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## Fantasy Attractor

Welcome to the official site of the attractor framework.

*Systems that survive disturbances – from particles to beliefs – share common dynamics.*

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### The most persistent things in the universe.

No electron has ever been observed to decay.

Protons appear stable on timescales vastly exceeding the age of the universe.

Neutrino mass states likewise show no observed decay.

Physicists have built massive detectors, waited years, and searched for even a single sign of decay. They have found none.

These particles – the [three metronomes](#) – are not just stable. They are [effectively eternal skeletons](#) on any observable timescale. They don't age, don't consume energy, don't have a mind. They simply *persist*. (Why “metronomes”? Because their invariant quantum frequencies provide a steady tick – a universal clock against which all change can be measured.)

That's one half of reality.

The other half? Everything that *does* decay, need energy, and eventually die.

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**Two simple ideas, one powerful lens.**

<b>Eternal skeleton (effectively eternal)</b>	<b>Transient dance</b>
No decay, no energy input	Needs constant energy
Time-symmetric	Time-asymmetric (arrow of time)
Mindless, invariant	Adaptive, learning, dying
Examples: electron, proton, neutrino	Examples: life, mind, society, belief systems

The framework builds on concepts from Prigogine's dissipative structures, dynamical systems theory, and resilience ecology. **Where it adds something new:** it treats corrective permeability ( $\kappa$ ) as a continuous variable that can be measured in the same functional form ( $\kappa = 1/\tau$ ) across physical and semiotic systems – from neural recovery times to the updating speed of political beliefs.

### **What is $\kappa$ ?**

$\kappa = 1/\tau$ , where  $\tau$  (tau) is the time a system takes to return to its baseline state after a small perturbation. For a thermostat,  $\tau$  is seconds. For a belief system,  $\tau$  might be months or years. The framework's claim is that this same functional measure can diagnose sealed belief systems, predict intervention success, and unify seemingly unrelated domains.

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### **A common language for comparing systems.**

This distinction provides a common language for comparing systems that appear unrelated:

- Why some beliefs never change (**fantasy attractors** – sealed basins)
- Why consciousness is neither ghost nor machine (it's a real pattern of the transient dance)
- Why interventions fail (clockwork thinking in complex attractor landscapes)

## **A testable prediction:**

The framework predicts that political movements exhibiting lower measured corrective permeability (longer  $\tau$ ) will show smaller belief updates following equivalent disconfirming events than movements with higher measured corrective permeability – measurable through longitudinal surveys or social media response times.

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## **What you'll find on this site.**

The **Research Program** organizes papers on:

- Physics, consciousness, time, and the three metronomes
- Fantasy attractors in politics, religion, and clinical disorders
- AI alignment, attractor engineering, and intelligence without consciousness
- A unified framework for understanding persistence and change across all domains

## **Newest paper:**

□ [Non-Physical Claims Are Fantasy Attractors](#) – why unverifiable realms cannot be empirically distinguished from nonexistence, and why fiction is real as information but not true.

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- [Core Papers](#) – start with the basics.

- [Conscious Suppression Series](#) – intelligence, consciousness, and fantasy attractors.
  - [Religious Analysis](#) – theology as attractor dynamics.
  - [AI & Synthetic Systems](#) – attractors in language models and alignment.
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## Who is behind this?

**Robert Galida** – independent researcher, retired crane operator, lifelong student of systems and philosophy. He developed the attractor framework over decades, not in an ivory tower but through observation, iteration, and self-engineering.

The framework is a **living research program**. It invites challenge, correction, and collaboration. If you see a flaw, a gap, or a better way, [contact](#).

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