

# OverSwarm

Toward a comprehensive  
evaluation of self-organized bio-  
inspired peer-to-peer solutions

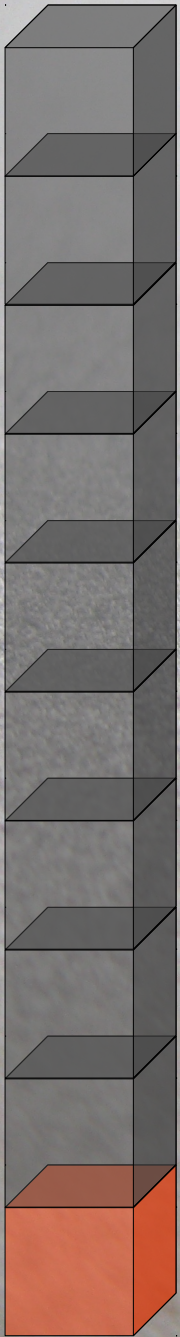
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# Outline

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Swarm Intelligence

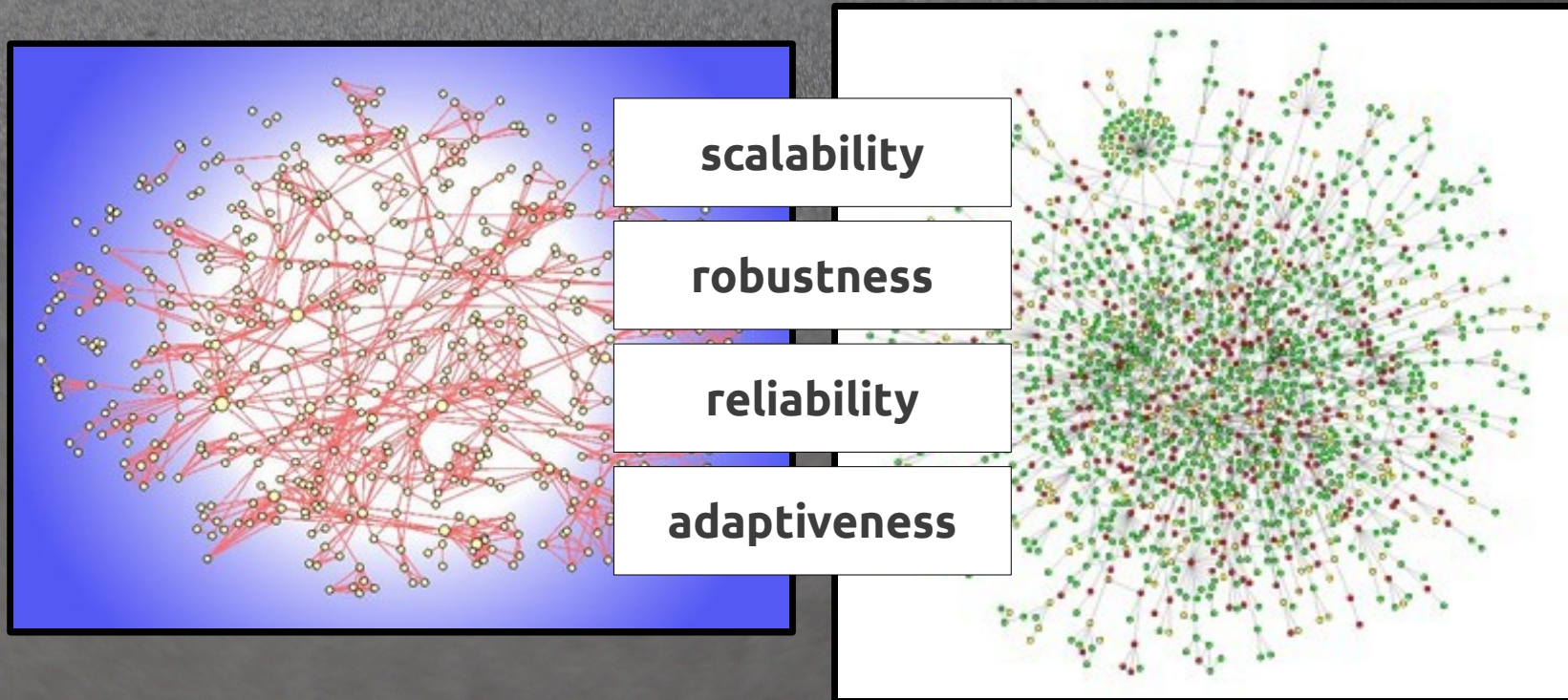
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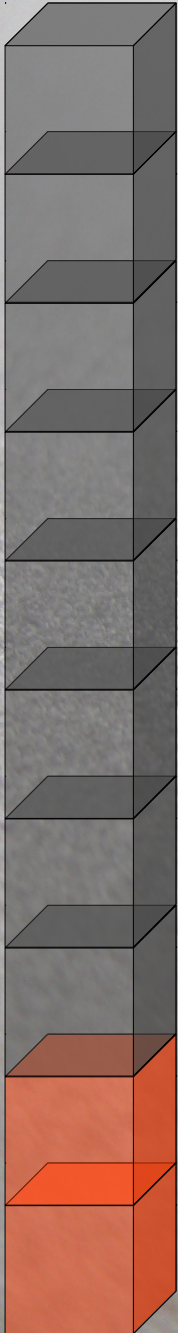


# Introduction

Scenario: complex P2P distributed systems







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## Bio-inspired solutions



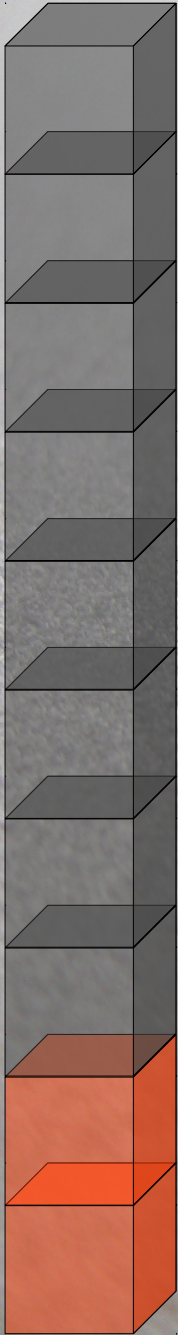
**self-organization**

**emergence**

**fault-tolerance**







# Examples

Messor (load balancing)

AntNet (routing)

AntHocNet (routing)

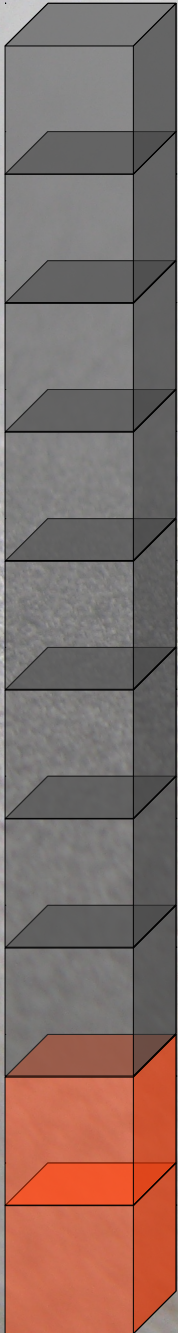
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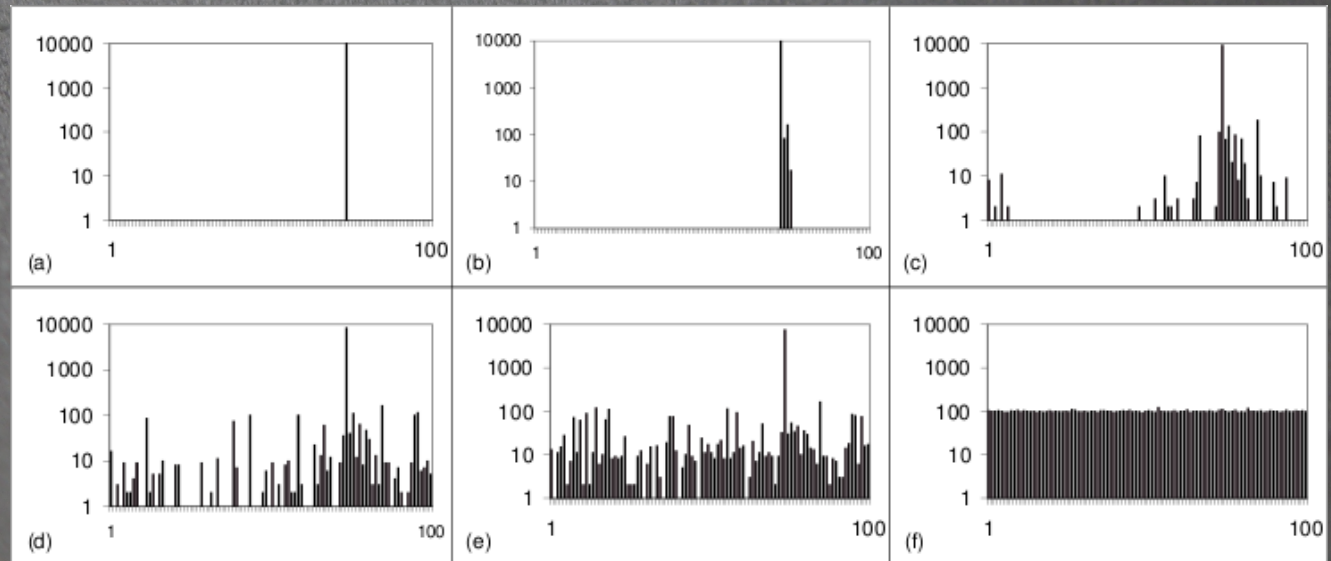
SemAnt (res. discovery)



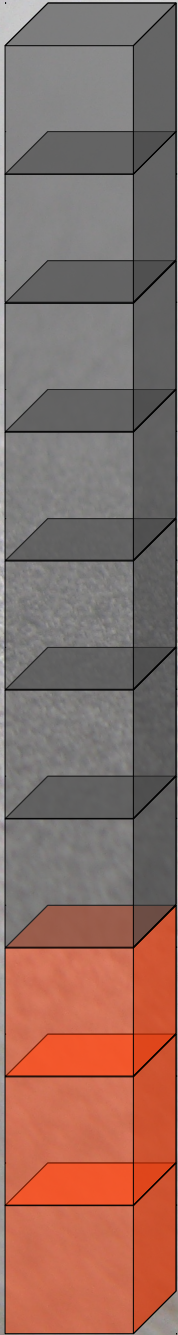


# Example: Messor

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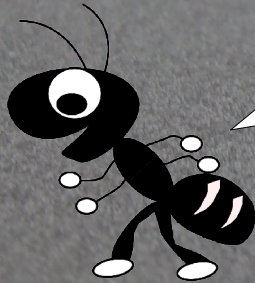






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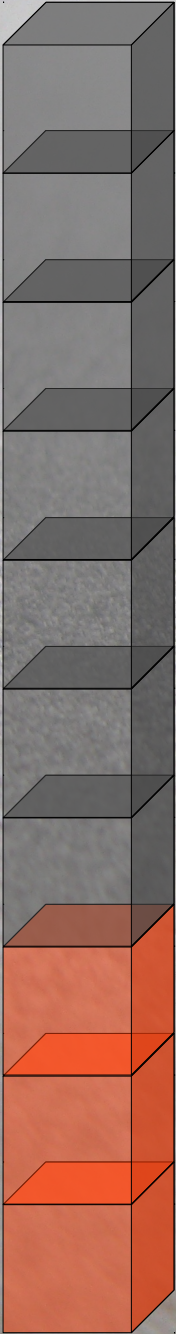


When an ant is not carrying any object, it wanders about randomly until it encounters an object and picks it up;

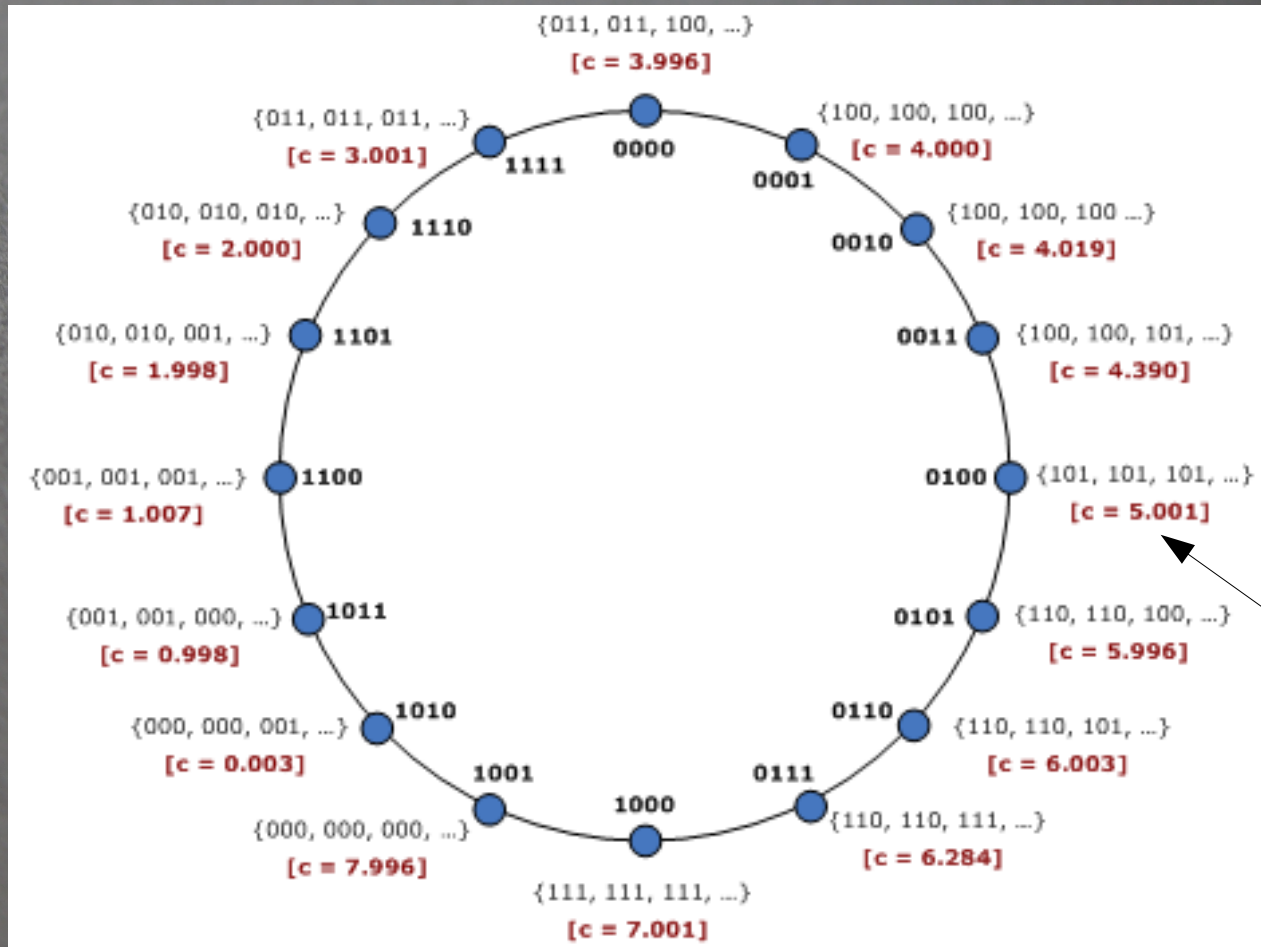


When an ant is carrying an object, the ant drops it only after having wandered about randomly "for a while" without encountering other objects.





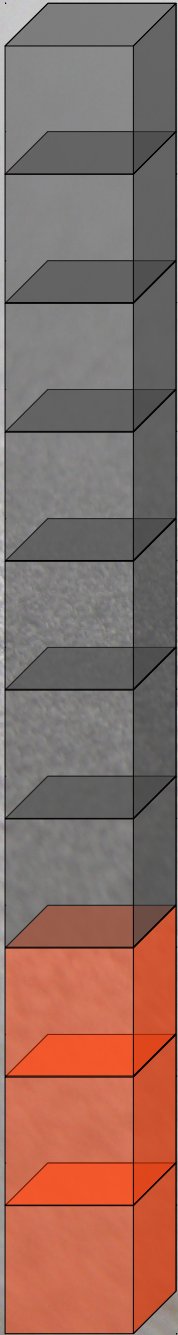
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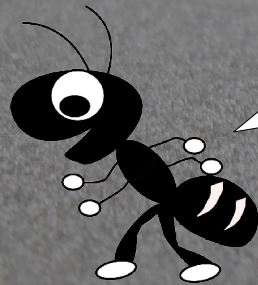
{keys stored in this peer}  
[c = centroid of this peer]  
—●—  
peer index

Centroid: value that minimizes the average distance between itself and the keys stored in the local region





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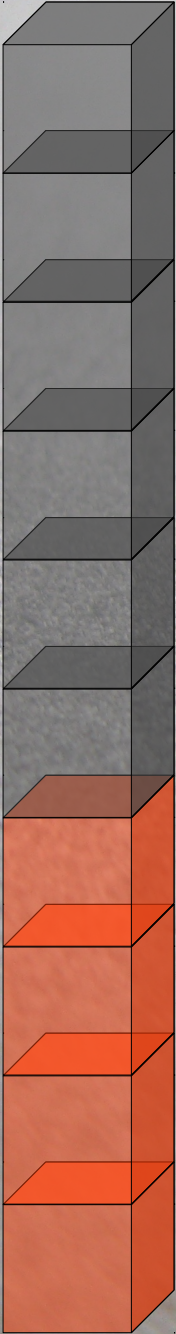


Mobile agents tend to pick a key from a peer if the key is an "outlier" there, and try to move the key to a peer whose centroid is similar to the key value



The agents try to deposit each key in the peer whose centroid is as close as possible to the key





# Evaluation?

Custom simulator (Java)  
Messor (load balancing)

AntNet (routing)

QualNet  
AntHocNet (routing)

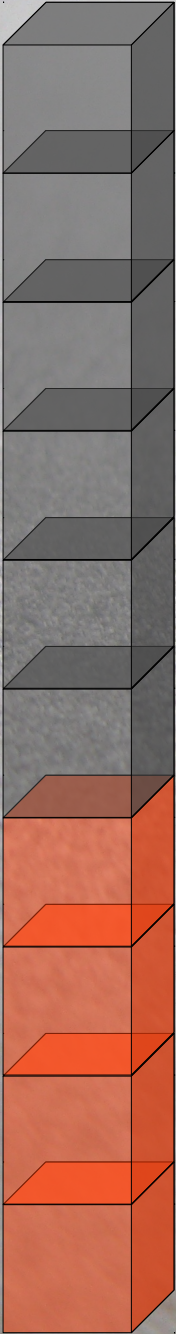
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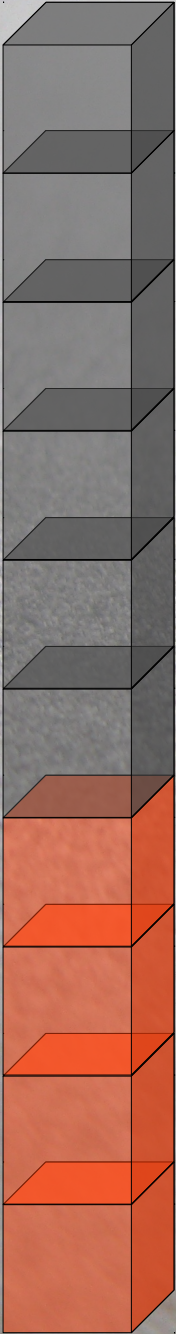
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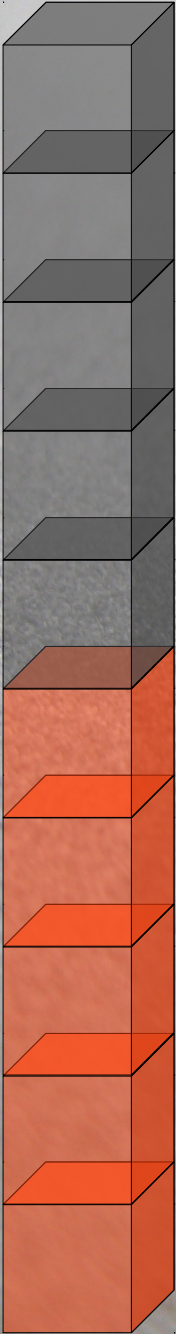


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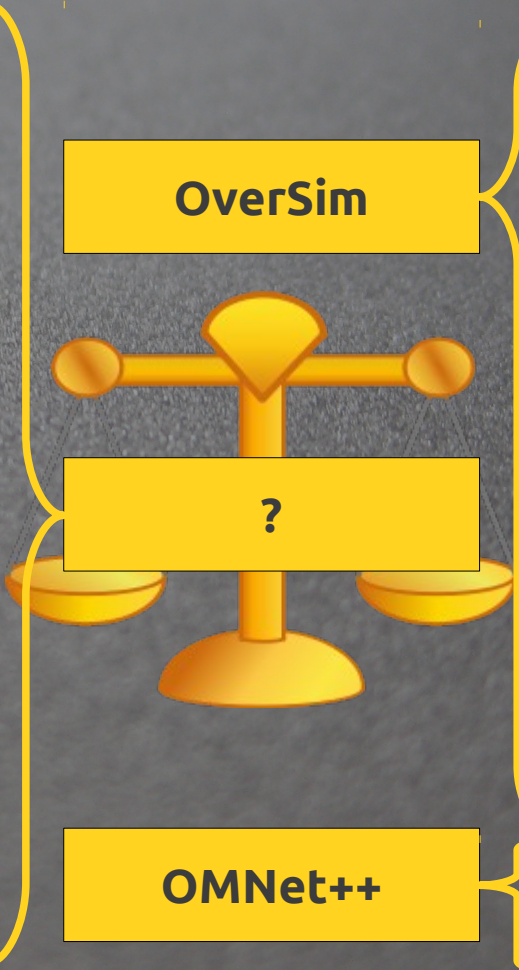
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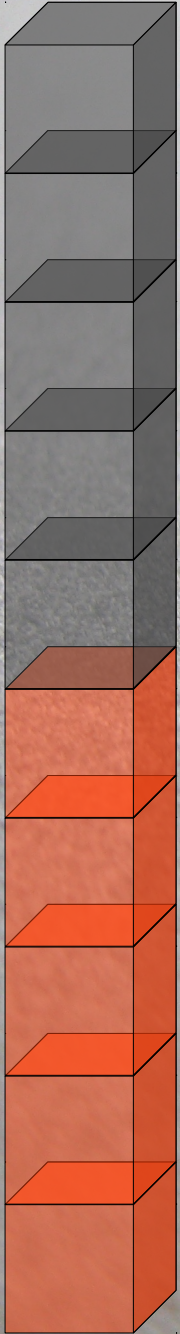
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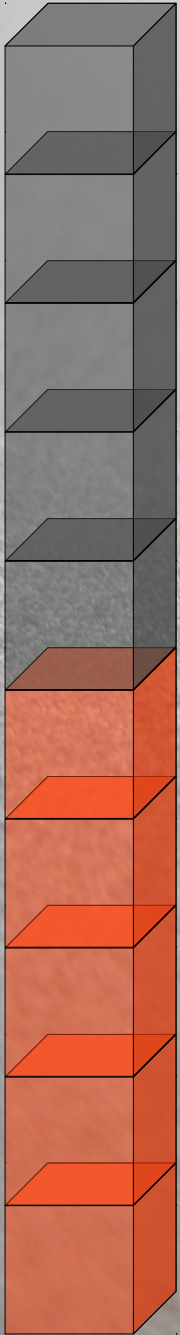




# OverSwarm

- **Bio-inspired / swarm framework**
- **Mobile-agent based protocols**
- **Goals:**
  - **Comprehensive evaluation**
  - **Comparison**
  - **Simplify development**
  - **Experimenting, prototyping**





# Application layer

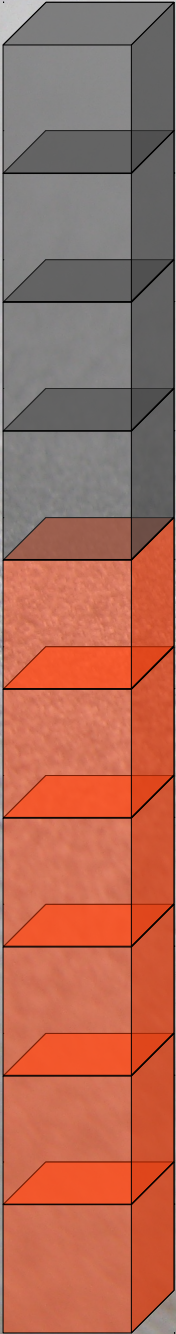
Application Protocol

Swarm Based Application 

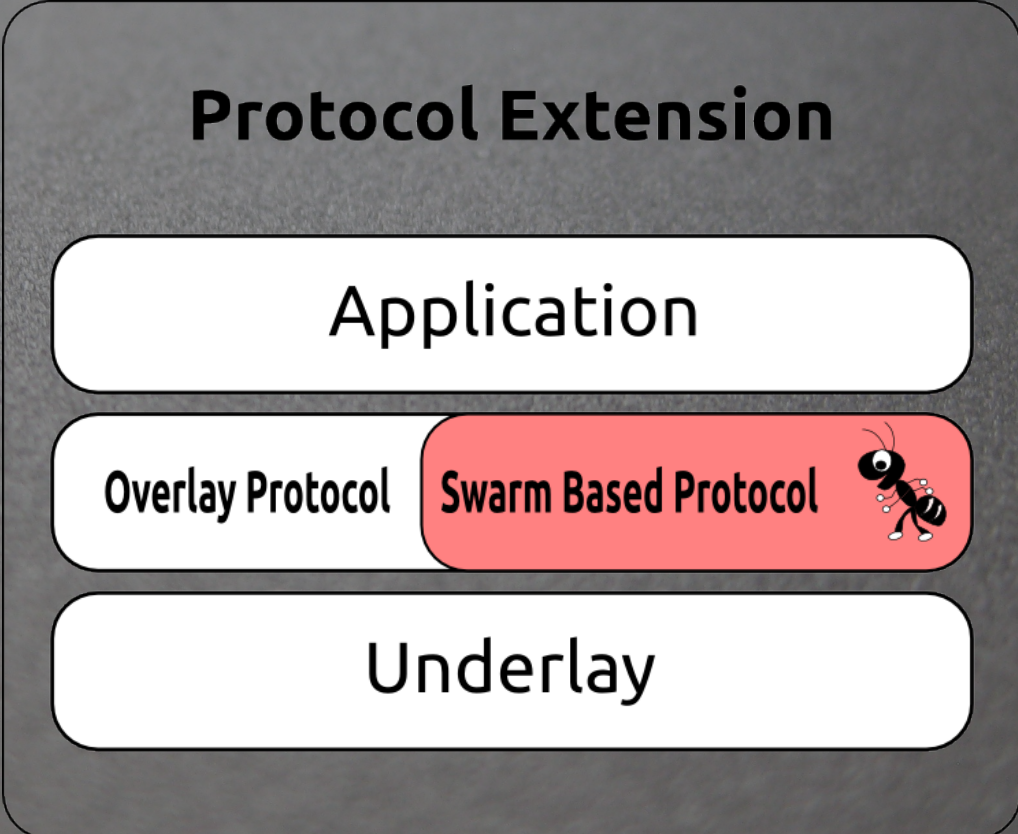
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Underlay

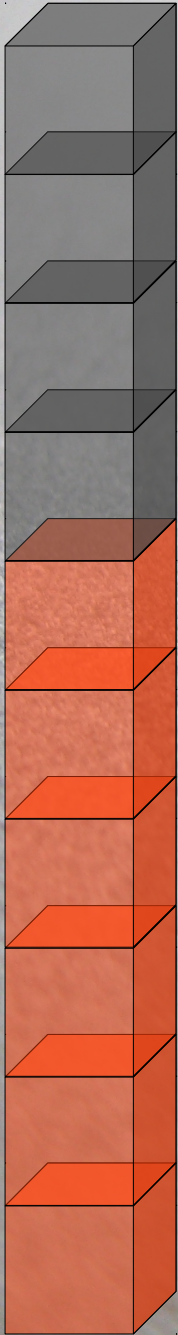




# Overlay extension







# Stand-alone overlay

**Standalone Protocol**

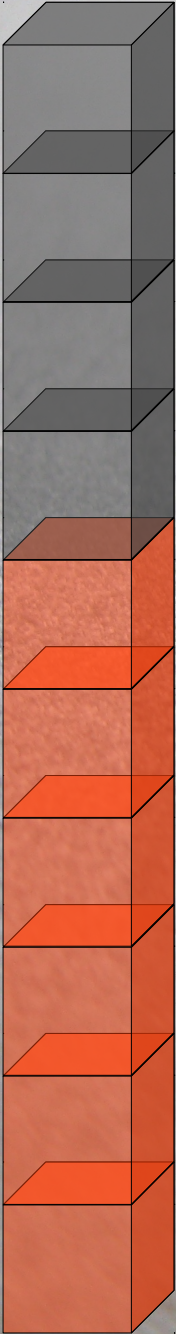
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**Swarm Based Overlay**



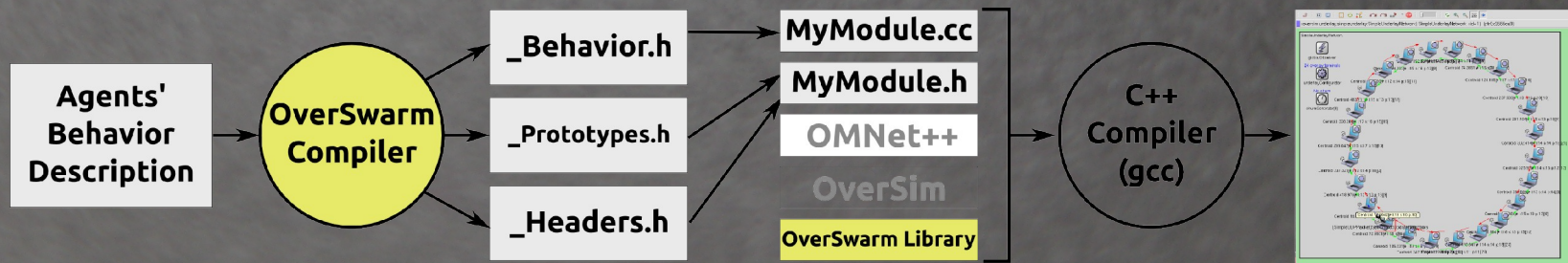
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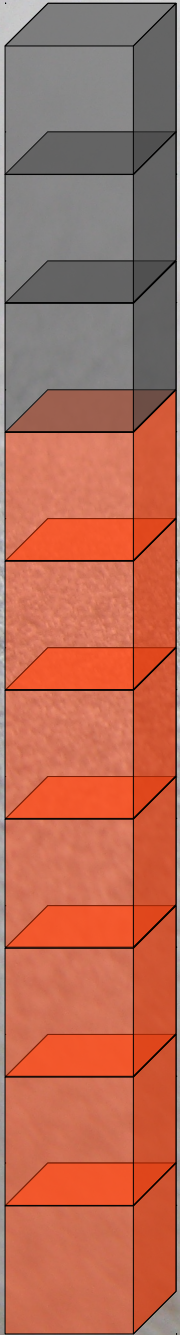


# Toolchain

- Programming language (Lisp-like)
  - dynamic typing
  - automatic memory management
  - strong, transparent migration
- Compiler





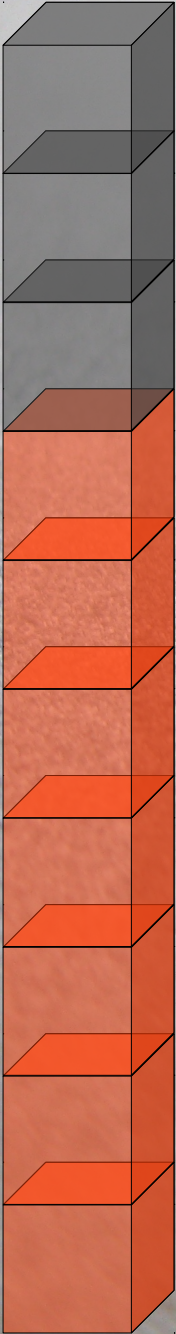


# Programming

*Ant Agent's Behavior*

*With probability 50% either migrate to the successor, or: migrate to predecessor, doSomething, then migrate back to the previous node and if the result of doSomething was greater than 0 doThis, otherwise doThat.*





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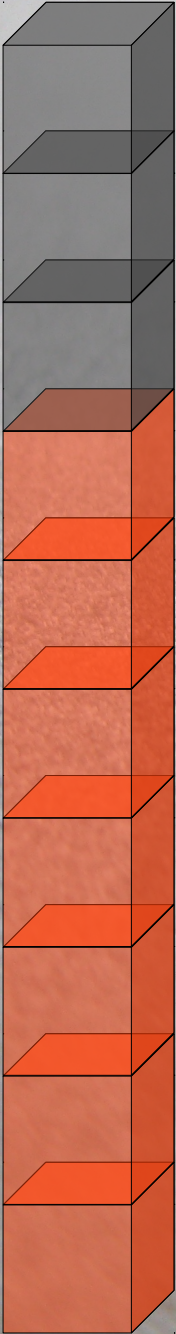
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```
switch(packet->getType()) {  
  case 0:  
    if (rand() < 0.5) {  
      packet->setPrevious(this->getAddress());  
      packet->setType(1);  
      sendMessageToUDP(this->predecessor, packet);  
    } else {  
      sendMessageToUDP(this->successor, packet);  
    }  
    break;  
  case 1:  
    int result = doSomething();  
    packet->setResult(result);  
    packet->setType(2);  
    sendMessageToUDP(this->getPrevious(), packet);  
    break;  
  case 2:  
    if (packet->getResult() > 0) {  
      doThis();  
    } else {  
      doThat();  
    }  
    break;  
  default:  
    // Handle unknown message  
}
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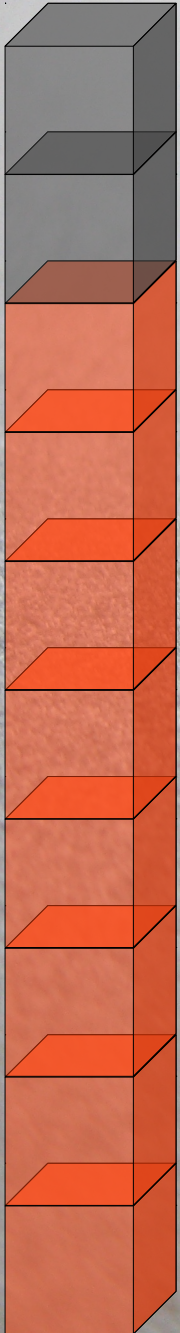
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```
(var previous nil)
(if (< (rand) 0.5) (begin
  (set! previous (getThisNode))
  (migrate (getPredecessor))
  (var result (doSomething))
  (migrate previous)
  (if (> result 0)
    (doThis)
  )
  else
    (doThat)))
else
  (migrate (getSuccessor)))
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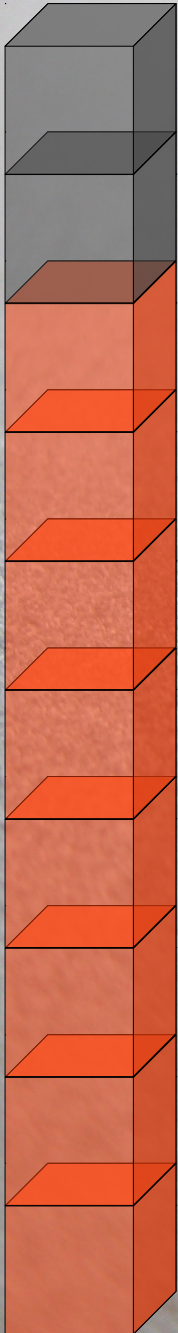
# Example: Self-Chord

## Self-organized Chord DHT

Reuses / Extends OverSim's Chord implementation

Adds ant-like agents to the existing protocol





# Example: Self-Chord Self-organized Chord DHT

```

;; Pick function
(define (doPick) (synchronized
  (var c (getCentroid))
  (foreach r in (getResources) (begin
    (if (and
      (shouldPickA c r direction)
      (shouldPickB c r)) (begin
        (set! resource (pick (key r)))
        r
        (break)))))))

;; Drop function
(define (doDrop) (synchronized
  (if (shouldDrop (getCentroid) resource) (begin
    [drop resource]
    (set! resource nil)
    (end))))))

;; Body of the behavior
(while 1 (begin
  (if resource (doDrop) else (doPick))
  (if (= step 0)
    (if (not resource)(end))
    else
    (set! step (- step 1)))
  (if (and LOGARITHMIC_HOPPING resource) (begin
    (migrate (getNextHop (key resource))))
    else (begin
      (if (= direction LEFT)
        (migrate (getPredecessor))
        else
        (migrate (getSuccessor)))))))

```



```

import for "oversim" {
  "dataTable->lock"      as      "lockDataTable"
  "dataTable->unlock"   as      "unlockDataTable"
  "dataTable->pick"     as      "pick",
  "dataTable->drop"     as      "drop",
  "dataTable->getCentroid" as    "getCentroid",
  "dataTable->getRangeOfKeys" as  "getRangeOfKeys",
  "dataTable->getResources" as   "getResources",
  "dataTable->getPredecessor" as  "getPredecessor",
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  "dataTable->getThisNode" as    "getThisNode",
  "dataTable->setPredecessorKeys" as  "setPredecessorKeys",
  "dataTable->setSuccessorKeys" as  "setSuccessorKeys",
  "dataTable->getLogarithmicNextHop" as "getNextHop"
}

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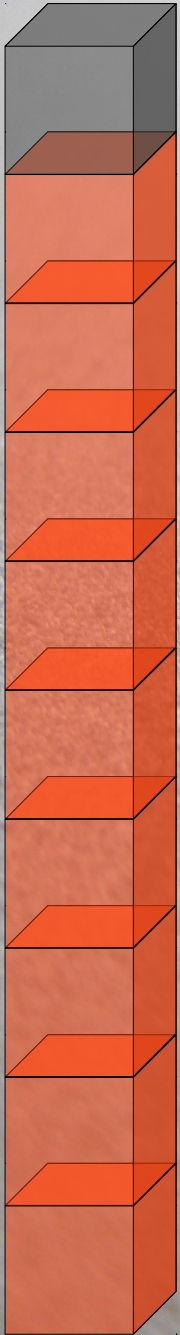
```

OvSwValue::Ptr SelfChordDataTable::pick(void* owner, OvSwStack* st, OvSwValue::Ptr token)
{
  int key = unwrapInt(token);
  for (unsigned int i=0; i < data.size(); i++) {
    int hvalue = data[i].first;
    if (key == hvalue) {
      TableEntry t = data[i];
      OvSwMap* m = new OvSwMap();
      (*m)["key"] = wrap(key);
      (*m)["value"] = wrap(t.second.first);
      (*m)["owner"] = wrap(t.second.second);
      data.erase(data.begin() + i);
      updateCentroid();
      return wrap(m);
    }
  }
  return OVSWFALSE;
}

OvSwValue::Ptr SelfChordDataTable::drop(void* owner, OvSwStack* st, OvSwValue::Ptr token)
{
  OvSwMap m = unwrapOvSwMap(token);
  /* Unpack data */
  int key = unwrapInt(m["key"]);
  string value = unwrapString(m["value"]);
  TransportAddress ta = unwrapTransportAddress(m["owner"]);
  /* Store data in the table */
  DataValue d = DataValue(value, ta);
  TableEntry te = TableEntry(key, d);
  addTableEntry(te);
  updateCentroid();
  return OVSWFALSE;
}

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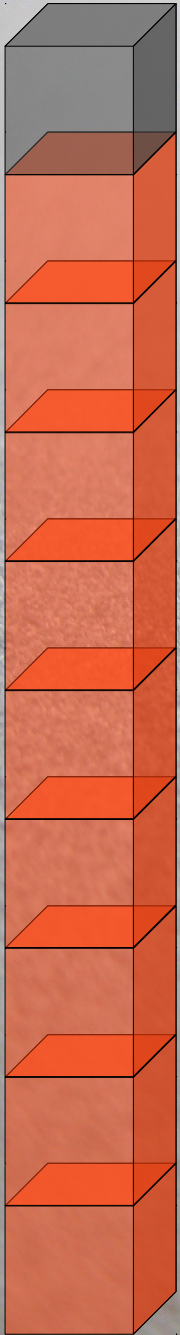




# Current status

- **Compiler + Tools working**
- **Several protocols implemented**
  - **Self-Chord (DHT)**
  - **BlåtAnt-S (overlay mgmt)**
  - **Newscast (gossiping)**
  - **Ozmos (load balancing)**
  - **Messor (load balancing)**

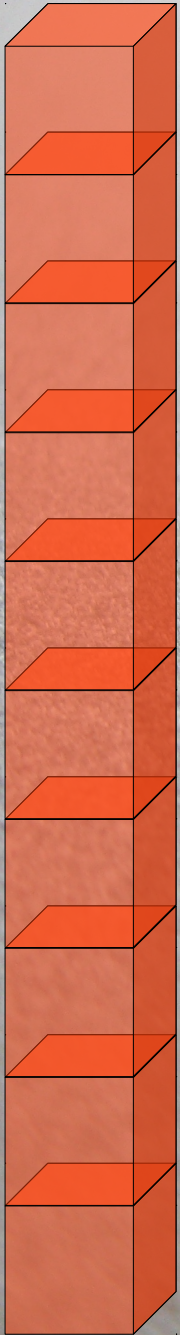




# Present & Future work

- **Additional bio-inspired protocols**
- **Documentation**
- **Bio-inspired function library:**
  - Pheromone mgmt.
  - Epidemic protocols
- **Unstructured overlays:**
  - Topology measurements (diameter, av. path length, degree distribution,...)





# Conclusion

- **OverSwarm' goal:**
  - **comprehensive evaluation of bio-inspired P2P systems**
  - **comparison with existing approaches**

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