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THE AUSTRIAN LIBRARY NETWORK - OVERVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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The Austrian Library Network: A short history

- No clear founding date, but some milestones
 - 1974 Central planning office founded
 - 1978 Development of first software product for circulation used by more than one library
 - 1984 First central catalogue of journals („Österreichische Zeitschriftendatenbank“)
 - 1987 BIBOS 2: Library management system based on central catalogue aims integrated library system
- Procurement process 1997 ended up with Aleph 500
 - Operational January 11 1999
 - Functional base of almost all services
- Increase in functionality and members
- Lots of cooperation beyond just Aleph

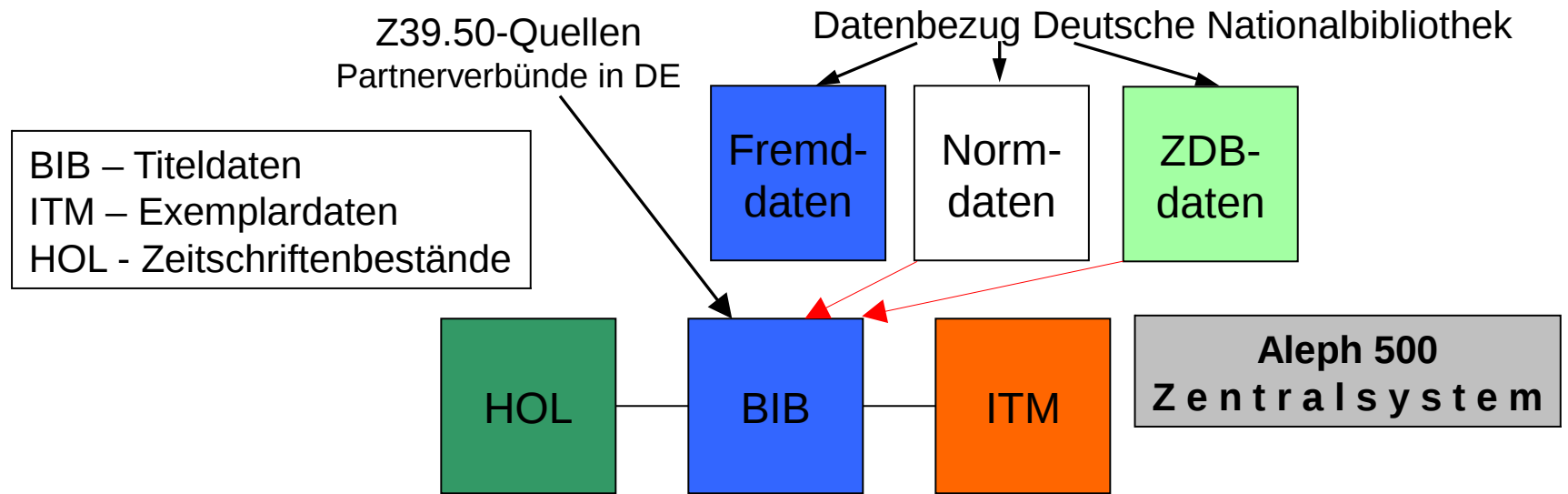
The Austrian Library Network: Participants

- 67 voting members of the General Assembly
 - representing 86 single institutions
- Starting with core of
 - Austrian National Library
 - 18 (now 21) Universities
 - Austrian Academy of Sciences
 - Verbund für Bildung und Kultur (Education of teachers)
- Additional members are from different types of scientific libraries
 - Research
 - Administrative
 - Governmental

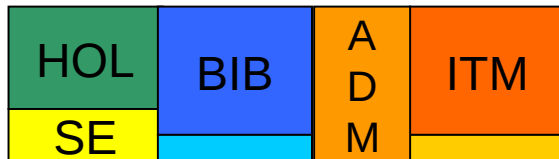
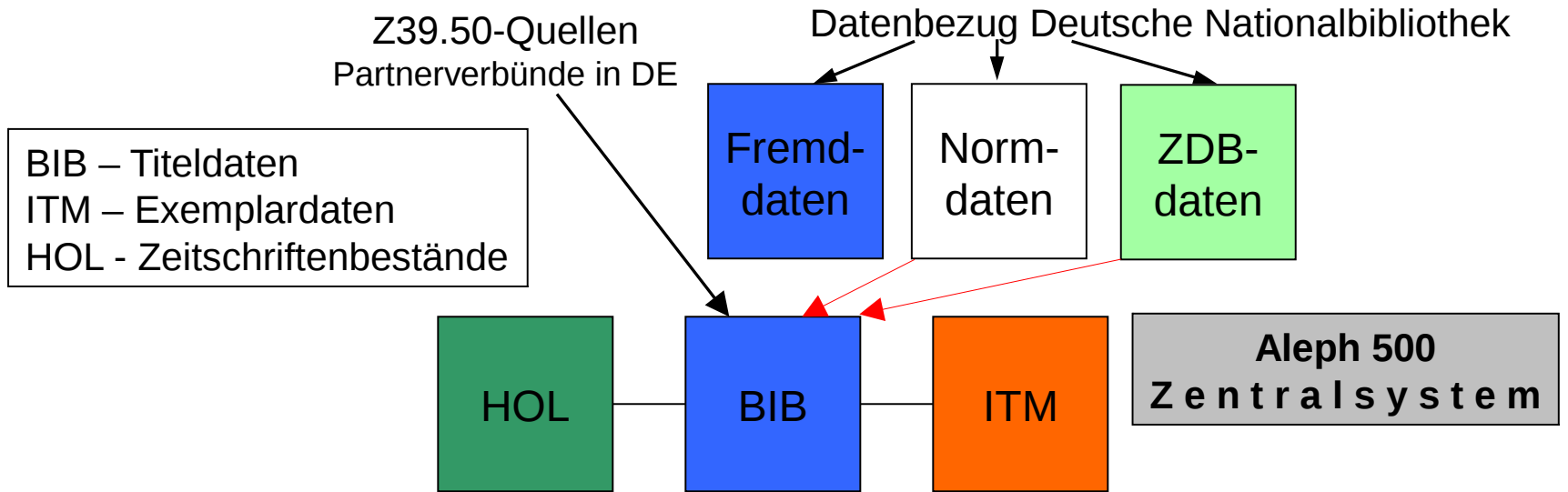
The Austrian Library Network: Organisation

- Based on the law about the Central Office: „Die Österreichische Bibliothekenverbund und Service Gesellschaft m.b.H.“ (OBVSG)
 - Defined services for member institutions by law
 - Membership is voluntary for over 10 years now
- OBVSG
 - Independent of any member of the network
 - Represents the network
 - Provides and develops services
 - Tries to watch innovative trends and technologies
 - Rather strong position as an executive body
- General assembly
 - Every member represented, voting weight according to its „size“
 - Defined working groups (especially for strategic discussions)
 - Strategic decisions
 - OBVSG can veto decisions under defined circumstances
- Periodic meetings of system librarians/administrators and local system responsables
- Homogeneity is a big surplus for the cooperation within the network

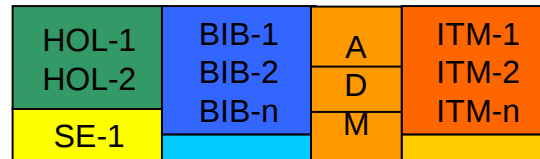
The Austrian Library Network: Data architecture [1] – Central system



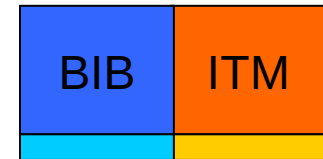
The Austrian Library Network: Data architecture [2] – Local systems



Aleph 500 [Große Bibliotheken]



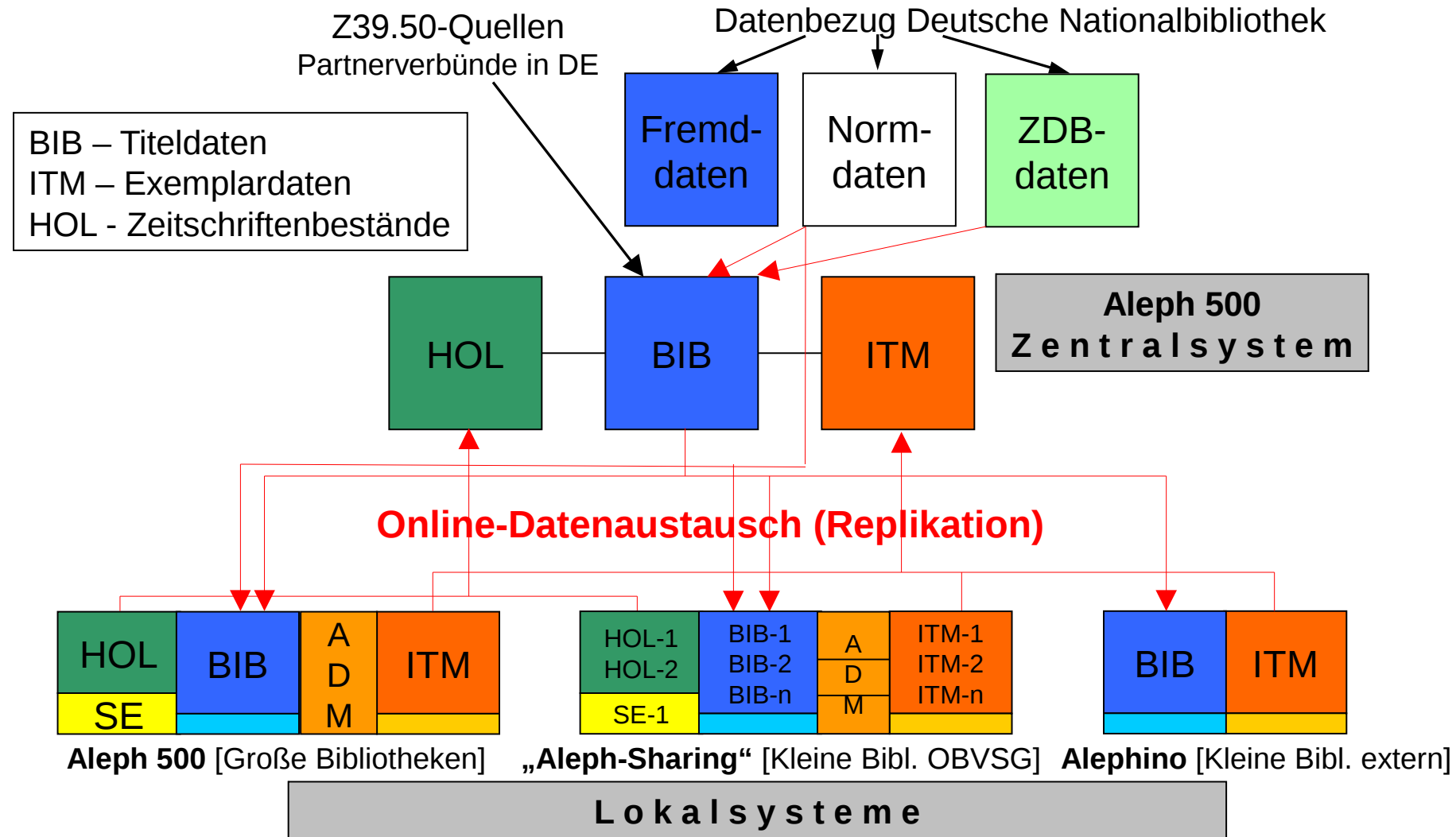
„Aleph-Sharing“ [Kleine Bibl. OBVSG]



Alephino [Kleine Bibl. extern]

Lokalsysteme

The Austrian Library Network: Data architecture [3] – Replication



The Austrian Library Network: Funding

- No central budgets for the whole network anymore
- OBVSG gets an amount of 1,72 Mio € per year for defined basic services
 - Amount stayed the same for 12 years now; was never changed
- University Libraries get their budget from the university
- Universities negotiate contracts with the ministry for periods of three years
- Contrary to DFG in Germany infrastructure is not funded by research promotion agencies in Austria
- Every project has to be discussed and economically evaluated before realisation
- „Help yourself, so helps you god“

Main Step within the near future

- Full procurement on EU-level for the replacement of Aleph 500 is in preparation
 - Open for cloud solutions and classical architectures
 - Flexible procedure chosen („Verhandlungsverfahren mit vorheriger Bekanntmachung“)
 - OBVSG and a number of network members as official clients
 - Aim: replacement for Aleph 500 with all necessary functionalities
- Decision of the General Assembly to advice members for further providing their staff for examination of the offered systems
- Preparations nearly finished, Publication planned within the 4th quarter of 2013