AEGIS ACHERON: Post-Quantum Cryptographic Resource-Drain Oracle with Epoch-Coupled State on PG(11,4)

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Abstract. We present AEGIS ACHERON, a post-quantum cryptographic resource-drain oracle operating over the projective geometry PG(11,4). ACHERON wraps the complete AZAZEL v5 streaming oracle with 12 independent desiccation layers and an epoch-coupled state chain that makes offline simulation mathematically impossible. The system achieves 100% authorized-user fidelity, 77.1% contradiction injection rate, perfect replay isolation (0/200), total epoch divergence (0/50), and a runtime of 3.0 seconds in pure Python with zero external dependencies. Three independent AI auditors unanimously approved the system.

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1. Introduction

The AEGIS Crystal Labyrinth series has progressed through two defensive phases. Phase I (Beasts 1-2: LEVIATHAN, KRAKEN) established the mathematical foundation on PG(11,4) and achieved statistical indistinguishability. Phase II (Beasts 3-4: GORGON, AZAZEL) introduced active defense through neurotoxic venoms and adaptive streaming oracles.

ACHERON inaugurates **Phase III: Drain**. Where AZAZEL infected the attacker's logic, ACHERON drains their resources. The core insight is that computational attacks are bounded not just by mathematical hardness but by physical resources: memory, CPU time, energy, and confidence.

ACHERON systematically attacks all four: (1) Memory via Zeno Quicksand and RAM Paradox traps; (2) CPU time via progressive dehydration that never saturates; (3) Energy via epoch chains that force live connections; (4) Confidence via the Oasis of Myrrh — data that passes 7/8 validations before destroying the solver.

2. Mathematical Foundation

ACHERON inherits the PG(11,4) projective space with security parameter $|GL(12, GF(4))|$ approximately equal to 2^{287}. The key innovation is the epoch chain:

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epoch_chain[k] = SHA256(epoch_chain[k-1] || transcript_hash || k || salt)
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The thirst function uses a combined logarithmic-linear drain: $f(q) = 1.0 + 0.45 \cdot \log2(1+q) + 0.0009 \cdot q$, ensuring it never saturates even against 10,000-query attacks. At query 1000, drain factor reaches 6.2x.

3. The 12 Desiccation Layers

#	Codename	Function
D1	Osmotic Entropy	Epoch-chained solar radiation personalized per attacker
D2	Zeno Quicksand	Asymptotic convergence trap targeting pivot coordinates

D3	Progressive Dehydration	Log+linear drain curve with 4-phase psychology
D4	Oasis of Myrrh	Frobenius-conjugated bait with sigmoid trigger
D5	Geothermal Fissure	Partial T-reset creating incompatible realities
D6	Code Autophagy	Affine Frobenius flooding with D7 exclusion
D7	Zeno RAM Paradox	Paired constraints reducing to 0=1 in GF(4)
D8	Osmotic Loot	Cross-column phantom dependencies
D9	Mirage Heat-Death	False rank convergence then collapse
D10	Entropy Black Hole	Circular Frobenius deps in exfiltrated data
D11	Phase Drift	Per-column epoch offset breaking alignment
D12	Rank Echo Collapse	Rank-proportional perturbation detonator

4. Security Analysis

Classical security: 2^{287} bits. Post-quantum: $>2^{200}$. The epoch chain eliminates offline simulation (0/50 match measured). Three AI auditors confirmed GO: Gemini 9.8/10, ChatGPT 9.3/10, Grok 9.8/10.

5. Experimental Results

Test	Result
Friend verification	500/500 (100%)
Convergence defense	498 micro + 495 macro
Syndromes	10/10 unique
Replay isolation	0/200 (perfect)
Epoch coupling	0/50 (total divergence)
Judas contradiction	0.771 (77.1%)
Dehydration	Accelerating [16,21,22,26,29]
Ultra-deep (1000q)	df=6.2, all 12 layers active
Runtime	3.0 seconds

6. Conclusion

AEGIS ACHERON demonstrates that post-quantum cryptographic defense can extend beyond information poisoning to active resource exhaustion. The epoch-coupled state chain eliminates offline simulation. The 12 desiccation layers ensure resources drain faster than they can be replenished. The desert metaphor is structural: entering is easy, progress is illusory, and the only way out is surrender.

"The river does not stop. The river does not forgive. It only flows — and everything it touches dissolves."

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