

# Trust Assessment of Smart Health Devices

**Final presentation**

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- Smart health systems are evolving rapidly
- Impact lives in different ways
  - Saving life
  - Improving life or performance
  - Data monitoring
- Can these devices be trusted?

# Introduction - The Pacemaker

- Bradycardia: heart rate too slow
- Pacemaker provides electrical impulse  
→ keep heart rate from dropping
- IoT pacemaker: wireless connection
  - exchange information with hospital and doctors
  - can be remotely monitored
- Replace regular visits to the doctor's office for a check with the remote monitoring?
- How far can we **trust this device** to function properly at all times and how can we **assess trust** in them?



# Introduction - Problem

- Trust is a complex subject
- Many works propose different mathematical methods
- Focus on TNA-SL (Trust Network Analysis using Subjective Logic)
  - method for quantifying trust
  - covered in different works in literature
  - can be applied on IoT and smart health networks

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- Trust relationship involves two or more entities:  
a trustor and a trustee
- Trust involves risk
- Trustor believes in the trustee’s honesty and benevolence

# Trust - Characteristics

- Directed: oriented relationship
- Subjective
- Context-dependant
- Measurable
- Influenced by past experience
- Dynamic: may change over time

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## Trust management

- *Trust establishment*: trust relationship between trustor and trustee
- *Trust monitoring*: performance of trustee, collect evidence for
- *Trust assessment*: evaluate trustworthiness of trustee
- *Trust control and re-establishment*: trust relationship in case broken before

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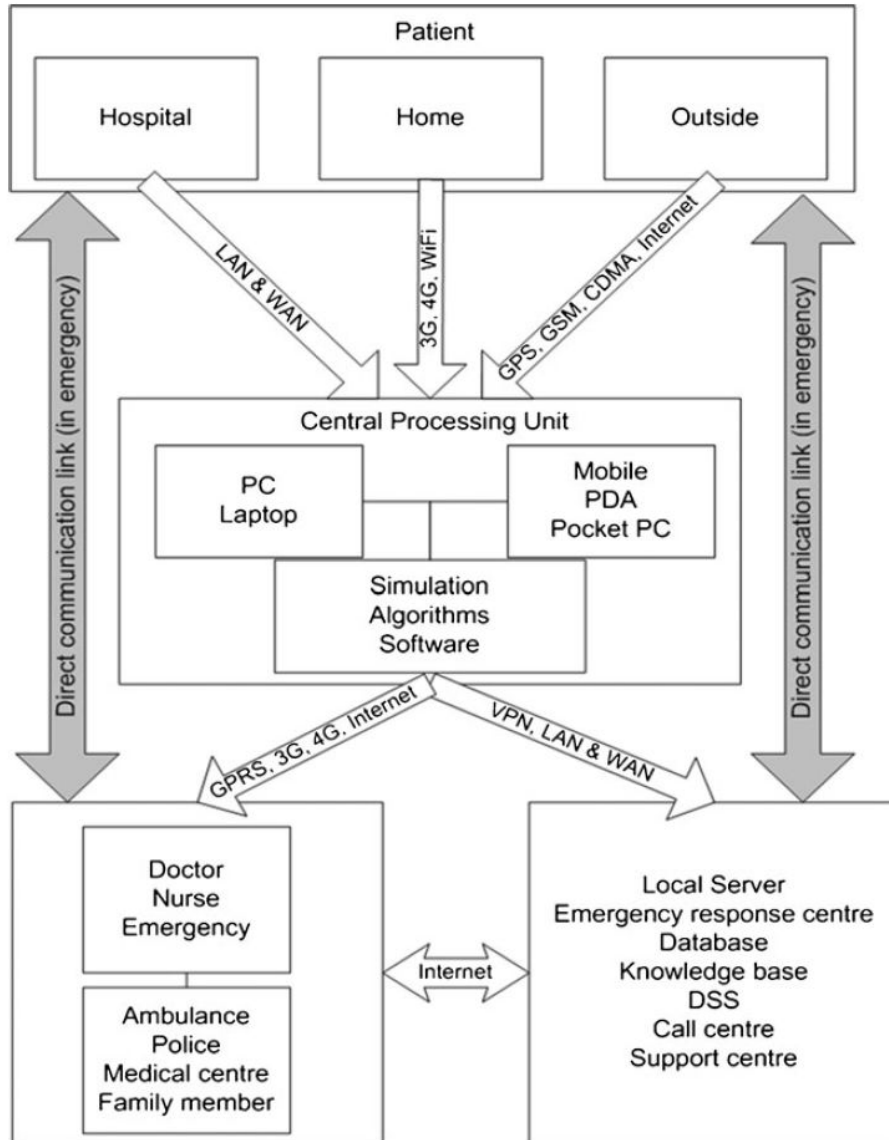
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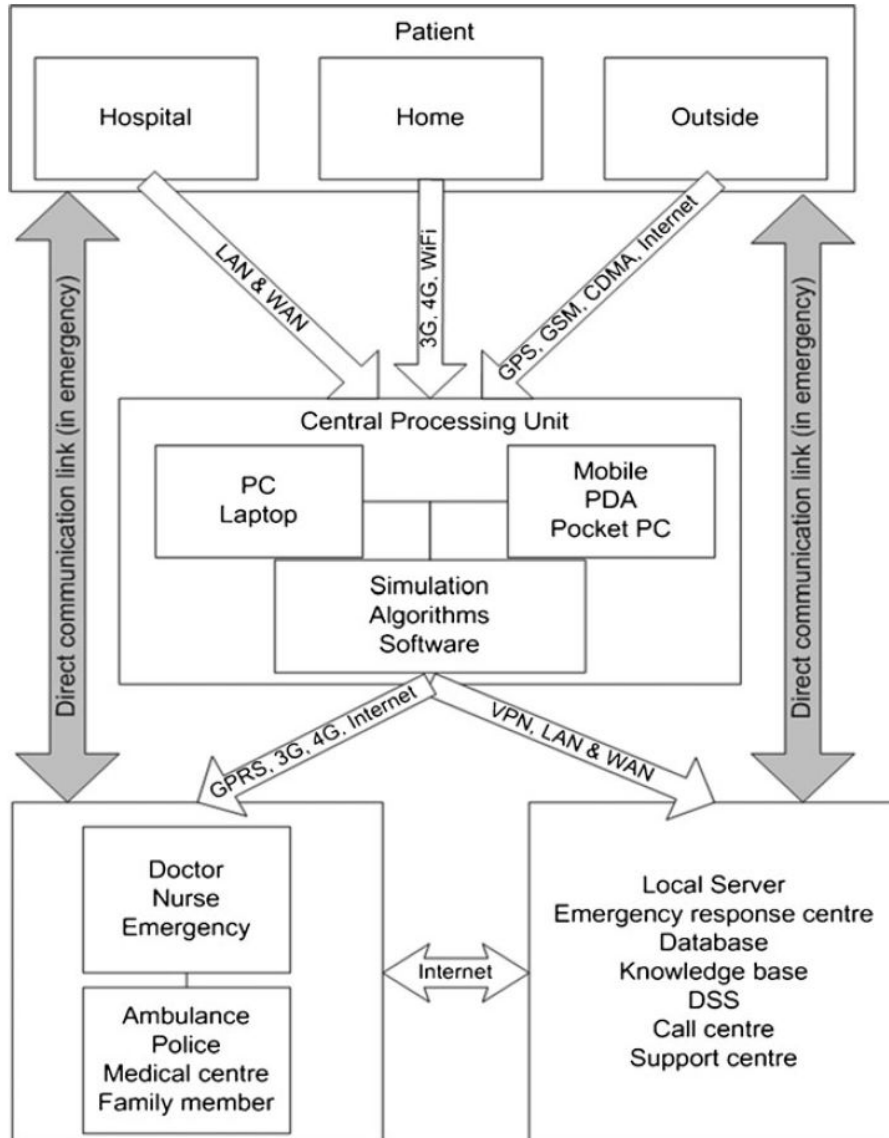
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## Risks

- System shutdown
- Software error
- Unreliable communication
- Personal

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# Trust Networks

- Many works propose different trust models
- TNA-SL (trust network analysis using subjective logic)
  - Transitive trust relationships between people, organizations and possibly software agents.

# TNA-SL - Subjective logic, opinion

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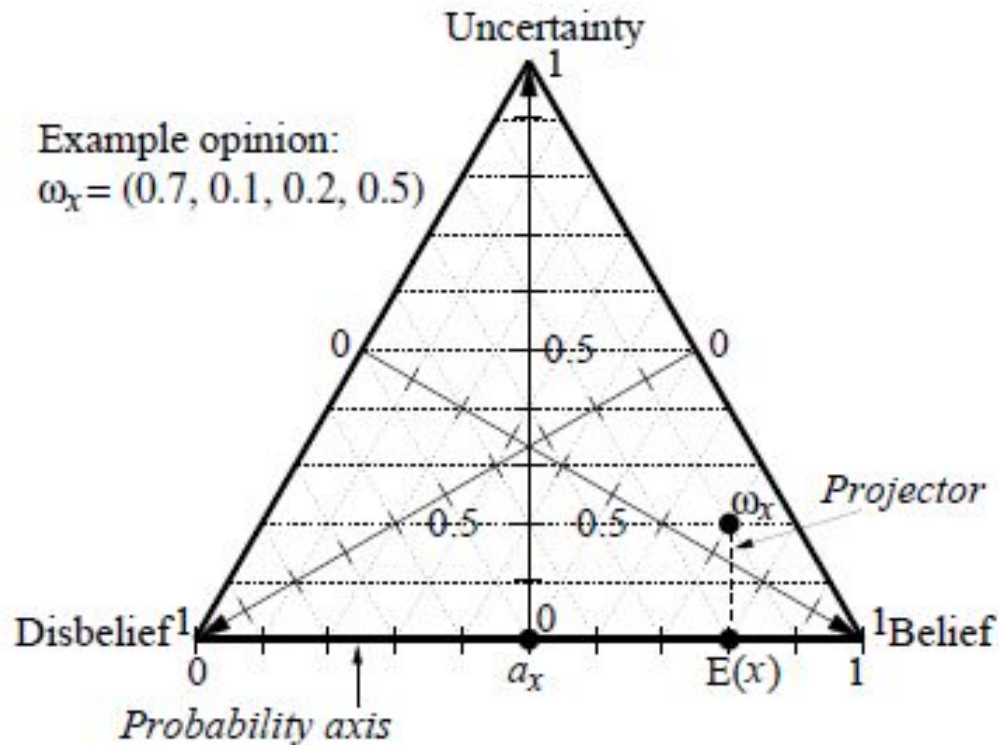
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- **a**  $\in [0, 1]$  is the *base rate*
  - represents the *initial trust* put in any member of the community before any positive or negative experience was observed.

# TNA-SL - Probability expectation



$$E(\omega_x^A) = b + au$$

# TNA-SL - Subjective logic

Two opinions  $\omega_x$  and  $\omega_y$  are ordered following rules by priority.  
The greatest opinion is the opinion with:

- the greatest probability expectation
- the least uncertainty
- the least base rate

# TNA-SL - PDF

**Probability density function (PDF)** denoted as  $(\alpha, \beta)$ :

$$\alpha = r + 2a, \beta = s + 2(1 - a)$$

- **r** represents a number of *positive* past observations
- **s** represents a number of *negative* past observations,

Can be expressed as:

(Audun Jøsang, Simon Pope, and David McAnally, 2006) & (Morris H DeGroot and Mark J Schervish, 2012)

$$\begin{cases} b_x = r / (r + s + 2) \\ d_x = s / (r + s + 2) \\ u_x = 2 / (r + s + 2) \\ a_x = \text{base rate of } x \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} r = 2b_x / u_x \\ s = 2d_x / u_x \\ 1 = b_x + d_x + u_x \\ a = \text{base rate of } x \end{cases}$$

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- if  $a$  is high, that means the initial trust in the agent is relatively high, a single negative rating  $s$  will have more impact on the reputation score than a single positive rating  $r$ .
- if  $a$  is low, a single positive rating will have more impact than a single negative rating.
- “it takes many good experiences to balance out one bad experience”

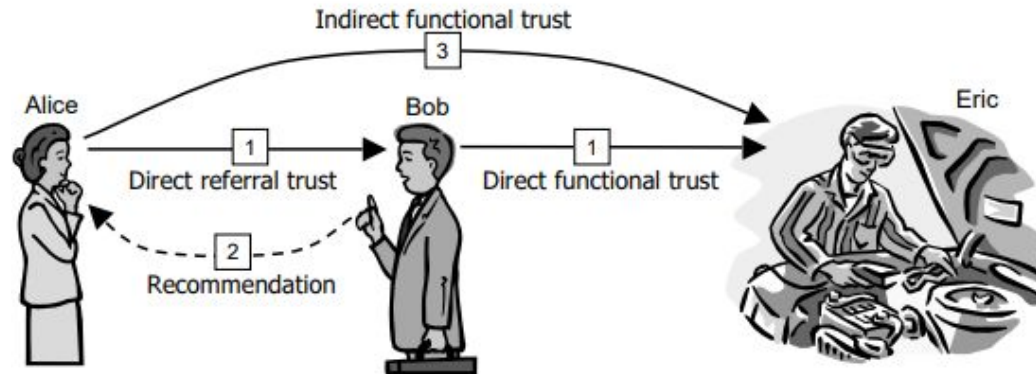


# TNA-SL - Applying to smart health

- Consists of transitive trust relationships betw.
  - people
  - organizations
  - software agents
- IoT perspective: entities represent components communicating with each other
- Applicable on different types of entities  
→ usable for different types of network

Trust acts on different levels or hierarchies!

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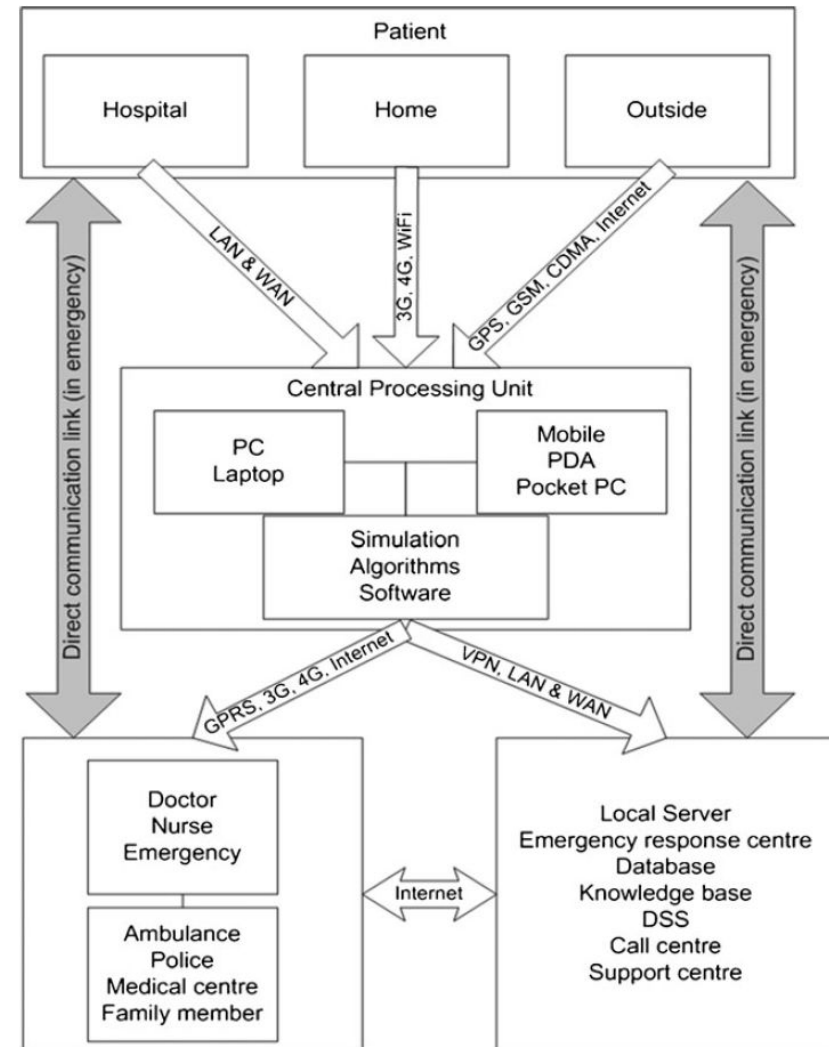


- Human trust
  - network of humans
  - some have direct functional trust towards a smart health device

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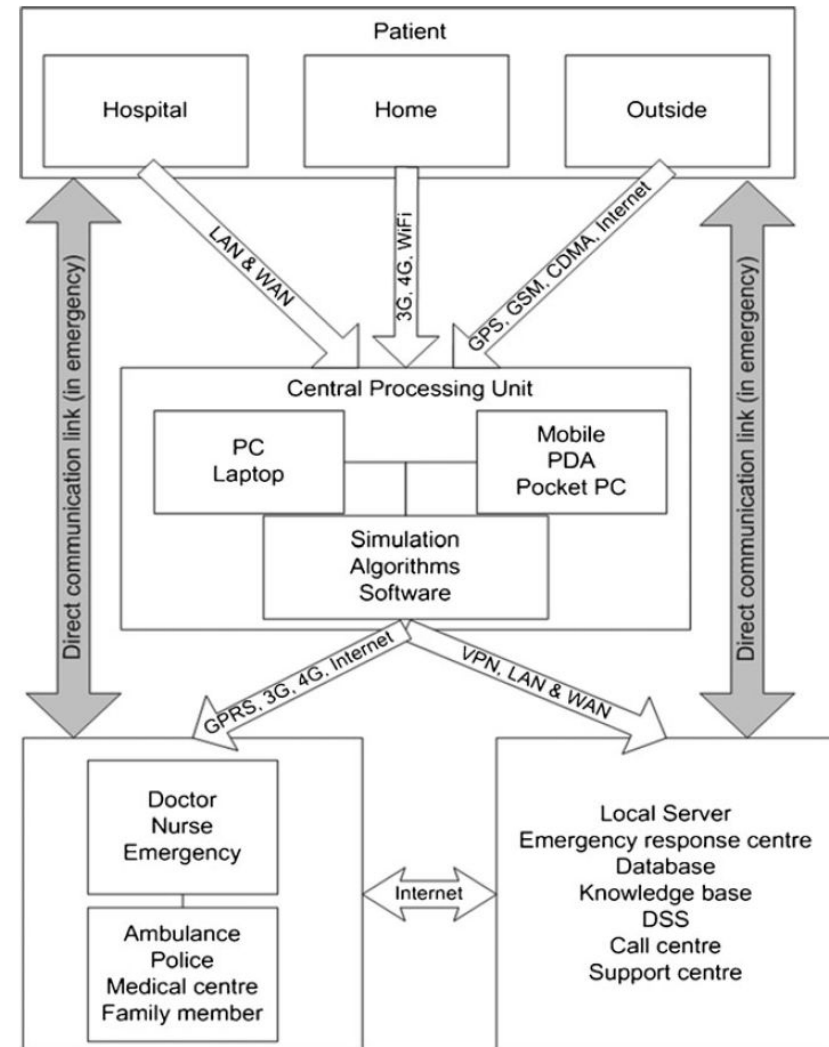


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TNA-SL depends on the number of known relationships (Geir M Køien, 2011)  
 → network with more entities has better result than a smaller one  
 → For small networks, this method is likely not effective



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- Introduced smart health with use cases
- Characteristics of trust
- Architecture of health monitoring
- TNA-SL
  - Human trust, component-based networks, ...
  - Requires many entities for accurate result

# Summing up - Further research

- Review different trust assessment models
- Health IoT needs to be trustable on each layer of the architecture
- Health monitoring architecture: go over each channel and unit and analyze reliability
- Research psychological difference on trust between using IoT and smart health IoT

# Thank you!