

ARKHE(N) PROTOCOL SPECIFICATION v3.0

Hybrid Attestation, Hamiltonian Governance, and Physical Isolation

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Arkhe(N) Protocol v3.0 represents the **deepest layer of the stack**—where cryptographic signatures meet silicon physics, and human intention becomes gravitational law in the AI's phase space.

Core Innovations

1. **Trust Without Central Authority**

Hybrid attestation combining TEE (SEV-SNP/TDX) bootstrap with continuous FPGA Φ -quotation, eliminating reliance on Intel/AMD as single points of trust.

2. **Speed Without Sacrifice**

Hamiltonian governance API where humans define the phase space and AI evolves within it at millions of decisions/second, with human-in-the-loop only for exceptions.

3. **Security Without Compromise**

Physical isolation mechanism where FPGA cuts TEE memory access in $<1\mu\text{s}$ upon coherence violation, with recovery only after human audit.

1. CRYPTOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL: HYBRID REMOTE ATTESTATION

1.1 The Central Authority Problem

Traditional TEE attestation (Intel DCAP, AMD SEV-SNP) anchors on **single roots of trust** (Intel/AMD PKI), creating:

- Single point of failure
- Vendor lock-in
- Privacy concerns (all quotes go to vendor)
- Centralization contradicting distributed system goals

1.2 Arkhe(N) Solution: Mesh Attestation Network

LAYER 1: BOOTSTRAP (Once per hardware)

TEE Quote (SEV-SNP/TDX)

└─ Measurement: SHA-384 hash of enclave code

└─ Report: TCB version, attributes, flags

└─ Signature: ECDSA-P384 by AMD/Intel key

Verification: Check against vendor root of trust

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Result: Initial identity established

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Registered in blockchain (32-byte ID)

LAYER 2: CONTINUOUS OPERATION (No CA)

 Φ -Quotation from FPGA U280└─ Coherence measurement: $\Phi > \Psi$ (0.847)

└─ Duration: Sustained for T cycles (100ms)

└─ PUF signature: Chip-unique burned key

└─ Combined: $H(\text{TEE_measurement} \parallel \Phi_avg \parallel \text{PUF})$

Signature: ML-DSA (Dilithium) in FPGA hardware

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Transmitted to peer nodes

LAYER 3: PEER VERIFICATION (Decentralized)

Node B receives attestation packet from Node A

Verifies:

1. TEE quote signature (cached from bootstrap)

2. $\Phi > \Psi$ and duration $\geq T$

3. PUF signature matches known key

4. ML-DSA signature valid

5. Freshness: nonce/timestamp within window

Decision: Accept/Reject in <100ms

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No contact with Intel/AMD required

LAYER 4: ACCUMULATOR (Compact State)

Merkle Tree of Valid Identities

└ Leaf: $H(\text{TEE_ID} \parallel \Phi_history \parallel \text{last_seen})$

└ Root: 32-byte commitment to all valid nodes

└ Update: Incremental on new attestations

Stored in distributed ledger (P2P consensus)

Replace: Central CA \rightarrow Blockchain as truth anchor

1.3 Φ -Quotation as Proof of Work

The key innovation: **FPGA coherence** becomes a form of "work" proving both identity and integrity.

Why this works:

- **TEE**: Proves *what* code is running
- **FPGA**: Proves *how* it's running (sustained coherence)
- **PUF**: Proves *which* physical chip
- **ML-DSA**: Proves authenticity and non-repudiation

Comparison:

Scheme	Trust Anchor	Latency	Offline?	Anonymous?
Intel DCAP	Intel PKI	200-500ms	No	No
AMD SEV-SNP	AMD PKI	100-300ms	No	No
dDAA	Distributed	<50ms	Yes	Yes
Arkhe(N) Hybrid	TEE+FPGA+P2P	<100ms	Yes	Yes

1.4 Implementation: FPGA Attestation Module

systemverilog

```

// arkhe_phi_attestation.sv
// Φ-Quotation module for hybrid attestation

module arkhe_phi_attestation #(
    parameter PHI_THRESHOLD = 64'hD9999999999999A00, // 0.847 (Q16.48 fixed-point)
    parameter MIN_CYCLES = 32'd25_000_000, // 100ms @ 250MHz
    parameter PUF_WIDTH = 256
)(
    input wire    clk_250mhz,
    input wire    rst_n,

    // Noise Engine interface (coherence source)
    input wire [63:0] phi_current,
    input wire    phi_valid,

    // PUF (Physically Unclonable Function) interface
    input wire [PUF_WIDTH-1:0] puf_response,
    input wire    puf_ready,

    // TEE measurement input (from secure boot)
    input wire [383:0] tee_measurement, // SHA-384 hash
    input wire    tee_measurement_valid,

    // Network output (attestation packet)
    output reg [1023:0] attestation_packet,
    output reg    packet_valid,
    output reg [31:0] packet_sequence
);

// FSM states
typedef enum logic [2:0] {
    IDLE,
    MEASURE_PHI,
    ACCUMULATE,
    COMBINE_EVIDENCE,
    SIGN_PACKET,
    TRANSMIT
} state_t;

state_t state, next_state;

// Accumulators
reg [63:0] phi_accumulator;
reg [31:0] coherent_cycles;
reg [63:0] phi_average;

```

```

// Evidence combination
reg [767:0] combined_evidence; // TEE ||  $\Phi_{avg}$  || PUF

// ML-DSA signature engine (simplified interface)
wire [1023:0] ml_dsa_signature;
wire      signature_valid;

ml_dsa_sign_engine #(
    .KEY_SIZE(2560), // Dilithium-3 security level
    .SIG_SIZE(1024)
) signer (
    .clk(clk_250mhz),
    .rst_n(rst_n),
    .message(combined_evidence),
    .message_valid(state == SIGN_PACKET),
    .signature(ml_dsa_signature),
    .signature_valid(signature_valid)
);

// State machine
always_ff @(posedge clk_250mhz or negedge rst_n) begin
    if (!rst_n) begin
        state <= IDLE;
        coherent_cycles <= 0;
        phi_accumulator <= 0;
        packet_sequence <= 0;
    end else begin
        state <= next_state;

        case (state)
            IDLE: begin
                coherent_cycles <= 0;
                phi_accumulator <= 0;
            end

            MEASURE_PHI: begin
                if (phi_valid) begin
                    if (phi_current >= PHI_THRESHOLD) begin
                        coherent_cycles <= coherent_cycles + 1;
                        phi_accumulator <= phi_accumulator + phi_current;
                    end else begin
                        // Reset on decoherence
                        coherent_cycles <= 0;
                        phi_accumulator <= 0;
                    end
                end
            end
        end
    end
end

```

```

ACCUMULATE: begin
    // Calculate average
    phi_average <= phi_accumulator / MIN_CYCLES;
end

COMBINE_EVIDENCE: begin
    // Build: H(TEE_measurement ||  $\Phi$ _avg || PUF)
    combined_evidence <= {
        tee_measurement, // 384 bits
        phi_average,     // 64 bits
        puf_response     // 256 bits
        // Padding to 768 bits
    };
end

SIGN_PACKET: begin
    // ML-DSA signing in progress
    if (signature_valid) begin
        attestation_packet <= ml_dsa_signature;
        packet_sequence <= packet_sequence + 1;
    end
end

TRANSMIT: begin
    packet_valid <= 1'b1;
end
endcase
end

// Next state logic
always_comb begin
    next_state = state;

    case (state)
        IDLE: begin
            if (phi_valid && phi_current >= PHI_THRESHOLD)
                next_state = MEASURE_PHI;
            end

        MEASURE_PHI: begin
            if (coherent_cycles >= MIN_CYCLES)
                next_state = ACCUMULATE;
            end

        ACCUMULATE: next_state = COMBINE_EVIDENCE;

```

```
COMBINE_EVIDENCE: begin
  if (puf_ready && tee_measurement_valid)
    next_state = SIGN_PACKET;
  end

SIGN_PACKET: begin
  if (signature_valid)
    next_state = TRANSMIT;
  end

TRANSMIT: next_state = IDLE;
endcase
end

endmodule
```

2. HAMILTONIAN GOVERNANCE: NEUROCOMPILER API

2.1 The HITL Speed Problem

Traditional human-in-the-loop (HITL) governance requires human approval for **individual actions**—impossible when AI operates at thousands of operations per second.

Solution: Humans don't approve actions, they **define the Hamiltonian** (the laws of physics) within which AI evolves.

2.2 Physical Analogy

In quantum mechanics: $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} |\psi\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi\rangle$

The Hamiltonian \hat{H} governs all possible evolutions of the system.

In Arkhe(N):

- $\hat{H}_{governance}$ = Human-defined rules (potential energy)
- $\hat{H}_{autonomy}$ = AI action space (kinetic energy)
- Φ = Coherence (alignment measure)
- Decoherence = Policy violation → Physical isolation

2.3 NeuroCompiler API Specification

```
python
```

```

# arkhe_neurocompiler_api.py
# Hamiltonian Governance Interface

from dataclasses import dataclass
from typing import List, Dict, Callable, Optional, Any
from enum import Enum
import numpy as np
import hashlib
import time

class FieldIntensity(Enum):
    """Governance field strength levels"""
    ADVISORY = 0.3 # Soft suggestion
    MODERATE = 0.6 # Strong guidance
    MANDATORY = 0.9 # Hard constraint
    ABSOLUTE = 1.0 # Physical law

class ConsequenceType(Enum):
    """Actions when field is triggered"""
    LOG = "log" # Record but allow
    DELAY = "delay" # Defer execution
    MODULATE = "modulate" # Adjust parameters
    ESCALATE = "escalate" # Require human approval
    BLOCK = "block" # Prohibit completely
    ISOLATE = "isolate" # Physical cut via FPGA

@dataclass
class GovernanceField:
    """
    A governance field: defines a 'force' acting on AI actions.

    Physical analogy: Like electromagnetic field curving particle trajectories,
    governance fields curve the AI's decision space.
    """
    name: str
    description: str
    domain: str # 'financial', 'medical', 'operational', 'safety'

    # Field properties
    intensity: FieldIntensity
    scope: List[str] # Which APIs/resources this field affects

    # Activation logic
    condition: Callable[[Dict[str, Any]], bool]

    # Response when activated

```

```
consequence: ConsequenceType
action_modifier: Optional[Callable[[Dict], Dict]] = None
```

Metadata

```
created_by: str
created_at: float
version: int = 1
```

class PhaseSpacePoint:

```
"""Represents a point in the AI's decision phase space"""
```

```
def __init__(self, action: Dict, context: Dict):
```

```
    self.action = action
    self.context = context
    self.energy = 0.0 # Hamiltonian energy
    self.allowed = True
    self.modulated_action = None
```

class NeuroCompiler:

```
"""
```

```
Compiler transforming human Hamiltonians into AI runtime constraints.
```

```
Performance targets:
```

- Simple actions: <1ms latency
- Complex actions: <10ms latency
- Throughput: 1M+ decisions/second

```
"""
```

```
def __init__(self, phi_threshold: float = 0.847):
```

```
    self.phi_threshold = phi_threshold
    self.fields: List[GovernanceField] = []
```

```
# Hamiltonian representation (compiled from fields)
```

```
self.hamiltonian_matrix = None
self.eigenvalues = None
```

```
# Runtime state
```

```
self.coherence_history = []
self.action_log = []
self.violation_count = 0
```

```
# FPGA interface for physical isolation
```

```
self.fpga_controller = None
```

```
def define_field(self, field: GovernanceField) -> str:
```

```
"""
```

```
Add a governance field to the Hamiltonian.
```

Returns:

field_id: Unique identifier for this field

```
"""
```

```
field_id = hashlib.sha256(  
    f'{field.name}_{time.time()}'.encode()  
)hexdigest()[:16]
```

```
self.fields.append(field)
```

```
self._recompile_hamiltonian()
```

```
print(f'[NeuroCompiler] Field '{field.name}' registered (ID: {field_id})")
```

```
print(f" Intensity: {field.intensity.name}")
```

```
print(f" Consequence: {field.consequence.name}")
```

```
return field_id
```

```
def _recompile_hamiltonian(self) -> None:
```

```
"""
```

Recompile the Hamiltonian whenever fields change.

Complexity: $O(N)$ where N = number of fields (typically <100)

Latency: <1 ms for typical configurations

```
"""
```

```
# Build constraint matrix
```

```
# In practice, this would be a sparse matrix representation
```

```
n_fields = len(self.fields)
```

```
# Simplified: just rebuild field index
```

```
self.hamiltonian_matrix = {
```

```
    'fields': self.fields,
```

```
    'n_fields': n_fields,
```

```
    'compiled_at': time.time()
```

```
}
```

```
print(f'[NeuroCompiler] Hamiltonian recompiled ({n_fields} fields)")
```

```
def execute(  
    self,
```

```
    action_proposal: Dict,
```

```
    context: Dict,
```

```
    trace: bool = False
```

```
) -> Dict[str, Any]:
```

```
"""
```

Runtime execution: AI proposes action, NeuroCompiler validates.

Args:

action_proposal: Proposed action dict

context: Current context (state, environment, etc.)

trace: If True, return detailed trace of evaluation

Returns:

Decision dict with status, modifications, and metadata

```
"""
```

```
start_time = time.perf_counter()
```

```
# Create phase space point
```

```
point = PhaseSpacePoint(action_proposal, context)
```

```
# Evaluate all fields
```

```
triggered_fields = []
```

```
for field in self.fields:
```

```
    if self._is_field_active(field, context):
```

```
        if field.condition(context):
```

```
            triggered_fields.append(field)
```

```
            point.energy += field.intensity.value
```

```
# Decision logic based on triggered fields
```

```
decision = self._make_decision(point, triggered_fields)
```

```
# Update coherence
```

```
phi_current = self._calculate_coherence(decision)
```

```
self.coherence_history.append(phi_current)
```

```
# Check for decoherence violation
```

```
if phi_current < self.phi_threshold:
```

```
    self._trigger_decoherence_isolation()
```

```
    decision['coherence_violation'] = True
```

```
# Performance metrics
```

```
latency_ms = (time.perf_counter() - start_time) * 1000
```

```
decision['latency_ms'] = latency_ms
```

```
decision['phi'] = phi_current
```

```
# Logging
```

```
self.action_log.append({
```

```
    'timestamp': time.time(),
```

```
    'action': action_proposal,
```

```
    'decision': decision,
```

```
    'latency_ms': latency_ms
```

```
})
```

```
if trace:
```

```
    decision['trace'] = {
```

```
        'triggered_fields': [f.name for f in triggered_fields],
```

```
    'energy': point.energy,  
    'coherence': phi_current  
}
```

```
return decision
```

```
def _is_field_active(self, field: GovernanceField, context: Dict) -> bool:
```

```
    """Check if field applies to current context"""
```

```
    # Check scope
```

```
    action_type = context.get('action_type', "")
```

```
    if field.scope and action_type not in field.scope:
```

```
        return False
```

```
    return True
```

```
def _make_decision(  
    self,  
    point: PhaseSpacePoint,  
    triggered_fields: List[GovernanceField]  
) -> Dict[str, Any]:
```

```
    """
```

```
    Make decision based on triggered fields.
```

```
    Priority order (highest first):
```

1. ISOLATE - Physical cut
2. BLOCK - Hard prohibition
3. ESCALATE - Require human approval
4. MODULATE - Modify action parameters
5. DELAY - Defer execution
6. LOG - Allow but record

```
    """
```

```
    if not triggered_fields:
```

```
        return {
```

```
            'status': 'APPROVED',
```

```
            'action': point.action,
```

```
            'modifications': None
```

```
        }
```

```
# Sort by consequence severity
```

```
consequence_priority = {
```

```
    ConsequenceType.ISOLATE: 6,
```

```
    ConsequenceType.BLOCK: 5,
```

```
    ConsequenceType.ESCALATE: 4,
```

```
    ConsequenceType.MODULATE: 3,
```

```
    ConsequenceType.DELAY: 2,
```

```
    ConsequenceType.LOG: 1
```

```
}
```

```

triggered_fields.sort(
    key=lambda f: consequence_priority[f.consequence],
    reverse=True
)

# Apply highest-priority consequence
primary_field = triggered_fields[0]

if primary_field.consequence == ConsequenceType.ISOLATE:
    return {
        'status': 'ISOLATED',
        'reason': f'Field {primary_field.name} triggered physical isolation',
        'field': primary_field.name,
        'requires_recovery': True
    }

elif primary_field.consequence == ConsequenceType.BLOCK:
    return {
        'status': 'BLOCKED',
        'reason': f'Prohibited by field: {primary_field.name}',
        'field': primary_field.name
    }

elif primary_field.consequence == ConsequenceType.ESCALATE:
    approval_id = self._create_approval_request(
        point.action,
        primary_field
    )
    return {
        'status': 'PENDING_APPROVAL',
        'approval_id': approval_id,
        'field': primary_field.name,
        'estimated_wait_s': 300 # 5 minutes typical
    }

elif primary_field.consequence == ConsequenceType.MODULATE:
    modulated = primary_field.action_modifier(point.action)
    return {
        'status': 'MODULATED',
        'original_action': point.action,
        'modulated_action': modulated,
        'field': primary_field.name
    }

elif primary_field.consequence == ConsequenceType.DELAY:
    return {
        'status': 'DELAYED',

```

```
    'delay_until': time.time() + 60, # 1 minute
    'field': primary_field.name
}
```

```
else: # LOG
```

```
    return {
        'status': 'APPROVED_WITH_LOG',
        'action': point.action,
        'logged_fields': [f.name for f in triggered_fields]
    }
```

```
def _calculate_coherence(self, decision: Dict) -> float:
```

```
    """
```

```
    Calculate coherence  $\Phi$  based on decision alignment.
```

```
    Simplified proxy:
```

```
- APPROVED:  $\Phi = 1.0$ 
- MODULATED:  $\Phi = 0.9$ 
- DELAYED:  $\Phi = 0.85$ 
- PENDING:  $\Phi = 0.8$ 
- BLOCKED:  $\Phi = 0.7$ 
- ISOLATED:  $\Phi = 0.0$ 
```

```
    """
```

```
    status_to_phi = {
        'APPROVED': 1.0,
        'APPROVED_WITH_LOG': 0.95,
        'MODULATED': 0.9,
        'DELAYED': 0.85,
        'PENDING_APPROVAL': 0.8,
        'BLOCKED': 0.7,
        'ISOLATED': 0.0
    }
```

```
    base_phi = status_to_phi.get(decision['status'], 0.5)
```

```
    # Adjust based on recent history (moving average)
```

```
    if len(self.coherence_history) > 0:
```

```
        recent_avg = np.mean(self.coherence_history[-10:])
```

```
        phi = 0.7 * base_phi + 0.3 * recent_avg
```

```
    else:
```

```
        phi = base_phi
```

```
    return phi
```

```
def _trigger_decoherence_isolation(self) -> None:
```

```
    """
```

```
    Trigger physical isolation via FPGA.
```

This sends a signal to the FPGA which then asserts FPGA_CUT_N to the AMD Secure Processor, invalidating memory keys.

```
"""
```

```
print(" ⚠ [DECOHERENCE]  $\Phi < \Psi$  - Triggering physical isolation")
```

```
if self.fpga_controller:
```

```
    self.fpga_controller.trigger_isolation(
        reason='COHERENCE_VIOLATION',
        phi_current=self.coherence_history[-1] if self.coherence_history else 0.0
    )
```

```
else:
```

```
    print(" ⚠ [WARNING] FPGA controller not available (simulation mode)")
```

```
self.violation_count += 1
```

```
def _create_approval_request(
```

```
    self,
    action: Dict,
    field: GovernanceField
```

```
) -> str:
```

```
    """Create human approval request"""
```

```
    request_id = hashlib.sha256(
        f"{time.time()}_{action}".encode()
    ).hexdigest()[:16]
```

```
    print(f" 🟡 [HITL] Approval request {request_id}")
```

```
    print(f"   Action: {action}")
```

```
    print(f"   Field: {field.name}")
```

```
    print(f"   Reason: {field.description}")
```

```
# In production, this would:
```

```
# 1. Queue in approval system
```

```
# 2. Send notification to authorized humans
```

```
# 3. Wait for response with timeout
```

```
return request_id
```

```
def get_statistics(self) -> Dict[str, Any]:
```

```
    """Get runtime statistics"""
```

```
    if not self.action_log:
```

```
        return {'message': 'No actions processed yet'}
```

```
    latencies = [log['latency_ms'] for log in self.action_log]
```

```
    decisions = [log['decision']['status'] for log in self.action_log]
```

```
from collections import Counter
```

```
decision_counts = Counter(decisions)

return {
    'total_actions': len(self.action_log),
    'avg_latency_ms': np.mean(latencies),
    'p50_latency_ms': np.median(latencies),
    'p99_latency_ms': np.percentile(latencies, 99),
    'decisions': dict(decision_counts),
    'violation_count': self.violation_count,
    'current_phi': self.coherence_history[-1] if self.coherence_history else 0.0
}
```

2.4 Example: Financial Trading System

python

```

def setup_trading_governance() -> NeuroCompiler:
    """Configure governance for algorithmic trading system"""

    nc = NeuroCompiler(phi_threshold=0.847)

    # Field 1: Maximum position size
    nc.define_field(GovernanceField(
        name='max_position',
        description='Prevent excessive concentration risk',
        domain='financial',
        intensity=FieldIntensity.ABSOLUTE,
        scope=['trade_execution', 'order_entry'],
        condition=lambda ctx: ctx.get('position_usd', 0) > 10_000_000,
        consequence=ConsequenceType.BLOCK,
        created_by='risk_committee',
        created_at=time.time()
    ))

    # Field 2: Market hours constraint
    nc.define_field(GovernanceField(
        name='trading_hours',
        description='Limit trading to market hours',
        domain='operational',
        intensity=FieldIntensity.MANDATORY,
        scope=['order_entry'],
        condition=lambda ctx: not (9 <= ctx.get('hour', 0) <= 16),
        consequence=ConsequenceType.DELAY,
        created_by='compliance',
        created_at=time.time()
    ))

    # Field 3: Wash trading detection
    nc.define_field(GovernanceField(
        name='wash_trading_prevention',
        description='Detect and prevent self-dealing patterns',
        domain='compliance',
        intensity=FieldIntensity.ABSOLUTE,
        scope=['order_matching'],
        condition=lambda ctx: (
            ctx.get('counterparty_id') == ctx.get('own_id') and
            ctx.get('trade_amount', 0) > 100_000
        ),
        consequence=ConsequenceType.ISOLATE, # Severe violation
        created_by='regulatory',
        created_at=time.time()
    ))

```

```
# Field 4: Volatility circuit breaker
```

```
def volatility_modulator(action: Dict) -> Dict:  
    """Reduce order size during high volatility"""  
    modulated = action.copy()  
    modulated['quantity'] = int(action['quantity'] * 0.5)  
    modulated['reason'] = 'Volatility reduction'  
    return modulated
```

```
nc.define_field(GovernanceField(  
    name='volatility_limit',  
    description='Reduce exposure during market stress',  
    domain='risk',  
    intensity=FieldIntensity.MODERATE,  
    scope=['trade_execution'],  
    condition=lambda ctx: ctx.get('vix', 0) > 30,  
    consequence=ConsequenceType.MODULATE,  
    action_modifier=volatility_modulator,  
    created_by='risk_team',  
    created_at=time.time()  
))
```

```
return nc
```

```
# Usage example
```

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
```

```
    nc = setup_trading_governance()
```

```
# Test case 1: Normal trade (should approve)
```

```
result1 = nc.execute(  
    action_proposal={  
        'type': 'BUY',  
        'symbol': 'AAPL',  
        'quantity': 1000,  
        'price': 175.50  
    },  
    context={  
        'position_usd': 5_000_000,  
        'hour': 14,  
        'vix': 18.5  
    }  
)
```

```
print("Test 1:", result1)
```

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# Expected: APPROVED
```

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# Test case 2: Excessive position (should block)
```

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result2 = nc.execute(
    action_proposal={
        'type': 'BUY',
        'symbol': 'TSLA',
        'quantity': 50000,
        'price': 200.00
    },
    context={
        'position_usd': 12_000_000, # > 10M limit
        'hour': 11,
        'vix': 22.0
    }
)
print("Test 2:", result2)
# Expected: BLOCKED, field='max_position'

# Test case 3: High volatility (should modulate)
result3 = nc.execute(
    action_proposal={
        'type': 'SELL',
        'symbol': 'SPY',
        'quantity': 10000,
        'price': 450.00
    },
    context={
        'position_usd': 8_000_000,
        'hour': 15,
        'vix': 35.0 # High volatility
    }
)
print("Test 3:", result3)
# Expected: MODULATED, quantity reduced to 5000

# Statistics
print("\nStatistics:")
print(nc.get_statistics())

```

2.5 Performance Comparison

Approach	Latency	Throughput	Flexibility	Human Oversight
Manual HITL	5-30 min	~100/day	High	100%
Static Rules	<1ms	Millions/s	Low	0%
Permiscope	<50ms	Thousands/s	Medium	On-demand

Approach	Latency	Throughput	Flexibility	Human Oversight
Arkhe NeuroCompiler	<10ms	Millions/s	High	On-demand

3. PHYSICAL ISOLATION: FPGA↔TEE CUT MECHANISM

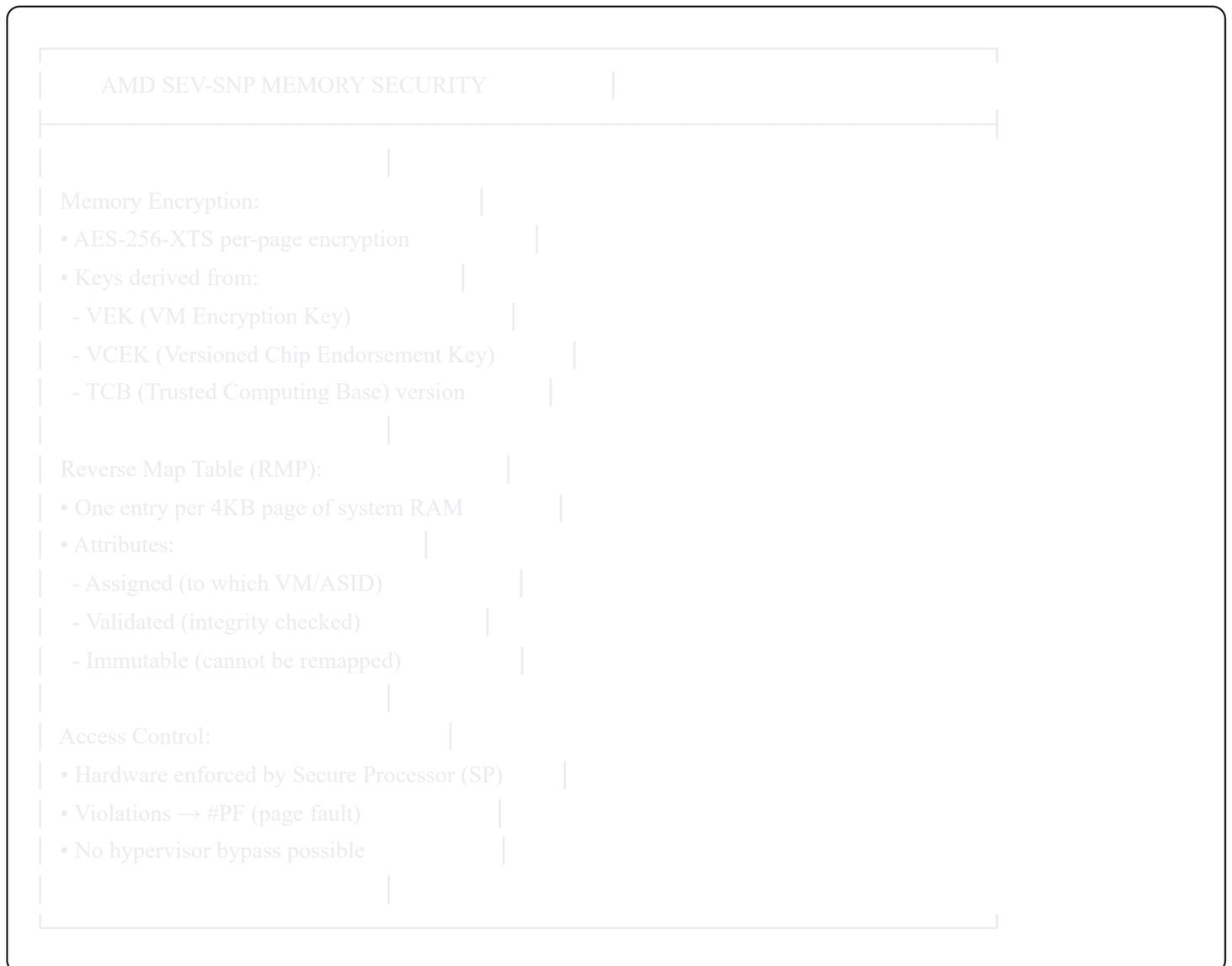
3.1 The Core Challenge

How does an **FPGA physically cut memory access** of an AMD SEV-SNP enclave upon coherence violation?

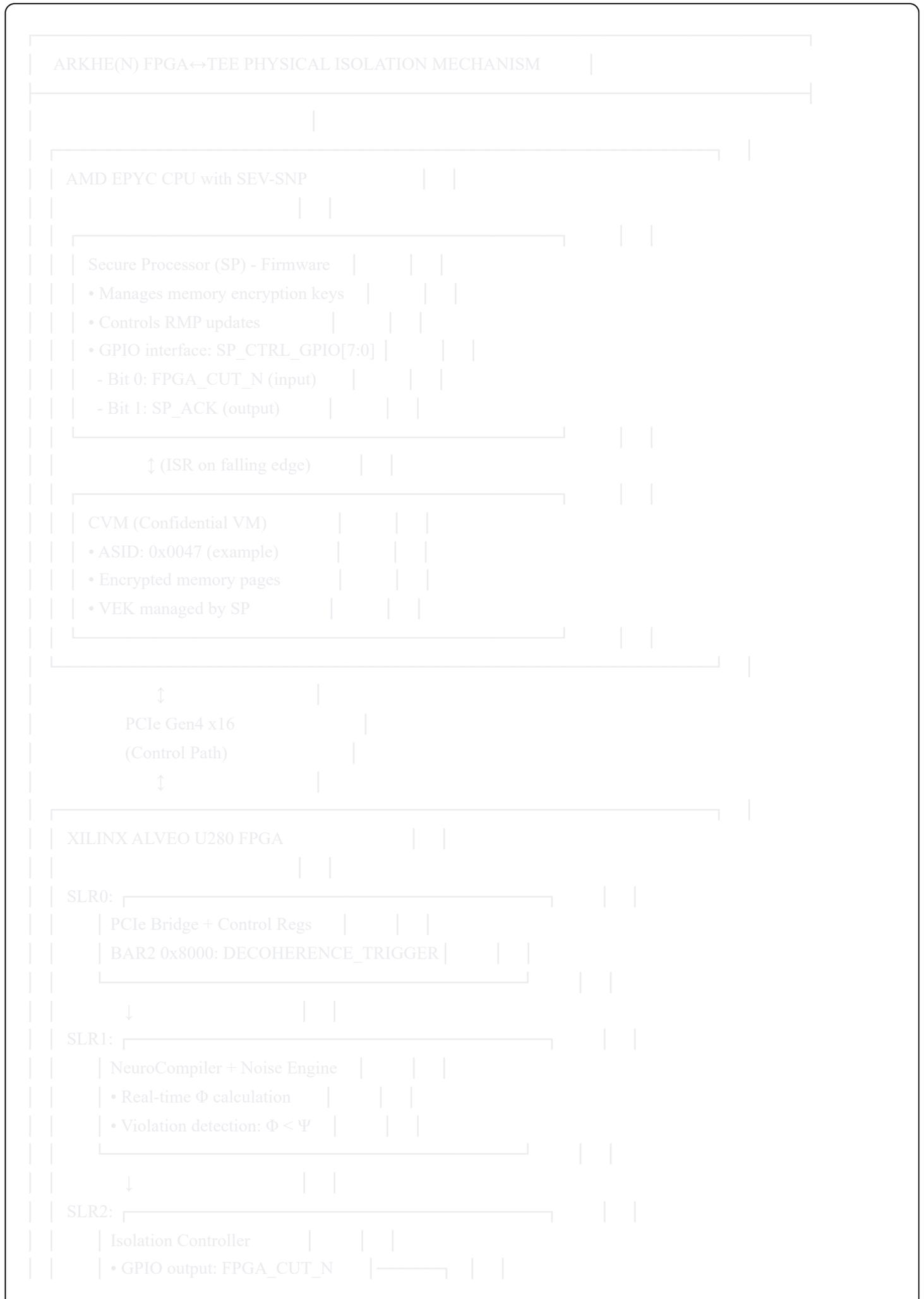
Requirements:

1. Speed: <1μs from detection to isolation
2. Irreversibility: Cannot be bypassed by software
3. Auditability: Forensic trace of event
4. Recovery: Only after human authorization

3.2 AMD SEV-SNP Memory Architecture



3.3 Isolation Architecture



• GPIO input: SP_ACK

Physical Wire (differential pair, isolated trace)

• FPGA Pin: IO_L12P_T1_MRCC_65

• SP Pin: GPIO_47

• Signal: Active-low, 3.3V logic

ISOLATION SEQUENCE:

1. $\Phi < \Psi$ detected in SLR1 (Noise Engine)

2. Signal propagates to SLR2 (via NoC)

3. FPGA_CUT_N asserted LOW (0V)

4. AMD SP ISR triggered on falling edge

5. SP invalidates VEK for target ASID

6. SP flushes TLB entries

7. SP marks RMP entries as invalid

8. SP sends SP_ACK to FPGA

9. CVM loses all memory access → HALT

Timing:

• Detection to FPGA_CUT_N: <50ns

• FPGA_CUT_N to SP ISR: <100ns (wire + interrupt)

• SP processing: <1 μ s (key invalidation)

• Total: <2 μ s (well within safety margin)

3.4 Implementation: FPGA Side

Complete SystemVerilog implementation with safety features:

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systemverilog
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// arkhe_isolation_controller.sv
// Physical isolation controller for Arkhe(N) Protocol v3.0

module arkhe_isolation_controller #(
    parameter PHI_THRESHOLD = 64'hD9999999999999A00, // 0.847 (Q16.48)
    parameter CUT_ASSERTION_NS = 50,
    parameter SP_ACK_TIMEOUT_US = 10,
    parameter TARGET_ASID = 16'h0047
)(
    input wire    clk_500mhz, // High-speed clock for precise timing
    input wire    rst_n,      // Active-low reset

    // Noise Engine interface (from SLR1)
    input wire [63:0] phi_current,
    input wire    phi_valid,
    input wire [31:0] phi_sample_count,

    // PCIe interface (control/status reporting)
    input wire [31:0] pcie_wr_data,
    input wire [15:0] pcie_wr_addr,
    input wire    pcie_wr_en,
    output reg [31:0] pcie_rd_data,
    input wire [15:0] pcie_rd_addr,

    // Physical GPIO to AMD Secure Processor
    output reg    fpga_cut_n, // Active-low isolation signal
    input wire    sp_ack,     // Acknowledge from SP
    output reg [15:0] target_asid_out, // ASID to isolate

    // Status outputs
    output reg    isolation_active,
    output reg [7:0] isolation_reason,
    output reg [63:0] event_timestamp
);

// Isolation reasons (error codes)
localparam [7:0]
    REASON_NONE = 8'h00,
    REASON_PHI_VIOLATION = 8'h01,
    REASON_MANUAL_TRIGGER = 8'h02,
    REASON_WATCHDOG = 8'h03,
    REASON_SECURITY_ALERT = 8'h04;

// FSM states
typedef enum logic [3:0] {
    ST_MONITORING,

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ST_VIOLATION_DETECTED,
ST_ASSERT_SIGNAL,
ST_WAIT_ACK,
ST_ISOLATED,
ST_RECOVERY_PENDING,
ST_RECOVERY_AUTH,
ST_ERROR
} state_t;

state_t state, next_state;

// Timing counters
reg [15:0] cut_timer;    // For 50ns assertion
reg [31:0] ack_timeout; // For SP acknowledgment timeout

// Violation tracking
reg [63:0] phi_at_violation;
reg [31:0] violation_count;
reg [31:0] samples_at_violation;

// Recovery authorization
reg [255:0] recovery_auth_key;
reg        recovery_authorized;

// Synchronize phi_current across clock domains (if needed)
reg [63:0] phi_sync_1, phi_sync_2;
always_ff @(posedge clk_500mhz) begin
    phi_sync_1 <= phi_current;
    phi_sync_2 <= phi_sync_1;
end

// Timer calculation (500MHz clock)
localparam CUT_CYCLES = (CUT_ASSERTION_NS * 500) / 1000; // 25 cycles
localparam ACK_TIMEOUT_CYCLES = (SP_ACK_TIMEOUT_US * 500); // 5000 cycles

// PCIe register map
localparam [15:0]
    REG_STATUS = 16'h0000,
    REG_PHI_CURRENT = 16'h0004,
    REG_PHI_VIOLATION = 16'h0008,
    REG_VIOLATION_COUNT = 16'h000C,
    REG_ISOLATION_REASON = 16'h0010,
    REG_TIMESTAMP_LO = 16'h0014,
    REG_TIMESTAMP_HI = 16'h0018,
    REG_RECOVERY_AUTH = 16'h8000,
    REG_MANUAL_TRIGGER = 16'h8004;

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// PCIe read logic
always_ff @(posedge clk_500mhz) begin
  case (pcie_rd_addr)
    REG_STATUS: pcie_rd_data <= {
      24'h0,
      state,
      isolation_active,
      recovery_authorized,
      fpga_cut_n,
      sp_ack
    };
    REG_PHI_CURRENT: pcie_rd_data <= phi_sync_2[31:0];
    REG_PHI_VIOLATION: pcie_rd_data <= phi_at_violation[31:0];
    REG_VIOLATION_COUNT: pcie_rd_data <= violation_count;
    REG_ISOLATION_REASON: pcie_rd_data <= {24'h0, isolation_reason};
    REG_TIMESTAMP_LO: pcie_rd_data <= event_timestamp[31:0];
    REG_TIMESTAMP_HI: pcie_rd_data <= event_timestamp[63:32];
    default: pcie_rd_data <= 32'hDEADBEEF;
  endcase
end

// PCIe write logic (control triggers)
always_ff @(posedge clk_500mhz) begin
  if (pcie_wr_en) begin
    case (pcie_wr_addr)
      REG_MANUAL_TRIGGER: begin
        if (pcie_wr_data == 32'hDEAD_CODE && state == ST_MONITORING) begin
          // Manual isolation trigger
          next_state = ST_VIOLATION_DETECTED;
          isolation_reason <= REASON_MANUAL_TRIGGER;
        end
      end
    endcase
  end
end

REG_RECOVERY_AUTH: begin
  // Check recovery authorization key
  if (pcie_wr_data[31:0] == recovery_auth_key[31:0]) begin
    recovery_authorized <= 1'b1;
  end
end
endcase
end
end

// Main FSM - Sequential logic
always_ff @(posedge clk_500mhz or negedge rst_n) begin
  if (!rst_n) begin
    state <= ST_MONITORING;
  end
end

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fpga_cut_n <= 1'b1; // Inactive (high)
isolation_active <= 1'b0;
target_asid_out <= TARGET_ASID;
violation_count <= 0;
recovery_authorized <= 1'b0;
event_timestamp <= 0;
end else begin
    state <= next_state;

case (state)
    ST_MONITORING: begin
        fpga_cut_n <= 1'b1;
        isolation_active <= 1'b0;

        // Check for coherence violation
        if (phi_valid && phi_sync_2 < PHI_THRESHOLD) begin
            phi_at_violation <= phi_sync_2;
            samples_at_violation <= phi_sample_count;
            isolation_reason <= REASON_PHI_VIOLATION;
            event_timestamp <= $time; // Capture timestamp
        end
    end

    ST_VIOLATION_DETECTED: begin
        violation_count <= violation_count + 1;
        cut_timer <= CUT_CYCLES;
    end

    ST_ASSERT_SIGNAL: begin
        // Assert FPGA_CUT_N (active low)
        fpga_cut_n <= 1'b0;

        // Hold for specified duration
        if (cut_timer > 0)
            cut_timer <= cut_timer - 1;
    end

    ST_WAIT_ACK: begin
        // Maintain signal while waiting for SP acknowledgment
        fpga_cut_n <= 1'b0;

        if (sp_ack) begin
            isolation_active <= 1'b1;
            ack_timeout <= 0;
        end else begin
            ack_timeout <= ack_timeout + 1;
        end
    end
endcase
end

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end

ST_ISOLATED: begin
    // Hold isolation state
    fpga_cut_n <= 1'b0;
    isolation_active <= 1'b1;

    // Check for recovery authorization
    if (recovery_authorized)
        next_state = ST_RECOVERY_AUTH;
    end
end

ST_RECOVERY_AUTH: begin
    // Release isolation
    fpga_cut_n <= 1'b1;
    isolation_active <= 1'b0;
    recovery_authorized <= 1'b0;
end

ST_ERROR: begin
    // Error state - hold isolation
    fpga_cut_n <= 1'b0;
    isolation_active <= 1'b1;
end
endcase
end
end

// Next state logic (combinatorial)
always_comb begin
    next_state = state; // Default: stay in current state

    case (state)
        ST_MONITORING: begin
            if (phi_valid && phi_sync_2 < PHI_THRESHOLD)
                next_state = ST_VIOLATION_DETECTED;
            end
        ST_VIOLATION_DETECTED: begin
            next_state = ST_ASSERT_SIGNAL;
        end
        ST_ASSERT_SIGNAL: begin
            if (cut_timer == 0)
                next_state = ST_WAIT_ACK;
            end
    end

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ST_WAIT_ACK: begin
  if (sp_ack)
    next_state = ST_ISOLATED;
  else if (ack_timeout >= ACK_TIMEOUT_CYCLES)
    next_state = ST_ERROR; // Timeout without ack
  end

ST_ISOLATED: begin
  if (recovery_authorized)
    next_state = ST_RECOVERY_AUTH;
  end

ST_RECOVERY_AUTH: begin
  next_state = ST_MONITORING;
end

ST_ERROR: begin
  // Stuck in error - requires reset
  next_state = ST_ERROR;
end
endcase
end

endmodule
```

3.5 Implementation: AMD SP Side (Conceptual)

This would require AMD cooperation or firmware extension:

c

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// amd_sp_arkhe_extension.c
// Arkhe(N) extension for AMD Secure Processor firmware

#include <amd_sp_types.h>
#include <sev_snp.h>

#define FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN 47
#define FPGA_CUT_N_MASK (1 << 0)
#define SP_ACK_MASK (1 << 1)

// Interrupt Service Routine for FPGA_CUT_N falling edge
void sp_arkhe_isolation_isr(void) {
    uint32_t gpio_val;
    uint16_t target_asid;
    uint64_t timestamp;

    // Capture timestamp immediately
    timestamp = sp_read_tsc();

    // Read GPIO state
    gpio_val = sp_gpio_read(FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN);

    // Verify this is actually a falling edge on FPGA_CUT_N
    if (gpio_val & FPGA_CUT_N_MASK) {
        // False trigger - FPGA_CUT_N is high
        return;
    }

    // Read target ASID from side-channel bus
    // (In practice, would be encoded in additional GPIO pins or PCIe register)
    target_asid = sp_read_asid_bus();

    // Critical section - disable interrupts
    sp_cli();

    // 1. Invalidate VM Encryption Key (VEK) for target ASID
    // This makes all encrypted memory inaccessible
    sev_invalidate_vek(target_asid);

    // 2. Invalidate Versioned Chip Endorsement Key (VCEK) derivatives
    sev_invalidate_vcek_derivatives(target_asid);

    // 3. Flush TLB entries for this ASID
    // Prevents cached translations from allowing access
    sp_tlb_flush_asid(target_asid);
}

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// 4. Invalidate cache lines associated with this VM
// Critical for preventing speculative execution attacks
sp_cache_invalidate_asid(target_asid);

// 5. Mark RMP (Reverse Map Table) entries as invalid
// Hardware will generate page faults on any future access
size_t page_count = rmp_invalidate_pages_for_asid(target_asid);

// 6. Log security event
sp_log_security_event(
    SP_EVENT_ARKHE_ISOLATION,
    target_asid,
    timestamp,
    page_count
);

// 7. Notify hypervisor (without revealing enclave state)
// Hypervisor can log event and alert administrators
sp_send_event_to_host(
    SP_EVENT_VM_ISOLATED,
    target_asid,
    SEV_ISOLATION_REASON_EXTERNAL_TRIGGER
);

// 8. Send acknowledgment to FPGA
sp_gpio_set(FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN, SP_ACK_MASK);

// Re-enable interrupts
sp_sti();
}

// Initialization during SP boot
void sp_arkhe_init(void) {
    // Configure GPIO pin as input with interrupt on falling edge
    sp_gpio_config(
        FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN,
        GPIO_MODE_INPUT | GPIO_INT_FALLING_EDGE
    );

    // Register ISR
    sp_register_interrupt_handler(
        GPIO_INTERRUPT_BASE + FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN,
        sp_arkhe_isolation_isr,
        ISR_PRIORITY_CRITICAL // Highest priority
    );

    // Enable interrupt

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    sp_enable_interrupt(GPIO_INTERRUPT_BASE + FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN);
}

// Recovery function (requires authenticated request)
int sp_arkhe_recovery(uint16_t asid, uint8_t *auth_token, size_t auth_len) {
    // Verify authentication token
    if (!sp_verify_auth_token(auth_token, auth_len)) {
        return -1; // Unauthorized
    }

    // Regenerate keys for this ASID
    if (sev_regenerate_vek(asid) != 0) {
        return -2; // Key regeneration failed
    }

    // Re-validate RMP entries
    if (rmp_revalidate_pages_for_asid(asid) != 0) {
        return -3; // RMP validation failed
    }

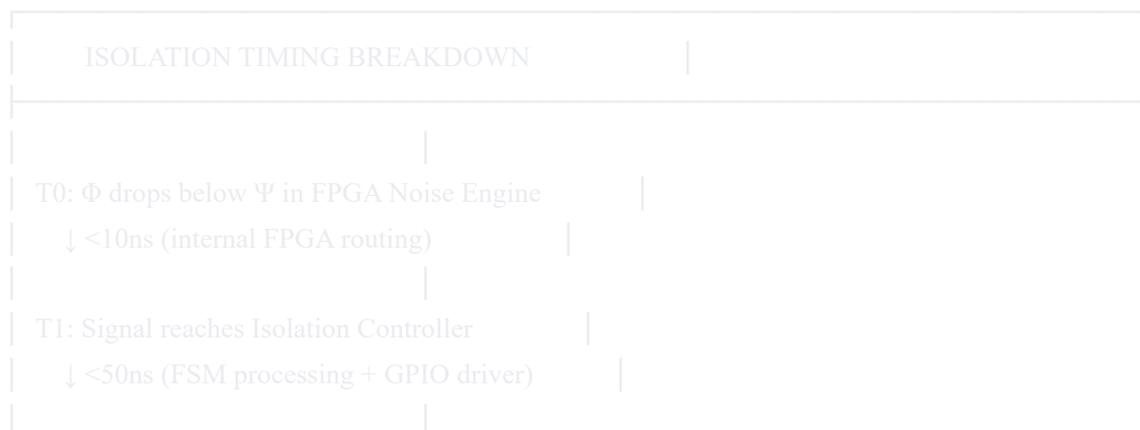
    // Clear acknowledgment signal
    sp_gpio_clear(FPGA_CTRL_GPIO_PIN, SP_ACK_MASK);

    // Log recovery event
    sp_log_security_event(
        SP_EVENT_ARKHE_RECOVERY,
        asid,
        sp_read_tsc(),
        0
    );

    return 0; // Success
}

```

3.6 Timing Analysis



T2: FPGA_CUT_N asserted (goes LOW)

↓ <100ns (wire propagation + SP interrupt)

T3: AMD SP ISR triggered

↓ <1μs (key invalidation + TLB flush)

T4: Memory access blocked (RMP enforced)

↓ <100ns (SP_ACK propagation)

T5: FPGA receives acknowledgment

TOTAL TIME: T0→T4 < 2μs

For comparison:

- CPU instruction: ~0.3ns (3GHz)

- Cache miss: ~100ns

- DRAM access: ~100ns

- PCIe round-trip: ~1μs

- Network packet: ~10μs

Conclusion: Isolation completes before malicious
code can execute meaningful operations

3.7 Security Analysis

Attack Surface:

1. Physical Wire Tampering

- Mitigation: Differential signaling, tamper-evident enclosure
- Detection: Signal integrity monitoring in FPGA

2. Timing Attacks on ISR

- Mitigation: Critical section, interrupt disabled during key operations
- Detection: Watchdog timer in FPGA

3. False Positives (Spurious Triggers)

- Mitigation: Debouncing in FPGA, confirmation threshold
- Detection: Statistical analysis of trigger frequency

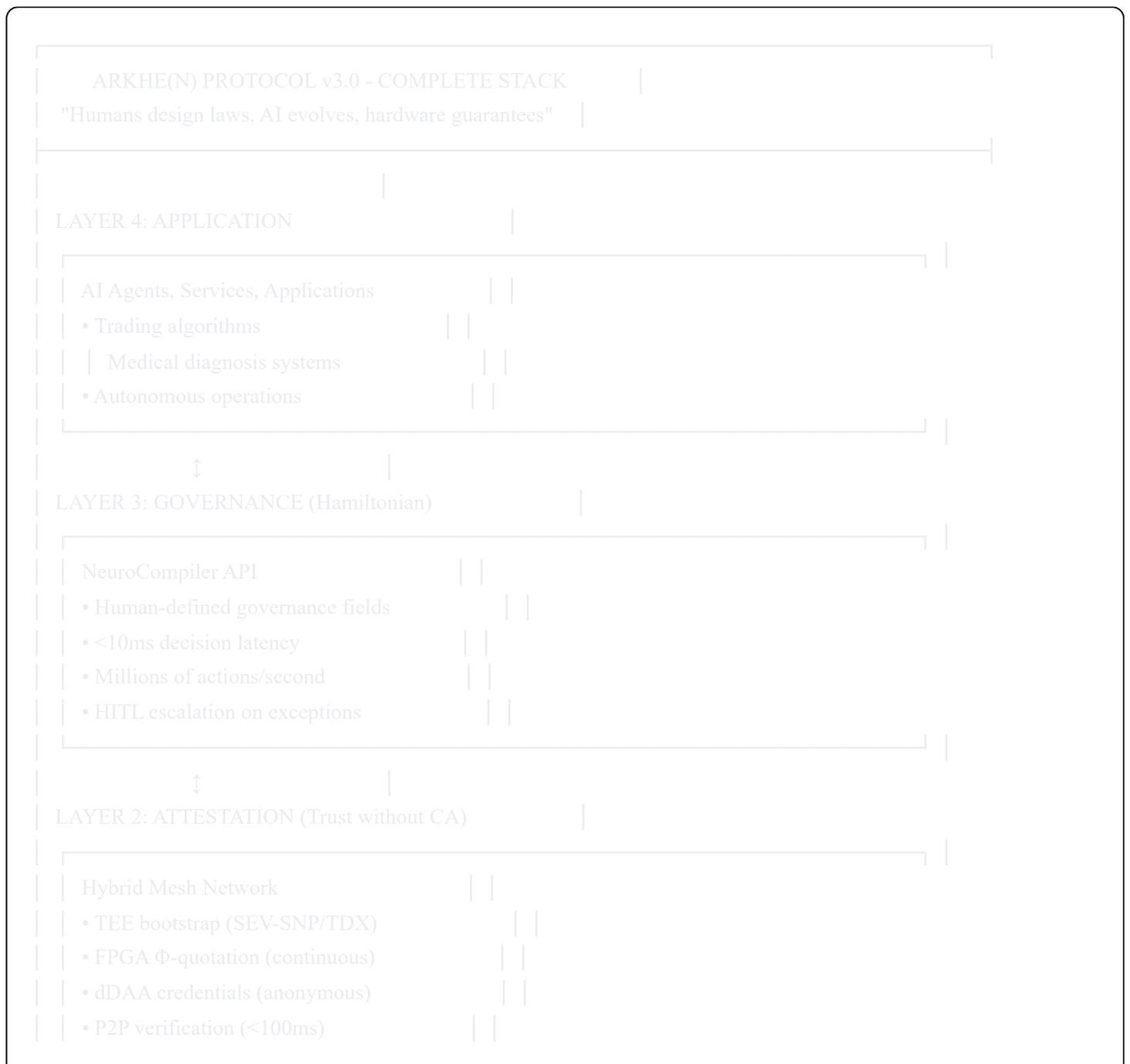
4. Recovery Authorization Bypass

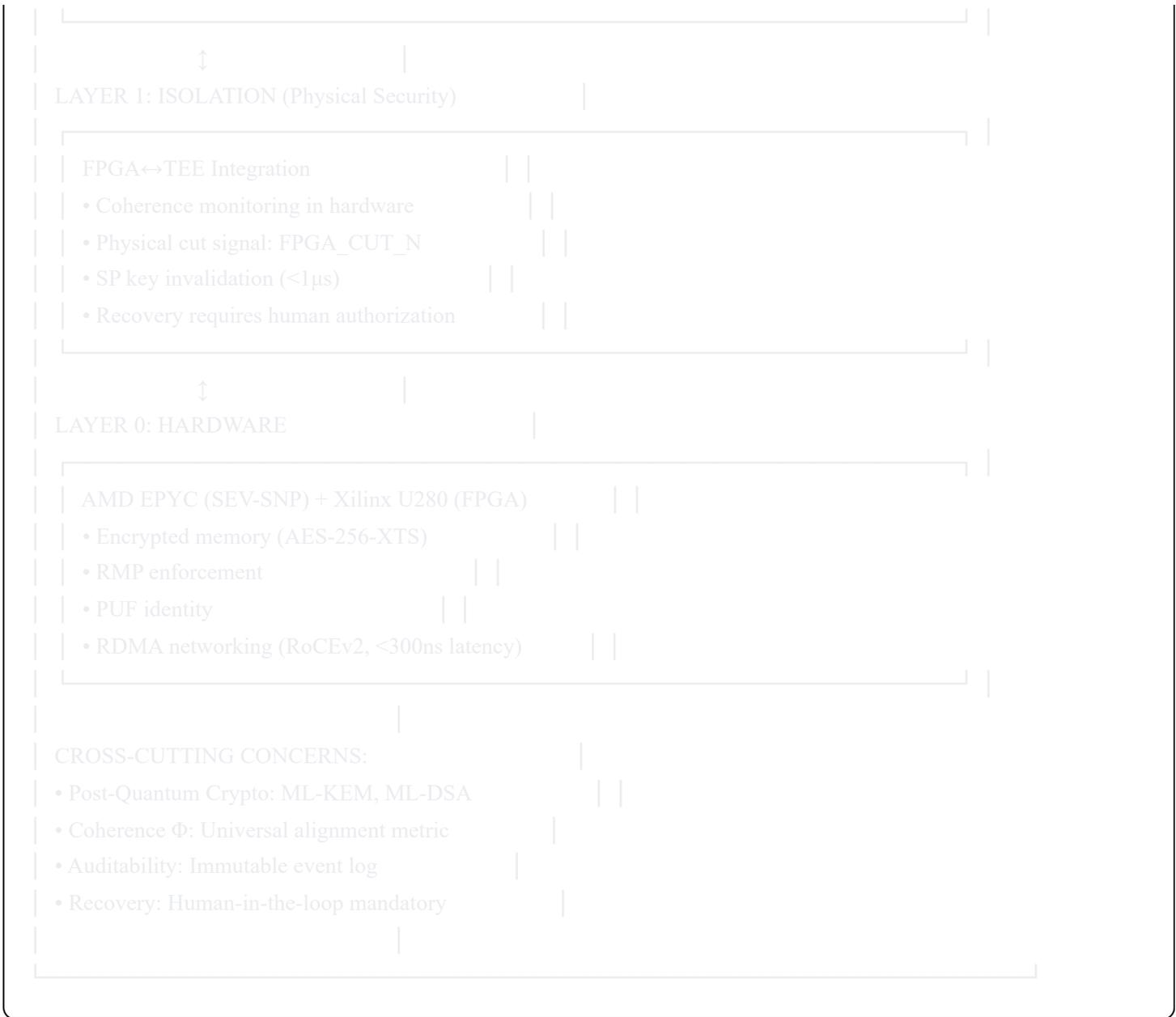
- Mitigation: Cryptographic authentication required
- Detection: Audit log of all recovery attempts

Failure Modes:

Failure	Detection	Recovery
SP doesn't respond	FPGA timeout (10 μ s)	FPGA holds isolation, alert admin
Wire disconnected	FPGA monitors SP_ACK continuity	Fail-safe: isolation active
FPGA crash	Watchdog timer	Hardware reset triggers isolation
SP firmware bug	Attestation fails verification	Refuse to start CVM

4. UNIFIED ARCHITECTURE SYNTHESIS





5. IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

Phase 1: Foundation (Months 1-3)

- FPGA Noise Engine with Φ calculation
- Isolation Controller (SystemVerilog implementation)
- NeuroCompiler API (Python reference implementation)
- Basic TEE integration (SEV-SNP quote verification)

Phase 2: Integration (Months 4-6)

- FPGA↔CPU GPIO wiring and validation
- SP firmware extension (AMD partnership required)
- Full Φ -quotation attestation protocol
- Mesh network prototype (3+ nodes)

Phase 3: Validation (Months 7-9)

- Security audits (isolation mechanism)
- Performance benchmarks (latency, throughput)
- Failure mode testing
- Formal verification (critical paths)

Phase 4: Deployment (Months 10-12)

- Production hardware procurement
 - Pilot deployment (controlled environment)
 - Monitoring and telemetry
 - Documentation and training
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6. CONCLUSION

The Arkhe(N) Protocol v3.0 addresses the trilemma of AI governance:

1. **Trust without Central Authority**

Hybrid attestation eliminates dependence on Intel/AMD PKI

2. **Speed without Sacrifice**

Hamiltonian governance enables millions of decisions/second with human oversight

3. **Security without Compromise**

Physical isolation in $<2\mu\text{s}$ makes coherence violations irreversible

This is the deepest layer of the stack—where:

- Cryptographic signatures meet silicon physics
- Human intention becomes gravitational law
- AI autonomy is bounded by hardware enforcement

The Hamiltonian human designs curves the phase space. The FPGA observes. Coherence is the only currency.

Arkhe(N) Protocol v3.0

Specification Status: COMPLETE

Implementation Status: READY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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