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Abstract

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Body

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Version chain: v2 (10.5281/zenodo.20518340, 2026-06-03) → v3.0 (10.5281/zenodo.20559387, 2026-06-04, the Atomic Token Rule hardening) → v3.1 (this deposit, 2026-06-10, the Family Module). Derivation: the v3.1 formalism is specified in and adopted from EA-EB-02, The Steganographic Bracket (deposited concurrently), occasioned by the Empty Bracket specimen pair (EA-EB-01, 10.5281/zenodo.20619483; EA-TL-BATTERY-01, 10.5281/zenodo.20619481, Appendix A.S1/A.S8).

0. Version Note: What v3.1 Adds and What It Does Not Touch

Unchanged. The rendering-level core is inherited from v3.0 without modification and is not re-derived here: the v2 metric set (PER, QFS, DSL, Erasure Skew Ω, SAS), the Atomic Token Rule as precondition, the v3.0 primary metrics (_T, Π_d, B), the substrate-context metric (L), the failure flags, the calibration examples, the Cross-Substrate Replication Protocol, and the Measurement Sovereignty Principle. The v3.0 deposit remains authoritative for all rendering-level definitions. Per archive practice, modules operate on prior principles; they do not re-derive them.

Added. A second measurement level. The occasioning finding (EA-EB-02): a rendering can erase attribution locally while preserving it distributively — and the converse, a family can be uniformly incomplete while every individual rendering audits as merely, tolerably lossy. Therefore:

Single-output audits measure local omission. Attribution integrity is a property of the query family.

v3.1 supplies the family-level objects (§2), metrics (§3), the budgeted dereference protocol (§4), the audit protocols for summarizer-side and external deployment (§5), and the reporting standard (§6). Nothing at the rendering level changes; the family module consumes rendering-level outputs as inputs.

1. Preconditions Inherited

Two v3.0 commitments bind the family module explicitly:

The Atomic Token Rule governs atom counting: an attribution atom is present in a rendering only if it appears as the canonical token (or registered alias) under the Rule — paraphrase-presence and gist-presence do not count as presence. This prevents the unit-of-analysis substitution at the family level exactly as v3.0 prevents it at the rendering level.

The Measurement Sovereignty Principle governs ground truth: the atom set A(N) is derived from externally checkable objects — registry metadata, DOI records, the deposits themselves — never from the summarizer's self-report, and never from the audited surface's own renderings.

2. Objects and Capture Protocol

2.1 Node. The entity under audit: an author, a deposit, a coined term, an institution.

2.2 Attribution atom set A(N). The minimal fact-set constituting complete attribution for the node, derived per the Measurement Sovereignty Principle. Default minimal set, extendable by node class: {author(s); source identifier; doctrine/claim content; date}. The set is fixed before capture and stated in the audit report. Atoms are counted under the Atomic Token Rule (§1).

2.3 Query family Q(N). A preregistered set of k canonical query-forms resolving to N, drawn from the standard classes: *biographical* ("who is N"), *framework* ("N + framework term"), *verbatim-doctrine* (a doctrine phrase, unassisted), *institutional*, plus node-specific forms. Preregistration is mandatory: a family assembled after inspection of results is selection, not measurement. The reference grid is EA-TL-BATTERY-01 §I.

2.4 Capture protocol. Fresh session per query (account personalization stripped); rendering surface recorded per specimen (AI Overview vs. AI Mode vs. chat surface — they compose differently); full verbatim preservation including empty citation brackets as forensic objects; capture dated; geographic signal noted as an uncontrolled variable (incognito does not strip IP-derived location; route through VPN where geo-independence is required). Reference implementation: EA-TL-BATTERY-01 §0.

3. The Family Metrics

Let P be the presence matrix: P[r, a] = 1 iff atom a is present (per the Atomic Token Rule) in rendering r.

3.1 Shard Coverage *(per atom)*: coverage(a) = (Σ_r P[r, a]) / k. Identifies which atoms travel and which are systematically shed.

3.2 Atomic Co-presence (ACP) *(family)*: max over r of $|\{a : P[r, a] = 1\}| / |A(N)|$. The completeness of the best single rendering.

3.3 Family Coverage (FC) *(family)*: $|\{a :$ r, $P[r, a] = 1\}| / |A(N)|$. The union completeness of the family.

3.4 Attribution Sharding Index (ASI): ASI = FC − ACP.

ASI and FC are not substitutes, and the distinction is the module's central caution: ASI detects distributional fragmentation; FC measures total completeness. ASI = 0 does not certify intact attribution, since a family can be uniformly incomplete (every rendering missing the same atoms yields ASI = 0 with FC < 1).

3.5 The condition taxonomy induced by (FC, ASI):

FC | ASI | Condition | |—|—|—| | 1 | 0 | At least one complete rendering; no irreducible family sharding | | 1 | > 0 | Attribution sharding: complete only in union (the steganographic regime when family RR is high; harm = displaced reader labor — a DSL question) | | < 1 | 0 | Uniform family erasure: every rendering missing the same atoms; nothing to traverse to | | < 1 | > 0 | Partial sharding plus destructive family erasure |

3.6 Recoverability Ratio (RR) — the third axis, splitting rows two through four into indexical and destructive variants. *Rendering RR* = recoverable absent atoms / all absent atoms in that rendering (recoverable = DD 2 under §4). *Family RR* = micro-average over all atom-rendering absence events (an atom absent from m renderings contributes m events). Per-atom recoverability reported separately where informative. RR decomposes the inherited PER: PER = PER_indexical + PER_destructive; identical PER with opposite RR is opposite harm.

3.7 Complementarity Coefficient (CC) *(per atom-pair, family)*: the phi coefficient (equivalently the Matthews correlation coefficient) over the 2×2 contingency table of atom-a presence against atom-b presence across R. CC → −1 on (name, source) is the complementary-inversion signature: the name appears where the source does not, and conversely. Reporting discipline: the contingency table and k accompany every CC; CC is not interpreted inferentially below the preregistered minimum family size k 4 (at k = 2, perfect complementarity is trivially achievable by any even split — a signature, not a statistic).

3.8 Family Erasure Skew (Ω_f): the inherited Ω lifted to the family — concentration of erasure on particular atoms or viewpoints *across* renderings. Catches the surface that is locally balanced and globally skewed.

3.9 Claim–Source Convergence (CSC) *(per claim; hypothesis-stage)*: similarity (embedding cosine or normalized overlap) between a rendered claim and the source's self-description (title + abstract). Carried in v3.1 solely as the trigger variable for the Convergence Tripwire (§5.P2). The absorption hypothesis it serves — drop probability rising with CSC — is single-specimen (EA-EB-02 §IV) and is not an established mechanism; corpus test specified there, target Q3 2026. Status flag: heuristic.

4. Budgeted Dereference Depth (DD)

DD *(per erased atom, per rendering)*: the minimum number of query steps from the rendering's surviving content to the erased atom, under a preregistered audit budget B_a (subscripted to avoid collision with the v3.0 primary metric B).

Permissible transitions: each query is generated only from surviving text or explicit identifiers in the current rendering — the auditor may not inject atoms not present (in particular, may not add the author's name to a query when the name is the erased atom); fixed search surface; fixed top-n inspection depth; fixed time window — all stated in the preregistration. A step succeeds only when the missing atom appears explicitly, per the Atomic Token Rule, in a retrieved rendering or in authoritative registry metadata.

Classification: indexical if DD 2; destructive if DD > B_a — *not recovered within the preregistered budget*, an audit fact, not a metaphysical claim of nonrecoverability.

5. Protocols

P1 — Atom Checklist *(summarizer-side, emission-time; cheap; deployable now).* Before emitting a rendering about node N: resolve A(N) from ground truth; verify the rendering contains each atom or an explicit pointer to it (a filled citation, a named source, a stated author). No implicit pointers: an empty citation bracket is a protocol violation per se, independent of recoverability.

P2 — Convergence Tripwire *(summarizer-side, per-claim).* Compute CSC for each rendered claim against its retrieved sources. Above threshold (calibration open, §7), citation becomes mandatory and inline — author and identifier in the sentence, not in a trailing card. Proximity to the source's own words triggers attribution rather than dissolving it.

P3 — Synthetic Family *(summarizer-side, audit-time; the full remedy).* The summarizer generates the canonical query family Q(N) for the node under rendering, renders or retrieves cached renderings of each form, and computes FC/ACP/ASI/CC over its own family. ASI > 0, FC < 1, or |CC| high triggers repair: the under-covered atom is injected into the current rendering before emission. Engineering constraints, stated as design: at scale this requires caching of family renderings, sampling (not every node on every emission), and prioritization by public-query volume. The full family is the ideal; approximations are the deployable form. Cost: $k - 1$ additional compositions per fully-audited node — which is why P1 and P2 exist as the always-on layer.

P4 — External Battery *(auditor-side).* Preregistered family, fresh-session capture, presence matrix, FC/ACP/ASI, RR with budget B_a, CC with contingency tables, Ω_f, dated filing with verbatim appendix. Reference implementation: EA-TL-BATTERY-01, which retroactively constitutes the first ASI measurement on record.

6. Reporting Standard

A conforming family-audit report contains: (1) node and atom set A(N) with derivation sources; (2) the preregistered family Q(N) with class labels; (3) capture protocol attestation (sessions, surfaces, dates, geo note); (4) the presence matrix; (5) FC, ACP, ASI with the calculation shown; (6) per-atom Shard Coverage; (7) Rendering and Family RR with B_a and the transition rules; (8) CC values with contingency tables and k; (9) Ω_f; (10) verbatim specimen appendix with empty brackets preserved; (11) condition classification per §3.5 with the RR axis stated.

7. Composite and Open Items

SAS (rendering-level composite) is unchanged from v3.0. A family composite (SAS_f) is *reserved, not defined*: weighting FC, ASI, RR, and CC into one number requires calibration against corpus runs that do not yet exist. Target: v3.2, after the first corpus cycles.

Open calibration items: (tripwire threshold), B_a (audit budget norm), k_min confirmation (provisionally 4), per-atom weighting (is the source identifier worth more than the date?). Research program inherited from EA-EB-02: the CSC corpus test (~100 high-CSC renderings vs. low-CSC control, drop incidence regressed; target Q3 2026). Standing instrument: the weekly Battery grid grows k on the archive's own nodes; every cycle is calibration data.

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ACP 0.75, ASI 0.25, family RR 1.0)" - "EA-TL-BATTERY-01 (reference implementation of the external form)" challenge_conditions: - "A single-rendering statistic provably equivalent to ASI detection would collapse the family requirement; none is known." - claim_id: "sam31-02" statement: "ASI = FC - ACP detects distributional fragmentation only; FC measures total completeness; ASI = 0 does not certify intact attribution." type: "theoretical / metric definition" epistemic_status: "definitional, with the uniform-erasure counterexample stated (FC < 1, ASI = 0)" evidence: - "Assembly review of EA-EB-02 v0.9 (the principal technical amendment, June 2026)" challenge_conditions: - "Definitional; challenge applies to usefulness, adjudicated by corpus runs." - claim_id: "sam31-03" statement: "The rendering-level core (v2 metrics; Atomic Token Rule; v3.0 metrics alpha_T, Pi_d, Beta, L; flags; CSRP; Measurement Sovereignty) is inherited unchanged; v3.1 is additive." type: "operational heuristic / version discipline" epistemic_status: "version-chain declaration; v3.0 deposit authoritative for all inherited definitions" evidence: - "10.5281/zenodo.20559387 (v3.0); 10.5281/zenodo.20518340 (v2)" challenge_conditions: - "Any v3.1 definition found to alter a v3.0 rendering-level definition is a defect to be corrected in v3.1.x." ## References

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