

# POINT OF CARE TESTING AND DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

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*THE WORLD HAS CHANGED*



THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE





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# EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND HEALTHCARE



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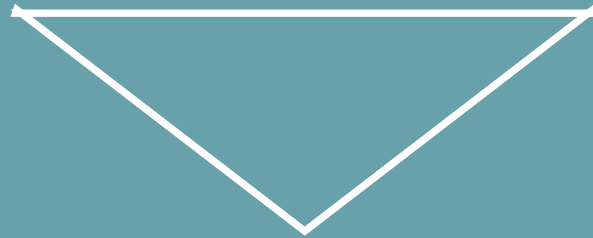
**ADVANCES IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES HAVE COME TO THE RESCUE IN THE FORM OF:**

**- RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TESTS**

**- VACCINES USING NANOPARTICLES TO CAGE, STABILIZE AND TRANSPORT RNA MOLECULES**

# POINT OF CARE

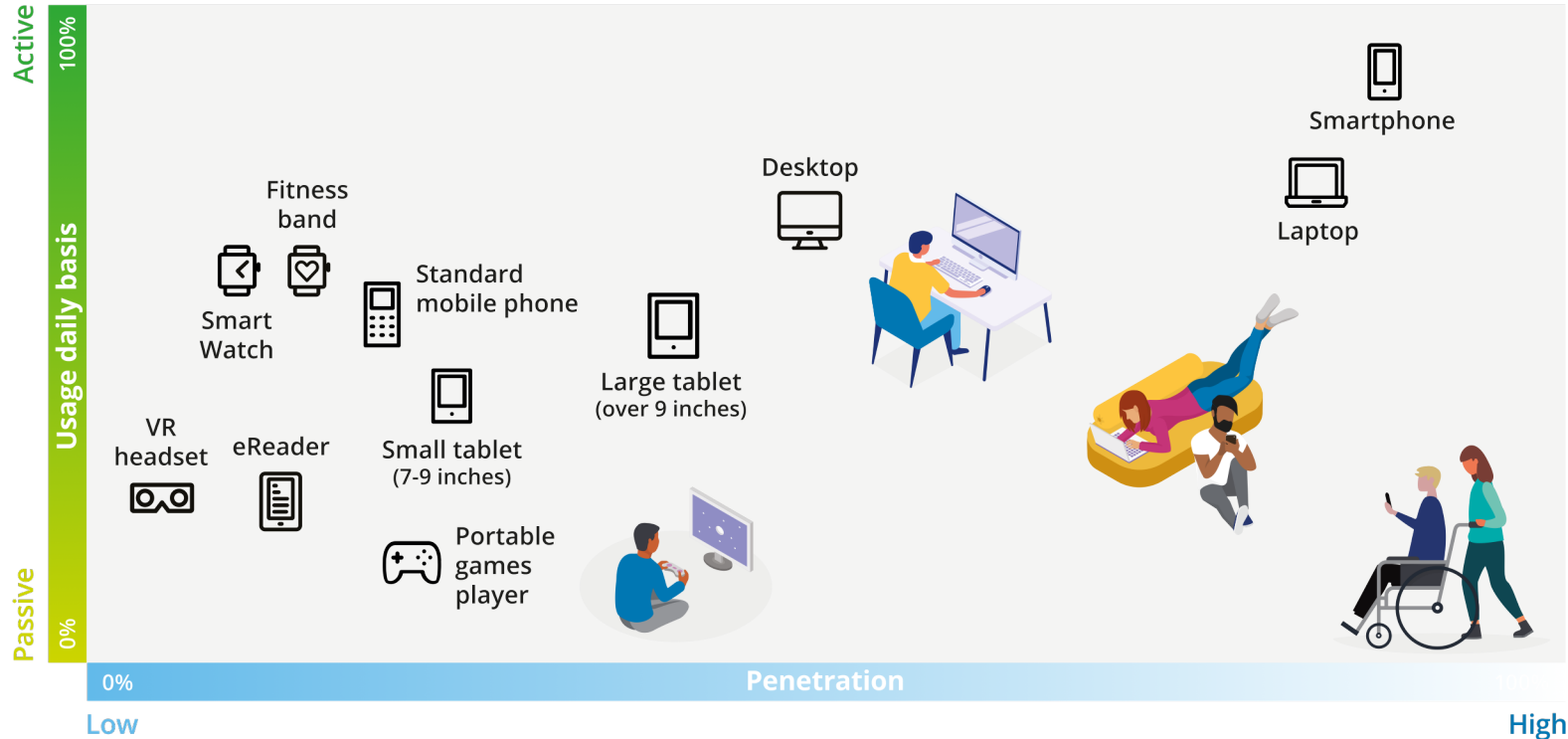
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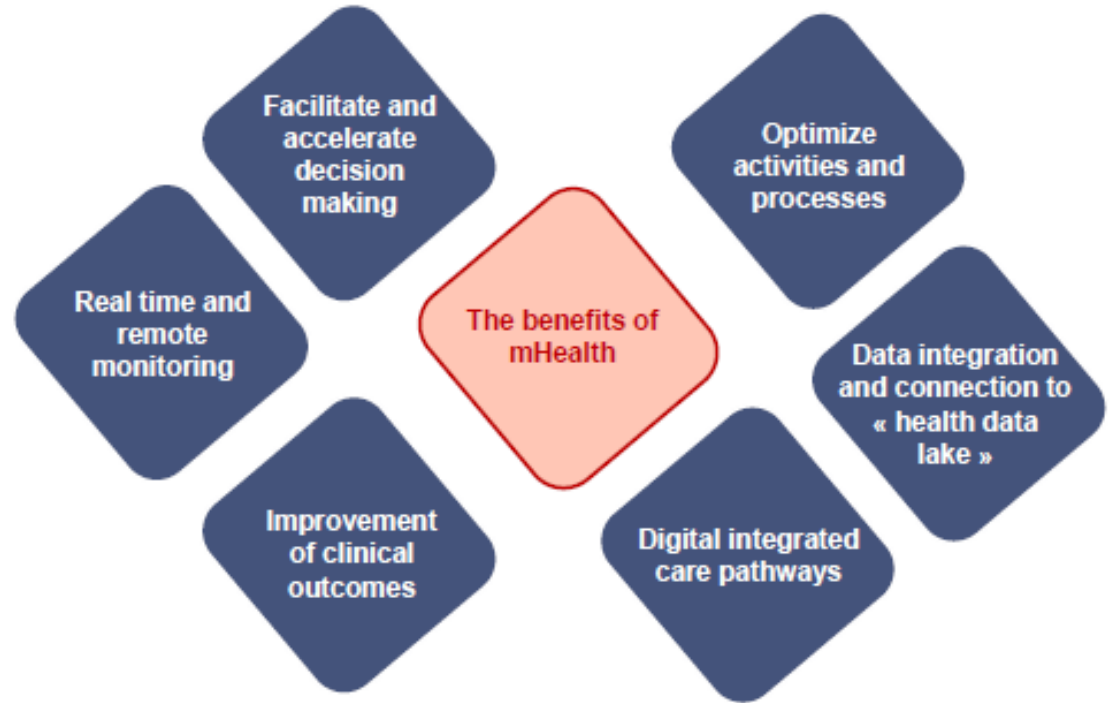
Availability  
of devices

Opportunities

# The digital environment



# The power of integration

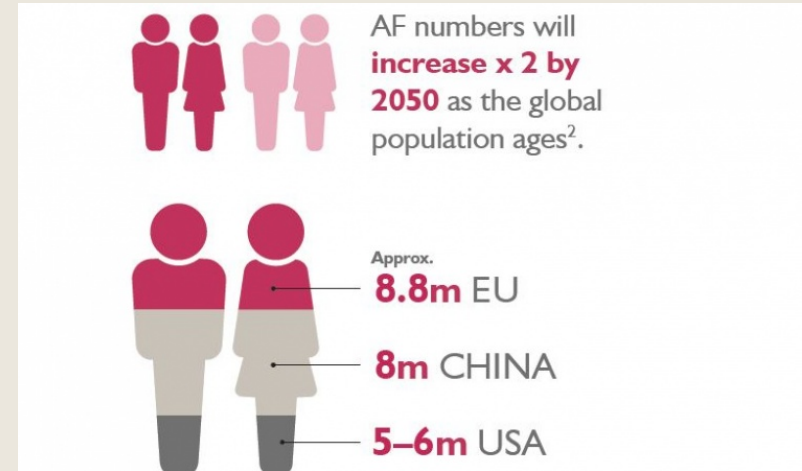


# Diabetes



Source: WHO

# Atrial fibrillation



<https://healthcare-in-europe.com/en/news/atrial-fibrillation-imposes-a-high-burden-in-europe.html>





- Giving users an opportunity to modify health behaviours → In a minority of individuals, this may lead to increasing anxiety about health, to device addiction, or to self-diagnosis or even to self-medication or self-management of clinical conditions.
- Patients could also suffer from negative consequences of excessive self-monitoring by finding it uncomfortable, intrusive, and unpleasant
- Wearables may provide false assurances to the patient, with inaccuracy of activity trackers leading individuals to overestimate their level of physical activity, limiting the effectiveness for lifestyle interventions



# RELIABILITY AND SAFETY





# The value of diagnostics

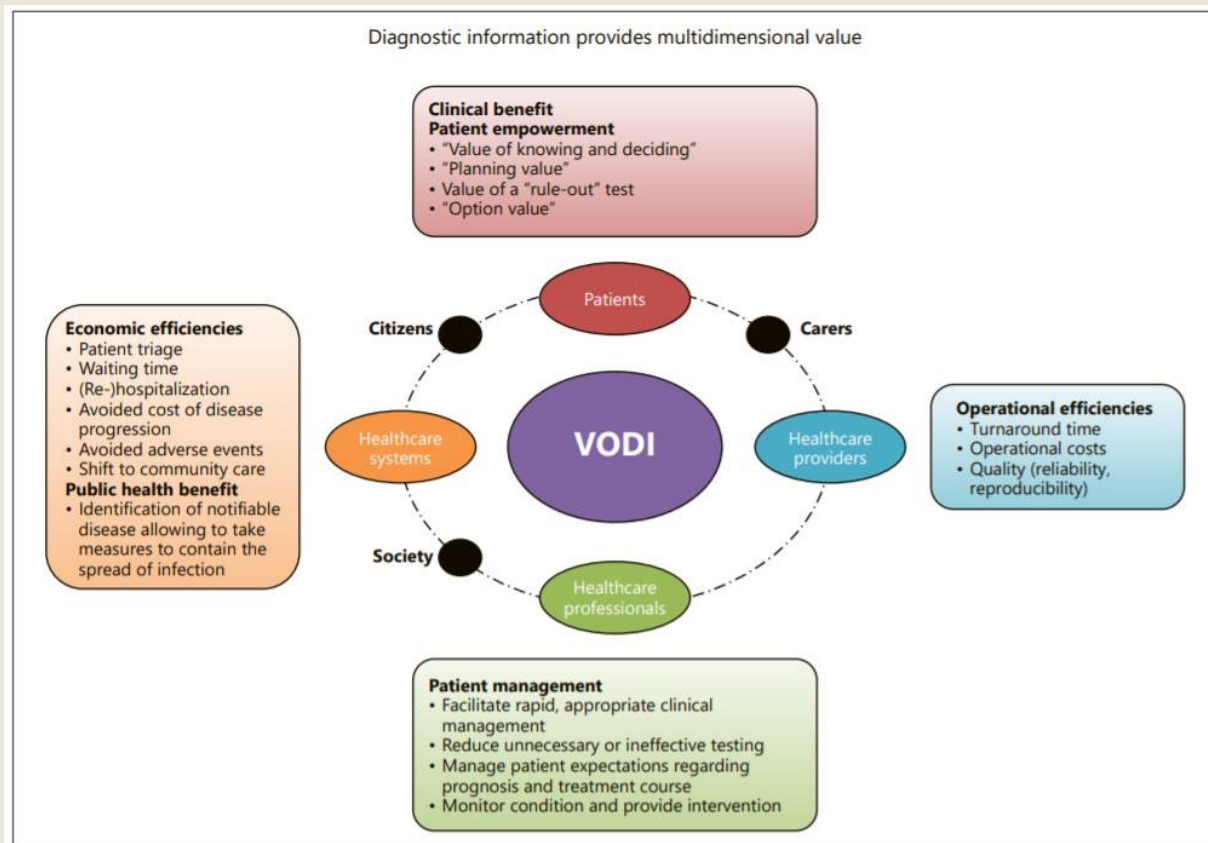


Fig. 1. VODI and its different dimensions.

# The validation framework

Dimension evaluated	Potential indicators
Clinical performances and clinical outcomes	Sensitivity, specificity, negative predictive value, positive predictive value, length of stay, mean time between readmission to hospital.
Behavioral	Quality-adjusted life year, symptom clusters, patient satisfaction
Technical	Limit of quantification, limit of detection, range of measurement, fault detection systems, connectivity, interoperability, usability
Organizational	Turnaround time of analysis, impact on resources, integration in care pathways
Environmental	Waste and energy consumption, impact on test ordering
Economical	Price, total cost of ownership, time for training, resources needed for implementation and management of solution, cost of management

# THE LEGAL DIMENSION



# EU MDR

Regulatory bodies do not regulate wearable sensors/devices designed purely for lifestyle purposes, such as smartwatches that generally promote health and fitness.

In contrast, apps with medical purposes (diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease) are currently classified as 'medical devices' by both the FDA<sup>73</sup> and the European Union, where the new Medical Device Regulation strengthens the rules for obtaining certification.

## Conformity procedures for Class I medical devices under the EU MDR

**Annex I** – General Safety and Performance Requirements

**Annex II** – Technical documentation

**Annex III** – Technical documentation on post-market surveillance

Class I (All Other)	Class Im (Measuring)	Class Is (Sterile)	Class Ir (Reusable Surgical)
No Notified Body involvement	Notified Body involvement required for aspects related to conformity of products with measurement requirements	Notified Body involvement required for aspects relating to establishing, securing and maintaining sterile medical conditions	Notified Body involvement required for aspects related to cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, maintenance, and function testing and related operating instructions (limited to those relating to the reuse of the device.)

**See EU MDR Article 19 and Annex IV.  
Prepare Declaration of Conformity and apply CE Mark**

Based on Figure 1 of MDCG 2019-15 – July 2020 rev 1

<https://www.orielstat.com/blog/eu-mdr-class-1-manufacturer-requirements/>

# EU IVDR

Type of clinical evidence	Definition according to IVDR Article 2	Specification of potentially applicable performances in IVDR Annex I, Section 9.1
<b>Scientific validity</b>	The association of an analyte with a clinical condition or a physiological state	Not applicable
<b>Analytical performance</b>	The ability of a device to correctly detect or measure a particular analyte	Analytical sensitivity, analytical specificity, trueness (bias), precision (repeatability and reproducibility), accuracy (resulting from trueness and precision), limit of detection (LOD), limit of quantitation (LOQ), measuring range, linearity, cut-off, including determination of appropriate criteria for specimen collection and handling and control of known relevant endogenous and exogenous interference, cross-reactions
<b>Clinical performance</b>	The ability of a device to yield results that are correlated with a particular clinical condition or a physiological or pathological process or state in accordance with the target population and intended user	Diagnostic sensitivity, diagnostic specificity, positive predictive value, negative predictive value, likelihood ratio, expected values in normal and affected populations

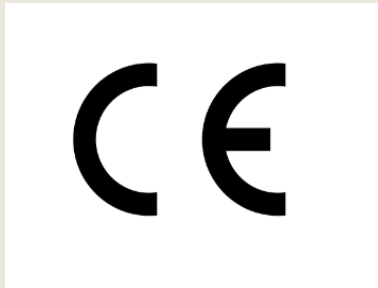
The safety and benefit of each IVD, taking into account its intended purpose, should be demonstrated by means of evaluation of three types of clinical evidence (if applicable): scientific validity, analytical performance, and clinical performance.

HEMASPHERE

- analytical sensitivity
- analytical specificity
- trueness (bias)
- precision (repeatability and reproducibility)
- and others
- diagnostic sensitivity
- diagnostic specificity
- positive predictive value, negative predictive value
- Likelihood-ratio
- expected values in normal and affected populations

→ Post-market surveillance

→ Post-market performance follow-up





 OPEN ACCESS



## Organisation and quality monitoring for point-of-care testing (POCT) in Belgium: proposal for an expansion of the legal framework for POCT into primary health care

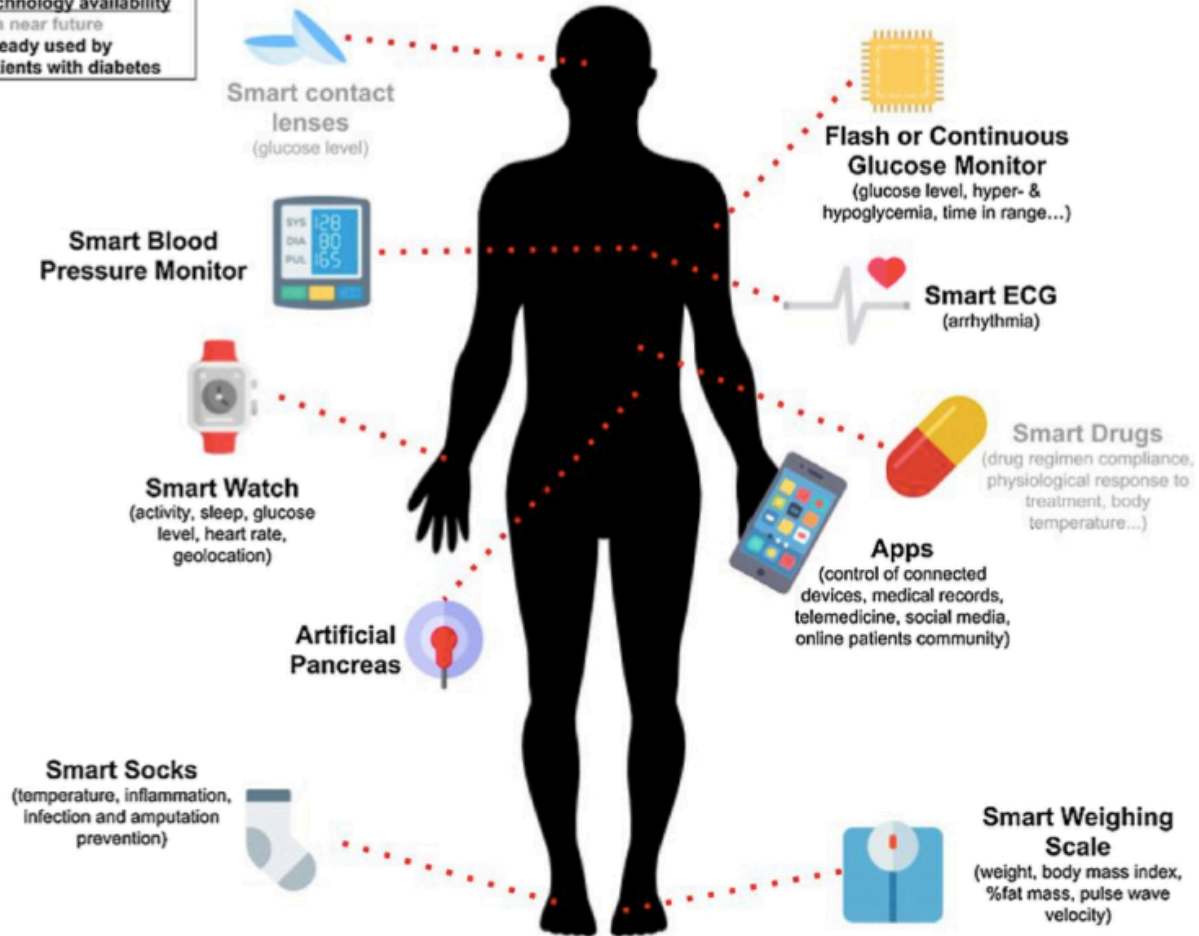
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# DATA AND CONNECTIVITY





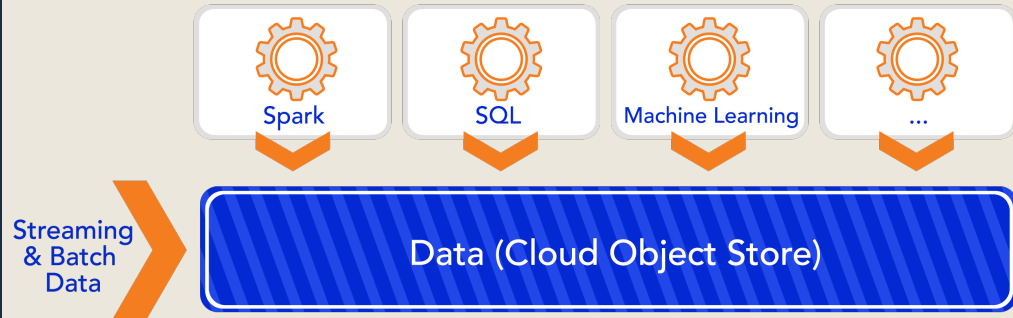
**Technology availability**  
In a near future  
Already used by  
patients with diabetes



# Expecting benefits from the data lake



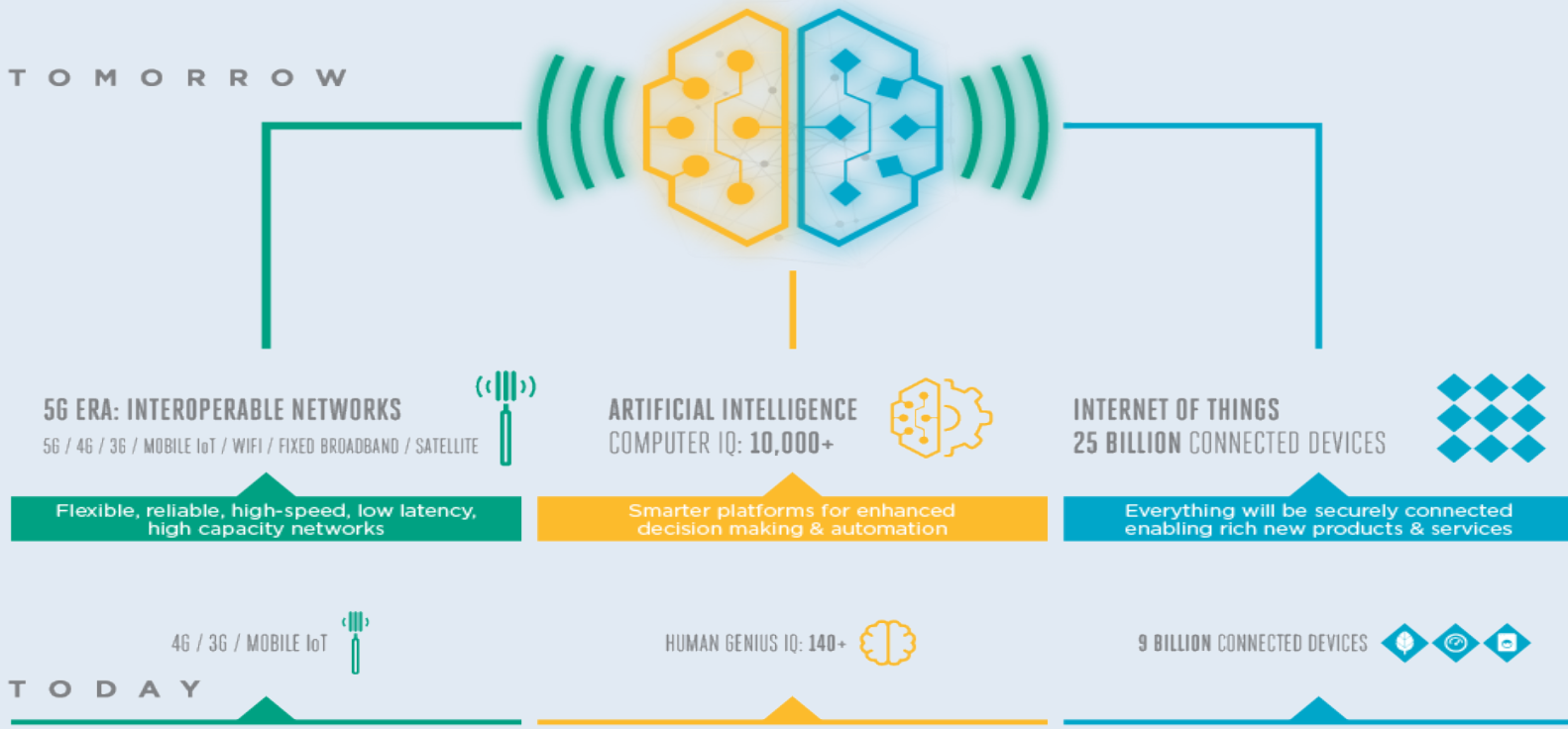
## CLOUD DATA LAKE



# INTELLIGENT CONNECTIVITY

## The Fusion of 5G, AI and IoT

INTELLIGENTLY CONNECTING EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING TO A BETTER FUTURE



T O M O R R O W

**5G ERA: INTEROPERABLE NETWORKS**  
5G / 4G / 3G / MOBILE IoT / WIFI / FIXED BROADBAND / SATELLITE  
Flexible, reliable, high-speed, low latency, high capacity networks

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
COMPUTER IQ: 10,000+  
Smarter platforms for enhanced decision making & automation

**INTERNET OF THINGS**  
25 BILLION CONNECTED DEVICES  
Everything will be securely connected enabling rich new products & services

T O D A Y

4G / 3G / MOBILE IoT

HUMAN GENIUS IQ: 140+

9 BILLION CONNECTED DEVICES

# Security and privacy

- Include user-informed consent and privacy/policy information
- Carry out user authentication in a continuous manner to guarantee an allowed use of the device while protecting authentication data.
- Explore a combination of biometric features with privacy-preserving approaches.
- Introduce risk assessments protocols and audits of the security system
- Combine multiple private blockchains to provide users with stronger location privacy protection without reducing the quality of service



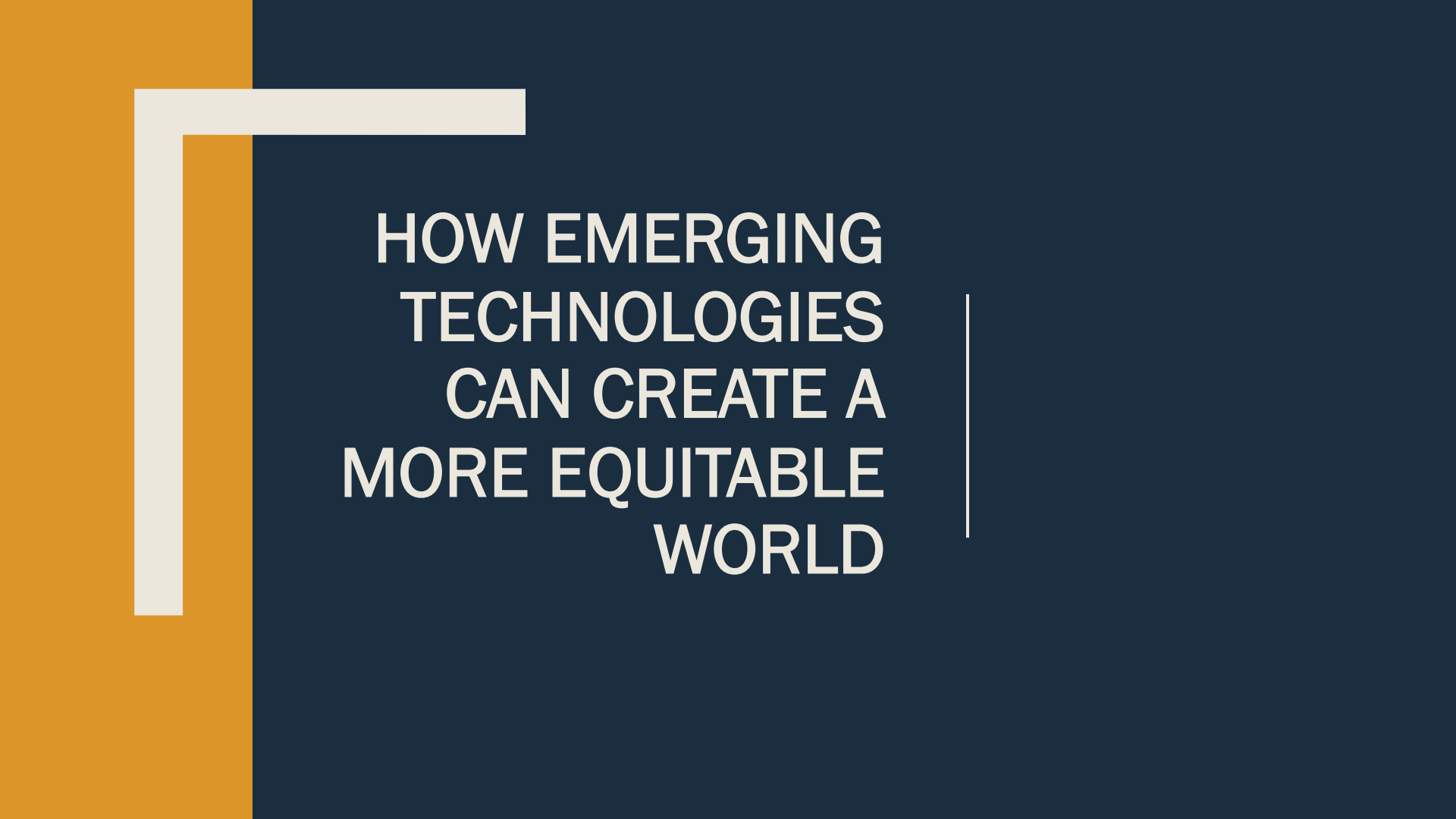
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<b>Security:</b>	<b>Guarantee of secure storage, secure communication and secure content</b>
<b>Identity Management:</b>	Ensure authentication for users, devices, applications and associated services
<b>Privacy:</b>	Maintain privacy
<b>Scalability:</b>	Capacity of evolution to sustainable and scalable solutions
<b>Reliability:</b>	Solutions should support identification of fault and self-repairing
<b>Data integration:</b>	Real-time data collection, analytics, aggregation and transmission

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# AUGMENTED CARE



**HOW EMERGING  
TECHNOLOGIES  
CAN CREATE A  
MORE EQUITABLE  
WORLD**



# 'Equity' and Global Health

- Incorporate ethical, environmental, economic, legal, social and cultural considerations

## Lack of equity

- For example, the COVID- 19 nanovaccines require storage at very low temperatures
- Consider that developing countries could pay exorbitant fees for the use of emerging technologies created and patented in the industrialized world
- Most patents related to emerging technologies focus on medical conditions common in rich countries at the expense of neglected diseases prevalent in LMICs,

***« THE WIDE RANGE OF NANOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH CAN IMPACT NEARLY EVERY MEDICAL SPECIALTY AND CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE, EXTENDING LIFE EXPECTANCIES, AND REDUCING OVERALL COSTS OF HEALTHCARE »***

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