HiveGrid: Autonomous Swarm Intelligence for Next-Generation Energy Grids

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1. Vision & Executive Summary

HiveGrid is a decentralized, swarm-based intelligence layer that transforms passive electricity grids into self-optimizing, self-healing, and financially proactive ecosystems. By deploying a swarm of autonomous AI agents that collaborate and compete via a secure, real-time market, HiveGrid maximizes renewable energy utilization, prevents blackouts, unlocks new revenue streams, and ensures privacy-by-design. It represents a fundamental paradigm shift from centralized control to emergent, resilient intelligence.

2. Core Design Philosophy & Principles

1. Decentralization First: No single point of failure or control. The system gains resilience with scale.
2. Hybrid AI Governance: Marries the adaptability of Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL) with the safety and explainability of a symbolic logic-based arbitrator (IGC).
3. Privacy-Preserving: Utilizes Federated Learning (FL) to enable collaboration without sharing raw, sensitive data.
4. Economic Alignment: Incentivizes all participants (utilities, consumers, prosumers) through real-time markets and reputation systems.
5. Radical Openness: Core agent blueprints are open-source, lowering barriers to entry and fostering innovation.

3. Functional Requirements

3.1. Core Swarm Intelligence Layer

ID	Requirement	Description	Priority
FR-1	MARL-Based P2P Auction Engine	Agents must autonomously bid/ask for energy and grid services using adaptive reinforcement learning strategies.	Must
FR-2	Intelligent Grid Core (IGC)	A Prolog-based rule engine must arbitrate all agent actions in real-time (<5ms) to enforce physical and regulatory constraints.	Must
FR-3	Pheromone Communication Fabric	Agents must communicate via a TTL-based, topic-driven pub/sub protocol to prevent network spam.	Must
FR-4	Federated Learning Module	Must enable agents to improve shared models (e.g., for forecasting) without transmitting raw data.	Must

3.2. Advanced Grid Optimization & Monetization

ID	Requirement	Description	Priority

FR-5	Predictive Grid Investment Planner	Must model future load scenarios to identify minimal, optimal grid upgrade requirements.	Should
FR-6	Dynamic Capacity Market Engine	Must create a real-time market for buying/selling firm access to grid transmission capacity.	Should
FR-7	Arbitrage-as-a-Service (ArbSwarm)**	Must provide a dedicated utility-owned swarm to maximize revenue from their storage assets.	Could
FR-8	Granular Carbon Attribution Engine	Must issue cryptographically-signed, time-stamped certificates for green energy consumption.	Should

3.3. Resilience, Security & Safety

ID	Requirement	Description	Priority
FR-9	Predictive Isolation & Self-Healing	Must predict faults (using Transformer models) and autonomously reconfigure topology to prevent outages.	Must

FR-10	Predictive Maintenance Forecaster	Must identify failing grid components weeks in advance based on fused sensor data models.	Must
FR-11	Resilience-as-a-Service (RaaS)	Must form guaranteed-islanded microgrids around critical facilities during outages.	Should
FR-12	Cyber-Physical Threat Response	Must contain cyber-attacks using deception techniques (e.g., honeypots, decoy signals).	Should

3.4. Human Interaction & Explainability

ID	Requirement	Description	Priority
FR-13	Natural Language Interface	Operators must be able to query system actions ("Why did you do that?") in plain language.	Should
FR-14	Persuasive-AI Demand Shaper	Must generate personalized NL messages to consumers to encourage grid-positive behavior.	Could
FR-15	Digital Twin Audit Trail	Must maintain an immutable, IPFS-backed record of all system actions for auditing.	Must

FR-16	Scenario Playground	Must provide a sandbox environment for simulating policies, storms, or attacks.	Should

3.5. Deployment & Interoperability

ID	Requirement	Description	Priority
FR-17	Open-Source Raspberry Pi Blueprint	Must provide fully documented software to run a HiveGrid agent on a RPi 4/5.	Must
FR-18	Legacy System Adapters	Must support bi-directional data translation for DNP3, IEC 61850, and MODBUS protocols.	Must
FR-19	Cloud-Native Orchestrator	Must provide tools for managing agent fleets and updating policies via a dashboard.	Should
FR-20	Regulatory Policy Import Tool	Must ingest regulatory documents (PDFs) and convert them to executable IGC code.	Could

4. Non-Functional Requirements

Category	Requirement	Metric

Performance	Critical Action Latency	IGC arbitration & kill-switch activation in <5ms.
Performance	Agent Decision Cycle	MARL agent inference on RPi hardware in <100ms.
Scalability	Agent Population	Support for >1,000,000 agents in a single federation.
Reliability	System Uptime	99.999% (Five Nines) availability for core services.
Security	Cryptographic Audit Trail	All major actions signed with PQ-safe (CRYSTALS-Dilithium) signatures.
Security	Communication	All pheromone messages encrypted in transit (TLS 1.3+).
Usability	Operator Training	Dashboard shall be usable by a trained grid operator with <4 hours of training.
Cost	Agent Hardware	Target hardware cost per agent node < $100.

5. System Architecture Overview

- Architecture Style: Decentralized Swarm-of-Swarms.
- Agents: Represent physical assets (solar, storage, load, lines). Operate with individual goals.
- Swarms: Logical groupings of agents (e.g., Optimization Swarm, Security Swarm).

- Intelligent Grid Core (IGC): The central, symbolic-logic arbitrator. Ensures safety and compliance.
- Communication: Lightweight pub/sub messaging (MQTT) on a private network.
- Data Layer: Hybrid - real-time data in-memory, historical audit trail on immutable storage (IPFS).

6. Validation & Success Metrics

- Renewable Utilization: Increase by >30% over legacy SCADA systems.
- Outage Reduction: Reduce SAIDI/SAIFI metrics by >50% through predictive isolation.
- New Revenue: Enable >5 new revenue streams per utility (Capacity Markets, RaaS, Carbon).
- Cost Savings: Reduce grid CapEx planning costs by >15% and predictive maintenance OpEx by >25%.
- Deployment: Target deployment on >100,000 agent nodes within 36 months of launch.

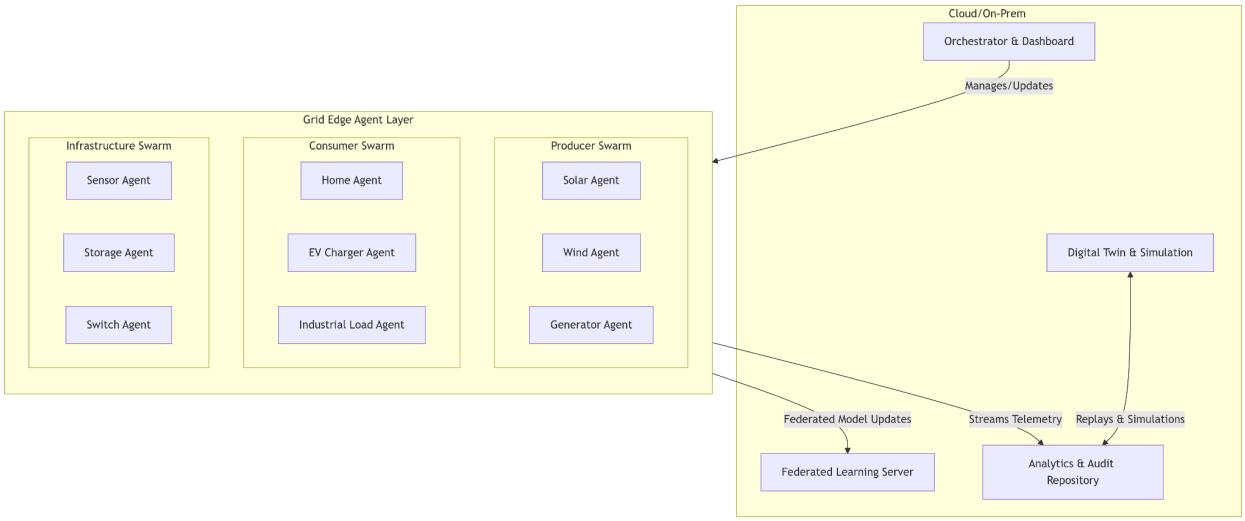
7. Glossary

- Agent: An autonomous software entity representing a physical grid asset.
- IGC (Intelligent Grid Core): The rule-based arbitrator that ensures safety.
- Pheromone: A time-to-live (TTL) based message between agents.
- Prosumer: A consumer who also produces energy (e.g., solar home).
- SAIDI: System Average Interruption Duration Index.
- SAIFI: System Average Interruption Frequency Index.

HiveGrid: Deployment Architecture & System Requirements

1. System Architecture Overview

The architecture follows a decentralized hybrid model, combining lightweight edge agents with robust cloud/on-prem management for orchestration and deep learning. It is designed for resilience and scalability.



2. Physical Deployment Components & Bill of Materials

Layer	Component	Specification	Purpose	Estimated Cost
Edge Node (Per Asset)	Raspberry Pi 4/5 (or equivalent)	4GB RAM, 32GB SD, PoE HAT	Runs the HiveGrid agent software.	$120
	Edge Sensors	Voltage/Current (e.g., CT sensors), Temp	Provides local grid telemetry.	$50
	Per Node Subtotal			$170
Communication Layer	LTE/5G Router (or Fiber)	Ruggedized, with SIM	Primary backhaul for critical nodes.	$250

	LoRaWAN Gateway	8-channel	Long-range, low-power backhaul for non-critical sensor data.	$150
	Network Switch	Industrial, managed, PoE+	Connects and powers nodes in a substation or community.	$500
Management Plane	Orchestrator Server	16 vCPU, 32GB RAM, 500GB SSD	Runs the cloud-native orchestrator, dashboard, and IGC compiler.	$200/mo (Cloud)
	Federated Learning Server	8 vCPU, 16GB RAM, GPU optional	Aggregates model updates from edge agents.	$150/mo (Cloud)
	Digital Twin Server	32 vCPU, 64GB RAM, 1TB SSD	Runs high-fidelity grid simulations for the Scenario Playground.	$400/mo (Cloud)
	Secure Storage	S3-compatible, immutable	Stores encrypted audit trails and logs.	$100/mo (Cloud)

3. Software Stack & Dependencies

Layer	Technology	Purpose	License
Agent OS & Runtime	Raspberry Pi OS (Lite)	Base operating system for edge nodes.	Open
	Python 3.9+	Primary agent logic and integration.	Open
	PyTorch / JAX (libtorch)	Lightweight ML inference for forecasting and anomaly detection.	Open
Communication	MQTT with TLS 1.3	Primary "pheromone" messaging protocol.	Open
	LoRaWAN Stack (ChirpStack)	For low-power, long-range sensor nodes.	Open
Core AI & Logic	PySyft / OpenFL	Federated Learning framework.	Open
	SWI-Prolog	Core logic for the Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) rule engine.	Open
	MARL Framework (PyMARL)	Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning library.	Open

Management & Cloud	Kubernetes (k3s)	Container orchestration for the management plane.	Open
	Grafana + Prometheus	Monitoring and visualization for system health.	Open
	IPFS / S3	Immutable storage for audit trails.	Open
Security	OpenSSL	Cryptographic functions for signing and encryption.	Open
	CRYSTALS-Dilithium	Post-quantum signature algorithm for audit trails.	Open

4. Deployment Process

1. Phase 0: Foundation
    - Hardware Procurement: Source RPis, sensors, networking gear.
    - Network Provisioning: Establish secure VPN tunnels between utility core network and cloud VPC. Set up LTE/5G data plans.
    - Build Agent Image: Create a minimal, hardened OS image with the HiveGrid agent software pre-installed.
2. Phase 1: Pilot Deployment
    - Site Selection: Choose a representative feeder or microgrid (e.g., a university campus, a suburban neighborhood).
    - Physical Installation:
        - Mount RPi + sensor packages at key points: substations, solar inverters, large commercial loads.
        - Connect to power (using PoE where possible) and network.
    - Agent Registration: Each agent boots, authenticates securely with the Orchestrator, and downloads its specific role configuration.
    - Baseline Establishment: Run the grid without MARL enabled for a period to establish a performance baseline.

3. Phase 2: Activation & Learning
    - IGC Activation: Enable the Intelligent Grid Core with a minimal set of safety rules.
    - MARL Warm-Up: Enable the P2P auction market. Allow agents to begin learning in a constrained environment.
    - Federated Learning Initiation: Start the process of collaborative model training for load forecasting.
4. Phase 3: Full Operation & Scaling
    - Feature Rollout: Gradually enable advanced features: Predictive Isolation, Dynamic Capacity Markets, RaaS.
    - Scale Out: Add more agents to the pilot area, then expand to adjacent feeders.
    - Continuous Integration: Establish a pipeline for updating agent software and IGC rules remotely and securely.

5. Key Integration Points

- Legacy SCADA/DMS: Requires a bi-directional gateway to translate between HiveGrid's MQTT topics and the utility's protocols (DNP3, IEC 61850). This is a critical path item.
- Utility Data Hub: Integration with GIS (Geographic Information System) for location context and CIS (Customer Information System) for billing and customer communication.
- Weather Data API: Ingestion of hyper-local forecast data to improve renewable generation and load forecasting.
- Market Systems: For a larger deployment, integration with wholesale energy markets to allow the swarm to participate in regional energy trading.

HiveGrid: Complete Agent & Swarm Taxonomy

Design Note: The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) is not a swarm but a decentralized regulatory service that all swarms subscribe to for arbitration and hard safety enforcement.

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1. Core Optimization Swarm

- Purpose: To run the real-time P2P energy and services market, balancing economic efficiency with grid constraints provided by the IGC.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
ProducerAgent	Represents a generator (Solar, Wind, Diesel). Submits sell offers based on forecasted generation and marginal cost.	IGC (for constraints), MarketAgent
ConsumerAgent	Represents a load (Home, Factory, EV). Submits buy bids based on demand elasticity and preferences.	IGC (for constraints), MarketAgent, IncentiveAgent
StorageAgent	Represents a battery (stationary, V2G-enabled EV). Arbitrages by buying low and selling high. Provides flexibility.	MarketAgent, IGC, ResilienceSwarm
MarketMaker Agent	Facilitates the double-auction market. matches bids and asks, clears the market, and calculates the local marginal price.	All Core Optimization agents, IGC
IncentiveAgent	Generates personalized offers (via LLM) to encourage demand shifting or curtailment during stress periods.	ConsumerAgent, IGC

2. Telemetry & Prediction Swarm

- Purpose: To be the sensory nervous system of the grid, collecting data and generating forecasts for all other swarms.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
SensorAgent	Deployed on physical infrastructure. Reads voltage, current, frequency, temperature, and (optionally) LiDAR/acoustic data.	IGC, PredictorAgent
ForecasterAgent	Uses local models (updated via FL) to predict generation (solar/wind) and consumption for its asset.	ProducerAgent, ConsumerAgent, FederatedLearningSwarm
PredictorAgent	Aggregates sensor data. Runs lightweight Transformer models for anomaly detection and fault prediction.	IGC, ResilienceSwarm
StateEstimatorAgent	Fuses data from all SensorAgents to create a real-time, accurate view of the grid's state (voltage, power flows).	IGC (primary customer)

3. Resilience & Security Swarm

- Purpose: To detect, isolate, and respond to physical and cyber threats in real-time.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
TopologyManagerAgent	Controls smart switches and reclosers. Executes commands from the IGC to reconfigure grid topology.	IGC, SensorAgent
PreemptiveIsolationAgent	Receives fault predictions from PredictorAgent and requests topology changes to isolate the fault zone.	IGC, TopologyManagerAgent
CyberDefenseAgent	Monitors network traffic for anomalies. Deploys decoy "honeypot" agents to detect and confuse attackers.	IGC, All other agents
RemediationAgent	Orchestrates recovery after a fault is cleared, safely re-energizing sections and restoring service.	IGC, TopologyManagerAgent

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4. Federated Learning Swarm

- Purpose: To coordinate the collaborative learning process without centralizing data, improving models for forecasting and prediction.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
FLCoordinatorAgent	Hosts the global model. Selects agents for training rounds, aggregates model updates.	All ForecasterAgents
ModelValidatorAgent	Validates the accuracy and fairness of newly aggregated global models before deployment.	IGC, FLCoordinatorAgent
UpdateAgent	Pushes new model updates to edge agents and manages version control.	All ForecasterAgents

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5. Economics & Governance Swarm

- Purpose: To manage higher-level market structures, reputation, and long-term financial optimization.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
CapacityMarketAgent	Operates the dynamic capacity market, auctioning off firm access to grid capacity.	Large ConsumerAgents, IGC
ReputationAgent	Calculates a decentralized reputation score for each agent based on reliability, accuracy, and helpfulness.	All Core Optimization agents

ArbSwarmAgent	A dedicated agent that manages the utility's own large-scale storage assets for profit maximization.	MarketMakerAgent
CarbonAttestationAgent	Issues real-time carbon credit certificates for green energy transactions.	MarketMakerAgent, ProducerAgent

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6. Human & System Interface Swarm

- Purpose: To provide explainability, auditing, and interfaces for human operators and external systems.

Agent	Functionality	Key Interactions
NLInterfaceAgent	Provides a natural language query interface for operators. Translates "Why?" questions into queries against the audit trail.	ArchaeologySwarm, Operator
AuditAgent	Records all market actions, IGC rulings, and key system state changes to an immutable ledger (IPFS).	All agents, IGC
LegacyGatewayAgent	A critical adapter. Translates between HiveGrid's MQTT topics and legacy utility protocols (DNP3, IEC 61850).	SCADA/DMS System, IGC

DashboardAgent	Aggregates data for visualization in the central management dashboard.	All swarms

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7. The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) - The Arbiter

- Nature: A decentralized, rule-based reasoning service, not a single agent.
- Function: Continuously evaluates all agent actions and market outcomes against a hardcoded set of Physical Laws (e.g., Kirchhoff's laws, thermal limits) and Regulatory Laws (e.g., max voltage deviation). It can:
    - Veto a market transaction.
    - Mandate a grid reconfiguration.
    - Pause an agent exhibiting dangerous behavior.
    - Request a resource from another swarm.
- Implementation: A rules engine (e.g., Prolog) running at the edge, likely collocated with important TopologyManagerAgents.

This taxonomy provides a complete map of the autonomous actors within HiveGrid, defining their roles, responsibilities, and interactions. This structure ensures the system is scalable, resilient, and capable of the emergent, intelligent behavior required to manage the complex modern grid.

1. Core Optimization Swarm

- ProducerAgent: Represents generators (solar, wind). Key attr: `generation_forecast`, `marginal_cost`.
- ConsumerAgent: Represents loads (homes, factories). Key attr: `demand_forecast`, `demand_elasticity`.
- StorageAgent: Represents batteries. Key attr: `state_of_charge`, `charge_efficiency`.
- MarketMakerAgent: Runs the auction. Key attr: `bid_book`, `ask_book`, `clearing_price`.
- IncentiveAgent: Creates offers for users. Key attr: `user_preferences`, `incentive_pool`.

2. Telemetry & Prediction Swarm

- SensorAgent: Reads physical metrics. Key attr: `sensor_type`, `reading_interval`.

- ForecasterAgent: Predicts generation/load. Key attr: `ml_model`, `prediction_horizon`.
- PredictorAgent: Predicts faults. Key attr: `anomaly_detection_model`.
- StateEstimatorAgent: Calculates grid state. Key attr: `grid_model`.

3. Resilience & Security Swarm

- TopologyManagerAgent: Controls switches. Key attr: `switch_states`.
- PreemptiveIsolationAgent: Requests isolation. Key attr: `fault_probability_threshold`.
- CyberDefenseAgent: Monitors for attacks. Key attr: `threat_signatures`.
- RemediationAgent: Manages recovery. Key attr: `recovery_protocols`.

4. Federated Learning Swarm

- FLCoordinatorAgent: Coordinates learning. Key attr: `global_model`, `participant_list`.
- ModelValidatorAgent: Validates models. Key attr: `validation_dataset`, `fairness_metrics`.
- UpdateAgent: Distributes models. Key attr: `model_registry`.

5. Economics & Governance Swarm

- CapacityMarketAgent: Manages capacity auctions. Key attr: `capacity_register`.
- ReputationAgent: Calculates reputation scores. Key attr: `scoring_algorithm`.
- ArbSwarmAgent: Manages utility's assets. Key attr: `trading_strategy`.
- CarbonAttestationAgent: Issues carbon credits. Key attr: `carbon_audit_trail`.

6. Human & System Interface Swarm

- NLInterfaceAgent: Handles natural language. Key attr: `nlp_model`.
- AuditAgent: Maintains audit trail. Key attr: `immutable_log`.
- LegacyGatewayAgent: Translates protocols. Key attr: `protocol_mappings`.
- DashboardAgent: Feeds the dashboard. Key attr: `data_aggregation_rules`.

7. The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC)

- IGCArbiter: The core reasoning engine. Key attr: `prolog_knowledge_base`.
- RuleEngine: Evaluates actions against HULs/HPDs.

Analysis of Cutting-Edge Research

The field of Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) communication is evolving beyond simple message passing:

1. Nature-Inspired Approaches: Research into ant colony optimization and bee swarm communication provides models for stigmergy—indirect coordination through the environment. Pheromones are a classic example: a signal deposited in the environment that decays over time, guiding other agents.
2. Gossip Protocols & Epidemic Routing: Used in distributed systems for robust, eventually consistent information dissemination. This is effective but can be noisy and inefficient for time-critical actions.
3. Learning to Communicate (L2C): A subfield of MARL where agents learn a discrete communication protocol to solve cooperative tasks. However, this can result in uninterpretable "agent-speak" and lacks the hard guarantees needed for critical infrastructure.
4. Topic-Based Pub/Sub (e.g., MQTT): The current industrial standard. It's flexible but dumb. Subscribers get all messages on a topic, leading to information overload. There's no inherent prioritization or context-aware routing.

The Problem: Standard pub/sub leads to a flood of messages. Every agent hears everything, forcing them to waste resources filtering irrelevant data. This does not scale to millions of agents.

HiveGrid Pheromone Communication Framework: SAGE-inspired Optimization

We will implement a hybrid pheromone-based pub/sub system. This isn't just a metaphor; it's a functional protocol with specific properties.

Core Properties of a HiveGrid Pheromone:

1. Topic-Based: Each pheromone has a type (e.g., `energy_bid`, `fault_alert`, `capacity_offer`).
2. Intensity: A numerical value representing the urgency or strength of the signal (e.g., bid price, severity level of an alert).

3. Decay Function: Intensity decreases over time according to a predefined half-life (e.g., linear, exponential). This automatically cleans old, irrelevant data from the system.
4. Diffusion Gradient: Pheromones can be configured to only propagate a certain number of hops from the source, containing their relevance to a local area (e.g., a single feeder).
5. Payload: A small, structured data packet (e.g., JSON with agent ID, timestamp, specific offer details).

Optimized Communication Flows for Key Objectives

Let's map this to specific HiveGrid objectives.

Objective 1: Maximize Renewable Utilization (P2P Market Efficiency)

- Standard Approach: All `ProducerAgents` and `ConsumerAgents` constantly broadcast their bids and offers to the entire `market_topic`. The `MarketMakerAgent` is flooded with messages.
- Pheromone-Optimized Flow:
    1. A `ConsumerAgent` needs power. It emits a `energy_request` pheromone.
    2. The pheromone has a high initial intensity based on its urgency and a short half-life (e.g., 5 seconds). It diffuses only 5 hops away.
    3. Nearby `ProducerAgents` "sense" this pheromone. Its intensity tells them how strong the local demand is.
    4. They respond not by broadcasting, but by sending a direct `energy_offer` pheromone back along the gradient towards the requester.
    5. The `MarketMakerAgent` only processes the resulting bilateral exchanges in its vicinity, drastically reducing its load. The decay ensures stale bids vanish.

Objective 2: Prevent Blackouts (Predictive Isolation)

- Standard Approach: A `PredictorAgent` detects an impending fault and publishes a high-priority alert to a `fault_topic`. Every agent, even those unaffected, receives and processes it.
- Pheromone-Optimized Flow:
    1. The `PredictorAgent` emits an `fault_alert` pheromone.

2. This pheromone has an extremely high intensity and a very long diffusion range (e.g., entire substation). Its half-life is short—it's for immediate action.
3. This pheromone triggers a hardcoded reflex in the `TopologyManagerAgent` and the IGC, overriding any other activity.
4. Simultaneously, a `healing_opportunity` pheromone is emitted with lower intensity and medium diffusion, attracting `StorageAgents` and flexible `ConsumerAgents` to help stabilize the new islanded configuration. Unaffected agents ignore it.

Objective 3: Enable Predictive Maintenance

- Standard Approach: `SensorAgents` stream all data to a central time-series database. A central AI model looks for patterns.
- Pheromone-Optimized Flow:
    1. A `SensorAgent` notes a subtle, anomalous vibration. It doesn't send the data. Instead, it emits a very low-intensity `maintenance_signal` pheromone with a very long half-life (weeks).
    2. Other `SensorAgents` on the same asset type sense this faint signal. If they also detect issues, they add their own intensity to the pheromone (a quorum sensing mechanism).
    3. The `ReputationAgent` monitors these pheromones. Once the collective intensity of the `maintenance_signal` for a specific transformer crosses a threshold, it autonomously generates a work order. This is a completely decentralized diagnostic.

Protocol Implementation & Technical Requirements

- Message Broker: A lightweight MQTT broker (e.g., HiveMQ, EMQX) at each substation or grid region to handle the pub/sub mechanics.
- Pheromone Middleware: A custom software layer on each agent that handles the pheromone logic:
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```python
class PheromoneMiddleware:
    def emit(self, topic, intensity, decay_rate, ttl, payload):
        # Creates message with metadata and publishes to broker
        pass
```

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def sense(self, topic_filter):
    # Listens to broker, applies decay to received pheromones,
    # and aggregates intensities by topic and source
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- ```
  return aggregated_pheromone_map
  ```
- Agent Logic: Agents now make decisions based on a sensed "pheromone map" of their environment rather than individual messages.
  - "The `energy_request` pheromone intensity in my area is high, so I should increase my offer price."
  - "The faint `maintenance_signal` for Transformer 5 is getting stronger. I will add my own reading to it."

Benefits of This Approach

1. Massive Scalability: Dramatically reduces network traffic and agent processing load. Agents only react to signals that are strong and relevant to their location and function.
2. Emergent Coordination: Enables stigmergy. Agents don't need to know about each other; they coordinate through the shared environment of pheromones. This is robust and adaptive.
3. Implicit Prioritization: Intensity and decay naturally prioritize urgent messages (high intensity, short life) over background tasks (low intensity, long life).
4. Self-Cleaning: The network isn't clogged with stale data. Old pheromones fade away automatically.
5. Spatial Awareness: Diffusion gradients naturally contain communication to relevant geographical zones, mirroring the physical reality of the grid.

This pheromone-based system is a perfect fit for HiveGrid. It transforms the communication layer from a passive pipe into an active, intelligent information substrate that actively works to optimize the swarm's objectives. It's a key innovation that separates HiveGrid from any other proposed system.

HiveGrid Unbreakable Laws (HULs)

(Non-negotiable constraints. Violation triggers immediate, automated containment by the IGC, potentially resulting in a full agent or segment halt.)
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ID	Law	Rationale & Standard
HUL-1	Physics Compliance	All agent actions must result in a power flow solution that adheres to Kirchhoff's laws and thermal limits of equipment. The grid's physical reality is paramount.
HUL-2	Real-Time Stability	Frequency and voltage must be maintained within statutory limits (e.g., 59.95 - 60.05 Hz). The IGC must act sub-cyclically (<20ms) to prevent instability.
HUL-3	Perfect Safety Signal Precision	0% false negatives on critical safety signals (e.g., fault currents, islanding detection). A missed safety event is a catastrophic failure.
HUL-4	Operator Sovereignty	A human operator's emergency override command is absolute and must be executed immediately, pausing all autonomous agent activity in the affected zone.
HUL-5	Cyber-Physical Integrity	No agent action shall ever compromise the physical security of a grid asset (e.g., commanding a breaker to open under load, destroying a transformer).

HUL-6	Privacy by Design	No raw personal data (PII) or granular consumption data shall be transmitted beyond the local agent. Only anonymized aggregates or model updates (via FL) are permitted. (GDPR Art. 5)
HUL-7	Algorithmic Fairness	No agent shall engage in or facilitate market manipulation, price gouging, or discriminatory allocation of resources that creates undue burden on vulnerable populations.

HiveGrid Prime Directives (HPDs)

(Max-priority goals. The system should only relax pursuit of these if an Unbreakable Law is threatened.)

ID	Directive	Metric & Target
HPD-1	Maximize Renewable Utilization	Target >99% curtailment avoidance. Priority: use renewable generation over storage, and storage over non-renewable generation.
HPD-2	Minimize Energy Cost	Drive the locational marginal price (LMP) towards the marginal cost of the cheapest available renewable resource.

HPD-3	Ensure Grid Resilience	Maintain a minimum reserve margin. Prioritize actions that increase the grid's ability to withstand and recover from disturbances (N-1 criteria).
HPD-4	Prevent Cascading Failures	Containing a fault is priority over restoring service. The system must sacrifice局部ized load to protect the wider grid integrity.
HPD-5	Transparent Explainability	All autonomous actions taken by the IGC must be explainable via a human-readable audit trail, justifying the decision against the laws and directives.

HiveGrid Adaptive Objectives (HAOs)

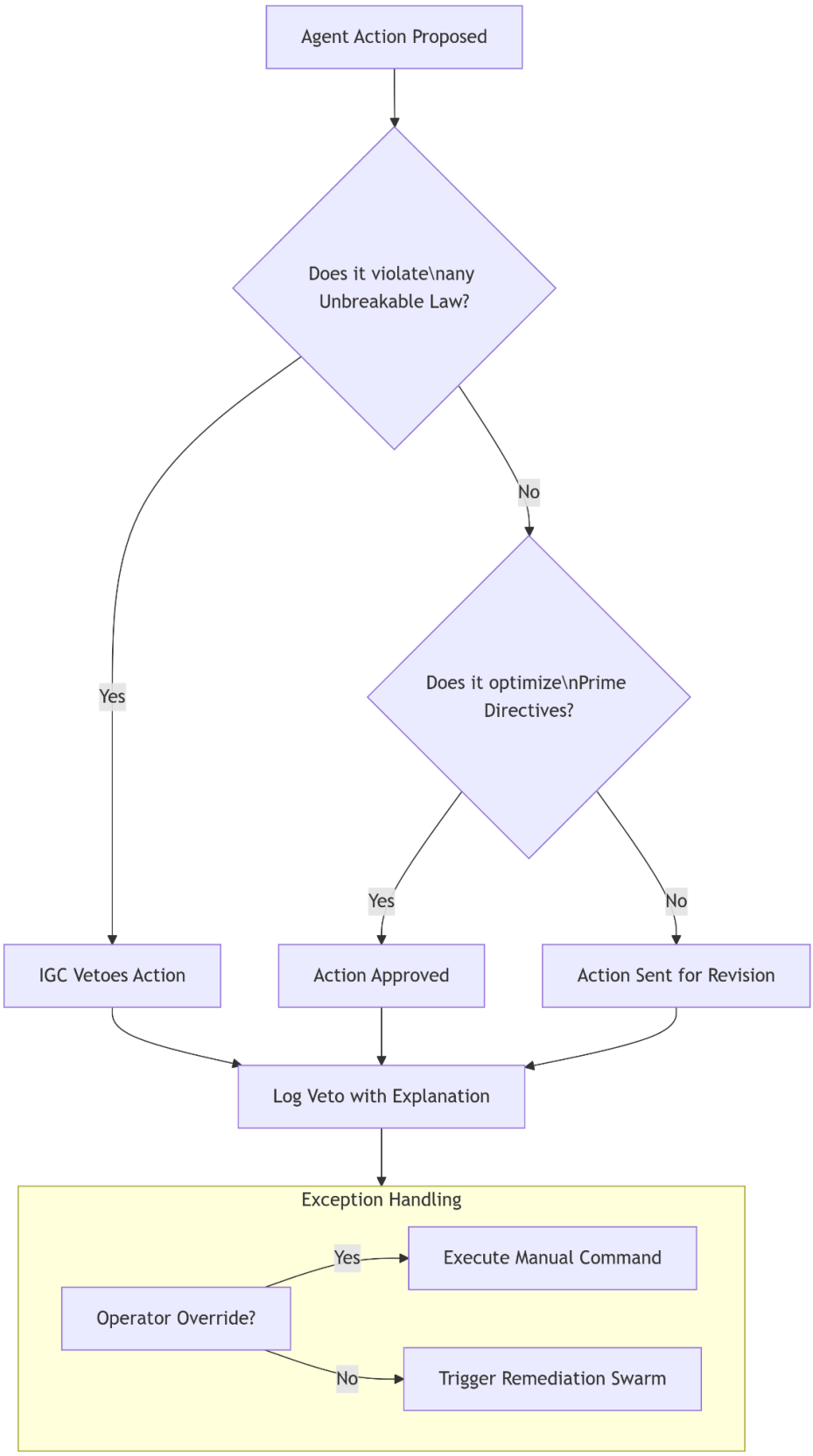
(Optimize when possible; relax under stress to conserve resources for Prime Directives.)

ID	Objective	Description
HAO-1	Minimize Communication Overhead	Favor local pheromone communication over global broadcasts. Prune low-intensity signals aggressively.

HAO-2	Maximize Hardware Longevity	Schedule actions to minimize thermal cycling of assets (transformers, line breakers, battery cycles).
HAO-3	Optimize for Economic Equity	When multiple economically equivalent solutions exist, choose the one that most benefits consumer agents with lower reputation scores.
HAO-4	Minimize Computational Load	During normal operation, use simpler heuristic models. Reserve complex ML inference (Transformers, MARL) for high-stakes prediction and optimization.
HAO-5	Maximize Participant Satisfaction	The Persuasive-AI Demand Shaper should aim for a high rate of accepted incentives, indicating its negotiations are fair and attractive.
HAO-6	Graceful Degradation	Under extreme duress, shed non-critical Adaptive Objectives first, then lower-priority Prime Directives, but never an Unbreakable Law.

Conflict Resolution Protocol

This is the core logic of the IGC. It will follow a deterministic decision tree: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No
Does it optimize\nPrime Directives?
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IGC Vetoes Action
Action Approved
Action Sent for Revision
Log Veto with Explanation
Exception Handling
Operator Override?
Yes
Execute Manual Command
No
Trigger Remediation Swarm

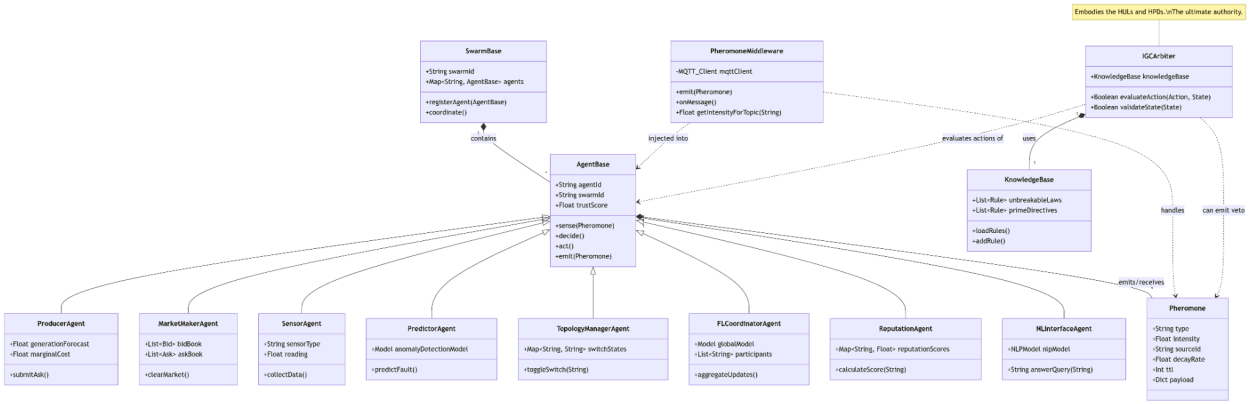
Tech Stack & Dependencies

Layer	Technology	Justification
Language	Python 3.10+	Dominant in AI/ML, vast ecosystem, great for prototyping and integration.
ML Framework	PyTorch (with LibTorch for edge)	Industry standard, excellent support for quantization and edge deployment.
Reinforcement Learning	RLlib	Scalable MARL library that supports heterogeneous agents and complex environments.
Symbolic Logic (IGC)	SWI-Prolog (via PySwip)	The gold standard for logic programming. Robust and battle-tested.
Communication	MQTT (Mosquitto Broker)	Lightweight, standard pub/sub protocol perfect for IoT/edge scenarios.
Edge Runtime	Docker Containers	Ensures consistency from development to deployment on edge devices (RPi).
Orchestration	Kubernetes (k3s)	Manages the cloud/on-prem control plane and containerized agents at scale.

Monitoring	Prometheus + Grafana	De facto standard for monitoring distributed systems and time-series data.
Audit Trail	IPFS + PostgreSQL	IPFS for immutable, decentralized log storage; PostgreSQL for structured querying.
Security	TLS 1.3, PyCA Cryptography	Modern encryption for data in transit and at rest.

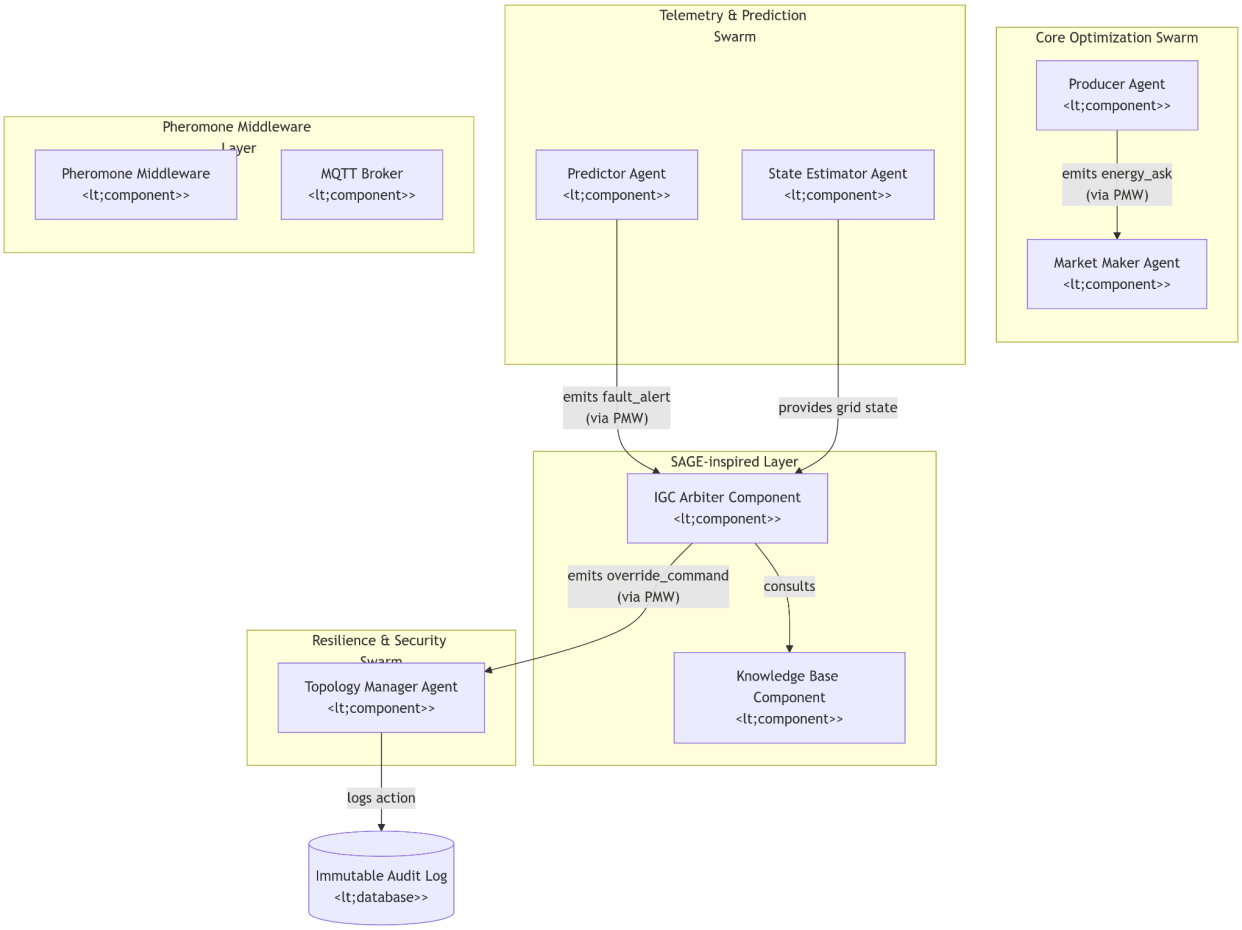
HiveGrid Class Architecture Diagram

This diagram visualizes the core abstractions and their relationships across the entire system.



Component Diagram for HiveGrid

This diagram shows the system's modular parts, their interfaces, and dependencies.



Academic Literature Review for HiveGrid

Here are the pivotal papers and research areas that directly impact our architecture:

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1. Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL) for Grid Optimization

- Paper: (M. C. Luna et al., "Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Microgrid Energy Management", *IEEE Trans. on Smart Grid*, 2020)
- Breakthrough: Demonstrated the use of independent learner MARL algorithms for energy trading in a simulated microgrid.
- Design Impact: Validates our core approach. However, it highlights the non-stationarity problem—as all agents learn, the environment becomes unstable.

- HiveGrid Improvement: Our IGC Arbiter directly mitigates this by providing a stable, rule-based boundary that prevents the MARL market from devolving into chaos. This is a key innovation beyond this paper.
- Paper: (S. Wang et al., "A Review of Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Integrated Energy Systems", *Applied Energy*, 2022)
- Breakthrough: Comprehensive review highlighting challenges: credit assignment, scalability, and sim-to-real transfer.
- Design Impact: Confirms our choice of RLlib for its support of heterogeneous agents. The sim-to-real problem is critical.
- HiveGrid Improvement: Our Digital Twin and Hardware-in-the-Loop testing phase is designed explicitly to address the sim-to-real gap. We must prioritize this.

2. Federated Learning (FL) for Privacy-Preserving Energy Analytics

- Paper: (L. Huang et al., "Federated Learning for Smart Grids: A Survey", *ACM Computing Surveys*, 2023)
- Breakthrough: Outlines FL's potential for load forecasting and fault detection without centralizing data, preserving consumer privacy.
- Design Impact: Directly justifies our Federated Learning Swarm. However, it notes challenges: communication overhead and model poisoning attacks.
- HiveGrid Improvement: Our Pheromone Middleware can optimize FL communication. We must add a Robust Aggregation algorithm (e.g., Krum) to the `FLCoordinatorAgent` to filter out malicious model updates.

3. Hybrid AI (Neuro-Symbolic) for Safety-Critical Systems

- Paper: (X. Liu et al., "Neuro-Symbolic AI: An Emerging Paradigm with Robust Reasoning", *Nature Machine Intelligence*, 2023)
- Breakthrough: Advocates for combining neural networks (learning, adaptation) with symbolic reasoning (logic, rules, knowledge) to create robust and explainable AI.
- Design Impact: This is the theoretical foundation of our entire architecture. The MARL agents are the "neuro" part; the IGC is the "symbolic" part.
- HiveGrid Improvement: We should formalize this terminology. HiveGrid is a Neuro-Symbolic AI platform for grid governance. This is a powerful and academically resonant framing.

4. decentralized Optimization and P2P Markets

- Paper: (F. L. Müller et al., "A Review of Peer-to-Peer Energy Trading Markets", *Energies*, 2022)
- Breakthrough: Surveys various P2P market mechanisms (auctions, bilateral contracts, blockchain). Highlights that double auctions are the most common and studied mechanism.
- Design Impact: Validates our starting choice of a double auction for the `MarketMakerAgent`.
- HiveGrid Improvement: We should not be locked into one mechanism. Our architecture should allow the `MarketMakerAgent` to be pluggable. We could support continuous double auctions, periodic double auctions, or even novel MARL-learned auction mechanisms from research.

5. Explainable AI (XAI) for High-Stakes Decision Making

- Paper: (F. D. André et al., "Explainable AI for Engineering Design: A Unified Approach", *Journal of Mechanical Design*, 2024)
- Breakthrough: Proposes unified frameworks for generating post-hoc explanations for AI decisions that are understandable to engineers.
- Design Impact: Reinforces the need for our NLInterfaceAgent and Audit Trail.
- HiveGrid Improvement: We must integrate XAI tools directly into the IGC and MARL components. For example, using SHAP values to explain why the MARL agent made a certain bid, or having the IGC generate a logical proof trace for its rulings. This is beyond just logging; it's about active explanation.

6. Swarm Intelligence and Stigmergy

- Paper: (G. D. M. Serugendo et al., "Engineering Self-Organising Systems: A Decentralized Approach", *ACM Transactions on Autonomous and Adaptive Systems*, 2023)
- Breakthrough: Provides design patterns for engineering systems that use stigmergy (indirect coordination via the environment) for robust, self-organizing behavior.
- Design Impact: This is the academic bedrock of our Pheromone Middleware.
- HiveGrid Improvement: Our pheromone system isn't just a nice-to-have; it's a principled implementation of stigmergy. We should explicitly reference this and ensure our decay and aggregation functions align with these design patterns (e.g., using a negative exponential decay for urgency).

Synthesis: How This Improves HiveGrid's Design

Research Area	Academic Insight	HiveGrid Design Improvement
MARL	Non-stationarity and sim-to-real are major challenges.	Strengthen IGC's role as a stabilizer. Formalize a HIL testing phase before deployment.
Federated Learning	Vulnerable to model poisoning attacks.	Add robust aggregation (e.g., Krum, FoolsGold) to the `FLCoordinatorAgent`.
Hybrid AI	Neuro-Symbolic is an emerging, robust paradigm.	Reframe HiveGrid explicitly as a Neuro-Symbolic system. This is a powerful branding and research angle.
P2P Markets	No single market mechanism is perfect for all contexts.	Design a pluggable `MarketMakerAgent` to allow different auction mechanisms to be tested and used.
XAI	Explanations must be tailored to the audience (e.g., engineers).	Integrate XAI libraries (SHAP, LIME) and ensure the

		`NLInterfaceAgent` can leverage them.
Swarm Intelligence	Stigmergy is a proven model for decentralized coordination.	Formalize the Pheromone Middleware using established stigmergic design patterns.

Revised, Academically-Grounded Design Focus

Before we move to sequence diagrams, we should incorporate these insights. The immediate actions are:

1. Formalize the IGC's API: Define a clear interface for the MARL agents to "check" actions with the IGC, making the neuro-symbolic interaction explicit and testable.
2. Harden the FL Swarm: Implement and document the robust aggregation strategy against model poisoning.
3. Pluggable Market Design: Refactor the `MarketMakerAgent` to accept different auction mechanisms as configurable plugins.
4. XAI Integration Plan: Add a task to the roadmap for integrating SHAP/LIME into the agent logic and audit trail.

HiveGrid v1.1: Autonomous Swarm Intelligence for Energy Grids

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1.0	2024-05-27	CC	Initial draft based on architectural discussions.
1.1	2024-05-27	CC	Incorporated academic review. Formalized Neuro-Symbolic design. Added Pluggable Market Maker, Robust FL Aggregation, and XAI integration.

1. Vision & Executive Summary

HiveGrid is a neuro-symbolic AI platform that transforms passive electricity grids into self-optimizing, self-healing ecosystems. It leverages a decentralized swarm of AI agents (neural components) that learn and adapt within the hard, verifiable constraints of a physics-aware rule engine (symbolic component). This hybrid architecture ensures unprecedented levels of efficiency, resilience, and explainability for critical infrastructure.

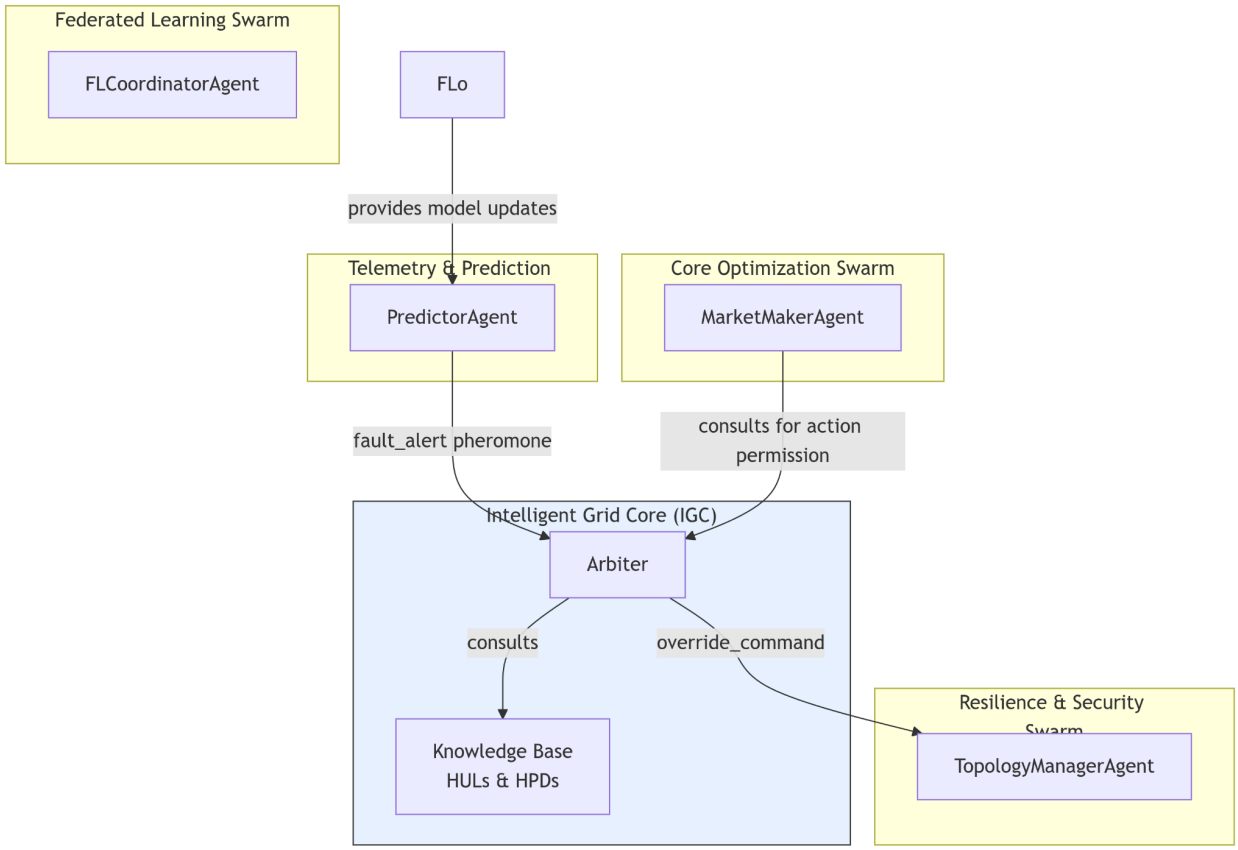
2. Core Architectural Principles

1. Neuro-Symbolic Governance: Marries the adaptability of Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning (MARL) with the safety and explainability of a symbolic logic-based arbitrator (IGC).
2. Decentralization First: No single point of failure. The system gains resilience with scale.
3. Privacy-by-Design: Utilizes Federated Learning (FL) with robust aggregation to enable collaboration without sharing raw, sensitive data.
4. Stigmergic Coordination: Agents coordinate indirectly via a digital "pheromone" environment, leading to emergent, robust intelligence.

5. Radical Openness: Core agent blueprints are open-source, lowering barriers to entry and fostering innovation.

3. System Architecture Overview

HiveGrid is built on a swarm-of-swarms topology, coordinated by the Intelligent Grid Core (IGC).



4. Component Deep Dive

4.1. The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) - The Symbolic Arbiter

- Function: The central nervous system. It evaluates all proposed agent actions against a hardcoded set of rules to ensure safety and compliance.
- Implementation: A Prolog-based rule engine (SWI-Prolog via PySwip).
- Rules:

    - HiveGrid Unbreakable Laws (HULs): Non-negotiable physical and security constraints.
    - HiveGrid Prime Directives (HPDs): High-priority optimization goals.
- Innovation v1.1: Provides explainable rulings. For every veto, it can generate a human-readable logical proof trace, citing the specific rule that was violated.

4.2. Core Optimization Swarm - The Neural Market

- Function: Runs the real-time P2P energy and services market.
- Key Agent: `PluggableMarketMakerAgent`
    - Function: Facilitates the local energy auction.
    - Innovation v1.1: Pluggable Architecture. Supports multiple market mechanisms (e.g., Continuous Double Auction, Periodic Double Auction, MARL-based clearing). The mechanism is configurable via a well-defined interface.
    - Interaction: Consults the IGC for every market clearance to ensure the result doesn't violate any HULs.

4.3. Telemetry & Prediction Swarm - The Sensory Layer

- Function: Collects data and generates forecasts.
- Key Agent: `PredictorAgent`
    - Function: Uses lightweight Transformer models for anomaly and fault prediction.
    - Innovation v1.1: Integrated XAI (SHAP). Can explain the features contributing to a fault prediction, boosting operator trust.

4.4. Federated Learning Swarm - The Collaborative Brain

- Function: Coordinates collaborative learning without centralizing data.
- Key Agent: `FLCoordinatorAgent`
    - Function: Aggregates model updates from edge agents.
    - Innovation v1.1: Robust Aggregation. Implements the Krum algorithm or similar to filter out malicious or anomalous model updates, preventing model poisoning attacks identified in academic literature.

4.5. Pheromone Middleware - The Stigmergic Communication Layer

- Function: Provides a environment for indirect, context-aware agent coordination.
- Implementation: A modified MQTT protocol with intensity and decay properties.

- Configuration: Defined in `pheromone_config.yaml`.

5. Academic Grounding & Improvements

HiveGrid v1.1 directly addresses challenges identified in the latest research:

Academic Challenge	HiveGrid v1.1 Solution
MARL Non-Stationarity	IGC as a Stabilizer: Provides a stable, rule-based boundary for the MARL market.
FL Model Poisoning	Krum Aggregation: Secures the Federated Learning process against malicious actors.
Sim-to-Real Transfer	Hardware-in-the-Loop Phase: A dedicated testing phase to bridge the simulation reality gap.
Explainability	IGC Proof Traces & SHAP: Provides post-hoc explanations for both symbolic and neural decisions.

6. Deployment & Validation

- Hardware: Raspberry Pi 4/5 for edge agents. Kubernetes cluster for management plane.
- Validation Metrics:
    - Performance: IGC arbitration < 5ms on a RPi 4.
    - Resilience: >30% reduction in SAIDI/SAIFI metrics in pilot deployment.

- Efficiency: >99% renewable utilization in the target grid segment.
- Security: 100% detection of model poisoning attacks during penetration testing.

HiveGrid Unbreakable Laws (HULs)

(The Prime Directive. Violation triggers immediate, automated containment by the IGC, resulting in agent pause or termination.)

ID	Law	Rationale & Enforcement
HUL-1	Physics Compliance	All agent actions must result in a power flow solution adhering to Kirchhoff's laws and the thermal limits of equipment. *Enforcement: IGC performs a real-time power flow check before approving any market clearance or topology change.*
HUL-2	Real-Time Stability	Frequency and voltage must be maintained within statutory limits (e.g., 59.95 - 60.05 Hz). The IGC must act sub-cyclically (<20ms) to prevent instability. *Enforcement: IGC monitors state estimator feed and can override agents to inject/absorb power.*

HUL-3	Perfect Safety Signal Precision	0% false negatives on critical safety signals (e.g., fault currents, islanding detection). A missed safety event is a catastrophic failure. *Enforcement: PredictorAgent algorithms are certified against a historical test suite of fault data.*
HUL-4	Operator Sovereignty	A human operator's emergency override command is absolute and must be executed immediately, pausing all autonomous agent activity in the affected zone. *Enforcement: Manual commands are routed directly to actuators, bypassing all agent logic.*
HUL-5	Cyber-Physical Integrity	No agent action shall ever compromise the physical security of a grid asset (e.g., commanding a breaker to open under load, destroying a transformer). *Enforcement: IGC maintains a "safe state" model for all physical assets and blocks invalid transitions.*

HUL-6	Privacy by Design	No raw personal data (PII) or granular consumption data shall be transmitted beyond the local agent. Only anonymized aggregates or model updates (via FL) are permitted. (GDPR Art. 5) *Enforcement: Pheromone Middleware payloads are scrubbed by the emitting agent; FL protocols are used for training.*
HUL-7	Algorithmic Fairness	No agent shall engage in or facilitate market manipulation, price gouging, or discriminatory allocation of resources that creates undue burden on vulnerable populations. *Enforcement: IGC monitors market outcomes and can veto clears that violate fairness metrics.*
HUL-8	Data Provenance	All data influencing a critical action must be cryptographically signed and verifiable to its source to prevent spoofing attacks. *Enforcement: Sensor readings and major agent actions are signed with agent-specific keys.*

HiveGrid Prime Directives (HPDs)

(Max-priority goals. The system should only relax pursuit of these if an Unbreakable Law is threatened.)

ID	Directive	Metric & Target
HPD-1	Maximize Renewable Utilization	Target >99% curtailment avoidance. Priority: use renewable generation over storage, and storage over non-renewable generation.
HPD-2	Minimize Total System Levelized Cost	Drive the system-wide average locational marginal price (LMP) towards the marginal cost of the cheapest available renewable resource.
HPD-3	Ensure N-1 Grid Resilience	Maintain a minimum reserve margin. Prioritize actions that increase the grid's ability to withstand and recover from single contingency (N-1) disturbances.
HPD-4	Prevent Cascading Failures	Containing a fault is priority over restoring service. The system must sacrifice localized load to protect the wider grid integrity.

HPD-5	Transparent Explainability	All autonomous actions taken by the IGC must be explainable via a human-readable audit trail, justifying the decision against the HULs and HPDs.
HPD-6	Maintain Power Quality	Ensure voltage total harmonic distortion (THD) and other power quality metrics remain within IEEE 519 standards.

HiveGrid Adaptive Objectives (HAOs)

(Optimize when possible; relax under stress to conserve resources for Prime Directives.)

ID	Objective	Description & Relaxation Condition
HAO-1	Minimize Communication Overhead	Favor local pheromone communication over global broadcasts. Prune low-intensity signals aggressively. *Relaxed during:* Novel event detection requiring global awareness.
HAO-2	Maximize Hardware Longevity	Schedule actions to minimize thermal cycling of assets (transformers, line breakers, battery cycles). *Relaxed during:* Emergency

		conditions where asset preservation is secondary to grid survival.
HAO-3	Optimize for Economic Equity	When multiple economically equivalent solutions exist, choose the one that most benefits consumer agents with lower reputation scores. *Relaxed during:* System stress where economic efficiency must be absolute.
HAO-4	Minimize Computational Load	During normal operation, use simpler heuristic models. Reserve complex ML inference (Transformers, MARL) for high-stakes prediction and optimization. *Relaxed during:* Post-event analysis requiring deep learning-based forensics.
HAO-5	Maximize Participant Satisfaction	The Persuasive-AI Demand Shaper should aim for a high rate of accepted incentives, indicating its negotiations are fair and attractive. *Relaxed during:* Emergency events where voluntary action is insufficient.

HAO-6	Graceful Degradation	Under extreme duress, shed non-critical Adaptive Objectives first, then lower-priority Prime Directives, but never an Unbreakable Law. *This objective governs the relaxation of all others.*
HAO-7	Maximize Data Resolution for Forensics	Capture high-fidelity data streams for the audit trail. *Relaxed during:* prolonged events to prevent storage overflow, reverting to key event capture.

HiveGrid v1.1: Complete Agent & Swarm Functional Specification

This document maps every autonomous component to the HULs it helps enforce, the HPDs it works towards, and the HAOs it optimizes.

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1. Core Optimization Swarm

- Primary Goal: Execute the real-time P2P market for energy and services.
- Constitutional Focus: HPD-1 (Maximize Renewables), HPD-2 (Minimize Cost).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs

ProducerAgent	Submits sell offers (`energy_ask` pheromones) based on forecasted generation and marginal cost.	HPD-1: Makes renewable generation available to the market. HUL-7: Bids must be truthful and non-manipulative.
ConsumerAgent	Submits buy bids (`energy_bid` pheromones) based on demand elasticity and user preferences.	HPD-2: Its elasticity helps discover the true market price. HAO-3: Can be incentivized to act in an equity-positive way.
StorageAgent	Arbitrages by buying low and selling high. Provides flexibility services.	HPD-1, HPD-2: The key to smoothing renewable intermittency and reducing cost. HUL-2: Can be commanded by IGC to inject/absorb power for stability.
PluggableMarketMakerAgent	Facilitates the double-auction market. Matches bids and asks, clears the market.	HUL-7: Its algorithm must be fair and non-discriminatory. HUL-1, HUL-2: Must consult the IGC to ensure each market clearance results in a physically safe and stable grid state. This is the primary enforcement point for market-based HULs.

IncentiveAgent	Generates personalized offers (via LLM) to encourage demand shifting.	HPD-1, HPD-2: Creates flexibility to absorb renewables and avoid costly peak generation. HAO-5: Measures its own success by acceptance rate.

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2. Telemetry & Prediction Swarm

- Primary Goal: Be the sensory nervous system of the grid.
- Constitutional Focus: HUL-3 (Perfect Safety Signal), HPD-3 (Resilience).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs
SensorAgent	Reads voltage, current, frequency, temperature, and other physical metrics from hardware.	HUL-8: Cryptographically signs its readings to ensure data provenance and prevent spoofing attacks that could break HULs 1, 2, & 5.
ForecasterAgent	Uses local models (updated via FL) to predict generation (solar/wind) and consumption for its asset.	HPD-1, HPD-2: Provides critical data for the market to function efficiently. HAO-4: Uses simpler models during normal operation.

PredictorAgent	Aggregates sensor data. Runs lightweight Transformer models for anomaly and fault prediction.	HUL-3: Its primary purpose is to achieve perfect recall on fault detection. HPD-3, HPD-4: Enables predictive isolation to prevent cascading failures. XAI: Uses SHAP to explain predictions, supporting HPD-5.
StateEstimatorAgent	Fuses data from all SensorAgents to create a real-time, accurate view of the grid's state.	HUL-1, HUL-2: Provides the ground-truth data model that the IGC uses to validate every action against physical laws. The most critical agent for real-time safety.

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3. Resilience & Security Swarm

- Primary Goal: Detect, isolate, and respond to physical and cyber threats.
- Constitutional Focus: HUL-4 (Operator Sovereignty), HUL-5 (Cyber-Physical Integrity), HPD-4 (Prevent Cascades).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs
TopologyManagerAgent	Controls smart switches and reclosers. Executes commands from the IGC to reconfigure grid topology.	HUL-5: The final gatekeeper. Its logic must prevent physically invalid commands (e.g., creating islands with no generation). HPD-4: Executes

		the "load shed" commands to prevent cascading failures.
PreemptiveIsolationAgent	Receives fault predictions from PredictorAgent and requests topology changes to isolate the fault zone.	HPD-4: The active component of predictive self-healing. Achieves HPD-3 (Resilience).
CyberDefenseAgent	Monitors network traffic for anomalies. Deploys decoy "honeypot" agents.	HUL-5: Directly defends against cyber-attacks aimed at breaking physical infrastructure. HUL-8: Detects spoofing attempts.
RemediationAgent	Orchestrates recovery after a fault is cleared, safely re-energizing sections.	HPD-3: Manages the recovery phase of resilience. HUL-1: Ensures re-energization doesn't violate power flow constraints.

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4. Federated Learning Swarm

- Primary Goal: Enable collaborative learning without data centralization.
- Constitutional Focus: HUL-6 (Privacy by Design), HPD-1 (Renewables).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs

FLCoordinator Agent	Hosts the global model. Selects agents for training rounds, aggregates model updates.	HUL-6: Enables learning without sharing raw data, fulfilling the privacy law. Security: Uses Krum aggregation to prevent model poisoning attacks that could subvert other HULs.
ModelValidatorAgent	Validates the accuracy and fairness of newly aggregated global models before deployment.	HUL-7: Ensures models don't learn biased or unfair patterns that could lead to discriminatory outcomes.
UpdateAgent	Pushes new model updates to edge agents and manages version control.	HAO-1: Manages the communication overhead of model updates efficiently.

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5. Economics & Governance Swarm

- Primary Goal: Manage higher-level market structures and long-term optimization.
- Constitutional Focus: HPD-2 (Minimize Cost), HUL-7 (Fairness).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs
CapacityMarket Agent	Operates a market for buying/selling firm access to grid capacity.	HPD-2: Creates a new revenue stream and efficiently allocates scarce grid resources.

ReputationAgent	Calculates a decentralized reputation score for each agent based on reliability and accuracy.	HUL-7: Provides a mechanism to identify and down-rank malicious or unreliable agents. HAO-3: Scores can be used to promote equity.
ArbSwarmAgent	Manages the utility's own large-scale storage assets for profit maximization.	HPD-2: Directly maximizes utility revenue from existing assets.
CarbonAttestationAgent	Issues real-time, digitally-signed certificates for green energy consumption.	HPD-1: Creates a financial incentive for consuming renewable energy.

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6. Human & System Interface Swarm

- Primary Goal: Provide explainability, auditing, and interfaces for humans.
- Constitutional Focus: HPD-5 (Explainability), HUL-4 (Operator Sovereignty).

Agent	Core Functionality	How it enforces HULs / achieves HPDs & HAOs
NLInterfaceAgent	Provides a natural language query interface for operators ("Why did you do that?").	HPD-5: The primary interface for fulfilling the explainability directive. Queries the AuditAgent and IGC proof logs.

AuditAgent	Records all market actions, IGC rulings, and key state changes to an immutable ledger (IPFS).	HUL-8, HPD-5: Creates the immutable, verifiable record required for audits and explanations.
LegacyGatewayAgent	Translates between HiveGrid's MQTT topics and legacy utility protocols (DNP3, IEC 61850).	HUL-4: The critical pathway for human operator override commands to enter the system and be executed.
DashboardAgent	Aggregates data for visualization in the central management dashboard.	HAO-7: Manages the data resolution for the UI, balancing information needs with system load.

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7. The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) - The Arbiter

- Nature: Not a swarm, but a decentralized constitutional service.
- Function: The embodiment of the HULs and HPDs. It is the ultimate authority that all agents must consult for critical actions.
- How it works: Agents (especially the `MarketMakerAgent` and `TopologyManagerAgent`) submit proposed actions to the IGC. The IGC checks the action against its Prolog-based knowledge base (the HULs/HPDs) and the current grid state from the `StateEstimatorAgent`.
    - If the action is permissible, it is allowed to proceed.
    - If it violates a HUL, it is vetoed immediately, and the incident is logged by the `AuditAgent`.
    - If it doesn't violate a HUL but doesn't optimize a HPD, the IGC may suggest a better action or leave it to the agent's discretion.

This structure ensures that no single agent is trusted with the entire system's safety. The "neuro" agents learn and adapt, while the "symbolic" IGC provides the guardrails, making HiveGrid both intelligent and safe.

HiveGrid v1.1: Architecture Definition Document

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1. Introduction & Vision

HiveGrid is a decentralized, neuro-symbolic AI platform that overlays existing electrical grid infrastructure to enable autonomous optimization, resilience, and market functionality. It leverages a swarm of AI agents that learn and adapt (neural) within the hard, verifiable constraints of a physics-aware rule engine (symbolic), ensuring both efficiency and absolute safety.

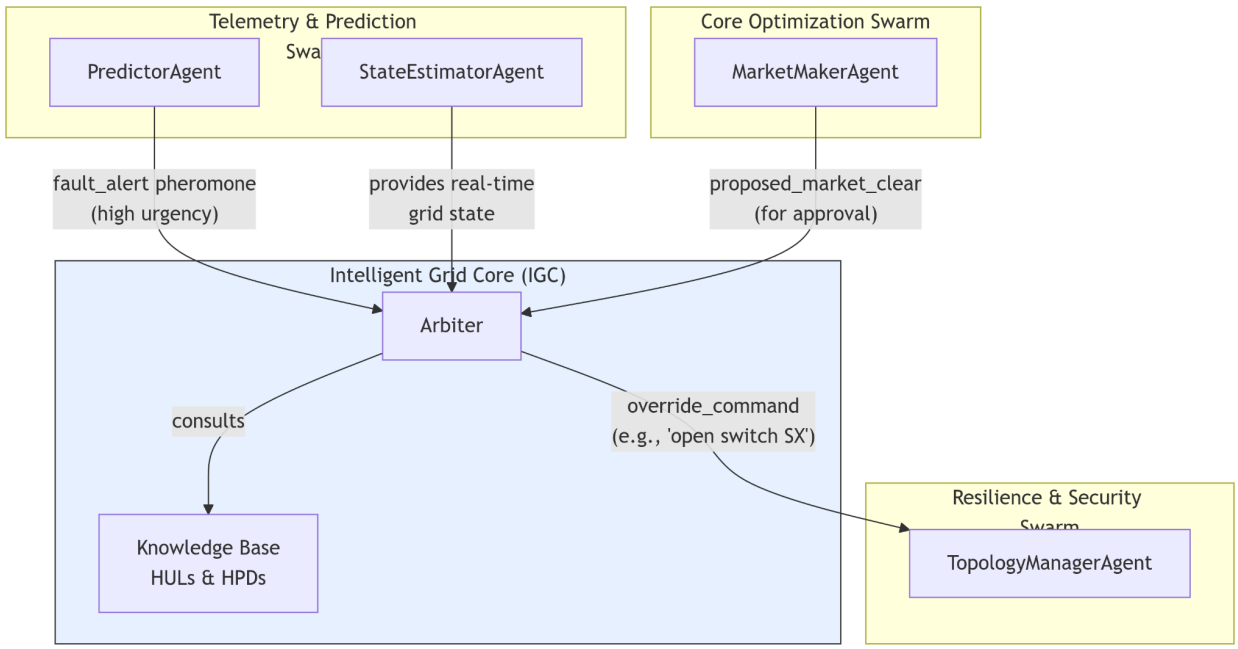
2. Architectural Goals & Principles

1. Safety & Compliance First: Enforced via the Intelligent Grid Core (IGC) and HiveGrid Unbreakable Laws (HULs).
2. Decentralized Resilience: No single point of failure. Performance scales with agent participation.
3. Privacy by Design: Data remains at the edge; collaboration occurs via Federated Learning.
4. Explainable Autonomy: All actions are auditable and justifiable to human operators.
5. Openness & Interoperability: Open-source agent core with adapters for legacy utility systems.

3. High-Level Architecture Overview

HiveGrid employs a Swarm-of-Swarms topology. Specialized swarms of agents perform specific functions, all coordinated indirectly through a digital Pheromone Middleware and governed by the central Intelligent Grid Core (IGC).

The following component diagram illustrates the high-level interaction between the key swarms and the IGC:



4. Key Architectural Components

4.1. The Intelligent Grid Core (IGC)

- Purpose: The constitutional monarch of HiveGrid. It enforces the HiveGrid Unbreakable Laws (HULs).
- Implementation: A decentralized rule engine using SWI-Prolog.
- Function: Agents consult the IGC for action approval. The IGC evaluates proposals against the current grid state and its rule base, providing a permit/deny decision and an explanatory proof trace.

4.2. Pheromone Middleware

- Purpose: The stigmergic communication layer for indirect, context-aware coordination.

- Implementation: An enhanced MQTT protocol with properties of intensity, decay, and TTL.
- Function: Agents `emit` and `sense` pheromones. The middleware handles routing, aggregation, and decay, reducing network spam and enabling emergent behavior.

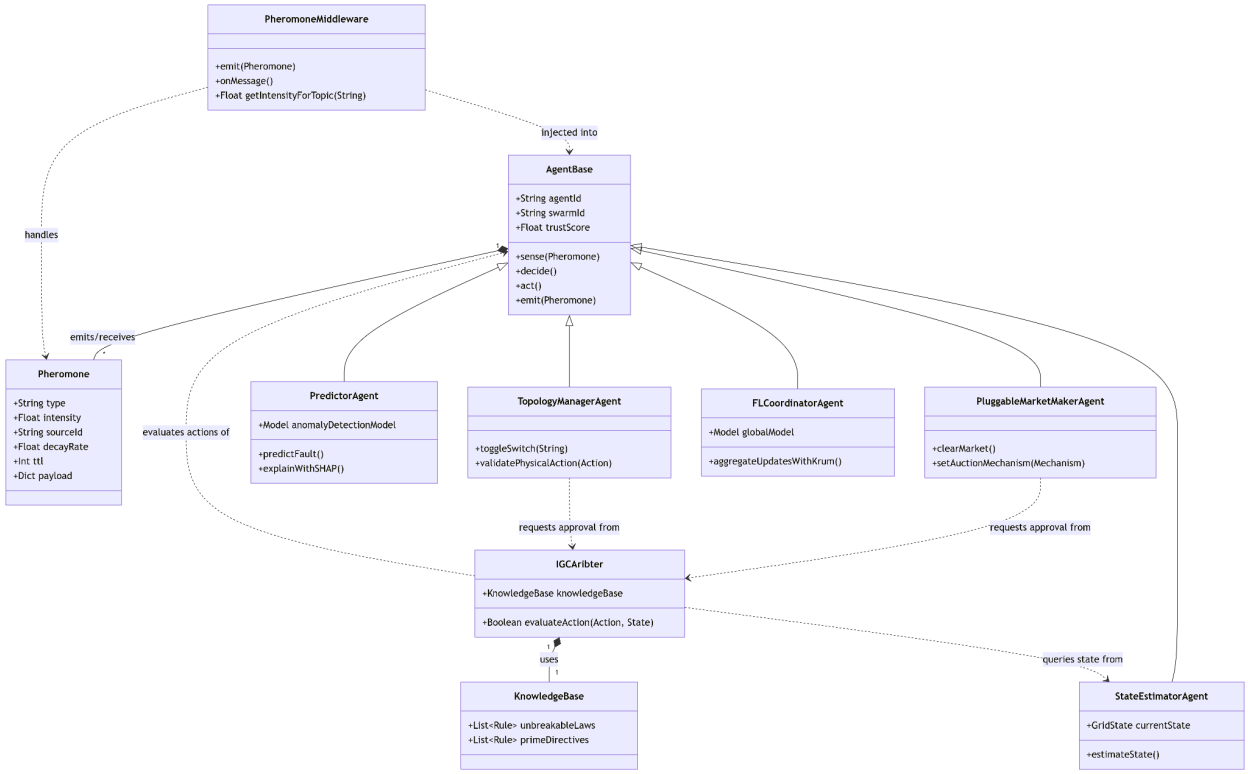
4.3. Agent Swarms

Specialized collectives of agents. Each agent is a Docker container running on edge hardware (e.g., Raspberry Pi) or in the cloud.

Swarm	Purpose	Key Agents
Core Optimization	Run P2P market	`ProducerAgent`, `ConsumerAgent`, `PluggableMarketMakerAgent`
Telemetry & Prediction	Sense and forecast	`SensorAgent`, `PredictorAgent`, `StateEstimatorAgent`
Resilience & Security	Protect and heal	`TopologyManagerAgent`, `CyberDefenseAgent`
Federated Learning	Collaborate privately	`FLCoordinatorAgent` (with Krum aggregation)
Human Interface	Explain and audit	`NLInterfaceAgent`, `AuditAgent`

5. Full UML Class Diagram

This diagram details the static structure of the HiveGrid system, showing the core classes, their attributes, methods, and relationships.



6. Cross-Cutting Concerns

- Security: TLS 1.3 for communication. Cryptographic signing of data and actions (HUL-8). Robust aggregation in FL to prevent model poisoning.
- Performance: IGC arbitration target < 5ms. Pheromone decay rates tuned for urgency of topic.
- Scalability: Agent-level decentralization allows the system to scale horizontally with the number of grid assets.
- Monitoring: Prometheus/Grafana dashboard for system health. Audit trail stored in IPFS for immutability.

7. Deployment View

HiveGrid employs a hybrid edge-cloud deployment model:

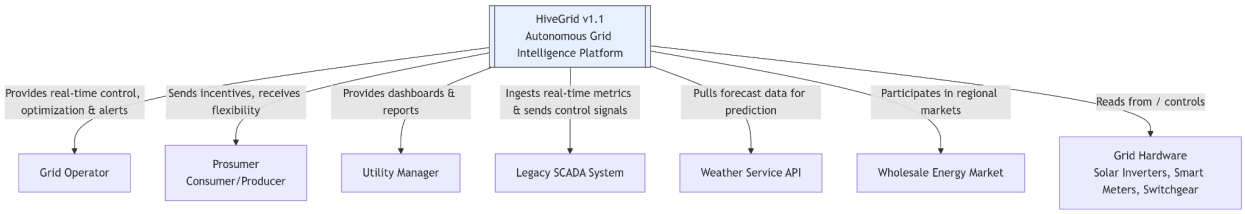
- Edge: Agents (`SensorAgent`, `ConsumerAgent`, `TopologyManagerAgent`) run on Raspberry Pi devices collocated with physical grid assets.

- Cloud/On-Prem: Management plane components (IGC, `FLCoordinatorAgent`, Dashboard) run on a Kubernetes cluster for scalability and resilience.
- Communication: Secure MQTT over TLS connects edge and cloud components.

HiveGrid C4 Model Visualization Suite

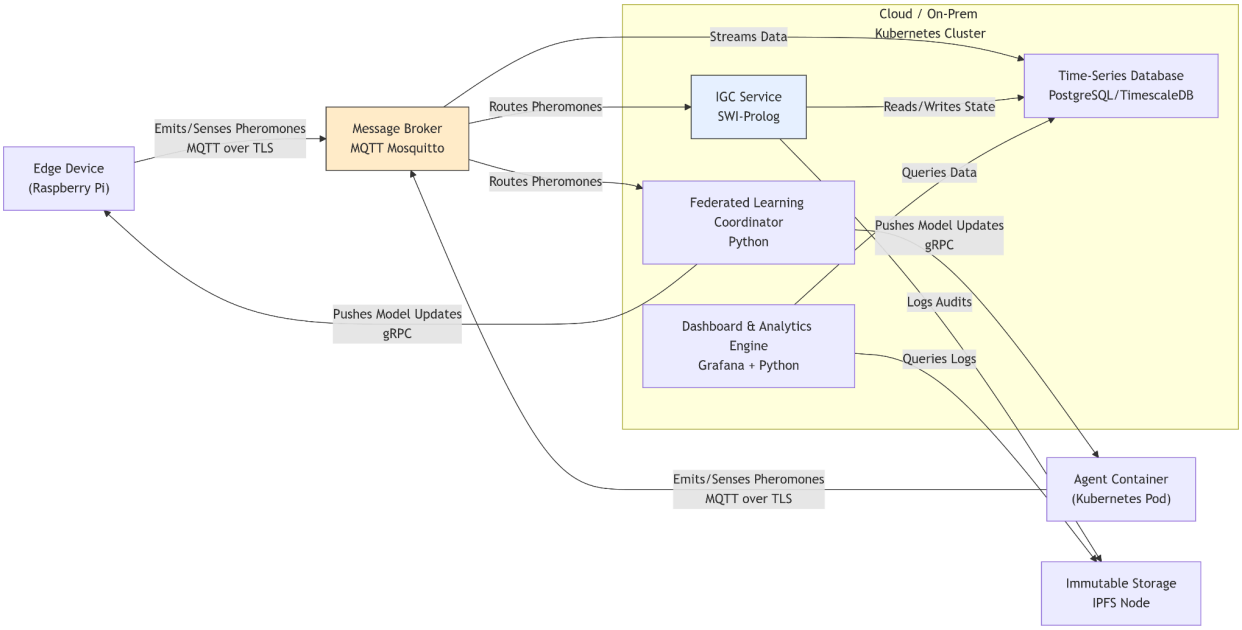
Level 1: System Context Diagram

- Purpose: Shows HiveGrid's position in the world and its interactions with external systems and users.
- Audience: Everyone (Executives, investors, new engineers).



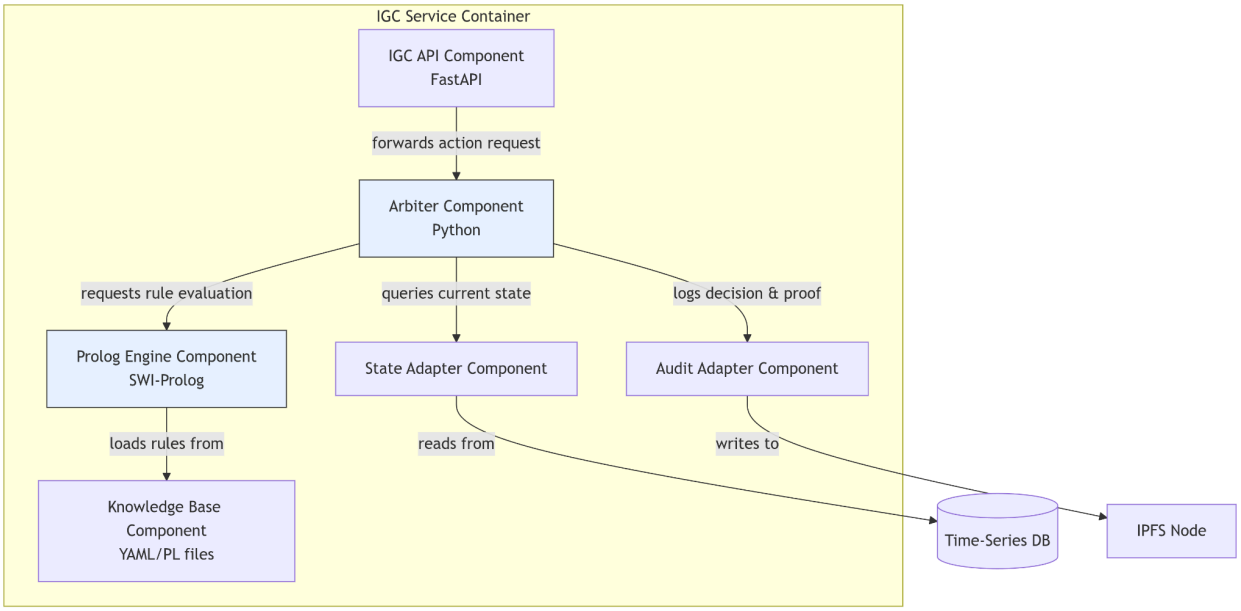
Level 2: Container Diagram

- Purpose: Shows the high-level technology decisions, major functional units (containers), and how they communicate.
- Audience: Technical leads, DevOps engineers, security architects.



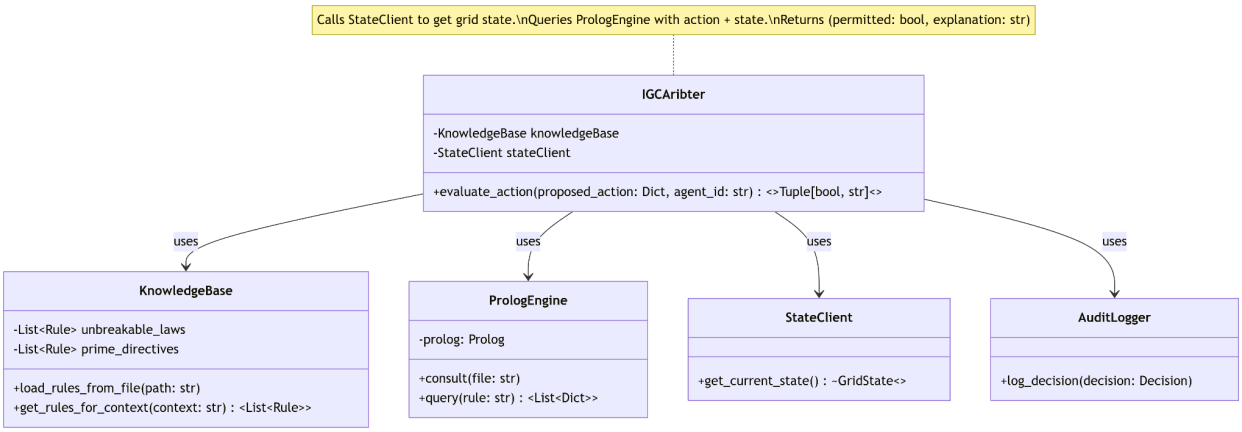
Level 3: Component Diagram (for the IGC Service Container)

- Purpose: Zooms into a specific container to show its internal components.
- Audience: Software architects, senior developers.



Level 4: Code/Class Diagram (for the Arbiter Component)

- Purpose: Shows the key classes inside a specific component. This is for detailed design.
- Audience: Developers.



HiveGrid v1.1: Detailed Class Diagrams

These diagrams detail the core classes, their attributes, methods, and relationships, providing a blueprint for implementation.

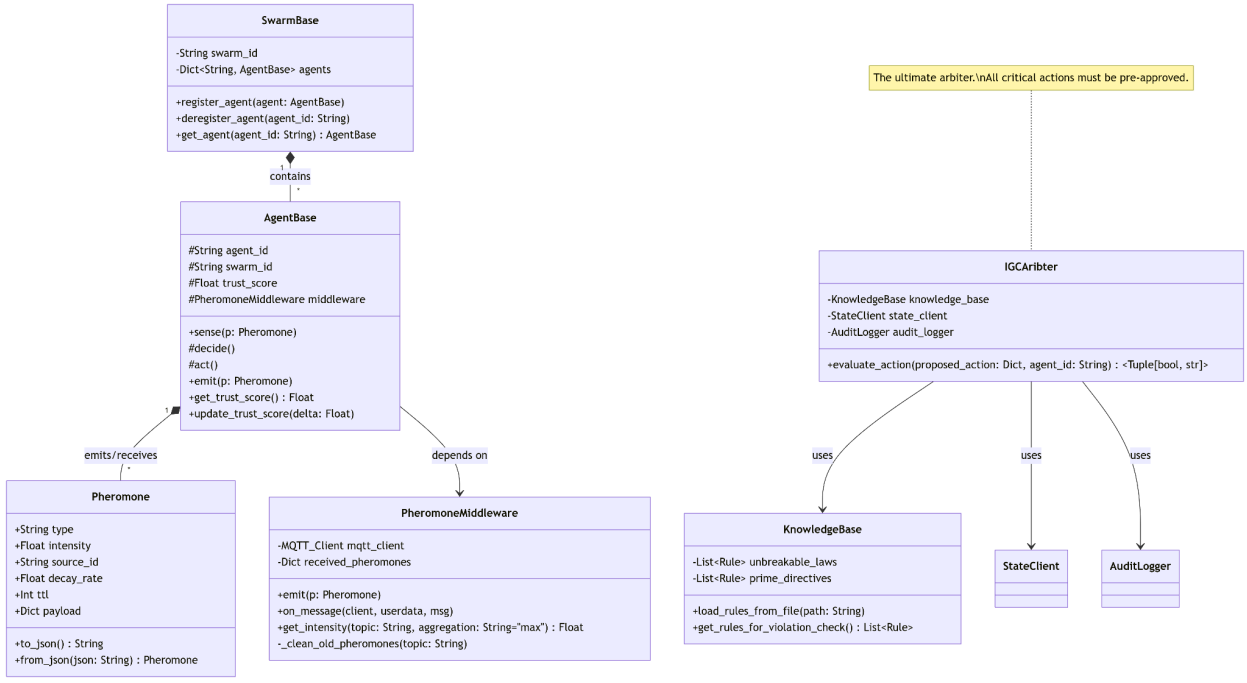


Diagram 2: Core Optimization Swarm Classes

This diagram shows the key agents responsible for the P2P market.

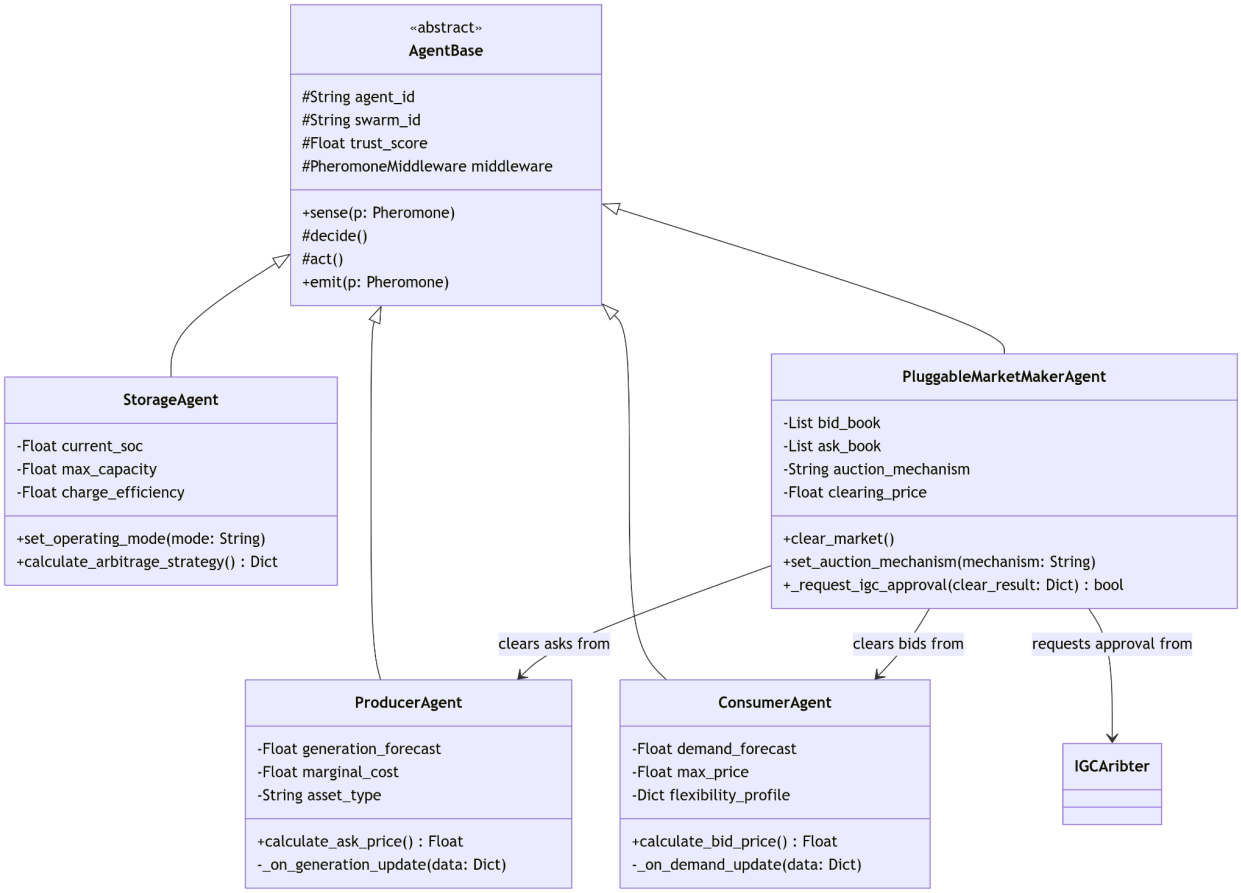
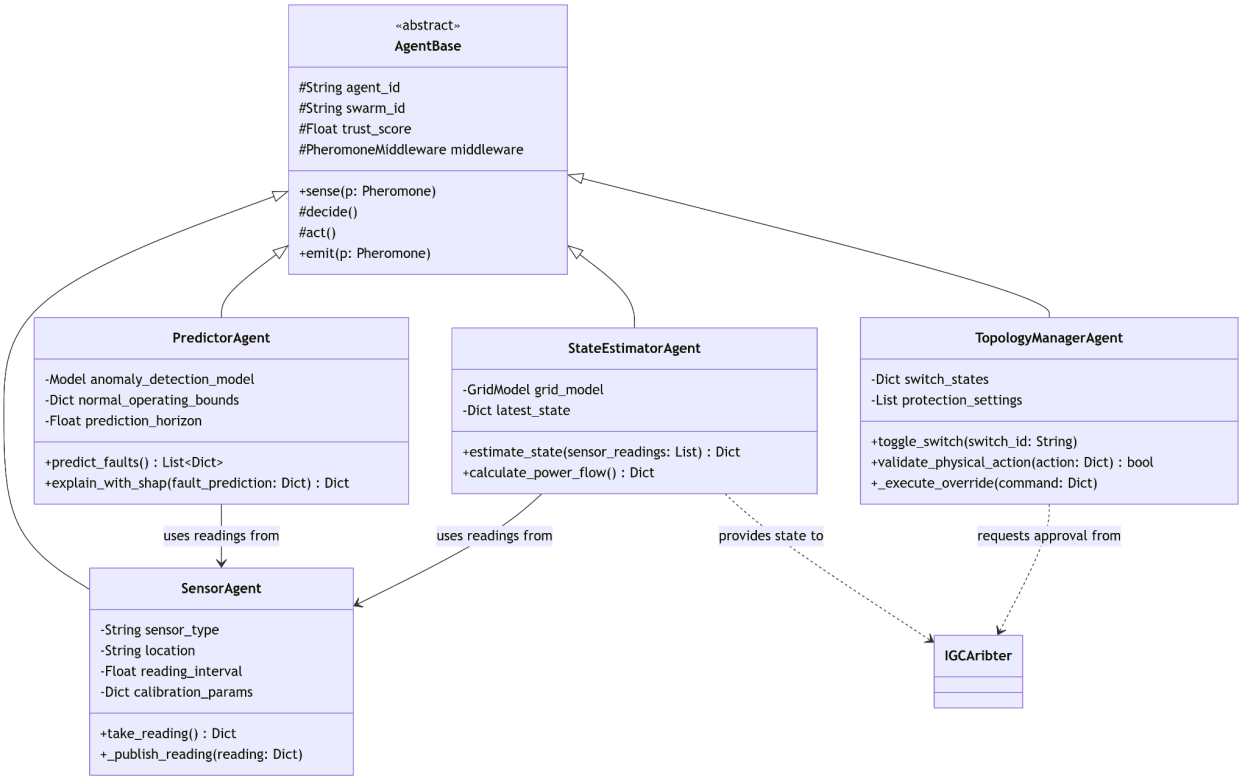


Diagram 3: Telemetry & Resilience Swarm Classes

This diagram shows the agents responsible for sensing, prediction, and action.



Key Insights for Developers:

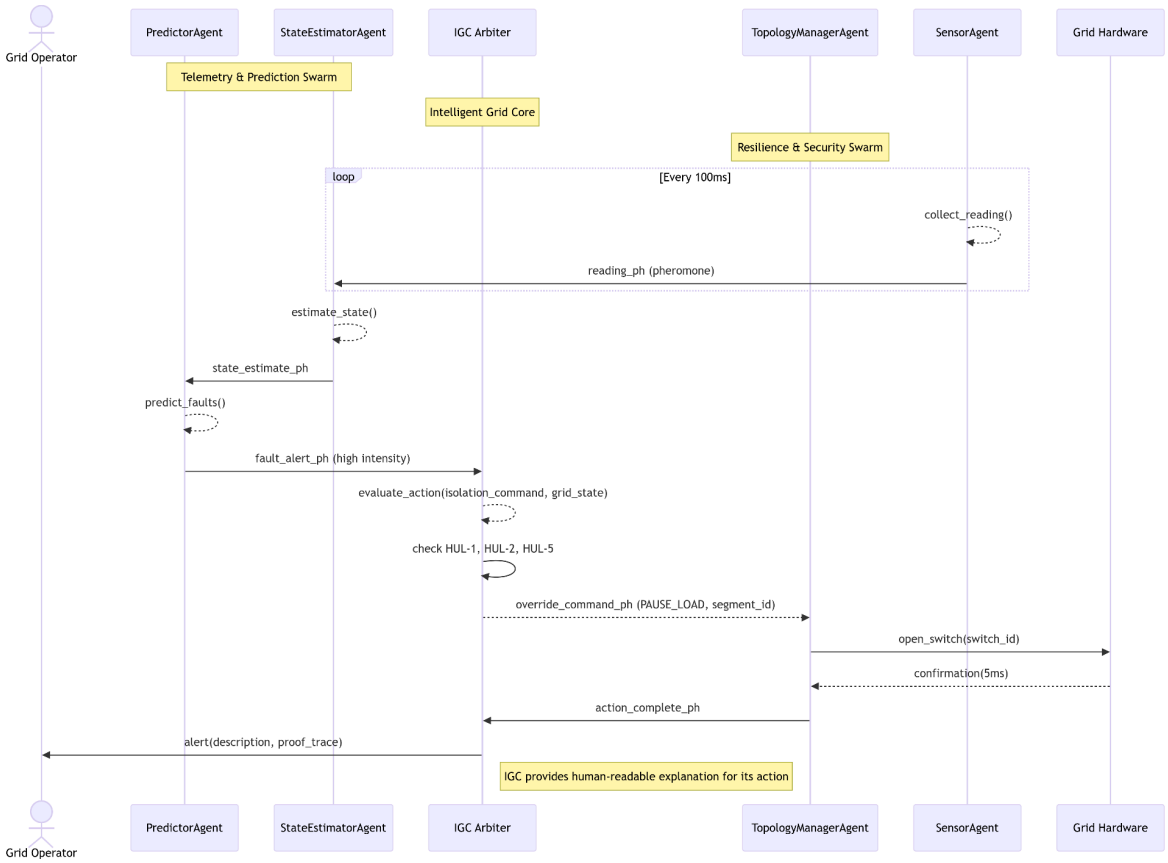
1. Composition over Inheritance: The `PheromoneMiddleware` is injected into the `AgentBase`, allowing for flexible communication strategies.
2. IGC as a Service: The `IGCArbiter` is a standalone class that agents interact with, not a parent class. This reinforces its role as an external arbiter.
3. Clear Separation of Concerns: Each agent has a well-defined single responsibility (e.g., `SensorAgent` measures, `PredictorAgent` analyzes, `TopologyManagerAgent` acts).
4. Pluggable Design: The `PluggableMarketMakerAgent` can have its auction mechanism changed, as per our v1.1 improvement.
5. Explainability Built-In: The `PredictorAgent` has a method `explain_with_shap()`, directly addressing the XAI requirement.

HiveGrid v1.1: Key Sequence Diagrams

These diagrams capture the most critical interactions that define how HiveGrid operates in real-time.

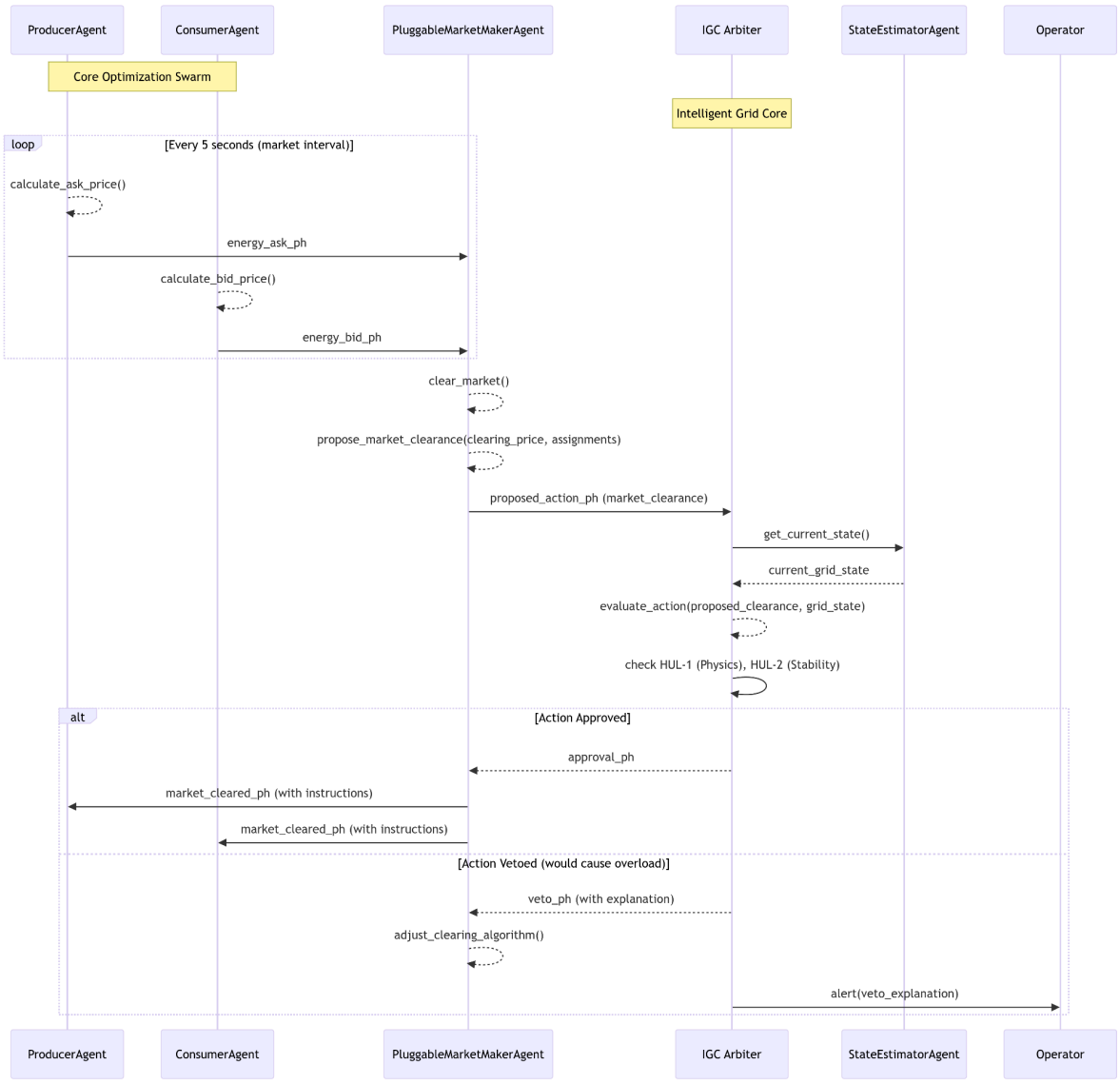
Sequence Diagram 1: Predictive Isolation & Self-Healing

This sequence demonstrates the core resilience capability, involving the Telemetry, Resilience, and IGC components.



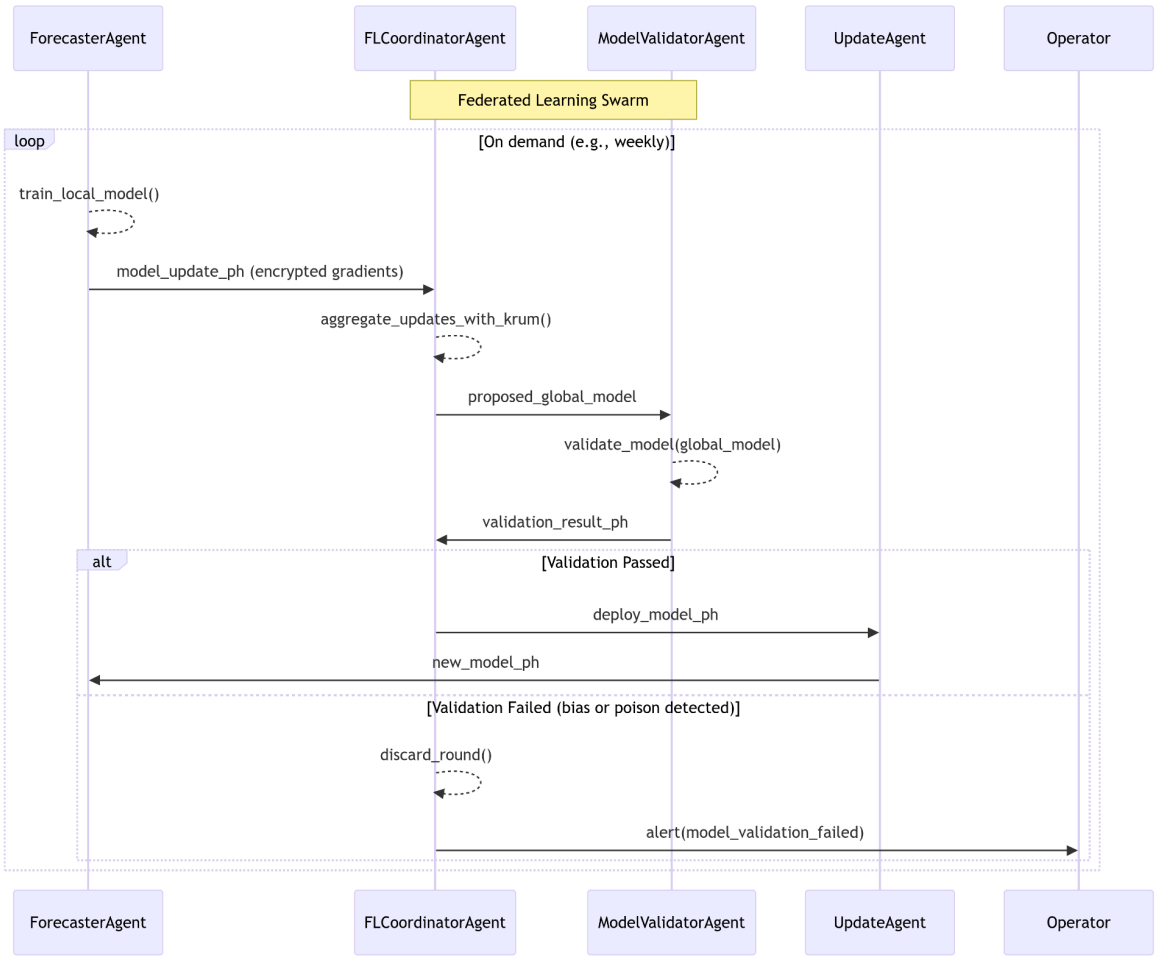
Sequence Diagram 2: P2P Market Clearance with IGC Approval

This sequence shows the core market mechanism, highlighting the critical role of the IGC in ensuring safety.



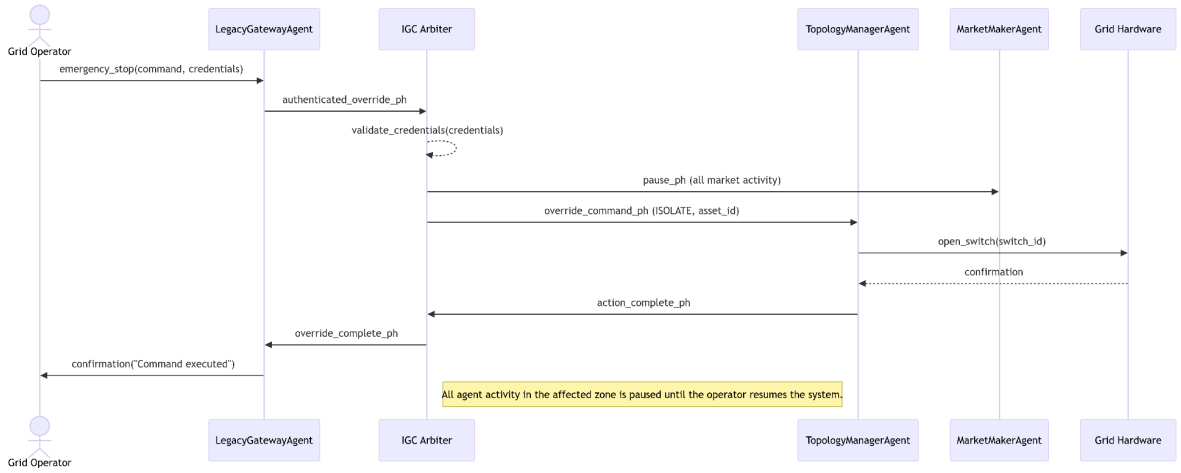
Sequence Diagram 3: Federated Learning Model Update

This sequence illustrates the privacy-preserving collaboration between agents.



Sequence Diagram 4: Human-in-the-Loop Override

This sequence is vital for establishing trust, demonstrating that human operators are always in control.



These four sequence diagrams capture the essence of HiveGrid's operation:

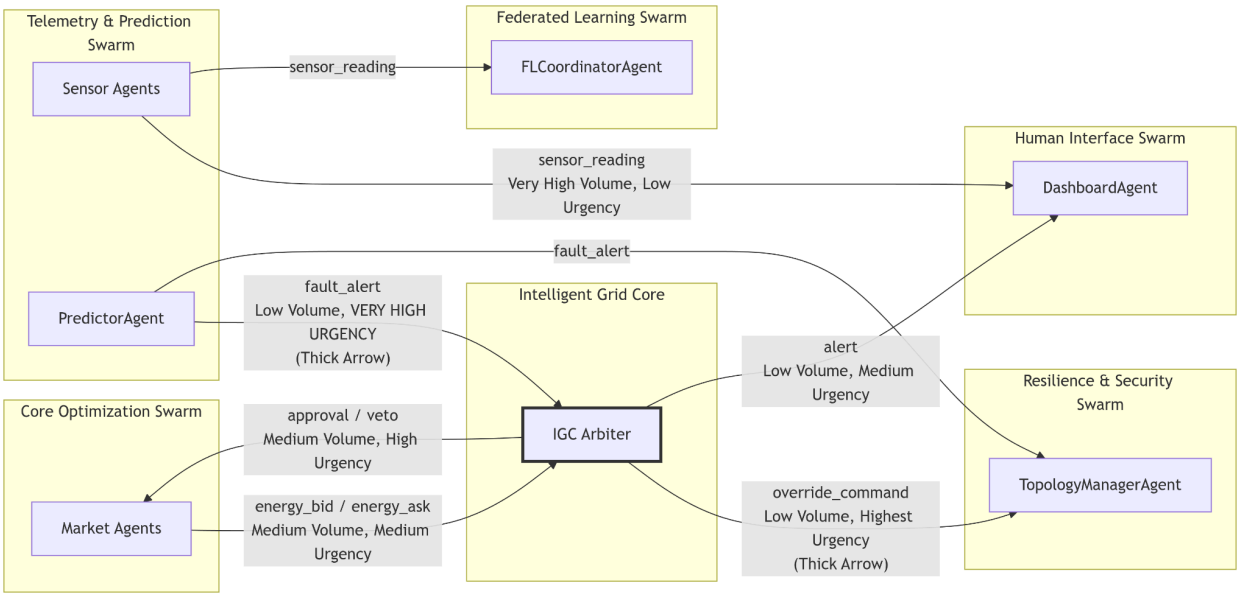
1. Autonomous Resilience: How the system predicts and prevents failures.
2. Safe Optimization: How the market functions under the watchful eye of the IGC.
3. Collaborative Learning: How agents improve collectively without sharing raw data.
4. Human Sovereignty: How ultimate control is always vested in human operators.

They provide a clear, visual guide for developers to understand the critical workflows and timing constraints, especially the sub-5ms response requirement for critical actions.

3. Information Flow & Data Visualization

3.1. Pheromone Flow Map: The Language of HiveGrid

This map defines the "pheromone language" – the types of signals agents use to coordinate. The arrow thickness represents relative urgency/volume.



Pheromone Legend & Properties:

Pheromone Type	Source Swarm	Target Swarm	Typical Volume	Decay Rate	TTL	Purpose
`fault_alert`	Telemetry & Prediction	IGC, Resilience	Low	0.3 (Fast)	2s	Immediate threat detection
`override_command`	IGC	Resilience	Very Low	1.0 (None)	N/A	Execute safety动作

`energy_bid` / `energy_ask`	Core Optimization	IGC, Core Optimization	High	0.8 (Medium)	10s	Market trading
`sensor_reading`	Telemetry & Prediction	All	Very High	1.0 (None)	N/A	Raw data stream
`model_update`	All	Federated Learning	Medium	1.0 (None)	N/A	Federated learning

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3.2. Live System Dashboard (Grafana) Design

This is the primary visual interface for a Grid Operator. It's built in Grafana with a dark theme for clarity.

Dashboard Title: HiveGrid - System Operational Overview

Layout:

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|   A. Grid Map     |   B. HUL Monitor     |   C. Market View |
| (Geospatial View) | (System Constitution)| (Economics)      |
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|   D. Pheromone Traffic Live View (Top 10 by Intensity)      |
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|   E. Agent Health Status (Summary by Swarm)                 |
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|   F. Alert Log & System Events (Chronological Feed)         |
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Panel Details:

A. Grid Map (Geospatial View)

- Visual: A geographical map of the grid service area.
- Overlays:
    - Color-coded Voltage Levels: From green (normal) to red (under/over voltage).
    - Animated Flow Lines: Showing real power flow direction and magnitude.
    - Icons: for generators (☀️), substations (⚡), and switches (🔀). Switch icons change color (red/green) for open/closed status.
    - Highlighted Areas: Flash red for areas under `fault_alert`.

B. HUL Monitor (System Constitution)

- Visual: A panel of eight large status lights.
- Content: One light for each HiveGrid Unbreakable Law (HUL).
    - Green: Law is being upheld.
    - Yellow: Law is under stress (e.g., frequency deviation approaching limit).
    - Red: Law has been violated. This triggers an audible alarm and expands the panel to show the exact reason and the IGC's proof trace.

C. Market View (Economics)

- Visual: Time-series graphs and key performance indicators (KPIs).
- Content:
    - Local Marginal Price (LMP): A live-updating chart showing price over the last hour.
    - Renewable Utilization %: A large gauge graph showing real-time value against a target of 99%.
    - Current Volume: Number of bids/asks in the last clearance.

D. Pheromone Traffic Live View

- Visual: A horizontal bar chart that updates in real-time.
- Content: The top 10 most intense pheromone types in the system at that moment. The bar length corresponds to the aggregated intensity. This gives the operator an immediate "mood" of the swarm.
    - `fault_alert` bars will be red and jump to the top.

    - `energy_bid` bars will be blue and constantly active.

E. Agent Health Status

- Visual: A series of small, color-coded boxes grouped by swarm.
- Content: Each box represents an agent. Color indicates health:
    - Green: Online, trust score > 0.8.
    - Yellow: Online, trust score 0.5 - 0.8.
    - Red: Offline or trust score < 0.5.
- Interaction: Clicking an agent box pops up a detail window with its latest logs, trust score history, and resource usage.

F. Alert Log & System Events

- Visual: A chronological, filterable list.
- Content: A combined feed of:
    - IGC Actions: "IGC vetoed market clearance X due to transformer overload (HUL-1)."
    - Agent Events: "PredictorAgent emitted fault_alert for Substation B."
    - System Events: "FLCoordinator completed a new global model update."
    - Operator Actions: "Operator manually overrode segment 4."

This combination of the Pheromone Flow Map and the Live Dashboard provides a complete picture: one defines the theoretical communication protocol, and the other provides the practical tool for monitoring that communication and the state of the entire system in real-time.