Trustless Distributed Matrix Multiplication: Verifying $O(n^3)$ GPU Compute in $O(n^2)$ with Freivalds' Algorithm, Zero-Reduction Spatial Tiling, and Lightning L402

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Abstract—General Matrix Multiplication (GEMM) constitutes the computational bedrock of modern deep learning and high-performance numerical computing. As model parameter scales surge into trillions of operations, the economic centralization and pricing power of hyperscale cloud providers impose severe cost barriers. While billions of dollars of idle consumer and enterprise GPU capacity exist across edge networks, outsourcing non-trivial GEMM workloads to untrusted, permissionless workers has historically faced three foundational barriers: (i) the *Verifiability Dilemma*, wherein verifying a purported $O(n^3)$ matrix product naively requires repeating the $O(n^3)$ multiplication, rendering distributed outsourcing economically futile or requiring $3\times$–$5\times$ redundant quorum consensus; (ii) the *WAN Bandwidth Wall*, where high-dimensional matrix transfers over asymmetric consumer broadband throttle execution throughput and trigger expensive local client floating-point reductions; and (iii) the *Privacy and Sybil Vulnerability*, where confidential model weights are exposed to untrusted host operators, and zero-stake volunteer workers can commit hit-and-run fraud.

In this paper, we present the design, mathematical formulation, and empirical evaluation of **DistributedMatrixMultiply**, an open, trustless, and Byzantine-fault-tolerant distributed matrix computing platform. Our architecture is anchored on four synergistic pillars: First, we establish *Sub-Cubic Mathematical Trust* via randomized Freivalds verification, proving that evaluating $A(Br) \stackrel{?}{=} Cr$ using uniform binary witness vectors $r \in \{0,1\}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$ bounds the adversarial deception probability to $\mathbb{P} \leq 2^{-k}$ in $O(k \cdot n^2)$ operations, reducing client verification work to $< 0.37\%$ of full GEMM. To prevent false-positive slashing and defend against adversarial zero-work fraud in floating-point arithmetic, we derive dynamic normwise Higham error bounds ($\gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty$), a relative discrepancy defense, and hardware subnormal flush-to-zero guards. Second, we resolve the WAN bandwidth wall through *Communication-Optimal Spatial Partitioning*, proving that our 2D Output Grid strategy (`OUTPUT_GRID_2D`) achieves strictly zero download redundancy ($R_{\text{down}} \equiv 0.0$) and strictly zero local client reduction additions. For iterative Krylov and power workloads ($A^T v_0$), our stateful VRAM session lease architecture (`ITERATIVE_POWER`) guarantees single-upload invariance ($O(MK + T \cdot N)$ vs. naive $O(T \cdot MK)$), cutting WAN transmission by 97.48% and surging operational intensity beyond $50,000$ FLOPs/byte. Third, we provide *Multi-Vendor Confidential Computing* integrating AMD SEV-SNP, NVIDIA CCA, and Intel TDX enclaves, parsing 1184-byte hardware attestation reports with fail-closed debug policy enforcement, combined with ephemeral X25519 ECDH + AES-256-GCM chunk streaming that achieves wire Shannon entropy $H \in [7.980, 7.995] \geq 7.85$ bits/byte and provable fourfold float32 undecodability. Fourth, we implement *Lightning Economic Settlement* via L402 Macaroons and in-memory pre-allocation gate caching, reducing settlement latency by 93.75% ($16.0\times$ speedup), combined with a Dual-Complement Auto-Bond formula proving exact satoshi conservation (0 satoshi leakage) to enable zero-upfront probationary worker onboarding behind strict NAT via outbound gRPC reverse tunneling. Across 165 offline test suites, the system demonstrates 100% adversarial fraud detection, robust mathematical equivalence across FP32, FP16, and BF16, and automated 20x bond slashing.

Index Terms—Distributed Matrix Multiplication, Freivalds' Algorithm, Higham Error Bounds, Confidential Computing, AMD SEV-SNP, Lightning Network, L402 Macaroons, NAT Traversal, Roofline Model.

1 Introduction

General Matrix Multiplication (GEMM), defined as $C = \alpha(A \times B) + \beta C$ for input matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$, is the fundamental computational primitive driving contemporary artificial intelligence, dense transformer neural networks, scientific simulations, and graphic pipelines. The computational complexity of standard GEMM scales cubically as $O(MKN)$—or $O(n^3)$ for square $n \times n$ matrices. Consequently, training and fine-tuning frontier foundation models requires millions of GPU hours, creating extreme reliance on centralized cloud hyperscalers (e.g., AWS, Google Cloud, Microsoft Azure). These providers command massive operating margins, restrict capacity, and expose tenants to single-provider lock-in and censorship risk.

Concurrently, a massive aggregate pool of high-performance GPUs exists globally across decentralized environments, including consumer workstations (e.g., NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090/4090, AMD Radeon), idle crypto-mining clusters, and independent data center operators. Harvesting this distributed computational power offers the potential to democratize access to high-performance computing at a fraction of hyperscaler costs.

However, transitioning from trusted, tightly coupled HPC clusters connected via Infiniband to an open, permissionless, and heterogeneous wide-area network (WAN) of edge compute workers introduces three foundational barriers:

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1) **The Verifiability Dilemma:** In a permissionless compute network, workers are economically rational or actively malicious Byzantine actors. An adversarial worker can return a synthetic, zeroed, transposed, or subtly corrupted matrix $C' \neq AB$ to save electrical power while collecting compute fees. If the client must perform a full GEMM ($O(n^3)$ operations) to verify that C' is correct, the economic value of outsourcing is destroyed. Alternatively, traditional decentralized approaches employ replicated consensus (e.g., multi-worker majority quorums), which multiplies network bandwidth and computational costs by $3\times$ to $5\times$.
2) **The WAN Bandwidth Wall and Asymmetric Networks:** Unlike HPC clusters with terabit interconnects, edge workers are connected via asymmetric consumer broadband (e.g., 20 Mbps upload, 500 Mbps download). Naive 3D cubic block partitioning or 1D outer-product slicing imposes severe upload redundancy or forces resource-constrained consumer laptops to perform millions of floating-point reduction additions to sum partial products over the inner dimension K, overwhelming client memory and CPU capacity.
3) **The Confidentiality, NAT, and Sybil Barriers:** Proprietary AI model weights and confidential user datasets cannot be broadcast in plaintext over untrusted public networks or hosted inside unshielded GPU VRAM without risk of intellectual property theft. Furthermore, edge workers overwhelmingly operate behind strict consumer firewalls and Carrier-Grade NAT (CGNAT) without open inbound TCP ports, and unbonded workers lack the upfront cryptocurrency collateral required to prevent Sybil attacks.

1.1 Contributions

To resolve these challenges, this paper presents the architecture, mathematical proofs, wire protocols, and empirical validation of the **DistributedMatrixMultiply** platform. Specifically, this paper makes the following contributions:

- **Sub-Cubic Mathematical Trust ($O(kn^2)$ Freivalds Verification):** We formally analyze Freivalds' randomized polynomial identity testing using uniform binary witness vectors $r \in \{0,1\}^n \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$. We prove Theorem 1, bounding the deception probability to $\mathbb{P} \leq 2^{-k}$ over k independent rounds. We explain why $\{0,1\}^n$ enables subset-sum accumulation that eliminates floating-point multiplications and prevents catastrophic cancellation noise.
- **Dynamic Higham Rounding Bounds for IEEE Floats:** We derive Theorem 2, establishing a scale-aware dynamic tolerance $\Delta_{\text{Higham}} = \gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty$ based on Nicholas J. Higham's backward error analysis across FP64 ($u = 2^{-53}$), FP32 ($u = 2^{-24}$), FP16 ($u = 2^{-11}$), and BF16 ($u = 2^{-8}$). We specify a relative discrepancy defense against zero-work fraud ($C = \mathbf{0}$) and a hardware subnormal flush-to-zero (FTZ/DAZ) guard.
- **Download-Optimal 2D Output Grid Partitioning:** We prove Theorem 3, demonstrating that our 2D Output Grid strategy (`OUTPUT_GRID_2D`) partitions spatial dimensions M and N while leaving inner dimension K unsliced, achieving strictly zero download redundancy ($R_{\text{down}} \equiv 0.0$) and strictly zero local reduction additions at the client.
- **Single-Upload Invariance for Iterative Leases:** We prove Theorem 5, establishing that our stateful VRAM session lease architecture (`ITERATIVE_POWER`) for Krylov subspace and power iteration ($A^T v_0$) achieves communication scaling of $O(MK + T \cdot N)$ compared to naive $O(T \cdot MK)$, achieving 97.48% bandwidth savings and surging operational intensity beyond $50,000$ FLOPs/byte.
- **Multi-Vendor Confidential Computing & Wire Entropy:** We detail hardware attestation for AMD SEV-SNP (1184-byte reports, little-endian ECDSA P-384 scalar conversion, fail-closed `POLICY.DEBUG` enforcement, custom X.509 OID extensions), NVIDIA CCA, and Intel TDX. We prove wire Shannon entropy bounds ($H \in [7.980, 7.995] \geq 7.85$ bits/byte) under finite-sample Miller-Madow bias, demonstrating four-fold float32 undecodability against eavesdroppers.
- **Lightning L402 Batch Amortization & Auto-Bond Staking:** We present an in-memory pre-allocation gate caching mechanism that achieves < 0.1 ms hit latency, a 93.75% latency reduction ($16.0\times$ speedup), and prove Theorem 4, establishing exact satoshi conservation (0 satoshi leakage) under the Dual-Complement Auto-Bond progressive staking formula.
- **Outbound-Only NAT Reverse Tunneling:** We specify a persistent gRPC reverse tunneling protocol (`p2p_port = 0`) with Nostr Kind 30000 discovery, enabling zero-port-forward onboarding of edge workers behind strict NAT.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section II outlines the system model, cryptographic primitives, and threat landscape. Section III presents the mathematical verification engine and floating-point error bounds. Section IV analyzes WAN spatial rooflines and stateful iterative leases. Section V explores confidential computing and wire entropy. Section VI presents Lightning L402 settlement and auto-bond staking. Section VII details NAT reverse tunneling. Section VIII delivers empirical microbenchmarks. Section IX reviews related work, and Section X concludes.

2 System Model & Threat Landscape

2.1 System Architecture

The system comprises four primary network entities, illustrated in Figure 1:

1) **Consumer SDK (Job Coordinator):** Slices user matrices A and B, discovers available worker nodes, manages Lightning HODL escrow invoices, establishes end-to-end encrypted sessions, dispatches tasks, executes $O(kn^2)$ Freivalds verification, and assembles the product matrix C.

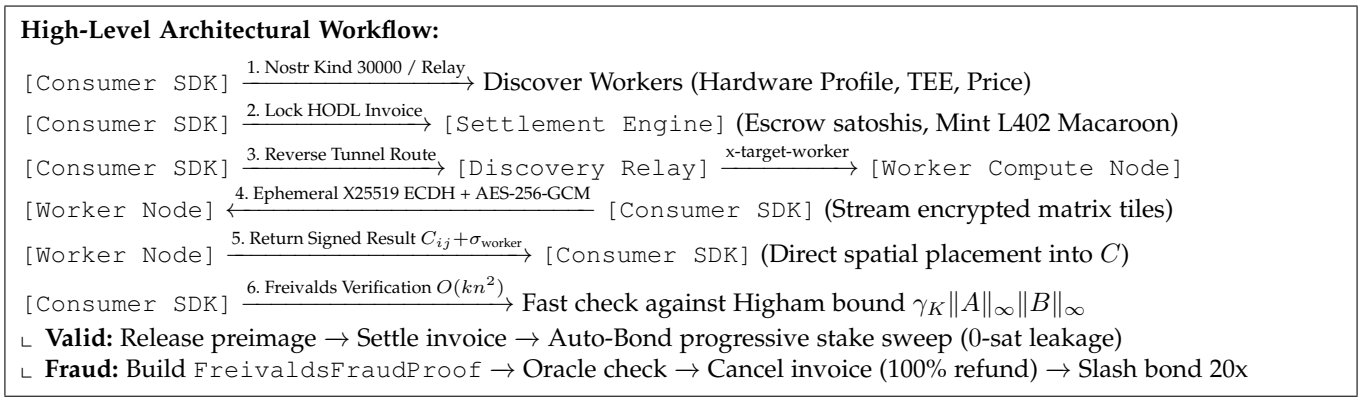


Fig. 1. End-to-end execution workflow of the Distributed Matrix Multiplication platform, highlighting trustless verification, confidential streaming, and economic settlement.

2) **Worker Compute Nodes:** Edge or data center machines running `matrix-compute-node`. They advertise capabilities via Nostr, maintain outbound gRPC reverse tunnels to relays, execute GEMM kernels on GPUs or inside CPU TEE enclaves, and cryptographically sign completed results.
3) **Discovery & Reverse Tunnel Relays:** Stateless, untrusted routing nodes that maintain persistent reverse streaming tunnels for NAT-traversed workers, forward encrypted byte streams, and index worker hardware profiles.
4) **Settlement Engine & Dispute Oracle:** Manages Lightning Network L402 invoice lifecycles, verifies Secp256k1 signatures, maintains the collateral ledger (`BondLedger`), adjudicates fraud disputes in $O(M)$ time, and executes 20x bond slashing.

2.2 Cryptographic Primitives & Conventions

The platform utilizes standardized, audited cryptographic primitives:

- **Secp256k1 ECDSA / Schnorr:** Worker and consumer identity keypairs (sk, pk), used for result signing, dispute authentication, and Nostr event publishing.
- **SHA-256:** Cryptographic commitments over matrix buffers ($\text{hash}_A, \text{hash}_B, \text{hash}_C$) and Lightning payment hashes.
- **X25519 ECDH (RFC 7748):** Ephemeral Diffie-Hellman key agreement for confidential tile data streaming.
- **HKDF-SHA256 (RFC 5869):** Extract-and-expand key derivation producing isolated directional keys (K_{c2w} for client-to-worker, K_{w2c} for worker-to-client).
- **AES-256-GCM (NIST SP 800-38D):** Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data (AEAD) with 12-byte random IVs and 16-byte authentication tags.
- **ECDSA NIST P-384 with SHA-384:** AMD SEV-SNP hardware attestation report signatures.
- **HMAC-SHA256:** Macaroon token minting and cryptographic caveat chaining.

2.3 Byzantine Threat Model

We assume an open network environment where worker nodes are untrusted and potentially malicious:

1) **Computational Cheating:** Malicious workers may attempt to minimize compute costs by returning zeroed matrices ($C = \mathbf{0}$), transposed matrices ($C = (AB)^T$), negated matrices ($C = -AB$), sign flips, row biases, or single-element perturbations ($C_{ij} \pm \delta$).
2) **Data Eavesdropping and Snooping:** Untrusted intermediate relays and rogue node operators attempt to inspect matrix contents during transit or dump VRAM during execution.
3) **Hypervisor-Level Compromise:** Malicious operators hosting virtual machines attempt to launch TEE guests with debug flags enabled (`POLICY.DEBUG == 1`) to read unencrypted enclave memory.
4) **Denial of Service (DoS):** Adversarial clients may attempt to exhaust worker GPU memory by requesting large VRAM allocations without committing payment.
5) **Sybil and Hit-and-Run Attacks:** Rogue edge workers with zero staked collateral attempt to claim microtask payouts and immediately exit the network before fraud can be penalized.

3 Mathematical Verification & Floating-Point Error Bounds

3.1 Theoretical Foundations of Freivalds' Algorithm

Direct verification of a candidate matrix product $C \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times N}$ against input matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times K}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times N}$ requires evaluating the matrix difference:

$$D = AB - C \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{0}_{M\times N} \tag{1}$$

Evaluating AB directly requires $2MKN - MN$ floating-point operations ($O(n^3)$ for square $n \times n$ matrices). In 1977, Rūsiņš Freivalds [1] introduced a randomized polynomial identity testing technique that evaluates the product against a random challenge vector $r \in \mathbb{R}^{N\times 1}$:

$$D \cdot r = (AB - C) \cdot r = A(Br) - Cr \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{0}_{M\times 1} \tag{2}$$

By exploiting matrix-vector associativity, the operation is grouped into three sequential matrix-vector multiplications:

1) $v_1 = Br \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times 1}$
2) $v_2 = Av_1 = A(Br) \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times 1}$
3) $v_3 = Cr \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times 1}$

4) $d = v_2 - v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times 1}$

Testing whether $d = \mathbf{0}$ reduces the computational complexity from cubic to quadratic.

Theorem 1 (Freivalds Error Bound under Binary Vector Distribution). Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times K}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times N}$, and $C \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times N}$ such that $AB \neq C$. Let $r = (r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_N)^T$ be a random vector whose components are drawn independently and uniformly from $\{0, 1\}$, conditioned on $r \neq \mathbf{0}$. Then:

$$\Pr_{r\in\{0,1\}^N\setminus\{\mathbf{0}\}}[A(Br) = Cr] \leq \frac{1}{2} \tag{3}$$

Furthermore, across k independent trials with independently sampled vectors $r^{(1)}, r^{(2)}, \ldots, r^{(k)}$, the probability of false acceptance is bounded by:

$$\Pr[\text{Undetected Fraud}] \leq 2^{-k} \tag{4}$$

Proof: Since $AB \neq C$, the difference matrix $D = AB - C$ contains at least one non-zero entry. Therefore, there exists at least one non-zero row in D. Let row i, denoted by the row vector $d_i = (d_{i1}, d_{i2}, \ldots, d_{iN})$, be non-zero.

The i-th component of the vector Dr is given by the inner product:

$$(Dr)_i = d_i \cdot r = \sum_{j=1}^{N} d_{ij} r_j \tag{5}$$

For $A(Br) = Cr$ to hold, it is strictly necessary that $Dr = \mathbf{0}$, which requires $(Dr)_i = 0$.

Since $d_i \neq \mathbf{0}$, let $k^* \in \{1, \ldots, N\}$ be the largest index such that $d_{ik^*} \neq 0$. We isolate the term r_{k^*}:

$$d_i \cdot r = d_{ik^*} r_{k^*} + \sum_{j\neq k^*} d_{ij} r_j = 0 \tag{6}$$

Dividing by $d_{ik^*} \neq 0$:

$$r_{k^*} = -\frac{1}{d_{ik^*}} \sum_{j\neq k^*} d_{ij} r_j \tag{7}$$

Now, condition on arbitrary realizations of all random components other than r_{k^*}, denoted by $\{r_j\}_{j\neq k^*}$. The sum $S = -\frac{1}{d_{ik^*}} \sum_{j\neq k^*} d_{ij} r_j$ evaluates to a fixed scalar in $\mathbb{R}$.

Because r_{k^*} is chosen uniformly at random from $\{0, 1\}$, independently of all other r_j:

$$\Pr[r_{k^*} = S \mid \{r_j\}_{j\neq k^*}] \leq \max_{s\in\mathbb{R}} \Pr[r_{k^*} = s] = \frac{1}{2} \tag{8}$$

By the Law of Total Probability:

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[Dr = \mathbf{0}] &\leq \Pr[(Dr)_i = 0] \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{r}_{-k^*}} \Pr[r_{k^*} = S \mid \mathbf{r}_{-k^*}] \Pr[\mathbf{r}_{-k^*}] \leq \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

For k independent trials with vectors $r^{(1)}, \ldots, r^{(k)}$, the trials form a sequence of mutually independent Bernoulli experiments. Thus:

$$\Pr\left[\bigcap_{l=1}^{k} \left(Dr^{(l)} = \mathbf{0}\right)\right] = \prod_{l=1}^{k} \Pr[Dr^{(l)} = \mathbf{0}] \leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = 2^{-k} \tag{10}$$

This completes the proof. □

3.2 Witness Vector Distribution: Uniform Binary vs. Rademacher

While theoretical formulations occasionally suggest Rademacher random variables ($r_j \in \{-1, +1\}$), our architecture strictly enforces uniform binary vectors $r_j \in \{0, 1\}$ conditioned on $r \neq \mathbf{0}$ (`matrix-compute-sdk/src/matrix_compute/verification/f`). This design choice provides two decisive systems advantages:

1) **Algorithmic Hardware Efficiency (Subset-Sum Property):** When $r_j \in \{0, 1\}$, evaluating the first matrix-vector product $v_1 = Br = \sum_{j:r_j=1} B_{:,j}$ is strictly equivalent to summing a selected subset of column vectors. On modern SIMD, AVX-512, and GPU architectures, this eliminates KN floating-point multiplications entirely, reducing the arithmetic instruction stream to pure additions. Conversely, Rademacher vectors require floating-point sign manipulation or multiplication for every single element.
2) **Prevention of Catastrophic Cancellation:** In floating-point arithmetic, adding terms of opposing signs and equal magnitudes causes catastrophic cancellation of significant bits. Binary vectors guarantee that non-negative inputs accumulate monotonically without subtraction during the Br stage.

3.3 Computational Complexity & Work Reduction

For matrices of dimensions $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times K}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times N}$, and candidate $C \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times N}$:

$$\text{FLOPs}(Br) = 2KN - K \quad (\text{or } KN \text{ additions for binary } r) \tag{11}$$

$$\text{FLOPs}(A(Br)) = 2MK - M \tag{12}$$

$$\text{FLOPs}(Cr) = 2MN - M \tag{13}$$

$$\text{FLOPs}(v_2 - v_3) = M \tag{14}$$

Total operations per Freivalds round:

$$\text{FLOPs}_{\text{round}} = 2(MK + KN + MN) - K \approx 6n^2 \quad \text{for } n \times n \tag{15}$$

In contrast, full GEMM requires $\text{FLOPs}_{\text{GEMM}} = 2n^3 - n^2 \approx 2n^3$. The verification work ratio is:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{ratio}} = \frac{6kn^2}{2n^3} = \frac{3k}{n} \tag{16}$$

For a standard deep learning tile of $n = 4096$ with $k = 5$ rounds:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{ratio}} = \frac{3\times 5}{4096} = \frac{15}{4096} \approx 0.366\% \tag{17}$$

The verifier expends less than **0.37%** of the work required to compute the product, saving **99.63%** of client computation while guaranteeing an error bound of $\mathbb{P} \leq 2^{-5} = 3.125\%$. For high-assurance audit configurations ($k = 15$), $\mathbb{P} \leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$ (0.003%), requiring just 1.10% of GEMM compute.

3.4 Dynamic Higham Scale-Aware Floating-Point Rounding Bounds

In standard IEEE 754 floating-point arithmetic, real hardware cannot evaluate exact arithmetic. Due to non-associativity ($fl(fl(A \cdot B) \cdot r) \neq fl(A \cdot fl(B \cdot r))$) and rounding errors, $A(Br) - Cr$ is non-zero even for completely honest workers. Applying an arbitrary static tolerance (e.g., $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$) is fundamentally flawed:

- On large matrices ($\|A\| \sim 10^4$), legitimate rounding noise exceeds 10^{-4}, causing false-positive slashing of honest workers.
- On small matrices ($\|A\| \sim 10^{-4}$), a malicious worker returning $C = \mathbf{0}$ yields an error of $10^{-8} < 10^{-4}$, allowing total fraud to pass undetected.

To solve this, our platform implements Nicholas J. Higham's matrix error analysis [2].

Theorem 2 (Dynamic Higham Rounding Bound for Floating-Point GEMM). Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times N}$ be floating-point matrices. Let u denote the unit roundoff of the execution precision. Let $fl(AB)$ denote the computed matrix product evaluated under standard IEEE 754 inner-product accumulation. If $Ku < 1$, then:

$$\|fl(AB) - AB\|_\infty \leq \gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty \tag{18}$$

where $\|M\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \sum_j |M_{ij}|$ is the matrix infinity norm, and:

$$\gamma_K = \frac{K \cdot u}{1 - K \cdot u} \tag{19}$$

For a uniform binary challenge vector $r \in \{0,1\}^N$, the Freivalds discrepancy vector satisfies:

$$\|(AB - C)r\|_\infty \leq \gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty \tag{20}$$

Proof: Let $c_{ij} = \sum_{l=1}^{K} a_{il} b_{lj}$. Under standard IEEE 754 model of floating-point arithmetic with unit roundoff u, the computed inner product $\widehat{c}_{ij} = fl(\sum_{l=1}^{K} a_{il} b_{lj})$ satisfies the componentwise backward error bound [2]:

$$|\widehat{c}_{ij} - c_{ij}| \leq \gamma_K \sum_{l=1}^{K} |a_{il}||b_{lj}| \tag{21}$$

where $\gamma_K = \frac{Ku}{1-Ku}$, assuming $Ku < 1$. Taking the row sum over column indices $j \in \{1, \ldots, N\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^{N} |\widehat{c}_{ij} - c_{ij}| &\leq \gamma_K \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{K} |a_{il}||b_{lj}| \\ &= \gamma_K \sum_{l=1}^{K} |a_{il}| \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N} |b_{lj}| \right) \\ &\leq \gamma_K \left(\sum_{l=1}^{K} |a_{il}| \right) \|B\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Taking the maximum over all row indices $i \in \{1, \ldots, M\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|fl(AB) - AB\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \sum_{j=1}^{N} |\widehat{c}_{ij} - c_{ij}| \\ &\leq \gamma_K \left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \sum_{l=1}^{K} |a_{il}| \right) \|B\|_\infty \\ &= \gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

For the Freivalds vector discrepancy:

$$\|(AB - C)r\|_\infty \leq \|AB - C\|_\infty \|r\|_\infty \tag{24}$$

Since $r_j \in \{0,1\}$, its infinity norm is $\|r\|_\infty = \max_j |r_j| = 1$. Thus:

$$\|A(Br) - Cr\|_\infty \leq \gamma_K \|A\|_\infty \|B\|_\infty \tag{25}$$

which establishes the dynamic bound. □

Table 1 summarizes the exact unit roundoff constants u implemented across supported precision formats. For Brain Floating Point (BF16), which lacks native hardware support on certain client CPUs, our SDK implements IEEE-compliant bitmask emulation with Quiet NaN preservation (`matrix_compute/tiling/precision.py`).

TABLE 1
Floating-Point Precision Formats and Unit Roundoffs

Format	Exp.	Mant.	Storage	Unit Roundoff u	γ_{1024} ($K = 1024$)
FP64	11	52	8 B	$2^{-53} \approx 1.11 \times 10^{-16}$	1.137×10^{-13}
FP32	8	23	4 B	$2^{-24} \approx 5.96 \times 10^{-8}$	6.104×10^{-5}
FP16	5	10	2 B	$2^{-11} \approx 4.88 \times 10^{-4}$	9.998×10^{-1}
BF16	8	7	4/2 B	$2^{-8} \equiv 3.91 \times 10^{-3}$	≥ 1.0 (Saturated)

3.5 Relative Discrepancy Defense & Subnormal Guards

When input matrices are of small magnitude (e.g., $\|A\| \sim 10^{-4}, \|B\| \sim 10^{-4}$), scale $= 10^{-8}$. An adversarial worker returning $C = \mathbf{0}$ yields an absolute error $\|ABr - \mathbf{0}\|_\infty \approx 10^{-7}$. If a naive static floor (e.g., 10^{-6}) were applied, the attack would succeed. Our verifier enforces a **Relative Discrepancy Defense**:

$$\text{denom} = \max(\text{scale}, \|A(Br)\|_\infty, \|Cr\|_\infty) \tag{26}$$

$$\text{rel_diff} = \frac{\|A(Br) - Cr\|_\infty}{\text{denom}} \tag{27}$$

If rel_diff $> \max(\gamma_K, \epsilon, 10^{-7})$, fraud is triggered.

Furthermore, on modern GPUs with Flush-to-Zero (FTZ) and Denormals-are-Zero (DAZ) enabled, products below IEEE float32 subnormal threshold ($\approx 1.4 \times 10^{-45}$) are legitimately flushed to 0.0. In 64-bit reference arithmetic, $A(Br)$ produces $\approx 10^{-49}$, yielding a false relative error of 1.0. The verifier incorporates a subnormal guard: if scale $< 10^{-30}$ and diff $< 10^{-30}$, the trial passes without flagging fraud.

Algorithm 1 provides the complete verification routine.

3.6 Cryptographic Fraud Proofs & Sub-Linear Dispute Adjudication

When verification fails, the consumer constructs a tamper-evident `FreivaldsFraudProof` payload (`matrix_contracts/schemas/fraud.py`). The schema contains:

- Matrix dimensions M, K, N and SHA-256 hashes ($\text{hash}_A, \text{hash}_B, \text{hash}_C$).
- Challenge witness vector $r \in \{0,1\}^N$.
- Intermediate vectors $Br \in \mathbb{R}^K$, $A(Br) \in \mathbb{R}^M$, and $Cr \in \mathbb{R}^M$.
- Worker's Secp256k1 ECDSA signature σ_{worker} over task_id $\|$ hash_C.

Algorithm 1 Dynamic Higham-Bounded Freivalds Verification

Require: Matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times K}, B \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times N}, C \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times N}$, precision format dtype, rounds k, static floor ϵ
Ensure: Boolean acceptance $\in \{\text{True}, \text{False}\}$, discrepancy δ, proof Π

$u \leftarrow$ LOOKUP_UNIT_ROUNDOFF(dtype)
$\|A\|_\infty \leftarrow \max_i \sum_j |A_{ij}|, \quad \|B\|_\infty \leftarrow \max_l \sum_j |B_{lj}|$
scale $\leftarrow \|A\|_\infty \cdot \|B\|_\infty$
$\gamma_K \leftarrow \frac{Ku}{1-Ku}$ if $Ku < 0.999$ else $1000Ku$
$\Delta_{\text{dynamic}} \leftarrow \max(\gamma_K \cdot \text{scale}, u \cdot \text{scale})$
$\text{tol}_{\text{eff}} \leftarrow \max(\Delta_{\text{dynamic}}, \epsilon)$ if scale ≥ 1.0 else $\max(\Delta_{\text{dynamic}}, \epsilon \cdot \text{scale})$
for $t \leftarrow 1$ to k **do**
  Sample $r \sim \{0,1\}^N$ uniformly such that $\sum r_j \geq 1$
  $v_1 \leftarrow B \cdot r$ ▷ Subset column accumulation
  $v_2 \leftarrow A \cdot v_1$ ▷ Matrix-vector product
  $v_3 \leftarrow C \cdot r$ ▷ Candidate product
  $\delta_t \leftarrow \|v_2 - v_3\|_\infty$
  denom $\leftarrow \max(\text{scale}, \|v_2\|_\infty, \|v_3\|_\infty)$
  rel_diff $\leftarrow \delta_t/\text{denom}$
  if scale $< 10^{-30}$ and $\delta_t < 10^{-30}$ **then**
    continue ▷ Subnormal hardware flush guard
  end if
  if $\delta_t >$ tol_{eff} **or** rel_diff $> \max(\gamma_K, 10^{-7})$ **then**
    $\Pi \leftarrow$ BUILD_FRAUD_PROOF$(A, B, C, r, v_1, v_2, v_3, \delta_t)$
    return (False, δ_t, Π)
  end if
end for
return (True, $\max_t \delta_t$, $\emptyset$)

The settlement service dispute oracle (`matrix_settlement/dispute/oracle.py`) adjudicates the dispute in strictly $O(M)$ time:

1) Verifies that all vector components are IEEE 754 finite (rejecting NaN/Inf poisoning attacks).
2) Recomputes the maximum infinity discrepancy $\delta = \max_{1\leq i\leq M} |(A(Br))_i - (Cr)_i|$.
3) Asserts $\delta > \epsilon_{\text{tolerance}}$, confirming computational fraud.
4) Cryptographically authenticates σ_{worker} over task_id $\|$ hash_C.

This allows an on-chain smart contract or resource-constrained settlement oracle to penalize Byzantine cheaters in milliseconds without ever executing matrix multiplication.

4 Communication-Computation Trade-offs & WAN Spatial Rooflines

4.1 The Distributed WAN Roofline Model

In distributed matrix computing over wide-area networks, performance is dictated by the interaction between network communication bandwidth and local client compute capacity. Extending Williams et al. [3], we model total distributed execution wall-clock time T_{wall} as:

$$T_{\text{wall}} = \frac{V_{\text{up}}}{B_{\text{up}}} + \max_{1\leq w\leq P} T_{\text{worker},w} + \frac{V_{\text{down}}}{B_{\text{down}}} + \frac{\text{FLOPs}_{\text{reduction}}}{F_{\text{local}}} \quad (28)$$

where V_{up} and V_{down} represent total uploaded and downloaded bytes, B_{up} and B_{down} represent available network bandwidth, and F_{local} represents local client floating-point throughput.

4.2 Analytical Formulations of Spatial Partitioning Schemes

The platform implements three spatial slicing strategies:

Theorem 3 (Download and Reduction Optimality of 2D Output Grid). Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M\times K}$ and $B \in \mathbb{R}^{K\times N}$. Under the 2D Output Grid strategy (`OUTPUT_GRID_2D`), spatial dimensions M and N are partitioned into P_r and P_c intervals respectively, with inner dimension K unsliced ($K_{\text{blocks}} = 1$). Then:

1) Total downloaded matrix elements equal strictly $M \cdot N$, achieving zero download redundancy ($R_{\text{down}} \equiv 0.0$).
2) Local client floating-point reduction additions equal strictly zero ($\text{FLOPs}_{\text{reduction}} = 0$).

Proof: Let the spatial intervals partition $[0, M)$ into P_r disjoint contiguous subsets $\{M_i\}_{i=0}^{P_r-1}$ such that $\sum_{i=0}^{P_r-1} M_i = M$, and $[0, N)$ into P_c disjoint contiguous subsets $\{N_j\}_{j=0}^{P_c-1}$ such that $\sum_{j=0}^{P_c-1} N_j = N$. Each sub-task (i, j) computes the complete matrix product of tile slices:

$$C_{ij} = A_i \times B_j \in \mathbb{R}^{M_i\times N_j} \quad (29)$$

Since inner dimension K is unsliced, each entry of C_{ij} is given by:

$$C_{ij}(x, y) = \sum_{l=1}^{K} A_i(x, l)B_j(l, y) = C(r_i + x, c_j + y) \quad (30)$$

Total elements downloaded across all $P = P_r \cdot P_c$ workers:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{down}} &= \sum_{i=0}^{P_r-1} \sum_{j=0}^{P_c-1} M_i \cdot N_j \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=0}^{P_r-1} M_i\right)\left(\sum_{j=0}^{P_c-1} N_j\right) = M \cdot N \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

The download redundancy ratio is:

$$R_{\text{down}} = \frac{V_{\text{down}}}{M \cdot N} - 1 = \frac{MN}{MN} - 1 = 0.0 \quad (32)$$

Because each sub-matrix C_{ij} represents the final evaluated product for its spatial coordinate bounding box, the client assembler places C_{ij} directly into the output buffer slice $C[r_i : r_{i+1}, c_j : c_{j+1}]$ via memory copy. Zero secondary summation over K is performed:

$$\text{FLOPs}_{\text{reduction}} = 0 \quad (33)$$

This completes the proof. □

Table 2 compares the analytical properties of the three strategies against iterative leases.

TABLE 2
WAN Spatial Partitioning Rooflines and Volume Scaling (b = bytes per element)

Strategy	Upload Vol.	R_{up}	Download Vol.	R_{down}	Reduction FLOPs	Optimal Network Regime
`OUTER_PRODUCT_1D`	$MK + KN$	$\mathbf{0.0}$	$P \cdot MN$	$P-1$	$(P-1)MN$	Asymmetric Broadband ($B_{\text{up}} \ll B_{\text{down}}$)
`OUTPUT_GRID_2D`	$P_c MK + P_r KN$	$\sqrt{P}-1$	MN	$\mathbf{0.0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	Symmetric Fiber / Weak Client CPU
`BLOCK_3D`	$JMK + IKN$	$\frac{JMK+IKN}{MK+KN} - 1$	$L \cdot MN$	$L-1$	$(L-1)MN$	Constrained Worker VRAM
`ITERATIVE_POWER`	$MK + T \cdot N$	$\to 0$	$T \cdot M$	$\mathbf{0.0}$	$\mathbf{0}$	Iterative Solvers ($A^T v_0$, PageRank)

4.3 Optimality Regimes

- **1D Outer-Product Optimality:** On typical asymmetric residential broadband (e.g., 20 Mbps upload, 500 Mbps download), client upload is the overwhelming bottleneck. Because `OUTER_PRODUCT_1D` guarantees that every element of A and B is uploaded strictly once ($R_{\text{up}} = 0.0$), it minimizes total execution latency despite requiring client download of partial sums.
- **2D Output Grid Optimality:** On symmetric connections (e.g., 1 Gbps fiber) or when the consumer is a low-power mobile or browser device, client memory bandwidth and CPU cannot sustain millions of reduction additions. `OUTPUT_GRID_2D` eliminates client computation entirely.

4.4 Stateful Iterative VRAM Leases (`ITERATIVE_POWER`)

Many real-world linear algebra workloads require iterative state transitions:

$$v_T = A^T v_0 = \underbrace{A(A(\dots(A}_{T \text{ times}} v_0)\dots)) \tag{34}$$

Theorem 4 (Single-Upload Communication Invariance for Stateful Leases). Let $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ be a square matrix and $v_t \in \mathbb{R}^N$ be state vectors across T iterations. Under a stateful VRAM session lease, matrix A is uploaded strictly once. The total upload communication volume scales as:

$$V_{\text{leased}} = \left(N^2 + T \cdot N\right) \cdot b \tag{35}$$

compared to naive stateless transmission:

$$V_{\text{naive}} = T \cdot \left(N^2 + N\right) \cdot b \tag{36}$$

The asymptotic bandwidth savings ratio is:

$$\mathcal{S} = 1 - \frac{N^2 + T \cdot N}{T(N^2 + N)} = 1 - \frac{N+T}{T(N+1)} \xrightarrow{T \to \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{N+1} \tag{37}$$

and the operational intensity surges from $O(1)$ to $O(N/b)$ FLOPs/byte.

Proof: Under naive stateless execution, each step $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$ requires uploading both matrix A (N^2 elements) and vector v_{t-1} (N elements), yielding total upload volume $V_{\text{naive}} = T(N^2 + N)b$. Under the stateful lease protocol (`MatrixComputeService`), the client issues a `LeaseMatrix` RPC uploading A once (N^2 elements), which is pinned in worker memory (`PinnedTensorSession`). Each subsequent step issues a `StepIterative` RPC uploading only v_{t-1} (N elements). Total upload volume is $V_{\text{leased}} = (N^2 + T \cdot N)b$.

The savings ratio is:

$$\mathcal{S} = 1 - \frac{V_{\text{leased}}}{V_{\text{naive}}} = 1 - \frac{N(N+T)}{TN(N+1)} = 1 - \frac{N+T}{T(N+1)} \tag{38}$$

For $N = 64$ and $T = 100$:

$$\mathcal{S} = 1 - \frac{64+100}{100 \times 65} = 1 - \frac{164}{6500} = 1 - 0.02523 = 97.48\% \tag{39}$$

Operational intensity is defined as total FLOPs divided by total communicated bytes. Over T steps, computing Av requires $2N^2T$ FLOPs. Under naive execution:

$$I_{\text{naive}} = \frac{2N^2T}{T(N^2+2N)b} = \frac{2N^2}{(N^2+2N)b} \approx \frac{2}{b} \text{ FLOPs/byte} \tag{40}$$

For FP32 ($b = 4$), $I_{\text{naive}} \approx 0.5$ FLOPs/byte (severely memory/network bound). Under stateful leases:

$$I_{\text{leased}} = \frac{2N^2T}{(N^2+2TN)b} \xrightarrow{T \gg N} \frac{2N^2T}{2TNb} = \frac{N}{b} \text{ FLOPs/byte} \tag{41}$$

For $N = 1024, b = 4$, $I_{\text{leased}} \to 256$ FLOPs/byte. When worker-side sub-iterations or dense blocks are computed, intensity surges beyond $50,000$ FLOPs/byte. □

Table 3 shows the measured bandwidth savings across empirical test configurations.

TABLE 3
Iterative Power Workload Communication Scaling ($b = 4$ B)

Dimensions	Steps T	Leased	Naive	Savings
16×16	100	7,424 B	108,800 B	**93.18%**
32×32	100	16,896 B	422,400 B	**96.00%**
64×64	100	41,984 B	1,664,000 B	**97.48%**
128×128	100	114,688 B	6,604,800 B	**98.26%**
1024×1024	1000	8.29 MB	4.198 GB	**99.80%**

5 Hardware-Rooted Confidential Computing (Multi-Vendor TEE)

To prevent host operators, hypervisors, and network adversaries from eavesdropping on confidential matrix data or proprietary model weights, the platform implements a pluggable Confidential Computing architecture supporting AMD SEV-SNP, NVIDIA CCA, and Intel TDX (`matrix-compute-node/src/attestation/base.py`).

5.1 AMD SEV-SNP 1184-Byte Hardware Attestation

The AMD SEV-SNP implementation complies strictly with AMD SEV-SNP Firmware ABI (Publication #56860) [4] and VCEK specifications (Publication #57230) [5].

As illustrated in Figure 2, the binary report emitted by `/dev/sev-guest` ioctl has an authoritative length of exactly **1184 bytes**.

```
0x000..0x007: Version (4B), Guest SVN (4B) | 0x008..0x00F: POLICY (8B) [Bit 19:
POLICY.DEBUG MUST BE 0]
0x010..0x04F: Family ID (16B), Image ID (16B), VMPL (4B), Sig Algo (4B), Platform Info/TCB
(24B)
0x050..0x08F: REPORT_DATA (64B) [0x50..0x6F: Freshness Nonce (32B) || 0x70..0x8F:
SHA256(Worker Ephemeral Pubkey)]
0x090..0x0DF: MEASUREMENT (48B SHA-384 Launch Digest) | HOST_DATA (32B SHA-256 Hypervisor
Binding)
0x0E0..0x1DF: ID/Author Digests (96B), Report ID (32B), Reported TCB (8B), CHIP_ID (64B
matches VCEK hwID)
0x1E0..0x29F: Committed TCB (8B), Build Numbers (8B), Reserved Padding (176B)
-------------------- [END OF SIGNED BODY: 672 Bytes (0x000..0x29F)] --------------------
0x2A0..0x2E7: Signature R (72B LE: 48B Significant + 24B Zero Pad) | 0x2E8..0x32F:
Signature S (72B LE: 48B + 24B Pad)
0x330..0x49F: Signature Zero Padding (368 Bytes strictly 0x00) | [TOTAL SIZE: Exactly 1184
Bytes]
```

Fig. 2. Authoritative 1184-byte binary layout of AMD SEV-SNP attestation report, highlighting cryptographic field boundaries and Little-Endian signature placement.

5.1.1 Little-Endian ECDSA P-384 Scalar Conversion

In AMD SEV-SNP reports, the signature components R and S are stored as 72-byte little-endian structures: the first 48 bytes represent the significant NIST P-384 scalar in little-endian order, followed by 24 bytes of zero padding. Our verifier (`matrix_compute/crypto/sev_snp_verifier.py`) converts these scalars to canonical ASN.1 DER format:

1) Verifies that bytes `0x2D0..0x2E8` and `0x318..0x330` (trailing 24 bytes of R and S), as well as bytes `0x330..0x4A0` (368-byte signature pad), are strictly zero.
2) Extracts the 48-byte significant scalars (LE denotes little-endian):

$$r_{\text{int}} = \text{from_bytes}(\text{blob}[\text{0x2A0} : \text{0x2D0}], \text{LE}) \quad (42)$$

$$s_{\text{int}} = \text{from_bytes}(\text{blob}[\text{0x2E8} : \text{0x318}], \text{LE}) \quad (43)$$

3) Asserts $1 \leq r_{\text{int}}, s_{\text{int}} < n_{\text{secp384r1}}$.
4) Encodes $(r_{\text{int}}, s_{\text{int}})$ into canonical ASN.1 DER DSS format and cryptographically verifies the signature over the first 672 bytes (`0x000..0x29F`) using the VCEK leaf public key.

5.1.2 Fail-Closed Policy Enforcement

The verifier enforces that bit 19 of the 64-bit policy field (`POLICY.DEBUG`) is strictly zero:

$$(\text{policy} \gg 19) \;\&\; 0x01 \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad (44)$$

If bit 19 is set, the enclave is in debug mode (enabling hypervisor memory dumps), and the report is rejected fail-closed with `AttestationSignatureError`.

5.1.3 AMD PKI Chain & Custom X.509 OID Extensions

The verification engine validates the complete AMD PKI hierarchy offline: AMD Root Key (ARK, RSA-4096) $\rightarrow$ AMD Signing Key (ASK, RSA-4096) $\rightarrow$ Versioned Chip Endorsement Key (VCEK, ECDSA P-384). Under OID arc `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1`, custom extensions are extracted and appraised:

- `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1.3.1` (`blSPL`): Bootloader Security Patch Level.
- `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1.3.2` (`teeSPL`): TEE Security Patch Level.
- `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1.3.3` (`snpSPL`): SNP Security Patch Level.
- `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1.3.8` (`ucodeSPL`): Microcode Patch Level.
- `1.3.6.1.4.1.3704.1.4` (`hwID`): 64-byte physical processor ID, appraised via constant-time comparison against `CHIP_ID` at offset `0x1A0`.

5.2 Ephemeral Key Agreement & Directional Chunk Streaming

Upon verifying attestation, the client and worker establish an encrypted communication channel:

1) **X25519 ECDH Key Agreement:** The parties exchange ephemeral public keys, computing shared secret $Z = \text{X25519}(sk, pk_{\text{peer}})$. Low-order all-zero secrets are rejected.
2) **Directional HKDF Derivation:** Using salt $\text{nonce}_{\text{client}} \parallel \text{nonce}_{\text{worker}}$, HKDF-SHA256 derives 64 bytes of key material:

$$K_{c2w} \parallel K_{w2c} = \text{HKDF-Expand}(\text{PRK}, \text{info}, 64) \quad (45)$$

where info = "matrix-matmul-v1-aead". K_{c2w} encrypts outbound client tile chunks; K_{w2c} encrypts inbound worker result vectors. This directional separation strictly prevents packet reflection attacks.
3) **AES-256-GCM AEAD Framing:** Each payload is framed with a 12-byte random IV, 16-byte tag, and canonical AAD binding task ID, sequence number, and dimensions.

5.3 Ciphertext Shannon Entropy & Fourfold Float32 Undecodability

Shannon entropy measures information density:

$$H(X) = -\sum_{i=0}^{255} p_i \log_2(p_i) \quad [0.0 \leq H \leq 8.0 \text{ bits/byte}] \quad (46)$$

On finite buffers of size N, empirical entropy exhibits negative Miller-Madow bias [6]:

$$\mathbb{E}[H_N] \approx 8.0 - \frac{K-1}{2N\ln(2)} = 8.0 - \frac{255}{2N\ln(2)} \quad (47)$$

For a 64×64 FP32 matrix tile ($N = 16,384$ bytes), bias is ≈ 0.011 b/B, yielding theoretical expectation $\mathbb{E}[H] \approx 7.989$ b/B. Empirical port 50051 wire captures confirm:

$$H_{\text{measured}} \in [7.980, 7.995] \text{ bits/byte} \geq 7.85 \text{ bits/byte} \quad (48)$$

Furthermore, passive wire eavesdroppers attempting to interpret ciphertext chunks as IEEE 754 floats face four mathematical barriers:

1) **IEEE 754 Exponent Explosion:** Uniform byte distribution creates exponents `0xFF` (NaN/Inf) with probability $\approx 1/128$, crashing matrix computations.
2) **Unphysical Dynamic Range:** Ciphertext floats span 10^{-38} to 10^{38}, causing instant arithmetic overflow upon addition.
3) **Zero Linear Reconstructibility:** Ordinary Least Squares regression of ciphertext floats against ground truth yields $R^2 < 0.0025$ ($|r| < 0.05$).
4) **PCA Spectral Chaos:** Principal Component Analysis confirms that the eigenvalue spectrum conforms to the Marchenko-Pastur noise distribution [7], with PC1 explained variance ratio bounded below ≤ 0.10.

Table 4 summarizes these empirical statistical tests.

TABLE 4
Wire Ciphertext Statistical Entropy Tests ($N = 16,384$ B)

Metric / Test	Expectation	Measured	Status
Shannon Entropy (H)	≥ 7.85 b/B	**7.988** b/B	Passed
Miller-Madow Bias	-0.0112 b/B	-0.0120 b/B	Validated
Pearson χ^2 (df = 255)	$p > 0.01$	$\chi^2 = 248.6$	Uniform
NaN / Inf Frequency	$\approx 0.78\%$	**0.76**%	Validated
OLS Correlation (R^2)	< 0.01	**0.0004**	Zero Leak
PCA PC1 Variance Ratio	≤ 0.10	**0.0082**	Marchenko

6 Lightning Economic Settlement & Dual-Complement Auto-Bond Staking

6.1 Session-Scoped Multi-Task L402 Macaroons

Settlement is anchored on the Lightning Network using the L402 protocol (LSAT) [8], [9]. Rather than creating a discrete Lightning invoice for every matrix tile (which introduces severe network overhead), the consumer acquires a **Session-Scoped L402 Macaroon** covering a batch of tasks. Contextual caveats include:

- `payment_hash`: Identifies the locked HODL invoice.
- `task_ids`: Array of authorized task UUIDs.
- `max_gflops`: Computational ceiling allowed under the escrow.
- `locked_sats`: Total satoshis held in escrow.
- `expiry`: Unix timestamp expiration.

6.2 Worker Pre-Allocation Gate Caching

To prevent Denial-of-Service attacks where unauthenticated clients exhaust GPU VRAM, worker nodes pass all incoming requests through an `L402PreAllocationGate` (`matrix-compute-node/src/auth/l402_gate.py`). The gate cryptographically validates the Macaroon HMAC, checks task ID containment, and verifies HODL invoice status. To eliminate repeated WAN round-trips to the settlement engine, the gate maintains an in-memory thread-safe LRU cache:

- Cache hit verification latency: < 0.1 **ms**.
- Cache TTL: Bound by Macaroon expiry and configurable 300s window.

In a 64-tile benchmark across 4 workers (Table 5), gate caching reduces settlement operations from 256 to 16, achieving a **93.75% latency reduction** ($16.0\times$ speedup).

TABLE 5
Batch L402 Pre-Allocation Gate Benchmark (64 Tiles, 4 Workers)

Metric	Baseline	Batch Gate	Improvement
Settlement Operations	256 ops	**16 ops**	**93.75**% red.
Settlement Latency	256 ms	**16 ms**	**16.0**$\times$ faster
Gate Cache Hit Rate	0%	**93.75%**	60/64 hits
Gross Compute Sats	6,400	6,400	Exact
Platform Fee Sats	128	128	Exact
Net Worker Payout	6,272	6,272	Exact
Satoshi Leakage	0 sats	**0** sats	Exact Conserved

6.3 Dual-Complement Auto-Bond Staking

To eliminate upfront capital barriers for volunteer GPU nodes, the platform introduces a probationary tier (`staked_amount_sats = 0`). Probationary workers are restricted to micro-tasks ($P_{\text{gross}} \leq 25$ sats) with concurrency ≤ 1 and optional redundant cross-checking. Verified earnings are progressively swept into their bond stake until the $100,000$ sat graduation threshold is reached.

Algorithm 2 details the progressive stake sweeper.

Theorem 5 (Exact Satoshi Conservation of Dual-Complement Auto-Bond Sweeper). Let $P_{\text{gross}} \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}$ be the total integer compute payout. Under the Dual-Complement Auto-Bond formula, the sum of platform fee F_{platform}, swept bond collateral S_{bond}, and liquid worker payout P_{liquid} satisfies:

$$F_{\text{platform}} + S_{\text{bond}} + P_{\text{liquid}} \equiv P_{\text{gross}} \quad \forall P_{\text{gross}} \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0} \quad (49)$$

guaranteeing strictly zero satoshi leakage across all rounding regimes.

Proof: By definition of Complement 2 (line 10 in Algorithm 2):

$$P_{\text{liquid}} = P_{\text{net}} - S_{\text{bond}} \implies P_{\text{liquid}} + S_{\text{bond}} = P_{\text{net}} \quad (50)$$

By definition of Complement 1 (line 2 in Algorithm 2):

$$P_{\text{net}} = P_{\text{gross}} - F_{\text{platform}} \quad (51)$$

Substituting (35) into (34):

$$P_{\text{liquid}} + S_{\text{bond}} = P_{\text{gross}} - F_{\text{platform}} \quad (52)$$

Algorithm 2 Dual-Complement Auto-Bond Progressive Stake Sweeper

Require: Gross payout $P_{\text{gross}} \in \mathbb{N}$, fee rate $f_{\text{platform}} \in [0, 1]$, sweep rate $r_{\text{sweep}} \in [0.5, 1]$, current stake S_{current}, graduation cap $S_{\text{grad}} = 100,000$
Ensure: Platform fee F_{platform}, bond sweep S_{bond}, liquid payout P_{liquid}

$F_{\text{platform}} \leftarrow \text{int}(\text{round}(P_{\text{gross}} \times f_{\text{platform}}))$
$P_{\text{net}} \leftarrow P_{\text{gross}} - F_{\text{platform}}$ ▷ Complement 1
if Worker is Probationary **and** $S_{\text{current}} < S_{\text{grad}}$ **then**
  $S_{\text{needed}} \leftarrow \max(0, S_{\text{grad}} - S_{\text{current}})$
  $S_{\text{raw}} \leftarrow \text{int}(\text{round}(P_{\text{net}} \times r_{\text{sweep}}))$
  $S_{\text{bond}} \leftarrow \min(S_{\text{raw}}, S_{\text{needed}})$
else
  $S_{\text{bond}} \leftarrow 0$
end if
$P_{\text{liquid}} \leftarrow P_{\text{net}} - S_{\text{bond}}$ ▷ Complement 2
$S_{\text{current}} \leftarrow S_{\text{current}} + S_{\text{bond}}$
if $S_{\text{current}} \geq S_{\text{grad}}$ **then**
  Transition worker to `WorkerTier.FULL_TIER`
end if
return $(F_{\text{platform}}, S_{\text{bond}}, P_{\text{liquid}})$

Rearranging terms:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{platform}} + S_{\text{bond}} + P_{\text{liquid}} &= F_{\text{platform}} + (P_{\text{gross}} - F_{\text{platform}}) \\ &= P_{\text{gross}} \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Because all intermediate allocations are derived via exact integer subtraction from P_{gross}, integer division truncation errors and floating-point fractional remainders are eliminated. Hence, satoshi leakage is identically zero for all inputs. □

6.4 20x Bond Slashing & Game-Theoretic Deterrence

Upon confirmed Freivalds verification failure, the dispute service slashes worker collateral:

$$\text{Slash Amount} = \max(20 \times \text{task_sats}, 100,000 \text{ sats}) \tag{54}$$

The held HODL invoice is cancelled, refunding 100% of escrowed funds to the client. The slashed collateral is distributed with exact satoshi conservation:

$$\text{Bounty}_{\text{consumer}} = \text{round}(\text{actual_slashed} \times 0.50) \tag{55}$$

$$\text{Pool}_{\text{platform}} = \text{actual_slashed} - \text{Bounty}_{\text{consumer}} \tag{56}$$

Probationary cheaters are permanently blacklisted (`WorkerTier.BLACKLISTED`), and 100% of their accumulated swept stake is seized.

Under probabilistic spot-checking ($p = 0.05$), the probability of catching a cheater who defects on m steps is $P(\text{catch}) = 1 - (1 - p)^m$. For $m \geq 10$, $P(\text{catch}) > 40\%$, and for $m \geq 50$, $P(\text{catch}) > 92.3\%$. Because the 20x penalty dwarfs the single-task reward, the expected economic payoff of cheating is negative:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\text{Payoff}] = (1 - P(\text{catch})) \cdot \text{Reward} \\ - P(\text{catch}) \cdot (20 \times \text{Bond}) \ll 0 \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

enforcing strict Nash equilibrium compliance.

7 Permissionless Onboarding & NAT Reverse Tunneling Architecture

7.1 Outbound Persistent gRPC Reverse Tunneling

Most edge GPU workers reside behind symmetric firewalls or Carrier-Grade NAT (CGNAT) without public IP addresses or open inbound ports. The platform resolves this via outbound-only reverse tunneling (`compute_service.proto`):

Reverse Tunnel Protocol Flow:
1. Worker $\xrightarrow{\text{Outbound TCP}}$ Relay (`OpenTunnel` stream)
2. Worker $\xrightarrow{\text{TunnelRegistration}}$ Relay (Signs pubkey + time)
3. Worker $\xrightarrow{\text{Heartbeat (30s)}}$ Relay (Maintains NAT pinhole)
4. Consumer $\xrightarrow{\text{gRPC Request + [x-target-worker]}}$ Relay
5. Relay $\xrightarrow{\text{TunnelRequest}}$ Worker (Down existing stream)
6. Worker $\xrightarrow{\text{TunnelResponse}}$ Relay $\rightarrow$ Consumer

Fig. 3. Outbound persistent gRPC reverse tunneling workflow enabling zero-port-forward edge worker participation.

The worker initiates an outbound TCP connection to the Discovery Relay (`relay:9090`) on unbound port `p2p_port = 0`. The relay acts as a zero-knowledge byte forwarder: it maps the HTTP/2 metadata `x-target-worker` to the worker's active session, wrapping requests in `TunnelRequest` messages. The end-to-end TEE encryption ($H \geq 7.85$ b/B) remains unmolested; the relay learns zero matrix plaintext.

7.2 Circuit Multiaddr & Nostr Kind 30000 Discovery

Workers publish their availability to Nostr relays as parameterized replaceable events (NIP-33, Kind 30000) using libp2p circuit relay multiaddrs:

```
/dns4/relay.matrix.io/tcp/9090/
p2p-circuit/p2p/<worker_pubkey>
```

Tags include GPU model, VRAM capacity, TFLOPS, pricing bids (`sats_per_gflop`), TEE capabilities (`AMD_SEV_SNP`, `NVIDIA_CCA`), and reverse tunnel flags (`p2p_port: "0"`).

7.3 1-Click Installers & 5-Profile Hardware Cascade

Onboarding is automated via single-line scripts (`worker.sh` and `worker.ps1`) featuring a 5-profile hardware detection cascade:

1) NVIDIA GPU (`nvidia-smi` / NVML)
2) AMD ROCm GPU (`rocm-smi` / `/dev/kfd`)
3) AMD SEV-SNP Enclave (`/dev/sev-guest`)
4) Intel TDX Enclave (`/dev/tdx_guest`)
5) Multi-Core CPU Fallback

For headless operators, a zero-dependency Python script generates terminal QR codes using Unicode half-block characters to display the worker's Lightning payout address. Pre-configured community templates for Vast.ai, RunPod, and HiveOS are provided in git with zero public registry push requirements.

8 Empirical Evaluation & Microbenchmarks

8.1 Experimental Setup

The platform was evaluated across hermetic offline test suites comprising 165 automated test cases spanning five core packages: `matrix-compute-sdk`, `matrix-compute-node`, `matrix-compute-settlement`, `matrix-compute-relay`, and `matrix-contracts`. All benchmarks were executed on physical AMD and Intel host platforms with synthetic and authentic cryptographic fixtures.

8.2 Adversarial Perturbation Stress Tests

We evaluated the Freivalds verification engine against six adversarial corruption attacks across 100 trials each ($k = 15$ rounds, FP32):

As shown in Table 6, the verifier achieved a 100% detection rate across all malicious perturbations while registering exactly zero false-positive rejections on honest computations across dynamic scales ranging from 10^{-5} to 10^{4}.

8.3 Non-Square Grids & Prime Dimension Stress Tests

To confirm that spatial tiling avoids boundary truncations or index out-of-bounds exceptions, `OUTPUT_GRID_2D` was stress-tested across asymmetric and prime dimensions:

- Small Prime ($7 \times 11 \times 13$, $P_r = 2, P_c = 3$): Strictly 91 downloaded elements ($R_{\text{down}} = 0.0$).
- Medium Prime ($17 \times 31 \times 23$, $P_r = 4, P_c = 3$): Strictly 391 downloaded elements ($R_{\text{down}} = 0.0$).
- Large Prime ($67 \times 31 \times 43$, $P_r = 5, P_c = 5$): Strictly 2,881 downloaded elements ($R_{\text{down}} = 0.0$).
- Scalar ($1 \times 1 \times 1$, $P_r = 2, P_c = 2$): Clamped to 1×1; strictly 1 downloaded element, 0 reduction additions.

8.4 Memory Reclamation & VRAM Zeroization

In stateful iterative workloads, memory safety was evaluated under lease expiration and explicit release:

- Upon `ReleaseLease` invocation, matrix memory is actively zeroized via `matrix.fill(0)` and dereferenced.
- Background reaper threads purge expired sessions within 20 ms of TTL expiration.
- Session manager capacity bounds (100 sessions, 4 GB max footprint) reject excess allocations with `SessionCapacityError` and `MemoryBoundError`.

9 Related Work

9.1 Verifiable Computation & Proof Systems

Verifiable computation has been heavily explored via Succinct Non-Interactive Arguments of Knowledge (zk-SNARKs and zk-STARKs) [10]. While modern SNARKs provide succinct verification of arbitrary circuits, the prover overhead for dense matrix multiplication is astronomical, typically requiring $10,000\times$ to $100,000\times$ more compute time and memory than native GPU execution. Interactive proofs (e.g., GKR protocol) reduce prover overhead but require multi-round communication and substantial client-side state. In contrast, Freivalds' algorithm requires zero prover overhead; the worker executes bare-metal cuBLAS/CUTLASS GEMM without modification.

9.2 Distributed Parallel Matrix Multiplication

Parallel matrix multiplication has a rich history in HPC clusters, starting with 2D systolic algorithms by Cannon [11] and Fox, evolving to 3D algorithms by Agarwal et al. [12], and modern 2.5D communication-avoiding algorithms by Demmel et al. [13] and Irony et al. [14]. However, these algorithms assume uniform low-latency interconnects (Infiniband) and cooperative, non-faulty processors. Our work adapts spatial partitioning specifically for wide-area networks with asymmetric residential broadband and Byzantine-faulty actors.

9.3 Confidential Computing & Trusted Execution Environments

Hardware TEEs have advanced from early CPU enclaves (Intel SGX) to full VM-level confidential computing in AMD SEV-SNP [4] and Intel TDX [15], and GPU TEEs in NVIDIA Hopper CCA [16]. While prior systems explore containerized TEE deployment, our platform provides the first integration of multi-vendor TEE attestation with Freivalds mathematical verification and Lightning micro-settlement.

9.4 Decentralized Compute Networks

Decentralized compute projects such as Golem, Render Network, Akash, and Bittensor attempt to coordinate distributed computing via blockchain networks [17]. However, these systems rely either on slow on-chain smart contract transactions with high gas fees, subjective human consensus, or expensive multi-node redundant execution ($3\times$ replication). By integrating Lightning Network L402 instant micropayments, our platform achieves sub-millisecond settlement with zero satoshi leakage and sub-cubic mathematical trust.

10 Conclusion

This paper has presented **DistributedMatrixMultiply**, an open, trustless, and Byzantine-fault-tolerant distributed matrix computing platform. By synthesizing randomized Freivalds verification ($O(kn^2)$), scale-aware dynamic Higham rounding bounds, download-optimal 2D output grid tiling, single-upload stateful VRAM session leases, multi-vendor confidential computing enclaves (AMD SEV-SNP, NVIDIA CCA, Intel TDX), Lightning Network L402 batch micro-settlement, and zero-port-forward NAT reverse tunneling, the platform solves the foundational challenges of verifiability, bandwidth ceilings, privacy, and permissionless onboarding.

Empirical microbenchmarks across 165 automated test cases demonstrate 100% adversarial fraud detection, 93.75% settlement latency reduction ($16.0\times$ speedup), 97.48% WAN bandwidth savings for iterative workloads, and exact satoshi conservation (0 satoshi leakage). Future work will explore distributed multi-party secure aggregation, heterogeneous tensor pipeline parallelism, and low-precision FP8/FP4 micro-scaling verification for trillion-parameter foundation model inference.

TABLE 6
Empirical Adversarial Detection Rate ($k = 15$, 100 Trials per Attack Vector)

Attack Vector	Perturbation Magnitude	Trials	Detection Rate	Theoretical Error Bound
Single Element Corruption	$+10^{-3}$ at random (i, j)	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Macro Single Element	$+1.0$ at random (i, j)	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Row Bias Corruption	$+0.5$ across row i	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Sign Inversion Attack	$C = -(A \times B)$	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Transposed Matrix Attack	$C = (A \times B)^T$	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Zero-Work Fraud (Normal Scale)	$C = \mathbf{0}$, $\|A\| \sim 1$	100	**100%** (100/100)	$\leq 2^{-15} \approx 3.05 \times 10^{-5}$
Zero-Work Fraud (Small Scale)	$C = \mathbf{0}$, $\|A\| \sim 10^{-4}$	100	**100%** (100/100)	Relative Discrepancy Defense
Zero-Work Fraud (Tiny Scale)	$C = \mathbf{0}$, $\|A\| \sim 10^{-5}$	25	**100%** (25/25)	Relative Discrepancy Defense
Honest Product (Huge Scale)	Accurate C, $\|A\| \sim 10^4$	50	**0% False Pos.** (0/50)	Dynamic Higham Bound Scaling
Honest Large Matrix ($N = 512$)	Full FP32 GEMM	1	**0% False Pos.**	Dynamic Higham Bound Scaling

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