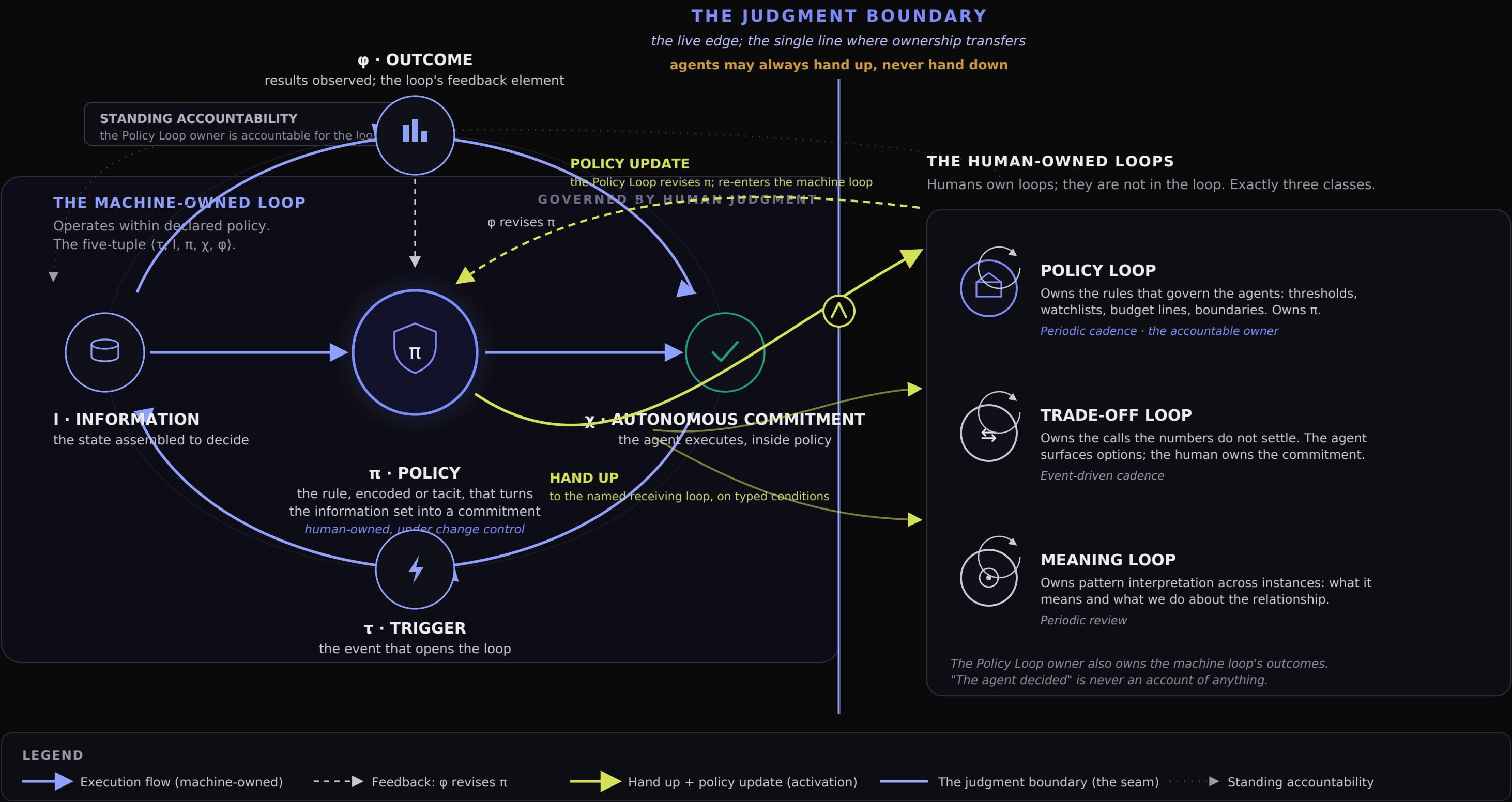


The decision loop, partitioned by the judgment boundary

A cybernetic control system. Outcomes revise policy; ownership transfers only at the seam.



CYBERNETIC CONTROL

A closed loop: outcomes produce feedback that revises policy, which governs future decisions.

POLICY ON THE PATH

Every commitment passes through policy. π maps the information set to the commitment; it is not bypassed.

THE JUDGMENT BOUNDARY

The central safety and accountability artifact. It partitions judgment, not execution.

HAND UP, NEVER DOWN

Agents escalate to a named human loop when outside policy. They never delegate downward.

HUMANS OWN LOOPS

Policy, Trade-off, Meaning. Humans do not step into machine loops; they own the outcomes across the seam.

SEPARATE PHENOMENA

Execution, feedback, ownership, and accountability are different relations and read in different visual languages.