

VOLUME PROFILE & ORDER FLOW AUCTION THEORY

The Definitive Institutional Playbook for Cumulative Volume Delta (CVD) & Liquidity
Footprints

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CHAPTER 1: The Auction Market Mechanism

Financial markets exist for a single purpose: to facilitate trade and seek price equilibrium where two-way volume can clear with minimum friction. Traditional indicators like RSI and MACD are derivative of price, lagging the actual reality of transaction order flow.

Volume Profile plots the distribution of trading volume executed at specific price levels over time, revealing where large institutional liquidity providers committed capital.

Core Volume Profile Landmarks:

- 1. Point of Control (POC):** The exact price level where the maximum volume cleared during the session. Acts as a high-gravity magnet during range rotations.
- 2. Value Area High (VAH) & Value Area Low (VAL):** The price boundaries encapsulating 70% of total session volume (one standard deviation in a Gaussian distribution).
- 3. Low Volume Nodes (LVN):** Price inefficiencies where market participants moved rapidly with low participation. These act as institutional breakout accelerators and future rejection boundaries.

PRO EXECUTION RULE: When price opens outside of yesterday's Value Area and fails to accept back into the range within the first 30 minutes, expect an 80% probability trend continuation day in the breakout direction.

CHAPTER 2: Cumulative Volume Delta (CVD) Absorption

CVD measures the net aggressive buying minus aggressive selling at market price. When retail traders market-buy, they lift the offer; when they market-sell, they hit the bid.

Absorption occurs when aggressive market participants throw massive volume into the market, yet price refuses to advance because institutional passive limit orders are swallowing every contract.

Scenario	Price Action	CVD Trajectory	Institutional Signal
Bullish Absorption	Price Flat or Lower Low	CVD Making Higher Highs	Long Accumulation at Support
Bearish Absorption	Price Flat or Higher High	CVD Making Lower Lows	Distribution / Fake Breakout
Exhaustion Sweep	Sharp Spike into Resistance	CVD Diverges Immediately	Mean-Reversion Short

CHAPTER 3: Institutional Execution Checklist

1. Check Higher Timeframe (4H / Daily) Value Area and identify naked POC levels.
2. Observe CVD divergence at the boundary of the Value Area.
3. Enter trade only upon confirmation of limit order book absorption.
4. Target the opposite Value Area boundary or untested Naked POC.