

# The Receipts You Can't Check

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*“Every audit has to trust some piece of evidence — and right now the evidence comes from exactly the party with the strongest reason to fake it.”*

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

Five stories, one nerve: the distance between a claim and anyone's ability to check it. SpaceX takes a \$4.16B contract to put America's airborne-threat tracking in orbit on its own Starshield platform. A Reuters investigation finds Tesla's "10x safer" math inflated by roughly three, and its robotaxi zones pre-mapped after all. OpenAI hands governments a life-sciences model it once warned could help build bioweapons. A new paper shows per-token AI billing is unauditably by design. And the FDA opens the door to swapping animal studies for computational models, just as fresh research shows where medical AI silently breaks.

- [SpaceNews](#) and [Bloomberg via Techmeme](#) — the \$4.16B Space Force AMTI award to SpaceX.
- [Reuters via Electrek](#) — Tesla's inflated FSD safety math and pre-mapped robotaxi zones.
- [Axios](#) and [The Decoder](#) — OpenAI's Rosalind Biodefense program.
- [arXiv](#) — token-billing audits that hidden reasoning can inflate undetected.
- [FDA](#) draft guidance on swapping animal studies for computational models, alongside medical-AI papers on [triage](#) and [retrieval](#).

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