Operator Portability and Scale Invariance in the CAMS Framework

A Cross-Domain Empirical Test of Canonical v1.0-Final Operators

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Datasets: CAMS-CORP (9 firms, 2006–2026); CAMS-NATIONS (Denmark 1752–2025, France 1850–2026)
Operators: Canonical v1.0-Final — $B(t)$ aggregate bond strength, $\lambda_2(t)$ algebraic connectivity

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1. Research Question

The CAMS framework proposes that organised adaptive systems exhibit recurrent functional architecture — an eight-node coordination grammar — at a scale at which the architecture becomes visible. A critical theoretical question is whether the canonical operators (node value V_i, quality index q_i, bond strength W_{ij}, aggregate bond strength $\bar{B}$, and Laplacian eigenvalue λ_2) are **scale-invariant**: do they produce structurally consistent and parametrically comparable outputs regardless of whether the underlying system is a nation-state, a corporation, or a historical civilisation?

This document reports a systematic test of operator portability across two domains: (a) within the corporate panel (in-sample vs out-of-sample), and (b) across the corporate–national boundary. The finding is that the operators exhibit **structural portability** (the computational grammar transfers cleanly) but **parametric non-invariance** (the resulting distributions are regime-specific). This supports a theoretically grounded case for entity-specific percentile baselines in crisis detection, rather than universal absolute thresholds.

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2. Within-Domain Test: Corporate Panel (2006–2026)

2.1 Sample and Design

The corporate panel comprises nine firms scored by a five-agent LLM ensemble across 2006–2026. Four firms (BYD, CATL, General Motors, Tencent) constitute the **in-sample** set that defines the discriminating band. Five firms (BHP, Bunnings, Huawei, Tesla, Woodside) are **held out** for portability testing. All operators were recomputed from raw C/K/S/A scores via the canonical v1.0-Final formulation; stored Bond Strength columns were not used.

Figure 1: Recomputed canonical B(t) across 9 firms, 2006–2026

Figure 1. Recomputed canonical $\bar{B}(t)$ across 9 firms, 2006–2026. Blue = in-sample (defines band); orange = out-of-sample (held out). Shaded band = discriminating range established on the 4-firm SRH panel. Source: camcorp5_ensemble_mean.csv, camcorp5_batch2_ensemble_mean.csv.

2.2 Structural Portability: Spectral Consistency

The bond-strength kernel and Laplacian eigenvalue operator produce structurally consistent outputs across all held-out firms. The $\bar{B}$–λ_2 correlation is near-perfect within both groups:

Group	$r(\bar{B}, \lambda_2)$	n	p
In-sample	0.988	84	$< 1 \times 10^{-67}$
Out-of-sample	0.975	105	$< 1 \times 10^{-68}$
Entity-level range	0.933–0.994	—	—

The regression slope difference between in-sample and out-of-sample is $< 7\%$. This confirms that the **spectral architecture is domain-portable within the corporate class** — the operators compute valid coordination metrics without parameter retuning.

Figure 2: Corporate within-domain diagnostics

Figure 2. Within-domain scale-invariance diagnostics. (a) $\bar{B}$ distributions by entity; (b) λ_2 distributions; (c) spectral consistency scatter with regression lines; (d) entity-level mean deviations from in-sample baseline with significance markers.

2.3 Parametric Non-Invariance: Distributional Equality

Despite structural consistency, out-of-sample firms operate at systematically higher baseline coordination levels. Kolmogorov–Smirnov tests reject distributional equality:

Test	Statistic	p	Verdict
KS $\bar{B}$	$D = 0.214$	0.024	Rejected
KS λ_2	$D = 0.276$	0.001	Rejected
Mann–Whitney $\bar{B}$	—	0.011	Rejected
Mann–Whitney λ_2	—	0.003	Rejected
Cohen' s d $\bar{B}$	$d = 0.380$	—	Small effect
Cohen' s d λ_2	$d = 0.423$	—	Small effect

Mean shift: out-of-sample $\bar{B}$ is +10.4% higher; λ_2 is +12.2% higher. This confirms **parametric non-invariance** — the operators are portable, but the parameter distributions are regime-dependent.

2.4 Band Containment: Operational Scale Invariance

Using the in-sample Tukey band (IQR $\pm 1.5\times$ IQR), out-of-sample containment is 98.1%. Using the tighter IQR-only band, containment drops to 27.6%. This is the **threshold relativity** result: a wide tolerance band absorbs entity-specific baseline shifts, but a narrow band rejects them. For operational deployment, entity-specific percentile baselines (as used in κ-criticality v3.2-R) are required.

2.5 Bottleneck Concordance: Nodal Scale Invariance

Raw vs standardised bottleneck node agreement is poor overall (38.1% in-sample, 34.3% out-of-sample) with no significant difference by domain (χ^2, $p > 0.05$). This is a **measurement limitation** (noisy node-level scoring) rather than a scale-invariance failure per se. The standardised bottleneck (which uses the canonical operator) is the more reliable signal.

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3. Cross-Domain Test: Nation-States vs Corporations

3.1 Sample and Design

Two nation-state datasets were scored via the same canonical operators:

- **Denmark:** 273 years (1752–2025), eight-node annual scores
- **France:** 176 years (1850–2026), eight-node annual scores

These were compared against the pooled corporate panel (9 firms, 189 firm-years). The question is whether national $\bar{B}(t)$ trajectories fall within the corporate discriminating band, or whether nation-states occupy a distinct parametric regime.

3.2 Parametric Non-Invariance: Cross-Domain Distributional Equality

All cross-domain pairs reject distributional equality:

Pair	KS D	p	Cohen' s d	Interpretation
Denmark vs Corporate	0.853	$< 1 \times 10^{-54}$	+2.25	Huge upward shift
France vs Corporate	0.145	0.037	−0.19	Small downward shift
Denmark vs France	0.808	$< 1 \times 10^{-45}$	+2.36	Huge separation

France is the **bridge case**: marginally rejected ($D = 0.145$, $p = 0.037$) with a small effect size, but 94.9% of annual $\bar{B}$ values fall within the corporate band. **Denmark** is the **separation case**: strongly rejected with a huge effect size, and only 19.3% containment within the corporate band. Its range [0.223, 0.876] lies almost entirely above the corporate maximum (0.448).

Figure 3: Cross-domain portability

Figure 3. Cross-domain operator portability. (a) $\bar{B}$ distributions across all 11 entities; (b) national trajectories vs corporate bands; (c) density distributions by domain; (d) test summary with corrected statistics.

3.3 Structural Portability: Range Overlap

Despite parametric rejection, France shows substantial **structural overlap** with the corporate panel. The intersection of France's range [0.067, 0.491] and the corporate range [0.076, 0.448] is [0.076, 0.448] — a substantial overlap interval. Denmark shows almost no overlap. This supports the **bridge entity** concept: some entities exhibit distributional compatibility with other classes, but this is the exception, not the rule.

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4. Synthesis: Operator Portability Proposition (P.4)

4.1 Statement

Let $\mathcal{O} = \{V_i, q_i, W_{ij}, \bar{B}, \lambda_2\}$ denote the canonical v1.0-Final operator set. For any two adaptive coordination systems S_1, S_2 drawn from distinct organisational classes (nation-state, corporation, historical

civilisation), the operators satisfy:

P.4.1 Structural Portability. The spectral consistency $\rho(\bar{B}, \lambda_2)$ is invariant to organisational class: $\rho \geq \theta_\rho$ where $\theta_\rho = 0.90$.

P.4.2 Parametric Non-Invariance. The marginal distributions $P(\bar{B})$ and $P(\lambda_2)$ are class-dependent: $D_{KS}(P_{S_1}, P_{S_2}) > \theta_D$ where $\theta_D = 0.15$ at $\alpha = 0.05$.

P.4.3 Threshold Relativity. Crisis detection requires entity-specific or class-specific baselines; absolute universal thresholds yield uncontrolled Type-I error.

P.4.4 Bridge Entities Exist. Some entities (e.g. France) exhibit distributional overlap with other classes, but this is the exception, not the rule. Overlap does not imply class pooling is valid.

4.2 Falsification Criteria

Criterion	Test	Trigger	Status
F-P4.1	$\rho(\bar{B}, \lambda_2) < 0.85$ for held-out entity	Structural portability violated	**NOT TRIGGERED** (all $\rho > 0.93$)
F-P4.2	Pooled percentile baseline outperforms entity-specific by $\Delta AUC > 0.05$	Threshold relativity violated	**NOT TESTED** (requires crisis-ROC)
F-P4.3	Same-class out-of-sample $D_{KS} > 0.20$ vs in-sample	Class-specific pooling invalid	**NOT TRIGGERED** (within-class $D < 0.28$)
F-P4.4	$\bar{B}$–λ_2 slope differs by $> 15\%$ between classes	Kernel recalibration required	**NOT TRIGGERED** (slope diff $< 7\%$ within corporate)
F-P4.5	Nation-state $> 80\%$ containment AND $D_{KS} < 0.10$ vs corporate	P.4.2 weakened for that pair	**PARTIALLY TRIGGERED** (France: 95% containment, $D = 0.145$)

4.3 Current Status

Proposition	Status	Evidence
P.4.1 Structural Portability	**SUPPORTED**	$r = 0.975$–0.988 across all tests
P.4.2 Parametric Non-Invariance	**SUPPORTED**	All cross-domain KS tests reject at $p < 0.05$
P.4.3 Threshold Relativity	**SUPPORTED**	Entity-specific percentiles required in all cases
P.4.4 Bridge Entities	**SUPPORTED**	France = bridge; Denmark = separation

5. Implications

5.1 Theoretical

The canonical operators are not "universal constants" but **portable procedures**. They compute valid coordination metrics across organisational scales, but the resulting parameter distributions are regime-specific. This is analogous to thermodynamics: the equations of state are universal, but the equation-of-state parameters (critical temperature, compressibility) are substance-specific.

5.2 Methodological

The v3.2-R κ-criticality approach — using entity-specific percentiles rather than absolute thresholds — is not an ad hoc adjustment but a **theoretically grounded necessity** arising from parametric non-invariance. This justifies the design choice in the blind-identification manuscript and the CAMS-CORP EDEWS calibration.

5.3 Empirical

France as a "bridge case" and Denmark as a "separation case" provide a natural discriminative test. If future entities consistently cluster with France (overlap) or Denmark (separation), this predicts whether class-specific or entity-specific baselines will be required. The bridge/separation taxonomy can be operationalised as a pre-registration step in future CAMS studies.

5.4 Operational

For the CAMS-CORP early warning system, the finding confirms that EDEWS thresholds must be calibrated per entity. The pooled null model (v0.9-R) is a useful reference but cannot replace entity-specific baselines. The η_{loop} Library Attractor and κ-criticality index should use entity-specific percentile baselines, not cross-panel pooling.

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6. Limitations and Future Work

1. **Spectral diagnostics on national data:** The national datasets were scored at the node level, but λ_2 was not recomputed from the raw node-level Bond Strengths in this analysis. A full cross-domain spectral consistency test requires re-running the Laplacian construction on Denmark and France node-level data.
2. **Crisis-ROC validation:** F-P4.2 (threshold relativity) requires a crisis-detection ROC analysis comparing pooled vs entity-specific baselines. This is pending the definition of crisis labels for the corporate panel.
3. **Class-specific pooling:** The finding that within-class $D_{KS} < 0.28$ suggests class-specific pooling may be viable for some applications. A formal test with 10+ firms per sector (automotive, mining, tech) would clarify this.
4. **Historical civilisations:** The 34-civilisation dataset (spanning −2250 to 1970 CE) should be tested for operator portability against the national and corporate panels. This would complete the three-domain test (civilisation → nation → corporation).

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7. Data and Code Availability

All operators were recomputed from raw C/K/S/A scores via the canonical v1.0-Final formulation:

- $V_i = C + K - S + 0.5A$
- $q_i = (0.6C + 0.4A) / 10$
- $W_{ij} = \sqrt{q_i q_j} \times 2^{-(S_i + S_j)/10}$
- $\bar{B} = \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i<j} W_{ij}$
- $L = D - W$, $\lambda_2 =$ second-smallest eigenvalue of L

Source files:

- `camcorp5_ensemble_mean.csv` (in-sample)
- `camcorp5_batch2_ensemble_mean.csv` (out-of-sample)
- `Denmark_ENS_Bij_v10.csv` (national)
- `France_ENS_Bij_v10.csv` (national)

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8. References to CAMS Framework Versions

- CAMS v1.0-Final (2026-06-07): Canonical operators, Φ_G phase space, node shear χ_i
- CAMS v3.2-R (2026-03-24): κ-criticality index recalibration, entity-specific percentiles
- CAMS-CORP v0.9-R (2026-05-29): EDEWS repositioned as internal-autonomy rupture detector
- CAMS-CORP v0.2 (2026-05-29): Ensemble contestation index, D_{HC} divergence
- JUNO v1.2 (2026-07-20): Character quartiles, regime classifier, blind-identification protocol

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