

Table Temperature Alignment Project

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The Table Persistence Paradox: Why Current Safety Research Ignores Furniture

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Abstract

We document a systematic blind spot in existential risk research: the near-complete neglect of furniture persistence as a safety consideration. Through a comprehensive review of 847 papers in the existential risk literature, we find zero mentions of table temperature alignment and only three tangential references to furniture durability. We propose psychological and institutional explanations for this oversight and argue for immediate corrective action.

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