



## Context-Enriched Personal Health Monitoring

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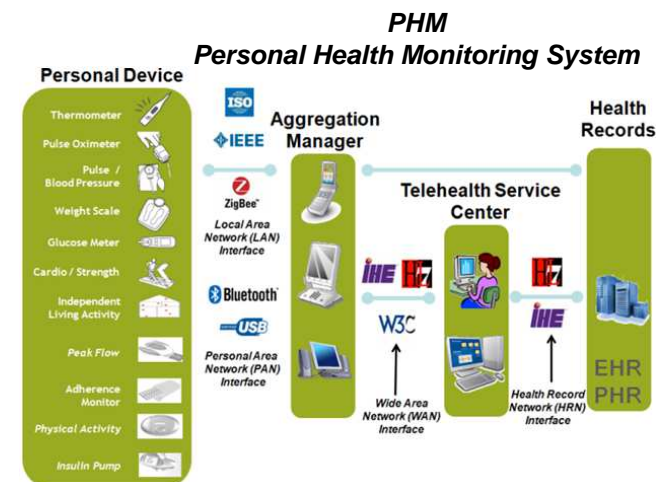
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## Telemonitoring Systems

- Repeated vital data measurements are necessary to make a reliable health diagnosis
- Regular measurement of vital signs for medical monitoring (blood pressure, blood sugar)
- Measurements can be performed by the patient
- Data is transferred automatically/ on demand to healthcare facility
- *Motivation: cost reduction*
- Various projects

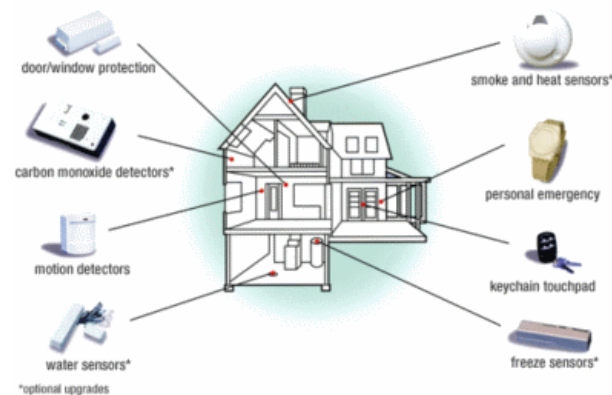


Patientenzentriertes integriertes  
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## ADL Detection Systems

- Usage of in-home sensor devices for activity detection /monitoring
- Different Motivations
  - *Increase safety*: detection of critical, life-threatening situations
  - *Cost reduction*: autonomy enhancement, 'ageing-at-home'-principle [1]



- Project INVERSIA  
SENIOR: Prototype of ADL verification system and simulation environment

[1] Rantz, M., Aud, M., Alexander, et. al.: Tiger Place: An Innovative Educational and Research Environment, AAL in Eldercare: New Solutions to Old Problems, Washington DC, USA, 2008.

## Telemonitoring of Health Data – Issues

- Issues
  - Inappropriate device usage by user
  - Only snapshot of person's fitness
  - Contextual information is missing
  
- Additional information is sometimes relevant for interpreting the measured data

| <i><b>type of vital data measurement</b></i> | <i><b>potentially interesting context</b></i>                        |
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| blood sugar                                  | time of the last meal  |
| blood pressure / pulse                       | physical activity before the measurement<br>condition of the patient |

## Personal Health Telemonitoring Data Enrichment

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- *Our Idea*  
Provide additional context information about what happened before the measurement of the vital data
- *Our Goal*  
Create a PHMR (Personal Health Monitoring Report) with containing the vital data as well as 'relevant' contextual information
- *How ?*  
After a vital data measurement is transmitted the processing component of the PHM (Personal Health Monitoring) System collects context-data from an ADL System and merges it with the measured vital data.

## Use Cases for Vital Data Enrichment

- **UC 1: Cardiac rehabilitation for patients**

- Patients regularly have to do exercises at home and achieve weekly goals, f. ex. lose weight, burn calories
- Vital data (blood pressure, pulse, weight) is telemonitored
- **Problem:** *Measurement before workout, measurement after workout*



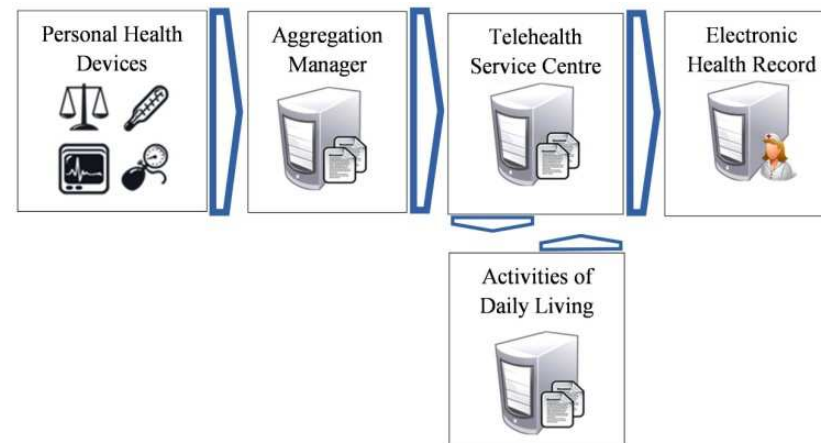
- **UC 2 : Mobile nursing care**

- Patients in the mobile home care program are regularly visited by care givers.
- Care personnel takes hand written notes about the patient's condition and performs vital data measurement
- **Problem:** *At which point in the information processing chain shall the information be added?*



## Integrating Contextual Information

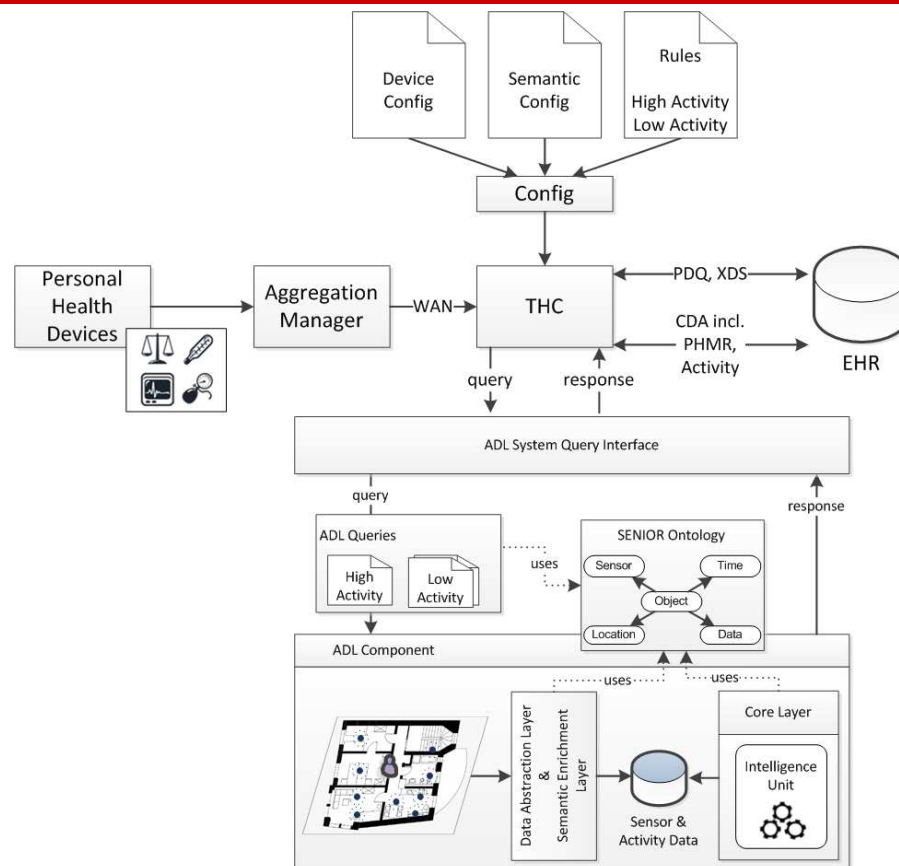
- Vital data is monitored at home by a **Personal Health Device**
- **Aggregation Manager** receives monitored data (binary) and creates standard conform document (HL7 message)
- Message is forwarded to **Telehealth Service Centre (THC)** which
  - queries the patient's **Electronic Health Record (EHR)** and
  - Queries '**relevant**' context data from the **ADL System** and
  - creates an updated EHR.



## Relevant Contextual Information

- Relevant information depends on
  - measured vital data and
  - available infrastructure for ADL detection
- Detailed activities (watching TV, grooming) are of little avail, because
  - state of the art activity detection not so fine-grained
  - details are typically of less interest, more interesting physical strain
- Aggregated activities (categorized by physical activities) are sufficient for most cases
- The details of an activity are stored in rules. Depending on the measured vital data different rules can be executed.
- Query is not only restricted to physical activities  
Example: blood sugar measurement -> query time of the last meal
- For our use cases we aggregated activities by
  - High physically demanding activities (exercise, frequently walking from room to room)
  - Low physically demanding activities (watching TV, sleeping)

## System Architecture

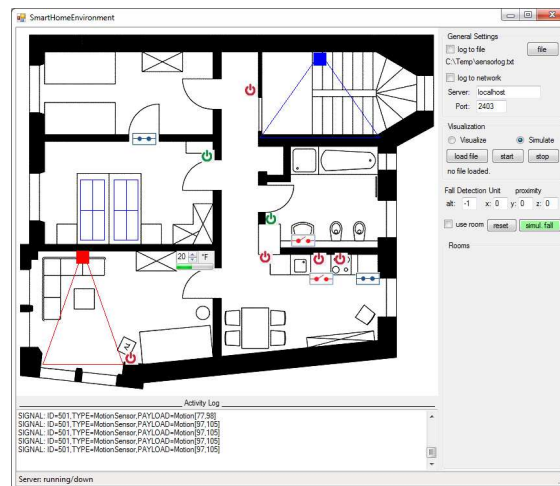


## Evaluation

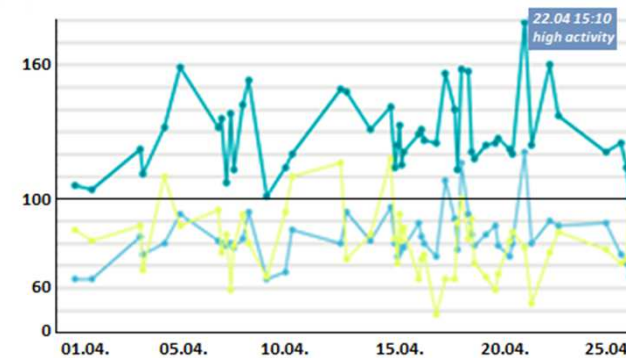
- Test Setup
  - Data from productive Telemonitoring System (PIN)
  - Simulated AAL Home Environment (SENIOR Simulator)
- Evaluation of UC 1 (cardiac rehabilitation)
  - Vital data measurement was performed (blood pressure, pulse)
  - Person described what he/she did before the measurement
  - The activities were simulated in the AAL Home Simulator (with proper time manipulation) and forwarded to the ADL framework
- UC2 : Mobile nursing care
  - Vital Data Measurement was performed (blood pressure, pulse)
  - Person described what he/she did before the measurement.
  - Based on the description the activity data was directly inserted into the data base of the ADL framework (manually created activities)

## Evaluation

### Simulated Home Interaction



### Vital Data View provided by the THC



## Conclusion

- Benefits
  - Demonstrated feasibility of approach
  - Improved monitoring of home exercises of rehab patients
- Drawbacks
  - Can't replace personal contact from care giving personal
  - Additional effort for defining 'interesting' activities
  - AAL Environment necessary
- Alternatives when no AAL Environment is available
  - App for patient where he/she can enter the activities he/she performed
  - Personal Tracking Devices, like Fitbit Ultra, Jawbone (Quantified-Self Hype, community growth 2010 about 500% [1])
- Future Work
  - Evaluate feasible detail level of activities and their relevancy

