



Expectances for AAL and Enhanced Living Environments for 2025/2030



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Recent EU projects:

- **caring4U - A study on people activity in private spaces: towards a multisensor network that meets privacy requirements (Marie Curie IEF, 2011-2013)**
- **BREATHE - Platform for self-assessment and efficient management for informal caregivers (AAL JP, 2013-2015)**

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Recent and current AAL projects:

- **HOME-based ICT solutions FOR the independent living of people with DEMentia and their caregivers – The Home4Dem project (AAL JP, 2015-2017)**
- **SHELL: shared interoperable ecosystems for enhanced living environments (Italian funding, 2014-2017)**
- **TRASPARENTE: technologies for assistive networks aimed at independent living of elderly (Italian funding, 2013-2015)**

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Architectures and Platforms for Enhanced Living Environments**

Recent AAL projects:

- **SIVIC: Wearable Integrated Cardiovascular Surveillance System (Portuguese funding, 2013-2015)**
- **TICE-Healthy (Portuguese funding, 2011-2014)**
- **iDTV-HEALTH: Inclusive services to promote health and wellness via digital interactive television (Portuguese funding, 2010-2013)**

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- AAPELE is IC1303 COST Action
- Funded by COST Office through European Science Foundation (2014)
- and by COST Association through H2020 (2015~)
- AAPELE gathers Researchers and Industry from 34 COST Countries
- AAPELE has 380+ members



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Scientific context and objectives (1/2)

- **Background / Problem statement:** Loose community of researchers in disperse areas of AAL; need to build an anchor for scientific research and technological cooperation; need to foster research and technological cooperation that focus on promoting the interchange of ideas between researchers from different scientific backgrounds on the subject of AAL
- **Brief reminder of MoU objectives:** AAPELE COST Action addresses the issues of defining software, hardware and service architectures for AAL, on studying and creating more efficient algorithms for AAL, particularly those related to the processing of large amounts of data and of biosignals in lossy environments, and on the research of protocols for AAL or, with more detail, on studying communication and data transmission protocols for AAL.





Scientific context and objectives (2/2)

- **Research directions:**
 - Analysis of Medical Data
 - Sensor and actuator platform definition
 - Quality of Service | Experience analysis
 - Activities of daily living detection
 - Context aware architecture for AAL
 - Mobile AAL





Working groups

1. Sensor Networks and Communication Infrastructure for AAL Services WG
2. Requirement Analysis and Profiling WG
3. Protocol and Platform Analysis, QoS, QoE, Capacity Planning WG
4. Medical Data Acquisition and Algorithms WG
5. User Interaction WG
6. Mobile AAL Applications and Communications WG





Future Plan and Challenges

For year 3, the challenges are

1. To host an Industry day, to strengthen the interaction between research and industry (September 2016, Cluj Napoca Romania)
2. To host the 3rd workshop ELEMENT – Enhanced Living EnvironMENTS (Cluj Napoca, Romania)
3. To host a Training School on AAPELE (proposals accepted)
4. To invite additional members to join AAPELE





Cooperation in

- Books
- SI in journals
- Workshop and conference papers
- Joint papers with joint acknowledgements
- Other COST actions like IC1406
CHIPSET
- Joint project proposals
- Data exchange





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The computer for the 21st century, by Mark Weiser:

“Machines that fit the human environment instead of forcing humans to enter theirs will make using a computer as refreshing as taking a walk in the woods”

Ambient Intelligence (Aml):

“In the near future our homes will have a distributed network of intelligent devices that provides us with information, communication, and entertainment. Furthermore, these systems will adapt themselves to the user and even anticipate on user needs. These consumer systems will differ substantially from contemporary equipment through their appearance in peoples environments, and through the way users interact with them. Ambient Intelligence is the term that Philips uses to denote this new paradigm for in-home computing and entertainment”
(2000)

A bit of history

Ambient Intelligence (Aml):

“Aml provides a vision of the Information Society where the emphasis is on greater userfriendliness, more efficient services support, user-empowerment, and support for human interactions. People are surrounded by intelligent intuitive interfaces that are embedded in all kinds of objects and an environment that is capable of recognising and responding to the presence of different individuals in a seamless, unobtrusive and often invisible way” (2001)

“Ambient intelligence will become a network of hidden intelligent interfaces that recognise our presence and mould our environment to our immediate needs” (2002)

“. . . a new paradigm in information technology is emerging, in which people are served by a digital environment that is aware of their presence and context, and is responsive to their needs, habits, gestures and emotions: ambient intelligence” (2003)

A bit of history

Ambient Intelligence (Aml):

“An Aml system requires the use of distributed sensors and actuators to create a pervasive technological layer, able to interact transparently with a user, either passively by observing and trying to interpret what the user actions and intentions are, but also actively, by learning the preferences of the user and adapting the system parameters (applied to sensors and actuators, for instance) to improve the quality of life and work of the occupant (2005)

Ubiquitous computing Embedded processing into everyday objects like furniture, clothes or toys; i.e. there is an interconnection of embedded systems that are hidden in the environment. This includes computers, communication systems, cameras, microphones, and pressure light, motion, and temperature sensors. There is also a possibility of communication among objects and between objects and the user

Awareness The system must know at all times the state of the environment and its dwellers, being able to locate and identify objects and people;

Intelligence The system must be able to adapt to new data and establish connections with the existing knowledge; and

Natural interaction The basic requirements must be able to be transmitted and interpreted without the user performing strange or unnatural movements or orders. This suggests the development based on the most common means of interaction for human interfaces, such as speech and gestures. Besides, interfaces must be mixed with the environment so that the user does not feel them present

Four scenarios of application of Aml

'Maria' – Road Warrior

'Dimitrios' and the Digital Me' (D-Me)

Carmen: traffic, sustainability & commerce

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Key enabling technologies

Very unobtrusive hardware

A seamless mobile/fixed web-based communications infrastructure:

Dynamic and massively distributed device networks

A natural feeling human interface

Dependability and security

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Personalised computer – wearable

Automatic identification

Border control

Room booking

Car renting

Autonomous cars

Ubiquitous displays

Automatic translation

Context awareness

Mention to services similar to Dropbox, Google Drive, Skype

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Chatbots that learn from their users – Automatic reply

Social networks

Video-conferencing

Speech recognition

Automatic translation

Self-organising databases

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Intelligent appliances

E-commerce

Online payment systems

Intelligent traffic management

GPS

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Online collaborative learning platforms

Web-TV

Co-design at different places

Human-environment interaction

Virtual reality, holographic representations

Haptic surfaces

Thorough report by the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) and the European Science and Technology Observatory (ESTO) network

Roadmap for the design and development of ambient intelligence technologies and services

It identifies different areas for application of Aml:

Housing

Mobility and transport

Shopping and commerce

Education and learning

Culture, leisure and entertainment

Health

**Ambient Intelligence for
2003 everyday life**

| Application | Key Function | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | >2020 | | | |
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| Prevention | Monitoring | | | | | Simple prototypes | | Maturation of technology | | | Intelligent and Context Sensitive Monitoring Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Consultation | Pilot Systems | | | | Widespread use | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Information and Education | | Non personalised services | | | Personalised Services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Prediction | | | | | Simple, data-based prediction | | Advanced, diagnosing prediction | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cure | Diagnosis | | | | | First Prototype Systems | | Partly automated diagnosis | | | | Automated Diagnosis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Treatment and Surgery | | | | | First prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Monitoring | | | | | First simple prototypes | | Maturation of technology | | | Intelligent and Context Sensitive Monitoring Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Care | Monitoring | | | | | First simple prototypes | | Maturation of technology | | | Intelligent and Context Sensitive Monitoring Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Attending | | | First simple prototypes | | Maturation of technology | | | | | | Intelligent and Context Sensitive Attending Systems | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Health management and administration | Commerce | | | Prototype | | Commercial Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Identification and authentication | | Prototypes | | | Advanced Systems | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Health

Monitoring

Activity patterns, sleeping behaviour, pre-indications of incontinence...

Monitoring of performance and controlling of assistive technology

Working of assistive technology responding to context, e.g. time of day, mood or surroundings

Tagging of mentally ill or demented persons

Attending

Ambient buddies

Ambient emergency systems

Domotics aimed at people with special needs

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| Home automation | Environment control (including but not limiting to space, doors, lighting, etc) | | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications | |
| | Security | | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| Communication & socialisation | Person to person communication | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Person to community communication | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tele-presence | | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rest & Relaxation, Entertainment, | Entertainment | | First Prototypes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| | Rest & Relaxation | | | | | | | First Prototype | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| | Refreshing / hygiene | | | | | | | First Prototype | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| Work & Learning | Household work | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| | maintenance work | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |
| | Home Office Work | | | | | | First Prototype | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Context Aware Applications |

Housing

Support for the elderly

Monitor health status

Compensate possible functional impairments

Add security

Provide improved communication

Long-term monitoring

Household work

Ambient Intelligence for
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The authors of those two documents stressed that either these were the views of a relatively small group, or they were pure wishes, mind-opening vision or science fiction

Usually, the authors are biased by their own expertise. Are end-users asked for their expectances?

It is very difficult to establish expectances for future technologies and services

There a number of socio-political factors, and business and industrial models that produce these differences in developments and early adoption by the users

**Are we still at the same point? No.
Have we reached those predictions? Neither.**

Conclusions

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Picture of robot "Head area without mimic", by Xavier Caré

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AAL: What's next?

A long-term view

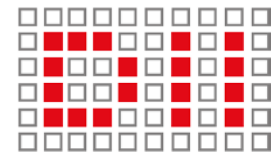
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W24: Expectations for AAL and enhanced living environments in 2025/2030

AAL Forum 2016 – St. Gallen – 28/09/2016

Outline

- EIP-AHA short term aim
- AAL Roadmap and Strategic Research Agenda by AALIANCE2 (2014)
 - Focus on long-term view for scenarios and KETs
- Insight in future innovation landscape

EIP on AHA 2016-2018

- The European Commission launched the pilot European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA) in 2010 under the Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative Innovation Union
- **Goal: increasing by two years the average healthy life years of EU citizens by 2020**
- Identify and remove persisting barriers to innovation across the health and care delivery chain, through interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral approaches

EP on AHA 2016-2018

Aims:

- Improving the health status and quality of life of European citizens, with a particular focus on older people;
- Supporting the long-term sustainability and efficiency of health and social care systems; and
- Enhancing the competitiveness of EU industry through an improved business environment providing the foundations for growth and expansion of new markets.

Six priority actions identified

AALIANCE2 Roadmap (RM) and Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)

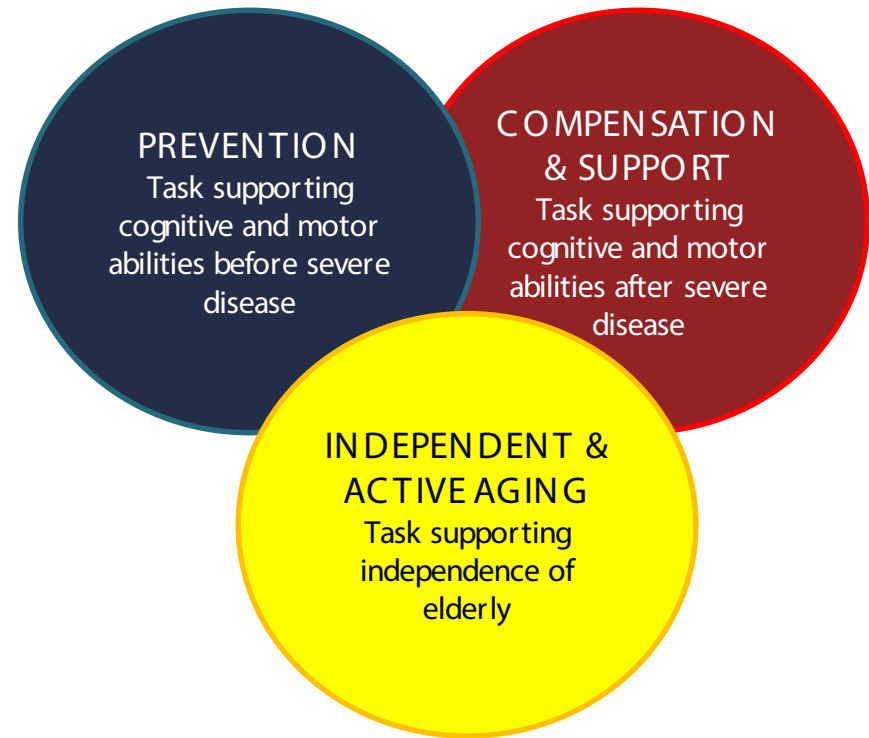
- Delivered in 2014 by AALIANCE2 project
- Describe the main social, service and technological issues, challenges and recommendations which could favor the success of Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) solutions in the society
- Tools to promote for all relevant stakeholders a common and strategic vision to ensure appropriate investments and successful deployments in the AAL market

From 2010 to 2014 RM

- Several changes with respect to AALIANCE AAL RM 2010
- From AAL *application domains* (AAL for Persons, AAL in the Community and AAL at work) to:
 - **three main service areas:** Prevention, Compensation & Support, and Independent & Active Ageing
 - **ten AAL service scenarios** more appropriate to the current social, economic and political challenges and objectives of our countries
 - detailed **stakeholders' needs** and relative technological gaps identified and shared with the AAL community
- Ethics, acceptability of technology, optimal service design, analysis of AAL market, standardisation, certification and interoperability of AAL tools, dependability and green sustainability are also discussed
- Key enabling technologies (KET) overview
- Research priorities for KETs in short, mid and **long term (2025-2030)**

AAL Service Areas

- Group main solutions conceived to support older people in need of care
- Delay and slow-down decrease in QoL
- Services enhanced by the use of appropriate AAL technologies
- Aim to satisfy users' needs, favor a better perceived QoL, active and fruitful participation in society
- Complementary and overlapping



From: AALIANCE2 project – deliverable 2.7 Ambient Assisted Living Roadmap, 2014 – p. 33

AAL Scenarios

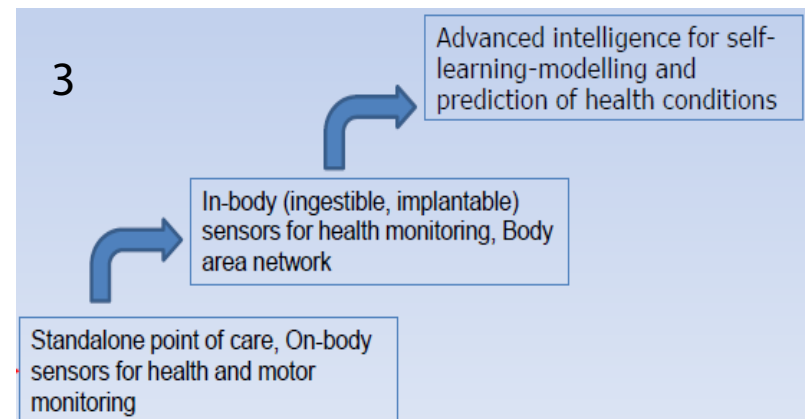
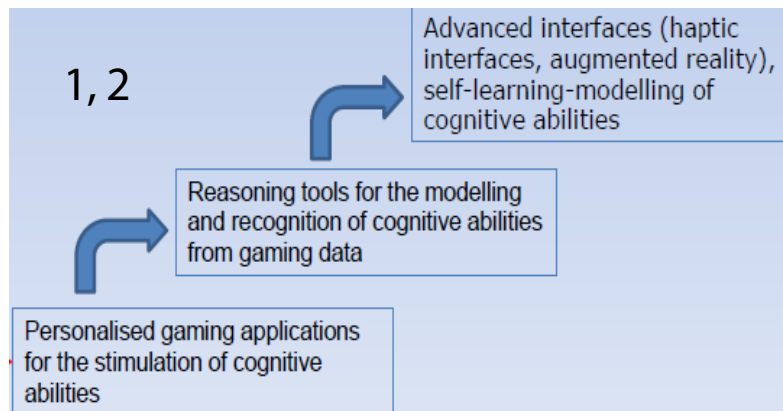
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| Prevention of the early degeneration of cognitive abilities 1 | Healthy living 2 | Management of Chronic Diseases 3 | Aging-Friendly and Safety Environments 4 |
| Fall prevention 5 | Management of daily activities and keeping control over own life 6 | Keeping social contact and having fun 7 | Outdoors mobility (i.e. pedestrians, public transport and private cars) 8 |
| | Avoiding Caregivers Isolation 9 | Senior citizens at work 10 | |

Long-term view of activities and KETs for some scenarios follows

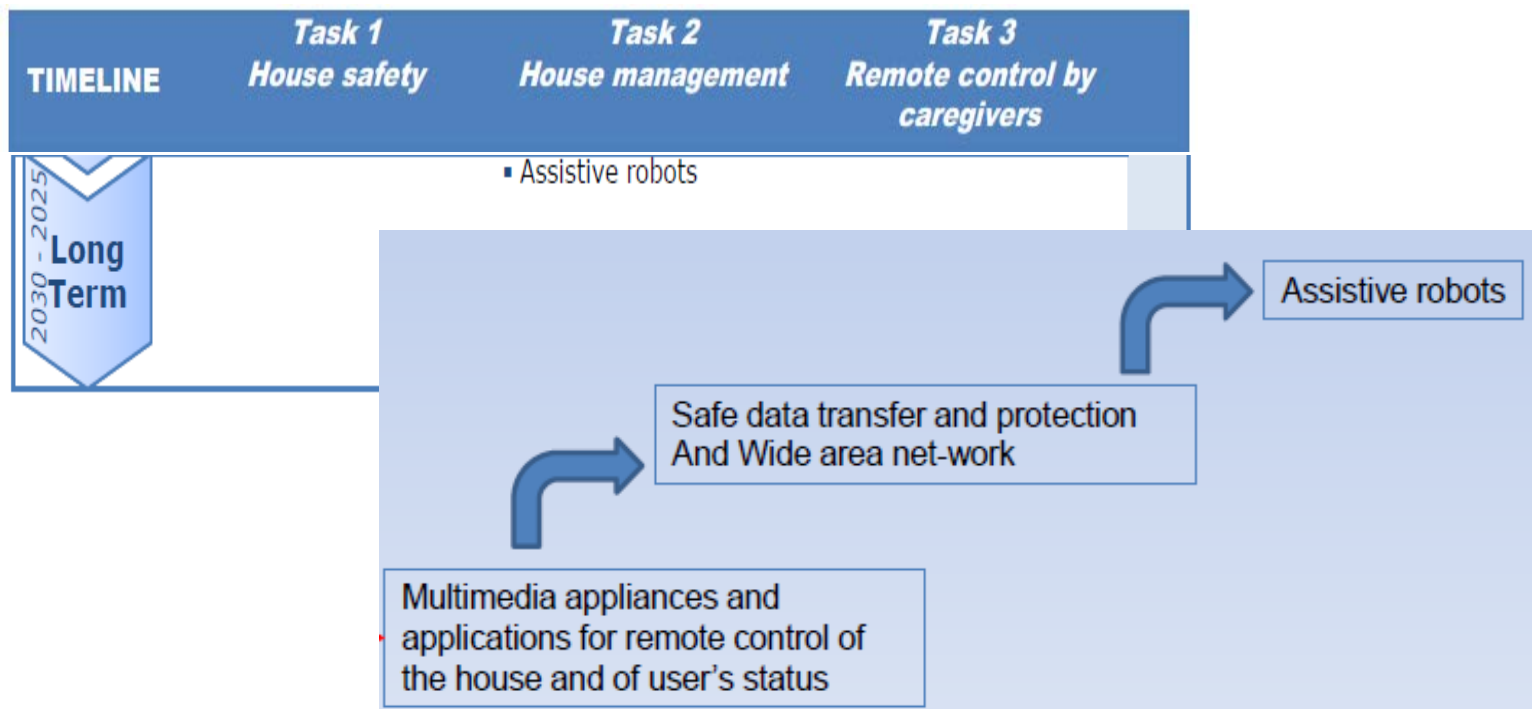
Scenario 1: Prevention of early degeneration of cognitive abilities

Scenario 2: Healthy living

Scenario 3: Management of chronic diseases




Scenario 4: Age-friendly and safe environments



Scenario 5: Fall prevention

Scenario 6: Management of daily activities and keeping control over own life

Scenario 7: Maintaining social contacts and having fun

| TIMELINE | Task 1 <i>Facilitating sport and hobbies</i> | Task 2 <i>Support for manual hobbies</i> | Task 3 <i>Playing cards</i> | Task 4 <i>Participation to social activities</i> |
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|  Long Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Light exoskeletons for lower and upper limbs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Light exoskeletons for arms and hands to facilitate fine movementsAssistive robots | | |

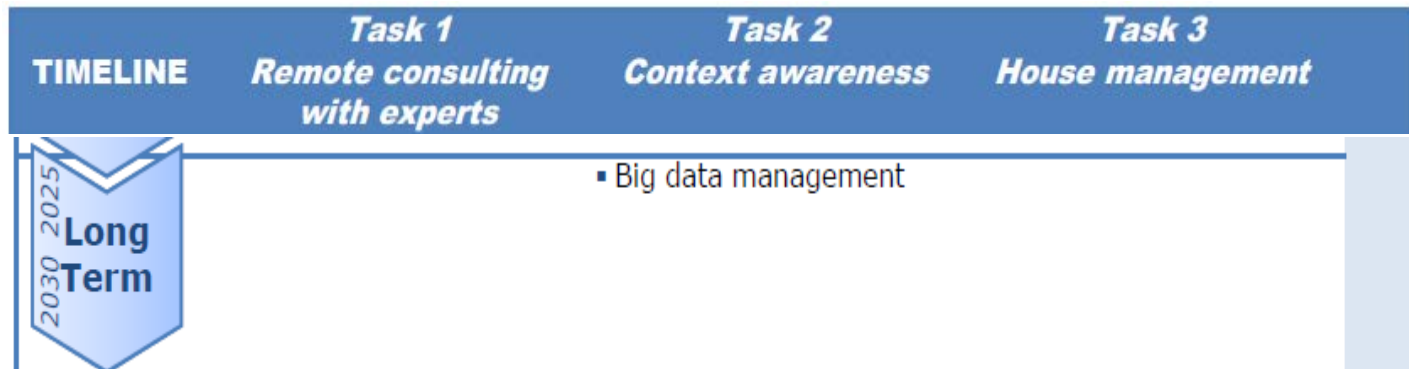
Scenario 8: Outdoor mobility (i.e. pedestrians, public transport and private cars)

Scenario 10: Senior citizens at work

| TIMELINE | Task 1 <i>Public transportation</i> | Task 2 <i>Pedestrians</i> | Task 3 <i>Private transport</i> |
|----------|--|--|--|
| 2025 | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearable robotic solutions, i.e. prosthetics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autonomous cars (self-parking, no-pilot drive) Advanced infrastructure for transportation in smart cities and rural areas |

| TIMELINE | Task 1 <i>Heavy work activities</i> | Task 2 <i>Precision work activities</i> | Task 3 <i>Preventive training</i> |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|
| 2025 Long Term 2030 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced co-worker robots with high cognitive and physical interaction capabilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exoskeletons | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasoning systems to manage work activities and prevent related risks |

Scenario 9: Avoiding caregiver isolation

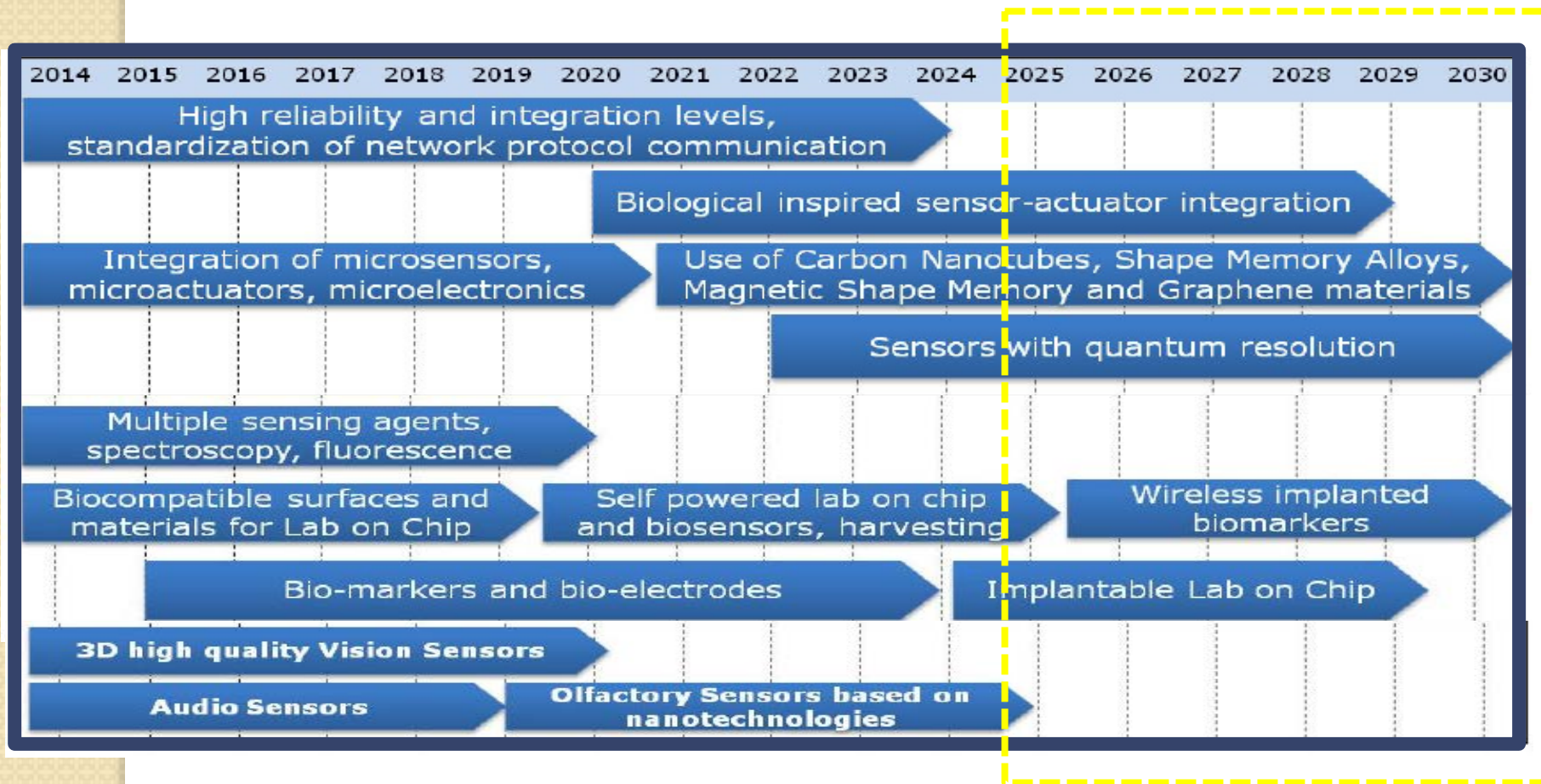


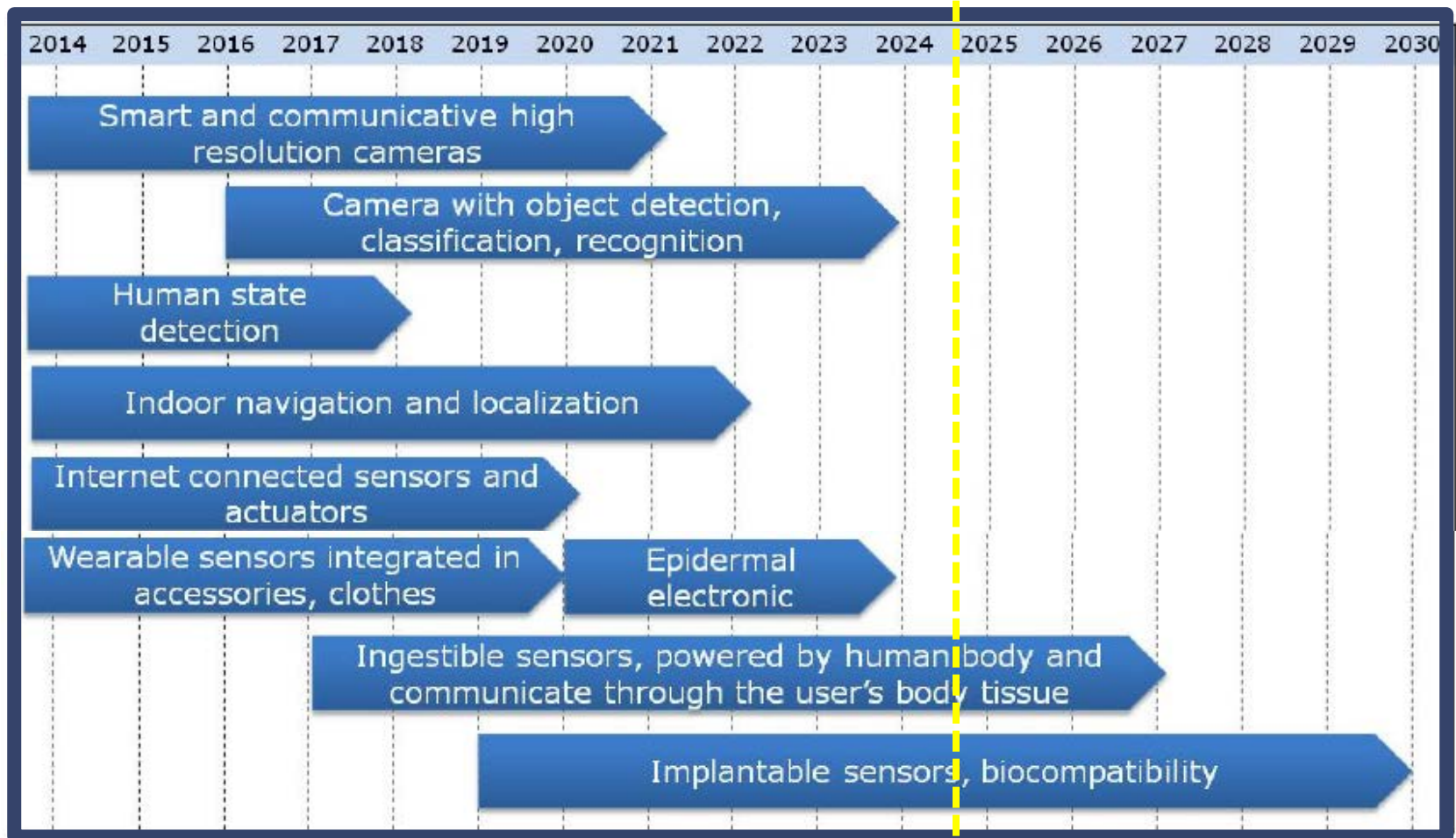
Key Enabling Technologies overview

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|---------------|---|
| Sensing | New sensing principles and technologies to measure physical, chemical, electrical, optical, etc. quantities of a phenomenon and to produce outputs usable to improve the AAL services |
| Reasoning | Intelligent systems with computational capabilities able to generate knowledge using logical techniques of deduction, induction or other forms of reasoning |
| Acting | Automated systems and robotics, which proactively act for providing useful services, including physical and cognitive support |
| Interacting | All kinds of means, both software and hardware, that allow interaction processes and bridge capabilities between users and service/machines |
| Communicating | Technologies related to machine to machine interfacing that allow devices to communicate and cooperate |

KET RM: sensing

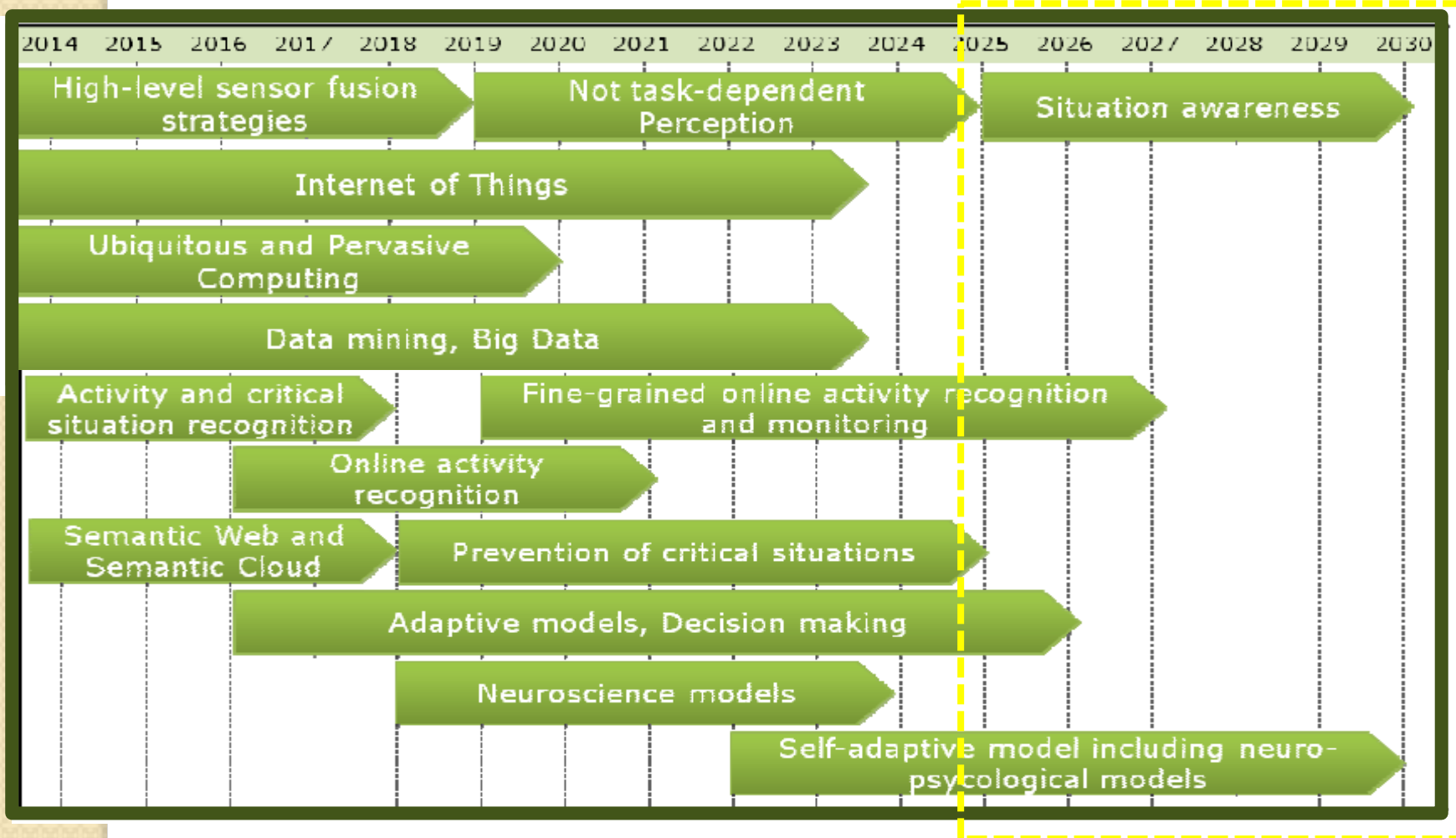
- Smart Sensors, MEMs, Quantum
- Lab-on-chip, biosensors
- Vision, audio, olfactory sensors
- Environmental sensors
- Personal sensors





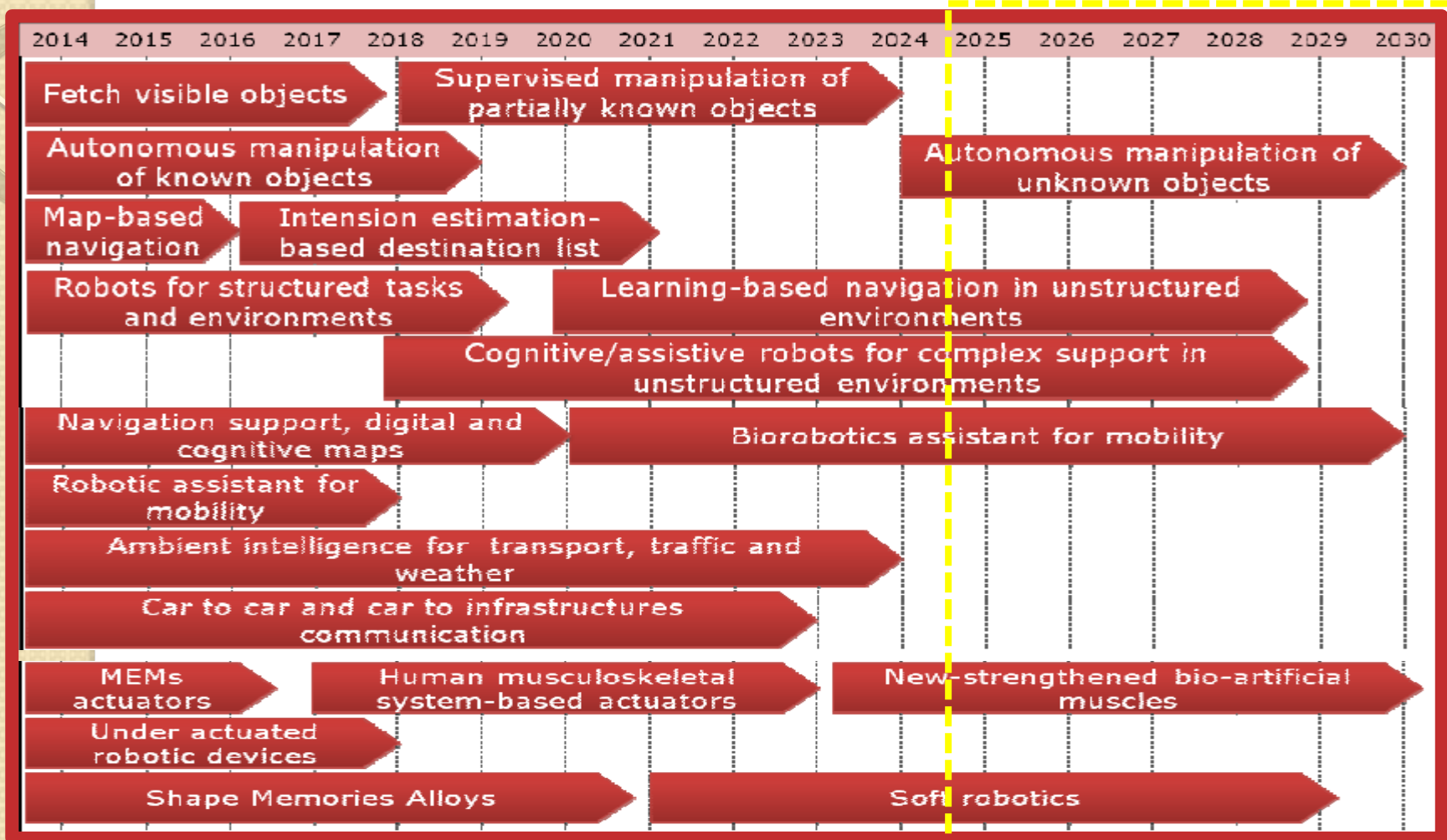
KET RM: reasoning

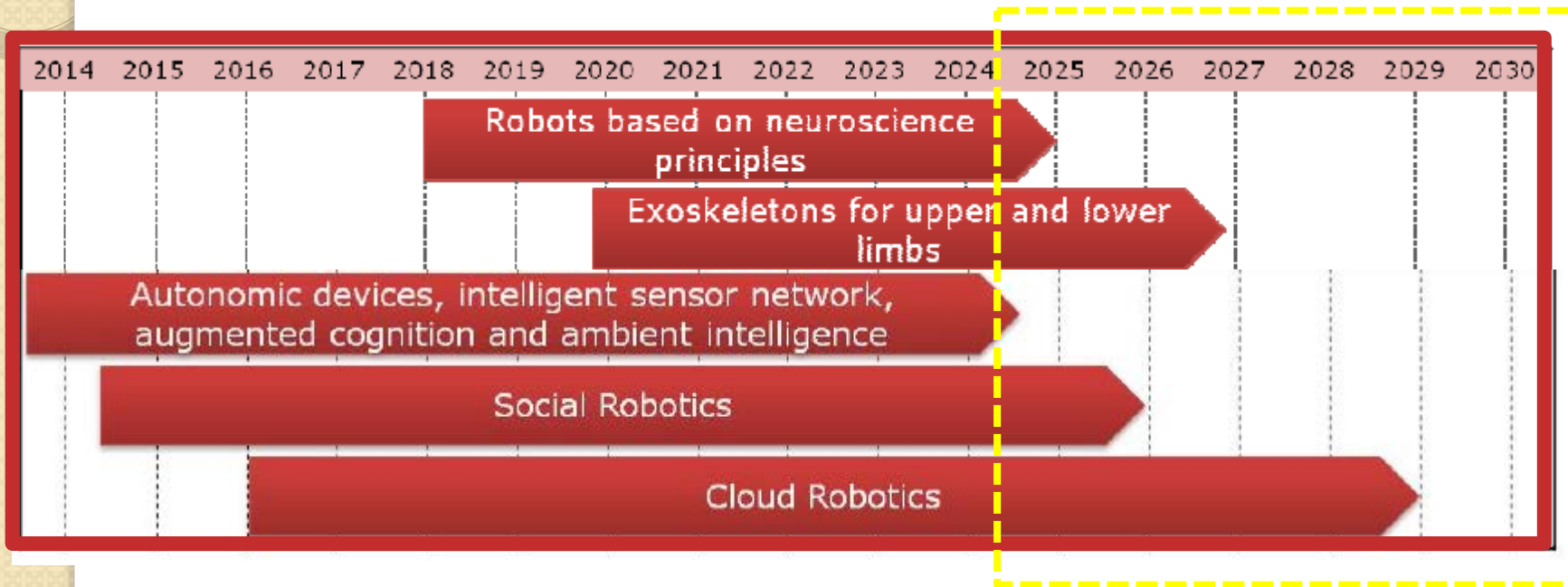
- Context-awareness and sensor data fusion
- Advanced intelligence



KET RM: acting

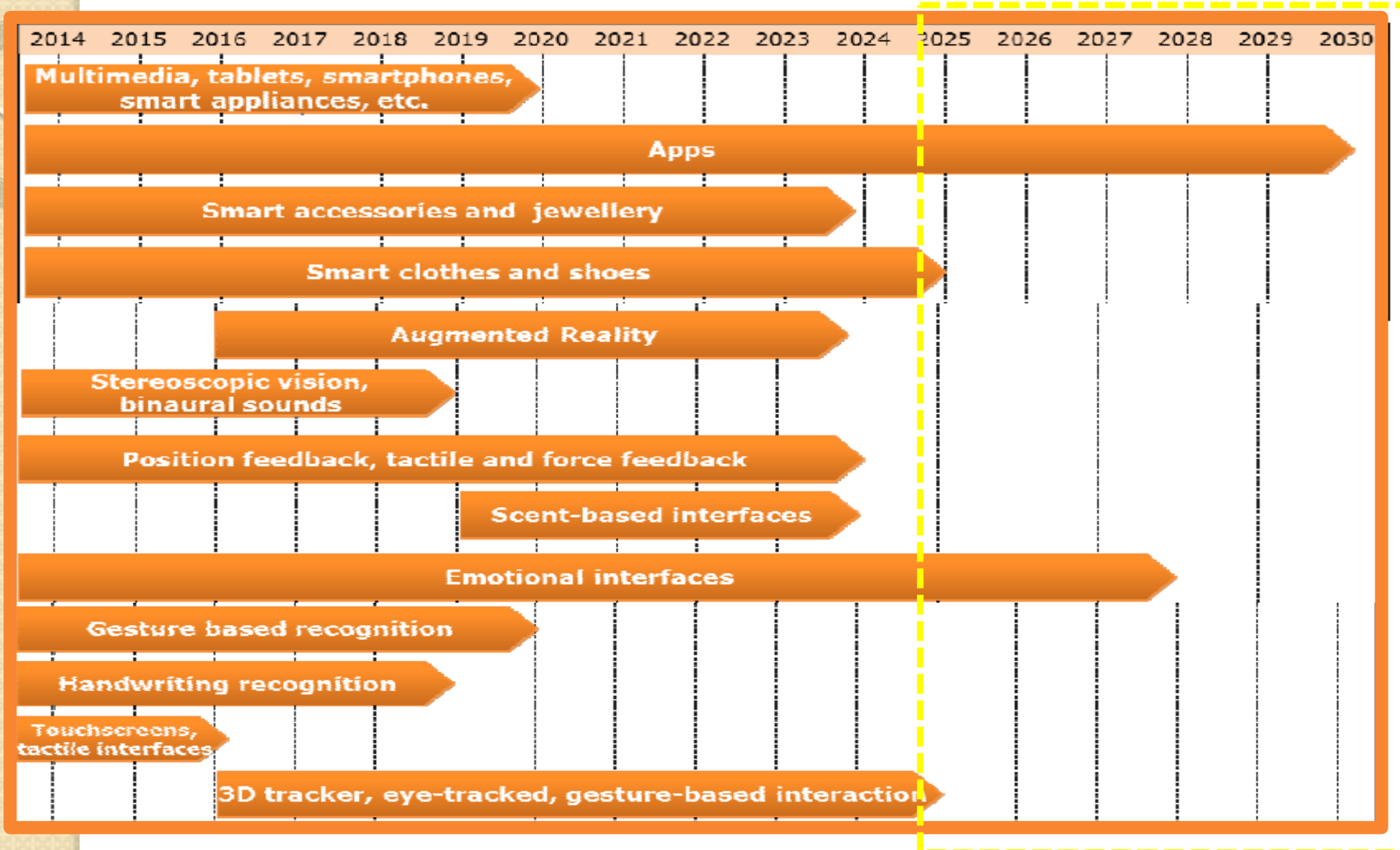
- Service robotics
- Smart mobility
- Smart actuators
- Wearable robotics, neurorobotics
- Smart environments, Aml, social and cloud robotics

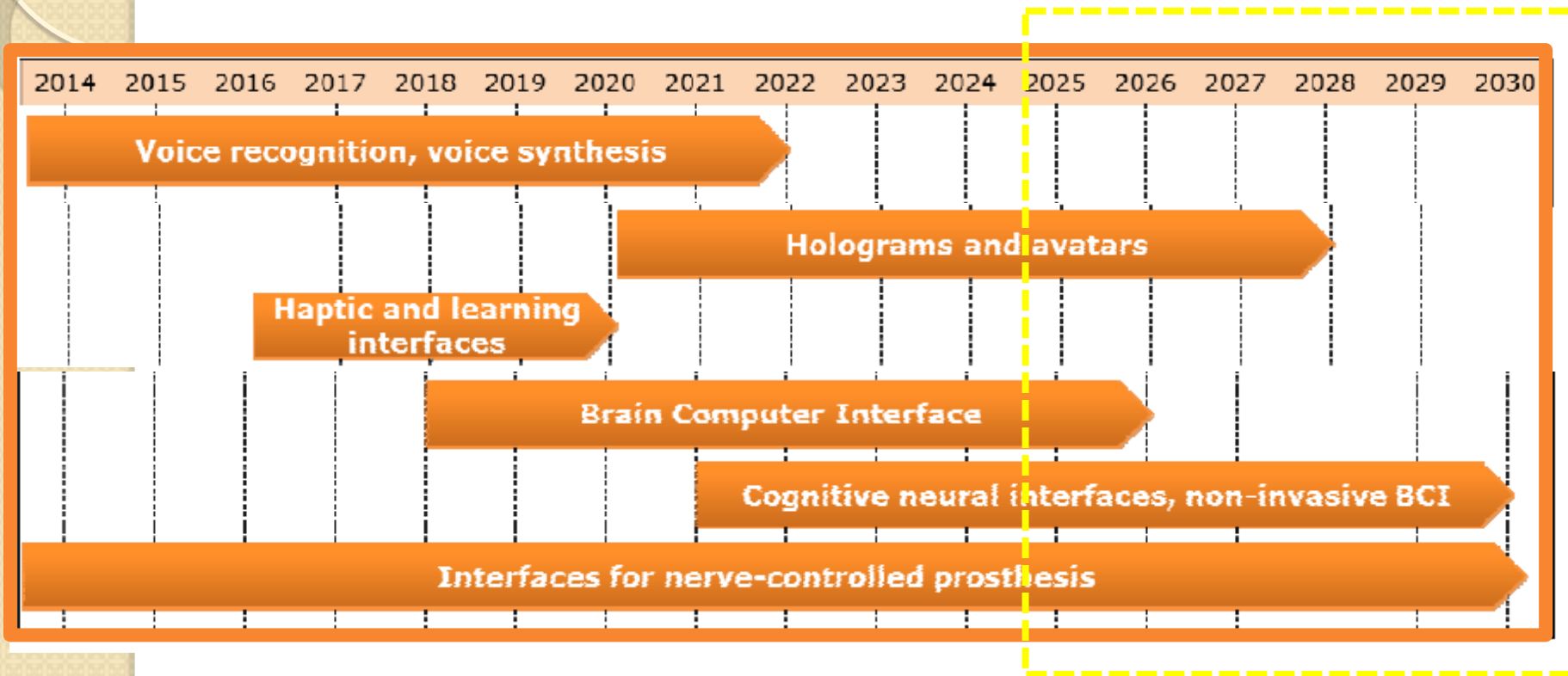




KET RM: interacting

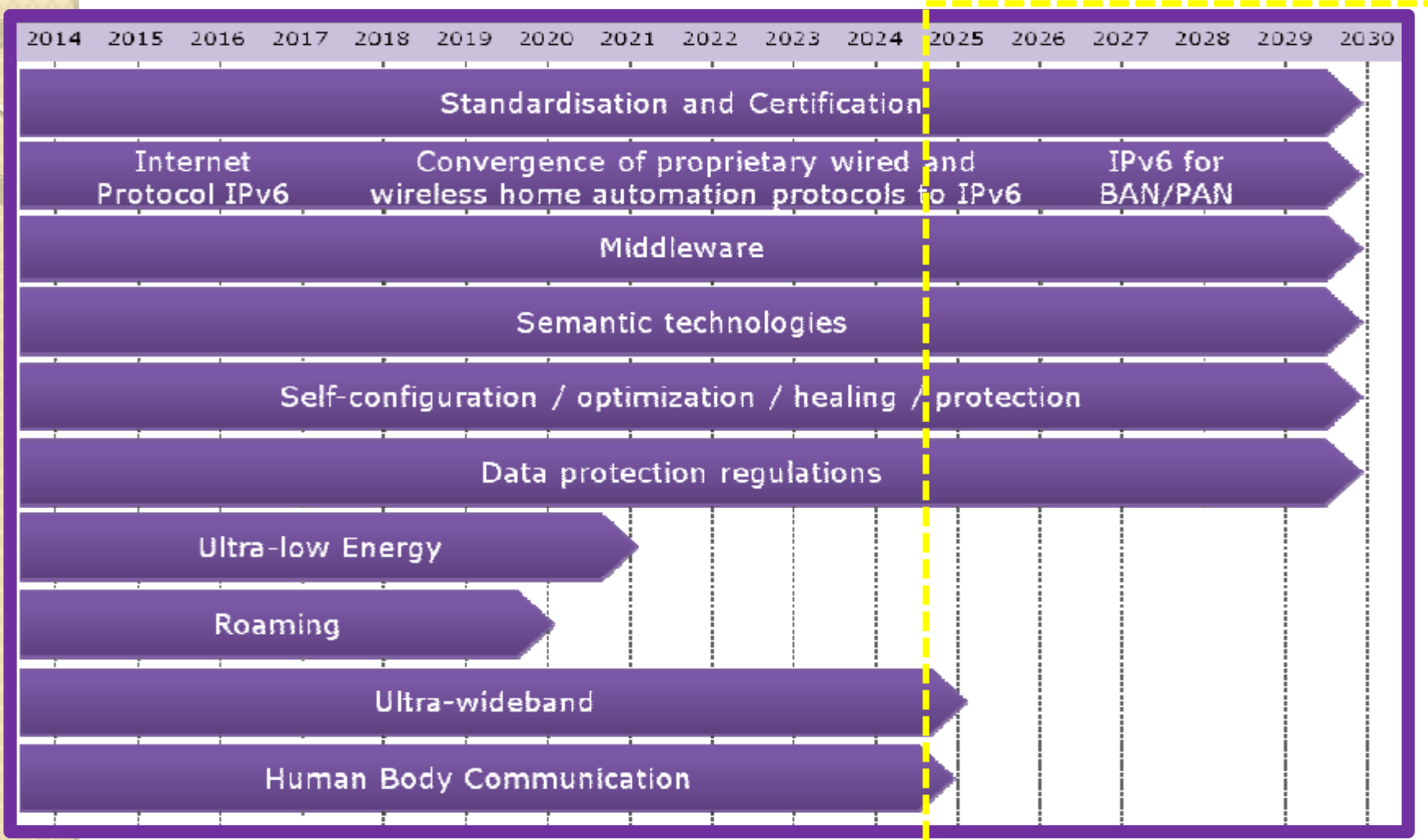
- Smart appliances, multimedia, apps, smart accessories and smart clothes
- Sensorial interfaces
- Spatial interfaces
- Natural language interfaces
- Multi-modal interfaces
- Neural interfaces and Brain Computer Interfaces (BCIs)





KET RM: communicating

- General aspects of communicating
- Body/Personal Area Network (BAN/PAN)
- Local Area Network (LAN) / Home Network
- Wide Area Network (WAN)



Trends

- The **wearable wireless device** market is growing with the advances in wireless communication technology, either using short range or cellular radio
- **mHealth**: more than 97.000 health & fitness – related mobile apps available. Doctors are encouraging the use of mHealth
- Service and domestic **robotics** market is increasing

Future innovations...



*M2M
communications
and IoT for AAL*

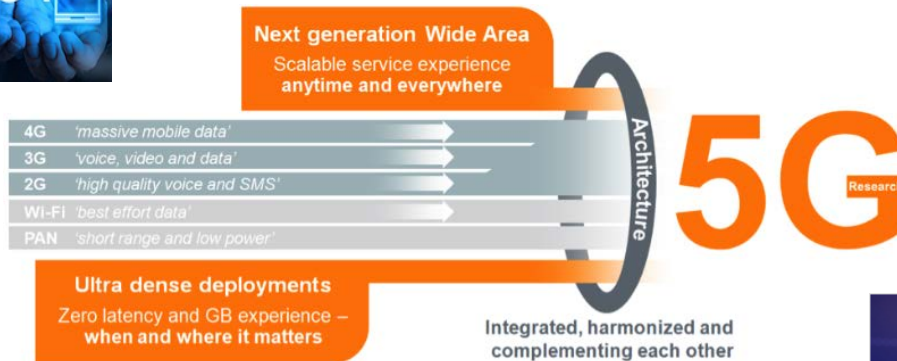


*Personalised and
Connected Health*

*Social & Cloud
Robotics, Tactile
internet*



*Next Generation
Wireless
Communications*



*Big Data, Analytics,
Deep Learning,
Predictive systems*



...and still open issues

- New technologies needed (energy-efficient design, deep learning, virtualization, low power devices...)
- Fragmented approaches, scalability
- Device interoperability within verticals, cross-vertical interoperability
- Standards proliferation (which means no standard)
- Privacy & security concerns, shared requirements and tools for security
- Socio-ethical implications (e.g. in tracking and geo-location through wearable sensors...)
- New policies and integrated service models



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What will AAL and ELE be like in the next
10 to 20 years

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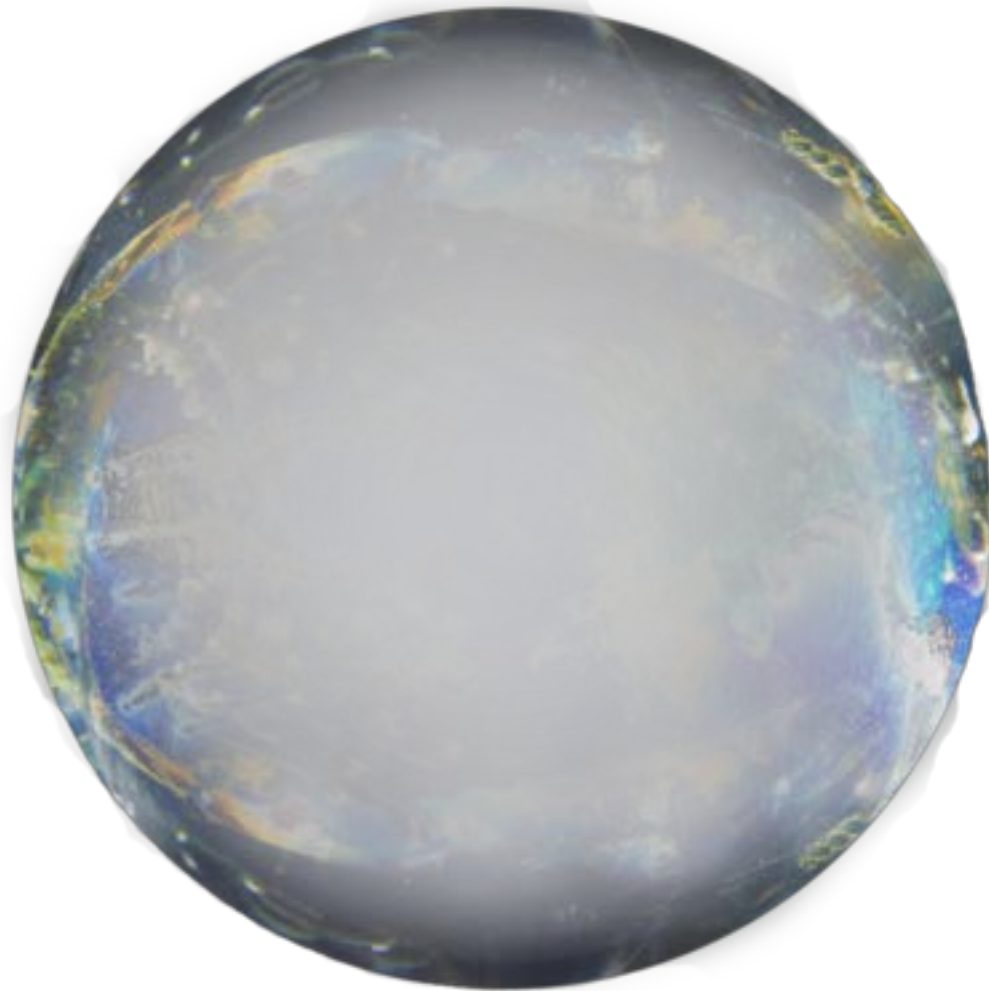
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- ▶ Summary
- ▶ * this is an interactive presentation
- ▶ * we will try to foresee the future
- ▶ * so... let's start!



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- ▶ Pointers / tips / inspirational thoughts
- ▶ - Moore's Law
- ▶ - self powered devices and sensors
- ▶ - long lasting batteries
- ▶ - personal big data
- ▶ - fora in social networks (disease / lifestyle related)
- ▶ - digital lifestyle coaches
- ▶ - mobile computing (on-body computing)
- ▶ - will there be humans in the loop? (is AAL/ELE humanless?)
- ▶ - ...
- ▶ - (please help to complete)



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- ▶ Taking into account what we have seen, let's now all work.
- ▶ Goal: to create a story of an AAL user living in the year of 2030.
- ▶ Task 1: create a "persona". Who is your user? How old is he/she? Does he/she still work?
- ▶ Task 2: describe a day in that person's life. What is it to be her/him in 2030?
- ▶ Task 3: What is the role of AAL/ELE technology in that user's life?

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- ▶ Conclusions:

- ▶ (to be completed by all)

