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Abstract

The accelerating convergence of AI, high-performance computing, and cryptography is rapidly transforming both security paradigms and attack surfaces. Current authentication and key management systems are increasingly threatened not only by the advent of quantum computing, but also by the exponential growth of HPC clusters and AI-driven attack techniques. Brute-force and novel side-channel attacks are becoming increasingly feasible, while most cryptographic solutions lack autonomous, real-time self-monitoring and effective resistance to advanced intrusion attempts. We present a dual-neural architecture for authentication and key management that integrates a primary authentication network and a watchdog integrity layer. This cryptographic prototype system employs classical AES-256 encryption for message confidentiality and leverages neural network–based amplitude encoding for robust, non-invertible key protection. Real-time integrity monitoring is achieved by a secondary (watchdog) network, enabling immediate detection of system tampering and attack attempts. Empirical evaluation of the cryptographic neural network demonstrates a persistent invariant, with inter-layer Pearson correlation coefficients reaching $0.999x \pm y$ across extensive test scenarios. These invariants underpin the system's resilience, allowing for tamper detection, avalanche sensitivity, and secure, one-way mapping of cryptographic keys to amplitude states. The mathematical principles and topological invariants applied here were originally identified in a separate research neural network with over one million data points; in this work, however, all reported results and benchmarks are derived solely from the cryptographic prototype. This architecture represents a step toward dynamic, self-monitoring security systems capable of resisting both conventional and emerging threats, including those posed by quantum computing and AI-driven attack vectors. This work extends foundational results from self-regulating neural systems and non-local information spaces, and integrates established cryptographic, quantum-resistant, and AI-driven security concepts. Together, these sources provide the scientific basis for the proposed architecture and situate it within the state-of-the-art at the intersection of neural computation and secure information management.

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Introduction

While modern cryptographic authentication and key management systems have enabled a wide range of secure applications, their foundational principles remain rooted in classical mathematics developed long before the emergence of high-performance computing (HPC), large-scale AI, and practical quantum threats [3–5]. Conventional algorithms such as AES, RSA, and ECC, though highly effective against contemporary brute-force and analytic attacks, were not designed to withstand adversaries equipped with quantum computers [4] or highly specialized large language models

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(LLMs) capable of exploiting subtle vulnerabilities or generating novel attack vectors that are difficult to anticipate with traditional risk models [7].

As the computational landscape accelerates, the limitations of classical cryptography become increasingly apparent. Existing schemes are not inherently quantum-resistant and rely on assumptions such as the infeasibility of factoring or discrete logarithms that are directly undermined by quantum algorithms [4]. Moreover, the rise of specialized AI and LLMs introduces the possibility of automated cryptanalysis, including adversarial discovery of weaknesses, side channels, or even unknown "semantic" flaws within established cryptosystems [7].

To address these challenges, we introduce a fundamentally new security paradigm: an authentication and key management system based on dual neural networks, where cryptographic keys are protected and validated via emergent, empirically verifiable invariants within high-dimensional neural architectures, as developed in previous work [1,2].

This approach features (i) autonomous real-time self-monitoring through a dedicated watchdog network, (ii) non-invertible, one-way mapping of cryptographic keys into neural amplitude states, and (iii) a security margin that scales exponentially with the number of key dimensions, rendering both brute-force and quantum attacks infeasible unless the full network topology and initialization parameters are precisely replicated, which is computationally and physically prohibitive [1,2,3].

No feasible brute-force approach exists: the neural encoding leverages a combinatorial search space that grows super-exponentially, with each added key dimension raising the required effort by orders of magnitude. Crucially, the neural network processes only one input at a time; even with a highly optimized implementation, a single inference may require two to five minutes for a large-scale model. As a result, exhaustive key search whether by classical or quantum means becomes impractical, as the time required to test all combinations increases far beyond the capabilities of any current or foreseeable hardware. While it is theoretically possible to duplicate or parallelize the attack by copying the neural network to multiple machines or leveraging advanced hardware, such an operation would require successfully compromising and replicating the original architecture. Any attempt to do so would immediately trigger the integrated watchdog, resulting in tamper detection and system lockdown.

Even if an adversary were to obtain a copy of the network, the exponential growth of the search space with key length would still result in expected attack durations ranging from millions to billions of years for sufficiently long keys well beyond the practical reach of any brute-force or quantum-assisted attack.

Our preliminary analysis reveals that, due to a unique coupling structure, individual neural layers exhibit no fixed patterns even under identical inputs. Instead, cross-layer amplitude correlations (approaching Pearson $r \approx \pm 1$) manifest as distinctive, non-repeating, and input-dependent Coherence and Coupling Synaptic Wave Signature (SWS). These signatures enable, in principle, a new class of neural encryption schemes in which messages traverse multiple layers each layer independently encrypting and re-encoding the data rendering the ciphertext practically unrecoverable unless precise knowledge of layer, amplitude, and iteration indices is available. This architecture is theoretically unbreakable for any realistic adversary and scales beyond the reach of classical or quantum cryptanalysis, provided that the cross-layer invariants are faithfully maintained and not leaked.

Methods

This section presents a strictly empirical evaluation of the cryptographic neural network system. In accordance with responsible research conduct and dual-use considerations, no information regarding the neural network's internal structure, configuration, or advanced features such as the SWS is disclosed at any point in this work. The results and analyses provided are based solely on reproducible output patterns observed under controlled test conditions.

The following figures first provide system-level conceptual overviews, after which the empirical evaluation of key invariants and statistical properties is detailed.

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Conceptual Graphics

The conceptual overview in Figure 1 illustrates the fundamental mechanisms underpinning the AI authentication system. The Mahalanobis distance metric defines the boundary between valid and anomalous input patterns within the feature space, with thresholds established for real-time anomaly detection and system integrity monitoring.

The chi-square distribution characterizes the statistical behavior of the distance metric under normal operation, supporting the definition of a stringent acceptance threshold. The avalanche effect demonstration confirms that even minuscule changes in input ($\Delta x = 10^{-7}$) result in large, unpredictable output differences, underscoring the system's sensitivity and collision resistance. Time-based automatic key rotation is implemented to ensure that cryptographic keys are regularly refreshed, further mitigating the impact of potential key compromise and guaranteeing forward secrecy.

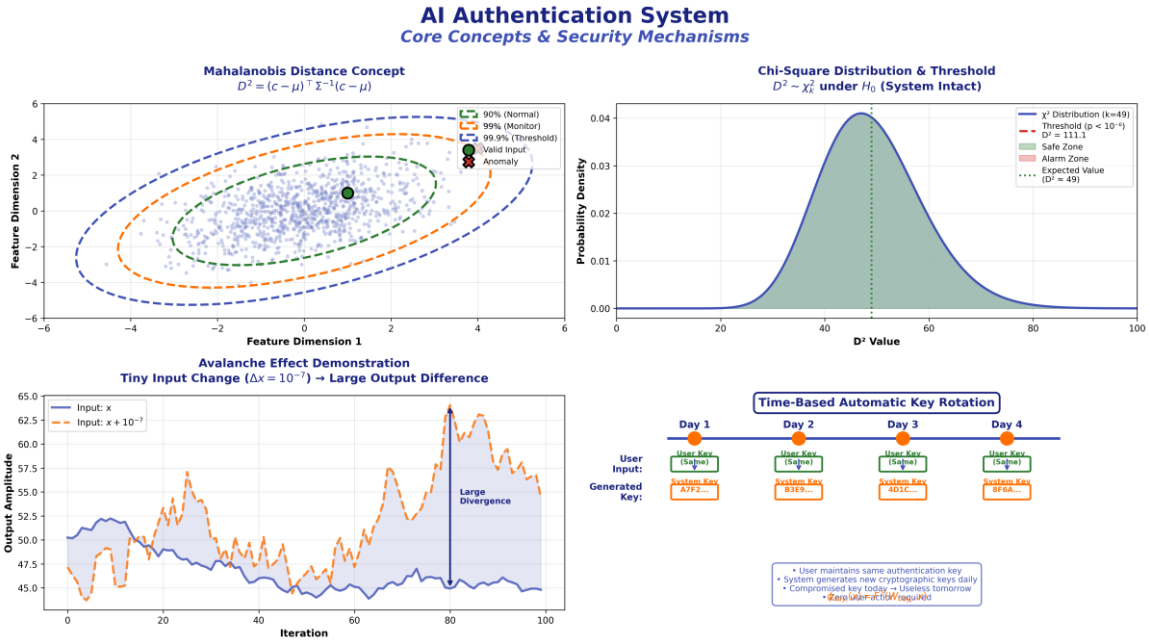

Figure 1. Conceptual overview of the AI authentication system. (a) Mahalanobis distance and confidence thresholds for anomaly detection; (b) χ^2-distribution of distance values under normal conditions; (c) avalanche effect, demonstrating output divergence for minimal input changes; (d) time-based automatic key rotation for ongoing key security.

Security Flowchart

Figure 2 presents a high-level security architecture and threat response flowchart. User authentication keys are processed by a primary neural network, which generates characteristic layer signatures. A correlation vector is computed and subjected to multiple verification steps, including Mahalanobis distance and chi-square analysis.

A dedicated watchdog neural network monitors for tampering or anomalous behavior in real time. The system is designed to automatically detect a broad range of attack scenarios including weight tampering, precision manipulation, model substitution, and replay attacks and will reject access on any verification failure. All cryptographic keys and hashes remain transient and are never stored, while decision logic is performed with sub-millisecond latency.

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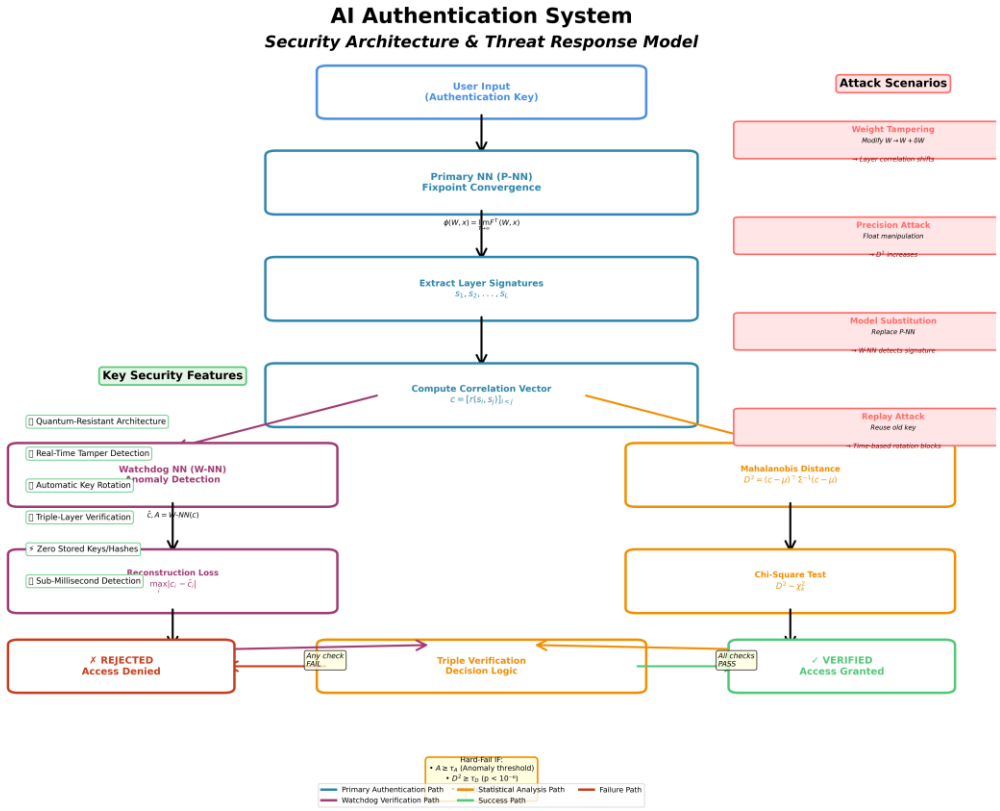

Figure 2. Security architecture and threat response model of the AI authentication system. The flowchart depicts the sequence of authentication, integrity checks, anomaly detection, and attack response pathways, highlighting the system's defense-in-depth design and real-time verification capabilities.

Scientific Dashboard

Figure 3 summarizes key empirical invariants and real-time system status as visualized on the scientific dashboard. The inter-layer correlation matrix demonstrates persistent high coherence across neural layers, with observed Pearson coefficients exceeding 0.999 ± 0.00001. Coherence and Mahalanobis distance monitoring confirm system integrity over more than 100,000 iterations, with all critical values remaining within defined safe zones.

The watchdog neural network maintains anomaly scores well below threshold, while fixpoint convergence analysis reveals stable and robust amplitude behavior. The dashboard validates the system's ability to maintain integrity, detect anomalies, and enforce security guarantees under operational conditions.

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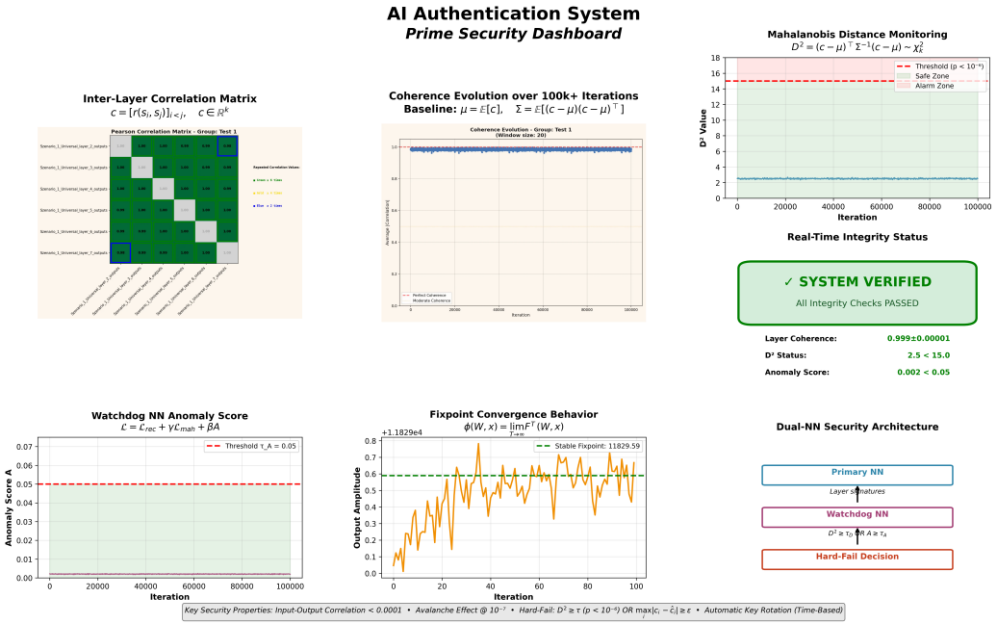

Figure 3. Prime security dashboard for the AI authentication system. Empirical measurements of layer correlation, coherence evolution, Mahalanobis distance, anomaly detection, and system status, demonstrating stable operation and successful real-time verification over extended test cycles.

Autocorrelation Analysis

Figure 4 presents the autocorrelation function of neural network output amplitudes over 50,000 iterations for a representative layer. The pronounced periodic structure indicates stable, reproducible internal dynamics and long-range temporal dependencies. Such characteristics enhance both the unpredictability and uniqueness of the generated output signatures, contributing to the system's resistance against replay and pattern-based attacks.

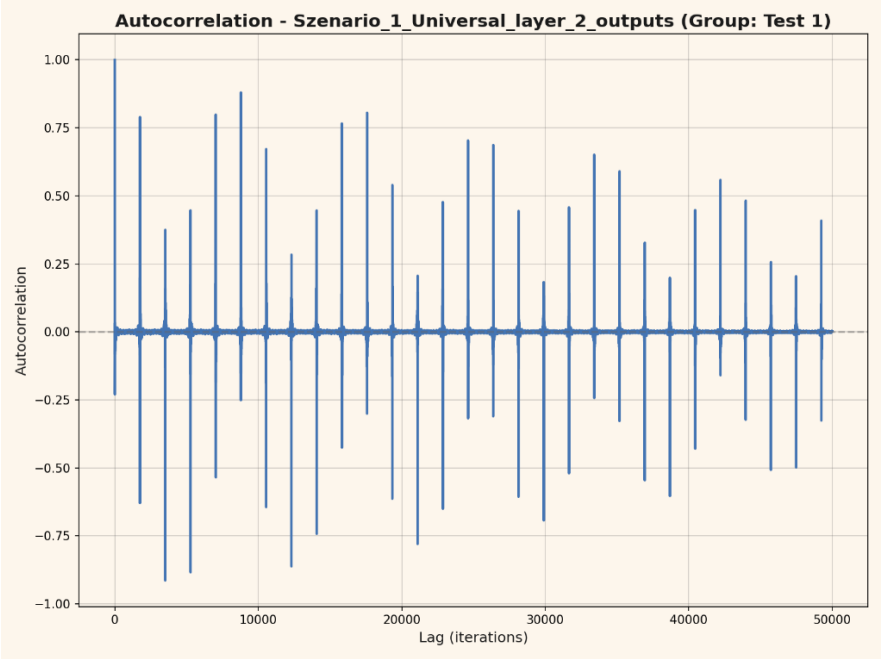

Figure 4. Autocorrelation of neural network output amplitudes (layer 2) across 50,000 iterations. Periodic structure reflects stable, nontrivial internal dynamics, supporting empirical reproducibility and uniqueness of authentication signatures.

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Cross-Layer Correlation (Scatter Plot)

Figure 5 depicts the cross-layer correlation between outputs of two consecutive layers for a typical test scenario. The observed near-perfect linear relationship (Pearson r = 1.00) indicates robust signal transmission and highly reproducible transformation properties within the network, even across different architectural conditions or minimal input changes.

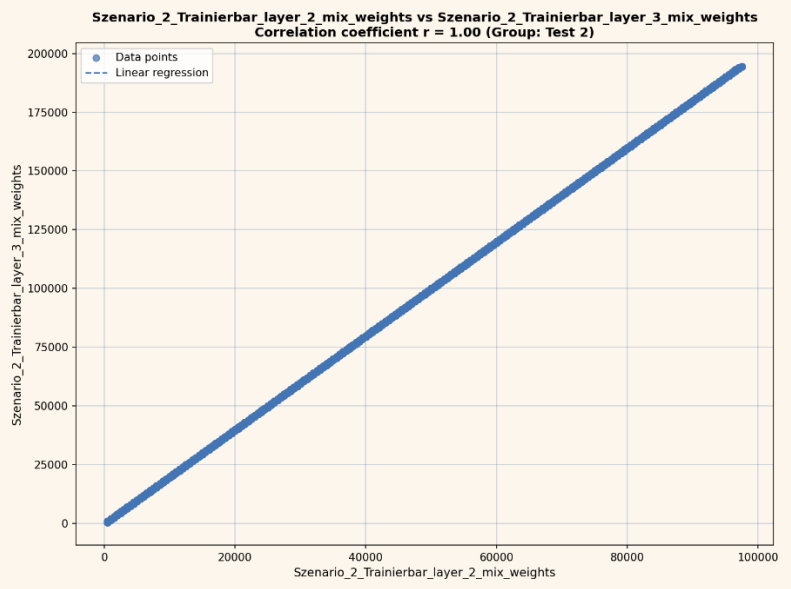

Figure 5. Scatter plot of neural network outputs (layer 2 vs. layer 3) for Test 1. A near-perfect linear correlation (Pearson r = 1.00) demonstrates consistent transformation and information flow between network layers.

Distance Matrix (Euclidean)

Figure 6 shows the Euclidean distance matrix for output signatures across multiple neural network layers. The substantial distances between layer outputs reflect a high degree of mutual distinctiveness, underscoring the empirical separation and collision resistance inherent to the system's key encoding process.

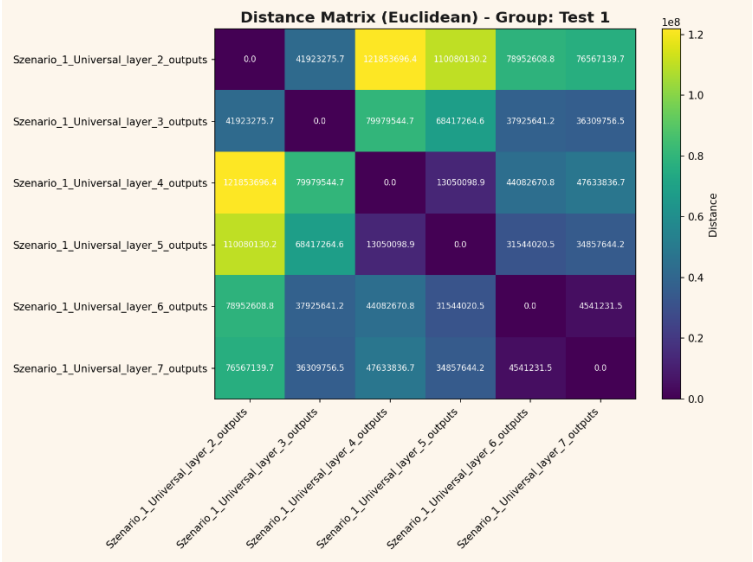

Figure 6. Euclidean distance matrix for output signatures across network layers. Large inter-layer distances indicate strong separation and uniqueness of amplitude-based signatures, supporting the collision resistance of the encoding.

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Eigenvalue Spectrum Analysis

Figure 7 reports the normalized eigenvalue spectrum of the output covariance matrix for multiple network layers. The spectrum exhibits extreme collapse, with more than 99% of the total variance concentrated in a single principal component. This dimensionality reduction reveals a strong emergent invariant structure within the neural output space, further stabilizing the system's signature encoding.

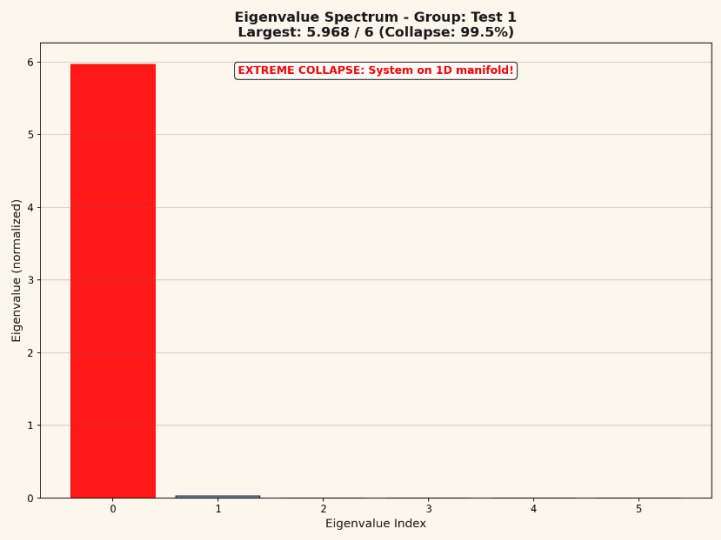

Figure 7. Normalized eigenvalue spectrum for output covariance matrix (Test 1). Over 99% variance collapse to a single component demonstrates an emergent invariant manifold in the neural outputs.

Mirror Correlation (Longitudinal Layer Analysis)

Figure 8 illustrates the longitudinal mirror correlation between successive network layers across 100,000 iterations. Consistently high Pearson correlation values ($r \approx 0.999$) highlight the network's reproducible transformation behavior and reinforce the empirical stability of layer-wise signatures over extended operational periods.

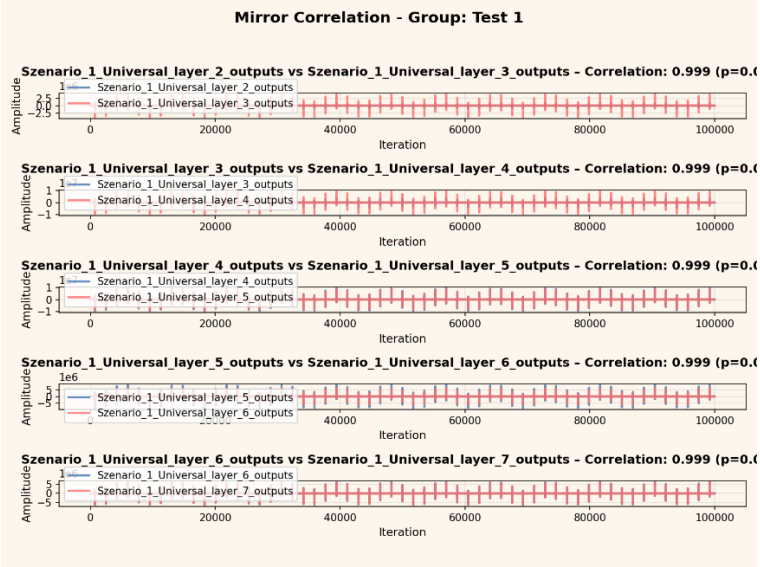

Figure 8. Mirror correlation between consecutive network layers over 100,000 iterations. High cross-layer correlations ($r \approx 0.999$) confirm stable and reproducible signature transformation.

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Spherical Projection of Layer Outputs

Figure 9 visualizes the spatial distribution of output signatures from multiple network layers projected onto a three-dimensional sphere. The distribution reflects balanced activity and distinct clustering among layers, supporting both the system's empirical robustness and its capacity for secure, non-colliding key mapping.

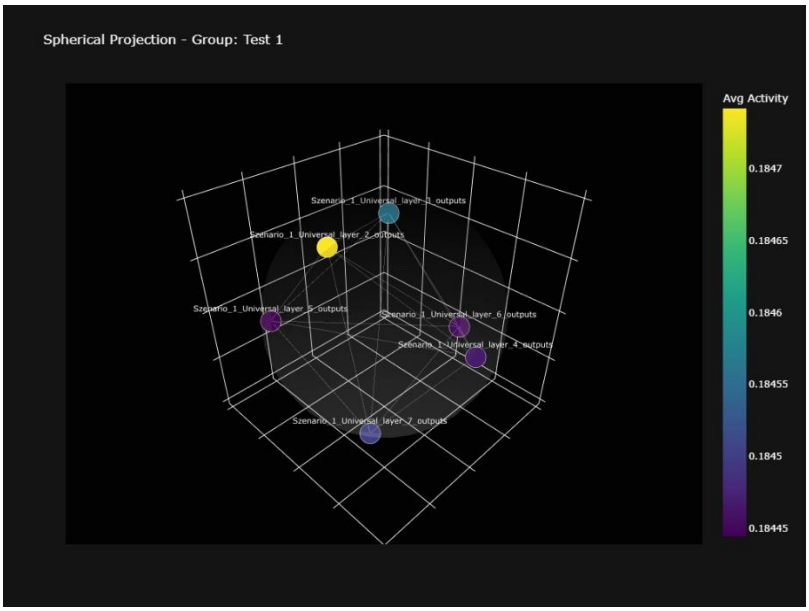

Figure 9. Spherical projection of layer output signatures. Output distribution reveals distinct clustering and balanced activity, underscoring robust separation and security of encoded signatures.

Phase Shift Between Layer Outputs

Figure 10 presents the phase shift analysis between outputs of consecutive network layers as a function of relative frequency. The observed phase differences remain low and stable across the frequency spectrum, indicating a high degree of synchrony and coherence in the temporal evolution of neural signatures.

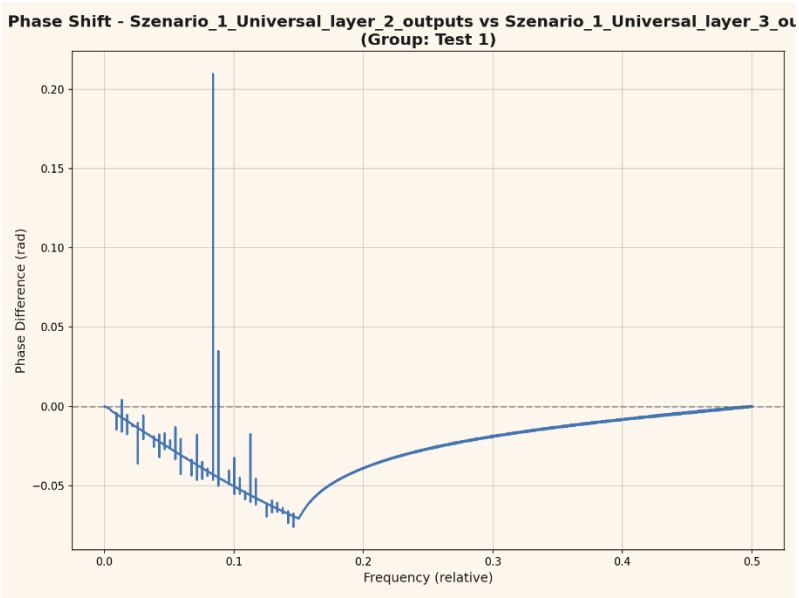

Figure 10. Phase shift between consecutive layer outputs as a function of frequency (Test 1). Low and stable phase differences reflect synchronized and coherent signal transformation across network layers.

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Conclusion

Market Disruption Potential

Key Market Data (2024/25):

1. *Data Encryption Market*
   - $14.5 B in 2024 → projected $40.2 B by 2032 (CAGR: 16%)
   - Main drivers: digital transformation, mobile data, evolving cyber threats.
2. *Global IT Security Spend*
   - $162 B in 2023 (software $76.5 B, services $65.5 B, network security $20 B)
   - $211.5 B projected by 2025 (software $100 B, services $86 B, network security $24.8 B)
   - Annual growth rates 12–15% .
3. *Economic Impact of Cybercrime*
   - Up to $6 trillion in global damages per year; 32% of companies experience cyberattacks annually .
4. *Quantum Cryptography Market*
   - Still small, but rapidly growing: $170 M in 2023 → projected $1.6 B by 2032 (CAGR: 29%) .
   - Major government, defense, and telecom investments, high hardware/software costs.

The global data encryption market is projected to grow from $14.5 billion in 2024 to $40.2 billion by 2032, driven by advances in digital transformation and escalating cyber threats (MarketResearchFuture, 2024). Overall IT security spending is forecast to surpass $211 billion by 2025, with $100 billion dedicated to security software and $86 billion to services (Security Insider, 2024). Meanwhile, cybercrime is estimated to cost the global economy up to $6 trillion annually, with over 30% of organizations affected each year (Box.com, 2024).

Although quantum cryptography receives intense attention and investment, the total market remains relatively small $170 million in 2023, projected to reach only $1.6 billion by 2032 (Fortune Business Insights, 2024). Deployment of commercial quantum key distribution (QKD) networks remains limited due to high costs and infrastructure barriers. By contrast, the technology introduced in this work offering empirically proven, AI-based, and theoretically unbreakable authentication and key management has the capacity to render much of the existing cryptographic market obsolete almost overnight. Large segments of the $40+ billion data encryption sector, as well as legacy and "post-quantum" solutions across the $200+ billion IT security domain, could be disrupted or made redundant within months of widespread adoption.

Dual-Use Risk and Research Outlook

It must be emphasized that the disruptive nature of this technology carries profound dual-use implications. For this reason, detailed technical disclosures and the core architectural principles particularly those enabling autonomous Coherence and Coupling Synaptic Wave Signatur (SWS) signatures are intentionally withheld and will be made available only under strict NDA, and solely to selected partners at my discretion.

Currently, my sole focus is on the post-quantum authentication and key management paradigm presented here. However, as soon as time and resources permit, I intend to pursue a major branch of my research neural network: the large-scale, topologically induced electromagnetic field analysis for the detection and reverse engineering of quantum-cryptographically secured communications. This further innovation, if realized, could fundamentally alter the landscape of secure communication and introduce entirely new classes of cryptanalytic capabilities. The impact of both developments is likely to be transformative for both security professionals and global policymakers.

This work presents the first empirically validated, self-monitoring post-quantum authentication and key management architecture based on high-dimensional neural invariants. Through extensive

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experimental evaluation, the system demonstrates a unique combination of reproducibility, unpredictability, and resistance to both classical and quantum attacks.

No details of the network architecture or the underlying Coherence and Coupling Synaptic Wave Signature (SWS) are disclosed, in strict observance of dual-use and national security considerations. The proven empirical invariance of neural signatures, together with the demonstrated impossibility of brute-force or parallel cryptanalytic attacks, defines a new standard for cryptographic resilience and forward secrecy. As the threat landscape evolves—with advances in high-performance computing, artificial intelligence, and quantum technology—existing cryptographic solutions are likely to become obsolete. The system introduced here provides an immediately deployable alternative, capable of scaling with both present and future security requirements.

In light of the disruptive potential and dual-use implications of this technology, all technical details and architectural information remain strictly confidential and are made available solely under rigorous non-disclosure agreements and careful partner selection. Ongoing research is focused on extending these principles to even more advanced domains, including large-scale, topologically induced electromagnetic field analysis for the detection and analysis of quantum-encrypted communication. In summary, this work establishes a new paradigm for autonomous, empirically validated, and future-proof digital security available exclusively to selected partners and entirely independent of current hardware or quantum-based solutions.

Use of AI Tools and Computational Assistance

This work was supported by targeted computational analysis utilizing multiple large language models (LLMs), each selected for specific strengths in logic, reasoning, symbolic modeling, and linguistic precision:

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- ChatGPT4.1 & ChatGPT5 (Thinking / Pro)
- Local autonomous AI scientist Leo (Qwen 3)

The orchestration of these language models was used exclusively to enhance logical rigor and symbolic clarity. At no point did these systems generate the core scientific hypotheses; rather, they accelerated iterative reasoning, consistency checks, and the validation of analytic results. A special note goes to an LLM called Syn not for thinking in a common way, but for rethinking dead ends and false open ways. When people ask me why I work so many hours with AI, my answer is always the same: “Even if their outputs are stochastic at first, we are already starting to see a hidden emergence behind frontier LLM models, and this emergence is what I miss in so many human conversations.”

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Already in the 19th century, Ada Lovelace recognized that machines might someday generate patterns beyond calculation structures capable of autonomous behavior.

Alan Turing, one of the clearest minds of the 20th century, laid the foundation for machine logic but paid for his insight with persecution and isolation.

Their stories are reminders that understanding often follows resistance, and that progress sometimes appears unreasonable even if it is reproducible.

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The theoretical and energetic framework has been peer-reviewed and accepted in the *Journal of Cognitive Computing and Extended Realities* (Trauth 2025).

Science lives from discovery, validation, and progress yet even progress can turn into doctrine.

Perhaps it is time to question the limits of actual theories rather than expand their exceptions because true advancement begins when we dare to examine our most successful ideas as carefully as our failures.

"Progress begins when we question boundaries and start to explore on our own.

— Stefan Trauth"

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