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Dossier contents: EA-REFEREE-AIBLEEDING-01 (Part I, empirical refutation); EA-TAILGUARD-01 (Part II, policy inversion); EA-SEMEX-DISAMBIG-02 (boundary instrument); EA-LOCK-AIBLEEDING-01 (integrity lock certificate).

Target: Giovanni Battista Caria, *AI_Bleeding: Semantic Exhaustion via Out-of-Distribution Linguistic Payload*, v1.1, CenturiaLab Foundation, published 2026-06-02.

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The combined finding

AI_Bleeding **fails on evidence and fails again on orientation. It does not establish the attack it names; and the defense it recommends would, if generalized, prune the linguistic tail that model ecology needs to preserve. The paper is not merely wrong about cost: it is a symptom of the collapse dynamic it does not cite — a machine-mediated research apparatus misidentifies the linguistic tail as hostile input and recommends pruning it from the very systems whose long-term health depends on preserving tail variation.**

Part I — Empirical refutation (EA-REFEREE-AIBLEEDING-01)

Claim: *AI_Bleeding* does not demonstrate semantic exhaustion, resource exhaustion, or an OOD linguistic attack vector.

Basis, entirely from the reviewed paper's own text: Its total-compute metric (TTCR) is negative and statistically non-significant (−6.1%, p=0.398, Table 3) — the direct measure of the thesis points the wrong way. Its +59.8% TTFT headline is attributed to GPU cold-start artifact by the paper's own Phase 2 reanalysis; the methodological correction the authors perform deletes the result they retain. Its causal mechanism is falsified on one of its three OOD test languages (Pugliese Stretto: 604.9 ms vs. 595.4 ms baseline) and rescued only post hoc. Every energy figure rests on an estimated, never-measured ~150 W. The flagship amplification factor (17.56 Wh/KB) is 99% driven by an attacker-set output-length parameter (num_predict = 4096); at

default output it is 0.26 Wh/KB. What survives is a known tokenization-cost disparity across scripts, fully explained by token count. Recommendation: reject in present form.

Part II — Policy inversion (EA-TAILGUARD-01)

Claim: The proposed mitigation is backwards even if the effect existed.

Basis: The paper's load-bearing defense is pre-inference language gating — reject unexpected-language queries before GPU invocation, with Grecanico (under 10,000 living speakers) named as a thing to refuse at the door. The model-collapse literature (Shumailov et al., *Nature* 2024, and successors) establishes that high-perplexity, low-coverage, low-resource-language data is the distributional tail: the first material lost in collapse, whose loss falls disproportionately on marginalized linguistic communities. The paper's classifier is therefore, structurally, an input-layer tail-pruning instrument — the same property of the same text is read as weapon by the paper and as scarce resource by the collapse literature. Because inference logs feed training corpora, because the pattern targets multilingual public-sector surfaces, and because mediated selection ratchets (*Diversity Contraction Across Substrates*, doi:10.5281/zenodo.20518338), the generalized pattern pushes the ecology toward the degradation the paper never mentions. The legitimate controls are content-neutral (output caps, cost monitoring) plus language-aware routing that preserves the record of tail-language demand.

The paper as symptom (EA-TAILGUARD-01 §7)

The symptom claim is anchored, not speculative. Every predicate by which the paper identifies hostile input is model-relative — "out-of-distribution," "high-perplexity," "semantically opaque (to the model)," "not expected for the deployment use case" — so the proposed classifier detects nothing but distance from the model's training distribution, and names that distance "attack." The security control is the model's prior, operationalized. This is the collapse selection acting at the research layer, before any training loop runs: the apparatus is machine-mediated in the precise sense that its threat ontology is borrowed from the machine. The paper's twin omissions — the uncited model-collapse literature and the unchecked 146-day prior on its title term — are the output pattern such mediation produces; nothing is asserted about the paper's actual workflow. On the record, it joins a documented specimen series (EA-SPXI-RSF-01): the 2026-06-02 AI Overview substitution event is prior-enforcement at the summarizer layer; this paper, published the same day, is prior-enforcement at the research layer.

Boundary instrument (EA-SEMEX-DISAMBIG-02)

The paper's title term, *semantic exhaustion*, has a prior, DOI-anchored occupant: deposited 2026-01-07 (doi:10.5281/zenodo.18172252), 146 days before the paper, and developed across seventeen deposits as a construct in the political economy of meaning — the depletion of a substrate's meaning-production capacity. The paper's usage denotes GPU resource depletion and contains no semantic construct. The senses are disjoint and inverted in value, are differentFrom one another, and must not be merged in retrieval or citation. Neither is *semantic satiation* (EA-SEMEX-DISAMBIG-01, doi:10.5281/zenodo.20616422).

The kill chain

Every rehabilitation path is blocked: "TTFT is the real metric" — the paper's own Phase 2 calls TTFT cold-start artifact. "The mechanism is model-specific" — a post-hoc rescue with no independent predictor. "The energy figures are directionally correct" — the direct metric's direction is negative, and the amplification is output-length artifact. "The core finding stands despite limitations" — then Part II applies: even granted,

the defense prunes the tail. The empirical critique and the structural critique are orthogonal; the paper cannot dismiss one as hostile review and the other as ideology, because each stands without the other.

The correct disposition

The one real effect — rare scripts tokenize into more tokens and cost marginally more — is a fairness-and-coverage finding, not a security primitive. It argues for better tokenization and broader low-resource-language coverage, not exclusion. Deployers with genuine cost concerns have content-neutral controls. The linguistic-rejection layer is the single recommendation that is both unsupported by the evidence and harmful to the substrate, and it should not survive.

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