

Federated Governance Chain Umbrella

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What This Application Specifies

Each federation participant operates its governance chain under federation-participant authority. Cross-federation operations integrate through composite admissibility and declared cross-federation rules; federation participants retain authority; federation evolution proceeds through declared federation governance.

Authority composition structures map to federation reality: participant authority for participant-specific operations, federation authority (where coordinated federation authority exists) for federation-wide operations, ad-hoc federation authority for mission-specific federations. The architecture supports the multi-level authority reality of federated operations.

Why It Matters Operationally

Current federated operations face structural problems: federation-specific data-fabric capture, federation-specific lock-in, integration complexity that grows superlinearly with federation member count.

Federated governance umbrella produces structural decomposition. Each participant retains authority; federation operations proceed through declared federation rules; federated audit operates against architecturally-supported records.

How It Composes With the Domain

Federated operations contribute credentialed observations from contributing participants. Composite admissibility evaluates against participant and federation profiles. Federated lineage preserves participant credentialing. Adversarial actions (federation-leakage, federation-coordination disruption, federation-rule manipulation) surface as credentialed integrity events.

Emerging federated operations gain structural support. Coalition federations, partnership federations, sector-coordinator federations, and emerging cross-federation operations all integrate through architectural primitives.

What This Enables

Federated participants gain structurally-supported federation operations. Federation authorities gain structurally-supported coordination. Cross-federation operations gain structurally-supported coordination without forcing platform-operator intermediation.

The architecture also supports federation evolution. As emerging federation capabilities (coalition AI federation, partnership digital twins, sector-coordinator federation, climate-coordination federation) mature, the architecture admits the new capabilities through declared specification.