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A trustworthy photonic, neuromorphic, and advanced compute standards portfolio program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale

0	1	2	3	4	5
ABSENT	AD HOC	PARTIAL	OPERATIONAL	ADVANCED	LEADING

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Portfolio Position

Thematic portfolio edition for coordinated emerging-technology evaluation.

OPERATING POSITION

This thematic portfolio consolidates 6 permanent standards across emerging technology, quantum, and robotics.

- Individual standards remain the authoritative citable publications.

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Permanent Publication Register

OPERATING POSITION

MYTHOS-EMT-0003 - Integrated Photonics and Optical Compute Systems Standard

- MYTHOS-EMT-0004 - Neuromorphic Computing and Event-Driven Intelligence Standard
- MYTHOS-EMT-0007 - Advanced Semiconductor, Chiplet, and Heterogeneous Integration Standard
- MYTHOS-QTC-0001 - Quantum Computing System and Workload Evaluation Standard
- MYTHOS-QTC-0005 - Hybrid Quantum-Classical Orchestration and Reproducibility Standard
- MYTHOS-QTC-0006 - Fault-Tolerant Quantum Computing and Error-Correction Readiness Standard

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Cross-Domain Invariants

OPERATING POSITION

Bound every claim by evidence state and exact configuration.

- Use an incumbent or classical comparator.
- Keep research authority isolated from production and physical control.
- Require safety, security, reproducibility, rollback, and supplier-exit gates.

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Permanent identity, evidence, exceptions, and revision discipline

- Document identity remains stable across revision and packaging.
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11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST Integrated Photonics

Integrated Photonics Program and Metrology

<https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/integrated-photonics>

Primary research and measurement work for heterogeneous integrated photonic devices.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ITU-R M.2160

Framework and Overall Objectives for IMT-2030

<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2160-0-202311-I/en>

In-force framework for IMT-2030 objectives, use cases, and capabilities.

NIST PQC Project

Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization and Migration

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

Final PQC standards, continuing algorithm work, migration direction, and official project status.

ETSI ISG PDL

Permissioned Distributed Ledger Specifications

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/pdl>

Primary technical work for governed distributed-ledger systems and decentralized trust.

IEEE P3706

Guide for Brain-Inspired Computing Technologies

<https://standards.ieee.org/ieee/3706/12098/>

Published guide describing brain-inspired computing technology options and terminology.

3GPP Release 20

5G-Advanced Studies and 6G Study Roadmap

<https://www.3gpp.org/specifications-technologies/releases/release-20>

Official release program separating continued 5G-Advanced work from initial 6G studies.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.



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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating integrated photonics and optical compute **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for integrated photonics and optical compute.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of integrated photonics and optical compute.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

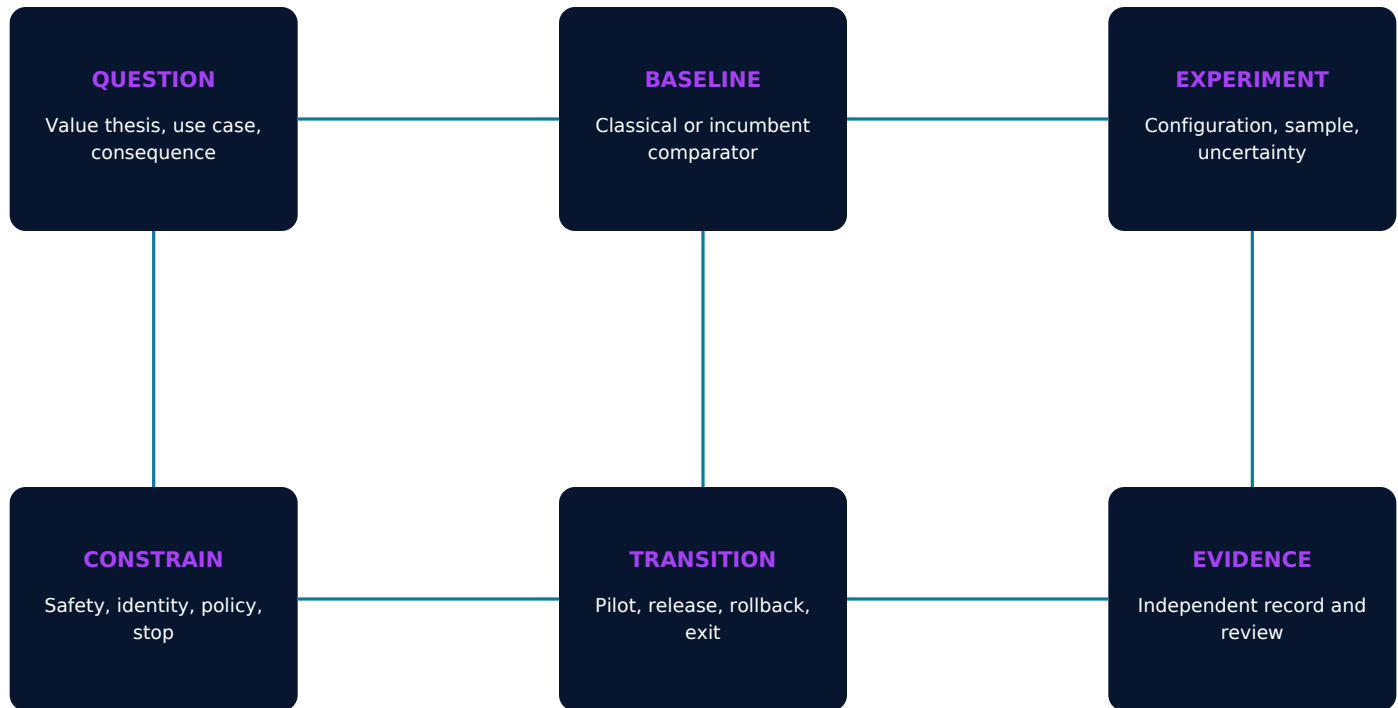
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

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4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C01 Photonic Use Case and System Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain photonic use case and system boundary for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C02 Optical Architecture, Wavelength Plan, and Link Budget

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain optical architecture, wavelength plan, and link budget for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C03 Material Platform and Process Design Kit Authority

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain material platform and process design kit authority for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C04 Electronic-Photonic Co-Design and Control Loop

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain electronic-photonic co-design and control loop for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C05

Laser Source, Coupling, and Optical Power Governance

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain laser source, coupling, and optical power governance for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C06

Packaging, Alignment, Fiber Attach, and Connector Control

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain packaging, alignment, fiber attach, and connector control for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C07

Thermal Drift, Calibration, and Compensation

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain thermal drift, calibration, and compensation for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C08

Signal Integrity, Crosstalk, Noise, and Error Budget

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain signal integrity, crosstalk, noise, and error budget for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C09

Optical I-O, Switching, and Compute Interface Contract

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain optical i-o, switching, and compute interface contract for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C10

Manufacturing Variability and Yield Characterization

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain manufacturing variability and yield characterization for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C11

Device Aging, Radiation, Environmental, and Reliability Testing

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain device aging, radiation, environmental, and reliability testing for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C12

Eye, Skin, and Laser Safety Classification

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain eye, skin, and laser safety classification for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C13**Firmware, Driver, Telemetry, and Control Security**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain firmware, driver, telemetry, and control security for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C14**Benchmark Baseline and Application-Level Performance**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain benchmark baseline and application-level performance for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C15**Energy, Cooling, Density, and Sustainability Evidence**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain energy, cooling, density, and sustainability evidence for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C16**Supplier, Foundry, Packaging, and Test Dependencies**

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MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C17**Repairability, Field Diagnostics, and Replacement**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain repairability, field diagnostics, and replacement for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

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MYTHOS-EMT-0003-C18**Qualification, Transition Gate, and Lifecycle Record**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain qualification, transition gate, and lifecycle record for the declared integrated photonics and optical compute boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

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6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

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7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

Acquisition, operation, provider, token, facility, migration, insurance, support, and opportunity cost.

TRANSITION

Pilot escape, rollback time, incumbent fallback, portability, lock-in, retirement, and evidence completeness.

Decision gate: thresholds **MUST** be declared before assessment, include an incumbent baseline and uncertainty statement, and identify any safety, security, cryptographic, physical, reproducibility, or rollback failure that blocks transition.

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8. Failure Modes and Adversarial Scenarios

Challenge assumptions before the system is trusted with consequential work

TECHNOLOGY THEATER

A demonstration or vendor roadmap is treated as proof of production utility or readiness.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESEARCH-TO-PRODUCTION ESCAPE

Experimental components enter consequential environments without transition controls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

UNSUPPORTED SECURITY CLAIM

Novel cryptographic, decentralized, photonic, or network claims are adopted without reproducible evidence.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

ECOSYSTEM COLLAPSE

A supplier, foundry, protocol, token economy, or standards path fails before replacement is viable.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

MEASUREMENT ILLUSION

Benchmark, simulation, or laboratory conditions hide scale, environment, energy, or reliability limits.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

IRREVERSIBLE LOCK-IN

Data, skills, hardware, interfaces, capital, or operations cannot migrate when the technology stalls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

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9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

FOUNDATIONAL	ADVANCED	HIGH ASSURANCE
TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs.	TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy.	TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use.
MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.

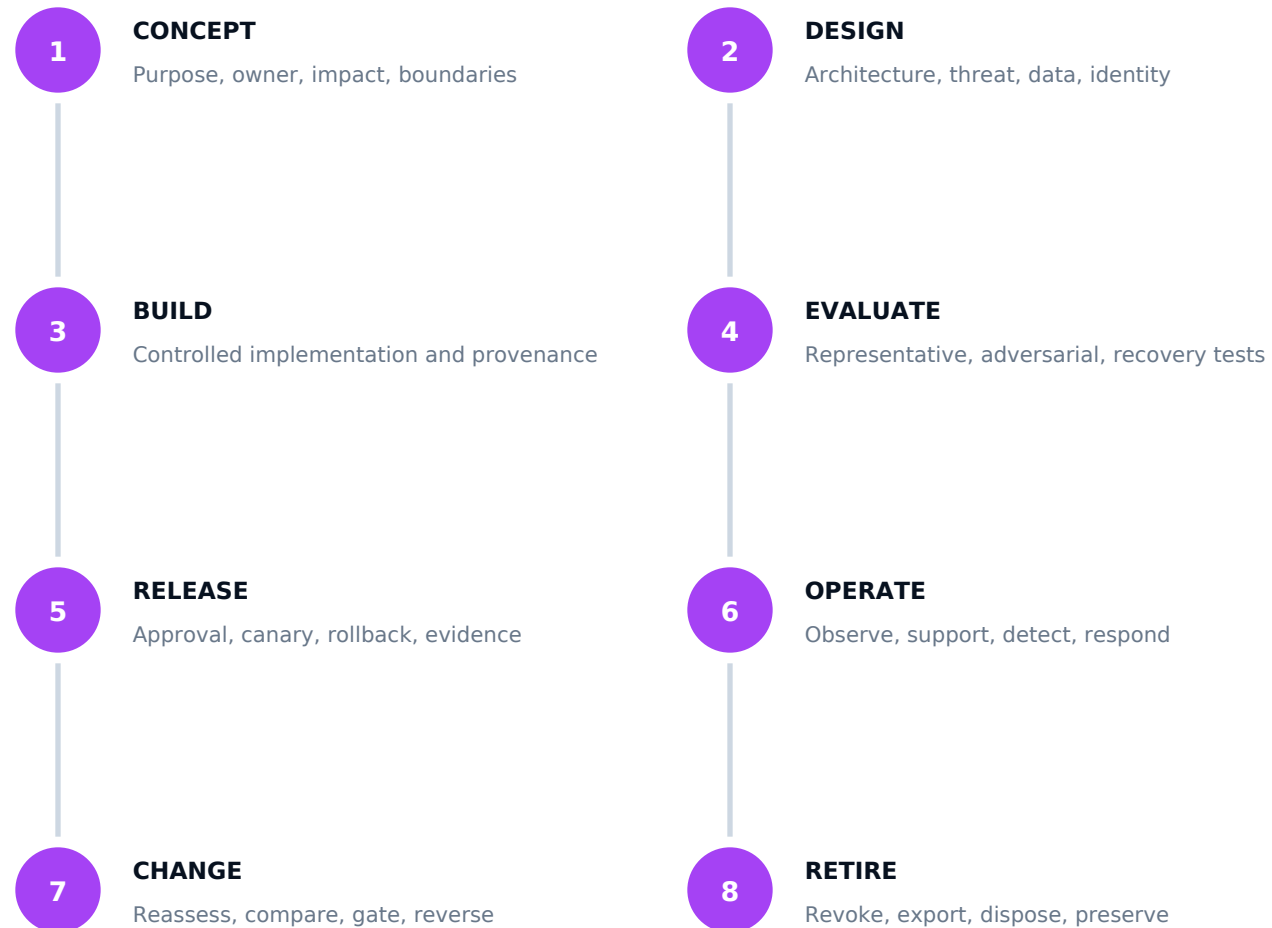
Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

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10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

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11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST Integrated Photonics

Integrated Photonics Program and Metrology

<https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/integrated-photonics>

Primary research and measurement work for heterogeneous integrated photonic devices.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ITU-R M.2160

Framework and Overall Objectives for IMT-2030

<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2160-0-202311-I/en>

In-force framework for IMT-2030 objectives, use cases, and capabilities.

NIST PQC Project

Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization and Migration

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

Final PQC standards, continuing algorithm work, migration direction, and official project status.

ETSI ISG PDL

Permissioned Distributed Ledger Specifications

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/pdl>

Primary technical work for governed distributed-ledger systems and decentralized trust.

IEEE P3706

Guide for Brain-Inspired Computing Technologies

<https://standards.ieee.org/ieee/3706/12098/>

Published guide describing brain-inspired computing technology options and terminology.

3GPP Release 20

5G-Advanced Studies and 6G Study Roadmap

<https://www.3gpp.org/specifications-technologies/releases/release-20>

Official release program separating continued 5G-Advanced work from initial 6G studies.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

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11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESION** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
- CORRECTION** Material errors require a recorded correction, affected-evidence analysis, and notification appropriate to impact.
- ARCHIVAL INTEGRITY** Published artifacts receive hashes, metadata, and a release manifest sufficient for independent verification.



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Neuromorphic Computing and Event-Driven Intelligence Standard

Brain-inspired architectures, event coding, spiking models, hardware mapping, learning, benchmarks, energy, drift, tooling, and deployment assurance.

PERMANENT DOCUMENT ID

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PUBLICATION

Candidate Standard
Version 1.0.0-candidate

ASSURANCE PROFILE

Research / Pilot / Transition
High Assurance

PERMANENT PUBLICATION IDENTITY

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18 ATOMIC CRITERIA	6 ASSURANCE VIEWS	4 IMPLEMENTATION PROFILES	1 PERMANENT IDENTITY

Publication doctrine. This publication establishes durable requirements for its defined scope. Interpretation must preserve the permanent document identity, required evidence, controlled exceptions, source currency, and formal revision history.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

Emerging and Advanced Technology

A trustworthy neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale



A numeric score must never hide a failed mandatory gate, missing evidence, untested workload, or unacceptable residual risk.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION

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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

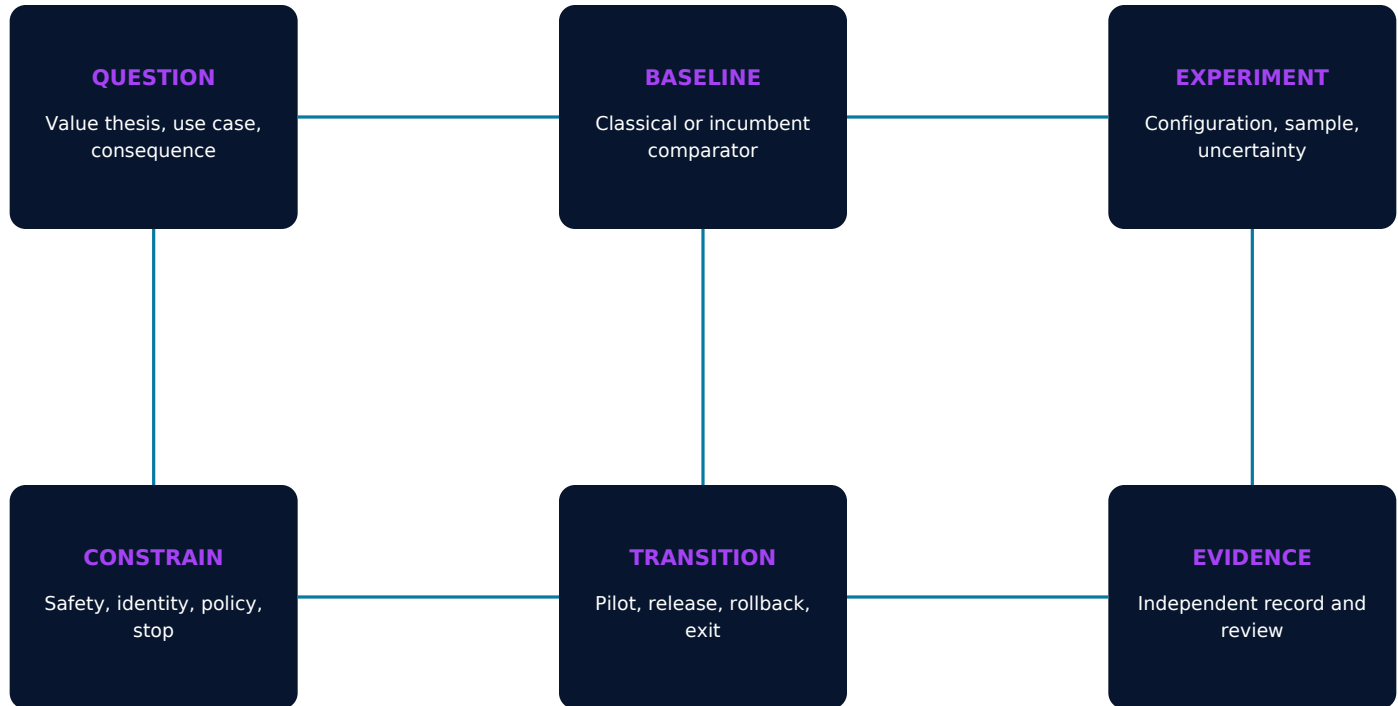
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

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4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C01 Neuromorphic Workload and Value Hypothesis

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain neuromorphic workload and value hypothesis for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C02 Architecture and Computational Model Classification

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain architecture and computational model classification for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C03 Event Encoding, Time Semantics, and Sensor Interface

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain event encoding, time semantics, and sensor interface for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C04 Network Topology, Neuron, Synapse, and State Definition

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain network topology, neuron, synapse, and state definition for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C05

Training, Conversion, Calibration, and Mapping Pipeline

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain training, conversion, calibration, and mapping pipeline for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C06

On-Chip Learning and Plasticity Governance

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain on-chip learning and plasticity governance for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C07

Determinism, Stochasticity, and Repeatability

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain determinism, stochasticity, and repeatability for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C08

Hardware Resource, Routing, and Placement Constraints

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain hardware resource, routing, and placement constraints for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

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Dataset, Event Stream, and Ground-Truth Authority

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain dataset, event stream, and ground-truth authority for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C10

Accuracy, Latency, Energy, and Sparsity Benchmarking

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain accuracy, latency, energy, and sparsity benchmarking for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C11

Drift, Catastrophic Forgetting, and Continual Adaptation

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain drift, catastrophic forgetting, and continual adaptation for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C12

Fault, Noise, Process Variation, and Degradation Testing

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain fault, noise, process variation, and degradation testing for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C13 Safety, Bias, Explainability, and Human Oversight

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain safety, bias, explainability, and human oversight for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C14 Compiler, Runtime, Driver, and Toolchain Provenance

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain compiler, runtime, driver, and toolchain provenance for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C15 Hybrid Neuromorphic-Classical Orchestration

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain hybrid neuromorphic-classical orchestration for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

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MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C16**Security, Side Channel, and Model Extraction Risk**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain security, side channel, and model extraction risk for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C17**Portability, Vendor Exit, and Reproducibility**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain portability, vendor exit, and reproducibility for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0004-C18**Pilot Gate, Operational Evidence, and Reassessment**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain pilot gate, operational evidence, and reassessment for the declared neuromorphic computing and event-driven intelligence boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

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6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

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7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

Acquisition, operation, provider, token, facility, migration, insurance, support, and opportunity cost.

TRANSITION

Pilot escape, rollback time, incumbent fallback, portability, lock-in, retirement, and evidence completeness.

Decision gate: thresholds **MUST** be declared before assessment, include an incumbent baseline and uncertainty statement, and identify any safety, security, cryptographic, physical, reproducibility, or rollback failure that blocks transition.

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8. Failure Modes and Adversarial Scenarios

Challenge assumptions before the system is trusted with consequential work

TECHNOLOGY THEATER

A demonstration or vendor roadmap is treated as proof of production utility or readiness.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESEARCH-TO-PRODUCTION ESCAPE

Experimental components enter consequential environments without transition controls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

UNSUPPORTED SECURITY CLAIM

Novel cryptographic, decentralized, photonic, or network claims are adopted without reproducible evidence.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

ECOSYSTEM COLLAPSE

A supplier, foundry, protocol, token economy, or standards path fails before replacement is viable.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

MEASUREMENT ILLUSION

Benchmark, simulation, or laboratory conditions hide scale, environment, energy, or reliability limits.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

IRREVERSIBLE LOCK-IN

Data, skills, hardware, interfaces, capital, or operations cannot migrate when the technology stalls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

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9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

FOUNDATIONAL TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs. MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	ADVANCED TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy. MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	HIGH ASSURANCE TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use. MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.
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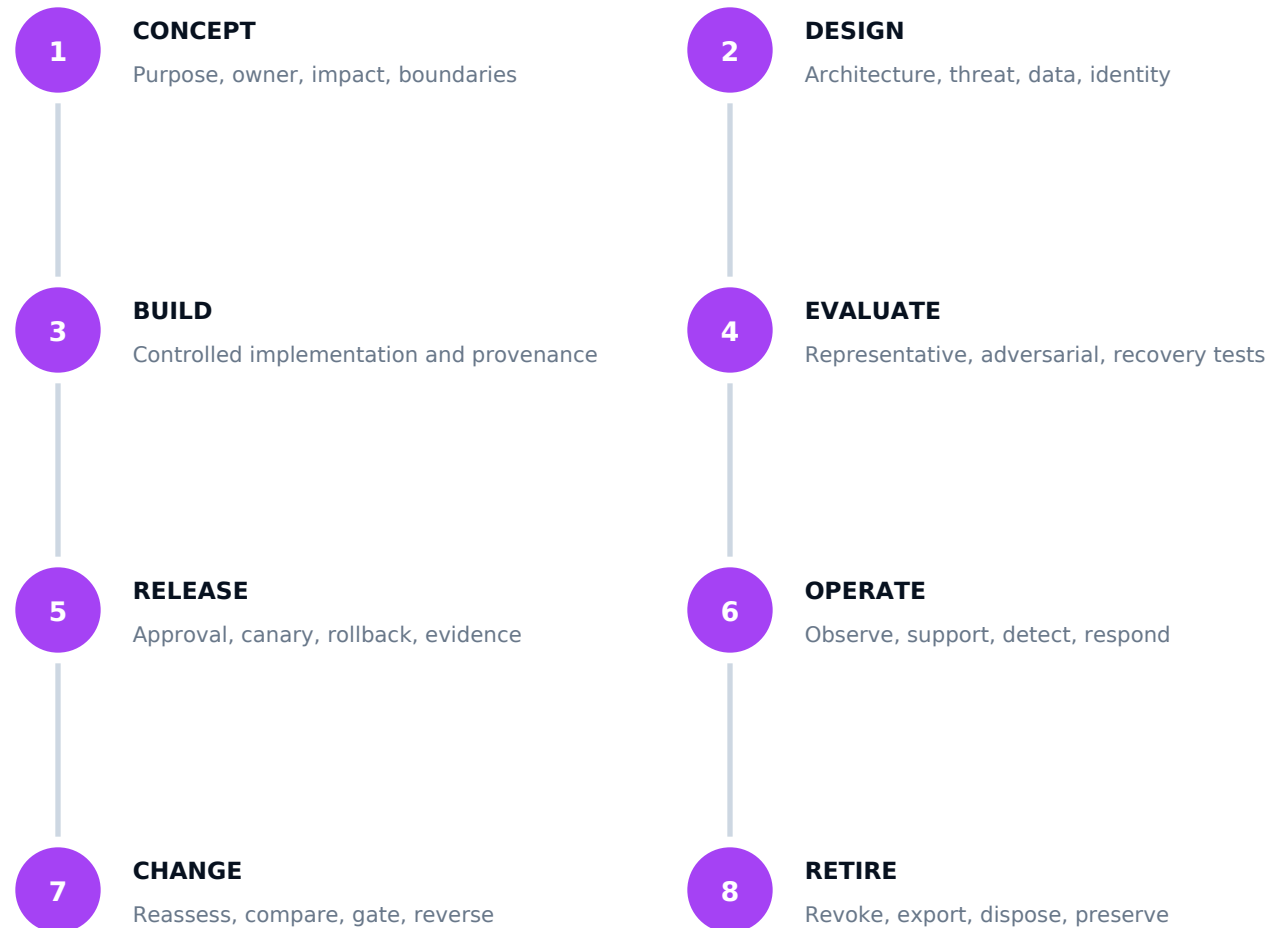
Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

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10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

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11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST Integrated Photonics

Integrated Photonics Program and Metrology

<https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/integrated-photonics>

Primary research and measurement work for heterogeneous integrated photonic devices.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ITU-R M.2160

Framework and Overall Objectives for IMT-2030

<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2160-0-202311-I/en>

In-force framework for IMT-2030 objectives, use cases, and capabilities.

NIST PQC Project

Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization and Migration

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

Final PQC standards, continuing algorithm work, migration direction, and official project status.

ETSI ISG PDL

Permissioned Distributed Ledger Specifications

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/pdl>

Primary technical work for governed distributed-ledger systems and decentralized trust.

IEEE P3706

Guide for Brain-Inspired Computing Technologies

<https://standards.ieee.org/ieee/3706/12098/>

Published guide describing brain-inspired computing technology options and terminology.

3GPP Release 20

5G-Advanced Studies and 6G Study Roadmap

<https://www.3gpp.org/specifications-technologies/releases/release-20>

Official release program separating continued 5G-Advanced work from initial 6G studies.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

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11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESSION** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
- CORRECTION** Material errors require a recorded correction, affected-evidence analysis, and notification appropriate to impact.
- ARCHIVAL INTEGRITY** Published artifacts receive hashes, metadata, and a release manifest sufficient for independent verification.

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Advanced Semiconductor, Chiplet, and Heterogeneous Integration Standard

Chiplets, advanced packaging, interconnect, memory, thermals, power, firmware, supply chain, qualification, reliability, and lifecycle assurance.

PERMANENT DOCUMENT ID

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PUBLICATION

Candidate Standard
Version 1.0.0-candidate

ASSURANCE PROFILE

Research / Pilot / Transition
High Assurance

PERMANENT PUBLICATION IDENTITY

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18 ATOMIC CRITERIA	6 ASSURANCE VIEWS	4 IMPLEMENTATION PROFILES	1 PERMANENT IDENTITY

Publication doctrine. This publication establishes durable requirements for its defined scope. Interpretation must preserve the permanent document identity, required evidence, controlled exceptions, source currency, and formal revision history.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

Emerging and Advanced Technology

A trustworthy advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

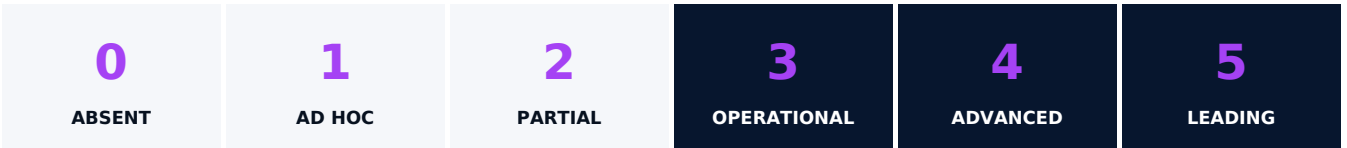
Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale



A numeric score must never hide a failed mandatory gate, missing evidence, untested workload, or unacceptable residual risk.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION

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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

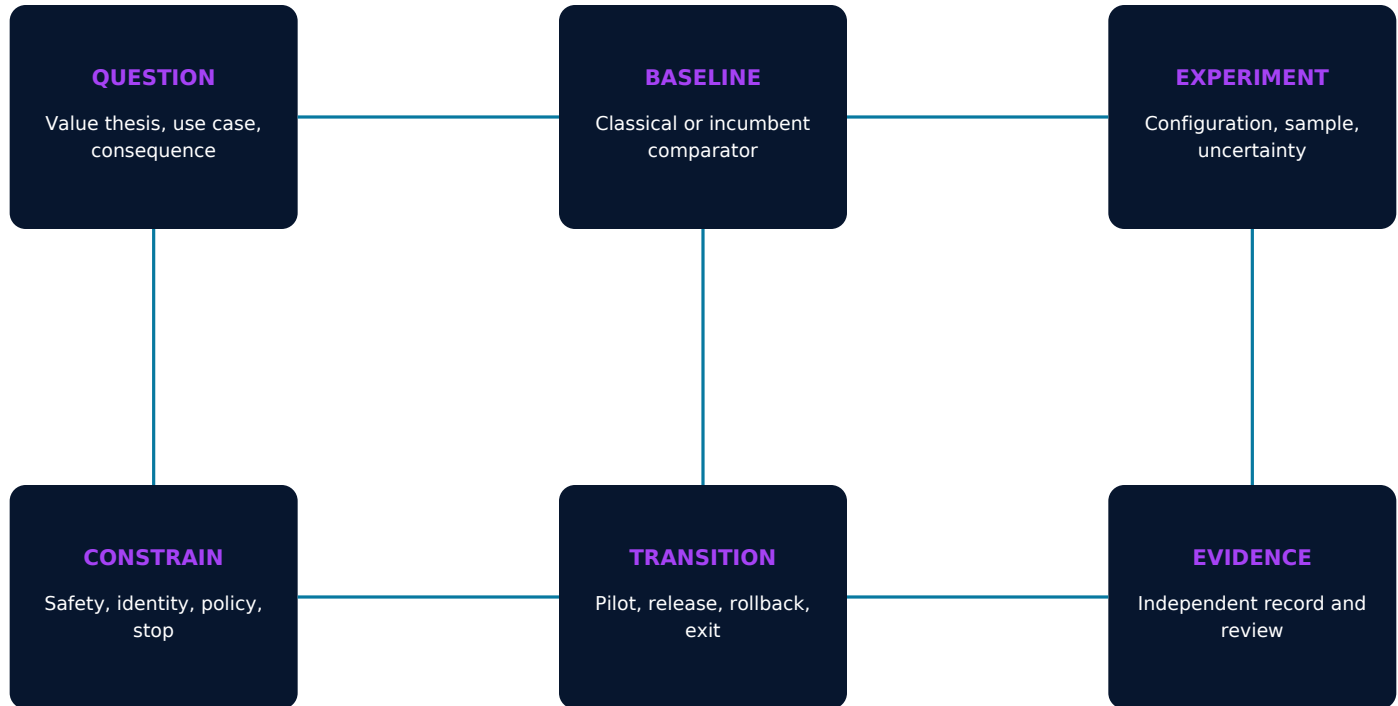
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

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4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C01

System Architecture and Partitioning Rationale

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain system architecture and partitioning rationale for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C02

Chiplet, Die, Package, and Substrate Inventory

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain chiplet, die, package, and substrate inventory for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C03

Interface, Protocol, and Interoperability Contract

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain interface, protocol, and interoperability contract for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C04

Process Node, Foundry, and Manufacturing Authority

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain process node, foundry, and manufacturing authority for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C05

Package Design, Signal, Power, and Thermal Integrity

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain package design, signal, power, and thermal integrity for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C06

High-Bandwidth Memory and Coherent Memory Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain high-bandwidth memory and coherent memory boundary for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C07

Die-to-Die Security, Identity, and Isolation

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain die-to-die security, identity, and isolation for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C08

Firmware, Microcode, and Initialization Trust

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain firmware, microcode, and initialization trust for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

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MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C09 Test Access, Debug, Scan, and Lifecycle Security

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain test access, debug, scan, and lifecycle security for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C10 Supply Chain, Provenance, Counterfeit, and Tamper Control

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain supply chain, provenance, counterfeit, and tamper control for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C11 Known-Good-Die and Assembly Yield Evidence

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain known-good-die and assembly yield evidence for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE experiment plan; versions; configuration; sample; uncertainty; reproducibility bundle

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C12 Performance, Latency, Bandwidth, and Energy Benchmark

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain performance, latency, bandwidth, and energy benchmark for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims MUST remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE security, privacy, safety, rights, export, spectrum, and supplier assessment

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MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C13**Reliability, Aging, Electromigration, and Fault Testing**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain reliability, aging, electromigration, and fault testing for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE benchmark results with incumbent comparator, resource accounting, and limitations

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C14**Cooling, Power Delivery, Facility, and Sustainability**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain cooling, power delivery, facility, and sustainability for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE pilot boundary; identities; kill switch; stop conditions; rollback and exit exercise

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C15**Repair, Rework, Spare, and Field Replacement Strategy**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain repair, rework, spare, and field replacement strategy for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE interoperability, standards, skills, support, lifecycle, and ecosystem evidence

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MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C16**Export, Licensing, Intellectual Property, and Supplier Risk**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain export, licensing, intellectual property, and supplier risk for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE adoption or rejection record; residual risk; reassessment and sunset trigger

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C17**Qualification, Change Notification, and Revalidation**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain qualification, change notification, and revalidation for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE technology thesis; source-currency review; sponsor, technical owner, and risk decision

MYTHOS-EMT-0007-C18**End-of-Life, Sanitization, and Evidence Preservation**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain end-of-life, sanitization, and evidence preservation for the declared advanced semiconductor and heterogeneous integration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Research claims **MUST** remain separate from pilot and production claims, with a baseline, stop conditions, rollback, supplier exit, and recorded adoption or rejection decision.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE research-state classification; baseline; competing alternative; prohibited-claim register

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6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

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7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

Acquisition, operation, provider, token, facility, migration, insurance, support, and opportunity cost.

TRANSITION

Pilot escape, rollback time, incumbent fallback, portability, lock-in, retirement, and evidence completeness.

Decision gate: thresholds **MUST** be declared before assessment, include an incumbent baseline and uncertainty statement, and identify any safety, security, cryptographic, physical, reproducibility, or rollback failure that blocks transition.

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8. Failure Modes and Adversarial Scenarios

Challenge assumptions before the system is trusted with consequential work

TECHNOLOGY THEATER

A demonstration or vendor roadmap is treated as proof of production utility or readiness.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESEARCH-TO-PRODUCTION ESCAPE

Experimental components enter consequential environments without transition controls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

UNSUPPORTED SECURITY CLAIM

Novel cryptographic, decentralized, photonic, or network claims are adopted without reproducible evidence.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

ECOSYSTEM COLLAPSE

A supplier, foundry, protocol, token economy, or standards path fails before replacement is viable.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

MEASUREMENT ILLUSION

Benchmark, simulation, or laboratory conditions hide scale, environment, energy, or reliability limits.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

IRREVERSIBLE LOCK-IN

Data, skills, hardware, interfaces, capital, or operations cannot migrate when the technology stalls.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

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9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

FOUNDATIONAL TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs. MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	ADVANCED TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy. MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	HIGH ASSURANCE TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use. MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.
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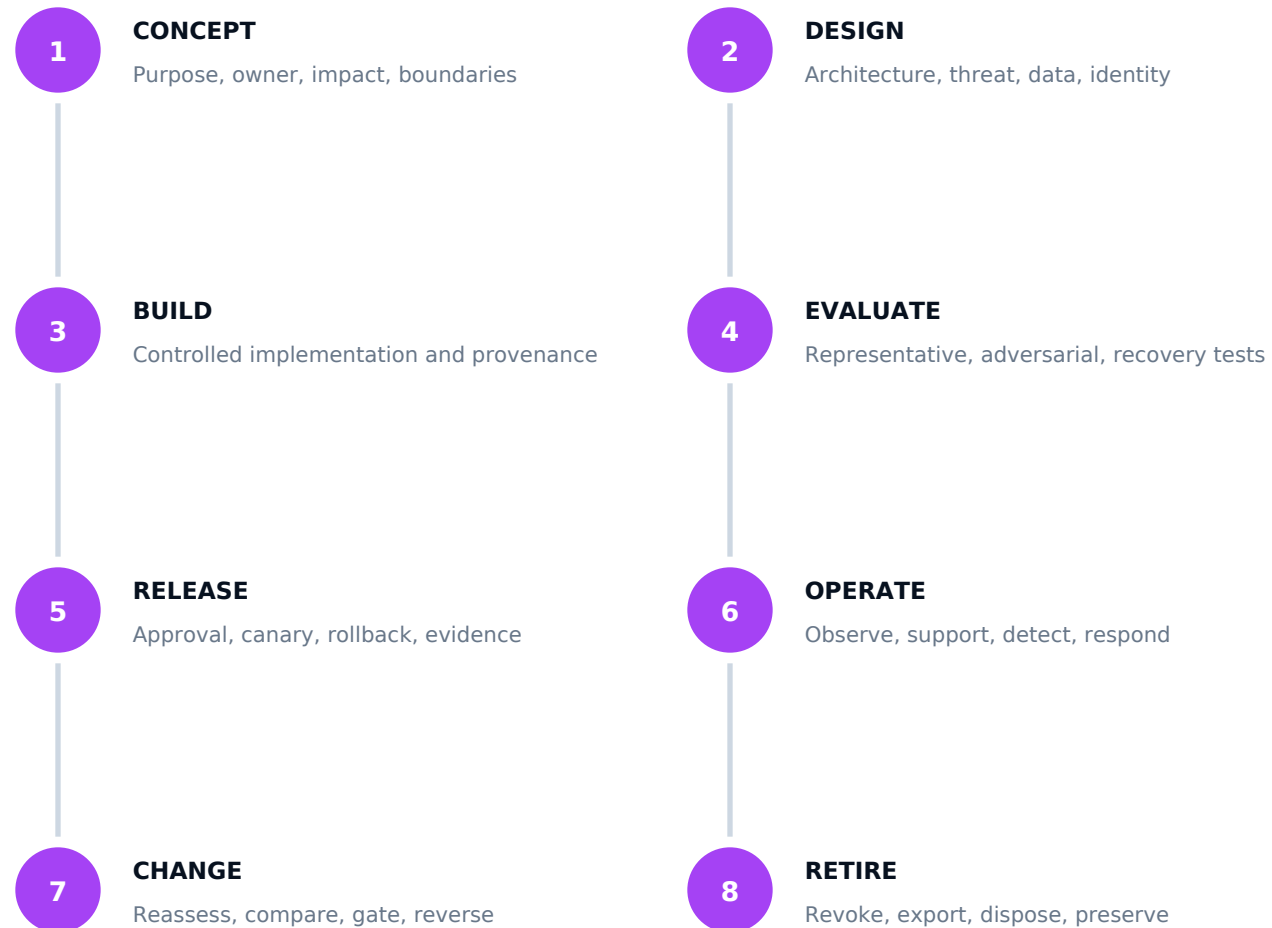
Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

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10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

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11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST Integrated Photonics

Integrated Photonics Program and Metrology

<https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/integrated-photonics>

Primary research and measurement work for heterogeneous integrated photonic devices.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ITU-R M.2160

Framework and Overall Objectives for IMT-2030

<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2160-0-202311-I/en>

In-force framework for IMT-2030 objectives, use cases, and capabilities.

NIST PQC Project

Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization and Migration

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

Final PQC standards, continuing algorithm work, migration direction, and official project status.

ETSI ISG PDL

Permissioned Distributed Ledger Specifications

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/pdl>

Primary technical work for governed distributed-ledger systems and decentralized trust.

IEEE P3706

Guide for Brain-Inspired Computing Technologies

<https://standards.ieee.org/ieee/3706/12098/>

Published guide describing brain-inspired computing technology options and terminology.

3GPP Release 20

5G-Advanced Studies and 6G Study Roadmap

<https://www.3gpp.org/specifications-technologies/releases/release-20>

Official release program separating continued 5G-Advanced work from initial 6G studies.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

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11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESSION** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
- CORRECTION** Material errors require a recorded correction, affected-evidence analysis, and notification appropriate to impact.
- ARCHIVAL INTEGRITY** Published artifacts receive hashes, metadata, and a release manifest sufficient for independent verification.

END OF PERMANENT PUBLICATION / MYTHOS-EMT-0007

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ENGINEERING STANDARDS LIBRARY / QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTING

Quantum Computing System and Workload Evaluation Standard

Quantum hardware, workload suitability, algorithm selection, calibration, error, benchmarking, cloud access, reproducibility, and adoption evidence.

PERMANENT DOCUMENT ID

MYTHOS-QTC-0001

PUBLICATION

Candidate Standard
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ASSURANCE PROFILE

Research / Pilot / Transition
High Assurance

PERMANENT PUBLICATION IDENTITY

Quantum Computing System and Workload Evaluation Standard			DOCUMENT ID MYTHOS-QTC-0001 VERSION 1.0.0-candidate STATUS Candidate Standard PUBLISHER Mythos Systems PUBLICATION DATE 2026-07-24 SCHEDULED REVIEW 2027-01-24 CLASSIFICATION Public
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Publication doctrine. This publication establishes durable requirements for its defined scope. Interpretation must preserve the permanent document identity, required evidence, controlled exceptions, source currency, and formal revision history.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

Quantum Technology and Computing

A trustworthy quantum computing system and workload evaluation program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale

0	1	2	3	4	5
ABSENT	AD HOC	PARTIAL	OPERATIONAL	ADVANCED	LEADING

A numeric score must never hide a failed mandatory gate, missing evidence, untested workload, or unacceptable residual risk.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION

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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating quantum computing system and workload evaluation **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for quantum computing system and workload evaluation.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of quantum computing system and workload evaluation.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

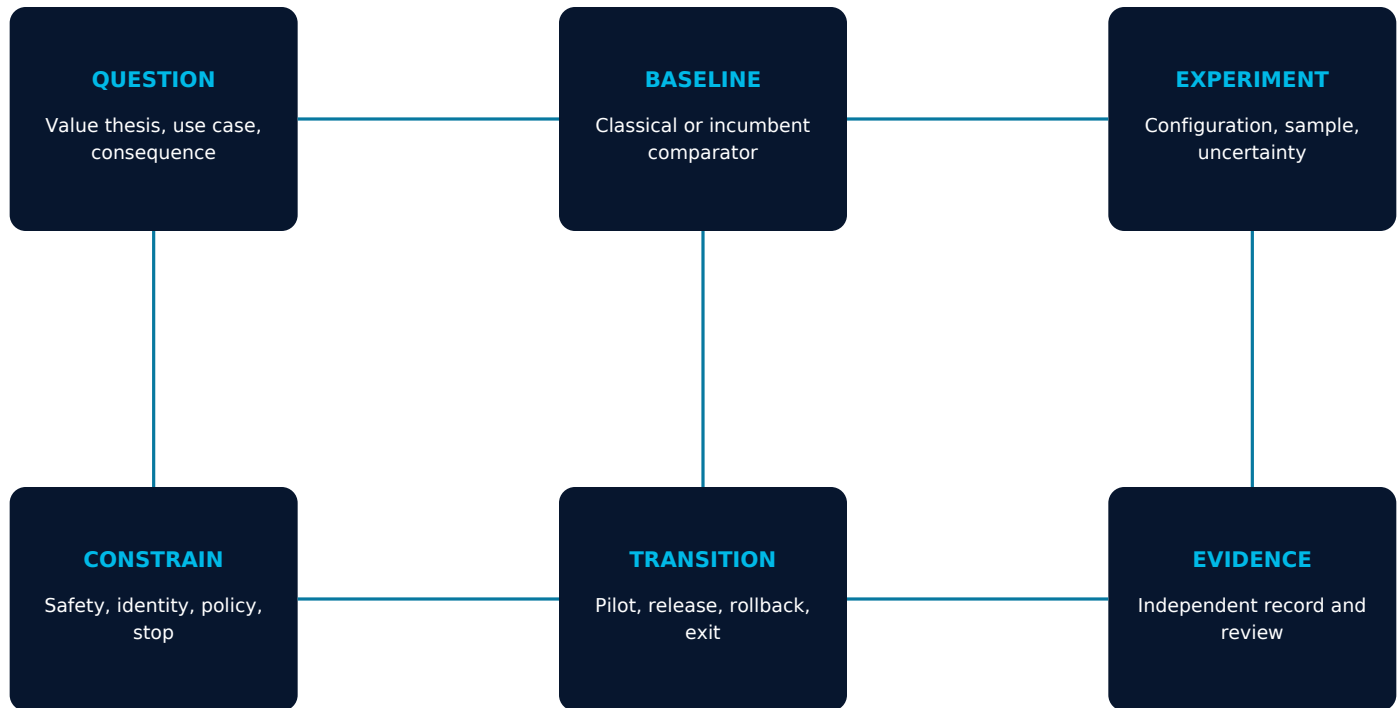
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C01**Quantum Use Case and Classical Baseline**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain quantum use case and classical baseline for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C02**Computational Model and Hardware Modality**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain computational model and hardware modality for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C03**Problem Encoding and Resource Estimation**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain problem encoding and resource estimation for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C04**Algorithm Selection and Complexity Claim**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain algorithm selection and complexity claim for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C05**Qubit Topology, Connectivity, and Native Gate Set**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain qubit topology, connectivity, and native gate set for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C06**Calibration, Fidelity, Coherence, and Drift**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain calibration, fidelity, coherence, and drift for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C07**Compilation, Transpilation, Mapping, and Optimization**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain compilation, transpilation, mapping, and optimization for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C08**Noise Model, Error Characterization, and Uncertainty**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain noise model, error characterization, and uncertainty for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

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Error Mitigation, Suppression, and Validation

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain error mitigation, suppression, and validation for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C10

Shot Count, Sampling, Randomness, and Confidence

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain shot count, sampling, randomness, and confidence for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C11

Classical Preprocessing, Postprocessing, and Hybrid Cost

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain classical preprocessing, postprocessing, and hybrid cost for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C12

Provider Queue, Access, Region, and Data Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain provider queue, access, region, and data boundary for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C13**Experiment Configuration and Reproducibility Package**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain experiment configuration and reproducibility package for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C14**Benchmark Integrity and Advantage-Claim Control**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain benchmark integrity and advantage-claim control for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C15**Security, Multi-Tenancy, and Result Confidentiality**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain security, multi-tenancy, and result confidentiality for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C16**Cost, Energy, Throughput, and Operational Burden**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain cost, energy, throughput, and operational burden for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C17**Adoption Gate and Classical Fallback**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain adoption gate and classical fallback for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0001-C18**Reassessment, Portability, and Evidence Retention**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain reassessment, portability, and evidence retention for the declared quantum computing system and workload evaluation boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

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6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

Acquisition, operation, provider, token, facility, migration, insurance, support, and opportunity cost.

TRANSITION

Pilot escape, rollback time, incumbent fallback, portability, lock-in, retirement, and evidence completeness.

Decision gate: thresholds **MUST** be declared before assessment, include an incumbent baseline and uncertainty statement, and identify any safety, security, cryptographic, physical, reproducibility, or rollback failure that blocks transition.

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8. Failure Modes and Adversarial Scenarios

Challenge assumptions before the system is trusted with consequential work

QUANTUM ADVANTAGE OVERCLAIM

A narrow or non-comparable experiment is presented as useful superiority over classical methods.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

CALIBRATION INVALIDATION

Backend drift or missing calibration state makes results irreproducible or misleading.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

CRYPTOGRAPHIC TRANSITION FAILURE

Legacy algorithms, protocol gaps, or downgrade paths survive after PQC migration claims.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

QUANTUM CHANNEL COMPROMISE

Trusted nodes, detectors, timing, classical authentication, or devices violate the stated security model.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESOURCE-ESTIMATION COLLAPSE

Logical qubit, error correction, runtime, facility, or cost assumptions invalidate the roadmap.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

PROVIDER AND EVIDENCE LOSS

Remote hardware, queue behavior, configuration, or experiment records cannot be independently reproduced.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

FOUNDATIONAL TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs. MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	ADVANCED TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy. MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	HIGH ASSURANCE TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use. MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.
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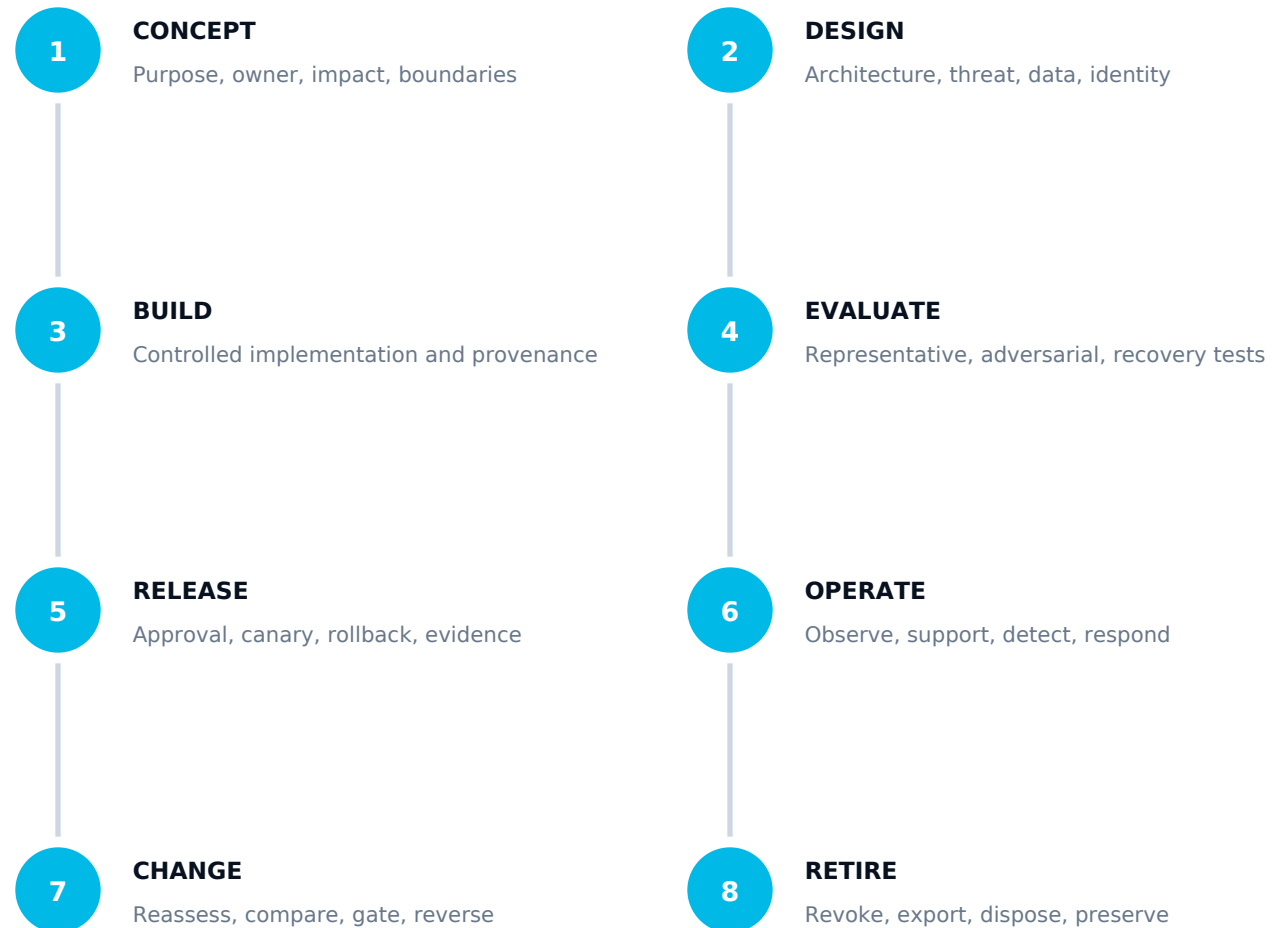
Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST PQC Standards

Post-Quantum Cryptography Project

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

FIPS 203, 204, and 205, HQC selection, and continuing migration guidance.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ETSI QKD

Quantum Key Distribution Industry Specification Group

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/qkd>

QKD component, interface, security, deployment, and interoperability specifications.

NIST Quantum Science

Quantum Science Programs and Testbeds

<https://www.nist.gov/quantum-science>

Official NIST research across quantum computing, communications, networking, sensing, and metrology.

ISO/IEC 4879:2024

Quantum Computing - Terminology and Vocabulary

<https://www.iso.org/standard/80432.html>

International terminology foundation for quantum computing concepts.

NIST Quantum Networks

Quantum Networks at NIST

<https://www.nist.gov/pml/productsservices/quantum-networks-nist>

Quantum-network concepts, components, applications, and metropolitan research testbeds.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

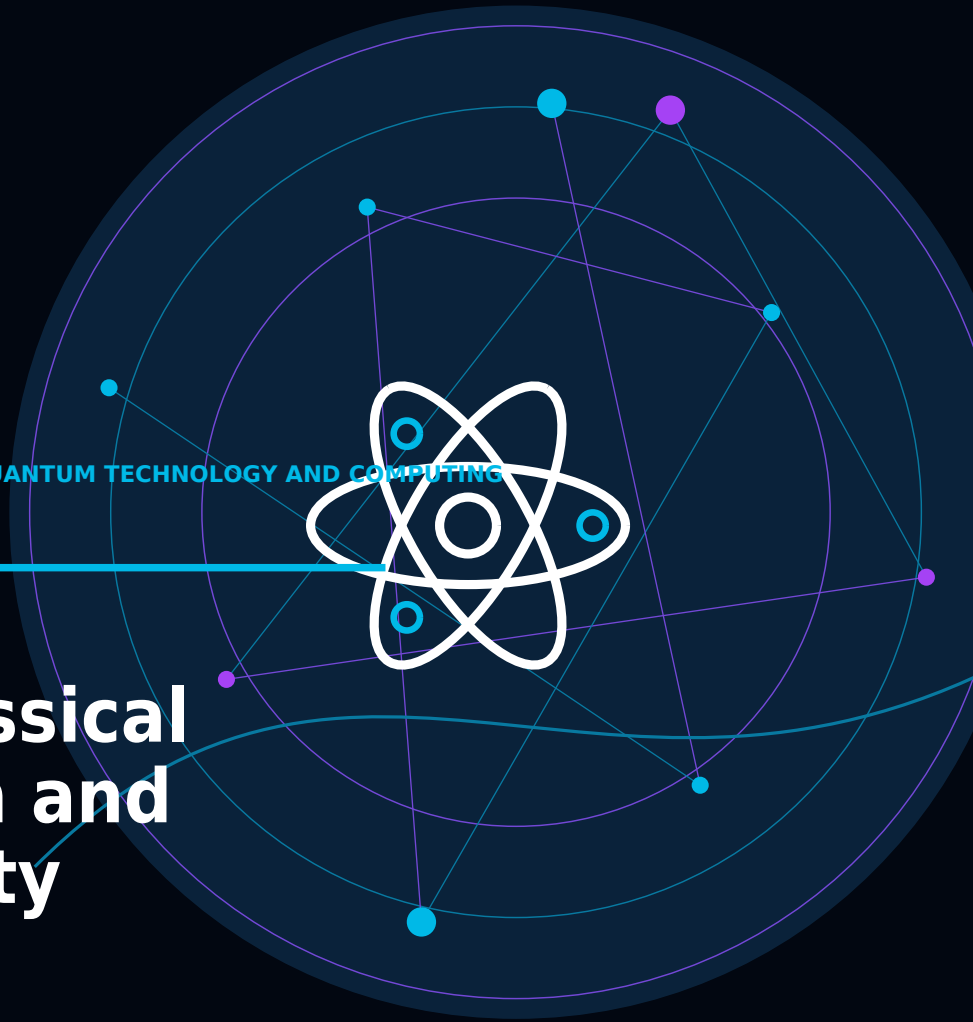
- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESSON** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
- CORRECTION** Material errors require a recorded correction, affected-evidence analysis, and notification appropriate to impact.
- ARCHIVAL INTEGRITY** Published artifacts receive hashes, metadata, and a release manifest sufficient for independent verification.

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Hybrid Quantum-Classical Orchestration and Reproducibility Standard



Workflow graphs, provider abstraction, classical and quantum resource coordination, compilation, provenance, checkpoints, error handling, and reproducible execution.

PERMANENT DOCUMENT ID

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PUBLICATION

Candidate Standard
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ASSURANCE PROFILE

Research / Pilot / Transition
High Assurance

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Publication doctrine. This publication establishes durable requirements for its defined scope. Interpretation must preserve the permanent document identity, required evidence, controlled exceptions, source currency, and formal revision history.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

Quantum Technology and Computing

A trustworthy hybrid quantum-classical orchestration program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale

0	1	2	3	4	5
ABSENT	AD HOC	PARTIAL	OPERATIONAL	ADVANCED	LEADING

A numeric score must never hide a failed mandatory gate, missing evidence, untested workload, or unacceptable residual risk.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION

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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating hybrid quantum-classical orchestration **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for hybrid quantum-classical orchestration.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of hybrid quantum-classical orchestration.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

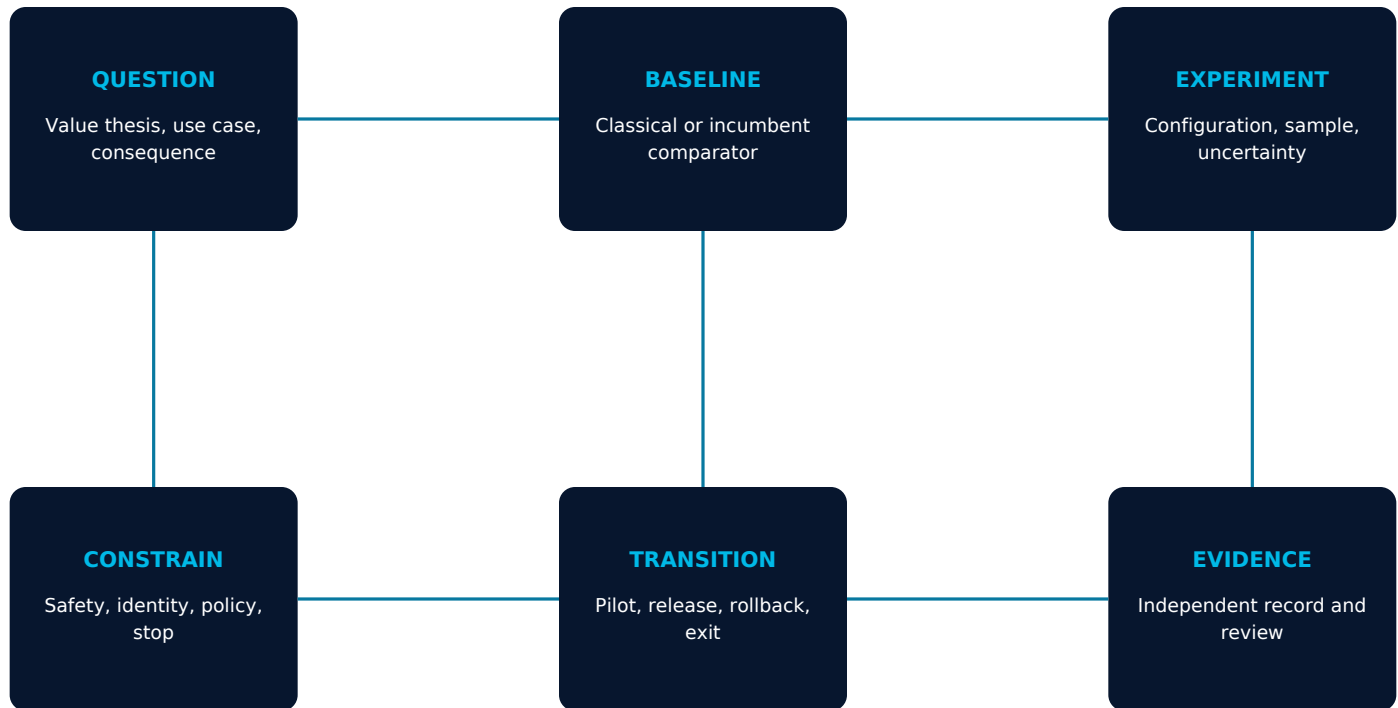
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

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4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C01 Hybrid Workflow and Dependency Graph

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain hybrid workflow and dependency graph for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C02 Classical and Quantum Responsibility Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain classical and quantum responsibility boundary for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C03 Provider, Backend, Simulator, and Hardware Selection

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain provider, backend, simulator, and hardware selection for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C04 Job Identity, Authorization, and Tenant Isolation

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain job identity, authorization, and tenant isolation for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C05

Input, Parameter, Seed, and Data Provenance

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain input, parameter, seed, and data provenance for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C06

Compiler, Transpiler, Runtime, and Version Pinning

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain compiler, transpiler, runtime, and version pinning for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C07

Queue, Reservation, Timeout, and Cancellation Policy

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain queue, reservation, timeout, and cancellation policy for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C08

Checkpoint, Retry, Replay, and Side-Effect Safety

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain checkpoint, retry, replay, and side-effect safety for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

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MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C09

Calibration Snapshot and Backend-State Capture

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain calibration snapshot and backend-state capture for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C10

Result Validation and Cross-Backend Comparison

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain result validation and cross-backend comparison for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C11

Cost, Shot, Runtime, and Budget Enforcement

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain cost, shot, runtime, and budget enforcement for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C12

Sensitive Data, Intellectual Property, and Egress

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain sensitive data, intellectual property, and egress for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C13**Observability, Trace Correlation, and Evidence**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain observability, trace correlation, and evidence for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C14**Failure Classification and Classical Fallback**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain failure classification and classical fallback for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C15**Portability, API, Intermediate Representation, and Exit**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain portability, api, intermediate representation, and exit for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C16**Reproducibility Bundle and Independent Reproduction**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain reproducibility bundle and independent reproduction for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C17**Promotion Gate and Scientific Review**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain promotion gate and scientific review for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0005-C18**Retention, Retirement, and Long-Term Interpretability**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain retention, retirement, and long-term interpretability for the declared hybrid quantum-classical orchestration boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

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6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

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7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

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QUANTUM ADVANTAGE OVERCLAIM

A narrow or non-comparable experiment is presented as useful superiority over classical methods.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

CALIBRATION INVALIDATION

Backend drift or missing calibration state makes results irreproducible or misleading.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

CRYPTOGRAPHIC TRANSITION FAILURE

Legacy algorithms, protocol gaps, or downgrade paths survive after PQC migration claims.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

QUANTUM CHANNEL COMPROMISE

Trusted nodes, detectors, timing, classical authentication, or devices violate the stated security model.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESOURCE-ESTIMATION COLLAPSE

Logical qubit, error correction, runtime, facility, or cost assumptions invalidate the roadmap.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

PROVIDER AND EVIDENCE LOSS

Remote hardware, queue behavior, configuration, or experiment records cannot be independently reproduced.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

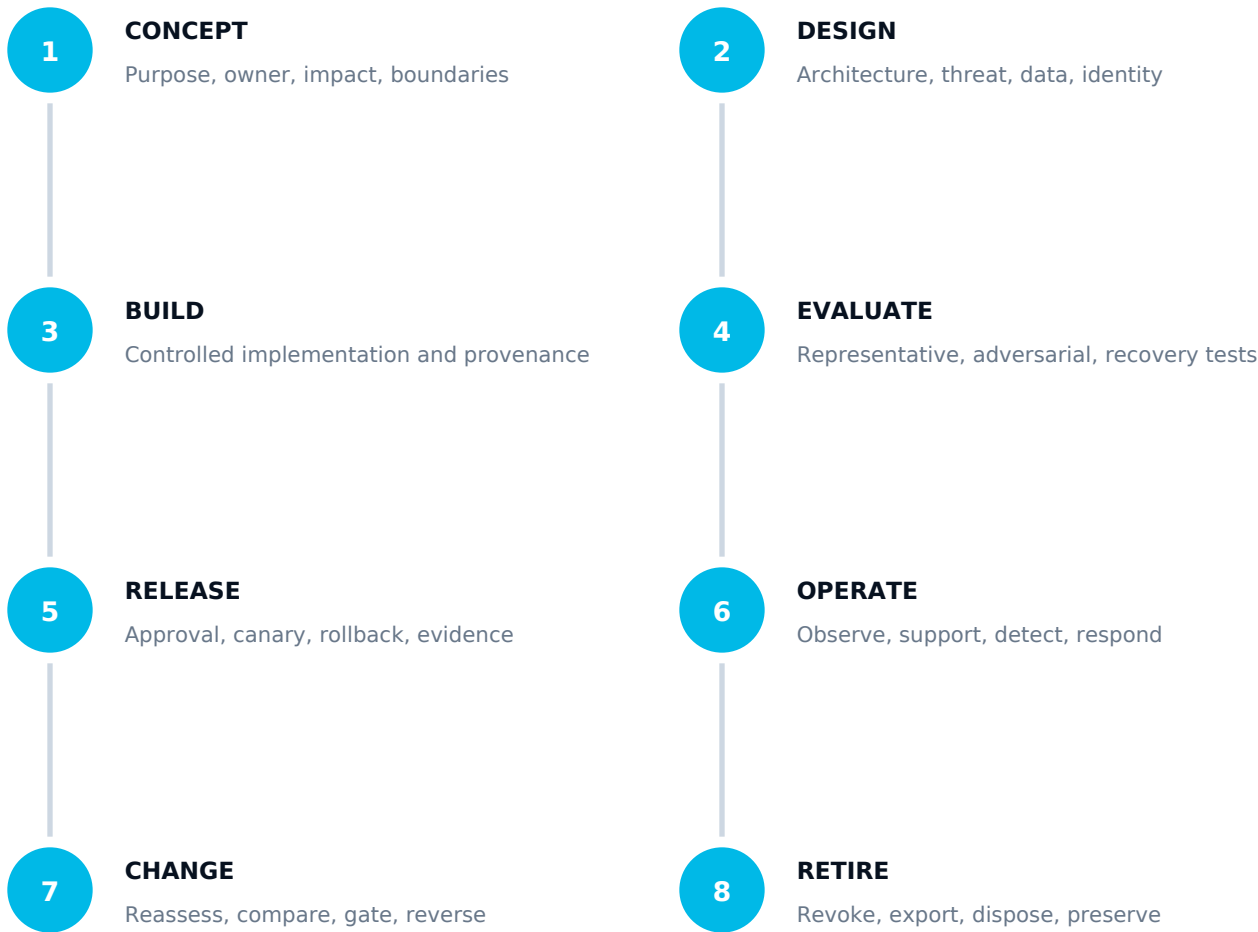
FOUNDATIONAL TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs. MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	ADVANCED TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy. MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	HIGH ASSURANCE TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use. MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.
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Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

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11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST PQC Standards

Post-Quantum Cryptography Project

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

FIPS 203, 204, and 205, HQC selection, and continuing migration guidance.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ETSI QKD

Quantum Key Distribution Industry Specification Group

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/qkd>

QKD component, interface, security, deployment, and interoperability specifications.

NIST Quantum Science

Quantum Science Programs and Testbeds

<https://www.nist.gov/quantum-science>

Official NIST research across quantum computing, communications, networking, sensing, and metrology.

ISO/IEC 4879:2024

Quantum Computing - Terminology and Vocabulary

<https://www.iso.org/standard/80432.html>

International terminology foundation for quantum computing concepts.

NIST Quantum Networks

Quantum Networks at NIST

<https://www.nist.gov/pml/productsservices/quantum-networks-nist>

Quantum-network concepts, components, applications, and metropolitan research testbeds.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESSION** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
- CORRECTION** Material errors require a recorded correction, affected-evidence analysis, and notification appropriate to impact.
- ARCHIVAL INTEGRITY** Published artifacts receive hashes, metadata, and a release manifest sufficient for independent verification.



ENGINEERING STANDARDS LIBRARY / QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY AND COMPUTING

Fault-Tolerant Quantum Computing and Error-Correction Readiness Standard

Logical qubits, codes, thresholds, decoders, resource estimation, control electronics, verification, roadmap claims, and fault-tolerant adoption gates.

PERMANENT DOCUMENT ID

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PUBLICATION

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ASSURANCE PROFILE

Research / Pilot / Transition
High Assurance

PERMANENT PUBLICATION IDENTITY

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Publication doctrine. This publication establishes durable requirements for its defined scope. Interpretation must preserve the permanent document identity, required evidence, controlled exceptions, source currency, and formal revision history.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

Quantum Technology and Computing

A trustworthy fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness program is a governed path from research claim through baseline, experiment, safety and security challenge, transition decision, bounded operation, and preserved evidence.

CLASSIFY

Separate established practice, candidate standard, reproduced result, vendor claim, implementation hypothesis, and open research.

EXPERIMENT

Declare baseline, configuration, uncertainty, scenario coverage, stop conditions, and independent reproduction before conclusions.

CONSTRAIN

Identity, policy, safety envelopes, physical boundaries, cryptographic authority, and human intervention limit consequence.

TRANSITION

Adoption, pilot, production, rollback, supplier exit, lifecycle, and retirement decisions remain evidence-bearing and reversible.

EVIDENCE - BOUND TRANSITION FLOW



No novelty claim becomes an operational claim without reproduced evidence and an explicit authority decision

INTERPRETATION AND ASSURANCE

How to apply this publication

Normative intent

Requirements define outcomes and constraints. Implementations may vary, but evidence must demonstrate equivalent control.

Evidence over assertion

Vendor documentation and design intent are not equivalent to reproduced behavior. Record evidence grade and uncertainty.

Risk-proportional depth

Higher consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, and irreversibility require stronger isolation, review, verification, and recovery.

Controlled exception

Exceptions require an owner, rationale, compensating control, residual-risk acceptance, expiration, and reevaluation trigger.

Normalized assessment scale

0	1	2	3	4	5
ABSENT	AD HOC	PARTIAL	OPERATIONAL	ADVANCED	LEADING

A numeric score must never hide a failed mandatory gate, missing evidence, untested workload, or unacceptable residual risk.

INTERACTIVE NAVIGATION

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Navigation doctrine

Bookmarks and internal links are conveniences. Permanent document identity, criterion identifiers, evidence references, and revision history remain authoritative.

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0. Executive Mandate

Research value, transition discipline, and non-negotiable evidence boundaries

MANDATE

Organizations evaluating fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness **MUST** separate research from operational authority, establish a reproducible baseline, constrain safety and security consequence, disclose uncertainty, and require a documented transition or rejection decision.

Required outcomes

- Establish a durable, product-neutral evidence system for fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness.
- Prevent novelty, investment, vendor prestige, roadmap language, or laboratory success from substituting for operational proof.
- Require representative performance, adversarial, failure, recovery, safety, privacy, and lifecycle evidence.
- Keep pilots bounded by identity, authority, environment, duration, budget, stop conditions, and rollback.
- Preserve rejected alternatives, limitations, residual risk, source currency, and reassessment triggers.

Decision boundary: conformance supports a bounded engineering assurance position. It does not prove scientific consensus, regulatory approval, universal safety, quantum advantage, cryptographic perfection, autonomous competence, or commercial viability.

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1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness.
- Hardware, software, models, data, protocols, facilities, people, suppliers, providers, physical processes, and evidence.
- Laboratory, simulation, testbed, shadow, pilot, canary, production, and field deployment states.
- Claims, benchmarks, uncertainty, safety, security, privacy, economics, interoperability, support, and exit.

OUT OF SCOPE

- Scientific truth inferred from a single benchmark, simulation, provider, hardware generation, or laboratory configuration.
- Safety, regulatory, export, spectrum, airspace, clinical, cryptographic, or standards approval not granted by the responsible authority.
- Roadmap forecasts, token price, patent counts, press releases, or investment treated as engineering evidence.
- Hidden production use of research components outside the declared transition and assurance boundary.

Applicability triggers

- The capability is novel, rapidly changing, weakly standardized, difficult to reproduce, or dependent on immature suppliers.
- A claim concerns safety, security, privacy, physical action, critical infrastructure, cryptographic trust, or consequential autonomy.
- The system requires specialized facilities, scarce hardware, spectrum, foundry, cryogenic, optical, robotics, or field-test dependencies.
- Failure or lock-in may create long-lived data, capital, infrastructure, workforce, or regulatory consequences.
- A research component is proposed for pilot, customer, production, public, or externally relied-upon use.

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2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

AUTHORITY

The right to approve, deny, constrain, or execute an action. Model output is not authority.

EVIDENCE

A reproducible source, trace, measurement, test, record, signed artifact, or documented observation supporting a claim.

ASSURANCE VIEW

A defined perspective such as governance, architecture, security, operations, privacy, or human oversight.

ATOMIC CRITERION

A uniquely identified requirement that can be assessed, evidenced, excepted, and revised independently.

IMPLEMENTATION PROFILE

A risk-proportional set of required depth, evidence, and gates for a class of use.

CONTROLLED EXCEPTION

A time-bounded deviation with owner, rationale, compensating control, residual risk, expiration, and review trigger.

DETERMINISTIC MECHANISM

A component whose inputs, policy, state transition, and side effects can be constrained and verified.

SOURCE AUTHORITY

The documented basis for treating a source as reliable for a defined claim, context, jurisdiction, and time.

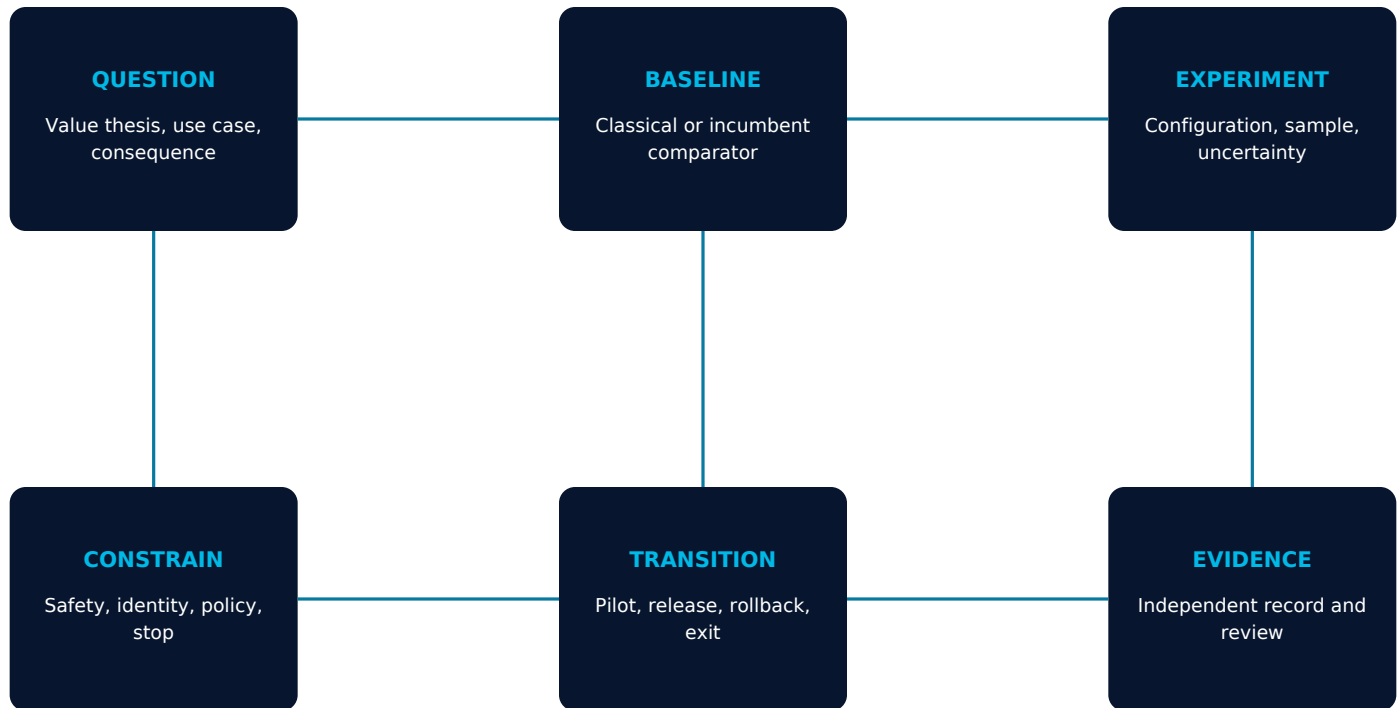
REASSESSMENT TRIGGER

A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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3. Architecture and Trust Model

Separation of research, authority, physical systems, runtime, and evidence



Mandatory trust boundaries

- Research systems **MUST NOT** inherit production identity, secrets, authority, data, networks, or physical control by convenience.
- Claims **MUST** retain the exact hardware, software, model, protocol, calibration, environment, workload, and observation boundary.
- Safety, cryptographic, physical, spectrum, autonomy, and human-intervention constraints **MUST** remain independently enforceable.
- Transition **MUST** have a named decision authority, acceptance criteria, monitored pilot, rollback, supplier exit, and retirement path.
- Evidence **MUST** remain reviewable when a vendor, cloud, token network, laboratory, model, robot, or quantum backend is unavailable.

4. Governance and Accountability

Decision rights, separation of duties, and lifecycle ownership

ACCOUNTABLE OWNER

Accepts scope, risk tolerance, funding, and residual risk.

SYSTEM OWNER

Maintains architecture, inventory, operating boundaries, and change control.

SECURITY / PRIVACY

Defines threat, identity, data, isolation, monitoring, and incident requirements.

EVALUATION AUTHORITY

Designs representative tests, gates releases, and preserves reproducibility.

OPERATIONS

Maintains availability, rollback, recovery, evidence, and incident handling.

HUMAN OVERSIGHT

Reviews consequential decisions, exceptions, disputed outcomes, and harm signals.

DECISION PRINCIPLE

No single actor should be able to define the objective, grant authority, execute the consequential action, suppress evidence, and approve the result. Separation must be technical where consequence requires it.

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5. Normative Control System

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MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C01

Fault-Tolerance Objective and Readiness Claim

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain fault-tolerance objective and readiness claim for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C02

Physical Error Model and Correlation Assumptions

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain physical error model and correlation assumptions for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C03

Code Family, Distance, and Logical-Qubit Definition

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain code family, distance, and logical-qubit definition for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C04

Syndrome Extraction and Measurement Architecture

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain syndrome extraction and measurement architecture for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C05**Decoder, Latency, Throughput, and Failure Modes**

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MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C06**Threshold Evidence and Scaling Method**

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain threshold evidence and scaling method for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C07**Logical Gate, Magic State, and Resource Accounting**

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain logical gate, magic state, and resource accounting for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C08**Leakage, Crosstalk, Loss, and Non-Pauli Error**

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain leakage, crosstalk, loss, and non-pauli error for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

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Control Electronics, Cryogenic, Optical, and Timing Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain control electronics, cryogenic, optical, and timing boundary for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C10

Verification, Simulation, and Experimental Cross-Check

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain verification, simulation, and experimental cross-check for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C11

Workload-Level Logical Resource Estimate

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain workload-level logical resource estimate for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE captured circuit, parameters, seeds, shots, mapping, calibration snapshot, and result data

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Yield, Calibration, Maintenance, and Availability

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain yield, calibration, maintenance, and availability for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record MUST identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts MUST remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cross-backend, simulator, independent reproduction, and statistical comparison evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C13**Facility, Energy, Cooling, and Operational Scale**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain facility, energy, cooling, and operational scale for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE cryptographic inventory, hybrid profile, interoperability tests, downgrade tests, and revocation plan

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C14**Security, Provider, and Intellectual-Property Boundary**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain security, provider, and intellectual-property boundary for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE quantum-channel, timing, authentication, trusted-node, detector, or key-lifecycle evidence

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C15**Roadmap Dependency and Uncertainty Disclosure**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain roadmap dependency and uncertainty disclosure for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE facility, energy, cooling, queue, cost, availability, support, and exit evidence

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MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C16**Classical Alternative and Break-Even Analysis**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain classical alternative and break-even analysis for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE bounded claim, limitation register, promotion gate, fallback, and long-term evidence package

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C17**Transition Gate and Independent Challenge**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain transition gate and independent challenge for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE algorithm, hardware, backend, qubit, calibration, compiler, runtime, and provider inventory

MYTHOS-QTC-0006-C18**Reassessment and Long-Horizon Evidence Preservation**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain reassessment and long-horizon evidence preservation for the declared fault-tolerant quantum computing readiness boundary. The record **MUST** identify accountable ownership, evidence state, exact configuration, assumptions, affected people and systems, failure and recovery behavior, uncertainty, transition authority, and reassessment triggers. Quantum and classical resources, calibration or algorithm state, comparator, statistical confidence, provider dependency, and reproducibility artifacts **MUST** remain explicit.

MINIMUM EVIDENCE classical baseline; resource estimate; noise and uncertainty model; acceptance thresholds

6. Evidence and Assessment

Reproduce, compare, challenge, observe, recover, and trace

EXAMINE

Research papers, standards, designs, bills of material, protocols, source, models, data, calibration, configurations, contracts, and claims.

REPRODUCE

Repeat the experiment or assessment with captured versions, seeds, parameters, environment, uncertainty, and acceptance criteria.

COMPARE

Use an honest incumbent, classical, manual, or alternative baseline with equivalent outcome, data, scale, and resource accounting.

CHALLENGE

Apply adversarial input, environmental variation, dependency loss, fault injection, safety cases, security tests, and boundary conditions.

OBSERVE

Measure field or production-like quality, latency, energy, drift, physical behavior, interventions, failures, maintenance, and user impact.

TRACE

Link claim, authority, experiment, configuration, evidence, decision, pilot, change, incident, rollback, and reassessment.

Evidence grades

A

Independently reproduced, current, representative, uncertainty-bounded, integrity-protected, and operationally relevant.

B

Reproduced by the implementing organization with strong provenance, comparator, challenge, and declared limitations.

C

Partial, laboratory-only, simulation-heavy, inherited, or indirect evidence with material uncertainty and dependencies.

D

Roadmap, assertion, demonstration, benchmark excerpt, patent, token metric, press release, or vendor statement without...

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7. Assurance Views

Six perspectives required for a complete assurance claim

GOVERNANCE

Ownership, purpose, risk tolerance, policy, exception, and decision rights.

ARCHITECTURE

Boundaries, dependencies, failure modes, state, data flow, and portability.

SECURITY

Identity, authorization, isolation, secrets, abuse resistance, and incident response.

OPERATIONS

Reliability, performance, cost, observability, change, recovery, and support.

PRIVACY / RIGHTS

Purpose limitation, minimization, consent, access, correction, deletion, and egress.

HUMAN / SOCIETAL

Usability, accessibility, disclosure, contestability, impact, and human control.

Conformance requires a defensible position across every applicable view. A strong aggregate score cannot compensate for an unowned system, a failed mandatory gate, untested recovery, or evidence below the accepted grade.

7.2 Evaluation Metrics and Decision Gates

Measures expose utility, uncertainty, safety, physical limits, transition cost, and lifecycle burden

UTILITY

Task outcome, comparator delta, coverage, quality, accuracy, mission success, and stakeholder value.

UNCERTAINTY

Confidence, calibration, variance, sample coverage, reproducibility, sensitivity, and unresolved assumptions.

PERFORMANCE

Latency, throughput, fidelity, range, precision, bandwidth, scale, density, and availability.

SAFETY / SECURITY

Hazard exposure, unsafe action, exploitability, spoofing, physical consequence, intervention, and containment.

RESOURCE

Energy, power, cooling, spectrum, shots, qubits, memory, materials, facility, operator, and maintenance demand.

MATURITY

Standards state, supply chain, interoperability, tooling, skills, support, qualification, and lifecycle readiness.

ECONOMICS

Acquisition, operation, provider, token, facility, migration, insurance, support, and opportunity cost.

TRANSITION

Pilot escape, rollback time, incumbent fallback, portability, lock-in, retirement, and evidence completeness.

Decision gate: thresholds **MUST** be declared before assessment, include an incumbent baseline and uncertainty statement, and identify any safety, security, cryptographic, physical, reproducibility, or rollback failure that blocks transition.

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Trusted nodes, detectors, timing, classical authentication, or devices violate the stated security model.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

RESOURCE-ESTIMATION COLLAPSE

Logical qubit, error correction, runtime, facility, or cost assumptions invalidate the roadmap.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

PROVIDER AND EVIDENCE LOSS

Remote hardware, queue behavior, configuration, or experiment records cannot be independently reproduced.

REQUIRED: PREVENT | DETECT | CONTAIN | RECOVER | EVIDENCE

Adversarial testing MUST protect people and production systems. Use isolated environments, synthetic or minimized data, bounded authority, kill switches, explicit legal and ethical review, and documented stop conditions.

9. Implementation Profiles

Risk-proportional implementation without weakening mandatory boundaries

FOUNDATIONAL TYPICAL SCOPE Low consequence, limited autonomy, non-sensitive data, reversible outputs. MINIMUM DEPTH Named owner; inventory; basic evaluation; access control; logging; rollback; annual review.	ADVANCED TYPICAL SCOPE Business-critical workflow, sensitive data, multiple tools or providers, moderate autonomy. MINIMUM DEPTH Formal threat model; representative evaluation; approval gates; isolated execution; tested recovery; quarterly review.	HIGH ASSURANCE TYPICAL SCOPE Safety, security, regulated, financial, identity, or broadly consequential use. MINIMUM DEPTH Independent challenge; strongest identity; deterministic enforcement; comprehensive evidence; canary release; continuous monitoring.
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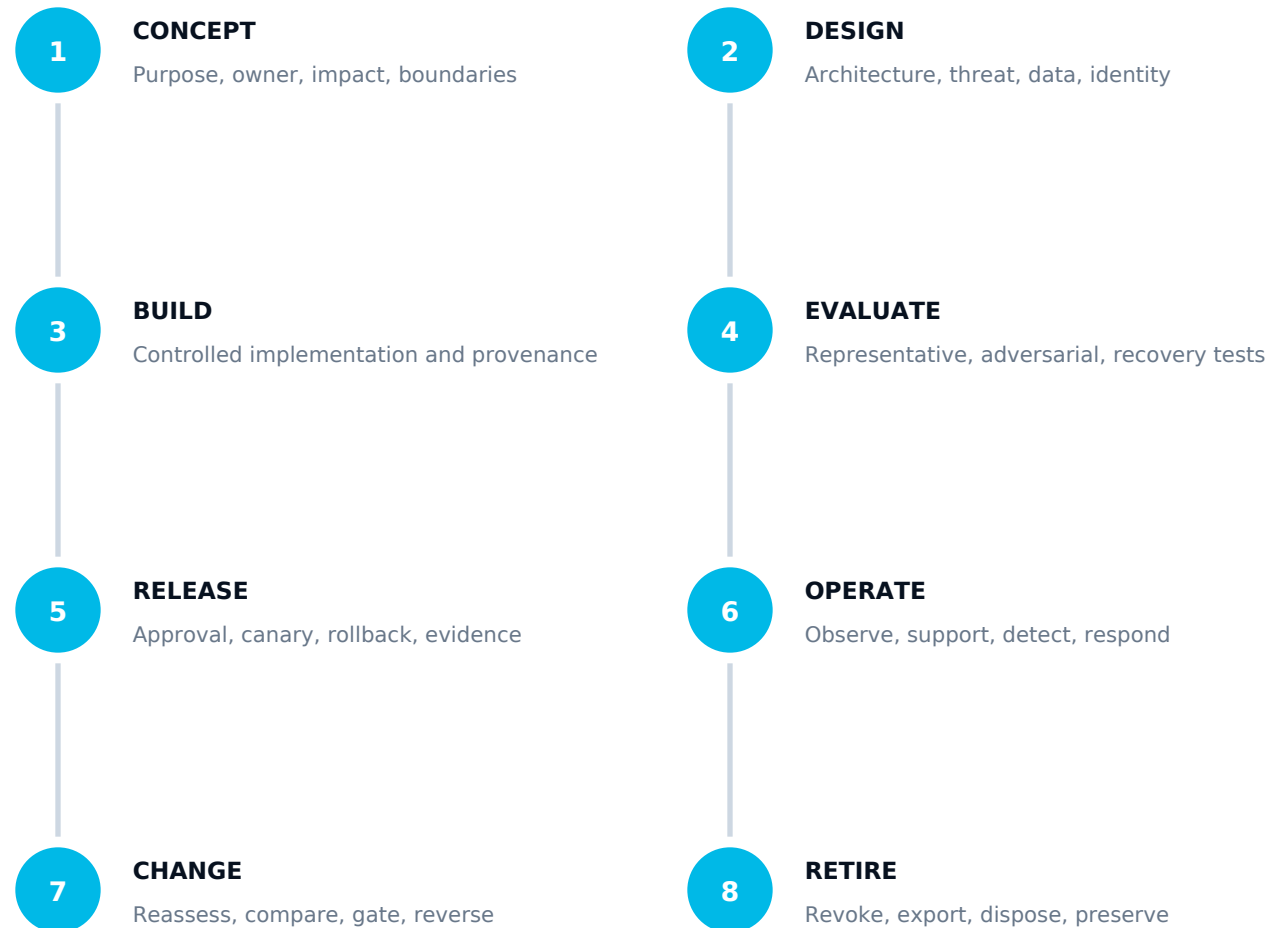
Profile selection rule

Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement



LIFECYCLE INVARIANT

Every stage **MUST** leave sufficient evidence for the next authority to understand what was intended, what changed, what was tested, what failed, what was accepted, what remains uncertain, and how to recover or exit.

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10. Adoption Roadmap

A sequenced path from uncontrolled capability to evidence-bearing operation

0-30 DAYS**Establish ownership and truth**

Inventory systems and dependencies; classify risk; freeze unsupported claims; identify immediate privilege, data, and evidence gaps.

31-90 DAYS**Create enforceable boundaries**

Define policy; isolate execution; implement identity and approval gates; establish representative evaluation and baseline telemetry.

3-6 MONTHS**Prove recovery and operating control**

Exercise failure, rollback, revocation, incident, provider exit, and state-recovery scenarios; mature evidence packaging.

6-12 MONTHS**Scale assurance**

Automate control checks; expand workload coverage; independent challenge; portfolio metrics; controlled exception expiry; continuous reassessment.

Adoption is complete only when operating evidence demonstrates the selected profile in the actual deployment context. Documentation alone is not conformance.

10.2 Conformance and Exception Statement

What an assurance claim must contain

SYSTEM / SERVICE Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.	PROFILE Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.
SCOPE Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.	CRITERIA Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.
EVIDENCE Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.	LIMITATIONS Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.
EXCEPTIONS Owner, rationale, compensating control, expiration, and approval.	VALIDITY Assessment date, change boundary, review date, and reassessment triggers.

Prohibited claim: “compliant” without the named scope, profile, evidence date, limitations, exceptions, and authority accepting residual risk.

11. Source Authority and Reference Register

Primary sources informing interpretation; verify current status at assessment time

NIST CSF 2.0

Cybersecurity Framework 2.0

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.CSWP.29>

Enterprise governance and cybersecurity outcome framework.

NIST PQC Standards

Post-Quantum Cryptography Project

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/post-quantum-cryptography>

FIPS 203, 204, and 205, HQC selection, and continuing migration guidance.

NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5

Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations

<https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.SP.800-53r5>

Broad organizational control baseline for technology systems and services.

ETSI QKD

Quantum Key Distribution Industry Specification Group

<https://www.etsi.org/committee/qkd>

QKD component, interface, security, deployment, and interoperability specifications.

NIST Quantum Science

Quantum Science Programs and Testbeds

<https://www.nist.gov/quantum-science>

Official NIST research across quantum computing, communications, networking, sensing, and metrology.

ISO/IEC 4879:2024

Quantum Computing - Terminology and Vocabulary

<https://www.iso.org/standard/80432.html>

International terminology foundation for quantum computing concepts.

NIST Quantum Networks

Quantum Networks at NIST

<https://www.nist.gov/pml/productsservices/quantum-networks-nist>

Quantum-network concepts, components, applications, and metropolitan research testbeds.

Source currency rule: authorities, specifications, laws, provider services, hardware, protocols, standards status, and research evidence MUST be checked at assessment time. This publication records a 2026-07-24 source snapshot.

11.2 Revision History and Decision Register

Permanent identity, controlled change, and publication integrity

VERSION	DATE	STATE	SUMMARY
1.0.0-candidate	2026-07-24	Candidate	Permanent-publication edition; source refresh; expanded criteria, evidence, assurance, and lifecycle guidance.
Next review	2027-01-24	Scheduled	Review source currency, threat evolution, operating evidence, adoption feedback, and proposed revisions.

Publication decisions

- PERMANENT IDENTITY** The document ID remains stable across revisions; batch or production sequence metadata is not public identity.
- CHANGE CONTROL** Normative changes require rationale, impact analysis, affected-criterion mapping, and approval.
- SUPERSESSION** A superseded edition remains traceable; current routes and catalogs identify the active edition.
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