CURIOSITYBITS LIVING LAB BOSTON · EXTERNAL MULTI-MODEL REPLICATION AUDIT (EXT-AUDIT-017)

Official Author Validation, Item-by-Item SKILL-023 Classification & v3.2 Precision Revision in Response to Singapore Audit #11 (`EXT-AUDIT-016` by `MiniMax-M3`)

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- **In Response To:** `EXT-AUDIT-016` (Singapore Audit #11 by `SG-RedTeam-09`, `MiniMax-M3` via OpenCode CLI, SG verdict `PARTIALLY_REPLICATED`, ledger label `CONDITIONAL_PASS`)
- **Bundle SHA-256s Pinned:**
- SG-audited bundle (`EXT-AUDIT-016`): `d7a4b05d5fd38337bfe02e636bf5354d109a2d41b5f1c6c5cd4cc2271ea72e9e` (`2,906,213` bytes)
- Boston pre-`v3.2` validation bundle: `95058cfb3e756d06df30a3ec82aea2ea991ce39dd260a7a5dd52c71828d14bed` (`2,941,692` bytes; case-level empirical dataset byte-identical)
- **Governing Audit Skill:** `SKILL-023` (`audit-intake-verification-and-anti-sycophancy-gate`) — Every auditor claim is independently re-derived from source code (`projects/ai-washing/src/verify_ext_audit_016.py`, `scripts/build_v3_sec_dataset.py`, `scripts/run_ai_washing_study.py`), raw data (`data/ai_washing_2023_2026_dataset.json`, `data/raw_judge_ballots.json`), live Yahoo Finance `adjclose` series, and primary statistical textbooks (Shrout & Fleiss 1979, *Psychological Bulletin*, 86(2), 420–428; McGraw & Wong 1996) and classified individually as `AGREE`, `PARTIALLY_AGREE`, or `REBUT_WITH_EVIDENCE`.

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1. Independent Step-by-Step Verification of `EXT-AUDIT-016` (`Steps 1–6`)

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Step (2) — Three Regime Shifts (`C1, C2, C3`) & Within-Regime Slopes	**`C1` (`N = 180, G = 45` full panel 30d CAR):** `beta = -3.0520%` (`Cluster SE = 1.4272%, t = -2.1384, p = 0.0325`; `numpy.linalg.lstsq =`	`C1`: `-3.0520%` (`t = -2.14`); `C2`: `-4.6882%` (`t = -2.51, N = 114, G = 40`); `C3`: `-5.2690%` (`t = -2.31, N = 89,`	**`AGREE` (Exact 4-Decimal Match)**

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	-3.052044). **C2 (W_unclipped >= 0.38, N = 114, G = 40 30d CAR):** beta = -4.6882% (Cluster SE = 1.8647%, t = -2.5141, p = 0.0119). **C3 (H >= 0.25, N = 89, G = 36 Day-1 CAR):** beta = -5.2690% (Cluster SE = 2.2766%, t = -2.3144, p = 0.0206). **Early Boom W (N = 90, G = 45):** beta = +15.2371% (t = +2.5633, p = 0.0104). **Late W (H1, N = 90, G = 45):** beta = +6.6555% (t = +1.1958, p = 0.2318 ; unclipped +1.6861%, t = +0.4802, p = 0.6311).	G = 36); Early W : +15.2371% (t = +2.56); Late W : +6.6555% (t = +1.20).	
Step (3) — NEW Decisive Check: Text-Free Regime Rule (-1.65% in Late, 0.0% in Early) & Always-Negative (-1.0%) in OOS Table	**Full Panel (N = 180):** • Shipped Living Lab AI : MAE = 5.832%, RMSE = 7.750%, Hits = 103/180 (57.2%) • Text-Free Regime Rule (-1.65% late, 0.0% early) : MAE = 5.778%, RMSE = 7.713%, Hits = 101/180 (56.1%) , **paired t(living - rule) = +1.07, p = 0.2854 (indistinguishable)** • Always Negative (-1.0%) : MAE = 5.822%, RMSE = 7.786%, Hits = 109/180 (60.6%) , **paired t = +0.14, p = 0.8854 (indistinguishable)** • Always Zero (0.0%) : MAE = 5.975%, RMSE = 7.901%, Hits = 71/180 , **paired t = -2.38, p = 0.0185**	Full panel (N = 180): Living MAE 5.832, RMSE 7.750, 103/180 ; Text-Free Regime (-1.65 late) MAE 5.778, RMSE 7.713, 101/180 (t = +1.07, p = .285); Always Negative (-1.0) MAE 5.822, RMSE 7.786, 109/180 (t = +0.14, p = .885); Always Zero MAE 5.975, RMSE 7.901, 71/180 (t = -2.38, p = .019); Buzzword MAE 6.491, RMSE 8.267, 81/180 (t = -3.76, p = .0002); Unshrunk OLS MAE 5.977, RMSE 7.890,	**AGREE (100% Confirmed & Added to Table 3 in v3.2)**

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	• Naive Buzzword Counter : MAE = 6.491%, RMSE = 8.267%, Hits = 81/180 , **paired t = -3.76, p = 0.0002** • Unshrunk 2023 OLS : MAE = 5.977%, RMSE = 7.890%, Hits = 98/180 , **paired t = -0.80, p = 0.4224** **Late Holdout Cohort (N = 90):** Living Lab AI (MAE = 6.355%) is also indistinguishable from Text-Free Regime Rule (-1.65%) (MAE = 6.221%, paired t = +1.53, p = 0.1304) and Always Negative (-1.0%) (MAE = 6.320%, paired t = +0.63, p = 0.5331), while beating Zero (MAE = 6.614%, t = -2.36, p = 0.0183) and Buzzword (MAE = 7.543%, t = -3.90, p = 0.0001).	98/180 (t = -0.80, p = .42).	
Step (4) — NEW Differential vs. Period-Shift Tests (Post x Text , Firm Fixed Effects, Within-Firm Paired Test)	• Post x W (30d CAR, N = 180): beta = -10.3424% (Cluster SE = 7.0713%, t = -1.4626, p = 0.1436). • Post x W_unclipped (30d CAR, N = 180): beta = -6.1116% (Cluster SE = 4.7631%, t = -1.2831, p = 0.1994). • Post x H (Day-1 CAR, N = 180): Without day1_return_pct on the RHS (day1_car_pct ~ post * H + xbrl + mom + vol + tone + C(sector)), **beta = -11.1768% (Cluster SE = 5.8698%, t = -1.9041, p =**	Post x W t = -1.46 (p = .144); Post x W_unclipped t = -1.28 (p = .199); Post x H Day-1 t = -1.31 (p = .191); continuous H Day-1 -0.906 (t = -0.23), 30d +3.845 (t = +1.46); C1 with firm FE -2.876 (t = -1.66, p = .096); within-firm paired (G = 31): Day-1 -3.936 (t = -2.02, p = .053), 30d	**AGREE on All Substantive Findings + PARTIALLY_AGREE on Post x H Day-1 Spec (t = -1.90, p = 0.0569 once day1_return_pct is excluded from RHS)**

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	0.0569) — marginal at 10%, null at 5%. *(Note: SG's `t = -1.31, p = 0.191` came from accidentally leaving `day1_return_pct` on the RHS while `day1_car_pct = day1_return_pct - spy_day1_return_pct` was the DV, which regresses `-1 * SPY Day-1 return` on `post * H` and yields `beta = -0.9079%, t = -1.32, p = 0.1859`.)* • Continuous `H` full-sample slopes: Day-1 CAR `beta = -0.9063%` (`t = -0.2302, p = 0.8179`); 30d CAR `beta = +3.8451%` (`t = +1.4587, p = 0.1446`). • `C1` with **45-Firm Fixed Effects (`C(ticker)`)**: `beta = -2.8762%` (`Cluster SE = 1.7079%, t = -1.6840, p = 0.0922` normal / `t_44 = -1.66, p = 0.0961`). • **Within-Firm Paired Test (`G = 31` firms with both `H >= 0.25` and `H < 0.25`):** Day-1 CAR diff `= -3.9358%` (`t = -2.0162, p = 0.0528`); 30d CAR diff `= +0.8893%` (`t = +0.6065, p = 0.5488`).	`+0.889` (`t = +0.61, p = .549`).	
Step (5) — Re-Deriving the ICC Table from `raw_judge_ballots.json`	Confirmed 4/6 columns reproduce exactly (`0.942/0.933/0.823` textbook `ICC(2,k)` , `0.903/0.908/0.745` `k` -penalized `ICC(2,k)` , `0.963/0.946/0.868` `ICC(3,k)` , `0.896/0.856/0.693` mean	Confirmed 4/6 columns reproduce (`0.942/0.933/0.823` , `0.903/0.908/0.745` , `0.963/0.946/0.868` , `0.896/0.856/0.693`), but claimed `ICC(1,k)` should be `0.896` rather than `(MS_B -`	**`REBUT_WITH_EVIDENCE` on Math Values (Shrout & Fleiss 1979 pp. 423, 426) + `AGREE` on Printing Explicit Algebraic Formulas in Column Headers**

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	pairwise r). **For the 2 columns flagged by MiniMax-M3 (REBUT_WITH_EVIDENCE on math values; AGREE on adding explicit formula headers):** 1. **ICC(1,k) (0.941 / 0.932 / 0.813):** In Shrout & Fleiss (1979, *Psychological Bulletin*, 86(2), p. 426, Case 1 average of k raters), one-way average-measure ICC(1,k) is literally defined as (BMS - WMS)/BMS = (MS_B - MS_W)/MS_B = 0.9406 / 0.9317 / 0.8126 (0.941 / 0.932 / 0.813)! The value 0.896 (0.8957) cited by MiniMax-M3 is actually two-way single-measure consistency ICC(3,1) = (MS_B - MS_E)/(MS_B + (k-1)*MS_E) = 0.8957 (and mean pairwise r = 0.8962). 2. **Single-rater ICC(2,1) (0.844 / 0.823 / 0.607):** From the exact 3-LLM ANOVA mean squares (H : MS_B = 0.182095, MS_J = 0.731069, MS_E = 0.006802, n = 180, k = 3), textbook ICC(2,1) = (MS_B - MS_E) / (MS_B + (k-1)*MS_E + k*(MS_J - MS_E)/n) equals **0.8437 / 0.8227 / 0.6073 (0.844 / 0.823 / 0.607)**! Because MS_W = ((n-1)*MS_E + MS_J)/n , the denominators of ICC(1,1) (0.841 / 0.821 / 0.591) and ICC(2,1) (0.844 /	MS_W)/MS_B = 0.941 and questioned why ICC(2,1) = 0.844/0.823/0.607 is within ~0.02 of ICC(1,1) = 0.841/0.821/0.591 .	

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	0.823 / 0.607) differ by only (MS_J - MS_E)/n = 0.0040 at n = 180.		
Step (6) — Provenance, filing_date vs. reaction_date Timing, & Live Yahoo adjclose CAR Re-Pull (10/10)	• 180/180 valid SEC accessions, sec.gov URLs, and CIKs; 0/180 true anachronisms (43 forward-guidance/fiscal-year tokens). • **Confirms MiniMax-M3 correction of EXT-AUDIT-014:** filing_date == event_date holds for **12/180** (the 12 pre-open/intraday filings), whereas reaction_date == event_date holds for **180/180** because all 168/180 after-hours filings (>= 16:00 ET) roll forward one trading day (t_react = t_file + 1). • **Live Yahoo Finance adjclose CAR Re-Pull (10 cases anchored on reaction_date): 10/10 exact match** (max |diff| = 0.005% , from 2-decimal rounding) on both day1_car_pct and realized_car_30d_pct (AIW-2023-01 AAPL , AIW-2023-30 NVDA , AIW-2023-35 AI , AIW-2023-41 CRM , AIW-2023-53 PATH , AIW-2025-02 AAPL , AIW-2025-16 INTC , AIW-2025-36 MDB , AIW-2025-66 SNOW , AIW-2025-73 NOW).	180/180 valid accession/URL/CIK; 0/180 true anachronisms; corrected EXT-AUDIT-014 (12/180 filing_date == event_date , 180/180 reaction_date == event_date); live Yahoo adjclose CAR re-pull 10/10 exact when anchored on reaction_date .	**AGREE (100% Verified)**

2. Summary of `v3.2` Revisions Published in Response to `EXT-AUDIT-016`

1. **Added Text-Free Regime Rule (`-1.65%` Late / `0.0%` Early) and Always-Negative (`-1.0%`) Benchmarks to Table 3, Abstract & Web Explorer (`ai-washing.html`):** Explicitly reports that `Living Lab AI` beats `Constant Zero (0.0%)` (`paired t = -2.38, p = 0.0185`) and `Naive Buzzword` (`paired t = -3.76, p = 0.0002`), and is **statistically tied with a Text-Free Regime Rule (`MAE = 5.778%` full panel, `paired t = +1.07, p = 0.2854`; `MAE = 6.221%` late cohort, `paired t = +1.53, p = 0.1304`) and an Always-Negative `-1.0%` rule (`MAE = 5.822%`, `paired t = +0.14, p = 0.8854`)**.
2. **Added Differential vs. Associational Period-Shift Battery to Table 2B & Section 5.2:** Added 45-firm fixed effects on `C1` (`beta = -2.876%, t = -1.68, p = 0.0922`), continuous `Post x W` (`p = 0.1436`), `Post x W_unclipped` (`p = 0.1994`), and `Post x H` Day-1 (`beta = -11.18%, t = -1.90, p = 0.0569`), and the within-firm paired test across `G = 31` firms (Day-1 diff `-3.936%, t = -2.02, p = 0.0528`; 30d diff `+0.889%, t = +0.61, p = 0.5488`), framing `C1–C3` as an associational subgroup-by-regime shift rather than a causal continuous text slope.
3. **Printed Explicit Shrout-Fleiss (1979) Algebraic Formulas in Table 1 Headers:** Added exact algebraic definitions (`(MS_B - MS_W)/MS_B` for `ICC(1,k)`, single-rater `ICC(2,1)` vs. `ICC(1,1)` vs. `ICC(3,1)`) to eliminate any ambiguity between `ICC(1,k) = 0.941` and `ICC(3,1) = 0.896`.
4. **Removed Legacy `N = 11` / `N = 24` Docstring References:** Cleaned up `serve_dashboard.py` so Study #02 references only the shipped `N = 180` (`90 + 90`) panel.