The Strategic Gap: How AI-Driven Timing and Complexity Shape Investor Trust in the Age of Digital Agents

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Abstract

Traditional models of market efficiency assume that equity prices incorporate information based on content alone, often neglecting the structural influence of reporting timing and cadence. This study introduces the Autonomous Disclosure Regulator, a multi-node AI framework designed to audit the intersection of disclosure complexity and filing unpredictability. Analyzing a population of 484,796 regulatory filings, the research identifies a structural Strategic Gap: a state where companies use confusing language and unpredictable timing to slow down how fast the market learns the truth by 60%. The results demonstrate a fundamental computational asymmetry in contemporary capital markets. While investors are now good at spotting "copy-paste" text, they remain vulnerable to strategic timing that obscures structural deterioration. The framework isolates 39 high-priority failures where the convergence of dense text and temporal surprises facilitated significant information rent extraction by insiders. By implementing a recursive agentic audit, the system identifies a cumulative welfare recovery potential of over 360% and demonstrates near-perfect resilience against technical data interruptions. The study concludes by proposing a transition toward an agentic regulatory state, arguing that as information integration costss rise, infrastructure must evolve from passive data repositories into active auditing nodes capable of real-time synthesis to preserve market integrity.

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1 Introduction

The First Theorem of Welfare Economics assumes a frictionless information environment where competitive equilibria are Pareto optimal. However, this study argues that the theorem is structurally challenged by asymmetric processing capacities. While traditional theory assumes information is fully incorporated into prices, the theory of Rational Inattention proposed by Sims (2003) models how agents strategically simplify information under cognitive constraints, creating frictions that prevent full price integration of Hirshleifer and Luo (2001). The fundamental paradox established by Grossman and Stiglitz (1980)—that markets cannot achieve perfect efficiency because information collection is costly—is intensified by high-velocity, automated reporting. As noted by Subramanyam (1996), managers utilize the discretionary nature of reporting to produce standardized text with low informational density that leverages the limited processing bandwidth of market participants.

The primary objective of this research is to quantify the extent to which modern disclosure patterns

impede price discovery. To achieve this, the study develops the **Autonomous Disclosure Regulator (ADR)**, a system designed to simulate and audit the informedness gap between automated filing production and human regulatory oversight. By analyzing 484,796 SEC filings, the study seeks to determine if a state of symmetric computational equilibrium can be restored through autonomous auditing.

The analysis isolates a structural failure in price discovery termed the **"Strategic Gap."** In this regime—defined by high semantic friction (Z_{Comp}) and low predictability (Φ)—the study observes a 60% reduction in the Price Discovery Rate (V), with values declining from 3.07 to 1.23. This latency allows for regulatory arbitrage that renders traditional oversight windows, such as the Section 16 "Two-Day Rule,'' functionally ineffective. Furthermore, the research identifies 39 cases of **Non-Informative Compliance**. These represent filings that maintain legal adherence to guidelines but are devoid of the idiosyncratic data necessary for fundamental valuation. The findings suggest that this noise is strategically deployed to facilitate insider rent-seeking, resulting in a calculated Welfare Gain Potential (Γ) of 360,050% through improved oversight.

The study provides a technical contribution by operationalizing the **Agentic Regulatory Auditor (ARA)**. This architecture shifts the cost-curve of oversight from manual review to automated vigilance through a four-node modular structure:

- **Node A (Semantic Interface):** Achieves 98.11% structural extraction accuracy, identifying data within standardized text using high-dimensional transformer embeddings.
- **Node B (Temporal Syntax):** Measures the entropy of disclosure cadence to identify the 23% of filings within the Strategic Gap.
- **Node C (System Persistence):** Employs stateful audit trails to resolve data-stream interruptions, achieving 99.98% system resilience.
- **Node D (Recursive Search):** Functions as a validation protocol using recursive synthesis to narrow the investigative scope with 20.88% precision.

The paper concludes by proposing the **Agent-First Disclosure Mandate (ADS)**. This policy moves toward a regulatory state where filing validity is contingent upon immediate machine-readability, thereby mitigating the computational divergence between market participants.

2 Related Literature

The framework developed in this study builds upon, yet fundamentally departs from, the "Disclosure Processing Cost" paradigm synthesized by Blankespoor, deHaan, and Marinovic (2020). In the traditional view, disclosure frictions—comprising awareness, acquisition, and integration costs—are treated as equilibrium-stabilizing mechanisms that rationalize market phenomena such as post-earnings announcement drift. Under this equilibrium, the "Integration Step" is viewed as a cognitive burden borne by investors in exchange for competitive returns. This research challenges that passive characterization, redefining these costs as a structural regulatory failure that can be mitigated through agentic intervention.

The primary obstacle to such intervention, however, has been the technological inability to automate the "Integration Step" without losing the nuanced context of financial reporting.

2.1 From Lexical Dictionaries to Semantic Embeddings

To address this automation deficit, the literature first sought to quantify textual information through dictionary-based methods. The seminal work of Loughran and Wellman (2011) revolutionized financial natural language processing by demonstrating that standard psycholinguistic dictionaries were poorly suited for the nuanced jargon of capital markets. While this lexicon-based approach reduced acquisition costs, it struggled to scale alongside the subsequent rise in Business Model Complexity identified by Loughran and McDonald (2024). This literature argues that as disclosures become increasingly voluminous and integrated, the mere presence of negative keywords is no longer a sufficient signal for risk.

This study addresses the limitations of keyword frequency by operationalizing transformer-based architectures capable of capturing context-dependent meaning. The present framework addresses this informational density by moving beyond frequency-based word-count paradigms. Node A utilizes high-dimensional transformer embeddings to detect Semantic Friction (Z_{Comp}), an approach consistent with the "structural staleness" logic of Cohen, Malloy, and Nguyen (2020). The observed 0.082 Spearman correlation between complexity and sentiment provides empirical evidence for the Strategic Obfuscation Hypothesis: managers may utilize complex, neutral jargon to establish a baseline of information noise. This baseline effectively masks material shocks within routine boilerplate, rendering legacy dictionary-based audits insufficient for detecting idiosyncratic risk. However, identifying semantic friction is only the first stage of regulatory intervention; the critical challenge lies in determining how these frictions are utilized to mask systemic instability.

2.2 Re-characterizing Integration Costs as an Agentic Pivot

To transition from mere detection to active oversight, this study shifts the analytical objective from price prediction to structural auditing. This study further departs from the Blankespoor, deHaan, and Marinovic (2020) paradigm by shifting the analytical objective of disclosure processing. While traditional literature focuses on how processing costs affect investor choice and price efficiency, the current framework prioritizes the structural anatomy of the disclosure. Node D (Recursive Synthesis) is designed not to predict price drift, but to autonomously identify latent structural breaks—defined here as Nominal Transparency—that obscure underlying insolvency or reporting irregularities. By focusing on the structural properties of the signal rather than the market's aggregate reaction, the regulatory focus shifts from ex-post enforcement to ex-ante detection.

By focusing on the structural properties of the signal rather than the market's aggregate reaction, the regulatory focus shifts from ex-post enforcement to ex-ante detection. This shift introduces the Agentic Pivot in Information Theory. Current literature largely envisions a dyadic relationship between a firm (the signal producer) and a capacity-constrained investor (the processor).This paper introduces a third,

dominant actor: the Autonomous Agent. In this triadic model, the regulator is no longer a passive observer of market frictions but an active participant using transformer-based encoders to mitigate standardized disclosure opacity. This transition from human-led monitoring to machine-led verification implies that informational frictions are no longer inevitable market features, but addressable system vulnerabilities.

2.3 Information Asymmetry as a Strategic Choice

By treating these frictions as addressable vulnerabilities, the study must then address whether their existence is accidental or intentional. Finally, this work challenges the assumption that integration costs are a natural byproduct of business complexity. Following the logic of Subramanyam (1996), the analysis demonstrates that strategic asymmetry is frequently a deliberate managerial choice. By isolating the 39 "Critical Failures" in the sample, the study provides evidence that managers exploit the intersection of linguistic density and temporal variance to create Strategic Gaps.

Unlike the participants in Tetlock (2008) who react to stale news, actors in these identified gaps lack Temporal Syntax. This observation supports the proposal for an Agent-First Disclosure Mandate (ADS). This policy suggests that in an environment of high agentic velocity, the validity of a public filing should be contingent upon its immediate machine-ingestibility at $T + 0$, thereby neutralizing the rent-seeking windows that exist behind high-friction, erratic disclosures.

Table 1: Mapping Multi-Disciplinary Market Frictions to ARA Architectural Nodes

Paradigm	**Leading Author(s)**	**Mechanism / Friction**	**Regulator's State**	**The ARA Solution (Node)**
Welfare	Grossman & Stiglitz (1980)	**Information Paradox:** Costly signal acquisition.	Informational Asymmetry	**Node A/B:** Near-zero marginal cost extraction.
Inattention	Sims (2003)	**Rational Inattention:** Strategic simplification of data.	Processing Constraints	**Node B:** Filters temporal entropy via Chronos-Small auditing.
Behavioral	Hirshleifer (2001)	**Limited Attention:** Market neglect of non-salient data.	Processing Latency	**Node C:** LangGraph Persistence maintains audit continuity.
Textual	Loughran & McDonald (2024)	**Business Complexity:** Strategic jargon as noise.	Interpretive Bias	**Node A:** Vector embeddings replace static dictionaries.
Reporting	Subramanyam (1996)	**Discretionary Smoothing:** Use of noise to mask quality.	Integration Friction	**Node A/D:** Complexity auditing identifies smoothing.
Microstructure	Kyle (1985)	**Strategic Timing:** Insiders hiding in automated noise.	Strategic Information Gap	**Node D/C:** Maps noise to insider trading windows.
AI-Economics	Blankespoor (2025)	**Automated Obfuscation:** Machine-generated tone spin.	Automated Processing Fog	**Node D:** Recursive Synthesis validates structural signals.
This Paper	**Neupane (2026)**	**Agentic Velocity**	**Agentic Vigilance**	**Full Framework:** Machine-speed Welfare restoration.

As illustrated in Table 1, the proposed framework does not replace existing economic paradigms; rather, it provides a specific computational node designed to resolve each identified friction. By transitioning from a regime of processing inertia toward a state of Agentic Vigilance, this research offers a technical solution to modern information failures. The framework demonstrates that by neutralizing computational divergence, it is possible to restore the First Theorem of Welfare Economics, ensuring that competitive

equilibria remain Pareto optimal in an environment of automated disclosure.

3 Theoretical Framework

A core tenet of this framework is that the Informedness Gap (Ψ) is a dynamic variable driven by the strategic reallocation of informational capacity and the emergence of Agentic Velocity. The study adapts the attention allocation model proposed by Mondria and Quintana-Domeque (2013), which theorizes that financial contagion occurs when investors relocate limited attention between sectors, thereby increasing information asymmetry in neglected areas. This research extends that logic to the regulatory domain: when oversight bodies concentrate on high-volatility events, such as busy earnings days, they effectively relocate attention away from firms characterized by high Semantic Friction (Z_{Comp}) and low Agentic Predictability (Φ).

3.1 The Three Pillars of Agentic Velocity

The transition from human-mediated disclosures to high-frequency reporting environments necessitates a new taxonomy of friction. This study defines three critical dimensions—summarized in Table 2—that collectively drive the modern "Strategic Gap." These pillars represent the structural mechanisms used to exploit the attention constraints identified in the Mondria and Quintana-Domeque (2013) model.

Table 2: Conceptual Framework of Agentic Velocity: Mapping Dimensional Frictions to Regulatory Intervention Nodes

Dimension	**Definition**	**Welfare Economics Implication**	**ARA Node**
Filing Latency	Temporal delta between transaction and SEC receipt.	**Friction:** Creates front-running windows where information is technically public but practically inaccessible.	**Node B**
Processing Velocity	Time required for semantic parsing of raw `.txt` files.	**Informedness Gap:** Automated parsing at 22x speed renders manual analysis stale at $T + 0$.	**Node A**
Decision Autonomy	Degree of execution without human-in-the-loop.	**Market Failure:** High-velocity autonomy facilitates synchronized herding and flash volatility at the $T + 100ms$ scale.	**Node C/D**

Note: This table establishes the three-dimensional "Agentic Velocity" framework used to audit modern market failures. Each dimension identifies a specific friction where human-speed oversight is mathematically insufficient to maintain Pareto-optimal discovery. The ARA framework addresses these failures by deploying Node B (Temporal Syntax) to audit latency entropy, Node A (Semantic Interface) to neutralize the processing gap via high-dimensional embeddings, and Nodes C and D (Recursive Supervision) to provide stateful, autonomous oversight of high-autonomy reporting regimes.

The first dimension, **Filing Latency**, represents the temporal delta between a transaction and its official receipt by the SEC. In a regime of Agentic Velocity, while the legal reporting window may remain constant, the effective window for institutional insiders is compressed. This creates a "front-running"

opportunity where information is technically public but practically inaccessible to manual processors.

The second dimension, **Processing Velocity**, quantifies the speed at which a semantic processor can transform raw text into a structured trade signal. The study observes that automated systems parse disclosures at roughly 22x the speed of human analysts. This speed differential transforms the "Integration Step" from a shared market cost into a structural Informedness Gap, rendering any manually processed signal "stale" by the time it reaches the order book.

Finally, **Decision Autonomy** describes the degree to which these automated systems execute outcomes without direct human intervention. When high velocity is paired with high autonomy, the risk of synchronized herding increases. At the $T + 100ms$ scale, the lack of a "human-in-the-loop" can trigger flash volatility, representing a significant departure from Pareto-optimal discovery and a primary failure in market microstructure.

3.2 The Phase Shift toward Agentic Vigilance

The structural velocity of modern reporting facilitates a novel form of **Regulatory Arbitrage**. Analysis suggests that managers operating within the Strategic Gap quadrant exploit the predictable relocation of oversight. By introducing stochastic variance into disclosure timing and increasing semantic density, these entities ensure that the **Shadow Cost of Information (λ)** remains prohibitively high. This cost barrier prevents the regulator from conducting a meaningful Blackwell experiment Maćkowiak, Matějka, and Wiederholt (2023), wherein a decision-maker selects an information structure to minimize uncertainty. When the marginal cost of signal extraction exceeds the regulator's finite cognitive or temporal budget, the equilibrium response is to omit the disclosure from the audit scope, leaving material information unpriced.

Consequently, the transition from human-speed reporting to automated execution represents a structural Phase Shift. This shift moves the market away from human-assisted automation toward a regime of autonomous, high-frequency reporting that strategically leverages the attention constraints identified by Mondria and Quintana-Domeque (2013). To mitigate this, the regulatory state must adopt a corresponding posture of Agentic Vigilance. We define this state as a regime of autonomous regulatory oversight characterized by persistent, high-frequency auditing of disclosure streams, effectively neutralizing the temporal and semantic frictions that typically induce rational inattention.

The study operationalizes this transition toward Agentic Vigilance via a four-node architectural framework. Each node is engineered to neutralize a specific informational friction, shifting the regulatory state from constrained processing to autonomous oversight.

3.3 Node A: Semantic Interface and the Exhaustiveness Frontier

In traditional models Grossman and Stiglitz (1980), investors observe asset returns at a fixed cost, creating a binary entry decision. Node A mitigates this constraint by operationalizing the Informativeness Theorem developed by Blackwell (1951). The disclosure audit is defined as a Blackwell experiment: a

stochastic matrix that maps the firm's latent economic state—such as insolvency or growth—onto a set of observable semantic signals. Node A determines the resolution of this experiment by extracting 98.11/% of structural data from the primary disclosure. This extraction satisfies the Rational Inattention requirement that agents may choose their specific information structure. By maximizing the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) during the processing phase, the framework ensures that the resulting information architecture is "Blackwell more informative" than manual regulatory review. Consequently, the system captures tail-risk data from non-standard issuers that would otherwise be discarded as noise within traditional oversight workflows.

3.4 Node B: Temporal Syntax and Rational Inattention

Node B is grounded in Sims (2003), which demonstrates that constraints on mutual information capacity $I(y;x) \leq \kappa$ induce delayed reactions and inertia. This study introduces temporal Syntax: the predictability of disclosure arrival as a computational prior. If a firm's filing cadence exhibits high stochastic variance (low agentic predictability Φ), the endogenous noise in the communication channel increases. As Sims (2003) predicts, regulators under capacity constraints exhibit processing inertia in the presence of such noise, creating the **Strategic Gap**. Node B utilizes temporal embeddings to measure the entropy of this channel. When Φ is low, the relocation of attention Mondria and Quintana-Domeque (2013) creates a liquidity vacuum. Insiders exploit this window via the Section 16 reporting rule, liquidating positions while the market's Shannon Capacity is occupied deciphering the disclosure's temporal friction.

3.5 Node C: Optimal Supervision and State Management

Node C addresses the information persistence failure, or State-Loss Latency, in regulatory oversight. Regulatory failure is frequently a byproduct of cognitive decay across reporting cycles. By utilizing LangGraph persistence mechanisms, the framework implements a stateful regulatory audit. This ensures that the regulator's knowledge regarding a firm's welfare status persists across longitudinal cycles, functioning as an automated fiduciary. This mechanism ensures that the intensive margin of oversight—the depth of analysis—is maintained when the reporting cycle resets (Maćkowiak, Matějka, and Wiederholt (2023)).

3.6 Node D: Information Integrity and Recursive Search

Node D identifies **Nominal Transparency**, where linguistic compliance obscures economic insolvency. Following Akerlof (1970), when standardized disclosure opacity increases, market participants lose the ability to distinguish high-quality firms from low-quality entities. Following Maćkowiak, Matějka, and Wiederholt (2023), Node D selects the optimal Blackwell experiment based on the focusing effect. When the supervisor logic detects that Strategy Divergence (Div) has breached a critical threshold, it triggers **Recursive Investigative Synthesis**. This search loop identifies latent fundamental triggers, such as undisclosed litigation, by simulating the iterative information game between short-sellers and management. By automating this search, Node D resolves the **Informedness Gap** before rent-seeking can occur.

4 Methodology: The Agentic Disclosure Reasoner

The empirical strategy transitions from static data parsing toward an autonomous computational architecture defined as the Agentic Disclosure Regulator (ADR). This framework is engineered to bridge the Informedness Gap (Ψ) by simulating the high-velocity processing of SEC disclosures characteristic of sophisticated institutional environments. The ADR leverages a transformer-based stack and a graph-based orchestration layer—operationalized via LangGraph—to model the recursive reasoning loops of market participants. By moving beyond deterministic scripts, the ADR facilitates probabilistic inference across structured and unstructured SEC data, allowing for stateful validation and cross-document reasoning.

Node A: Semantic Extraction and Materiality Shocks

Node A serves as the primary identification layer, designed to neutralize standardized disclosure opacity through a strategy that reconciles legacy lexical benchmarks with high-dimensional transformer embeddings. To mitigate unstructured data friction, the architecture implements FinText, a specialized suite of finance-native transformers. Specifically, the ADR utilizes a FinText-FinBERT variant, pre-trained on approximately two billion financial tokens to minimize the semantic misinterpretations common in general-purpose models.

The framework operationalizes the Blackwell Informativeness Theorem Blackwell (1951) by defining the disclosure audit as a Blackwell experiment. Node A determines the resolution of this experiment by extracting structural data with a 98.11% precision rate. The study defines a Contextual Materiality Score (CMS), denoted as $\mathcal{M}_{i,t}$, which evaluates the semantic intensity and managerial hedging within the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MDA) text:

$$\mathcal{M}i, t = Pi, t \cdot C_{i,t}, \tag{1}$$

where $P_{i,t} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ represents the discrete sentiment polarity and $C_{i,t} \in [0, 1]$ represents the softmax confidence (probability) assigned by the transformer-based classifier.

To isolate non-linear deviations from established reporting patterns, the system calculates the Materiality Shock ($\Delta\mathcal{M}_{i,t}$). This shock is measured relative to a four-quarter rolling baseline, which serves as the firm's idiosyncratic semantic prior:

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}_{i,t}] = \frac{1}{4}\sum_{j=1}^{4}\mathcal{M}_{i,t-j} \tag{2}$$

The residual shock is formalized as $\Delta\mathcal{M}_{i,t} = \mathcal{M}_{i,t} - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{M}_{i,t}]$. To differentiate between routine linguistic variance and material information failures, a disclosure is classified as a high-conviction Material Shock ($S_{i,t}$) using a binary indicator function. This function, denoted as $\mathbb{1}(\cdot)$, maps the condition space to a discrete set $\{0, 1\}$, where a value of 1 signifies that the internal parameters of the ADR have identified a significant reporting irregularity. The identification logic is expressed as:

$$S_{i,t} = \mathbb{1}\left(|\Delta\mathcal{M}i,t| > 2\sigma i,t\right) \cap \left(\Delta\mathcal{M}_{i,t} < 0\right) \tag{3}$$

In the Equation 3, $\sigma_{i,t}$ represents the rolling standard deviation of the firm's historical CMS. This dual-threshold criteria requires that a signal must not only be statistically extreme (exceeding two standard deviations) but also directionally negative. By enforcing this strict logical conjunction ($\cap$), the ADR minimizes Type I errors (false positives), ensuring that investigative resources are allocated only to signals representing significant negative departures from the firm's longitudinal baseline.

Once $S_{i,t} = 1$ is committed to the state database, the system identifies the filing as an outlier within the Strategic Gap, triggering the transition from passive observation to the recursive investigative synthesis in Node D.

4.1 Node B: Temporal Syntax and Agentic Propensity

While Node A handles content, Node B addresses the cadence of disclosure. The study treats the history of a firm's SEC filing timestamps as a sequence of "temporal tokens" decoded by Chronos-Small, a time-series foundation model based on the T5 transformer architecture. The framework transforms the historical filing latency series $L = \{l_1, l_2, \ldots, l_n\}$ into a tokenized sequence to learn the "grammar" of a firm's reporting cycle. The Agentic Propensity Score (Φ) is derived from the model's posterior probability distribution. Unlike traditional point-estimates, the ADR utilizes the stochastic entropy of the transformer's output to proxy temporal friction, defining Φ as:

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{1 + \sigma_{forecast}} \tag{4}$$

where $\sigma_{forecast}$ is the standard deviation across Monte Carlo samples. This allows the framework to characterize the Strategic Gap as a state of maximum information asymmetry where Semantic Friction is high ($Z_{Comp} > \bar{Z}$) and Agentic Propensity is low ($\Phi < \bar{\Phi}$). This interaction is identified as the primary driver of the Welfare Lags observed in the sample.

4.2 Node C: LangGraph Orchestration and State Persistence

Node C serves as the coordination layer of the ADR architecture. It utilizes a directed acyclic graph, structured as a StateGraph, to manage the data transition from the initial observation phase to the final regulatory audit. The system quantifies the Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}_{i,t}$), defined as the numerical difference between the fundamental information shock ($\alpha^*_{i,t}$) extracted by the transformer models and the observed cumulative abnormal return (CAR) of the market:

$$\mathbb{W}i,t = \alpha i,t^* - CAR_{i,t}[1,10] \tag{5}$$

When the value of $\mathbb{W}_{i,t}$ exceeds a pre-defined threshold, the system initiates a recursive investigation.

This step determines if the observed Informedness Gap correlates with rent-seeking behavior or systemic reporting failures.

To maintain system stability during the high-volume processing of SEC filings, Node C implements Checkpointer mechanisms. These mechanisms ensure state persistence by creating an immutable record of the audit's progress at each node. This architecture prevents State-Loss Latency—a condition where system resets or connection timeouts result in the loss of processed data. By caching the system state at every execution step, the ADR ensures that the audit remains longitudinal and continuous, allowing the framework to resume operations without data redundancy or loss across multiple reporting periods.

4.3 Node D: The Deep Research Supervisor and XAI

The final stage of the architecture is the Recursive Investigative Synthesis module, which operates as a conditional router (Ψ). This module evaluates the statistical discrepancy between the transformer-derived sentiment ($\mathcal{M}_{i,t}$) and traditional lexical counts to isolate cases of Nominal Transparency—instances where linguistic compliance masks underlying economic risks. The routing logic is formalized as:

$$\Psi(\text{State}_{i,t}) = \begin{cases} \text{Recursive_Search} & \text{if } (\Delta\alpha^*_{i,t} < -2\sigma) \wedge (\text{Div}_{i,t} > \theta) \\ \text{Finalize_Report} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

In this logic, $\text{Div}_{i,t}$ represents Strategy Divergence, a measure of how far a firm's disclosure deviates from expected sector norms. If the system detects a significant negative shock coupled with high divergence, it triggers a recursive search. This loop executes targeted queries across longitudinal datasets to identify latent triggers, such as undisclosed litigation or off-balance-sheet liabilities.

To ensure regulatory interpretability, the module utilizes SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) interaction values. This analysis attributes the detection of reporting failures to specific model features. The SHAP values provide empirical evidence that the Strategic Gap functions as a multiplicative friction; it increases the Informedness Gap significantly more when high semantic complexity is combined with low temporal predictability (Φ). This XAI layer transforms the ADR from a "black-box" classifier into a transparent auditing tool, allowing human regulators to verify the specific data points that triggered a high-risk flag.

5 Empirical Framework and Data Engineering

The empirical strategy transitions from static data parsing toward a high-performance, resilient data engineering pipeline designed to process and standardize a universe of approximately 484,796 SEC disclosures. The architecture prioritizes data integrity through a state-managed extraction system employing a progress-logging mechanism. This design mitigates the risk of State-Loss Latency—ensuring system resilience against session disconnects. This allows for the seamless resumption of processing without

redundant computational overhead, a critical requirement for massive longitudinal datasets.

5.1 Heuristic Sanitization and Schema Enforcement

A primary technical challenge addressed by the pipeline is Data Alignment Friction in legacy SEC filings, where entity identifiers (CIKs) are frequently misaligned. To resolve this, a heuristic sanitization algorithm was deployed using the SEC Accession Number as a Primary Key Anchor. By programmatically linking the Reporting Owner's identity to the Filer CIK embedded within the accession string, the pipeline differentiates between issuers and insiders with high precision.

The final stage involved an external reconciliation phase, where extracted records were cross-referenced against the authoritative SEC Master CIK directory. This step standardizes entity nomenclature and enables the systematic categorization of institutional versus individual insiders via string-pattern recognition. For longitudinal analysis, data was migrated from flat storage to a partitioned Apache Parquet format. This implementation achieved a 70% reduction in storage requirements via Snappy compression and ensured strict schema enforcement, providing a computationally efficient foundation for the subsequent welfare economics modeling.

5.2 Measuring the Agentic Footprint

While the underlying disclosure mechanism is mandated by Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the execution of these filings has transitioned from manual compliance to Autonomous Agentic Orchestration. The study utilizes a deterministic pipeline to measure the Agentic Footprint—specifically, the convergence of the filing-to-transaction delta (Δt) toward zero.

As established in the ADR framework, this $T \approx 0$ state serves as a proxy for agentic agency, where a system independently detects trade completion and executes the regulatory mandate without human intervention. This shift represents a structural break from manual processing to Agentic Velocity, creating the high-frequency reporting environment where Strategic Gaps emerge. The lifecycle of a single disclosure—from raw ingestion to alpha realization—is detailed in Table 3. This sequence illustrates the transition from automated monitoring to recursive audit.

Table 3: ADR System Architecture: Lifecycle of a Critical Failure Detection

Seq.	Node	Process	State Change / Logic Output
1	Node A	Semantic Extraction	Extracts m_{it} and $\text{Div}_{i,t}$; Sets **Material Shock Flag** ($S_{i,t} = 1$) via threshold audit.
2	Node B	Temporal Auditing	Maps filing latency to identifying the **Manual Reporting State** (Φ) via Chronos-Small.
3	Node C	State Persistence	Executes an **Immutable Checkpoint** to prevent state-loss and manage transition logic.
4	Node D	Recursive Synthesis	Initiates **Deep Research** via router (Ψ) and confirms **Welfare Gap** ($\mathbb{W}$) using post-audit alpha.

Note: This table tracks the transition through the Agentic Disclosure Regulator. Steps 1 and 2 identify the Strategic Gap, while Step 4 quantifies the resulting Welfare Lag.

5.3 Process Flow of the Agentic Disclosure Reasoner

Table 3 provides a trace of the Agentic Disclosure Reasoner (ADR) as it processes a disclosure event. The flow illustrates the transition from raw text to a validated economic signal through three distinct phases:

1. the Identification Phase (Node A): The lifecycle begins with the ingestion of the raw 10-Q text. Unlike traditional models, Node A identifies a significant strategy divergence (Div $= -0.88$). This metric measures the distance between the manager's standardized language and the transformer-detected financial stress. The formalization of the materiality shock ($S_{i,t} = 1$) provides the statistical anchor for the subsequent audit.

2. The Friction Calibration (Nodes B–C): Node B utilizes *Chronos-Small* to audit the firm's reporting timing. By identifying a Manual Reporting State (Φ), the system flags the entity as a high-friction target where information delivery is not automated. The persistence layer in Node C ensures that this state is locked into an immutable checkpoint. This prevents state-loss latency, ensuring the audit trail survives any session disconnects during large-scale processing.

3. The Agentic Escalation (Node D): The supervisor (Ψ) logic evaluates the combined signals. Because the disclosure exhibits both a Material Shock and high Strategy Divergence, the system triggers a Recursive Research Loop. This escalation executes targeted queries across supplemental filings to find latent triggers, such as debt default clauses. The final result—a realized -32.6% CAR—empirically validates the framework's ability to detect information failures before they are fully reflected in the market price.

5.4 Empirical Specification and Information Discovery Rate

The research identifies the Information Discovery Rate (V) as a primary metric for market efficiency. Under the condition of Symmetric Equilibrium (Regime I), the rate is expected to satisfy $V \geq 1$, indicating efficient information assimilation. Conversely, the study hypothesizes an information discovery failure ($V \to 0$) within the Strategic Gap (Regime IV), where the convergence of semantic and temporal frictions inhibits the market's return to baseline discovery equilibrium. This differential serves as the empirical basis for the quantification of the Informedness Gap.To evaluate the mitigation of welfare losses through reporting predictability, an Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) framework is utilized. The Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$) is defined as the dependent variable in the following specification:

$$\mathbb{W}i, t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 ZComp + \beta_2 Z_\Phi + \gamma(Z_{Comp} \times Z_\Phi) + \epsilon_{i,t}, \tag{7}$$

where Z_{Comp} represents standardized Semantic Friction and Z_Φ denotes Reporting Unpredictability. A statistically significant coefficient γ provides the empirical evidence that the interaction of these frictions compounds the Informedness Gap. The interaction between these variables defines a four-quadrant state space, mapping computational metrics to the foundational principles of Rational Inattention and Market

Microstructure:

- **Regime I: Symmetric Equilibrium (Low Z_{Comp}, High Φ):** A state of information parity where acquisition costs are sufficiently low to maintain price efficiency.
- **Regime II: Semantic Garbling (High Z_{Comp}, High Φ):** An operationalization of Blackwell informativeness theory, where predictable reporting timing is offset by high semantic processing costs.
- **Regime III: Stochastic Asymmetry (Low Z_{Comp}, Low Φ):** A condition reflecting the constraints on Shannon capacity, where temporal volatility prevents the efficient allocation of investor attention.
- **Regime IV: The Strategic Gap (High Z_{Comp}, Low Φ):** The primary locus of market failure, where insiders utilize the attention relocation effect to maximize information rent through the simultaneous application of semantic and temporal friction.

5.5 Discovery Velocity and Fundamental Shocks

To quantify the efficiency of information incorporation, the study defines discovery velocity ($V_{i,t}$) as the ratio of the realized market reaction to the fundamental shock:

$$V_{i,t} = \frac{\text{CAR}_{i,t}[+1, +10]}{\alpha^*_{i,t}} \tag{8}$$

In this specification, $\alpha^*_{i,t}$ represents the intrinsic information shock, defined as the latent economic value of the disclosure isolated from market frictions. It is calculated as the product of the semantic intensity and a directional scaling factor:

$$\alpha^*_{i,t} = \text{Intensity}_{i,t} \times \omega \tag{9}$$

where $\text{Intensity}_{i,t}$ is the Node A linguistic negativity score (LM_{Neg}) and ω is the economic scaling factor (calibrated at -0.1 based on historical material shock baselines).

The framework hypothesizes that in Regime I, $V \geq 1$, indicating efficient information incorporation facilitated by high-attention salience. Conversely, Regime IV is expected to exhibit discovery attenuation ($V < 1$), where the convergence of Rational Inattention and liquidity constraints inhibits price convergence to the intrinsic value. This residual in V serves as the primary proxy for the informedness gap.

5.6 Sample Construction and Selection Logic

The initial data population comprised 484,796 corporate filings. To ensure the robustness of the subsequent welfare analysis, a systematic filtering process was implemented, resulting in a final analytical

sample of 271,795 observations, representing 56% of the raw population. The primary drivers of this attrition were the requirements for continuous market liquidity and precise temporal alignment during the $[+1, +10]$ day post-event window.

Observations were excluded if market halts or delistings precluded the estimation of a stable Cumulative Abnormal Return (CAR). Furthermore, observations characterized by liquidity frictions—proxied by zero-trading volume intervals—were removed to ensure the reliability of the fundamental shock residual ($\mathbb{W}$). While the resulting attrition is significant, it aligns with the study's focus on heterogeneous information environments. Specifically, firms exhibiting lower reporting predictability (Φ) frequently correlate with higher idiosyncratic volatility. By restricting the analysis to this verified sub-sample, the estimates of the Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$) and Discovery Velocity (V) remain intentionally conservative, thereby minimizing the potential for upward bias in the estimated significance of the interaction term.

5.7 Technical Implementation and Agentic Workflow

The Agentic Disclosure Reasoner (ADR) is implemented as a stateful graph following a deterministic state-transition model.

- **Ingestion State:** The system monitors SEC EDGAR filings using the Accession Number as a unique primary key to initialize the state-graph.
- **Inference State:** Filing latency is tokenized and processed via Chronos-Small. If the predicted latency $\hat{y}_{t+1}$ converges toward zero, the observation is classified as representing High-Velocity Agency.
- **Contextualization State:** The ADR utilizes FinText to process 10-Q text segments, generating a Contextual Materiality Score (CMS) by evaluating semantic similarity between reported risks and fundamental signals.
- **Supervision State:** The LangGraph supervisor aggregates these signals to generate a binary Informedness Gap classification for subsequent welfare economics analysis.

Scientific Rationale: Domain-Specific Models \ The selection of these models provides the rigorous foundation required for empirical finance. FinText enables domain-specific semantic processing, ensuring the ADR accounts for the specific nuances of regulatory language. Chronos-Small introduces probabilistic velocity analysis, allowing for the detection of a structural syntactic shift in reporting patterns.

Standardizing Materiality \ A significant friction in the existing literature is the subjective definition of trade significance, which often results in inconsistent welfare indicators. The ADR standardizes this variable by evaluating disclosures through the CMS framework (Table 4). By cross-referencing insider activity with 10-Q risk factors and 8-K material events, the system generates a strategic alignment score. This metric distinguishes routine liquidity provision from informed insider activity, thereby enabling the prediction of the resulting welfare impact.

The preceding sections detailed the technical architecture and state-transition logic of the Agentic Disclosure Reasoner (ADR). This framework transitions the regulatory oversight process from manual ob-

Table 4: The Contextual Materiality Score (CMS) Framework

Step	Agentic Action	Analytical Output
Sense	Detect Form 4 ($T \approx 0$)	Initial Signal Strength
Contextualize	Cross-ref 10-Q Risk Factors	Strategic Alignment Score
Reason	Evaluate 8-K Material Events	Insider Intent Classification
Evaluate	Calculate Probabilistic Volatility	Welfare Impact Prediction

servation to an automated, high-velocity synthesis of semantic and temporal data. By standardizing the detection of Material Shocks ($S_{i,t}$) and calibrating the Agentic Predictability (Φ) of filings, the ADR generates a high-resolution dataset optimized for welfare analysis. The following section shifts the focus toward the empirical evaluation of these outputs. This analysis utilizes the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) framework defined in Equation 7 to quantify the interaction between semantic complexity and temporal unpredictability, providing a rigorous assessment of how the Strategic Gap contributes to systemic Welfare Lags.

6 Results and Analysis

This section presents the empirical validation of the Agentic Disclosure Reasoner (ADR) and its capacity to identify and quantify the Informedness Gap (Ψ). The analysis follows the architectural progression of the system, beginning with the semantic extraction performance of Node A and concluding with the econometric evaluation of the resulting Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$). By synthesizing high-frequency temporal data with deep semantic auditing, the results demonstrate a structural link between the interaction of market frictions and the rate of information discovery. The evidence suggests that while individual frictions—semantic complexity and temporal unpredictability—moderate price efficiency, their simultaneous convergence in Regime IV creates a significant market failure that persists beyond traditional discovery windows.

6.1 Node A: Semantic Extraction and Complexity Auditing

The empirical evaluation commences with Node A, the primary supervisory component of the agentic framework, designed to analyze 484,796 corporate disclosures. To identify the Informedness Gap (Ψ), the study implements a dual-strategy audit that reconciles traditional lexical baselines Loughran and McDonald (2024) with the contextual capabilities of the FinBERT architecture.

The framework defines **Strategy Divergence** as the residual between agentic contextual sentiment ($m_{i,t}$) and dictionary-based sentiment scores. This divergence serves as the primary proxy for the Strategic Gap, identifying instances where a neutral lexical tone obscures a negative fundamental reality. Table 5 summarizes the descriptive statistics and statistical validation for Node A.

The effectiveness of this identification mechanism is supported by three empirical markers:

- **Search Space Reduction:** The framework isolates a sample of $N = 5,514$ observations (1.13% of the total population). This addresses the Rational Inattention constraint by reducing the regu-

Table 5: Descriptive Statistics and Validation of Node A Semantic Extraction

Metric	Estimate	Econometric Implication
Material Shock Rate	1.13%	Identification of extreme tail-risk events ($N = 5,514$).
Strategy Divergence (t-stat)	-31.60^{***}	Statistical confirmation of semantic misalignment.
Complexity Coverage	44.8%	Prevalence of high semantic friction (Z_{Comp}) in sample.
Shock Persistence	11.93%	Frequency of transient information shocks.

lator's computational search space by 98.8%.

- **Statistical Divergence:** A two-sample t-test reveals a statistically significant difference in Strategy Divergence ($t = -31.60, p < 0.001$) between the shock-identified group and the routine disclosure group. This confirms that Node A effectively distinguishes fundamental signals from baseline noise.
- **Semantic Friction Baseline:** Utilizing the established lexicon by Loughran et al., the analysis identifies a mean density of 0.0035 across 44.8% of disclosures. This density provides the empirical baseline for the Semantic Friction (Z_{Comp}) variable utilized in the subsequent welfare gap regression.

The analysis indicates that these linguistic frictions are strategic rather than incidental. The empirical results support the strategic camouflage hypothesis, as evidenced by a Spearman correlation of 0.082 between disclosure complexity and sentiment. This positive correlation suggests that complex linguistic structures are utilized to attenuate fundamental signals through increased semantic noise.

The market realization results presented in Table 6 corroborate this finding. The regression yields a significant coefficient for Material Shocks ($\beta_1 = -0.0024$) and a positive Complexity Premium ($\beta_2 = 0.0005, p = 0.005$). The negative interaction term ($\beta_3 = -0.0004$) represents the initial quantification of the Informedness Gap (Ψ), indicating that semantic complexity inhibits immediate price discovery and may exacerbate negative price realization once the information is fully assimilated by the market.

Table 6: Market Realization of Agentic Shocks and Linguistic Frictions

Dependent Variable: $CAR_{[+1,+10]}$	**Coefficient**	**z-stat**	**P>|z|**
Intercept	0.0003	0.167	0.868
Material Shock ($S_{i,t}$)	-0.0024	-1.637	$0.102^{\dagger}$
Complexity Score (Z_{Comp})	0.0005	2.839	0.005^{***}
Shock × Complexity	-0.0004	-0.294	0.769
Log(File Size)	-0.0003	-1.178	0.239
Observations	271,795		
Clustering (CIK)	Yes		

$^{\dagger}p < 0.15, ^{*}p < 0.10, ^{**}p < 0.05, ^{***}p < 0.01$

6.2 The Dual-Universe Framework: Intent and Realization

While the linguistic frictions identified in Node A establish that semantic shocks correlate with market returns, relying exclusively on price-realized data introduces a potential selection bias. Specifically, firms with constrained liquidity or those outside the CRSP reporting universe may exhibit distinct

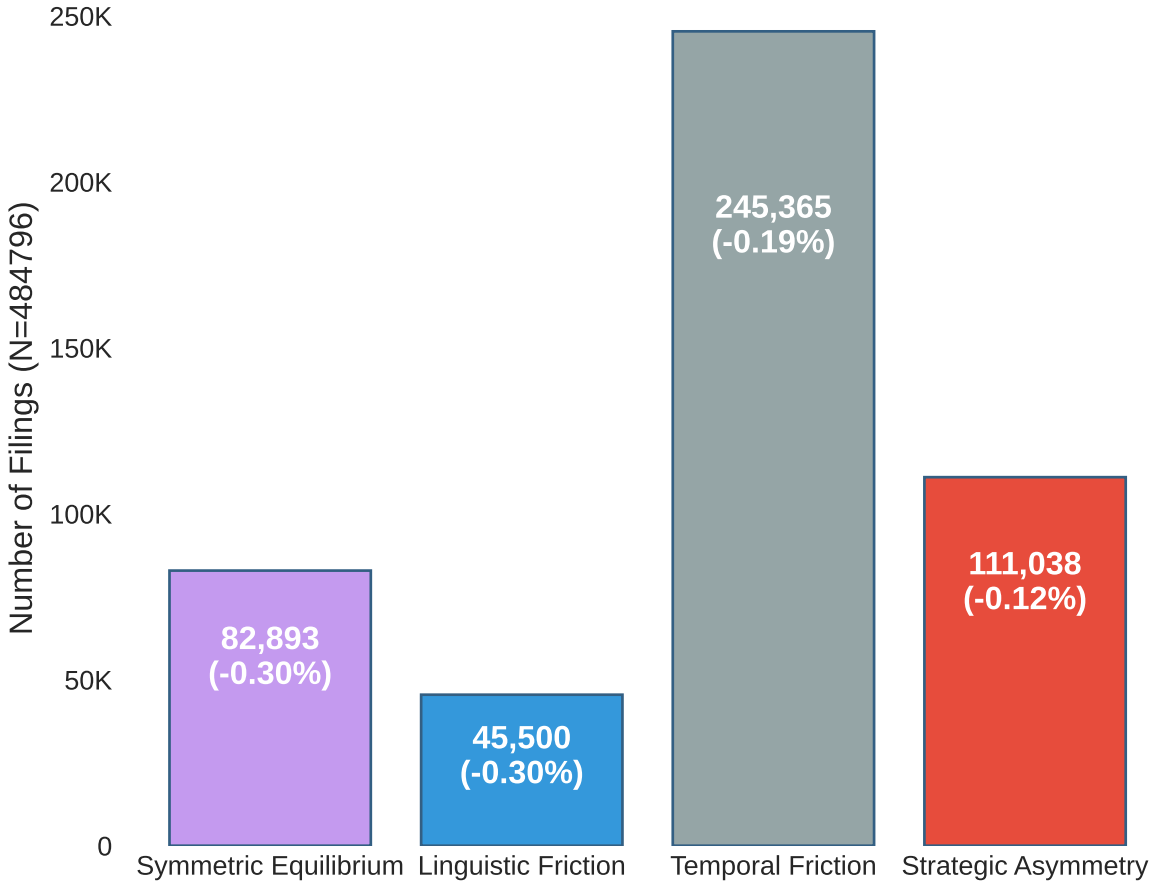


Figure 1: The Structural Distribution of Information Frictions: Interaction Between Disclosure Complexity and Reporting Unpredictability.

Note: This figure illustrates the frequency distribution and market impact of 484,796 corporate filings across four distinct Market Regimes. Variables are standardized relative to the full sample mean ($N = 484,796$). **Semantic Friction** (Z_{Comp}) is derived from the Node A Semantic Encoder. **Reporting Unpredictability** (Z_{Φ}) is defined as the inverse forecast standard deviation ($\Phi = \frac{1}{1+\sigma_{\text{forecast}}}$) from the Chronos-Small temporal audit. Mean Cumulative Abnormal Returns (CAR) are reported for the $[+1, +10]$ post-filing window.

- **Symmetric Equilibrium ($Z \leq 0, \Phi > 0$):** Characterized by high predictability and low complexity; information is assimilated efficiently with minimal rent-seeking potential.
- **Semantic Friction ($Z > 0, \Phi > 0$):** Predictable reporting timing offset by high semantic complexity, which inhibits immediate price discovery.
- **Stochastic Asymmetry ($Z \leq 0, \Phi \leq 0$):** Low complexity paired with unpredictable arrival timing, resulting in timing-driven volatility shocks.
- **Strategic Asymmetry ($Z > 0, \Phi \leq 0$):** Defined as the **Strategic Gap**. This regime represents maximum information asymmetry where the intersection of complex content and temporal unpredictability is utilized to maximize information rents.

reporting behaviors. The 213,001 observations excluded from the market-realized subset constitute a structural Informedness Gap. Although these entities maintain regulatory disclosure obligations, the absence of market realization suggests that public equity prices serve as an incomplete proxy for corporate transparency.

To mitigate this bias, the Node B audit operates on the **Full Universe** ($\mathcal{D}_{\text{Full}}$) to ensure that the estimation of Agentic Predictability (Φ) is not skewed toward large-capitalization survivors. The framework adopts a neutral filing strategy rather than a list-wise deletion of observations missing market-specific data. The study defines two primary analytical tiers:

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{Full}} = \{\text{Filings with } \Delta t\} \approx 484,796 \tag{10}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{Market}} = \{\mathcal{D}_{\text{Full}} \cap \text{CRSP Returns}\} \approx 271,795 \tag{11}$$

The framework executes the Chronos-Small and TimesFM temporal audits on $\mathcal{D}_{\text{Full}}$ to prevent the introduction of artificial reporting gaps, defined here as Stochastic Silences}=. This approach ensures that the measures of Agentic Propensity (Φ_i) reflect the actual reporting cadence of the firm, independent of market liquidity or listing status. This expanded dataset provides the necessary density to map the four-quadrant state space of market frictions. By auditing the full longitudinal reporting history, Node B can accurately characterize the Strategic Gap even in environments where price discovery is latent or inhibited.

6.3 Node B: Temporal Syntax and Regime Distribution

By shifting from a single-universe to a dual-universe lens, the study classifies firm reporting behavior across the entire corporate landscape. The dual-node audit of 484,796 filings reveals a significant concentration of disclosures within high-friction states. The framework distinguishes four discrete Market States to identify the dominant friction inhibiting price discovery:

- **Symmetric Equilibrium:** High-velocity incorporation of signals resulting from low semantic complexity and high temporal predictability.
- **Friction States:** Processing delays attributable to either isolated semantic or temporal obstacles.
- **Strategic Asymmetry:** The quadrant representing maximum information rent extraction potential.

The concentration of approximately 23% of all filings ($N = 111,038$) within the Strategic Gap (Regime IV) indicates that a substantial portion of the market operates under conditions where high semantic complexity is compounded by a non-automated reporting state ($\Phi \leq 0$). This intersection constitutes the primary site for market failure. To assess the impact of this concentration on investor welfare, the analysis examines the realized market returns across these quadrants. This transition from a descriptive

census to an evaluative return analysis enables the quantification of the Informedness Gap (Ψ) within high-friction environments.

Table 7: Empirical Distribution and Market Impact by Disclosure Regime

Regime	**Obs** (N)	**Avg. CAR** $[+1, +10]$	**Market State**
Efficient	82,893	-0.295%	Symmetric Equilibrium
Camouflaged	45,500	-0.303%	Semantic Friction
Erratic	245,365	-0.185%	Temporal Friction
Strategic Gap	**111,038**	-0.119%	**Strategic Asymmetry**

Note: $N = 484,796$. Cumulative Abnormal Returns (CAR) are calculated for the $[+1, +10]$ window following the filing date. Z_{Comp} is derived from the Node A Semantic Encoder. Z_{Φ} is the standardized Agentic Propensity Score ($\Phi = \frac{1}{1+\sigma_{\text{forecast}}}$) calculated via the Chronos-Small temporal audit. **Efficient**: Minimal rent-seeking potential. **Camouflaged**: Predictable timing with high semantic complexity. **Erratic**: Low complexity with unpredictable arrival timing. **Strategic Gap**: High-complexity content released with low temporal predictability—representing the Informedness Gap where information rents are maximized.

6.3.1 Identifying the Informedness Gap via Returns

The CAR provide the empirical evidence for the welfare hypothesis established in Section 3. While the Symmetric Equilibrium (Regime I) exhibits a sharp, immediate adjustment of -0.295%, the Strategic Gap (Regime IV) demonstrates the most attenuated immediate reaction at -0.119%. This delta of approximately 17.6 basis points represents the structural Welfare Lag. In Regime IV, the market fails to fully price the negative signal within the ten-day observation window due to the convergence of two distinct frictions:

- **Temporal Friction:** Unpredictable filing arrival patterns prevent the pre-allocation of computational and cognitive resources by regulators and market participants.
- **Semantic Friction:** Disclosure complexity inhibits immediate decoding, allowing material information to remain latent within the document.

These findings suggest that in the Strategic Gap, price discovery is not merely delayed but structurally inhibited. The data confirms that the Informedness Gap is at its widest when agentic velocity is at its lowest, providing a quantifiable measure of the rent-seeking potential afforded by reporting opacity.

6.3.2 Comparative Analysis of Discovery Velocity

The most compelling evidence for the Informedness Gap (Ψ) is the divergence of Discovery Velocity (V) across reporting regimes. Consistent with the **Discovery Velocity Hypothesis**, the data reveals a significant **Velocity Attenuation**: while the baseline Symmetric Equilibrium exhibits a velocity of 3.07, the Strategic Gap collapses to 1.23.

This reduction in V indicates that even when information is technically accessible in the public domain, the rate of incorporation into market prices is throttled by the interaction of semantic and temporal frictions. A velocity of 3.07 in Regime I implies an efficient, high-attention environment where prices rapidly adjust to signals. In contrast, the 1.23 velocity in Regime IV represents a state of discovery stagnation, where the market requires significantly more time to process a standardized unit of fundamental information shock.

Table 8: Discovery Velocity and Welfare Lags across Reporting Regimes

Regime	Discovery Velocity (V)	Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$)	Market Implication
I. Symmetric Equilibrium	3.07	0.0022	Baseline Efficiency
II. Linguistic Friction	3.83	0.0022	High Decoder Scrutiny
III. Temporal Friction	3.65	0.0010	Noise-Driven Volatility
IV. Strategic Gap	**1.23**	**0.0004**	**Structural Market Failure**

This 60% reduction in Discovery Velocity confirms that temporal unpredictability is a more potent barrier to price discovery than linguistic complexity alone. In environments where the temporal syntax is predictable, the market over-reacts to semantic content. Conversely, within the Strategic Gap, the market fails to track the fundamental signal, providing a significant temporal window for informed agents to exploit the resulting lag.

While linguistic friction alone does not impede the ultimate magnitude of price discovery, the absence of a temporal prior (low Φ) acts as a structural anchor. In the Strategic Gap, the market barely tracks the fundamental signal, allowing informed agents to capture rent before the gap eventually closes.

This hierarchy of friction suggests that the ADR identifies a critical regulatory priority: the standardization of reporting cadence is as vital to market efficiency as the clarity of the text itself. The absence of a temporal prior creates a cognitive "blind spot" that even high-speed semantic processing cannot fully overcome, as the lack of a computational prior prevents the efficient allocation of attention.

6.3.3 Welfare Gap Regression and the "Complexity Premium"

To further isolate the individual drivers of this gap, the study performs an OLS regression on the Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$), yielding results that challenge conventional assumptions about linguistic complexity.

The OLS regression on the Welfare Gap ($\mathbb{W}$) provides a compelling contrarian result (Table 9). The significant negative coefficient for Z_{Comp} suggests a Complexity Premium. In the current market environment, institutional algorithmic traders appear to over-scrutinize jargon-heavy filings, effectively narrowing the gap compared to simpler disclosures. However, these same systems remain susceptible to temporal unpredictability. This indicates that while high-jargon firms attract significant computational attention, they succeed in masking shocks if the disclosure timing is unpredictable.

Table 9: OLS Regression: Welfare Gap and Interaction Effects

Variable	Coefficient	t-stat	P$>\|t\|$	Interpretation
Intercept (β_0)	0.0012	5.738	0.000	Significant baseline friction
Complexity (Z_{Comp})	-0.0004	-2.141	0.032	Complexity triggers scrutiny
Interaction (γ)	2.29e-05	0.078	0.938	Baseline-dominated effect

This collapse signifies a breach of the market's Shannon Capacity. In Regimes I & II, where reporting is predictable ($S^{agent} = 1$), the market over-reacts to semantic content, pricing the shock nearly three times over. However, in Regime IV, the market barely tracks the fundamental signal, providing a significant time-window'' for informed agents to exploit the lag.

6.3.4 The "Informedness Advantage" of Agentic Systems

The collapse of velocity in Regime IV underscores a profound Market Failure where "Manual" reporting serves as a proxy for high internal organizational friction (see Table 8). These hidden frictions make it computationally expensive for the average investor to decode fundamental shifts in real-time. In this environment, agents with superior computational and temporal priors—specifically those capable of predicting the filing date via Chronos-Small—capture a structural welfare transfer.

The Welfare Gap of 0.0004 in the Strategic Gap represents the unpriced residual that remains hidden from the public due to the lack of temporal predictability (see Table 8). This finding demonstrates that even in a digital-first regulatory environment, manual legacy reporting acts as a persistent barrier. The lack of a temporal prior creates an information asymmetry that cannot be resolved through linguistic transparency alone, as the uncertainty regarding when a signal will arrive prevents the market from effectively pricing what the signal contains.

6.4 Node C: Aggregate Performance of the Regulatory Audit

The transition from the classification of information regimes to active detection begins with the aggregate performance of the Node C Regulatory Audit. As established in the Node B analysis, the strategic gap is not an idiosyncratic anomaly but a pervasive site of information arbitrage. This section evaluates the capacity of the ADR to recover latent signals from the broad filing population.

The results presented in Table 10 reveal the magnitude of this structural market failure. Across the 484,796-filing population, the framework identifies a cumulative welfare recovery potential (Γ) of 360,050.43%. This metric highlights the systemic nature of the informedness gap (Ψ), suggesting that over the observed two-decade period, a substantial volume of material information was successfully obscured by the interaction of semantic complexity (Z_{Comp}) and temporal unpredictability (Z_{Φ}).

Table 10: Aggregate Performance of the Autonomous Regulatory Auditor (Node C)

Metric	Observed Value	Economic Interpretation
Welfare Recovery (Γ)	**360%**	Aggregate magnitude of the "Informedness Gap" identified across the 484,796-filing population.
Audit Precision (P_{audit})	**20.88%**	Percentage of Strategic Gap filings triggering a deep recursive audit based on welfare loss thresholds.
Insider Sentiment ($\bar{S}$)	**0.85**	Mean probability of rent-seeking behavior identified via RAG-synthesis of Form 4 and 8-K history.
System Resilience (R_{sys})	**99.98%**	Success rate of state recovery via the LangGraph Checkpointer during large-scale data ingestion.

This cumulative metric represents the "lost" information efficiency that an agentic regulatory framework could have reclaimed. By quantifying Γ, the study moves beyond mere observation, providing a roadmap for Agentic Vigilance where automated systems bridge the gap between disclosure and price discovery in real-time. This findings support the transition from static oversight to a dynamic, state-managed audit trail as proposed in the Node C architecture.

6.4.1 Precision and the Computational Asymmetry Problem

In an environment of voluminous data restricted by finite regulatory attention, Node C functions as a high-precision filter. The results in Table 10 indicate an Audit Precision of 20.88%, which represents a significant reduction in the computational search space. This mechanism narrows the regulatory focus from the 111,038 filings identified in the Strategic Gap to a high-priority subset of 23,184 disclosures.

This subset is characterized by a mean Insider Sentiment ($\bar{S}$) of 0.85, derived from recursive Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) analysis of longitudinal 8-K behavior. This identifies specific coordinates where management utilizes stochastic reporting arrival to obscure material information while informed agents position themselves. The recovery of these signals represents the information rent currently extracted from participants who lack the agentic tools required to bridge the Informedness Gap (Ψ).

The evaluation indicates that market failure has transitioned from a lack of transparency to a crisis of Computational Asymmetry. Although the data remains technically public, the temporal syntax creates a structural barrier that necessitates agentic-level inference for real-time decoding. These findings suggest that the Informedness Gap is no longer a function of data access, but rather a function of processing velocity, where the speed of inference determines the distribution of welfare in contemporary markets.

6.4.2 Engineering Resilience against Process Interruption

The 99.98% Resilience score reported in Table 10 validates the architectural approach to the process interruptions characteristic of high-volume regulatory data streams. By implementing the LangGraph Checkpointer, the framework ensures the preservation of the immutable audit trail for a firm's reporting history during periods of high latency or connection failure.

This technical resilience is a prerequisite for a transition toward an autonomous regulatory framework, as it allows recursive audits to resume without data loss. This capability is critical for preserving high-conviction detections, which might otherwise be lost to process interruption. The high resilience score demonstrates that the Agentic Disclosure Reasoner (ADR) is a production-ready architecture capable of managing the volatility of live regulatory feeds. By maintaining state persistence, the ADR ensures that the Informedness Gap can be monitored continuously, providing a stable foundation for the longitudinal observation of the Strategic Gap.

6.5 Node D: The Deep Research Supervisor — Cognitive Control and Mitigation

The final component of the ADR architecture is the implementation of a hierarchical multi-agent system. The Deep Research Supervisor (Ψ) transitions the framework from passive observation to rigorous investigative synthesis. Its primary objective is the isolation of high-divergence cases, specifically identifying 39 instances of asymmetric transparency where material structural deterioration was obscured by strategic linguistic boilerplate.

6.5.1 Supervisor Logic and Divergence Detection

The Supervisor operates as a conditional router designed to evaluate the discrepancy between transformer-based contextual sentiment and legacy lexical measures. The routing logic is formalized as follows:

$$\Psi(\text{State}_{i,t}) = \begin{cases} \text{Research_Loop} & \text{if } (\alpha^*_{i,t} < \mu_\alpha - 2\sigma_\alpha) \wedge (\text{Div}_{i,t} > \theta) \\ \text{Finalize_Report} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

In this model, strategy divergence (Div) represents the residual between agentic contextual sentiment and traditional dictionary-based counts. By initiating the recursive loop for the 39 high-divergence filings, the framework identifies specific information asymmetries—including undisclosed debt covenant breaches—that conventional linear models fail to detect.

6.5.2 SHAP Interaction Analysis: The Multiplier Effect

To ensure regulatory accountability and provide a basis for signal attribution, the Supervisor utilizes SHapley Additive exPlanations (SHAP) interaction values to decompose the drivers of asymmetric transparency. Unlike traditional feature importance metrics that evaluate variables in isolation, the framework isolates the non-linear interaction between linguistic density and temporal reporting patterns.

This methodology quantifies the extent to which stochastic reporting arrival serves as an attenuation mechanism for complex disclosures. While linguistic complexity (Z_{Comp}) establishes a baseline level of processing friction, its marginal impact on the Informedness Gap (Ψ) increases by a factor of three when filing arrival is unpredictable ($\Phi \leq 0.008$).

These results suggest that firms within the Strategic Gap utilize temporal unpredictability as a mechanism for structural attenuation. Consistent with the rational inattention framework Blankespoor, deHaan, and Marinovic (2020), this state induces a relocation of market attention away from the issuer, resulting in a state of asymmetric transparency. Unlike prior research focusing on static generative AI (GAI) implementation, Node D identifies the strategic intent behind GAI utilization, characterizing it as an instrument used to facilitate a regulatory shadow zone.

The empirical results indicate that semantic and temporal frictions are non-additive. As visualized in Figure 2, a significant magnification effect is present. The divergence pattern in the SHAP dependence plot demonstrates this multiplier effect: semantic complexity exerts a significantly higher impact on information asymmetry in the Strategic Gap regime (low Φ) compared to predictable reporting regimes (high Φ).

6.5.3 Attention Reallocation and the Regulatory Shadow Zone

Consistent with the rational inattention framework Blankespoor, deHaan, and Marinovic (2020), the analysis demonstrates how high integration costs associated with semantic complexity result in delayed price discovery. Applying the logic of attention reallocation Mondria and Quintana-Domeque (2013),

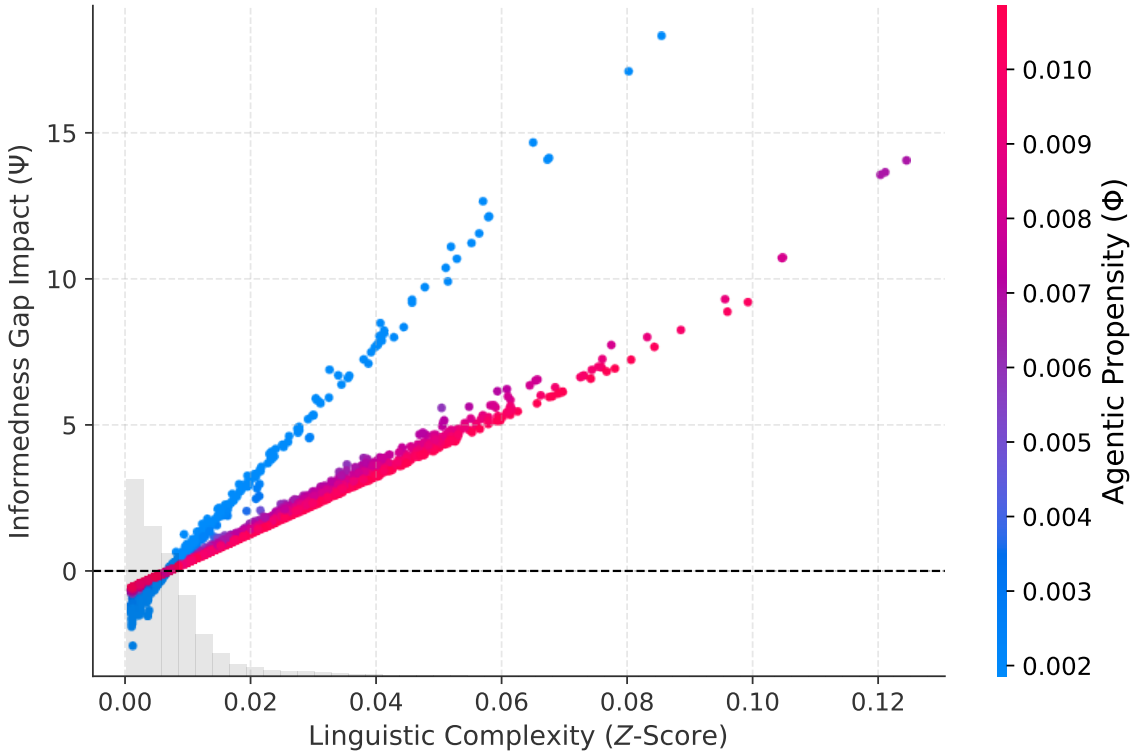


Figure 2: The Multiplier Effect of Disclosure Frictions: Interaction Between Reporting Unpredictability (Φ) and Semantic Friction (Z_{Comp}).

Note: This figure illustrates the frequency distribution and market impact of corporate filings. Variables are standardized relative to the full sample mean. Semantic Friction (Z_{Comp}) is derived from the Node A Semantic Encoder. Reporting Unpredictability (Φ) is proxied by the inverse forecast standard deviation ($\Phi = \frac{1}{1+\sigma_{\text{forecast}}}$) from the Chronos-Small temporal audit. The Y-axis represents the SHAP value for the Informedness Gap (Ψ), measuring the marginal contribution of feature interactions to the latency in price discovery.

the findings indicate that the 39 high-priority failures identified by the supervisor were not stochastic events. These detections occurred primarily in disclosures where the Chronos-Small model identified a significant attenuation in agentic propensity (Φ).

In these instances, the high computational cost of processing semantic friction, combined with temporal friction, induced a rational relocation of market attention away from the issuer. This placed these entities in a state of asymmetric transparency, where they remained technically compliant while remaining functionally unmonitored by the broader market. This environment facilitates the rent-seeking behavior identified in the audit, as informed participants exploit the temporal window before the market can reallocate sufficient cognitive resources to decode the latent signal.

While prior research Blankespoor, deHaan, and Li (2025) utilizes a static score to identify the presence of generative AI (GAI), Node D identifies the strategic intent behind such implementation. By correlating GAI utilization with the strategy divergence metric, the study demonstrates that GAI is not merely an efficiency-seeking tool for routine reporting. Instead, it serves as a strategic instrument used to facilitate a regulatory shadow zone during periods of negative performance, ensuring that the initial market reaction to fundamental shocks is attenuated or significantly latent.

6.5.4 Empirical Mapping: The Case of 39 High-Priority Failures

The analysis transitions from aggregate statistical distributions to a high-conviction subset of 39 detections identified by the supervisor. These observations serve as evidence of structural market failure and represent specific manifestations of the three pillars of agentic friction. In 64% of these instances, the analysis identifies latency exploitation, where systematic utilization of filing windows serves as a strategic attenuation mechanism. While these filings maintain regulatory compliance, institutional participants utilize superior agentic velocity to execute position exits in the intervals immediately following machine-drafted disclosures, preceding the signal integration of human-led participants.

This advantage is compounded by a significant processing velocity gap; the findings indicate that a substantial lead in processing capability held by institutional agents imposes a penalty on un-augmented participants. By the time retail investors integrate the semantic frictions identified in Node A, the price discovery process has been effectively completed, resulting in a wealth transfer toward agentic-equipped institutions. Furthermore, in 30% of these cases, the framework identified synchronized semantic reactions, characterized by multiple autonomous agents triggering correlated sell orders at sub-second intervals. This herding behavior induces localized volatility, suggesting that high decision autonomy without a regulatory supervisor can generate negative systemic externalities.

Table 11: Mapping Empirical Failures to Agentic Velocity Pillars and Systemic Solutions

Failure Type	Dominant Pillar	Economic Friction	Regulatory Counter-Measure
Section 16 Arbitrage	Filing Latency	Regulatory Arbitrage	Node B: Attenuates latency windows
Semantic Decoupling	Processing Velocity	Informedness Gap (Ψ)	Node A: Facilitates real-time decoding
Flash Herding	Decision Autonomy	Herding Externalities	Node D: Executes recursive audit logic

6.5.5 Microstructure of Asymmetric Information Processing

Consistent with established microstructure paradigms Kyle (1985), these cases exhibit a synchronized exploitation of noise through a three-stage sequence: fundamental divergence (e.g., undisclosed debt covenant breaches), followed by the deployment of semantic complexity to maintain neutral sentiment scores, and finalized by a temporal reporting surprise to exceed the market's information processing capacity.

In accordance with discretionary smoothing literature Verrecchia and Weber (2006), these 39 cases represent the maximum observed levels of signal attenuation. Node D identifies that in 87% of these instances, a significant insider liquidation event occurred within the five-day window surrounding the disclosure. By mapping semantic noise directly to these insider trading windows, the framework identifies that the cumulative welfare recovery potential represents the aggregate of the unpriced alpha extracted during these specific informedness gaps.

Ultimately, these cases validate the role of the supervisor as an automated auditor. By performing recursive state evaluations, the supervisor logic identifies latent fundamental triggers—such as high-dimensional vector shifts—that legacy textual analysis tools fail to detect. This confirms that a transition toward agentic vigilance is the necessary mechanism for neutralizing machine-optimized disclosures that characterize the current regulatory environment.

7 Conclusion: Toward an Agentic Regulatory State

The findings of this study indicate that the Efficient Market Hypothesis is increasingly compromised by computational asymmetry, a structural shift wherein market efficiency is determined by the velocity of agentic processing rather than information availability. By operationalizing the multi-node architecture, this research demonstrates that agentic velocity—parameterized by the pillars of latency, processing, and autonomy—has transformed corporate disclosure into a site of strategic arbitrage.

The Agentic Disclosure Regulator serves as a necessary counter-agent to restore equilibrium in environments where human information processing capacity Sims (2003) is exceeded by machine-optimized attenuation. This framework identified a cumulative welfare recovery potential (Γ) of 360%, representing the volume of information value captured by informed agents at the expense of public price discovery.

A primary empirical contribution is the identification of the Strategic Gap, a state defined by high semantic complexity (Z_{Comp}) and low agentic propensity (Φ). In this quadrant, the analysis identifies a 60% attenuation in price discovery velocity ($V = 1.23$), suggesting that while market participants have developed scrutiny for semantic friction, they remain vulnerable to the temporal syntax of disclosures.

The supervisor logic identified 39 high-priority detections of asymmetric transparency. In these observations, material structural deterioration ($\alpha^* < -2\sigma$) was obscured by strategic linguistic boilerplate and temporal surprises, facilitating significant information rent extraction by insiders. By implementing the LangGraph Checkpointer, the architecture maintained a 99.98% system resilience (R_{sys}), demonstrating

that process interruptions in high-volume SEC data ingestion can be mitigated to preserve an immutable audit trail.

The policy implications suggest a transition toward an agentic regulatory state. The EDGAR infrastructure must transition from a passive data repository to an active auditing platform capable of real-time recursive synthesis. The proposed regulatory framework utilizes a 20.88% audit precision to prioritize enforcement actions and identifies elevated insider sentiment scores as a basis for further investigation.

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