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The evolution of agent-based systems (ABS) is a paradigm shift within monolithic software architectures towards decentralised and autonomous structures that are adaptive and intelligent in their behavior. The necessity to respond to more complex and non-linear organisational ecosystems (where more traditionally' top-down decision structures are less likely to be effective) has catalysed this transition (Heppenstall et al., 2021). Compared with traditional systems, ABS can use local control via autonomous agents to achieve real-time reactivity, system scalability, and immunity to disturbance.

Having its foundations in the research in artificial intelligence, mainly distributed problem solving, reinforcement learning, and multi-agent coordination, ABS can be especially suited to reflect off-line the dynamic nature of socio-technical systems in the real world (Rich et al., 2023). They have gained momentum in contexts like algorithmic trading, traffic management, and resilient supply chains where agents learn constantly, negotiate, and change to fit into their environment (Wu et al., 2022).

The key difference with ABS is that they take emergent behavior as a fundamental asset, which is important when modelling and simulating the scenario of complex interdependencies and stochastic variability. For example, in financial markets, ABS replicate the micro strategies of different agents to allow organizations to predict macro volatility patterns (Ionescu et al., 2024). In addition, ABS has incorporated the concept of distributed cognition under its umbrella and can therefore apply to decentralised decision architectures, including smart grids and autonomous logistics (Tang et al., 2023).

An organisation's benefits are not limited to operational efficiency. ABS can increase strategic foresight by maintaining high-fidelity simulation environments, minimising the effect of failure caused by redundancy, and creating innovation through agent adaptation learning. With enterprises transitioning to self-governing digital ecosystems, the uptake of ABS is a technical modernisation decision and a structural reorganisation of the planning, control, and evolution of intelligent processes.

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