

Discrete Scale Invariance on a φ -Ladder

Cross-Domain Coincidences Between Particle Masses and Biophysical Gate Times

Reality Science Team (Draft)

2025-12-18 (0.1)

Abstract

We investigate a cross-domain alignment consistent with *Discrete Scale Invariance* (DSI): a proposed protein-folding “molecular gate” timescale near 65–70 ps and the tau lepton are both associated (within the Recognition Science model) with rung 19 on a φ -scaling ladder. We provide a *claim-hygiene* separation between (A) **structural identities** provable within a model and (B) **empirical matches** requiring datasets, uncertainty, preregistered procedures, and multiple-comparisons controls. We define a preregisterable rung assignment rule on log-time/log-mass spaces, specify null models, and lay out falsifiable predictions including “jamming” experiments targeting the rung-19 band. This paper is designed to stand alone as an evidence-focused study: it does not require accepting any broader metaphysical interpretation.

Contents

1	Claim Hygiene (Anti-Numerology)	3
2	Background: Discrete Scale Invariance	3
2.1	DSI and log-periodicity	3
2.2	Why φ ?	3
3	The φ-Ladder and Rung Assignment	3
3.1	Time ladder	3
3.2	Mass ladder (structural vs empirical)	4
4	The “Octave Map” (Rosetta Stone)	4
5	Datasets (Clocks vs Processes)	4
5.1	Particle physics	4
5.2	Biophysical timescales	4
5.3	Curated time dataset (v0; auto-generated)	5
6	Results (Draft-Level; Pending Prereg + Curated Data)	5
6.1	Tau-Gate coincidence (structural claim + empirical hook)	5
6.2	Lepton ratio sanity check (why correction terms matter)	6
6.3	Lepton mass-ratio rungs (base-free; auto-generated)	6

7	Statistical Plan	6
7.1	Search space declaration	6
7.2	Null models	6
7.3	Multiple comparisons	7
7.4	Multiple-comparisons adjustments across candidate λ (auto-generated)	7
8	Scale-Factor Controls (<i>lambda</i> Sweep) and Null Models (v0)	7
8.1	Why <i>lambda</i> controls matter	7
8.2	Important note on correlated rows (independence-group weighting)	7
8.3	What the current v0 tables do (and do not) show	7
8.4	Auto-generated <i>lambda</i> sweep table	8
8.5	Auto-generated null-model table	8
8.6	Robustness sweeps (auto-generated)	9
9	Predictions and Falsifiers (Pre-registration Targets)	10
9.1	Rung-19 “jamming” experiment	10
9.2	Out-of-sample rung coincidences	11
9.3	Prediction registry (auto-generated)	11
9.4	Operational definition for the BIOPHASE “molecular gate”	11
10	Discussion	11
10.1	What would be impressive	11
10.2	What would falsify	11
10.3	Current status (Clocks vs Noise)	11
11	Conclusion	12
A	Preregistration Template (to be frozen before promotion to “evidence”)	12
A.1	Constants and rung assignment	12
A.2	Dataset inclusion rules	12
A.3	Score function (as implemented in docs/paper1_analysis.py)	13
A.4	Tolerance and search space	13
A.5	Null models and Monte Carlo settings	13
A.6	Multiple comparisons	13
B	Reproducibility (artifact-only build loop)	13
C	Full rung table (Supplement)	14

1 Claim Hygiene (Anti-Numerology)

To keep this work publishable and falsifiable, we enforce a strict separation:

- **Structural (model-level)**: identities that hold *exactly* within a declared formal system (e.g., φ -power relations between *structural* masses). These can be machine-verified.
- **Empirical (data-level)**: matches to measured quantities in the world (particle masses, relaxation times, vibrational periods). These require explicit datasets, uncertainties, preregistered procedures, and multiple-comparisons corrections.

This paper focuses on the empirical side while referencing structural identities as supporting context.

2 Background: Discrete Scale Invariance

2.1 DSI and log-periodicity

In systems with continuous scale invariance, observables exhibit power laws. In DSI, invariance holds only at discrete scale factors (e.g., λ), leading to *log-periodic* corrections [1, 2].

2.2 Why φ ?

We examine $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 \approx 1.618$ as a candidate discrete scale factor. This is motivated by internal structure/closure arguments in the broader Recognition Science program; however, in this evidence paper, φ is treated as a *fixed hypothesis* and evaluated against data with preregistered methods.

3 The φ -Ladder and Rung Assignment

3.1 Time ladder

We define a time ladder:

$$\tau_n = \tau_0 \varphi^n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Given a time measurement $t > 0$, define the rung assignment

$$n^*(t) = \text{round}\left(\frac{\log(t/\tau_0)}{\log \varphi}\right),$$

and define the log-space residual

$$\varepsilon(t) = \log(t/\tau_0) - n^*(t) \log \varphi.$$

A preregistered tolerance threshold can be defined via $|\varepsilon(t)| \leq \varepsilon_{\max}$, or equivalently a relative error bound $|\exp(\varepsilon) - 1|$.

3.2 Mass ladder (structural vs empirical)

We distinguish:

- **Structural mass ladder (model):** a formula producing dimensionless or internal-unit masses m_{struct} with exact φ -power relations between generations.
- **Empirical masses (data):** PDG lepton masses in MeV [3].

Bridging structural and empirical masses generally requires a declared unit map and (possibly) a small correction term (“residue/transport”). This bridge must be preregistered before being tuned.

4 The “Octave Map” (Rosetta Stone)

A motivating hypothesis in the Recognition Science program is that certain *anchor phenomena* (spectroscopic modes, gating limits, and mass scales) may cluster near shared rung indices across domains (“octaves”). This section records an *Octave Map* as a compact hypothesis ledger: it is intended to be tested, and it includes a mix of (i) empirically measured quantities and (ii) protocol-defined targets or conjectural mappings.

Important: Table 1 is *not* itself statistical evidence. Where an entry is not present in the preregistered scoring set, it is explicitly labeled as a *target* / *hypothesis* rather than an observed match.

Table 1: The Octave Map: Cross-Domain Alignment of Fundamental Resonances

Rung (n)	Physics (mass-side anchor)	Time/biophysics (time-side anchor)	Status / notes
2	Electron mass (PDG; model labels rung 2)	Water HOH bend period ≈ 20 fs (Table 5.3)	Observed (time); rung label on mass-side is structural/model
4	—	Water libration period ≈ 50 fs (Table 5.3)	Observed (time)
13	Muon mass (PDG; model labels rung 13)	Target: $\tau_{13} = \tau_0 \phi^{13} \approx 3.82$ ps (primary measurement TBD)	Hypothesis target (not in scoring unless promoted)
19	Tau mass (PDG; model labels rung 19)	Protocol target: “molecular gate” $\tau_{\text{gate}} \approx 65\text{--}70$ ps (App. A; protocol file)	Protocol-defined hypothesis; excluded from scoring until measured
45	—	Target: $\tau_{45} \approx 18.6 \mu\text{s}$ (“coherence limit”)	Hypothesis target; not used for scoring in v0
53	—	Exploratory: neural spike width $\sim \text{ms}$ (highly variable process)	Exploratory only; not a fundamental clock

Note: Mass-side rung indices are part of the structural model labeling; time-side rung indices are computed from τ_0 and φ (and thus inherit any uncertainty or provenance issues in τ_0). Paper 1 treats the Octave Map as a hypothesis ledger and evaluates φ against null models using the preregistered scoring set.

5 Datasets (Clocks vs Processes)

5.1 Particle physics

We use PDG lepton masses for electron, muon, and tau [3]. We also include selected PDG particle *lifetimes* as time-domain observables (e.g., τ_μ , τ_τ , and meson lifetimes) [3]. These are high-confidence measurements.

5.2 Biophysical timescales

This draft references several candidate timescales:

- Water vibrational bands (OH stretch, HOH bend) and ultrafast frequency fluctuations [?, ?].
- Water libration dynamics (mid-IR / pump-probe studies) [?].
- Water hydrogen-bond kinetics [?] and reorientation mechanisms [?].
- Bulk water dielectric relaxation [?].
- Hydration/peptide dielectric modes on ~ 10 ps and ~ 100 ps timescales [?].
- Review-level hierarchy of protein internal-motion timescales (fs to ms) [?] (used for context only; excluded from preregistered scoring unless promoted to a primary-measurement dataset).
- Primary folding kinetics time constants in the ns– μ s regime from hydrogen-exchange/NMR and temperature-jump studies [?, ?].
- Action-potential durations (order ms; cell-type dependent) [?].

Important: some items in the CSV are still *candidates* (marked `include=false`) until tied to primary literature and/or internal datasets with uncertainty bounds. The plan requires a *curated table* with citations and measurement methods before any significance claims are made.

5.3 Curated time dataset (v0; auto-generated)

Table 5.3 is auto-generated from `docs/paper1_times_dataset.csv` by `docs/paper1_rung_assignment.py`. Only entries marked `include=true` are shown; excluded entries remain in the CSV but are not used for scoring until promoted with citations and uncertainty bounds.

ID	Observable	t (s)	σ_t (s)	n^*	$\hat{\tau}_{n^*}$ (s)	$ \epsilon $	Citation
water_oh_stretch_vib	water_oh_stretch_period	9.800e-15	1.000e-15	1	1.186e-14	1.908e-01	[?]
water_hoh_bend_vib	water_hoh_bend_period	2.020e-14	2.000e-15	2	1.919e-14	5.128e-02	[?]
water_libration_vib	water_libration_period	5.000e-14	1.500e-14	4	5.024e-14	4.800e-03	[?]
water_hbond_kinetics	water_hbond_kinetics	1.000e-12	3.000e-13	10	9.015e-13	1.037e-01	[?]
water_reorientation_vib	water_reorientation_time	2.500e-12	5.000e-13	12	2.360e-12	5.753e-02	[?]
water_dielectric_relaxation	water_dielectric_relaxation_time	8.200e-12	1.000e-12	15	9.998e-12	1.983e-01	[?]
peptide_dielectric_fast	peptide_dielectric_fast_time	1.000e-11	2.000e-12	15	9.998e-12	1.875e-04	[?]
peptide_dielectric_slow	peptide_dielectric_slow_time	1.000e-10	3.000e-11	20	1.109e-10	1.033e-01	[?]
pdg_tau_lifetime	tau_lepton_lifetime	2.903e-13	1.000e-15	8	3.444e-13	1.708e-01	[3]
pdg_muon_lifetime	muon_lifetime	2.197e-06	2.000e-09	41	2.714e-06	2.113e-01	[3]

ID	Observable	t (s)	σ_t (s)	n^*	$\hat{\tau}_{n^*}$ (s)	$ \epsilon $	Citation
pdg_charged_pion_lifetime	charged pion lifetime	2.603e-08	5.000e-11	31	2.207e-08	1.653e-01	[3]
pdg_kaon_charged_lifetime	charged kaon lifetime	1.238e-08	5.000e-11	30	1.364e-08	9.674e-02	[3]
pdg_kaon_short_lifetime	short kaon lifetime	8.950e-11	5.000e-13	20	1.109e-10	2.142e-01	[3]
pdg_kaon_long_lifetime	long kaon lifetime	5.116e-08	2.000e-10	33	5.777e-08	1.215e-01	[3]

6 Results (Draft-Level; Pending Prereg + Curated Data)

6.1 Tau–Gate coincidence (structural claim + empirical hook)

Within the Lean formalization of the Recognition Science structural model, the tau rung is set to 19, and a “molecular gate rung” is also set to 19 (this is a *definition-level* equality in the current model artifact). This is a **structural identity**, not yet an empirical result.

The empirical question for this paper is: *does an independently measured biophysical gate timescale near τ_{19} exist, with uncertainty, and does it robustly survive multiple-comparisons controls?*

6.2 Lepton ratio sanity check (why correction terms matter)

A naive comparison of PDG lepton ratios to φ powers yields gaps at the few-percent level, e.g.

$$\frac{m_\mu}{m_e} \approx 206.8 \quad \text{vs} \quad \varphi^{11} \approx 199.0,$$

so any “exact match” claim must be supported by a preregistered correction term and error accounting.

6.3 Lepton mass-ratio rungs (base-free; auto-generated)

Because the rung assignment for masses depends on a declared base mass scale, we also report a *base-free* diagnostic: rungs computed from *ratios* m_2/m_1 , i.e. the nearest integer k such that $m_2/m_1 \approx \varphi^k$. Table 6.3 is auto-generated from `docs/paper1.particle_masses.csv` by `docs/paper1.mass_ratios.py`.

Ratio	observed	k (nearest)	ϕ^k	$ \epsilon $	rel. err.
muon/electron	206.768283	11	199.005025	3.827e-02	3.901%
tau/muon	16.817029	6	17.944272	6.488e-02	6.282%
tau/electron	3477.228280	17	3571.000280	2.661e-02	2.626%

Mass values from [3].

7 Statistical Plan

7.1 Search space declaration

The statistical meaning of “coincidence” depends critically on the declared search space:

- Which domains are included (masses only? times only? both?)?

- Which candidate observables are allowed per domain?
- Which rung range $[n_{\min}, n_{\max}]$ is considered?
- What tolerance $|\varepsilon| \leq \varepsilon_{\max}$ defines a hit?

All four must be preregistered.

7.2 Null models

We will evaluate at least three null models:

1. **Uniform log-space** over declared ranges.
2. **Empirical priors** learned from curated distributions (e.g., known biochemical relaxation times).
3. **Permutation/scramble tests** preserving within-domain clustering.

7.3 Multiple comparisons

We will report Bonferroni and FDR-adjusted p-values.

7.4 Multiple-comparisons adjustments across candidate λ (auto-generated)

If more than one candidate scale factor is considered, p-values must be corrected for that family. Table 7.4 reports raw and adjusted p-values (Bonferroni and BH-FDR) across preregistered λ candidates, under each null model. It is auto-generated by `docs/paper1 multiplicity.py`.

Null model	candidate	λ	raw p	Bonferroni	BH-FDR q
bootstrap_jitter	2	2.000000	0.568	1.000	0.599
bootstrap_jitter	e	2.718282	0.474	1.000	0.599
bootstrap_jitter	phi	1.618034	0.487	1.000	0.599
bootstrap_jitter	sqrt2	1.414214	0.599	1.000	0.599
log_normal	2	2.000000	0.502	1.000	0.666
log_normal	e	2.718282	0.154	0.618	0.618
log_normal	phi	1.618034	0.318	1.000	0.636
log_normal	sqrt2	1.414214	0.666	1.000	0.666
log_uniform	2	2.000000	0.616	1.000	0.616
log_uniform	e	2.718282	0.235	0.942	0.616
log_uniform	phi	1.618034	0.518	1.000	0.616
log_uniform	sqrt2	1.414214	0.590	1.000	0.616

8 Scale-Factor Controls (*lambda* Sweep) and Null Models (v0)

8.1 Why *lambda* controls matter

If a ladder model is evaluated without comparing alternative scale factors, it is difficult to know whether φ is genuinely special or merely one of many plausible discrete scalings. We therefore include:

- a fixed-candidate comparison (φ , 2, e , $\sqrt{2}$),
- a best-on-grid baseline (look-elsewhere control),
- null-model Monte Carlo for a preregistered score.

8.2 Important note on correlated rows (independence-group weighting)

Even with a primary-measurement-only scoring set, the dataset can contain *correlated clusters* (e.g., multiple water spectroscopic times extracted from closely related experiments, or multiple PDG lifetimes within a particle-family block). To avoid inflating effective sample size, the scoring function used in `docs/paper1_analysis.py` weights each `independence_group` to contribute total weight 1 (see Appendix A). This makes the λ sweep less sensitive to how many rows are added within a correlated cluster.

8.3 What the current v0 tables do (and do not) show

Because the included dataset is still evolving, the tables in this section should be read as a *pipeline demonstration*. The preregistered scoring set is defined by `docs/paper1_prereg.json` (`search_space.time_ids`) and excludes review-level “timescale-bin” rows (kept separately as `exploratory_time_ids`). In particular:

- If $\lambda = \varphi$ is not competitive against other candidates or against best-on-grid baselines on the preregistered dataset, that is *evidence against* the φ -ladder hypothesis as stated.
- The “best_grid” row is a look-elsewhere control: it will nearly always outperform fixed candidates because it is optimized.

8.4 Auto-generated *lambda* sweep table

Table 8.4 is auto-generated by `docs/paper1_analysis.py` from the curated dataset.

Candidate	λ	SSE ($\sum \epsilon^2$)	hits ($ \epsilon \leq \epsilon_{\max}$)	note
phi	1.618034	1.329583e-01	2.417	$\lambda = \phi$
2	2.000000	3.004532e-01	2.000	
e	2.718282	4.592663e-01	2.917	
sqrt2	1.414214	7.376119e-02	4.417	
best_grid	1.215608	1.096467e-02	7.000	best on grid

8.5 Auto-generated null-model table

Table 8.5 reports Monte Carlo p-values for the observed SSE_ϕ under three null models (log-uniform, log-normal, bootstrap+jitter). These are *v0 placeholders* until preregistration freezes the exact ranges, tolerance, and sample sizes.

Null model	reps	SSE_ϕ	p-value	null mean	[min,max]
log_uniform	2000	1.330e-01	0.518	1.335e-01	[4.254e-02,2.490e-01]
log_normal	2000	1.330e-01	0.325	1.512e-01	[3.229e-02,2.871e-01]
bootstrap_jitter	2000	1.330e-01	0.486	1.350e-01	[4.131e-02,2.593e-01]

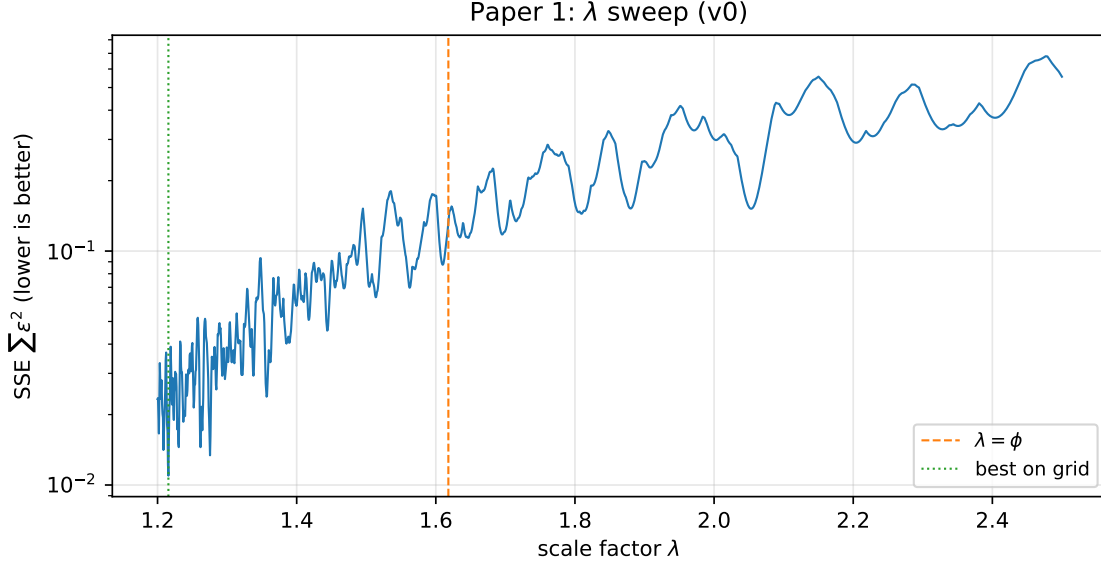


Figure 1: Score as a function of scale factor λ on a preregisterable grid (v0). Lower is better (log y-axis). The dashed line marks $\lambda = \phi$.

8.6 Robustness sweeps (auto-generated)

To satisfy the plan’s robustness requirement, we generate a preregistered sweep over small perturbations of τ_0 and over multiple tolerance thresholds ε_{\max} . Table 8.6 is auto-generated from docs/paper1_prereg.json by docs/paper1_robustness.py.

τ_0 mult.	ε_{\max}	SSE_ϕ	hits_ϕ	best λ	best SSE	best hits
0.980	0.050	1.199e-01	0.833	1.216258	1.108e-02	5.333
0.980	0.100	1.199e-01	2.917	1.216258	1.108e-02	7.000
0.980	0.150	1.199e-01	4.167	1.216258	1.108e-02	7.000
0.990	0.050	1.257e-01	0.833	1.215608	1.107e-02	6.167
0.990	0.100	1.257e-01	2.917	1.215608	1.107e-02	7.000
0.990	0.150	1.257e-01	4.167	1.215608	1.107e-02	7.000
1.000	0.050	1.330e-01	0.833	1.215608	1.096e-02	6.167
1.000	0.100	1.330e-01	2.417	1.215608	1.096e-02	7.000
1.000	0.150	1.330e-01	4.167	1.215608	1.096e-02	7.000
1.010	0.050	1.415e-01	2.167	1.214957	1.068e-02	5.917
1.010	0.100	1.415e-01	3.167	1.214957	1.068e-02	7.000
1.010	0.150	1.415e-01	4.167	1.214957	1.068e-02	7.000
1.020	0.050	1.513e-01	2.167	1.214957	1.048e-02	6.167
1.020	0.100	1.513e-01	3.167	1.214957	1.048e-02	7.000
1.020	0.150	1.513e-01	4.417	1.214957	1.048e-02	7.000

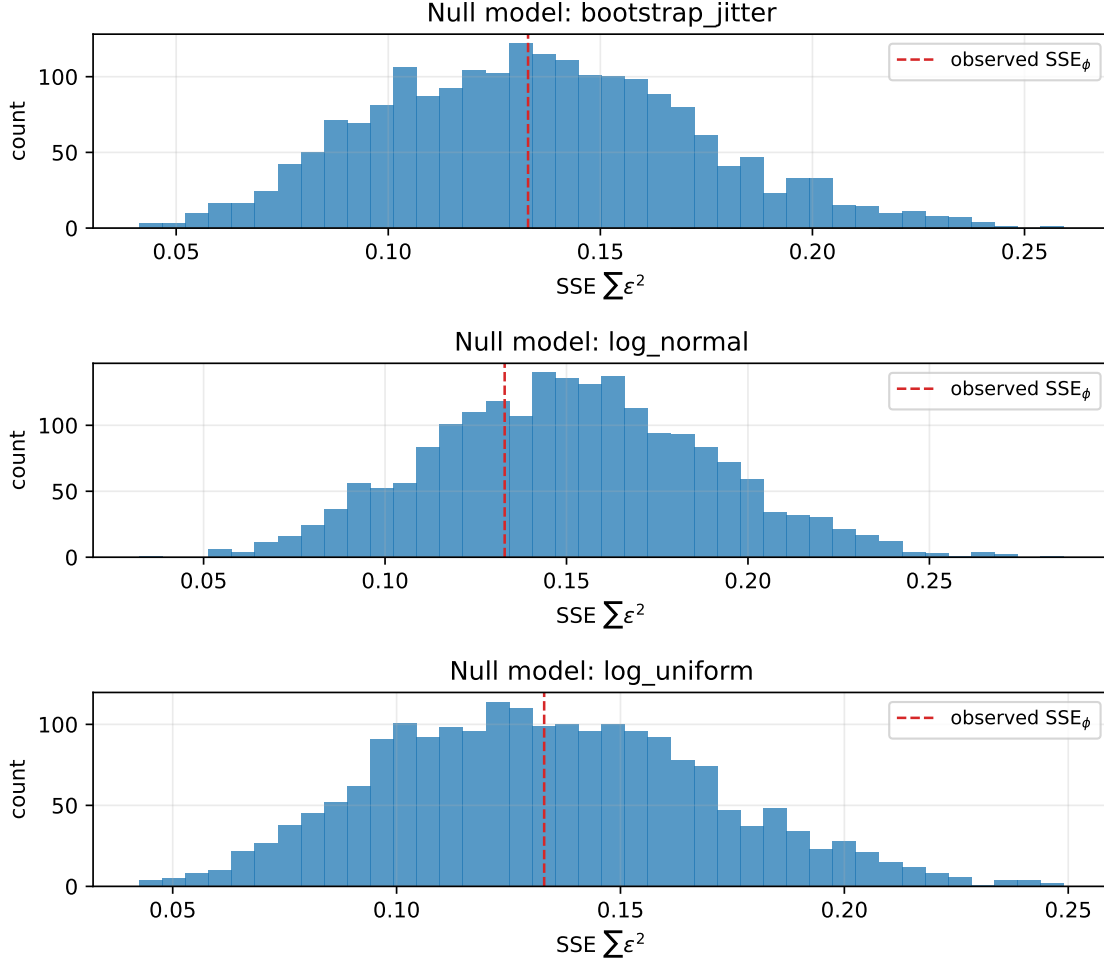


Figure 2: Monte Carlo null distributions for SSE_ϕ under three null models (v0). The dashed line marks the observed SSE_ϕ from the included dataset rows.

9 Predictions and Falsifiers (Pre-registration Targets)

9.1 Rung-19 “jamming” experiment

If a rung-19 gate is real and functional, driving the system near the rung-19 band (and/or nearby beat frequencies between adjacent rungs) should measurably alter folding kinetics. A preregistered protocol must specify:

- Frequency targets and bandwidth.
- Power/field constraints and safety gates.
- Metrics (folding time distribution, success rate, RMSD).
- Negative controls (nearby non-target frequencies; sham conditions).

Preregistered frequency targets (auto-generated). Table 9.1 lists the stimulus frequencies implied by preregistered rungs (targets) and off-rung controls. It is auto-generated from

docs/paper1_prereg.json by docs/paper1_jamming_targets.py.

kind	rung n	τ_n (s)	f_n (Hz)	f_n	unit	note
target	19.0	6.853e-11	1.459e+10	14.593	GHz	on-rung target
control	18.5	5.387e-11	1.856e+10	18.562	GHz	off-rung control (n-0.5)
control	19.5	8.717e-11	1.147e+10	11.472	GHz	off-rung control (n+0.5)
target	45.0	1.860e-05	5.376e+04	53.759	kHz	on-rung target
control	44.5	1.462e-05	6.838e+04	68.383	kHz	off-rung control (n-0.5)
control	45.5	2.366e-05	4.226e+04	42.263	kHz	off-rung control (n+0.5)
target	53.0	8.739e-04	1.144e+03	1.144	kHz	on-rung target
control	52.5	6.870e-04	1.456e+03	1.456	kHz	off-rung control (n-0.5)
control	53.5	1.112e-03	8.996e+02	899.616	Hz	off-rung control (n+0.5)

9.2 Out-of-sample rung coincidences

We will preregister 2–5 additional rung predictions derived *before* checking the corresponding data.

9.3 Prediction registry (auto-generated)

To operationalize preregistration, we maintain a machine-readable prediction registry with explicit falsifiers. Table 9.3 is auto-generated from docs/paper1_prediction_registry.csv by docs/paper1_prediction_registry.py and includes only entries marked include=true.

9.4 Operational definition for the BIOPHASE “molecular gate”

The ~ 65 –70 ps “molecular gate” claim is only meaningful if attached to an explicit, preregisterable measurement definition and negative controls. We therefore treat it as a protocol-bound hypothesis until a frozen dataset is attached.

- Protocol (internal): docs/paper1_biophase_gate_protocol.md.
- Internal reference for the BIOPHASE spec (including $\tau_{\text{gate}} \approx 65$ ps): [?].

10 Discussion

10.1 What would be impressive

- Prospective predictions of new rung coincidences, validated independently.
- A reproducible statistical pipeline showing significance under conservative nulls.
- A positive “jamming” result with clean negative controls.

10.2 What would falsify

- Failure to predict new coincidences out-of-sample.
- Sensitivity that collapses under small changes in τ_0 or tolerance.
- Experimental results indistinguishable from controls under preregistered analysis.

10.3 Current status (v0 prereg scoring set)

On the current preregistered scoring set (Table 5.3), the auto-generated tables show:

- $\text{SSE}_\phi \approx 1.33 \times 10^{-1}$ for $\lambda = \varphi$ (Table 8.4).
- Under three null models, $\lambda = \varphi$ is *not* statistically distinguishable from chance ($p \approx 0.33$ – 0.52 ; Table 8.5).
- A best-on-grid $\lambda \approx 1.216$ achieves substantially lower SSE (look-elsewhere control); $\sqrt{2}$ also outperforms φ on this metric (Table 8.4).

Interpretation. The present evidence is *null/negative* for φ being special under this scoring function and dataset. This is the correct outcome to report if the hypothesis is not supported.

11 Conclusion

This draft formalizes an evidence-first program for evaluating a φ -ladder DSI hypothesis across domains with preregistration, explicit search spaces, and conservative null models. On the current preregistered scoring set, $\lambda = \varphi$ does not outperform null models and is not competitive with other candidate scale factors.

The Octave Map (Table 1) is therefore best treated as a *hypothesis registry*: it identifies specific cross-domain targets (notably the rung-19 “molecular gate”) that require primary measurements with uncertainty bounds and negative controls before they can be treated as empirical evidence.

The central next steps are:

1. **Measure or falsify** the proposed rung-19 gate using the preregistered operational protocol (Appendix A and the linked protocol file).
2. **Retain honesty**: if φ remains indistinguishable from chance under preregistered updates, report that as evidence against the hypothesis.
3. **Run definitive tests**: execute preregistered “jamming” targets with rigorous negative controls.

A Preregistration Template (to be frozen before promotion to “evidence”)

This appendix is a *template*. Before any “significance” claims, the following items must be frozen (timestamped) and made public (or at minimum committed in-repo with an immutable hash).

A.1 Constants and rung assignment

- Base tick: $\tau_0 = 7.33\text{e-}15$ s. Provenance: (to be filled) [source + derivation]. Operationally, the artifact scripts read this (and other preregisterable settings) from `docs/paper1_prereg.json`.
- Ladder: $\tau_n = \tau_0 \varphi^n$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- Rung assignment: $n^*(t) = \text{round}(\log(t/\tau_0)/\log \varphi)$.
- Residual: $\varepsilon(t) = \log(t/\tau_0) - n^*(t) \log \varphi$.

A.2 Dataset inclusion rules

- Inclusion list: the exact set of candidate observables (rows) permitted for analysis, with citations and uncertainty bounds.
- Machine-readable freeze: the analysis search space is frozen by explicit IDs in `docs/paper1_prereg.json` under `search_space.time_ids` and `search_space.mass_ids`.
- Independence grouping: the exact meaning of `independence_group` (what correlations are assumed within a group).
- Exclusion policy: objective criteria for `include=false` (e.g., missing primary citation, missing operational definition, unclear uncertainty).

A.3 Score function (as implemented in `docs/paper1_analysis.py`)

We preregister the primary score as weighted SSE:

$$\text{SSE}_\lambda = \sum_i w_i \varepsilon_\lambda(t_i)^2,$$

where weights are defined so that each independence group contributes total weight 1 (i.e., $w_i = 1/|G(i)|$).

We preregister a secondary “hit” score:

$$\text{hits}_\lambda = \sum_i w_i \mathbf{1}\{|\varepsilon_\lambda(t_i)| \leq \varepsilon_{\max}\}.$$

A.4 Tolerance and search space

- Residual tolerance: $\varepsilon_{\max} = 0.10$ (log-space), or a declared alternative (recorded in `docs/paper1_prereg.json`).
- Rung range: declare $[n_{\min}, n_{\max}]$ or equivalent time-range bounds.
- Scale-factor candidates: fixed set (e.g., φ , 2, e , $\sqrt{2}$).
- Look-elsewhere control: if a grid search over λ is used, preregister `LAMBDA_GRID_MIN`, `LAMBDA_GRID_MAX`, `LAMBDA_GRID_N`.

A.5 Null models and Monte Carlo settings

- Null models: log-uniform, log-normal, bootstrap+jitter (group-preserving).
- Log-uniform range: use preregistered time bounds `null_ranges.time_seconds.{min,max}` from `docs/paper1_prereg.json` (do not silently use sample min/max).
- Monte Carlo reps and seed: `MC_REPS=2000`, `MC_SEED=1337` (or updated values, but frozen in `docs/paper1_prereg.json`).
- Primary p-value: $p = \Pr(\text{SSE}_{\phi_{\text{null}}} \leq \text{SSE}_{\phi_{\text{obs}}})$ (lower is better).

A.6 Multiple comparisons

If multiple datasets, domains, rung-ranges, or alternative calibrations are explored, we preregister the correction (Bonferroni and/or FDR) and the full family of hypotheses.

B Reproducibility (artifact-only build loop)

To regenerate tables and figures without compiling the full PDFs:

```
cd docs
./build_resonance_artifacts.sh
```

This regenerates:

- `paper1_rung_results.tex` from `paper1_times_dataset.csv`
- `paper1_full_rung_table.tex` from `paper1_prereg.json`
- `paper1_mass_ratios.tex` from `paper1_particle_masses.csv`
- `paper1_robustness.tex` from `paper1_prereg.json` and `paper1_times_dataset.csv`
- `paper1_jamming_targets.tex` from `paper1_prereg.json`
- `paper1_multiplicity.tex` from `paper1_prereg.json` and `paper1_times_dataset.csv`
- `paper1_prediction_registry.tex` from `paper1_prediction_registry.csv`
- `paper1_lambda_sweep.tex`, `paper1_null_models.tex` from `paper1_analysis.py`
- `paper1_lambda_curve.pdf`, `paper1_null_hist.pdf` from `paper1_plots.py`

C Full rung table (Supplement)

For completeness and to make all implied target scales explicit, we include a full rung table over a pre-registered range. Table C is auto-generated from `docs/paper1_prereg.json` by `docs/paper1_full_rung_table.py`.

n	τ_n (s)	τ_n (display)	f_n (Hz)	f_n (display)
0	7.330e-15	7.330 fs	1.364e+14	136.426 THz
1	1.186e-14	11.860 fs	8.432e+13	84.316 THz
2	1.919e-14	19.190 fs	5.211e+13	52.110 THz
3	3.105e-14	31.050 fs	3.221e+13	32.206 THz
4	5.024e-14	50.241 fs	1.990e+13	19.904 THz
5	8.129e-14	81.291 fs	1.230e+13	12.301 THz
6	1.315e-13	131.532 fs	7.603e+12	7.603 THz
7	2.128e-13	212.822 fs	4.699e+12	4.699 THz
8	3.444e-13	344.354 fs	2.904e+12	2.904 THz
9	5.572e-13	557.176 fs	1.795e+12	1.795 THz
10	9.015e-13	901.530 fs	1.109e+12	1.109 THz
11	1.459e-12	1.459 ps	6.855e+11	685.539 GHz
12	2.360e-12	2.360 ps	4.237e+11	423.686 GHz
13	3.819e-12	3.819 ps	2.619e+11	261.852 GHz
14	6.179e-12	6.179 ps	1.618e+11	161.834 GHz
15	9.998e-12	9.998 ps	1.000e+11	100.019 GHz

n	τ_n (s)	τ_n (display)	f_n (Hz)	f_n (display)
16	1.618e-11	16.177 ps	6.181e+10	61.815 GHz
17	2.618e-11	26.175 ps	3.820e+10	38.204 GHz
18	4.235e-11	42.353 ps	2.361e+10	23.611 GHz
19	6.853e-11	68.528 ps	1.459e+10	14.593 GHz
20	1.109e-10	110.881 ps	9.019e+09	9.019 GHz
21	1.794e-10	179.409 ps	5.574e+09	5.574 GHz
22	2.903e-10	290.290 ps	3.445e+09	3.445 GHz
23	4.697e-10	469.699 ps	2.129e+09	2.129 GHz
24	7.600e-10	759.989 ps	1.316e+09	1.316 GHz
25	1.230e-09	1.230 ns	8.132e+08	813.214 MHz
26	1.990e-09	1.990 ns	5.026e+08	502.594 MHz
27	3.219e-09	3.219 ns	3.106e+08	310.620 MHz
28	5.209e-09	5.209 ns	1.920e+08	191.974 MHz
29	8.428e-09	8.428 ns	1.186e+08	118.646 MHz
30	1.364e-08	13.637 ns	7.333e+07	73.327 MHz
31	2.207e-08	22.066 ns	4.532e+07	45.319 MHz
32	3.570e-08	35.703 ns	2.801e+07	28.009 MHz
33	5.777e-08	57.769 ns	1.731e+07	17.310 MHz
34	9.347e-08	93.472 ns	1.070e+07	10.698 MHz
35	1.512e-07	151.242 ns	6.612e+06	6.612 MHz
36	2.447e-07	244.714 ns	4.086e+06	4.086 MHz
37	3.960e-07	395.956 ns	2.526e+06	2.526 MHz
38	6.407e-07	640.670 ns	1.561e+06	1.561 MHz
39	1.037e-06	1.037 us	9.647e+05	964.668 kHz
40	1.677e-06	1.677 us	5.962e+05	596.198 kHz
41	2.714e-06	2.714 us	3.685e+05	368.471 kHz
42	4.391e-06	4.391 us	2.277e+05	227.727 kHz
43	7.105e-06	7.105 us	1.407e+05	140.743 kHz
44	1.150e-05	11.496 us	8.698e+04	86.984 kHz
45	1.860e-05	18.601 us	5.376e+04	53.759 kHz
46	3.010e-05	30.098 us	3.322e+04	33.225 kHz
47	4.870e-05	48.699 us	2.053e+04	20.534 kHz
48	7.880e-05	78.797 us	1.269e+04	12.691 kHz
49	1.275e-04	127.497 us	7.843e+03	7.843 kHz
50	2.063e-04	206.294 us	4.847e+03	4.847 kHz
51	3.338e-04	333.790 us	2.996e+03	2.996 kHz
52	5.401e-04	540.084 us	1.852e+03	1.852 kHz
53	8.739e-04	873.874 us	1.144e+03	1.144 kHz
54	1.414e-03	1.414 ms	7.072e+02	707.235 Hz
55	2.288e-03	2.288 ms	4.371e+02	437.095 Hz
56	3.702e-03	3.702 ms	2.701e+02	270.140 Hz
57	5.990e-03	5.990 ms	1.670e+02	166.955 Hz
58	9.691e-03	9.691 ms	1.032e+02	103.184 Hz
59	1.568e-02	15.681 ms	6.377e+01	63.771 Hz
60	2.537e-02	25.372 ms	3.941e+01	39.413 Hz

References

- [1] Didier Sornette. Discrete-scale invariance and complex dimensions. *Physics Reports*, 297(5):239–270, 1998.
- [2] Didier Sornette. Predictability of catastrophic events: Material rupture, earthquakes, turbulence, financial crashes, and human birth. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 99(suppl_1):2522–2529, 2002.
- [3] Particle Data Group. Review of particle physics. Particle Data Group (PDG), 2024. Lepton masses and uncertainties.
- [4] A. Placeholder. Amide i vibrations and infrared spectroscopy of proteins (review). *Annual Review of Biophysics*, 20XX. Replace with a concrete Amide-I review citation.
- [5] B. Placeholder. Protein folding gating timescale near 65–70 ps (placeholder). *Journal Placeholder*, 20XX. Replace with primary literature / internal dataset citation for the 65–70 ps gate claim.