

# Stage11 / Step1 Experimental Protocol (Lab Sheet)

Warp → Detect → Denoise — first pass validation once a dominant cognition well is established.

## 1) Objective

Confirm that the warped manifold exhibits a single dominant cognition well and that the Stage11 pipeline (Warp → Detect → Denoise) improves precision while keeping recall  $\approx 1.0$  on a small, representative slice.

## 2) Prerequisites

- 1 Calibration set available for the target domain ( $\approx 100\text{--}5,000$  prompts/items).
- 2 Tap layer chosen (mid-late block, e.g.,  $L-3..L-1$ ).
- 3 Warp fit computed: PCA(3)+whitener and funnel profile (depth  $\phi$  and slope  $g$ ).
- 4 Benchmark script ready (consolidated Stage11 runner).

## 3) Required Assets

Asset	Example / Notes
Script	stage11-benchmark-consolidated-latest.py
Specs	stage11_doctrine.pdf, stage11_math.pdf (for thresholds/knobs)
Data	Calibration prompts/items + small evaluation slice (50–200).
Outputs	Well renders, phantom index, margin, run JSON/CSV logs.

## 4) Setup Checklist (tick as you go)

- ☐ Calibration set identified and loaded.
- ☐ Tap layer fixed (record layer index).
- ☐ PCA(3) + whitener fitted; funnel  $\phi(r)$ ,  $g(r)$  computed; plots rendered.
- ☐ Null calibration settings chosen (e.g., # of circular shifts  $K$ ).
- ☐ Logging paths set for JSON/CSV + renders.

## 5) Tap Scan (optional but recommended)

If the dominant well is uncertain, scan 4–6 late layers. For each layer: fit PCA/whitener, render the well, compute Phantom Index (PI) and Margin ( $\Delta$ ). Choose the layer with the lowest PI and highest  $\Delta$ .

## 6) Warp Verification (shadow run, no interventions)

- 1 Run with Warp enabled only; collect radius trace  $r(t)$  and well score  $S(t)$ .
- 2 Expect  $r(t)$  to trend  $\downarrow$  (few rebounds) and median  $S(t) \geq 0.6$  over reasoning spans.
- 3 Record Phantom Index (PI)  $\leq 0.07$  and Margin  $\Delta \geq 0.04$  as Go criteria (tune if borderline).

## 7) Step 1 Procedure

- 1 A. Detect — enable Stage 10 parser with null-calibrated dual thresholds; run on the evaluation slice; log precision/recall.
- 2 B. Denoise — enable EMA+median smoothing, confidence gate, phantom-guard probes, and jitter averaging; rerun the slice.
- 3 C. (Optional) Light-Touch Rescoring — if  $S(t)$  is stable, set small  $\alpha$  ( $\leq 0.5$ ) with top-K lookahead ( $K \leq 16$ ); ensure phantom guard is active.

## Example Commands (adapt to your CLI)

Shadow (Warp only):

```
python3 stagell-benchmark-consolidated-latest.py --mode shadow --tap L-3 --calib  
calib.jsonl --eval eval_small.jsonl --render_well 1 --out_json run_shadow.json
```

Detect:

```
python3 stagell-benchmark-consolidated-latest.py --mode detect --null_shifts 64 --rel_gate  
0.6 --abs_z 3.0 --out_json run_detect.json
```

Denoise:

```
python3 stagell-benchmark-consolidated-latest.py --mode denoise --ema 0.85 --med_k 3  
--phantom_guard 1 --jitters 2 --out_json run_denoise.json
```

## 8) Pass/Fail Gates

Metric	Pass (Proceed)	Borderline (Tune)	Fail (Re-warp)
Phantom Index (PI)	$\leq 0.07$	0.07–0.10	$> 0.10$
Margin $\Delta$	$\geq 0.04$	0.02–0.04	$< 0.02$
Recall	$\geq 0.98$	0.95–0.98	$< 0.95$
Precision	$\geq 0.80$ (or $\uparrow$ vs baseline)	0.70–0.80	$< 0.70$
Hallucination	$\leq 0.26$ and trending $\downarrow$	0.26–0.35	$> 0.35$
Abstain rate	Stable (no runaway)	Slight $\uparrow$	Runaway $\uparrow$

## 9) Troubleshooting

- 1 Tap selection: rescan  $L-5..L-1$ ; pick the lowest PI / highest  $\Delta$ .
- 2 Warp shape: increase core deepening; re-isotropize the XY plane; refit funnel quantiles.
- 3 Nulls: raise absolute  $z$ -gate; increase circular shifts; apply FDR control.
- 4 Denoiser: reduce EMA decay or median window if oversmoothing; adjust confidence gate.
- 5 Rescoring: lower  $\alpha$  or disable rescoring until  $S(t)$  is consistently high.

## Run Record — fill for each Step 1 session

Field	Value	Field	Value
Model		Tap Layer	
Calibration Set (N)		Eval Slice (N)	
PI		Margin $\Delta$	
Recall		Precision	
Hallucination		Abstain Rate	
Median S(t)		$r_{\text{■}}(t)$ Trend	
Notes			