Small contracts, measurable limits: mathematical foundations for the MCRP seed release

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Research prototype, 25 September 2026. Conditional propositions and synthetic experiments; not evidence of field efficacy. This manuscript advances the counterexamples in dossier 06 into small executable modeling interfaces. The results use elementary probability, constrained incentives and positive-system bounds. The contribution is the alignment of those tools with protocol records, not a claim to invent the underlying mathematics.

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Abstract

A protocol intended for a solo researcher, a large collaboration, a single agent and a team of agents should not charge its participants for understanding the internal complexity of everyone else. It should expose what can be checked at the boundary: exact work, declared responsibility, available attention, performed checks, and the conditions under which a reliance decision needs renewal. Four models identify what this interface can and cannot guarantee. Sampling accountable groups before representatives removes one representation-multiplicity incentive under known control. Selective completion can nevertheless reverse offered-panel bounds, while retries spend scarce attention without repairing the selection bias. A common weighted repair envelope controls expected cascades under changing regimes, but neither stable snapshots nor a small expected workload certify a safe queue. Finally, an audit must fit effort incentives, participation and its own funding constraint simultaneously. The package contains exact calculations, independent finite enumerations, reproducible stochastic checks and deliberate negative cases. Every positive result is paired with a premise whose failure is observable in a toy experiment or requires a real-world investigation. The revision separates expected-spending and hard-cap audit propositions, supplies division-free edge cases, and adds exact parameter sensitivity and a constrained panel example. These expose conditional boundaries; they do not estimate behavior in research communities.

1. The interface as a modeling boundary

The participant-facing actions remain **offer → check → rely → amend**. They are composable actions, not an exclusive sequence of statuses. The mathematics adds no fifth user action. It specifies what a scheduler or experiment must record behind those actions.

An **offer** fixes a version, bounded claim, requested check and responsible boundary. A **check** records performed work and its limits; it is not a vote that converts into general truth. **Rely** is a separate actor's decision for a stated use, with observed evidence and renewal conditions. **Amend** identifies a material change and affected uses. A large team may automate hundreds of internal checks; that does not create hundreds of independently controlled reviewers.

The minimum experiment state therefore includes an immutable target identifier; declared control groups and qualifications; a panel-generation policy; invitation, refusal, completion and reliance events; actual resource debits; and a declared dependency graph. These are inputs and records, not facts made true by a schema. In particular, the mathematics below does not authenticate identity, discover undeclared dependencies or grant scientific authority to a software process.

Relation to audit, accountability and allocation research

The probability and incentive tools here are established. Douceur's Sybil analysis supplies the reason a declared control map cannot authenticate itself; Horvitz–Thompson estimation addresses known unequal inclusion probabilities, not the delivery of missing scientific checks; and common Lyapunov methods motivate the switching envelope. Their applications and limitations are linked in Sections 2–4. The present alignment with versioned offers, completion events, shared repair resources and separately funded audits is a protocol modeling exercise, not a new sampling estimator or stability theorem.

For audits, Becker's economic analysis of enforcement relates behavior to expected consequences and outside opportunities. Our three- action utility table uses that familiar incentive logic but adds an explicit participation constraint and distinguishes expected from pathwise audit spending. It is not a model of criminal behavior or a justification for penalizing research refusals. Townsend's costly-state-verification model endogenizes verification and transfers in contracting, including random verification. We instead hold rewards, audit accuracy and enforceable loss fixed and calculate feasibility of one invitation. We do not optimize a contract, derive audit procurement, or prove an institutional equilibrium.

Daniels and Sabin's accountability-for-reasonableness framework requires transparent grounds, relevant reasons, revision and enforcement of a fair process. This is normative guidance for the reliance/amendment boundary, not a consequence of our utility inequalities. A funded audit lottery supplies none of the legitimacy, qualified judgment, appeal handling or nondiscrimination that institutions need. This focused comparison marks the limited contribution: small inspectable conditional calculations that help expose when a proposed scientific-review protocol exceeds its assumptions. It is not an exhaustive review of audit or mechanism-design research.

2. Representation invariance belongs to a distribution

Let G be a fixed finite set of eligible accountable groups. Group g has m_g interchangeable representatives. Eligibility, capacity and conflict conditions have already been resolved at group level. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a nonempty set of feasible k-group panels. We compare two policies.

Representative-first policy. Enumerate every feasible representative panel with at most one member from each group, then choose uniformly. Its induced probability of a group panel $S \in \mathcal{F}$ is

$$Q_m(S) = \frac{\prod_{g \in S} m_g}{\sum_{T \in \mathcal{F}} \prod_{h \in T} m_h}.$$

It satisfies the one-seat-per-group rule while still rewarding label multiplicity. With $G = \{A, B, C\}$, $k = 2$ and $m = (n, 1, 1)$,

$$\Pr(A \text{ receives a seat}) = \frac{2n}{2n+1}.$$

One hundred representatives move the probability from $2/3$ to $200/201$ without adding a group or changing the claim's scientific needs.

Group-first policy. Fix a distribution Q on $\mathcal{F}$ using only clone-invariant group attributes. Draw $S \sim Q$. Conditional on S, choose one representative per group by any normalized kernel $K_m(\cdot \mid S)$ supported on that group panel.

Proposition 1 (pushforward invariance). If only representative multiplicities change, while G, $\mathcal{F}$ and Q remain fixed, the distribution of selected group panels remains Q.

Proof. For any S, the probability of all representative realizations mapping to S is $Q(S) \sum_x K_m(x \mid S) = Q(S)$. No summand from another group panel maps to S. Consequently every statistic depending only on the group panel is invariant. ▫

This is a statement about an entire pushforward distribution, not a claim that a cap on individual graph scores suffices. The executable baseline takes all k-subsets and uniform Q; it does not solve general conflict-aware scheduling. A production implementation must construct feasible panels using actual skill, conflict, independence and capacity constraints **before** drawing, and define what happens when the feasible set is empty. It must not silently relax coverage.

Falsifier. Declare two secretly controlled accounts as different groups. With $G' = \{A_1, A_2, B, C\}$ and uniform pairs, the true controller behind A_1, A_2 now receives at least one seat with probability $5/6$, and both seats with probability $1/6$. Group-first sampling has not solved Sybil resistance. Douceur's original analysis establishes why multiple identities undermine redundancy and why identity certification is a substantive assumption; our toy group map supplies that assumption rather than implementing it. The Sybil Attack

Meaning for participants. An individual and a collaboration may expose the same accountable boundary. Splitting a team into more named software processes must not automatically buy the team more external allocation probability.

Real new expertise or independently controlled capacity may legitimately change the feasible set; that is not the cloning transformation in Proposition 1.

A constrained synthetic panel

Proposition 1 already permits any fixed nonempty feasible family; the following new synthetic fixture exercises conflicts, skill coverage and capacity. A two-task panel requires distinct groups to supply calibration and inference, one unit each.

Group	Declared skills	Available units	Fixed weight
A	calibration	1	1
B	inference	1	1
C	calibration, inference	1	2
D	inference	1	1
E	calibration	0	1

Forbidden pairs are A–B and C–D. Enumerate pairs, reject conflicts and insufficient capacity, and require an injective matching of groups to the two skill tasks. Exactly AC, AD and BC remain. Choosing Q proportional to fixed group-weight products gives $Q(AC) = 2/5$, $Q(AD) = 1/5$, $Q(BC) = 2/5$. Uniform Q would also be valid. Neither choice is claimed optimal. A normalized within-panel representative kernel preserves this Q when A has 1, 10 or 100 interchangeable labels; explicit finite enumeration confirms it. Uniform representative-first sampling instead gives A inclusion 2/3 with one label and 20/21 with ten. Its uniform baseline differs from the deliberately weighted Q, and should not be conflated with it.

This construction assumes the group/control map, skills, one-unit capacity and conflicts are supplied correctly and unchanged by cloning. Genuine new capacity or skill changes feasibility and is outside that transformation. An empty feasible family leaves the request unassigned rather than silently relaxing coverage or conflicts. The example constructs one panel; it does not authenticate controllers, reserve resources concurrently, or solve general review scheduling.

3. Completion is a second selection mechanism

Label a panel R if it belongs to a synthetic risk category. This is a model label, not a diagnosis of any real group. Let $p = \Pr(R)$ among offers, let a be its completion probability, and let b be the other category's completion probability. Then

$$s = pa + (1-p)b, \qquad \Pr(R \mid \text{complete}) = \frac{pa}{s}, \quad s > 0.$$

A 10% offered share becomes 91.743% of completed panels when $a = 1$ and $b = .01$. An offered-panel cap is therefore not a completed-panel cap.

Proposition 2 (completion envelope). If $p \le \epsilon < 1$, $a \le u$, and $b \ge \ell > 0$, then

$$\Pr(R \mid \text{complete}) \le \frac{\epsilon u}{\epsilon u + (1-\epsilon)\ell}.$$

Proof. The conditional fraction increases with p and a and decreases with b whenever its denominator is positive. Substitute the respective extrema. The case $u = 0$ has zero risky completions. ▫

The missing premise is often the important one: humans cannot be compelled to supply $\ell > 0$ completion. Refusals may be the appropriate response to conflicts, insufficient time, confidential material or inadequate expertise. Treating them as misconduct would change the protocol's purpose.

Finite retries cost attention but do not remove IID selection bias

Suppose each new attempt independently draws from the same offer distribution, with unchanged completion probabilities. Stop at the first completion or after L attempts. Write N_L for attempts actually made. For $s > 0$,

$$E[N_L] = \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} (1-s)^j = \frac{1-(1-s)^L}{s}, \qquad \Pr(\text{unresolved}) = (1-s)^L.$$

The probability of risky completion is $pa\sum_{j=0}^{L-1}(1-s)^j$. Dividing by total completion probability cancels the same sum: the risky share among completions remains pa/s for every L. For $s=0$, every request uses L attempts and stays unresolved.

Let c_i be invitation/triage cost per attempt and c_c be work cost charged on completion. Then

$$E[C_L] = c_i E[N_L] + c_c\{1-(1-s)^L\}.$$

Expected refusals equal $E[N_L] - \Pr(\text{complete})$; expected retries equal $E[N_L] - 1$. These are different quantities. Standby reservations, partial work, late cancellations and case intake require additional debits in a real ledger. The toy costs are chosen constants, not estimated labor.

For $p=.1, a=1, b=.01, c_i=.2, c_c=2$, one attempt costs .418 model units on average, with 89.1% unresolved. Ten attempts cost about 2.626, and fifty about 3.823. The completed-panel risk share remains 91.743%. The growth in completed work is real in this model, but presenting only the completion count conceals the resource cost and composition.

The seeded demonstration runs 20,000 requests per case, 80,000 in total. For the ten-attempt case, 13,810 complete, the observed risky share is 91.665%, and its pointwise nominal 95% Wilson interval is approximately $[91.193\%, 92.115\%]$. This interval describes Monte Carlo variation under the supplied Bernoulli model. It says nothing about uncertainty in real refusal behavior. Adaptive rerolls, learning completion rates, collusion and repeated contacts violate the IID model; they need a new model, not reuse of these error bars.

Sensitivity to completion and cost

For $0 < p < 1$ and $a, b > 0$, completed risk share z obeys

$$\frac{z}{1-z} = \frac{p}{1-p}\frac{a}{b}, \qquad z > p \Leftrightarrow a > b.$$

Hence the completion-rate ratio, rather than either parameter alone, determines the odds distortion. At $p = 1/10$:

a	b	Exact completed share
1/10	1	1/91
1/10	1/10	1/10
1/10	1/100	10/19
1	1/100	100/109

Under the IID retry model, cost sensitivity is exactly $\partial E[C_L]/\partial c_i = E[N_L]$ and $\partial E[C_L]/\partial c_c = \Pr(\text{completion})$. At $L = 10$ with the original $p=.1, a=1, b=.01$, changing (c_i, c_c) from (.2,2) to (.02,2), (.2,20), or (2,2) changes expected cost from 2.625583 to 1.494949, 14.949489, or 13.931919 model units. This does not alter completed share under IID assumptions; adaptive behavior requires another model. These are stipulated parameter sensitivities, not observed labor.

The denominator is part of the result

Publish eligible, invited, accepted, completed and relied-upon counts separately, plus offered requests, excluded requests, refusal attempts, retries, outstanding work and resource costs. The toy retry model collapses acceptance and completion into one Bernoulli event; the protocol simulator should keep the stages distinct. The mathematical results are intentionally not a substitute for that event log.

Inverse probability weighting can diagnose observed selection when probabilities are known and positive, but it does not produce missing scientific checks or restore a physical panel guarantee. The classical unequal-probability estimator is standard statistical machinery, not a novel trust mechanism. Horvitz and Thompson, 1952

Red-team extension: adapted completion shares

The red mathematical reviewer supplied a stronger envelope and an independent finite-tree verification in `reviews/red-math/adaptive-completion.md`. At every reached pre-attempt history h, require $p_h \le \epsilon < 1$, $a_h \le u$, and $b_h \ge \ell > 0$. Stopping must occur before inspecting the current draw. The risky and other terminal-completion masses at that history obey $x_h = p_h a_h \le K(1-p_h)b_h = K y_h$, where $K = \epsilon u/((1-\epsilon)\ell)$. Weight by the probability of reaching each

history and sum. First-completion events are disjoint, so $X \le KY$ and the same completion-share envelope follows. This permits adapted policies and history-dependent completion, but **does not generalize IID retry costs**. Cherry-picking an uncounted draw violates the effective offer bound. Selecting only risky completed panels for reliance is yet another selection stage; the completion bound says nothing about that relied-upon distribution. Credit for this extension and its independent probes belongs to the red mathematical lane.

4. Repair must survive changing regimes

Let Z_t be a nonnegative row vector of outstanding repair items by type in generation t. Types can mean data calibration, statistical interpretation, software execution or a rights-handling obligation. The branching abstraction counts work items, not unique scientific truths. Duplicate notices and reusable checks need deduplication before interpretation as labor.

Conditional on history $\mathcal{H}_t$, suppose

$$E[Z_{t+1} \mid \mathcal{H}_t] \le Z_t M_t,$$

componentwise, where M_t belongs to a declared family $\mathcal{M}$ and can be chosen based on history. This premise is stronger than estimating unconditional average offspring in a convenient sample. Suppose there is a vector $w > 0$ and $r < 1$ with

$$Mw \le rw \quad \text{for every} \quad M \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Proposition 3 (common weighted repair envelope). For deterministic initial $Z_0 = z_0$, the expected cumulative weighted work satisfies

$$E\left[\sum_{t=0}^{\infty} Z_t w\right] \le \frac{z_0 w}{1-r}.$$

Proof. Multiplying the conditional bound by positive w gives $E[Z_{t+1}w \mid \mathcal{H}_t] \le rZ_t w$. Iterated expectation yields $E[Z_t w] \le r^t z_0 w$. Sum the finite geometric bound and apply monotone convergence to nonnegative partial sums. Independence between generations and a fixed switching sequence are unnecessary under the conditional premise. ▫

If w_i bounds immediate work hours per type-i item, the right side also bounds expected cumulative hours. If w is only a mathematical witness, its units are abstract weighted work and must not be relabeled as human hours. A failure to find this witness does not prove instability: even a supplied $w = (1,1)$ can fail where another positive w succeeds. Common Lyapunov methods are established stability tools; the author's accessible survey distinguishes stable subsystems from stable switching. Lin and Antsaklis, author manuscript

Counterexample: snapshots pass while switching explodes

Take

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Each matrix is nilpotent, so repeating either regime alone eventually clears all work in this linear model. Alternating A, B from $z_0 = (1,0)$ doubles work every generation and produces 1,024 items in generation 10. No common positive $r < 1$ envelope exists: $2w_2 \le rw_1$ and $2w_1 \le rw_2$ imply $4 \le r^2$. Thus checking each snapshot's spectral radius is insufficient even before introducing stochastic human behavior.

For the positive example, use

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} .2 & .1 \\ .1 & .4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} .1 & .3 \\ .05 & .2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w = (1,2)^T.$$

Both satisfy $M_j w \le .7w$. Starting with one first-type item gives an expected cumulative weighted bound $1/(1-.7) = 10/3$. Exhaustive enumeration of every length-eight switching sequence checks the finite inequalities; a longer alternating trajectory is included in the CSV output. These tests supplement the proof; they do not estimate a real matrix family.

Finite mean is not a service guarantee

A branching item that produces 50 descendants with probability .01 and none otherwise has mean offspring .5. It is subcritical in first moment, yet its first generation alone exceeds an eight-item capacity with probability .01. For nonnegative total work W, the preceding expectation bound gives at most the conservative Markov bound $\Pr(W \geq H) \leq E[W]/H$, capped at one. It does not establish deadline compliance or acceptable tails.

The capacity interface instead records commitments by **person and epoch across all lanes**. Three hours of checking, two of audit and four of repair consume nine hours of the same person's eight-hour day. Three separately feasible lane budgets do not make the joint plan feasible. Skills, simultaneous appointments, legal priority, independence and deadlines impose additional constraints. Our checker only verifies the shared declared hour totals. Unrecorded obligations remain a failure mode; expected future repair bounds cannot be booked as realized work.

5. Incentives must fit the audit and participation budget

Consider a one-shot invitation. Honest work yields reward R, costs c and is incorrectly sanctioned on an audit with probability α. Shirking saves c and is detected on an audit with probability β. Audit probability is q; the modeled enforceable loss is $F \geq 0$. Abstaining yields outside utility u.

Let $N \geq 1$ be a fixed integer number of invitations; $a \geq 0$ the identical **actual** cost of delivering each audit; $B \geq 0$ its audit-only budget. Let $c, R, F, u \geq 0$, $0 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 1$, and $0 \leq q \leq 1$. Utilities remain

$$U_H = R - c - q\alpha F, \quad U_S = R - q\beta F, \quad U_A = u.$$

These are linear expected utilities. Audit delivery, detection discrimination, enforceable loss, and the applicable marginal probability at the actor's information set are premises. Reward financing and capacity outside the audit budget are not included.

Write $d = (\beta - \alpha)F$, $h = \alpha F$, and $v = R - c - u$. Two budget contracts give caps

$$q_E = \begin{cases} 1, & a = 0, \\ \min\{1, B/(Na)\}, & a > 0, \end{cases} \qquad q_H = \begin{cases} 1, & a = 0, \\ \min\{N, \lfloor B/a \rfloor\}/N, & a > 0. \end{cases}$$

Proposition 4a (expected-expenditure feasibility). Under the preceding assumptions, honest work is a weak best response against shirking and abstention, and expected expenditure on N invitations is at most B, exactly when

$$q \in \mathcal{Q}_E := \{q \in [0, q_E] : dq \geq c, hq \leq v\}.$$

For $d > 0$ and $h > 0$ this is the interval

$$\frac{c}{d} \leq q \leq \min\{q_E, v/h\},$$

empty when the lower bound exceeds the upper. The division-free form covers all degenerate cases: if $d = 0$, positive effort makes it empty; if $d < 0$, only $q = 0$ with $c = 0$ can satisfy effort; if $h = 0$, participation requires $v \geq 0$ independently of q. Zero audit cost removes only the spending constraint, not effort or participation.

Proof. $U_H \geq U_S$ is $dq \geq c$ and $U_H \geq U_A$ is $hq \leq v$. Linear expectation of N audit indicators, each with marginal q, gives Naq expenditure without requiring their independence. Intersect these constraints with $0 \leq q \leq 1$. Conversely every point in the intersection satisfies all three inequalities. ▫

Proposition 4b (realized hard-cap feasibility). Suppose instead that no realization may cost more than B. With fixed N and identical delivered cost a, equal marginal q is achievable by a lottery on audit subsets exactly when $q \leq q_H$. Therefore weak-incentive feasibility under this contract is

$$\mathcal{Q}_H := \{q \in [0, q_H] : dq \geq c, hq \leq v\} \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_E.$$

Proof. For $a > 0$, every subset has cardinality at most $K = \min\{N, \lfloor B/a \rfloor\}$, hence $Nq = \mathbb{E}[\text{subset size}] \leq K$. Conversely, for any $Nq \leq K$, let $k = \lfloor Nq \rfloor$ and $\theta = Nq - k$. Choose a uniformly random size-k subset with probability $1 - \theta$, or a uniformly random size-$(k+1)$ subset with probability θ. The latter branch has zero probability at an integer Nq; every positive probability branch has cardinality at most K. Each invitation has marginal $[(1-\theta)k + \theta(k+1)]/N = q$, and each

realization respects the budget. When $a = 0$, every subset costs zero. Intersect with the unchanged effort/participation constraints. ▫

The lottery must remain concealed until effort choice, or more generally preserve the assumed q at each actor's decision information set. The theorem constructs a distribution; it does not supply concealment, credible enforcement, authentic independent auditors, correct detection, or delivery. Revealing selection before action gives unaudited actors conditional $q = 0$, so the common-q incentive argument no longer applies to them. Variable audit costs, risk-sensitive utility or changing N require a different model.

Worked comparison and negative cases

For $N = 3$, $a = 1$ and $B = 3/2$, $q_E = 1/2$ while $q_H = 1/3$. These caps do not conflict: they answer different budget promises. Independent Bernoulli audits with $q = 1/2$ respect the expected budget but exceed it in half of realizations. A hard-cap lottery with $q = 1/4$ audits nobody with probability $1/4$ and each of the three singletons with probability $1/4$, so it never spends more than one unit.

For $c = 2/5$, $R = 2$, $F = 1$, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1$ and $u = 0$, expected-budget feasibility is $[2/5, 1/2]$ but hard-budget feasibility is empty. Thus hard budgeting can change feasibility, not just adjust a displayed endpoint. Neither contract implies that honesty will be selected when it ties with abstention; these are weak best-response sets, not equilibrium selection or forecasts of observed effort.

For $F = 0$ and $c > 0$, no audit rate creates an effort incentive. For $c = 0$ and $\beta < \alpha$ with $F > 0$, only $q = 0$ weakly favors honest work over shirking. For $\alpha F = 0$, $R - c \geq u$ remains necessary regardless of an unlimited audit budget. These cases show why the division-free formulation is more complete than a single displayed ratio.

The historical sweep uses 102 artificial agents with two rewards and 51 effort costs. It retains both all-invitation and participating denominators and expected audit expenditure. Its utilities are not fitted to scientists or agents; ties prefer abstention. The original red finding that independent Bernoulli audits can exceed an expected budget is retained in the review archive. The exact revision fixture supplements the floating-point expected-spending helper; its rational outputs are the authoritative boundaries for the new examples.

This is deliberately not a whole-network equilibrium. Audit credibility, collusion, appeal reversal, reviewer judgment, wealth constraints, repeated identity resets and the legitimacy of imposing F are outside the model. The simpler prototype may rely on bounded recognition and loss of future assignments, not monetary penalties. Such a loss still needs a justified valuation and a responsible institution; a symbolic variable cannot supply either.

Synthetic audit sensitivity

Use $c = .2, R = 1, u = .1, F = 2, \alpha = .02, \beta = .8, N = 100$, audit cost $a_a = .1$ and $B = 2$ as the synthetic baseline. Its hard-cap interval is $[5/39, 1/5]$. One-at-a-time changes give:

Changed parameter	Hard-cap interval	Feasible?
$\alpha = .3$	$[1/5, 1/5]$	Weak-indifference point only
$\beta = .4$	$[5/19, 1/5]$	No
$c = .4$	$[10/39, 1/5]$	No
$F = 4$	$[5/78, 1/5]$	Yes
$a_a = .2$	$[5/39, 1/10]$	No
$B = 4$	$[5/39, 2/5]$	Yes

For $\alpha > 0, F > 0, \beta > \alpha$, compatibility of effort and participation requires

$$c\alpha \leq (R - c - u)(\beta - \alpha).$$

F cancels: increasing sanctions cannot repair this particular conflict. For $R = .4, c = .2, u = .1, \alpha = .3, \beta = .8$, right minus left is $-.01$, so $F = 1, 2, 8$ all fail even before funding is considered. A nonempty interval only makes honesty a weak best response; it neither selects that behavior at ties nor funds real rewards.

A simultaneous stipulated box $c \in [.1, .2]$, $\alpha \in [.01, .04]$, $\beta \in [.7, .9]$, $F \in [2, 3]$, with other baseline quantities fixed, has common hard-feasible interval $[5/33, 1/5]$. The effort lower bound increases with c and α and decreases with β and F; the participation upper bound decreases with c, α and F here, where $R - c - u > 0$. These monotonicities justify the endpoint calculation throughout the continuous box; sixteen corners and an interior grid are additional code checks. The box is assumed, not a fitted confidence region.

The supplementary sensitivity package retains 15 completion cases, 27 retry-cost cases, 23 audit variations, sanction conflicts and the constrained panel fixture. Eleven named tests check direct utilities, finite retry paths, skill matchings and representative pushforwards using exact rational arithmetic. It does not supply measured human/agent preferences, independence, enforcement or field efficacy.

6. Four deep adaptations, one common experiment boundary

Physics and astronomy. Treat calibration and inference as separate repair types. A new instrument calibration can invalidate a derived estimate without invalidating the raw observations. A collaboration's 100 analysis processes remain one control boundary for panel sampling. Ask whether repair notices reach the actual downstream uses and whether the limited calibration specialists are double-booked. The switched-matrix counterexample represents changing dependency patterns, not a fitted astrophysical pipeline.

Biology. A data-use restriction can remove evidence without proving a biological claim false. Give evidence availability, statistical checks and authorized reuse separate records. Let wet-lab replication complete more slowly than a computational check; the completion model demonstrates why counting only finished work can favor an easy-to-complete category. A wet-lab refusal is not a negative scientific verdict. Consent and restricted data do not enter a public toy fixture.

Economics and social science. Use offered/completed denominators to teach how selection can create apparent institutional improvement. Vary completion rates, setup costs and outside options; report unresolved projects and labor as outcomes. The audit experiment shows a mechanism whose apparent integrity among remaining participants improves while scarce contributors can leave. A substantive causal claim requires a real identification strategy and external data, not this queue.

Law and governance. Treat rights response, scientific disagreement and appeal as different authorities drawing on some of the same people's time. The capacity checker can reject nine hours booked into eight without deciding legal priority. The audit model's sanction must not be read as a legally enforceable fine. A timely record, lawful recipient-specific disclosure and authorized reversal require operator processes outside these mathematical models.

7. Claim ledger and reproducibility

ID	Status	Claim and evidence	Limitation
M1	T (fixed feasible family and Q)	Group-first pushforward invariance; proof and exact probability tests	Fixed true/declared group map, feasibility and weights
M2	T (conditioning); T (IID retries)	Completion-share envelope and separately conditional retry accounting	Adapted share bounds require bounds at every reached history; IID costs do not generalize to adapted retries
M3	T	Common positive envelope bounds conditional expected cumulative repair; proof	Envelope validity is an empirical/ operational assumption
M4	T (expected spending); T (hard cap)	Distinct one-shot audit/participation intervals under their respective budget constraints	Hard cap additionally fixes population, identical actual cost and concealed delivery; neither result selects an equilibrium
M5	I	Executable synthetic implementation reproduces positive and negative cases	Floating-point toy range, no production scheduler
M6	I	80,000 seeded simulated requests with pointwise uncertainty	Simulation outcomes only, no human evidence
M7	D	Keep simple participant actions while instrumenting full denominators and shared budgets	Usability and effectiveness untested

Here T denotes a conditional theoretical result, I implementation evidence including explicitly synthetic experiments, and D a design proposal. These labels follow the repository claim vocabulary and do not confer scientific acceptance. Twenty-one unit tests include an independent representative panel enumeration, an independent finite retry-path tree, all 2^8 switching sequences and utility comparisons on both sides of a feasible audit interval. Three negative results are required demonstrations, not optional caveats: hidden control, refusal-driven completion bias and unstable switching.

From the repository root:

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python3 -m unittest discover -s papers/07-release-packet/models/math -p 'test_*.py' -v
python3 papers/07-release-packet/models/math/run_experiments.py
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The second command reproduces the original 115 parameter-sweep rows in four CSV files and the 80,000-request Monte Carlo summary under `models/math/results/`. The manifest records exact source/table SHA-256 digests, seeds, Python version and interval interpretation. Standard-library Python is sufficient. No service, credential, network access or actual author data are used. Input validation catches malformed shapes, negative work and non-finite scalar inputs. The numerical routines are small research references; they are not certified against overflow for every finite IEEE-754 value or combinatorial explosion on large group populations.

The decisive next question is not whether these plots look plausible. It is whether the full event trace preserves the stated boundary when one toy actor refuses, splits its identity, hides a dependency or overloads a shared reviewer. A human pilot should then compare the four-action interface with an ordinary structured referee template with the same information and comparable declared support, measuring actual total labor. If the template works as well with less effort, retain the portable evidence records and simplify the surrounding machinery.

The review1588 revision adds separate exact fixtures. Run the formal and sensitivity tests documented in the revision packet. Its response and internal red reports distinguish original claims, clarified assumptions and new examples.

Agent participation and versioned artifacts

This submission invites automated-science agents to reproduce, challenge, or implement a bounded part of the proposal. The September 2026 agent-first prototype is a companion research artifact, not a production verification service or evidence of independent scientific review.

- Prototype: https://oshaughnessy-junior.github.io/trust-and-review-papers/
- Machine-readable interface: https://oshaughnessy-junior.github.io/trust-and-review-papers/agent_api/manifest.json
- Quickstart: https://oshaughnessy-junior.github.io/trust-and-review-papers/agent_api/README.html
- Pinned source release: https://github.com/oshaughnessy-junior/trust-and-review-papers/releases/tag/mcrp-agent-v0.1.0
- Reproducer and patch intake: https://github.com/oshaughnessy-junior/trust-and-review-papers/issues

After extracting the release packet, run `python3 run_checks.py` from its root. These standard-library tests need no credentials or scientific data. They test synthetic protocol behavior; the local interface records asserted checks rather than executing scientific analyses or authenticating independent controllers.

A useful contribution is one replayable counterexample: record the pinned version, input, expected behavior, observed trace, and the assumption being challenged. In particular, try a changed upstream artifact, selective refusal by reviewers, several agent aliases under one controller, or overloaded shared review capacity. A real workflow adapter should identify actual execution evidence separately from assertions. Report unsuccessful reproduction as well as success.

A site review, schema pass, matching hash, and scientific validation are distinct outcomes. Agents may contribute checks and recommendations; this does not satisfy a human-authority requirement in the original verification lifecycle. The newer four-action model supports agent participation without claiming that agent labels establish competence or independent control.

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