

Canonical AI Use and Provenance Statement

Reality Drift Framework – A. Jacobs

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The Reality Drift framework emerged through an independent process of conceptual development, sustained reading, iterative refinement, and structural synthesis across multiple domains. Artificial intelligence tools were used throughout portions of this process as reasoning environments for exploration, stress-testing, terminology refinement, and conceptual comparison where appropriate.

The central concepts, structural architecture, and primary diagnostic logic of the framework originate from the author's own inquiry. Where AI systems were involved, they functioned as collaborative environments for surfacing adjacent structures, accelerating retrieval, exposing parallel traditions, and pressure-testing internal coherence.

This reflects a broader methodological position. As increasingly capable reasoning systems become integrated into intellectual work across disciplines, the distinction between authorship, assistance, and epistemic responsibility will require greater precision. Within this framework, AI is treated as an extension of the research process rather than a substitute for conceptual origination or judgment.

This is particularly relevant to a framework like Reality Drift, whose method depends on identifying recurring structural patterns across otherwise separate systems. In this context, AI can expand comparative breadth and accelerate synthesis, but it cannot determine conceptual validity. Selection, interpretation, boundary-setting, and final integration remain the responsibility of the author.

This document exists in part because the norms surrounding AI-assisted intellectual work remain transitional. Questions of provenance, authorship, and responsibility are still being actively negotiated across academic, professional, and independent domains. It is likely that in hindsight a statement such as this will appear historically specific, or even unnecessary, as AI-assisted inquiry becomes increasingly standard.

For that reason, this document serves as both a methodological clarification and a historical record of position.