Recursive Closure Across Governance Chain

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What It Specifies

Each operation's credentialing depends on the operations that produced its inputs. The architecture admits operations recursively: input observations admit before producing operation, operation admits before producing outputs, outputs admit before becoming inputs to subsequent operations.

Recursive closure is governance-credentialed. The recursion-depth requirements, the recursion-evaluation primitives, and the resulting closure-states all enter lineage; downstream audit can traverse the recursion structurally.

Why It Matters Structurally

Non-recursive admissibility produces architectural inconsistency. Operations that produce credentialed outputs from non-credentialed inputs introduce credentialing gaps; the chain is structurally weakened.

Recursive closure produces structural consistency. The architecture admits operations only against admissible inputs; the resulting chain has no credentialing gaps; the audit is repeatable across all operation depths.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the recursion-evaluation primitives, the closure-state recording, and the recursion-depth handling. Implementations apply the architecture; recursive operations proceed within the framework.

Recursion composes with all other features. Cross-mesh recursion, byzantine-robust recursive evaluation, and dispute mechanism for recursion disputes all build on the recursion primitive.

What This Enables

Defense recursive-evidence operations gain structurally-supported closure. Civilian critical-infrastructure recursive operations gain the same.

The architecture also supports recursion evolution. As recursive-evidence patterns mature, recursion protocols update through governance procedures.