

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

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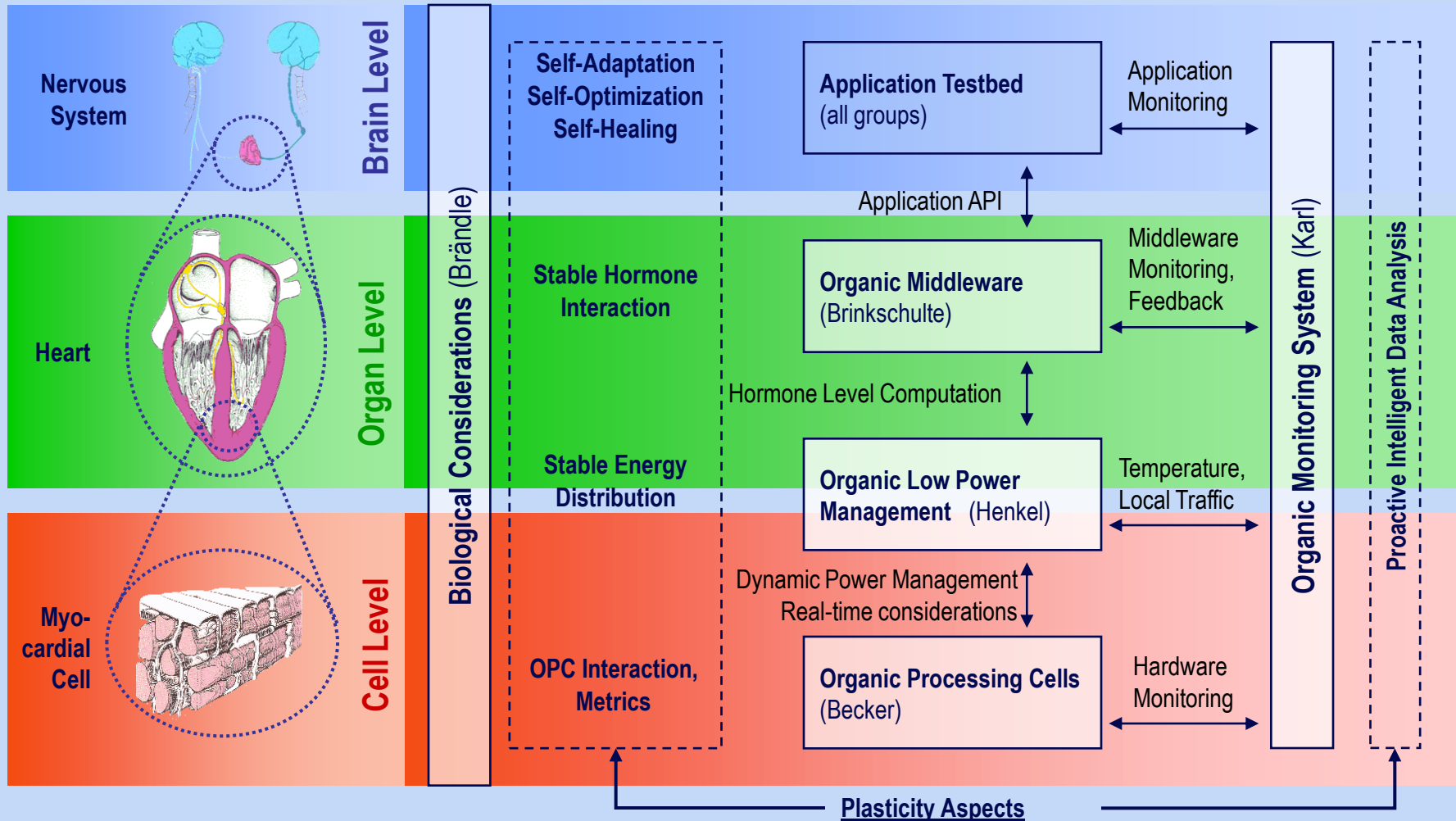
**DFG SPP 1183 “Organic Computing”**

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- ▶ **Project Motivation and Overview**
- ▶ **DodOrg: Interaction of the System Components**
- ▶ **Assembly and Results of Main Components:**
  - Organic Monitoring
  - Organic Middleware
  - Organic Low Power Management
  - Organic Processing Cells
- ▶ **Conclusion and Phase III Outlook**

## Phase II: Refined Layer Model



### Situation detection

- Cause: Change in local system parameters (e.g. on-board temperature), application requirements
- Indication: Monitored errors (e.g. increased bit-error rates), hormone levels

### Dynamic reaction:

1. Cell emergency event picked up by monitor cell
2. Monitor cell decides to inform middleware (MW)
3. Task migration
  - a. Initiated by MW
  - b. Cell configuration and data path adaptation in NoC
4. Energy adjustment by low-power manager
5. System settling



Low Power Management



Organic processing cells



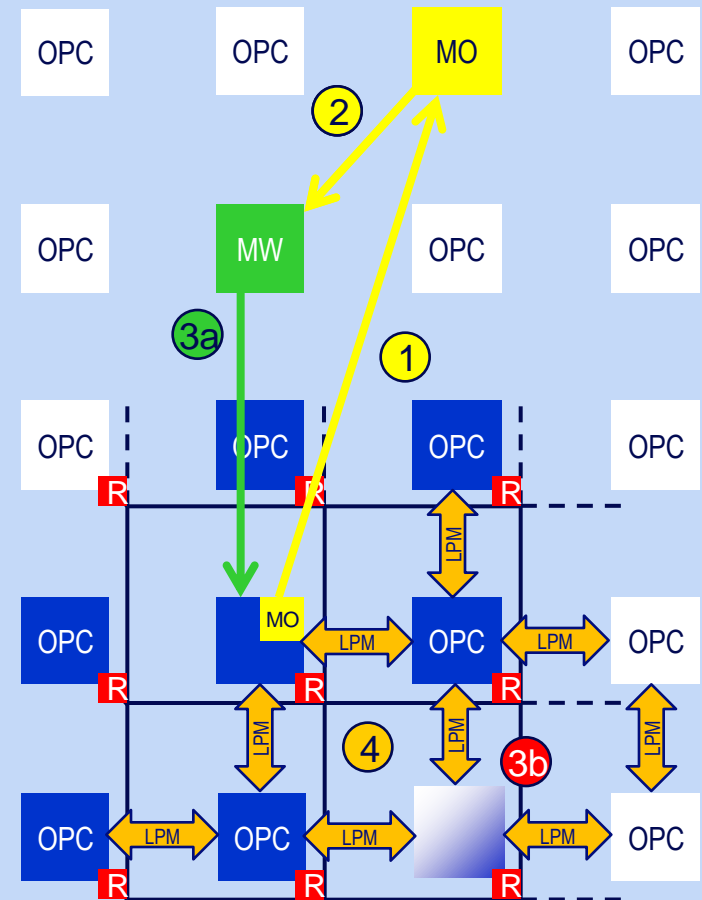
Middleware representative



Monitor instance



Idle cells

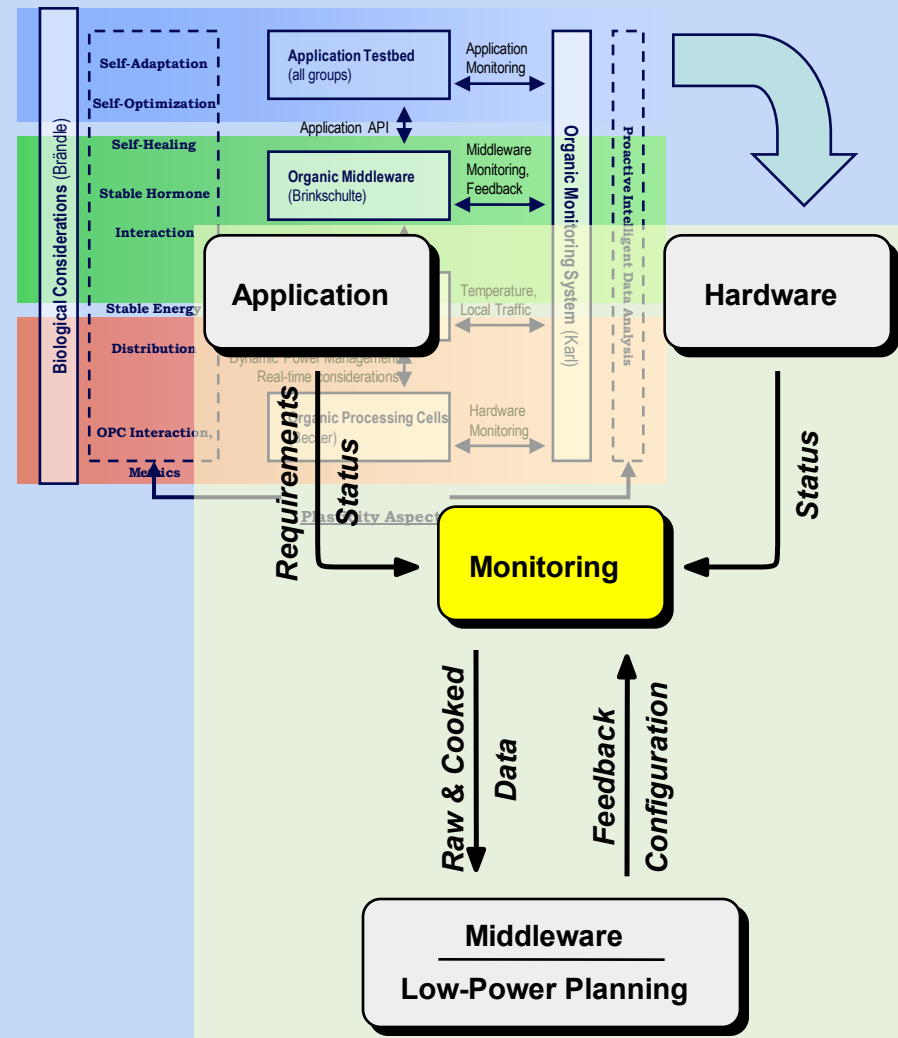


## ► Aim

- Enable and support Self-X capabilities
- Focus on increased self-awareness

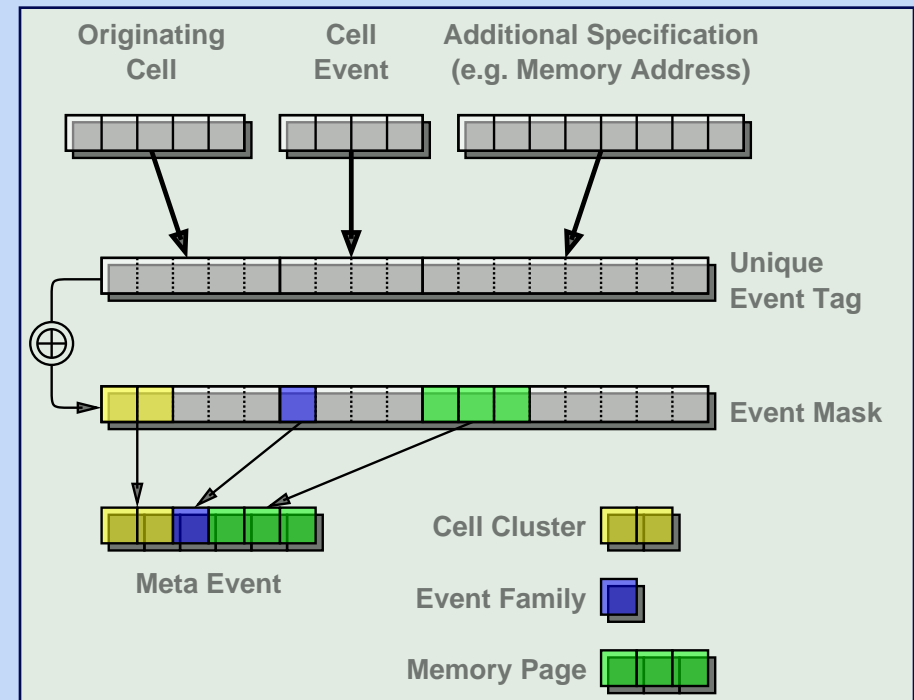
## ► Requirements

- 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



## ► 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

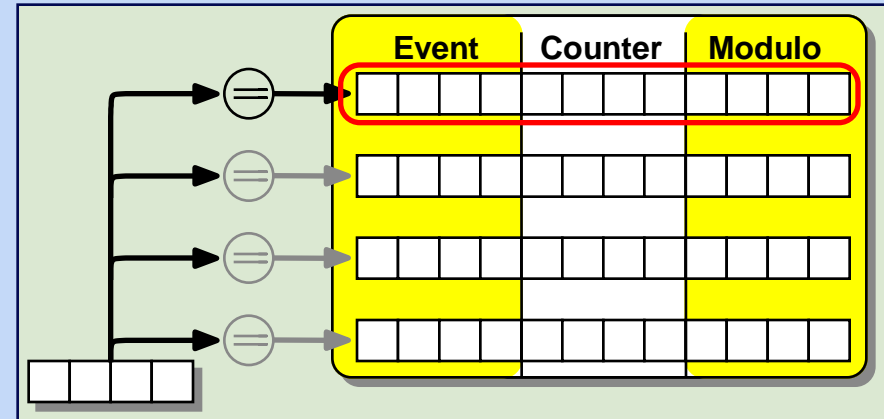


Rainer Buchty, David Kramer, Wolfgang Karl:  
*An Organic Computing Approach to Sustained Real-time Monitoring*. Proceedings of WCC2008/BICC (IFIP Vol.268), pp.151-162, Springer, ISBN 978-0-387-09654-4



## ► Event Monitoring

- Autonomous receiving and processing of events
- Associative Counter Arrays
  - Association of events to counters
  - Cache principle (replacement)
  - Event transmission upon overflow or replacement
  - Semantic compression
- Layered monitor concept
  - Low-level monitoring: ACA built into every cell
  - High-level monitoring: dedicated ACA units
  - Scalable
- Event message anatomy
  - Originating cell
  - Cell type
  - Reason (overflow, replacement, forced read)
  - Event type
  - Counter value and modulo



## ► Implementation Test Cases

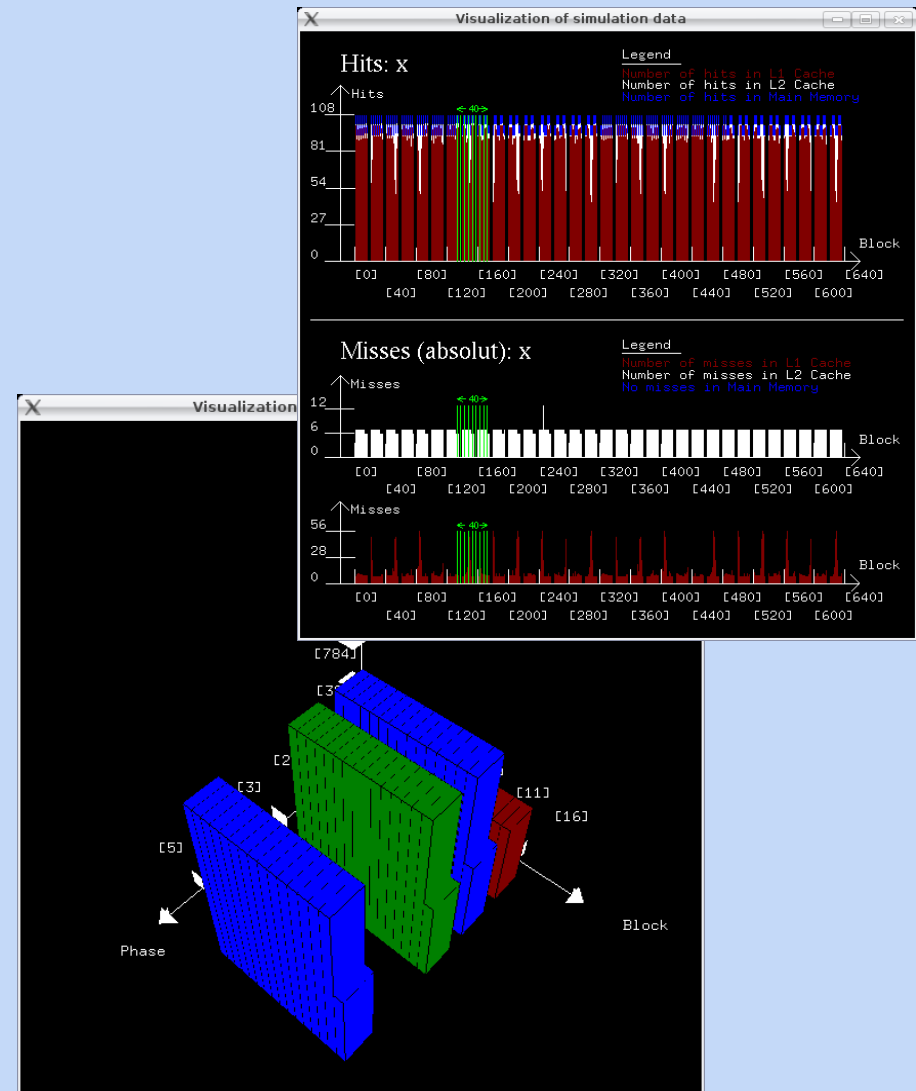
- HyperTransport memory access monitor
  - Usability and hardware performance study
- Self-aware Memory monitoring infrastructure
  - Control information
  - Protocol verification and evaluation

Rainer Buchty, Oliver Mattes, Wolfgang Karl: *Self-aware Memory: Managing Distributed Memory in an Autonomous Multi-Master Environment*. Proceedings of ARCS 2008 (LNCS 4934), pp.98-116, Springer, ISBN 978-3-540-78152-3

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## ► 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 impossible for dynamically changing systems
- Intelligent data analysis techniques required
  - Improved self-awareness through auto-correlation and –evaluation of events
  - Only basic, simple, and generic rules remain
  - Introduce proactivity: actively avoid potential conflicts by timely adaptation



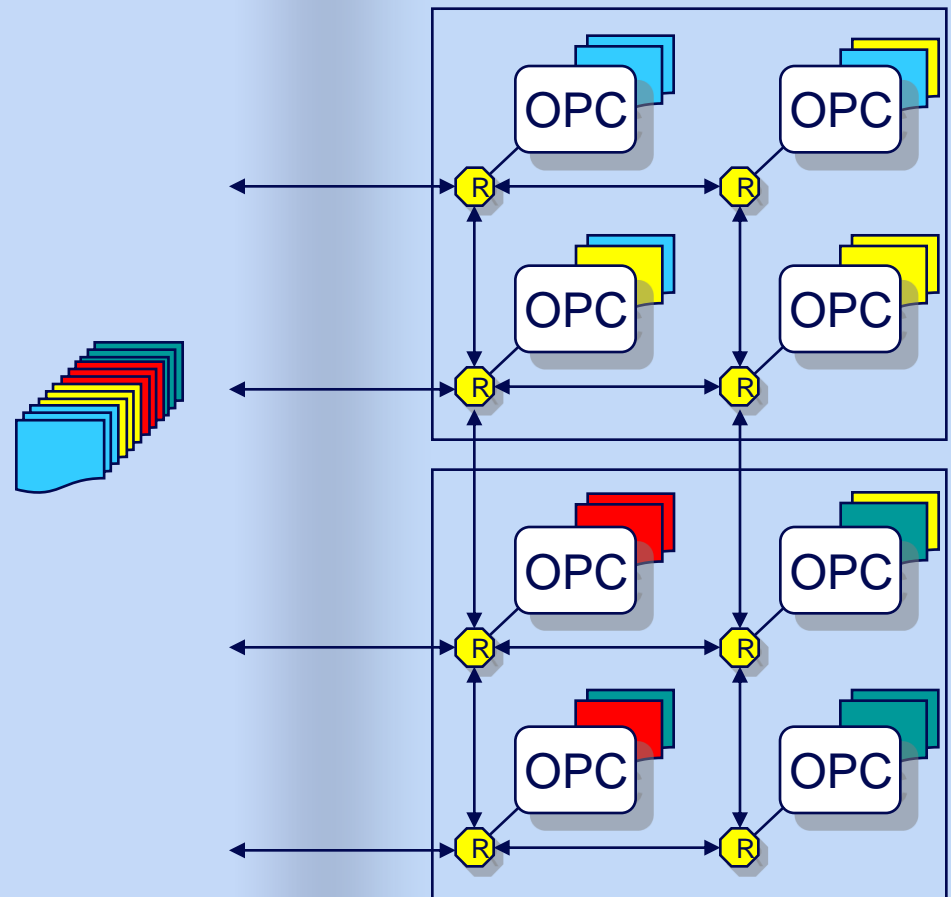


## ► Aim:

- Mapping tasks on Organic Processing Elements (OPC)
- Providing the system with Self-X properties on the middleware layer:
  - Self-Configuration
  - Self-Healing
  - Self-Optimization
- Achieving a good mapping with regards to
  - Requirements of each task
  - Relationships of the tasks
  - Condition of each cell and its neighborhood
- Reacting and adapting to changes (plasticity)
  - e.g. increased bit-rate errors
- Reaching stable mapping conditions

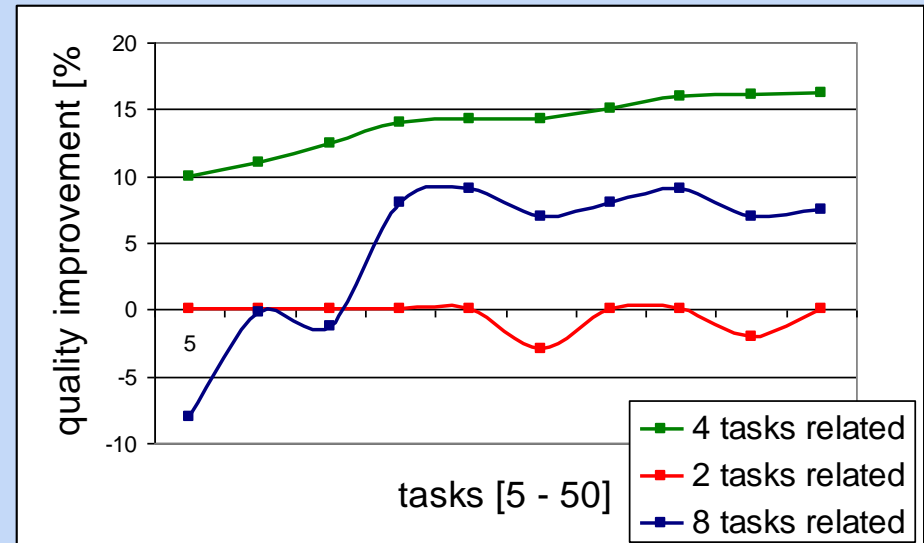
## ► Requirements

- Receive tasks and details from the application
- Information from Monitoring and Low-Power-Management



## ► Quality Analysis of the Artificial Hormone System

- Quantitative measure for the task assignment quality
- Merge different aspects:
  - Cell suitability for the mapped tasks
  - Communication distance
  - Cell workload



$$QU_{i\gamma} = \frac{w_{SH} \cdot SH_{i\gamma} + w_{EV} \cdot EV_{i\gamma} + w_{CD} \cdot CD_{i\gamma}}{w_{SH} + w_{EV} + w_{CD}}$$

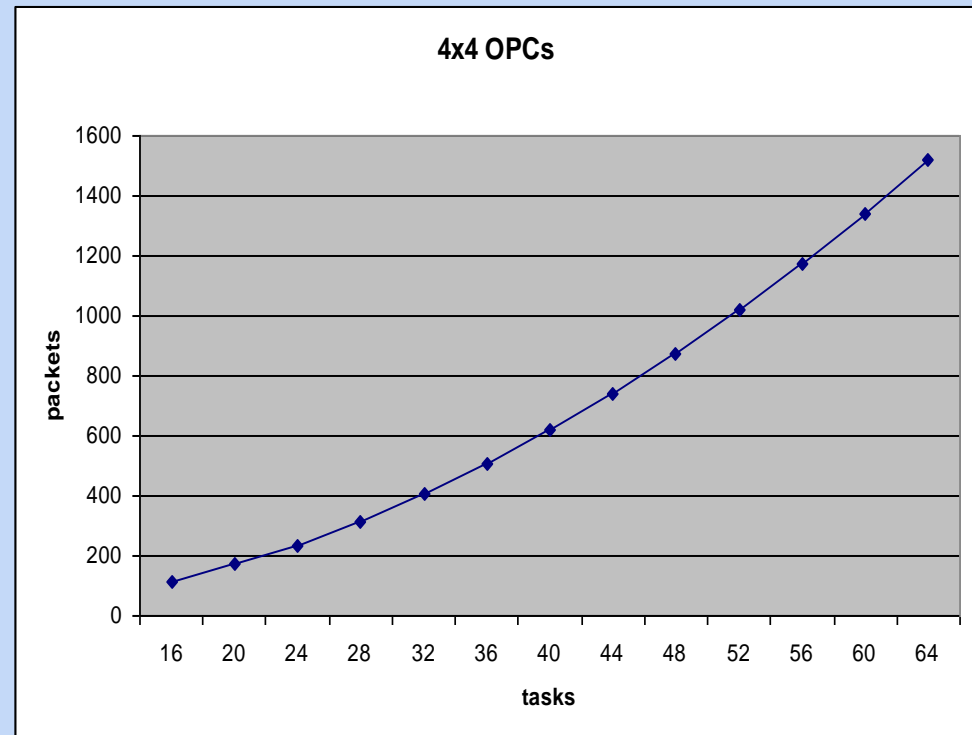
$$QU = \frac{\sum_{PE_{\gamma} \in \Omega} \sum_{Ti \in E_{\gamma}} QU_{i\gamma}}{m} = \frac{\sum_{PE_{\gamma} \in \Omega} e_{\gamma} \cdot QU_{\gamma}}{m}$$

- ▶ **Finding suitable hormone settings and improving mapping results**
- ▶ **Direct the Artificial Hormone System towards intended behaviour**

▶ **Methods:**

- **Genetic Algorithm:** Measurements of the hormone configuration quality in order to produce a set of optimal hormone configurations.
- **Kalman Filter:** Predicting optimal hormone values for unmeasured configurations
- **Support-Vector Regression:** Estimating the drift function as required by the Kalman filter

- Investigation of minimal requirements
- Improving network behavior
- Minimalizing AHS-related traffic
  
- Network behavior analysis
  - Network load
  - Overhead
  - Timing and latency
  - Effect of different routing algorithms
- Network protocol design and analysis
  - Header
  - Hormone Scale and Resolution
  - CRC / Parity check



## ► Organic Middleware

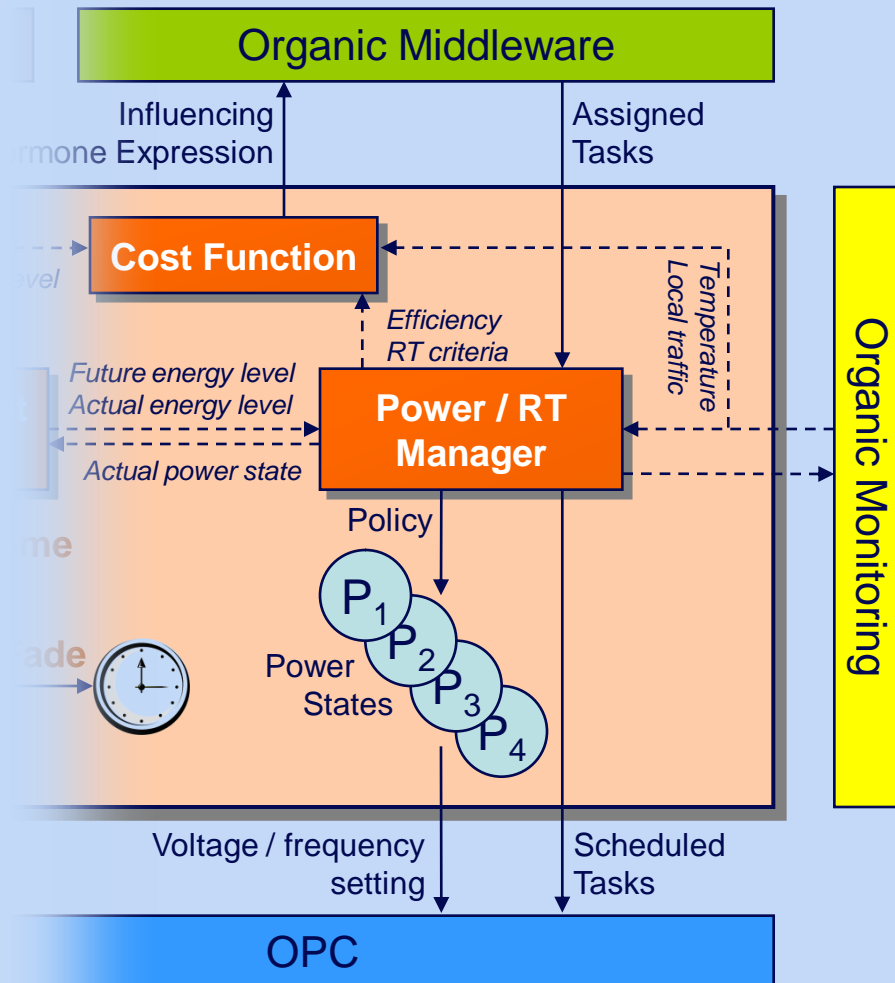
- Cost Function
  - Used for computation of local energy values

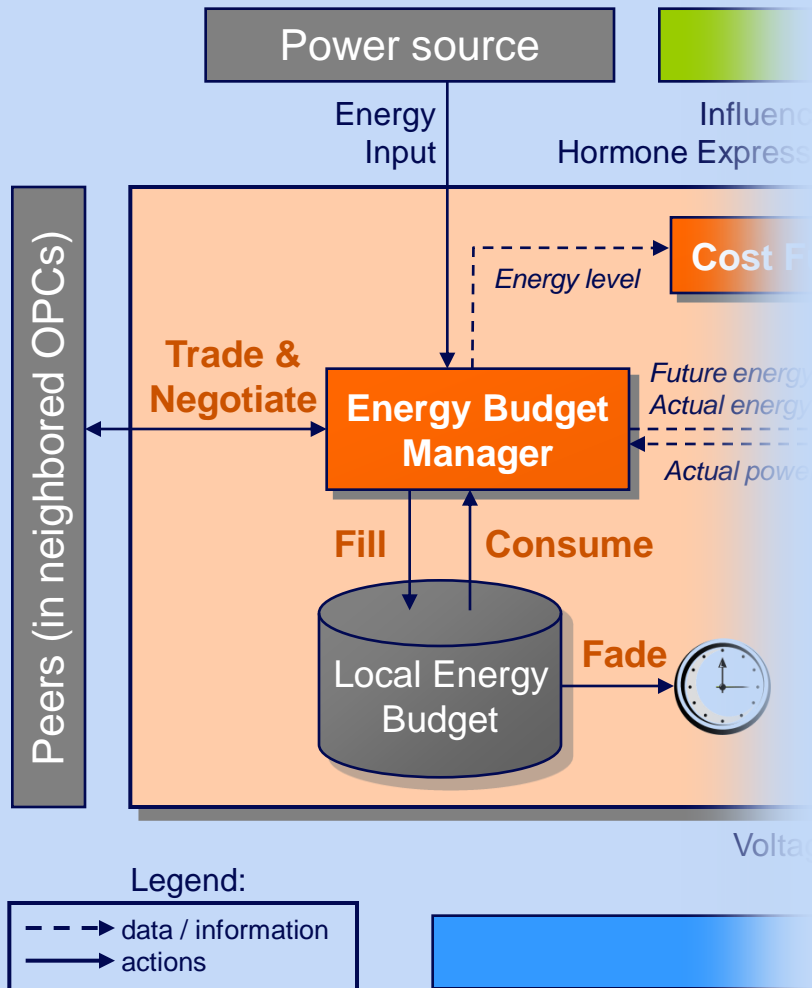
## ► Organic Monitoring

- External cost function parameters
  - Used to select apt power management policy

## ► OPC

- Configure power state





## Energy Distribution: goals

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

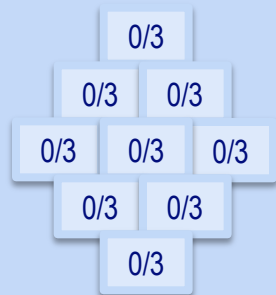
## Energy Distribution: main concept

- Each OPC has a local energy budget
  - Simulates the locally available energy
- Energy Budget Manager
  - Agent controlling local energy budget
  - **Negotiates & trades energy budget with neighboring OPCs**
  - Influences Power/RT Manager policies
- Global Power Source
  - Assigns energy budgets to OPCs (pulse-based)
  - Depending on e.g. state of charge



# Organic Low Power Management: Agent Negotiation

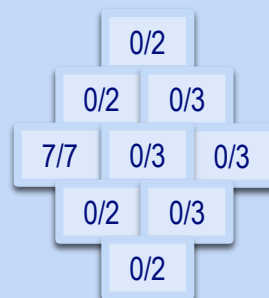
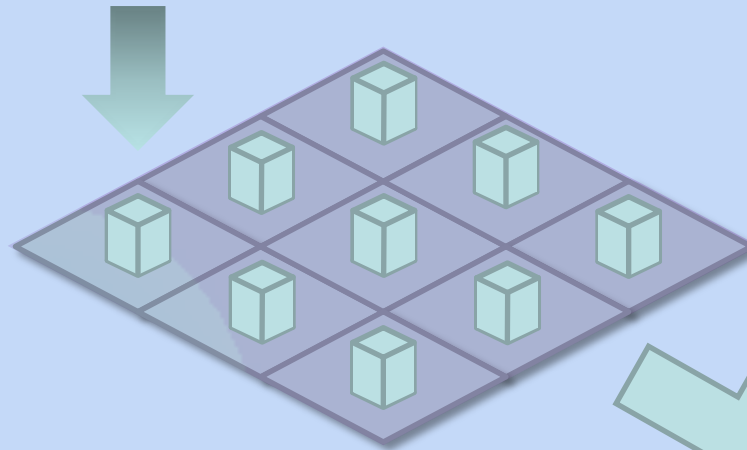
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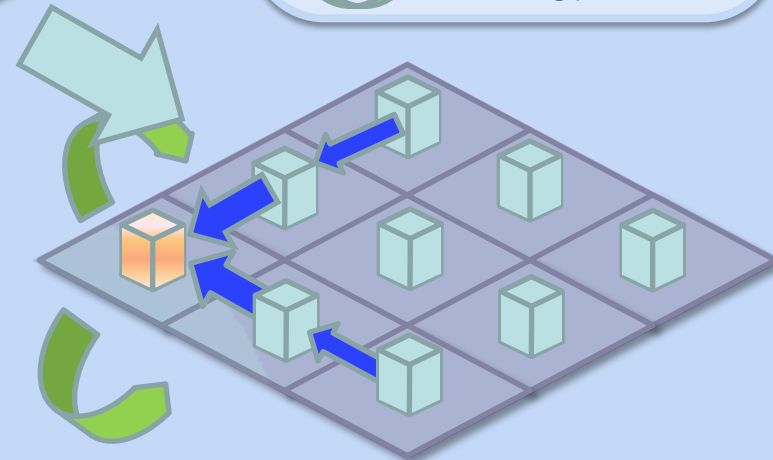
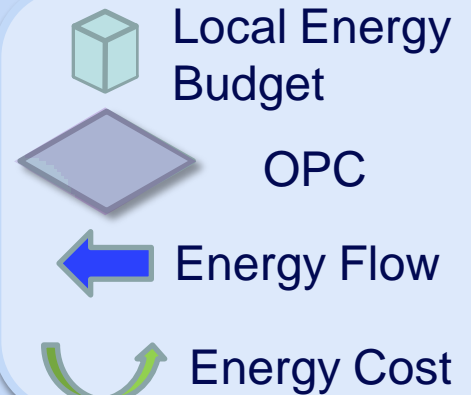
Energy units  
used/available

OPC requires energy  
to run demanding task

OPC negotiates energy  
budget with neighbors using  
cost function based on  
supply and demand



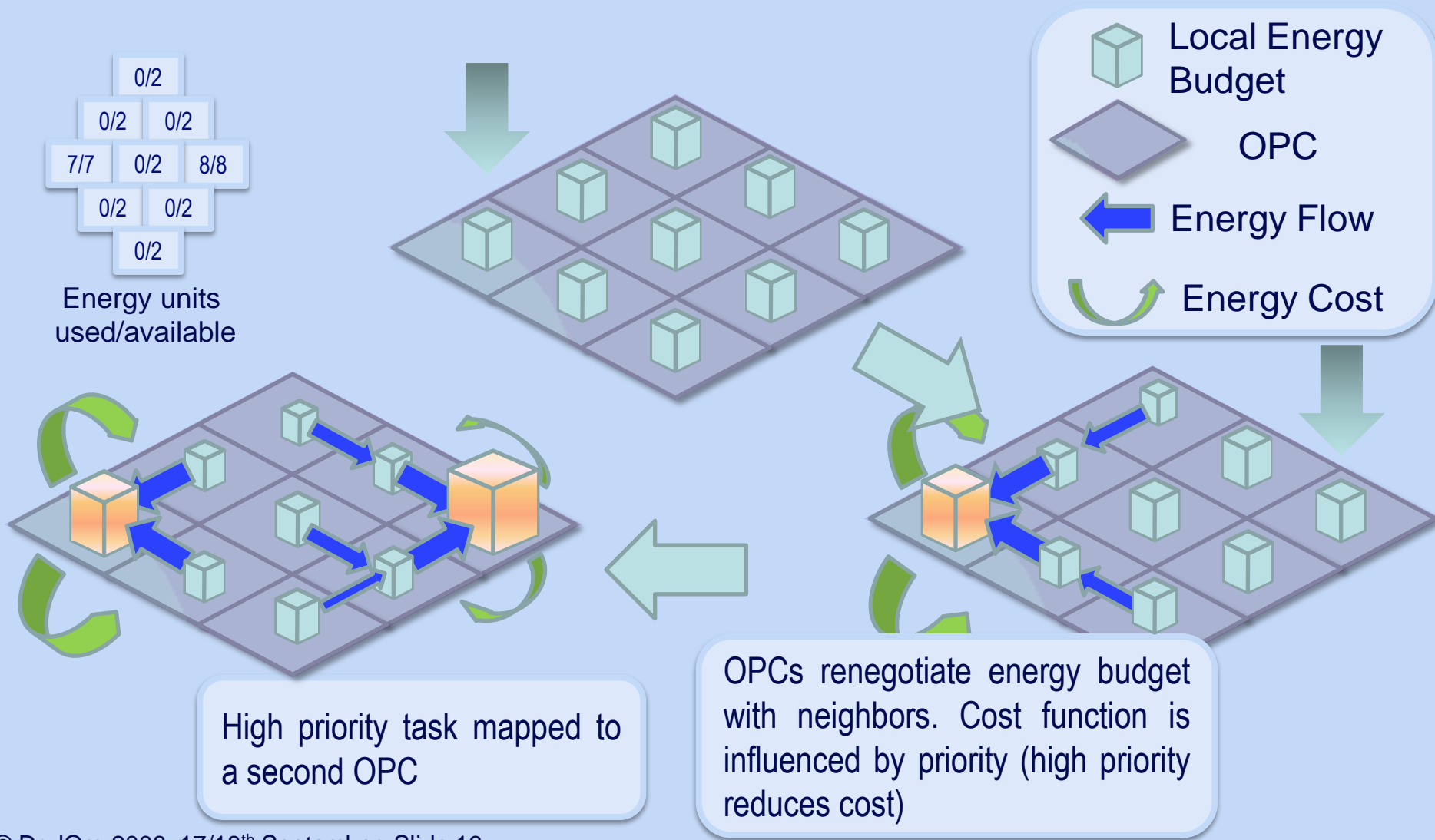
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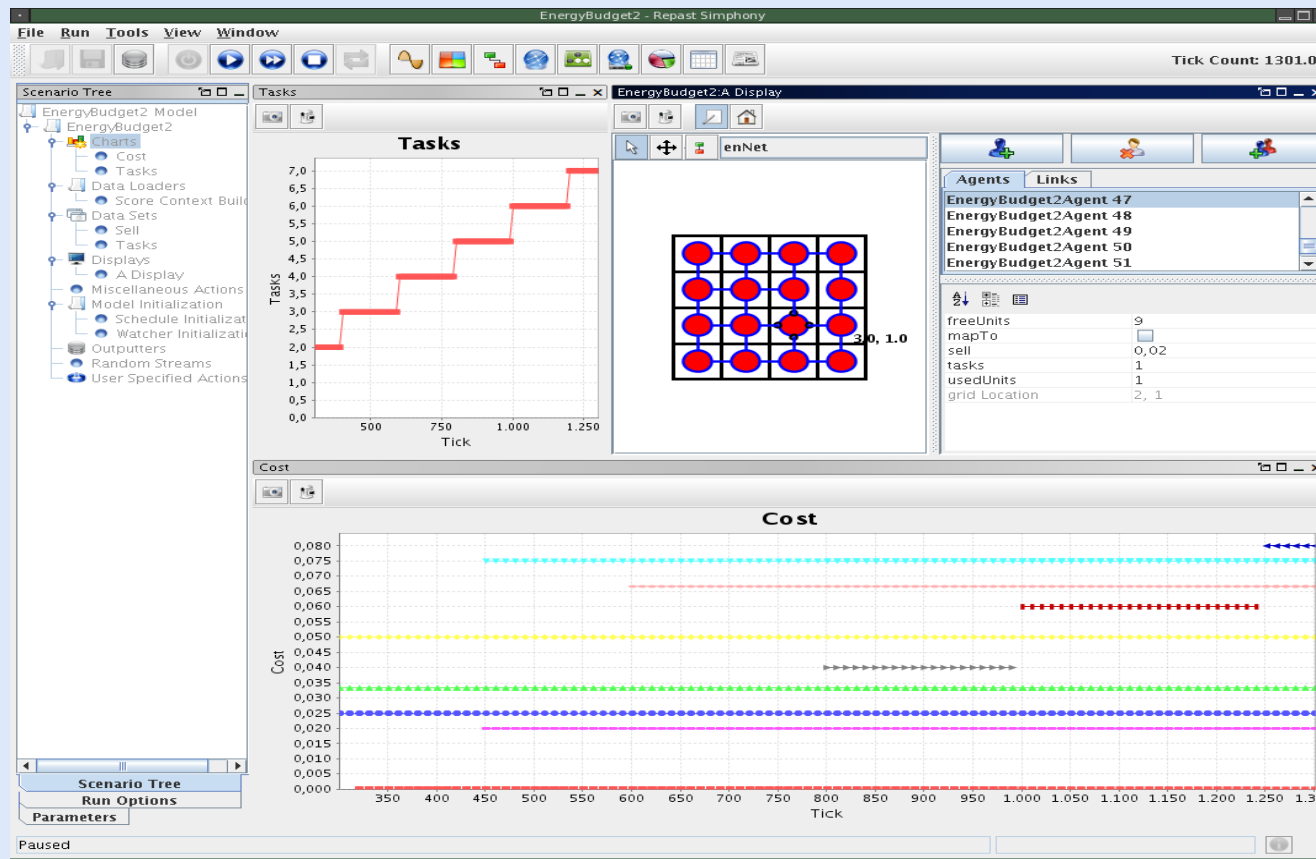
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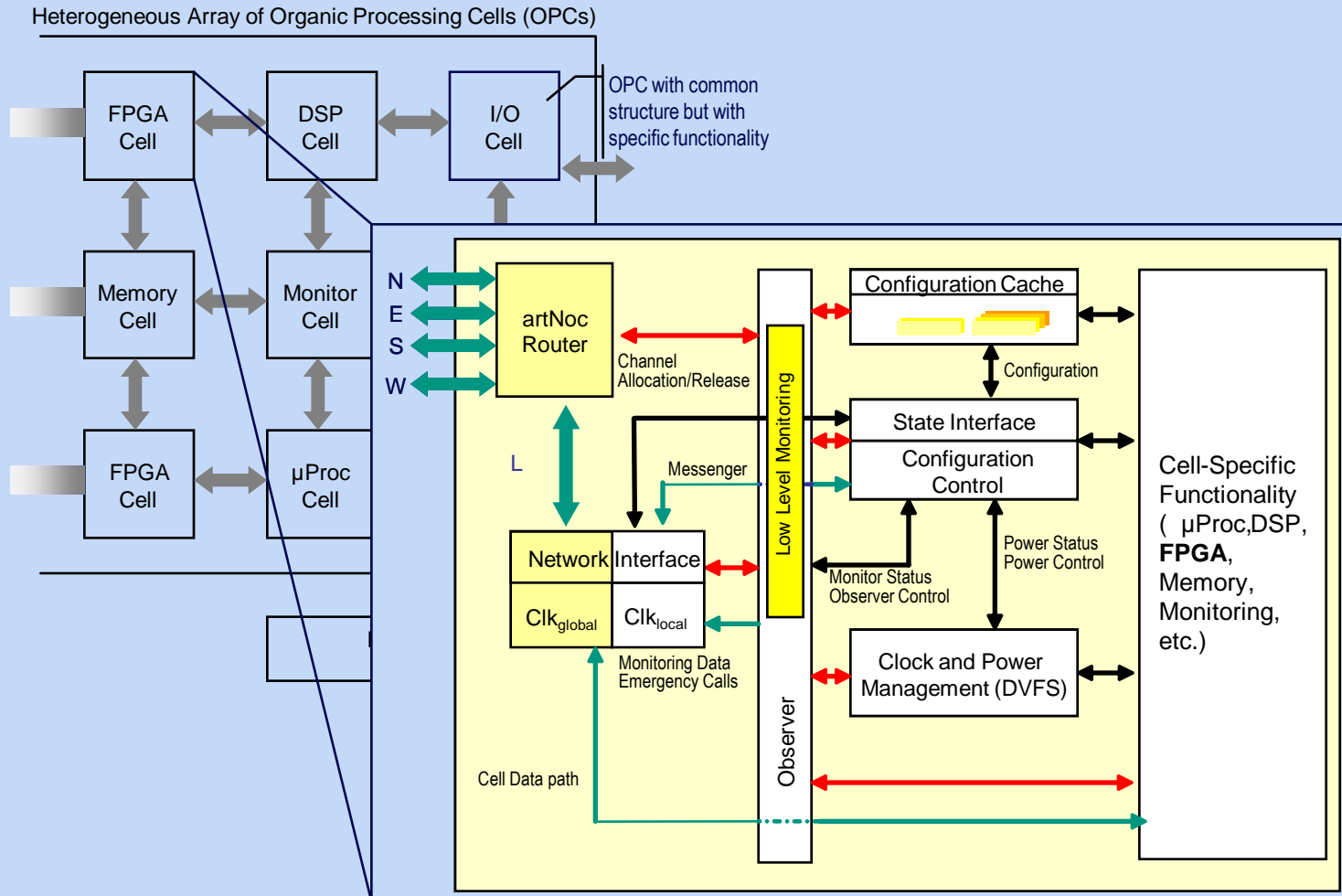
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Repast: Simulation of agent negotiation



## ► Foundation laid by

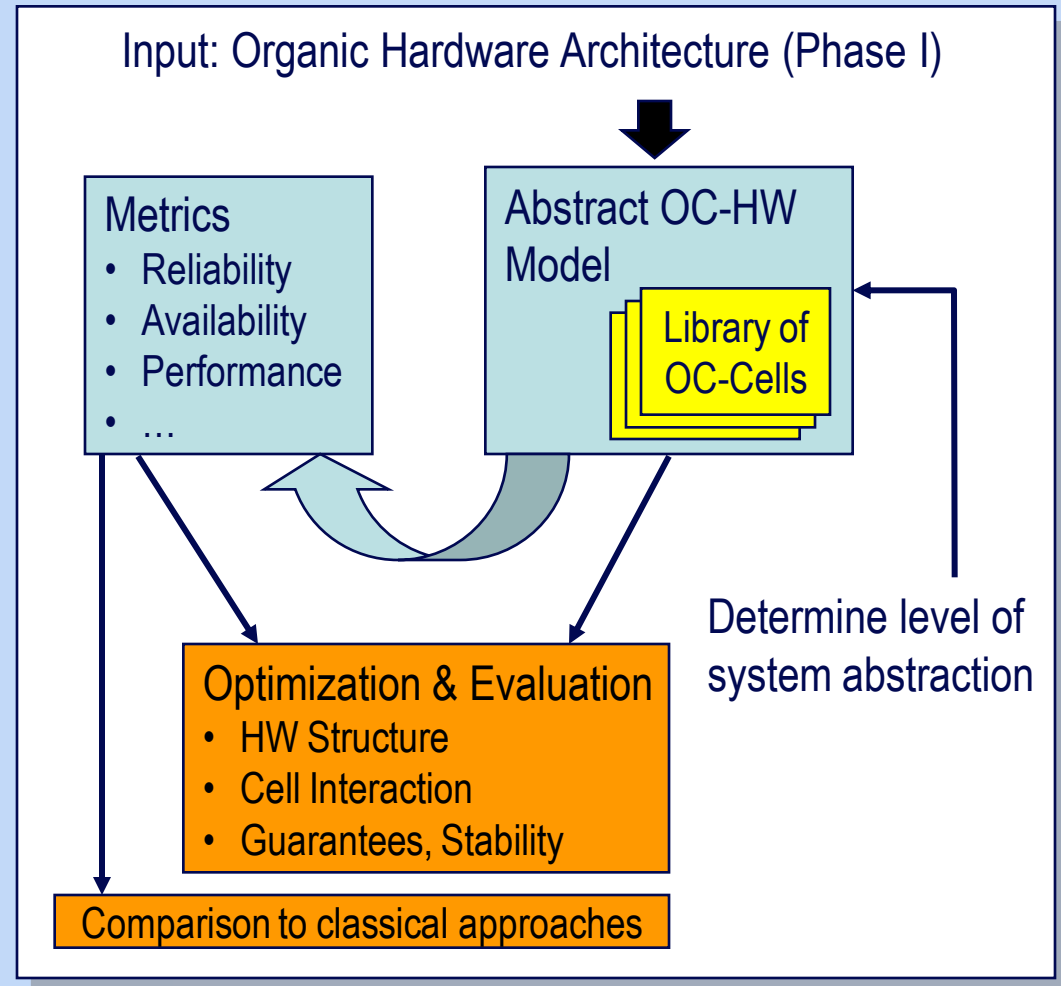
- DNA-configuration control
- Fault-tolerant/adaptive routing
- Automated test system
- Hardware prototype

## ► Challenges

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

## ► Research Goals

- Metrics
- Optimization
- Plasticity



## ► Distributed Power Management

- Hardware costs
- Switching speed, wakeup time
- Power savings
- Online task throughput synchronization / stabilization

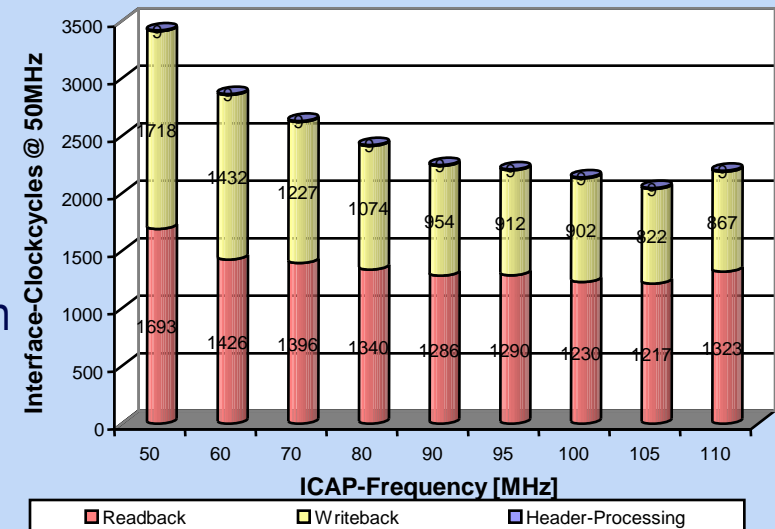
## ► Reconfiguration of data path

- Reconfiguration speed / execution time
- Configuration stream size / flexibility
- Self-repairing capabilities / potential

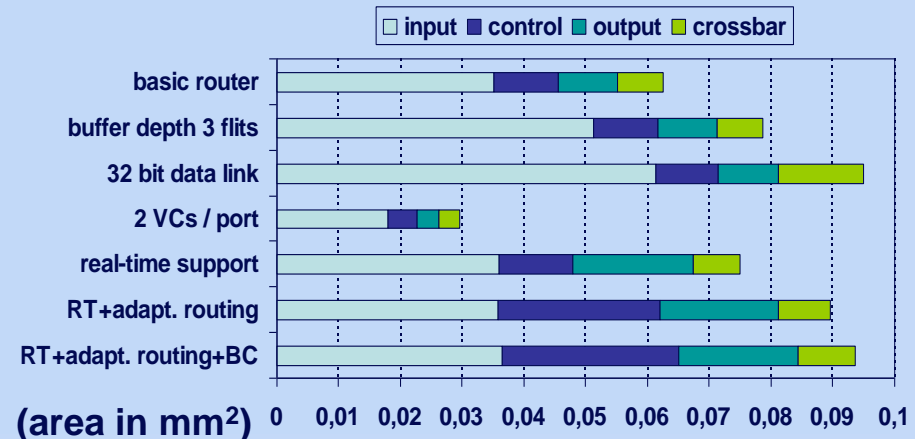
## ► Secure Packet Transmission

- Deadlock, Livelock, Starvation
- Adaptive routing
- Recovery mechanism

Reconfiguration Performance: Frame RMW Processing on Virtex2VP30



Hardware Cost: Router



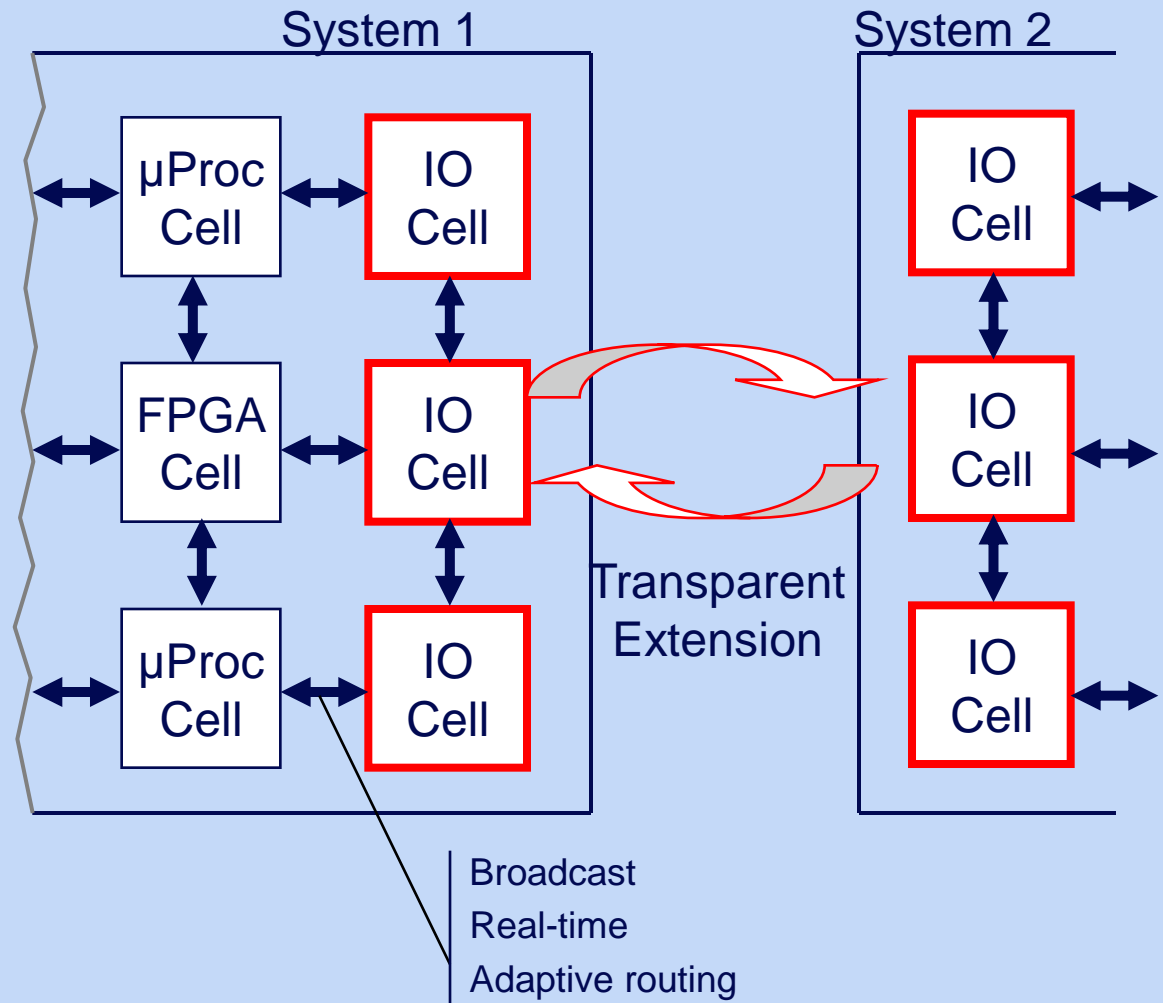


## ► Challenges

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

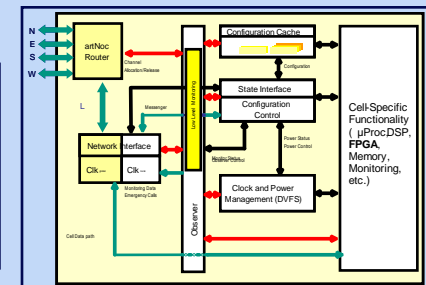
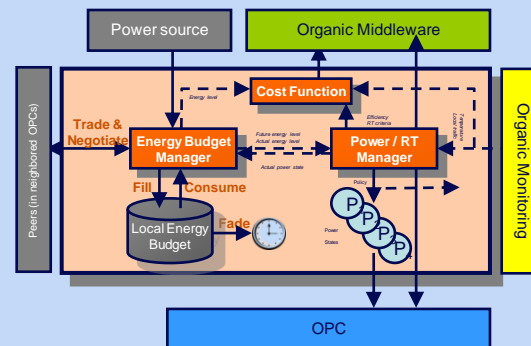
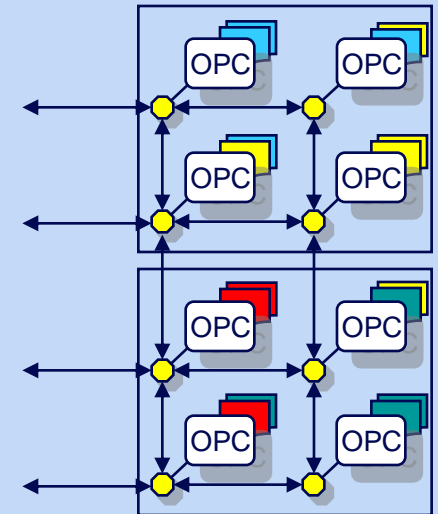
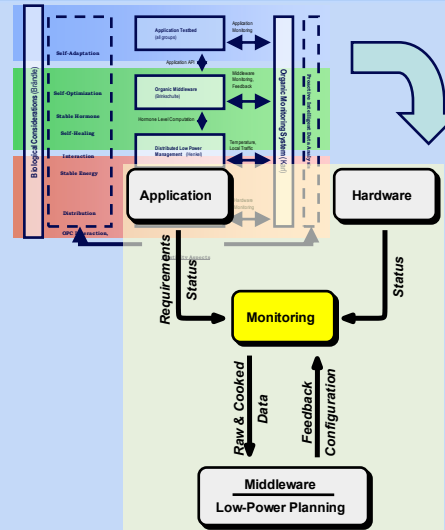
## ► Research Goals

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



## ► Current status of the DodOrg project:

- Concepts individually tested and applicability proven
- **Monitoring:** hormone-inspired associative event coding and use of associative counters
- **Middleware:** reaching stable hormone and mapping situations while still being able to react to changes (plasticity)
- **Low-Power-Processing:** local agent-based energy budget distribution
- **Processing Cells:** abstract OC-hardware model and evaluation of metrics and cost-functions

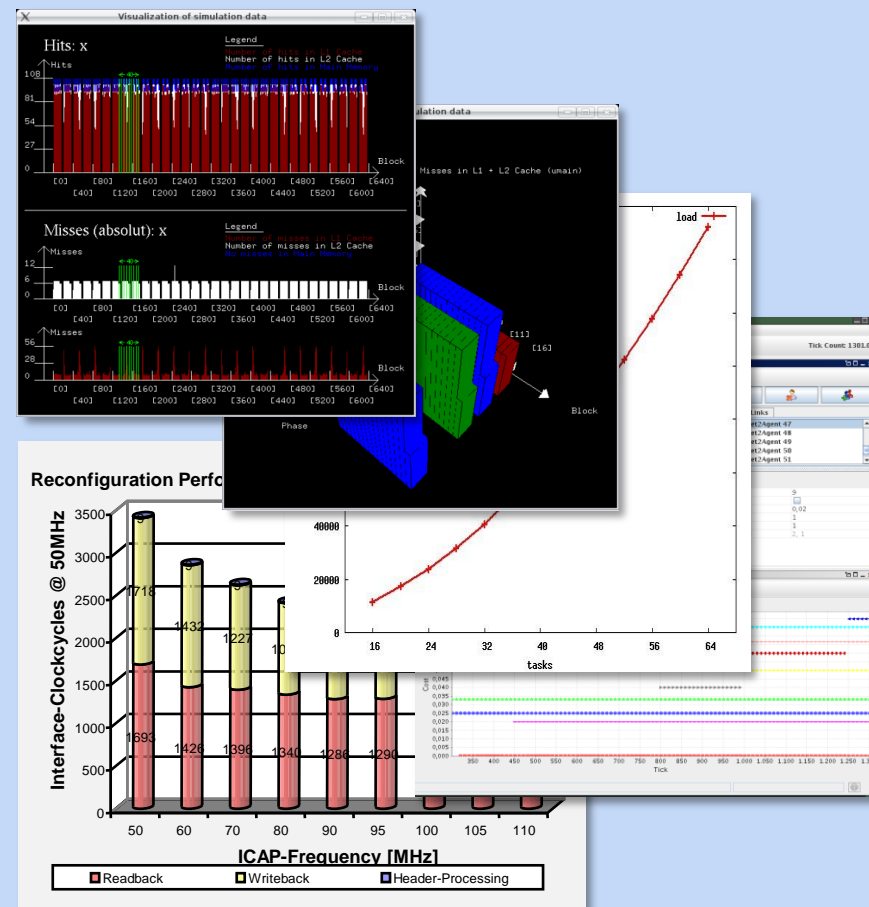


## ► Remaining Phase II tasks (approx. 9 months)

- Stability and robustness
- Intelligent data analysis techniques
- Local energy-distribution management
- Closed control-loop effects

## ► Phase III

- Self-optimization scenarios
- Conflict avoidance through proactivity
- Cell-level low-power issues and interaction
- Off-chip communication
- Prototype implementation: application phase detection and fault-tolerance



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**Questions?**

