

Curiosity: A Blank Is a Question, Not a Verdict

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A blank is useful because it asks what signal might appear without the target quantity in the stated model. A nonzero result can flag background, an offset, or another unmodeled source. It does not announce a cause on its own.

Calibration works similarly: known reference points support a model only over the conditions and range they represent. The strongest scientific conclusion usually includes both the estimate and the boundary around it.