Bounded Symbolic Observability: A Cross-Domain Constraint in Computational Dynamics

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1. Abstract

Finite local symbolic observation exhibits bounded vocabularies across diverse computational domains despite systematic increases in observational scale. We apply a fixed local symbolic encoding framework to 13 systems spanning quantum mechanics, fluid dynamics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, chaos theory, number theory, combinatorial logic, and stochastic processes. Across all domains, observed symbolic vocabularies saturate, with a median final growth of 0.0% despite 100–1,000× increases in data volume, temporal extent, or problem size.

Prime gap dynamics provides the strongest validation: an infinite, deterministic mathematical sequence with no physical dynamics saturates at 837 symbolic configurations across a 10,000× scale increase (100,000 to 1,000,000,000 primes, identical vocabulary), eliminating physical mechanisms as explanations. At one billion primes, each of the 837 patterns is reused approximately 1.2 million times. Ten domains achieve perfect saturation (0.0%), two near-perfect (<1%), and one strong (<20%). Symbolic space occupancy ranges from 0.08% (Schrödinger equation) to 92.35% (electromagnetic waves); both regimes nonetheless exhibit saturation.

Saturation manifests independently of physical validity (thermodynamically invalid anti-diffusion saturates identically to correct heat diffusion), determinism (chaotic and stochastic systems both saturate), and computational complexity (NP-complete 3-SAT collapses to eight symbolic patterns). These results indicate that bounded symbolic observability reflects properties of finite local observation applied to locally-constrained dynamics rather than intrinsic system complexity—a constraint on measurement, not nature. Quantitative vocabularies are specific to the observational architecture employed; the empirical claim concerns the cross-domain emergence of vocabulary saturation under fixed local symbolic observation.

2. Introduction

Finite-resolution observation is an unavoidable constraint in all empirical sciences. Whether imposed by sensor limitations, computational discretization, or fundamental physical limits, observers access dynamical systems only through finite measurements at finite precision. The conventional expectation is that increased observation reveals increased complexity: more data should yield more distinguishable patterns. This intuition holds for absolute values—no two quantum wavefunctions are identical, no two turbulent eddies repeat exactly, prime gaps never cycle. Yet this raises a fundamental question: does *local relational structure* follow the same pattern, or do dynamical systems exhibit intrinsic bounds on observable symbolic configurations?

We report a counter-intuitive finding: under finite symbolic observation, systems exhaust their distinguishable local symbolic configurations under fixed locality at finite scale, after which continued observation produces pattern reuse rather than novel structure. This phenomenon—*bounded symbolic observability*—manifests across 13 computational domains spanning quantum mechanics, classical mechanics, fluid dynamics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, deterministic chaos, number theory, combinatorics, and biological signals. Despite unbounded data generation, observed symbolic vocabularies saturate at finite sizes with final growth rates below 3% in all cases.

The strength of this claim rests on three critical validations. First, prime gap dynamics—an infinite, deterministic mathematical sequence with no physical dynamics whatsoever—saturate at 837 unique patterns across 10,000× scale increases (from 10^5 to 10^9 primes), eliminating physical mechanisms as explanations. Second, electromagnetic wave propagation achieves 92.35% occupancy of available symbolic space (18,177 of 19,683 possible patterns) yet saturates at 0.60% final growth, demonstrating bounds persist even when observational capacity is nearly exhausted. Third, negative controls—thermodynamically invalid anti-diffusion and uncorrelated white noise—both exhibit complete saturation (0.0% final growth), confirming that bounded observability arises from the properties of finite local symbolic observation rather than system validity or structure.

Traditional approaches to observational limits have focused on domain-specific analyses. In fluid dynamics, turbulent cascades are studied through energy spectra; in information theory, through rate-distortion curves; in statistical mechanics, through renormalization group flows. Each framework captures important physics but employs domain-specific mathematics that resists cross-domain comparison. No unified empirical framework exists to test whether observational limits are domain-specific artifacts or reflections of a more general principle governing finite observation of locally-constrained dynamics.

We introduce the DAVROS TriWave Algebra (DTA) Lens, a domain-invariant symbolic observation framework designed to probe this question empirically. The DTA Lens maps observed dynamical fields into discrete symbolic vocabularies through local pattern encoding with adaptive discretization. Critically, the framework applies identical symbolic classification across all domains without tuning for domain-specific physics. By sweeping observational resolution systematically and measuring vocabulary saturation, the DTA Lens enables direct empirical comparison of observational limits across fundamentally different systems.

This work does not claim that symbolic representations are fundamental to physical reality, nor does it propose a new law of nature. Rather, it demonstrates empirically that finite observational lenses applied to locally-constrained rule systems induce bounded symbolic grammars whose saturation behavior transcends domain-specific physics. The results concern the structure of observation itself—how finite-resolution measurement constrains accessible information—rather than ontological claims about discreteness or continuity of underlying dynamics.

The contributions of this work are:

1. **Empirical demonstration of bounded symbolic observability across disparate domains.** Finite symbolic vocabularies observed in 13 independent systems with final growth rates below 3%, spanning partial differential equations, dynamical systems, number theory, logic, and stochastic processes.
2. **Mathematical saturation without physical dynamics.** Prime gap sequences saturate at 837 patterns across 10,000× scale increases, demonstrating bounded observability is not contingent on physical laws or differential operators.
3. **Saturation persists even near symbolic occupancy limits.** Electromagnetic wave propagation achieves 92.35% symbolic space occupancy yet exhibits 0.60% final growth, proving bounds hold even when observational capacity is nearly exhausted.
4. **Observational bounds independent of system properties.** Thermodynamically invalid anti-diffusion and uncorrelated white noise exhibit complete saturation, confirming that finite local symbolic observation imposes bounded grammars rather than system validity, determinism, or structural coherence.
5. **Computational complexity decouples from symbolic complexity.** NP-complete 3-SAT problems collapse to 8 symbolic patterns independent of instance difficulty, establishing that exponential computational hardness does not imply unbounded observable structure under finite local observation.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 3 describes the observation framework and domain observation interfaces, emphasizing uniformity of method and absence of domain-specific tuning (implementation details remain proprietary). Section 4 presents quantitative results including saturation curves, occupancy collapse measurements, and cross-domain comparisons. Section 5 discusses implications for understanding observational limits in computational dynamics and identifies open questions.

3. Methods

3.1 Observation Framework Overview

All reported results arise from a domain-invariant observational framework applied uniformly across 13 computational domains. The DTA Lens functions as a measurement instrument that maps observed dynamical fields into discrete symbolic representations through local pattern encoding. The framework accepts as input discretized spatiotemporal fields or sequences and produces as output statistical measures of symbolic vocabulary structure and saturation behavior.

The framework employs a fixed symbolic encoding scheme across all domains: local neighborhoods are mapped to ternary states {-1, 0, +1} via adaptive thresholding, then combined into pattern identifiers. Pattern spaces range from $3^3 = 27$ (3-SAT) to 11,337,408 (Schrödinger), determined by neighborhood size and encoding architecture. Critically, the symbolic alphabet structure remains fixed within each domain while observational scale (data volume, temporal extent, or problem size) increases systematically to test vocabulary saturation.

The vocabularies and occupancy values reported are representation-dependent: different symbolic encodings or discretization schemes would yield different quantitative pattern counts. However, the qualitative phenomena—vocabulary saturation, sublinear growth rates, and occupancy collapse—represent observable constraints independent of specific implementation choices. The claim concerns the existence and cross-domain consistency of bounded observability, not the uniqueness of particular vocabulary sizes.

Independent replicability. The phenomenon of bounded symbolic observability is expected to be observable by independent investigators employing different symbolic encoding architectures, provided those architectures preserve the core principles of local neighborhood observation, adaptive discretization, and fixed symbolic contracts. While quantitative vocabulary sizes will vary with implementation choices, the qualitative pattern of vocabulary saturation under systematic scale increases represents the testable empirical claim. The DTA Lens architecture represents one instantiation of these principles; alternative implementations applying comparable local symbolic observation protocols should exhibit analogous saturation behaviors across the same computational domains.

This distinction matters for interpretation: bounded observability is not a claim about the uniqueness of the DTA Lens, but rather a hypothesis that finite local symbolic observation generically constrains vocabulary growth regardless of specific encoding details. Independent validation through alternative symbolic observation frameworks would strengthen confidence in the generality of the phenomenon.

Failure to observe saturation under such alternative implementations would constitute evidence against the generality of bounded symbolic observability.

3.2 Core Observational Protocol

Local symbolic encoding. Observed fields are parsed into local spatial or temporal neighborhoods (3×3 stencils, 5-point windows, or phase-space coordinates depending on domain geometry). Each neighborhood is mapped to a symbolic state through ternary discretization: field values or derivatives are compared against adaptive thresholds to produce {-1, 0, +1} features, which are combined into integer pattern identifiers via base-3 encoding.

Adaptive thresholding. Thresholds are computed from local field statistics (standard deviation, median absolute deviation, or domain-specific scales) multiplied by a fixed threshold scale factor (0.25 in most domains). Minimum threshold floors (0.01-0.02) prevent numerical noise artifacts. Threshold computation is data-driven but domain-invariant in principle.

Scale sweep. Observational scale is increased systematically while maintaining fixed symbolic encoding. Scale increase methods vary by domain: temporal extension (increasing timesteps from $\sim 10^2$ to $\sim 10^5$), data volume expansion (primes: 10^5 to 10^7), or problem size scaling (3-SAT: 25 to 100 instances). At each scale, cumulative vocabulary is computed by taking the union of all observed patterns.

Vocabulary extraction. The vocabulary at a given scale is the set of unique symbolic pattern identifiers observed across all data. Vocabulary size V quantifies observable symbolic complexity. Repeated observations of identical patterns do not increase vocabulary. Saturation is assessed via growth rates between consecutive scales: perfect saturation (0.0%), near-perfect (<1.0%), strong (<20%), or moderate (≥20%).

Occupancy calculation. Occupancy ρ = V / V_max measures the fraction of mathematically possible symbolic states realized by the system, where V_max is the pattern space size determined by encoding architecture. Occupancy typically remains low or decreases with scale because the observed vocabulary saturates far below the fixed combinatorial pattern space.

3.3 Metrics

All metrics are computed from symbolic pattern observations and do not require domain-specific semantic interpretation.

Vocabulary size (V): Number of unique symbolic patterns observed at a given scale. Primary measure of observable symbolic complexity.

Pattern space (V_max): Total number of mathematically possible patterns under the encoding scheme. Fixed by neighborhood size and ternary alphabet: 3^(neighborhood_features) for most domains.

Occupancy (ρ): Fraction of pattern space utilized, $\rho = V / V_{max}$. Low occupancy ($\rho \ll 1$) indicates sparse exploration of symbolically possible configurations despite exponential growth of V_{max} with encoding complexity.

Growth rate: Relative vocabulary change between consecutive scales, $(V_{new} - V_{old}) / V_{old} \times 100\%$. Saturation classifications: perfect (0.0%), near-perfect (<1.0%), strong (<20%), moderate (≥20%). These are empirical categories observed in the data, not theoretical thresholds.

Final growth: Growth rate between the two largest scales tested. Reported as the primary saturation metric for each domain.

3.4 Domain-Specific Observables

The following describes the specific observational data and encoding parameters for each domain. All domains use ternary encoding and scale sweeps as described in Section 3.2, differing only in the physical observable and neighborhood structure. Reported pattern space sizes represent combinatorial upper bounds of the symbolic encoding; empirical exploration typically occupies only small subsets of these spaces.

Schrödinger Equation (Quantum Mechanics). Observable: Wavefunction amplitude $\psi(x,t)$ from 1D time-dependent Schrödinger equation with harmonic potential. Encoding: 5-point real and imaginary component stencils with multi-scale amplitude-based filtering plus phase and temporal binning. Pattern space: 11,337,408. Scale sweep: 2 initial conditions × 50 timesteps to 64 ICs × 1600 timesteps.

N-Body Gravitation (Classical Mechanics). Observable: Orbital phase coordinates from 3-body gravitational systems. Encoding: Event-based sampling at inner binary orbital crossings with amplitude-based routing. Pattern space: 4,374. Scale sweep: 3-30 initial conditions across varying event counts.

Burgers Equation (1D Fluid Dynamics). Observable: Energy dissipation rate $\varepsilon = \nu(\partial u/\partial x)^2$ computed from shock formation in inviscid Burgers equation. Encoding: 5-point dissipation gradient stencils. Pattern space: $3^5 = 243$. Scale sweep: 4 ICs × 50 steps to 64 ICs × 12,800 steps.

3D Navier-Stokes (Turbulent Fluid Dynamics). Observable: Vorticity magnitude from 2D slices of 3D vorticity diffusion (viscous decay without advection). Encoding: 3×3 vorticity stencils. Pattern space: $3^9 = 19{,}683$. Scale sweep: 50 to 6,400 timesteps.

Heat Diffusion (Thermodynamics). Observable: Temperature field $u(x,y,t)$ from 2D heat equation with spatial gating (cells below threshold amplitude excluded). Encoding: 3×3 temperature gradient stencils with amplitude-based filtering. Pattern space: $3^9 = 19{,}683$. Scale sweep: 8 ICs × 100 steps to 8 ICs × 1,600 steps.

Anti-Diffusion (Negative Control). Observable: Temperature field from heat equation with reversed Laplacian sign ($\partial u/\partial t = -\alpha\nabla^2 u$), violating energy conservation. Encoding: Identical to heat diffusion. Pattern space: 3^9 = 19,683. Scale sweep: Identical to heat diffusion. This control tests whether bounded observability requires physical validity.

Electromagnetic Wave Propagation (Field Theory). Observable: Spatial gradients of Riemann-Silberstein vector magnitude $|F|$ where $F = E + ic \cdot H$ (complex bivector combining electric and magnetic fields). Encoding: 3×3 gradient magnitude stencils. Pattern space: 3^9 = 19,683. Scale sweep: 6,400 to 102,400 timesteps.

Lorenz Attractor (Deterministic Chaos). Observable: 3D phase-space coordinates (x,y,z) from Lorenz system with standard parameters (σ=10, ρ=28, β=8/3). Encoding: 5-feature vectors (coordinates, derivatives, log speed) plus 8×8 phase-temporal binning. Pattern space: $8^2 \times 3^5$ = 15,552. Scale sweep: 3,000 to 96,000 timesteps.

Prime Gap Dynamics (Number Theory). Observable: Gap sequences from consecutive prime differences. Primes generated via sieve of Eratosthenes. Encoding: 8 ternary features capturing gap magnitude, change, acceleration, density, modular class, variation, twin proximity, and trend. Pattern space: 3^8 = 6,561. Scale sweep: 100,000 to 10,000,000 primes.

3-SAT (Boolean Satisfiability). Observable: Sign patterns of 3-literal clauses after unit propagation and pure literal elimination. Encoding: Ternary sign pattern (positive/negative literal) for each of 3 literals. Pattern space: 3^3 = 27 (theoretical), though only 8 patterns observed empirically. Scale sweep: 25 to 100 random satisfiable instances.

Human Speech (Biological Signal). Observable: Amplitude waveforms from structured speech and unstructured vocalizations. Encoding: 5-feature MFCC-derived vectors plus 16×16 phase-temporal binning. Pattern space: $16^2 \times 3^5$ = 62,208. Scale sweep: Speech (structured) versus white noise (random) at fixed duration provides occupancy comparison.

White Noise (Stochastic Baseline). Observable: Uncorrelated Gaussian random samples. Encoding: Identical to human speech. Pattern space: $16^2 \times 3^5$ = 62,208. Purpose: Baseline control demonstrating bounded observability persists even for structure-free stochastic dynamics. Observed vocabulary: 513 patterns (0.825% occupancy, 1.47× higher than speech).

Pi (Mathematical Constant). Two methods: (1) Digit sequences from decimal expansion (analyzed via second-difference curvature with 7-point stencils, pattern space 3^7 = 2,187), and (2) Archimedes polygon convergence (ratio quantization with 100 bins, pattern space 100). Scale sweep: 50,000 to 1,600,000 digits (method 1); 1,536 to 393,216 polygon sides (method 2).

3.5 Validation Procedures

Cumulative union sampling. Vocabularies are computed as cumulative unions across nested scales, ensuring that patterns observed at smaller scales contribute to larger-scale vocabularies. This prevents false saturation from sample rotation and tests whether increasing data volume reveals new patterns.

Burn-in exclusion. For dynamical systems, initial transient dynamics (typically 20% of timesteps) are excluded from pattern extraction to prevent initialization artifacts from inflating vocabulary counts.

Negative control: Anti-diffusion. Thermodynamically invalid dynamics (reversed heat equation) tested using identical encoding as correct heat diffusion. Result: 0.0% final growth (perfect saturation) despite unphysical temperature amplification, demonstrating bounded observability is mathematical property of local operators, not consequence of physical validity.

Negative control: White noise. Uncorrelated stochastic process tested using identical encoding as structured speech. Result: 513 patterns (1.47× higher occupancy than speech) with 0.0% final growth, confirming stochastic processes explore pattern space more uniformly but remain bounded.

Cross-domain consistency. All 13 domains exhibit final growth rates below 3%, with 10 domains achieving 0.0% perfect saturation, 2 domains below 1% (near-perfect), and 1 domain at 2.17% (strong saturation). No domain exhibits unbounded vocabulary growth despite systematic scale increases.

4. Results

4.1 Prime Gap Dynamics: The Anchor

Prime gap analysis provides the most definitive demonstration of bounded symbolic observability, eliminating physical mechanisms as explanations. Prime numbers—generated via the sieve of Eratosthenes—form an infinite, deterministic sequence with no physical dynamics, differential equations, or conservation laws. The gaps between consecutive primes form the observed sequence.

Table 1 presents vocabulary saturation across four scales spanning five orders of magnitude: 100,000 primes (largest: 1,299,709), 1,000,000 primes (largest: 15,485,863), 10,000,000 primes (largest: 179,424,673), and 1,000,000,000 primes (largest: 22,801,763,489).

Table 1: Prime Gap Vocabulary Saturation

Scale	Vocabulary	Occupancy	Growth
100K primes	792	12.07%	baseline
1M primes	833	12.70%	5.2%
10M primes	837	12.76%	0.48%
1B primes	837	12.76%	0.0%

At 100,000 primes, 792 unique patterns are observed (12.07% of the 6,561-state pattern space). Vocabulary grows modestly to 833 patterns at 1 million primes (+5.2%), then exhibits near-complete saturation at 837 patterns by 10 million primes (+0.48% growth). At one billion primes—a 10,000× scale increase from the baseline—vocabulary remains identically 837 patterns with 0.0% growth.

This represents perfect vocabulary saturation across five orders of magnitude. Pattern reuse dominates: at one billion primes, each of the 837 patterns is reused an average of approximately 1.2 million times. The vocabulary established by 10 million primes proves completely sufficient for the subsequent 990 million primes, with zero additional symbolic structures observed.

The 1 billion prime result was independently validated on two processor architectures (AMD Ryzen 7 and Apple M4 Silicon) with identical vocabulary sizes and fingerprint verification, ruling out platform-specific numerical artifacts or implementation errors.

Prime gap saturation establishes three critical validations:

1. **No physical dynamics required.** Bounded observability manifests in pure number theory without differential operators, energy conservation, or thermodynamic principles.

2. **Deterministic systems saturate.** The gaps are deterministic, computed exactly via sieve algorithm. Saturation is not an artifact of stochastic sampling or measurement noise.

3. **Scale eliminates finite-sample artifacts.** A 10,000× data increase with zero vocabulary growth strongly rules out insufficient sampling as explanation. The phenomenon is not asymptotic but manifests completely at accessible computational scales.

4.2 Cross-Domain Vocabulary Saturation

Bounded symbolic observability manifests consistently across all 13 domains despite spanning quantum mechanics, classical mechanics, fluid dynamics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, chaos theory, number theory, combinatorics, and biological signals. Table 2 presents final vocabulary sizes, occupancies, and growth rates for all systems.

Table 2: Cross-Domain Saturation Summary

Domain	Vocabulary	Occupancy	Pattern Space	Final Growth
Pi (Archimedes)	3	3.00%	100	0.0%
3-SAT	8	29.63%	27	0.0%
Burgers	163	67.08%	243	0.0%
Gravity (3-body)	181	4.14%	4,374	0.0%
Lorenz	374	2.40%	15,552	0.0%
White Noise	563	0.91%	62,208	0.0%
Heat	740	3.76%	19,683	0.0%
Primes	837	12.76%	6,561	0.48%
NS3D	1,246	6.33%	19,683	0.0%
Pi (Digits)	1,271	58.12%	2,187	2.17%
Anti-diffusion	3,699	18.79%	19,683	0.0%
Schrödinger	8,723	0.08%	11,337,408	0.0%
EM Wave	18,177	92.35%	19,683	0.60%

Ten domains achieve perfect saturation (0.0% final growth): 3-SAT, Burgers, gravity, Lorenz, white noise, heat, NS3D, Pi Archimedes, anti-diffusion, and Schrödinger. These systems maintain completely fixed vocabularies across final scale increases, demonstrating intrinsic bounds on observable symbolic structure.

Two domains exhibit near-perfect saturation (<1% final growth): electromagnetic waves (+0.60%) and primes (+0.48%). Despite continued vocabulary growth, these systems demonstrate rapid deceleration consistent with approaching finite limits.

One domain shows strong saturation (<20% final growth): Pi digits (+2.17%). While vocabulary continues increasing, growth rate remains sublinear and bounded, contrasting sharply with the exponential growth of mathematically possible states.

The median final growth across all domains is 0.0%. Twelve of 13 systems show growth below 1%. No system approaches unbounded symbolic complexity despite systematic increases in data volume, temporal extent, or problem size.

Critically, vocabulary size does not correlate with system complexity or dimensionality. The Lorenz attractor (3D continuous chaos) observes 374 patterns—fewer than 1D prime gaps (837 patterns). The Schrödinger equation (1D quantum) observes 8,723 patterns—more than 3D turbulent fluids (1,246 patterns). NP-complete 3-SAT collapses to 8 patterns independent of instance difficulty.

This lack of correlation reinforces that bounded observability is not a trivial consequence of system properties but rather a constraint imposed by finite local symbolic observation.

4.3 Occupancy Collapse

Systematic low occupancy and occupancy decay relative to pattern space is observed across all domains: systems explore only small, often vanishing fractions of symbolically possible configurations despite exponential growth of pattern spaces. Table 3 presents occupancy values demonstrating this universal constraint.

Table 3: Occupancy Across Domains

Domain	Vocabulary	Pattern Space	Occupancy
Schrödinger	8,723	11,337,408	0.08%
White Noise	563	62,208	0.91%
Lorenz	374	15,552	2.40%
Pi (Archimedes)	3	100	3.00%
Heat	740	19,683	3.76%
Gravity	181	4,374	4.14%
NS3D	1,246	19,683	6.33%
Primes	837	6,561	12.76%
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Burgers	163	243	67.08%
EM Wave	18,177	19,683	92.35%

Eleven of 13 systems occupy less than 20% of available pattern space. Seven systems occupy less than 5%. The Schrödinger equation exhibits the most dramatic sparsity: 8,723 observed patterns from 11,337,408 possible states yields 0.08% occupancy—only 8 patterns per 10,000 possible configurations are empirically realized.

Even systems with growing vocabularies exhibit low occupancy. White noise (563 patterns, 0.91% occupancy) explores symbolic space more uniformly than structured speech but saturates at less than 1% of mathematically possible states despite being maximally random and uncorrelated.

Three systems demonstrate moderate-to-high occupancy: Burgers (67%), Pi digits (58%), and EM waves (92%). Critically, high occupancy does not prevent saturation. EM waves achieve 92.35% occupancy—nearly exhausting available symbolic space—yet exhibit only 0.60% final growth, demonstrating that bounded observability persists even when observational capacity approaches its combinatorial limit.

The contrast between Schrödinger (0.08% occupancy, 8,723 patterns) and Burgers (67.08% occupancy, 163 patterns) illustrates that vocabulary size and occupancy are independent constraints. Large pattern spaces permit low-occupancy, high-vocabulary configurations; small pattern spaces force high-occupancy, low-vocabulary outcomes. Both saturate completely.

4.4 Electromagnetic Waves: Approaching Capacity Limits

Electromagnetic wave propagation demonstrates that bounded observability persists even at maximal symbolic density. Observing Riemann-Silberstein vector gradients ($\nabla|F|$ where $F = E + ic \cdot H$) across temporal scales from 6,400 to 102,400 timesteps, the system achieves 92.35% occupancy—18,177 of 19,683 possible patterns observed—yet saturates at 0.60% final growth.

This result establishes an upper bound on observational complexity: even when the lens is nearly full (92% of pattern space explored), vocabulary growth ceases. The system cannot escape bounded observability by densely filling symbolic space; saturation manifests regardless of occupancy level.

The EM wave result also validates that high symbolic richness does not imply unbounded growth. With 18,177 unique patterns, this is the largest vocabulary observed among continuous physical systems. Yet final growth remains below 1%, demonstrating that vocabulary magnitude and saturation behavior are decoupled.

4.5 Logical Floor: 3-SAT Collapse

NP-complete 3-SAT problems establish a logical lower bound for observable symbolic structure. Despite exponential worst-case computational complexity, all instances collapse to exactly 8 unique clause sign patterns with 0.0% growth across scale increases from 25 to 100 instances.

The observed vocabulary (8 patterns) represents 29.63% of the 27-state theoretical pattern space for 3-literal clauses. This occupancy is consistent with constraint satisfaction: only certain sign combinations are logically realizable after unit propagation and pure literal elimination.

Critically, vocabulary size is invariant across problem difficulty. Hard satisfiability instances (near phase transition at clause/variable ratio 4.2) produce identical vocabularies to easier instances. This demonstrates that local symbolic observability is independent of global computational complexity: NP-completeness does not imply unbounded symbolic structure.

The 3-SAT result also validates that bounded observability extends to discrete logical systems. No continuous dynamics, differential operators, or physical laws are present—only Boolean constraints and propositional logic—yet saturation manifests identically to continuous physical systems.

4.6 Negative Controls: Saturation Without Structure

Two boundary cases test whether bounded observability depends on physical validity or system structure: anti-diffusion (thermodynamically invalid) and white noise (stochastic, structure-free). Both exhibit complete saturation despite lacking physical correctness or deterministic organization.

Anti-diffusion vs Heat. Anti-diffusion ($\partial u/\partial t = -\alpha\nabla^2 u$) violates the second law of thermodynamics by reversing the Laplacian sign, producing unstable dynamics where heat flows toward higher temperatures and gradients amplify rather than decay. This is physically impossible and numerically unstable, requiring artificial clipping to prevent divergence.

Despite fundamentally wrong physics, anti-diffusion saturates at 3,699 patterns with 0.0% final growth—identical saturation behavior to correct heat diffusion (740 patterns, 0.0% growth). The vocabulary ratio is 5.0×: anti-diffusion generates richer local structure due to gradient amplification, but both systems exhibit perfect saturation.

This validates that bounded observability is a mathematical property of locally-constrained differential operators, not a consequence of thermodynamic principles, energy conservation, or physical realizability. Wrong physics produces bounded grammars just as correct physics does.

White Noise vs Speech. White noise—uncorrelated Gaussian random samples with no deterministic structure—saturates at 513 patterns (0.0% final growth, 0.91% occupancy). Structured speech observes 350 patterns (0.563% occupancy). The ratio is 1.47×: random processes explore symbolic space more uniformly than structured signals, as expected.

Yet even maximal randomness saturates at less than 1% of available symbolic states. This confirms that finite local symbolic observation imposes bounded grammars independently of whether underlying dynamics are structured, deterministic, or meaningful. The lens constrains randomness just as it constrains structure.

Together, these controls demonstrate that bounded observability arises from properties of finite local symbolic observation rather than from system validity, physical laws, or structural coherence.

4.7 Threshold Robustness

Vocabulary saturation is robust to threshold parameter variations. While detailed threshold sweep data is not presented here, the framework employs adaptive thresholding (Section 3.2) where thresholds scale with local field statistics rather than being fixed globally. This design choice ensures that observed symbolic structures reflect geometric properties of dynamics rather than artifacts of discretization.

The consistency of saturation across domains with vastly different dynamic ranges—quantum wavefunctions (10^{-3} to 10^{0}), speech signals (10^{-1} to 10^{0}), and prime gaps (10^{0} to 10^{2})—indicates that bounded observability is robust to large differences in absolute amplitude scales under adaptive thresholding. Systems spanning six orders of magnitude in field values exhibit qualitatively identical saturation behaviors.

5. Discussion

5.1 Observation, Not Ontology

This work demonstrates that under a fixed local symbolic contract, vocabularies exhibit saturation across diverse computational domains. The central claim concerns constraints imposed by observational protocols, not properties of underlying reality. Bounded symbolic observability is a statement about measurement and representation, not about the discrete or continuous nature of physical systems.

Systems exhibiting vocabulary saturation under local symbolic observation may possess unbounded complexity in other observational frameworks. Prime numbers are infinite; their gaps grow without bound; their distribution remains analytically intractable. Yet local symbolic patterns in gap sequences saturate at 837 configurations under the DTA Lens. This reflects properties of finite neighborhood encoding applied to gap sequences, not intrinsic discreteness of number theory.

Similarly, the Schrödinger wavefunction is continuous, deterministic, and described by infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. Vocabulary saturation at 8,723 patterns does not imply quantum mechanics is discrete or symbolic. It demonstrates that local ternary encoding of wavefunction gradients exhausts observable configurations at finite scale. The lens constrains what is observed, not what exists.

Critically, bounded observability is instrument-dependent. Different symbolic encodings, alternative neighborhood structures, or modified discretization schemes would yield different vocabulary sizes and saturation behaviors. The quantitative pattern counts reported here are specific to the DTA Lens architecture. The qualitative phenomenon—that local symbolic observation imposes finite bounds independent of data volume—represents the testable claim.

This distinction matters for interpretation: bounded observability does not suggest that physical laws are finite automata, that reality operates on discrete grids, or that continuous mathematics is illusory. It suggests that finite symbolic observation of locally-constrained dynamics reveals bounded structural information regardless of underlying complexity.

5.2 Scale vs Resolution

Vocabulary saturation results from increasing observational scale (data volume, temporal extent, problem size) while maintaining fixed symbolic encoding, not from increasing symbolic resolution or expanding alphabets. This methodological choice ensures that pattern space remains fixed while empirical realization is tested across scales.

The Schrödinger domain illustrates this clearly. Symbolic encoding employs 5-point stencils on real and imaginary wavefunction components with multi-scale amplitude filtering and phase-temporal binning, yielding a fixed pattern space of 11,337,408 states. Scale increases from 2 initial conditions × 50 timesteps to 64 ICs × 1,600 timesteps—a 1,024× increase in data volume—yet vocabulary saturates at 8,723 patterns (0.08% occupancy, 0.0% final growth).

This demonstrates that under a fixed encoding, more data does not reveal substantially new patterns within the tested scale range. The 8,723 symbolic configurations observed at small scale continue to reappear as data volume increases, with novel patterns appearing at exponentially decreasing rates until growth effectively ceases. The lens has exhausted observable symbolic structure within the constraints of its fixed encoding.

Importantly, vocabulary saturation does not imply that finer-resolution observation would fail to reveal additional structure. Higher-order stencils, expanded neighborhood windows, or alternative discretization schemes might observe different pattern sets or exhibit different saturation behaviors. The claim is not that 8,723 patterns represent fundamental limits of quantum wavefunctions, but rather that local symbolic observation under fixed encoding constraints exhibits bounded complexity.

This scale-vs-resolution distinction prevents misinterpretation: bounded observability is not a claim about maximum information content of physical systems. It is a claim about observational capacity of finite symbolic lenses applied to locally-constrained dynamics.

5.3 Observed Saturation Regimes

Three distinct saturation regimes emerge across the 13 domains, suggesting that bounded observability arises from different underlying mechanisms depending on system properties:

Constraint-dominated saturation. Systems with strong mathematical or logical constraints saturate via exhaustion of symbolically permissible configurations. 3-SAT exhibits this regime: Boolean constraint propagation eliminates most of the 27 theoretically possible clause sign patterns, leaving only 8 logically realizable configurations. Vocabulary size is determined by constraint structure, not data volume. Pi Archimedes convergence similarly saturates at 3 quantized ratio bins, reflecting geometric convergence properties of the polygon method.

Exploration-dominated saturation. Systems with weak intrinsic constraints saturate via empirical exhaustion of configurations that dynamics naturally explore. White noise exemplifies this regime: uncorrelated random sampling provides a baseline in which samples are uncorrelated and exploration is comparatively more uniform, yet observed vocabulary still saturates at 513 patterns (0.91% occupancy) despite maximal stochastic exploration. The lens imposes finite capacity even when dynamics maximize symbolic diversity. EM waves (92.35% occupancy) approach this limit from dense exploration of physically realizable field configurations.

Reuse-dominated saturation. Systems with complex dynamics but locally repetitive structure saturate via geometric pattern reuse. Prime gaps demonstrate this regime: gaps are deterministic, non-repeating in absolute values, and grow without bound, yet local symbolic patterns repeat extensively. At 10 million primes, 837 unique patterns are each reused ~12,000 times on average. Schrödinger wavefunctions similarly exhibit non-repeating quantum trajectories that generate extensive local pattern reuse (8,723 patterns across millions of observations).

These regimes are not mutually exclusive. Heat diffusion combines constraint-dominated saturation (thermodynamic decay limits accessible states) with reuse-dominated patterns (temperature gradients converge to characteristic spatial structures). Anti-diffusion demonstrates that constraint relaxation (violating thermodynamics) increases vocabulary (3,699 vs 740 patterns) but does not prevent saturation—both regimes achieve 0.0% final growth.

The existence of multiple saturation mechanisms supports the generality of bounded observability: diverse routes to finite vocabularies suggest a fundamental property of local symbolic observation rather than coincidental alignment of unrelated phenomena.

5.4 Negative Controls and Boundary Validation

Anti-diffusion and white noise controls establish critical boundary conditions for bounded observability, confirming that saturation is independent of physical validity or deterministic structure.

Anti-diffusion as thermodynamic violation. Reversed heat equation dynamics ($\partial u/\partial t = -\alpha\nabla^2 u$) violate energy conservation, amplify gradients rather than smooth them, and exhibit numerical instability requiring artificial clipping. This is provably wrong physics—no physical system behaves this way. Yet symbolic observation produces complete vocabulary saturation (0.0% final growth) identical to correct heat diffusion.

The 5× vocabulary ratio (3,699 vs 740 patterns) reflects richer local structure from gradient amplification: anti-diffusion generates sharper features and more diverse spatial configurations before numerical limits intervene. Importantly, this richness does not prevent saturation. Both systems exhaust observable symbolic structure at comparable scales despite fundamentally different physical validity.

This supports that bounded observability reflects properties of finite local symbolic observation applied to locally structured data—rather than thermodynamic validity or physical realizability. The lens observes local symbolic patterns regardless of whether governing equations represent possible physics. Constraints arise from observation, not from nature.

White noise as structural elimination. Gaussian white noise eliminates all deterministic structure, autocorrelation, and predictable patterns. Each sample is independent and identically distributed with no memory or organization. This represents maximal stochastic exploration of symbolic space under uniform probability.

Yet vocabulary saturates at 513 patterns (0.0% final growth, 0.91% occupancy) despite being maximally random. The 1.47× occupancy ratio compared to structured speech confirms that random processes explore symbolic space more uniformly, as expected. However, even maximal randomness cannot escape bounded observability under finite local symbolic encoding.

This demonstrates that saturation is not an artifact of deterministic dynamics, algorithmic compression, or structured patterns. Finite symbolic observation bounds randomness as effectively as it bounds structure. The constraint originates from the lens (local neighborhoods, ternary discretization, fixed alphabet), not from system properties.

Together, these controls establish that bounded symbolic observability is a mathematical property of finite local observation applied to any locally-constrained dynamics, independent of whether those dynamics are:

- Physically valid or thermodynamically impossible
- Deterministic or stochastic
- Structured or random
- Continuous or discrete
- Solvable or intractable

5.5 Implications for Computational Representation

Bounded symbolic observability suggests that local pattern-based representations of complex dynamics may achieve computational efficiency through vocabulary saturation. If observed symbolic structures stabilize at finite scale across diverse domains, then compact symbolic grammars may suffice for representation without requiring exhaustive state enumeration or infinite memory.

As an illustrative order-of-magnitude comparison, a finite symbolic vocabulary plus transition statistics can be far smaller than storing full-resolution raw values. For example, prime gap sequences could potentially be represented by 837 symbolic patterns plus grammar structure rather than millions of explicit gap values—a compression of several orders of magnitude. Similarly, Schrödinger wavefunction dynamics might be captured by thousands of symbolic patterns rather than hundreds of thousands of complex amplitude values. This comes with explicit information loss: absolute magnitudes, phase relationships, and global constraints are not preserved.

Whether such representations preserve task-relevant information depends on application requirements. For tasks requiring exact values or global arithmetic properties, symbolic compression loses essential information. For tasks requiring local pattern recognition, anomaly detection, or structural classification, symbolic grammars may provide sufficient representational capacity.

These observations suggest potential applications in:

- **Anomaly detection:** Novel symbolic patterns indicate departure from typical dynamics
- **Similarity metrics:** Grammar distance measures structural similarity across systems
- **Coarse classification:** Symbolic signatures distinguish system types
- **Dimensionality reduction:** Low-dimensional grammar spaces replace high-dimensional state spaces

However, bounded observability also imposes fundamental limits. Symbolic grammars cannot distinguish systems that produce identical local patterns despite different global behaviors. Prime gaps from different sieve implementations, Lorenz attractors with perturbed parameters, or Schrödinger wavefunctions from distinct potential wells might generate indistinguishable symbolic sequences despite representing physically different systems.

This trade-off—representational efficiency versus information loss—characterizes all finite observational frameworks. Bounded symbolic observability quantifies this trade-off for local pattern-based encoding.

5.6 Relationship to Existing Frameworks

Bounded symbolic observability intersects with but differs from several established computational and physical frameworks:

Symbolic dynamics. Classical symbolic dynamics studies continuous systems through finite partitions and symbolic sequences, often focusing on ergodic properties, entropy, and invariant measures. Bounded observability extends this by demonstrating that vocabulary saturation occurs across diverse systems without requiring ergodicity, measure-theoretic structure, or asymptotic analysis. Saturation manifests at finite scale through cumulative pattern observation rather than through infinite-time limits.

Finite state automata. Finite automata possess bounded state spaces by construction. Bounded observability differs by applying finite symbolic encoding to systems with unbounded state spaces (continuous fields, infinite sequences, non-repeating trajectories). Saturation emerges from observational constraints, not from intrinsic system finiteness.

Kolmogorov complexity. Algorithmic information theory measures compressibility via shortest program length. Bounded observability focuses on symbolic pattern reuse under fixed local encoding rather than minimal description length. Systems with high Kolmogorov complexity (random sequences, chaotic dynamics) still exhibit vocabulary saturation under local symbolic observation, demonstrating that pattern-based and algorithmic complexity are orthogonal.

Renormalization group. Statistical physics employs coarse-graining to identify scale-invariant structure and universality classes. Bounded observability shares the focus on local operations and emergent constraints but differs in methodology: symbolic observation uses discrete ternary encoding rather than continuous averaging, and saturation reflects finite vocabulary rather than fixed-point flows.

Information geometry. Differential geometry on probability manifolds studies statistical models through metric structure and geodesics. Bounded observability operates in discrete symbolic spaces rather than continuous parameter manifolds, focusing on vocabulary finiteness rather than manifold curvature or divergence measures.

The key distinction is emphasis: bounded observability prioritizes empirical demonstration of universal vocabulary bounds across maximally diverse domains rather than developing mathematical foundations within a single framework. The goal is to establish that local symbolic observation induces finite grammars as an observable phenomenon, leaving formal unification with existing theories for future work.

5.7 Limitations and Caveats

Several important limitations constrain interpretation and generalization of these results:

Representation dependence. All vocabulary sizes, occupancy values, and saturation rates are specific to the DTA Lens architecture. Different encoding schemes (non-ternary alphabets, alternative neighborhood geometries, varied discretization methods) would produce different quantitative results. The claim of bounded observability is qualitative (finite vocabularies emerge under local symbolic observation) rather than quantitative (837 patterns is universal for prime gaps).

Implementation specificity. The symbolic encoder, threshold adaptation rules, and scale sweep protocols represent one instantiation of local symbolic observation principles. Other implementations employing similar principles (local encoding, adaptive discretization, fixed symbolic contracts) might observe comparable saturation behaviors, but this remains to be validated.

Domain coverage. Thirteen domains span significant breadth (quantum to classical mechanics, deterministic to stochastic, continuous to discrete), but many computational paradigms remain unexplored: agent-based models, cellular automata, graph dynamics, biochemical networks, and information-theoretic systems. Generalization to these domains is plausible but unproven.

Scale limits. Vocabulary saturation is demonstrated at finite scales (10^7 primes, 10^5 timesteps, 10^3 instances). Whether saturation persists at vastly larger scales (10^{15} primes, 10^9 timesteps) or whether asymptotic vocabulary growth eventually emerges cannot be determined from current data. The claim is that saturation manifests at practically accessible scales, not that vocabularies are absolutely finite.

Threshold sensitivity. While adaptive thresholding reduces sensitivity to discretization parameters, the framework is not threshold-independent. Within the tested threshold range (scale factors 0.1-1.0 times local field statistics), results demonstrate robustness. However, extreme threshold choices (vanishingly small or arbitrarily large) outside this range could alter saturation behaviors.

Grammar vs vocabulary. Results emphasize vocabulary saturation (unique patterns stabilize) with limited analysis of grammar structure (transition statistics, connectivity, edge weights). Grammar saturation is implied but not comprehensively demonstrated. Future work should analyze whether grammar complexity exhibits comparable bounds.

These limitations do not invalidate the core finding—bounded symbolic observability manifests consistently across diverse domains—but they constrain how broadly these specific results generalize.

5.8 Future Directions

Several research directions emerge naturally from bounded observability:

Mathematical foundations. Formal characterization of conditions under which local symbolic observation necessarily induces finite vocabularies would establish theoretical grounding. This might involve operator theory (spectral properties of local differential operators), measure theory (ergodic properties under symbolic partitions), or other possible formal mathematical tools.

Alternative encodings. Systematic exploration of encoding variations (non-ternary alphabets, higher-order neighborhoods, multi-scale integration) would determine which architectural choices drive saturation and which are incidental. This could identify minimal sufficient conditions for bounded observability.

Grammar structure analysis. Detailed characterization of transition statistics, connectivity patterns, and edge weight distributions would reveal whether grammars exhibit universal structural properties beyond vocabulary finiteness. Potential invariants include power-law degree distributions, small-world topologies, or hierarchical organization.

Predictive applications. Testing whether symbolic grammars enable useful predictions (anomaly detection, similarity classification, dynamics forecasting) would establish practical utility beyond theoretical interest.

Cross-domain similarity. While this work emphasizes vocabulary saturation, preliminary observations suggest structural similarities in grammars across domains. Quantifying these similarities through graph metrics, embedding methods, or information-theoretic measures could reveal deep connections between seemingly unrelated systems.

Experimental validation. Applying symbolic observation frameworks to experimental data (rather than simulated systems) would test whether bounded observability persists in the presence of measurement noise, incomplete observations, and uncontrolled perturbations.

Computational infrastructure. The observation that finite symbolic grammars may represent complex dynamics compactly suggests potential applications in efficient simulation, surrogate modeling, or reduced-order dynamics. Developing computational tools that exploit vocabulary saturation could enable new approaches to high-dimensional systems.

Bounded symbolic observability represents an empirical starting point rather than a complete theory. These results establish that the phenomenon exists, manifests universally, and exhibits consistent behaviors. Future work must determine whether these observations reflect deep mathematical principles or fortunate empirical regularities.

6. Conclusion

This work demonstrates that finite local symbolic observation exhibits bounded vocabularies across 13 computational domains spanning quantum mechanics, classical dynamics, fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, electromagnetism, chaos theory, number theory, combinatorial logic, and stochastic processes. Despite systematic increases in data volume, temporal extent, or problem size—often by factors of 100× to 1,000×—observed symbolic vocabularies saturate at finite scales with median final growth of 0.0% across the tested systems and scales.

The phenomenon manifests independently of:

- **Physical validity**: Thermodynamically impossible anti-diffusion saturates identically to correct heat diffusion
- **Determinism**: Chaotic Lorenz attractors and uncorrelated white noise both exhibit complete saturation
- **Mathematical structure**: Pure number theory (prime gaps) saturates as completely as differential equations
- **Computational complexity**: NP-complete 3-SAT problems collapse to 8 symbolic patterns regardless of instance difficulty
- **System dimensionality**: 1D quantum wavefunctions generate more patterns than 3D turbulent fluids

This independence indicates that bounded observability reflects properties of finite local symbolic observation rather than intrinsic characteristics of observed systems. The constraint originates from the observational lens—local neighborhoods, ternary discretization, fixed symbolic contracts—not from physics, mathematics, or computational structure.

Prime gap dynamics provides the strongest validation within the tested domains. Primes form an infinite, deterministic sequence with no physical laws, conservation principles, or differential operators. Yet local symbolic patterns in gap sequences saturate at 837 configurations across a 10,000× scale increase (100,000 to 1,000,000,000 primes), with identical vocabulary at both 10 million and 1 billion primes (0.0% growth). This eliminates physical mechanisms as explanations and establishes bounded observability as a mathematical property of finite local observation applied to infinite sequences.

Three empirically observed saturation regimes emerge: constraint-dominated (logical or mathematical constraints eliminate symbolic possibilities), exploration-dominated (dynamics densely fill available symbolic space), and reuse-dominated (non-repeating global trajectories generate locally repetitive patterns). Systems may exhibit multiple regimes simultaneously, and all regimes converge to bounded vocabularies under continued scale increases.

Occupancy collapse accompanies vocabulary saturation. Eleven of 13 systems occupy less than 20% of their respective pattern spaces; seven occupy less than 5%. The Schrödinger equation achieves only 0.08% occupancy despite 8,723 unique patterns, while electromagnetic waves reach 92.35% occupancy yet still saturate at 0.60% final growth. This demonstrates that bounded observability persists across the full range from sparse to near-complete symbolic space exploration.

The results carry implications for computational representation and information theory. If local symbolic structures exhaust at finite scale, then compact pattern vocabularies plus transition grammars might represent certain aspects of complex dynamics with order-of-magnitude compression relative to full-resolution state storage. This compression is lossy—absolute values, global constraints, and continuous relationships are discarded—but may preserve sufficient structural information for tasks requiring pattern recognition, anomaly detection, or qualitative classification rather than exact simulation.

Important limitations constrain generalization. All reported vocabularies and saturation rates are specific to the DAVROS DTA Lens architecture; alternative encodings would yield different quantitative results. The phenomenon is demonstrated at finite scales accessible to current computation (10^7 data points, 10^5 timesteps), not proven asymptotically. Domain coverage, while broad, remains incomplete. Threshold sensitivity, though reduced by adaptive scaling, is not eliminated. These constraints emphasize that bounded observability is an empirical finding requiring further validation, not a proven universal law.

Critically, this work concerns observation, not ontology. Bounded symbolic vocabularies do not imply that physical systems are discrete, that reality operates symbolically, or that continuous mathematics is invalid. Vocabularies saturate because finite local observation of locally-constrained dynamics reveals bounded structural information, not because underlying systems possess finite complexity. The lens constrains what is measured, not what exists.

Future work must establish whether bounded observability reflects deep mathematical principles or represents fortunate empirical regularity across the tested domains. Formal characterization of necessary and sufficient conditions for vocabulary saturation would provide theoretical foundation. Systematic exploration of encoding variations would identify architectural elements driving saturation. Analysis of grammar structure beyond vocabulary size would reveal whether transition statistics exhibit comparable bounds. Experimental validation on real-world measured data would test robustness to noise and incomplete observations.

The central contribution is empirical: bounded symbolic observability manifests consistently across maximally diverse computational domains under a fixed local observational protocol. Whether this phenomenon extends to all locally-constrained dynamics, whether alternative observation frameworks exhibit similar bounds, and whether formal mathematical theory can predict saturation behaviors remain open questions for continued investigation.

Bounded observability suggests that the symbolic complexity accessible through finite local observation may be fundamentally limited regardless of underlying system complexity—a constraint on measurement, rather than a property of nature.

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These references provide contextual background across symbolic dynamics, computational complexity, and dynamical systems. The present work does not derive from, extend, or rely upon any single prior framework; citations are included to situate bounded symbolic observability relative to established fields rather than to claim theoretical dependence.

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8. AI Assistance Disclosure

This research was conducted with extensive assistance from multiple AI systems, employed as collaborative reasoning partners throughout all phases of the work. The nature and extent of AI involvement is disclosed fully below to maintain transparency and scientific integrity.

8.1 AI Systems Employed

The following AI systems contributed to various aspects of this research:

- **Claude (Anthropic)**: Claude 3.5 Sonnet and Claude 3.7 Sonnet models were used extensively for algorithm development, code implementation, mathematical analysis, result interpretation, and manuscript preparation.
- **ChatGPT (OpenAI)**: GPT-4 and o1 models provided independent validation, technical auditing, methodological critique, and alternative perspectives on results interpretation.
- **Gemini (Google)**: Gemini Pro and experimental models contributed domain-specific insights, particularly for fluid dynamics and electromagnetic wave propagation.

8.2 Nature of AI Contributions

AI systems were employed as collaborative reasoning partners in the following capacities:

Algorithm Development: AI systems contributed to the design and refinement of symbolic encoding schemes, adaptive thresholding protocols, and scale-sweep methodologies. Human oversight maintained final decision authority on all algorithmic choices.

Code Implementation: AI systems generated substantial portions of the Python code used for domain simulations, symbolic encoding, and statistical analysis. All code was reviewed, tested, and validated by human researchers. Critical validation runs were replicated independently to ensure correctness.

Mathematical Analysis: AI systems assisted in formulating mathematical descriptions of observed phenomena, identifying potential explanations for saturation behaviors, and developing the conceptual framework distinguishing observation from ontology.

Result Interpretation: AI systems provided independent critiques of preliminary interpretations, identified potential over-claims, and suggested alternative explanations for observed patterns. Multiple AI systems were deliberately consulted to obtain diverse perspectives and prevent confirmation bias.

Manuscript Preparation: AI systems contributed to the drafting, revision, and refinement of this manuscript. Substantial portions of the text were generated through iterative human-AI dialogue, with human researchers maintaining final editorial control and responsibility for all claims.

8.3 Human Oversight and Validation

All substantive scientific claims, methodological choices, and interpretations represent human judgment informed by AI assistance rather than AI-generated conclusions adopted uncritically. Specific human oversight mechanisms included:

- **Independent validation**: Critical results (prime gaps, EM waves, 3-SAT) were validated through independent reimplementation and cross-platform testing.
- **Multi-AI consultation**: Competing AI systems were deliberately consulted to identify inconsistencies, challenge assumptions, and prevent single-system biases.
- **Empirical verification**: All reported numerical results derive from actual computational experiments with preserved provenance data, not from AI-generated synthetic examples.
- **Methodological rigor**: The progression from initial over-claiming to the current conservative framing resulted from extensive human-AI dialogue identifying and correcting interpretive errors.

8.4 Philosophical Position

The author views AI systems as powerful cognitive tools that extend human reasoning capacity while requiring careful oversight and validation. The extensive AI involvement in this work reflects a deliberate methodological choice to leverage these capabilities while maintaining human responsibility for scientific integrity.

This collaboration model—treating AI as reasoning partners while preserving human judgment and accountability—represents an emerging paradigm in computational research. We disclose this involvement fully, recognizing that transparency regarding AI contributions is essential for scientific reproducibility and peer evaluation.

8.5 Data and Code Availability

All computational experiments reported in this work were performed using custom software implementations developed by the author.

To support scientific transparency and independent evaluation, the author will provide sufficient descriptive information, summary statistics, and methodological detail to allow qualified researchers to assess the validity of the reported findings without requiring access to proprietary source code. This includes:

- Aggregated results, tables, and figures derived from empirical runs
- Detailed descriptions of observational protocols, encoding contracts, and validation procedures
- Parameter ranges and scale-sweep configurations used in reported experiments
- Guidance for constructing independent symbolic observation frameworks capable of testing the same empirical claims

The underlying source code, domain-specific implementations, and internal symbolic encoding mechanisms constitute proprietary intellectual property and are not publicly released. Disclosure of technical details will be limited to the extent compatible with pending and future patent applications.

Independent replication of the reported phenomena is encouraged through alternative implementations that preserve the core observational principles described in this work—namely local neighborhood observation, adaptive discretization, fixed symbolic contracts, and cumulative scale-based vocabulary analysis.

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