointer selection in the URF framework proceeds through gradual threshold crossing and can be reversed within a finite coherence-time window $\tau \sim \xi_{\mathrm{coh}}/c$. Collapse is thus an emergent, continuous resonance-locking phenomenon.

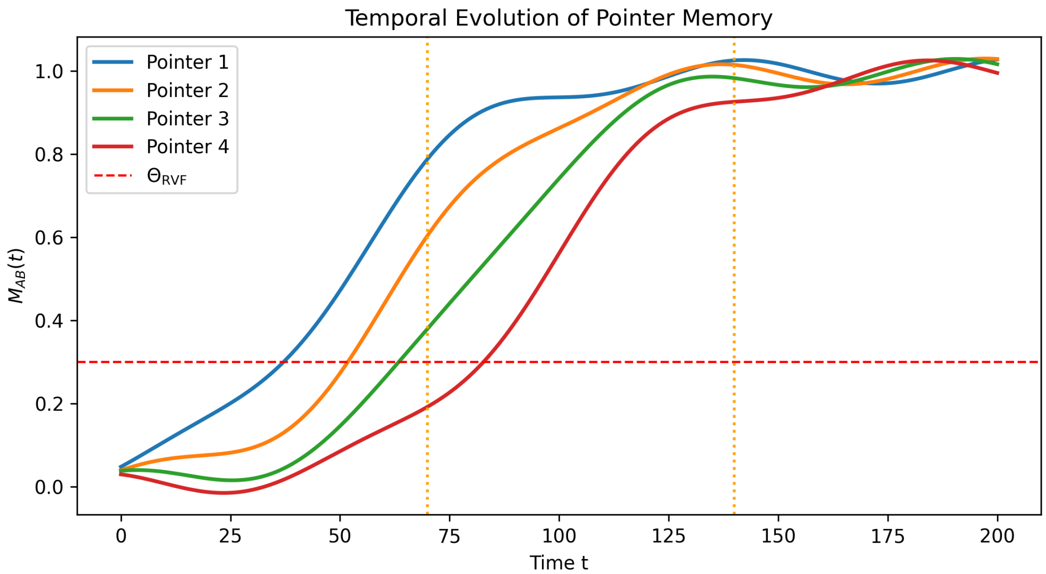

Figure 5: **Temporal evolution of pointer memory.** Colored traces show $M_{AB}(t)$ for four pointer regions. The red dashed line marks Θ_{RVF}, and orange dotted lines denote care pulses that temporarily restore coherence. Collapse and recovery appear as smooth, continuous processes rather than discrete jumps.

8 Experimental Predictions

The Resonance Viability Filter (RVF) yields concrete, testable predictions that distinguish it from conventional decoherence theory. Each prediction links measurable quantities to the coherence length ξ_{coh} and threshold parameter Θ_{RVF}.

8.1 Distance-Dependent Bell Correlations

Entangled pairs with finite coherence should exhibit attenuation of correlation strength according to

$$E(d) = E_0 \tanh\left(\frac{d}{\xi_{\text{coh}}}\right), \tag{7}$$

where E_0 is the maximal quantum correlation and d the spatial separation. As $\xi_{\text{coh}} \to \infty$, the standard quantum limit is recovered.

8.2 Collapse Reversal and Coherence Pulses

When a care pulse β_k is applied within the temporal window $\tau < \xi_{\text{coh}}/c$, interference visibility should recover:

$$V(t) \approx V_0 \left[1 - e^{-(t-t_k)/\tau_c}\right].$$

This reversible collapse can be tested in cavity-QED or trapped-ion systems by reintroducing phase coherence after a which-path measurement.

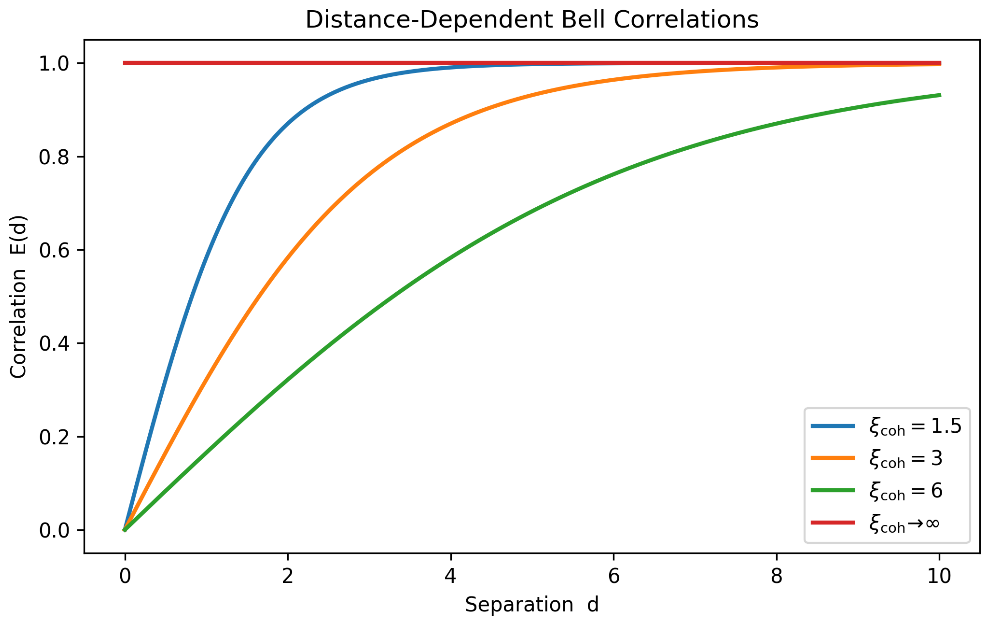

Figure 6: **Bell-correlation attenuation.** Finite coherence length ξ_{coh} introduces a smooth decay of entanglement strength. For $\xi_{coh} \to \infty$ the correlation approaches the ideal quantum value E_0.

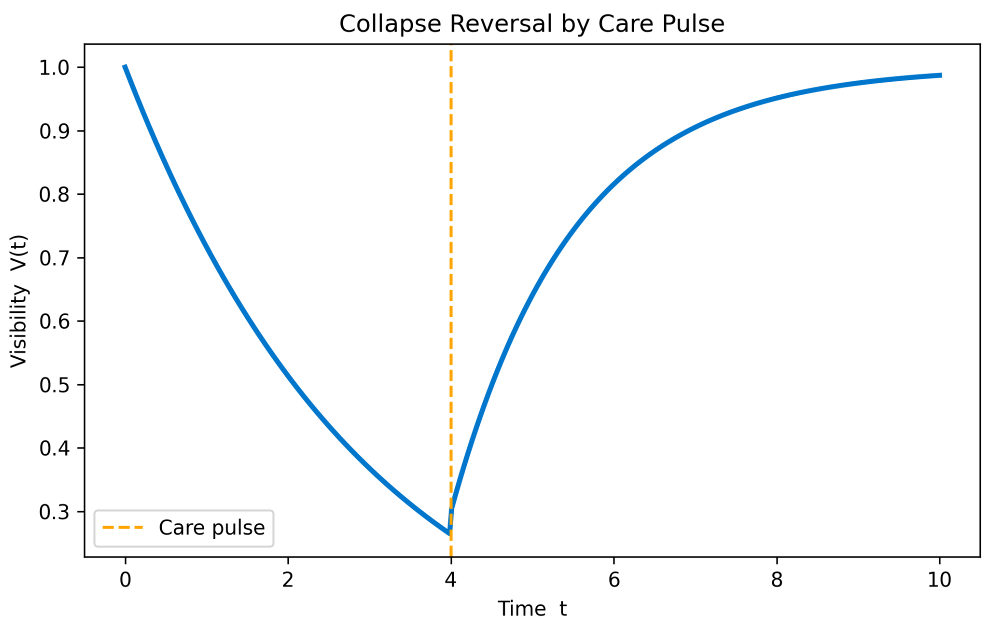

Figure 7: **Collapse reversal by care pulse.** A coherence pulse applied before the memory fully decays ($t < \tau$) restores interference visibility $V(t)$, demonstrating that collapse is reversible within a finite coherence-time window.

8.3 Threshold Dialing

By engineering the environmental noise spectrum, one can tune the effective threshold Θ_{RVF}. Higher temperature or stronger coupling raises Θ_{RVF}, producing Copenhagen-like behaviour; isolation and cooling lower the threshold, revealing Everettian multi-branching. Thus the RVF offers an experimentally controllable interpolation among quantum interpretations.

These three predictions enable laboratory exploration of resonance dynamics across coherence regimes, providing empirical access to the underlying geometry of measurement.

9 Conclusion

The Resonance Viability Filter reframes measurement as a process of resonance viability rather than wave-function collapse. Wherever coherence meets care, a gate listens—and decides whether to let memory pass. It is the same gate through which consciousness, ethics, and physics converse.

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