

Digital On-Demand Computing Organism for Real-time Systems **DodOrg**

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▶ **Project Motivation: DodOrg Application Scenario**

▶ **Results of the 1st Project Phase:**

- Organic Robot Control
- Organic Middleware
- Organic Monitoring
- Ultra Low Power Processing
- Organic Processing Cells

▶ **Future Work (Plasticity, Dynamics, and Stability)**

- Organic Robot Control
- Organic Middleware
- Organic Monitoring
- Distributed Low Power Management
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▶ **Conclusions**

Change of Robot Model

Possible Faults



Defective fan



Klaus



Voltage peak



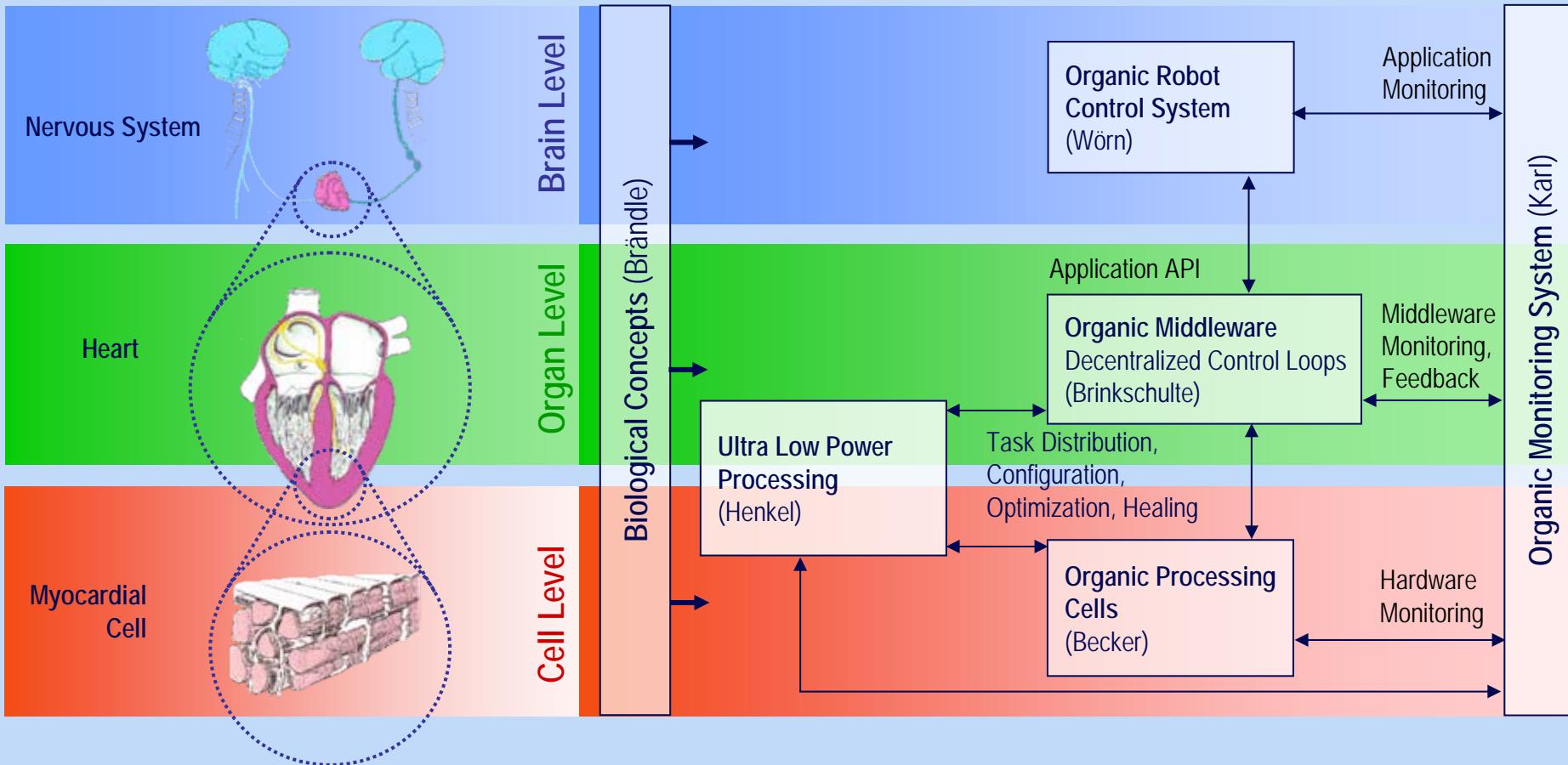
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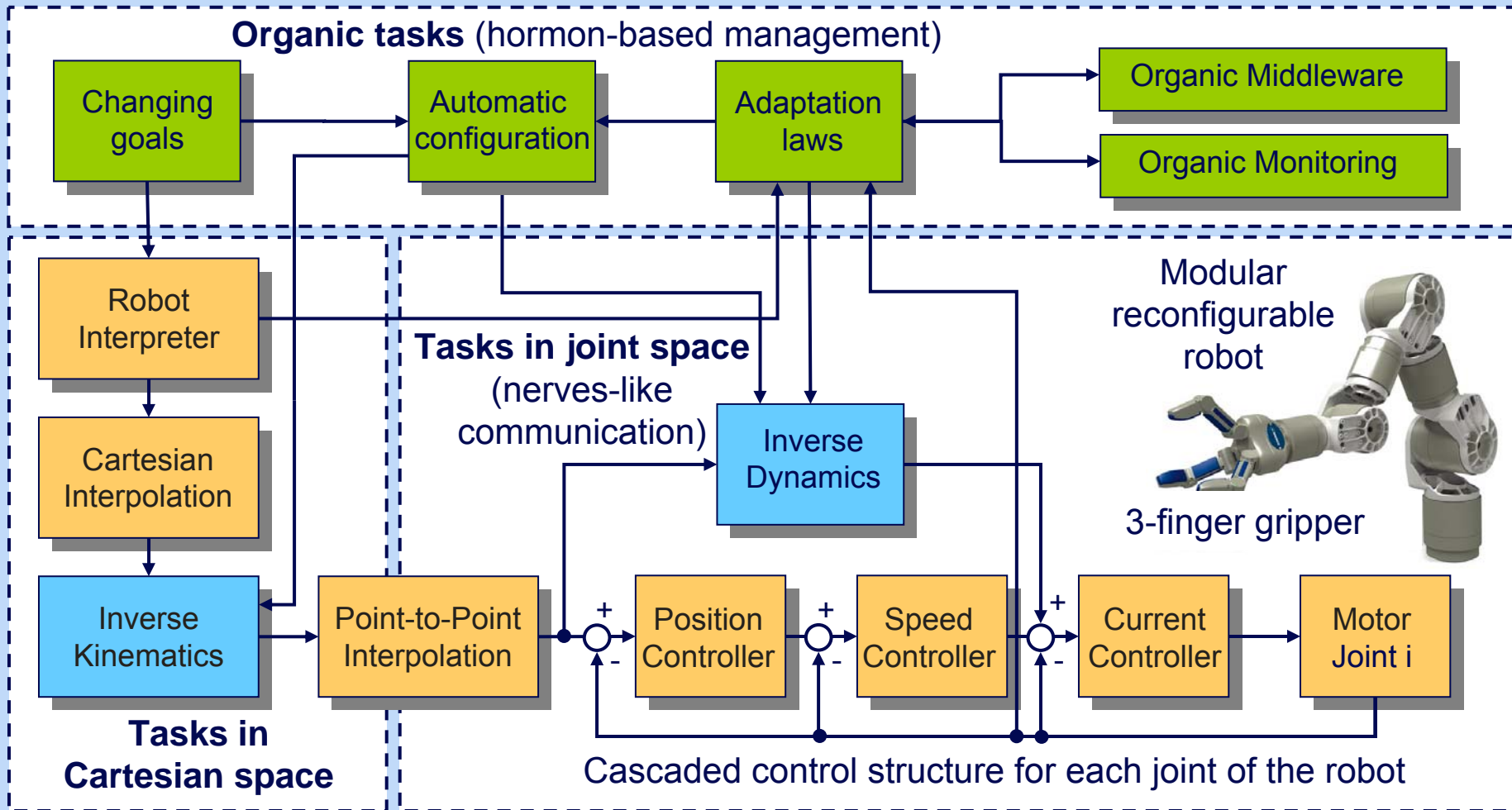
Classic Scenario:

- ▶ Only those scenarios can be handled:
 - that had been considered in advance
 - where the cause can be detected
 - where the corresponding reaction had been explicitly programmed
- ▶ Lack of adaptation leads to insufficient reactions (e.g. shutdown ...)

DodOrg Scenario:

- ▶ System reaction based on indications (higher level of abstraction)
 - e.g. CRC/bit error rate, network bottleneck, change of robot model
- ▶ Proper reaction possible even if:
 - Scenario was not considered in advance
 - Cause was not detected
 - Reaction was not explicitly programmed
- ▶ Flexible response to changed environmental situation





► **Development of Organic Robot Control Architecture**

- Fast and efficient self-configuration and self-adaptation to ensure real-time constraints and efficiency
- Development of large variety of different tasks e. g. robot-specific tasks and adaptation tasks

► **Development of Functionalities for Self-Organization and Self-Configuration**

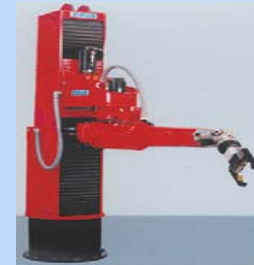
- Plug-and-play behavior for different kinematics
- Fully automatic generation of kinematics and dynamics of the manipulator
- Development of easy-to-use configuration system

► **Simulation and Validation of the Results**

- Fulfillment of hard real-time requirements
- Very fast computation of the inverse kinematics model for an articulated robot (in less than 0.005 ms)



Hexapod



Scara robot with spherical wrist



Articulated robot on a linear unit



Cartesian robot



Spherical robot



Articulated robot

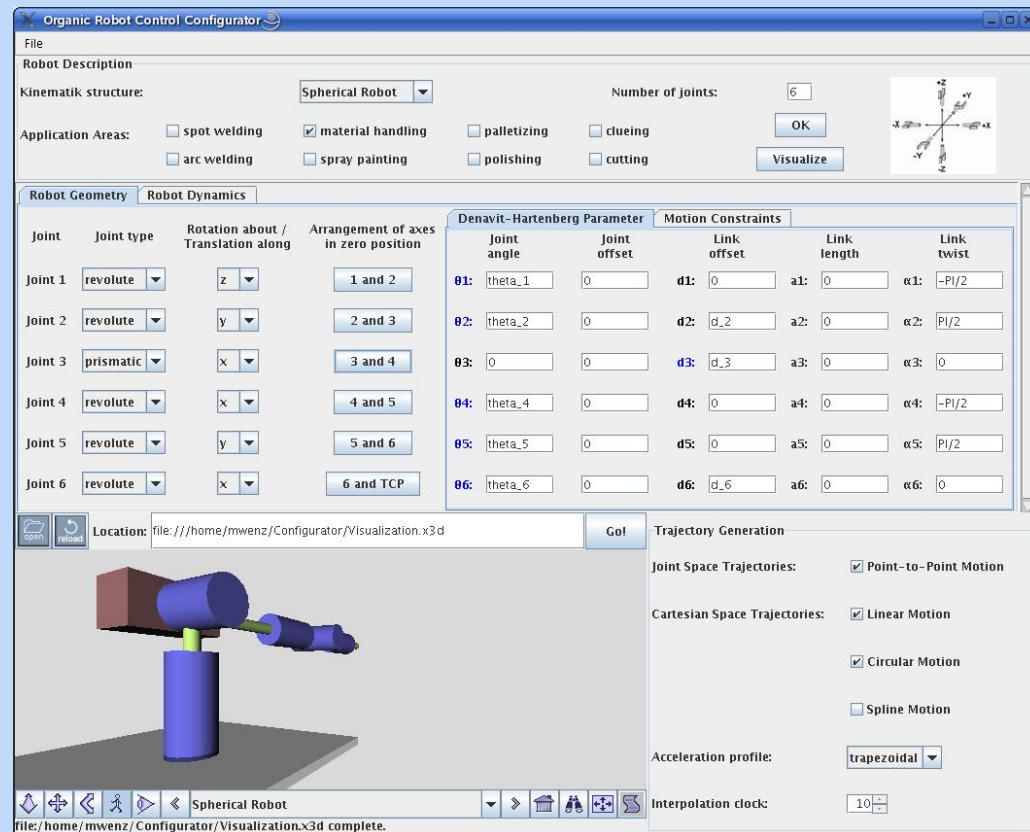


Cylindrical robot

- ▶ Development of a configuration system and a graphical user interface in order to configure the robot control on the fly (self-configuration)
 - The user describes the mechanical structure of a particular robot and the configurator automatically generates the motion control system

▶ The configurator opens up numerous selection and combination possibilities:

- Number and type of joints
- Arrangement of joints and constraints concerning their movement
- Geometric dimensions, arm lengths, workspace
- Dynamics data of each link: mass, location of mass center, inertia tensors
- Interpolation clock, acceleration profile, interpolation algorithms that should be supported, e.g. ptp, linear, circular, spline, ...

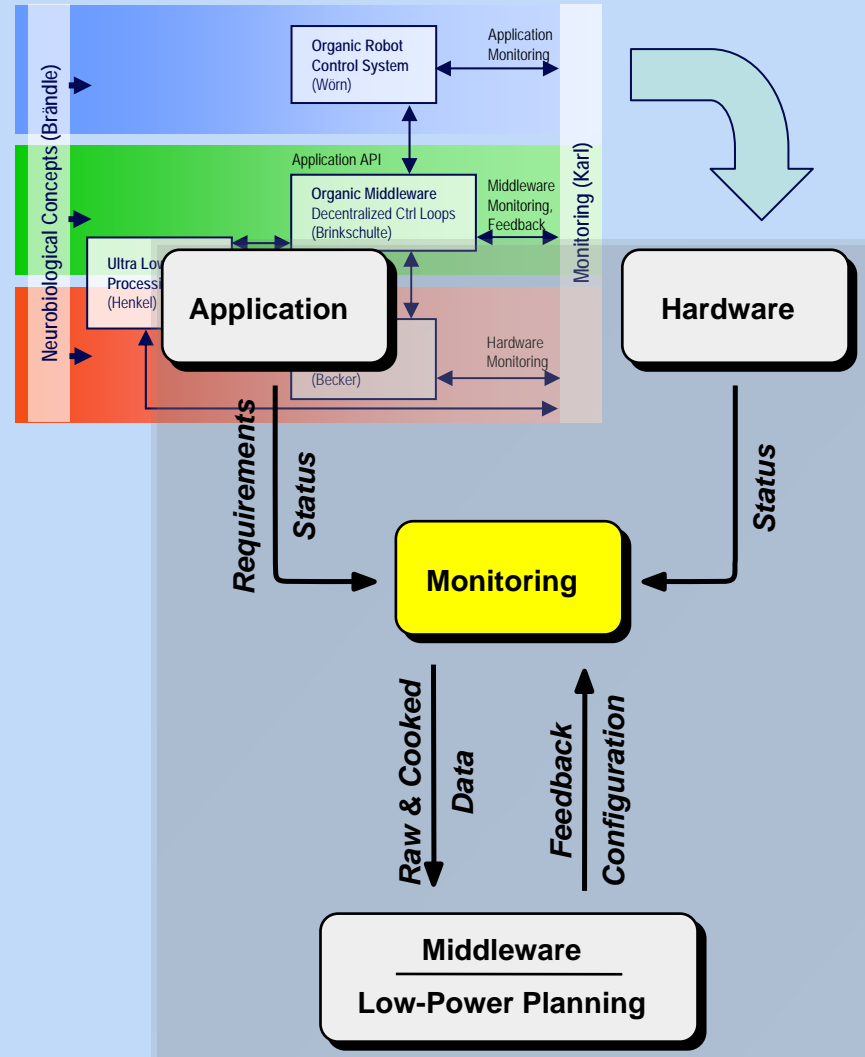


► Aim

- Enable and Support Self-X Capabilities
- Focus on increased Self-Awareness

► Requirements

- Sustained System Monitoring
 - Real-time Analysis and Evaluation
 - Correlation of (many) Events
 - Identification of Problems/Causes
- Semantic Data Compression
 - Processing at the Source of Data
 - Generation of Meta-Data
- Adaptivity (Reconfiguration)
- Interfacing



Monitoring consists of

► Low-Level Monitoring

- HW-Level: Fixed, but parametrizable Monitoring Hardware in every Cell
- SW-Level: System monitoring and data aggregation (comparable to /proc filesystem)

► High-Level Monitoring

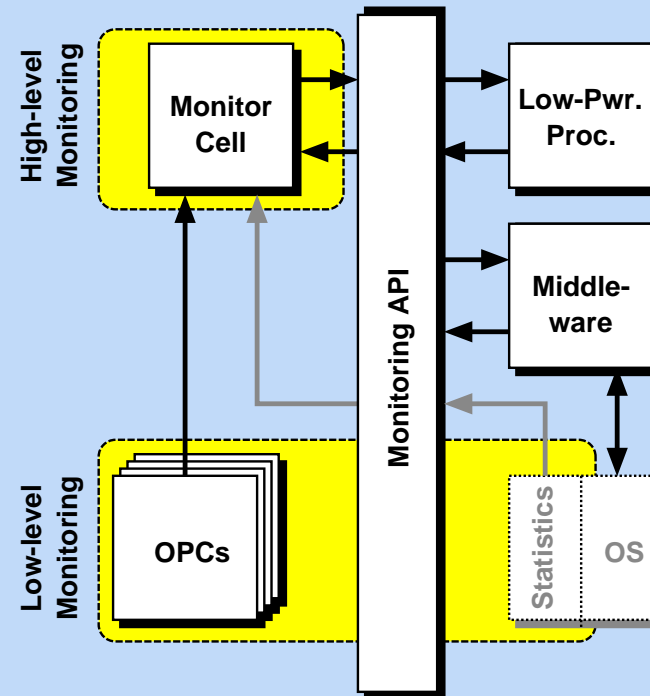
- Processing of Low-Level Monitoring information according to given rules
- Correlation of various events into distilled information required by Middleware/Low-Power
- Task of one or more Monitoring Cells

► Separation of Interface & Functionality

- Monitor Capsule (Interface)
 - Standardized Query API
- Monitoring Module (Functionality)
 - Domain-specific & Dynamically Reconfigurable
 - Extract, Process, & Store Data at Source

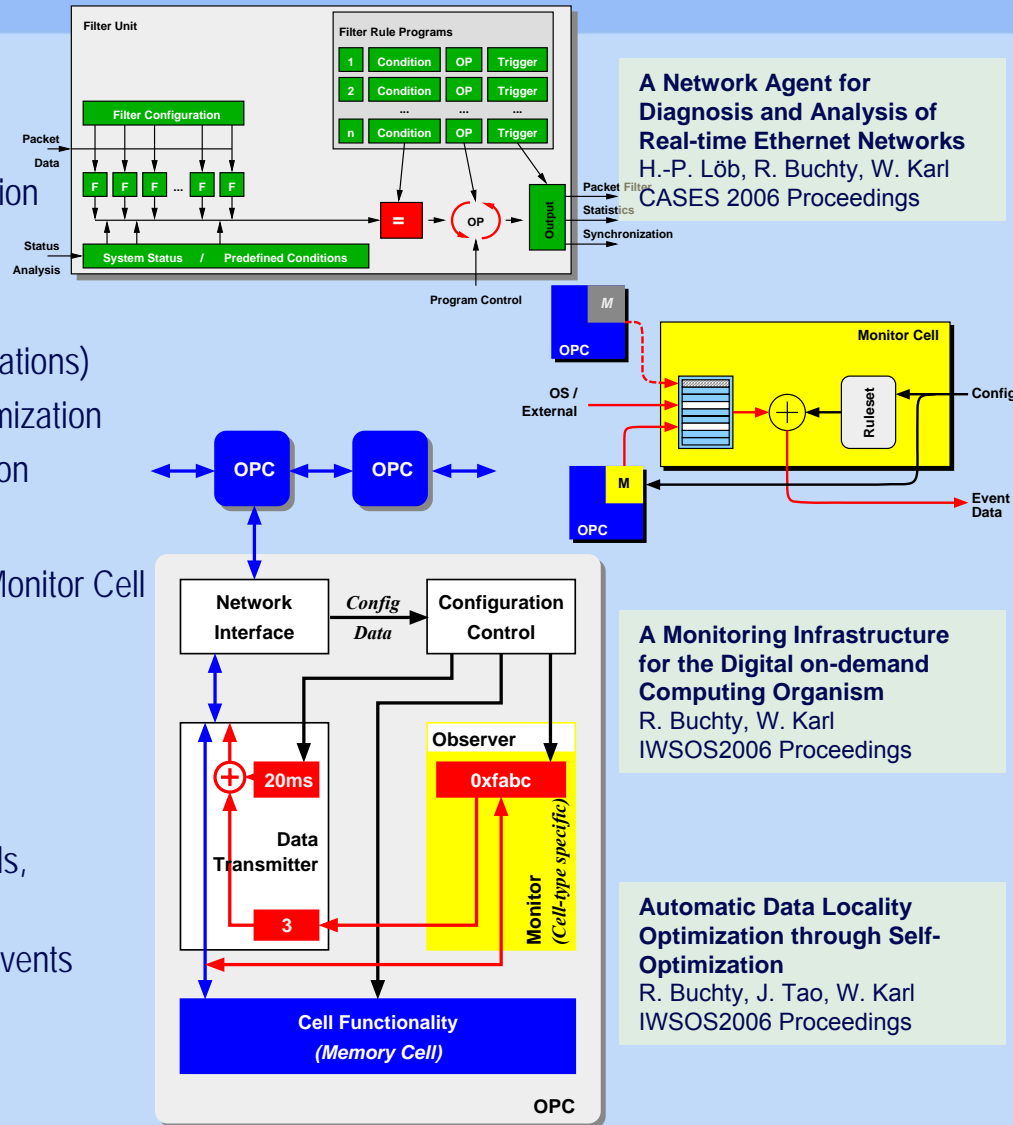
► Interface API

- Provides uniform Interface to Monitoring Subsystem
- Simple, extensible Communication Interface
- Collection of Monitoring Resources
- Management & Processing of Monitoring Rules
- Generation of Events (Messengers), if required



► Prototype Design Space Exploration

- Hardware Prototype
 - Real-time Monitoring and Semantic Data Compression
 - Application Scenario: Real-time Ethernet Diagnosis
- Software Prototype
 - Initial SW Prototype (Hierarchy & Protocol Considerations)
 - Data-Locality Optimization (DLO) through Self-Optimization
 - Rules and Metrics for Feedback-directed Optimization
- Combined Prototype
 - Monitoring Hierarchy: HW-Monitor and SW-based Monitor Cell
 - Protocol Refinements
 - Hardware & Software Costs
 - Application Scenario: DLO
- Distributed DodOrg Monitoring
 - Cluster Approach: Workstations are Processing Cells, Dedicated Workstation is Monitoring Cell
 - Creation and Destruction of Low-Level Monitoring Events
 - Control through Monitoring Cell
 - Work in progress



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► Analysis of control theory

- Demonstration of task load balancing by classical control loops

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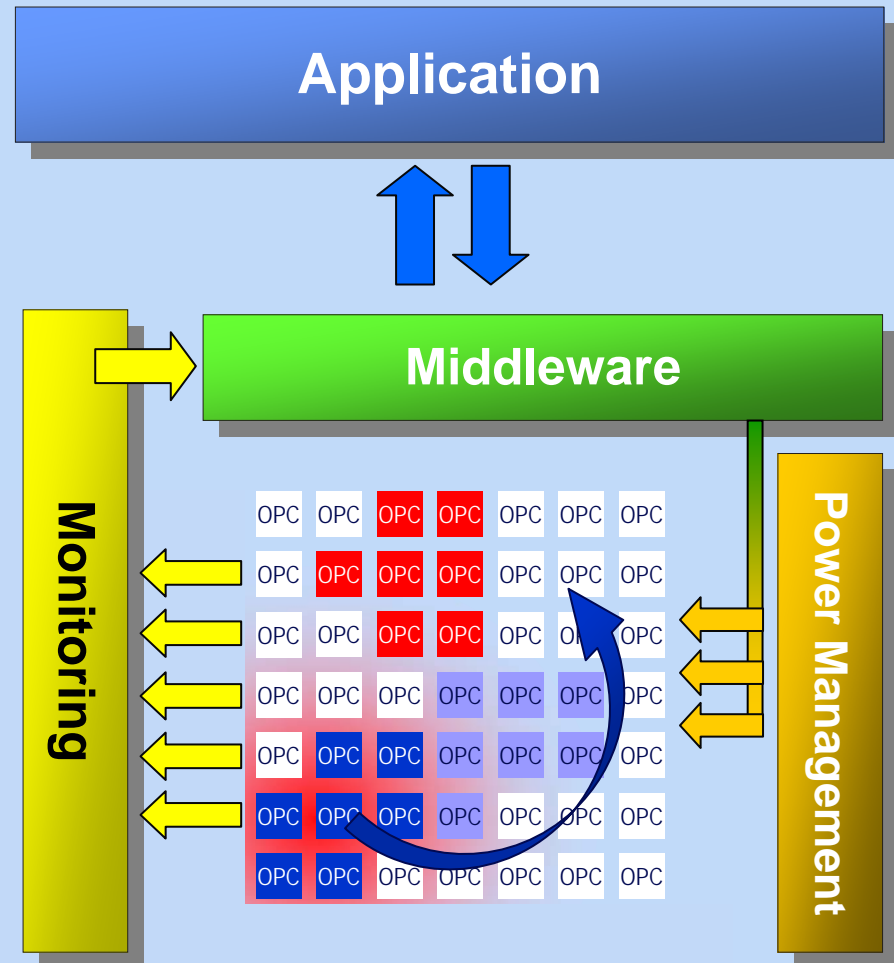
centralized structure → single point of failure

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➔ Artificial Hormone System

- Organic Processing Cells (OPC) work autonomously with a simple set of rules
- Information is exchanged via hormones
- Each OPC decides for itself if a hormone is relevant for itself

➔ By the interaction of many OPCs,
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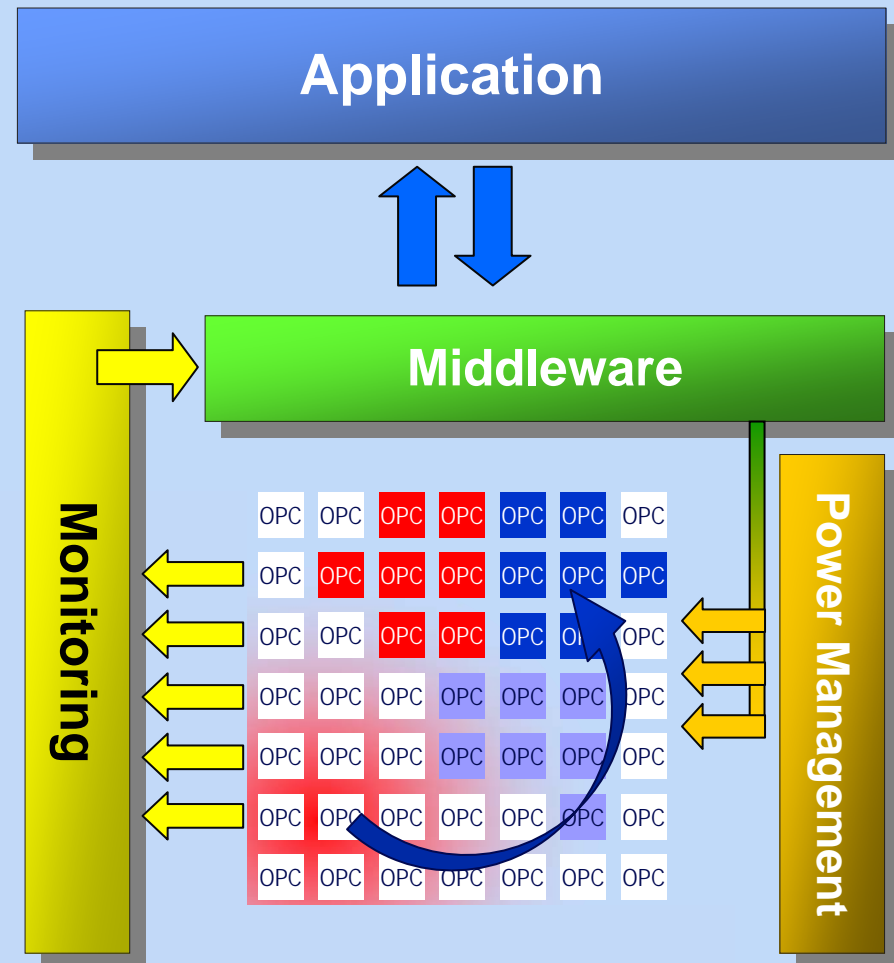
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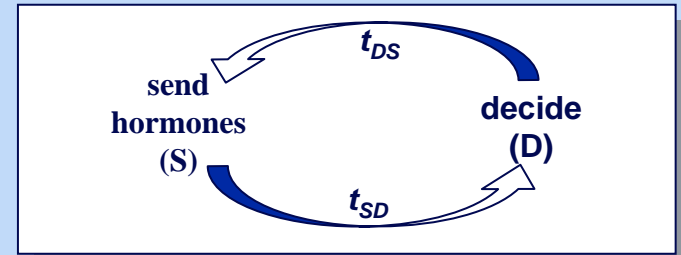
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► Theoretical analysis of the
Artificial Hormone System

- Each OPC follows a **simple hormone cycle**:
 - First, it sends out the hormones
 - Then, it waits to receive other hormones
 - Based on the information gathered, it autonomously decides whether and how to react
- Definition of suitable **preconditions**:
 - To be able to get to mutual decisions, the waiting time has to be met
- With these **preconditions**, it is possible to specify worst-case timing behaviors

► Hormone cycle of a cell:



► Precondition for each hormone cycle:

$$t_{SD} \geq t_{DS} + 2 t_c$$

(t_c = communication time)

with t_{DS} as small as possible:

$$\rightarrow t_{DS} = 0: \quad t_{SD} \geq 2 t_c$$

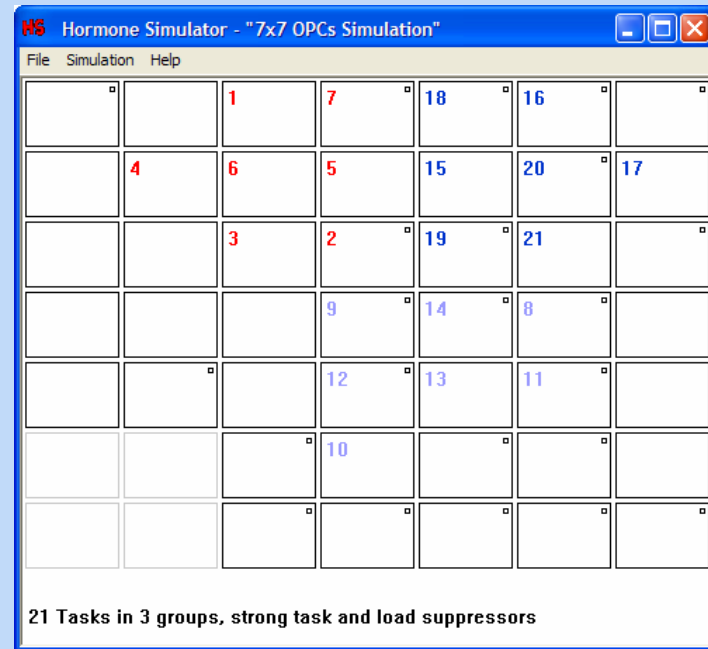
► Worst-case time behavior for the
task allocation:

$$2m - 1 \text{ cycles}$$

(with m = numbers of tasks)

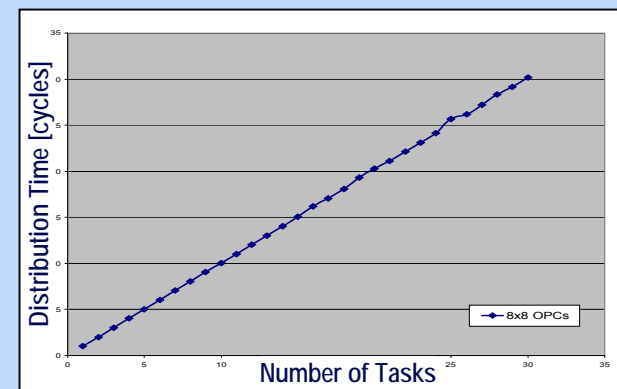
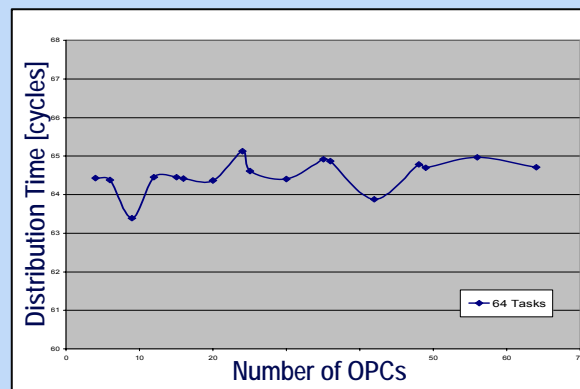
► Basic Prototype Middleware Implementation

- Developed a simulator for task distribution as proof of concept
- Mapping of tasks on virtual processing cells (asynchronous)
- Occurrence of "organs" consisting of related tasks (same color)



► Simulation and Testing

- Simulation results confirm, that upper bounds apply



► Tasks of the Ultra Low Power Processing

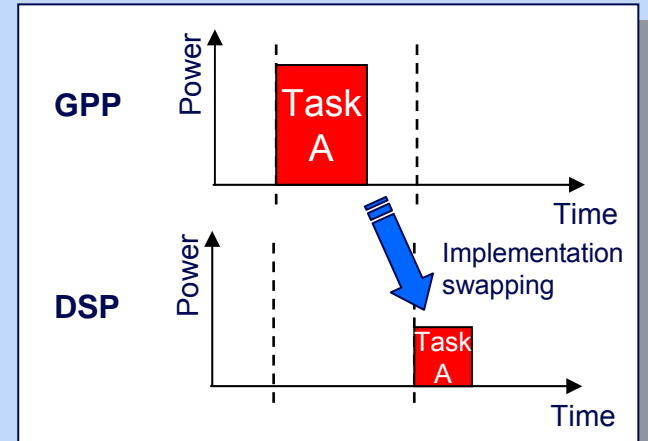
- Reduction of power consumption while meeting given constraints (e.g. power budget, deadlines, etc.)
- Reaction to changing constraints from within an organ

► Energy Savings Potential

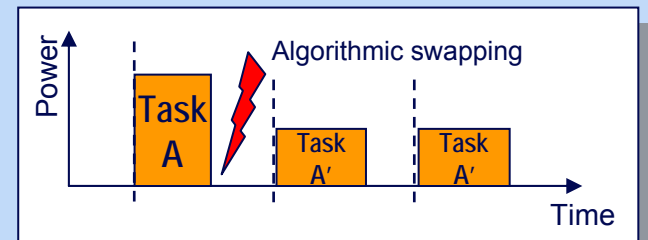
- Tasks consume energy depending on which OPC they are running on
- Different algorithmic implementations of a task have different energy consumption

► Idea: seamless swap-on-the-fly

- Mapping of tasks to OPCs (implementation swapping)
- Choosing the algorithmic implementation (algorithmic swapping), e.g. matrix multiplication in sparse and normal matrices



Energy consumption before and after **implementation** swapping (swap between micro-architectures or fabrics)



Energy consumption before and after **algorithm** swapping

► Power Manager

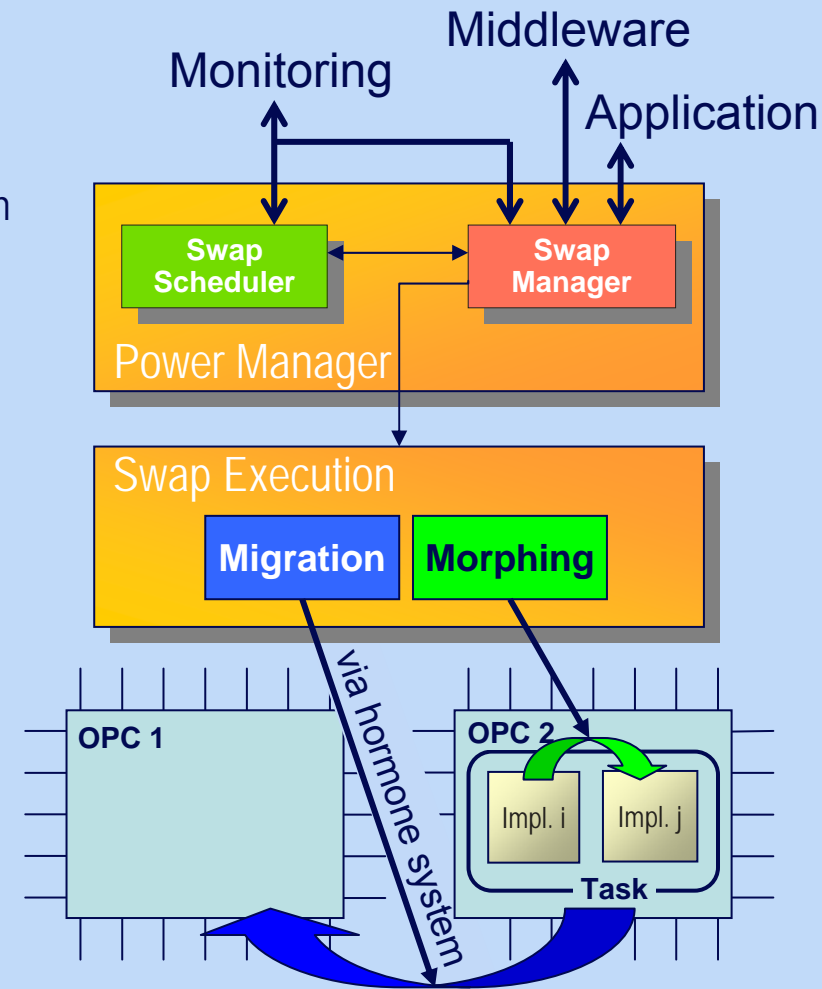
- Swap Scheduler
 - Computes good mapping of task to OPC within the organ
 - Here: Performance Effective Task Scheduling (PETS)
- Swap Manager
 - Analyzes situation
 - Estimates whether or not a swap will pay off
 - Decides when a swap to new configuration is performed

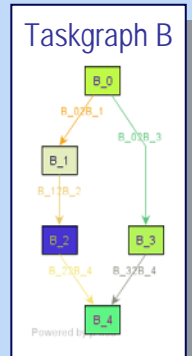
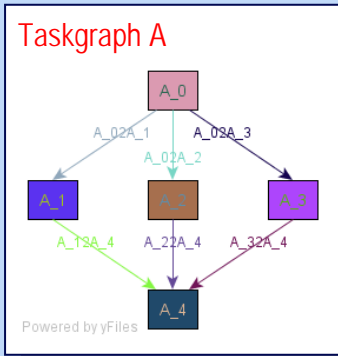
► Swap Execution

- Provides two services:
task migration and task morphing

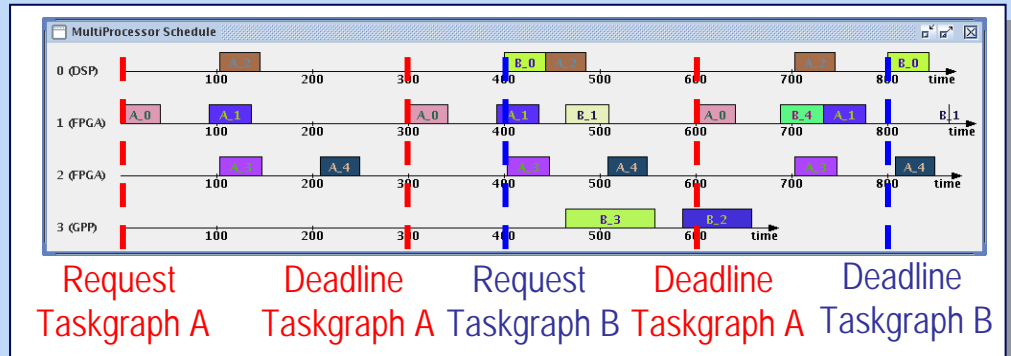
► OPC Level

- Local real-time scheduler, e.g. EDF or RM
- Dynamic voltage & frequency scaling, clock gating, ...





Task graphs with request times/deadlines



Corresponding schedule on a heterogeneous MPSoC (by PETS)

Test No.	Organic Processing Cells			
	I	II	III	IV
1	24 %	24 %	5 %	25 %
2	31 %	43 %	35 %	50 %
3	49 %	68 %	53 %	57 %
4	76 %	79 %	66 %	79 %
5	76 %	79 %	85 %	118 %

Utilization of OPCs after mapping with PETS

- ▶ Mapping by PETS in the Swap Scheduler
 - Considers utilization of OPCs
 - More space for energy savings
 - Incremental computation of new configurations
 - Task graph is divided into independent tasks
 - Allows local scheduling by EDF or RM
- ▶ Scheduling by local entities
 - Guarantees are very conservative (max. utilization $\approx 7\%$)
 - Without guarantees $\approx 65\%$ average utilization before violating deadlines

► Modularity

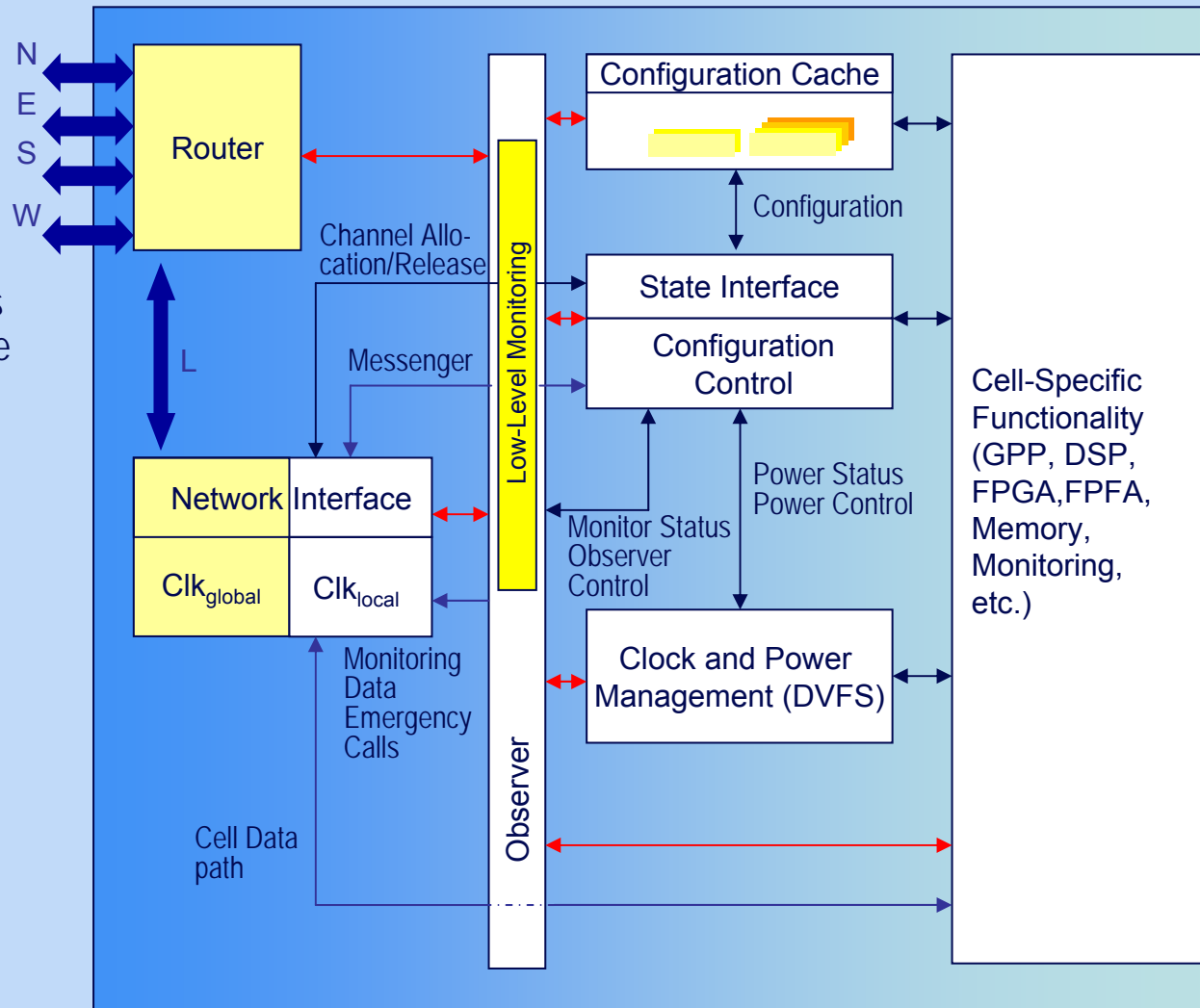
- Same footprint for all cells
- Common infrastructure
- Cells can easily fill in for defective neighbors
- Interface for higher-level functions (middleware, monitoring) stays the same

► Local intelligence

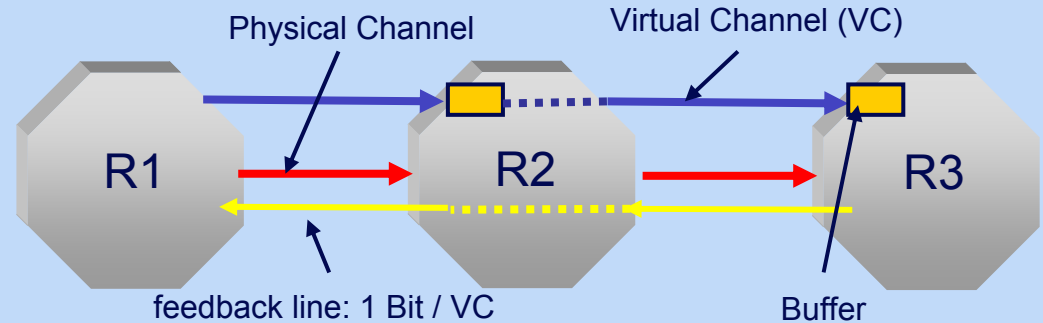
- Power management
- Basic monitoring facilities
- Configuration management
- Router
- Built into each cell

► Cross-hierarchy Features

- Monitoring
- Low-Power Management
- Hormone Broadcast

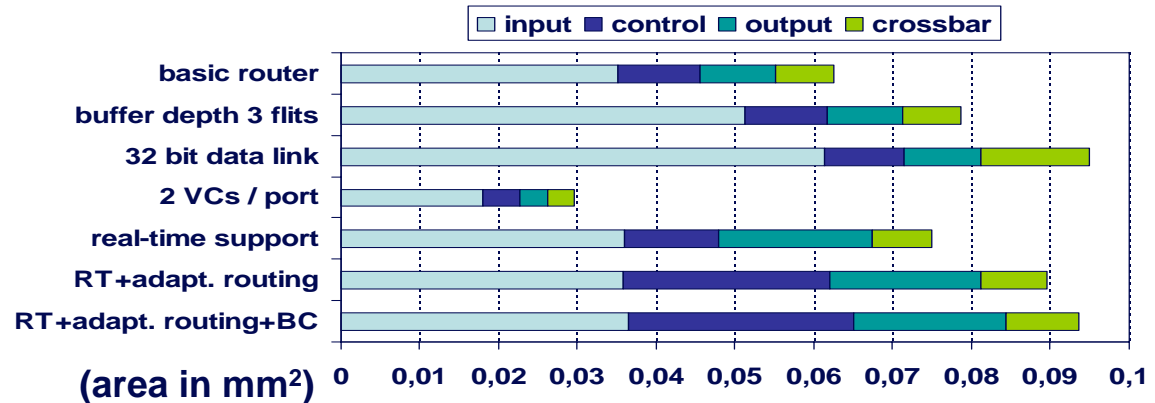


- ▶ Highly modular design
- ▶ Highly customizable/scalable
- ▶ Completely decentral organization
 - Real-time connection setup/release on demand
 - Reserve Virtual Channels
 - Feedback
 - Broadcast/Multicast service
 - Robust
 - Efficient resource utilization
 - Adaptive routing
 - Local decisions only
 - Shortest path if possible
- ▶ Efficient integration
 - All traffic shares common resources

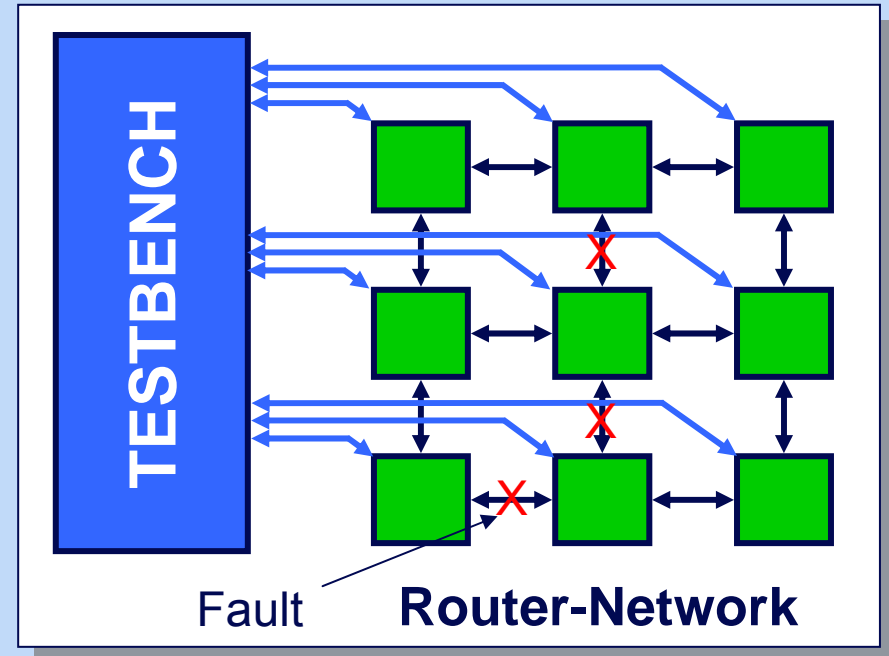


Standard Cell Synthesis (Basic Router)

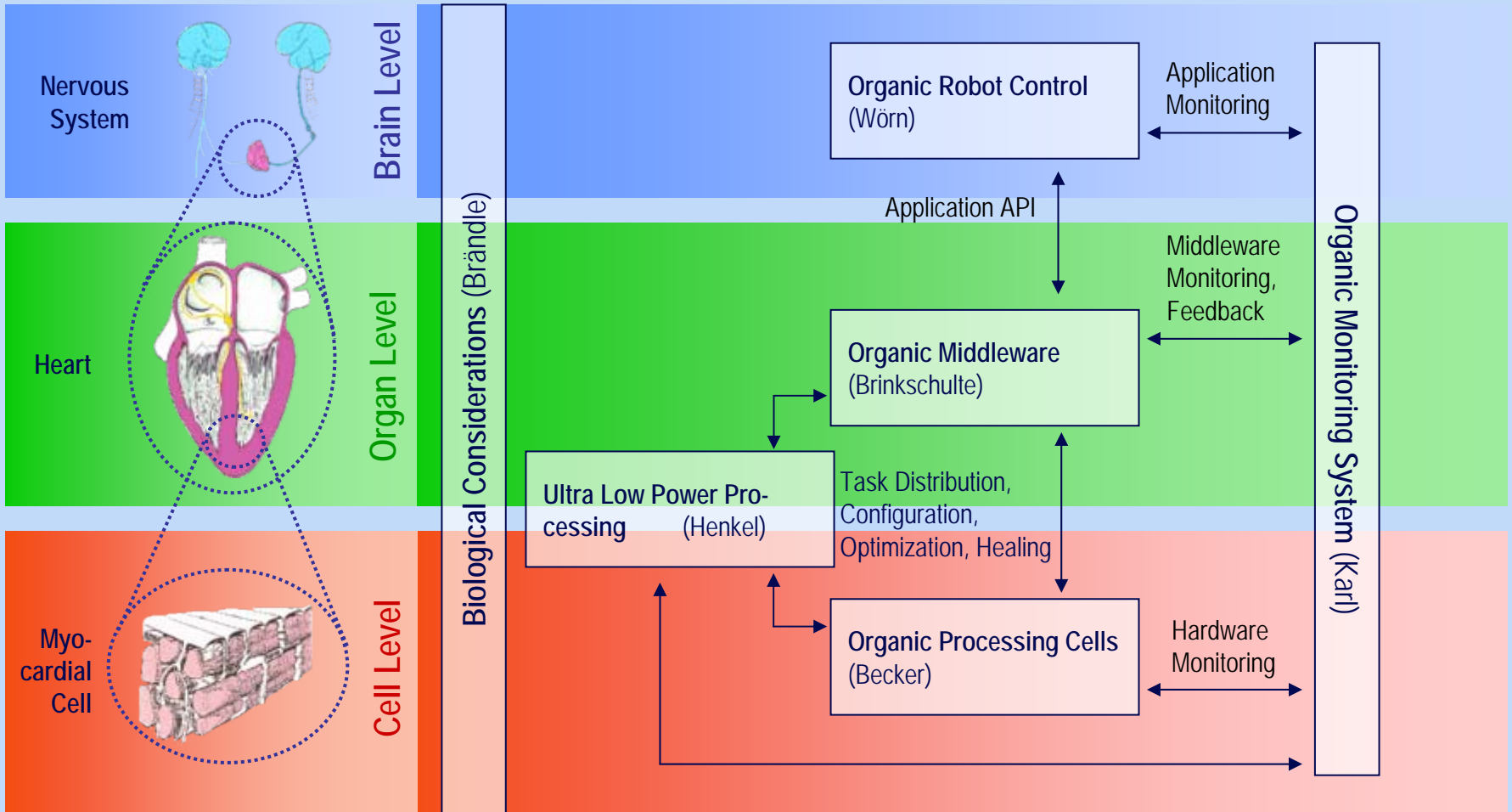
- 0,13 μ -Technology (TSMC130)
- 500 MHz
- 128 bit buffer per port (4VCs , 2 flits buffer depth)
- 16 bit data link \rightarrow 40 Gbit/s
- xy-routing

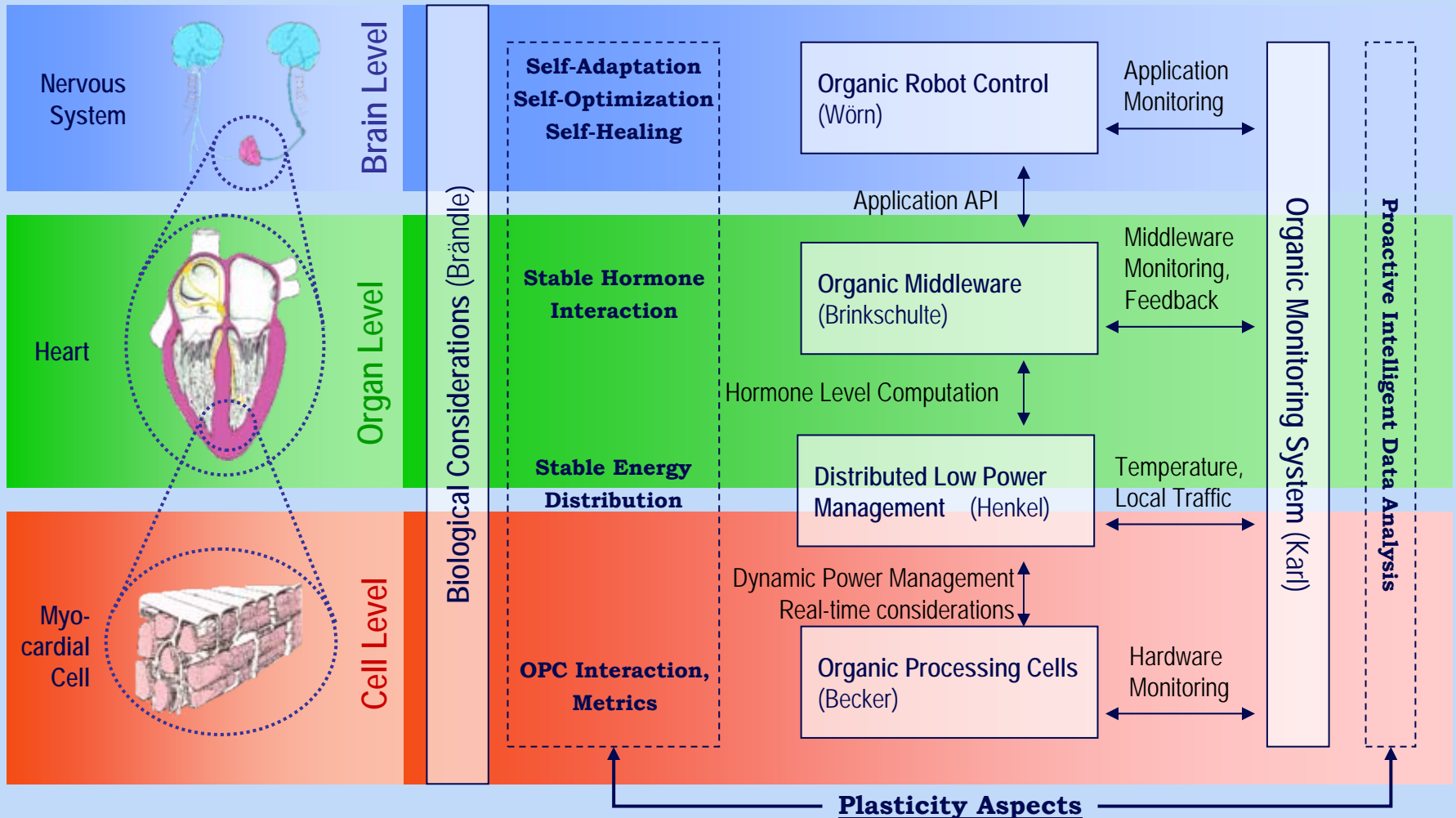


- ▶ **Goal: avoid nodes with faulty links (permanent/transient)**
 - Neighbor nodes send status
 - Node determines own status
 - Circumvention of defective links
- ▶ **Automated Testbench**
 - High-level stimuli definition
 - Packet-format
 - Interleaving
 - Insertion of link failures (dynamic)
 - Verification
 - Correct routing
 - Comparison of data sent / data received



- ▶ **Ongoing work**
 - Recover from interrupted transmission
 - Permanent
 - Transient
 - Avoidance of fault-induced deadlock





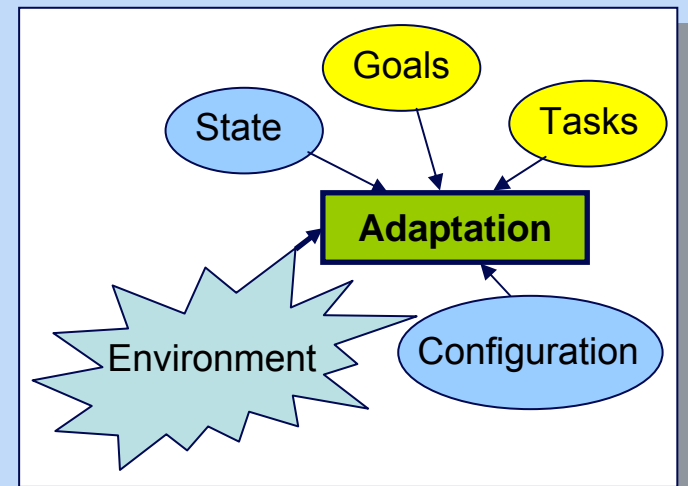
Focus lies on Self-Adaptation, Self-Healing, and Self-Optimization

► Self-Adaptation of the Organic Robot Control System to varying Goals, Processes, and Tasks

- Goals: safety, time, power consumption, accuracy, ...
- Processes: robot-robot cooperation, human steering, ...
- Tasks: welding, paint spraying, deburring, cutting, handling, assembly, polishing, ...
- Algorithms changing at runtime to adapt the robot to both changes in the environment and changing goals

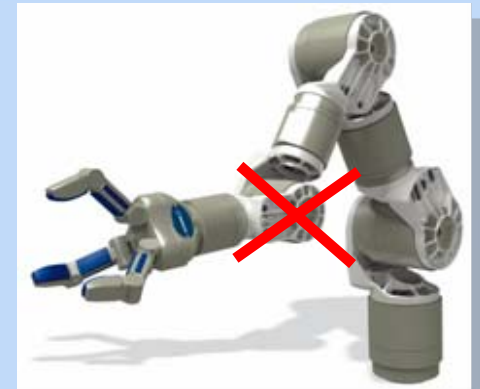
▪ Research approach:

- Encapsulation of each technology task in one or several components
 - Knowledge about itself in each component
 - Smaller tasks learn to combine themselves to bigger tasks
 - Components connect themselves autonomously knowledge-based and using learning methods
 - Adaptation achieves stability and low power consumption
- Adaptation improves the **dynamics** and is a part of **plasticity** implementation for the ORCS



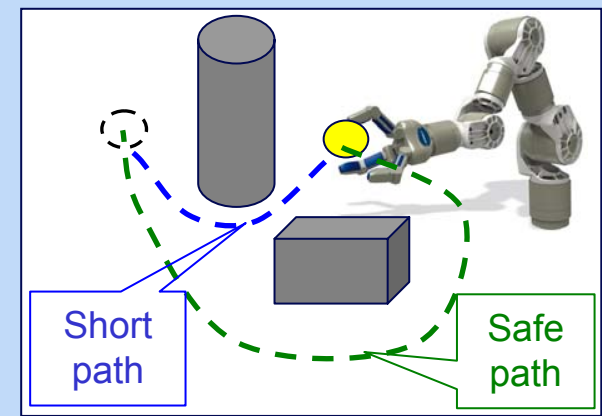
► Self-Healing Strategies for the Organic Robot Control System

- Component failures, the states, the load, etc. of the robot sensing by ORCS and Organic Monitoring System
- Automatic reconfiguration of the ORCS after detecting a joint or sensor failure to keep up operation
- Fast computing newly kinematics and dynamics models to compensate joint faults
- Adaptation algorithms improve new configuration additionally



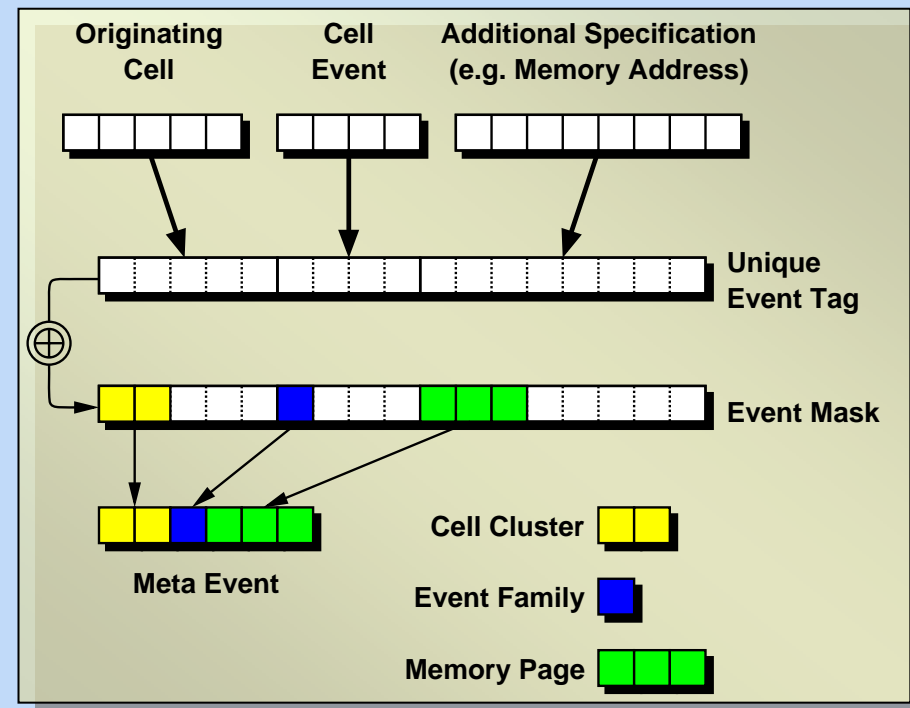
► Self-Optimization of Robot Motions

- Algorithms to improve efficiency of the robot motion with respect to goal achievement, performance, or cost
- Finding the most suitable robot configuration respecting goals and physical constraints imposed by environment and manipulator design (including joint limits / faults)
- Special algorithms to find, to refine, and to optimize paths through complex and dynamic environments respecting current goals and configuration in cooperation with Organic Monitoring System – it is also part of improvement of **dynamics** and **plasticity** implementation for the ORCS



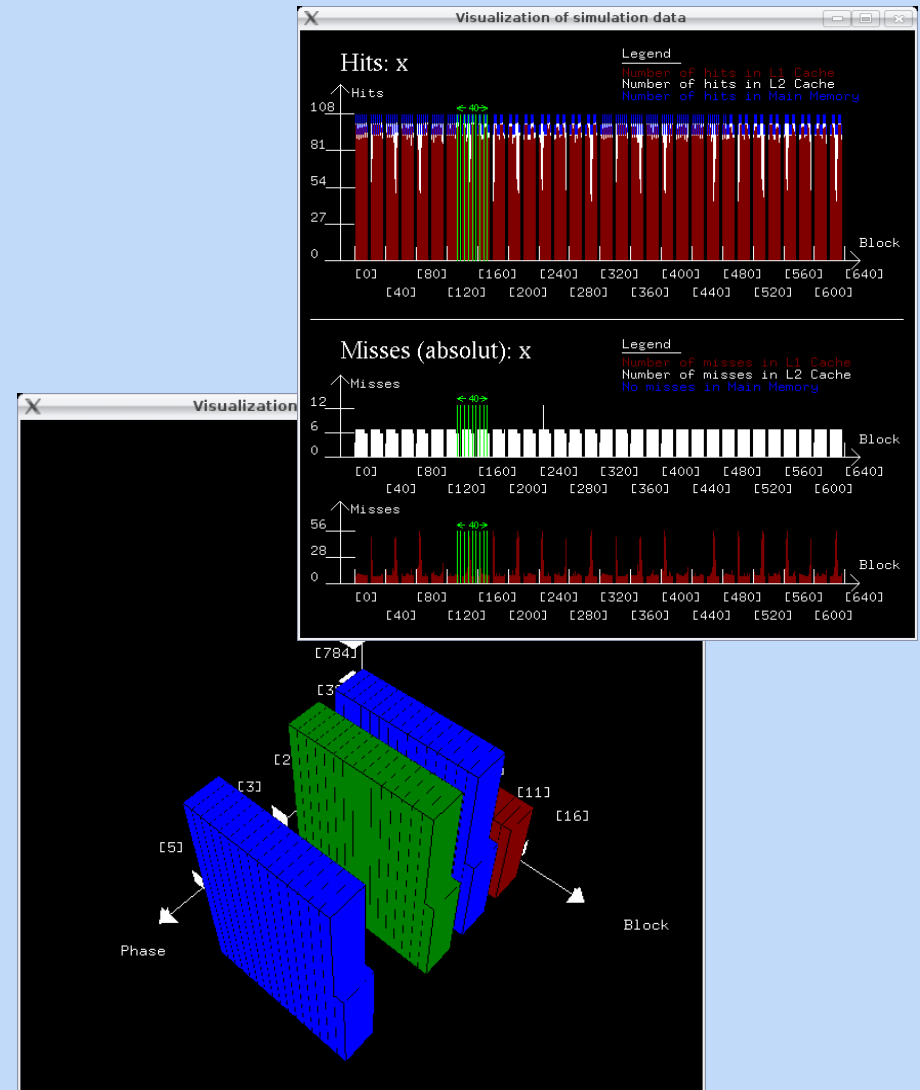
► Events and Event Spaces

- Conventional Monitoring and Evaluation relies on well-defined individual events and rules
- Hard to maintain in dynamic environments
 - Changing Event Types
 - Changing Event Quality
 - Adaption of Rule-set required
- Event Spaces required
 - Consider Event Spaces, not individual Event
 - Enables Classification and Scaling
- Concept of “Event Resolution”
 - Scale Resolution as required
 - Use entire Event or only Partial Information
- Matches Hormone Messenger Concept
 - Receiver decides if and how to react
- Interfaces well with Correlation Algorithms



► Proactivity through Intelligent Data Analysis

- Rule-sets hard to maintain in dynamically changing systems
 - Availability of Event Types & Quality
- Rule-sets rely on Profiling
 - Determine Application Behavior (Phases, Hot-Spots) and define according Rule-set(s)
 - Not suitable for transient or Data-driven Events
 - Profiling not possible for dynamically changing Systems
- Intelligent Data Analysis Techniques required
 - Improved Self-Awareness through Auto-Correlation and –Evaluation of Events
 - Introduce Proactivity: actively avoid potential conflicts by timely adaptation



► Evaluation and Refinement of the Hormone Concept regarding:

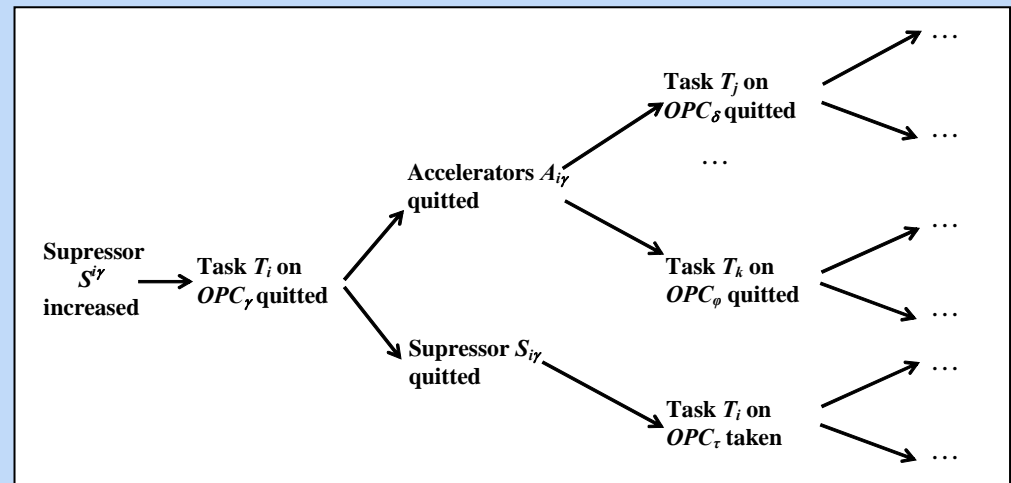
- Self-Optimization
- Self-Adaptation
- Self-Healing

► Investigation and Research of Dynamic Processes:

- System reactions to changes
- Possibilities to influence the reactions
- Conditions for stable system behavior
- Duration for system stabilization

► Examining Stability and Robustness of the Artificial Hormone System

	Plasticity		
	Self-Optimization	Self-Adaptation	Self-Healing
System operational	now and in near future	now	no longer
Available resources	stable	changing	degrading
Time of change	can be freely decided by the system	soon	now

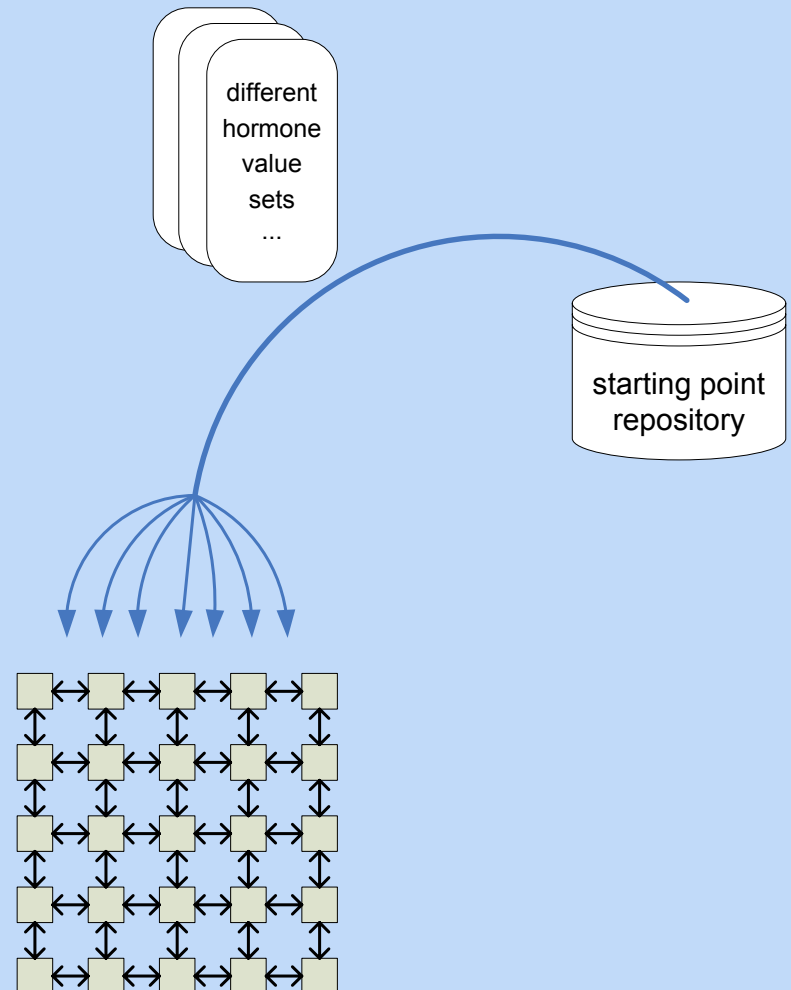


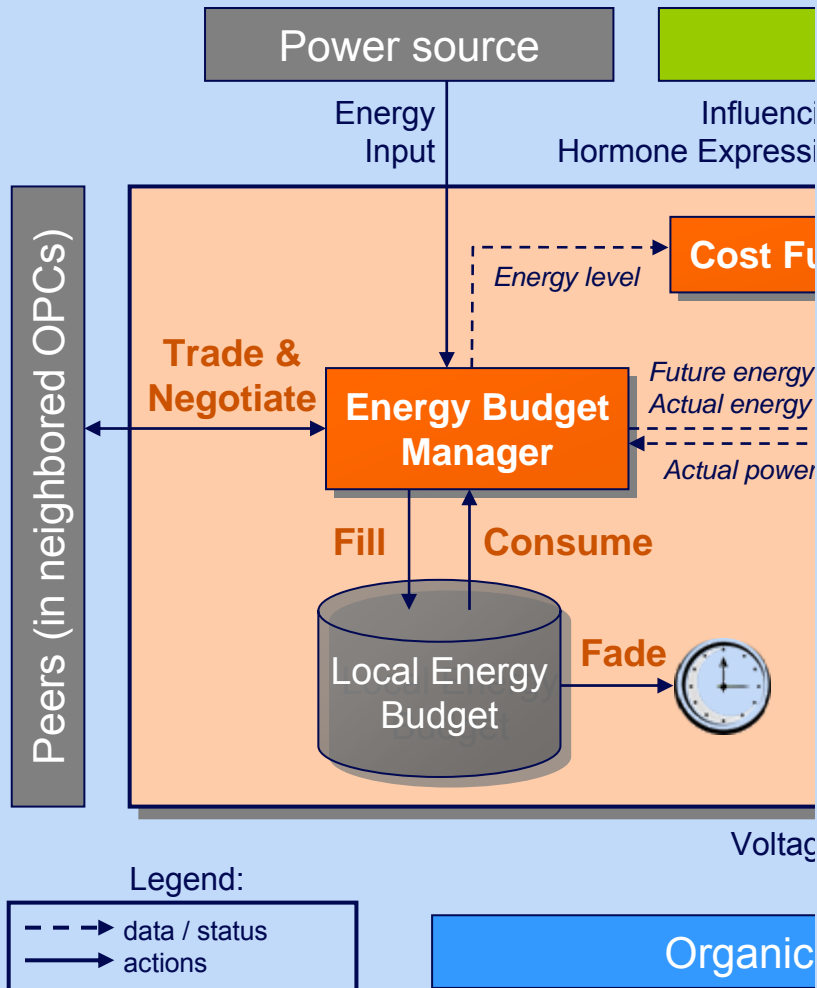
► Examination and Evaluation of different Self-Optimization Scenarios

- Different Starting Points, e.g. from Scratch versus saved configurations from previous tests
- Different methods like Case-based Reasoning or Rule-Induction Algorithms

► Quality Analysis of the Artificial Hormone System

- Quantitative measures for the Quality of the Task Assignment
- Merge different aspects:
 - Cell Suitability vs. Task Assignment
 - Communication Distance
 - Organ Formation





► Architecture

- Global power source
 - Assigns energy budgets to OPCs
 - Depending on e.g. state of charge
- Energy Budget Manager
 - Agent controlling local energy budget
 - Trades energy budget with peers
- Local energy budget
 - Defines OPC energy consumption

► Research Goals

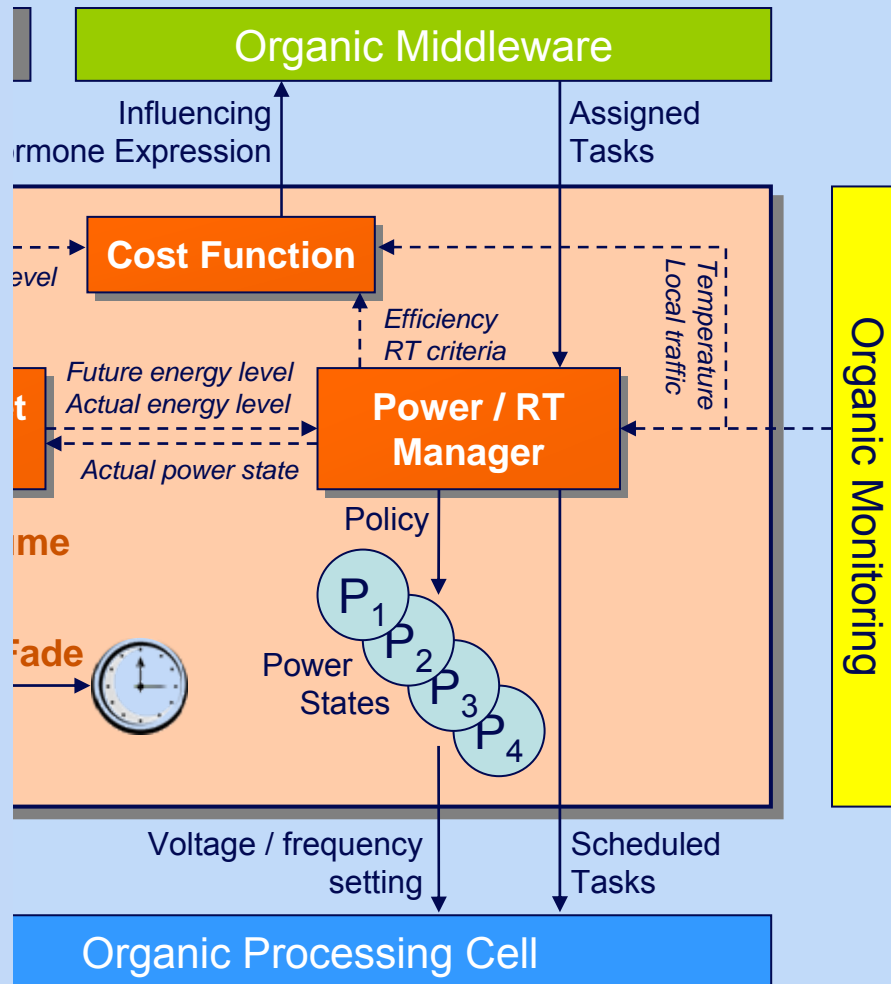
- Convergent system behavior
- Avoidance of local thermal hot-spots
- Low energy consumption

► Architecture

- Cost function
 - Used for computation of local eager values
- Power / RT manager
 - Power states
 - Real-time management
 - Policy influenced by Energy Budget Manager

► Research goals

- Finding an apt cost function
- Dynamics / stability issues
- Finding suitable power management policies



► Foundation laid by

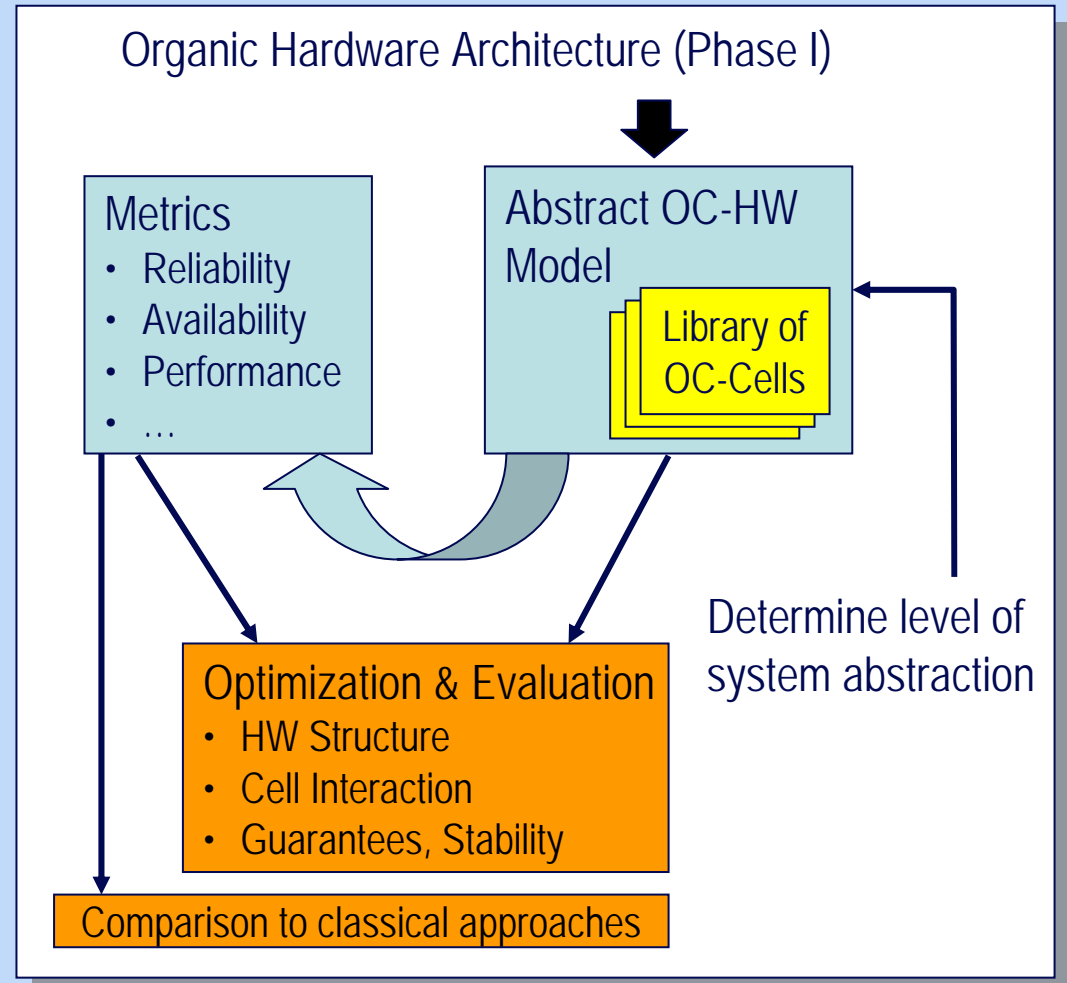
- DNA configuration control
- Fault-tolerant/adaptive routing
- Automated test system
- Hardware prototype

► Challenges

- Dynamics of cell interaction
- Interference with Middleware/
Low-Power Management

► Research Goals

- Metrics
- Optimization
- Plasticity

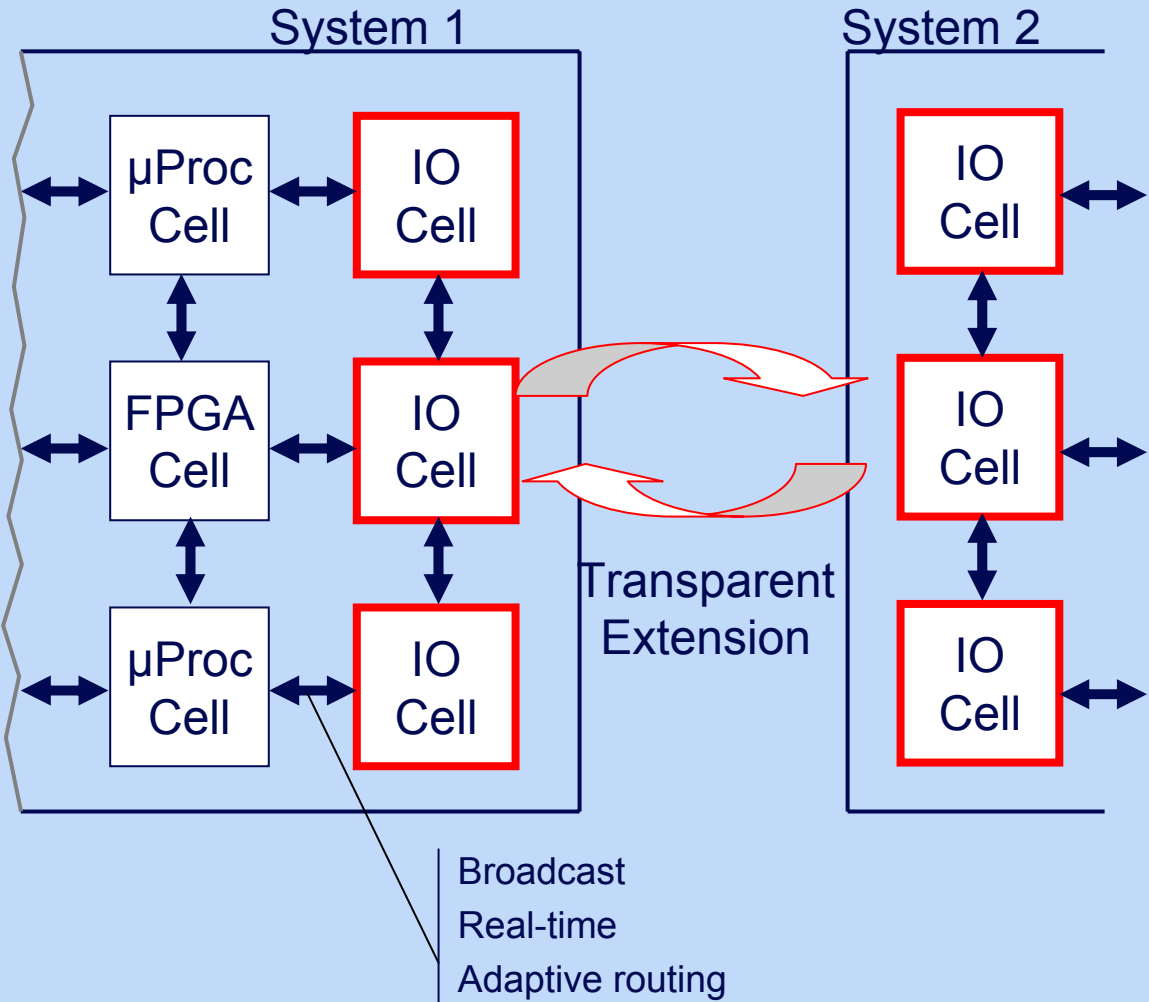


► Challenges

- Generalization of generic hardware model
- Transfer of network services
- Removing/adding individual OPCs

► Research Goals

- Communication mechanisms of IO-cells
- Adaptation of address space through use of DNA Configuration Management
- Achieving true modularity



► Current Phase of the DodOrg Project:

- Organic Robot Control
 - GUI-based generalized self-configuring control system for motion control of different robot types
 - Kinematic model automatically generated from a description of the robot's mechanical structure
- Monitoring Infrastructure
 - Interface definition and design space exploration
 - Software and hardware prototype
- Middleware
 - Exploration of basic principles -- upper bound for self-configuration found
 - Hormone simulator
- Ultra Low Power Processing
 - Categorized the basic principles for swapping-on-the-fly and conducted a hardware case study
 - Task Mapping / Scheduling Simulator
- Organic Processing Cells
 - Exploration of the cells communication and configuration infrastructure
 - FPGA- Router Prototype

► **Next Phase of the DodOrg Project**

- Organic Robot Control
 - Self-Adaptation, Self-Organization, and Self-Healing
 - Increased Fault-Tolerance and Self-Repairing
- Organic Monitoring
 - Events and Event Spaces
 - Proactivity through Intelligent Data Analysis
- Organic Middleware
 - Plasticity, Dynamics, and Stability
 - Refinement and Analysis of the Hormone Concept
- Distributed Low Power Processing
 - Distributed Energy Brokering
 - Cost Functions & Convergence
- Organic Processing Cells
 - Real-time Guarantees
 - Scalability

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