

Evidential Weighting in Governance Chain

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What It Specifies

Each observation carries declared weight: authority-chain quality (depth, breadth, current status), modality reliability (declared uncertainty, modality-class reliability profile), admissibility evaluation results. Downstream operations integrate with the weight.

Weighting is governance-credentialed. The weighting primitives, the weighting authority, and the resulting weighted observations all enter lineage; downstream audit can verify weighting structurally.

Why It Matters Structurally

Operations treating all observations as equal-weight produce structural bias. High-quality observations should contribute more than low-quality observations; the architecture must support the weighting structurally.

Evidential weighting produces structural specificity. The weight is declared; integration uses the weight; the resulting operations admit observations with appropriate emphasis.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the weighting-declaration format, the weight-computation primitives, and the weighted-integration primitives. Implementations apply the architecture; weighted operations proceed within the framework.

Weighting composes with all other features. Multi-source evidence weighting, multi-modality weighting, and cross-mesh weighting all build on the weighting primitive.

What This Enables

Defense engagement-decision support gains structurally-weighted evidence. Civilian critical-infrastructure decision support gains the same.

The architecture also supports weighting evolution. As evidential-quality understanding matures, weighting protocols update through governance procedures.