

# Multi-Agent Systems & Architectures in AI

Exploring Agentic AI and Collaborative Intelligence

# Introduction

## AI Agents

Autonomous entities that perceive, decide, and act in an environment.

## Multi-Agent Systems (MAS)

Groups of agents interacting to solve complex tasks.

## Relevance

Foundation for **Agentic AI**—AI systems with autonomy, adaptability, and coordination.





# Why Multi-Agent Systems?



## Scalability

Breaks down large problems into smaller sub-tasks.



## Diversity of Skills

Different agents can specialize in roles.



## Emergent Intelligence

Collaboration leads to solutions beyond single-agent capabilities.



## Applications

Robotics, distributed AI, simulations, collaborative decision-making.

# Core Concepts of Multi-Agent Systems



## Autonomy

Agents act without constant human control.



## Communication

Agents share information through protocols.



## Coordination

Synchronizing actions to avoid conflict.



## Cooperation vs. Competition

Agents may collaborate or compete.

# Multi-Agent Architectures

## 1. Centralized

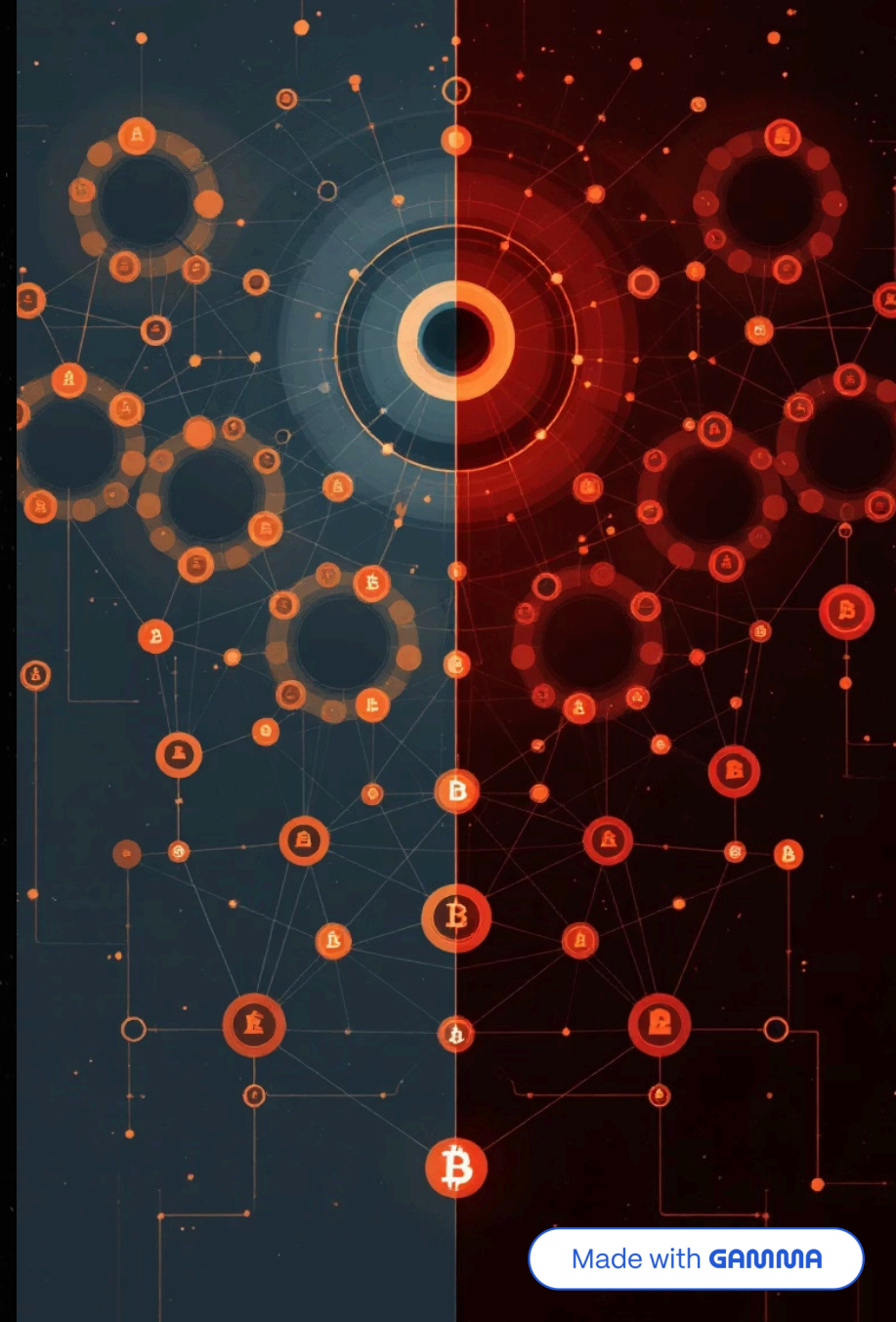
One agent directs others.

- **Pros:** Simpler control.
- **Cons:** Bottleneck, single point of failure.

## 2. Decentralized

No central controller, agents interact peer-to-peer.

- **Pros:** Robust, scalable.
- **Cons:** Coordination complexity.





# Types of Architectures

## Hierarchical

Tree-like structure with layered control.

## Market-Based

Agents negotiate and trade resources.

## Blackboard System

Shared knowledge space where agents contribute.

## Hybrid

Mix of centralized and decentralized for flexibility.

# Agentic AI & Multi-Agent Future



## Agentic AI

Next-generation AI that reasons, plans, and collaborates.



## Role of MAS

- Enables modular, adaptive AI ecosystems.
- Facilitates teamwork among AI agents and humans.

**Examples:** AI research assistants, autonomous vehicles in fleets, decentralized simulations.



# Conclusion



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Multi-agent systems are key to **scalable, resilient AI**.



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Agentic AI leverages MAS for **collaborative, autonomous intelligence**.



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Architectures define how agents interact and succeed.



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**Future:** Humans + AI agents in hybrid teams solving real-world challenges.