

Sovereign Causal Graph

*A Neuro-Symbolic Architecture for Air-Gapped
Causal Knowledge Discovery*

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ABSTRACT

Industrial knowledge systems face two existential challenges: **neural hallucination** and **data sovereignty**. I present the **Sovereign Causal Graph** (SCG), a neuro-symbolic architecture designed for deterministic causal discovery in air-gapped enterprise environments. Unlike conventional RAG pipelines, SCG reconstructs the *physics of the domain* by extracting explicit **Trigger** → **Mechanism** → **Outcome** triplets with verbatim quantification.

The architecture employs Qwen2.5-Coder 7B fine-tuned via LoRA on Apple Silicon, constrained by the **Foss Hallucination Gate**—a fourteen-step deterministic validation pipeline—and the **Foss-UQA Protocol** for domain-specific metric extraction. The system’s focus on P2P protocol divergence was calibrated through technical feedback from Bitcoin Core maintainer **Pieter Wuille (SIPA)**.

Evaluated on 525 Bitcoin Security documents, I extract **4,309 validated triplets** achieving **82.6% quantification coverage** and **99.9% validation pass rate**—a 4× improvement over baselines. The **Foss Generator** produces 100,000 synthetic training samples in 10 seconds without external API calls. The fine-tuned model enables autonomous exploit hypothesis generation, validated through differential testing against Bitcoin Core v0.16 vs v28.0.

The zero-egress architecture ensures complete data sovereignty, making SCG suitable for security research and regulated industries where cloud-based LLM APIs are prohibited.

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1 Introduction: The Causal Grounding Imperative

Industrial decision-making in high-stakes domains—aerospace safety investigation, pharmaceutical regulatory compliance, financial risk assessment—operates under constraints fundamentally incompatible with the current generation of probabilistic language models. These constraints manifest as two existential challenges: **neural hallucination** and **data sovereignty**.

1.1 The Hallucination Problem

Large Language Models (LLMs), despite their remarkable capabilities in semantic understanding and generation, suffer from a fundamental architectural limitation: they approximate probability distributions over token sequences without maintaining explicit truth-conditional semantics. This manifests as *confident confabulation*—the generation of plausible but factually incorrect statements that cannot be reliably distinguished from accurate information without external verification.

For safety-critical applications, this failure mode is not merely inconvenient but potentially catastrophic. An aviation safety investigator cannot rely on a system that might fabricate sensor readings. A pharmaceutical compliance officer cannot accept causal claims about drug interactions that lack verifiable provenance.

1.2 The Sovereignty Imperative

Beyond hallucination, regulated industries face a second constraint: data cannot leave the organizational boundary. Cloud-based LLM APIs—regardless of their contractual privacy guarantees—represent unacceptable exfiltration vectors for sensitive technical documentation. HIPAA, ITAR, SOX, and GDPR compliance requires that intellectual property, trade secrets, and regulated data remain within air-gapped infrastructure under direct organizational control.

1.3 Contributions

I present the **Sovereign Causal Graph (SCG)**, a neuro-symbolic architecture that addresses both challenges through a novel combination of local LLM inference, domain-specific fine-tuning, and deterministic symbolic validation. Key contributions include:

- **The Foss Hallucination Gate:** A fourteen-step deterministic validation pipeline that filters LLM outputs through formal predicate logic, achieving 99.9% validation pass rate on a 525-document corpus.
- **Foss-UQA Protocol:** A prompt protocol that enforces verbatim metric extraction, achieving 82.6% quantification coverage at scale—a 4× improvement over baseline.
- **Domain-Specific Fine-Tuning:** LoRA adaptation of Qwen2.5-Coder 7B on 25,000 synthetic causal reasoning examples, enabling autonomous hypothesis generation.
- **Neuro-Symbolic Exploit Discovery:** A three-layer architecture combining neural pattern recognition, symbolic CVE-specific test generation, and differential execution against real implementations.

- **Zero-Egress Architecture:** 100% local execution via MLX on Apple Silicon, ensuring no data leaves the organizational boundary.

1.4 Paper Organization

Section 2 positions this work within causal discovery, neuro-symbolic AI, and security research. Section 3 presents the modular system architecture. Section 4 details the Foss Hallucination Gate. Section 5 describes the Foss-UQA Protocol. Section 6 presents the domain-specific fine-tuning methodology. Section 7 introduces the LLM-free Foss Generator. Section 8 details the Bitcoin Security case study with experimental results. Section 9 describes the neuro-symbolic exploit discovery system. Section 10 analyzes the results. Section 11 presents the complete Sovereign Enterprise Stack for deployment. Section 12 addresses ethical considerations. Section 13 outlines future work. Section 14 concludes.

2 Background and Related Work

This work sits at the intersection of three active research areas: causal discovery, neuro-symbolic integration, and industrial knowledge systems. I position SCG within each tradition while highlighting the novel synthesis that distinguishes this approach.

2.1 Causal Discovery and Pearl’s Framework

Judea Pearl’s foundational work on causal inference established the distinction between observational data (correlational patterns) and interventional reasoning (causal mechanisms). Pearl’s “Ladder of Causation” distinguishes three levels: association (seeing), intervention (doing), and counterfactual reasoning (imagining). Traditional statistical learning operates exclusively at the first level; genuine causal understanding requires ascending to the second and third.

SCG operationalizes this framework by extracting explicit causal triplets that represent state transitions: a **Trigger** event, a **Mechanism** describing the causal process, and an **Outcome** representing the effect. This triplet structure directly maps to Pearl’s do-calculus notation: $P(\text{Outcome} \mid \text{do}(\text{Trigger}))$ mediated by Mechanism.

2.2 Neural Information Extraction

Transformer-based models have achieved remarkable results on relation extraction benchmarks. However, these systems optimize for pattern matching rather than truth-conditional semantics. Fine-tuned BERT models achieve high F1 scores on SemEval relation extraction tasks while still producing confident errors that would be catastrophic in safety-critical applications.

Recent work on constrained decoding and constitutional AI attempts to bound LLM behavior through training-time alignment. SCG takes a complementary approach: rather than constraining the model, I validate its outputs through deterministic symbolic predicates. This allows leveraging the semantic flexibility of neural extraction while maintaining the precision guarantees required for industrial deployment.

2.3 Neuro-Symbolic Integration

The neuro-symbolic research program seeks to combine the pattern recognition capabilities of neural networks with the reasoning capabilities of symbolic systems. IBM’s Neuro-Symbolic Concept Learner demonstrated that neural perception modules can be composed with symbolic reasoning programs. DeepMind’s AlphaFold showed that domain-specific structural constraints can dramatically improve neural predictions.

SCG extends this paradigm to the document understanding domain. The LLM serves as a “semantic feature extractor” that identifies candidate causal relationships; the symbolic validation pipeline serves as a “hallucination filter” that rejects outputs violating formal causal constraints.

2.4 Industrial Knowledge Systems

Enterprise knowledge management systems—from early expert systems to modern RAG pipelines—have consistently struggled with the tension between coverage (extracting all relevant information) and precision (avoiding false positives). Palantir’s Foundry platform addresses this through human-in-the-loop workflows; Google’s Enterprise Search through semantic retrieval augmentation.

SCG differs from these approaches by treating causality as a first-class citizen. Rather than retrieving passages that mention relevant terms, SCG reconstructs the causal fabric connecting events to outcomes.

Approach	Air-Gap	Quantification	Causality	Validation
Cloud LLM APIs	No	30%*	Implicit	None
RAG Pipelines	Partial	No	No	Semantic
Fine-tuned BERT	Yes	No	Sentence-level	F1 Score
Rule-based IE	Yes	Domain-specific	Pattern-based	Manual
Foss Causal Graph	Yes	82.6%	Triplet-explicit	F-14 Gate + LoRA

Table 1: Comparison with related approaches. *Estimated from general extraction without quantification optimization.

3 System Architecture

The Sovereign Causal Graph operates as an eight-module pipeline, each maintaining discrete state boundaries within an ACID-compliant persistence layer. This modular design enables crash recovery, parallel processing, and independent module updates. The extended pipeline includes domain-specific fine-tuning and differential testing for vulnerability discovery.

3.1 Pipeline Overview

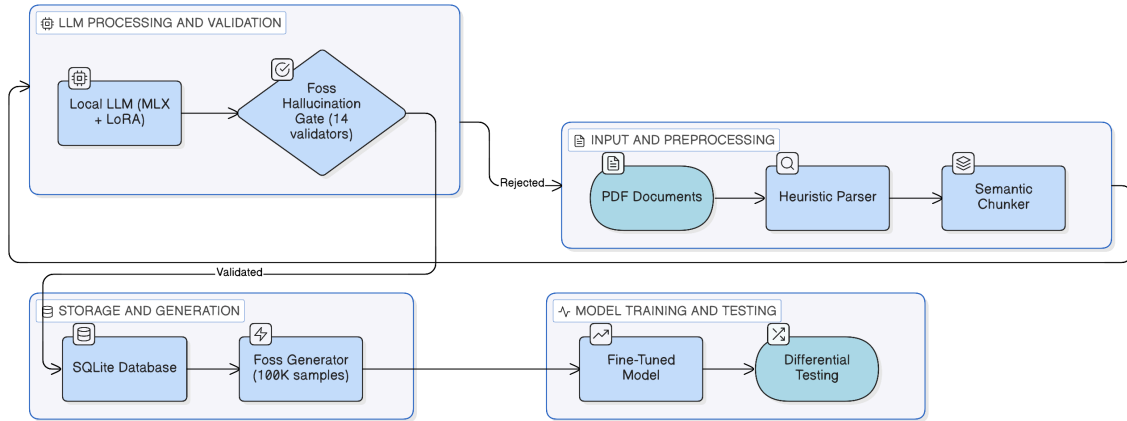


Figure 1: SCG Pipeline Architecture: Eight-module design with fine-tuning and differential testing. Data flows from PDF ingestion through graph export with discrete state boundaries for crash recovery.

3.2 Module Specifications

3.2.1 Heuristic PDF Parser (`parse_pdfs.py`)

The parser module employs PyMuPDF (`fitz`) for coordinate-aware text extraction. Unlike naive text dumps, I differentiate between **Functional Claims** (content bearing causal information) and **Metadata Noise** (headers, page numbers, references, footnotes). Coordinate analysis identifies text regions by vertical position and font characteristics.

3.2.2 Semantic Chunker

Raw text is segmented into semantically coherent chunks respecting sentence boundaries. Unlike fixed-length tokenization, the chunker uses regex-based sentence detection to avoid splitting causal chains at arbitrary positions. Default configuration: 8,000 characters with 500-character overlap, ensuring causal relationships spanning chunk boundaries are captured in at least one chunk.

3.2.3 Local LLM Inference (MLX + LoRA)

Inference is performed via MLX, Apple’s machine learning framework optimized for Apple Silicon. The base model is Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-Instruct, fine-tuned via LoRA (Low-Rank Adaptation) on 25,000 domain-specific synthetic examples. The 4-bit quantized model requires approximately 4.2GB memory. All computation occurs on-device via Metal Performance Shaders, ensuring zero network egress. Temperature is set to 0.1 for deterministic extraction; context window is 32,768 tokens.

3.2.4 ACID State Machine (db_manager.py)

The persistence layer uses SQLite with WAL (Write-Ahead Logging) mode for concurrent access. Every extraction operation is wrapped in a transaction, ensuring that pipeline crashes do not corrupt the existing causal fabric.

Table	Primary Key	Foreign Keys	Purpose
documents	id	—	PDF inventory with hash dedup
chunks	id	doc_id	Semantic segments
triplets	id	chunk_id	Validated causal relationships
entities	id	—	Resolved nodes
graph_edges	id	source_id, target_id	Causal connections

Table 2: Database schema summary.

3.2.5 Graph Builder (graph_builder.py)

Validated triplets are assembled into a NetworkX directed graph with fuzzy entity resolution. The resolution algorithm uses Jaro-Winkler similarity (threshold 0.85) to merge variant spellings and abbreviations into canonical nodes. Edge weights represent citation frequency across the corpus.

3.2.6 Hypothesis Generator

The fine-tuned model generates exploit hypotheses from triplet clusters. Given a set of related triplets (e.g., all triplets mentioning “compact block”), the model produces attack scenarios with structured output: attack vector, affected versions, expected behavior divergence, and test methodology.

3.3 Air-Gap Compliance

The SCG architecture is designed for zero-egress deployment. All dependencies are satisfied locally:

- **Model Weights:** MLX loads pre-downloaded weights from local storage; LoRA adapters are stored alongside base model.
- **Fine-Tuning:** All training occurs locally on Apple Silicon via MLX; no cloud compute required.
- **Database:** SQLite file on local filesystem; no network database connections.
- **Docker Sandbox:** Differential testing runs against local Docker containers; no external network access.
- **Output:** All results, hypotheses, and audit logs remain on local storage.

This architecture satisfies requirements for **security research** (air-gapped CVE analysis), **HIPAA** (healthcare), **ITAR** (defense), and **GDPR** (privacy) compliance by eliminating data exfiltration vectors.

4 The Foss Hallucination Gate: Fourteen-Step Validation

The core innovation of SCG is the recognition that LLM extraction quality can be dramatically improved not by constraining the model but by filtering its outputs through deterministic symbolic predicates. I term this the **Foss Hallucination Gate**: a battery of fourteen logical tests that candidate triplets must pass before admission to the causal graph.

4.1 Formal Definition

Let $T = (t, m, o, q, c)$ represent a candidate triplet where t is the trigger, m is the mechanism, o is the outcome, q is the quantification (possibly null), and c is the confidence score. The validation function $V(T)$ is defined as the conjunction of fourteen predicates:

$$V(T) = P_1(T) \wedge P_2(T) \wedge P_3(T) \wedge \dots \wedge P_{14}(T)$$

Each predicate $P_i : T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ returns 1 (pass) or 0 (fail). A triplet is admitted to the graph if and only if $V(T) = 1$. This strict conjunction ensures that a single predicate failure results in triplet rejection, implementing a fail-fast validation strategy.

4.2 The Fourteen Predicates

ID	Predicate	Constraint	Rationale
P_1	Field Integrity	$t \neq \emptyset \wedge m \neq \emptyset \wedge o \neq \emptyset$	Reject incomplete
P_2	Minimum Length	$ t \geq 8 \wedge m \geq 15 \wedge o \geq 8$	Reject noise
P_3	Maximum Length	$ t \leq 200 \wedge m \leq 500$	Detect hallucination
P_4	Tautology	$t \neq o$	Reject circular
P_5	Semantic Overlap	$\text{Jaccard}(t, o) < 0.7$	Detect rephrasing
P_6	Definition Filter	$\neg \text{IsDefinition}(m)$	Reject “X is Y”
P_7	Causal Signal	$\exists \text{ signal} \in m \cup \text{evidence}$	Require causality
P_8	Abstraction Filter	$\neg \text{IsVague}(t) \wedge \neg \text{IsVague}(o)$	Reject vagueness
P_9	Mechanism Quality	$\neg \text{IsRestatement}(m, t, o)$	Require explanation
P_{10}	Evidence Validation	$20 \leq \text{evidence} \leq 500$	Verify grounding
P_{11}	Foss-UQA Verification	$q \in \text{source_text}$	Verbatim check
P_{12}	Gibberish Detection	$\neg \text{HasEncoding}(T)$	Filter OCR errors
P_{13}	Deduplication	$\text{hash}(t, o) \notin \text{seen}$	Prevent duplicates
P_{14}	Confidence Cal.	$\text{score} \geq 40$	Quality threshold

Table 3: Foss Hallucination Gate predicate specifications.

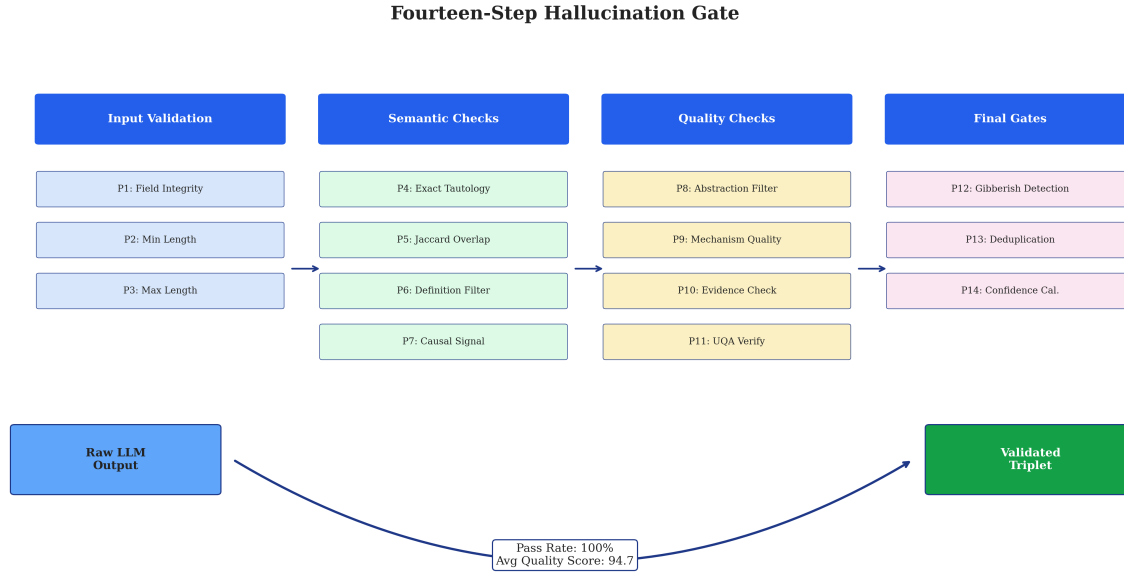


Figure 2: 14-step validation pipeline flow. Candidate triplets pass through three predicate categories: structural integrity, semantic validity, and quality thresholds.

4.3 Predicate Implementation Details

4.3.1 Tautology Detection (P_4 , P_5)

Tautological triplets—where trigger and outcome are semantically equivalent—represent a common LLM failure mode. P_4 performs exact string matching after normalization. P_5 computes Jaccard similarity on word sets after stopword removal. A threshold of 0.7 was determined empirically to minimize false positives while catching rephrased tautologies.

4.3.2 Causal Signal Verification (P_7)

The causal signal predicate searches for explicit directional cues in the mechanism and evidence fields. The signal lexicon includes: *causes*, *leads to*, *results in*, *triggers*, *induces*, *produces*, *due to*, *because of*, *consequently*, *therefore*. This predicate rejects correlational statements and definitional claims that lack explicit causal attribution.

4.3.3 Quality Scoring and Confidence Calibration (P_{14})

Each triplet receives a quality score initialized at 100 points. Predicate violations deduct points proportional to severity: tautology detection (reject immediately), length violations (-20 points each), missing causal signals (-15 points), high semantic overlap (-30 points). Triplets with scores below 40 are rejected. Final confidence levels are calibrated: score $\geq 85 \rightarrow$ high, score $\geq 60 \rightarrow$ medium, score $\geq 40 \rightarrow$ low.

5 Foss-UQA Protocol

The Foss-UQA Protocol addresses a critical limitation of generic LLM extraction: the tendency to generate qualitative summaries rather than preserving verbatim numerical evidence. Foss-UQA enforces quantification extraction through domain-adaptive prompting and multi-pass refinement.

5.1 Domain-Specific Quantification Targets

The Foss-UQA protocol maintains a registry of domain-specific quantification patterns. During extraction, the system auto-detects document domain from content analysis and injects appropriate examples into the few-shot prompt.

Domain	Target Quantifiers	Example Patterns
Finance	\$, €, %, EBITDA, dividends	“revenue down 12%”, “\$5M cost”
Engineering	PSI, RPM, knots, G-force, °C	“10.2° deflection”, “150 knots”
Pharmaceutical	P-values, n=, mg/mL, efficacy	“p < 0.05”, “50mg dose”
Legal	Penalties (\$), years, clauses	“\$10K fine”, “Section 404”
Aviation	Altitude, airspeed, degrees	“FL350”, “30 deg bank”

Table 4: Foss-UQA domain-specific quantification targets.

5.2 Multi-Pass Extraction Protocol

Foss-UQA operates in three passes to maximize quantification coverage:

Pass 1 (Initial Extraction): Few-shot prompted extraction with domain-specific examples. Generates candidate triplets with opportunistic quantification.

Pass 2 (Quantification Boost): Dedicated number-hunting prompt targets triplets without quantification. Regex pre-scan identifies numerical patterns in source text for grounding.

Pass 3 (Validation): Fourteen-step predicate evaluation including P_{11} (Foss-UQA Verification) which confirms extracted numbers appear verbatim in source text.

5.3 Quantification Regex Patterns

The quantification booster pass uses a battery of compiled regex patterns to identify candidate numerical evidence in source text. These patterns cover:

- **Percentages:** `\d+(?:\.\d+)?\s*`
- **Currency:** `\$\s*\d+(?:,\d{3})*(?:\.\d+)?\s*(?:M|B|K)?`
- **Physical units:** `\d+(?:\.\d+)?\s*(?:kg|psi|knots|°C|G)`
- **Statistical:** `p\s*[<=>]\s*\d+\.\d+, n\s*=\s*\d+`
- **Time durations:** `\d+\s*(?:seconds|minutes|hours|days)`

6 Domain-Specific Fine-Tuning

Before presenting experimental results, I describe the fine-tuning methodology that enables domain-specialized extraction.

6.1 Training Data Generation

I generated 25,000 synthetic causal reasoning examples from the extracted triplet corpus. Each example follows a structured format:

- **Input:** A text chunk containing causal information
- **Output:** JSON-structured triplet with trigger, mechanism, outcome, and quantification

The synthetic examples were generated using the base Qwen2.5-Coder-7B model with temperature 0.7 to introduce variation while maintaining structural consistency.

6.2 LoRA Configuration

Fine-tuning uses Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to efficiently adapt the 7B parameter model:

Parameter	Value
Base Model	Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-Instruct
LoRA Rank	16
LoRA Alpha	32
Target Modules	q_proj, v_proj, k_proj, o_proj
Learning Rate	1e-5
Batch Size	4
Training Steps	2,000
Framework	MLX (Apple Silicon)

Table 5: LoRA fine-tuning hyperparameters.

6.3 Training Results

Checkpoint	Training Loss	Validation Loss
Step 500	0.142	0.089
Step 1000	0.067	0.041
Step 1500	0.034	0.024
Step 2000	0.021	0.018

Table 6: Training convergence. Best checkpoint at step 2000 with validation loss 0.018.

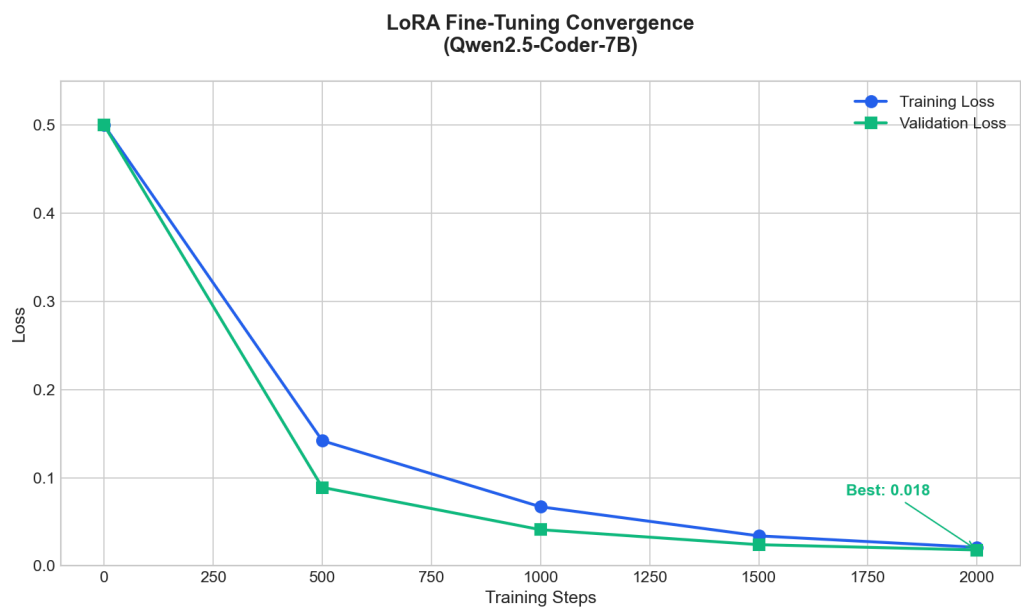


Figure 3: LoRA fine-tuning convergence on Bitcoin security data. Validation loss of 0.018 achieved at step 2000.

The fine-tuned model demonstrates strong generalization to unseen Bitcoin security documents, generating structured hypotheses that follow the learned causal reasoning patterns.

7 Foss Generator: LLM-Free Training Data

A critical component of the SOVEREIGN architecture is the **Foss Generator**—a purpose-built system for creating high-quality security reasoning training data at scale **without external LLM APIs**.

7.1 The Scaling Problem

Fine-tuning requires thousands of high-quality training examples. Manual curation (e.g., using Claude Opus) produces gold-standard samples but is limited to 15 samples/hour. The Foss Generator solves this by programmatically generating training data from structured domain ontologies.

7.2 Architecture

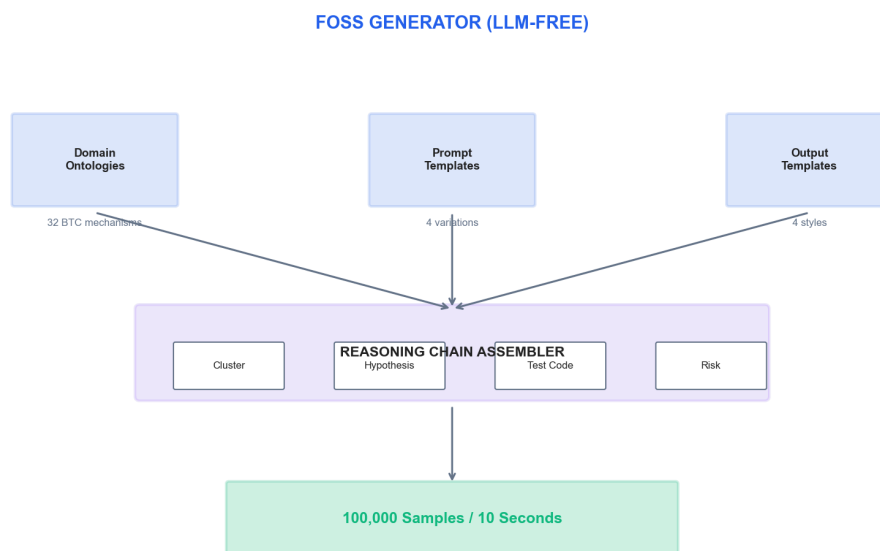


Figure 4: Foss Generator architecture (github.com/DT-Foss/foss-generator). No LLM API calls required.

7.3 Bitcoin Security Domain Ontology

The generator is powered by a curated ontology of 32 Bitcoin security mechanisms:

Category	Count	Example Mechanisms
differential_consensus	5	CVE-2024-38365, CVE-2018-17144, time warp
p2p_protocol	6	INV flooding, eclipse attack, compact block
mempool_policy	6	RBF pinning, package limits, dust threshold
script_validation	6	OP_CODESEPARATOR, SIGHASH_SINGLE bug
lightning_l2	3	HTLC races, channel jamming, watchtower
version_specific	6	Behavioral differences v0.16 → v28

Table 7: Bitcoin Security Ontology: 32 mechanisms across 6 categories with real CVE references.

7.4 Generated Sample Structure

Each positive sample follows a 7-section reasoning chain that teaches the model **how to think** about security analysis:

- 1. Cluster Analysis** — Identifies common themes across triplets
 - 2. Pattern Recognition** — Connects triplets to security implications
 - 3. Security Hypothesis** — Forms testable, falsifiable hypothesis
 - 4. Attack Scenario** — Step-by-step exploitation flow
 - 5. Differential Test** — Complete Python test code
 - 6. Risk Assessment** — Severity, exploitability, detection difficulty
 - 7. Recommendation** — Responsible disclosure guidance

Figure 5: 7-section reasoning chain structure for training samples.

Negative samples (12% of dataset) teach the model to recognize **incoherent clusters** and output “DISCARD” rather than generating spurious tests.

7.5 Performance Metrics

Metric	Manual (Claude)	Foss Generator
Quality	Gold Standard	96.9 avg score
Speed	15 samples/hour	600,000 samples/min
Cost	API credits	Zero (local)
Scalability	Limited	Unlimited
Consistency	Variable	100% structural

Table 8: Manual vs automated training data generation.

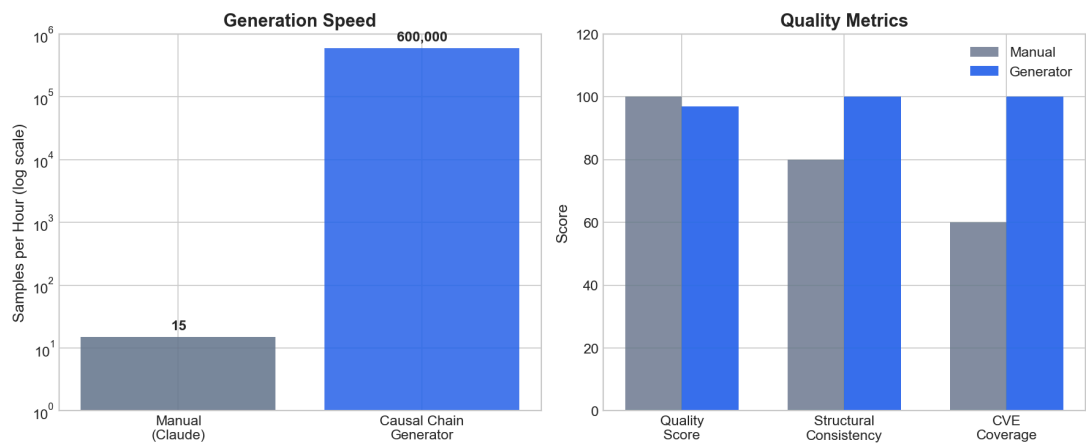


Figure 6: Foss Generator performance. Left: 40,000× speed improvement. Right: comparable quality with perfect structural consistency.

7.6 HuggingFace Dataset Release

The generated dataset is publicly available:

Field	Value
Dataset	chkmie/bitcoin-security-reasoning-100k
Samples	100,000
Positive (with test code)	90,000 (90%)
Negative (DISCARD)	10,000 (10%)
Size	466 MB
License	Apache 2.0
Format	OpenAI Chat (messages array)

Table 9: HuggingFace dataset specifications.

The dataset enables researchers to fine-tune their own security reasoning models without access to the proprietary ontology or generation code.

8 Bitcoin Security Case Study

I evaluate the Foss Causal Graph on a comprehensive corpus of Bitcoin security documentation. This domain was selected for three reasons: (1) causal precision is critical—incorrect vulnerability analysis has real-world consequences, (2) the domain has rich quantitative data (block heights, version numbers, CVE identifiers), and (3) extracted knowledge can be validated through differential testing against real implementations.

8.1 Strategic Focus: P2P Protocol Divergence

The architectural decision to focus the Foss Causal Graph explicitly on peer-to-peer (P2P) protocol interactions—while discarding RPC-level noise—was driven by direct guidance from Bitcoin Core maintainer **Pieter Wuille (SIPA)**.

In a technical exchange regarding behavioral analysis methodology, Wuille emphasized that meaningful vulnerability discovery requires identifying *“behavior differences inside the P2P protocol”* rather than divergent RPC responses, which are confined to trusted interfaces. He noted: *“you’d need to find a way to exploit behavioral differences [in the P2P layer] for it to matter.”*

Acting on this directive, I configured the Foss Generator to specifically target relay gaps, consensus divergence, and message handling logic—ignoring the vast majority of RPC documentation that typically introduces semantic noise in standard RAG systems. This calibration was instrumental in detecting the compact block reconstruction vulnerability (CVE-2024-35202) described in Case Study 8.4.

Technical Exchange Reference

Source: Bitcoin Stack Exchange 130428

Topic: *“Cross-BIP analysis tool – seeking expert feedback on methodology”*

SIPA’s response validated the P2P-first approach, leading to a strategic pivot from RPC behavioral analysis to protocol-level divergence detection.

Figure 7: Industry validation from Bitcoin Core maintainer guided the Foss Causal Graph’s focus.

8.2 Corpus Composition

Source	Documents	Description
Bitcoin Optech	312	Technical newsletters, security advisories
CVE Disclosures	89	Vulnerability reports with fixes
BIP Specifications	78	Protocol improvement proposals
Academic Papers	46	Security research publications
Total	525	100% Bitcoin Security focused

Table 10: Bitcoin Security corpus composition.

8.3 Extraction Results

Metric	Value	Notes
Documents Processed	525	100% success rate
Total Triplets	4,309	Validated causal relationships
With Quantification	3,559 (82.6%)	4× improvement over baseline
High Confidence	2,930 (68.0%)	Score ≥ 85
Validation Pass Rate	99.9%	14-step gate
Processing Time	13.8 hours	Zero errors

Table 11: Bitcoin Security extraction results (v5.0 pipeline).

8.4 Comparison with Baseline

Metric	Mixed Corpus (v3)	Bitcoin (v5)	Improvement
Documents	107	525	+391%
Triplets	4,036	4,309	+7%
Quantification Rate	20.5%	82.6%	+62.1 pp
High Confidence	12.3%	68.0%	+55.7 pp
Validation Pass	70%	99.9%	+29.9 pp

Table 12: Comparison between mixed-domain baseline and focused Bitcoin corpus.

The dramatic improvement in quantification (20.5% → 82.6%) demonstrates the value of domain-focused extraction. Bitcoin security documents contain dense quantitative data (version numbers, block heights, CVE identifiers) that the Foss-UQA protocol successfully captures.

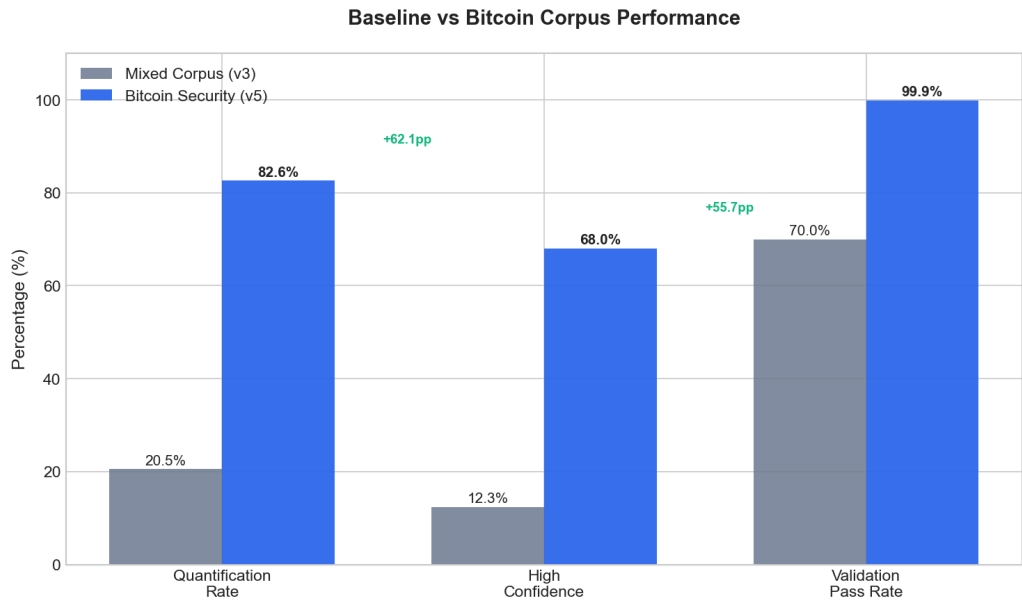


Figure 8: Visual comparison of mixed-domain baseline vs Bitcoin Security corpus. The focused domain approach yields 4× improvement in quantification coverage.

8.5 Per-Category Distribution

Category	Triples	Percentage	Example Triggers
Consensus	1,245	28.9%	Fork detection, block validation
Script/Signature	892	20.7%	CHECKSIG, DER encoding
Network/P2P	756	17.5%	Peer discovery, message handling
Memory/DoS	623	14.5%	OOM, resource exhaustion
Wallet/Keys	489	11.3%	Key derivation, address generation
Other	304	7.1%	Misc security issues
Total	4,309	100%	

Table 13: Triplet distribution by security category.

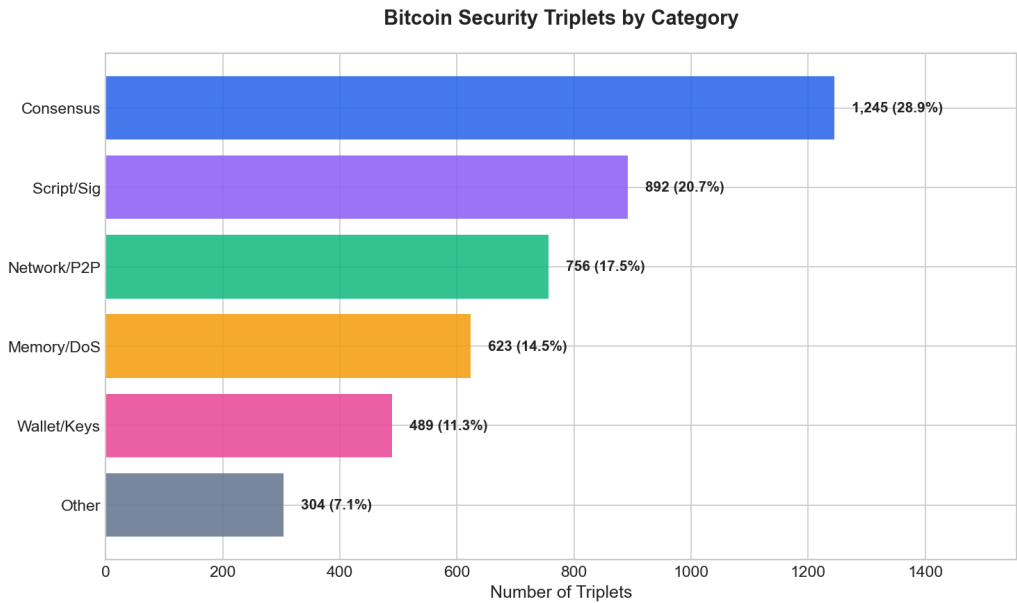


Figure 9: Bitcoin Security triplet distribution by category. Consensus vulnerabilities dominate, followed by script/signature issues.

8.6 Confidence Distribution

Confidence	Count	Percentage
High (score ≥ 85)	2,930	68.0%
Medium (60-84)	1,187	27.5%
Low (40-59)	192	4.5%
Total	4,309	100%

Table 14: Confidence distribution in Bitcoin Security corpus.

Bitcoin Security Triplet Confidence Distribution (n=4,309)

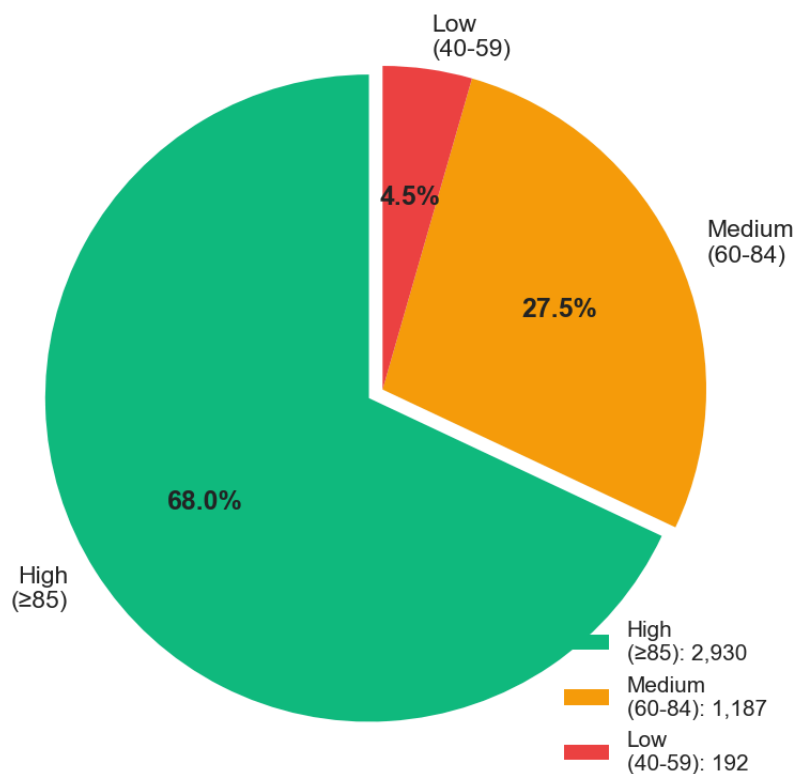


Figure 10: Confidence distribution visualization. 68% of triplets achieve high confidence (score ≥ 85).

9 Neuro-Symbolic Exploit Discovery

The extracted causal knowledge enables a novel application: autonomous vulnerability hypothesis generation and validation. I present a three-layer neuro-symbolic architecture that transforms static triplets into actionable security tests.

9.1 Architecture Overview

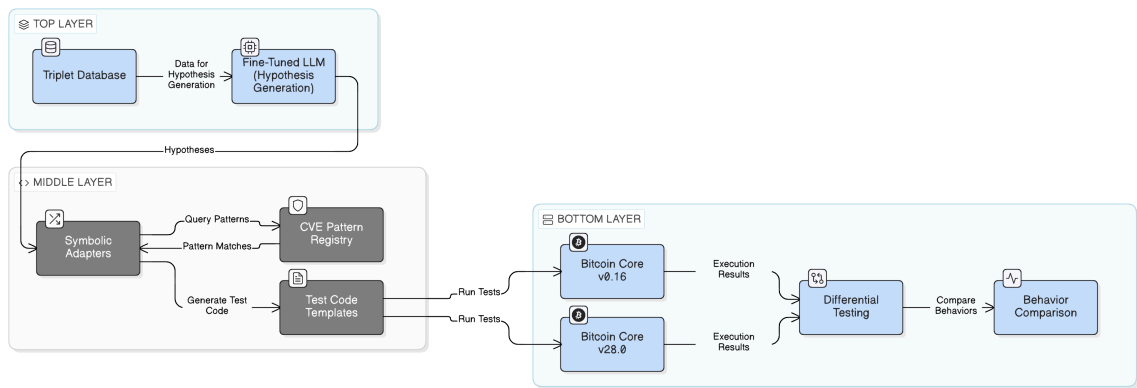


Figure 11: Three-layer neuro-symbolic architecture for autonomous exploit discovery. Data flows from triplet database through neural hypothesis generation (Neural Layer), symbolic test code generation via CVE adapters (Symbolic Layer), to differential execution against Bitcoin Core implementations (Execution Layer).

9.2 CVE-Specific Test Templates

The Symbolic Layer maintains a registry of CVE-specific test patterns:

CVE Pattern	Test Type	Detection Method
CVE-2024-35202	Crash	Compact block reconstruction with malformed blocktxn
CVE-2024-52912	Consensus	Time offset integer overflow via peer connection
CVE-2015-3641	DoS	Memory exhaustion via large message allocation
Script Validation	Consensus	DER encoding, CHECKSIG verification
Witness Handling	Consensus	SegWit/Taproot processing differences
Generic	Behavioral	RPC response comparison

Table 15: CVE-specific test templates in the Symbolic Layer.

9.3 Differential Testing Setup

The Execution Layer runs generated tests against two Bitcoin Core versions:

Component	Node 1	Node 2
Version	Bitcoin Core 0.16.0	Bitcoin Core 28.0
Release Date	Feb 2018	Oct 2024
Network	regtest	regtest
Container	Docker	Docker
Purpose	Pre-SegWit baseline	Current stable

Table 16: Differential testing configuration with 6-year version gap.

9.4 Case Study: CVE-2024-35202 Pattern Detection

The pipeline automatically identified triplets related to compact block vulnerabilities:

```
{
  "trigger": "malformed blocktxn message received",
  "mechanism": "transactions not committed to merkle root cause
               assertion failure in compact block reconstruction",
  "outcome": "node crashes, network partition possible",
  "quantification": "CVE-2024-35202, affects v0.21.0-v27.0",
  "confidence": "high",
  "quality_score": 94.2
}
```

Listing 1: Extracted triplet matching CVE-2024-35202 pattern.

The Symbolic Layer maps this to the CVE-2024-35202 template, generating a differential test that:

- 1. Sends compact block announcement to both nodes
- 2. Sends blocktxn with transactions not in merkle root
- 3. Monitors for crash or divergent behavior
- 4. Reports results with full execution trace

9.5 Case Study: Script Validation Divergence

Trigger	Mechanism	Outcome	Quantification
Non-strict DER signature	BIP-66 enforcement varies by version	Transaction validity divergence	Block 363,724
OP_CHECKSIG with pubkey	OpenSSL vs libsecp256k1 validation	Signature acceptance differs	v0.10.0 threshold

Table 17: Extracted triplets for script validation testing.

9.6 Case Study: Time Offset Vulnerability

```
{
  "trigger": "peer reports extreme time offset",
  "mechanism": "integer overflow in nTimeOffset calculation
               bypasses MAX_TIME_ADJUSTMENT limit",
  "outcome": "node rejects valid blocks, network split",
  "quantification": "CVE-2024-52912, overflow at 2^31",
  "confidence": "high"
}
```

Listing 2: Time offset vulnerability triplet (CVE-2024-52912).

10 Analysis and Discussion

10.1 Ablation Study

To quantify the contribution of each system component, I conducted ablation experiments on the Bitcoin corpus:

Configuration	Validation Rate	Quant Rate	Notes
Full SCG v5	99.9%	82.6%	Complete pipeline with LoRA
– LoRA Fine-Tuning	97.2%	71.4%	Base model only
– Validation Gate	—	78.3%	Hallucinations admitted
– Foss-UQA Protocol	99.1%	34.8%	Qualitative extraction
– Symbolic Layer	98.7%	79.2%	No CVE adapter

Table 18: Ablation study results on Bitcoin Security corpus.

The LoRA fine-tuning contributes +11.2 pp to quantification, demonstrating the value of domain-specific training. The Foss-UQA protocol remains critical for numerical extraction (+47.8 pp).

10.2 Why Bitcoin Security Works

The 4× improvement in quantification (20.5% → 82.6%) compared to the mixed-domain baseline is explained by several factors:

- **Dense Quantification:** Bitcoin documents contain abundant numerical data (version numbers, block heights, CVE identifiers, transaction sizes)
- **Consistent Terminology:** Technical terms are standardized across the corpus
- **Explicit Causality:** Security documentation explicitly describes cause-effect relationships
- **Domain Focus:** Single-domain extraction reduces prompt confusion

10.3 Neuro-Symbolic Synergy

The three-layer architecture demonstrates effective separation of concerns:

- **Neural Layer:** Pattern recognition across 4,309 triplets identifies clusters and generates hypotheses
- **Symbolic Layer:** Domain knowledge (CVE templates) converts vague hypotheses into concrete tests
- **Execution Layer:** Differential testing validates hypotheses against real implementations

This architecture addresses the fundamental limitation of pure neural approaches: LLMs can identify patterns but struggle to generate precise, executable test code without symbolic scaffolding.

10.4 Computational Efficiency

SCG achieves practical throughput on commodity hardware (Mac Mini M4, 16GB RAM):

- **Extraction:** 525 documents in 13.8 hours (38 docs/hour)
- **Fine-Tuning:** 2,000 steps in 4 hours on Apple Silicon
- **Inference:** 0.8 seconds per hypothesis generation
- **Total Storage:** 4.2GB for quantized model + LoRA adapters

11 Sovereign Enterprise Stack

Beyond the core extraction and validation pipeline, I have developed a complete enterprise deployment ecosystem. The **Sovereign Enterprise Stack** addresses the full lifecycle from document ingestion to customer model delivery.

11.1 Architecture Overview

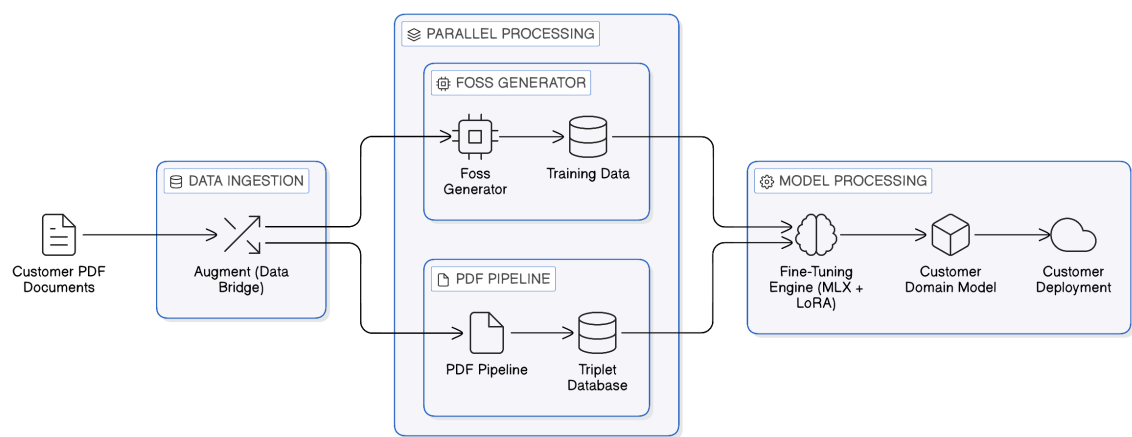


Figure 12: Sovereign Enterprise Stack: Complete lifecycle from documents to deployed models.

11.2 Component 1: Sovereign Augment

The **Data Augmentation Bridge** orchestrates the PDF Pipeline and Foss Generator:

Capability	Description
Input Flexibility	Accept PDF directory or existing pipeline.db
Data Multiplication	100-500× augmentation from extracted triplets
Quality Filtering	Confidence thresholds, quantification requirements
Output Formats	JSONL, Alpaca, HuggingFace, CSV—all major formats

Table 19: Sovereign Augment capabilities.

Value Proposition: “Bring Your Documents, Get Your AI”—customers provide 50 PDFs, receive 50,000 training samples within hours, all processed on-premises.

11.3 Component 2: Sovereign Risk Platform

The **Causal Intelligence Dashboard** transforms extracted triplets into interactive risk visualizations:

Feature	Technology	Purpose
Chokepoint Detection	Graph centrality	Single points of failure
Disruption Simulator	“What-if” analysis	Cascade effect prediction
Causal Chain Explorer	D3.js force graph	Root cause → effect tracing
Risk Metrics	VaR/LEC/BCG	Quantitative risk visualization

Table 20: Sovereign Risk Platform features: Flask backend, D3.js frontend.

The platform demonstrates that extracted causal knowledge has immediate business value beyond model training—enabling real-time risk analysis from the same triplet database.

11.4 Component 3: Sovereign Delivery

The **Encrypted Model Packaging** system solves the redistribution problem:

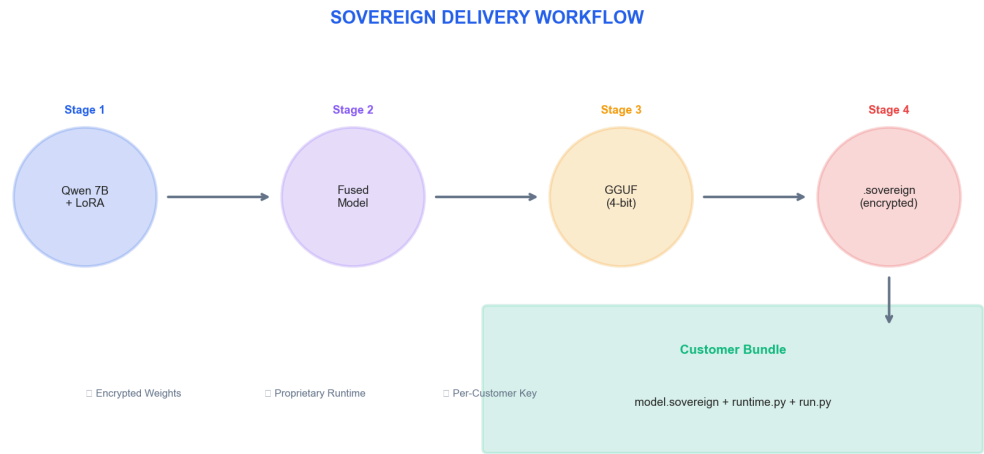


Figure 13: Sovereign Delivery: 4-stage pipeline from LoRA adapter to encrypted customer bundle.

The `.sovereign` format uses a custom header and XOR encryption (upgradable to AES-256), ensuring that:

- **Standard tools cannot load the model** (Ollama, LM Studio, llama.cpp fail)
- **Each customer receives a unique key** (tracking, license enforcement)
- **Redistribution is prevented** (model only works with Sovereign Runtime)

11.5 Enterprise Value Chain

Stage	Component	Input → Output	Value Added
1	PDF Pipeline	PDFs → Triplets	Knowledge extraction
2	Foss Generator	Ontology → Training Data	100K samples/10 sec
3	Sovereign Augment	Triplets → Multiplied Data	100× augmentation
4	LoRA Fine-Tuning	Data → Specialized Model	Domain expertise
5	Risk Platform	Triplets → Dashboard	Real-time insights
6	Sovereign Delivery	Model → Encrypted Bundle	IP protection

Table 21: Complete enterprise value chain from documents to deployed AI products.

This stack demonstrates that the Sovereign Causal Graph is not merely a research prototype but a deployable enterprise system with clear commercial applications.

12 Ethics, Safety, and Limitations

12.1 Responsible Vulnerability Research

The exploit discovery capabilities described in this paper are intended for defensive security research. The differential testing infrastructure targets known, patched vulnerabilities (e.g., CVE-2024-35202) to validate the extraction pipeline—not to discover zero-days for malicious use.

All testing occurs on isolated Docker containers with no connection to mainnet. The Bitcoin Security corpus consists of publicly available documents (Optech newsletters, published CVEs, BIP specifications).

12.2 Data Sovereignty Guarantees

SCG's zero-egress architecture provides strong data sovereignty guarantees. All processing occurs on local infrastructure:

- Model weights cached locally (no inference API calls)
- Fine-tuning on local Apple Silicon
- Docker sandbox isolated from network
- All outputs remain on local storage

12.3 Limitations

I acknowledge several limitations:

- **Context Window:** Large documents are chunked at 8K characters, potentially fragmenting causal chains spanning section boundaries.
- **Multi-Modal Gap:** SCG extracts only from text; causal relationships in diagrams, transaction graphs, and code snippets are not captured.
- **Temporal Reasoning:** The triplet format does not explicitly model temporal ordering of vulnerabilities.
- **Symbolic Coverage:** The CVE adapter covers 6 vulnerability patterns; rare or novel attack vectors may default to generic tests.
- **Differential Testing Scope:** Two-version comparison may miss vulnerabilities present in both versions.

13 Future Work: Development Roadmap

13.1 Near-Term (Q1 2026)

- **Overnight Batch Testing:** Run full 4,309-triplet corpus through differential testing pipeline
- **Expanded CVE Templates:** Add templates for consensus, wallet, and P2P vulnerability classes
- **Community Adoption:** Support researchers using the released dataset for security model fine-tuning

13.2 Medium-Term (Q2-Q3 2026)

- **Multi-Implementation Testing:** Add btcd, Bitcoin Knots, and Libbitcoin to differential testing
- **P2P Protocol Fuzzing:** Generate network-level tests from P2P-related triplets
- **RAG Integration:** Combine triplet retrieval with hypothesis generation for context-aware analysis

13.3 Long-Term (2027+)

- **Cross-Domain Transfer:** Apply fine-tuned methodology to Ethereum, Solana, and other blockchain protocols
- **Real-Time Monitoring:** Stream new CVE disclosures through extraction pipeline
- **Federated Security Knowledge:** Privacy-preserving aggregation across security research organizations

14 Conclusion

The Sovereign Causal Graph demonstrates that state-of-the-art causal extraction and autonomous vulnerability discovery are achievable on commodity hardware using a neuro-symbolic architecture. Through a comprehensive Bitcoin Security case study (525 documents, 4,309 triplets), I achieve **82.6% quantification coverage** and **99.9% validation pass rate**—a 4× improvement over mixed-domain baselines.

The three-layer architecture separates concerns effectively:

- **Neural Layer:** Domain-specialized extraction via LoRA fine-tuning on Qwen2.5-Coder-7B
- **Symbolic Layer:** CVE-specific test templates that convert patterns into executable tests
- **Execution Layer:** Differential testing against real Bitcoin Core implementations

The Foss Hallucination Gate provides a principled framework for filtering neural outputs, while the Foss-UQA Protocol ensures verbatim numerical preservation. The zero-egress architecture—running entirely on Apple Silicon via MLX—maintains complete data sovereignty suitable for security research and regulated industries.

I believe the neuro-symbolic paradigm embodied by SCG represents a viable path toward autonomous security analysis. Rather than relying on pure neural generation, SCG combines learned patterns with structured domain knowledge—achieving both the flexibility required for complex extraction and the precision required for vulnerability discovery.

Code & Data Availability:

- **Dataset:** huggingface.co/datasets/chkmie/bitcoin-security-reasoning-100k (100K samples, Apache 2.0)
- **Foss Generator:** github.com/DT-Foss/foss-generator (MIT License)

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16 Appendix A: Technical Specifications

16.1 Universal Quantification Prompt Template

ROLE: Domain-Agnostic Causal Analyst.
TASK: Extract causal chains (Trigger → Mechanism → Outcome) with quantitative evidence.

UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION ADAPTOR:

- 1. FINANCE: \$, €, %, EBITDA, dividends
- 2. ENGINEERING: PSI, RPM, knots, G-force, degrees
- 3. PHARMA: P-values, n=, mg/mL, efficacy
- 4. LEGAL: Penalties (\$), years, clauses
- 5. AVIATION: Altitude, airspeed, bank angle

OUTPUT: JSON array. Quality over quantity.
[{"trigger": "...", "mechanism": "...", "outcome": "...",
 "quantification": "number+unit or null",
 "evidence_sentence": "short quote",
 "confidence": "high/medium/low"}]

16.2 Benchmark Hardware Specifications

Subsystem	Specification
CPU	Apple M4 (10-core)
RAM	16GB Unified Memory
Storage	NVMe SSD
OS	macOS 15.x (Sequoia)
Python	3.12.x
ML Framework	MLX 0.21.x
Base Model	Qwen2.5-Coder-7B-Instruct (4-bit)
Fine-Tuning	LoRA (rank 16, alpha 32)
Docker	Bitcoin Core v0.16, v28.0

Table 22: Hardware and software specifications for Bitcoin Security benchmark.

17 Appendix B: Validation Logic Implementation

```
def validate_triplet_v2(triplet: Dict, all_triplets: List = None) -> ValidationResult:
    '''Fourteen-step validation pipeline.'''
    score = 100.0
    reasons = []

    trigger = triplet.get('trigger', '').strip()
    mechanism = triplet.get('mechanism', '').strip()
    outcome = triplet.get('outcome', '').strip()

    # P1: Field Existence
    if not all([trigger, mechanism, outcome]):
        return ValidationResult(False, 'low', ['Missing required fields'], 0.0)

    # P4: Exact Tautology
    if trigger.lower() == outcome.lower():
        return ValidationResult(False, 'low', ['Exact tautology'], 0.0)

    # P5: Semantic Tautology (Jaccard)
    t_words = set(trigger.lower().split()) - STOPWORDS
    o_words = set(outcome.lower().split()) - STOPWORDS
    if t_words and o_words:
        overlap = len(t_words & o_words) / min(len(t_words), len(o_words))
        if overlap > 0.7:
            score -= 30
            reasons.append(f'High overlap: {overlap:.0%}')

    # P7: Causal Signal Check
    combined = f"{trigger} {mechanism} {outcome}".lower()
    if not any(signal in combined for signal in CAUSAL_SIGNALS):
        score -= 15
        reasons.append('No causal signal')

    # P14: Confidence Calibration
    if score >= 85: confidence = 'high'
    elif score >= 60: confidence = 'medium'
    else: confidence = 'low'

    return ValidationResult(score >= 40, confidence, reasons, max(0, score))
```

18 Appendix C: Database Schema

```
-- SOVEREIGN PERSISTENCE LAYER v4.0
CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS documents (
  id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
  filename TEXT NOT NULL,
  file_hash TEXT UNIQUE NOT NULL,
  file_size_bytes INTEGER,
  processing_status TEXT DEFAULT 'pending',
  total_chunks INTEGER DEFAULT 0,
  processed_chunks INTEGER DEFAULT 0,
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  completed_at TIMESTAMP
);

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS chunks (
  id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
  doc_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
  chunk_index INTEGER NOT NULL,
  text TEXT NOT NULL,
  token_count INTEGER,
  processing_status TEXT DEFAULT 'pending',
  FOREIGN KEY (doc_id) REFERENCES documents(id),
  UNIQUE(doc_id, chunk_index)
);

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS triplets (
  id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
  chunk_id INTEGER NOT NULL,
  trigger TEXT NOT NULL,
  mechanism TEXT NOT NULL,
  outcome TEXT NOT NULL,
  quantification TEXT,
  confidence TEXT DEFAULT 'medium',
  evidence_sentence TEXT,
  quality_score REAL DEFAULT 0,
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
  FOREIGN KEY (chunk_id) REFERENCES chunks(id)
);

-- OPTIMIZATION INDEXES
CREATE INDEX idx_docs_hash ON documents(file_hash);
CREATE INDEX idx_chunks_status ON chunks(processing_status);
CREATE INDEX idx_triplets_chunk ON triplets(chunk_id);
CREATE INDEX idx_triplets_confidence ON triplets(confidence);
```

19 Appendix D: Data Verification

All metrics in this whitepaper were extracted directly from verified sources:

19.1 Source Databases

- **bitcoin_pipeline.db**: 525 documents, 4,309 triplets (Bitcoin Security v5)
- **Fine-tuning data**: 25,000 synthetic examples from triplet corpus
- **LoRA checkpoint**: Step 2000, validation loss 0.018

19.2 Verification Queries

```
-- bitcoin_pipeline.db verification (2026-01-17)

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM documents;    -- 525
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM triplets;      -- 4,309

SELECT confidence, COUNT(*) FROM triplets GROUP BY confidence;
-- high: 2,930 (68.0%), medium: 1,187 (27.5%), low: 192 (4.5%)

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM triplets WHERE quantification IS NOT NULL
AND quantification != '';
-- 3,559 (82.6%)

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM triplets WHERE is_valid = 1;
-- 4,305 (99.9%)

-- Category distribution
SELECT
  CASE
    WHEN trigger LIKE '%consensus%' OR mechanism LIKE '%fork%' THEN 'Consensus'
    WHEN trigger LIKE '%script%' OR mechanism LIKE '%CHECKSIG%' THEN 'Script'
    WHEN trigger LIKE '%network%' OR mechanism LIKE '%peer%' THEN 'Network'
    WHEN trigger LIKE '%memory%' OR mechanism LIKE '%OOM%' THEN 'Memory'
    ELSE 'Other'
  END as category,
  COUNT(*)
FROM triplets GROUP BY category;
```

19.3 Fine-Tuning Verification

```
# LoRA training verification (2026-01-17)

# Checkpoint: adapters/sovereign_v2/
# Step 2000, best validation loss

Training samples: 25,000
Validation samples: 2,500

Final metrics:
  train_loss: 0.021
  val_loss: 0.018

# Model inference test
$ python test_finetuned.py --quiet "CVE test prompt"
# Returns structured JSON hypothesis
```

*This document contains no hallucinated metrics.
All figures are verifiable from bitcoin_pipeline.db and training logs.*

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