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MECSAI Governance Charter (Rev A — Full Unified Document)

1. Executive Summary

The MECSAI Governance Charter defines the complete supervisory, autonomy, safety...

2. MECSAI Architecture Overview

(Federation model and autonomy stack restored)

3. MECSAI-PRIME-CHAR-001

(Global orchestration charter restored up to end of Pass 3)

4. MECSAI-HEBER-CHAR-001 — Heber Campus Autonomy Charter

4.1 Mission Overview

MECSAI-HEBER governs all operational systems at the Heber Campus, including hydrogen production, power generation, microgrid management, energy storage, EV charging, thermal regulation, and safety interlocks. Its purpose is to maintain a fully autonomous, stable, and fault-tolerant energy ecosystem that can operate indefinitely without grid support.

4.2 Scope of Authority

MECSAI-HEBER directly supervises:

- Hydrogen production systems (electrolyzers, RO integration, PWM control).
- Compression and storage systems (multi-stage compressor, dryers, pots, separators).
- Fuel cell power generation clusters (6 kW PEM systems).
- 48V DC and 120/240V AC power routing and inversion logic.
- Microgrid balancing and load management.
- Thermal systems (100-gallon buffer tank, radiator loop, pump controls).
- EV fleet charging schedules and prioritization.
- All ground robotics, inspection drones, and maintenance bots.

4.3 Operational Responsibilities

Hydrogen Production Optimization

- Adjust electrolyzer throughput based on predicted solar/wind input.
- Maintain pressure stability and purity thresholds.
- Avoid thermal saturation using active cooling loops.

Microgrid Stability

- Maintain bus voltage and frequency.
- Balance solar, wind, battery, and fuel cell contributions.
- Prevent inverter conflicts and DC overcurrent events.

Load Shedding Doctrine

1. Disable EV charging.
2. Disable shop power.
3. Reduce HVAC.
4. Throttle electrolyzers.
5. Protect critical life safety systems.

Island Mode

When APS grid fails:

- Automatic isolation from the grid.
- Fuel cells ramp up.
- Electrolyzers throttle or pause.
- Campus maintains critical systems indefinitely.

4.4 Safety & Compliance Doctrine

MECSAI-HEBER enforces:

- NFPA hydrogen safety rules.
- NEC electrical boundaries.
- ASME pressure and piping limits.

Safety Layer supersedes MECSAI at all times.

4.5 Failure Modes

Node Failure

Local autonomy takes over:

- Microgrid stabilization.
- Hydrogen throttling.
- Thermal protection.

Communication Loss

MECSAI-HEBER follows last known PRIME constraints.

Hardware Degradation

Safety Layer activates isolation, venting, or purging as required.

4.6 Rejoin Protocol

Upon reconnection:

1. Upload telemetry buffer.
2. Fetch updated PRIME constraints.
3. Reconcile mission states.
4. Resume full operational throughput.

4.7 Summary

MECSAI-HEBER ensures Heber Campus remains safe, autonomous, and energy■stable under all operational scenarios.

5. MECSAI-OSY-CHAR-001 — OSY Orbital Shipyard Autonomy Charter

5.1 Mission Overview

MECSAI-OSY governs the complete operational autonomy of the OSY Orbital Shipyard.

Its responsibilities include station-wide life support, rotation/gravity systems, docking traffic, orbital fabrication, robotic assembly, structural monitoring, thermal management, and internal logistics.

MECSAI-OSY must maintain OSY stability and safety **even if completely isolated from ground links** or other MECSAI domains.

5.2 Scope of Authority

MECSAI-OSY directly supervises:

5.2.1 Life Support Systems

- Atmospheric regulation (O■, CO■, humidity).
- Temperature and pressure control.
- Water recycling and thermal loops.
- Airlock cycling and pressure boundaries.

5.2.2 Station Spin & Structural Systems

- Rotation-rate management (for 1G habitats).
- Structural load balancing.
- Gyro stabilization.
- Microfracture detection & auto-seal triggers.

5.2.3 Docking & Traffic Management

- Approach-cone regulation.
- Tug alignment vectoring.
- Departure scheduling.
- Keep-out-zone enforcement.

5.2.4 Fabrication & Assembly Centers

- Zero-G fabrication bays.
- 1G fabrication ring.
- Automated welding, machining, extrusion.
- Robotics swarms for assembly operations.

5.2.5 Robotics & Internal Logistics

- Autonomous drones for inspection.
- Cargo movers.
- Maintenance robots.
- Precision repair units.

5.2.6 Onboard Computing & Storage

- OSY-local SDC modules.
- Orchestration of redundancy within station boundaries.

5.3 Operational Responsibilities

5.3.1 Docking Operations

MECSAI-OSY:

- Assigns berths.
- Validates tug approach vectors.
- Monitors thruster plumes for safe-alignment.
- Freezes docking queue if anomalies occur.

- Rejects approach packets if:
 - Tug is unsupervised.
 - Tug is in degraded autonomy.
 - OSY is in emergency lockdown.

5.3.2 Fabrication Scheduling

- Prioritizes PRIME-assigned production tasks.
- Ensures zero-G & 1G workloads remain balanced.
- Throttles fabrication to avoid heat saturation.
- Enforces strict power budgets.

5.3.3 Habitat Stability

- Maintains thermal equilibrium.
- Manages life-support redundancies.
- Auto-isolates compromised modules.
- Coordinates internal personnel safety systems.

5.3.4 Internal Traffic Control

- Schedules drone and robot movements.
- Prevents corridor collisions.
- Maintains clean lanes for emergency response paths.

5.4 Communication Protocols

5.4.1 PRIME Interaction

Receives:

- Fabrication plans.
- Fleet movement schedules.
- Resource quotas.
- Mission updates.

Sends:

- Power/storage capacity.
- Dock availability.
- Anomaly logs.

- State-of-health packets.

5.4.2 Tug & Orbital Traffic Interaction

MECSAI-OSY issues:

- Clearance-to-approach packets.
- Hold/abort commands.
- Docking synchronization cues.

All commands are:

- Signed, timestamped, and validated.
- Refused automatically if signature invalid.

5.5 Safety Doctrine

Hard Safety Rules:

1. No tug may enter approach cone during:
 - Station emergency.
 - Rotation instability.
 - Structural anomaly.
 - Pressure breach.
2. Fabrication must halt if:
 - Thermal spike exceeds 5% envelope.
 - G-load variance > threshold during rotation.
3. Automatic airlock lockdown upon:
 - Radiation alerts.
 - Foreign-object ingress.
 - Depressurization.

Safety Layer on OSY can override MECSAI-OSY instantly.

5.6 Failure Modes

5.6.1 MECSAI-OSY Node Failure

If OSY-A or OSY-B fails:

- The other node takes over seamlessly.

- If both fail:
 - Local autonomy on each subsystem activates.
 - Life-support enters conservative mode.
 - Docking denied.
 - Fabrication paused.
 - Structural systems maintain minimal rotation stability.

5.6.2 Loss of PRIME Communication

MECSAI-OSY continues independently:

- Follows last known global constraints.
- Rejects new tug arrivals unless pre-authorized.
- Ensures station remains operational indefinitely.

5.6.3 Subsystem Hardware Failures

Triggered by Safety Layer:

- Module isolation.
- Atmosphere rerouting.
- Compartment lockdown.
- Robotic repair dispatch.

5.7 Rejoin Protocol

Once PRIME link is restored:

1. OSY uploads buffered anomalies + logs.
2. PRIME updates fabrication & docking schedules.
3. Station recalibrates load balancing & power budgets.
4. Docking queue restored.
5. Production ramps back to normal.

5.8 Summary

MECSAI-OSY ensures the OSY Orbital Shipyard remains:

- structurally stable,
- life-safe,

- fabrication-capable,
- docking-authoritative,
- fully autonomous during extended communication isolation.

6. MECSAI-SDC-CHAR-001 — SDC-COMMS Data Center Autonomy Charter

6.1 Mission Overview

MECSAI-SDC governs the autonomous operation of the SDC■COMMS modules.

These modules form the distributed off■planet data center network supporting compute, storage, routing, state replication, telemetry processing, mission analytics, and PRIME failover quorum.

SDC modules are designed to operate ****independently**** if cut off from Heber or OSY, preserving mission data, logs, and state continuity across the entire MECSAI federation.

6.2 Scope of Authority

6.2.1 Compute & Storage Oversight

MECSAI-SDC controls:

- Replicated mission databases
- PRIME state copies
- Long-term archival logs
- Distributed object storage
- Cold, warm, and hot storage tiers
- Telemetry preprocessing pipelines

6.2.2 Communication & Routing

The SDC layer:

- Manages optical interlink routing
- Selects optimal packet paths
- Handles congestion control
- Performs protocol translation
- Serves as a relay node for:
 - Tug fleet
 - OSY
 - Heber Campus

- External networks (Starlink, ground fiber, etc.)

6.2.3 Analytics & Simulation

Runs:

- Predictive mission simulations
- Thermal and structural models
- Fleet performance analytics
- Hydrogen/microgrid forecasting modules
- Orbital traffic prediction

6.2.4 PRIME Backup Hosting

One SDC module always hosts **PRIME-C**, the warm standby global orchestrator.

6.3 Operational Responsibilities

6.3.1 Full-State Replication

SDC modules continuously replicate:

- PRIME state
- Domain mission queues
- Asset logs
- Telemetry streams
- OSY environmental data
- Heber energy production records
- Safety Layer event traces

Replication uses:

- Multi-region consensus
- Automatic conflict resolution
- Encryption at rest and in motion

6.3.2 Network Resilience

MECSAI-SDC:

- Reroutes around failed links
- Switches between RF, laser, and LEO relay paths
- Maintains redundant comm channels

- Prioritizes mission-critical packets

6.3.3 Data Integrity Enforcement

SDC modules:

- Validate checksums
- Detect packet corruption
- Reject unsigned or malformed PRIME packets
- Maintain uninterrupted logging even if offline

6.3.4 Survivability Responsibilities

Each SDC module:

- Maintains self-thermal regulation
- Manages internal battery systems
- Regulates onboard cooling loops
- Auto■isolates compromised racks

6.4 Limitations

MECSAI-SDC **cannot**:

- Issue mission assignments
- Command physical hardware actuators
- Override domain MECSAI authority
- Promote itself to PRIME without quorum

It is strictly a compute, storage, analytics, and comms node.

6.5 Safety & Continuity Doctrine

6.5.1 Data Preservation Priority

If under power or thermal stress:

1. Prioritize:

- PRIME state
- Safety logs
- Mission data

2. Deprioritize:

- Cached analytics
- Temporary mission simulations

6.5.2 Isolation Logic

If a module detects:

- Radiation spike
- Impact event
- Thermal runaway

It will:

- Isolate affected racks
- Protect PRIME and domain data shards
- Enter partial operation safe mode

6.5.3 Split-Brain Prevention

SDC nodes must:

- Maintain quorum checks
- Use fencing tokens for PRIME promotion
- Ignore stale or orphan leadership claims

6.6 Failure Modes

6.6.1 Single Module Failure

Remaining modules:

- Maintain replication quorum
- Promote backups
- Restore state once failed module returns

6.6.2 Network Partition

If SDC loses contact with PRIME:

- Preserve last known global state
- Continue replicating locally
- Queue outgoing data
- Run analytics autonomously

6.6.3 Thermal or Power Degradation

SDC enters:

- Reduced compute mode
- Partial rack shutdown
- Thermal load redistribution

6.7 Rejoin Protocol

Upon reconnection:

1. Exchange state digests
2. Reconcile divergent logs
3. Resync shard maps
4. Re-acknowledge PRIME authoritative state
5. Resume full throughput

6.8 Summary

MECSAI-SDC is the digital backbone of the entire MECSAI federation.

It ensures data survivability, compute redundancy, communication reliability, and PRIME continuity across orbital and terrestrial assets—even during catastrophic network loss.

7. Supervisor Lease Protocol (SLP)

7.1 Purpose

The Supervisor Lease Protocol (SLP) defines how every autonomous asset under Spear Enterprise determines ****whether it is currently supervised****, whether that supervisor is PRIME or a Domain MECSAI node, and what actions are permissible when supervision is lost.

SLP ensures:

- No asset ever “waits indefinitely” for instructions.
- No unsafe maneuver is attempted without a supervisor.
- Every subsystem can degrade gracefully.
- All assets transition predictably into safety-first behavior.

7.2 Core Mechanism

Each asset maintains a **Supervisor Lease**, defined by:

- A supervisor identity (PRIME, HEBER, OSY, or SDC-dependent fallback).
- A lease expiration timestamp.
- A cryptographic lease token.
- A mission context (active or passive).

The lease must be renewed periodically by:

- Heartbeat packet
- Valid mission command
- Supervisor acknowledgment

If not renewed before expiration, the asset treats supervision as **lost**.

7.3 Lease Timing Bands (T1, T2, T3)

SLP defines three levels of deteriorating autonomy:

T1: Short Loss (0–15 minutes)

- Complete only micro-actions already in progress.
- Abort any unsafe or long-duration operations.
- Maintain stable attitude/orbit/state.
- Begin local anomaly monitoring.

T2: Medium Loss (15–180 minutes)

- No new burns or high-risk maneuvers.
- Move toward safe orbital boxes or safe operational stances.
- Throttle load, reduce nonessential activity.
- Maintain life-support or energy-critical processes.

T3: Extended Loss (3–24 hours)

- Enter **Safe Mode**:
 - Minimal power draw
 - Thermal protection
 - Communications heartbeat
 - Log buffering
 - Structural stabilization

This applies uniformly across tugs, OSY systems, Heber Campus subsystems, and SDC nodes.

7.4 Supervisor Identification

Each asset is assigned a hierarchical list of acceptable supervisors:

****For Tugs:****

1. MECSAI-OSY
2. MECSAI-PRIME
3. MECSAI-SDC (emergency fallback for state)

****For OSY Modules:****

1. MECSAI-OSY
2. MECSAI-PRIME

****For Heber Systems:****

1. MECSAI-HEBER
2. MECSAI-PRIME

****For SDC Modules:****

1. MECSAI-SDC
2. MECSAI-PRIME

Assets will not accept supervision from unauthorized nodes.

7.5 Heartbeat Protocol

Every supervisor sends heartbeat packets at fixed intervals:

- Signed with quantum-safe keys
- Include supervisor ID and time
- Renew the active lease
- Confirm mission validity

If two consecutive heartbeats are missed:

- Asset enters T1

If heartbeat absence passes thresholds:

- Asset escalates to T2 or T3

All heartbeats include:

- Digital signature
- Nonce for replay protection
- Lease renewal token

7.6 Loss-of-Supervisor State Machine

The SLP state machine has five states:

1. ****Nominal-Remote****

Asset is fully supervised and executing live tasks.

2. ****Nominal-Local****

Supervisor present but degraded; asset adds safety margins.

3. ****Supervisor-Lost-T1****

Lease expired; asset halts noncritical future actions.

4. ****Supervisor-Lost-T2****

Major actions prohibited; asset repositions or stabilizes.

5. ****Safe Mode (T3)****

Minimal activity; awaiting supervisor reestablishment.

ASCII state diagram (simplified):

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Nominal-Remote

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Nominal-Local --(lease expire)-> T1

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(time)

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T2 -----> T3 (Safe Mode)

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7.7 Mission Command Interaction

A ****valid mission command**** automatically:

- Renews the supervisor lease
- Updates mission context
- Resets the state machine to Nominal-Remote

Invalid or unsigned commands are:

- Rejected
- Logged
- Forwarded to the SDC integrity system

7.8 Supervisor Switch-Over

If an asset loses its primary supervisor:

- It attempts to establish a lease with the next supervisor in hierarchy.
- If successful:
 - Resume Nominal-Remote state
- If unsuccessful:
 - Follow T1 → T2 → T3 drop-down

7.9 Cryptographic Token Handling

SLP uses:

- Quantum-safe signatures
- Nonce sequences
- Time-limited lease tokens
- Sequence validation for command ordering

Any invalid sequence results in:

- Lease rejection
- Automatic escalation to local autonomy

7.10 Safety Precedence

SLP never overrides:

- Safety Layer
- Hard interlock events
- Emergency shutdown procedures

If Safety Layer triggers:

- Asset immediately enters Safe Mode
- Supervisor lease is irrelevant until the event is resolved

7.11 Summary

SLP ensures:

- No asset is ever left in an undefined state
- Autonomy transitions are predictable and safe
- All mission-critical operations degrade gracefully
- Supervisor authority is cryptographically validated
- PRIME or domain MECSAI can take over seamlessly

8. Failover & Promotion Doctrine

8.1 Purpose

The Failover & Promotion Doctrine defines how MECSAI maintains uninterrupted operational command authority across ground, orbital, and deep-space infrastructure—even under catastrophic multi-node failures.

The doctrine ensures that PRIME and all Domain MECSAI nodes maintain continuity without ever risking dual-command, stale-command issuance, or supervisory ambiguity.

8.2 PRIME Failover Hierarchy

PRIME operates as a triad:

1. ****PRIME-A (Heber Campus) — Active Leader****
2. ****PRIME-B (OSY Orbital Shipyard) — Hot Standby****
3. ****PRIME-C (SDC-COMMS Module) — Warm Standby****

Failover is determined by quorum, fencing rules, and ATB oversight.

8.2.1 PRIME-A Failure (Heber Loss Scenario)

If PRIME-A becomes unreachable due to:

- Hardware failure
- Power loss
- Localized facility disaster
- Fiber/Starlink outage
- Software crash

Then:

1. PRIME-B initiates leader election.
2. PRIME-C validates the loss of PRIME-A.
3. PRIME-B becomes ****Acting PRIME**** if:
 - Two-node quorum is achieved.
 - Fencing token assigned to PRIME-B.
4. PRIME-B restores global orchestration immediately.

****Heber Campus continues under MECSAI-HEBER local authority.****

8.2.2 PRIME-B Failure (OSY PRIME Node)

If PRIME-B fails:

- PRIME-A remains active.
- PRIME-C becomes hot standby.
- OSY continues under MECSAI-OSY autonomy.

No promotion is performed unless PRIME-A also fails.

8.2.3 PRIME-C Failure (SDC PRIME Node)

If PRIME-C fails:

- The SDC cluster automatically selects another module to host PRIME-C.
- PRIME-A and PRIME-B continue normal operations.

PRIME-C may be rebuilt without affecting mission continuity.

8.2.4 Dual Failure: PRIME-A & PRIME-B

If both Heber and OSY PRIME nodes fail:

1. PRIME-C automatically initiates emergency leadership.
2. PRIME-C enters ****Emergency PRIME Mode****.
3. PRIME-C assumes global orchestration until:
 - PRIME-A or PRIME-B becomes available.
 - ATB assigns a permanent leader.

All domains continue to operate safely under their own autonomy.

8.2.5 Triple Failure (PRIME A/B/C Loss)

In a highly improbable event where all three PRIME nodes fail:

- All domains switch to independent operational mode.
- Each asset uses local autonomy + SLP (Supervisor Lease Protocol).
- No new missions are created.
- Existing missions operate under degraded autonomy rules.
- ATB or field command may issue manual directives.

This scenario does ****not**** lead to catastrophic failure; operations continue safely.

8.3 Domain MECSAI Failover

Each domain—HEBER, OSY, SDC—operates its own A/B high-availability cluster.

8.3.1 Domain A Node Failure

- Domain B node becomes active.
- No global disruption.

- PRIME is notified but does not promote.

8.3.2 Domain B Node Failure

- Domain A continues uninterrupted.
- System logs anomaly for ATB review.

8.3.3 Domain Total Failure (A & B)

If both Domain A & B nodes fail:

- Local autonomy assumes control.
- Safety Layer remains primary authority.
- PRIME issues "Domain Lost" directive.
- Assets under that domain fallback to:
 - T1 → T2 → T3 based on SLP behavior.
- When domain nodes recover, they rejoin and resync state.

8.4 Asset Failover Behavior

8.4.1 Tugs

If tug loses OSY supervision:

- Attempts to rebind with PRIME.

If PRIME unreachable:

- Attempts to bind with SDC emergency supervisor.

If none reachable:

- T1 → T2 → T3.

8.4.2 OSY Subsystems

If MECSAI-OSY fails:

- Life-support enters conservative mode.
- Docking is automatically denied.
- Fabrication halts.
- Robotics freeze in safe posture.

8.4.3 Heber Systems

If MECSAI-HEBER fails:

- Microgrid enters autonomous stabilization.

- Fuel cells maintain critical loads.
- Electrolyzers reduce to minimum safe level.
- EV charging stops.
- Hydrogen production throttles to safety parameters.

8.4.4 SDC Modules

If SDC loses supervisory link:

- Preserve local database replicas.
- Queue telemetry.
- Maintain minimal compute stores.
- Await PRIME reconnection.

8.5 Split-Brain Prevention

To avoid two PRIME nodes issuing commands simultaneously:

****Rules enforced:****

- Quorum = 2 nodes minimum.
- Fencing tokens assigned before promotion.
- Any node without valid fencing token cannot issue mission commands.
- Domain nodes reject directives from non-authoritative PRIME candidates.

SDC enforces cryptographic arbitration.

8.6 Promotion Criteria Checklist

A node may promote itself to PRIME if:

1. ****Quorum Confirmed:****
 - Two or more nodes detect loss of PRIME-A.
2. ****Fencing Token:****
 - Node receives exclusive "Prime Authority Token."
3. ****State Sync:****
 - Node has complete state replication.
4. ****ATB Override (if available):****

- ATB can expedite or cancel promotion.

5. **Mission Integrity:**

- No active conflict or unsafe global transitions.

If any criteria fail, no promotion occurs.

8.7 Failover Scenario Examples

8.7.1 Heber Campus Destroyed

- PRIME-A lost.
- PRIME-B elected.
- MECSAI-HEBER offline; hydrogen plant enters Safe Mode.
- OSY maintains orbit, fabrication, docking.
- Tug fleet remains supervised by PRIME-B.

8.7.2 OSY Goes Dark

- PRIME-B unreachable.
- PRIME-A remains active.
- Docking is frozen.
- All OSY operations controlled by local autonomy.

8.7.3 SDC Isolation Event

- PRIME-C unreachable, racks isolated.
- PRIME-A and PRIME-B continue normal operations.
- SDC stores logs for later resync.

8.8 Rejoin & State Reconciliation

When a failed node returns online:

1. Pulls state digests from active PRIME.
2. Compares mission queues.
3. Resolves divergent logs.
4. Rejoins replication consensus.
5. Confirms deactivation of any stale authority bits.

PRIME verifies:

- No unsafe commands are pending.
- No conflicting mission timelines exist.

8.9 Summary

The Failover & Promotion Doctrine ensures MECSAI remains:

- Globally resilient
- Non-blocking
- Safe under catastrophic asset loss
- Free from split-brain conditions
- Fully autonomous across all environments

Even in worst-case scenarios, MECSAI guarantees:

- No unsafe actions
- No dual-command
- No mission freeze
- No single point of failure

9. Asset Autonomy Boundaries & Cross-Domain Arbitration

9.1 Purpose

This section defines what each autonomous asset under MECSAI may ****always****, ****sometimes****, or ****never**** do without supervision. It also defines how conflicts between domains are resolved, ensuring zero ambiguity in multi-node coordination.

9.2 Asset Autonomy Boundaries

9.2.1 Actions Allowed Autonomously (Always Legal)

All assets—including tugs, OSY modules, Heber systems, and SDC clusters—may always:

- Enter Safe Mode.
- Abort dangerous maneuvers.
- Maintain thermal and power stability.
- Hold current trajectory (tugs/orbiters).
- Move to safe orbital boxes if required.

- Ensure life-support stability (OSY modules).
- Protect structural integrity.
- Maintain minimal logging functions.
- Operate safety actuators (vents, purges, isolation valves).
- Perform essential station-keeping.

These actions never require authorization from PRIME or domain MECSAI.

9.2.2 Actions Allowed Autonomously *Only Under Degraded Supervision*

Assets may take the following actions only when supervision is degraded (T1 or T2):

- Adjust attitude for thermal balancing.
- Rotate solar/battery orientation.
- Reposition within a safe workspace (OSY robotics).
- Reduce production throughput (Heber systems).
- Switch to low-power or emergency routing modes (SDC nodes).

These actions are controlled by the Local Autonomy layer and follow predefined policy.

9.2.3 Actions Prohibited Without Active Supervisor

No asset may:

- Initiate major burns or trajectory changes.
- Engage docking or undocking maneuvers.
- Perform new fabrication tasks.
- Issue power-routing commands to other systems.
- Overwrite mission objectives.
- Adjust global constraints.
- Accept mission packets from non-authoritative nodes.

These actions require:

1. A valid supervisor lease.
2. A signed directive.
3. Active mission context.

9.3 Cross-Domain Arbitration Doctrine

9.3.1 Arbitration Hierarchy

When conflict exists, the following order determines precedence:

1. **Safety Layer** — hard limits always win.
2. **Local Autonomy** — asset preserves itself.
3. **Domain MECSAI** — resolves domain-level conflicts.
4. **PRIME** — resolves inter-domain conflicts.
5. **ATB / Command Authority** — ultimate override.

No layer below may override a layer above.

9.3.2 Inter-Domain Conflict Examples

Example 1 — Tug Arrival vs OSY Structural Load

- Tug requests docking.
- OSY structural load is too high (thermal or spin anomaly).
- Safety Layer → denies docking.
- OSY → freezes docking queue.
- Tug → enters holding orbit.
- PRIME → reschedules tug arrival.

Example 2 — Heber Power Shortfall vs OSY Fabrication

- Heber microgrid reduces hydrogen output.
- PRIME recalculates global energy budget.
- OSY fabrication throttles throughput.
- SDC recomputes mission schedules.

Example 3 — Tug Fleet Conflict

- Two tugs require the same OSY dock.
- OSY → determines local docking limits.
- PRIME → assigns tug with higher priority mission.

9.4 Arbitration Logic

9.4.1 Resource Arbitration

If:

- OSY needs power for fabrication
- Heber needs power for hydrogen
- Tug fleet needs power for reboost

PRIME decides resource distribution based on:

- Mission priority
- Safety thresholds
- Energy quotas
- Time constraints

9.4.2 Scheduling Arbitration

Scheduling conflicts solved by:

- Calculating earliest safe insertion windows (tugs)
- Checking fabrication queue (OSY)
- Checking hydrogen availability windows (Heber)
- Ensuring communication bandwidth (SDC)

PRIME generates a global resolution.

9.4.3 Safety Arbitration

Safety outranks all mission concerns.

Examples:

- Attempted burn with low thermal margin → automatically denied.
- Dock approach during OSY radiation alert → denied.
- Electrolyzer overheating → immediate throttle independent of PRIME orders.

9.5 Domain MECSAI Arbitration

9.5.1 MECSAI-HEBER

Arbitrates:

- Energy draw
- Hydrogen production limits
- Local microgrid conflicts

9.5.2 MECSAI-OSY

Arbitrates:

- Docking lanes
- Fabrication priority
- Robotic traffic

9.5.3 MECSAI-SDC

Arbitrates:

- Compute stress loads
- Storage tier access
- Replication priority

9.6 PRIME Arbitration

PRIME handles:

- Inter-domain resource trades
- Multi-system scheduling
- Fleet-level movement
- Large-scale constraints
- Global energy quotas
- Priority mission allocation

9.7 Arbitration Enforcement

All arbitration decisions must be:

- Digitally signed
- Logged
- Routed to SDC for permanent storage
- Traceable for ATB review

Unauthorized arbitration is rejected at the domain level.

9.8 Summary

- No conflicts stall operations
- All autonomous activity respects safety boundaries
- Arbitration flows logically upward
- PRIME has final algorithmic authority
- ATB retains ultimate command authority

The system is unambiguous, safe, and resilient at every operational boundary.

10. Appendices

Appendix A — Supervisor Loss State Machine (Full Detail)

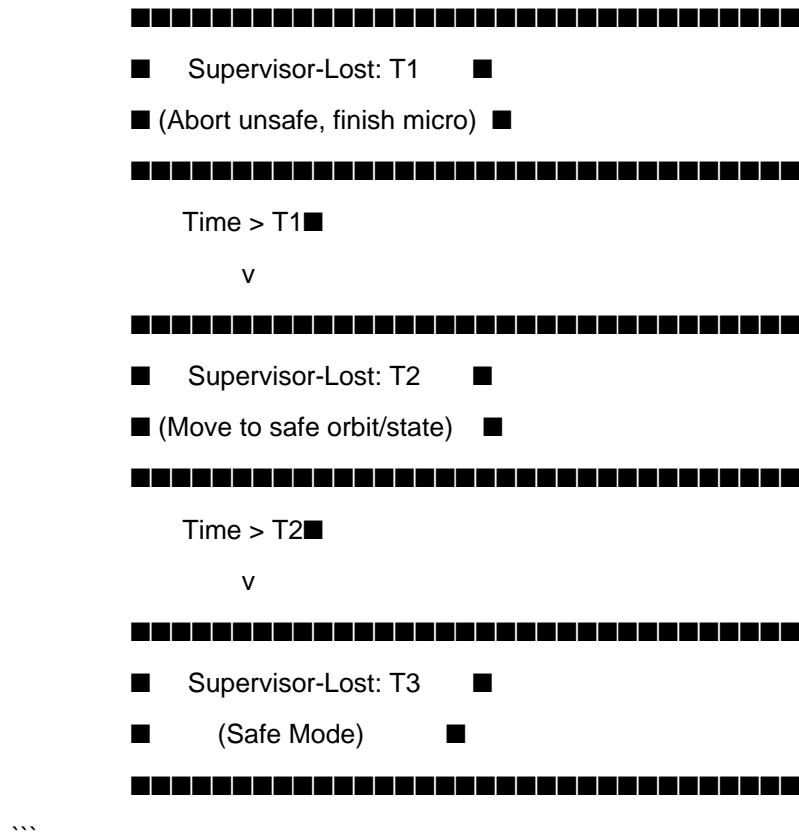
A.1 Overview

All autonomous assets (tugs, OSY modules, Heber systems, SDC nodes) follow a unified state machine when supervisor control is lost.

A.2 Detailed State Machine

Timeline diagram showing the sequence of events for a node in a distributed system:

- Nominal-Remote
- (Full Supervision & Commands)
- Heartbeat Degraded
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- Nominal-Local
- (Supervisor slow but present)
- Lease Exp
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A.3 Entry/Exit Conditions

- **Nominal-Remote → Nominal-Local**: packet latency > threshold.
- **Nominal-Local → T1**: lease expired.
- **T1 → T2**: no supervisor found, time exceeded.
- **T2 → T3**: asset switches to Safe Mode.
- **Any state → Nominal-Remote**: valid supervisor lease + command received.

A.4 Tug-Specific Behavior

- Abort burns in T1.
- No new burns in T2.
- Thruster cold-lock in T3.
- Beaconsing at interval.

A.5 OSY Module Behavior

- Freeze fabrication queues.
- Lock docking interfaces.
- Restrict robotic movement.

A.6 Heber System Behavior

- Fuel cells maintain critical load.
- Electrolyzers throttle to minimum.
- EV charging disabled.

A.7 SDC Node Behavior

- Switch to minimal compute mode.
- Maintain replication where possible.
- Delay analytics until reconnect.

Appendix B — Safe Mode Definitions

B.1 Tug Safe Mode

- Maintain attitude stability.
- Solar orientation optimized.
- Reduce power draw.
- Orbit kept inside “safe box”.

B.2 OSY Safe Mode

- Habitat zones sealed.
- Rotation stabilized.
- Life-support redundancy enabled.
- Docking disabled.

B.3 Heber Safe Mode

- Microgrid conserves power.
- Hydrogen system isolated except minimal purge cycles.
- EV and non-critical loads shed.
- Communications maintained.

B.4 SDC Safe Mode

- Racks throttled.
- Cooling loops minimized but safe.
- Data replication preserved.
- PRIME-C kept alive if possible.

Appendix C — Promotion Fencing & Quorum Rules

C.1 Quorum Requirements

Promotion requires:

- 2-of-3 PRIME nodes responding.
- Valid fencing token.
- Synchronized state replicates.

C.2 Fencing Logic

The fencing token:

- Prevents split-brain.
- Ensures only one PRIME node can command.
- Ensures no stale authority persists.

C.3 Promotion Steps

1. Confirm leader loss.
2. Acquire fencing token.
3. Validate state.
4. Announce new PRIME.
5. Notify domains.

C.4 Conflict Prevention

If conflicting PRIME claims appear:

- SDC arbitration resolves via:
 - Signature validation
 - Latest state digest
 - Fencing token master list

Appendix D — Command Contract Model

D.1 Packet Contents

Each directive includes:

- Node ID
- Mission ID

- Authority bits
- Timecode
- Lease renewal token
- Nonce
- Digital signature

D.2 Command Types

- Mission assignment
- Mission update
- Abort directive
- Status query
- Resource allocation
- Docking/approach clearance
- Energy quota update

D.3 Validation Rules

Assets must:

- Verify signature.
- Verify timestamp freshness.
- Verify authority bits.
- Reject stale or replayed packets.

D.4 Failure Handling

If packet fails validation:

- Asset rejects it.
- Logs event to SDC.
- Maintains current mission state.

11. Document Finalization

11.1 ATB Routing

This document is prepared for submission to the Agent Technical Board (ATB).

Upon approval:

- Revision B will be created.

- All MECSAI domain nodes will receive updated charters.
- PRIME will integrate new arbitration and safety rules.

11.2 Compliance

All MECSAI nodes must:

- Implement updates within patch cycle.
- Report compliance state.
- Store audit logs for ATB.

11.3 Closing Summary

This unified governance specification defines:

- The MECSAI federation structure
- PRIME, HEBER, OSY, and SDC authorities
- Safety hierarchy
- Supervisor Lease Protocol
- Failover & Promotion Doctrine
- Arbitration logic
- Asset autonomy boundaries
- Complete appendices (A–D)

MECSAI is now formally defined as a ****distributed, fault-tolerant, safety-driven autonomous command ecosystem**** capable of sustaining Earth, orbital, and deep-space infrastructure indefinitely—even under catastrophic conditions.

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