



# Monads: Adaptation Agents for Nomadic Users



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# Presentation Outline



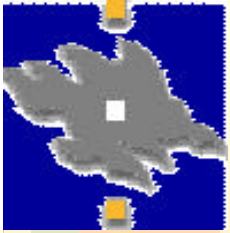
- Monads project and research areas
- Adaptation model
- Monads Architecture
- Optimizing Agent Communications
- Short-term predictions of available resources
- Conclusions



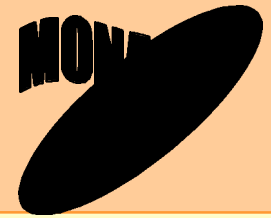
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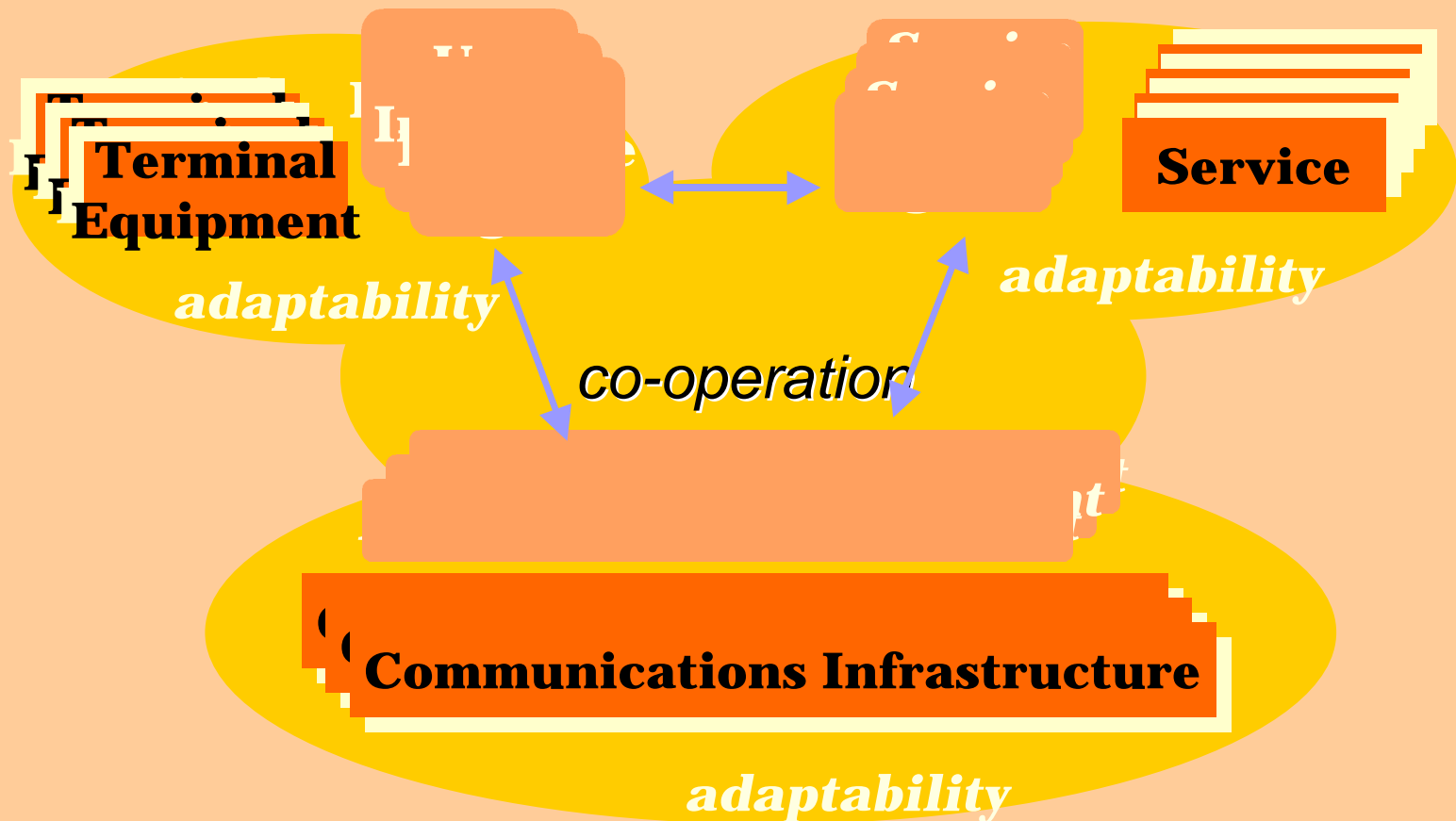
- Research project
- Experimental software
- Agents for mobile computing and communications
- agent communication in wireless environments
- adaptability to available resources
- short-term predictions of available resources



# Monads Adaptation Model



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# Monads Layered Architecture



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**Applications**

**Monads Service Agents**

**Monads System Services**

**(Legacy) Agent Platforms**

**(Mobile) Messaging Services**

**(Wireless) Transport and Signaling Services**

**(Wireless) Networks**

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# Optimizing Agent Communications



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- Interaction protocols
  - ⇒ negotiations, communication patterns
- Communication languages
  - ⇒ FIPA ACL, KQML
- Message transport
  - ⇒ HTTP, Java RMI, GIOP, WAP
- Transport and signaling
  - ⇒ TCP/IP, WAP, SMS, MDCP



# Predicting QoS - 1/2



- Usage:
  - ⇒ scheduling
  - ⇒ data prefetching
  - ⇒ connectivity management
- Factors:
  - ⇒ time-of-day
  - ⇒ day-of-week
  - ⇒ recent QoS
  - ⇒ terminal location



# Predicting QoS - 2/2



## ➤ Tasks:

- ⇒ predicting terminal and user movements
- ⇒ predicting QoS at a given location and time

## ➤ Enablers:

- ⇒ Log Service
- ⇒ Perception History
- ⇒ Learning Service
- ⇒ Knowledge Sharing Service
- ⇒ Modeler Agents, Model Combiner Agents





# Conclusions



- Agents have potential
- Agents must co-operate
- Agents need standards
- Systematic experimental results still few
- Communication over wireless needs attention and standards
- We still believe that reasonable predictions are not impossible

<http://www.cs.helsinki.fi/research/monads/>