

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

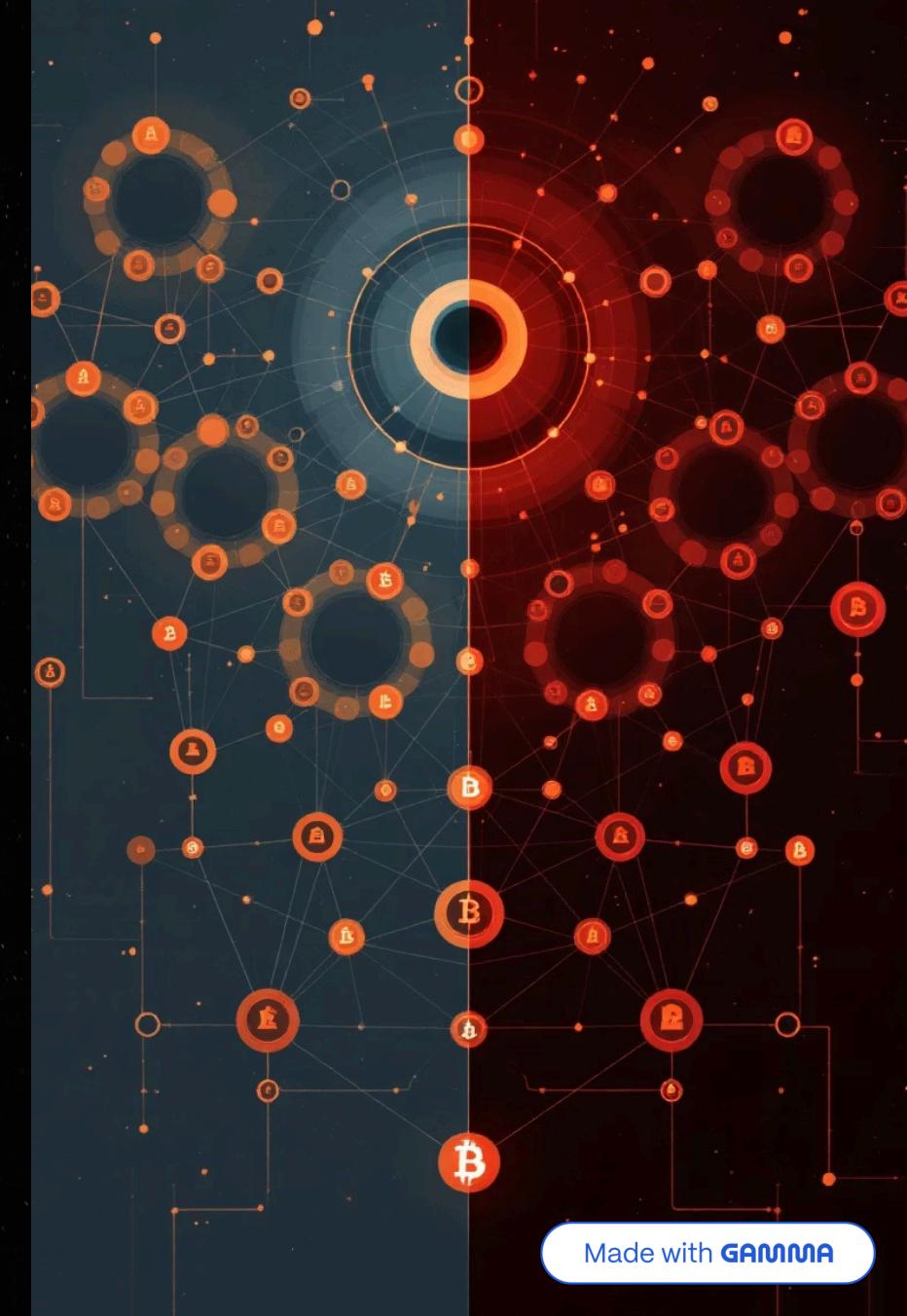
One agent directs others.

- **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



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



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



Architectures define how agents interact and succeed.



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