Trust Slope Anomaly Detection

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What It Specifies

Trust evaluations across the mesh produce a trust-slope time-series. The architecture monitors the slope; anomalous slope patterns enter as credentialed monitoring events.

Slope anomalies can indicate: rapid trust deterioration (potential compromise), rapid trust restoration (potential false-flag), or geographic-specific slope (regional adversarial activity). The architecture admits the slope events; downstream operations admit the events against admissibility.

Why It Matters Structurally

Trust evaluation without slope monitoring faces structural blindness to emerging conditions. Trust changes manifest as slopes; the architecture must monitor the slopes structurally.

Slope anomaly detection produces structural support. The architecture admits slope events; downstream operations target the underlying conditions; the architecture supports both reactive and preemptive responses.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the slope-evaluation primitives, the anomaly-detection algorithms, and the event recording. Implementations apply the architecture; monitoring operations proceed within the framework.

Slope monitoring composes with other features. Cross-mesh slope federation, byzantine-robust slope evaluation under adversarial reports, and adversarial-action differentiation all build on the slope primitive.

What This Enables

Defense mesh trust monitoring gains structurally-supported anomaly detection. Civilian critical-infrastructure trust monitoring gains the same.

The architecture also supports detection evolution. As trust-slope patterns mature, detection algorithms update through governance procedures.