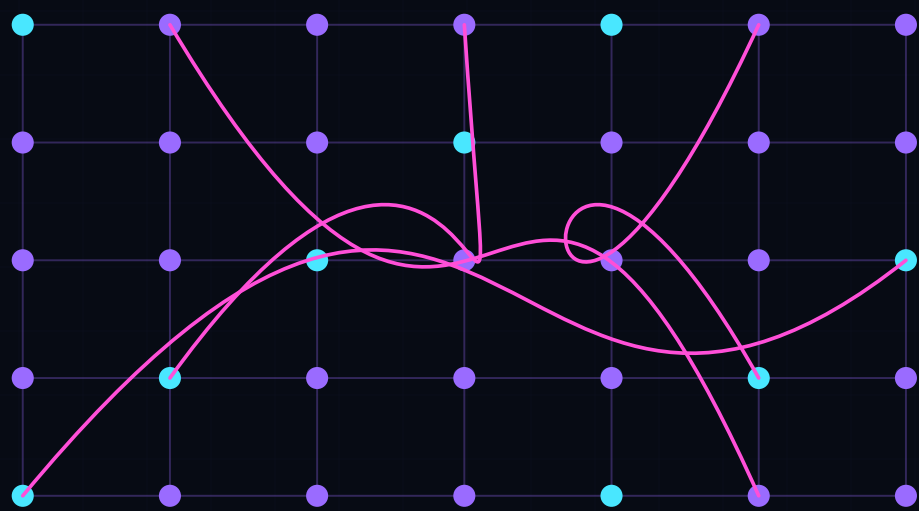


# Quantum Networking, Entanglement Distribution, and QKD Standard



A grid graph visualization showing nodes and edges. The nodes are arranged in a 6x6 grid. Some nodes are colored red, while others are blue. A path of red nodes is highlighted, starting from the bottom-left node (row 6, column 1) and ending at the top-right node (row 1, column 6). The path consists of the following nodes: (6,1), (5,2), (4,3), (3,4), (2,5), and (1,6). The edges connecting these nodes are also highlighted in red.

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# EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND ASSURANCE TOPOLOGY

## Quantum Technology and Computing

A trustworthy quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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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## MYTHOS-QTC-0003 / QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

# 0. Executive Mandate

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

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**MANDATE**

Organizations evaluating quantum networking and entanglement distribution **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 networking and entanglement distribution.
- 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.

## MYTHOS-QTC-0003 / QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

# 1. Scope and Applicability

Research, pilot, transition, operational, and retirement boundaries

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## IN SCOPE

- Research, architecture, acquisition, experiment, pilot, transition, operation, and retirement of quantum networking and entanglement distribution.
- 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.

## MYTHOS-QTC-0003 / QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

## 2. Definitions and Taxonomy

Controlled language for architecture, governance, and assessment

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### 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

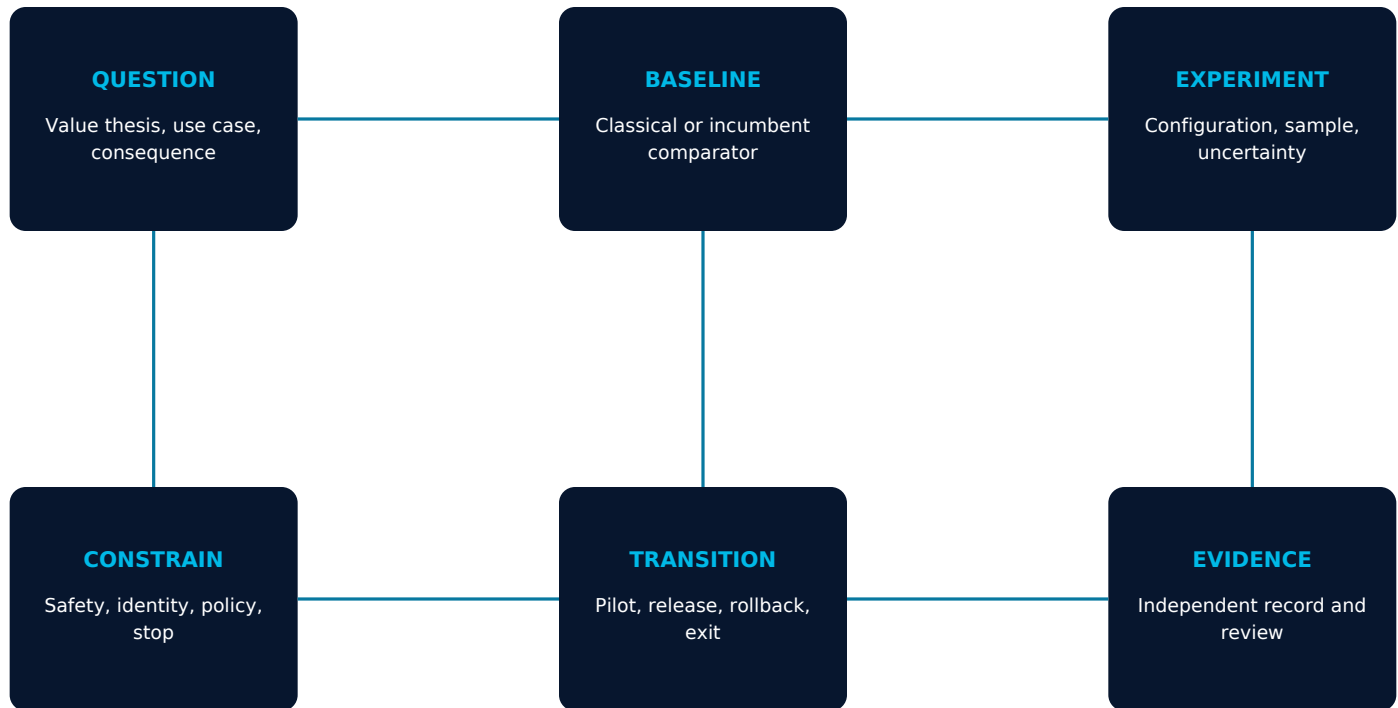
A change, incident, drift signal, dependency revision, or time boundary requiring renewed evaluation.

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### 3. Architecture and Trust Model

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

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#### 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-0003-C01

## Quantum Network Use Case and Trust Boundary

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain quantum network use case and trust boundary for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C02

## Node, Source, Detector, Memory, and Repeater Inventory

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain node, source, detector, memory, and repeater inventory for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C03

## Quantum Channel and Classical Control Channel Separation

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain quantum channel and classical control channel separation for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C04

## Entanglement Generation, Distribution, and Verification

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain entanglement generation, distribution, and verification for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C05

### Loss, Fidelity, Decoherence, and Link Budget

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain loss, fidelity, decoherence, and link budget for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C06

### Timing, Synchronization, Stabilization, and Calibration

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain timing, synchronization, stabilization, and calibration for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C07

### Routing, Scheduling, Resource Reservation, and Control

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain routing, scheduling, resource reservation, and control for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C08

### Quantum Key Distribution Protocol and Assumptions

The organization MUST define, implement, verify, and maintain quantum key distribution protocol and assumptions for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C09

### Authentication and Classical Cryptographic Dependency

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain authentication and classical cryptographic dependency for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C10

### Key Management, Consumption, Buffering, and Expiration

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain key management, consumption, buffering, and expiration for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C11

### Trusted-Node, Measurement-Device, and Side-Channel Risk

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain trusted-node, measurement-device, and side-channel risk for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C12

### Denial, Jamming, Injection, and Device Manipulation

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain denial, jamming, injection, and device manipulation for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C13****Fiber, Free-Space, Satellite, and Coexistence Constraints**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain fiber, free-space, satellite, and coexistence constraints for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C14****Interoperability, Interface, and Metropolitan Testbed**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain interoperability, interface, and metropolitan testbed for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C15****Availability, Recovery, and Classical Fallback**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain availability, recovery, and classical fallback for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C16****Performance, Distance, Rate, and Uncertainty Evidence**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain performance, distance, rate, and uncertainty evidence for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C17****Research Claim, Security Proof, and Limitation Record**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain research claim, security proof, and limitation record for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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-0003-C18****Transition Gate, Lifecycle, and Evidence Preservation**

The organization **MUST** define, implement, verify, and maintain transition gate, lifecycle, and evidence preservation for the declared quantum networking and entanglement distribution 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

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### 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

### 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

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

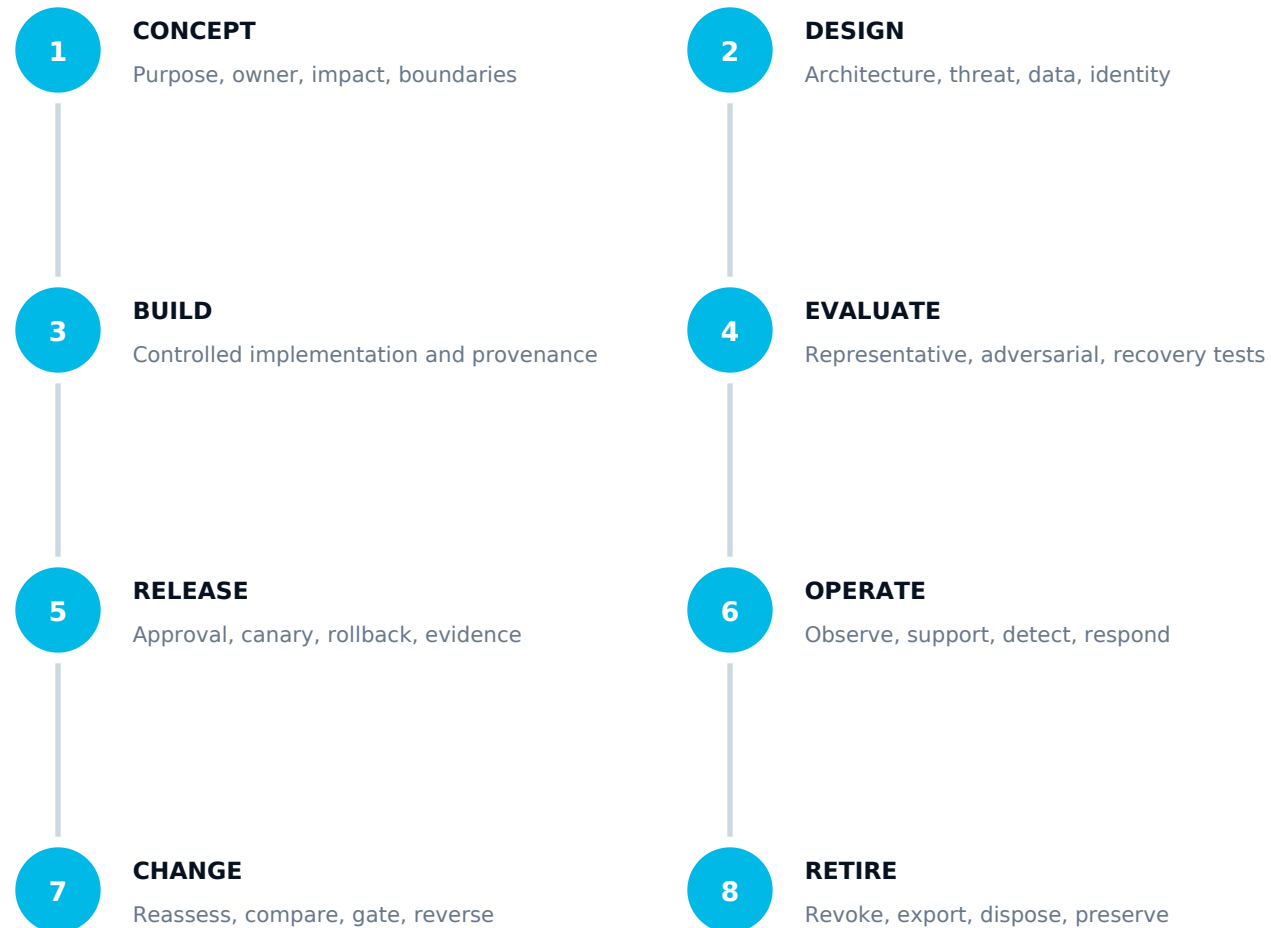
Choose the highest profile triggered by consequence, autonomy, sensitivity, scale, irreversibility, external dependency, or inability to rapidly detect and recover. Tailoring may strengthen controls; it may not erase a mandatory gate without a controlled exception.

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## 9.2 Operational Lifecycle

Evidence-bearing operation from concept through retirement

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### 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

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| <p><b>SYSTEM / SERVICE</b></p> <p>Named, versioned capability and deployment boundary.</p>                 | <p><b>PROFILE</b></p> <p>Foundational, Advanced, or High Assurance with trigger rationale.</p>               |
| <p><b>SCOPE</b></p> <p>Workloads, users, data, tools, regions, providers, and exclusions.</p>              | <p><b>CRITERIA</b></p> <p>Pass, partial, fail, not applicable, and exception status for every criterion.</p> |
| <p><b>EVIDENCE</b></p> <p>Artifact references, evidence grade, date, environment, and reproducibility.</p> | <p><b>LIMITATIONS</b></p> <p>Known failure modes, unsupported workloads, uncertainty, and residual risk.</p> |
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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

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