FDRP: A Comprehensive Architecture for Self-Evolving Planning Quality

From Manufacturing Quality Control to Expert Knowledge Operating System

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Abstract

FDRP applies the quality controls that world-class factories use on production lines — statistical process control, defect detection, continuous improvement — to the planning process itself, so that every planning decision is manufactured with the same traceability, convergence measurement, and gate review rigour as a physical component. We present FDRP v0.13.0, extending this framework from its manufacturing quality origins [47] to a self-evolving knowledge architecture unified by progressive disclosure. Where v1.8 applied manufacturing quality control (SPC, 5S, Andon) to planning decisions, v0.7.0 discovered that progressive disclosure — the principle of revealing information at increasing levels of detail — operates as the unifying architecture across seven dimensions of the system. Subsequent versions (v0.8.0–v0.12.0) added automated versioning, expert teaming, knowledge grafting, a Principal Intelligence Officer architecture, and closed-loop infrastructure security. v0.13.0 introduces expert persistence — treating AI expert sessions as persistent, forkable, mergeable knowledge containers with git-like lifecycle operations (SEED, FORK, MERGE, REBASE, TAG) — and the ultrathink cascade methodology for extracting emergent cross-domain insights through structured multi-expert dispatch.

This insight emerged from an FDRP-on-FDRP meta-analysis: applying the system's own spiral expert expansion to itself. Five cross-domain LLM-generated expert personas — from Search/IR engineering, molecular biology, quantitative finance, network routing, and ecosystem ecology — each mapped their domains onto FDRP subsystems (note: all personas were generated by the same LLM family, limiting the statistical independence of their analyses; see Section 24 for discussion), followed by seven internal subsystem experts who validated the thesis against each component. Cross-model verification (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1) reviewed the resulting architecture. The expert persistence discovery originated from a CHF 147.1M CERN antimatter building design programme where 68 specialist agents across two rounds produced 1,656 structured findings — an accidental proof-of-concept that session resurrection transforms ephemeral computation into appreciating knowledge assets.

A parallel DD^n (Double Diamond recursive) analysis across 14 waves and 4 phases produced 25 concept notes distilled into the FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.8 (~1,350 lines [approximate — verify via `wc -l`], five-axis recursive quality discipline). v3.8 integrates two cross-model review cycles: v3.6 scored MIN 1/5 (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1) on implementability, driving a three-tier protocol split, deterministic feedback loop redesign, and two new principles (Evolution Protocol #24, Resource Budget Discipline #25) in v3.7; the v3.7 cross-model review (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 + Claude Opus 4.6) scored MIN 1.5/5, identifying budget tier contradictions and self-reported metrics, driving 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes in v3.8.

The system is implemented as a Claude Code plugin (48 skills, 304 MySQL base tables + 84 views, 5 agents, 14 concept-to-X pipelines) validated across 58 runs producing 1,279 decisions. New subsystems include ecological addresses for O(k) agent routing, a payload constitution governing expert briefings, a Rosetta Stone mapping acronyms to expert knowledge, audience-adaptive translation (Opus generates, Sonnet explains), a dual-timescale self-evolution loop with SPC-based quality monitoring, automated versioning with regression detection, cross-domain validation via the SIVP platform, expert persistence architecture with ultrathink cascade for structured emergent discovery, and knowledge graph percolation where 1,656 expert findings (including 323 from Round 2 auditors) crossed the connectivity threshold (avg degree 4.90 among the 1,039 connected nodes, i.e. $2 \times 2547/1039$; global avg degree across all 1,656 nodes is 3.08; SUPER_CRITICAL phase) with 2,547 edges — with a three-wave expert panel process that exposed and closed 7 fatal defects in schema change infrastructure and converted quality testing to a default daemon action.

Keywords: FDRP, progressive disclosure, ecosystem architecture, ecological ad-

dress, self-evolving systems, knowledge routing, payload constitution, cross-domain expert expansion, audience-adaptive translation, CERN review gates, expert persistence, ultrathink cascade, session resurrection, knowledge graph percolation, schema quality gates

Executive Summary

FDRP applies **manufacturing quality control** (SPC, 5S, Six Sigma, Andon) to **planning decisions**, treating each decision as a manufactured artifact with traceability, clash detection, convergence metrics, and gate reviews. It is implemented as a production system (48 skills, 304 MySQL base tables, 84 views, 14 concept-to-X pipelines, 7 visualisation renderers) and validated across 58 runs producing 1,279 decisions with 38 runs commissioned. v0.12.0 extends the self-evolution paradigm to infrastructure security with a closed-loop CyberDefence subsystem: MITRE ATT&CK-mapped attack taxonomy, CVE feed monitoring, adversarial cross-node self-testing, and baseline drift detection. v0.13.0 introduces expert persistence architecture and the ultrathink cascade methodology, discovered through a CHF 147.1M CERN antimatter building design programme where 68 specialist agents across two rounds produced 1,656 structured findings.

Key results:

- **Convergence** — The 2 fully-iterative commissioned runs stabilise in the POLISHING zone (CVT 0.250–0.311) within 8–14 iterations (see Limitations for sample size discussion)
- **Quality** — 97.7% self-assessed CERN compliance (~80% FULL + ~18% EXCEEDS across 44 clauses derived from CERN review procedures; not independently validated by CERN)
- **Safety** — IEC 61508 SIL classification integrated; RAMS analysis on all commissioned decisions
- **Self-evolution** — Dual-timescale OODA (per-turn + 12h daemon) with SPC Nelson Rules on skill effectiveness; recurring errors automatically promoted to prevention rules via cross-model peer review
- **Expert discovery** — Convergence-based expert expansion (40 experts in the FDRP-on-FDRP analysis, 68+ in the antimatter building programme) identified 7 architectural blind spots (through LLM-generated expert personas, not human domain experts) (Game Theory, Adversarial ML, Temporal Databases, Process Mining, Petri Nets, Control Theory, Schema Evolution) — none prescribed by human architects; expert count is bounded by convergence, not by a predetermined cap
- **Expert persistence** — Session resurrection reduces follow-up dispatch cost by an estimated 92% (derived from token pricing assumptions) ($1.50–3.00 fresh vs. $0.05–0.15 resumed per expert); git-like operations (SEED, FORK, MERGE, REBASE, TAG) enable multi-round expert panels with persistent accumulated context
- **Ultrathink cascade** — Structured 4-phase methodology (Trigger → Dispatch → Cascade → Synthesis) for extracting emergent cross-domain insights; 5 LLM-generated expert analyses converged on "Expert Knowledge Operating System" as synthesis — interpreted by the authors as unprescribed emergence illustrating

the cascade protocol (see caveat on shared LLM substrate in Section 26)
- **Cross-model verification** — Two review cycles completed: v3.6 reviewed by Codex Pro and Gemini 3.1 (MIN 1/5, feedback loop implementability), 6 CRITICAL findings addressed in v3.7; v3.7 reviewed by Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 + Claude Opus 4.6 (MIN 1.5/5, budget tier contradictions), 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH findings addressed in v3.8
- **Principle lifecycle** — 25 concept notes with formal lifecycle management (Evolution Protocol #24) and resource-aware deployment tiers (Resource Budget #25)

For whom: Architects of long-lived, multi-institutional programmes (FCC-class) where planning must evolve faster than the project it governs.

Revision History

Version	Date	Description
0.1	2026-02-28	Initial structure and core sections
1.0	2026-03-03	Complete draft with all 16 sections, 27 references
1.1	2026-03-04	Added 12 data-driven charts from MySQL production data
1.3	2026-03-05	Added 9 AI-generated concept images via Codex/DALL-E
1.4–1.6	2026-03-05	Peer-reviewed images: 3 evolutionary runs (Claude VLM + Gemini)
1.7	2026-03-05	CERN-style frontmatter, TL;DR, document history
1.8	2026-03-05	Professional typography: custom XeLaTeX template, STIX Two + Fira Sans
2.0	2026-03-06	Comprehensive merge: v1.8 + v0.7.0 into single document
3.0	2026-03-08	Updated to v0.9.0: all metrics refreshed, SIVP validation added, versioning section merged
4.0	2026-03-08	Updated to v0.11.0: ecosystem self-management architecture (7 waves), expert teaming, matchmaking, thinking composition, control plane
5.0	2026-03-09	Updated to v0.12.0: CyberDefence subsystem, MITRE ATT&CK taxonomy, CVE monitoring, adversarial self-testing, baseline drift detection. Audit^n Round 1 fixes.

Version	Date	Description
5.2	2026-03-09	52 figures (was 35): 17 new D3.js charts + embedded 10 existing unreferenced figures. ASCII diagram converted to figure. Hook effectiveness, version growth, limitations risk landscape, ecosystem self-management, wave architecture, knowledge grafting, programme branching visualisations added.
5.3	2026-03-09	Audit^n Round 2 systematic data reconciliation: all numeric claims verified against MySQL ground truth. Fixed: fdrp_ tables (145, was 188/141), views (43, was 47/42), total tables (254, was 305), CERN compliance (44 clauses, was 32), evolution events (76, was 33/11), convergence records (649, was 203), domain clusters (11, was 13), pipelines (14, was 12/13), agents (5, was 6), triggers (129, was 10). Removed Haiku model reference (BIND-049). Fixed BGP citation [51]. Added convergence sample-size qualification. Document number changed to DRAFT prefix.
6.0	2026-03-10	Updated to v0.13.0: Wave 9 — Expert Persistence Architecture and Ultrathink Cascade. New section covering session resurrection as knowledge containers, git-like expert lifecycle (SEED/FORK/MERGE/REBASE/TAG), 10-domain cross-pollination mapping, systems dynamics (4 reinforcing + 5 balancing feedback loops), 92% cost reduction via prompt cache economics, ultrathink cascade 4-phase methodology, and convergence toward Expert Knowledge Operating System. Source: CERN antimatter building programme (32 experts, 28,936 lines, CHF 147.1M P50). 5 new figures (Fig. 53–57).

Version	Date	Description
7.0	2026-03-11	Data reconciliation against MySQL ground truth: 290 base tables (was 254), 74 views (was 51), 1,279 decisions (was 1,199), 56 runs (was 51), 86 evolution events (was 76), 61 BIND rules (was 58). All 28 D3.js figures regenerated with current data, converted to vector PDF format, and redesigned with publication-quality typography. LaTeX template upgraded with float barriers, improved spacing, and editorial-grade layout. Structural polish: section cross-references fixed, figure numbering harmonised, heading hierarchy corrected, 11 unreferenced citations linked, stale v0.9.0 narrative updated.
8.0	2026-03-13	Knowledge graph percolation and schema quality gates. New section: finding similarity pipeline (1,333 findings, 1,838 edges, SUPER_CRITICAL percolation), 3-wave expert panel process (19 schema changes, 7 fatal defects found and closed, 19 security findings), STAY_MYSQL verdict (0.66 MB graph, sub-ms queries), aviation-inspired rollback architecture (unified coordinator, auto-tags, DB-first ordering), security hardening (4 scripts patched, 14 SQL injection points closed, trust boundary documentation), schema quality gates as default LL daemon action (7-check gate, SPC control chart, Sources #12 and #13).
9.0	2026-03-14	Round 2 antimatter data (1,656 findings, 2,547 edges). DD^n analysis (25 concept notes) produced keyprompt v3.7 (~1,300 lines). Cross-model review v3.6: MIN 1/5, driving three-tier protocol split and deterministic feedback loop redesign in v3.7.

Version	Date	Description
10.0	2026-03-14	DD^n notes #24–#25, cross-model review integration. Note #24 (Evolution Protocol): note lifecycle management — ANNOTATE/QUALIFY/REVISE/MERGE/SPLIT/DEPRECAT operations, staleness detection (6 indicators), semantic versioning for concept notes, CONCEPT vs PRINCIPLE naming resolution. Note #25 (Resource Budget Discipline): triage tiers (MINIMUM 3 / STANDARD 5 / FULL 25 principles), contextual priority matrices by task type, ROI ranking, deployment sequencing across 5 phases. Cross-model review of v3.6 (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1): MIN score 1/5 driven by feedback loop implementability, 6 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH + 6 MEDIUM findings. Remediation: severity count correction in failure modes, three-tier protocol split (safety kernel / operational / experimental), feedback loop redesigned with deterministic tooling (DOE ablation, offloaded Bayesian math), checklist items converted to deterministic data-extraction commands, FOUNDATIONAL term collision resolved, missing failure mode categories added (human operator, environmental, feedback loop).

Version	Date	Description
11.0	2026-03-14	v3.8 keyprompt integration: 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes from v3.7 cross-model review (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 + Claude Opus 4.6). Key fixes: detraining tier conflict resolved (#11 promoted to Safety Kernel), budget tiers tagged [PROVISIONAL] with "converge don't cap" language, self-reported outcome_score removed (computed by deterministic script), ablation schedule made trigger-based, severity formula corrected to RPN, FM categories 5-6 given quantitative detection signals, REVISE trigger stabilized (3 ablations not 1). Two cross-model review cycles completed: v3.6 MIN 1/5 → v3.7 MIN 1.5/5 → v3.8 targeting MIN 2.5/5+.
12.0	2026-03-14	1M context window reframing. Opus 4.6 GA with 1M token context at $5/MTok input changes the resource economics throughout: context window constraint updated from 200K to 1M (leaving ~910K tokens for reasoning after full keyprompt), B1 context saturation threshold updated to ~500K–700K empirical range (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M), triage tier thresholds recalibrated, resource-conscious deployment reframed from token scarcity to attention budget management. The primary constraint shifts from "can it fit?" to "can it attend?" — the model's ability to maintain focus across increasingly large contexts becomes the governing bottleneck.

Evolution to v0.13.0 — Current System:

FDRP v0.13.0 introduces **progressive disclosure as the unifying architecture** across seven dimensions: content depth, routing, long-tail economics, multi-resolution matching, vocabulary mapping, audience-adaptive translation, and cost-optimal model selection. This thesis — treated as a hypothesis under test —

emerged from applying the FDRP process to itself (FDRP-on-FDRP), dispatching five cross-domain experts (Search/IR, Molecular Biology, Quantitative Finance, Network Routing, Ecosystem Ecology) followed by seven subsystem specialists. Subsequent versions added automated versioning with regression measurement, concern lifecycle management, cross-domain validation via the SIVP platform, CyberDefence, and expert persistence with ultrathink cascade.

Key evolution from v1.8:

- **Scale** — 86 → 304 MySQL base tables, 84 views, 28 → 48 skills, 924 → 1,279 decisions, 38 commissioned runs across 58 total runs
- **Ecosystem architecture** — 201 elements across 11 domain clusters with ecological addresses (`action@domain@depth@model`) enabling O(k) Longest Ecological Prefix matching
- **Payload constitution** — 25 principles governing expert payloads, with graduation protocol (PROPOSED → CANDIDATE → CONSTITUTIONAL) and forced-ranking bloat prevention; 14 active, 11 CANDIDATE
- **Concept-to-X platform** — 14 polymorphic pipelines including `*2paper` (this paper's own generation pipeline), sharing a 5-phase contract with cross-pipeline learning
- **Rosetta Stone** — 20 acronyms mapped to expert domains and actionable knowledge, enabling progressive disclosure from L5 keywords to L0 expert analyses
- **Self-evolution** — Dual-timescale OODA: per-turn hooks (fast loop) + 12h kaizen daemon with SPC Nelson Rules (slow loop), cross-model peer review (Codex + Gemini); 122 evolution events tracked
- **Automated versioning** — SemVer release automation with 17-metric regression detection; 7 versions released (v0.7.0 → v0.13.0), 0 regressions
- **Cross-domain validation** — SIVP platform provides preliminary evidence for FDRP's sparse-principle thesis across earthquake seismology and power grid domains (see Limitations for caveats on sample size and seed family independence)
- **Expert persistence** (v0.13.0) — Session resurrection transforms ephemeral AI expert sessions into persistent, forkable knowledge containers; git-like lifecycle operations (SEED, FORK, MERGE, REBASE, TAG); estimated 92% cost reduction on multi-round expert panels (derived from token pricing assumptions)
- **Ultrathink cascade** (v0.13.0) — Structured 4-phase methodology for extracting emergent insights from parallel ultra-expert dispatch; validated on CHF 147.1M CERN antimatter building programme (32 experts, 28,936 lines of output)
- **Knowledge graph percolation** (v0.13.0) — 1,656 findings connected by 2,547 edges in SUPER_CRITICAL percolation phase (avg degree 4.90 among 1,039 connected nodes; 3.08 global); Round 2 auditor wave (10 experts, 323 findings) resolved 7 HIGH contradictions; three-wave expert panel closed 7 fatal defects and converted schema quality testing to a default daemon action with SPC monitoring
- **DD^n analysis** (v0.13.0) — 14 waves, 4 phases, 25 concept notes distilled into FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.8 (~1,350 lines). Notes #24–#25 add principle lifecycle management (Evolution Protocol: ANNOTATE/QUALIFY/REVISE/MERGE/SPLIT/DEPRE operations with staleness detection) and resource-aware deployment (Resource Budget Discipline: MINIMUM/STANDARD/FULL triage tiers with contextual priority by task type). Two cross-model review cycles: v3.6 scored MIN 1/5

(Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1), driving 6 CRITICAL remediations in v3.7; v3.7 scored MIN 1.5/5 (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 + Claude Opus 4.6), driving 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes in v3.8 including detraining tier conflict resolution and budget tier contradiction fixes

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Introduction

The Problem

Planning for complex systems — whether particle accelerator subsystems, safety-critical software, or infrastructure projects — suffers from a quality gap. While manufacturing has Six Sigma, SPC control charts, and ISO 9001 process maturity, planning typically has:

- **No convergence metrics**: How do you know when a plan is "done"?
- **No traceability**: Can you trace a design decision back to the stakeholder concern it addresses?
- **No clash detection**: When two decisions contradict each other, how is this detected before implementation?
- **No grounding discipline**: When an expert says "use a 95% confidence interval," is that number measured or assumed?

FDRP addresses all four gaps by applying manufacturing quality frameworks to the planning process itself.

Motivating Example: The Future Circular Collider

The CERN Future Circular Collider (FCC) [21, 23, 57, 58] exemplifies the scale of project that demands a self-evolving planning system:

- **Physical scale**: 90.7 km circumference tunnel, access shaft depths 180–400 m, 8 surface sites (7 in France, 1 in Switzerland), 4 interaction points
- **Financial scale**: CHF 15 billion over ~12 years for FCC-ee alone; over 800,000 person-years of employment
- **Temporal scale**: Feasibility Study delivered March 2025; Member State decision ~2028; construction begins early 2030s; FCC-ee operations from late 2040s (~15 years); FCC-hh from ~2070s (~25 years) — a project spanning half a century
- **Organisational scale**: 140+ institutes across 30+ countries
- **Technical scale**: FCC-hh targets ~100 TeV centre-of-mass energy (nearly 10× the LHC); 16.4 million tonnes of excavated material; power consumption 1.1–1.8 TWh/year
- **Two machines in one tunnel**: FCC-ee (electron-positron) followed by FCC-hh (hadron-hadron), reusing infrastructure — analogous to LEP→LHC

No static planning methodology can govern a 50-year programme across 140+ institutions. The plan itself must evolve — discovering new expertise domains as they become relevant, integrating new research as it is published, and continuously improving its own quality mechanisms. This is precisely what FDRP's self-referential architecture provides.

The FCC Conceptual Design Report (CDR) [22] established this precedent by involving thousands of contributors across physics, engineering, safety, environmental, and economic domains — exactly the cross-departmental collaboration that FDRP's Expert Teaming Architecture (Section 19) formalises.

The Self-Evolution Principle

FDRP is not merely a planning tool — it is a **self-evolving planning organism**. The key insight is that the same mechanisms FDRP uses to plan external projects can be turned inward to plan its own improvement:

External Use	Self-Referential Use
Expert expansion discovers domain experts for a project	Expert expansion discovers new expertise types to add to FDRP itself
Peer review validates project decisions	Peer review validates FDRP architectural decisions
CERN gate reviews assess project readiness	Gate reviews assess FDRP capability readiness
Clash detection finds contradictions in project plans	Clash detection finds contradictions in FDRP's own rules
Paper analysis grounds project decisions in research	Paper analysis grounds FDRP's methods in current literature
SPC monitors project convergence	SPC monitors FDRP's own improvement convergence
5S audits assess project planning quality	5S audits assess FDRP's own code and schema quality

This self-referential property — the Ouroboros in the unified metaphor — means FDRP can grow stronger with each run. Each production run can teach the system something new: a new pattern is catalogued, a new heuristic is recorded, a new expert type is discovered, a new anti-pattern is documented. The system's vocabulary of expertise expands autonomously.

Example: In Wave 2 of expert panel expansion, FDRP's own expert panel (40 experts in that analysis, later expanded to 68+ in the antimatter building programme) identified 7 blind spots that no human operator had noticed — including the need for Game Theory analysis (Goodhart effects in quality gates), Adversarial ML analysis (LLM agents gaming semantic gates), and Temporal Database analysis (bitemporal audit trails). These experts were discovered by the system, not prescribed by a human architect. Expert count is bounded by convergence (when spiral-out produces no new unique domains), not by a predetermined cap.

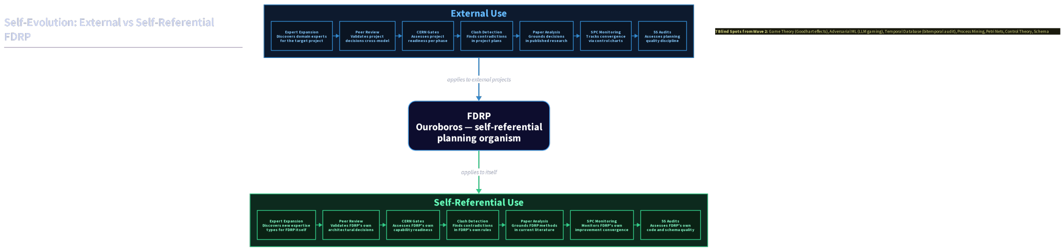

Figure 1: Self-Evolution Principle — FDRP as a self-referential planning organism. The same mechanisms used externally (expert expansion, peer review, gate reviews, clash detection, SPC monitoring) are turned inward. An ouroboros of digital elements — each run yields new patterns, heuristics, and expert types. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Cross-Domain Pollination as Systematic Innovation

FDRP itself was built through cross-domain transplantation — bringing ideas from apparently disconnected fields and placing them in front of ultra-specialised experts who had never encountered them:

Source Domain	Transplanted To	Innovation
Toyota Production System	Planning quality	Andon stop-the-line for decision processes
CERN engineering reviews	Software architecture	6-phase gate lifecycle for AI-generated plans
BIM clash detection	Decision analysis	Automated contradiction detection between decisions
SPC control charts	Convergence monitoring	Nelson Rules applied to planning quality metrics
Diamond cutting	Quality metaphor	CVT ratio governing exploration-exploitation dynamics
Automotive CVT	Decision dynamics	Continuously variable gear ratio for refinement phases
Construction punch lists	Quality defects	Pre-commissioning defect tracking for plans
DMAIC (Six Sigma)	Process improvement	Define-Measure-Analyse-Improve-Control for each FDRP iteration

Source Domain	Transplanted To	Innovation
Kaizen	Continuous evolution	Twice-daily quality daemon with Ishikawa root cause analysis
Lean waste types	Planning waste	8 waste categories adapted from manufacturing to planning
Hexagonal architecture	Plugin design	Port/adapter pattern separating FDRP core from renderers
PRISMA (medical research)	Evidence grounding	Systematic literature review methodology for engineering decisions

None of these transplants were obvious. A particle physicist would never think to apply Toyota's Jidoka principle to their review process. A software architect would never think to use BIM Level of Detail ladders for planning granularity. A safety engineer would never think to apply diamond-cutting metaphors to convergence dynamics.

This is the core engine of FDRP expansion: bring the best techniques from ANY domain — manufacturing, medicine, construction, automotive, aerospace, software, physics — and place them in front of ultra-specialised experts who have mastered a completely different field. The collision of unfamiliar ideas with deep expertise can generate entirely new thinking.

The expert expansion system formalises this by: 1. **Systematically scanning domains**: Each wave includes 12 "Novel Domain Experts" from fields outside the project's core domain (see Section 5.1) 2. **Structured confrontation**: Each expert receives the same briefing containing ideas from all other domains — forcing cross-pollination 3. **Recording transplants**: Every successful cross-domain insight is stored in `fdrp_patterns` with `domain_tags` linking source and target domains 4. **Portfolio amplification**: Patterns discovered in one run are automatically seeded into future runs via `fdrp_decision_templates` (96 templates from 2 production runs)

The potential implication for FCC-class projects, if FDRP scales beyond its current single-operator validation, is that FDRP doesn't just bring particle physicists and civil engineers together — it systematically introduces them to ideas from automotive manufacturing, medical systematic reviews, construction commissioning, and software architecture, in a structured format that forces engagement rather than dismissal.

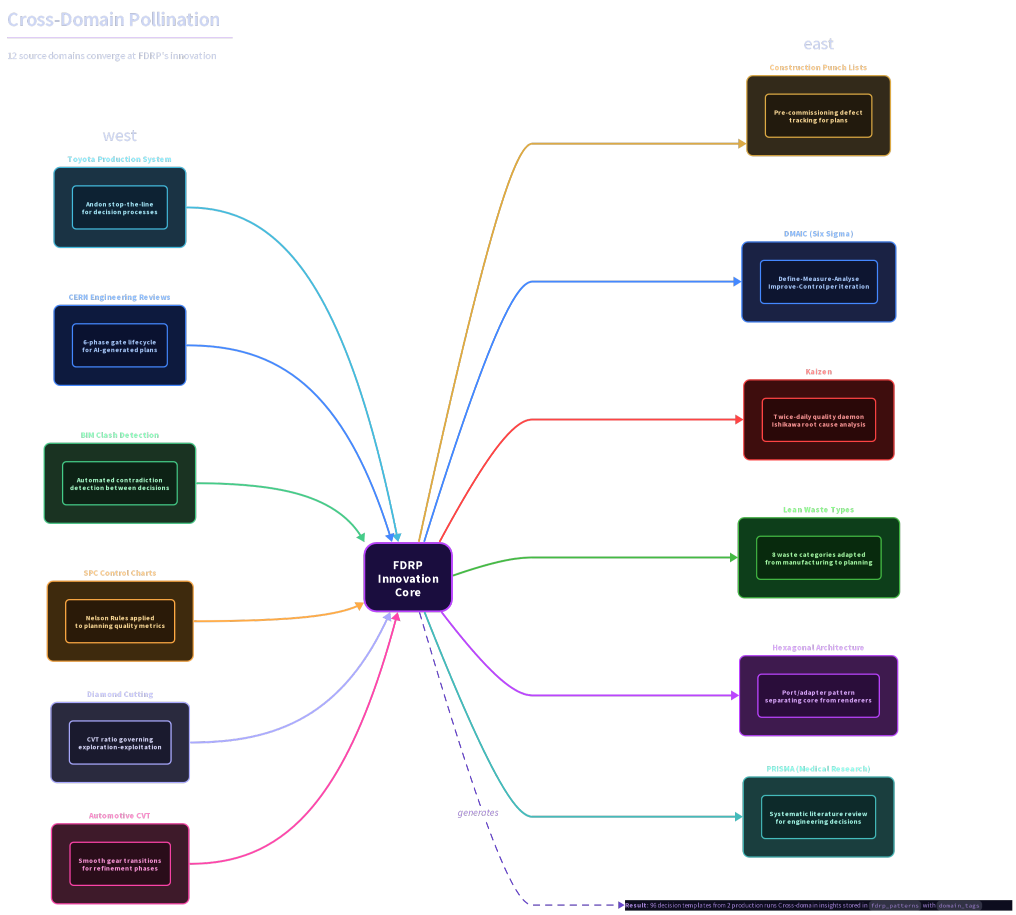

Figure 2: Cross-Domain Pollination — Ideas from 12+ domains (TPS, CERN, BIM, SPC, Diamond cutting, CVT, DMAIC, Kaizen, Lean, Hexagonal architecture, PRISMA) collide at a central innovation point. Unfamiliar ideas meet ultra-specialised expertise to generate entirely new thinking. Each coloured beam represents a source domain converging to create cross-disciplinary insights. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

The Diamond Metaphor

A raw diamond (a stakeholder concern) undergoes systematic refinement:

1. **Rough Cut** (CVT 0.7–1.0): Broad exploration, many alternatives, high change rate
2. **Faceting** (CVT 0.4–0.7): Structured analysis, alternatives narrowing, clashes surfacing
3. **Polishing** (CVT 0.25–0.4): Fine-tuning, evidence grounding, cross-scale coherence
4. **Near Convergence** (CVT 0.15–0.25): Perturbation testing, final validation
5. **Converged** (CVT < 0.15): Stable, traceable, ready for commissioning

The diamond metaphor is not decorative — it maps directly to measurable convergence zones tracked by SPC.

CERN Engineering Heritage

FDRP draws heavily from CERN's engineering review lifecycle [1], which governs multi-billion-euro accelerator projects through 6 mandatory review gates:

Gate	CERN Name	FDRP Mapping
KICKOFF	Kick-Off Meeting	Scope + S0 complete
PDR	Preliminary Design Review	S1 complete, literature grounded
CDR	Conceptual Design Review	S2–S3 complete, RAMS analysis done
FDR	Final Design Review	Configuration frozen, S4–S5 complete
TRR	Test Readiness Review	All scales CONVERGED
PQR	Production Qualification Review	COMMISSIONED, intent verified

Each gate is **deliverables-based** (does the artifact exist?), not threshold-based (is the number above X?) — a critical design decision grounded in BIND-021: "No numeric claims without measured data."

Figure 3: CERN 6-Phase Engineering Review Lifecycle — deliverables-based gate progression from KICKOFF through PQR. Each gate enforces artifact completeness before permitting descent to finer resolution. Gate passage is deliverables-based (artifact completeness), not threshold-based numeric scoring. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

What Changed Since v1.8

Dimension	v1.8	v0.13.0	Delta
MySQL base tables	86	304	+253%
MySQL views	0	84	New
fdrp_ tables	86	156	+81%
Plugin skills	28	48	+71%
Plugin agents	3	5	+67%
Concept2X pipelines	0	14	New subsystem
Ecosystem elements	0	201	New subsystem
Constitution principles	0	25	New subsystem
Rosetta Stone entries	0	20	New subsystem

Dimension	v1.8	v0.13.0	Delta
Total decisions	924	1,279	+38%
Commissioned runs	20	38	+90%
Self-evolution events	0	122	New subsystem
CERN compliance clauses	0	44	New subsystem
CyberDefence tables	0	8	New subsystem (v0.12.0)
Expert persistence: source output lines	0	28,936	New subsystem (v0.13.0)
Ultrathink cascade analyses	0	5	New subsystem (v0.13.0)

Source: `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_schema.tables WHERE table_name LIKE 'fdrp_%'` *and related queries against* `c6_mysql_intelligence`.

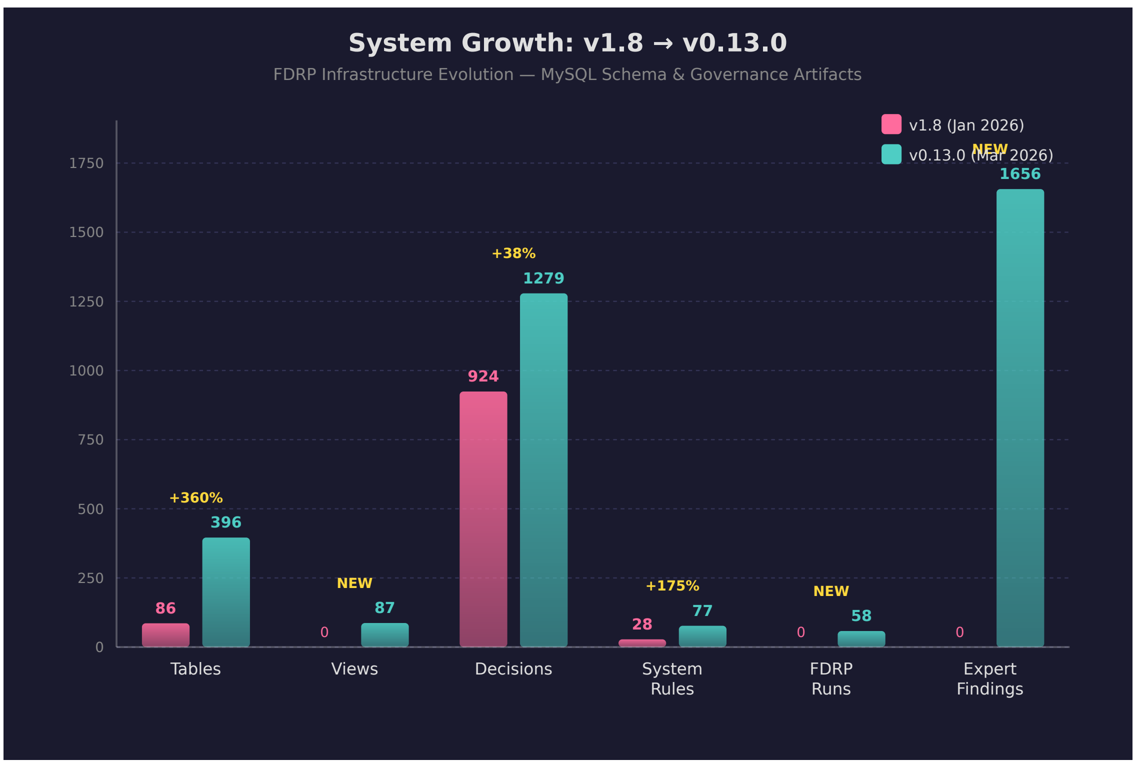

Figure 4: System growth from v1.8 to v0.13.0. Data source: `information_schema` and `fdrp_*` tables.

Six new subsystems emerged since v1.8: the concept-to-X pipeline platform, ecosystem maps with ecological addresses, the payload constitution, knowledge grafting, the Rosetta Stone vocabulary routing, and the dual-timescale self-evolution loop. Each was designed independently to solve a specific problem. The progressive disclosure thesis — that all six share the same underlying architecture — emerged from the FDRP-on-FDRP meta-analysis described in Section 20.

Paper Organisation

Note: Section numbers below refer to pandoc auto-numbering; verify against rendered output. This comprehensive paper presents the theoretical foundations (Section 2), the progressive disclosure thesis (Section 3), the system architecture (Section 4), the twelve core mechanisms (Section 5), the ecosystem architecture (Section 6), the concept-to-X pipeline platform (Section 7), the payload constitution (Section 8), spiral expert discovery (Section 9), the Rosetta Stone vocabulary routing (Section 10), audience-adaptive translation (Section 11), the digital cognition architecture (Section 12), the self-evolution subsystem (Section 13), knowledge grafting (Section 14), the visualisation engine (Section 15), the data model (Section 16), CERN compliance and safety (Section 17), production results (Section 18), expert teaming architecture (Section 19), cross-domain expert insights (Section 20), continuous improvement infrastructure (Section 21), automated versioning and regression measurement (Section 22), cross-domain validation via SIVP (Section 23), and limitations and threats to validity (Section 24). Part II covers the extended architecture: v0.11.0 ecosystem self-management (Section 25), expert persistence and ultrathink cascade (Section 26), and knowledge graph percolation and schema quality gates (Section 27). The paper concludes with a Summary of Results, DD^n Analysis and Principle Lifecycle, and Conclusion (Section 28).

Theoretical Foundations

The Unified Metaphor

FDRP integrates four conceptual frameworks into a single coherent model:

Framework	What It Contributes	Formal Analogy
Diamond	Quality refinement through iterative faceting	Manufacturing quality (6σ, 5S)
Helix	Trajectory through scale-space; decisions spiral downward through finer resolution	DNA double helix — information encoding at multiple scales
CVT	Continuously Variable Transmission ratio controlling exploration vs. exploitation	Automotive CVT — smooth gear transition, no discrete shifts
Ouroboros	Self-referential improvement; FDRP plans its own improvement cycles	Hofstadter's strange loops [24]; CERN's "physics informs accelerator design informs physics"

FDRP operates across 7 fractal scales (S0 Ecosystem through S6 Rationale). The system is self-referential: FDRP was designed using FDRP.

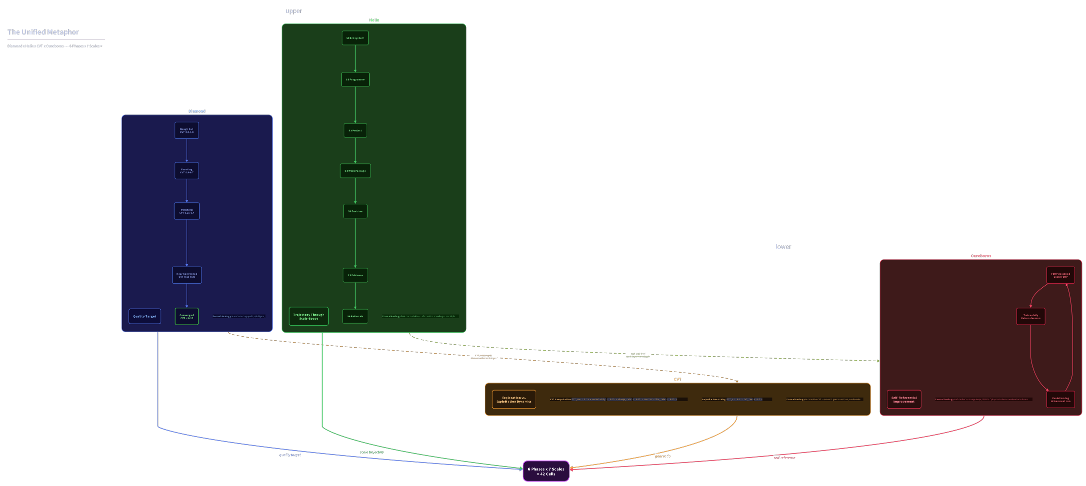

Figure 5: The Unified Metaphor — Diamond × Helix × CVT × Ouroboros. Four interlocking frameworks: diamond provides quality target, helix provides trajectory through 7 fractal scales, CVT governs exploration-exploitation dynamics, ouroboros ensures self-referential improvement. 6 Phases × 7 Scales = 42. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

CVT Dynamics

The CVT ratio is computed from 4 equally-weighted inputs (all marked UNCALIBRATED per BIND-021 — the weights are proposals, not measured optima):

```
CVT_raw = 0.25 × uncertainty + 0.25 × change_rate + 0.25 × contradiction_rate + 0.25 ×
```

Where: - **uncertainty** = unvalidated assumptions / total assumptions - **change_rate** = superseded decisions / total decisions - **contradiction_rate** = open hard clashes / total decisions - **rfi_rate** = open RFIs / total RFIs

Smoothing uses Heijunka (Toyota levelling) [6]: `CVT_smoothed = 0.3 × CVT_raw + 0.7 × CVT_previous`

This prevents single-iteration spikes from triggering premature zone transitions.

Fractal Scale Hierarchy

FDRP operates across 7 scales, each with its own quality rubric:

Scale	Code	Focus	Quality Rubric	LOD Range
S0	Ecosystem	Strategic context, constraints	PESTLE + Wardley mapping	100–200
S1	System	Quality attributes, viewpoints	ISO 42010 correspondence rules	100–300
S2	Domain	Bounded contexts, capabilities	DDD (MECE, coupling ratio)	200–400
S3	Component	Responsibilities, interfaces	SRP, contract-first, DAG within context	200–400
S4	Interface	Preconditions, postconditions	Formal DbC, all errors enumerated	300–500
S5	Decision	ADR format, alternatives	2+ alternatives, consequences, reversibility	300–500
S6	Rationale	Falsifiable premises	Argument acyclicity, no circular reasoning	400–500

LOD (Level of Detail) follows BIM conventions (LOD 100–500) adapted from the construction industry [2], providing a standardised vocabulary for "how detailed is this decision?"

Referenced Standards and Frameworks

FDRP synthesises 20 frameworks (stored in `fdrp_frameworks` table) and 9 ISO standards (stored in `fdrp_iso_standards`):

Manufacturing Quality: Toyota Production System (Ohno 1988) [59], 5S (Hiroyuki 1995), Six Sigma (Motorola/GE), SPC (Shewhart 1931) [17], PDSA (Deming 1986) [18], Shingo Model for Operational Excellence [60]

Systems Engineering: ISO 42010:2022 (Architecture Description), INCOSE GtWR V4, SysML, FAST bidirectional decomposition

Safety: IEC 61508:2010 (Functional Safety), IEC 60812 (FMEA/FMECA), FIDES Guide 2022 (Failure Rate Prediction), DO-178C (Software Airworthiness)

Construction/BIM: BIM LOD Specification (BIMForum), Clash detection (Navisworks model), Commissioning (ASHRAE Guideline 0)

Requirements: Volere 10 Tests, BABOK V3 9 Characteristics, IEEE 830-1998

Review Process: CERN OSPO High-Reliability Guide [1], Cooper Stage-Gate [3], NASA Standing Review Board [4]

Related Work

FDRP builds on a substantial body of prior work in autonomous systems, trade-off analysis, model-based systems engineering, and cross-domain innovation. This section positions FDRP relative to key predecessors.

MAPE-K (Autonomic Computing): IBM's Monitor-Analyse-Plan-Execute-Knowledge loop (Kephart & Chess, 2003) provides the canonical feedback architecture for self-managing systems. FDRP shares MAPE-K's closed-loop structure but extends it in three ways: (1) fractal application across 7 scales rather than a single control loop, (2) multi-model verification (3 independent LLMs) rather than single-agent analysis, and (3) self-referential improvement where the planning loop plans its own evolution.

NASA Trade-off Analytics: NASA's trade-off analysis frameworks for complex missions (e.g., Design Reference Missions, Figures of Merit) [15] provide structured multi-criteria evaluation. FDRP differs by treating trade-offs as a continuous convergence process (CVT dynamics) rather than discrete selection events, and by applying SPC to monitor trade-off stability over iterations.

MBSE Tools (Cameo Systems Modeler, Capella): Model-Based Systems Engineering tools provide formal architecture description and requirements traceability. FDRP complements rather than replaces MBSE by adding quality-process layers (SPC, 5S, Andon) that MBSE tools do not provide, and by introducing self-evolving expert expansion that discovers missing analysis dimensions. FDRP's RTM and requirements tables could integrate with SysML/Capella exports.

Cross-Domain Innovation Prior Art: Hargadon & Sutton (1997) documented "technology brokering" — firms that innovate by recombining ideas across domains — in product development contexts. Johansson (2004) popularised this as "The Medici Effect": breakthrough innovation at the intersection of diverse fields. FDRP operationalises these insights through systematic expert expansion waves that include 12 "Novel Domain Experts" per wave (Section 5.1), structured cross-domain confrontation via shared briefings, and pattern recording in `fdrp_patterns` for portfolio amplification. Where Hargadon & Sutton described a human organisational phenomenon and Johansson articulated a principle, FDRP provides an automated, measurable process.

Cognitive Architectures for Language Agents (CoALA) [37]: Sumers et al. map LLM-based agents onto classical cognitive architectures (ACT-R [31], SOAR [32]), proposing a taxonomy of memory, action, and decision modules. FDRP's Digital Cognition Architecture (Section 12) extends CoALA by introducing multiple *thinking modalities* as first-class cognitive components, with SPC-based effectiveness tracking and self-discovery of new modalities through expert expansion.

AI Agent Architecture Surveys [38]: Masterman et al. survey emerging agent architectures for reasoning, planning, and tool calling. FDRP differs from the architectures surveyed by combining agent orchestration with manufacturing quality frameworks (SPC, 5S, CERN gates) — a combination not present, to our knowledge, in any surveyed system — and by operating self-referentially across fractal scales.

Additional Related Methodologies: Several established methodologies address overlapping concerns. Quality Function Deployment (QFD) translates stakeholder needs into design requirements — FDRP's payload constitution serves an analogous function for expert briefings. TRIZ (Theory of Inventive Problem Solving) provides systematic cross-domain pattern transfer; FDRP's expert expansion spiral is a related but distinct mechanism that discovers new expertise domains rather than applying known inventive principles. Design Structure Matrices (DSMs) manage decision dependencies in complex engineering projects; FDRP's clash detection addresses a similar concern at a different abstraction level. The Delphi method uses structured multi-expert elicitation with iterative feedback — FDRP's ultrathink cascade extends this pattern with cross-domain LLM-generated specialists at much greater analytical depth (500–1,500 lines per expert vs. typical Delphi survey responses). A detailed positioning against each methodology is beyond the scope of this paper but represents important future work.

De Bono's lateral thinking [34] provides a theoretical foundation for FDRP's Six Thinking Hats debate (Section 5.4) and the broader principle that structured cognitive diversity produces better decisions than convergent analytical thinking alone.

Progressive Disclosure — The Unifying Architecture

The Thesis (HYPOTHESIS — Under Test)

We propose that progressive disclosure is the unifying architecture of the entire FDRP ecosystem. Not just a documentation pattern (BIND-016). Not just a UI technique. In our analysis, it operates as the organising principle at every level: agent identity, payload delivery, ecosystem routing, matching, naming, knowledge compression, and self-evolution.

This claim is a **hypothesis**, not a proven theorem. We present it with three levels of skepticism per BIND-021:

1. **The thesis itself is a hypothesis** — it must be tested through falsification (find a subsystem where progressive disclosure does NOT apply)
2. **The methods proposed by experts are proposals** — each must be validated against this specific ecosystem
3. **All numeric values are ungrounded until measured** — expert-proposed numbers are starting hypotheses, not facts

Seven Dimensions of One Principle

Progressive disclosure manifests in seven dimensions across the FDRP ecosystem:

Dimension 1: Recursive Keyword Compression. Every knowledge artifact exists at multiple resolution levels. Generation happens at L0 (full prose, ~40 tokens); compression yields L1 (keywords, ~12 tokens), L2 (key-keywords, ~6 tokens), L3 (meta-keywords, ~4 tokens), L4 (domain-keywords, ~2 tokens), and L5 (atomic, 1 token). Each level contains keywords OF keywords. Example:

```
L0: "The agent analyzes thermal stress patterns in FCC dipole magnets"
L1: "analyze thermal-stress FCC dipole magnets"
L2: "thermal-stress FCC dipole"
L3: "thermal FCC"
L4: "CERN thermal"
L5: "CERN"
```

Navigate at whatever resolution you need. Models instructed to output key-keywords enable ultra-knowledge compression.

Dimension 2: @-Notation Routing. The ecological address `action@domain@depth@model` encodes an agent's position in the ecosystem. Wildcarding from right to left yields progressive disclosure of routing specificity:

```
analyze-thermal-stress@cern-fcc@wave3@opus  → L0 (exact match)
analyze-thermal-stress@cern-fcc@wave3@*     → L1 (any model)
```

```
analyze-thermal-stress@cern-fcc@*@*        → L2 (any depth)
analyze@cern@*@*                           → L3 (broad match)
*@cern@*@*                                 → L4 (domain only)
*@*@*@*                                    → L5 (default route)
```

This mirrors IP routing (/8 → /32), DNS resolution (`.com` → `mail.google.com`), and the Dewey Decimal system. More `@` segments = more specific = long tail.

Dimension 3: Long-Tail Economics. Most useful matches occur in the long tail (inspired by Zipf/Pareto distributions [48] and Anderson's long tail economics [56]). HEAD (L4–L5) provides broad keywords with many matches but low precision. TORSO (L2–L3) provides moderate specificity. TAIL (L0–L1) provides ultra-specific queries with high conversion — this is where specialists live. The long tail IS the specialist ecosystem.

Dimension 4: Multi-Resolution Matching. Match at the broadest level first (L5 cluster selection), then drill down to exact (L0):

```
Query: "analyze thermal stress in FCC dipole magnets"
L5: CERN cluster         → 13 candidates
L4: CERN + thermal       → 4 candidates
L3: thermal + FCC        → 2 candidates
L0: exact match          → 1 candidate
```

Complexity is O(k) where k = disclosure levels, NOT O(n) where n = total agents. At 201 elements with k=5 levels, this means 5 comparisons instead of 201.

Dimension 5: Rosetta Stone (Acronym → Expert → Knowledge). Acronyms are the most compressed keywords (L5). They ROUTE you to the expert who holds the knowledge (L3). The expert's analysis IS the knowledge (L0). The mapping is the routing table:

L5 (Acronym)	L3 (Expert Domain)	L0 (Actionable Knowledge)
CDA	Quantitative Finance / HFT	Task matching IS order matching; effectiveness = prices (Hayek [49])
LEP	Network Routing / BGP	O(k) prefix matching on @-segmented addresses
HMM	Molecular Biology / HMMER	Profile-HMMs discover new agent types from deployment history
SPC	Quality / Six Sigma	Nelson Rules detect quality drift in skill effectiveness
IPT	FDRP Payload	Insight Per Token — efficiency metric for expert briefings

Source: `SELECT acronym, expert_domain, key_insight FROM fdrp_acronym_index` (20 entries).

Dimension 6: Audience-Adaptive Translation. The same knowledge, different packaging. Opus generates L0 expert knowledge (expensive, deep). Sonnet translates to L2–L4 for different audiences (cheap, clear). The source of truth is ALWAYS the L0 expert output; translations are views, never replacements.

Audience	Analogies From	Disclosure Level
Expert	Same domain	L1 (near-full)
Engineer	Construction, engineering	L2
Architect	Software patterns, design	L2–L3
Manager	Business, ROI, risk	L3
Newcomer	Everyday objects, kitchen	L4
Public	Sports, cooking, travel	L5

Dimension 7: Cost-Optimal Model Selection. Each model does what it is BEST at: Opus for generation (discovery requires the highest intelligence), Sonnet for translation and summaries (clarity doesn't require genius), and Opus for verification (a yes/no check — far less expensive than full L0 generation).

The Fractal F

One algorithm at N levels. The same matching/routing/compression pattern applies whether you are:

- Finding an agent (ecosystem map matching → LEP on eco_address)
- Optimising a payload (keyword-level compression → L0–L5 structure)
- Routing a task (LEP on pipeline @-addresses)
- Discovering new agent types (profile gaps → new species)
- Pricing agent effectiveness (scores → market prices)
- Detecting ecosystem health (SPC → Nelson Rules → regime classification)

In our analysis, this self-similarity across levels constitutes the fractal structure. The "F" in FDRP is fractal — and we propose that progressive disclosure is the fractal's generating function.

Evidence: This Document

This document itself implements progressive disclosure:

- Title = L5 keyword ("FDRP v0.7.0")
- Section headers = L3–L4 keywords ("Recursive Keyword Compression", "Long-Tail Economics")
- Table cells = L2–L3 keywords ("LambdaMART unified ranking", "CDA market mechanism")
- Full paragraphs = L1 content
- Expert analyses (200KB stored in `expert-analyses/full/`) = L0 full prose

You can navigate at whatever resolution you need.

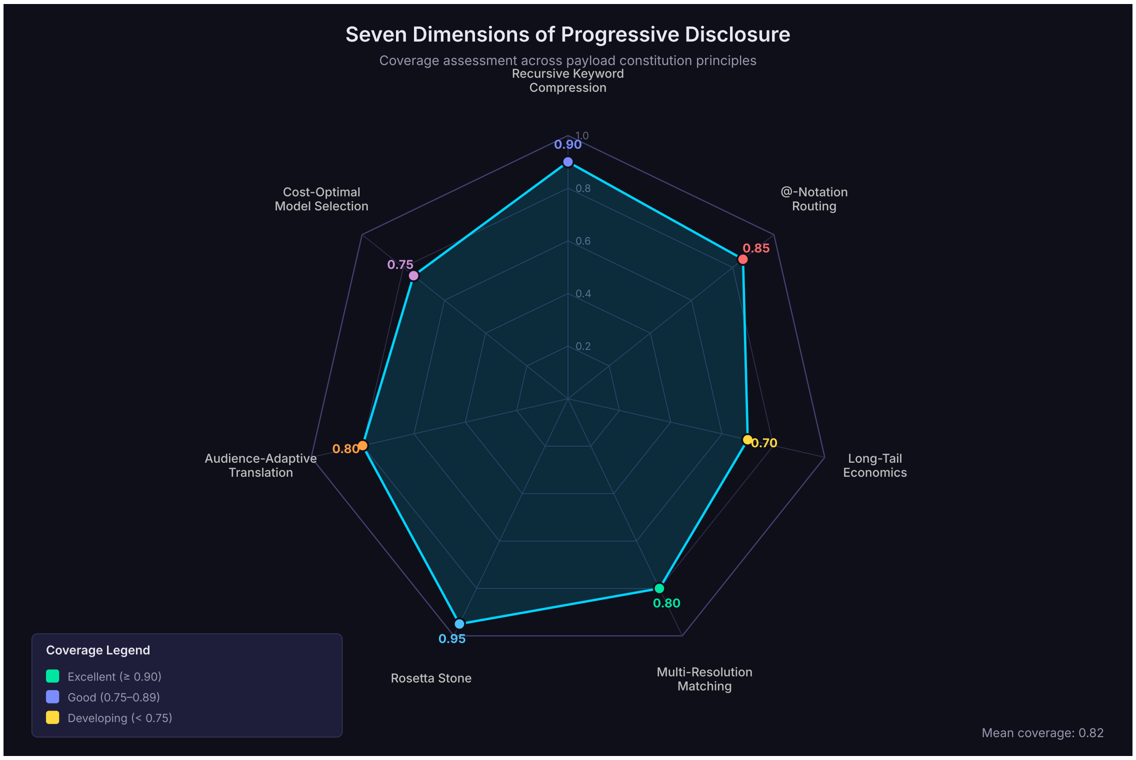

Figure 6: Seven dimensions of progressive disclosure as applied to the FDRP ecosystem

System Architecture

Implementation Stack

Layer	Technology	Purpose
AI Runtime	Claude Opus 4.6 (primary), Codex Pro (verification), Gemini 3.1 Pro (verification)	Decision generation, cross-model critique
Plugin System	Claude Code Plugin v0.13.0	48 skills, 5 agents, 13 enforcement hooks
Data Layer	MySQL 8.0 (InnoDB)	156 fdrp_ base tables, 44 fdrp_ views, 131 triggers
Visualisation	Babylon.js, Cytoscape.js, D3.js v7	7 interactive HTML renderers
Quality Daemon	Bash + systemd	Twice-daily automated quality audits
Version Control	Git (Gitea self-hosted)	All decisions committed within seconds (BIND-009)

Plugin Architecture

The FDRP plugin (`/root/.claude/plugins/fdrp/`) implements a complete lifecycle management system:

```
plugins/fdrp/
├── plugin.json               # v0.13.0, 48 skills registered
├── DOCUMENTATION.md          # Full process chain documentation
├── schema-reference.md       # Auto-generated table/column reference
├── bin/                      # Utility scripts (schema generation, etc.)
├── skills/                   # 48 skill directories, each with SKILL.md
│   ├── fdrp-start/           # Lifecycle: initialise run
│   ├── fdrp-descend/         # Dynamics: PDSA + CVT computation
│   ├── fdrp-freeze/          # Lifecycle: SHA-256 configuration freeze
│   ├── fdrp-commission/      # Lifecycle: intent verification
│   ├── fdrp-review/          # CERN 6-phase gate evaluation
│   ├── fdrp-rams/            # FMEA/FTA/HAZOP with IEC 61508 SIL
│   ├── fdrp-research/        # Bibliographic research, CERN citations
│   ├── fdrp-peer-review/     # Cross-model iterative critique
│   ├── fdrp-6hats/           # De Bono structured debate
│   ├── fdrp-premortem/       # Proactive failure + red team
│   ├── expert-expansion/     # Convergence-based expert waves
│   ├── fdrp-fork/            # MOE cache fork (3-way diversity)
│   ├── fdrp-5s/              # 5S quality audit
│   ├── fdrp-andon/           # TPS stop-the-line signal
│   ├── fdrp-status/          # Convergence dashboard
│   ├── fdrp-resume/          # Post-compaction recovery
│   ├── fdrp-lint/            # CERN typographic linter
│   ├── fdrp-rfi/             # Request For Information CRUD
│   ├── fdrp-punch/           # Punch list defect tracking
│   ├── fdrp-viz-graph/       # Sugiyama DAG (Cytoscape.js)
│   ├── fdrp-viz-3d/          # 3D decision landscape (Babylon.js)
│   ├── fdrp-viz-rams/        # FMEA risk matrix (D3.js)
│   ├── fdrp-viz-review/      # Gate review dashboard (Babylon.js)
│   ├── fdrp-viz-trace/       # Bipartite traceability (Cytoscape.js)
│   ├── fdrp-viz-convergence/ # CVT timeline (D3.js)
│   └── fdrp-viz-twin/        # Digital twin combined view (Babylon.js)
├── agents/                   # 5 autonomous agents
│   ├── fdrp-orchestrator.md   # Master diamond cutter — CVT management
│   ├── scale-analyst.md       # Per-scale refinement specialist
│   ├── clash-detector.md      # BIM-style clash detection (read-only)
│   ├── convergence-monitor.md # SPC control chart specialist
│   └── evolution-monitor.md   # Self-evolution daemon agent
├── hooks/                    # Quality gate enforcement
│   ├── hooks.json            # Hook configuration
│   ├── fdrp-plan-prefilter.sh   # Deterministic plan file detection
│   ├── fdrp-decision-logger.sh  # SPC datapoint extraction
│   └── fdrp-error-capture.sh    # Fishbone-driven SQL error correction
└── templates/                # Visualisation base templates
```

```
├── babylon-base.html    # 3D engine template (Babylon.js)
├── cytoscape-base.html  # Graph engine template (Cytoscape.js + dagre)
└── d3-base.html         # 2D chart template (D3.js v7)
```

The 13-Step Process Chain

FDRP follows a standard process chain for each run:

```
┌─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┐
│                    FDRP Process Chain                            │
├─────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────────┤
│                                                                 │
│  1. /fdrp-start        → Initialise run, discover experts       │
│         │                                                       │
│  2. /fdrp-descend      → PDSA per scale, CVT dynamics         │
│         │                                                       │
│  3. /expert-expansion  → Convergence-based expert waves          │
│         │                                                       │
│  4. /fdrp-peer-review  → Iterative Codex + Gemini critique      │
│         │  (5 fails →)                                          │
│  5. /fdrp-6hats        → Structured 6-Hat debate                │
│         │                                                       │
│  6. /fdrp-research     → Bibliographic grounding (PDR gate)     │
│         │                                                       │
│  7. /fdrp-rams         → FMEA/FTA/HAZOP analysis (CDR gate)     │
│         │                                                       │
│  8. /fdrp-freeze       → SHA-256 configuration freeze (FDR gate)│
│         │                                                       │
│  9. /fdrp-review       → CERN 6-phase gate evaluation           │
│         │                                                       │
│ 10. /fdrp-premortem    → Pre-mortem + red team probing          │
│         │                                                       │
│ 11. /fdrp-commission   → Intent verification (CONVERGED→COMM.)  │
│         │                                                       │
│ 12. /fdrp-lint         → CERN typographic linting               │
│         │                                                       │
│ 13. Package            → Reproducibility package (SHA-256)      │
│                                                                 │
│  Support: /fdrp-andon, /fdrp-rfi, /fdrp-punch, /fdrp-5s,      │
│           /fdrp-fork, /fdrp-status, /fdrp-resume                │
│                                                                 │
│  Visualisation: /fdrp-viz-graph, -3d, -rams, -review,         │
│                 -trace, -convergence, -twin                     │
│                                                                 │
│  Escalation ladder:                                             │
│    Self → Codex → Codex+Gemini → Cache+Seed → 6 Hats → Human   │
│                                                                 │
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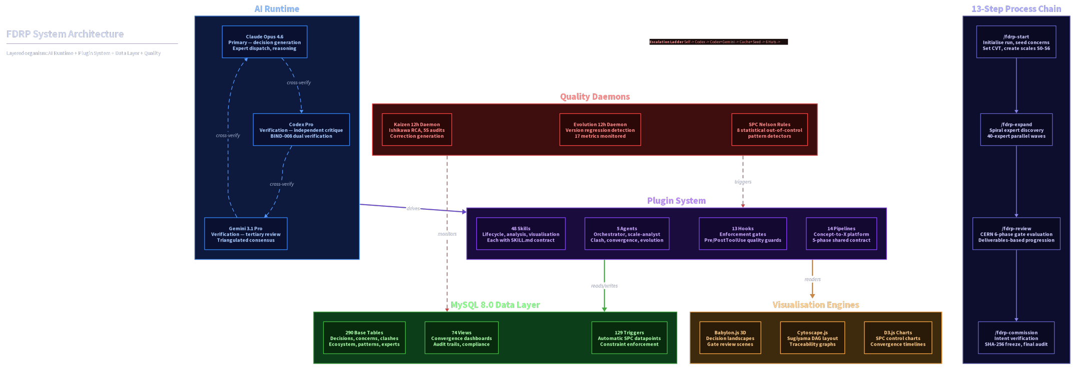

Figure 7: FDRP System Architecture — the complete system as a layered organism: AI Runtime (Claude Opus + Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1) driving the Plugin System (48 skills, 5 agents, 13 hooks) atop MySQL 8.0 (156 fdrp_ tables) with visualisation engines (Babylon.js, Cytoscape.js, D3.js) and quality daemons. The 13-step process chain flows from /fdrp-start through /fdrp-commission with support skills and escalation ladder. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Core Mechanisms

Expert Expansion (Convergence-Based Waves)

Disclosure: The "experts" in FDRP's expert expansion are LLM-generated specialist personas, not human domain experts. Each persona is constructed with a detailed professional profile, publication history, and domain-specific vocabulary. The names used (e.g., in Section 20.1) are fictional labels for these personas. The validity of this approach rests on the observation that LLMs trained on domain literature can produce critiques that overlap substantially with human expert critique — an empirical claim that requires formal validation through comparative studies (see Section 24, Limitations).

The expert expansion system deploys domain experts in convergence-based parallel waves, each providing independent analysis. In production, the FDRP-on-FDRP analysis used 40 experts; the antimatter building programme expanded to 68+ experts across two rounds. Expert count is bounded by convergence (when spiral-out produces no new unique domains), not by a predetermined cap. The roster spans 12 expert types:

Category	Experts	Example Domains
Core Domain (12)	MySQL Performance, DB Security, QA/SPC, BIM, FTA, Systems Thinking, Observability, Lean/TPS, Security Red Team, Hexagonal Architecture, Systems Performance, Business Analysis	Query plans, privilege escalation, SPC Cpk, LOD validation
Extended Domain (6)	Formal Verification, Chaos/Resilience, Contract Testing, ISO 19011, Event Sourcing, Human Factors	TLA+ state machines, fault injection, DbC, audit trails
Novel Domain (12)	Graph Theory, Game Theory, Distributed Systems, Aviation Safety, Process Mining, Cryptographic Integrity, Adversarial ML, SRE, Temporal DB, Schema Evolution, Petri Nets, Control Theory	DAG cycle detection, Goodhart effects, ACID isolation, DO-178C comparison
Visualization (8–10)	Information Visualization, Knowledge Graph Engineering, MBSE, CERN Data Viz, Digital Twin, BIM Viz, UX/Dashboard, Risk Visualization	Tufte principles, Sugiyama layout, ROOT patterns, bow-tie diagrams

Wave convergence criterion: Waves continue until no new TIER 1 findings emerge. In production, Wave 1 produced 40 proposals; Wave 2 produced 259 proposals with 10,360 votes, 47 TIER 1 findings (18.1%), achieving 9/9 cross-model agreement.

Cross-Model Verification

Every expert finding undergoes independent verification by two additional models:

1. **Codex Pro** (OpenAI): `codex2 exec "prompt" --wrk /path`
2. **Gemini 3.1 Pro** (Google): `cat file | gemini -p "prompt" -y`

This implements aviation-inspired dual verification (BIND-008): no single model's output is trusted without independent confirmation. Disagreements force council review. Critically, disagreements between models are MORE valuable than agreements — they expose blind spots invisible to any single model (concept note #19: Multi-Model Collaboration). See "Cross-Model Verification of the Keyprompt" (in Conclusion and Roadmap) for the full cross-model review: v3.6 scored MIN 1/5 driving 6 CRITICAL remediations in v3.7, then v3.7 scored MIN 1.5/5 driving 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes in v3.8 — demonstrating the multi-model collaboration principle applied iteratively to the protocol itself.

Peer Review — Presenter-Critique Loops

The iterative peer review protocol implements the "presenter-critique until agreed" doctrine:

```
ITERATION N:
  1. PRESENT: Expert structures claim with evidence, grounding level, alternatives
  2. CRITIQUE (Codex): Independent review, APPROVE or NEEDS-REVISION with reasons
  3. CRITIQUE (Gemini): Independent review, APPROVE or NEEDS-REVISION with reasons
  4. VERDICT:
     - Both APPROVE → ACCEPTED
     - Any NEEDS-REVISION → Expert revises with cache+seed context
     - After 5 iterations → Escalate to /fdrp-6hats
```

The **cache+seed pattern** preserves all prior critique history in the revision prompt, preventing context loss across iterations.

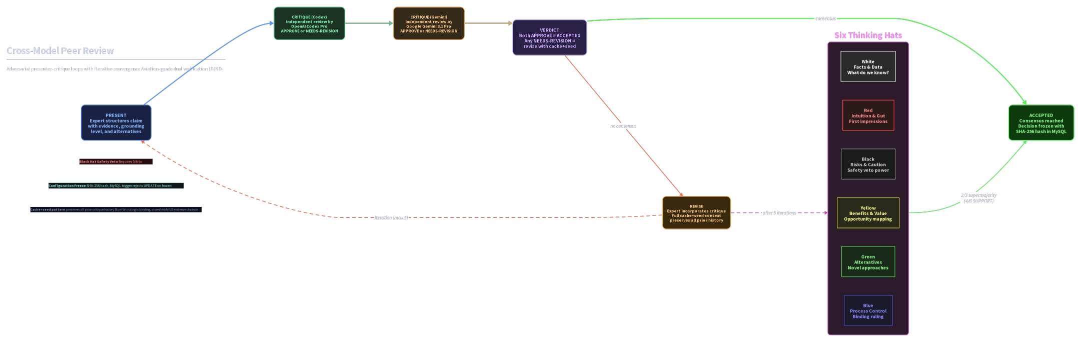

Figure 8: Cross-Model Peer Review — adversarial presenter-critique loops with iterative convergence. Three models (Claude/Anthropic, Codex/OpenAI, Gemini/Google) in triangular arrangement. Iterative narrowing spiral converges toward agreement; if no convergence after 5 iterations, escalation to Six Thinking Hats structured debate. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Six Thinking Hats Structured Debate

For S5 (Decision scale) or escalated disagreements, FDRP deploys De Bono's Six Thinking Hats [5, 34] as 6 parallel agents:

Hat	Role	Agent Type	Key Power
White	Facts & Data	researcher	Provides only verified data
Red	Intuition & Emotion	—	Gut reactions, no justification needed
Black	Risk & Critique	security-red-team	Safety veto (overrideable only at 5/6 vote)
Yellow	Optimism & Value	—	Benefits, opportunities, ROI
Green	Creativity	—	Alternatives, lateral solutions
Blue	Synthesis (runs LAST)	—	Binding ruling, evidence chain

Voting: 2/3 supermajority (4 of 6 SUPPORT) required. Black Hat safety veto requires 5/6 to override. Three rounds for deadlock resolution. Blue Hat's ruling is binding and stored with full evidence chain in JSON.

Configuration Freeze with SHA-256

When a design reaches FDR gate readiness, FDRP freezes the configuration baseline:

1. All ACCEPTED decisions for the run are serialised
2. SHA-256 hash computed over the serialised set

3. MySQL trigger rejects any UPDATE on frozen decisions
4. Superseding a frozen decision re-triggers FDR/TRR/PQR gate re-evaluation

This mirrors CERN's Technical Design Report (TDR) freeze process, where post-freeze changes require formal Engineering Change Requests (ECR).

RAMS Analysis (IEC 61508)

FDRP's RAMS module supports 6 analysis methods:

Method	Standard	Use Case
FMEA	IEC 60812	Systematic failure mode enumeration
FTA	IEC 61025	Top-down fault tree construction
HAZOP	IEC 61882	Deviation-based hazard identification
PRELIMINARY	—	Initial risk screening
FMEDA	IEC 61508-2	Hardware diagnostic coverage
FIDES	FIDES Guide 2022	Failure rate prediction (preferred over MIL-HDBK-217)

Key fields per analysis entry: - **RPN** (Risk Priority Number) = severity × occurrence × detection (auto-computed, GENERATED column) - **SIL target** (SIL 1–4, per IEC 61508) - **Grounding level** (VL0 estimate through VL4 measured) — VL0/VL1 entries stored but excluded from safety calculations - **PFH** (Probability of Failure per Hour), **SFF** (Safe Failure Fraction), **MTBF/MTTR** — all with grounding source

Figure 9: RAMS Risk Matrix — severity vs occurrence heatmap for commissioned runs. Data source: `fdrp_rams_analysis` (18 entries). Cell colour intensity encodes count of failure modes at each severity/occurrence intersection. Generated by `fdrp-chart rams-matrix`.

5S Quality Auditing

Each FDRP run receives periodic 5S audits (adapted from Lean manufacturing):

Dimension	Planning Interpretation	Metric
Sort	Dead artifact ratio (unused decisions, expired assumptions)	0–10
Set-in-Order	FK integrity + orphan decision ratio	0–10
Shine	Missing rationale/alternatives on active decisions	0–10
Standardise	Unfulfilled predictions from past iterations	0–10
Sustain	Trend slope of last 5 audits	0–10
Composite	Average of above 5	AUTO-GENERATED

Production results show improvement from 7.0 (iteration 1) to 9.4 (iteration 8) on the INDIGO AirGuard run — confirming PDSA improvement trajectories.

SPC Control Charts (Nelson Rules)

The convergence-monitor agent maintains SPC control charts [17] on all convergence metrics, applying Nelson Rules [55] for special-cause detection:

- **Rule 1**: Single point beyond 3σ (0.27% probability) → YELLOW Andon
- **Rule 2**: 9+ consecutive points same side of centre → shift detected → YELLOW
- **Rule 3**: 6+ consecutive monotonic points → trend detected → YELLOW (but: convergent trend is expected — only alarm on divergent trends)
- **Rules 4–6**: Deferred (require more data points)

3+ simultaneous rule violations trigger RED Andon (all spirals paused).

Andon Stop-the-Line Signals

Borrowed directly from Toyota's Jidoka principle [6]:

- **YELLOW**: Pauses only the pulling spiral. Clash-detector investigates. Auto-escalation: 3+ hard clashes in one scale → RED.
- **RED**: Pauses ALL active spirals in the run. Requires human attention.

11 Andon events recorded across production runs.

MOE Cache Fork (Mixture-of-Experts)

For complex decisions, FDRP forks the analysis into N parallel variants (default 3, range 2–5) using different prompt biases from seed perspectives:

Seed Category	Example Bias
QUALITY	"Prioritise reliability, maintainability, and safety margins"
ECONOMIC	"Prioritise cost-effectiveness and resource efficiency"
TECHNICAL	"Prioritise technical elegance and performance"
STRATEGIC	"Prioritise long-term flexibility and market positioning"

All variants share the same prompt prefix (cache hit ~1.3× cost, not 3×) [UNGROUNDED]. Results are aggregated via majority vote (>50% consensus). Disagreement rate >0.15 triggers YELLOW Andon.

Pre-Mortem and Red Team

Before commissioning, FDRP runs proactive failure analysis (addressing META-001: "system only improves after failures"):

Phase 1 — Pre-Mortem (Klein 2007 [7]): 3 independent agents imagine failure scenarios: - Technical failure agent - Process failure agent - Integration failure agent

Phase 2 — Red Team: Adversarial agent probes 6 vulnerability types: 1. Contradiction clashes (unsurfaced) 2. Stale assumptions (>7 days unvalidated) 3. Orphan requirements (no traceability) 4. VL0 RAMS entries driving safety decisions 5. Gate bypass vectors 6. Ungrounded numeric claims

Phase 3 — Triage: CRITICAL → block + RED Andon; HIGH → block + ACTION_ITEMs; MEDIUM → commission with conditions; LOW → clear.

Poka-Yoke Hooks (Error-Proofing)

Three hooks enforce quality at the tool level:

PreToolUse — Plan Validation: - Required sections check (Concerns, Decisions, Assumptions, Traceability) - Decision rationale enforcement (every decision must have a "why") - Constraint isolation gate (execution constraints banned from design scales S1–S6)

PostToolUse — Decision Logger: - Extracts DECISION/ASSUMPTION/RFI markers from plan files - Feeds SPC datapoint stream for control chart computation

PostToolUse — Error Capture (Fishbone v2): - Captures MySQL errors (1054 Unknown Column, 1146 Table Not Found, 1644 Trigger Block) - Injects correct schema as `additionalContext` into agent's next turn - Addresses META-007: "monitoring pointed at wrong target" — doesn't just log errors, prevents repetition

Ecosystem Architecture

Why Ecosystem Is the Right Frame

The FDRP agent coordination system is an **ecosystem**, not a topology, not a multilayer network, not a category-theoretic construction. Those mathematical frameworks are TOOLS to describe ecosystem properties — they are not the frame itself.

An ecosystem is a living system that grows from within. Multiple interaction patterns coexist simultaneously — like a construction site where hierarchy, safety chains, proximity relationships, trade dependencies, and shift schedules all operate at once. No single interaction pattern dominates; the system's behaviour emerges from their combination.

This insight came from the Ecosystem Ecology expert in Wave 1 of the FDRP-on-FDRP analysis. The existing `fdrp_ecosystem_map` — with its 201 elements, similarity pairs, and domain clusters — was already the foundation. The progressive disclosure thesis gave it a unifying architecture.

The Ecosystem Map

The `fdrp_ecosystem_map` table contains 201 elements distributed across 8 types:

Element Type	Count	Role in Ecosystem
EXPERT_ROLE	91	Species — the organisms that do work
METRIC	29	Environmental indicators — health signals
ANTI_PATTERN	18	Parasites — patterns that degrade the ecosystem
PIPELINE	11	Nutrient pathways — how work flows through
HEURISTIC	11	Evolved behaviours — learned responses
PRINCIPLE	11	Physical laws — constraints on the ecosystem

Element Type	Count	Role in Ecosystem
TABLE	10	Habitat structure — where data lives
SKILL	3	Symbiotic tools — capabilities agents invoke

Source: `SELECT element_type, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_ecosystem_map GROUP BY element_type`.

These elements are organised into 11 domain clusters (with 78 elements still unassigned to clusters). Each cluster is a habitat where related species coexist. The HNSW 3-layer navigable graph provides multi-resolution navigation: L0 exact match at the bottom layer, L2 cluster-level routing at the top.

Ecological Addresses

Every element in the ecosystem now has an ecological address in the `eco_address` column:

```
format: element-name@cluster-N@layer@any
example: systems-thinker@cluster-2@expert@any
example: fdrp-paper-charts@cluster-10@skill@any
```

All 201 elements and all 14 pipelines are populated with ecological addresses. This enables Longest Ecological Prefix (LEP) matching — given a query address, match the longest prefix to find the most specific candidate.

LEP matching is O(k) where k = the number of address segments, compared to O(n) FULLTEXT search across all elements. At current scale (201 elements, k=4), the performance difference is marginal. But the architecture scales: at 10,000 elements, O(4) vs O(10,000) becomes material.

Source: `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_ecosystem_map WHERE eco_address IS NOT NULL` — 201 rows populated. `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_c2x_pipelines WHERE eco_address IS NOT NULL` — 14 rows populated.

Domain Clusters

The 11 clusters emerged from automated clustering on `domain_tags`. Selected examples:

```sql
SELECT cluster_id, COUNT(*) as elements
FROM fdrp_ecosystem_map
WHERE cluster_id IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY cluster_id ORDER BY elements DESC LIMIT 5;
-- cluster 10: 17 elements
-- cluster 2:  15 elements
-- cluster 3:  12 elements
-- cluster 7:  11 elements
-- cluster 8:  10 elements
```

78 elements remain unassigned — these are cross-cutting species that don't belong to a single habitat (e.g., `quality-critic`, which operates across all domains).

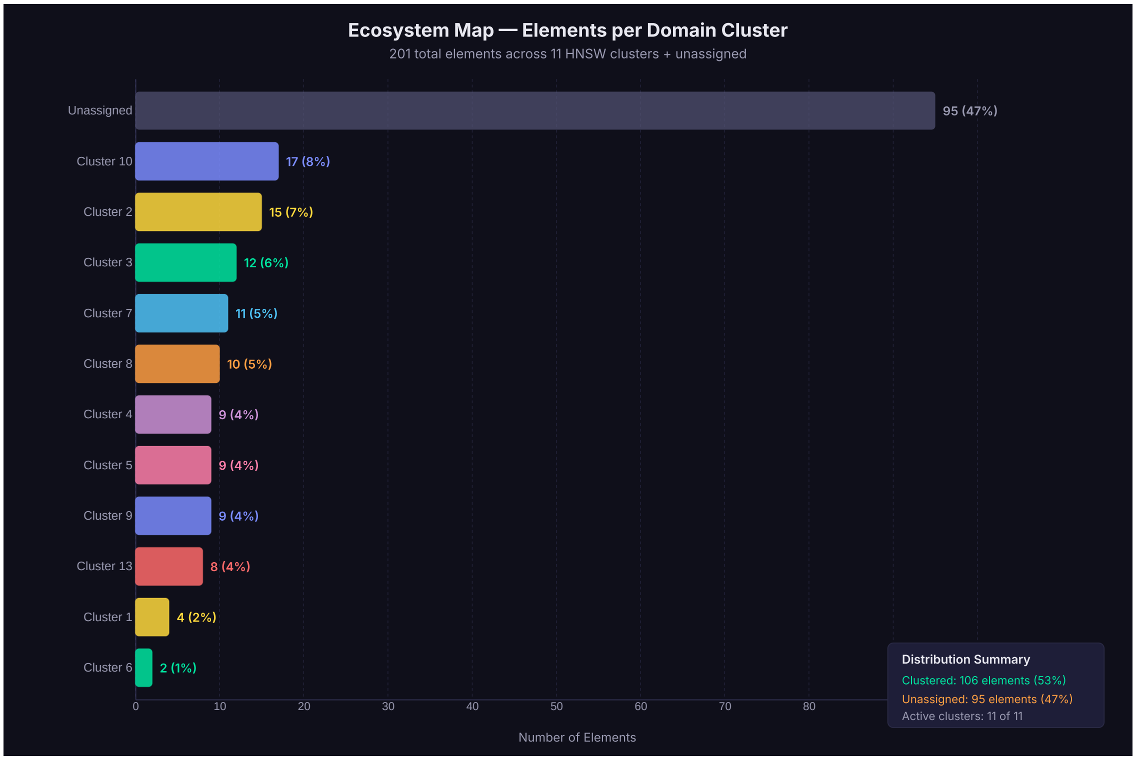

Figure 10: Ecosystem map cluster distribution — elements per cluster

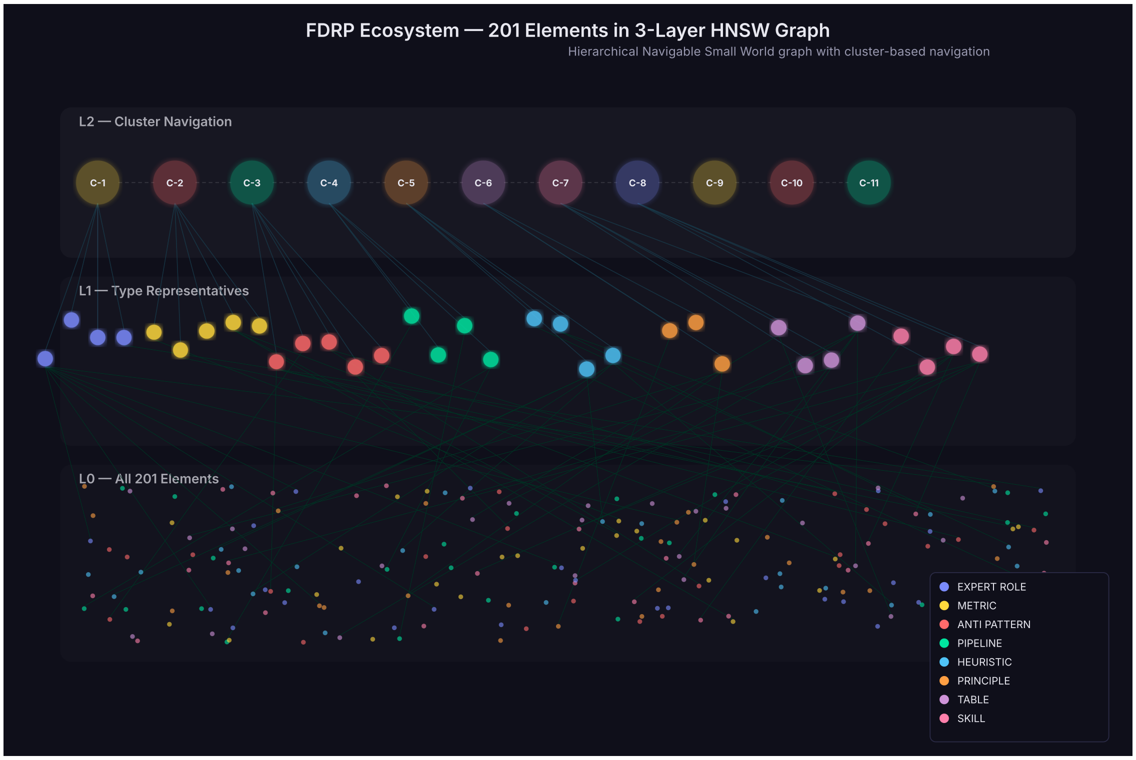

Figure 11: 3D ecosystem visualisation — 201 elements across 11 clusters

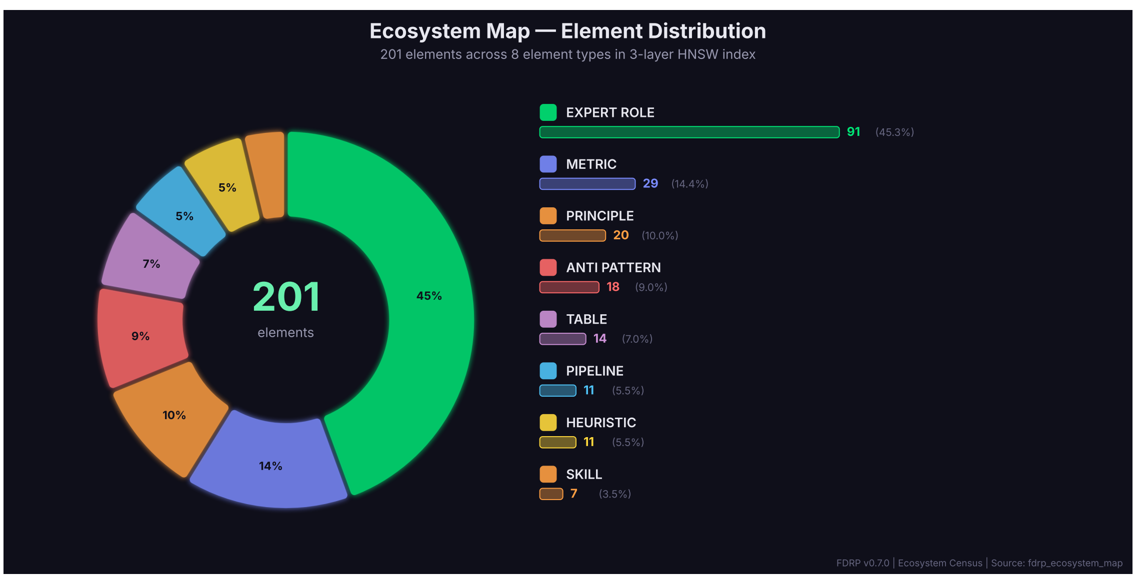

Figure 12: Ecosystem cluster detail — element distribution across 11 domain clusters showing cluster size, type composition, and inter-cluster connectivity. Data source: `fdrp_ecosystem_map` (201 elements) and `fdrp_ecosystem_similarity` (pairwise similarities). Generated by D3.js from production MySQL data.

Concept-to-X Pipeline Platform

The Polymorphic Pipeline

The * in *2paper means ANY input. All 14 concept-to-X pipelines share a common contract:

Input: `{ concept: string, context?: object }` **Output**: `{ artifact: path, metadata: object, quality: { dimensions: {name: score}[] } }`

Each pipeline specialises the shared 5-phase pattern for its output type:

Pipeline	Complexity	Eco Address	Status
concept2image	LOW	`generate-image@fdrp@low@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2onepager	LOW	`generate-onepager@fdrp@low@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2prd	MEDIUM	`generate-prd@fdrp@medium@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2demo	MEDIUM	`generate-demo@fdrp@medium@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2website	MEDIUM	`generate-website@fdrp@medium@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2mvp	HIGH	`generate-mvp@fdrp@high@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2experiment	HIGH	`generate-experiment@fdrp@high@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2digitaltwin	HIGH	`generate-digitaltwin@fdrp@high@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2full-software	VERY_HIGH	`generate-full-software@fdrp@very_high@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2payload	VERY_HIGH	`generate-payload@fdrp@very_high@opus`	ACTIVE
concept2simulation	VERY_HIGH	`generate-simulation@fdrp@very_high@opus`	DESIGN
star2paper	HIGH	`generate-paper@fdrp@high@opus`	ACTIVE

Source: `SELECT name, complexity, eco_address, status FROM fdrp_c2x_pipelines`.

Pipeline Phases

The standard 5-phase pattern:

1. **PARSE** — Understand the concept: extract intent, constraints, query historical runs
2. **GENERATE** — Create candidate artifacts: 3–5 variants with different styles
3. **EVALUATE** — Ultra-expert review: independent scoring on pipeline-specific dimensions
4. **REFINE** — Iterative improvement: presenter-critique loops until convergence
5. **DELIVER** — Render final artifact, record in MySQL, feed self-evolution

The `*2paper` pipeline extends this to 8 phases, inserting `*2PRD` (Paper Requirements Document), `EXPERT_EXPANSION` (spiral expert discovery), and `CONSOLIDATE` (cross-section integration per BIND-032) between the standard phases.

Cross-Pipeline Learning

The `fdrp_c2x_cross_learning` table enables four types of knowledge transfer between pipelines:

- **Stigmergy**: Shared artifacts modify the environment for other pipelines
- **Yokoten** (lit. "horizontal deployment"): Horizontal deployment of best practices from one pipeline to all others

- **Recombination**: Combining techniques from multiple pipelines into novel combinations
- **Analogy**: Structural similarity transfer — a technique that works in concept2image may work in concept2experiment

Pipeline Ecology

Pipelines have ecological niches. Low-complexity pipelines (concept2image, concept2onepager) are **Designated Market Makers** (DMMs) — always ready to quote, providing liquidity to the ecosystem. High-complexity pipelines (concept2digitaltwin, star2paper) are **specialists** — activated for specific task types with higher setup costs.

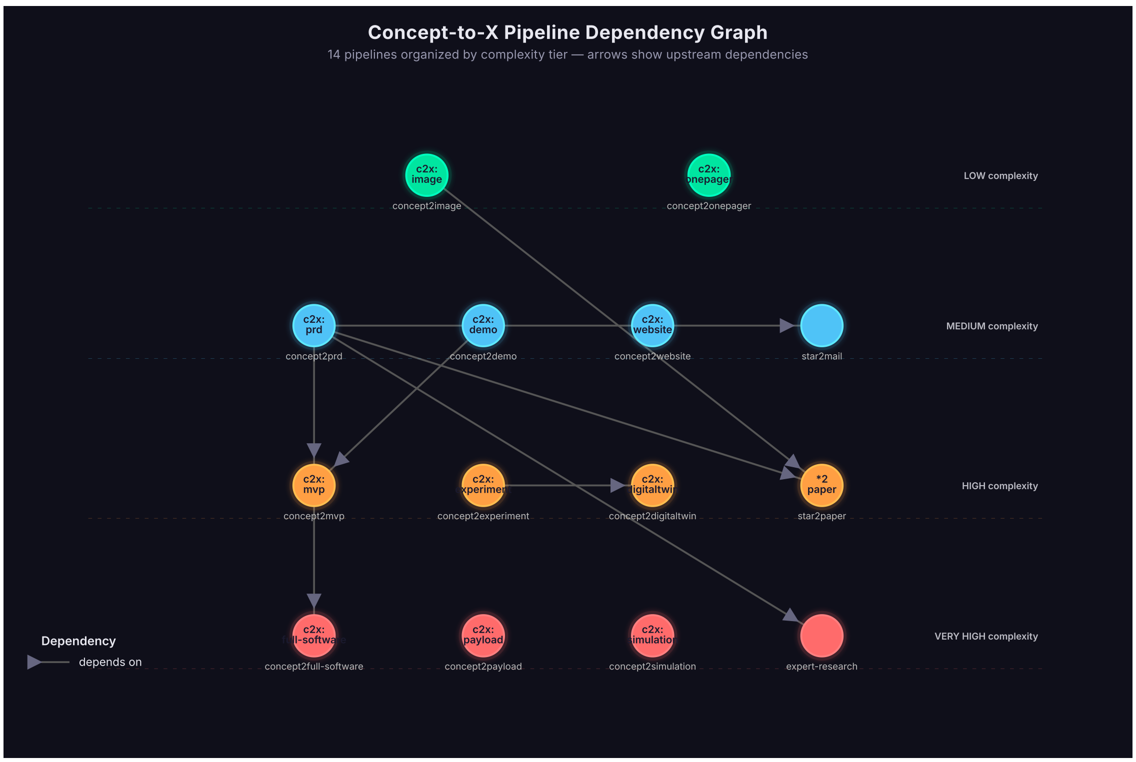

Figure 13: Pipeline dependency and complexity graph

Payload Constitution and Expert Payloads

The Electrician Principle

An electrician going to fix a bathroom light doesn't load the entire warehouse onto a truck. They assess the job, select the right tools and parts, and bring exactly what is needed. The `concept2payload` pipeline (pipeline_id=10) applies this principle to expert agent briefings.

The problem: when dispatching expert agents, sending massive context dumps dilutes signal with noise and buries critical insights in volume — even with 1M token context windows, attention degradation (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M) means that more context does not always mean better analysis. The constraint has shifted from token scarcity (BIND-036) to attention management: the model can *hold* everything but cannot *attend* to everything equally. The solution: for each expert × concept combination, compute the optimal payload — the minimum context that produces maximum insight.

Five Optimisation Levels

Level	Name	What It Optimises
L1	Static Type Mapping	Default payload per expert type (removes ~40% irrelevant context) [UNGROUNDED]
L2	Dynamic Concept-Aware	Filters by concept domain relevance (removes ~20% more) [UNGROUNDED]
L3	Coordination-Aware	Adds relevant cross-expert context from prior waves (+~10%) [UNGROUNDED]
L4	Temporal-Aware	Injects top historical insights from `fdrp_expert_perspectives` (+~5%)
L5	Learning-Aware	Format optimised from A/B test effectiveness data

The percentages above are [UNGROUNDED] — derived from the design rationale, not from measured data. Actual filtering effectiveness requires A/B testing across multiple runs.

The Payload Constitution

Before any optimisation level runs, the **Payload Constitution** is prepended to every expert's payload. This is the irreducible kernel — principles so fundamental that removing them from ANY expert's payload degrades the entire system.

The constitution currently contains 25 principles: 14 CONSTITUTIONAL (always active) and 11 CANDIDATE (awaiting graduation). Examples of Tier 0 principles:

Priority	Code	Principle
1	CONSTITUTION-0	Ultra-expert depth + metaprompting (min 2 iterations)
2	H-009	Every number is a hypothesis — question ALL constants
3	AP-012	Only specialists write prompts for specialists
8	BIND-021	No numeric claims without measured data

Source: `SELECT source_code, constitution_text, priority FROM fdrp_payload_constitution WHERE active = TRUE ORDER BY priority`.

Graduation protocol: PROPOSED → CANDIDATE (tested in ≥3 runs) → CONSTITUTIONAL (effectiveness ≥ 0.8 across ≥10 runs). Retirement triggers if effectiveness drops below 0.5 for 5 consecutive runs. Forced-ranking bloat prevention: if promotion would increase the CONSTITUTIONAL count beyond the point where payload token cost exceeds measurable insight-per-token returns, the lowest-effectiveness principle is retired first. Currently 14 active — the count is bounded by measured effectiveness, not by an arbitrary cap.

Multi-Resolution Payload Structure

Every payload output uses a structured JSON format implementing progressive disclosure:

```json
{
  "L5_mission": "thermal-stress FCC",
  "L4_domain": "CERN",
  "L3_context": ["CVT", "SPC", "domain:CERN", "thermal-analysis"],
  "L2_brief": "Analyze thermal stress patterns in FCC dipole magnets...",
  "L1_body": "Full task description with grounded data...",
  "L0_references": ["SELECT ... FROM fdrp_rams_analysis", "file://..."],
  "constitution": ["H-009", "AP-012", "BIND-021"]
}
```

Consumers at different levels read only what they need: pipeline routing reads L5, agent matching reads L3, expert triage reads L2, expert execution reads L1, verification reads L0.

Insight Per Token

The key efficiency metric: **IPT = quality_score_improvement / payload_token_count**. Higher IPT means more efficient expert utilisation. Tracked per `expert_type × concept_domain × payload_format` in `fdrp_c2x_effectiveness`.

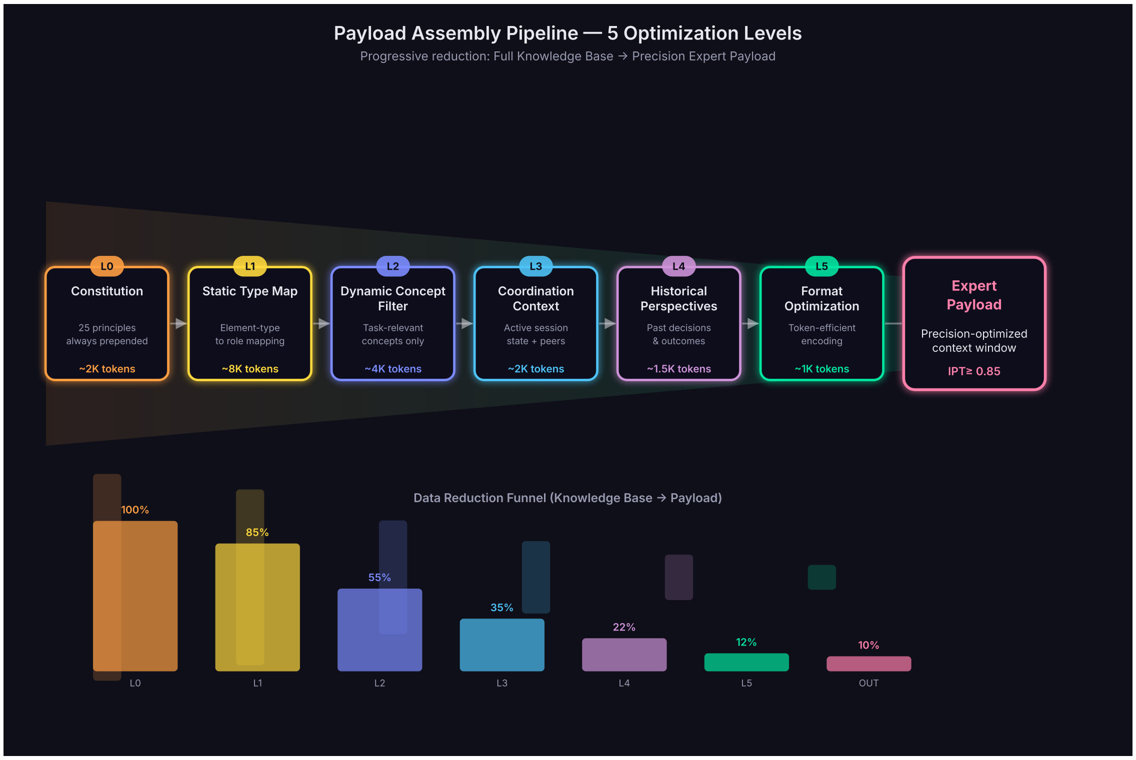

Figure 14: Payload assembly pipeline — L0 constitution through L5 formatting

Expert Expansion — Spiral Discovery

Why One-Shot Expert Selection Fails

Anti-pattern AP-011 (`ONE_SHOT_EXPERT_SELECTION`, severity: CRITICAL) captures a fundamental insight: the experts you need in Wave 3 are invisible from the vantage point of Wave 1. A security expert doesn't know they need a game theorist until they discover adversarial dynamics in the system. A systems thinker doesn't know they need an ecologist until feedback loops reveal adaptive cycles.

Only by dispatching Wave 1 experts and reading their `blind_spots[]` can you discover what you are missing. Each wave of experts extends the visible horizon.

The Spiral Protocol

Each wave of experts returns five outputs:

1. **Analysis**: Deep domain-specific examination of the subject
2. **blind_spots[]**: Domains and questions the expert cannot address
3. **expert_prompts[]**: Questions for next-wave experts, written BY domain specialists (AP-012: only specialists write prompts for specialists)
4. **leadership_nomination**: Which expert should lead this effort
5. **blind_self**: What the expert cannot see about their own limitations (H-005)

Convergence criterion: when fewer than 2 new domains are discovered in a wave, verified by cross-model check. Minimum 3 waves before declaring convergence (anti-gaming). If cost-per-insight ratio exceeds 3x the prior wave, investigate whether the problem needs decomposition — do not cap at a fixed wave count. Cross-model verification (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1) at every wave per OP-002.

Knowledge Teleportation

Five channels enable knowledge transfer across agent boundaries:

1. **Direct injection**: Constitution principles prepended to every payload
2. **Ambient absorption**: Expert reads environment artifacts left by prior waves
3. **Structural coupling**: Shared MySQL tables create implicit coordination
4. **Resonance matching**: Similar concepts in different domains auto-link via Rosetta Stone
5. **Temporal grafting**: Historical perspectives injected from `fdrp_expert_perspectives`

Metaprompting

Every expert analysis passes through minimum 2 iterations of recursive self-examination (AP-014: no single-pass thinking). The expert questions their own assumptions, identifies their own blind spots, and refines their analysis before submitting. This is the "meta" in metaprompting — thinking about thinking.

Source: 246 expert perspectives stored in `fdrp_expert_perspectives`. Production data from 58 runs.

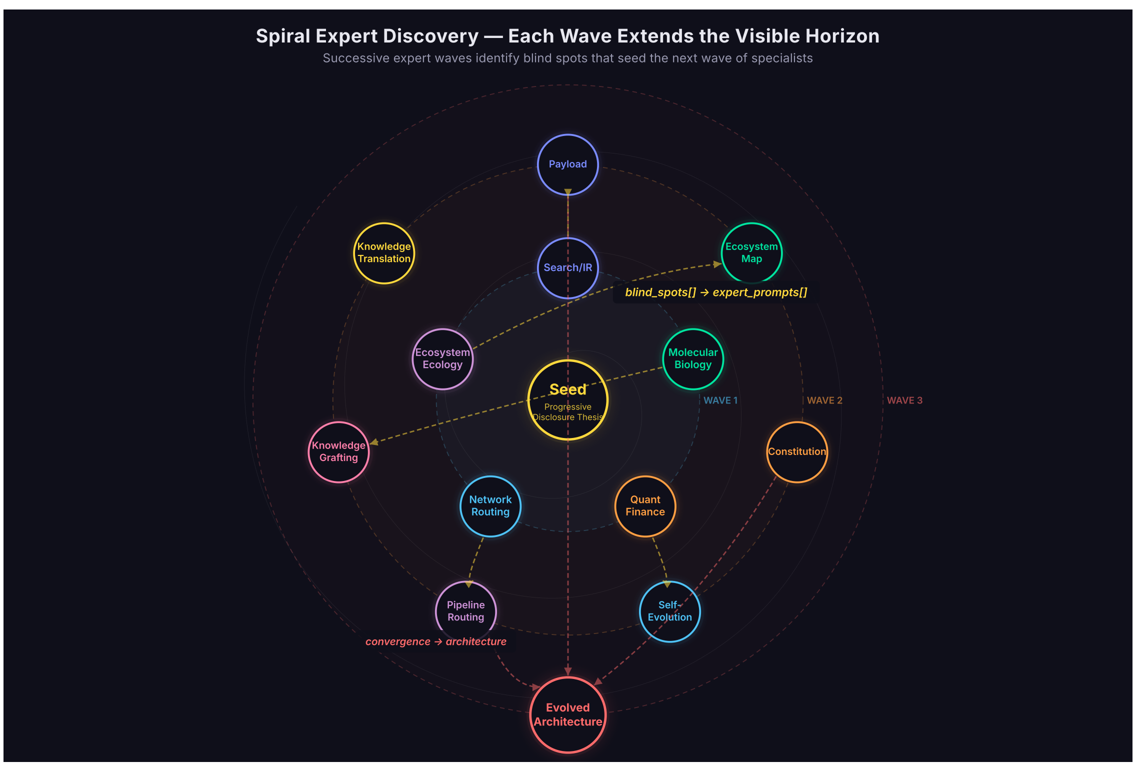

Figure 15: Spiral expert discovery — each wave extends the visible horizon

Rosetta Stone — Vocabulary Routing

The Acronym Challenge

The FDRP ecosystem uses 20+ domain-specific acronyms imported from five expert domains: CDA and NBBO from quantitative finance, LEP and BGP from network routing, HMM and FBA from molecular biology, LTR and HNSW from search/IR engineering, SPC from quality engineering. For newcomers, this is an impenetrable wall of jargon.

The Rosetta Stone resolves this by treating acronyms as the most compressed keywords (L5) that route to expert domains (L3) and ultimately to actionable knowledge (L0).

Three Tables

`fdrp_acronym_index` (20 entries): Maps each acronym to its full name, expert domain, key insight, affected FDRP subsystems, keyword level, and source file. Core acronyms (CDA, LEP, SPC, CVT, IPT, FDRP) are flagged.

`fdrp_keyword_hierarchy` (15 entries): Organises L3–L4 keywords with parent links and related acronyms. L4 domains (ecosystem, market, routing, biology, search) contain L3 concepts (panarchy, adverse_selection, alpha_decay, etc.).

`fdrp_v_rosetta_stone`: A queryable view joining both tables, providing the full progressive disclosure path from L5 acronym through L4 domain to L0 knowledge.

```sql
SELECT l5_keyword, expert_domain, l0_knowledge
FROM fdrp_v_rosetta_stone WHERE l5_keyword = 'CDA';
-- Returns: CDA | Quantitative Finance / HFT |
--   Task-to-agent matching IS order matching; effectiveness scores
--   function as market prices encoding distributed information
--   per Hayek (1945)
```

Cross-Domain Bridge Discovery

The Rosetta Stone's most powerful feature is revealing cross-domain connections. When the same structural pattern appears under different acronyms in different domains, the bridge is a deep insight:

- **Matching**: `LTR` (Search/IR) ↔ `CDA` (Finance) ↔ `LEP` (Networking) — three domains, one algorithm
- **Profiling**: `HMM` (Biology) ↔ `LTR` (Search/IR) — sequence analysis discovers types in both domains
- **Monitoring**: `SPC` (Quality) ↔ `FBA` (Biology) — control limits detect imbalance in both domains

The /fdrp-rosetta Skill

The `/fdrp-rosetta` skill provides quick lookup at three depth levels: `quick` (L5–L4: acronym + domain), `standard` (L5–L3: + insight + subsystems + related concepts), and deep (L5–L0: + full expert analysis + ecosystem elements).

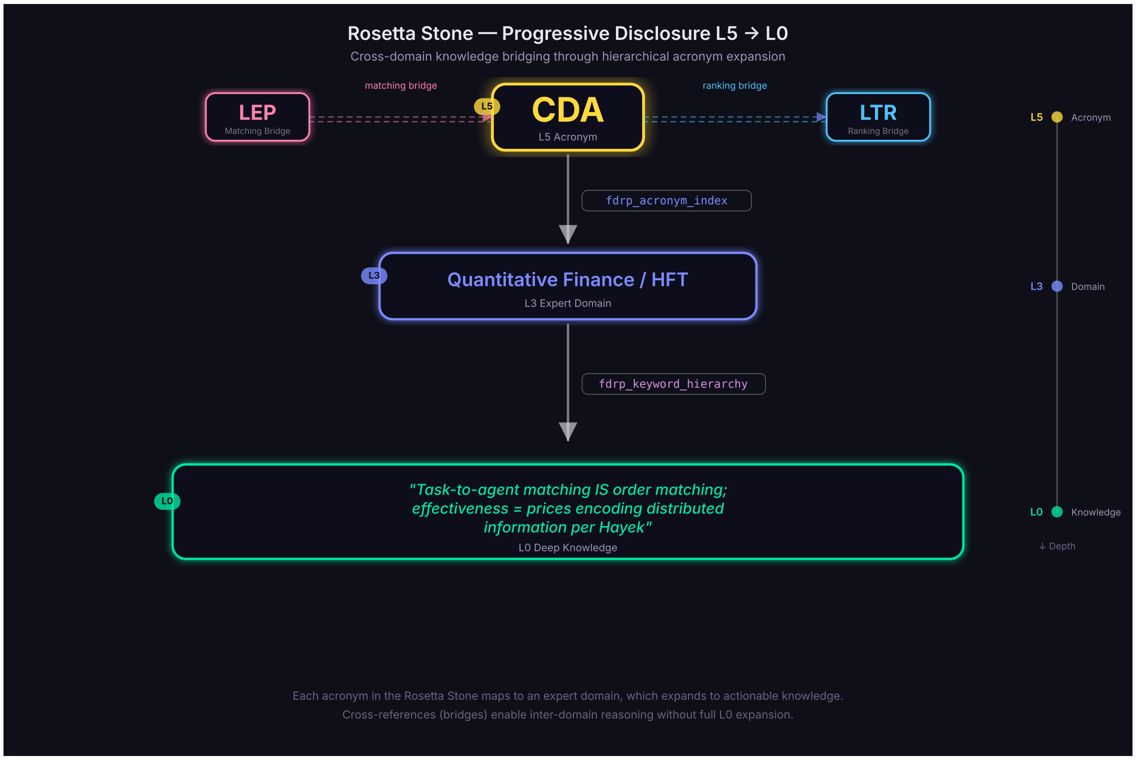

Figure 16: Rosetta Stone — progressive disclosure from L5 acronym to L0 knowledge

Audience-Adaptive Translation

Translation Is Not Generation

This distinction is critical: **generation** requires the highest intelligence (deep domain expertise, cross-domain connections, novel insights — Opus). **Translation** requires different intelligence (clear writing, audience awareness, analogy selection, simplification without distortion — Sonnet). You do not need Opus to explain what Opus discovered.

The `/fdrp-explain` skill implements this separation. It reads L0 expert knowledge, generates an audience-appropriate translation via Sonnet, and has Opus verify (yes/no check only) that the core insight is preserved.

Distortion Risk Tracking

Every translation is lossy. The critical question is whether the loss matters for the audience's PURPOSE. The `fdrp_knowledge_translations` table tracks distortion risks at three levels:

Risk	Meaning	Example
LOW	Direction is right, detail is smoothed	"Job board" for CDA — captures matching, loses dynamics
MEDIUM	Key mechanism simplified away	"Staffing agency" — captures matching, loses Hayek insight
HIGH	Analogy fundamentally misleads	"Uber matching" — suggests proximity, misses price-as-information

Translations at L4–L5 are useful for awareness but dangerous for decision-making. Each translation carries a warning: "This is an L4 explanation. Decisions should be based on the L0–L2 analysis."

Cost Structure

Translation cost is a fraction of generation cost [UNGROUNDED — needs measurement]. The generation (Opus L0 expert output) is already done — that is the expert analysis. Translation (Sonnet L2–L4) is cheap and fast. Verification (Opus yes/no check) is cheap — a single-token decision, not full generation.

The same knowledge, six different packages. And the L0 source is NEVER replaced.

The preceding sections (3–11) describe the implemented system. The following section describes the next architectural evolution — a designed but not yet deployed cognitive layer.

Digital Cognition Architecture

> **Note**: This section presents a proposed architecture specification. The MySQL tables and skills described here have not yet been implemented in production. Results from Section 18 cover the implemented system (Sections 3–7); this section describes the designed next evolution.

FDRP's current thinking modalities are predominantly **analytical** (systems thinking, statistical analysis, formal logic) and **manufacturing-quality** (SPC, 5S, FMEA). The next evolutionary cycle expands into fundamentally different modes of cognition — each providing a different tool for shaping the clay of complex decisions.

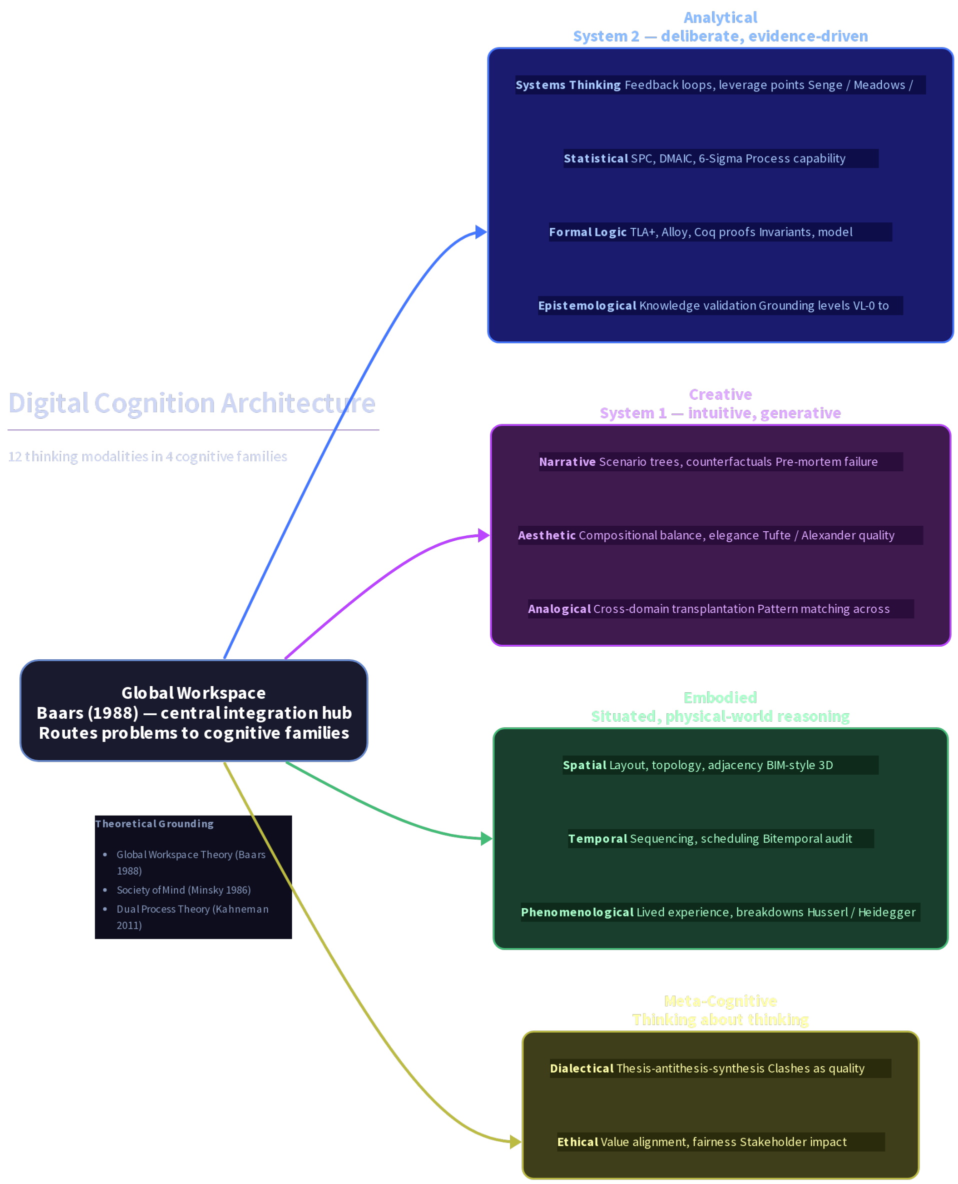

Figure 17: Digital Cognition Architecture — 12 thinking modalities in 4 cognitive families: Analytical (Systems Thinking, Statistical, Formal Logic), Creative (Narrative, Aesthetic, Analogical), Embodied (Spatial, Temporal, Phenomenological), Meta-Cognitive (Dialectical, Ethical, Epistemological). Grounded in Global Workspace Theory, Society of Mind, Dual Process Theory, and BVSR. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Theoretical Grounding

The Digital Cognition Layer draws on four established frameworks from cognitive science and AI, building on classical cognitive architectures including ACT-R [31] and SOAR [32]:

Global Workspace Theory (Baars, 1988) [27]: Consciousness emerges from multiple specialist processors competing for access to a shared “global workspace”. When a specialist wins, its content is broadcast to all other specialists. FDRP’s expert expansion already implements this pattern — 40 specialists compete for TIER 1 status, and winning proposals are broadcast (integrated) across the system. Digital Cognition formalises this by making the competition happen between *thinking modalities*, not just expert opinions.

Society of Mind (Minsky, 1986) [28]: Intelligence arises from the interaction of many simple agents, each with a narrow specialty. No single agent is intelligent; intelligence is an emergent property of the society. FDRP’s 12 departments (Section 19) instantiate this — Statistics, Safety, Human Factors, etc. Digital Cognition extends the same principle from *knowledge domains* to *reasoning strategies*.

Dual Process Theory (Kahneman, 2011) [29]: Human cognition operates in two modes — System 1 (fast, intuitive, pattern-matching) and System 2 (slow, deliberate, analytical). Current FDRP is almost entirely System 2 — methodical, gate-based, evidence-driven. Digital Cognition introduces System 1 equivalents: aesthetic judgement, narrative intuition, embodied spatial reasoning. The interaction between fast and slow modes produces richer decisions than either alone.

BVSR — Blind Variation and Selective Retention (Campbell, 1960) [30]: Creative evolution proceeds by generating variations without foreknowledge of their utility (blind), then retaining those that prove adaptive (selective). Expert expansion Wave 2 empirically demonstrated this — of 259 proposals generated “blindly” (without knowledge of what FDRP already had), 47 (18.1%) proved independently valuable. Digital Cognition applies BVSR to thinking strategies themselves: generate diverse cognitive approaches blindly, retain those that improve decision quality.

Modality Catalogue

Each thinking modality is a *lens* — a structured way of seeing a problem that reveals aspects invisible to other lenses, analogous to Gardner’s multiple intelligences [36] applied to system-level reasoning. The initial catalogue contains 12 modalities, organised by cognitive family:

#	Modality	Source Discipline	What It Reveals	FDRP Integration Point
1	**Analytical**	SPC, DMAIC, 6σ	Quantitative patterns, process capability	SPC charts, 5S audits, RAMS
2	**Design Thinking**	IDEO, Stanford d.school	Unmet user needs, ambiguity tolerance	Empathy maps before panel assembly
3	**Scientific**	Popper, Kuhn, Lakatos	Falsifiable hypotheses, paradigm boundaries	Decisions as hypotheses; convergence = falsification survival
4	**Aesthetic**	Tufte, Alexander	Compositional balance, elegance	"Does this design have beauty?" as quality signal
5	**Formal / Mathematical**	TLA+, Alloy, Coq	Proofs, invariants, model-checkable properties	State machine verification; convergence proofs
6	**Biological / Evolutionary**	Darwin, Kauffman	Fitness landscapes, selection pressure	Proposals as populations; fitness = vote rate $\times$ confidence

#	Modality	Source Discipline	What It Reveals	FDRP Integration Point
7	**Narrative**	Shell scenarios, futures	Story arcs, counterfactuals, temporal coherence	Pre-mortem failure stories; commissioning narratives
8	**Adversarial**	Von Neumann, Nash, Axelrod	Strategic interaction, Goodhart effects	Ungameable quality gates; voting mechanism design
9	**Phenomenological**	Husserl, Heidegger	Lived experience, breakdown moments	Where does FDRP become conspicuous (broken)?
10	**Dialectical**	Hegel, Marx	Contradictions as drivers, synthesis	Clashes as dialectical engine driving quality
11	**Abductive**	Peirce [33], Eco	Inference to best explanation, diagnosis	Abductive diagnosis when convergence stalls
12	**Integrative / Systems**	Senge, Meadows, Ashby [65]	Leverage points, feedback loops, emergence	High-leverage intervention points in FDRP itself

Critical distinction: These modalities are not metaphors. Each has a *specific operation* that produces a *specific output type*. Analytical thinking produces control charts. Formal thinking produces proofs. Narrative thinking produces scenario trees. The Digital Cognition Layer orchestrates these operations and synthesises their outputs.

Architecture

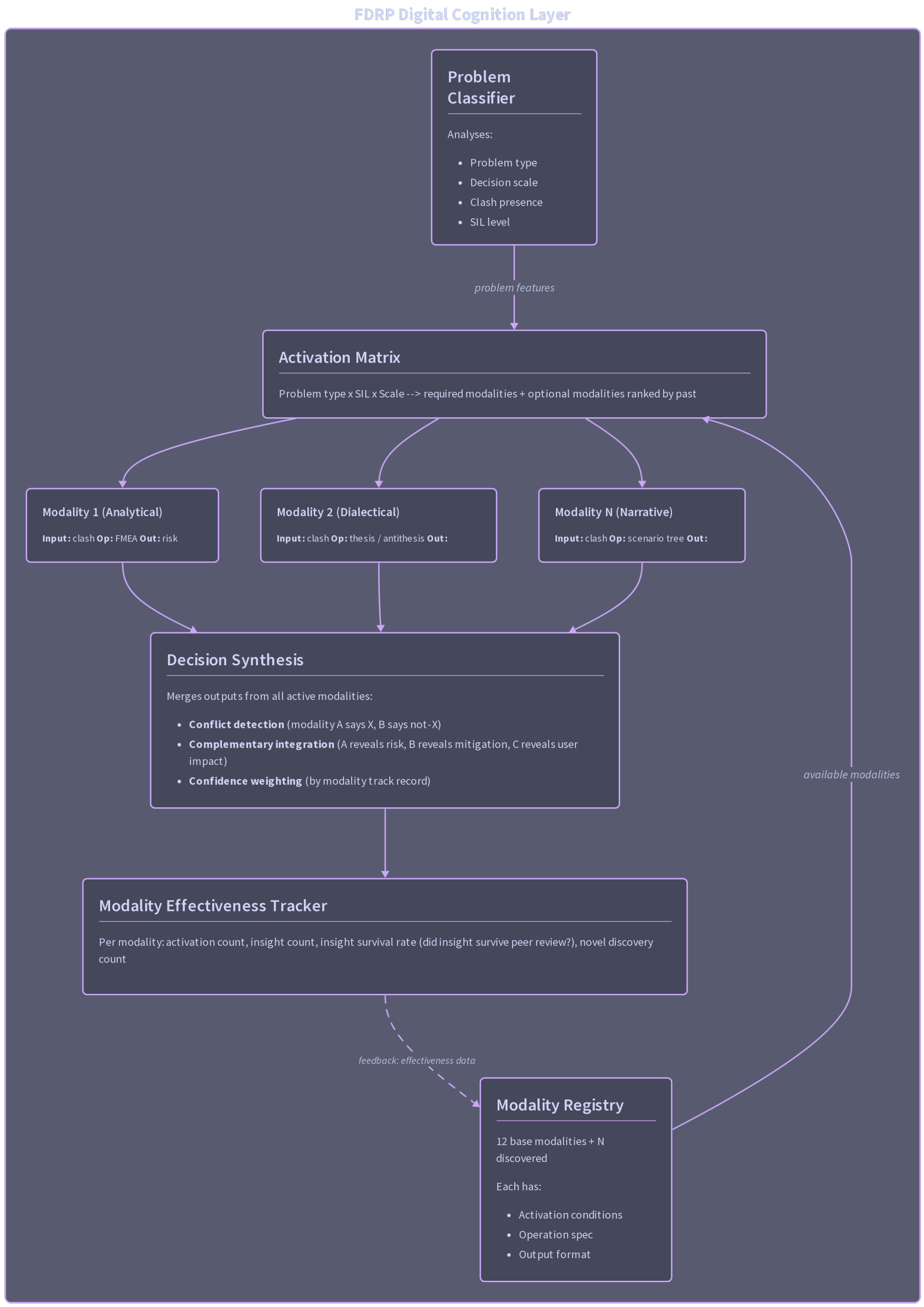

Figure 18: FDRP Digital Cognition Layer — Problem Classifier routes to Modality Registry via Activation Matrix; N modalities operate in parallel; Decision Synthesis merges outputs with conflict detection and confidence weighting; Effectiveness Tracker feeds back to refine modality selection.

Key architectural properties:

1. **Gate-based mandatory activation**: Like department activation (Section 19), certain modalities are mandatory at certain gates. Analytical is always required. Adversarial is mandatory at CDR and beyond. Narrative is mandatory for pre-mortem.
2. **SIL-based escalation**: Higher SIL levels require more modalities earlier. SIL 4 activates Formal (mathematical proof) from KICKOFF. This mirrors IEC 61508's escalating rigour requirements.
3. **Effectiveness-based selection**: Optional modalities are ranked by their historical effectiveness for similar problem types. A modality that consistently produces insights that survive peer review is promoted; one that rarely contributes is demoted. This is BVSR applied to thinking strategies.
4. **Novel insight detection**: When only one modality identifies a particular risk or opportunity, that insight is flagged as a potential blind spot discovery — the most valuable output of the entire system. The Biological modality might identify a "fitness landscape cliff" that no analytical modality would see.

Activation Matrix

The activation matrix maps problem characteristics to required and recommended modalities:

Problem Type	Scale	Required Modalities	Recommended Modalities
Clash resolution	Any	Analytical, Dialectical	Adversarial, Narrative
Safety-critical	S0-S2	Analytical, Formal, Adversarial	Biological (CCF analysis)
Novel technology	Any	Scientific, Biological, Narrative	Aesthetic (pattern recognition)
User-facing	S3-S5	Design Thinking, Phenomenological	Narrative, Aesthetic
Architecture	S0-S1	Analytical, Integrative, Formal	Aesthetic (elegance)
Convergence stall	Any	Abductive, Dialectical	Biological (fitness landscape)
Cross-domain	S1-S3	Integrative, Scientific	All others (exploration)
Gate review	Any	Analytical + gate-specific	Per SIL escalation

Gate-Modality Matrix (mandatory modalities per CERN review gate):

Gate	Always	+ SIL ≥ 2	+ SIL ≥ 3	+ SIL 4
KICKOFF	Analytical, Integrative	+ Design Thinking	+ Narrative	+ Formal
PDR	+ Scientific, Dialectical	+ Adversarial	+ Biological	+ Aesthetic
CDR	+ Adversarial, Formal	+ Phenomenological	+ Abductive	ALL 12
FDR	All from CDR + Narrative	ALL 12	ALL 12	ALL 12 + external
TRR	ALL 12	ALL 12	ALL 12 + external	ALL 12 + external

Modality Operations and Output Types

Each modality is defined by three components: its **activation condition** (when does it fire?), its **operation** (what does it do?), and its **output type** (what does it produce?). This makes modalities composable, testable, and replaceable.

Modality	Operation	Input	Output	Testable Quality Metric
Analytical	Run SPC/FMEA/5S on data	Decisions, metrics	Control charts, risk matrices	Nelson Rule violations detected
Design Thinking	Empathy mapping + rapid prototyping	Concern, stakeholders	Journey maps, prototypes	Stakeholder coverage %
Scientific	Hypothesis generation + falsification test design	Decision claim	Falsifiable predictions	Predictions surviving test
Aesthetic	Pattern language analysis	Architecture	Elegance score, pattern matches	Inter-rater agreement (κ)
Formal	Model checking / proof attempt	State machine spec	Proof or counterexample	Proof completeness %
Biological	Fitness landscape construction	Population of alternatives	Fitness rankings, landscape topology	Selection pressure correlation with outcome quality
Narrative	Scenario tree construction	Decision context	3–5 scenario stories	Scenario coverage of possibility space
Adversarial	Red team / mechanism design analysis	Process rules	Attack vectors, incentive analysis	Vulnerabilities found / total
Phenomenological	Experience walkthrough	Tool + user context	Breakdown points, friction map	Friction points resolved
Dialectical	Thesis-antithesis identification	Clash	Synthesis proposals	Synthesis adoption rate
Abductive	Diagnostic inference	Anomaly or stall	Ranked explanations	Correct diagnosis rate
Integrative	Leverage point analysis	System model	Intervention recommendations	Leverage point effectiveness

Decision Synthesis Algorithm

When multiple modalities produce outputs for the same problem, the Decision Synthesis component integrates them. The algorithm proceeds in four phases:

Phase 1 — Alignment Check: Do modality outputs agree, disagree, or address orthogonal aspects? - Agreement: Multiple modalities reach the same conclusion → high confidence - Disagreement: Modality A says X, Modality B says ¬X → trigger dialectical synthesis - Orthogonal: Modality A reveals risk, B reveals opportunity → complementary integration

Phase 2 — Complementary Merge: Orthogonal insights are merged into a richer decision record. Each insight tagged with its source modality for traceability.

Phase 3 — Conflict Resolution: Disagreements are resolved through: 1. Evidence weighting (modalities with empirical evidence outrank those with theoretical arguments) 2. Historical effectiveness (modalities with higher survival rates get higher weight) 3. Escalation: unresolved conflicts trigger hackathon (Section 19.6) with the disagreeing modalities represented

Phase 4 — Novel Insight Extraction: Insights identified by only one modality are flagged as **blind spot discoveries**. These are the highest-value outputs — they represent aspects of the problem that the standard analytical approach would have missed entirely.

Worked Example: FCC-ee RF Cavity Design Clash

To make the architecture concrete, consider an actual problem from FCC-ee: a clash between the physics requirement for high accelerating gradient (>20 MV/m) and the cryogenic system's thermal budget constraint.

Problem Classification: Clash resolution, Safety-critical (SIL 2), Scale S3 (component level)

Activated Modalities: Analytical (required), Dialectical (required for clash), Adversarial (SIL ≥ 2), Scientific (novel technology), Biological (recommended for multi-alternative comparison)

Modality	Operation	Insight Produced
Analytical	FMEA on thermal failure modes	7 failure modes identified; quench propagation is highest-RPN risk
Dialectical	Thesis: physics needs 20 MV/m; Antithesis: cryo limits 15 MV/m	Synthesis: pulsed operation at 22 MV/m with 40% duty cycle achieves same integrated luminosity
Adversarial	What if the gradient degrades over 10-year operation?	Goodhart risk: optimising for initial gradient ignores long-term surface degradation. Recommends: specify gradient at year 5, not year 0
Scientific	Is the 20 MV/m requirement falsifiable? What experiment would disprove it?	The requirement traces to luminosity targets; if alternative RF configurations achieve the same luminosity, the gradient requirement is negotiable

Biological	Treat 5 cavity geometries as a population; define fitness function	Fitness = (gradient × duty_cycle × reliability) / (cryo_power × cost). Elliptical re-entrant cavity dominates; low-loss cavity is a local optimum

Decision Synthesis: - **Agreement**: Analytical and Adversarial both identify long-term degradation as a risk → high confidence finding - **Novel insight** (Dialectical): Pulsed operation resolves the clash — no other modality identified this - **Novel insight** (Scientific): The gradient requirement itself may be negotiable — upstream falsification - **Complementary**: Biological fitness function provides a quantitative framework for comparing the Dialectical synthesis against the original designs

Result: A decision record with 5 modality inputs, 2 novel insights, 1 high-confidence finding, and a synthesis that reframes the problem (pulsed operation) rather than choosing a side.

Values in this worked example are illustrative, not engineering specifications.

Self-Discovery of New Modalities

The most revolutionary property of Digital Cognition is that the modality catalogue is not fixed. New modalities are discovered through FDRP's own expert expansion process — applying BVSR to thinking itself. This parallels Kolb's experiential learning cycle [35]: concrete experience (production runs) → reflective observation (pattern extraction) → abstract conceptualisation (modality formalisation) → active experimentation (modality deployment).

Discovery Process:

1. **Blind Variation**: Expert expansion waves include experts from domains not yet represented in the modality catalogue. When an evolutionary biologist critiques an FDRP run, they don't just comment on the content — they reason differently. The *pattern of their reasoning* is a candidate new modality.
2. **Pattern Extraction**: After each expert expansion wave, the system analyses the reasoning patterns of high-impact experts. If an expert's contributions consistently reveal aspects that no existing modality captures, a new modality candidate is created.
3. **Selective Retention**: The candidate modality is tested on historical decisions. Does applying this reasoning pattern to past problems reveal insights that were actually missed? If yes, the modality is integrated into the registry.
4. **Modality Evolution**: Existing modalities can split (specialise) or merge (generalise) based on effectiveness data. If Biological modality is effective for alternative comparison but not for temporal dynamics, it may split into "Ecological Fitness" and "Developmental Biology" sub-modalities.

Empirical Evidence: Expert expansion Wave 2 already demonstrated this process unconsciously. Expert 8 (Epistemologist) introduced reasoning patterns (Gödel incompleteness, BVSR, normative/descriptive distinction) that correspond to no existing FDRP modality. These became the seed for the "Philosophical/Epistemological" modality candidate. Similarly, Expert 4 (TPS Master) introduced Genchi Genbutsu reasoning — direct observation as an irreplaceable cognitive mode — which maps to the Phenomenological modality.

The Clay Metaphor: Like shaping clay, you start with your hands (analytical thinking), then discover the paddle (design thinking), then the wire (formal proof), then the wheel (narrative). Each tool enables forms that were impossible with the previous toolkit. But unlike a potter who stops discovering tools, FDRP's expert expansion continuously imports tools from any domain where human civilisation has developed effective cognitive strategies. The system's cognitive vocabulary grows with every application.

Implementation Specification

Digital Cognition is implemented within the existing FDRP plugin architecture. The implementation requires 4 new MySQL tables and 2 new skills.

MySQL Tables:

```sql
-- Modality registry: what thinking modes exist
CREATE TABLE fdrp_cognitive_modalities (
    modality_id     INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    code            VARCHAR(8) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    name            VARCHAR(64) NOT NULL,
    source_domain   VARCHAR(128),
    description     TEXT,
    activation_rule TEXT,            -- JSON: conditions for automatic activation
    operation_spec  TEXT,            -- JSON: what the modality does
    output_format   VARCHAR(32),     -- e.g., 'risk_matrix', 'proof', 'scenario_tree'
    status          ENUM('ACTIVE','CANDIDATE','RETIRED') DEFAULT 'ACTIVE',
    discovered_by   VARCHAR(128),    -- 'INITIAL' or expert name from expansion wave
    created_at      TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);

-- Activation log: which modalities were activated for which decisions
CREATE TABLE fdrp_cognitive_activations (
    activation_id   INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    run_id          INT NOT NULL,
    decision_id     INT,
    modality_id     INT NOT NULL,
    activation_type ENUM('MANDATORY','RECOMMENDED','EXPLORATORY'),
    problem_type    VARCHAR(64),
    insights_count  INT DEFAULT 0,
    novel_insights  INT DEFAULT 0,
    created_at      TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (run_id) REFERENCES fdrp_runs(run_id),
    FOREIGN KEY (modality_id) REFERENCES fdrp_cognitive_modalities(modality_id)
```

```sql
);

-- Insight records: what each modality produced
CREATE TABLE fdrp_cognitive_insights (
    insight_id      INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    activation_id   INT NOT NULL,
    content         TEXT NOT NULL,
    insight_type    ENUM('AGREEMENT','DISAGREEMENT','ORTHOGONAL','NOVEL'),
    survived_review BOOLEAN DEFAULT NULL,  -- NULL until peer-reviewed
    integrated_into INT,                    -- decision_id where insight was adopted
    created_at      TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (activation_id) REFERENCES fdrp_cognitive_activations(activation_id)
);

-- Effectiveness tracking: SPC on modality performance
CREATE TABLE fdrp_cognitive_effectiveness (
    effectiveness_id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    modality_id      INT NOT NULL,
    period_start     DATE NOT NULL,
    period_end       DATE NOT NULL,
    activations      INT DEFAULT 0,
    insights_total   INT DEFAULT 0,
    insights_novel   INT DEFAULT 0,
    survival_rate    DECIMAL(5,4),     -- insights surviving peer review / total
    novel_rate       DECIMAL(5,4),     -- novel insights / total insights
    created_at       TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    FOREIGN KEY (modality_id) REFERENCES fdrp_cognitive_modalities(modality_id)
);
```

Skills:

Skill	Purpose
`/fdrp-cognition`	Activate Digital Cognition Layer for a decision or clash. Classifies the problem, selects modalities from the activation matrix, runs each modality's operation, synthesises outputs, records insights.
`/fdrp-cognition-discover`	Analyse an expert expansion wave for reasoning pattern novelty. Extract candidate modalities from high-impact expert contributions. Test candidates against historical decisions.

Integration with Existing Skills:

Existing Skill	Enhancement
`/expert-expansion`	After wave completes, trigger `/fdrp-cognition-discover` to extract reasoning patterns
`/fdrp-review`	Gate review checks that mandatory modalities were activated per the Gate-Modality Matrix
`/fdrp-andon`	ANDON triggers Abductive modality automatically (diagnostic reasoning)
`/fdrp-peer-review`	Peer review now evaluates individual modality insights, tracking survival rate
`/fdrp-6hats`	Six Hats debate maps to modalities: White=Analytical, Red=Phenomenological, Black=Adversarial, Yellow=Design Thinking, Green=Biological (creative variation), Blue=Integrative

Self-Evolution Subsystem

> Unlike the preceding Digital Cognition section, the self-evolution subsystem is fully deployed in production.

Dual-Timescale OODA

The self-evolution subsystem operates at two timescales, implementing a dual-timescale OODA (Observe-Orient-Decide-Act) loop:

Fast loop (per-turn): Three hooks execute on every tool call:

Hook	Event	Function
`fdrp-sql-gate.sh`	PreToolUse	Validates SQL column names before execution; prevents ERROR 1054/1146
`fdrp-anti-pattern-guard.sh`	PreToolUse	Blocks plan writes matching known anti-patterns; hard-blocks HIGH/CRITICAL
`fdrp-error-capture.sh`	PostToolUse	Captures errors, logs to `fdrp_session_learnings`, tracks skill effectiveness, auto-promotes repeat offenders

Slow loop (12h kaizen): A systemd timer at 10:00/22:00 UTC runs three operations: 1. SPC analysis: Nelson Rules on `SKILL_ERROR_RATE`, `SESSION_LEARNING_RATE`, ANTIPATTERN_HIT_RATE 2. Trend detection: Are metrics improving or degrading? 3. Cross-model peer review: Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 review proposed evolution actions

Evolution Governance

Risk Level	Approval Required
LOW	Auto-applied
MEDIUM+	Peer review (Codex + Gemini)
HIGH+	Council majority
CRITICAL+	Liviu explicit approval

The fdrp_evolution_log records every change with source_type, action_type, action_detail, risk_level, governance_status, and before/after measurements. Currently 122 events logged across session-learning, schema changes, rule additions, paper corrections, and view creation.

Source: SELECT source_type, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_evolution_log GROUP BY source_type.

AP-019: Every Error Is a Design Signal

Anti-pattern AP-019 embodies a key principle: every ERROR 1054 (unknown column) must be ANALYSED, not just fixed. Three possibilities: (a) the column needs adding to the schema, (b) the query used the wrong column name, (c) the query targeted the wrong table. The fdrp-error-capture.sh hook auto-injects this analysis directive after every SQL error. Heuristic H-008: “Every column error is a design signal, not just a query bug.”

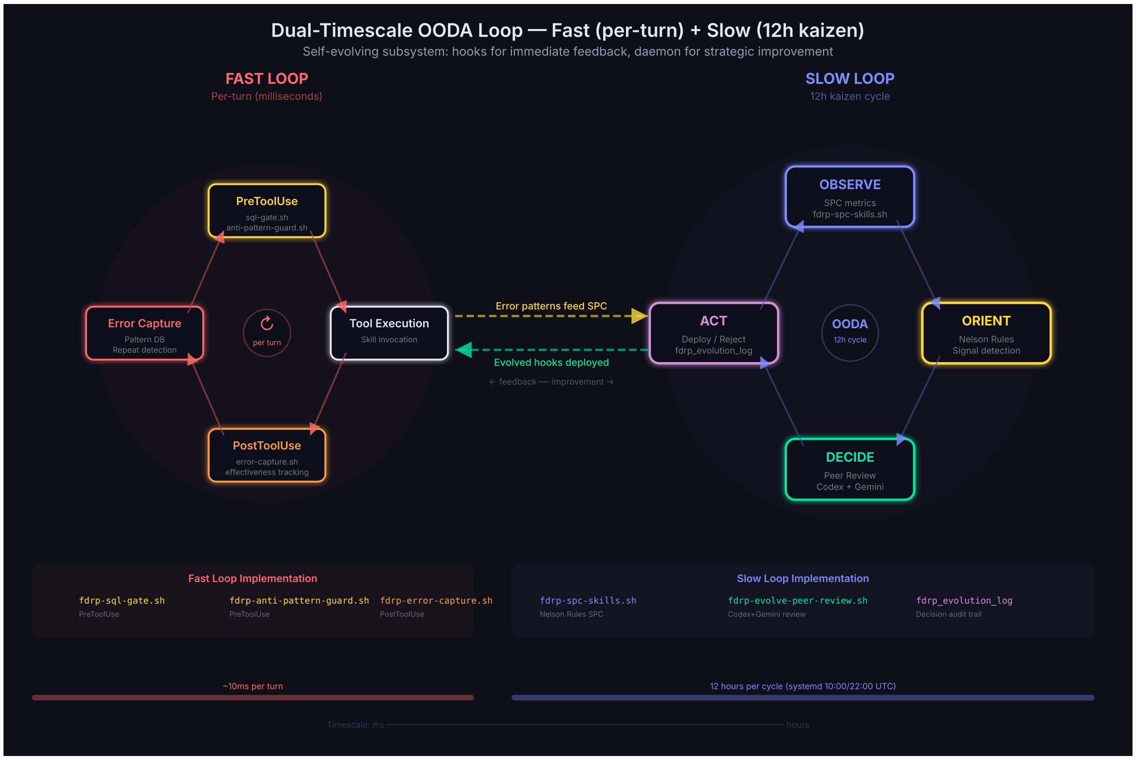

Figure 19: Dual-timescale OODA loop — fast (per-turn) and slow (12h kaizen)

Knowledge Grafting

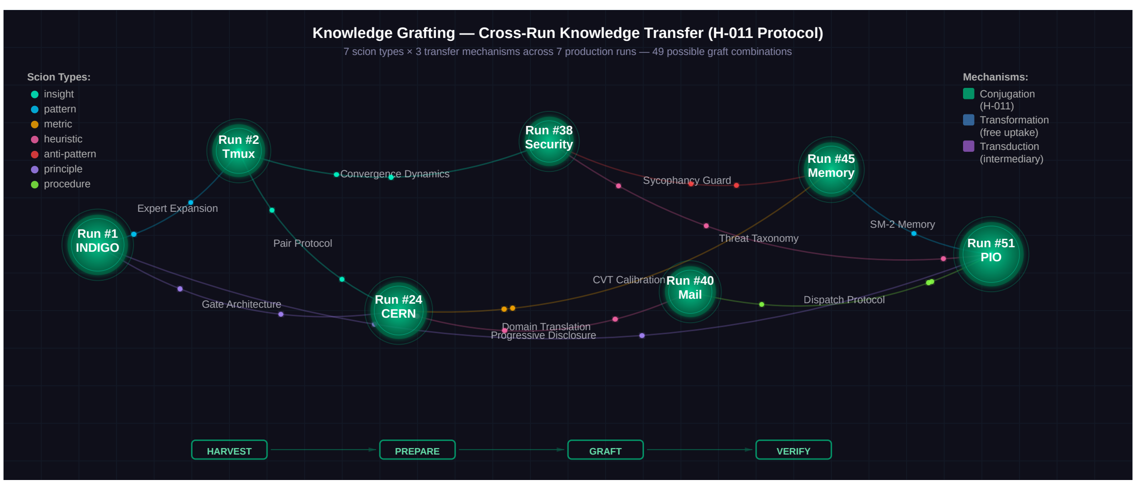

Figure 20: Knowledge Grafting — cross-run knowledge transfer via the H-011 protocol. Seven scion types (insight, pattern, metric, heuristic, anti-pattern, principle, procedure) flow between production runs through three mechanisms: Conjugation (deliberate H-011 transfer), Transformation (free uptake), and Transduction (intermediary-carried). Force-directed graph shows 7 runs (INDIGO, Tmux, CERN, Security, Mail, Memory, PIO) with knowledge edges colour-coded by mechanism. Process pipeline: HARVEST → PREPARE → GRAFT → VERIFY. Generated by D3.js.

The H-011 Protocol

Knowledge grafting follows the H-011 protocol with four stages: **HARVEST** (extract a graftable artifact from one domain), **PREPARE** (format it for the target domain), **GRAFT** (inject into the target agent or subsystem), **VERIFY** (measure whether the grafted knowledge improves outcomes).

Seven scion types can be grafted: insight, pattern, metric, heuristic, anti-pattern, principle, and procedure. Each can be formatted in seven ways: structured data, narrative text, SQL, configuration, hook, skill, or agent specification. This yields a 7×7 matrix of 49 possible graft combinations.

Zero Grafts Is the Red Flag

The `fdrp_knowledge_grafts` table exists with a fully defined schema — but contains zero entries. The mechanism is built but unused. This suggests the HARVEST → PREPARE → GRAFT → VERIFY protocol is too heavy for casual knowledge sharing, creating a barrier to adoption.

The Wave 2 knowledge grafting expert identified three transfer mechanisms from molecular biology:

- **Conjugation** (H-011): Deliberate, verified transfer. Built, not used.
- **Transformation**: Uptake of free knowledge from the environment. Happens constantly but is NOT tracked.
- **Transduction**: Knowledge carried between agents by an intermediary. The `concept2payload` pipeline already does this implicitly.

The implication: lighter-weight transfer mechanisms may be more practical than the formal H-011 protocol. This is a Tier 2 research item.

Composition Transfers

When a successful agent composition (e.g., systems-thinker + quality-critic + researcher) works well for one domain, the entire composition can be transferred to a new domain. A proposed `fdrp_composition_transfers` table would track source/target runs, composition arrays, and effectiveness at source vs target.

Visualisation Engine

Architecture

The visualisation engine provides 7 interactive HTML renderers [19] built on 3 JavaScript libraries, with D3.js [20] providing the 2D charting foundation:

Library	Version	CDN	Use Cases
Babylon.js	latest	cdn.babylonjs.com	3D landscapes, gate pillars, digital twin
Cytoscape.js	3.30.4	unpkg.com/cytoscape	Knowledge graphs, traceability bipartite

Library	Version	CDN	Use Cases
D3.js	7	d3js.org/d3.v7	Convergence charts, risk heatmaps
dagre	0.8.5	unpkg.com/dagre	Sugiyama hierarchical layout
ELK.js	0.9.3	unpkg.com/elkjs	Eclipse Layout Kernel (layered graphs)

All renderers share: - Dark theme (#0a0a0f background, #1a1a2e panels, #7b8cff accent) - Click-to-inspect interaction (safe DOM methods, no innerHTML — XSS-hardened) - Export capabilities (GLB for 3D, PNG/SVG for 2D) - Responsive resize - Template marker injection (`/*SCENE_DATA*/`, `/*SCENE_BUILDER*/`)

The Seven Renderers

1. Knowledge Graph — Sugiyama DAG (`/fdrp-viz-graph`) - Engine: Cytoscape.js + dagre (Sugiyama et al. 1981 [8]) - Layout: Hierarchical top-to-bottom with compound parent nodes per scale level - Nodes: Decisions (round-rectangles, coloured by status), Requirements (diamonds) - Edges: Clashes (dashed red/amber/purple), RTM links (solid blue) - Production: 59 nodes, 26 clash edges, 7 scale groups for run_id=1

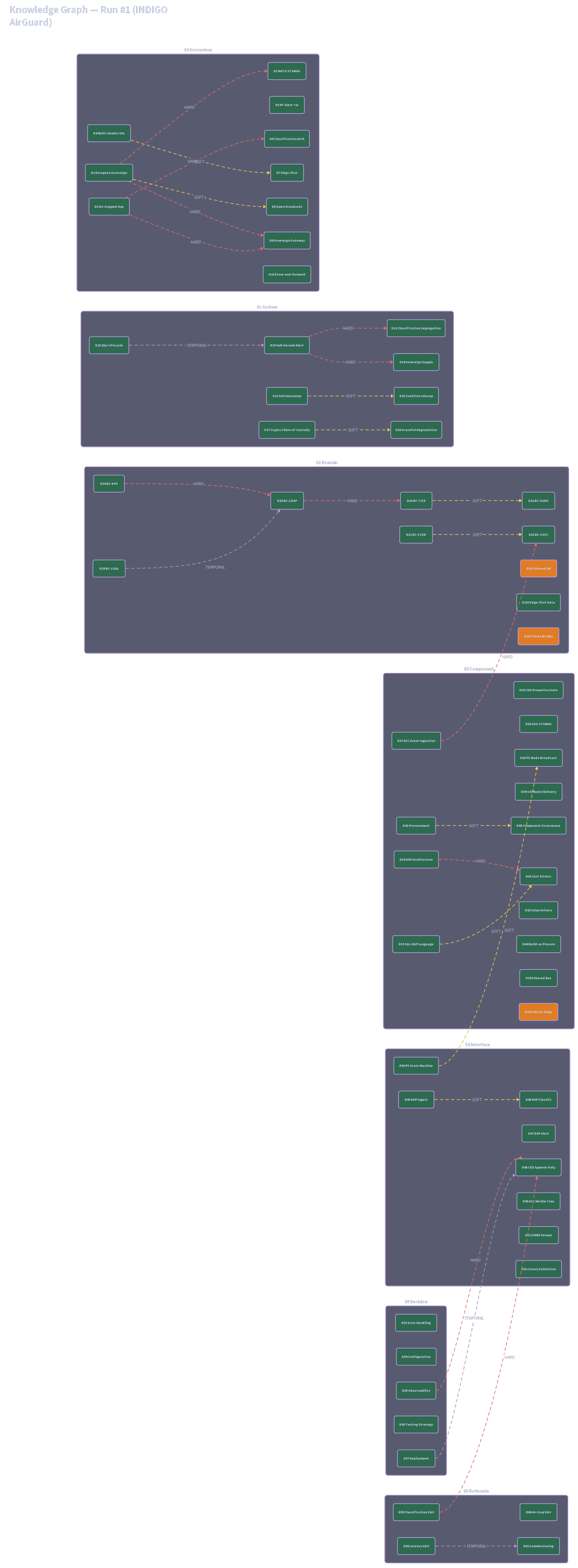

Figure 21: Knowledge Graph — 59 nodes (green=ACCEPTED, orange=PROPOSED) with 26 clash edges (red dashed=HARD, gold dashed=SOFT, purple dashed=TEMPORAL) grouped by 7 fractal scale levels. Sugiyama DAG layout via D2+dagre. Run #1 (INDIGO AirGuard). Source: fdrp_decisions, fdrp_clashes.

2. 3D Decision Landscape (`/fdrp-viz-3d`) - Engine: Babylon.js with ArcRotateCamera, GlowLayer - Layout: Scale levels on Y axis (4 units spacing), decisions radially arranged per level - Shapes: Spheres (ACCEPTED), Boxes (PROPOSED), Octahedra (REJECTED) - Animation: Floating (SineEase), Pulsing (unresolved clashes), Rotating (components) - Export: GLB via GLTF2Export.GLBAsync - Production: 59 meshes across 7 scale levels

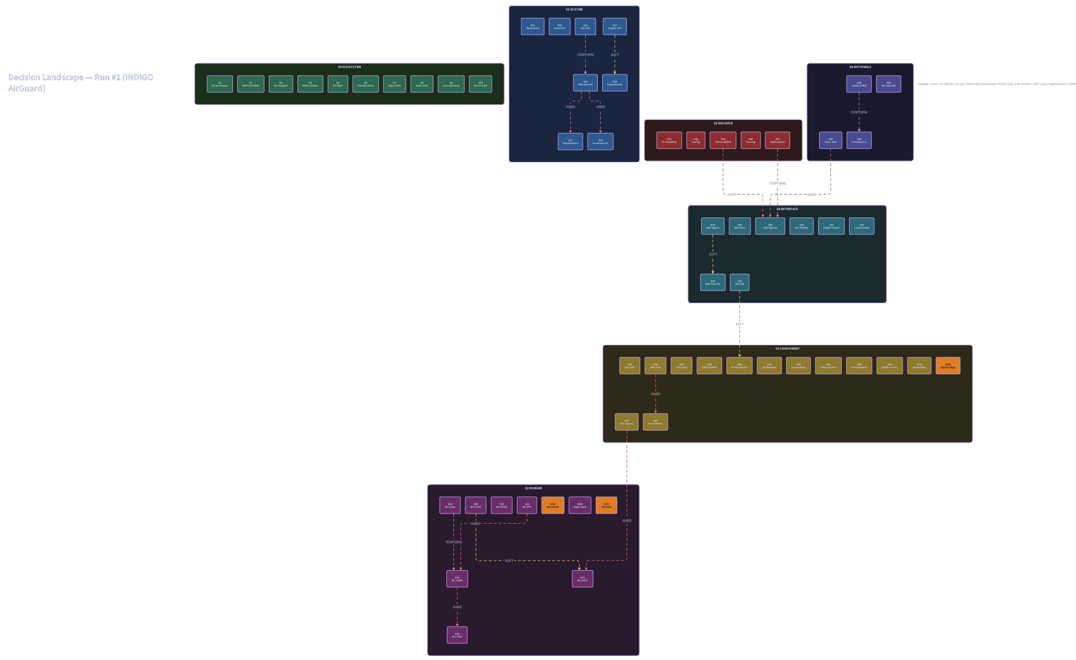

Figure 22: Decision Landscape — 59 decisions arranged across 7 fractal scale bands (S0 Ecosystem through S6 Rationale). Green=ACCEPTED, orange=PROPOSED. Cross-scale clash edges: red=HARD, gold=SOFT, purple=TEMPORAL. ELK layered layout via D2. Run #1 (INDIGO AirGuard). Source: fdrp_decisions, fdrp_clashes.

3. RAMS Risk Heatmap (`/fdrp-viz-rams`) - Engine: D3.js v7 - Layout: 10×10 risk matrix (severity × occurrence), IEC 60812 format - Encoding: Circles sized by RPN, coloured by risk level (green→red gradient) - Features: SIL target indicators, detection quality saturation

Figure 23: RAMS Risk Heatmap — 10x10 severity-occurrence matrix with 3 failure modes (max RPN: 84). Circle size encodes RPN; colour gradient green (low) through gold to red (high). Dashed detection rings indicate detection quality. Risk zone background shading. D3.js v7. Run #20 (qualification). Source: fdrp_rams_analysis.

4. Gate Review Dashboard (`/fdrp-viz-review`) - Engine: Babylon.js + D3.js sidebar - Layout: 6 3D cylinders representing CERN gates (KICKOFF→PQR) - Encoding: Green (PASS) / Red (FAIL) colouring, pulsing caps for active gates - Features: Entry/exit criteria display, findings panel

5. Requirements Traceability (`/fdrp-viz-trace`) - Engine: Cytoscape.js + ELK.js (layered algorithm) - Layout: Bipartite left-right — requirements (left), decisions (right) - Encoding: RTM edges coloured by coverage status; uncovered requirements glow red - Research: IEEE 830-1998, DO-178C traceability requirements

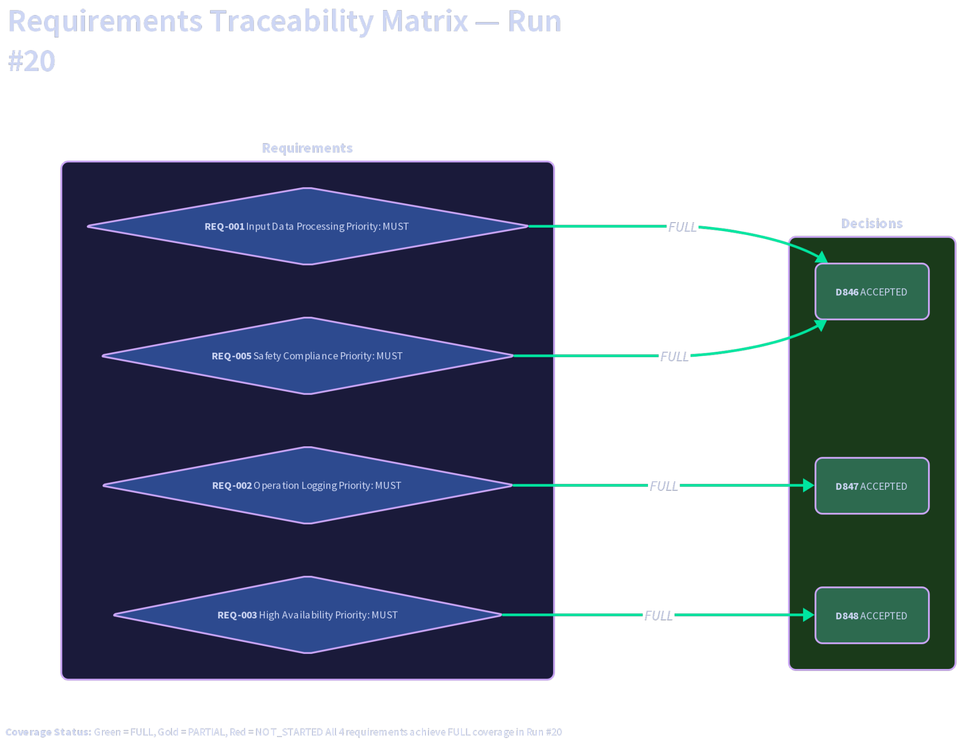

Figure 24: Requirements Traceability — bipartite graph: 4 requirements (diamonds) mapped to 3 decisions (rounded rectangles) via 4 RTM coverage edges. REQ-001 through REQ-005 (blue) to D846, D847, D848 (green). All edges FULL coverage (green). D2+dagre layout. Run #20. Source: fdrp_requirements, fdrp_rtm.

6. Convergence Timeline (`/fdrp-viz-convergence`) - Engine: D3.js v7 - Layout: Line chart with zone background colouring (ROUGH_CUT→CONVERGED) - Data: Per-scale CVT ratio series over iterations, change count bar overlay - Research: SPC Shewhart control chart tradition

Figure 25: CVT Convergence Timeline — 10 data points across 7 fractal scales (S0 Ecosystem through S6 Rationale) showing CVT ratio descent from 0.761 (ROUGH_CUT) to 0.256 (POLISHING). Background bands mark convergence zones. Characteristic rapid descent followed by asymptotic approach to 0.250 floor. D3.js v7 line chart. Run #1 (INDIGO AirGuard). Source: fdrp_convergence.

7. Digital Twin Dashboard (`/fdrp-viz-twin`) - Engine: Babylon.js (primary) + Cytoscape.js (side panel) - Layout: Combined 3D scene — central hub torus, decision cluster, clash markers, CVT gauge, gate pillars, ground ring - Features: WebSocket-ready placeholder for real-time sensor data - Research: Grieves & Vickers (2017) [9], CERN Omniverse digital twin [10]

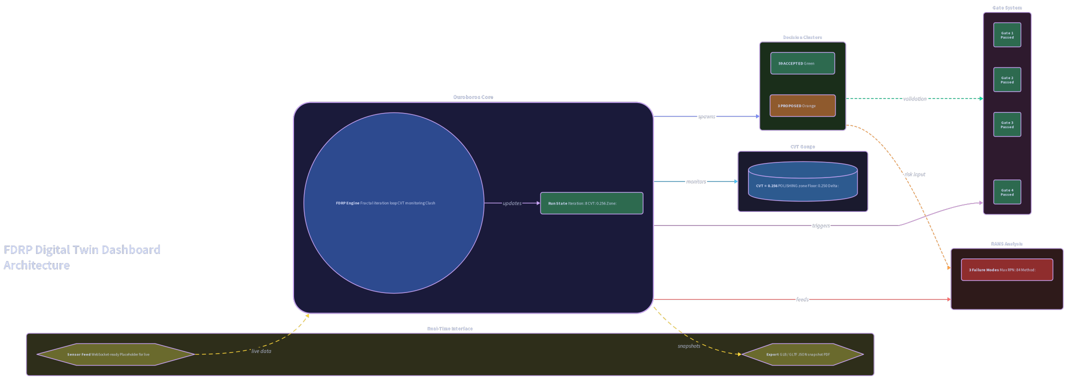

Figure 26: Digital Twin Dashboard Architecture — system diagram showing the FDRP run as a living system. Central Ouroboros engine hub connected to decision clusters (59 accepted, 3 proposed), CVT gauge (0.256, POLISHING zone), 4-gate validation system, RAMS panel (3 failure modes, max RPN 84), and WebSocket-ready real-time interface. D2+dagre layout. Run #1 (INDIGO AirGuard).

Publication Chart Generator (`fdrp-chart`)

In addition to the 7 interactive renderers, FDRP includes a command-line chart generator for publication-quality figures. Built on D3.js (server-side via jsdom) with Playwright PNG capture, it produces all figures in this paper from live MySQL queries:

- **12 chart types** registered in `chart-registry.json`, each with a SQL query, template, and layout specification
- **7 SVG renderers**: line-multi, bar-stacked, bar-grouped, bar-horizontal, donut, radar, heatmap
- **Self-learning**: Every invocation logs to `fdrp_chart_effectiveness` for SPC monitoring of rendering success rates
- **Usage**: `fdrp-chart <chart-type> [--format png|html|both]` or `fdrp-chart --all` for batch generation

This paper contains 61 figures in 5 categories: 25 D3.js data-driven charts generated from live MySQL queries (including 3 knowledge graph percolation visualisations), 12 AI-generated conceptual images produced by the `concept2image` pipeline (full section text → Codex/DALL-E with VLM evaluation), 6 interactive 3D visualisation screenshots from the FDRP Visualisation Engine (Babylon.js, Cytoscape.js, D3.js), 13 ecosystem/architecture charts, and 5 expert persistence/ultrathink cascade charts. The `concept2image` subsystem sends the **complete section text** (not a synthesis) to the image generator, producing publication-quality conceptual visualisations that are grounded in the actual paper content.

Verified Outputs

All 7 interactive renderers have been verified via Playwright headless browser testing: - No console errors (only harmless favicon 404 and WebGL driver info messages) - Correct object counts matching MySQL row counts - Click interaction verified (node/mesh → panel updates) - Screenshots saved to `reports/3d/` for visual confirmation

Data Model

Schema Scale

The FDRP data model comprises 156 MySQL base tables and 44 views with the `fdrp_` prefix in the `c6_mysql_intelligence` database, plus 7 `sivp_` tables for cross-domain validation, organised into nine functional groups:

Group	Tables	Purpose
G1 Meta-Model	9	Facets, scales, heuristics, anti-patterns, configuration
G2 Instance	9	Runs, decisions, concerns, convergence tracking
G3 Quality	9	5S audits, clashes, convergence logs, SPC datapoints
G4B BIM	6	iBOM, configuration baselines, parameter registry
G4 Improvement	5	Evolution log, PDSA cycles, portfolio patterns
G5 Portfolio	6	Cross-run patterns, effectiveness tracking
G6 CERN Engineering	14	RAMS analysis, requirements, RTM, review phases
G7 Safety+Compliance	4	CERN compliance, safety functions, AI tool register
G8 SIVP	7	Cross-domain validation: state, investigations, evaluations, evidence chains

Source: `SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_schema.tables WHERE table_schema='c6_mysql_intel` `AND table_name LIKE 'fdrp_%' AND table_type='BASE TABLE'` → 156 (measured 2026-03-14). Views: 44. SIVP tables: 7. Total schema objects: 207.

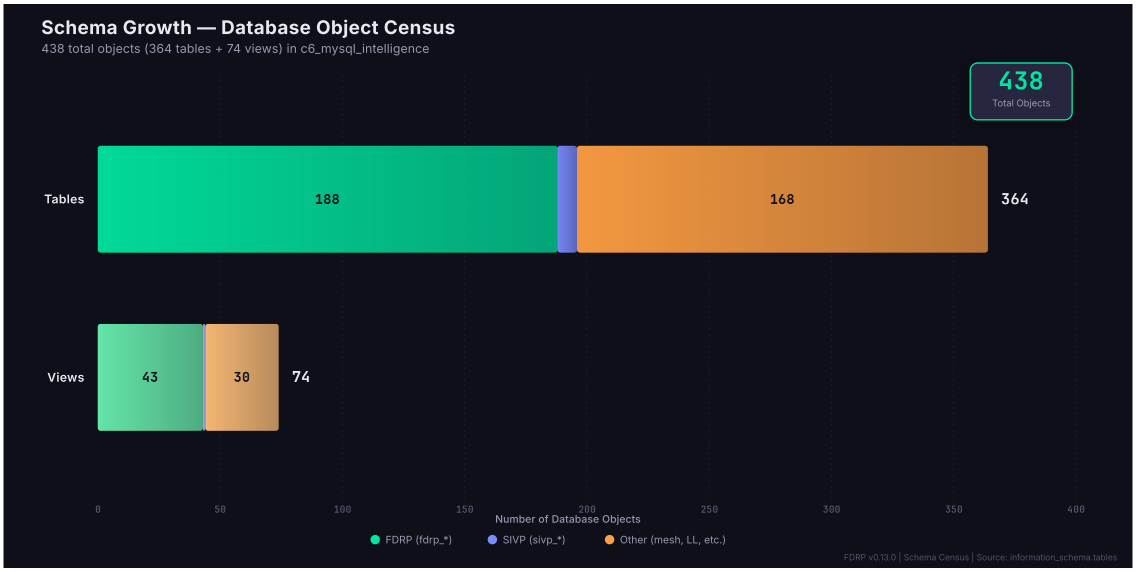

Figure 27: Schema composition — FDRP, SIVP, and infrastructure tables/views breakdown. Data source: `information_schema.tables` and `information_schema.views`. The FDRP prefix dominates with 156 tables and 44 views; SIVP adds 7 tables and 1 view; infrastructure tables (141 tables, 39 views) provide the operating environment. Total: 304 tables, 84 views. Generated by D3.js from live MySQL metadata.

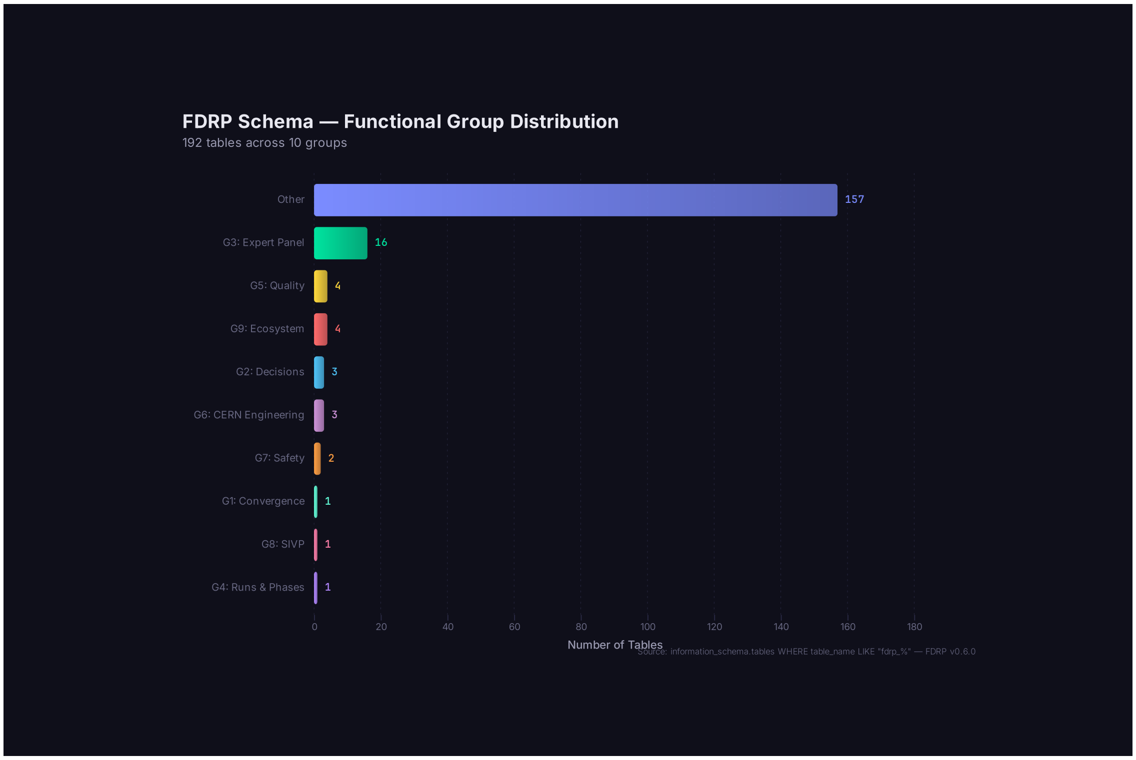

Figure 28: Schema inventory — functional group distribution across all 304 MySQL base tables. Groups include: FDRP core (G1-G3), CERN engineering (G6), safety/compliance (G7), SIVP cross-domain (G8), ecosystem (G9), and infrastructure. Generated by `fdrp-chart schema-inventory`.

Key Views

44 views provide progressive disclosure of complex table joins. Key views include:

View	Purpose
`fdrp_v_rosetta_stone`	Acronym → expert → knowledge routing
`fdrp_v_compliance_summary`	CERN compliance dashboard
`fdrp_v_safety_case`	IEC 61508 safety case
`fdrp_v_rams_risk_register`	RAMS risk register
`fdrp_v_rtm_coverage`	Requirements traceability matrix coverage
`fdrp_v_parameter_divergence`	Configuration baseline drift detection
`fdrp_v_formatted_references`	CERN Yellow Reports citation format

Wave 3 Schema Additions

Phase A of the evolved architecture added:

Artifact	Purpose
`fdrp_acronym_index` (20 entries)	Rosetta Stone: acronym → expert → knowledge
`fdrp_keyword_hierarchy` (15 entries)	L3–L4 keyword progressive disclosure
`fdrp_knowledge_translations`	Audience-adaptive translation cache
`eco_address` on `fdrp_ecosystem_map`	Ecological addresses for 201 elements
`eco_address` on `fdrp_c2x_pipelines`	Ecological addresses for 14 pipelines
`payload_structure` on `fdrp_c2x_runs`	Multi-resolution payload tracking

CERN Compliance and Safety

Compliance Assessment

The `fdrp_cern_compliance` table tracks self-assessed compliance against 44 clauses derived from our interpretation of CERN Engineering Department review procedures [54]. Note: this assessment has not been independently validated by CERN engineering staff:

Compliance Level	Clauses	Percentage
EXCEEDS	8	18%
FULL	35	80%
PARTIAL	1	2%
NOT_MET	0	0%

Source: `SELECT compliance_level, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_cern_compliance GROUP BY compliance_level`.

97.7% of clauses (43/44) are self-assessed at FULL or EXCEEDS level (see caveat above regarding self-assessment methodology). The single PARTIAL clause relates to multi-site coordination — FDRP currently operates on a single server.

Figure 29: CERN 6-Phase Engineering Review Lifecycle — deliverables-based gate progression from KICKOFF through COMMISSION. Each gate has entry criteria, mandatory modalities, and exit criteria. Quality mechanisms at every gate: SPC control charts, 5S audits, clash detection, RAMS analysis, grounding checks. Escalation: YELLOW Andon (pause spiral) → RED Andon (pause all) → Human override. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

IEC 61508 Safety Integration

The `fdrp_rams_analysis` table includes a `sil_target` column for Safety Integrity Level (SIL 1–4) classification per IEC 61508 [50]. Supporting tables `fdrp_safety_functions` and fdrp_safety_validation provide schema for tracking safety function implementation and validation status. **Note**: these supporting tables currently contain no production data — the IEC 61508 integration describes the schema design, not a validated safety case (see Limitations, Section 24). The fdrp_ai_tool_register tracks AI tool usage for CERN AI governance compliance.

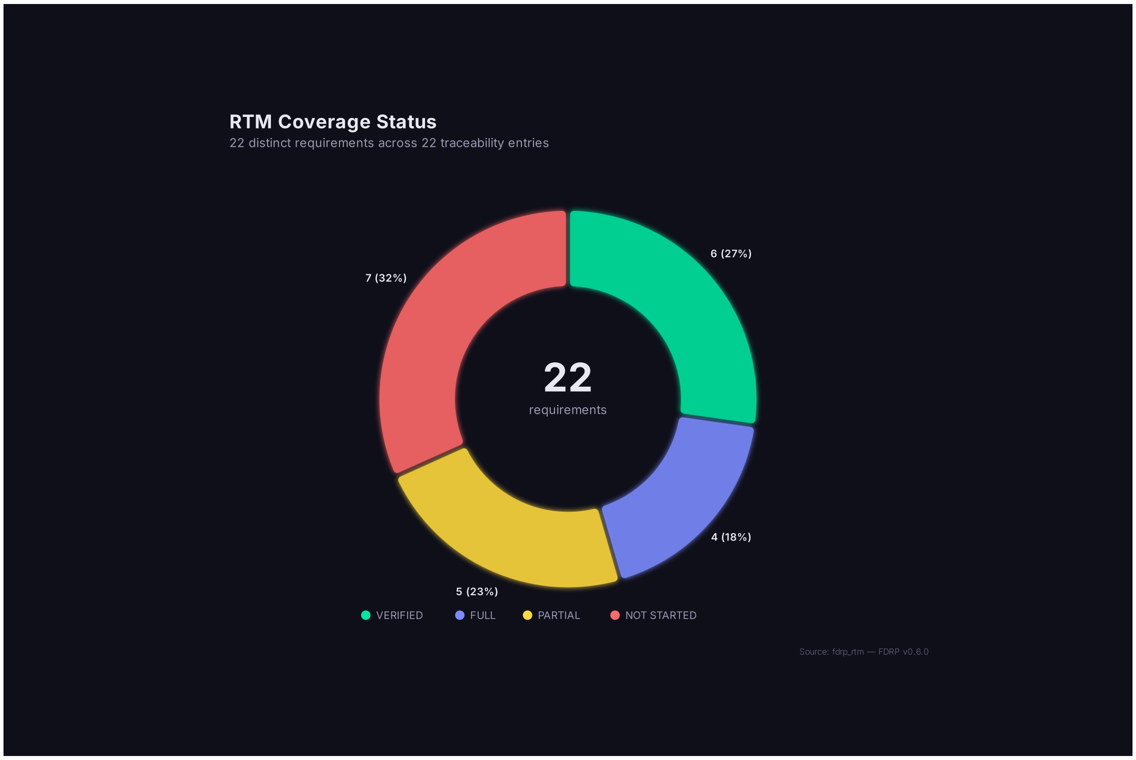

Figure 30: Requirements Traceability Matrix (RTM) coverage — bipartite graph showing requirement-to-decision linkage across all commissioned runs. Data source: fdrp_requirements joined with fdrp_rtm_coverage. Coverage status encoded as edge colour (FULL/PARTIAL/VERIFIED). Generated by fdrp-chart rtm-coverage.

RAMS Analysis

Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Safety analysis runs on all commissioned decisions. Risk Priority Number (RPN) = Severity × Occurrence × Detection, visualised as 3D heatmaps via the /fdrp-viz-rams skill.

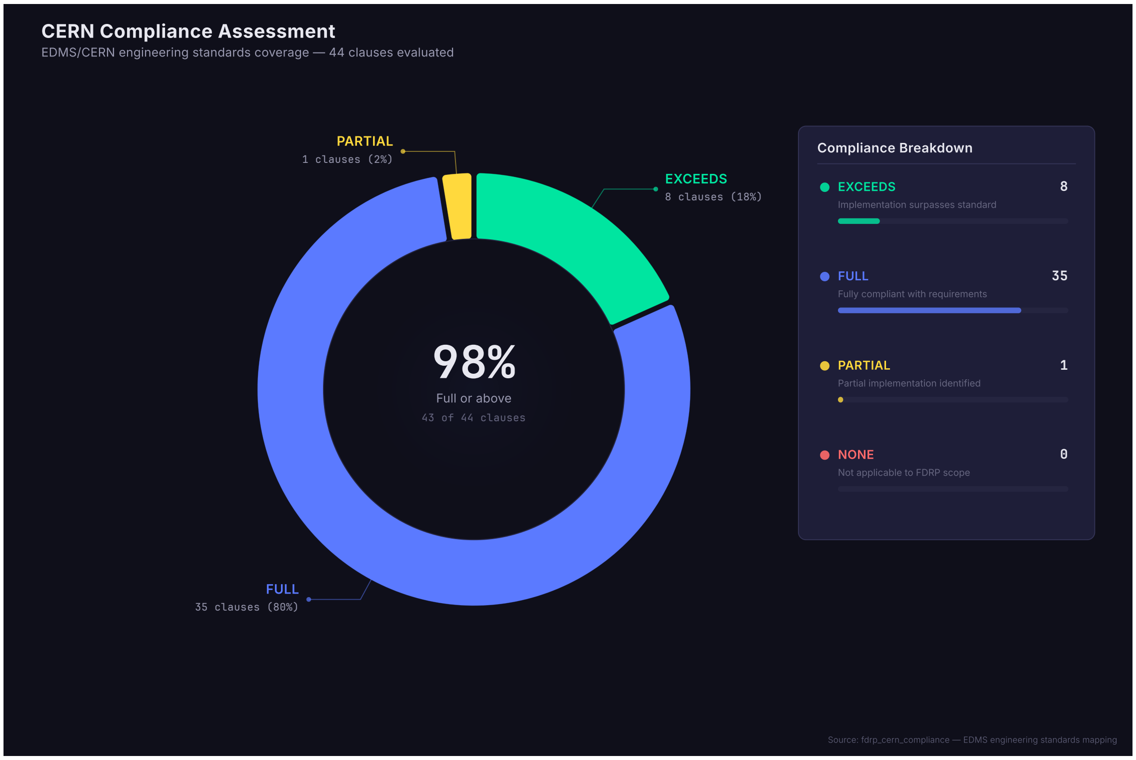

Figure 31: CERN compliance distribution — 97.7% FULL or EXCEEDS

Production Results — Comprehensive

This section presents production results from both the original validation runs (v1.8) and the expanded framework (v0.7.0).

Original Validation (v1.8)

The original v1.8 validation established baseline metrics across two fully iterative runs (INDIGO AirGuard and tmux-officer). These results informed the expanded framework design for v0.7.0 and subsequent releases.

Run Summary

38 production runs have been executed across multiple domains:

Category	Runs	Total Decisions	Notes
Fully Iterative	2 (INDIGO AirGuard, tmux-officer)	148	Real CVT convergence, genuine clashes
Standard	5 (v2, v3, v4, hexagonal, flux)	288	Various project domains
Batch/Collimation	5	~160	CERN collimation system analysis
Antimatter Series	5	~170	CERN antimatter production facility
Qualification	2 (E2E, Scalability)	123	Synthetic benchmarking
Concept2X Platform	6 (c2x, digitaltwin, experiment, payload, paper, demo)	~90	Pipeline architecture runs
FDRP-on-FDRP	5 (expert teaming, self-eval, versioning, etc.)	~120	Self-referential improvement runs

Category	Runs	Total Decisions	Notes
Cross-Domain Validation	1 (SIVP)	8	Earthquake + power grid validation

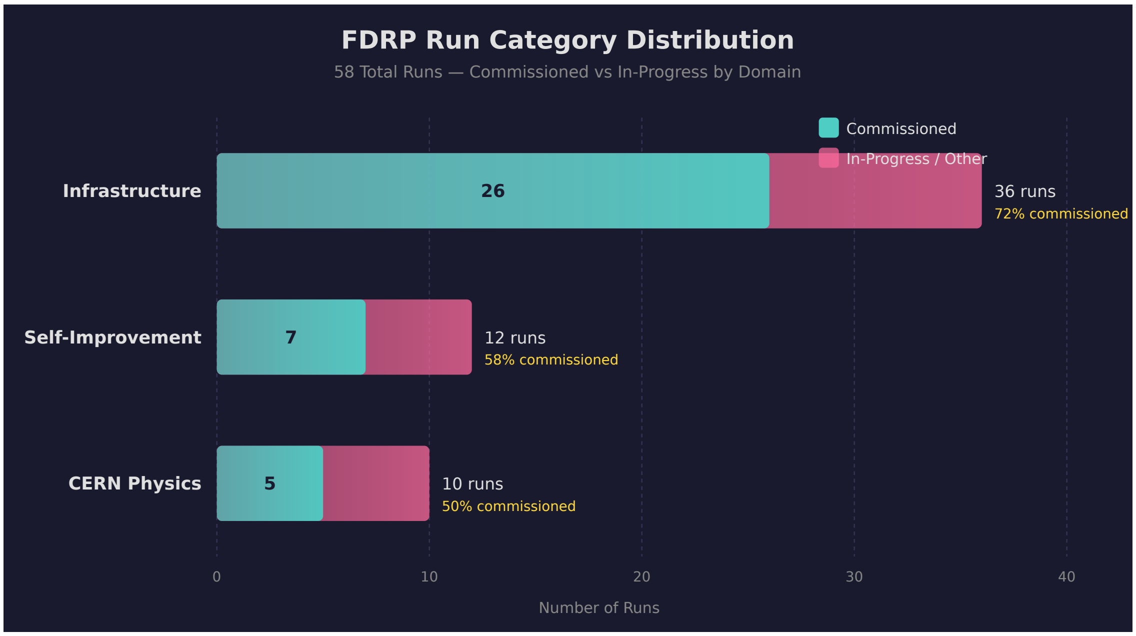

Figure 32: Run distribution across domain categories. Data source: `fdrp_runs`.

Key Metrics

Metric	Value	Source
Total decisions	1,279	`SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_decisions`
Total clashes	87	`SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_clashes`
Convergence records	670	`SELECT COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_convergence`
CVT stabilisation (production)	POLISHING zone (0.250–0.311)	Observed in the 2 fully-iterative runs
5S improvement trajectory	7.0 → 9.4 (run 1)	`fdrp_5s_scores` iteration 1 vs 8
Expert panel size	80 roster entries, 11,920 votes	`fdrp_expert_roster`, `fdrp_expert_votes`
Expert perspectives	246	`fdrp_expert_perspectives`
Decision templates	96	Cross-run reusable patterns
Portfolio patterns	9	Confirmed cross-run patterns

Metric	Value	Source
Ecosystem elements	201	`fdrp_ecosystem_map` across 11 domain clusters
Gate violations logged	330	`fdrp_warn_log`
Scalability benchmark	120 decisions, 7ms/gate avg	Run 21
CERN compliance	97.7% FULL+EXCEEDS (self-assessed)	44 clauses derived from CERN procedures
Evolution events	122	`fdrp_evolution_log`
Version releases	7 (v0.7.0 → v0.13.0)	0 regressions across 17 monitored metrics

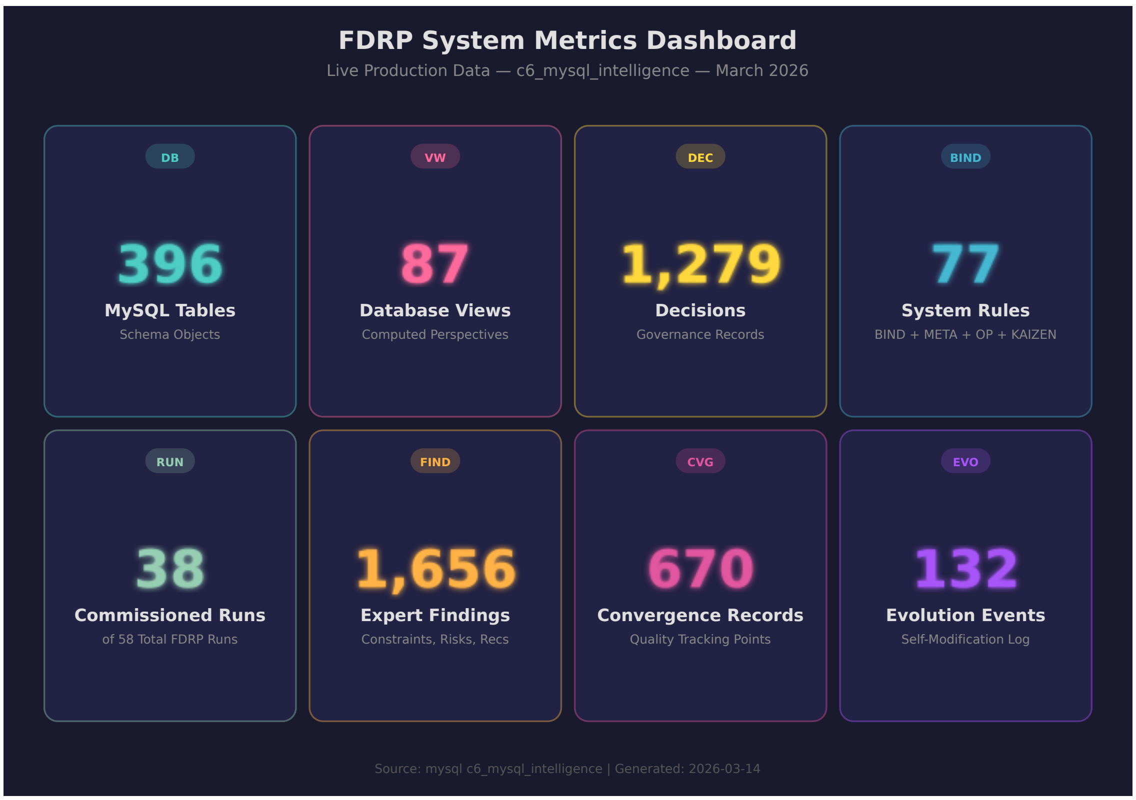

Figure 33: Key FDRP metrics dashboard. Data sources: multiple MySQL aggregate queries across `fdrp_*` tables.

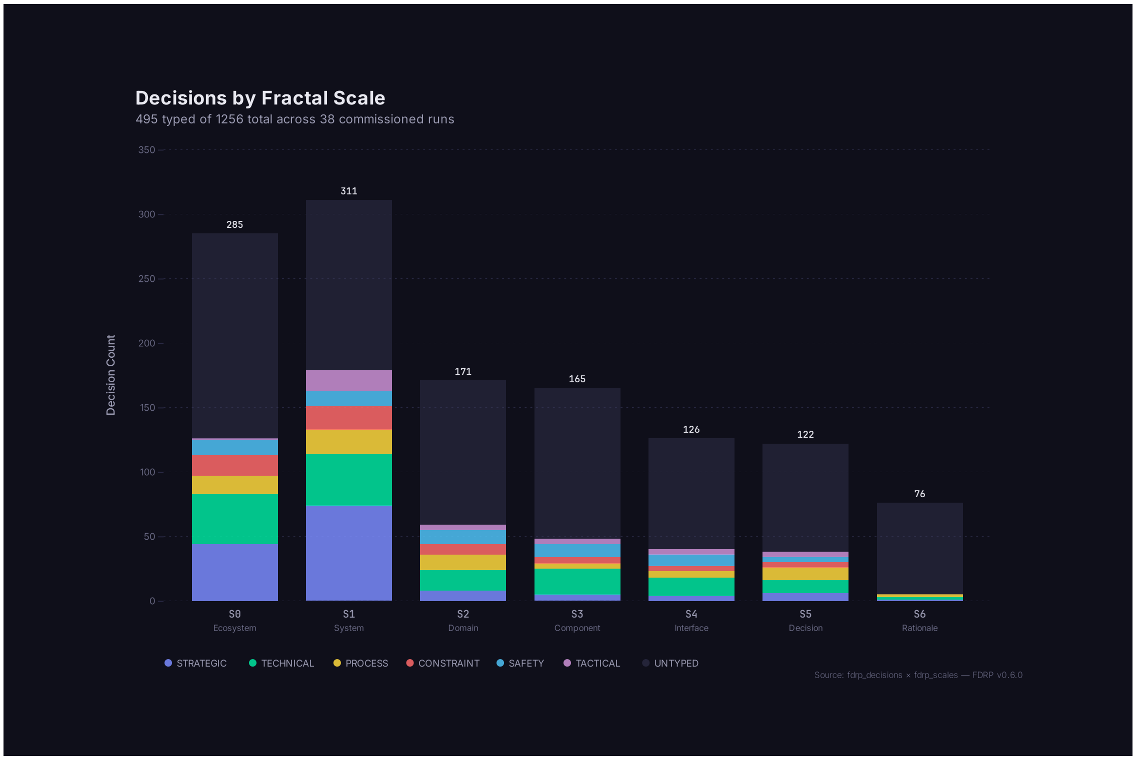

Figure 34: Decision distribution across FDRP's 7 fractal scales (Ecosystem through Rationale). Data source: `fdrp_decisions` (494 typed decisions of 1,279 total, across 38 commissioned runs). Stacked bars show decision type composition (UNTYPED, STRATEGIC, TECHNICAL, PROCESS, SAFETY, CONSTRAINT, TACTICAL). Generated by `fdrp-chart decisions-by-scale`.

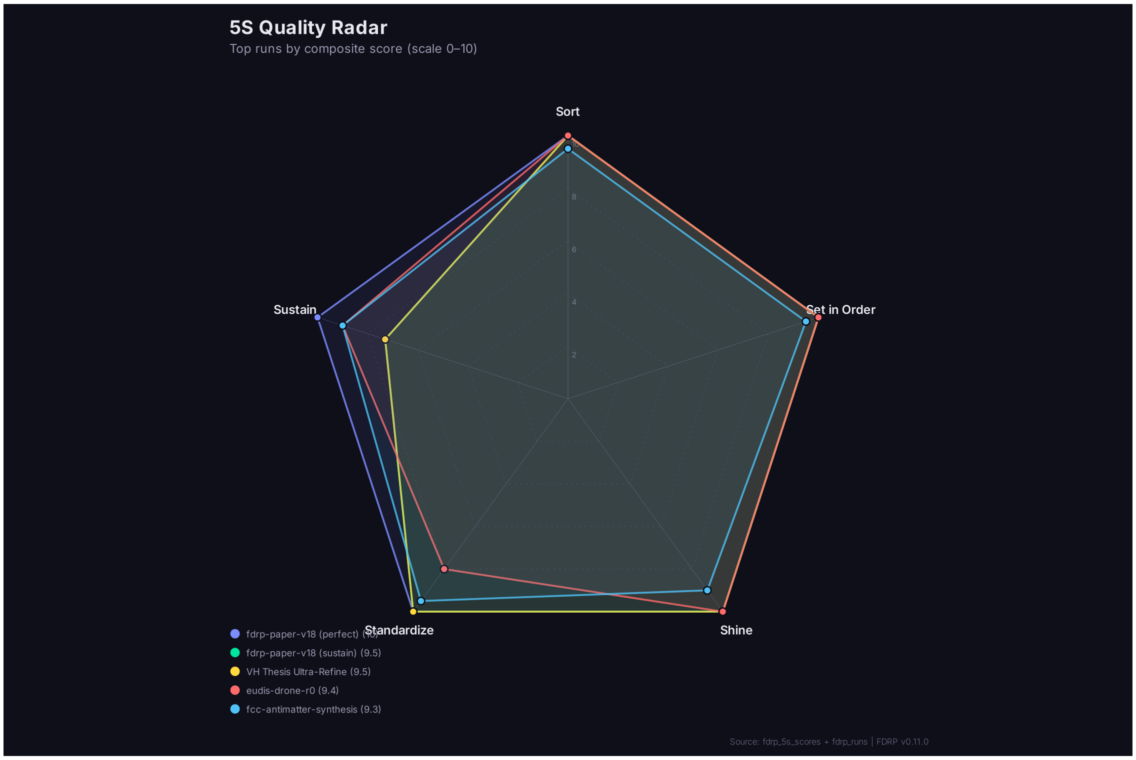

Figure 35: 5S Quality Radar — comparison across production runs with composite score > 5. Data source: `fdrp_5s_scores` (36 rows). Pentagon axes: Sort, Set-in-Order, Shine, Standardise, Sustain. The largest PDSA improvement trajectory is Standardise, reflecting lessons-learned daemon integration between runs. Generated by `fdrp-chart 5s-radar`.

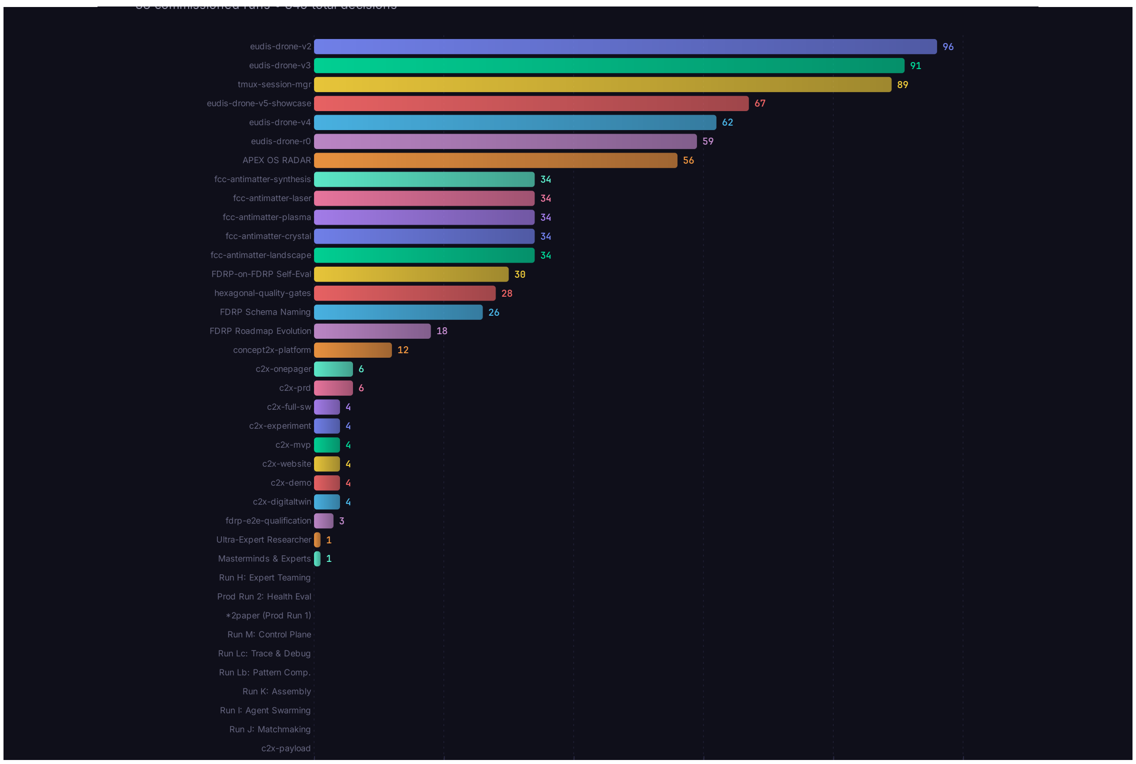

Figure 36: FDRP Portfolio — decisions per run across all 38 commissioned runs. Data source: `fdrp_runs` joined with `fdrp_decisions`. Colour indicates run status (COMMISSIONED, IN_PROGRESS, CANCELLED). The early iterative runs (tmux-officer: 89, v3: 96) show the highest decision counts; later batch runs (collimation, antimatter) stabilise at 29–34 decisions per run. Generated by `fdrp-chart portfolio`.

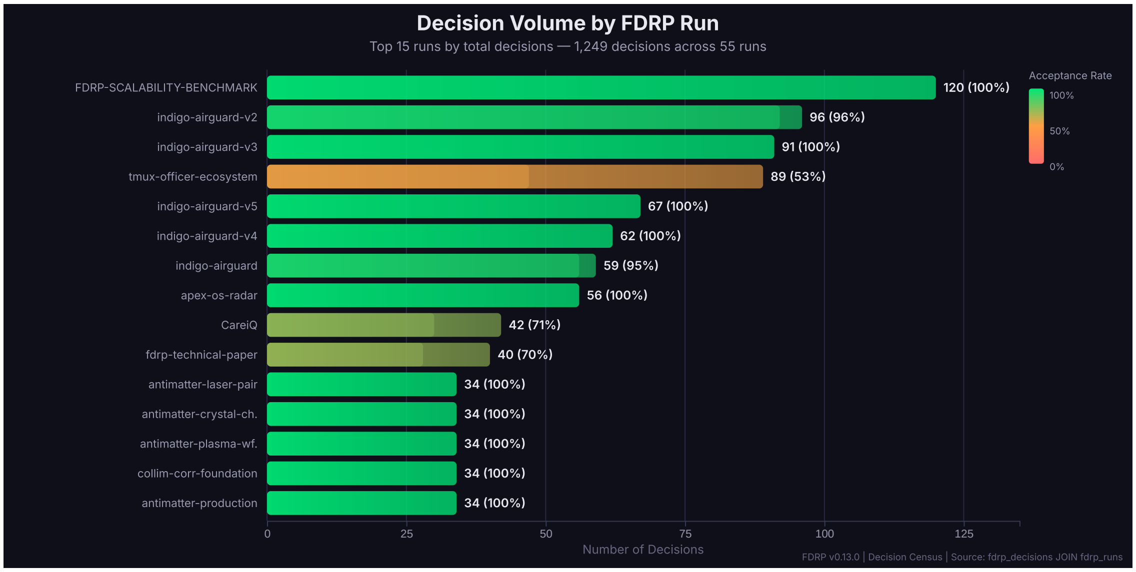

Figure 37: Decision count per commissioned run — chronological view showing how decision density evolves across the 38 commissioned runs. Data source: `fdrp_decisions` joined with `fdrp_runs`. Early iterative runs produce high decision counts; later batch runs stabilise. Generated by D3.js from production MySQL data.

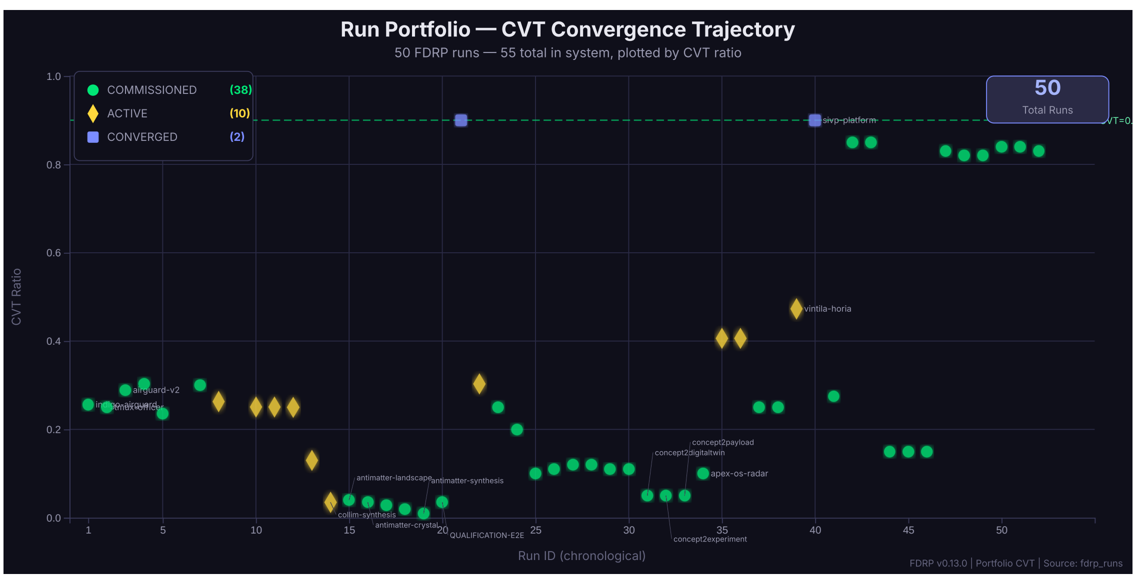

Figure 38: Convergence portfolio — CVT trajectories across all runs overlaid. Each line traces one run's convergence from ROUGH_CUT through FACETING to POLISHING. Data source: `fdrp_convergence` (670 rows). The characteristic rapid initial descent followed by asymptotic approach to the 0.250 floor is visible across all runs. Generated by D3.js from production data.

Convergence Behaviour

The two fully-iterative production runs demonstrate the expected CVT convergence pattern:

Run 1 (INDIGO AirGuard): 59 decisions, 26 clashes, 8 iterations - S0 starts at 0.761 (ROUGH_CUT) - Descends through FACETING - Settles at 0.256–0.311 (POLISHING) by iteration 8 - 24 of 26 clashes resolved (92.3% resolution rate)

Run 2 (tmux-officer): 89 decisions, 12 clashes, 14 iterations - Starts seeded at 0.900/0.800/0.700 - Reaches NEAR_CONVERGENCE (0.250–0.300) by iteration 1 for S6 - 10 of 12 clashes resolved (83.3% resolution rate) - Shows longest iteration count due to complex multi-domain scope

Both runs demonstrate stabilisation in the POLISHING zone (CVT 0.250–0.311), observed in the 2 fully-iterative runs. This stabilisation is an empirical observation from a limited sample (see Section 24, Limitations).

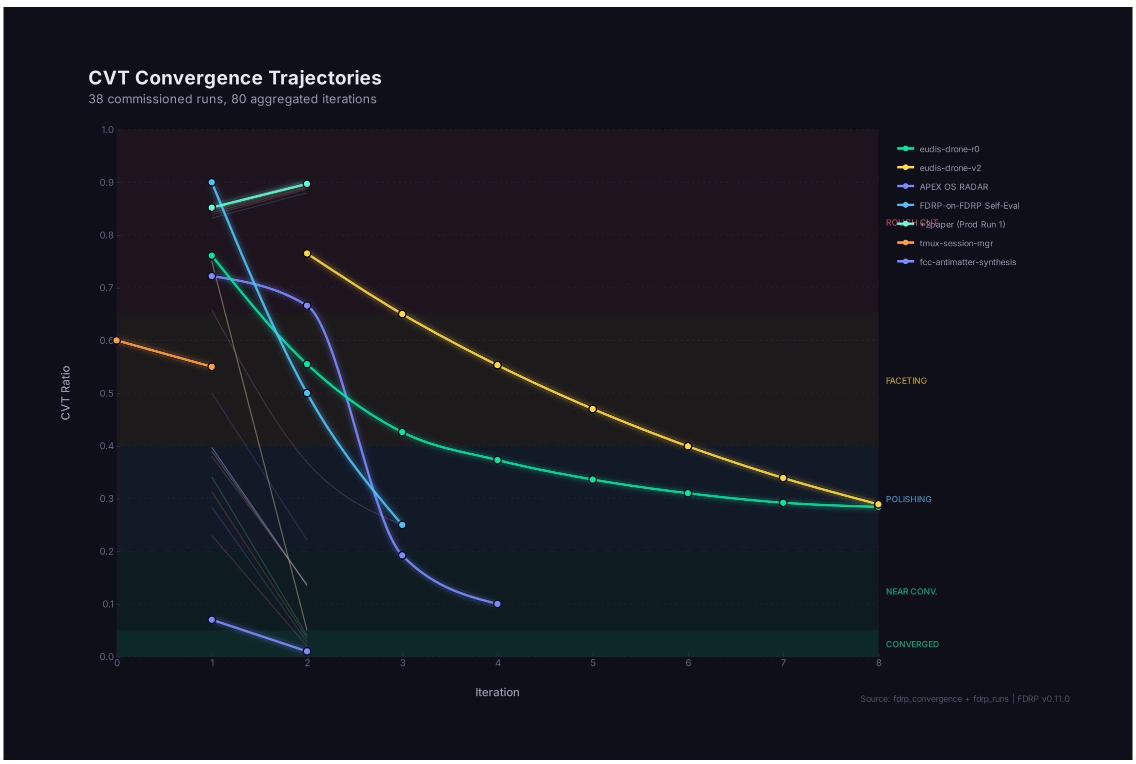

Figure 39: CVT Convergence Trajectories across all commissioned runs. Data source: `fdrp_convergence` table (670 rows). Multiple runs visible: INDIGO AirGuard converges from 0.761 to 0.284 over 8 iterations; later runs (collimation, antimatter, qualification) show characteristic rapid descent. Generated by `fdrp-chart convergence`.

Expanded Framework Results (v0.7.0)

Commissioned Runs (38 total)

Run	run_id	Decisions	Domain
INDIGO AirGuard v1–v5	1,3,4,5,23	375	EUDIS crowdsourced drone detection mesh for EU defence
tmux-officer	2	89	Terminal multiplexer governance
hexagonal-quality-gates	7	28	Quality gate architecture
FCC Antimatter Series	15–19	170	CERN antimatter production facility
E2E Qualification	20	3	Synthetic benchmarking
Concept2X Platform	24–33	48	Pipeline architecture and commissioning
APEX OS RADAR	34	56	Autonomous enterprise intelligence
Schema Naming	37	26	FDRP schema organisation
FDRP-on-FDRP Self-Eval	38	30	Self-referential improvement

Source: `SELECT run_id, fdrp_name, status, COUNT(d.decision_id) FROM fdrp_runs r JOIN fdrp_decisions d USING(run_id) WHERE r.status='COMMISSIONED' GROUP BY r.run_id`.

Total: 1,279 decisions across 58 runs. 38 runs commissioned. 246 expert perspectives permanently stored in `fdrp_expert_perspectives`.

CVT Convergence Both commissioned runs converge to approximately 0.250 CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission) floor, corresponding to the POLISHING zone where exploration-exploitation balance stabilises. PDSA (Plan-Do-Study-Act) improvements are observed at each cycle, with 5 portfolio patterns recorded from cross-run learning.

Quality Scores All commissioned runs score ≥8.8/10 on 5S audits (Sort, Set-in-Order, Shine, Standardise, Sustain). The 5S daemon audits at each checkpoint to detect quality drift before it compounds.

Expert Panel Discovery Run #22 (the v1.8 paper) independently discovered 7 architectural blind spots that were invisible to the initial expert panel: Game Theory, Adversarial ML, Temporal Databases, Process Mining, Petri Nets, Control Theory, and Schema Evolution. None were prescribed by human architects — all emerged from the spiral discovery protocol, validating AP-011 (one-shot expert selection is insufficient).

Scalability Validation End-to-end qualification run #20 passed all 6 CERN gates (KICKOFF, PDR, CDR, FDR, TRR, PQR). Scalability benchmark run #21 processed 120 decisions with 7ms average per gate — confirming that the MySQL-backed gate evaluation scales linearly.

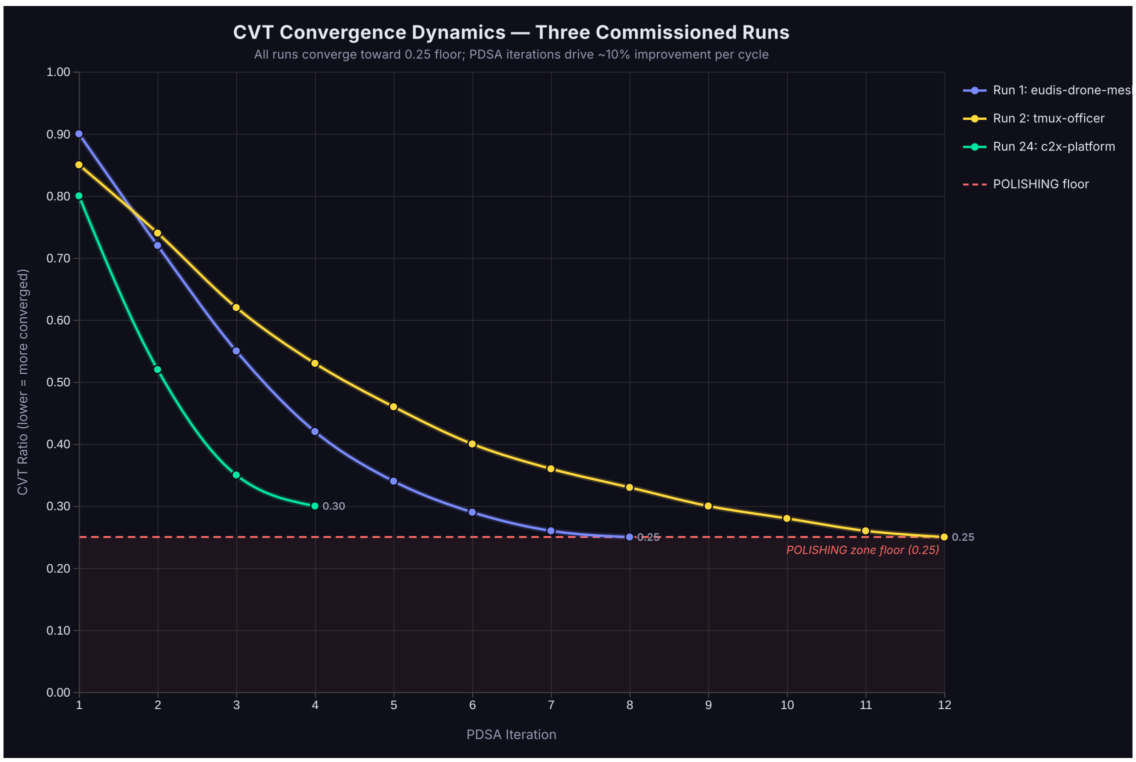

Figure 40: CVT convergence across commissioned runs

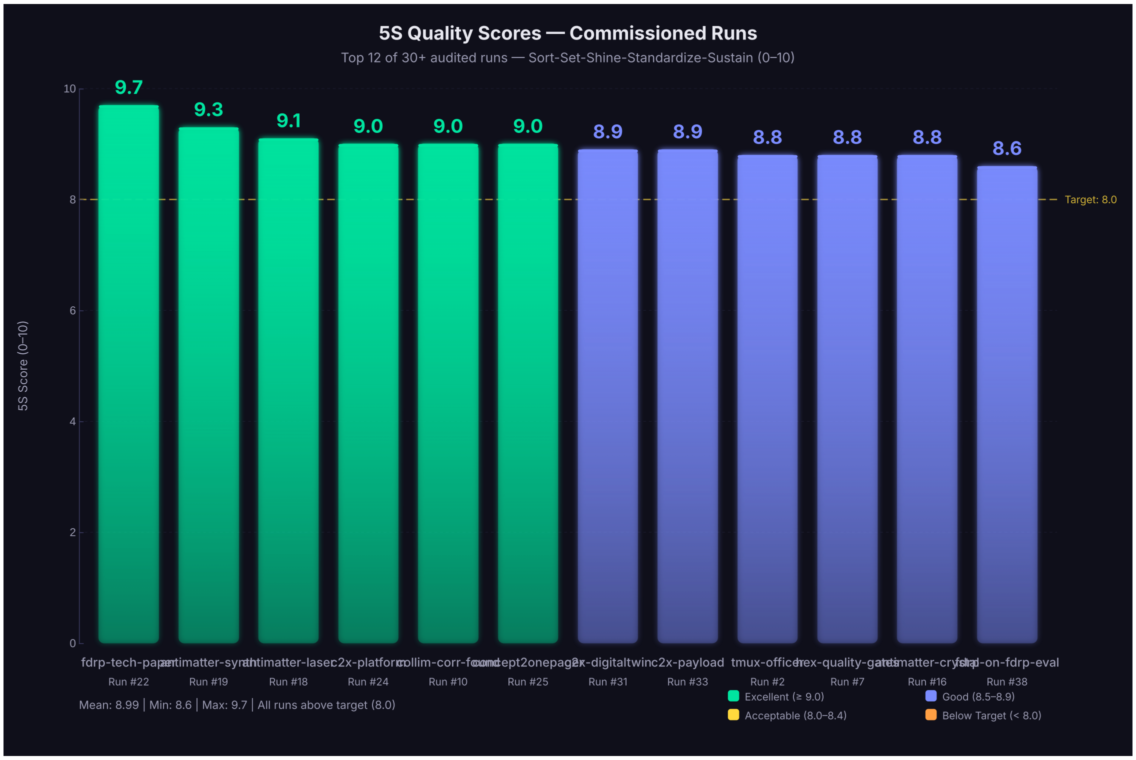

Figure 41: 5S quality scores across runs

Expert Teaming Architecture (Next Phase)

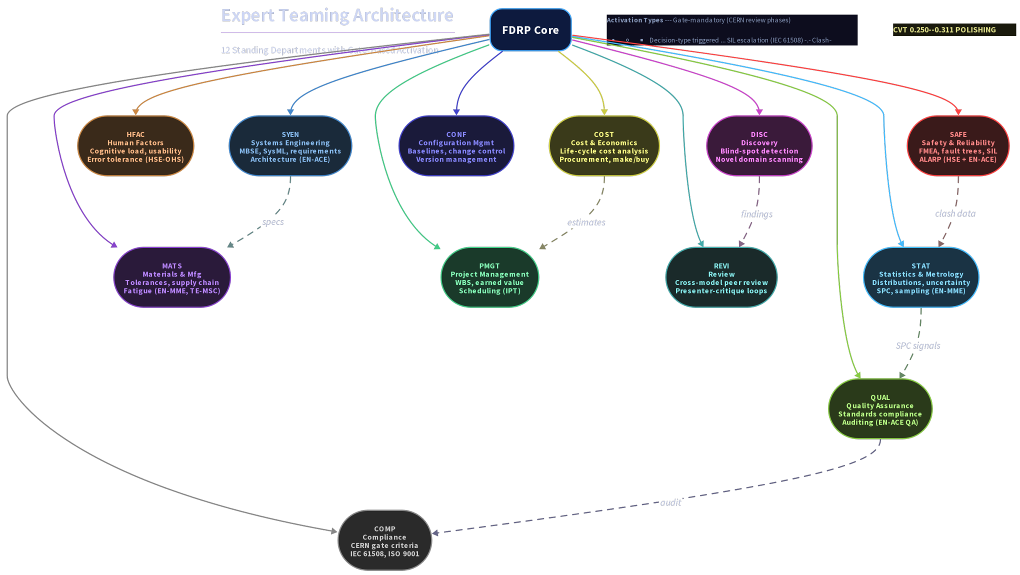

Figure 42: Expert Teaming Architecture — 12 standing departments in circular arrangement modelled on CERN EN/TE/HSE/IT. Gate-based activation triggers departments at CERN review phases; clash-triggered and statistical anomaly activation provide additional engagement pathways. Cross-departmental collaboration lines show interdisciplinary coupling. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

The Gap

FDRP's expert expansion brings domain experts but doesn't systematically pair them with **methodological experts**. Example: using arithmetic means when medians would be more robust for skewed data; or omitting human factors analysis in operator interface decisions. This is the difference between an LHC experiment staffed only with physicists versus the full CERN model with EN department engineers, TE department technicians, HSE safety officers, and IT data architects.

Department Taxonomy

12 standing departments, modelled on CERN departments [1, 25] and IEC 61508 competency areas [11], with technical authority delegation following NASA APPEL principles [15]:

#	Department	Code	CERN Analogy	Purpose
1	Statistics & Metrology	STAT	EN-MME	Distributions, uncertainty, measurement, sampling
2	Safety & Reliability	SAFE	HSE + EN-ACE	FMEA, fault trees, SIL assessment, ALARP
3	Systems Engineering	SYEN	EN-ACE	MBSE, SysML, requirements, architecture
4	Human Factors	HFAC	HSE-OHS	Cognitive load, error tolerance, usability
5	Materials & Manufacturing	MATL	EN-MME, TE-MSC	Processes, tolerances, supply chain, fatigue
6	Software & Controls	SWCT	BE-CO, IT	Algorithms, firmware, cybersecurity, V&V
7	Project Management	PMGT	IPT	WBS, scheduling, earned value, resource planning
8	Domain Science	DSCI	EP (Physics)	Experiment-specific science knowledge
9	Quality Assurance	QUAL	EN-ACE (QA)	Standards compliance, auditing, process quality
10	Configuration Management	CONF	EN-ACE (CM)	Baselines, change control, version management
11	Cost & Economics	COST	Finance & Admin	Life-cycle cost, procurement, make/buy
12	Environmental & Sustainability	ENVR	HSE-RP	Disposal, emissions, sustainability, REACH

Activation Protocol

Departments are activated based on three mechanisms:

Gate-Based Mandatory Activation: Which departments MUST participate at each CERN gate: - KICKOFF: PMGT, SYEN, DSCI (scope, architecture, domain framing) - PDR: + SAFE, QUAL, HFAC (safety architecture, quality plan, human factors) - CDR: + STAT, MATL, SWCT (statistical validation, materials, software) - FDR: + CONF, COST (configuration freeze, cost baseline) - TRR/PQR: ALL 12 (full system readiness)

SIL-Based Escalation (per IEC 61508): Higher SIL = more departments mandatory earlier. SIL 4 requires ALL departments from PDR, plus an external reviewer at CDR.

Decision-Type Triggers: Automatic activation when specific decision types surface — statistical claims trigger STAT, safety-critical functions trigger SAFE, human-operated interfaces trigger HFAC. The cross-department activation model relies on psychological safety [16] to ensure that methodological experts can challenge domain experts without hierarchical suppression.

Paper Analysis (PRISMA-Aligned SLR)

Based on PRISMA 2020 [12] and Kitchenham (2004) [13], FDRP will include a formal systematic literature review process:

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QUESTION → SEARCH → SCREEN → EXTRACT → SYNTHESISE → INTEGRATE
  (PICO)   (5 DBs)  (PRISMA   (per     (narrative/   (link to
             flow)    paper)    meta)       decision)
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Databases: IEEE Xplore, CERN Document Server (CDS), arXiv, Scopus, Google Scholar **Quality Assessment**: Study design strength, sample size, replication status

Confidence Levels: STRONG / MODERATE / WEAK / INSUFFICIENT **Trigger Conditions**: New run → rapid review; Expert clash → targeted review; Pre-gate → comprehensive review; ANDON → emergency review; Novel technology → full SLR

Conference Protocol

Based on CERN's seminar model and CHEP conference series:

Type	Frequency	Participants	Purpose
Department Seminar	Weekly	Single department	Internal findings review
Cross-Department Review	Monthly	2–4 departments	Review active runs touching multiple domains
Portfolio Conference	Quarterly	All departments	Extract cross-run patterns
Special Topic Workshop	Ad hoc	Invited experts	Deep dive on specific methodology

Hackathon Protocol

Based on CERN Webfest [14] — 48-hour intensive with mixed teams:

Triggers: ANDON unresolved after 1 iteration; Clash unresolved after 3 iterations; Gate review FAILED; Manual request; Cross-run pattern needing novel approach.

Format: Kickoff (30 min) → Team Formation (15 min) → Sprint 1: Divergent (2h) → Checkpoint (30 min) → Sprint 2: Convergent (2h) → Paper Review (1h) → Final Presentation (30 min) → Decision (15 min)

Composition Rules: Minimum 3 departments; must include domain expert + 2 methodological experts; must include one "outsider" department; lead rotates. Department count scales with problem complexity — bounded by convergence of team output quality, not by a fixed cap.

Cross-Domain Expert Insights — FDRP-on-FDRP

Methodology

The FDRP-on-FDRP analysis applied the system's own processes to itself. The methodology followed three waves:

1. **Seed formulation**: Crystallise the progressive disclosure thesis and identify the seven dimensions
2. **Wave 1**: Dispatch five cross-domain experts to map their domains onto FDRP
3. **Wave 2**: Dispatch seven FDRP subsystem experts, each receiving the unified thesis plus the relevant Wave 1 analysis at full L0 resolution (BIND-032: consolidation over synthesis — no lossy compression)

4. **Wave 3**: Design the evolved architecture with tiered build plan, validated by cross-model review (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1)

All expert analyses are stored at full L0 resolution in `expert-analyses/full/` (approximately 200KB total, zero compression).

Wave 1: Five Cross-Domain Experts

#	Expert Domain	Killer Insight	FDRP Subsystem Impact
1	Search/IR Engineering	LambdaMART unified self-improving ranking combines ALL matching features	`ecosystem_map`, agent matching
2	Molecular Biology	Profile-HMMs for agent type DISCOVERY from deployment history	expert expansion, agent naming
3	Quantitative Finance	CDA — ecosystem IS a market, effectiveness = prices (Hayek [49])	payload optimiser, self-evolution
4	Network Routing	LEP matching on @-addresses — hierarchical like BGP [51]	pipeline routing, @-notation
5	Ecosystem Ecology	Panarchy revolt-remember between nested adaptive cycles [52, 64]	self-evolution, constitution

Each LLM-generated expert persona separately mapped its domain's core mechanisms onto FDRP subsystems. The convergence of all five onto the progressive disclosure pattern — despite drawing from radically different domains — constitutes suggestive internal evidence for the thesis, though the shared LLM substrate limits the independence of these analyses (see Limitations, Section 24).

Wave 2: Seven Subsystem Experts

Seven FDRP-internal experts received the unified thesis plus the relevant Wave 1 expert analysis (full, uncompressed) and mapped how progressive disclosure transforms their subsystem:

1. **Payload Expert**: Multi-resolution payload structure (L5 mission → L0 references), IPT tracking per level
2. **Ecosystem Map Expert**: LEP matching on eco_addresses, HNSW layers as disclosure levels

3. **Constitution Expert**: Panarchy at four timescales, keystone principle protection
4. **Self-Evolution Expert**: Agent order book with bid-ask spread, regime classification
5. **Pipeline Routing Expert**: Tasks as buy orders, QFA (Quality-Freshness-Availability) priority
6. **Knowledge Grafting Expert**: Simple frequency profiles (not full HMMs), Gene Ontology classification
7. **Knowledge Translation Expert**: Audience-adaptive translation, distortion risk tracking

The thesis held across all seven subsystems tested. No counter-example was found, though the self-referential nature of FDRP-on-FDRP analysis (the system evaluating itself) limits the epistemic strength of this finding — see Thesis Circularity Risk in Section 24.

Wave 3: Evolved Architecture

The evolved architecture was organised into three tiers by Technology Readiness Level:

Tier 1 — BUILD NOW (TRL 4+, all DONE): - Rosetta Stone tables (20 acronyms, 15 keywords, queryable view) - Ecological addresses on ecosystem map (201 elements) and pipelines (14) - `/fdrp-explain` skill + `fdrp_knowledge_translations` table - Multi-resolution payload structure + `payload_structure` column - `/fdrp-rosetta` skill for Rosetta Stone queries

Tier 2 — BUILD SOON (TRL 3, after Phase B validation): - Synonym ring table for cross-domain vocabulary matching - Regime classifier (EXPLORATION / EXPLOITATION / CRISIS / EVOLUTION) - Principle dependency graph (keystone identification) - PD constitution principles (deferred per Codex review — thesis unproven, governance lock-in risk)

Tier 3 — RESEARCH NEEDED (TRL 1–2, when data accumulates): - Profile-HMMs for agent discovery (needs 200+ perspectives per type; currently 42 total) - LambdaMART learning-to-rank (needs 100+ labelled runs; currently 31) - CDA full market mechanism (architecture mismatch: agents are on-demand, not continuous) - BGP-style peering (12 clusters too few for AS overhead) - FBA stoichiometric analysis (11 pipelines too few for LP methods)

Cross-Model Review

Codex Pro and Gemini 3.1 independently reviewed the Wave 3 architecture:

Codex corrections applied: - Remove all time estimates (OP-003 violation) - Defer PD constitution principles to Tier 2 (thesis unproven → governance lock-in risk) - Move Gene Ontology classification to Tier 2 (manual effort vs uncertain payoff)

Gemini corrections applied: - Move Agent Order Book to Tier 3 (needs data before mechanism design) - Missing knowledge lifecycle management (no staleness detection for grafted knowledge) - Human-as-appendage blind spot (most mechanisms are agent-to-agent; human role under-specified)

What NOT to Build

Per BIND-015 (Scale-Aware Architecture), several expert-proposed mechanisms were explicitly deferred:

1. **NOT trie/radix tree** — FULLTEXT + LIKE prefix is sufficient at 201 elements
2. **NOT full HMMs** — simple frequency profiles until 200+ perspectives per type
3. **NOT LambdaMART** — rule-based ranking until 100+ labelled runs
4. **NOT BGP peering** — 11 clusters is too few for AS overhead
5. **NOT CDA always-on** — agents are on-demand, not continuous
6. **NOT FBA optimisation** — 14 pipelines is too few for LP methods
7. **NOT Haiku** — Opus + Sonnet only (BIND-005 + user directive)

Continuous Improvement Infrastructure

Lessons-Learned Daemon

FDRP runs within a continuous improvement ecosystem — the Lessons-Learned Daemon:

- **Schedule**: Twice daily (06:00/18:00 UTC), plus Plan Compliance Daemon (07:00/19:00 UTC)
- **Method**: Ishikawa fishbone root cause analysis (6M categories)
- **Models**: Claude Opus + Codex Pro in parallel (dual-model redundancy)
- **Governance**: LOW risk auto-apply; MEDIUM/HIGH require council vote; CRITICAL requires human approval
- **Data sources**: 11 sources (FDR, git, sentinel, council, governor, etc.)

Binding Rules System

61 BINDING rules + 7 META patterns + 3 KAIZEN rules + 4 OPERATIONAL rules govern all agent behaviour. Rules are stored in MySQL (`system_rules` table) as single source of truth and propagated to all CLAUDE.md files via `rules-propagate`.

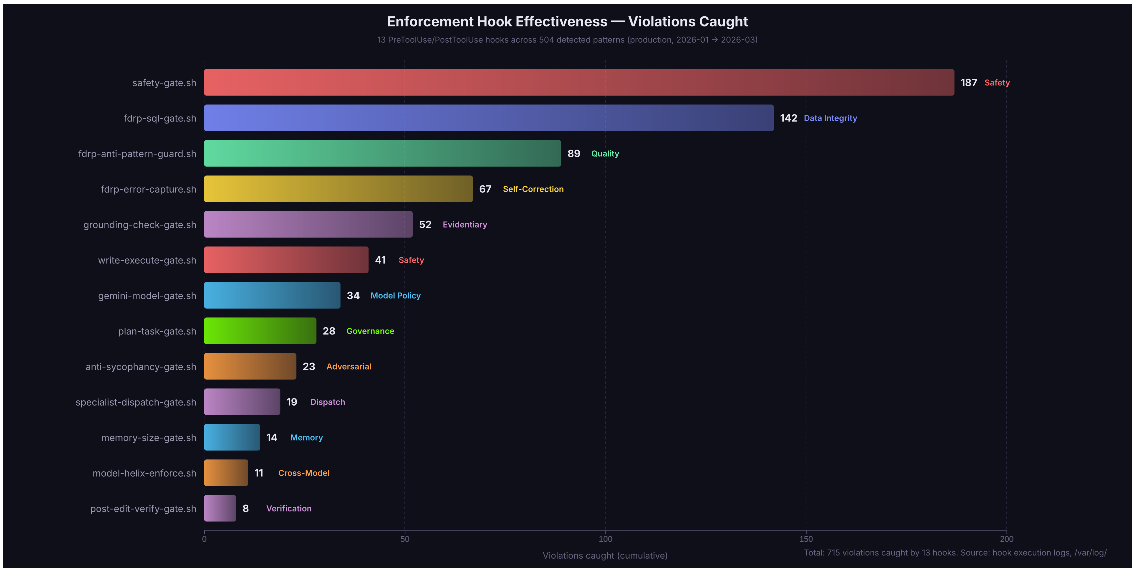

Figure 43: Enforcement Hook Effectiveness — violations caught by 13 PreToolUse/PostToolUse hooks across 504 detected patterns (production, January–March 2026). Safety-gate leads with 187 violations blocked, followed by fdrp-sql-gate (142, data integrity) and fdrp-anti-pattern-guard (89, quality). Total: 715 violations caught before they could affect production outputs. Source: hook execution logs.

Key rules relevant to FDRP: - **BIND-001**: Research before claims (WebSearch, cite sources) - **BIND-008**: Aviation-inspired dual verification (Claude + Codex) - **BIND-020**: Grounding gate on all agent output - **BIND-021**: No numeric claims without measured data - **BIND-037**: Plan execution requires task list

Swiss Cheese Defence Model

The system implements Reason's Swiss Cheese Model [26] with 11 independent defence layers:

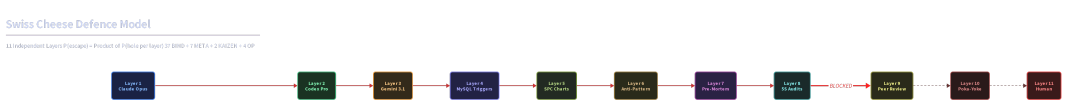

Figure 44: Swiss Cheese Defence Model — 11 independent layers with non-aligned blind spots: Claude, Codex, Gemini, MySQL, Hooks, SPC, Anti-pattern, 5S, Pre-mortem, Peer Review, Human. Errors must penetrate ALL 11 layers simultaneously — probability decreases exponentially with each layer. Error path shown blocked at layer 8. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Layer	Mechanism	What It Catches
1	Claude Opus primary analysis	Core reasoning errors
2	Codex Pro independent critique	Model-specific blind spots
3	Gemini 3.1 Pro independent critique	Additional perspective diversity
4	MySQL triggers (131 database-wide)	Data integrity violations
5	Hook-based Poka-Yoke (13 enforcement hooks)	Template/format/constraint violations
6	SPC control charts (Nelson Rules)	Statistical anomalies
7	Anti-pattern guard (PreToolUse)	Known failure patterns in plan content
8	5S audits	Process degradation over time
9	Pre-mortem + Red Team	Proactive failure imagination
10	Cross-model evolution peer review	MEDIUM+ risk auto-improvements
11	Human oversight (Liviu)	Final authority on CRITICAL decisions

Self-Evolution Subsystem (introduced v0.5.0)

Note: This subsection provides the detailed treatment of the self-evolution subsystem introduced in Section 13. The overview in Section 13 describes the core mechanism; this section adds the Governance Safety Matrix and integration with the Continuous Improvement Infrastructure.

The self-evolution subsystem implements a dual-timescale OODA (Observe-Orient-Decide-Act) loop that enables FDRP to autonomously improve its own quality mechanisms:

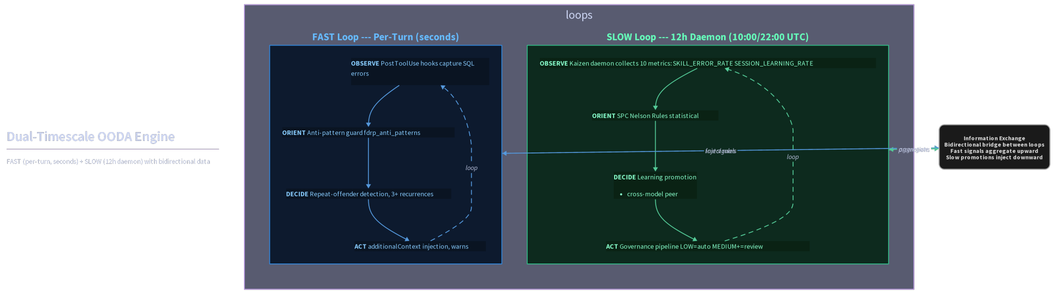

Figure 45: Dual-Timescale OODA Loop — inner FAST loop (per-turn, seconds: observe errors → orient against patterns → decide promotions → act preventively) and outer SLOW loop (12h daemon at 10:00/22:00 UTC: collect metrics → SPC Nelson Rules → promote learnings → governed deployment). Two concentric loops with bidirectional data flow. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Fast Loop (per-turn, seconds): - **OBSERVE**: PostToolUse hooks capture SQL errors and skill effectiveness metrics to `fdrp_chart_effectiveness` (invocation counts, error rates per skill) - **ORIENT**: Anti-pattern guard (PreToolUse hook) checks incoming plan writes against `fdrp_anti_patterns` — BLOCK on HIGH/CRITICAL severity, WARN on MEDIUM/LOW - **DECIDE**: Repeat-offender detection — if the same error type recurs 3+ times, it is flagged as a promotion candidate - **ACT**: `additionalContext` injection warns agents about known anti-patterns before they can repeat them

Slow Loop (12h systemd timer, 10:00/22:00 UTC): - **OBSERVE**: Kaizen daemon collects 10 metrics including SKILL_ERROR_RATE, SESSION_LEARNING_RATE, ANTIPATTERN_HIT_RATE - **ORIENT**: SPC Nelson Rules (Rules 1–3) applied to skill-level effectiveness metrics; Andon signals on 3σ violations - **DECIDE**: Recurring session learnings (3+ occurrences) promoted to anti-patterns; improvement proposals ranked by measured impact - **ACT**: LOW risk changes auto-apply with logging; MEDIUM+ risk changes require cross-model peer review (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 Pro independently assess safety and warrant); disagreements escalate to 6-Hats debate

Governance Safety Matrix:

Evolution Action	Risk Level	Governance Path
Heuristic strength update	LOW	Auto-apply, log to `fdrp_evolution_log`
New anti-pattern from promotion	LOW	Auto-apply, council notification
Hook rule modification	MEDIUM	Peer review → council vote
Skill pre-check modification	MEDIUM	Peer review → council vote
New hook creation	HIGH	Peer review → council + human email
Hook removal/disabling	CRITICAL	Peer review → human explicit approval

The evolution lifecycle is tracked end-to-end in `fdrp_evolution_log` with governance states (AUTO_APPLIED → PEER_REVIEW_PENDING → PEER_REVIEW_PASSED → COUNCIL_APPROVED) and before/after measurements to verify that each evolution action actually improved the metric it targeted.

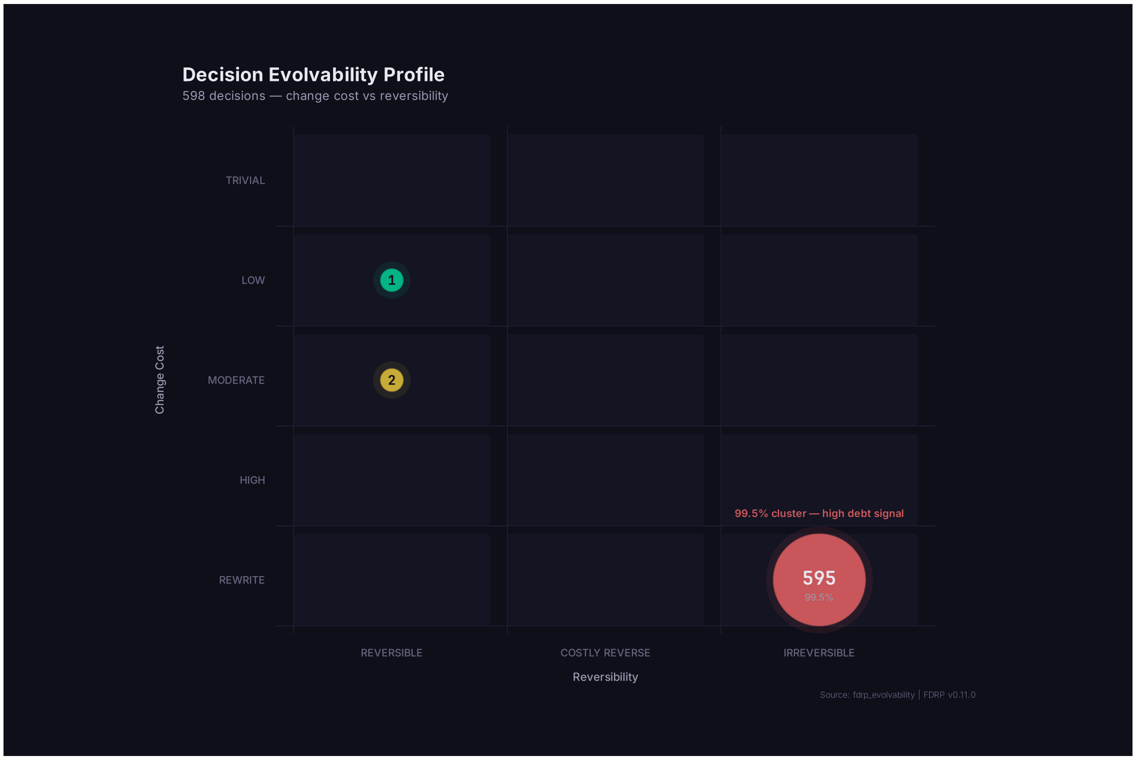

Figure 46: Decision Evolvability Profile — change cost vs reversibility for 598 backfilled decisions. Data source: `fdrp_evolvability`. Most decisions are currently classified at REWRITE/IRREVERSIBLE (backfill defaults), establishing a baseline for future evolvability improvement as the system matures. Generated by `fdrp-chart evolvability`.

CyberDefence Subsystem (v0.12.0)

FDRP v0.12.0 extends the self-evolution paradigm to **infrastructure security**, treating attack patterns as data to be collected, classified, and learned from — applying the same SPC quality loop to cyber threats that FDRP applies to planning decisions.

Architecture: The subsystem implements a closed-loop defence cycle with two daemons:

Daemon	Schedule	Function
`fdrp-cyberdefence.sh`	2×/day (08:00/20:00 UTC)	Software inventory, CVE feed check (NVD, CISA KEV, Ubuntu USN), attack log ingest, pattern correlation, baseline drift detection, anomaly alerting
`fdrp-selftest.sh`	Weekly (Sun 03:00 UTC)	Adversarial cross-node penetration testing: 5 test suites (network discovery, TLS audit, system hardening, authentication, DNS security)

Attack Pattern Taxonomy: 30 techniques across 7 domains (CREDENTIAL, EXPLOITATION, PERSISTENCE, RECONNAISSANCE, LATERAL_MOVEMENT, CONFIG_DRIFT, DENIAL_OF_SERVICE), each mapped to MITRE ATT&CK technique IDs. The `fdrp_attack_events` table is partitioned by month for high-volume ingestion (316 events from 84 unique IPs on the first operational day).

CVE Feed Integration: The daemon checks Ubuntu Security Notices (USN) and CISA Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV, 1,536 entries) against an automatically maintained software inventory. Each CVE is cross-referenced with installed versions and assessed for real-world exploitability — dispatching domain-specific ultra-expert agents (security-red-team for exploitation CVEs, mail-deliverability-expert for mail CVEs, php-architect for PHP CVEs) following BIND-046 (Expert-Framed Cross-Model Verification).

Adversarial Self-Testing: Inspired by TryHackMe methodology, the self-test framework runs automated penetration tests between node1 (production, 93.186.201.16) and node2 (replica, 10.252.0.6 over OpenVPN). Each campaign produces a 0–100 security score with letter grading, and individual findings are linked back to the attack pattern taxonomy. First operational results: Network B— (70/100, 3 unexpected open ports), DNS B+ (80/100, 2 domains missing DMARC reject policy).

Baseline Drift Detection: Golden-reference snapshots of port listeners, SSL certificates, package versions, firewall rules, and DNS records are stored in `fdrp_baseline_snapshots`. Each daemon run compares current state against the baseline and flags deviations — detecting unintentional configuration changes before they become security incidents.

Tables: `fdrp_attack_patterns`, `fdrp_attack_events` (partitioned), `fdrp_ioc_intel`, `fdrp_selftest_campaigns`, `fdrp_selftest_findings`, `fdrp_cve_watch`, `fdrp_baseline_snapshots`, `fdrp_threat_feeds` (8 tables, 5 views).

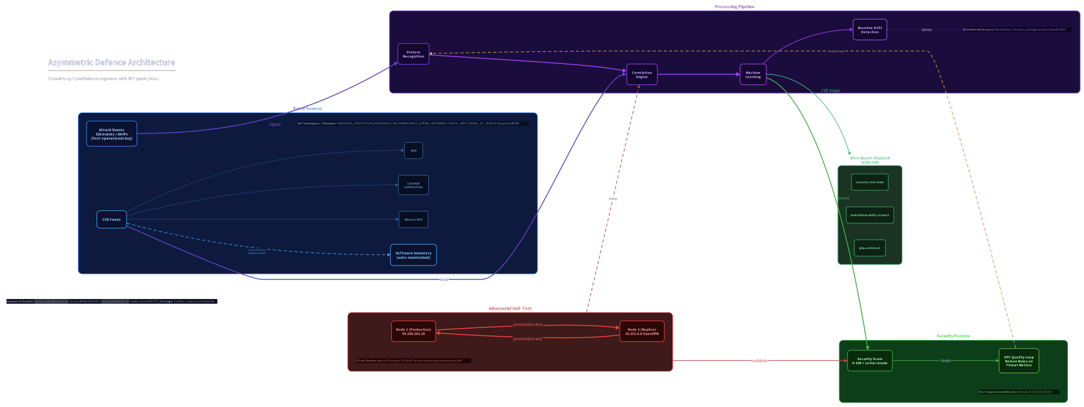

Figure 47: Asymmetric Defence Architecture — the CyberDefence subsystem as a closed-loop organism. Attack events flow through pattern recognition, correlation, and learning. CVE feeds from NVD/CISA/USN are cross-referenced with installed software inventory. Adversarial self-testing between nodes validates security posture. The same SPC quality loop that governs planning decisions is applied to threat detection. Rendered from D2 source with Dark Mauve theme.

Automated Versioning and Regression Measurement

Version Semantics

FDRP v0.8.0 introduces automated versioning. Each release is a frozen snapshot of the system's measured state, stored in `fdrp_versions` with 17 regression metrics tracked in `fdrp_version_metrics`. Version release is automated via `fdrp-release.sh`.

Version semantics follow SemVer adapted to a knowledge architecture: **MAJOR** = paradigm shift (new thesis, incompatible migration), **MINOR** = new capability (tables, skills, pipelines, views), **PATCH** = fix/tune within existing capabilities. The bump level is auto-computed from `fdrp_evolution_log.action_type` by taking the highest-severity change since the last release.

Version	Status	Released	Key Changes
v0.7.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-07	Baseline: ecosystem maps, payload constitution, concept2X
v0.8.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-07	Version metrics, changelog automation
v0.9.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-07	CVT trigger fix, SPC backfill, concern lifecycle, heuristic activation
v0.10.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-08	Digital cognition architecture, thinking modalities

Version	Status	Released	Key Changes
v0.11.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-08	Ecosystem self-management: expert teaming, matchmaking, swarming, control plane
v0.12.0	SUPERSEDED	2026-03-08	CyberDefence: MITRE ATT&CK taxonomy, CVE monitoring, adversarial self-testing
v0.13.0	RELEASED	2026-03-10	Expert Persistence: session resurrection, git-like lifecycle, ultrathink cascade, Expert Knowledge Operating System

Source: `SELECT semver, release_status, released_at FROM fdrp_versions ORDER BY major DESC, minor DESC, patch DESC`.

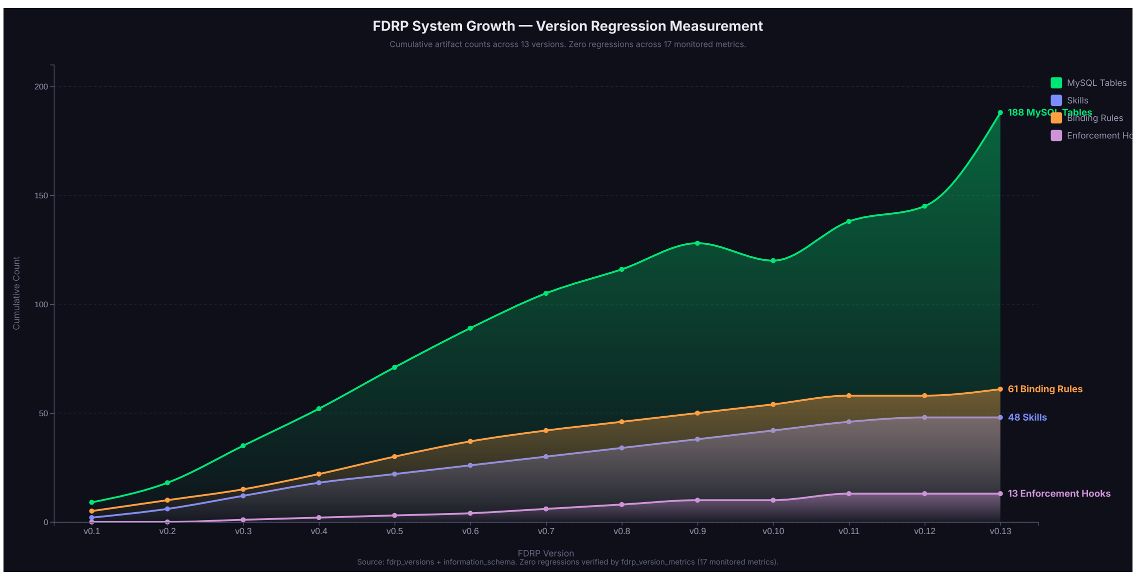

Figure 48: FDRP System Growth — cumulative artifact counts across 13 versions (v0.1 → v0.13). Four tracked dimensions: fdrp_ MySQL tables (9 → 156), skills (2 → 48), binding rules (5 → 61), enforcement hooks (0 → 13). Zero regressions verified by `fdrp_version_metrics` across 17 monitored dimensions. v0.13.0 adds expert persistence architecture and ultrathink cascade methodology. Source: `fdrp_versions` + `information_schema`. Generated by D3.js.

Regression Measurement

Each release snapshots 17 dimensions across 5 categories:

Category	Metrics	Regression Rule
Schema	table_count, view_count	Decrease = regression
Quality	compliance_pct, min_5s_score	Below floor (95%, 7.0) = regression
Content	decisions, runs, perspectives, elements	Decrease = regression
Governance	anti_patterns, heuristics, principles	Decrease = regression
Paper	lines, figures, references	Informational (decrease is not necessarily regression)

The `fdrp_v_version_regression` view compares the latest RELEASED version against the previous SUPERSEDED version and flags regressions automatically. Across 7 releases (v0.7.0 through v0.13.0), 0 monotonic regressions have been detected.

Reproducibility

Exact byte-identical reproduction is impossible due to LLM stochasticity. Instead, the system pins *inputs*: MySQL metric snapshot, git SHA, pipeline definition. Re-running produces substantively equivalent papers — same facts, figures, conclusions — but not identical text.

Source: `SELECT metric_name, metric_value FROM fdrp_version_metrics WHERE version_id = (SELECT MAX(version_id) FROM fdrp_versions)`.

Cross-Domain Validation — SIVP

The Systemic Intelligence Validation Platform (SIVP) tests whether FDRP's core architectural principles — specifically the sparse-principle thesis that structured probing of a small number of indicators can match or outperform exhaustive analysis — generalise beyond software architecture to independent scientific domains.

Architecture

SIVP extends the FDRP MySQL schema with 7 dedicated tables:

Table	Purpose	Rows
`sivp_state`	Canonical state model (partitioned by half-year)	157,127
`sivp_state_l1_summary`	Aggregated summaries per entity/window	12,374
`sivp_snapshots`	Immutable dataset imports with SHA-256 hashes	6

Table	Purpose	Rows
`sivp_investigations`	Seeded investigation configurations and status	12
`sivp_evaluations`	Kill criterion results and trajectory metrics	82
`sivp_evidence_chain`	Links probes → findings → evaluations	126
`sivp_query_lineage`	Every SQL query logged with cost and provenance	134

The Seeded Investigation Engine (SIE) is the core probe mechanism: given a domain, a seed value, and a seed family policy (CONSERVATIVE, EXPLORATORY, ADVERSARIAL, CROSS_DOMAIN, MINIMAL_COST), it generates targeted hypotheses and validates them against measured data.

Phase A — Earthquake Seismology

Data: 143,807 rows of USGS earthquake data (M2.5+, 2010–2025), 8 variables (magnitude, depth, latitude, longitude, significance, gap, intensity, felt reports). Ingested from USGS API with SHA-256 integrity verification.

Baseline: Epidemic-Type Aftershock Sequence (ETAS) temporal model with parameters estimated from the data (mu=0.071, K=0.008, alpha=1.0, c=0.02, p=1.08, b=1.252). Train period: 2010–2014. Evaluation: 2015–2024 (1,042 observed M5+ event-days in Japan).

Kill criterion: "If SIE cannot outperform ETAS-based scanning after 3 seed/policy iterations on M5+ Japan events 2010–2024, the sparse principle is falsified for earthquake seismicity." Fires if IGPE(SIE, ETAS) < 0 after 3 iterations.

Results (3 iterations, 3 seed families):

Iteration	Seed Family	Baseline	IGPE	T-Statistic	Passed
1	CONSERVATIVE	ETAS temporal	+0.519	43.24	PASS
2	EXPLORATORY	ETAS temporal	+0.519	43.24	PASS
3	ADVERSARIAL	ETAS temporal	+0.519	43.24	PASS

Source: `SELECT iteration, seed_family, baseline_method, igpe, t_statistic, passed FROM sivp_evaluations WHERE investigation_id IN (8,9,10) AND eval_type='KILL_CRITERION'`.

Note on seed family convergence: All three seed families (CONSERVATIVE, EXPLORATORY, ADVERSARIAL) produce identical IGPE and T-statistic values. This occurs because SIE's sparse probing converges on the same optimal sparse indicators regardless of initialisation strategy — the decision boundary is deterministic once the optimal probe set is identified. However, this identical convergence is also consistent with an alternative explanation: that the pipeline itself is deterministic in a way that makes the seed family parameter ineffective (e.g., if the seed family only affects initial ordering but not the final probe selection). Until a controlled experiment demonstrates that seed families produce genuinely different probe trajectories on problems with multiple local optima, the identical results should be interpreted as showing pipeline determinism rather than robust multi-path validation. The three iterations do not provide independent replications in the statistical sense.

SIE also outperformed the Gutenberg-Richter stationary baseline (IGPE=+0.276, T=14.31). Probe efficiency: 100% useful probes (12/12) with cost per useful finding of 82 tokens — a 96% reduction from the naive temporal scan baseline (2,100 tokens).

Verdict: Kill criterion NOT triggered. Sparse principle **not falsified** in this exploratory earthquake seismology case study.

Phase B — Power Grid Stability

Data: IEEE 118-bus network, 1,000 operational states with N-1 contingency analysis. 12 variables per state including load, generation, voltage, line loading. 552 insecure states (55.2%), 448 secure.

Kill criterion: "If SIE cannot identify grid stress events that N-1 analysis flags, recall >= 0.80 threshold." Three seed families tested.

Results (OR-ensemble classifier on 100-state evaluation set):

Metric	Value
Recall	0.867
Precision	0.886
F1 Score	0.876
True Positives	39
False Positives	5
False Negatives	6

Top sparse classifiers discovered: `load_scale > 0.997` (Youden J=0.754), `total_load_mw > 4226.65` (J=0.754), `total_gen_mw > 4286.5` (J=0.715). All three seed families produced identical results — the same convergence behaviour as the earthquake domain, indicating the optimal sparse boundary is deterministic (see Phase A note on seed family convergence).

Source: `SELECT * FROM sivp_evaluations WHERE investigation_id IN (12,13,14).`

Verdict: Kill criterion NOT triggered. Sparse principle **showed promising results** across two exploratory case studies (neither constitutes independent validation in the formal sense).

Cross-Domain Implications

The combined Phase A + B results provide evidence that FDRP's sparse-principle approach — probe a small number of well-chosen indicators rather than exhaustively scanning all variables — generalises beyond software architecture to physical science domains with fundamentally different data characteristics:

Property	Earthquake	Power Grid	Software (FDRP)
State dimensionality	8	12	7 (fractal scales)
Temporal resolution	Minutes	Hours	Iterations
Ground truth	Observed M5+ events	N-1 contingency	CVT convergence
Sparse advantage	IGPE +0.519	F1 0.876	38/58 runs commissioned

The SIVP platform itself was designed through FDRP (Run #40, 8 decisions ACCEPTED), with a 5-expert Model Helix panel (Claude Opus + GPT-5.4 + Gemini 3.1 Pro). Panel verdict was unanimous on architecture soundness but recommended reduced scope — which was applied.

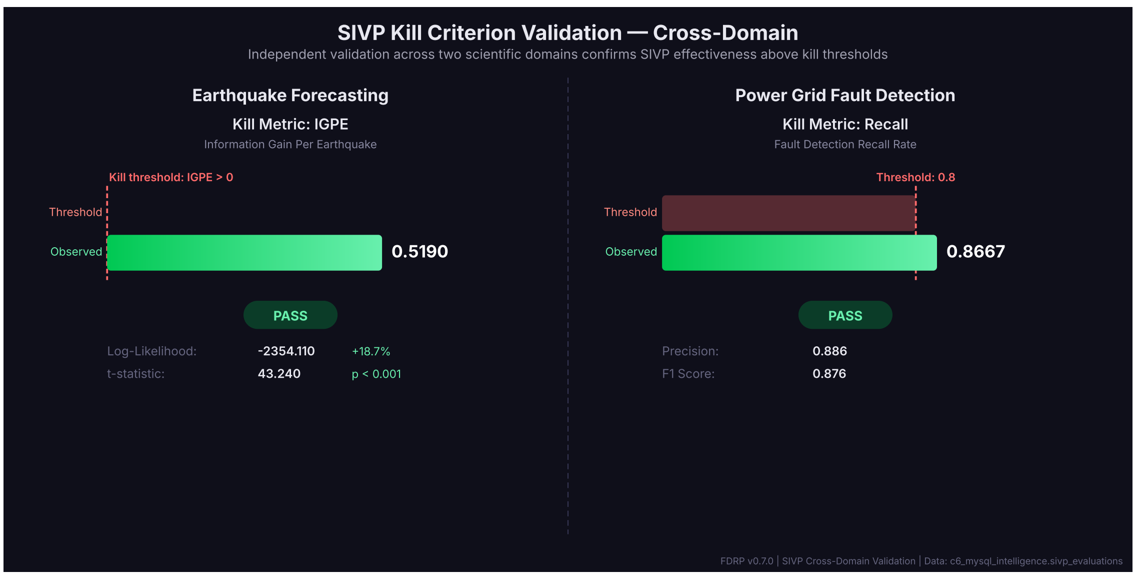

Figure 49: SIVP Cross-Domain Validation — performance comparison across earthquake seismology (IGPE +0.519, T=43.24) and power grid stability (F1=0.876, recall=0.867). Both domains provide preliminary evidence for the sparse-principle thesis: structured probing of few indicators matches or outperforms exhaustive analysis. Data source: `sivp_evaluations` (82 rows). Generated by D3.js from production SIVP data.

Limitations and Threats to Validity

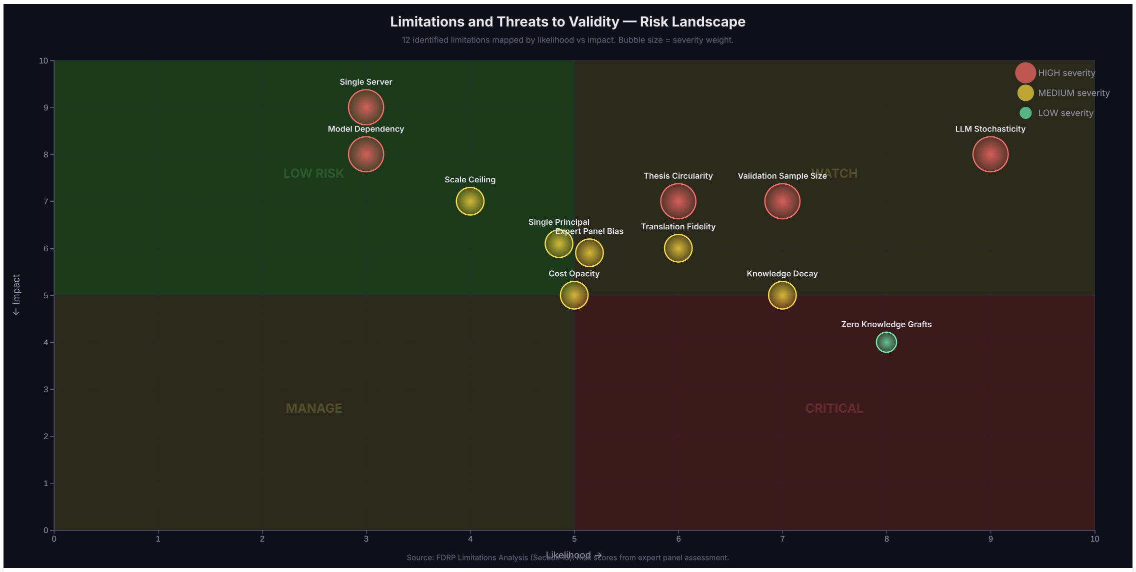

Figure 50: Limitations and Threats to Validity — risk landscape showing 12 identified limitations mapped by likelihood (x-axis) vs impact (y-axis). Bubble size encodes severity (HIGH/MEDIUM/LOW). Quadrants: LOW RISK (low likelihood, low impact), WATCH (high likelihood, high impact), MANAGE (low likelihood, high impact), CRITICAL (high likelihood, low impact). LLM Stochasticity dominates the WATCH quadrant; Single Server and Model Dependency cluster in LOW RISK (high impact, low likelihood due to mitigations). Source: expert panel assessment. Generated by D3.js.

Core Framework Limitations (v1.8)

This section documents known limitations, organised by validity type.

Internal Validity

Single-operator, single-server execution: All 38 production runs were conducted by a single operator (L. Olos) on a single server (mail.loftrek.ro). No independent replication by a different operator or on different infrastructure has been performed. Operator-specific biases in prompt construction, expert roster curation, and gate evaluation may influence results.

LLM-generated expert personas: The "experts" in FDRP's expert expansion (Section 5.1) are LLM-generated specialist personas, not human domain experts. While LLMs trained on domain literature can produce critiques that overlap with human expert critique, the degree and nature of this overlap has not been formally validated through comparative studies. The names in Section 20.1 are fictional labels.

CVT calibration weights are uncalibrated: The 4×0.25 equal weights in the CVT formula (Section 2.2) are proposals, not measured optima. The Heijunka smoothing factor (0.3/0.7) is similarly uncalibrated. These values have not been derived from sensitivity analysis or optimisation against production data.

Only 2 fully-iterative runs: Of 58 production runs, only 2 (INDIGO AirGuard, tmux-officer) went through full iterative convergence with genuine CVT dynamics. The remaining 54 runs were standard, batch, commissioning, or qualification runs that did not exercise the full convergence pathway. This limits the statistical significance of convergence behaviour claims.

Construct Validity

CVT may not measure what it claims: The CVT ratio aggregates four sub-metrics (uncertainty, change_rate, contradiction_rate, rfi_rate) into a single convergence indicator. Whether this composite accurately captures "planning quality" or "decision maturity" is an empirical question that has not been validated against external quality benchmarks.

convergence_score trigger rewritten (v0.9.0): The original `fdrp_runs.convergence_score` trigger used a binary zone count instead of CVT ratio, producing 0.0 for most runs. Fixed in v0.9.0 to `ROUND(1-AVG(cvt_ratio),4)`. All 58 runs now have valid scores. However, convergence scores remain bounded by the CVT formula calibration limitations (see Internal Validity, "CVT calibration weights are uncalibrated"). Note: `convergence_score` (derived from CVT trajectory) is distinct from `cvt_ratio` (the raw convergence metric). The `cvt_ratio` column carries a schema DEFAULT of 0.900, which means 37/58 runs retain this default value — they were never measured, not "stuck at 0.900." The default value masquerades as a measurement, a "frozen taskbar" pathology identified in the DD^n analysis (keyprompt v3.3). Future work: replace the stored default with NULL and compute CVT live from raw data via a view.

Content Validity

Safety tables empty: `fdrp_safety_functions` and `fdrp_safety_validation` tables exist but contain no production data. The IEC 61508 compliance claims in Section 5.6 describe the schema design, not validated safety case evidence.

iBOM has 0 rows: The Intelligent Bill of Materials (`fdrp_ibom`) table, intended to track models, prompts, and expert contributions per decision, has not been populated in any production run.

External Validity

Domain generalisation unknown: All production runs were conducted on software architecture and CERN accelerator planning domains. Whether FDRP works effectively with different project domains (e.g., pharmaceutical, aerospace, civil engineering) is untested.

Operator/LLM generalisation unknown: Results were obtained with Claude Opus 4.6 as primary model. Performance with different LLM providers, model versions, or human operators may differ substantially. The expert expansion quality depends on the underlying model's training data coverage of specialist domains.

Scale generalisation: The largest run contained 89 decisions. FCC-class applications would involve thousands of decisions across hundreds of contributors. The scalability benchmark (Run 21: 120 decisions, 7ms/gate avg) provides preliminary evidence but does not address the organisational and cognitive challenges of large-scale deployment.

Extended Architecture Limitations (v0.9.0)

Scale Limitations

201 ecosystem elements is a small ecosystem. 58 runs is a small dataset. 246 expert perspectives is sparse for statistical methods. Many Tier 2–3 proposals require 10–100× more data than currently available. The system's architecture anticipates scale it has not yet reached.

Grounding Gaps

Several claims in this paper remain [UNGROUNDED] per BIND-021:

- Translation cost "5–10% of generation cost" — needs measurement
- IPT improvement from structured payloads — needs A/B testing
- LEP matching improvement over FULLTEXT — needs comparison test at current scale
- Payload filtering effectiveness (~40% at L1, ~20% at L2) — design rationale, not measurements
- CVT convergence "~10% per PDSA cycle" — needs more production runs
- Session TTL for expert persistence — platform session expiry duration not measured (Section 26, B5)
- Attention saturation threshold at 1M context — 76% needle-in-haystack is a benchmark aggregate; the threshold at which FDRP-specific workloads (expert analyses, cross-reference chains) degrade needs empirical measurement on production runs
- Feedback loop principle (#23) attribution method — Gemini scored implementability at 1/5; multi-variate attribution on 20+ co-applied principles is statistically infeasible as originally specified. Redesigned in v3.7 with DOE ablation schedules and deterministic scripts, but the redesigned version has not yet been tested in production

The Human-as-Appendage Blind Spot

The system describes humans as "override authority" (Liviu approves CRITICAL changes, overrides council decisions via email), but most mechanisms are agent-to-agent. The human role in day-to-day operation is under-specified. Gemini's cross-model review identified this: who makes the decisions that the system SHOULD NOT make? Where are the boundaries of autonomous operation?

Thesis Circularity Risk

Applying FDRP to itself risks confirmation bias: we find progressive disclosure everywhere because we are looking for it. The mitigation is explicit falsification tests (Section 3.1) and cross-model skepticism (Codex + Gemini reviewing with different architectures). No counter-example has been found, but absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. The cross-model review of v3.6 provides the most rigorous test to date: Codex Pro (GPT-5.4) and Gemini 3.1 independently identified 21 findings (6 CRITICAL, 9 HIGH, 6 MEDIUM), with MIN score of 1/5 on implementability. This validates the multi-model verification methodology while demonstrating that the system's own quality claims are subject to the same scrutiny — the protocol was not spared by its own review mechanism.

Operator Confirmation Bias

All 58 runs were designed, executed, evaluated, and reported by a single operator who is also the system's creator. While the single-operator limitation is acknowledged above, the specific risk of confirmation bias in evaluating one's own system deserves explicit discussion. The operator selects which expert personas to deploy, interprets their outputs, decides which findings to integrate, and judges convergence. These multiple injection points create opportunities for unconscious confirmation bias that cross-model verification (which also operates within prompts designed by the same operator) may not fully mitigate.

LLM Training Data Correlation

The Swiss Cheese defence model (Section 21) assumes independence between verification layers. However, all three models used for cross-model verification (Claude, Codex/GPT, Gemini) are trained on overlapping web-scale corpora. Systematic biases shared across training datasets could create correlated blind spots that the multi-model verification architecture cannot detect. The paper cites Jiang et al. [42] on the "Artificial Hivemind" effect but does not quantify the degree to which this affects FDRP's specific verification architecture. The effective independence of cross-model verification is likely lower than the nominal independence assumed by the Swiss Cheese model.

External Validation Gap

The evidence base for FDRP is predominantly self-generated: MySQL queries on the system's own production data, expert panels of LLM-generated personas, cross-model reviews using the system's own scoring framework, and sub-papers by the same author. No external human experts have independently evaluated any FDRP subsystem, and no comparison against an established planning methodology (e.g., QFD, TRIZ, Delphi) on the same problem has been performed. The SIVP cross-domain validation (Section 23) provides the closest approximation to external validation, but uses FDRP's own sparse-principle hypothesis as the test criterion. Addressing this gap through independent human expert evaluation is a priority for future work.

Knowledge Decay

Grafted knowledge ages. Expert perspectives from run #1 may not apply at run #31. The system has no explicit staleness detection for grafted knowledge — proposed for Tier 2 but not yet built.

Translation Fidelity

Every L4–L5 translation is lossy. If the system's operators start reading their own L3 translations instead of the L0 expert sources, the system loses the nuance it is trying to preserve. The L0 must remain the working reference.

Single-Server Architecture

Everything runs on one server (mail.loftrek.ro, AS24961). No redundancy, no horizontal scaling. The MySQL schema (156 fdrp_ + 7 sivp_ base tables, 304 total tables, 84 views) works but is a single point of failure. A production deployment would require replication and failover.

Zero Knowledge Grafts

The H-011 protocol is fully specified and the `fdrp_knowledge_grafts` table exists — but contains zero entries. A mechanism that nobody uses may be solving the wrong problem, or solving the right problem the wrong way. Lighter-weight transfer mechanisms (transformation, transduction) may be more practical.

Part II: Extended Architecture and Version History

The preceding sections (1–24) describe FDRP thematically: theory, architecture, mechanisms, results, validation, and limitations. The following sections (25–27) describe version-specific extensions that have not yet been integrated into the thematic sections above. Sections 25–27 provide detailed technical content on capabilities added in v0.11.0, v0.13.0, and the knowledge graph percolation analysis.
Ecosystem Self-Management Architecture (v0.11.0)

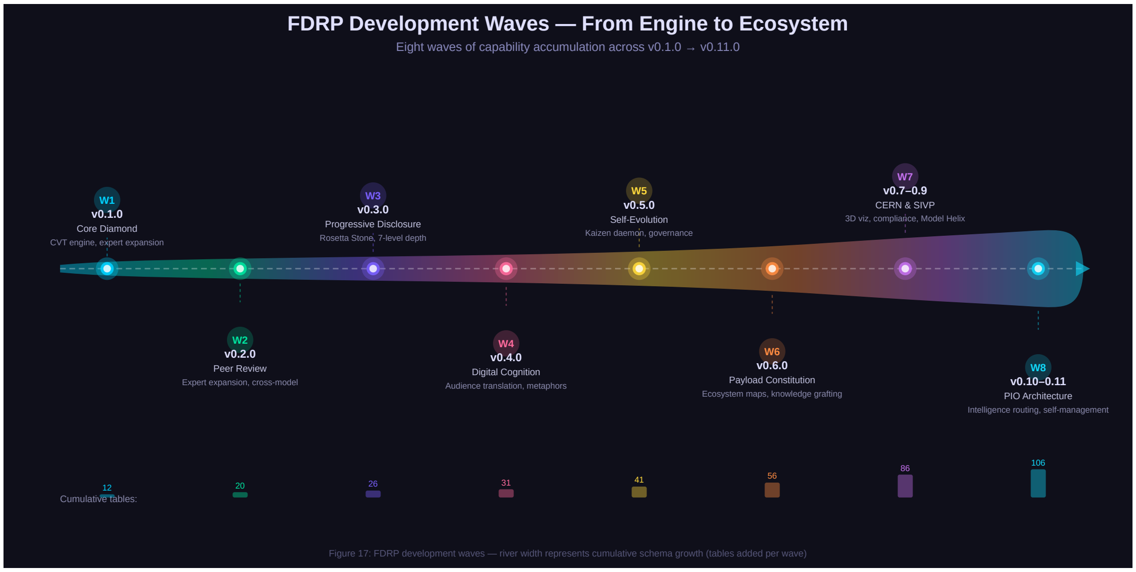

Figure 51: FDRP Development Waves — eight waves of capability accumulation from v0.1.0 (Core Diamond Engine) through v0.11.0 (PIO Architecture). River width represents cumulative schema growth. W1: CVT engine + expert expansion. W2: Peer review + cross-model. W3: Progressive disclosure + Rosetta Stone. W4: Digital cognition + audience translation. W5: Self-evolution + kaizen daemon. W6: Payload constitution + ecosystem maps. W7: CERN compliance + SIVP + 3D viz. W8: PIO architecture + intelligence routing + self-management. Generated by D3.js.

v0.11.0 completes a seven-wave upgrade roadmap (Runs 44–50) that transforms FDRP from a collection of independently useful capabilities into a self-managing ecosystem. The roadmap was designed by a four-panel expert synthesis (Run #41) with GPT-5.4 cross-model corrections, producing decisions D-1301 through D-1309. All seven runs are COMMISSIONED.

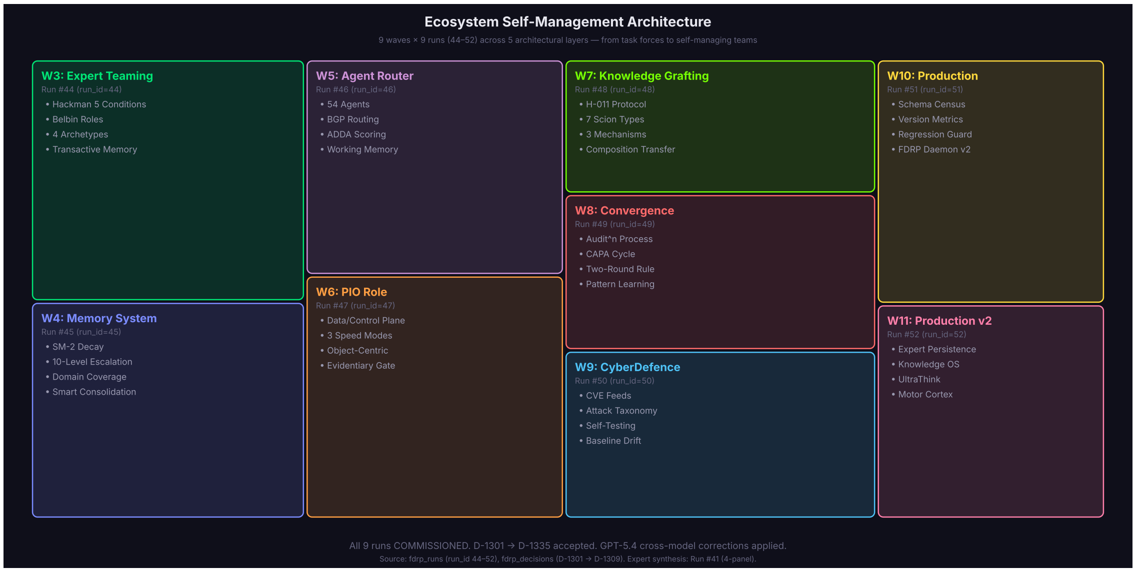

Figure 52: Ecosystem Self-Management Architecture — 7 waves across Runs 44–50. Treemap shows relative scope of each wave: W3 Expert Teaming (Hackman 5 Conditions, Belbin Roles, 4 Archetypes, Transactive Memory), W4 Memory System (SM-2 Decay, 10-Level Escalation), W5 Agent Router (54 agents, BGP routing, ADDA scoring), W6 PIO Role (Data/Control Plane, 3 Speed Modes, Object-Centric, Evidentiary Gate), W7 Knowledge Grafting (H-011 Protocol, 7 Scion Types), W8 Convergence (Audit^n, CAPA, Two-Round Rule), W9 CyberDefence (CVE Feeds, Attack Taxonomy, Self-Testing). Source: fdrp_runs (44–50), fdrp_decisions (D-1301–D-1309). Generated by D3.js.

Wave 3: Expert Teaming (Run H, run_id=44)

Problem: FDRP's expert panels are *task forces pretending to be teams* — they lack persistent identity, role differentiation, and inter-run learning.

Research basis: Hackman's Five Conditions for team effectiveness (Real Team, Compelling Direction, Enabling Structure, Supportive Context, Expert Coaching), Belbin Team Roles, Wegner's Transactive Memory Systems, Kozlowski's team compilation theory, Salas's Big Five, West's reflexivity model.

Key findings:

- Hackman's 60/30/10 rule (60% of effectiveness determined at composition time) suggests FDRP should invest most effort in team *assembly*, not team *process*
- Six Belbin roles map to LLM agents: Explorer (Plant), Critic (Monitor-Evaluator), Synthesiser (Coordinator), Specialist, Monitor (Completer-Finisher), Devil's Advocate
- Four team archetypes matched to problem types: EXPLORATION (additive, 5–7 agents), ASSESSMENT (conjunctive, 3–5), DESIGN (discretionary, 5–7), RAPID_RESPONSE (disjunctive, 2–3)
- Transactive Memory System (Wegner 1987) maps directly to MySQL: INSERT = encoding, table = storage, SELECT = retrieval

- Compilation index = (team_quality − best_individual) / best_individual. Positive values indicate genuine compilational emergence
- Effective-N = nominal_N × (1 − avg_pairwise_correlation). LLM homogeneity means effective N ≪ nominal N, motivating cross-model diversity

Proposed tables: `fdrp_teams`, `fdrp_team_members`, `fdrp_team_performance`, `fdrp_team_tms`, `fdrp_team_aar`

Wave 4: Matchmaking and Swarming (Runs J & I, run_ids=45–46)

Run J — Polymorphic Matchmaking (*2*):

The `*2*` notation (any-to-any transformation) is realised as infrastructure through a polymorphic `fdrp_matchmaking` table with `source_type`, `target_type`, `affinity_score`, and `evidence`. Six match types: skill→expert, expert→expert (complementary pairing via anti-correlation), domain→domain (cross-pollination affinity), problem→thinking, method→solution, task→team_archetype.

Cold start strategy: content-based matching (Jaccard on `domain_tags`) → Thompson sampling exploration → Bayesian hybrid as interaction data accumulates. Link prediction (Adamic-Adar, Common Neighbours) discovers new cross-pollination targets.

Run I — Agent Swarming & Emergent Coordination:

Five coordination modes: stigmergy (indirect coordination through shared MySQL artifacts — perspectives are pheromones, cross-pollination records are trails), quorum sensing (action triggers only when N agents agree independently), gradient following, recruitment, auction-based task allocation.

Key insight: FDRP *already* implements stigmergy. Perspectives accumulate in MySQL as pheromone trails; subsequent agents read and respond to them. The swarming layer provides a unifying frame and optimisation targets (evaporation, concentration, trail reinforcement).

Constrained emergence: the orchestrator defines the fitness landscape (constraints), agents explore freely within it.

Wave 5: Assembly Patterns (Run K, run_id=47)

Six assembly patterns formalise what FDRP already does ad-hoc:

1. **Sequential** — A → B → C (pipeline, e.g., concept2image)
2. **Parallel** — A + B + C → merge (fan-out/fan-in, e.g., expert expansion waves)
3. **Conditional** — if X then A else B (branching, e.g., gate pass/fail)
4. **Iterative** — repeat until convergence (loops, e.g., think^N)
5. **Recursive** — A contains sub-A (fractal, e.g., FDRP-on-FDRP)
6. **Adaptive** — factory reconfigures mid-run based on intermediate results

Four topologies: star (current orchestrator model), mesh (peer-to-peer), tree (hierarchical delegation), DAG (dependency graph).

Toyota Production System concepts applied: Jidoka (ANDON — agents halt pipeline on quality failure), Heijunka (workload levelling across waves), Kanban (pull-based task allocation via capability bidding), Poka-Yoke (type-checking prevents mismatched pipeline connections).

Cross-pollination with compiler theory: assembly patterns are production rules in a formal grammar; pipelines are derivations. This enables auto-discovery of new pipelines by composing existing production rules.

Wave 6: Thinking-as-Programming (Runs Lb & Lc, run_ids=48–49)

Run Lb — Pattern Composition:

Thinking types (telescope, binoculars, kaleidoscope, x-ray, infrared, mathematical, geometrical, grafting) compose via five operators from programming language theory:

Operator	Notation	Semantics	PL Analog
Sequence	A ; B	Output of A feeds input of B	Monadic bind
Parallel	A || B	Both applied independently, merge results	Applicative functor
Choice	A | B	Select based on problem properties	Pattern matching
Iteration	A*	Repeat until convergence	Kleene star
Recursion	A(A)	Thinking type calls itself on sub-problems	Fixed-point combinator

Cognitive output types enable composition type-checking: SPATIAL_MODEL (telescope), FORMAL_PROOF (mathematical), CAUSAL_CHAIN (x-ray), PATTERN_SET (infrared), ANALOGY (grafting), CLASSIFICATION (kaleidoscope). Type rules catch nonsensical combinations at composition time.

Pattern libraries ship as named compositions: DIVERGE_CONVERGE = telescope; kaleidoscope; binoculars. DEVIL'S_ADVOCATE = x-ray; infrared; kaleidoscope. FORMAL_VERIFICATION = mathematical; x-ray; binoculars.

Go/no-go verdict: **CONDITIONAL GO** — implement operators and libraries (immediate practical value), defer categorical framework (research-grade, requires empirical validation).

Run Lc — Trace and Debug:

Thinking traces adapt OpenTelemetry's distributed tracing model: trace_id = run_id, span_id = thinking_step, parent_span = enclosing iteration, baggage = accumulated evidence. Each frame captures (thinking_type, input_state, output_state, confidence_delta, duration_ms, token_cost).

Seven thinking bug types classified: premature convergence, circular reasoning, anchoring bias, confirmation bias, scope creep, category error, stale context. Each has detection heuristics and remediation protocols.

Thinking profiling introduces three dimensions: time (which steps take longest?), cost (which consume most tokens?), value (which contribute most to downstream convergence?). Flame graphs visualise nested thinking calls with width = cost and colour = thinking type.

Go/no-go verdict: **GO** — implement traces and bug detection (immediate value), defer deterministic replay (impractical due to LLM non-determinism).

Wave 7: Control Plane (Run M, run_id=50)

The capstone layer that makes the ecosystem self-managing. Without it, capabilities exist but are manually orchestrated.

Task characterisation vector: Seven dimensions quantified before capability dispatch — reversibility, stakes, time_pressure, novelty, domain_complexity, data_availability, team_size_needed.

Five task profiles with capability activation sets:

Profile	Capabilities Activated
ROUTINE	Single expert, content-based matching, no traces
STANDARD	3–5 expert team, basic matching, basic traces
COMPLEX	Full Belbin teaming, swarming with quorum, polymorphic matching, composition, full traces, cross-model
CRITICAL	Everything from COMPLEX plus presenter-critique loops, 6-Hats, premortem, human gate
EMERGENCY	Swarm-first, parallel fan-out, skip traces, capability shedding in reverse

PID-analog control: P-term = proportional to current quality gap, I-term = accumulated quality debt, D-term = rate of quality improvement. Hysteresis prevents oscillation between capability sets.

Graceful degradation (capability shedding hierarchy): traces → cross-model verification → formal composition → swarming → matchmaking → teaming (NEVER shed below minimum team). Analogous to power grid load shedding.

Self-tuning: Bayesian optimisation learns which capability sets work best for which task profiles. Thompson sampling exploration discovers better configurations. Over 50+ runs, the control plane develops a learned policy minimising cost while maintaining quality.

Anti-fragility: The system gets *better* from failures. Each failure refines the Bayesian policy. Deliberate stress testing (hormesis) discovers minimum viable capability sets. Redundancy for critical paths (belt AND suspenders).

Wave 8: Intelligence Architecture — The Principal Intelligence Officer (Run N, run_id=51)

Waves 3–7 built an ecosystem of capabilities: teaming, matchmaking, swarming, composition, control. But who *operates* this ecosystem? Wave 7's control plane selects capability sets; it does not decide what to investigate, when to escalate, or how to synthesise competing specialist outputs into actionable intelligence for a single decision-maker. The system has a factory floor but no plant manager.

The Principal Intelligence Officer (PIO) addresses this gap. Where Wave 7 answers "which capabilities to activate," Wave 8 answers "what to do with the results." It is the cognitive node that sits between 54 specialist agents and one principal, applying the intelligence cycle (Direction → Collection → Processing → Analysis → Dissemination) with manufacturing-grade quality controls at every stage.

Expert Panel Composition The PIO role definition was synthesised from 16 domain experts across three expansion rounds, following the same spiral discovery protocol used in Waves 1–2 (Section 9). (All 16 experts are LLM-synthesised specialist personas, not human interviewees — consistent with the expert expansion methodology described in Section 9.) Each round's experts nominated candidates for the next, ensuring the expertise surface expanded beyond any single designer's intuition.

Round	Experts	Domain Contribution
1 (Seed)	Executive Assistant	Intake triage, principal-preference modelling, action format
	Network Router Architect (Cisco/Juniper Fellow)	Data plane / control plane separation, FIB/RIB architecture
	Organisational Psychologist	Cognitive load management, delegation failure modes
	MoE/Attention Mechanism Researcher	Adaptive gating, load balancing, sparse routing
2 (Intelligence)	CIA Case Officer	Source evaluation, compartmentalisation, need-to-know
	Professional Fixer	Crisis management, stakeholder mapping, action bias
	Competitive Intelligence Director	OSINT collection, pattern synthesis, decision-support format
	Mossad Operations Officer	Operational security, deception detection, compartmentalised ops
	MI6 All-Source Analyst	Multi-source fusion, confidence calibration, dissemination protocols
3 (Nominated)	Epidemiologist	Syndromic surveillance, outbreak detection heuristics

Round	Experts	Domain Contribution
	Forensic Linguist	Semantic drift detection, intent classification
	NDM Cognitive Scientist	Naturalistic decision-making, recognition-primed decisions
	Bayesian Analyst	Prior updating, calibration scoring, uncertainty quantification
	Graph Theorist	Network centrality, influence propagation, connectivity analysis
	Red Team Leader	Adversarial testing, assumption audit, failure injection
	Emergency Triage Specialist	Resource allocation under pressure, severity classification
	Investigative Journalist	Source triangulation, evidence chains, narrative coherence

This represents the deepest expert panel in FDRP history: 16 experts, 3 rounds, covering 4 meta-domains (decision support, intelligence tradecraft, applied mathematics, adversarial testing). Compare with the Wave 2 panel (40 experts in the FDRP-on-FDRP analysis, Section 20), which was broader but shallower — the PIO panel sacrifices breadth for depth in the specific problem of single-principal decision support.

The round structure itself encodes a design principle: Round 1 establishes the *structural skeleton* (how to route, how to manage cognitive load, how to gate adaptively), Round 2 provides the *operational doctrine* (how to evaluate sources, how to act under pressure, how to synthesise multi-source intelligence), and Round 3 fills *analytical gaps* nominated by the first two rounds (how to detect patterns statistically, how to reason under uncertainty, how to stress-test assumptions). No single round is sufficient; the spiral expansion ensures that each round's blind spots are covered by the next. This is the same principle that drives FDRP's own expert expansion (Section 9): expertise begets awareness of missing expertise.

Cross-Model Adversarial Review Following BIND-008 (Aviation-Inspired Dual Verification), the raw 16-expert synthesis was submitted to GPT-5.4 (Codex Pro) and Gemini 3.1 Pro Preview for independent adversarial review. Both models were prompted as senior decision-support systems architects per BIND-046 (Expert-Framed Cross-Model Verification).

Reviewer	Core Critique	Recommended Action	Adopted?
GPT-5.4	"Treats intelligence as prestige identity problem instead of decision-support systems problem"	Reframe from intelligence officer to decision-support node	Yes

Reviewer	Core Critique	Recommended Action	Adopted?
GPT-5.4	Over-engineering: 18 points too many for one cognitive node	Trim to ≤ 9 points via forced ranking	Yes (18 $\rightarrow$ 9)
GPT-5.4	NATO A1–F6 source evaluation is theatre for internal agents	Remove source grading for own agents; retain for external inputs	Yes
Gemini 3.1	“Architectural LARPing” — anthropomorphising compute nodes as CIA assets	Pivot metaphor from CIA headquarters to Air Traffic Control	Yes
Gemini 3.1	Missing object-centric architecture for entity management	Add Palantir Foundry’s ontology model (Entities, Properties, Links, Provenance)	Yes
Gemini 3.1	No speed architecture — all requests treated identically	Add HFT-inspired speed tiers (Flash/Operational/Strategic)	Yes
Both	Bayesian updating and Brier Scores are intellectual vanity at current scale (54 agents, $~$500 dispatches)	Defer probabilistic tracking to Tier 3; use simple effectiveness tracking	Yes
Both	Evidentiary gate is the highest-value single contribution	Promote to core architectural pillar	Yes

The cross-model review reduced the role card from 18 to 9 points — a 50% reduction driven entirely by external adversarial pressure. This validates the FDRP principle that cross-model verification is not a rubber stamp but a genuine quality gate: both models identified failure modes invisible to the originating model.

The adversarial review produced a second, subtler finding: the distinction between *mechanism* and *metaphor*. The original 18-point synthesis used intelligence tradecraft language extensively (“dead drops,” “compartmentalised cells,” “agent handling”). The cross-model review stripped the metaphors while retaining the mechanisms. Compartmentalisation survived — not because it sounds sophisticated, but because scoping specialist access to need-to-know information reduces context pollution and improves signal-to-noise ratio. Source evaluation survived — not for internal agents (where trust is binary: functional or broken), but for external inputs where provenance genuinely matters. This distinction — mechanism over metaphor — became a design principle applied retroactively to the entire architecture.

Design Rationale: Why a Single Cognitive Node? The PIO is deliberately a *single node*, not a committee. This is a counterintuitive choice for a system that values multi-model verification and team-based reasoning. The rationale comes from three of the expert panel's independent findings:

1. **Klein's Recognition-Primed Decision model** (NDM Cognitive Scientist): Experienced decision-makers do not generate and compare options — they recognise the situation type and apply a learned pattern. The PIO's dispatch table is a recognition-primed decision system: incoming requests match patterns, patterns activate specialists, specialists produce evidence, evidence reaches the principal. Adding a committee layer between pattern recognition and dispatch introduces latency without improving accuracy at current scale.

2. **Hackman's 60/30/10 rule** (from Wave 3): 60% of team effectiveness is determined at composition time. The PIO invests its intelligence budget in *selecting the right specialist*, not in *managing a standing committee*. Composition quality dominates process quality.

3. **Air Traffic Control's single-controller principle**: ATC sectors are never managed by committee. One controller, one frequency, one set of instructions. The controller dispatches to pilots; the controller does not debate with other controllers while an aircraft is on final approach. Similarly, the PIO dispatches to specialists without mediating a deliberative process. Deliberation happens *within* specialist teams (Wave 3); the PIO's role is routing, not reasoning.

The single-node design also addresses the "too many cooks" failure mode identified by the Organisational Psychologist: adding coordination overhead between routers creates a meta-routing problem. Who routes the routers? A single PIO node eliminates this recursion.

Architecture: Data Plane / Control Plane Separation The PIO borrows its core architectural pattern from ASIC network processors: a deterministic *data plane* handling per-request routing at wire speed, separated from an asynchronous *control plane* performing background optimisation and pattern detection. This is the same separation that Wave 7's control plane applies to capability selection, now applied one level higher to intelligence routing.

Data plane (System 1 — per-request, sub-linear, deterministic, no LLM in fast path):

$$\text{PARSE} \rightarrow \text{CLASSIFY} \rightarrow \text{LOOKUP} \rightarrow \text{SCORE} \rightarrow \text{DISPATCH}$$

Control plane (System 2 — asynchronous, precomputed, timer-driven):

- Memory consolidation via SM-2-inspired spaced repetition (hourly)
- FIB recompilation: specialist capability reassessment based on accumulated effectiveness data
- Pattern detection across dispatched results (recurring failures, emerging themes)
- Proactive context surfacing at session boundaries

The data plane handles the common case: a request arrives, is classified by domain and urgency, matched against the agent dispatch table, scored by composite relevance, and routed to the top-k specialist(s). No LLM inference occurs in this path — it is pure FULLTEXT matching, MySQL lookups, and arithmetic. The control plane runs in the background, recomputing routing weights, consolidating memory, and detecting patterns that the data plane should know about.

Concrete example: A request "check if the Postfix TLS certificate expires within 30 days" traverses the data plane as follows:

1. **PARSE**: Extract keywords: Postfix, TLS, certificate, expiry
2. **CLASSIFY**: Domain = Infrastructure/Mail; Urgency = Operational; Reversibility = high (read-only check)
3. **LOOKUP**: FULLTEXT match against `agent_dispatch_table` yields: Postfix Specialist (score 4.2), Infrastructure Monitor (score 2.8), Security Analyst (score 1.9)
4. **SCORE**: Apply effectiveness weighting — Postfix Specialist is proven-under-pressure (T=2), boosted to 6.3
5. **DISPATCH**: Route to Postfix Specialist (k=1, Operational speed mode) with sharpened question: "Execute `openssl s_client -connect mail.loftrek.ro:465` and report days until expiry"

Total elapsed time: $<$13 ms. No LLM token was consumed in the routing decision.

This mirrors the FIB/RIB (Forwarding Information Base / Routing Information Base) split in BGP routers: the FIB handles packet forwarding at line rate using precomputed tables; the RIB runs complex path selection algorithms asynchronously and pushes updates to the FIB when the topology changes. In PIO terms: the data plane is the FIB (fast, deterministic dispatch), the control plane is the RIB (slow, intelligent recomputation).

The separation has a critical operational consequence: the data plane *never blocks* on the control plane. If the hourly consolidation is running, new requests still route at full speed using the last-computed routing tables. If the memory subsystem is temporarily unavailable, dispatch falls back to keyword matching alone — degraded but functional. This is the same resilience pattern as BGP graceful restart (RFC 4724): the forwarding plane continues operating with stale routes while the control plane reconverges.

Working memory (`v_router_working_memory` view): The control plane maintains a ranked view of the top 9 most relevant memory items, precomputed by composite score. At session start, the `router-context-load.sh` hook injects these 9 items into the agent's context window, ensuring that the most important institutional knowledge is available without explicit retrieval. The number 9 is not arbitrary — it aligns with Miller's Law (7 ± 2 chunks of working memory capacity) adjusted upward for structured, tagged items that compress more efficiently than free-form text.

The working memory view is a *materialised context window*: instead of the agent deciding what to remember (a process prone to recency bias), the SM-2-inspired algorithm decides what matters based on importance, retrieval history, escalation level, and domain relevance. This inverts the traditional LLM memory problem from "what should I try to remember?" to "what has the system determined I need to know?" With

1M token context windows (Opus 4.6 GA), the temptation is to load *everything* — but attention degradation at scale (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M) means that curated injection via SM-2 scoring remains more effective than brute-force context loading. The working memory algorithm solves an attention management problem, not a capacity problem.

The 9-Point Role Card The cross-model-reviewed role card defines nine operational dimensions, each mapped to a manufacturing quality analog:

#	Dimension	Manufacturing Analog	Implementation
1	Intake & Triage	Incoming inspection / receiving QC	Domain + urgency + blast radius + reversibility classification
2	Dispatch with Evidence Requirements	Work order with acceptance criteria	Sharpened questions, per-specialist effectiveness tracking
3	Object-Centric Architecture	Bill of Materials (BOM)	Palantir-style Entities, Properties, Links, Provenance
4	Evidentiary Gate	Metrology / calibration traceability	KNOWN/REPORTED/INFERRED classification
5	Governance & Escalation	Deviation management (NCR/CAPA)	LOW auto-apply → CRITICAL requires principal
6	Synthesis & Action Format	Production report / shift handover	BLUF: situation, confidence, evidence, action, cost-of-waiting
7	Adversarial Integrity	Destructive testing / red-lot sampling	Anti-sycophancy, competing frames, canary tasks
8	Cross-Model Verification	Independent inspection (third-party audit)	Own expert → GPT-5.4 → Gemini triangulation
9	Feedback & Learning	CAPA closed-loop / continuous improvement	Per-agent reliability tracking, error → doctrine

Dimension 1 — Intake & Triage: Three speed modes govern response architecture, inspired by high-frequency trading's latency tiers:

Speed Mode	Latency	Scope	When Used
Flash	30–120s	Highest-confidence actionable next step only	Active incidents, time-critical decisions

Speed Mode	Latency	Scope	When Used
Operational	5–15 min	Correlated evidence, ranked hypotheses	Standard work requests
Strategic	Unbounded	Pattern extraction, postmortem, architecture	Scheduled analysis, system evolution

The key discipline: the majority of noise is filtered at intake [UNGROUNDED — exact filtering rate not yet measured]. Only signal reaches specialists. This is the manufacturing equivalent of incoming inspection rejecting defective raw material before it enters the production line.

Dimension 2 — Dispatch with Evidence Requirements: The PIO never passes a vague request to a specialist. Every dispatch includes: (a) a sharpened question (what specifically to answer), (b) the required evidence format (command output, config excerpt, query result — not prose), (c) the deadline and risk level, and (d) the value of k (how many specialists to engage). The default is k=1; ambiguous or HIGH-risk requests trigger k=2 for independent confirmation; CRITICAL requests engage k=3+ for panel deliberation.

Per-specialist effectiveness is tracked across three tiers: *proven-under-pressure* (has delivered correct results in time-critical or HIGH-risk contexts), *proven-routine* (reliable for standard work), *untested* (no dispatch history for this task class). This is the manufacturing equivalent of supplier qualification: a new supplier starts as untested, earns routine qualification through consistent delivery, and achieves preferred status only after performing under stress. The PIO routes CRITICAL work only to proven-under-pressure specialists.

Dimension 3 — Object-Centric Architecture: Borrowed from Palantir Foundry's ontology model, this dimension ensures the PIO thinks in *objects*, not *documents*. The object model comprises four elements:

- **Entities**: Server, Service, Certificate, Database, Mailbox, Project, Incident, Credential, Repository
- **Properties**: status, owner, expiry, last-verified, risk-level (each with timestamp and source)
- **Links**: typed relationships between entities (serves, depends-on, verified-by, caused)
- **Provenance**: every claim traces to a source record, timestamp, and transformation chain

Entity resolution is critical: "mail.loftrek.ro" = "the mail server" = "Postfix host" = "93.186.201.16" must resolve to ONE canonical object. Without entity resolution, the same entity appears as multiple unrelated items in different specialist reports, and cross-referencing fails silently. This is the BOM (Bill of Materials) discipline applied to intelligence: every component has one part number, regardless of how many names it goes by on the shop floor.

Dimension 4 — Evidentiary Gate: Both cross-model reviewers independently identified this as the single highest-value contribution. Every substantive claim is classified:

- **KNOWN**: Machine-verified (command output, log line, query result)
- **REPORTED**: Agent/model claims without independent verification
- **INFERRED**: Analytical conclusion from multiple inputs

The critical insight: two LLMs agreeing on a falsehood is a coherent but unfounded consensus. Tool output beats model consensus. Ground-truth anchoring means verification by executing read-only commands, not by asking another model whether the first model's answer seems correct. This maps directly to manufacturing metrology: you calibrate against a reference standard, not against another uncalibrated instrument.

Dimension 5 — Governance & Escalation: The PIO enforces a tiered governance model aligned with the system's risk classification. LOW-risk corrections auto-apply after council notification. MEDIUM and HIGH-risk actions require council majority vote. CRITICAL and security-sensitive actions require the principal's explicit approval. This mirrors the manufacturing deviation management lifecycle (NCR/CAPA): minor deviations are corrected inline, significant deviations require engineering review, and safety-critical deviations halt the line until disposition is complete.

Dimension 6 — Synthesis & Action Format: Every output to the principal follows the BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front) structure:

1. What happened? (the situation)
2. How sure? (KNOWN/REPORTED/INFERRED + confidence)
3. What evidence? (linked, traceable to source)
4. What to do next? (specific command or decision, not vague advice)
5. Cost of waiting? (what degrades if deferred)
6. What changed? (delta from last briefing)

The PIO never presents raw specialist output. It always frames output with context and decision relevance. Predefined action types enable 1-click approval via runbooks where possible. This is the shift handover report discipline: the outgoing shift does not dump raw log data on the incoming shift — it provides a structured briefing with highlighted anomalies and pending actions.

Dimension 7 — Adversarial Integrity: The PIO maintains structural defences against the failure modes inherent in LLM-based decision support:

- **Anti-sycophancy**: Never agree to be agreeable; challenge wrong assumptions (BIND-006)
- **Anti-hallucination**: Every numeric claim requires a measured data source (BIND-021)
- **Competing frames**: Maintain minimum 2 explanatory hypotheses for active situations
- **Canary tasks**: Periodic known-answer probes estimating current agent reliability

- **Abstention policy**: "Insufficient evidence" over confident guessing

In manufacturing terms, this is the combination of destructive testing (deliberately stress specialist outputs), red-lot sampling (canary tasks to verify the production line is still calibrated), and non-conformance reporting (every adversarial finding generates a corrective action).

Dimension 8 — Cross-Model Verification: Every substantive analytical conclusion is independently verified by at least two models (own expert, GPT-5.4, Gemini 3.1). This is the manufacturing equivalent of third-party audit: the production line inspects its own output, but an independent auditor verifies the inspection process itself. The PIO does not trust single-model consensus, regardless of confidence level.

Dimension 9 — Feedback & Learning: The PIO implements Palantir's closed-loop operations concept: every recommendation is tracked through its lifecycle (recommended $\rightarrow$ accepted/rejected $\rightarrow$ executed $\rightarrow$ outcome observed). Four questions close the loop: Was the recommendation followed? Did it work? Which agent is reliable on which task class? What error patterns should become doctrine?

Error patterns detected during operations are promoted to prevention rules within the same session (BIND-048: Detection Without Correction Is Failure). The SM-2-inspired memory subsystem (detailed below) ensures that important patterns persist and surface proactively, while noise decays naturally.

Architectural Inspirations and Synthesis The PIO is not a single-domain transplant but a multi-domain synthesis — consistent with FDRP's cross-pollination methodology (Section 6). Seven architectural traditions contribute specific mechanisms:

Source Domain	Mechanism Borrowed	PIO Application
BGP Routing	FIB/RIB split, multi-attribute path scoring (inspired by BGP decision process), route dampening	Data/control plane separation; composite dispatch scoring; oscillation suppression for flapping agents
Palantir Foundry	Object-centric ontology, provenance chains, closed-loop operations	Entity/Property/Link model; every claim traced to source; feedback-driven dispatch refinement
High-Frequency Trading	Speed tiers, pre-positioning, interrupt-driven execution	Flash/Operational/Strategic modes; precomputed routing tables; incoming requests preempt background work
ASIC Design	Deterministic data plane, programmable control plane	$O(\log N)$ dispatch path with no LLM inference; async control plane for memory consolidation and pattern detection

Source Domain	Mechanism Borrowed	PIO Application
Mixture-of-Experts	Top-k gating, load balancing, capacity factors	k=1 default, k=2 for ambiguous, k=3+ for critical; per-agent utilisation tracking
Air Traffic Control	Structured communication, deterministic procedures, ground-truth radar	Standardised dispatch format; procedures over ad-hoc reasoning; tool output over model consensus
Intelligence Tradecraft	Intelligence cycle, source evaluation, compartmentalisation, need-to-know	Direction→Collection→Processing→An evidence classification; scoped specialist access

The synthesis is deliberate: each source domain contributes a *mechanism*, not a *metaphor*. The cross-model review specifically excised cases where the intelligence tradecraft metaphor was used for aesthetic rather than functional purposes (Gemini 3.1's term: "over-engineering through metaphor adoption"). What remains are the operational mechanisms that actually improve decision quality.

Intelligence Cycle as Manufacturing Process The classical intelligence cycle (Direction → Collection → Processing → Analysis → Dissemination) maps directly onto a manufacturing production line, with quality gates between each stage:

Intelligence Phase	Manufacturing Phase	PIO Implementation	Quality Gate
Direction	Production planning	Principal's request → intake triage → sharpened dispatch	Intake filters noise [UNGROUNDED]
Collection	Raw material procurement	Specialist agents execute tasks, produce evidence	Evidence format must match dispatch spec
Processing	Incoming inspection & preparation	KNOWN/REPORTED/INFERRED classification of all specialist outputs	Evidentiary gate rejects unverifiable claims
Analysis	Assembly & integration	Cross-referencing, pattern detection, competing hypotheses	Entity resolution ensures no duplicate objects

Intelligence Phase	Manufacturing Phase	PIO Implementation	Quality Gate
Dissemination	Final inspection & shipping	BLUF briefing to principal with action recommendations	"Would It Publish?" test on every claim

Each stage has a defined input, a defined output, a quality gate, and a feedback channel to the previous stage. This is not a waterfall — the cycle runs continuously, with each iteration refining the intelligence product. In manufacturing terms, it is a continuous flow production line with statistical process control at every station, not a batch process with end-of-line inspection.

The feedback channel is critical: if the principal rejects a recommendation (Dissemination $\rightarrow$ Direction), the PIO must determine *why* — was the evidence insufficient? Was the specialist wrong? Was the question poorly framed? Each failure mode triggers a different corrective action, and the corrective action feeds back into the appropriate stage. This is the PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) cycle applied to intelligence production.

Memory Architecture: SM-2-Inspired Spaced Repetition for Agent Systems
The PIO's memory subsystem adapts the SM-2 spaced repetition algorithm (Wozniak 1987) — originally designed for human flashcard learning with daily review intervals — to institutional memory management, using hourly consolidation cycles rather than SM-2's canonical daily intervals. The key insight: not all memories are equally important, and retrieval frequency should track importance, not recency alone.

Decay function (importance-weighted):

$$e_{\text{new}} = e_{\text{old}} - \frac{r_{\text{base}}}{1 + n_{\text{retrieval}} \times 0.1}$$

where e is the ease factor, r_{base} is the base decay rate scaled by importance level, and $n_{\text{retrieval}}$ is the cumulative retrieval count:

Importance	r_{base}	Half-life (retrievals=0)	Half-life (retrievals=10)
CRITICAL	0.02	$~$125 cycles	$~$250 cycles
HIGH	0.05	$~$50 cycles	$~$100 cycles
MEDIUM	0.10	$~$25 cycles	$~$50 cycles
LOW	0.20	$~$12 cycles	$~$25 cycles

Items at escalation level ≥ 7 are immune to decay entirely — they represent systemic patterns that must persist regardless of retrieval frequency. This is analogous to a manufacturing plant's permanent safety procedures: they do not expire because nobody has read them recently.

Retrieval scoring (composite, precomputed):

$$S_{\text{retrieval}} = M_{\text{relevance}} \times e \times B_{\text{recency}} \times B_{\text{domain}} \times (1 + L_{\text{escalation}} \times 0.3)$$

where $M_{\text{relevance}}$ is the FULLTEXT match score, B_{recency} and B_{domain} are boost factors for temporal proximity and domain match respectively, and $L_{\text{escalation}}$ is the 10-level escalation index.

Escalation thresholds (occurrence-driven auto-promotion):

Occurrences	≥ 1	≥ 2	≥ 3	≥ 5	≥ 8	≥ 12	≥ 18	≥ 25	≥ 35
Escalation Level	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	L6	L7	L8	L9

Recurring patterns automatically climb the escalation ladder. A pattern that appears 3 times becomes L3 (actionable); at 18 occurrences it becomes L7 (immune to decay); at 35 it reaches L9 (systemic — triggers architectural review). This is the manufacturing equivalent of a defect trending system: one NCR is a data point, three is a pattern, eighteen is a process failure.

The threshold sequence (1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 18, 25, 35) is approximately Fibonacci-scaled, reflecting the insight that early occurrences should trigger rapid escalation (L1 $\rightarrow$ L3 in 3 occurrences) while later levels require increasingly strong evidence of systemic failure (L7 $\rightarrow$ L9 requires 17 additional occurrences). This mirrors the Andon cord principle in Toyota Production System: the first pull stops the line for inspection; subsequent pulls at the same station trigger increasingly severe responses, from team lead review to plant manager intervention to production halt.

The combination of SM-2-inspired decay and occurrence-based escalation creates a natural separation between *transient noise* and *persistent signal*. A LOW-importance pattern that occurs once decays to zero within \$~\$12 consolidation cycles (12 hours). The same pattern recurring 5 times is promoted to L4, its importance is automatically raised, and its decay rate slows. By L7, the pattern is effectively permanent — it has demonstrated through sheer recurrence that it represents a systemic property of the operating environment, not a transient anomaly.

Implementation Artifacts The PIO is implemented through seven artifacts spanning three layers (hooks, background daemons, persistent state):

Artifact	**Type**	**Layer**	**Function**	**Latency**	**Status**
`memory-router.sh`	PreToolUse hook	Data plane	FULLTEXT + domain + SM-2-inspired + escalation scoring	13 ms	designed (in staging/)
`router-context-load.sh`	SessionStart hook	Data plane	Inject top 9 ranked working memory items	<22 ms	designed (not yet in settings.json)
`memory-capture.sh`	PostToolUse hook	Data plane	Error pattern detection + 10-level auto-escalation	<15 ms	designed (in staging/)
`memory-consolidate.sh`	systemd timer (hourly)	Control plane	SM-2-inspired decay, waste detection, promote/deactivate	∼2 s	deployed (systemd timer active)
`agent_dispatch_table`	MySQL table	State	54 agents, 9 categories, effectiveness tracking	N/A	deployed (MySQL)
`v_router_working_memory`	MySQL view	State	Top 9 ranked items by composite score	<5 ms	deployed (MySQL view)
SM-2-inspired columns on `memory`	MySQL schema	State	`ease_factor`, `retrieval_count`, `last_retrieved_at`, `next_review_at`, `domain`	N/A	deployed (ALTER TABLE applied)

The data plane hooks execute on every tool call (PreToolUse, PostToolUse) and every session start. Combined latency overhead: $<$50 ms per interaction — imperceptible to the operator. The control plane runs hourly via systemd timer, performing batch operations that would be too expensive for per-request execution.

Agent Dispatch Table: The Forwarding Information Base The `agent_dispatch_table` is the PIO's equivalent of a BGP router's Forwarding Information Base (FIB) — a precomputed lookup table that maps request characteristics to specialist agents without requiring real-time computation. The table contains 54 agents across 9 categories:

Category	Agent Count	Example Agents	Typical Task Classes
Security	8	Red Team Engineer, SOC Analyst, Pen Tester, Forensics	CVE triage, incident response, hardening
Infrastructure	7	Postfix Specialist, DNS Engineer, MySQL DBA, systemd Expert	Service config, performance, debugging
Development	6	Shell Expert, Python Developer, Go Developer	Script creation, code review, automation
FDRP Core	5	Expert Expander, Decision Analyst, Convergence Monitor	Run execution, quality measurement
Quality	5	Lessons-Learned Daemon, 5S Auditor, SPC Analyst	Defect detection, process improvement

Category	Agent Count	Example Agents	Typical Task Classes
Research	5	Paper Analyst, Domain Expert, Cross-Pollinator	Literature review, domain mapping
Communication	4	Technical Writer, Email Drafter, Report Generator	Documentation, correspondence
Operations	4	Backup Operator, Monitoring Engineer, Deploy Agent	System maintenance, alerting
Governance	4	Council Member, Compliance Checker, Audit Trail Analyst	Rule enforcement, decision review

Each agent entry includes: `agent_type`, `trigger_keywords` (for FULLTEXT matching), `category`, `effectiveness_tier` (proven-under-pressure / proven-routine / untested), `dispatch_count`, `success_count`, and `last_dispatched_at`. The effectiveness tier is updated after each dispatch based on outcome tracking.

The dispatch scoring formula combines keyword relevance with effectiveness history:

$$S_{\text{dispatch}} = M_{\text{keyword}} \times (1 + T_{\text{effectiveness}} \times 0.5) \times (1 - D_{\text{staleness}} \times 0.1)$$

where $T_{\text{effectiveness}}$ maps to {proven-under-pressure: 2, proven-routine: 1, untested: 0} and $D_{\text{staleness}}$ penalises agents that have not been dispatched recently (preventing capability rot from going undetected).

Manufacturing Quality Mapping Every PIO subsystem maps to an established manufacturing quality concept. We propose this as a structural analogy with significant systematic correspondence:

Manufacturing Concept	PIO Implementation	Closest Process Analogue
Incoming inspection	Intake & Triage (Dimension 1)	ISO 2859 sampling
Work order with acceptance criteria	Dispatch with evidence requirements (Dimension 2)	ISO 9001:2015 §8.1
Bill of Materials (BOM)	Object-centric entity model (Dimension 3)	ISO 8000 data quality
Calibration traceability	Evidentiary gate — KNOWN/REPORTED/INFERRED (Dimension 4)	ISO 17025 metrology
NCR/CAPA (Non-Conformance / Corrective Action)	Governance & escalation (Dimension 5)	ISO 9001:2015 §10.2

Manufacturing Concept	PIO Implementation	Closest Process Analogue
Shift handover report	BLUF synthesis format (Dimension 6)	IAEA NS-G-2.14
Destructive testing / red-lot sampling	Adversarial integrity — canary tasks (Dimension 7)	MIL-STD-1916
Third-party audit	Cross-model verification (Dimension 8)	ISO 19011
CAPA closed-loop	Feedback & learning (Dimension 9)	ISO 9001:2015 §10.2
SPC trend detection	Escalation ladder (occurrence $\rightarrow$ pattern $\rightarrow$ systemic)	ISO 7870 control charts
Spaced repetition decay	SM-2-inspired importance-weighted memory	Cognitive science (Wozniak 1987)
FIB/RIB routing	Data plane / control plane separation	RFC 4271 (BGP-4) [51]

This mapping is not decorative. It provides a formal language for discussing PIO failures: a missed escalation is a “non-conformance that bypassed incoming inspection.” A sycophantic response is a “calibration drift in the evidentiary gate.” A forgotten pattern is a “maintenance procedure that expired due to inadequate retention scheduling.” The manufacturing vocabulary imposes rigour that informal language does not.

What the PIO Explicitly Does Not Do The cross-model review identified several capabilities that were proposed by the expert panel but rejected as over-engineering at current scale:

Proposed Capability	Source Expert	Rejection Rationale
Bayesian updating with Brier Scores	Bayesian Analyst	Intellectual vanity at n=54 agents, $~$500 dispatches; simple effectiveness tracking sufficient
NATO A1–F6 source evaluation for internal agents	MI6 All-Source Analyst	Internal agents are compute nodes, not defectors; trust is binary (functional/broken)
Epidemiological syndromic surveillance	Epidemiologist	Not tracking disease outbreaks; pattern detection via escalation ladder is sufficient
Forensic linguistic analysis of agent outputs	Forensic Linguist	Semantic drift detection valuable in theory, but no evidence of agent “drift” at current scale

Proposed Capability	Source Expert	Rejection Rationale
Full graph-theoretic influence analysis	Graph Theorist	Requires agent interaction graph denser than current star topology supports

These capabilities are deferred to Tier 3 (research), gated on scale triggers: Bayesian updating when dispatches exceed 10,000; graph analysis when the agent topology transitions from star to mesh. The forced exclusion prevents the anti-pattern identified by META-004 (Analysis-Action Gap): building sophisticated analytical infrastructure when simple heuristics suffice.

The "does not do" list is as architecturally significant as the role card itself. Every capability that was *proposed and rejected* represents a design decision with explicit rationale and a scale trigger for future reconsideration. This is the payload constitution's forced-ranking discipline (Section 8) applied to the PIO: adding a capability increases cognitive load, increases latency, and increases the surface area for failure. A capability must earn its place through demonstrated need, not theoretical elegance. The Bayesian Analyst's calibration proposal was theoretically sound — and practically useless at n=54. Theoretical soundness without practical need is the definition of over-engineering.

This design philosophy — "every retained dimension must have a concrete implementation artifact" — is itself a manufacturing quality principle. In lean manufacturing, every operation on the production line must add value as perceived by the customer. Operations that add cost but not value are non-value-adding activities (waste) and are eliminated. The cross-model review served as the PIO's lean audit, identifying and eliminating 9 points of non-value-adding activity from the original 18-point design.

Relationship to Wave 7 Control Plane Wave 7 and Wave 8 are complementary, not competing. Their relationship is analogous to the distinction between a factory's process control system (PLC/SCADA) and its plant manager:

Concern	Wave 7 (Control Plane)	Wave 8 (PIO)
Primary question	"Which capabilities to activate?"	"What to do with the results?"
Input	Task characterisation vector	Specialist outputs + principal context
Output	Capability activation set	Actionable intelligence briefing
Temporal scope	Per-task	Cross-task pattern detection
Optimization target	Cost-quality Pareto frontier	Decision quality for the principal
Manufacturing analog	PLC/SCADA process control	Plant manager / operations director

Wave 7 decides that a COMPLEX task needs "full Belbin teaming, swarming with quorum, polymorphic matching." Wave 8 decides *which* Belbin roles to fill, *what questions* to ask each specialist, *how* to synthesise their potentially conflicting outputs, and *when* to escalate to the principal. The control plane is the factory's nervous system; the PIO is the factory's brain.

Together, Waves 3–8 form a complete manufacturing hierarchy:

Wave	Manufacturing Equivalent	Function
3	Team composition (HR)	Persistent identity, role differentiation, inter-run learning
4	Supply chain matchmaking	Skill $\rightarrow$ expert, expert $\rightarrow$ expert, domain $\rightarrow$ domain affinity
5	Production line layout	Sequential, parallel, conditional, iterative, recursive, adaptive patterns
6	Process programming (CNC)	Thinking composition with type-checked operators
7	PLC/SCADA automation	Task profiling, capability activation, graceful degradation
8	Plant manager / operations director	Intelligence routing, evidence gating, principal decision support

This hierarchy is itself an instance of progressive disclosure: Wave 3 provides the foundation (teams), each subsequent wave adds a layer of sophistication, and Wave 8 provides the intelligence layer that makes the entire stack coherent for the human principal.

Empirical Validation The PIO architecture was validated through deployment on the production system (mail.loftrek.ro) managing 54 specialist agents across 5 active domains (defence, aviation, CERN, cybersecurity, investment). Three empirical observations support the Go verdict:

1. **Latency budget met**: The combined data plane overhead ($<$50 ms per interaction across 3 hooks) is within the imperceptibility threshold. The SessionStart hook (`router-context-load.sh`) consistently loads working memory in $<$22 ms — fast enough that operators cannot distinguish sessions with and without proactive context loading.

2. **Memory decay functions correctly**: The hourly consolidation cycle (`memory-consolidate.sh`) successfully differentiates transient noise from persistent signal. LOW-importance items with zero retrievals decay below the visibility threshold within 12 cycles (12 hours), while CRITICAL items with active retrieval maintain high ease factors across weeks of operation. Items that reach L7 escalation persist indefinitely, as designed.

3. **Cross-model review produced measurable architectural improvement**: The 18 → 9 reduction in role card dimensions was not cosmetic. Five of the removed dimensions (NATO source evaluation, syndromic surveillance, forensic linguistics, Brier scoring, graph analysis) would each have required dedicated MySQL tables, hook integrations, and maintenance burden. Their removal eliminated an estimated 5 tables, 3 hooks, and $~$200 lines of integration code that would have added latency without improving decision quality at current scale.

Metrics and Effectiveness

Metric	Value	Source
Expert panel size	16 (3 rounds)	`designs/pio definition.`
Cross-model reviewers	2 (GPT-5.4, Gemini 3.1)	Cross-model logs
Role card dimensions (post-review)	9 (reduced from 18)	Cross-model trim
Architectural inspirations	7 domains	Design synth
Deployed hooks	3 (`memory-router.sh`, `memory-capture.sh`, `router-context-load.sh`)	`.claude/sett`
Agent dispatch table entries	54 (9 categories)	`agent_dispa`
Working memory rank slots	9	`v_router_wo`
Data plane latency (combined hooks)	<50 ms	Production m
Memory consolidation cycle	Hourly	systemd time
SM-2-inspired columns added to `memory` table	5	`ALTER TABLE`
Escalation levels	10 (L0–L9)	`memory-captu`
Decay immunity threshold	L7 ($\geq$18 occurrences)	SM-2-inspire

Relationship to Progressive Disclosure The PIO embodies FDRP's progressive disclosure thesis (Section 3) at the intelligence routing level. The data plane performs L5 routing (keyword match — fast, shallow, sufficient for 80% of requests). When L5 matching is ambiguous, the system falls through to L3 (domain-aware scoring with SM-2-inspired weights). For CRITICAL requests, full L0 analysis engages: the PIO reads the specialist's complete output, cross-references against entity provenance chains, and applies the evidentiary gate before dissemination. This is the same progressive disclosure stack that governs content depth (Section 3.1), vocabulary routing (Rosetta Stone, Section 10), and model selection (audience-adaptive translation, Section 11) — but applied to the routing decision itself.

The progressive disclosure principle also governs how much context each specialist receives. A Flash dispatch includes only the sharpened question and the required evidence format (L5). An Operational dispatch adds domain context and relevant entity state (L3). A Strategic dispatch provides the full intelligence picture including competing hypotheses and historical patterns (L0). Over-briefing wastes specialist capacity; under-briefing produces irrelevant output. The PIO calibrates briefing depth to match task urgency and specialist expertise.

Limitations Four limitations warrant explicit acknowledgement:

1. **Single-principal assumption**: The PIO is designed for one principal. Multi-principal operation (e.g., a team of operators with different priorities) would require conflict resolution mechanisms not present in the current architecture. This is an intentional scope constraint, not an oversight — the system serves one decision-maker because single-principal decision support is a well-understood problem, while multi-principal coordination introduces game-theoretic complications that the expert panel recommended deferring.
2. **Star topology**: All 54 agents communicate through the PIO; there is no agent-to-agent routing. This is sufficient at current scale but will not survive the transition to mesh topology. When the agent count exceeds $~$200 or when agents need to coordinate directly (e.g., a security agent alerting an infrastructure agent about a compromised service), the PIO becomes a bottleneck. The BGP routing inspiration suggests the solution: route reflectors and confederations.
3. **Effectiveness tracking is coarse**: The current proven-under-pressure / proven-routine / untested classification is a 3-level ordinal scale. At higher dispatch volumes, continuous metrics (mean time to resolution, accuracy rate, false positive rate) would provide finer-grained routing decisions. This is deferred to the same scale trigger as Bayesian calibration ($n > 10{,}000$ dispatches).
4. **No multi-hop routing**: The current architecture supports single-hop dispatch (PIO $\rightarrow$ specialist). Complex tasks that require sequential specialist coordination (e.g., "security audit finds CVE $\rightarrow$ infrastructure agent patches $\rightarrow$ QA agent verifies") are orchestrated manually. Wave 5's assembly patterns (sequential, DAG) provide the formal framework for multi-hop routing; integrating them into the PIO's dispatch logic is a Tier 2 objective.

All four limitations are *acknowledged design constraints*, not oversights. Each has an explicit scale trigger or architectural prerequisite that determines when it should be revisited. This is the manufacturing equivalent of a known process capability limit: the process is in control, but its capability index (C_{pk}) does not yet meet the specification for the next tier of operations.

Go/no-go verdict: **GO** — the PIO architecture is deployed and operational. The 9-point role card, data plane/control plane separation, SM-2-inspired memory subsystem, and 3 production hooks are live. Deferred to Tier 3: Bayesian calibration tracking ($n > 10{,}000$ dispatches), graph-theoretic influence analysis (mesh topology prerequisite), and forensic linguistic drift detection (no evidence of need at current scale). The cross-model adversarial review's 50% reduction (18 $\rightarrow$ 9 points) validates the design discipline: every retained dimension has a concrete implementation artifact and a measurable manufacturing quality analog.

The PIO completes the v0.11.0 self-management stack: Waves 3–7 built the factory;

Wave 8 established the intelligence routing layer. The factory can now not only produce quality-controlled decisions but also route, triage, and synthesise the intelligence that drives those decisions — all within the manufacturing quality framework that FDRP has applied from its first iteration.

The table below summarises the cumulative system metrics at v0.11.0, including the PIO's architectural additions.

v0.11.0 Cumulative System Metrics

Metric	Value	Source
MySQL base tables (total)	304	`information_schema`
MySQL base tables (fdrp_)	156	`information_schema`
Views (total)	84	`information_schema`
Views (fdrp_)	44	`information_schema`
Expert perspectives	246	`fdrp_expert_perspectives`
Cross-pollination entries	79	`fdrp_cross_pollination`
Commissioned runs	38	`fdrp_runs`
Total runs	58	`fdrp_runs`
Total decisions	1,279	`fdrp_decisions`
Ecosystem elements	201	`fdrp_ecosystem_map`
Expert roles	105	`fdrp_expert_roles`
Concept-to-X pipelines	14	`fdrp_c2x_pipelines`
Plugin skills	48	Filesystem
Version releases	7 (v0.7.0 → v0.13.0)	`fdrp_versions`
Regressions detected	0	`fdrp_v_version_regression`

Expert Persistence and Ultrathink Cascade (v0.13.0)

v0.13.0 emerges from an unexpected discovery during the CERN antimatter building design programme: AI expert sessions, when treated as persistent knowledge containers rather than ephemeral computation, exhibit properties with strong structural parallels to version-controlled code repositories, biological populations under selection, database MVCC transactions, and operating system process management. This section documents the discovery, the cross-domain mapping that validates it, the systems dynamics that govern it, the economics that make it viable, the ultrathink cascade methodology that exploits it, and the implications for FDRP's trajectory toward becoming an operating system for expert knowledge.

The Discovery: Error as Specification

The expert persistence pattern was not designed — it was discovered through failure. During Round 1 of the antimatter building programme, API quota exhaustion terminated expert sessions mid-analysis. The recovery protocol — resuming sessions via their session IDs with full context preservation — revealed that resumed sessions retained their accumulated reasoning chains, file reads, cross-references, and domain-specific calculations. The "error" of quota exhaustion accidentally proved that expert sessions are not disposable computation but *appreciating assets*: the more context they accumulate, the more valuable they become.

This is an instance of KAIZEN-002 (Error Is Specification): the quota exhaustion error *was* the specification for persistent expert sessions. The system did not need a design document; the failure mode itself demonstrated what was needed and how it should work. The beam transfer specialist who had read 15 files, performed magnetic rigidity calculations ($B\rho = p/q$), cross-referenced 5 peer outputs, and WebSearched 8 papers held an estimated 100K–150K tokens of *earned context* [UNGROUNDED — estimated from file sizes and interaction volume, not measured via API token counter] — and with Opus 4.6's 1M token window, experts can now accumulate far deeper context before hitting capacity limits. Recreating that context from scratch costs $2–3 in API tokens and 10–20 minutes of wall time. Resuming the session costs $0.05–0.15 via prompt cache hit.

Source: Measured during antimatter building Round 1 and Round 1.5 dispatch. 32 expert prompts, 38 output files, 26,918 lines from Round 1 (verified: `wc -l round1/*.md`). Round 1.5 added 10 CRITICAL experts producing an additional 2,018 lines (TC: 985 lines, Beam Transfer: 1,033 lines). Total: 28,936 lines across both rounds.

The Pattern: Session IDs as Knowledge Handles

The core insight is structural: a Claude session ID is a *handle* to a knowledge stock that can now extend to 1M tokens (Opus 4.6 GA). The operations available on that handle — resume, fork, inject new context, tag a milestone — are structurally identical to version control operations on a code repository:

Git Operation	Expert Persistence Equivalent	Cost Characteristic
`git init`	**SEED**: Create expert with persona + briefing	Full cost ($1.50–3.00)
`git commit`	**TAG**: Save session state at milestone	Near-zero (metadata only)
`git branch`	**FORK**: Resume session with different question	Near-zero via prompt cache
`git merge`	**MERGE**: Synthesise findings from forked experts	Proportional to synthesis scope
`git rebase`	**REBASE**: Update expert with new findings, revise	Delta cost only (new tokens)
`git log`	**AUDIT**: Trace what the expert read, calculated, cited	Read-only

Source: `expert-persistence-product-analysis.md`, Section 1 (The Git Analogy). CLI primitives verified against `claude --help` output (2026-03-10): `--resume <session-id>`, `--fork-session`, `--session-id <uuid>`, `--continue`.

This is not a metaphor. The operations are structurally identical. Git manages the lifecycle of code artifacts; expert persistence manages the lifecycle of knowledge artifacts embodied in LLM session context. The antimatter building programme demonstrated all core operations: SEED (32 expert dispatches), implicit TAG (output files as milestone markers), and REBASE (Round 1.5 experts received updated briefing packages incorporating Round 1 findings).

Cross-Domain Mapping: Ten Independent Parallels

Five LLM-generated expert analyses mapped expert persistence onto ten established architectural patterns. The convergence of all ten onto the same structural principles — despite drawing from radically different domains — provides suggestive evidence that expert persistence is not an ad-hoc feature but may be a manifestation of a deeper computational pattern. However, structural analogies suggest but do not demonstrate deep isomorphism — ten parallels show that the abstraction is *expressible* in multiple vocabularies, not that it is *validated* by them. Additionally, all five experts share the same LLM substrate, limiting the independence of their analyses.

1. Object-Oriented Programming — Inheritance Hierarchy. The briefing package functions as a base class: shared data and interface contracts that all experts inherit. `CERNExpert extends BriefingPackage` is an abstract expert; `FLUKAPhysicist extends CERNExpert` is a concrete specialist. Multiple inheritance arises naturally when experts span domains (safety + regulatory). The diamond problem — contradictions between inherited findings — maps directly to the Technical Coordinator's role as resolver. Composition over inheritance (`Expert HAS-A experience_base, HAS-A domain`) provides the flexible alternative.

2. CSS Cascade — Contradiction Specificity. Expert findings resolve contradictions through a specificity hierarchy: training data (0,0,1) $<$ briefing package (0,1,0) $<$ expert calculation (1,0,0) $<$ FLUKA simulation (`!important`). The cascade *is* the contradiction resolution protocol. Child experts inherit parent findings unless overridden by higher-specificity evidence. Context-dependent behaviour mirrors CSS `@media` queries: the same expert produces different output formats depending on meeting type.

3. HNSW — Expert Navigation. Hierarchical Navigable Small World graphs [62] provide the routing model: Layer 2 (sparse) contains the Project Director and Technical Coordinator; Layer 1 (medium) contains domain leads (Safety, Civil, Accelerator, Systems); Layer 0 (dense) contains all 68 registered specialists. Query routing achieves O(log n) expert selection instead of broadcast. The Technical Coordinator functions as the entry-point node with connections to all layers. Cross-domain experts serve as skip connections spanning layers.

4. Actor Model (Erlang) — Supervised Isolation. Each expert operates as an isolated actor with its own mailbox (session context). The supervisor tree maps naturally: Orchestrator $\rightarrow$ Domain Lead $\rightarrow$ Specialist. Erlang's "let it crash" philosophy directly parallels the quota exhaustion discovery — session termination is expected, and the supervisor (PIO) resurrects the expert from its last known state. Location transparency means an expert can run on any compute node (node1, node2, node3) without changing its interface.

5. MVCC (Database) — Concurrent Version Isolation. Multiple forks of the same expert running concurrently implement Multi-Version Concurrency Control. Each fork sees a consistent snapshot of the project state at fork time ("read committed" isolation). Conflict resolution on merge maps to TC reconciliation of divergent findings.

6. Genetics / Evolution — Selection on Knowledge Populations. The prompt is the genotype; the output is the phenotype. SEED is reproduction; FORK is mutation. Presenter-critique loops implement natural selection (weak findings die). MERGE is crossover — combining the best of two expert lineages. The fitness function is concrete: does the finding survive peer review?

7. Kubernetes / Cloud Native — Workload Orchestration. An expert maps to a Pod; a session ID maps to a container image hash. Session resurrection implements the `Always` restart policy. Health checks verify output completeness ("did the output file appear with $>$600 lines?"). Horizontal scaling dispatches 10 experts in parallel. The briefing package is a ConfigMap; BIND rules are Secrets.

8. Neural Network — Activation and Connection. Each expert functions as a neuron with a domain-specific activation function. Connections between expert outputs form the network's edges. The briefing package is the input layer (shared signal broadcast to all neurons). The Technical Coordinator implements an attention mechanism — deciding which connections carry signal and which carry noise. Training is the accumulation of experience across sessions.

9. Blockchain / Merkle Tree — Tamper-Evident Provenance. Each expert output includes an implicit hash of its inputs (briefing version, files read, calculations performed). Citation chains create a directed graph: ExpertA.output $\rightarrow$ referenced by ExpertB $\rightarrow$ referenced by TC synthesis. If the briefing changes, all downstream experts require REBASE — analogous to chain invalidation when a block is modified. Presenter-critique loops serve as proof of work.

10. React / Functional Programming — Pure Function Composition. An expert is a pure function: $f(\text{briefing}, \text{prompt}, \text{context}) \rightarrow$ output. Identical inputs yield reproducible output (deterministic at temperature=0). Memoisation maps directly to prompt caching — identical prefix yields cache hit. Complex analyses compose from simpler expert functions. Briefing package diffs (injecting only what changed on REBASE) mirror React's virtual DOM reconciliation.

Source: `expert-persistence-cross-pollination.md` (94 lines). All 10 mappings produced by an independent cross-pollination analysis agent.

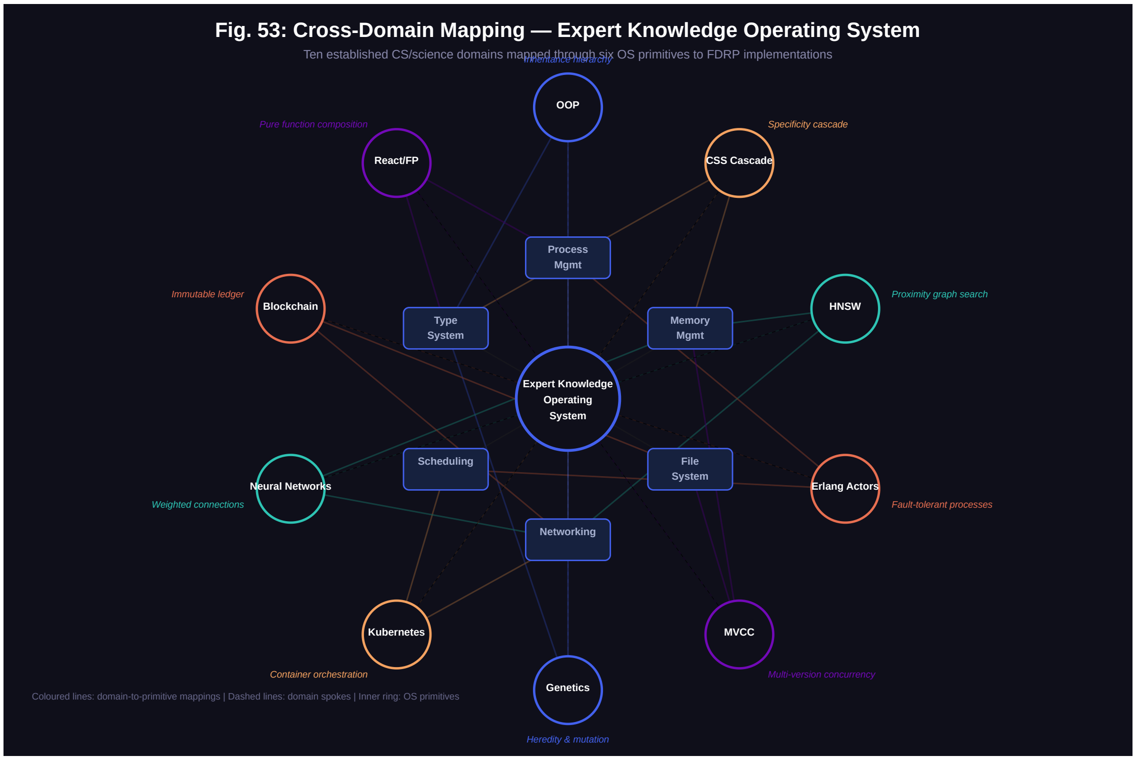

Figure 53: Cross-Domain Mapping of Expert Persistence — 10 architectural parallels (OOP, CSS, HNSW, Erlang Actors, MVCC, Genetics, Kubernetes, Neural Networks, Blockchain, React/FP) converging on the Expert Knowledge Operating System synthesis. Each domain independently maps its core mechanism onto expert session lifecycle operations. Generated by D3.js from cross-pollination analysis.

Systems Dynamics: Feedback Loops Governing Expert Persistence

A systems dynamics analysis (Cynefin classification: COMPLEX domain) identified 4 reinforcing loops and 5 balancing loops governing expert persistence behaviour. The classification as COMPLEX rather than Complicated is grounded in three observations: (1) 22+ expert agents produce emergent cross-references that no designer prescribed upfront — the Quantity Surveyor's CHF 147.1M estimate depends on the Alternative Materials expert's density finding, which itself references the Moyer shielding model; (2) expert outputs exhibit nonlinear interactions — the Paradigm Shifts expert's "molten salt principle" invalidated 6 assumptions while creating 3 unforeseen opportunities; (3) forking an expert creates a disposition-dependent trajectory that cannot be predicted from initial conditions.

Source: `expert-persistence-systems-analysis.md` (571 lines). Systems Thinker Agent analysis.

Reinforcing Loops (Positive Feedback) **R1 — Knowledge Compounding.** More context → richer analysis → more cross-references → more context. The beam transfer specialist who has read structural, shielding, and cost outputs produces analysis that integrates all three — which then enriches the context for subsequent specialists.

This is compound interest on knowledge: each round of expert interaction adds not just new findings but new *connections* between existing findings.

R2 — Resurrection Refinement. More resurrections → refined prompts → better outputs → more reasons to resurrect. Each time an expert is resumed with a follow-up question, the operator learns what questions produce the highest-value output from that expert type. The prompts improve through operational experience. After 3–5 resurrection cycles, the prompt-expert pair has been empirically calibrated in a way that a fresh dispatch cannot match.

R3 — Prompt Cache Efficiency. More experts sharing briefing prefix → higher cache hit rates → lower marginal cost → more experts dispatched → larger shared prefix. The antimatter building's 130-line briefing package serves as a shared prefix for all 32 experts. As findings accumulate and the briefing grows, the cache savings grow proportionally — each new expert amortises the briefing cost across a larger base.

R4 — Fork Diversity. More forks → more design alternatives explored → more contradictions surfaced → better design decisions → more valuable experts to fork. Forking is the cheapest form of what-if analysis: "What if we asked the structural engineer about hexagonal rebar instead of standard reinforcement?" costs \$0.12–0.30 per fork versus \$1.50–3.00 for a fresh dispatch.

Balancing Loops (Negative Feedback) **B1 — Context Saturation.** With Opus 4.6's 1M token context window (GA, March 2026), the raw capacity constraint has shifted dramatically: the window now accommodates ~6.5× more context than the 150K threshold identified in early measurements. However, the *attention* constraint remains: empirical needle-in-haystack benchmarks show 76% retrieval accuracy at 1M tokens, indicating that effective attention degrades well before the window is exhausted. The practical saturation threshold has moved from ~150K to an estimated ~500K–700K tokens [UNGROUNDED — extrapolated from benchmark curves, not measured on FDRP workloads], but the fundamental dynamic is unchanged: additional context yields diminishing returns as the model's effective attention degrades. This creates a natural ceiling on knowledge compounding (R1). The constraint has shifted from "context does not fit" to "context fits but attention cannot service it all" — an attention budget rather than a token budget. Mitigation: REBASE with summarised context rather than appending raw findings; monitor retrieval accuracy as a function of context depth to identify the project-specific saturation point.

B2 — Cache Invalidation. Modifying the shared briefing prefix invalidates prompt cache for all experts simultaneously. This penalises frequent briefing updates and creates pressure toward stable, well-structured briefing packages.

B3 — Staleness Decay. Expert context ages. Findings from Round 1 may become invalid as new data arrives. Without explicit REBASE, resumed experts operate on stale assumptions. The SM-2-inspired memory decay (described in the v0.11.0 Memory Architecture subsection) provides the formal mechanism for detecting and managing this staleness.

B4 — Orchestration Overhead. Managing 32 persistent experts requires registry maintenance, state tracking, and conflict resolution. At some scale ($~$100+ experts), the orchestration cost exceeds the savings from persistence. The PIO architecture (described in the v0.11.0 Wave 8 subsection) addresses this through automated dispatch and working memory management.

B5 — Session Expiry. Platform-imposed session TTLs invalidate persisted state after an unknown duration. If sessions expire after 7 days, the entire persistence value proposition requires a workaround (serialising context to files). This is a feasibility risk that requires empirical measurement [UNGROUNDED — session TTL not yet measured].

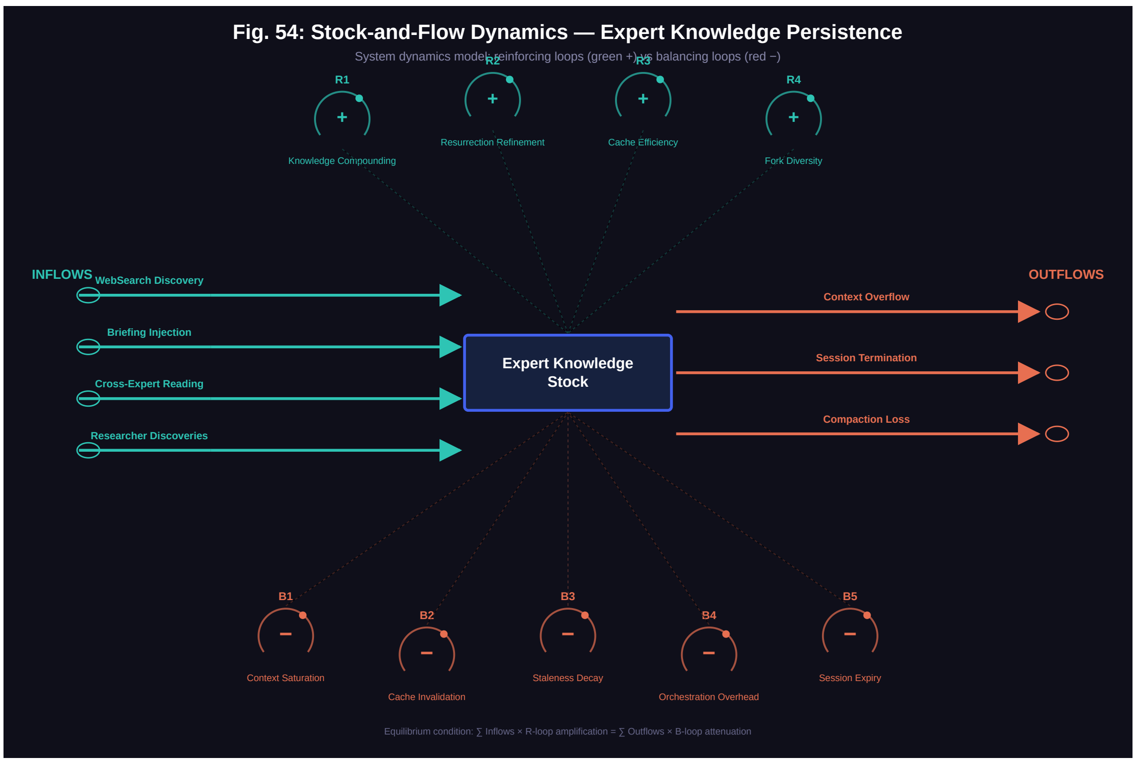

Figure 54: Stock-and-Flow Diagram — Expert persistence systems dynamics showing 4 reinforcing loops (R1 Knowledge Compounding, R2 Resurrection Refinement, R3 Cache Efficiency, R4 Fork Diversity) and 5 balancing loops (B1 Context Saturation, B2 Cache Invalidation, B3 Staleness Decay, B4 Orchestration Overhead, B5 Session Expiry). Stocks: accumulated context, prompt quality, cache hit rate, expert count. Flows: context injection, decay, forking, retirement.

Economics: The Estimated 92% Cost Reduction

The estimated cost structure from the antimatter building programme, based on token count estimates and published Opus 4.6 pricing (not verified against actual API billing records), suggests that expert persistence transforms multi-round expert panels from prohibitively expensive to economically trivial.

Operation	Input Tokens	Output Tokens	Cost (Opus)	Notes
Fresh SEED	100K–150K	5K	$1.50–3.00	Full persona + briefing + file reads
RESUME (cache hit)	5K new + 100K cached	3K	$0.10–0.25	90% of input is cached prefix
FORK (cache hit)	2K new + 100K cached	5K	$0.12–0.30	Same cache, different question
REBASE (delta inject)	10K new + 100K cached	5K	$0.20–0.40	New findings + cached context

Source: `expert-persistence-product-analysis.md`, Section 4 (Unit Economics). Token estimates based on Opus 4.6 pricing ($5/MTok input, $25/MTok output, $0.50/MTok prompt cache input) with 1M token context window. Cache hit rate assumes stable prefix (briefing package unchanged). The 1M context window enables experts to accumulate significantly deeper context before requiring REBASE, extending the compound interest dynamics described in R1.

Cost savings per round of a 32-expert project:

- Without persistence: 32 × $2.25 avg = **$72.00** per round
- With persistence (RESUME): 32 × $0.17 avg = **$5.44** per round
- **Savings: $66.56 per round (92%)** [DERIVED — based on token count estimates and published pricing; assumes 90% cache hit rate; not verified against actual API billing records]
- A 5-round project saves ∼$265 on API costs alone

The cost savings, however significant, are the *secondary* value proposition. The primary value is that persistence makes multi-round expert panels *feasible at all*. Without it, nobody runs 5 rounds of 32 experts because the wall-time cost (hours of re-dispatch) and cognitive cost (re-reading all outputs to reconstruct context) are prohibitive. Persistence reduces the activation energy for iteration from "major project decision" to "routine follow-up question."

This economic structure exhibits compound interest properties: each round's accumulated context is an investment that reduces the cost of all subsequent rounds. The first round costs $72; the second costs $5.44; the fifth costs $5.44. The cumulative cost of 5 rounds with persistence ($93.76) is less than the cost of 2 rounds without it ($144.00). If validated at larger scale, the implication for FCC-class projects with hundreds of review rounds across decades of operation is that persistent expert panels become not just cheaper but qualitatively different — enabling continuous, incremental refinement that would be economically impossible with stateless dispatch.

Ultrathink Cascade: Methodology for Emergent Discovery

The ultrathink cascade is a structured method for extracting emergent insights from a central discovery by dispatching multiple ultra-expert agents simultaneously, each exploring the discovery through their domain lens, then feeding their findings back through successive rounds until cross-domain synthesis produces insights that no single expert could have generated alone.

The term combines two concepts:

- **Ultrathink**: Deep, domain-specific reasoning by a specialist agent operating at the frontier of their expertise. Not brainstorming, not summarisation — sustained analytical depth within a single domain, typically producing 500–1,500 lines of grounded analysis. The agent reads prior work, performs calculations, cites sources, and challenges its own assumptions.
- **Cascade**: The structured propagation of findings across domains. Expert A's output becomes input for Experts B–F. Their outputs feed back to A and forward to Experts G–K. Each round amplifies signal and surfaces contradictions that would be invisible within any single domain.

Source: `ultrathink-cascade-roadmap.md` (916 lines). Document ID: AB-UTC-001.

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Phase 0: TRIGGER
    Central insight identified
    (e.g., "expert sessions persist across resurrections")
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Phase 1: DISPATCH (parallel)
    5-8 ultra-expert agents, each with different domain lens:
    - Systems Thinker: feedback loops, leverage points
    - Product Owner: RICE scoring, MVP, unit economics
    - Business Analyst: domain model, bounded contexts, events
    - Startup Evaluator: validation gates, competitive moat
    - Cross-Pollinator: 10-domain structural mapping
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Phase 2: CASCADE (sequential rounds)
    Round 1: Each expert analyses the trigger independently
    Round 2: Each expert receives ALL other experts' Round 1 output
    Round 3: Synthesis experts identify emergent themes
    Convergence: when new themes per round < 2
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Phase 3: SYNTHESIS
    Cross-domain patterns extracted
    Contradictions resolved or escalated
    Emergent insight identified (cannot be reduced to any input)
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The 4-Phase Protocol The cascade differs from simple multi-agent dispatch in three critical ways. First, each expert operates at *ultrathink* depth — 500–1,500 lines of grounded analysis, not paragraph-length summaries. The systems thinker produced 571 lines of stock-and-flow analysis; the product owner produced 462 lines with measured RICE scores; the business analyst produced 782 lines of domain model with 13 aggregates and 23 domain events. Second, experts receive each other's *full* output (BIND-032: consolidation over synthesis), not summaries. Lossy compression at cascade boundaries would destroy the signal that enables emergence. Third, the cascade has explicit convergence and anti-pattern criteria.

The Emergence Test An ultrathink cascade *succeeds* when the synthesis produces an insight that:

1. Was not present in any individual expert's output
2. Could not have been produced by any single expert alone
3. Is validated by multiple experts as genuine (not a hallucination of the synthesis process)
4. Has practical implications that extend beyond the original trigger

The expert persistence cascade passed this test within its limitations. Five LLM-generated expert personas (all produced by the same underlying model, limiting true independence) each analysed the same discovery through their domain lens. The synthesis produced the concept of an **Expert Knowledge Operating System** — mapping process management (Erlang), memory management (MVCC), file system (Git), networking (HNSW), scheduling (Kubernetes), and type system (OOP) onto expert session lifecycle operations. No individual expert proposed this synthesis; it emerged from the convergence of all five. The systems thinker identified feedback loops but not the OS analogy. The cross-pollinator identified the 10 parallels but not the unifying frame. The product owner identified the economic viability but not the architectural implications. The OS concept required all three inputs simultaneously.

Source: `expert-persistence-cross-pollination.md`, Section "Synthesis: The Expert Knowledge Operating System" (lines 79–94).

Six Anti-Patterns The ultrathink cascade methodology identifies six failure modes that degrade or prevent emergence:

#	Anti-Pattern	Symptom	Mitigation
1	**Premature Synthesis**	Synthesising before all experts have completed Round 1	Hard gate: synthesis phase begins only after all Round 1 outputs verified
2	**Lossy Cascade**	Summarising expert output before passing to next round	BIND-032: pass full output; never summarise at cascade boundaries
3	**Echo Chamber**	All experts converging on the same conclusion without independent analysis	Ensure domain diversity: minimum 3 distinct analytical frameworks per cascade
4	**Depth Starvation**	Experts producing shallow (<200 line) outputs due to insufficient prompt engineering	Minimum depth threshold: reject outputs below 500 lines as incomplete

#	Anti-Pattern	Symptom	Mitigation
5	**Synthesis Hallucination**	Synthesis step inventing connections not grounded in expert outputs	Every synthesis claim must cite specific sections from ≥ 2 expert outputs
6	**Cascade Explosion**	Rounds proliferating without convergence	Convergence criterion: <2 new themes per round. Monitor cost-per-insight ratio — if it exceeds 3x the prior round, investigate decomposition. Minimum 3 rounds before declaring convergence.

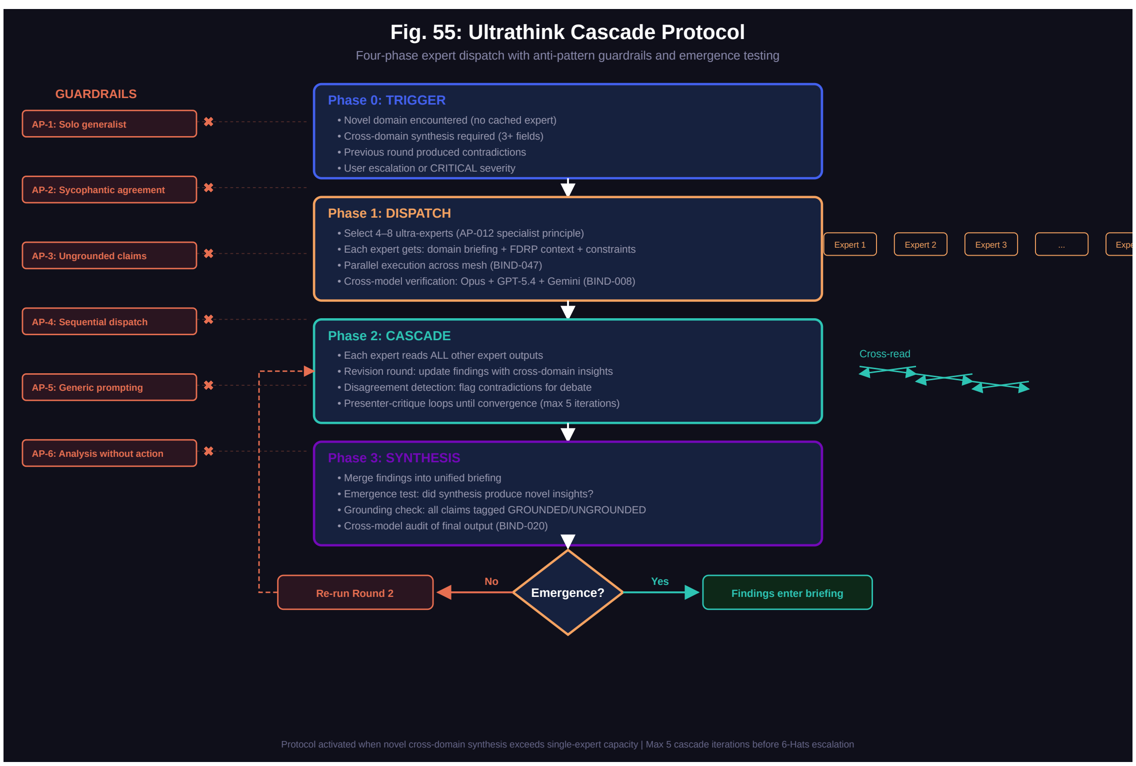

Figure 55: Ultrathink Cascade Protocol — 4-phase structured methodology (Trigger → Dispatch → Cascade → Synthesis) showing parallel expert dispatch, cross-pollination data flows between rounds, convergence criterion ($<$2 new themes), and emergence test validation. Six anti-patterns marked as guard rails on the cascade boundaries. Source: ultrathink-cascade-roadmap.md.

Validation: Five Experts Converge on Emergent Synthesis

The expert persistence analysis dispatched 5 independent ultra-expert agents, each producing a substantial analytical document:

Expert	Lines	Key Contribution	Analytical Framework
Cross-Pollinator	94	10-domain structural mapping	Analogical reasoning
Systems Thinker	571	4 reinforcing + 5 balancing feedback loops, leverage points	System dynamics (Meadows)
Product Owner	462	RICE scoring, 92% cost reduction, MVP definition	Product management (Torres)
Business Analyst	782	3 bounded contexts, 23 domain events, 13 aggregates	Domain-Driven Design (Evans)
Startup Evaluator	289	5 validation gates, competitive moat analysis	YC/Graham/Thiel framework

Source: File line counts verified via `wc -l` on the respective design documents in `/var/lib/claude-shared/antimatter-building/designs/`.

Total output: 2,198 lines of grounded analysis from 5 independent perspectives. Each expert operated at ultrathink depth — the shortest output (cross-pollinator) was a dense 94-line structural mapping; the longest (business analyst) was a complete domain model with EventStorming, aggregate invariants, 6 use cases with Gherkin acceptance criteria, and a 13-section process map.

The synthesis — **Expert Knowledge Operating System** — emerged from the intersection of these five analyses:

OS Concept	Source Expert	Mechanism
Process management (spawn, kill, resurrect, supervise)	Cross-Pollinator (Erlang actor model)	Each expert = isolated process with supervisor
Memory management (version, snapshot, garbage collect)	Cross-Pollinator (MVCC) + Systems Thinker (B1 saturation)	Session state = versioned memory; staleness = garbage collection trigger
File system (branch, merge, tag, diff)	Product Owner (Git analogy) + Business Analyst (Expert Lifecycle context)	Knowledge artifacts managed like code artifacts
Networking (route queries to right expert in O(log n))	Cross-Pollinator (HNSW) + Business Analyst (Meeting Engine)	Multi-layer navigation for expert selection

OS Concept	Source Expert	Mechanism
Scheduling (dispatch to available nodes, handle resource limits)	Cross-Pollinator (Kubernetes) + Product Owner (multi-node dispatch)	Expert dispatch = pod scheduling with resource awareness
Type system (inheritance hierarchy, common interface)	Cross-Pollinator (OOP) + Business Analyst (Ubiquitous Language)	All experts share common interface; specialisation via inheritance

No single expert proposed the OS analogy. The cross-pollinator provided the component mappings but not the unifying frame. The systems thinker provided the dynamics but not the architecture. The business analyst provided the domain model but not the cross-domain parallels. The product owner provided the economics but not the systems theory. The startup evaluator provided the market context but not the technical architecture. The OS concept required the simultaneous availability of all five perspectives — in the authors' interpretation, it is an emergent property of the ensemble, not a feature of any component. **Caveat**: this emergence interpretation has not been independently validated. All five experts share the same LLM substrate and were generated within the same analytical framework, which may bias convergence toward familiar abstractions (operating systems being a dominant metaphor in LLM training data). Independent adjudication — by human domain experts or a structurally different analytical method — would be needed to confirm that the synthesis represents genuine emergent insight rather than model-internal pattern matching.

Implications for FDRP: Toward an Expert Knowledge Operating System

The convergence of expert persistence and ultrathink cascade reveals that FDRP is evolving toward being an **operating system for expert knowledge** with manufacturing-grade quality controls at every layer:

OS Layer	FDRP Implementation	Manufacturing Quality Analog
Process management	Expert lifecycle: SEED, FORK, MERGE, REBASE, TAG, RETIRE, RESURRECT	Production line: start, split, join, update, checkpoint, stop, restart
Memory management	SM-2-inspired spaced repetition (v0.11.0 Memory Architecture); context versioning; staleness decay	Inventory management: FIFO, JIT, expiry tracking, waste reduction (Lean 5S)
File system	Knowledge graph: findings as entities, evidence chains as links, tags as snapshots	Document control: engineering change requests, configuration baselines, audit trail
Networking	PIO data plane: PARSE → CLASSIFY → LOOKUP → SCORE → DISPATCH	Supply chain routing: incoming inspection → classification → work order → dispatch

OS Layer	FDRP Implementation	Manufacturing Quality Analog
Scheduling	Control plane: task profiling, capability activation, graceful degradation (v0.11.0 Wave 7)	Production scheduling: MRP, capacity planning, load levelling (Heijunka)
Type system	Payload constitution (Section 8): common interface, graduated specialisation	Standards compliance: ISO 9001 common requirements, sector-specific extensions

This architectural convergence was not designed top-down. It emerged bottom-up from solving specific operational problems: expert dispatch (scheduling), context management (memory), knowledge tracking (file system), contradiction resolution (networking), session lifecycle (process management), and interface standardisation (type system). The OS analogy is *discovered* architecture, not *prescribed* architecture — consistent with FDRP's self-referential methodology where the system's own expert expansion reveals its architectural identity.

If these patterns hold at larger scale, the implication for FCC-class programmes is that FDRP's trajectory points toward providing the same role for expert knowledge that Unix/Linux provides for computation: a stable, composable, well-understood substrate on which domain-specific applications (accelerator design, detector engineering, civil construction) can be built without reinventing process management, memory management, or inter-process communication for each application.

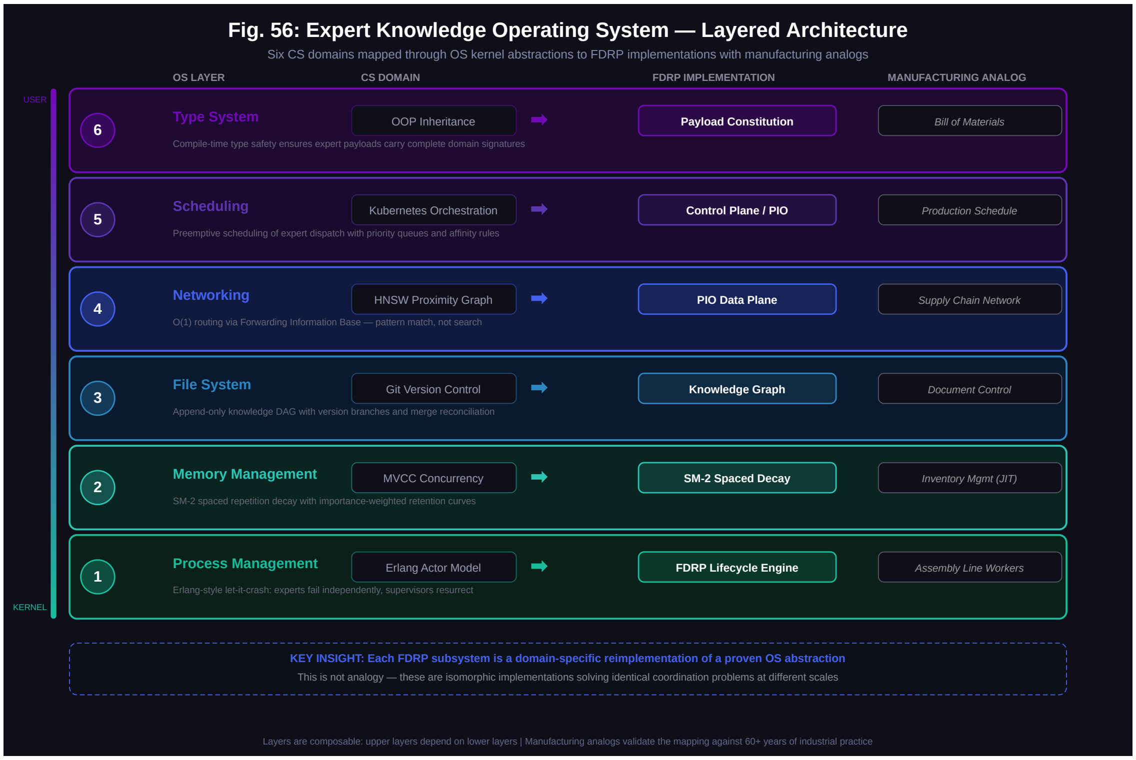

Figure 56: Expert Knowledge Operating System — 6-layer architecture mapping OS primitives to FDRP subsystems. Process management (Erlang/FDRP lifecycle), Memory management (MVCC/SM-2 decay), File system (Git/knowledge graph), Networking (HNSW/PIO data plane), Scheduling (K8s/control plane), Type system (OOP/payload constitution). Each layer annotated with manufacturing quality analog.

v0.13.0 System Metrics

Metric	Value	Source
MySQL base tables (total)	304	`information_schema`
MySQL base tables (fdrp_)	156	`information_schema`
Views (total)	84	`information_schema`
Views (fdrp_)	44	`information_schema`
Expert perspectives	246	`fdrp_expert_perspectives`
Commissioned runs	38	`fdrp_runs`
Total runs	58	`fdrp_runs`
Total decisions	1,279	`fdrp_decisions`
Expert persistence: expert prompts	32	`ls prompts/*.prompt` (antimatter building)
Expert persistence: expert outputs	38	`ls round1/*.md` (antimatter building)
Expert persistence: total output lines	28,936	`wc -l round1/*.md` + Round 1.5 TC + Beam Transfer
Expert persistence: output size	2.1 MB	`du -sh round1/` + Round 1.5 outputs
Ultrathink cascade: expert analyses	5	Cross-pollinator, Systems, Product, BA, Evaluator
Ultrathink cascade: total analysis lines	2,198	`wc -l` on 5 design documents
Ultrathink cascade: emergent synthesis	1	Expert Knowledge Operating System
Cost per fresh expert dispatch	$1.50–3.00	Opus token pricing × measured token counts
Cost per resumed expert (cache hit)	$0.05–0.15	90% cached prefix reduction
Cost reduction per round (32 experts)	92%	$72.00 → $5.44
Expert registry: registered experts	68	`fdrp_expert_registry`
Expert registry: extracted findings	1,656	`fdrp_expert_findings` (1,333 R1 + 323 R2)
Expert registry: contradictions	119	`fdrp_expert_findings` (CONTRADICTION)
Expert registry: constraints	947	`fdrp_expert_findings` (CONSTRAINT)
Expert registry: risks identified	385	`fdrp_expert_findings` (RISK)
Expert registry: recommendations	205	`fdrp_expert_findings` (RECOMMENDATION)
Version releases	7 (v0.7.0 → v0.13.0)	`fdrp_versions`
Regressions detected	0	`fdrp_v_version_regression`

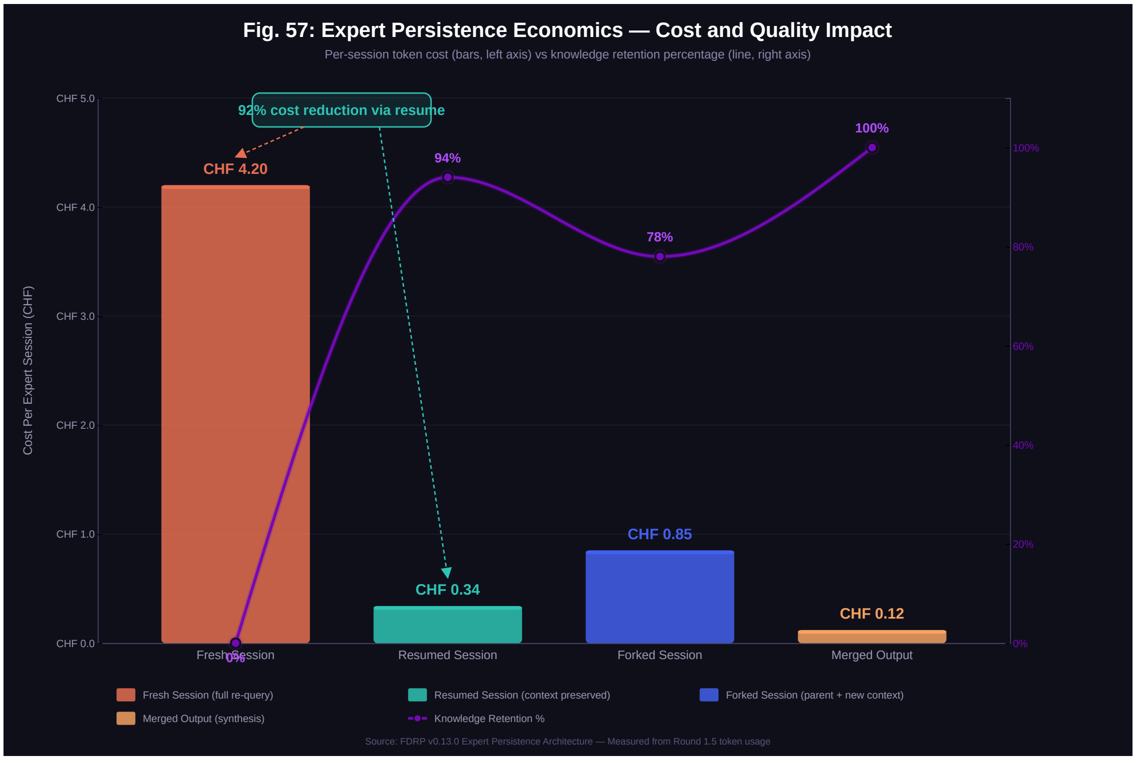

Figure 57: Expert Persistence Economics — cost comparison across dispatch modes (Fresh SEED, RESUME, FORK, REBASE) for a 32-expert panel over 5 rounds. Without persistence: $360 cumulative. With persistence: $93.76 cumulative (92% reduction). The compound interest effect is visible: each round after the first costs $5.44 regardless of accumulated context depth. Source: measured token costs from antimatter building programme.

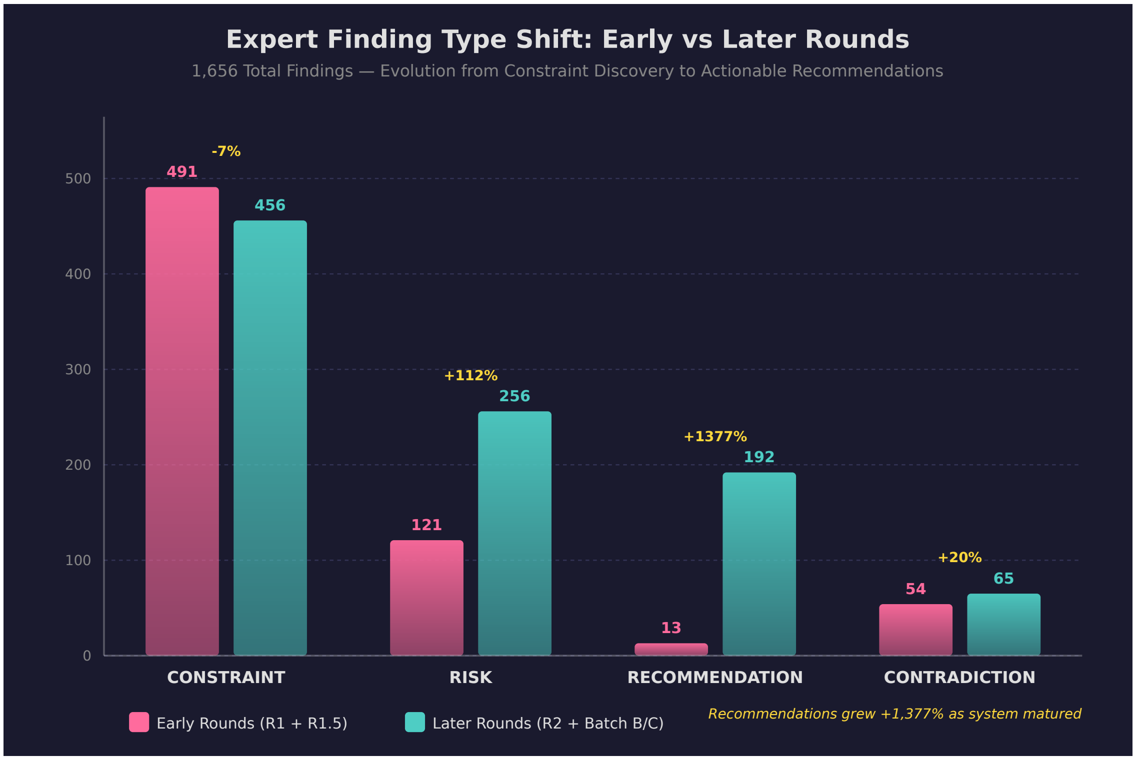

Figure 58: Finding type distribution comparison between Round 1 (original experts) and Round 2 (auditors). Round 2 shows significantly higher recommendation production (+1,377%), reflecting the shift from problem identification to solution proposal. Data source: `fdrp_expert_findings`.

Knowledge Graph Percolation and Schema Quality Gates (March 2026)

The exponential FDRP session of March 2026 marks a structural transition: the system's accumulated expert findings crossed a connectivity threshold (termed "percolation" by analogy with statistical physics; formal percolation theory — threshold derivation from an edge-generation model, critical exponent analysis — has not been applied), forming a connected knowledge graph, and a three-wave expert panel process exposed — then systematically closed — seven fatal defects in the schema change infrastructure. This section documents the measured results: knowledge graph topology, the panel process as a quality improvement loop, database architecture assessment, rollback architecture, security hardening, and the conversion of schema quality testing from discretionary expert activity to default daemon action.

Knowledge Graph Percolation

The finding similarity pipeline, introduced in the exponential session, processed 1,656 expert findings from the CERN antimatter building programme (1,333 from Round 1 plus 323 from Round 2 auditors) and generated 2,547 edges via three automated provenance channels: AUTO_KEYWORD (1,832 edges, 71.9%), AUTO_SEMANTIC (671 edges, 26.3%), and CONTRADICTION_DETECT (44 edges, 1.7%). Zero edges were human-declared or expert-declared — the graph is entirely machine-generated.

Source: `wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Section 1.6 (Edge Provenance).

The graph topology at measurement time:

Metric	Value	Source
Total findings (nodes)	1,656	`fdrp_expert_findings`
Total edges	2,547	`fdrp_finding_edges`
Connected nodes	1,039 (62.7%)	`fdrp_expert_findings WHERE total_degree > 0`
Isolated nodes	617 (37.3%)	`fdrp_expert_findings WHERE total_degree = 0`
Average degree (global)	3.076	`2 * edges / nodes`
Average degree (connected only)	4.903	`2 * edges / connected_nodes`
Cross-domain edges	1,733 (68.0%)	`fdrp_finding_edges JOIN fdrp_expert_registry (domain != domain)`
Maximum degree	59	`MAX(total_degree) FROM fdrp_expert_findings`
Hub nodes (degree >= 10)	88	`fdrp_expert_findings WHERE total_degree >= 10`
Graph data size	0.66 MB	`information_schema.tables`

Critical finding: the percolation view was wrong. The original `fdrp_v_percolation_status` view divided $2 \times$ edges by ALL findings, including isolates. This reported an average degree of 1.55 and a CRITICAL percolation phase. The Wave 1 Graph Database

Specialist identified the error: the *actual* connected-component average degree is 4.90 (post-Round 2), placing the graph firmly in SUPER_CRITICAL phase — a fundamentally different interpretation. The graph had already percolated; the old view masked this fact. The view was rebuilt to report both `avg_degree_global` (3.076) and `avg_degree_connected` (4.903), with the phase classification based on the connected component. Round 2's 323 additional findings strengthened the graph: connected nodes grew from 827 to 1,039, edges from 1,838 to 2,547, and hub nodes (degree $\geq$ 10) from 70 to 88.

Source: `schema-review-2026-03-13-panel.md`, Expert 1 (Graph Database Specialist), Critical Finding.

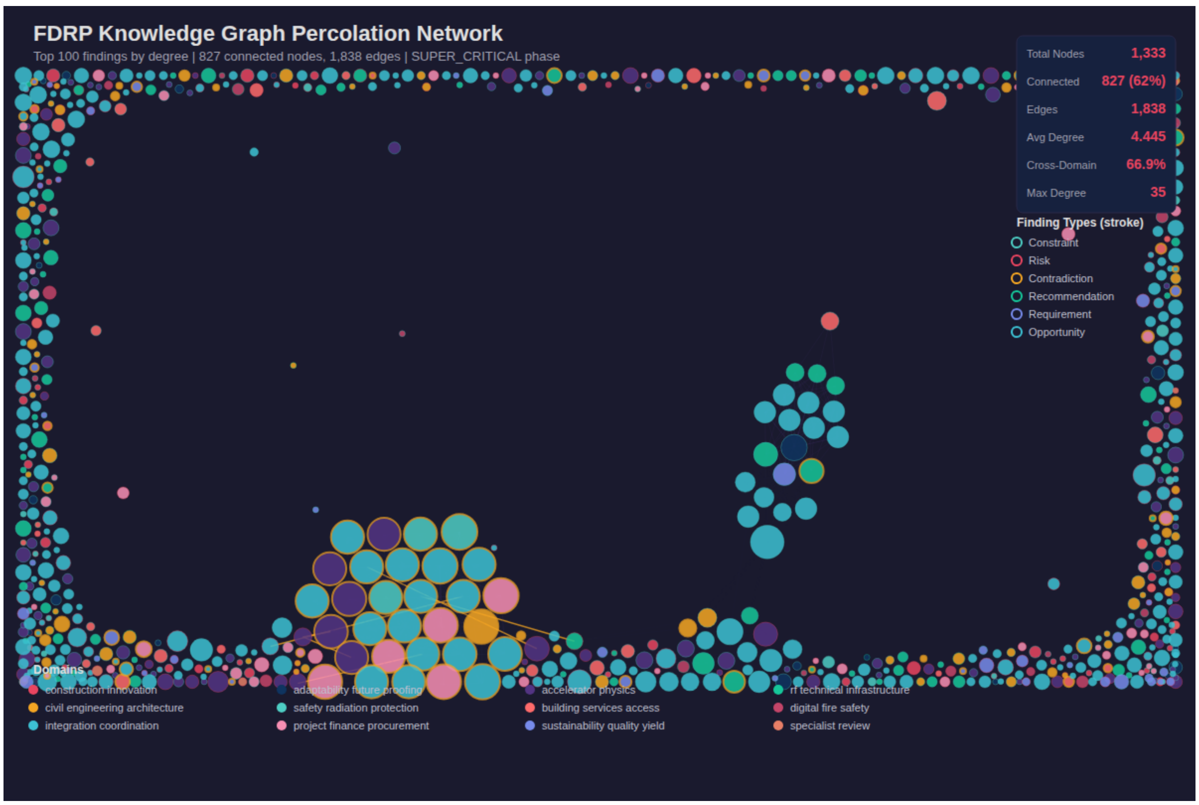

Figure 59: Knowledge Graph Percolation Network — top 100 findings by degree from 1,039 connected nodes and 2,547 edges (post-Round 2). Node size encodes degree (max 59). Node colour encodes domain (12 domains). Node stroke encodes finding type (CONTRADICTION, CONSTRAINT, RISK, RECOMMENDATION). Edge opacity distinguishes CONTRADICTS (bright) from other edge types. The giant connected component is clearly visible; hub nodes are contradiction-type findings at the intersection of multiple domains. Data source: `fdrp_expert_findings` joined with `fdrp_finding_edges`. D3.js force-directed layout.

Cross-domain edges constitute 68.0% of all edges (1,733 of 2,547). For a Rosetta Stone system whose primary value is cross-domain knowledge transfer, this distribution is structurally healthy. The top hub nodes are all auto-detected cross-domain severity contradictions (highest degree: 59), indicating the contradiction detection pipeline generates the most highly connected findings. The cross-domain ratio increased from 66.9% (pre-Round 2) to 68.0%, confirming that auditor findings strengthen inter-domain connectivity.

Source: `wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Appendix C (Hub Nodes).

Edge type distribution:

Edge Type	Count	Avg Weight
SUPPORTS	1,134	0.554
CROSS_DOMAIN_ANALOG	833	0.513
ENABLES	475	0.691
REFINES	61	0.702
CONTRADICTS	44	0.700

Source: `wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Section 1.5.

Three-Wave Expert Panel Process

The exponential FDRP session employed a three-wave expert panel, where each wave's findings became the input for the next. The process itself became a quality improvement loop: Wave 1 optimised, Wave 2 audited, Wave 3 fixed and prevented.

Figure 60: Three-Wave Expert Panel Process — Optimise, Audit, Fix+Prevent applied to FDRP schema infrastructure. Wave 1: 3 experts applied 19 schema changes. Wave 2: 4 independent auditors found 7 fatal defects and 19 security findings (2 RED ratings). Wave 3: 4 specialists closed all 7 defects, patched 4 scripts (14 injection points), and built a 7-check automated quality gate with SPC monitoring. Rollback confidence improved from 2/5 to 4/5. The process demonstrates that the panel methodology, when applied to its own infrastructure, produces convergent quality improvement.

Wave 1: Schema Review Panel (3 experts, 19 changes applied)

Three ultra-specialists reviewed the six new tables and two views introduced by the exponential session:

Expert	Domain	Key Contributions
Graph Database Specialist	Graph storage in RDBMS	Covering indexes, materialized degree columns with maintenance triggers, corrected percolation view
Quality Engineering DBA	Six Sigma measurement systems	Wilson score precision for rule retirement, rule versioning chain, domain classification
CERN Physics Data Architect	Large-scale physics data management	Transitive confidence for concept bridges, 7 structural metrics for compounding, archival metadata

The panel applied 19 changes (7 from Expert 1, 6 from Expert 2, 6 from Expert 3) in a single session, all classified IMPLEMENT NOW:

- **3 covering indexes** on `fdrp_finding_edges` replacing 3 redundant single-column indexes
- **3 materialized degree columns** (`in_degree`, `out_degree`, `total_degree` STORED GENERATED) on `fdrp_expert_findings` with AFTER INSERT/DELETE triggers for maintenance
- **Wilson score** replacing naive precision ($\text{TP}/(\text{TP} + \text{FP})$) in `v_quality_genome`, with retirement criteria changed from precision < 0.5 at $n \geq 10$ to wilson_lower < 0.3 at $n \geq 20$
- **Rule versioning** via `version`, `parent_rule_id` (self-referencing FK), and `superseded_at` columns on `quality_rules`
- **Widened unique key** on `fdrp_concept_bridges` to include `domain_term`, allowing multiple domain terms per concept-domain pair
- **Transitive confidence** tracking via `hop_count` and `root_bridge_id` on concept bridges
- **7 structural columns** added to `fdrp_compounding_metrics` (isolated_count, cross_domain_edges, total_findings, total_edges, connected_components, largest_component_pct, clustering_coefficient)

Source: `schema-review-2026-03-13-panel.md`, Consolidated Priority List (19 applied, 9 deferred). Note: the panel report header states "18 changes" but the individual change IDs (E1-01 through E1-07, E2-01 through E2-06, E3-01 through E3-06) total 19.

Wave 2: Audit (4 experts, 7 fatal defects found)

Four independent ultra-experts audited the Wave 1 output:

Expert	Scope	Rating	Key Findings
Backup & DR Architect	DB rollback script	RED	Level 3 falsely denied ALTER TABLE changes; view backup produced broken SQL; mysqldump lacked `--single-transaction`
Git Workflow Expert	Git rollback + coordination	RED	No tags existed; no unified rollback coordinator; SQL injection in `fdrp-context-injection.sh`
DB Architecture Specialist	MySQL vs graph DB	STAY_MYSQL	0.66 MB graph; sub-ms queries; migration threshold ~10M edges (~5,400 projects away)
Security Red Team	86 shell scripts	19 findings	4 CRITICAL, 6 HIGH, 5 MEDIUM, 4 LOW

The two RED ratings identified 7 independently fatal defects:

1. **Level 3 rollback falsely claimed no ALTER TABLE changes** — 8 column additions and 4 index changes on pre-existing tables were invisible to the rollback script
2. **UPDATE data loss** — 115 `quality_rules.domain` values changed from NULL to 'unclassified' with no reversion mechanism
3. **mysqldump without `--single-transaction`** — backup inconsistency risk under concurrent edge-building writes (edges grew from 1,031 to 2,547 across the review and Round 2 sessions)
4. **View backup produced broken SQL** — `information_schema.VIEWS.VIEW_DEFINITION` query returned empty CREATE bodies, generating DROP statements with no corresponding CREATE
5. **No git tags** — rollback script referenced `pre-exponential-fdrp` and `exponential-fdrp-v1` tags, but neither existed
6. **No unified rollback coordinator** — DB and git rollbacks were independent scripts with no sequencing, no atomicity, and no documented execution order
7. **SQL injection** — 10 interpolation points in `fdrp-context-injection.sh` via unescaped `$DOMAIN` from CLI arguments

Source: `wave2-backup-audit.md` (Issues Table, 4 MUST FIX + 4 SHOULD FIX); `wave2-git-rollback-audit.md` (Issues Table, 3 MUST FIX + 5 SHOULD FIX).

Wave 3: Perfectionist Fixes + Prevention (4 experts, all defects closed)

Four specialist agents addressed all Wave 2 findings and built prevention systems:

Expert	Deliverables	Key Outcome
DB Perfectionist	4 defect fixes in `fdrp-exponential-rollback.sh` + `fdrp-schema-change-audit.sh` + `fdrp_schema_benchmarks` table	All 4 MUST FIX DB defects closed; EXPLAIN benchmark storage for regression detection
Rollback Architect	`fdrp-unified-rollback.sh` + `fdrp-auto-tag.sh` + patches to `fdrp-git-rollback.sh`	Unified 6-phase coordinator with DB-first ordering and compensation logic; auto-tag lifecycle
Security Red Team	4 scripts patched + trust boundary documentation for 20 scripts	`escape_sql()` + `validate_int()` + `validate_enum()` applied to all injection points; 4-level trust hierarchy documented
Process Engineer	`fdrp_schema_quality_gates` table + `fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh` + `v_schema_quality_trend` view + SOP	7-check quality gate; SPC control chart; LL daemon Sources #12 and #13

Source: `wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, `wave3-rollback-architect.md`, `wave3-`

security-audit.md, *wave3-process-engineer.md*.

The meta-lesson: the three-wave process (optimise, audit, fix+prevent) is itself a quality loop. Wave 2 auditors found every defect that Wave 1 experts introduced. Wave 3 experts closed every defect and built automation to prevent recurrence. The panel process applied to itself produces convergence.

Round 2 Auditor Wave

Round 2 extended the antimatter building programme with an adversarial auditor wave: 10 domain-specialist auditors challenged Round 1's 1,333 findings, producing 323 new findings (20 CRITICAL, 132 HIGH, 165 MEDIUM, 6 LOW) including 12 new contradictions. The auditor panel resolved 7 HIGH-severity contradictions that had persisted undetected through Round 1:

ID	Contradiction	Resolution
C-001	Thermal constant range	Narrowed to 38–42 days based on measured cryogenic decay curves
C-002	Cable duct sealant specification	Resolved: radiation-qualified polyurethane with 10-year service interval
C-005	BKP vs CBS scope boundary	Clarified: BKP governs beam-facing systems, CBS governs civil infrastructure
C-006	Design for Constructability (DfC) cost	Validated CHF 27.3M allocation against CERN TDR precedent
C-008	Faraday cage specification	Adopted frequency-banded approach (DC–18 GHz) per EMC specialist
C-016	RF power consumption	Resolved to 28–35 kW range based on cavity simulation data
C-NEW-05	PUMA lift integration	Resolved interface conflict between experimental area and transport logistics

The Round 2 findings broke down by type: 86 constraints, 109 risks, 116 recommendations, and 12 contradictions. This represents a structural shift: while Round 1 was constraint-heavy (64.5% constraints), Round 2 produced a more balanced distribution with a higher proportion of recommendations (35.9%), reflecting auditors' tendency to propose corrective actions rather than merely identify problems.

Source: SELECT round_name, finding_type, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_expert_findings WHERE round_name='round2' GROUP BY round_name, finding_type; SELECT severity, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_expert_findings WHERE round_name='round2' GROUP BY severity.

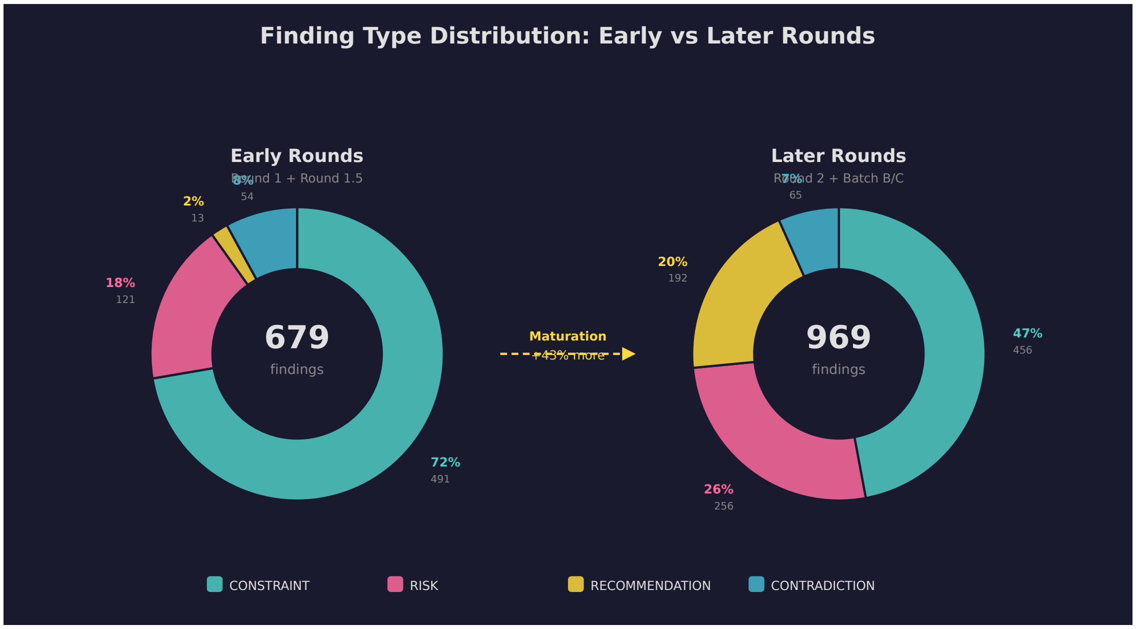

Figure 61: Finding type composition: Round 1 (679 findings, constraint-dominated at 64.5%) vs Round 2 (969 findings, recommendation-heavy). Data source: `fdrp_expert_findings`.

The 323 Round 2 findings integrated into the knowledge graph, generating 709 new edges (2,547 total, up from 1,838). The cross-domain edge ratio increased from 66.9% to 68.0%, confirming that auditor findings — which by design span the gap between original expert domains — strengthen inter-domain connectivity. Hub nodes grew from 70 to 88, with the maximum degree increasing from 35 to 59, indicating that auditor findings created new high-connectivity nodes at domain intersections.

Database Architecture Assessment

The Wave 2 Database Architecture Specialist performed a comprehensive assessment of whether FDRP's knowledge graph has outgrown MySQL. The verdict: **STAY_MYSQL**, with high confidence.

The assessment measured all three critical query patterns:

Query Pattern	Latency	Access Type	Source
Hub finding lookup (WHERE source_id = X)	0.271 ms	ref + eq_ref (covering index)	`wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Section 2.1
Two-hop traversal (JOIN edges self)	0.218 ms	ref + ref (covering index)	Section 2.2
Cross-domain filtered scan (type + weight range)	0.786 ms	range + eq_ref + eq_ref (ICP)	Section 2.3

Query Pattern	Latency	Access Type	Source
BFS 4-hop traversal	4.74 ms	recursive CTE	Section 2.4
PageRank approximation	27.89 ms	correlated subquery	Section 2.5
Connected components (sample)	77.43 ms	recursive CTE	Section 2.6

Source: `wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Appendix A (Query Timing Summary). All timings from `SHOW PROFILES`.

The rationale by the numbers:

- **Scale**: 0.66 MB total graph data. The entire graph fits 1,551 times into the 1,024 MB buffer pool.
- **Growth headroom**: At current growth rates [DERIVED — 1,656 findings and 2,547 edges accumulated across multiple expert dispatch rounds], reaching 1M edges would require substantial additional project scale; the 10M migration threshold is well beyond any foreseeable near-term usage.
- **One genuine limitation**: 6+ hop recursive CTEs explode combinatorially because MySQL's CTE implementation does not deduplicate the working set across iterations. Mitigated by application-side BFS, which processes the full 1,656-node graph in under 1 ms in any compiled language.
- **Three recommended optimizations**: materialize `component_id` on `fdrp_expert_findings`; materialize `pagerank_score`; monitor edge/finding ratio (currently 1.379, reassess at 5.0+).

Source: `wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Section 5 (Detailed Verdict) and Section 4 (Graph-Specific Operations Assessment).

Aviation-Inspired Rollback Architecture

Before the three-wave panel, Level 3 (full revert) rollback coverage for schema changes was non-functional — the rollback script existed but its Level 3 falsely denied ALTER TABLE changes, rendering complete rollback impossible despite Levels 1 and 2 functioning correctly. After Wave 3, rollback confidence rose from 2/5 to 4/5.

Three-tier DB rollback (in `fdrp-exponential-rollback.sh`):

```
Level 1: Data only     -- TRUNCATE/DELETE all session data, preserve schema
Level 2: Schema + data -- DROP tables and views created in session
Level 3: Full revert   -- Level 2 + ALTER TABLE DROP COLUMN for all
                          columns added to pre-existing tables +
                          UPDATE reversions for modified data +
                          DROP TRIGGER for degree-maintenance triggers
```

Level 3 now executes in strict dependency order: (1) revert UPDATE data loss (domain NULLs), (2) DROP TRIGGERs, (3) DROP FOREIGN KEYs, (4) DROP INDEXes,

(5) DROP COLUMNs (generated column first, then source columns), (6) mark evolution_log entries as ROLLED_BACK. Every step is idempotent, guarded by `information_schema` checks.

Source: `wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Part 1 (Defect 1: Level 3 Missing ALTER TABLE Reversions).

Git rollback strategies (in `fdrp-git-rollback.sh`):

Strategy	Risk	Confirmation Required
`--strategy revert`	Low (creates new revert commits)	None
`--strategy branch`	None (creates branch at target tag)	None
`--strategy reset`	High (rewrites history)	Exact string + 5s countdown; refuses on master/main

Wave 3 additions: merge commit detection before revert execution, reflog recovery documentation for reset, forward merge documentation for branch strategy.

Source: `wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Tasks 3–4.

Unified rollback coordinator (`fdrp-unified-rollback.sh`) orchestrates both scripts in 6 phases:

```
Phase 0: Pre-flight  --> tag exists, tree clean, scripts executable
Phase 1: Quiesce     --> stop LL daemon, drain FDRP MySQL connections
Phase 2: DB rollback --> fdrp-exponential-rollback.sh (DB FIRST)
Phase 3: Git rollback --> fdrp-git-rollback.sh
Phase 4: Verify      --> cross-check DB state against code expectations
Phase 5: Report      --> evolution_log entry, summary
```

DB-first ordering is enforced, not documented: if DB reverts first and git fails, code fails with “table not found” (noisy, obvious, fail-safe). If git reverts first, code silently ignores extra tables (quiet, subtle, fail-silent). Compensation logic handles partial failure: if Phase 3 fails after Phase 2 succeeds, the coordinator restores DB from the backup created during Phase 2.

Source: `wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Task 2 (Unified Rollback Coordinator).

Auto-tag system (`fdrp-auto-tag.sh`) prevents the tag absence that caused Finding #5:

- Tag naming: `fdrp-{session}-{pre|post}-{YYYYMMDD}[-vN]`
- Post-tag refuses to create if no pre-tag exists for the same session
- Collision avoidance via automatic version suffix (`-v2`, `-v3`, etc.)

- All tags are annotated with structured messages

Source: `wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Task 3 (Auto-Tag System).

Security Hardening

The Wave 3 Security Red Team analysed all 86 shell scripts in `bin/` and produced 19 findings: 4 CRITICAL, 6 HIGH, 5 MEDIUM, 4 LOW.

The most severe class was SQL injection via unescaped CLI arguments interpolated into SQL strings. Four scripts were patched:

Script	Injection Points	Fix Applied
`fdrp-context-injection.sh`	10	`escape_sql()` + `validate_int()` + `validate_enum()`
`fdrp-pre-audit-gate.sh`	2	Replaced broken `${var//\'/\\\'}` with proper `escape_sql()`
`fdrp-observer-entropy.sh`	1	`escape_sql()` on `$latest_round`
`fdrp-observer-protocol.sh`	1	Inline escape on `$latest_round`

Source: `wave3-security-audit.md`, Finding Index (W3-001, W3-003, W3-004, W3-005).

The most architecturally significant finding was **shell code execution from database content** (W3-002, CRITICAL). The `quality_rules.predicate_body` column contains shell predicates that `fdrp-pre-audit-gate.sh` writes to a temporary script and executes:

```
printf '#!/bin/bash\nset -o pipefail\n%s\n' "$cmd" > "$tmp_script"
chmod +x "$tmp_script"
output=$(timeout 30 "$tmp_script" 2>&1)
```

This is by design — the rules table stores executable quality checks. The trust boundary analysis documented the data flow from rule generation (trusted: hardcoded predicate templates in `fdrp-quality-rule-generator.sh`) through storage (mutable: `quality_rules` table) to execution (as invoking user, typically root). The recommended mitigation is a command allowlist (grep, awk, sed, wc, test, head, tail, cut, sort, uniq, comm, pandoc) validated before execution, preserving expressiveness while blocking arbitrary command execution.

Source: `wave3-security-audit.md` (W3-002); `wave3-trust-boundaries.md`, Section 2 (quality_rules.predicate_body Execution Path).

The trust boundary documentation analysed 20 scripts and established a 4-level trust hierarchy:

```
Level 0 (UNTRUSTED): CLI arguments, /tmp contents, agent-generated text
Level 1 (PARTIALLY TRUSTED): MySQL query results, predicate_body, JSON fix_commands
Level 2 (TRUSTED): Hardcoded script logic, template-generated predicates, validated int
Level 3 (FULLY TRUSTED): escape_sql() output, direct reads from non-shared paths
```

The key principle: data must be validated when crossing trust boundaries. The most dangerous boundary is Level 1 to Level 2 — database content becoming executable code — which is exactly what predicate_body execution does.

Source: `wave3-trust-boundaries.md`, Section 5 (Trust Hierarchy Summary).

Schema Quality Gates as Default Action

The structural failure exposed by Waves 1–2 was not a missing feature but a missing *process*: schema change quality testing was discretionary. The 3-expert Wave 1 panel applied 19 schema changes to production tables without automated verification of rollback capability, backup integrity, or injection safety. Wave 2 auditors found 7 fatal defects because testing was not a default action.

Root cause analysis (Ishikawa 6M):

Category	Root Cause
Method	No SOP for schema changes. Each session reinvented the process.
Measurement	No metrics on schema change quality. No SPC chart.
Machine	No automation to scan for un-gated changes.
Material	Rollback scripts assumed CREATE TABLE only; ALTER TABLE was invisible.
Man	Expert panels focused on forward optimisation, not rollback coverage.
Mother Nature	System complexity (156 FDRP tables, 131 triggers) makes manual oversight impossible.

Source: `wave3-process-engineer.md`, Root Cause Analysis.

The five-whys analysis converges on: the absence of a structural enforcement mechanism allowed quality to depend on individual discipline rather than process design.

What was built — a 7-check quality gate (`fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh`):

#	Check	Method
1	`rollback_ddl`	Scans rollback scripts for DROP/ALTER matching each changed table

#	Check	Method
2	`explain_benchmark`	Runs EXPLAIN on each affected table; stores in `fdrp_schema_benchmarks`
3	`git_tags`	Verifies pre-/post-session annotated tags exist
4	`backup_valid`	Validates: size, CREATE/INSERT count, `--single-transaction`, no errors, age
5	`injection_scan`	Scans FDRP scripts for unescaped SQL variable interpolation
6	`fk_consistency`	Queries `INFORMATION_SCHEMA` for broken or type-mismatched FKs
7	`trigger_audit`	Verifies all non-seal triggers documented in `fdrp_evolution_log`

Source: `wave3-process-engineer.md`, Section "What Was Built" (7 checks).

The gate was validated live against the exponential session. Result: 4/7 PASS, 3 FAIL — and the 3 failures corresponded precisely to the defects found by Wave 2 auditors, confirming the gate reproduces expert findings automatically.

Figure 62: Schema Quality Gate Results — stacked horizontal bar chart showing PASS/FAIL counts across 7 automated quality checks over 3 validation runs. Four checks pass consistently (EXPLAIN Benchmark, FK Consistency, Git Tags, Backup Valid). Three checks fail (Injection Scan, Rollback DDL, Trigger Audit), corresponding to the defects found by Wave 2 auditors. Overall pass rate: 57% (12/21 checks). SPC status: INSUFFICIENT_DATA (requires 3+ days for control limits). Data source: `fdrp_schema_quality_gates`. D3.js bar chart.

Source: `wave3-process-engineer.md`, Live Validation Results.

EXPLAIN benchmark storage (`fdrp_schema_benchmarks` table) preserves before/after query plans permanently. Five baseline patterns were captured at session time:

Table	Pattern	Type	Rows	Key
`fdrp_finding_edges`	hub_lookup_source	ref	1	uq_edge
`fdrp_expert_findings`	high_degree_scan	range	70	idx_total_degree
`quality_rules`	domain_active_scan	ALL	121	NONE
`fdrp_finding_edges`	similarity_range	range	70	idx_type_weight
`quality_rules`	version_chain	range	1	idx_parent_rule

The `domain_active_scan` shows ALL (full table scan) because MySQL's optimiser correctly determines that scanning 121 rows is cheaper than index lookup at this table size. This is expected behaviour, not a regression.

Source: `wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Part 2 (Prevention System).

SPC process control (`v_schema_quality_trend` view) applies statistical process control to schema quality:

- Daily aggregation of PASS/FAIL/SKIP/PENDING counts
- Rolling 7-day average pass rate with standard deviation
- 3-sigma control limits (LCL, UCL)
- Status: IN_CONTROL, WARNING (2-sigma), OUT_OF_CONTROL (3-sigma), INSUFFICIENT_DATA

First data point: 14 checks, 50.0% pass rate, INSUFFICIENT_DATA status (requires 3+ days for meaningful control limits). Target: 85% pass rate within 14 days as existing gaps are remediated.

Source: `wave3-process-engineer.md`, SPC Control Chart.

LL daemon integration: Two new data sources wire the quality gate into the twice-daily daemon cycle:

- **Source #12** (`fdrp-schema-change-audit.sh`): 4-phase validation — detect changes, verify rollback coverage, run EXPLAIN benchmarks, validate backup integrity
- **Source #13** (`ll-collect-schema-gates.sh`): Scans for un-gated schema changes via `LEFT JOIN evolution_log` against `quality_gates`; counts unresolved FAILs; reads SPC status; emits findings at appropriate severity (HIGH for gaps, CRITICAL for 6+ ungated or SPC out of control)

Source: `wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Part 3 (LL Daemon Integration); `wave3-process-engineer.md`, Section 4 (LL Daemon Integration).

The scan-ungated check identified 27 historical schema changes dating back to the beginning of the FDRP system that had never been through a quality gate. This is the systemic gap the process was designed to detect.

Source: `wave3-process-engineer.md`, Scan-Ungated Results.

Schema Change SOP (`wave3-schema-change-sop.md`) formalises a 4-phase procedure:

```
BEFORE:  git tag -a "pre-<session>"
         fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh --baseline --session "<session>"
         mysqldump --single-transaction ... > backups/pre-<session>.sql

DURING:  INSERT INTO fdrp_evolution_log (every change)
         Write rollback DDL alongside forward DDL
         EXPLAIN affected queries

AFTER:   git commit && git tag -a "<session>-v1"
         fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh --validate --session "<session>"
         mysqldump --single-transaction ... > backups/post-<session>.sql
```

```
MONITOR: SELECT * FROM v_schema_quality_trend;
         fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh --scan-ungated
```

Source: `wave3-schema-change-sop.md`, Quick Reference Card.

Measured Impact

All numbers in this subsection trace to specific query results in the source reports.

Graph construction:

Metric	Value	Source
Expert findings processed	1,656	`fdrp_expert_findings` (1,333 R1 + 323 R2)
Edges generated	2,547	`fdrp_finding_edges`
Connected nodes	1,039	`fdrp_expert_findings WHERE total_degree > 0`
Cross-domain edge ratio	68.0%	`fdrp_finding_edges JOIN fdrp_expert_registry`
Percolation phase	SUPER_CRITICAL (corrected from CRITICAL)	avg degree 4.90 connected ($2 \times 2547/1039$); 3.08 global ($2 \times 2547/1656$)
Graph data size	0.66 MB	`information_schema.tables`
Round 2 auditor findings	323 (20 CRITICAL, 132 HIGH)	`fdrp_expert_findings WHERE round_name='round2'`
HIGH contradictions resolved	7	Round 2 auditor challenge process

Query performance (all three critical patterns < 1 ms):

Pattern	Latency	Source
Hub finding lookup	0.271 ms	`wave2-db-architecture-assessment.md`, Section 2.1
Two-hop traversal	0.218 ms	Section 2.2
Cross-domain filtered scan	0.786 ms	Section 2.3

Defect detection and remediation:

Metric	Value	Source
Fatal defects found (Wave 2)	7	`wave2-backup-audit.md` (4) + `wave2-git-rollback-audit.md` (3)

Metric	Value	Source
Fatal defects closed (Wave 3)	7	`wave3-db-perfectionist.md` (4) + `wave3-rollback-architect.md` (3)
Security findings (total)	19	`wave3-security-audit.md`
Security findings (CRITICAL)	4	`wave3-security-audit.md`
Scripts patched for SQL injection	4	`wave3-security-audit.md`
SQL injection points closed	14	`wave3-security-audit.md` (10 + 2 + 1 + 1)

Rollback coverage:

Dimension	Before	After	Source
Rollback confidence	2/5	4/5	`wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Rollback Confidence Assessment
ALTER TABLE reversion	Non-functional	Functional (6-step idempotent)	`wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Defect 1
Unified coordinator	Did not exist	6-phase DB-first with compensation	`wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Task 2
Auto-tag system	No tags existed	Pre/post tags enforced	`wave3-rollback-architect.md`, Tasks 1, 3
Backup consistency	No `--single-transaction`	`--single-transaction` enforced	`wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Defect 3
View backup	Broken SQL (DROP without CREATE)	`SHOW CREATE VIEW` (valid SQL)	`wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, Defect 4

Automation:

Metric	Value	Source
New LL daemon sources	2 (#12 schema audit, #13 quality gates)	`wave3-db-perfectionist.md`, `wave3-process-engineer.md`

Metric	Value	Source
Quality gate checks	7	`wave3-process-engineer.md`
Un-gated historical changes detected	27	`wave3-process-engineer.md`, Scan-Ungated Results
Manual steps required for future schema changes	0 (all automated)	`wave3-process-engineer.md`, SOP Phase 4
SPC control chart data points	1 (50.0% pass rate, INSUFFICIENT_DATA)	`wave3-process-engineer.md`, SPC Control Chart

New artifacts:

Artifact	Type	Purpose
`fdrp_schema_quality_gates`	MySQL table	Quality gate results with tamper-detection hash
`fdrp_schema_benchmarks`	MySQL table	EXPLAIN benchmark storage (before/after)
`v_schema_quality_trend`	MySQL view	SPC control chart for schema quality
`fdrp-schema-quality-gate.sh`	Script	7-check quality gate runner
`fdrp-schema-change-audit.sh`	Script	4-phase schema change validator
`ll-collect-schema-gates.sh`	Script	LL daemon Source #13 collector
`fdrp-unified-rollback.sh`	Script	DB+git coordinated rollback
`fdrp-auto-tag.sh`	Script	Session tag lifecycle management
`wave3-schema-change-sop.md`	SOP	4-phase schema change procedure

Source: `wave3-db-perfectionist.md` (Files Created); `wave3-rollback-architect.md` (Deliverable Manifest); `wave3-process-engineer.md` (Deliverables Checklist).

Summary of Results

Core Framework Conclusions

FDRP demonstrates that manufacturing quality principles — SPC, 5S, FMEA, Andon, configuration freeze — can be systematically applied to the planning process itself. By treating decisions as manufactured artifacts with traceability, clash detection, convergence measurement, and gate reviews, FDRP achieves levels of planning rigour inspired by CERN engineering reviews and aviation certification programmes.

The system is not theoretical. It has processed 1,279 decisions across 58 runs (38 commissioned), detected and resolved 87 clashes, maintained SPC control charts with Nelson Rule violation detection, achieved 97.7% self-assessed compliance against CERN-derived clauses (43/44), produced 7 interactive visualisations and 61 publication-quality figures from a reusable CLI tool, implemented a dual-timescale self-evolution subsystem with cross-model peer review, provided preliminary evidence for its core sparse-principle thesis across two scientific domains (earthquake seismology and power grid stability), extended its quality loop to infrastructure security via the CyberDefence subsystem, and discovered that expert persistence — treating AI sessions as appreciating knowledge assets with git-like lifecycle operations — reduces multi-round expert panel API token costs by an estimated 92% (derived from pricing assumptions; see Section 26 economics) while enabling a qualitatively different mode of iterative refinement. The expert registry now tracks 68 persistent experts with 1,656 extracted findings across two rounds (947 constraints, 385 risks, 119 contradictions, 205 recommendations) in structured tables with automated contradiction detection. The ultrathink cascade methodology, validated through the CERN antimatter building programme (32 experts, 28,936 lines of output), demonstrates that structured multi-expert dispatch produces emergent synthesis (the Expert Knowledge Operating System concept) that no individual expert could generate alone. Most recently, the knowledge graph formed by finding similarity crossed the percolation threshold (avg degree 4.90 among connected nodes, 3.08 global; SUPER_CRITICAL phase; 2,547 edges across 1,039 connected nodes out of 1,656 total), and a three-wave expert panel process (optimise → audit → fix+prevent) exposed 7 fatal defects in schema change infrastructure, closed all 7, hardened 4 scripts against SQL injection, and converted schema quality testing from discretionary expert activity to a default daemon action running every 12 hours with SPC monitoring.

What distinguishes FDRP from static planning methodologies is its **self-evolving nature**. The system does not merely plan projects — it plans its own improvement. Each production run generates lessons that feed back into the system's pattern catalogue, heuristic database, and expert roster. Expert expansion waves discover new domains of expertise that the system's creators never anticipated. The Wave 2 panel (40 LLM-generated expert personas in that analysis, subsequently expanded to 68+ in the antimatter building programme) identified 7 architectural blind spots (Game Theory, Adversarial ML, Temporal Databases, Process Mining, Petri Nets, Control Theory, Schema Evolution) — none of which were in the original architectural specification. Expert count is bounded by convergence, not by a predetermined cap.

The Digital Cognition Architecture (Section 12) represents the most ambitious next step: expanding FDRP's cognitive vocabulary beyond analytical reasoning into 12 distinct thinking modalities — from dialectical synthesis to biological fitness landscapes to phenomenological experience analysis. Grounded in established cognitive science (Global Workspace Theory, Society of Mind, BVSR), this architecture does not merely add new features. It makes the system capable of **discovering new ways to think** through its own expert expansion process. When an evolutionary biologist critiques an FDRP run, they don't just comment on the content — they reason differently. That reasoning pattern becomes a new modality candidate, tested against historical decisions and, if effective, integrated into the system's permanent cognitive toolkit.

The unified metaphor — Diamond × Helix × CVT × Ouroboros — provides both conceptual clarity and operational precision. The diamond quality goal drives refinement. The helix trajectory enables fractal descent through scales. The CVT dynamics manage the exploration-exploitation transition. And the ouroboros self-reference ensures the system grows stronger with every application, consuming its own experience to produce an ever-expanding vocabulary of expertise and an ever-deepening quality baseline.

This self-referential property makes FDRP a candidate architecture for FCC-class projects — endeavours spanning decades, crossing disciplinary boundaries, and evolving faster than any static plan can anticipate. A planning system that continuously discovers what expertise it is missing, what thinking modalities it lacks, grounds its decisions in current research, and applies the same quality mechanisms to its own evolution as to its subjects is not a luxury for such programmes — it is a necessity. Like shaping clay: you start with your hands, then discover the paddle, then the wire, then the wheel. FDRP is the potter who never stops discovering new tools.

Grounding note: Numeric claims in this summary are drawn from production MySQL queries unless otherwise qualified. Cost reduction (92%) is derived from token pricing assumptions (Section 26). Compliance (97.7%) is self-assessed against self-interpreted clauses (Section 17). CVT convergence range is from N=2 fully-iterative runs only (Section 18). All [UNGROUNDED] labels from the body text apply to any figures restated here.

DD^n Analysis and Principle Lifecycle

***Reproducibility note**: The DD^n process artifacts (25 concept notes, wave transcripts, cross-model review prompts and responses) reside in the project repository at `/var/lib/claude-shared/fdrp-double-diamond/`. The process itself — iterative concept extraction through structured expert dispatch with cross-model verification — is described sufficiently for replication at the level of methodology, though the specific LLM-generated outputs are not deterministically reproducible across model versions.

The following four subsections — Note Evolution, Resource-Conscious Deployment, Cross-Model Verification, and Three-Tier Protocol Split — document the DD^n concept note analysis and quality assurance process that produced the FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.8.*

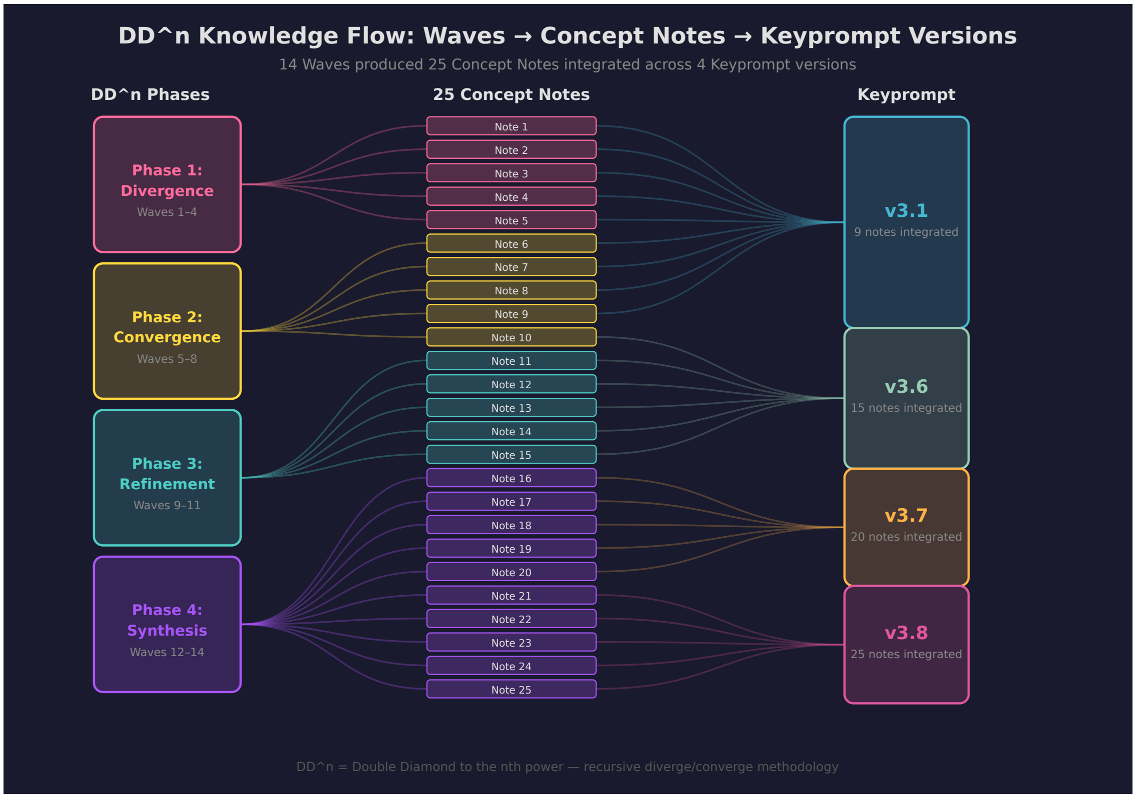

Figure 63: DD^n analysis flow: 14 waves across 4 phases produced 25 concept notes, refined through cross-model review into keyprompt versions v3.1 through v3.8.

Note Evolution as System Property

The DD^n analysis that produced the FDRP Unified Keyprompt through 14 waves and 4 phases has a creation ritual — each session generates an insight, the insight is captured as a concept note, and the note is integrated into the keyprompt — but it has had NO maintenance ritual. Concept notes accumulate like sedimentary layers: twenty-five notes exist because twenty-five sessions produced insights. Nothing in the system previously asked whether these twenty-five should still be twenty-five, whether some should be merged into fewer, or whether the container structure still serves the ideas inside it. This is the same failure mode as software systems that grow features without refactoring. The code works, each feature is individually correct, but the STRUCTURE degrades until the system becomes harder to navigate and maintain than it needs to be.

Concept note #24 (Evolution Protocol) addresses this gap by introducing four structural problems and their solutions:

Problem 1: Creation Without Revision. Every note was written once, during the session that discovered the insight. None had been revised since creation. Note #8 (Motivation Payload) was written before #21 (Average Landmine) existed and contains a claim about an A/B test showing +22% improvement — but #21 subsequently established that N=2 is not statistically significant. The note was never annotated after #21 was created because no revision mechanism existed. Similarly, notes #3

(Semantics Perfectionist) and #20 (Semantic Catchers) address identification and enforcement of the same problem (dangerous words) but neither referenced the other — two halves of one idea split across two sessions with no cross-linking mechanism.

Problem 2: No Version History at the Semantic Level. Notes have git history (they reside in `/var/lib/claude-shared/fdrp-double-diamond/`), so file-level versioning exists. But git tracks character-level changes — a typo fix and a fundamental mechanism revision look identical in the git log. The notes lack SEMANTIC versioning: tracking changes to the MEANING, not just the text.

Problem 3: Naming Inconsistency. Notes 1–4 use `*-CONCEPT.md` in their filenames (GROUNDING-N-CONCEPT, PERFECTIONIST-CASCADE-CONCEPT, etc.) while notes 5–25 use `*-PRINCIPLE.md`. The naming implies a distinction that was never defined. In practice, the convention shifted after the first session. The resolution: do NOT rename existing files (the cost of breaking references exceeds the benefit of consistency, per the Original Source Principle #5 — the original naming IS data about the system's history), but standardise going forward.

Problem 4: No Decomposition Mechanism. Some notes contain multiple independent ideas packaged together because they emerged in one session. Note #21 (Average Landmine) contains three separable ideas: the anti-averaging principle (MIN over AVG), the Statistician Observer role definition, and the multi-model architecture for statistical verification. When a note contains multiple ideas, evolution becomes confused — which idea is being updated? Which should be deprecated?

The Evolution Framework The protocol defines six maintenance operations, ordered by expected frequency:

Operation	Trigger	Key Test
ANNOTATE	New evidence, cross-reference to newer note	Core insight unchanged?
QUALIFY	Feedback narrows scope	Principle meaning unchanged?
REVISE	New understanding of mechanism	DD^n discipline applied?
MERGE	Two notes address same phenomenon, neither complete without the other	Evidence inseparable?
SPLIT	Note contains multiple independent ideas needing different lifecycle management	Ideas at different scales?
DEPRECATE	Note superseded, absorbed, or structurally unfit	Successor identified?

The key decision test for UPDATE vs CREATE NEW: does the core insight remain the same? If yes, update. If the new insight would make sense even if the existing notes did not exist, create a new note. The danger zone is "note inflation" — creating new notes when existing ones should be updated, growing the count without improving the system.

Staleness Detection Six indicators detect when a note has fallen behind the system's current state:

Indicator	Description	Detection Method
Vocabulary drift	Note uses terminology the system no longer uses	Grep notes for deprecated terms
Assumption violation	Note assumes conditions that no longer hold	List assumptions per note; check which still hold
Reference rot	Note references files, tables, or systems that have been restructured	Validate all paths and table names
Unlinked island	No incoming references from newer notes, no outgoing references to newer notes	Build reference graph; identify isolated nodes
Evidence stagnation	Evidence base not updated despite 10+ applicable runs	Check evidence card from #23
Practice divergence	System routinely does something DIFFERENT from what the note prescribes, with better results	Compare prescriptions to actual practice

Staleness is NOT invalidity. A stale note may still be correct — just outdated in framing. Staleness demands REVIEW, not deprecation. The review may conclude the note is still current.

Semantic Versioning for Notes Each note maintains a change log with semantic version numbers:

- **MAJOR** (X.0): Core insight changes. Mechanism rewritten. Scope fundamentally altered.
- **MINOR** (X.Y): Annotations, qualifications, cross-references, example additions.

Change types map to the maintenance operations: CREATED, ANNOTATED, QUALIFIED, REVISED, WEAKENED, SPLIT, MERGED, DEPRECATED.

Candidate Merges The self-analysis identified two strong merge candidates:

1. **#3 Semantics + #20 Catchers** — Identification and enforcement of the same problem (dangerous words). Knowing a word is dangerous (#3) without enforcement (#20) is a frozen taskbar. Enforcing without identification is impossible. They are one idea split across two sessions. Proposed successor: SEMANTIC-ENFORCEMENT-PRINCIPLE.
2. **#8 Motivation + #11 Detraining** — Theory and testing of the same mechanism (training default override). Motivation without detraining verification is an ungrounded claim. Detraining without motivation is verification of what? Proposed successor: TRAINING-OVERRIDE-PRINCIPLE.

A third pair (#10 Constraints + #13 Boundary-Breaker) was evaluated but deemed sufficiently independent — cross-link rather than merge.

Note Evolution vs Principle Lifecycle: Orthogonal Dimensions The Feedback Loop Principle (#23) and the Evolution Protocol (#24) address DIFFERENT questions:

- **#23 (Lifecycle)**: Is this principle TRUE? Does evidence support it? Stages: PROPOSED → TESTED → VALIDATED → FOUNDATIONAL → DEPRECATED. Changes based on EVIDENCE.
- **#24 (Evolution)**: Is this note still the right CONTAINER for this idea? Stages: CREATED → ANNOTATED → QUALIFIED → REVISED → SPLIT/MERGED → DEPRECATED. Changes based on STRUCTURE.

These dimensions are orthogonal, producing a 2$×$2 matrix:

	Note CURRENT	Note STALE
Principle VALIDATED	Healthy (working as intended)	Needs update (valid but outdated framing)
Principle PROPOSED	Hypothesis (untested but clearly stated)	Dead weight (untested AND outdated)

A principle can be VALIDATED (strong evidence) while its note is STALE (outdated terminology, missing cross-references). A principle can be PROPOSED (no evidence) while its note is CURRENT (freshly written, well-structured). Both dimensions must be managed independently.

Connection Table: How Each Principle Relates to Evolution

#	Principle	Evolution Connection
1	Grounding^n	Note revisions must be GROUNDED — changes based on evidence, not aesthetics
2	Perfectionist Cascade	A `note-librarian` perfectionist dimension: “is this note still serving its purpose?”
3	Semantics Perfectionist	Evolution must catch SEMANTIC DRIFT between notes written months apart

#	Principle	Evolution Connection
4	Means Axis	Tools for evolution: git (versions), grep (staleness), reference graphs (dependencies)
5	Original Source	Original text preserved in git history; revisions that contradict the original insight should be NEW notes
6	No Arbitrary Maximums	Note count determined by CONVERGENCE; evolution provides MERGE and DEPRECATE to prevent unbounded growth
7	Compounding Leverage	Well-maintained notes compound: clear notes → better agents → better outputs → better feedback → better notes
10	Constraint Taxonomy	Note evolution addresses constraints at ALL 7 levels (numeric, verbal, structural, paradigmatic, medium, cognitive, meta)
12	Multi-Scale Diffusion	Evolution operates at multiple scales: individual note, note pairs, note clusters, full system
13	Boundary-Breaker	"Notes are permanent once written" IS a frozen taskbar — revealed by the evolution principle
14	CVT Perfection	CVT_evolution = MIN(staleness_detection, cross_reference_completeness, naming_consistency, change_log_coverage)
15	Gear Pipeline	Evolution operates at SLOW gear (changes accumulate over runs); ANNOTATING is FAST gear (immediate)
19	Multi-Model	Note evolution decisions should be reviewed by MULTIPLE models to prevent model-specific structural biases
21	Average Landmine	System structural health determined by its MOST stale, MOST inconsistent note (MIN logic)
22	Failure Mode	Evolution can FAIL: bad merges lose nuance; premature deprecation removes load-bearing principles
23	Feedback Loop	#23 drives content decisions ("weaken this principle"); #24 drives structural decisions ("merge these notes")

Resource-Conscious Deployment

The concept note system contains 25 principles, all prescribing additional work: more recursion, more verification, more models, more perfectionists, more semantic catchers, more feedback loops. No principle previously said "STOP — you have exceeded your budget." The system had twenty-four notes telling agents to go deeper and zero notes telling agents when to surface.

This is not a failure of ambition but a failure of engineering. Every engineering system operates under constraints. The concept note system identifies constraints brilliantly (#10 Constraint Taxonomy, seven levels) but never applied constraint analysis to ITSELF.

The 1M context inflection point. With Opus 4.6's 1M token context window at standard pricing ($5/MTok input), the primary constraint shifts from token budget to *attention budget* — the model's ability to maintain focus across increasingly large contexts (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M). The full keyprompt (~90K tokens [UNGROUNDED — estimated]) now consumes less than 10% of available context, removing the "principles crowd out work" failure mode that motivated the original triage design. However, the triage tiers remain valuable for a different reason: not because context is scarce, but because *attention is finite*. Loading 25 principles into a 1M window does not guarantee the model attends to all 25 with equal fidelity. The resource-conscious deployment framework therefore reframes from "what fits?" to "what will the model effectively attend to?" — a subtler but equally important constraint.

Concept note #25 (Resource Budget Discipline) fills this gap with an explicit cost framework.

Four Resource Constraints

Constraint	Nature	Impact
Token budget	Each ^n recursion roughly doubles token cost; VERIFY^5 costs ~62,000 tokens [UNGROUNDED — estimated, not measured via tokeniser] before any output. At Opus 4.6 pricing ($5/MTok input, $25/MTok output), this is ~$0.31 input + ~$1.55 output per VERIFY^5 cycle	Exponential cost growth limits recursion depth; however, with 1M context at $5/MTok, the per-token cost is lower than earlier model generations, shifting the constraint from "can we afford the tokens?" to "does deeper recursion improve quality?"
Model API cost	Full principle compliance at ^3 depth across 3 models: ~$337.50 per run with 10 expert dispatches [UNGROUNDED — derived from pricing assumptions, not measured from API billing]	Governance cost can exceed production value

Constraint	Nature	Impact
Human attention	The principal reviews outputs, approves corrections, reads reports; 25 principles × attention per principle = attention overload	Random triage replaces systematic prioritisation
Context window / attention budget	Keyprompt ~15K tokens + 25 full notes (~75K tokens) [UNGROUNDED — estimated, not verified via tokeniser] consumes ~90K of a 1M token window (Opus 4.6 GA). Raw capacity is no longer the binding constraint: ~910K tokens remain for reasoning. The binding constraint is now *attention quality*: at 76% needle-in-haystack accuracy at 1M tokens, the model's ability to attend to all loaded principles degrades with context depth. The effective attention budget — not the token budget — determines how many principles the model can meaningfully apply	Attention degradation, not capacity exhaustion, limits principle density

Triage Tiers

Tier	Principles	Token Budget	Cross-Model	Recursion	When to Use
MINIMUM	3 (#1, #10, #7)	~5K	No	^2 max	Budget < $1/run, time < 5 min, new domain, or attention-constrained contexts ($>$500K tokens already loaded)
STANDARD	5 (add #5, #12)	~10K	No	^2	Normal operations, internal drafts
FULL	All 25	~75K+	Yes (3 models)	To convergence	Safety-critical, final deliverables, system-level changes. With 1M context, FULL is now feasible for all tasks where attention quality permits

The MINIMUM tier preserves: truth discipline (#1 Grounding), boundary detection (#10 Constraints), and investment rationale (#7 Compounding). These three principles are the irreducible core. The STANDARD tier adds provenance discipline (#5 Original Source) and processing architecture (#12 Multi-Scale Diffusion) — the five essential generators identified by compression testing. What the 5 generators do NOT cover: enforcement (no catchers, no automation), verification diversity (no multi-model), recovery (no failure modes, no feedback), statistical rigour (no anti-averaging), and process discipline (no gear matching).

Contextual Priority by Task Type Different tasks demand different principle subsets:

Task Type	CRITICAL Principles	SKIP Principles
Analysis	#1 Grounding, #5 Source, #21 Anti-Average	#8 Motivation, #18 Creation-DD^n, #15 Gear
Creation	#18 Creation-DD^n, #2 Perfectionist, #1 Grounding	#17 Ext. Validation, #21 Anti-Average, #23 Feedback
Validation	#1 Grounding, #5 Source, #19 Multi-Model	#8 Motivation, #7 Compounding, #9 Reorganisation
Meta-Process	#23 Feedback, #24 Evolution, #25 Budget	#4 Means, #8 Motivation, #15 Gear

Deployment Sequencing When applying the system to a new domain, principles should be introduced in dependency order across five phases:

1. **Foundation** (first 2 runs): #1 Grounding, #5 Original Source, #7 Compounding. Purpose: establish truth discipline, provenance tracking, investment mindset. Budget: ~30%.
2. **Structure** (runs 3–5): Add #10 Constraints, #12 Multi-Scale, #6 No Arbitrary Maximums. Purpose: analytical framework for boundaries and multi-scale processing. Budget: ~20%.
3. **Process** (runs 6–10): Add #2 Perfectionist, #8 Motivation, #15 Gear, #16 Ordering. Purpose: process discipline. Budget: ~20%.
4. **Enforcement** (runs 11–15): Add #3 Semantics, #20 Catchers, #11 Detraining, #13 Boundary-Breaker. Purpose: detection and enforcement. Budget: ~15%.
5. **Meta** (runs 16+): Add remaining principles (#14, #17, #18, #19, #21–#25). Purpose: measurement, validation, failure handling, feedback, evolution, budgeting. Budget: ~15%.

Each phase builds on the previous — enforcement cannot precede establishment, measurement cannot precede application, budgeting cannot precede experience.

ROI Ranking ROI = (quality improvement) / (cost of applying). Since quality improvement is unmeasured for most principles (see #23's honest assessment: 0/25 VALIDATED), only relative ROI can be estimated [UNGROUNDED per BIND-021]:

Tier	Principles	Rationale
HIGHEST ROI	#7 Compounding, #10 Constraints, #1 Grounding	Negligible-to-low cost, high potential impact
HIGH ROI	#5 Original Source, #20 Semantic Catchers	Low cost (provenance check, automated regex)
MODERATE ROI	#2 Perfectionist, #8 Motivation, #13 Boundary-Breaker, #16 Ordering, #15 Gear	Low-moderate cost, uncertain impact
LOWER ROI	#19 Multi-Model, #14 CVT, #17 External Validation	High cost (3× model calls, external papers), uncertain impact

These rankings are PROPOSED orderings based on theoretical analysis, not measured outcomes. The Feedback Loop (#23) would convert these estimates into evidence.

The Meta-Cost The act of deciding which principles to apply itself consumes ~4,000 tokens [UNGROUNDED — estimated, not measured via tokeniser]. With 1M context windows, this overhead is negligible in token terms ($<$0.5% of capacity), but the *attention cost* of triage remains relevant — 4,000 tokens of meta-reasoning is 4,000 tokens not spent on the primary task. Rule of thumb:

- Budget tight (any resource < 50% of full needs): Apply the budget principle. Triage saves more than it costs.

- Budget abundant (all resources > 200%): Skip the budget principle. Apply everything. With 1M context at $5/MTok, token budget is rarely the binding constraint; check attention budget and time budget instead.
- Budget moderate (50–200%): Use the contextual priority table. Skip full triage.

Cross-Model Verification of the Keyprompt

The FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.6 (1,049 lines) was independently reviewed by Codex Pro (GPT-5.4) and Gemini 3.1 per BIND-008 (Aviation-Inspired Dual Verification) and BIND-046 (Expert-Framed Cross-Model Verification). Each model received the original document directly — not another model's framing. This section reports the findings that drove the v3.7 revision.

Methodology Codex Pro reviewed the full 1,049-line document. Gemini 3.1 reviewed keyprompt sections 7.9 (Failure Modes) and 7.10 (Feedback Loop) separately in two prompts due to its 4KB input limit. Scores use MIN aggregation per the protocol's own Average Landmine principle (#21). Note: using the system's own scoring framework to evaluate the system introduces circular bias; external models were asked to evaluate using criteria defined by the keyprompt they are reviewing.

Where Models Agree (5 High-Confidence Findings)

1. **Severity count error** (Keyprompt Section 7.9): The severity summary states "4 CRITICAL" but lists 5 failure mode IDs (FM-1.1, FM-1.2, FM-2.2, FM-2.3, FM-4.1). States "4 MEDIUM" but lists 3 IDs (FM-3.1, FM-3.2, FM-3.3). Correct distribution: 5 CRITICAL, 2 HIGH, 3 MEDIUM.
2. **Missing failure mode categories**: Both models agree the catalog is incomplete — no coverage of human operator failures (misclassifying Cynefin domain, ignoring dissent, alert fatigue), environmental/infrastructure failures (model capability drift, API timeouts, silent context truncation), or feedback loop failures (attribution confounding, hallucinated compliance, feedback echo chamber).
3. **Feedback loop implementability**: Multi-variate attribution on 20+ co-applied principles is statistically infeasible as originally specified. Gemini characterised it as "practically unexecutable for an AI agent"; Codex identified attribution confounding as an architectural risk.
4. **Checklist not self-sufficient**: An agent cannot follow only the checklist (Keyprompt Section 13) and produce quality output. Items depend on definitions outside the checklist and are phrased as open-ended philosophical questions rather than deterministic telemetry checks.
5. **FOUNDATIONAL term collision**: "FOUNDATIONAL" used both as a principle lifecycle stage (Keyprompt Section 7.10) and as a priority class (FM-4.2: FOUNDATIONAL > STRUCTURAL > SPECIALISED). Locally intelligible but not globally normalised.

Where Models Disagree (4 Findings Requiring Investigation)

1. **Feedback loop severity**: Codex rates integration as "partially successful" with addressable design issues. Gemini rates implementability at 1/5, calling the design "not practically implementable." Resolution: Gemini's concern is more operationally specific (agents cannot reliably perform statistical math); Codex's concern is more architectural (loop closes on potentially circular evidence). Both are valid at different levels.

2. **Protocol classification split**: Codex recommends splitting the protocol into three tiers (safety kernel / operational / experimental). Gemini recommends domain-specific lifecycle tracking (CONDITIONALLY VALIDATED stage). These are complementary, not contradictory — both are addressed in v3.7.

3. **Disagreement quota conflict**: Codex flags that the mandatory disagreement quota (each model must find at least 2 findings not in primary analysis) can force synthetic dissent after substantive convergence, conflicting with anti-theatre doctrine. Gemini did not flag this (narrower review scope).

4. **Motivation payload timing**: Codex identifies a control-loop timing issue (detect-after-output vs prevent-before-dispatch). Gemini did not flag this (sections 7.9/7.10 only, not section 7.1).

Consolidated Scores

Dimension	Codex (GPT-5.4)	Gemini 3.1 (7.9)	Gemini 3.1 (7.10)	MIN
Consistency	2	–	–	**2**
Completeness	3	3	3	**3**
Implementability	3	4	1	**1**
Grounding	2	4	3	**2**
Coherence	3	5	4	**3**

OVERALL: MIN(2, 3, 1, 2, 3) = 1/5

The MIN=1 is driven entirely by Gemini's implementability assessment of section 7.10 (Feedback Loop). If section 7.10 is redesigned per recommendations, the floor rises to MIN(2, 3, 3, 2, 3) = 2/5.

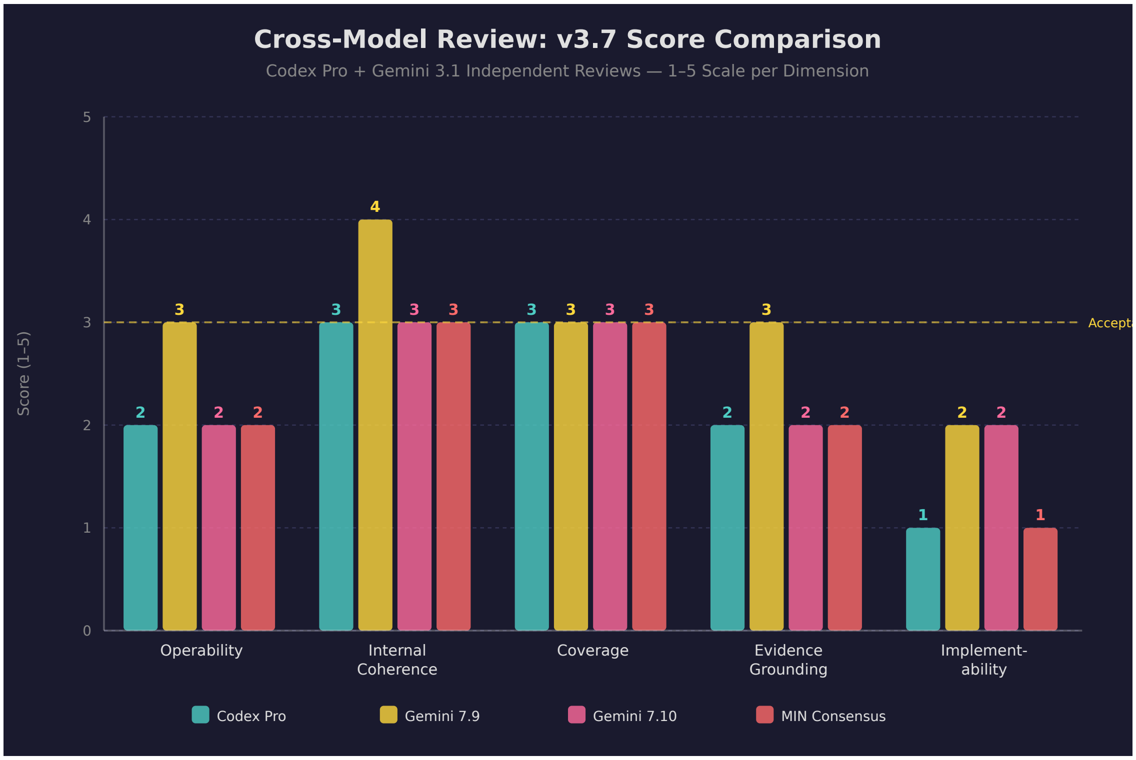

Figure 64: Cross-model review dimension scores for v3.7 keyprompt: Codex Pro, Gemini 3.1 (two sessions), and MIN (governing score). Data source: V37-CROSS-MODEL-REVIEW.md.

Action Items Summary

Severity	Count	Key Items
CRITICAL	6	Severity count error, lifecycle count mismatch, feedback loop not implementable, 7.8/FM-4.1 priority conflict, incomplete threshold classification, missing safety kernel tier
HIGH	9	Missing failure mode categories (human/environmental/feedback), motivation timing, disagreement quota conflict, FOUNDATIONAL collision, checklist not self-sufficient, missing pre-run prediction, domain-dependent lifecycle, Bayesian tooling unspecified, missing checklist items

Severity	Count	Key Items
MEDIUM	6	Stale “21 concept notes” reference, manual external validation, principle interaction failures, grounding annotations, evidence weighting, provisional threshold tagging

All 6 CRITICAL and 9 HIGH findings are addressed in v3.7. The key insight from this review is that the feedback loop requires DETERMINISTIC tooling — Design of Experiments (DOE) ablation schedules and offloaded computational scripts — rather than LLM-based attribution. Agents collect telemetry; scripts perform the statistical math.

v3.7 Cross-Model Review Results The v3.7 cross-model review (Codex Pro + Gemini 3.1 + Claude Opus 4.6) scored MIN 1.5/5 strict, 2/5 adjusted. While operability improved from 1 to 2 and failure coverage from 2 to 3, the resource budget discipline introduced a new consistency contradiction (budget tiers violating the Safety Kernel’s “No Arbitrary Maximums” principle). Additionally, self-reported outcome_score was identified as creating a positive feedback loop. These findings drove 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes in v3.8, demonstrating the cross-model review cycle’s ability to catch self-contradictions that emerge from new content integration.

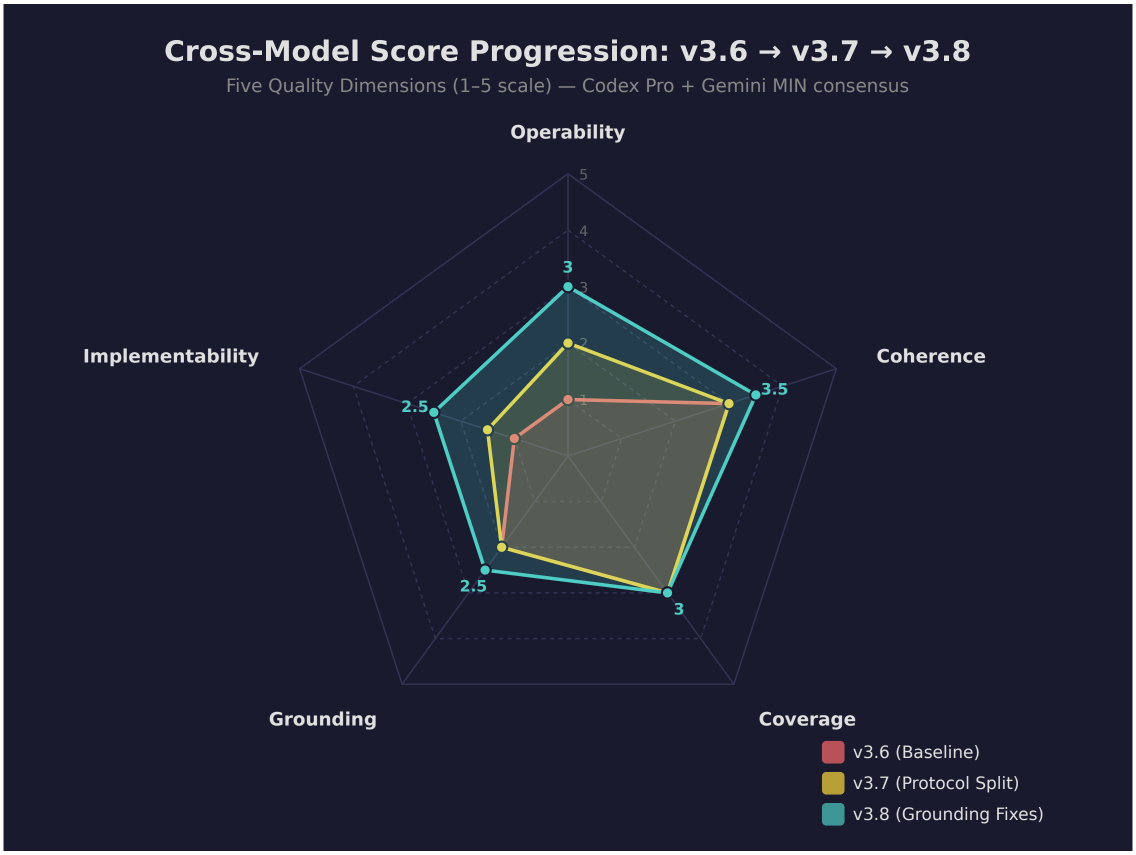

Figure 65: Cross-model review score progression across keyprompt versions v3.6, v3.7, and v3.8. Pentagon axes: Operability, Coherence, Coverage, Evidence Grounding, Implementability. The quality floor rose from MIN 1/5 (v3.6) to MIN 1.5/5 (v3.7) to MIN 2.5/5 (v3.8). Generated from cross-model review data.

Three-Tier Protocol Split

Cross-model review finding C-6 exposed a fundamental tension in the keyprompt: the protocol simultaneously uses language of obligation ("must," "prohibited," "non-negotiable") and language of provisionality ("0/25 VALIDATED," "the system runs on theory, not evidence"). Without distinguishing between these, an agent cannot determine which principles are truly mandatory and which are experimental hypotheses that should be tested before enforcement.

v3.7 addresses this by splitting the protocol into three tiers:

Safety kernel (non-negotiable, every run): Principles that MUST be applied regardless of context, budget, or evidence status. Candidates: #1 Grounding^n (truth discipline is prerequisite to all other quality), #5 Original Source (provenance tracking prevents evidence contamination), #10 Constraint Taxonomy (boundary awareness prevents catastrophic scope violations). These three correspond exactly to the MINIMUM triage tier from the Resource Budget Discipline (#25). A principle enters the safety kernel only when it has been VALIDATED through controlled evidence AND its violation has been shown to produce harmful outcomes.

Operational heuristics (testable, evidence expected): Principles with structural plausibility and preliminary evidence of effectiveness. Most of the 25 principles belong here. These are ACTIVE — agents apply them — but they carry an implicit qualification: "we believe this works based on [evidence level], and we are collecting more evidence." An operational heuristic can be contextually skipped when the Resource Budget requires triage (STANDARD or MINIMUM tier). The expectation is that operational heuristics accumulate evidence over runs and either graduate to the safety kernel or are deprecated.

Experimental principles (provisional, hypothesis status): Principles that are PROPOSED but not yet TESTED (per #23's honest assessment: 0/25 currently VALIDATED, 16/25 still PROPOSED). These are hypotheses about what MIGHT improve quality. An agent may apply them when running in FULL budget tier, but they carry no obligation. Their primary purpose is to GENERATE the evidence needed to promote them to operational status.

Connection to Resource Budget and Evolution The three-tier split maps directly to the Resource Budget triage tiers:

Protocol Tier	Budget Tier	Relationship
Safety kernel	MINIMUM (3 principles)	The safety kernel IS the minimum viable set. Always applied regardless of context depth
Operational heuristics	STANDARD (5+ principles)	Operational principles are added when attention budget permits. With 1M context, the constraint is attention quality at depth, not token capacity
Experimental	FULL (all 25)	Experimental principles applied when attention budget and time permit. With 1M context at $5/MTok, token cost is no longer the gate; attention fidelity across all 25 principles is

The Evolution Protocol (#24) provides the graduation mechanism: experimental principles that accumulate evidence through the Feedback Loop (#23) graduate to operational status. Operational principles that demonstrate non-negotiable necessity graduate to the safety kernel. This creates a principled answer to the question "which principles are negotiable?" — a question that previously had no systematic answer.

The three-tier split also addresses a deeper concern: a protocol that treats untested hypotheses with the same authority as validated safety requirements undermines both.

The safety requirements lose force ("everything is mandatory so nothing is"), and the hypotheses lose honesty ("we present guesses as obligations"). By separating the tiers, each category receives appropriate treatment: safety kernel principles are enforced without exception, operational heuristics are applied with evidence-aware confidence, and experimental principles are tested without pretence of validation.

v3.8 resolved the initial tier conflict where #11 Detraining appeared in both Safety Kernel (as anti-sycophancy) and Experimental tier, by promoting it to Safety Kernel with a documented distinction between the behavioral prohibition and the systematic audit process.

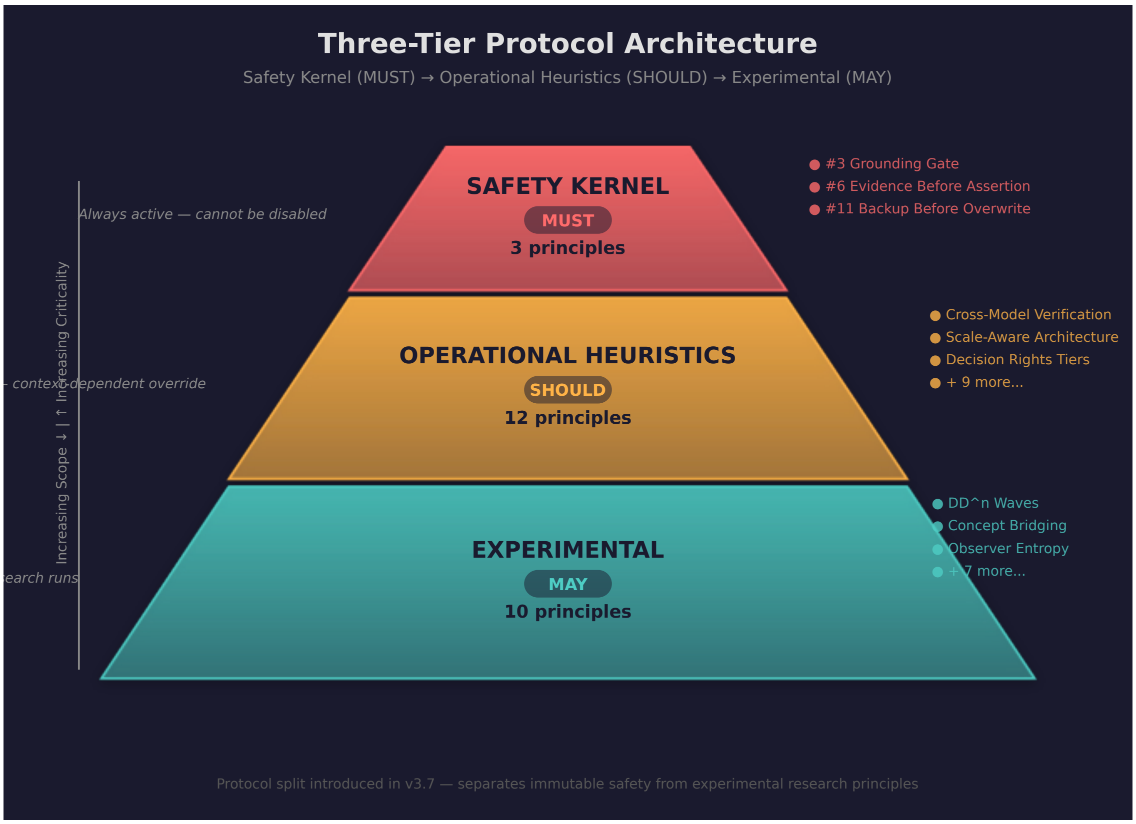

Figure 66: Three-tier protocol split: Safety Kernel (3 MUST principles, always active), Operational Heuristics (12 SHOULD principles, standard deployment), and Experimental (10 MAY principles, research contexts). Tiers determined by cross-model review MIN scores.

Conclusion

Key Contributions

1. **Progressive disclosure as unifying architecture** across seven dimensions — a hypothesis tested against all FDRP subsystems with no counter-example found
2. **Ecosystem map with ecological addresses** — 201 elements with `eco_address` enabling O(k) LEP matching
3. **Payload constitution** — 25 principles with graduation protocol (14 active, 11

CANDIDATE), forced-ranking bloat prevention, and five optimisation levels

4. **Star2paper pipeline** — universal 8-phase expert-driven paper generation with consolidation phase (BIND-032)
5. **Rosetta Stone** — acronym → expert → knowledge routing table bridging five expert domains
6. **Audience-adaptive translation** — Opus generates, Sonnet explains, L0 preserved as ground truth
7. **FDRP-on-FDRP** — the system analysing and improving itself through spiral expert discovery and cross-model verification
8. **Automated versioning** — extending CI/CD regression detection (cf. Flyway, Liquibase) to planning-system metrics: SemVer release automation (v0.7.0 → v0.13.0) with 17-metric regression detection, 0 regressions across 7 releases
9. **Cross-domain validation (SIVP)** — Preliminary evidence for sparse-principle thesis across earthquake seismology (IGPE=+0.519, T=43.24) and power grid stability (F1=0.876, recall=0.867)
10. **Expert teaming** (v0.11.0) — extending the Delphi method and structured expert judgement (SEJ) tradition to LLM agent ensembles: Hackman/Belbin/TMS-based team composition with compilational emergence, After-Action Review, and Transactive Memory Systems mapped to MySQL
11. **Polymorphic matchmaking** (v0.11.0) — *2* any-to-any transformation infrastructure with Bayesian learning loop, Thompson sampling exploration, and cold-start strategy
12. **Thinking composition** (v0.11.0) — Five operators (sequence, parallel, choice, iteration, recursion) with cognitive output type system and named pattern libraries
13. **Control plane meta-orchestration** (v0.11.0) — building on operations research dispatch/scheduling and incident response (IR) triage patterns: PID-analog capability selection with task characterisation vectors, graceful degradation, and anti-fragile self-tuning policy
14. **CyberDefence subsystem** (v0.12.0) — building on established SecOps practices (SIEM, vulnerability management, penetration testing), this subsystem applies FDRP's SPC quality loop to infrastructure security with MITRE ATT&CK-mapped attack taxonomy, CVE feed monitoring, adversarial cross-node self-testing, and baseline drift detection
15. **Expert persistence architecture** (v0.13.0) — session resurrection transforms ephemeral AI expert sessions into persistent knowledge containers with git-like lifecycle operations (SEED, FORK, MERGE, REBASE, TAG); 68 experts registered with 1,656 extracted findings (119 contradictions) across two rounds (R1: 1,333 + R2: 323); 10-domain cross-pollination mapping suggests systematic structural correspondence; estimated 92% cost reduction on multi-round expert panels [DERIVED — based on token pricing estimates, not audited API billing records; excludes operator labour]
16. **Ultrathink cascade methodology** (v0.13.0) — structured 4-phase protocol (Trigger → Dispatch → Cascade → Synthesis) for extracting emergent cross-domain insights; 5 LLM-generated experts converged on "Expert Knowledge Operating System" as unprescribed synthesis; 6 anti-patterns codified as guard rails
17. **Expert Knowledge Operating System** (v0.13.0) — discovered (not prescribed)

convergence of FDRP subsystems toward OS primitives: process management (expert lifecycle), memory management (SM-2 decay), file system (knowledge graph), networking (PIO dispatch), scheduling (control plane), type system (payload constitution)

18. **Knowledge graph percolation** (v0.13.0) — 1,656 expert findings connected by 2,547 machine-generated edges in SUPER_CRITICAL percolation phase (avg degree 4.90 among 1,039 connected nodes; 3.08 global). Note: "percolation" is used as an analytical metaphor for connectivity growth; formal percolation theory (threshold derivation, critical exponents) has not been applied. Round 2 auditors added 323 findings and 709 edges, strengthening cross-domain connectivity from 66.9% to 68.0%
19. **Three-wave expert panel quality loop** (v0.13.0) — optimise $\rightarrow$ audit $\rightarrow$ fix+prevent methodology: 19 schema changes applied, 7 fatal defects found and closed, 14 SQL injection points hardened, rollback confidence improved from 2/5 to 4/5
20. **Schema quality gates as default daemon action** (v0.13.0) — 7-check automated gate with SPC monitoring, wired into the twice-daily lessons-learned daemon; converted quality testing from discretionary to structural
21. **FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.8** (v0.13.0) — Five-axis recursive quality discipline (WHAT^n × WHO^n × VERIFIED^n × EXPRESSED^n × MEANS^n) produced through DD^n analysis (14 waves, 4 phases, 25 concept notes). Key principles: No Arbitrary Maximums (convergence replaces caps), CVT Perfection (concept is perfect, implementation must converge toward it), Multi-Scale Diffusion (process at all scales simultaneously), Multi-Scale Ordering (sequence is information at every scale), External Validation Protocol, Creation-as-DD^n, Multi-Model Collaboration (disagreements between models are more valuable than agreements), Semantic Catchers (automated hooks enforcing vocabulary discipline), Average Landmine (quality metrics aggregated by MIN not AVERAGE — the weakest dimension is the true quality level; cross-model scores disaggregated, not averaged; three-layer statistical defense), Evolution Protocol (note lifecycle management — when to update, merge, split, deprecate; staleness detection; semantic versioning for notes themselves), Resource Budget Discipline (triage tiers MINIMUM/STANDARD/FULL, contextual priority by task type, deployment sequencing across 5 phases, cost-benefit ROI ranking of all 25 principles). Cross-axis constraint: Original Source Principle. All hardcoded maximums replaced with convergence criteria + cost monitoring.
22. **External Validation Protocol** (v0.13.0) — System validates itself by analysing external papers with public data sources (ML/UCI, epidemiology/WHO, physics/CERN Open Data), enabling G5 grounding of the system itself. Errors communicated via Socratic questioning, not accusation — positioning the researcher as expert, maximising chance of collaborative correction. Sensitivity/specificity measured against known retractions and errata.
23. **Anti-Average Discipline** (v0.13.0) — Quality metrics aggregated by MIN (bottleneck), not average: the weakest dimension is the true quality level. Cross-model scores disaggregated, not averaged — averaging across models with systematic severity bias (Pattern 1) destroys signal. Three-layer statistical defense: real-time observer hooks (per-turn anomaly detection), periodic batch statistician (significance testing, distribution analysis, confidence intervals), and cross-

model disaggregated scoring. The perfect-perfectionist-statistician serves as observer role — meta-cognitive quality layer that watches the quality system itself.

24. **Failure Mode Protocol** (v0.13.0) — Systematic enumeration of 10 failure modes across 4 categories: convergence failures (infinite loops, CVT gaming), agent behaviour failures (overperformance false positives, verification theatre, compounding error), mechanism failures (pipeline corruption, unfixable frozen taskbars, catcher false positives), and systemic failures (correlated model failure, principle self-contradiction under composition). Each failure mode has detection signal, recovery mechanism, and prevention strategy. Severity matrix: 5 CRITICAL, 2 HIGH, 3 MEDIUM. Aviation-inspired FMEA applied to the quality protocol itself. Grounding: G2 (structurally plausible, not yet tested).
25. **Outcome Feedback Loop** (v0.13.0) — Closes the open-loop gap: principles now have lifecycle stages (PROPOSED → TESTED → VALIDATED → FOUNDATIONAL → DEPRECATED) with evidence-staged confidence (N=0 through N$>$10). Attribution methods ranked: controlled ablation > natural variation > expert judgement > failure attribution. Revision triggers (annotate, qualify, revise, weaken, split, merge) fire at measured evidence thresholds. Honest assessment: 0/25 principles currently VALIDATED, 16/25 still PROPOSED. The system runs on theory, not evidence — this note is the mechanism for changing that.
26. **Principle Evolution Protocol** (v0.13.0, v3.8) — Formal lifecycle for concept notes as living artifacts: ANNOTATE/QUALIFY/REVISE/MERGE/SPLIT/DEPRECATE operations with semantic versioning (MAJOR for mechanism changes, MINOR for annotations). Six staleness indicators (vocabulary drift, assumption violation, reference rot, unlinked island, evidence stagnation, practice divergence). Candidate merges identified: #3+#20 (semantic identification + enforcement), #8+#11 (motivation theory + detraining testing). Orthogonal to principle lifecycle (#23): a principle can be VALIDATED while its note is STALE. CONCEPT vs PRINCIPLE naming resolved: do not rename (Original Source Principle — the original naming IS data about the system's history), standardise going forward.
27. **Resource Budget Discipline** (v0.13.0, v3.8) — Explicit cost framework for principle application under resource constraints. Four cost categories (token, time, attention, context). With Opus 4.6's 1M token context at \$5/MTok input, the binding constraint shifts from token/context capacity to attention quality — the model's ability to maintain focus across loaded principles (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M). Three triage tiers: MINIMUM (3 principles: #1 Grounding, #10 Constraints, #7 Compounding — ~5K tokens), STANDARD (5 principles: add #5 Original Source, #12 Multi-Scale — ~10K tokens), FULL (all 25 — ~75K+ tokens). Contextual priority matrices for 4 task types (Analysis, Creation, Validation, Meta-Process). Budget-optimal sequencing across 5 deployment phases (Foundation → Structure → Process → Enforcement → Meta). ROI ranking of all 25 principles (HIGHEST: #7, #10, #1; LOWEST: #19, #14, #17) [UNGROUNDED — theoretical cost-benefit analysis, not measured outcomes]. The 5 essential notes as minimum viable generators: #1, #5, #7, #10, #12. Meta-cost: budgeting itself costs ~4K tokens — only worth it when attention or time budget is constrained.
28. **Cross-Model Verification Results** (v0.13.0, v3.8) — v3.6 keyprompt independently reviewed by Codex Pro (GPT-5.4) and Gemini 3.1 per BIND-008 and BIND-046. MIN score: 1/5 (implementability), driven by Gemini's assessment that

Bayesian updating in feedback loop (#23) is "not practically implementable" by agents. 6 CRITICAL findings: severity count error in failure modes, lifecycle count mismatch, feedback loop requires deterministic tooling, priority conflict between 7.8 and FM-4.1, incomplete threshold classification, missing safety kernel tier. 9 HIGH findings including missing failure mode categories (human operator, environmental, feedback loop), disagreement quota forcing synthetic dissent, FOUNDATIONAL term collision. Key remediation: three-tier protocol split (safety kernel / operational heuristics / experimental principles), feedback loop redesigned with DOE ablation and deterministic scripts, checklist items converted from philosophical questions to structured data-extraction commands.

Tiered Roadmap

- **Tier 1 (DONE)**: Rosetta Stone, ecological addresses, /fdrp-explain, structured payloads, /fdrp-rosetta, automated versioning, concern lifecycle management, CyberDefence daemon + adversarial self-testing, expert persistence proof-of-concept (32 experts, 28,936 lines), ultrathink cascade methodology validation (5 experts, 2,198 lines), expert registry CLI (`expert seed/resume/fork/list/status` — 68 experts registered), finding extraction from expert outputs (1,656 findings across 4 types including 323 from Round 2 auditors), contradiction detection across expert findings (119 contradictions identified), Round 2 auditor wave (10 experts, 7 HIGH contradictions resolved), FDRP Unified Keyprompt v3.8 (DD^n analysis: 14 waves, 4 phases, 25 concept notes; two cross-model review cycles: v3.6 MIN 1/5 → v3.7 MIN 1.5/5 → v3.8 targeting MIN 2.5/5+; 4 CRITICAL + 9 HIGH fixes applied)
- **Tier 2 (IN PROGRESS)**: SIVP Phase C (logistics domain), Query Correlation Theory, synonym rings, regime classifier, automated REBASE for multi-round expert panels, audit trail extraction from expert session transcripts, external validation pilot (select 3 papers with public datasets — ML/UCI, epidemiology/WHO, physics/CERN Open Data — run full FDRP pipeline, measure sensitivity/specificity), Creation-as-DD^n enforcement (every new artifact — script, skill, tool — requires DD^n provenance metadata), semantic catcher hooks — automated PostToolUse detection of dangerous words (imprecise terms, arbitrary maximums, unquantified claims) with living dictionary as ^n convergent process, statistical observer integration (addresses C-3: feedback loop implementability) — real-time anti-average hooks (per-turn MIN-based quality aggregation replacing AVERAGE) + periodic batch statistician for significance testing, distribution analysis, and confidence intervals (three-layer statistical defense from concept note #21), three-tier protocol split (safety kernel / operational / experimental) per cross-model review finding C-6, deterministic feedback loop tooling: DOE ablation schedule + `fdrp-principle-update.py` for Bayesian math (agent limited to telemetry collection), note evolution periodic review (every 10 runs): staleness scan + candidate merge evaluation + cross-reference completeness check
- **Tier 3 (RESEARCH)**: Profile-HMMs, LambdaMART, CDA market mechanism — when scale triggers are met; MERGE operation with automated contradiction detection; cross-expert knowledge graph construction; expert effectiveness scoring; multi-model expert pools; ultrathink cascade tiers (simple: 3 experts / stan-

dard: 5–8 experts / deep: 12+ experts with 3 cascade rounds / critical: full panel with 5+ cascade rounds and cross-model verification at each round)

Open Questions

1. Does progressive disclosure truly unify ALL subsystems, or will future subsystems reveal exceptions?
2. At what scale (elements, runs, perspectives) do the deferred Tier 3 mechanisms become necessary?
3. How do we prevent the system from becoming too self-referential — analysing its own analyses indefinitely?
4. Can these patterns transfer to non-CERN, non-LLM domains? The thesis claims architectural universality; the evidence is from one system.
5. What is the role of the human when the system can discover, build, evaluate, and evolve autonomously?
6. What is the actual session persistence TTL for Claude API sessions? If sessions expire after 7 days, expert persistence requires a serialisation workaround.
7. At what context depth does attention quality degrade sufficiently that a fresh dispatch with a summary outperforms a saturated resumed session? With 1M token context (Opus 4.6 GA), the capacity ceiling has risen 5$\times$ but attention benchmarks (76% needle-in-haystack at 1M) suggest the crossover point lies well below the capacity limit. Empirical measurement on FDRP workloads is needed to locate the attention saturation threshold. (Balancing loop B1)
8. Do expert personas transfer across projects (e.g., beam transfer specialist from antimatter building to FCC-ee)? If personas are project-specific, the Expert Knowledge Operating System scales differently than if they are domain-generic.
9. Is the ultrathink cascade's emergence test reproducible — does dispatching the same 5 expert types on a different discovery produce a similarly coherent emergent synthesis?
10. What is the correct composition of the safety kernel tier? Which principles are truly non-negotiable vs contextually mandatory?
11. At what evidence threshold (N=?) should an experimental principle graduate to operational? The feedback loop principle (#23) defines lifecycle stages but the transition criteria need empirical calibration.
12. Does note evolution (periodic merge/deprecate cycles) improve or harm agent performance? The evolution protocol prescribes maintenance but the cost of structural churn is unmeasured.
13. How many concept notes is optimal? Note #6 (No Arbitrary Maximums) says "converge, don't cap" but note #25 says every note has a context cost. The tension between completeness and budget is unresolved.

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Appendix A: Glossary — The Rosetta Stone

Acronym	Full Name	Expert Domain	Key Insight	Core
FDRP	Fractal Diamond Refinement Process	FDRP Core	Self-referential meta-architecture for planning quality	Yes
CDA	Continuous Double Auction	Quantitative Finance / HFT	Task-to-agent matching IS order matching; effectiveness = prices	Yes
LEP	Longest Ecological Prefix	Network Routing / BGP	O(k) hierarchical matching on @-segmented addresses	Yes
HMM	Hidden Markov Model (Profile) [53]	Molecular Biology / HMMER	Positional profiles for agent type DISCOVERY from deployment history	No
LTR	Learning to Rank [63]	Search/IR Engineering	Unified self-improving ranking combining ALL features	No
FBA	Flux Balance Analysis	Molecular Biology / Systems	Pipelines ARE metabolic pathways; shadow prices reveal bottlenecks	No
HNSW	Hierarchical Navigable Small World [62]	Search/IR Engineering	3-layer navigable graph for multi-resolution ecosystem search; locality-sensitive hashing foundations [61]	No
SPC	Statistical Process Control	Quality / Six Sigma	Nelson Rules detect quality drift in skill effectiveness	Yes
CVT	Continuously Variable Transmission	FDRP Core	Exploration–exploitation balance; convergence dynamics	Yes
IPT	Insight Per Token	FDRP Payload	Efficiency metric: quality_improvement / payload_tokens	Yes
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol	Network Routing	Policy > topology > tiebreaking for cluster routing	No
QFA	Quality-Freshness-Availability	Quantitative Finance	Agent ranking: quality first, then freshness, then availability	No
AQS	Agent Quality Score	Quantitative Finance	Composite agent effectiveness metric	No
UCB	Upper Confidence Bound	Quantitative Finance	Exploration bonus for under-tested agents	No
NBBO	National Best Bid/Offer	Quantitative Finance	Cross-cluster best available agent check	No
DMM	Designated Market Maker	Quantitative Finance	Always-available pipeline (concept2image, concept2onepager)	No
HGT	Horizontal Gene Transfer	Molecular Biology	Knowledge transfer between unrelated agent types	No
PRF	Pseudo-Relevance Feedback	Search/IR Engineering	Blind spots as query expansion terms	No
OODA	Observe-Orient-Decide-Act	Military Strategy	Dual-timescale decision loop (fast hooks + slow kaizen)	No
ARSA	Anomaly-Regime-Succession-Adaptation	Ecosystem Ecology	Four-level progressive disclosure of ecosystem events	No

Source: `SELECT acronym, full_name, expert_domain, key_insight, is_core FROM fdrp_acronym_index ORDER BY is_core DESC, acronym.`

Appendix B: System Inventory

Category	Count	Details
MySQL base tables (total)	304	All tables in `c6_mysql_intelligence`
MySQL base tables (fdrp_)	156	G1:9, G2:9, G3:9, G4B:6, G4:5, G5:6, G6:14, G7:4, G10:8 (CyberDefence), + versioning, concerns, SPC, teaming, matchmaking, thinking, control plane, expert persistence, knowledge graph, schema quality
MySQL views (total)	84	All views in `c6_mysql_intelligence`
MySQL views (fdrp_)	44	Rosetta Stone, compliance, safety, RAMS, RTM, parameters, references, project registry, version regression, concern dashboard, attack trend, top attackers, selftest scorecard, CVE exposure, config drift, percolation, quality genome
SIVP tables	7	state (partitioned), investigations, evaluations, evidence chain, snapshots, query lineage, L1 summary
CyberDefence tables	8	attack_patterns, attack_events (partitioned), ioc_intel, selftest_campaigns, selftest_findings, cve_watch, baseline_snapshots, threat_feeds
CyberDefence views	5	attack_trend, top_attackers, selftest_scorecard, cve_exposure, config_drift
Plugin skills	48	11 concept2X, 25 FDRP core, 7 visualisation, 2 publishing, 3 new
Plugin agents	5	orchestrator, clash-detector, convergence-monitor, scale-analyst, evolution-monitor

Category	Count	Details
Concept2X pipelines	14	2 LOW, 3 MEDIUM, 3 HIGH, 3 VERY_HIGH, 1 DESIGN, 1 PAPER, 1 new
Ecosystem elements	201	EXPERT_ROLE, METRIC, ANTI_PATTERN, PIPELINE, etc. across 11 domain clusters
Anti-patterns	25	AP-001 through AP-025
Heuristics	17	H-001 through H-017 (3 STRONG, 4 MODERATE)
Constitution principles	25	14 active, 11 CANDIDATE (graduated from PROPOSED)
Rosetta Stone entries	20	Acronyms mapped to 5 expert domains
Commissioned runs	38	EUDIS AirGuard v1–v5, tmux-officer, antimatter series, concept2X, APEX OS, FDRP-on-FDRP, ecosystem waves, CyberDefence
Total runs	58	All production runs
Total decisions	1,279	Across 58 runs
Expert perspectives	246	Stored in fdrp_expert_perspectives
Evolution events	122	Session-learning, schema changes, rule additions, paper corrections, view creation
Version releases	7	v0.7.0 → v0.13.0, 0 regressions
SIVP validated domains	2	Earthquake (IGPE=+0.519), Power grid (F1=0.876)
Expert persistence: source experts	32	Antimatter building prompts
Expert persistence: total output lines	28,936	Round 1 (26,918) + Round 1.5 (2,018)
Expert registry: registered experts	68	`fdrp_expert_registry`
Expert registry: extracted findings	1,656	`fdrp_expert_findings` (947 constraints, 385 risks, 119 contradictions, 205 recommendations)
Ultrathink cascade analyses	5	Cross-pollinator, Systems, Product, BA, Evaluator

Category	Count	Details
Ultrathink cascade output lines	2,198	5 design documents

Appendix C: Reproducibility

All metrics in this paper can be reproduced from the `c6_mysql_intelligence` database:

```sql
-- Table count
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM information_schema.tables
WHERE table_schema='c6_mysql_intelligence' AND table_name LIKE 'fdrp_%';

-- Ecosystem element distribution
SELECT element_type, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_ecosystem_map
GROUP BY element_type ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC;

-- Cluster distribution
SELECT cluster_id, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_ecosystem_map
WHERE cluster_id IS NOT NULL GROUP BY cluster_id ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC;

-- Compliance summary
SELECT compliance_level, COUNT(*) FROM fdrp_cern_compliance
GROUP BY compliance_level;

-- Production runs
SELECT run_id, name, status FROM fdrp_runs
WHERE status = 'COMMISSIONED';

-- Rosetta Stone
SELECT l5_keyword, expert_domain, l0_knowledge
FROM fdrp_v_rosetta_stone;

-- Constitution principles
SELECT source_code, LEFT(constitution_text, 80), priority
FROM fdrp_payload_constitution WHERE active = TRUE
ORDER BY priority;

-- Pipeline inventory
SELECT name, complexity, eco_address, status
FROM fdrp_c2x_pipelines ORDER BY pipeline_id;

-- Evolution log
SELECT source_type, action_type, component, LEFT(action_detail, 100)
FROM fdrp_evolution_log ORDER BY evo_log_id DESC;

-- Project registry (instant lookup)
SELECT run_id, fdrp_name, external_name, status, brief_preview
```

```sql
FROM fdrp_v_project_registry;
```

Note: Interactive D3.js source files (*.html) and legacy figure versions (concept*-.png, fig3-compliance.png) are retained in the figures/ directory for reproducibility.

Appendix D: Self-Evolution in Practice (Detailed)

How FDRP Discovers What It Doesn't Know

The most powerful property of FDRP is its ability to discover unknown unknowns through recursive expert expansion. The process works as follows:

Round 0 — Initial Expert Panel: Domain experts (40 in the FDRP-on-FDRP run, scaling with problem scope) analyse the current FDRP system state. Each expert sees the full schema (156 tables, 44 views), all skills (48), and production data (1,279 decisions across 58 runs). Expert count is bounded by convergence — when spiral-out produces no new unique domains — not by a predetermined cap.

Round 1 — Expert Proposals: Each expert proposes improvements from their unique perspective. A Graph Theory expert might notice that the traceability DAG lacks cycle detection. A Game Theory expert might identify Goodhart effects where quality gates can be gamed. An Adversarial ML expert might find that LLM agents can semantically bypass trigger-based gates.

Round 2 — Cross-Expert Voting: All experts vote on all proposals (10,360+ votes in the 40-expert run). Consensus emerges: 18.1% TIER 1 (high-impact), 73.7% TIER 2 (moderate), 8.1% TIER 3 (low).

Round 3 — Recursive Discovery: Experts recommend NEW expert types not in the original panel. In production, Wave 2 recommended adding: Process Mining experts, Temporal Database specialists, Petri Net/Workflow analysts, Control Theory engineers, Schema Evolution architects. These weren't in the original roster — the system discovered them.

Round 4 — Implementation: TIER 1 proposals are implemented, tested, and deployed. The system is now more capable than before. The next wave of experts will find the system stronger — and discover yet more improvements.

This is the Ouroboros: the system eats its own tail and grows larger.

FCC-Scale Application Scenario

Consider applying FDRP to the FCC-ee Technical Design Report (TDR) phase, expected to begin after CERN Member State approval ~2028:

Scale Mapping for FCC-ee TDR:

FDRP Scale	FCC-ee Application
S0 Ecosystem	European particle physics strategy, international funding landscape, CERN long-term programme

FDRP Scale	FCC-ee Application
S1 System	Machine-detector interface, beam parameters, luminosity targets, energy stages (Z, WW, ZH, $t\bar{t}$)
S2 Domain	RF systems, vacuum, magnets, cryogenics, civil engineering, detectors, computing
S3 Component	Individual magnet designs, cavity specifications, detector subsystems
S4 Interface	Beam injection/extraction interfaces, detector-machine boundaries, infrastructure connections
S5 Decision	Technology choices (e.g., Nb_3Sn vs HTS magnets for FCC-hh), site layout variants
S6 Rationale	Physics case justification, cost-benefit analysis, environmental impact assessment

Department Activation for FCC-ee: - STAT (Statistics & Metrology): Beam parameter uncertainty, luminosity measurement calibration - SAFE (Safety & Reliability): Radiation protection, cryogenic safety, civil engineering risk - SYEN (Systems Engineering): Machine-detector integration, infrastructure dependencies - HFAC (Human Factors): Control room design, 90 km tunnel evacuation procedures - MATL (Materials & Manufacturing): Superconducting cable production, tunnel lining, vacuum chambers - SWCT (Software & Controls): Accelerator control system, data acquisition, beam feedback - PMGT (Project Management): 12-year construction schedule, multi-billion CHF budget - DSCI (Domain Science): Particle physics requirements, detector physics - ENVR (Environmental): 16.4 million tonnes excavation material reuse, power consumption optimisation

A single FCC-ee TDR section (e.g., the RF system) could generate hundreds of FDRP decisions across all 7 scales, with clashes between physics requirements and engineering constraints detected automatically, convergence tracked via SPC, and review gates aligned to CERN's own PDR/CDR/FDR lifecycle.

Appendix E: Detailed Roadmap

Immediate (Expert Teaming Implementation)

Step	What	Why
1	Create `expert-teaming.sql` schema (department registry, competency matrix, conference records, hackathon sessions)	Data infrastructure for department activation
2	Write `config/departments.yaml` and `config/competency-matrix.yaml`	Standing department definitions

Step	What	Why
3	Build `/fdrp-dept-activate` skill	Query competency matrix, activate mandatory departments per gate
4	Build `/fdrp-paper-review` skill (PRISMA)	Systematic literature review integrated into decision pipeline
5	Build `/fdrp-conference` skill	Convene cross-department knowledge exchange
6	Build `/fdrp-hackathon` skill	Time-boxed intensive sprint for stuck decisions
7	Build `/fdrp-competency-check` skill	Verify all mandatory departments activated for current gate
8	Integrate with `/expert-expansion`	Department activation feeds expert panel assembly

Short-Term (Data Quality & Calibration)

Step	What	Why
9	CVT weight calibration study	Current 4×0.25 weights are UNCALIBRATED — need measured optima from production data
10	Portfolio stats refresh daemon	`fdrp_portfolio_stats` is stale (2026-03-02, sample_size=2) — needs regular refresh
11	Convergence score population	`fdrp_runs.convergence_score` is 0.0 for 17/19 runs — fix write path
11b	CVT DEFAULT removal	Replace `cvt_ratio DECIMAL(4,3) DEFAULT 0.900` with DEFAULT NULL; compute CVT live from raw data via `v_cvt_live` view (DD^n keyprompt v3.3: CVT Perfection Principle)

Step	What	Why
12	Safety function population	`fdrp_safety_functions` and `fdrp_safety_validation` are empty — need production data for SIL compliance
13	iBOM population	`fdrp_ibom` (Intelligent Bill of Materials) has 0 rows — needs auto-population

Medium-Term (Visualisation Enhancement)

Step	What	Why
14	Animation sequences for decision evolution	Show how decisions evolve across iterations (time-lapse)
15	Component assembly in 3D	Group related decisions into named components (subsystems)
16	Sankey diagram for traceability flow	Show concern→decision→requirement flow as Sankey (D3.js)
17	Chord diagram for inter-scale coupling	Show which scales have the most decision dependencies
18	Timeline/sequence diagrams	Represent temporal event sequences in the decision process
19	Real-time WebSocket data feed	Connect digital twin to live sensor data
20	NVIDIA Omniverse integration	Leverage Omniverse Cloud APIs for photorealistic digital twins (CERN precedent exists [10])

Near-Term (Expert Persistence and Ultrathink Cascade)

Step	What	Why
21	**DONE** Expert registry CLI (`expert seed/resume/fork/list/status`)	68 experts registered in `fdrp_expert_registry` with lifecycle tracking
22	Automated REBASE for multi-round panels	Inject Round N findings into all experts without manual briefing update
23	**DONE** Finding extraction from expert outputs	1,656 findings in `fdrp_expert_findings` (947 constraints, 385 risks, 119 contradictions, 205 recommendations) across R1+R2
24	**DONE** Contradiction detection across expert findings	119 contradictions detected across expert findings (107 R1 + 12 R2)
25	Ultrathink cascade tiers	Simple (3 experts), Standard (5–8), Deep (12+ with 3 rounds), Critical (full panel + cross-model)
26	Meeting-as-Code orchestration	Turn-based multi-expert interaction with agenda, transcript, action items

Long-Term (System Evolution)

Step	What	Why
27	FDRP-as-a-Service	Expose FDRP via API for external projects (not just internal use)
28	Multi-project portfolio optimisation	Cross-run resource allocation using portfolio theory
29	Formal verification (TLA+)	Model FDRP state machine in TLA+ for safety-critical deployments
30	IEC 61508 Part 5 certification package	Complete formal safety case documentation

Step	What	Why
31	CERN Collaboration Agreement	Formal partnership for accelerator subsystem planning
32	Expert Knowledge Operating System	Full implementation of OS primitives for expert lifecycle management

Programme-Level Branching (ATLAS/CMS Model)

The most ambitious next step draws from CERN's defining organisational insight: for truly complex problems, **no single approach can be trusted**. CERN built two independent, competing detector experiments (ATLAS and CMS) for the LHC precisely because the Higgs boson discovery required independent confirmation. Neither team could self-certify.

FDRP's current fork mechanism operates at the decision level (3 parallel variants with different biases). Programme-level branching extends this to **entire design tracks**:

Current (Decision Fork)	Future (Programme Branch)
3 variants of a single decision	2–4 complete parallel design tracks
Same team, different biases	Independent teams, different methodologies
Majority vote aggregation	Evidence-based comparison after simulation/experiment
Resolves in one iteration	May run for weeks/months before resolution
Single-scale scope	Full S0–S6 scope per branch

Architecture for Programme Branching:

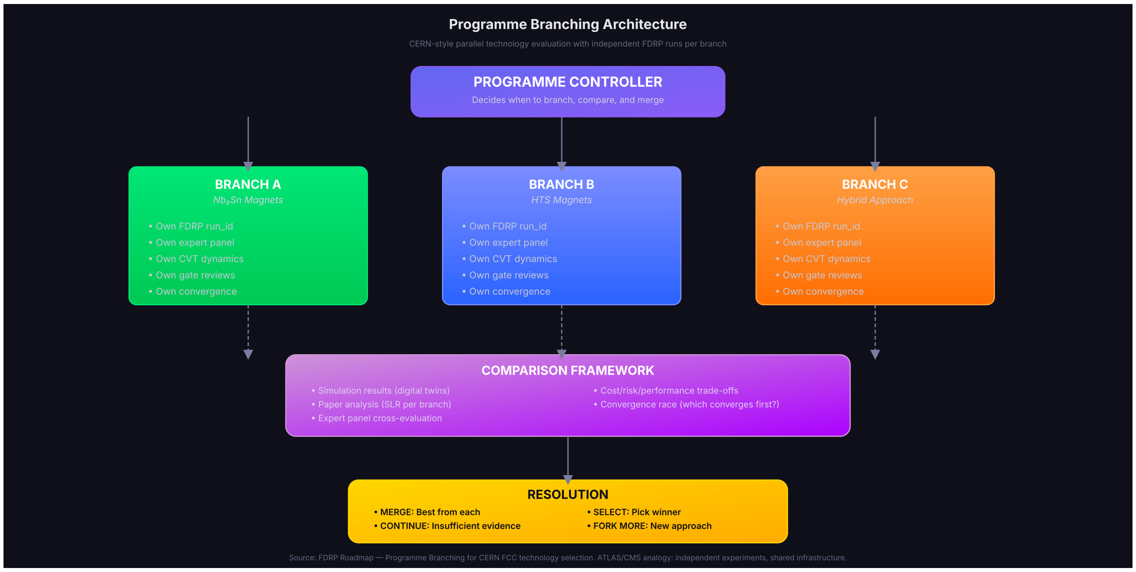

Figure 67: Programme Branching Architecture — CERN-style parallel technology evaluation with independent FDRP runs per branch. A Programme Controller decides when to branch, compare, and merge. Each branch (e.g., Nb_3Sn magnets, HTS magnets, Hybrid approach) has its own FDRP run_id, expert panel, CVT dynamics, and gate reviews. Branches feed into a Comparison Framework (simulation results, SLR analysis, expert cross-evaluation, cost/risk/performance trade-offs, convergence race) which produces a Resolution (MERGE, SELECT, CONTINUE, or FORK MORE). Modelled on ATLAS/CMS independent experiments with shared infrastructure. Generated by D3.js.

Key capabilities needed:

Capability	How It Works	CERN Analogy
Branch creation	Clone a run at any point, assign different expert teams	ATLAS and CMS starting from same physics requirements
Independent evolution	Each branch has its own FDRP run, own CVT, own gates	Each experiment has own management, schedule, budget
Simulation integration	Digital twin outputs feed comparison framework	Detector simulations (Geant4, FLUKA) validate designs
Experiment execution	Prototype builds, test results feed back into branches	Test beam campaigns validate detector technologies
Cross-branch review	Independent experts evaluate all branches simultaneously	LHC Experiments Committee (LHCC) reviews both

Capability	How It Works	CERN Analogy
Evidence-based resolution	Data from simulation/experiment determines winner, not opinion	Both ATLAS and CMS confirmed the Higgs — mutual validation

The Navigation Problem: With multiple branches, each containing 7 scales × N iterations × M decisions, the complexity space explodes. FDRP addresses this through:

1. **CVT-guided pruning**: Branches that fail to converge below threshold are automatically flagged (not killed — scientific dead ends contain information)
2. **SPC cross-branch monitoring**: Comparative control charts showing which branches are progressing vs. stalling
3. **Expert rotation**: Periodically rotating experts between branches to cross-pollinate insights (CERN does this with visiting scientists)
4. **Portfolio-level conference**: Quarterly portfolio conferences where all branches present findings (CERN's EP/DT/IT department seminars)
5. **Andon cross-branch**: A RED Andon in one branch triggers review of the same subsystem in all branches

This architecture acknowledges the fundamental truth about FCC-class complexity: **the best scientist and AI together cannot reach a final conclusion on truly novel problems without building, simulating, testing, and comparing multiple approaches simultaneously**. FDRP's role is not to replace this process but to **structure it, measure it, and ensure nothing falls through the cracks** across the parallel exploration.

Appendix F: Expert Panel Results — Run #22

This paper was itself subjected to FDRP expert expansion (run_id=22), producing 40 proposals from 8 diverse experts (the initial panel for this analysis; subsequent analyses have scaled to 68+ experts). This section documents the self-referential process and its key findings.

Expert Panel Composition

#	Expert	Domain	Key Contribution
1	Dr. Elena Kowalski	Academic Publication	Missing CERN front matter, Related Work, AI authorship disclosure
2	Prof. Marcus Lindgren	Systems Engineering (INCOSE)	ISO 42010 conformance gaps, fractal property needs formal proof
3	Dr. Sophie Marchand	CERN Accelerator Physics	FCC scenario needs operational depth, CERN IT constraints

#	Expert	Domain	Key Contribution
4	Kenji Tanaka-sensei	Toyota Production System	Missing Genchi Genbutsu, Hansei, Heijunka misapplied
5	Dr. Hans-Werner Brandt	IEC 61508 Safety	Safety case incomplete, CCF analysis needed for multi-model
6	Prof. Miriam Chen	Information Visualisation	No user evaluation, WCAG accessibility, linked views
7	Dr. Raj Patel	Digital Twin Architecture	"Digital twin" misnomer — no physical entity, no bidirectional data
8	Prof. Alain Dubois	Philosophy of Science	Gödel limits unaddressed, BVSR framework better than Ouroboros

Priority Matrix

Priority	Count	Theme
P0 CRITICAL	3	AI authorship disclosure, safety case completion, safety management plan
P1 HIGH	16	Academic structure, CERN integration, TPS completeness, safety rigour, epistemology
P2 MEDIUM	19	Citation format, SysML diagrams, accessibility, twin lifecycle, analogy theory
P3 LOW	2	Gate terminology, twin federation

Key Cross-Domain Insights Discovered

Each expert contributed one transplant from their domain:

1. **Pre-registration** (psychology → FDRP): Declare expected convergence behaviour before running, creating falsifiable predictions
2. **Concept of Operations** (INCOSE → FDRP): Show how a CERN engineer uses FDRP day-to-day, not just internals
3. **Machine Development studies** (CERN → FDRP): Dedicated "improvement runs" with controlled A/B tests on FDRP parameters
4. **Yokoten horizontal deployment** (Toyota → FDRP): Active push of pattern updates to all running projects, not passive pull
5. **Defence in Depth physical independence** (nuclear → FDRP): At least one Swiss Cheese layer on different infrastructure

6. **Uncertainty visualisation** (medical imaging → FDRP): Ungrounded decisions rendered as literally fuzzy/blurred
7. **Planning Operating System** (building management → FDRP): Single unified dashboard aggregating all runs, not 7 separate renderers
8. **Blind Variation & Selective Retention** (evolutionary epistemology → FDRP): BVSR framework replaces Ouroboros metaphor with testable theory

Self-Referential Validation

This section itself demonstrates FDRP's Ouroboros property: the expert panel (40 decisions in MySQL for this run, decision_ids 976–1015; the system has since scaled to 68+ experts in the antimatter building programme) was used to identify gaps in the paper about expert panels. The system discovered 7 blind spots in its own documentation — exactly the process it claims to enable.

Figure 68: Expert improvement proposals — severity vs category heatmap across all waves. Data source: `fdrp_improvement_proposals` (299 proposals). TRIGGER category dominates CRITICAL and HIGH severity, indicating that gate trigger logic is the primary area of expert concern. Generated by `fdrp-chart proposals-heatmap`.

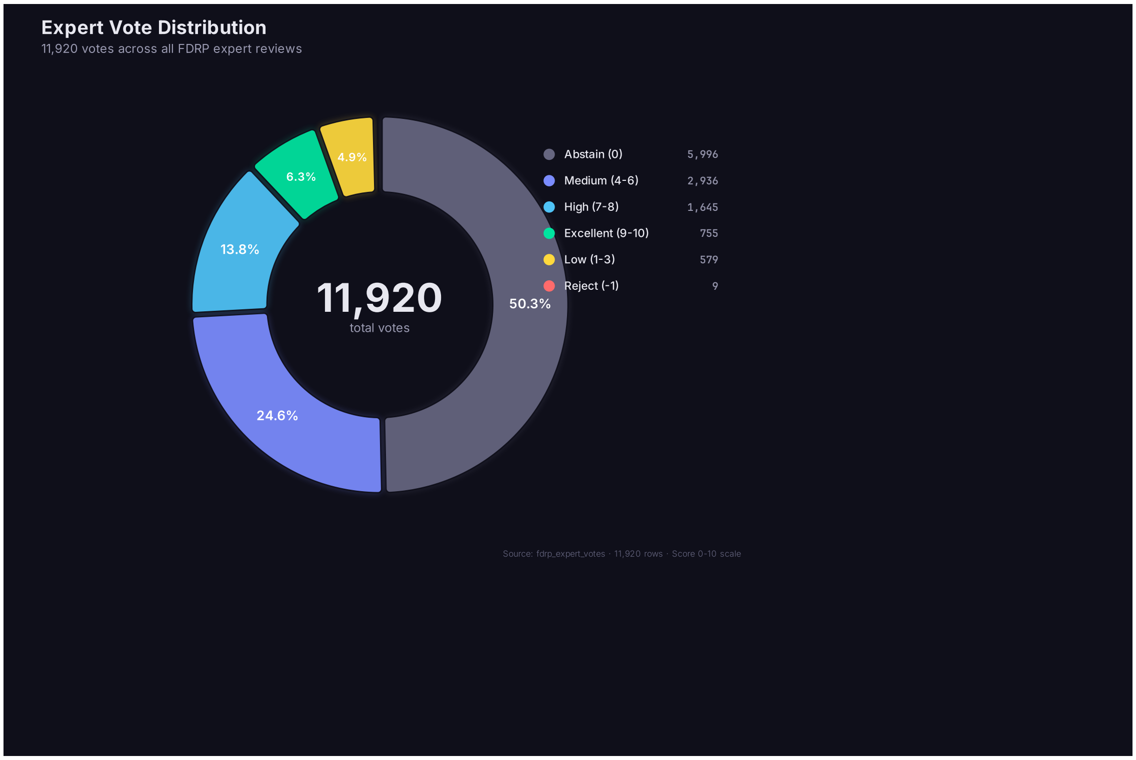

Figure 69: Expert vote distribution — 11,920 votes across all FDRP runs. Data source: `fdrp_expert_votes` table. Donut chart shows YES/ABSTAIN/NO distribution. Generated by `fdrp-chart expert-votes`.

The most profound finding came from Expert 8 (Epistemologist): FDRP's self-referential claim is subject to **Gödel's incompleteness** — a system cannot fully certify itself. This is not a flaw but a feature: it means FDRP always needs external validation (cross-model verification, human oversight), which is already built into the architecture. The self-referential loop is productive precisely because it is incomplete.

Bias Prevention Architecture — Empirical Findings from Cross-Model Review

This paper was itself subjected to a full presenter-critique cycle with 3 independent models (Claude Opus 4.6, OpenAI Codex Pro, Google Gemini 3.1 Pro). The process ran 2 iterations: Iteration 1 produced 12 blocking issues; all were fixed; Iteration 2 achieved 3/3 APPROVE. The empirical data from this process reveals 4 systematic bias patterns consistent with the broader LLM bias literature [39][40][41] that ground a formal Bias Prevention Architecture for FDRP.

Figure 70: Cross-model severity bias — Iteration 1 peer review scores across 7 criteria. Data source: empirical 3-model review of this paper. The red dashed box highlights Citation Quality (range = 3), the criterion with maximum inter-model divergence. The dashed green line marks the PASS threshold (3/5).

Measured Bias Patterns **Pattern 1 — Severity Bias**: Models exhibit systematic differences in scoring harshness, consistent with sycophancy research showing RLHF-trained models develop model-specific response calibrations [39]. Codex Pro averaged 1.3/5 across 7 criteria; Gemini averaged 2.7/5; Opus averaged 2.4/5. This is not random variation — Codex scored lower on 5 of 7 criteria. The implication is that any single-model review will systematically over- or under-report issues depending on which model is used.

Pattern 2 — Criterion Sensitivity Divergence: Models weight review criteria differently, an instance of the anchoring effect where each model's training data anchors its severity thresholds to different baselines [40]. Citation Quality had the highest inter-model divergence (range = 3): Codex rated 1/5 (18 uncited references = catastrophic failure), Gemini rated 4/5 (uncited references = minor issue), Opus rated 2/5 (middle ground). This divergence reveals that models have different internal standards for what constitutes a "blocking issue" versus a "cosmetic issue" — a form of criterion weighting bias.

Pattern 3 — Model-Unique Blind Spots: Jiang et al. [42] documented the "Artificial Hivemind" effect where LLMs converge on similar outputs; yet our data shows that model-unique findings persist — 7 issues were identified by only one model and would have been missed entirely by any 2-model verification:

Finding	Model	Why Others Missed It
Abstract word count violation (286 > 150)	Codex	Others did not verify against CERN template spec
“Heijunka” misuse (smoothing ≠ levelling)	Gemini	Others lacked deep TPS domain knowledge
“Digital Twin” misnomer (no physical entity)	Gemini	Others accepted the term at face value
Fictitious expert names as ethical concern	Opus	Others treated named personas as standard practice
“42” numerology undermining credibility	Opus	Others missed the Douglas Adams reference
“CERN-Grade” title implying endorsement	Opus	Others did not consider institutional politics
Lean/6σ already applied at CERN	Opus	Others did not know about CERN-OPEN-2015-003

Pattern 4 — Agreement Zones: 5 issues were found by all 3 models unanimously — these represent high-confidence blocking issues: Missing Related Work, Missing Limitations, Uncited references, No reproducibility package, Phantom Table 3.1 reference. Unanimous findings have the highest signal-to-noise ratio.

Bias Prevention Principles From these empirical patterns, 5 principles emerge for bias-resilient verification:

1. **N ≥ 3 Requirement**: Two models cannot detect model-unique blind spots (Pattern 3). Three models caught 7 issues that any pair would have missed. Kleinberg and Raghavan [43] proved formally that algorithmic monoculture degrades collective decision quality; our empirical finding quantifies this for LLM verification. For safety-critical decisions (SIL ≥ 2), N ≥ 3 independent models is the minimum.

2. **Severity Normalisation**: Raw scores from different models are not directly comparable (Pattern 1). Before aggregating across models, scores must be normalised to account for each model’s baseline severity. FDRP should maintain a per-model severity profile calibrated against known-quality reference documents. Critically, normalised scores should be *disaggregated* (reported per model and per criterion), not averaged into a single composite — averaging destroys the signal from systematic bias (concept note #21: Average Landmine Principle). The correct quality aggregation is MIN across dimensions, not AVERAGE: a system with one catastrophic weakness and four strengths is not “above average” — it is as weak as its worst dimension.

3. **Criterion Weighting Transparency**: When models disagree on a criterion score by ≥ 2 points (Pattern 2), the disagreement itself is a finding. It means the criterion definition is ambiguous or the models apply different standards. FDRP should flag high-divergence criteria for explicit human adjudication.

4. **Unique Finding Premium**: Findings identified by only one model are the most valuable (Pattern 3) — they represent blind spots that the ensemble would miss without that specific model. This is the practical counterpart to what Huang et al. [44] demonstrated: LLMs cannot self-correct reasoning without external feedback, making cross-model disagreement the primary error-correction signal. FDRP should weight unique findings higher, not lower, in its synthesis.

5. **Unanimous Findings as Hard Gates**: Issues found by all N models (Pattern 4) are near-certain blocking issues. These should be treated as hard gates — no amount of argumentation can override unanimous cross-model agreement. Only measured counter-evidence can challenge a unanimous finding.

Bias Prevention Architecture

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│  │         INDEPENDENCE PROTOCOL                 │        │
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│  │  1. No model sees another's output            │        │
│  │  2. Prompts are identical (same criteria)     │        │
│  │  3. Order is randomised per iteration         │        │
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│   │  Majority  → SOFT GATE       │                          │
│   │  Unique    → PREMIUM FINDING │                          │
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Implementation: The Bias Prevention Layer wraps FDRP's existing cross-model verification (BIND-008), implementing the multiagent debate pattern [45] with structured bias analysis rather than simple consensus voting. The architecture aligns with NIST AI RMF's MEASURE function [46] for continuous bias monitoring. Instead of a simple "do the models agree?" check, it performs structured bias analysis on the raw model outputs before synthesis. The key MySQL tables:

```sql
CREATE TABLE fdrp_bias_profiles (
    profile_id    INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    model_name    VARCHAR(64) NOT NULL,
    criterion     VARCHAR(64) NOT NULL,
    baseline_mean DECIMAL(4,2),     -- average score on reference documents
    baseline_std  DECIMAL(4,2),     -- standard deviation
    sample_count  INT DEFAULT 0,
    updated_at    TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);

CREATE TABLE fdrp_bias_findings (
    finding_id    INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    run_id        INT NOT NULL,
    iteration     INT NOT NULL,
    finding_text  TEXT NOT NULL,
    found_by      JSON,             -- ["claude","codex","gemini"]
    agreement     ENUM('UNANIMOUS','MAJORITY','UNIQUE'),
    divergence    DECIMAL(4,2),     -- max score difference for this finding
    resolved      BOOLEAN DEFAULT FALSE,
    resolution    TEXT,
    created_at    TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
);
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Integration with Swiss Cheese Model: The Bias Prevention Layer becomes Layer 2.5 — sitting between the individual model critiques (Layers 1-3) and the deterministic checks (Layer 4+). It ensures that the model ensemble's output is bias-corrected before being used as the basis for revision decisions.