Preemptive Cascade Mitigation

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What It Specifies

Cascade analysis identifies high-probability cascade conditions; the architecture supports preemptive mitigation actions: shed load to prevent overload propagation, reroute to prevent capacity cascade, isolate to prevent failure propagation. Each action carries credentialed authority.

Preemptive actions are recorded structurally. The triggering analysis, the action authority, the action targets, and the action outcomes all enter lineage; downstream audit can verify preemptive decisions structurally.

Why It Matters Structurally

Reactive-only mitigation faces structural cascade vulnerability. Cascades propagate faster than reactive response; preemptive action is structurally more effective.

Preemptive mitigation produces structural prevention. The architecture supports the prevention through governed action; the action operates against credentialed targets; outcomes are auditable.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines the preemptive-action taxonomy, the action-authority declaration, and the action-outcome recording. Implementations apply the architecture; mitigating units operate within the framework.

Mitigation composes with other features. Cross-jurisdictional preemptive mitigation, byzantine-robust mitigation under disputed conditions, and dispute mechanism for preemptive-decision disputes all build on the mitigation primitive.

What This Enables

Defense mesh resilience gains structurally-supported preemptive mitigation. Civilian critical-infrastructure resilience (grid, water, communication) gains the same.

The architecture also supports mitigation evolution. As cascade patterns are characterized through operational experience, mitigation taxonomies update through governance procedures.