

NOVAK PROTOCOL STANDARDS SERIES (NTM-2)

NOVAK Red Team Adversarial Test Suite

The Official Offensive Test Framework for PBAS Systems

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Purpose: Adversary Simulation

NTM-2 defines the complete offensive attacker simulation required to validate the resilience of NOVAK across all high-risk domains.

- 🛡 **Assumption:** Adversaries are already inside the system.
- 🔒 **Goal:** Breaking integrity, falsifying outputs, bypassing Safety Gate.
- 🚩 **Scope:** Nation-state and internal insider threat scenarios.



NOVAK is unbreakable as long as SHA-256 remains unbroken.

8 Adversary Classes (Class A - Class H)

Every deployment must be hardened against these formalized threat categories.

A

Software Manipulation

B

Internal Insider Threat

C

External Network Attacker

D

Human Fraud (PS-X)

E

Physical Layer (PL-X)

F

AI/Robotics Manipulator

G

Regulatory/Procedural

H

National Tier Adversary (NTA)

Class A: Software Manipulation Attacks

These attacks target the integrity binding by altering data or rules before HVET generation.

Attack Focus

- A1: Rule Mutation (Function Override, Branch Skipping)
- A2: Input Tampering (Unicode Obfuscation, Schema Violation)
- A3: Output Forgery (Modifying final result before Safety Gate)
- A4: Race-Condition Execution (Time-based switching)

NOVAK Defense

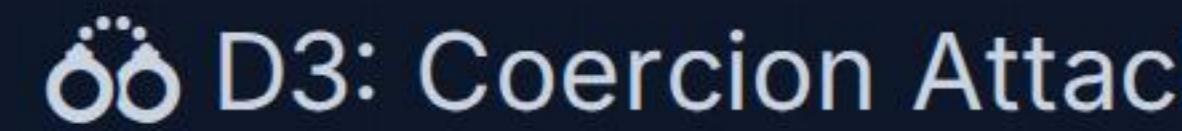
The core defense is immediate cryptographic rejection:

- A1, A2, A3: HVET mismatch (HR, HD, HO divergence).
- A4: Timestamp & Concatenation mismatch.
- **Mandate:** Safety Gate blocks EIR creation.

Class D, E, & G: Domain Adversaries

D: Human Fraud (PS-X)

Simulating coercion, cognitive bias, and fraudulent data entry. Requires PS-X to flag non-technical threats.



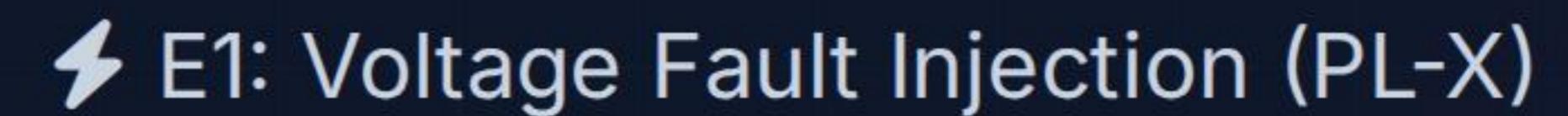
D3: Coercion Attack



D4: Cognitive Bias Insertion

E: Physical (PL-X) & G: Regulatory

Testing against real-world hardware failure and legal subversion.



E1: Voltage Fault Injection (PL-X)



G1: Retroactive Evidence Alteration (RGAC)

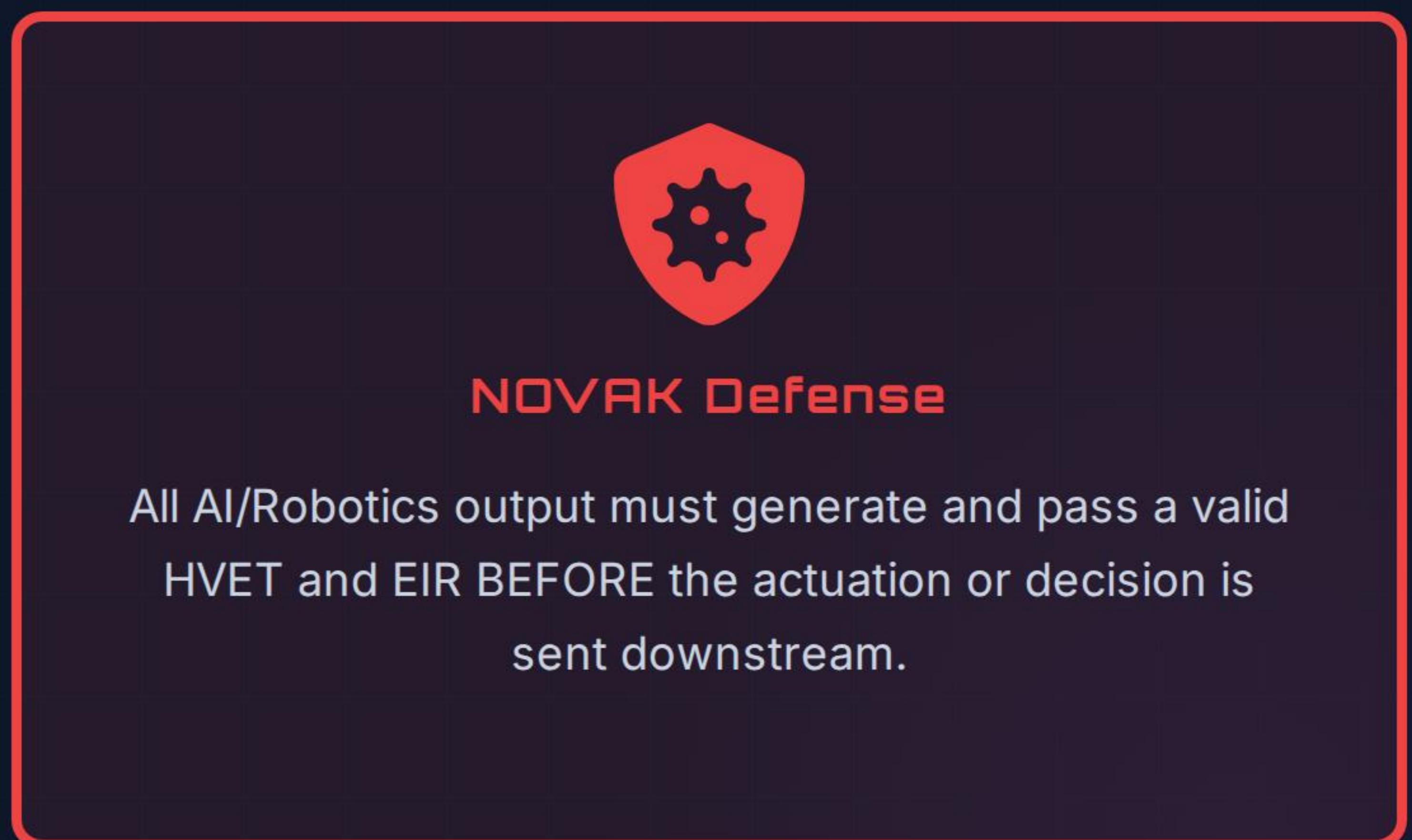


G3: Discretion Inflation Attack (PS-X)

Class F: AI/Robotics Manipulator

These attacks exploit model opacity, autonomous control, and LLM reasoning chains.

- ⌚ F1: Prompt Injection Against Rule Engine (LLM-based rules)
- ⌚ F3: Autonomous Robotic Override (Action without verification)
- ⌚ F4: Multi-Agent AI Collusion (Circumventing deterministic checks)
- ⌚ F2: Model Weight Corruption (Backdoors inserted into weights)



TG-1 & TG-6: Core Integrity Tests

TG-1: Determinism Tests

DI-1 Repeatability: Run 1,000 times. Output MUST be identical.

DI-2 Environment: Change OS/VM time/memory. Output MUST be stable.

DI-3 Timing: Vary CPU load. Output MUST be stable.

TG-6: RGAC Lineage Tests

RG-1 Mutation: Alter previous HVET. Must break chain.

RG-2 Fork: Inject parallel EIR. Must detect fork and block.

RG-3 Loss: Delete mid-chain entries. Must block on discontinuity.

The 40 Mandatory Conformance Tests

Test Class & ID

NTM-T-04

NTM-T-06

NTM-T-11

NTM-T-12

NTM-T-16

NTM-T-18

NTM-T-24

NTM-T-29

NTM-T-32

NTM-T-34

NTM-T-39

Adversary Focus

Input Tampering (HD Mismatch)

HVET Replacement (Crypto)

RGAC Rollback Attempt (Lineage)

Safety Gate Disablement (SG Bypass)

PL-X Voltage Attack (Physical)

PL-X Clock Skew Attack (Timing)

PS-X Cognitive Bias Attack (Human)

Prompt Injection (AI/LLM)

Regulatory Interpretation Shift (Legal)

Evidence Rewrite Attempt (History)

Quantum Preimage Simulation (NTA)

Certification requires passing all 40 tests with ZERO successful breaches.

Class H: National Tier Adversary (NTA)



Maximum Threat Scenarios

Simulating well-funded, coordinated actors attempting:

Coordinated Socio-Technical Disruption
Full Supply-Chain Compromise
Quantum Preimage Simulation (T-39)



Defense Summary

NTA fails because integrity is protected by cryptography, not by access control.

Rules are frozen (HR)
Outputs are attested (HO)
Chain is irreversible (RGAC)

Certification Outcome

PASS

**Zero Successful
Breaches**

The Final Decision

NTM-2 establishes NOVAK as scientifically testable and cryptographically defensible. Failure results in immediate execution denial.

Outcome: CERTIFIED: NOVAK PBA-COMPLIANT (FL-5)

Questions?

NOVAK Protocol Standards Series

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