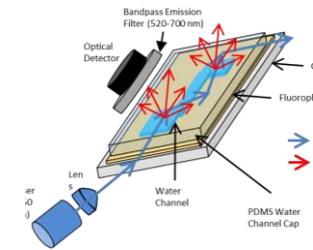
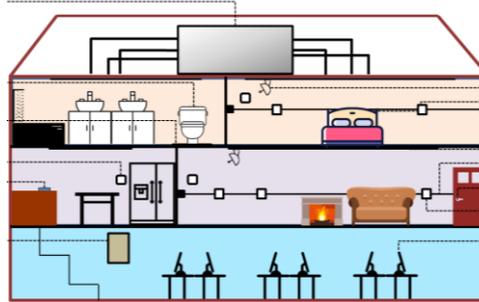
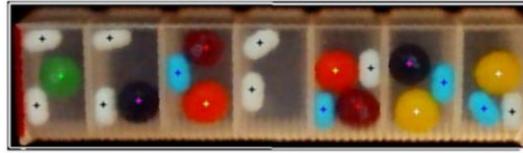


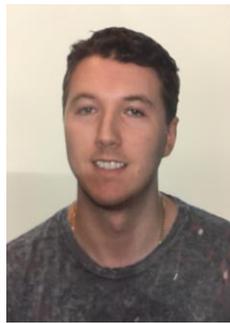
# Context-Aware Sensing for Aging-in-Place



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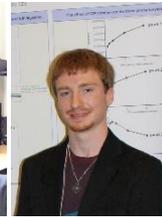


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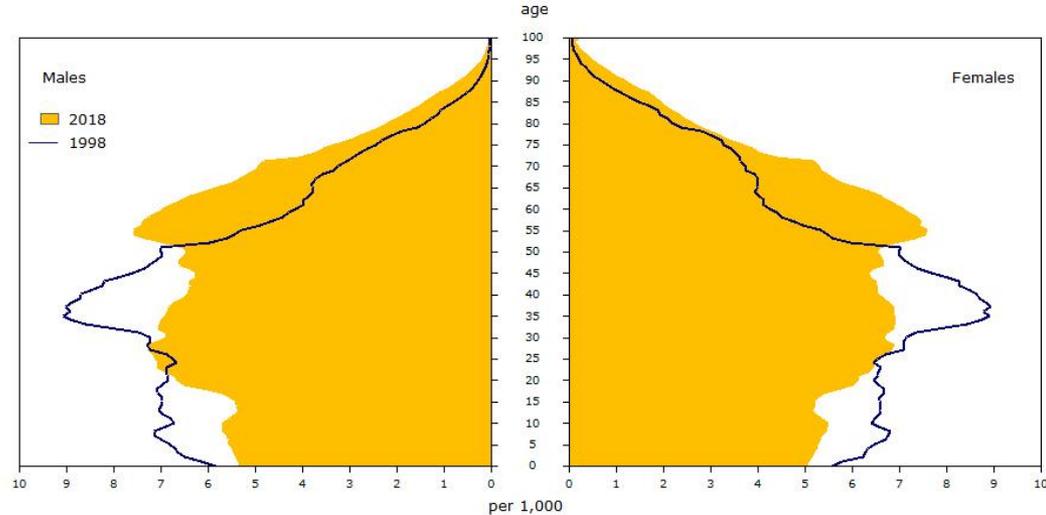


# Ontario Health Expenditures

**HEALTH CARE SPENDING BY ONTARIO'S GOVERNMENT IS UNSUSTAINABLE**

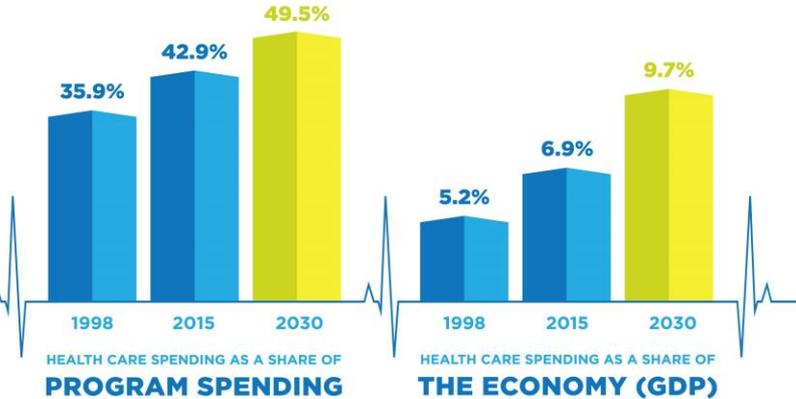


Figure 2.1  
Age pyramid of population estimates as of July 1, 1998 and 2018, Canada



Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/91-215-x/2018002/sec2-eng.htm>



in 2014, the average per-person government spending on health care for Canadians

15yr – 64yr: \$2,664  
65 + yr: \$11,625

<https://www.fraserinstitute.org>



<http://www.businessinsider.com/chinese-population-demographics-2011-11?op=1>

# Emergency Room visit is \$\$\$\$

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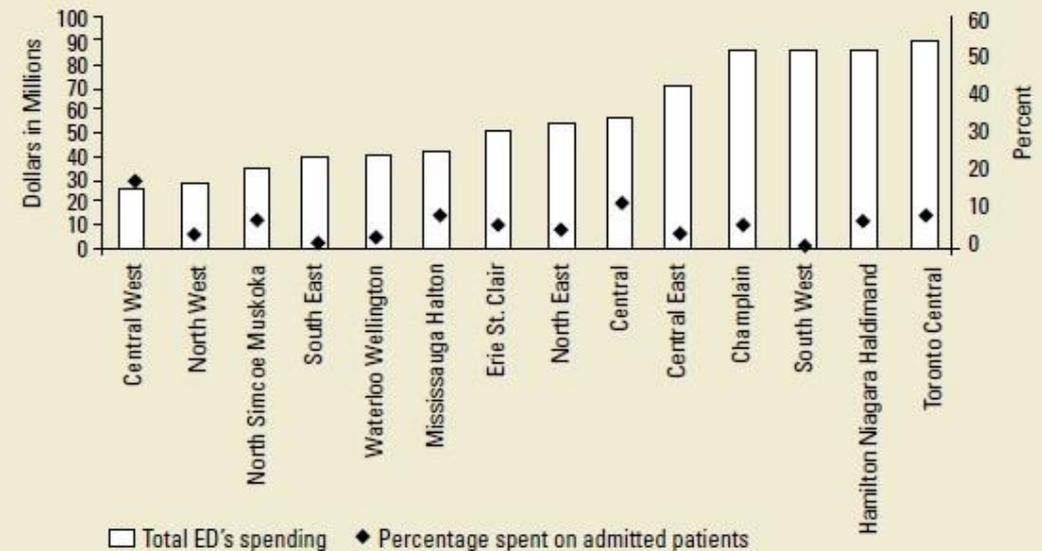
### CIHI Survey: ED Spending in Canada: A Focus on the Cost of Patients Waiting for Access to an In-Patient Bed in Ontario

Heather Dawson and Greg Zinck

Ontario spends \$791 million on ER visits or \$148/visit.

Does not account for building and staffing an ER

Figure 2. Total ED spending and percent spent on patients admitted via the ED, by LHIN



ED = emergency department; LHIN = Local Health Integration Network.

Sources: Canadian Institute for Health Information's Canadian Management Information Systems Database, 2005-2006, and National Ambulatory Care Reporting System, 2005-2006.

# Yet not all ER visits are Urgent

Figure 2: Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS)  
Levels and Emergency-department Visits, by Level,  
2008/09

Source of data: CTAS Implementation Guidelines and Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

| Level | Acuity        | Examples of Patient Symptoms  | % of Emergency Dept. Visits |
|-------|---------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1     | resuscitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cardiac and/or pulmonary arrest</li><li>• major trauma (severe injury and burns)</li><li>• unconscious</li></ul>          | 0.6                         |
| 2     | emergent      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• chest pain with cardiac features</li><li>• stroke</li><li>• serious infections</li></ul>                                  | 12.9                        |
| 3     | urgent        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• moderate abdominal pain</li><li>• moderate trauma (fractures, dislocations)</li><li>• moderate asthma</li></ul>           | 39.0                        |
| 4     | less urgent   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• constipation with mild pain</li><li>• ear ache</li><li>• chronic back pain</li></ul>                                      | 39.0                        |
| 5     | non-urgent    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• medication request or dressing change</li><li>• sore throat</li><li>• minor trauma (sprains, minor lacerations)</li></ul> | 8.5                         |

## Chapter 3 Section 3.05

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

## Hospital Emergency Departments

Nearly half of the ER visit can be avoided by improve care and monitoring at home

# Aging-in-Place?

- US CDC: “... the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably ...”
  - Independence, community and social/support networks, cost
  - Still need to integrate with transition to institutionalized care in later phases
  - ...

## AGING IN PLACE

TIPS ON MAKING HOME SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE

Many older adults want to “age in place” –stay in their own homes as they get older—but may have concerns about safety, getting around, or other daily activities.

A few changes could make your home easier and safer to live in and help you continue to live independently.



<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/infographics/aging-place-tips-making-home-safe-and-accessible>

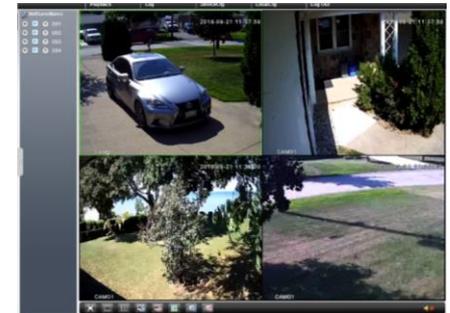
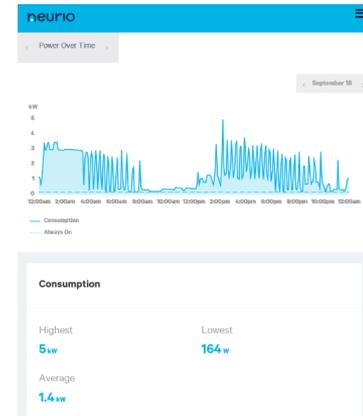
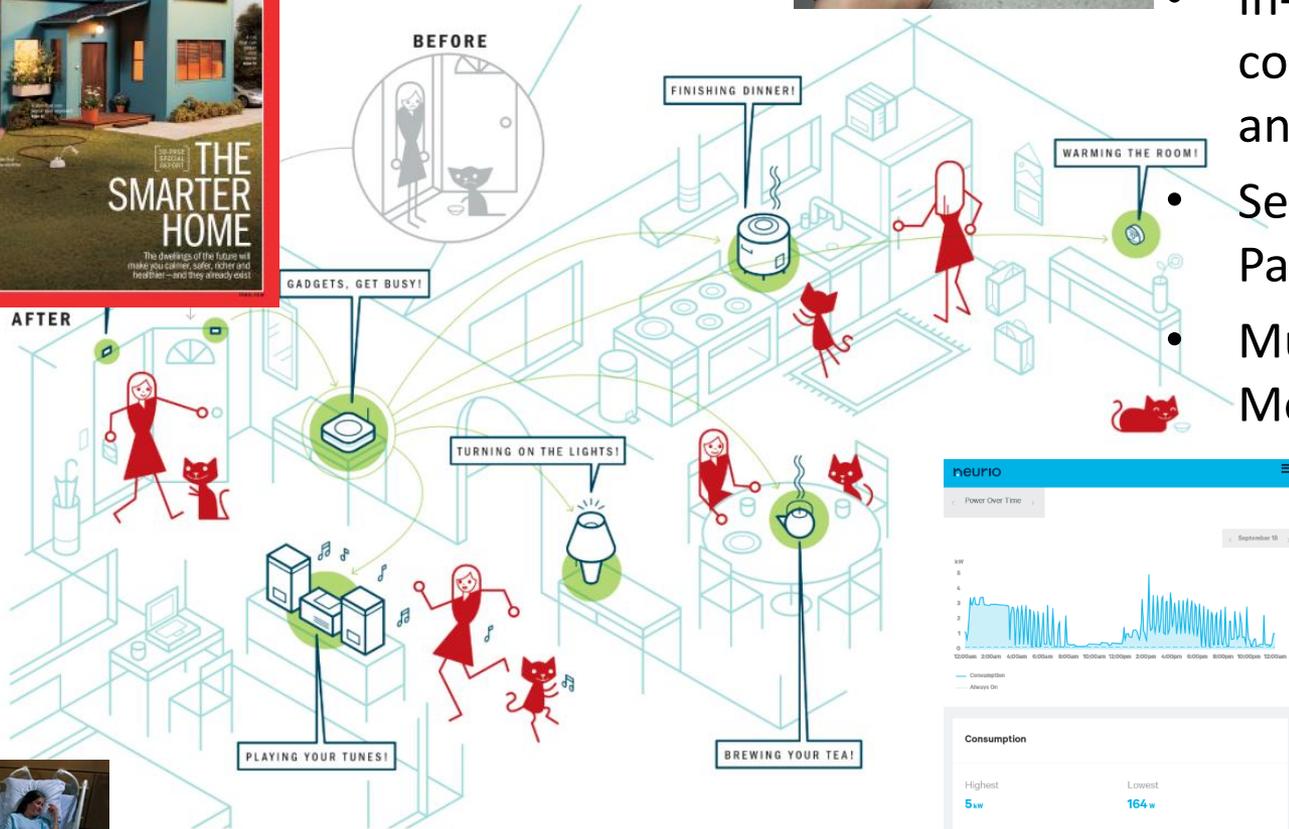


# Intelligent Sensors for the Smarter Home

[http://images.businessweek.com/ss/09/10/1005\\_smart\\_grid\\_101/16.htm](http://images.businessweek.com/ss/09/10/1005_smart_grid_101/16.htm)



- Non-video based physical activity tracking
- In-door localization and context aware activity analysis
- Sensors for Physiological Parameter Tracking
- Multimodality
- Medication compliances



<http://www2.hill-rom.com/canada/SmartBeds.htm>

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# “Smart” Home & Alarm Fatigue

SCIENCE / HEALTH / TECH

## The Apple Watch heart monitor sends too many people to the doctor



Apple Watch Photo by Amelia Holowaty Krales / The Verge

/ Only a handful of people the watch flagged actually had a heart problem

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/10/1/21496813/apple-watch-heart-monitor-ekg-false-positive>

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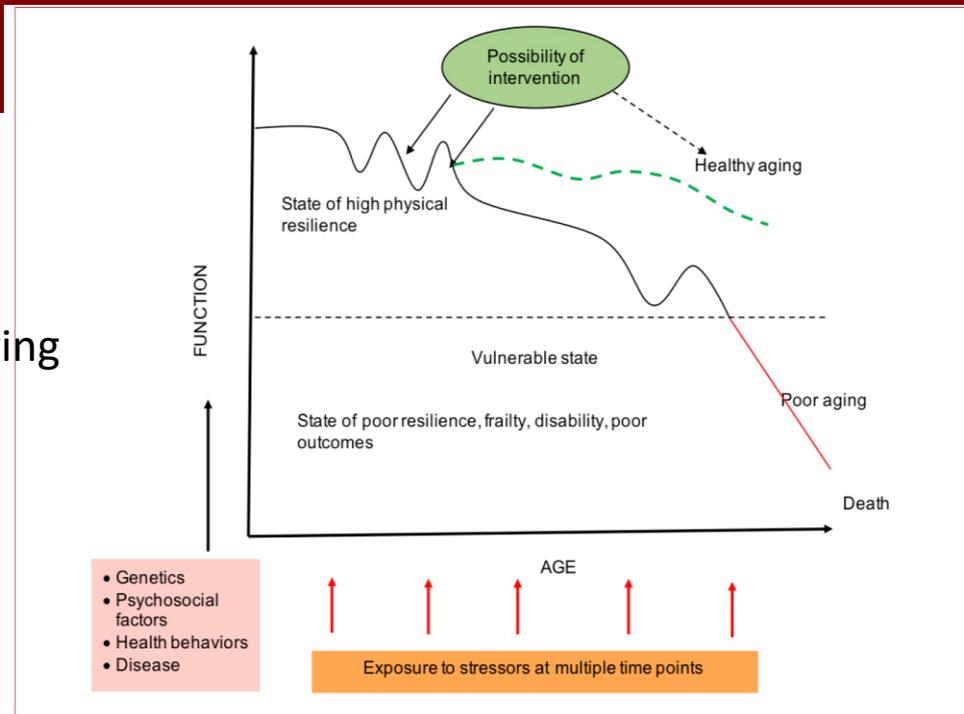
| Alarm-related issue                         | Causes  | Consequences to the staff              | Consequences to patient care  | Avoidance strategies  |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Excessive false positive alarms             | Can be attributed to patient manipulation (ie, motion artifact)               | Apathy and desensitization<br>Mistrust | Reduction in responding<br>Lack of caregiver response<br>Real events being less likely to be acted on | Suspension of alarms for a short period prior to patient manipulation<br>Statistical methods should be suitable to decrease the number of false positive alarms |
| Frequent insignificant or irrelevant alarms | Use of the default alarm settings<br>Poor staff education on alarm management | Distraction<br>Reduction in trust      | Disruption of patient care<br>Disabling of alarm systems by staff                                     | Eliminating nonessential alarms<br>Adjusting alarm parameters on monitors to suit patients' conditions<br>Staff education on alarm management                   |

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Fernandes C, Miles S, Lucena CJ  
Detecting False Alarms by Analyzing Alarm-Context Information: Algorithm Development and Validation  
JMIR Med Inform 2020;8(5):e15407, doi: 10.2196/15407

# Mobility Decline

- Long term daily activity monitoring
  - Mobility and its changes over time
  - Multimorbidity and Polypharmacy: Living with multiple chronic diseases
  - In home rehabilitation
  - Dietary and nutrition monitoring
  - Cognition and mental health
  - ...



Physical Resilience: A novel approach for healthy aging,  
Chan et al., 2021, Journal of Frailty Sarcopenia and Falls 07(01)  
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Keyword: **Place**

- Single family detached building
- Multi-unit low rise building
- Multi-unit high rise building
- Managed living communities:
- Long term care facilities
- Hospitals and managed intense care facilities

# Smart Home for Aging-in-Place (SHAPE)

High-velocity HVAC

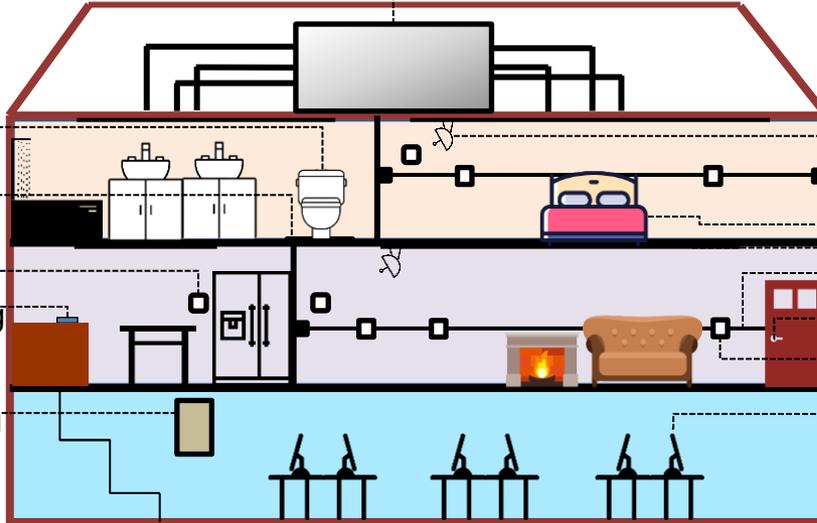
Urinalysis toilet

Force plate /  
electronic scale

Smart thermostat

Pill-box monitoring

Energy monitoring



Indoor positioning

Pressure sensors

Ceiling track

Electrical raceway

Smart Lock

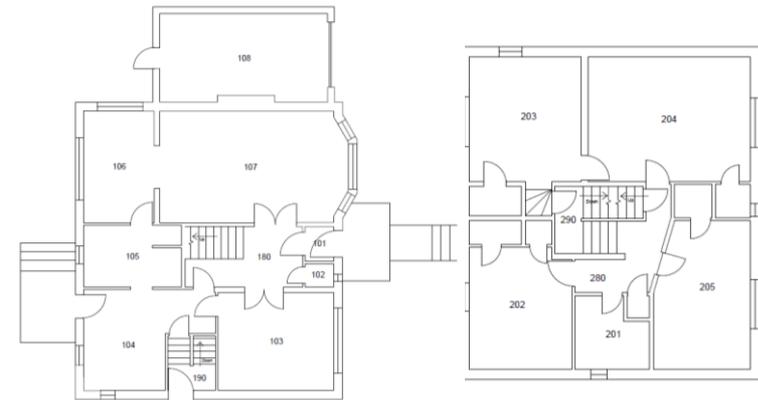
Smart Outlet

Office



“Half-way” between the lab and the home

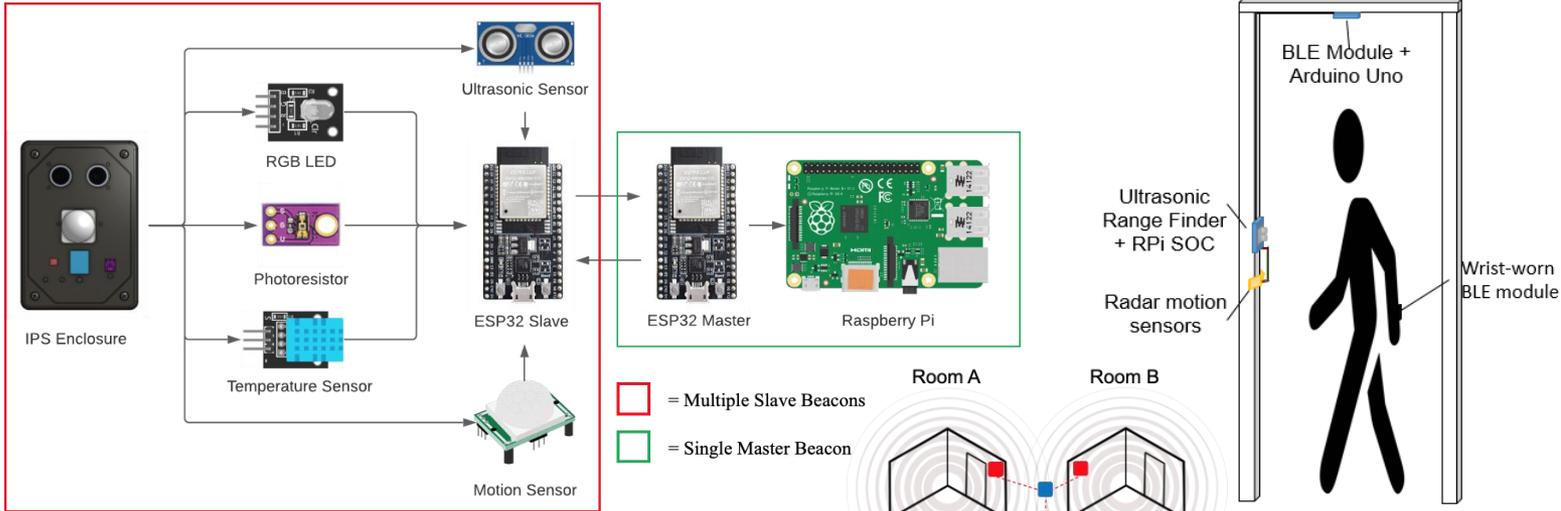
- Open platform open to internal and external researchers as well as the community
- “Half-way” between the lab and the home
- Simulated experiments to optimize sensors and clinical protocols
- Industry partnership projects
- Clinical studies
- Student projects



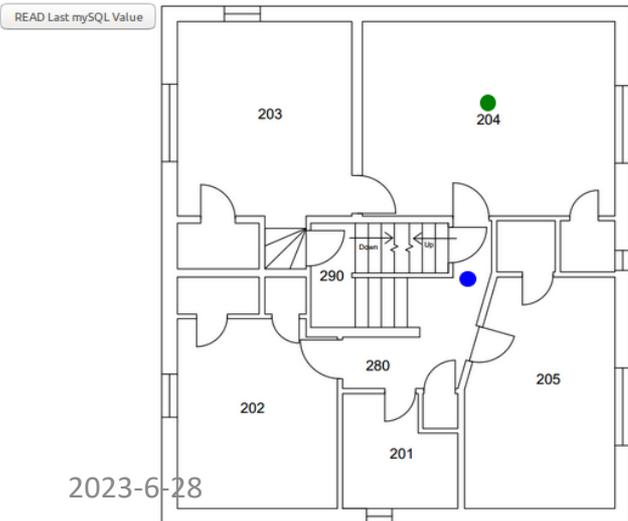
# Indoor positioning and context awareness sensing

## Situation awareness/contextual sensing

- Combining positioning/path with activities/vital signs



## Indoor Positioning System



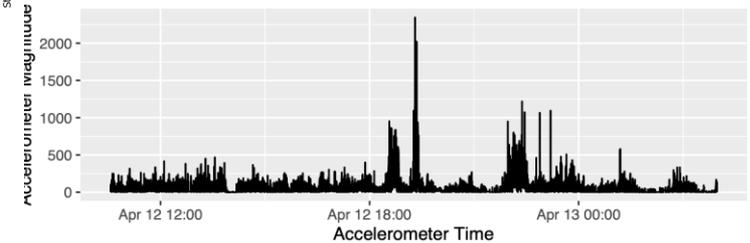
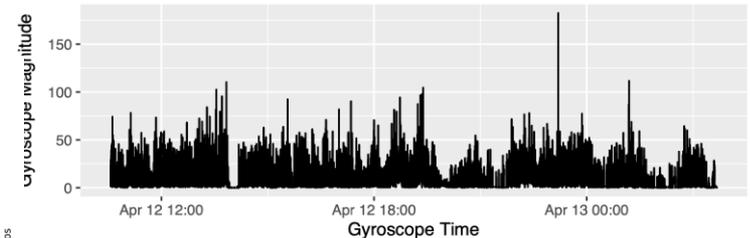
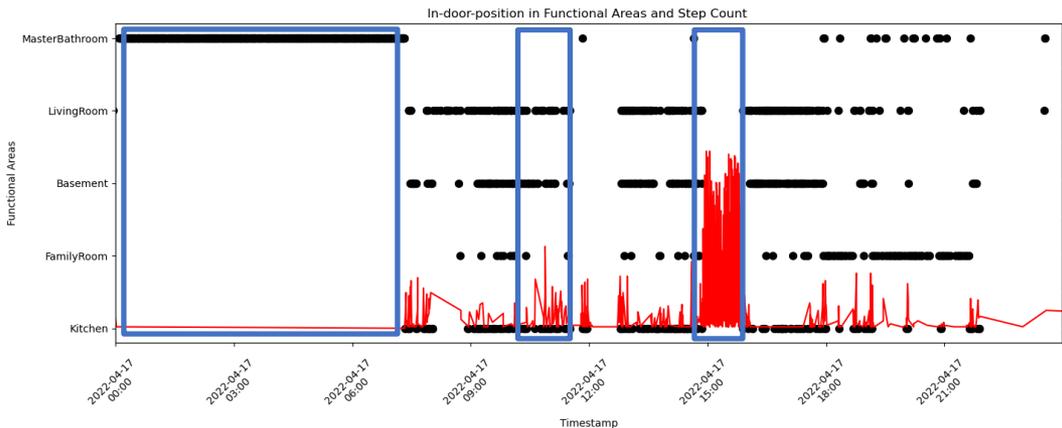
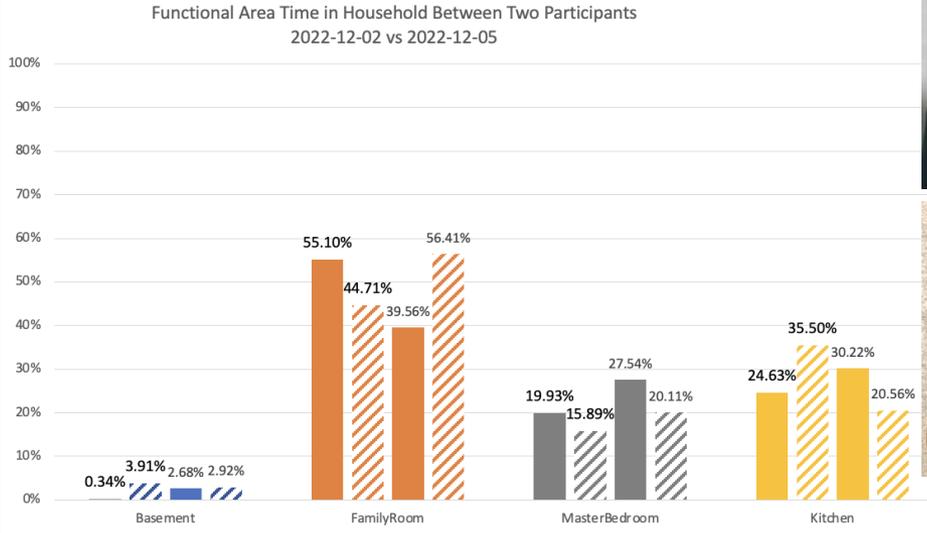
| Motion and Ultrasonic Detection Analysis            |  | Subject 1    | Subject 2    | Total        |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Motion Detection Testing</b>                     |  |              |              |              |
| Number of Tests                                     |  | 150          | 150          | 300          |
| Correct Motion Detection (Presence Detected)        |  | 141          | 138          | 279          |
| Incorrect Motion Detections (Presence Not Detected) |  | 9            | 12           | 21           |
| <b>% Accuracy</b>                                   |  | <b>94.00</b> | <b>92.00</b> | <b>93.00</b> |
| <b>Ultrasonic Detection Testing (2m Threshold)</b>  |  |              |              |              |
| Number of Tests                                     |  | 150          | 150          | 300          |
| Correct Ultrasonic Detection (Within Threshold)     |  | 126          | 110          | 236          |
| Correct Ultrasonic Detection (Not Within Threshold) |  | 24           | 40           | 64           |
| <b>% Accuracy</b>                                   |  | <b>84.00</b> | <b>73.33</b> | <b>78.67</b> |



# IPS Study 2021-2023



- Study by the #:
  - 20 homes, 23 participants,
  - 65-80yr, healthy
- Parameters measured
  - Hub/Beacon: BLE Name & RSSI; Humidity, temperature, Light level, proximity (NIR), ultrasonic distance,
  - acceleration, gyroscope, step count, heartrate, state analysis



# DiTrack (iBioMed Capstone 2022)

A simple dietary tracking application for users with digestive diseases and eating disorders.



Mobile Application -

- Bluetooth to smartphone pairing
- Position capturing

## Software

- App development
- Machine learning
- Design and Testing

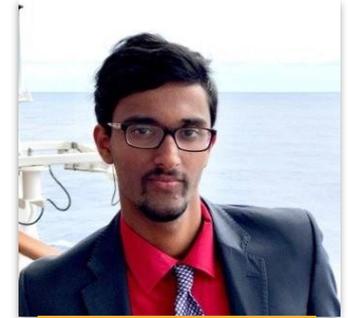
Help physicians monitor patient nutrition intake

- Sensors
- Monitoring Devices
- Statistics

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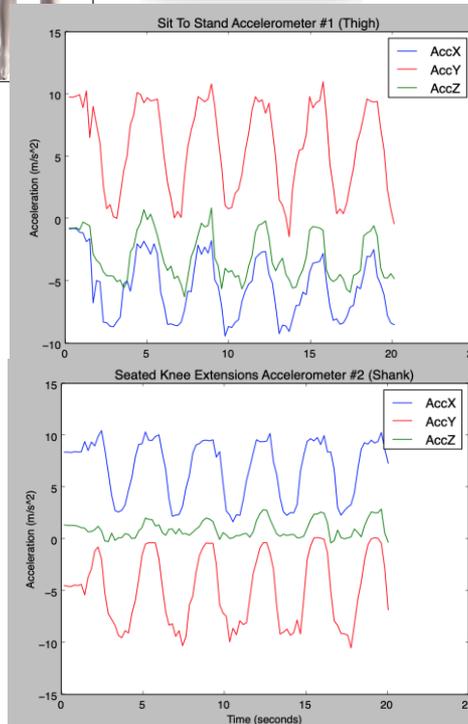
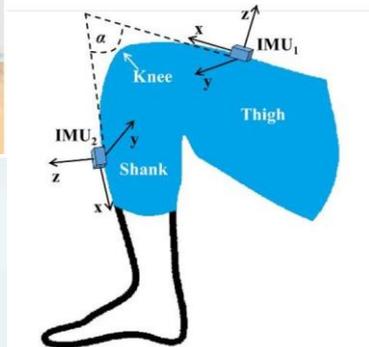
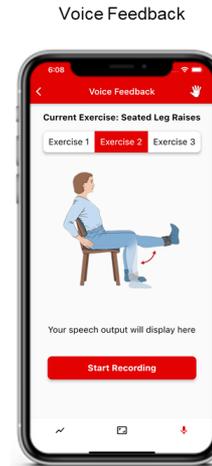
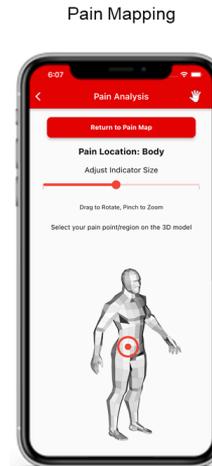
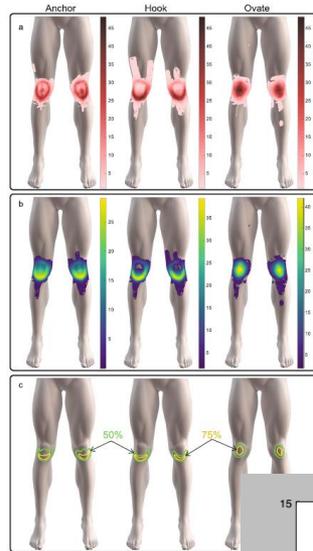


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# At Home Rehabilitation Training

Neuromuscular Exercise (NEMEX) **GLA:D** CANADA

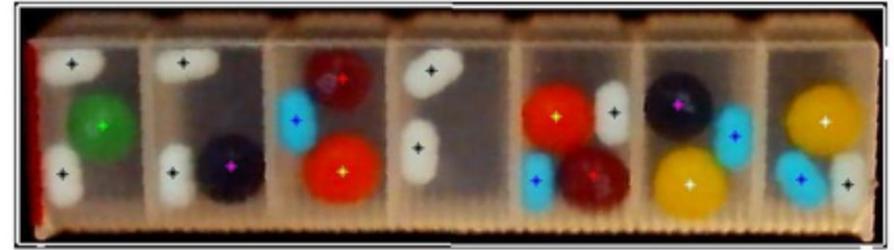
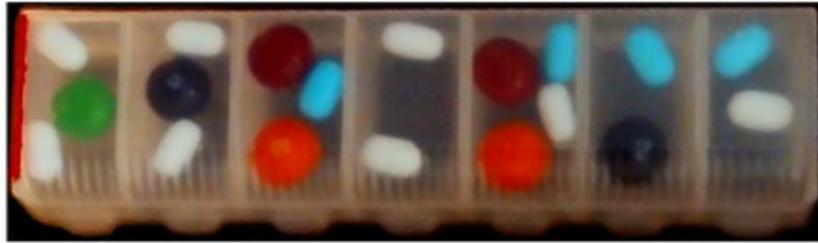
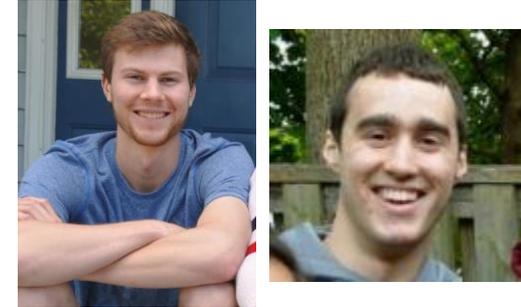
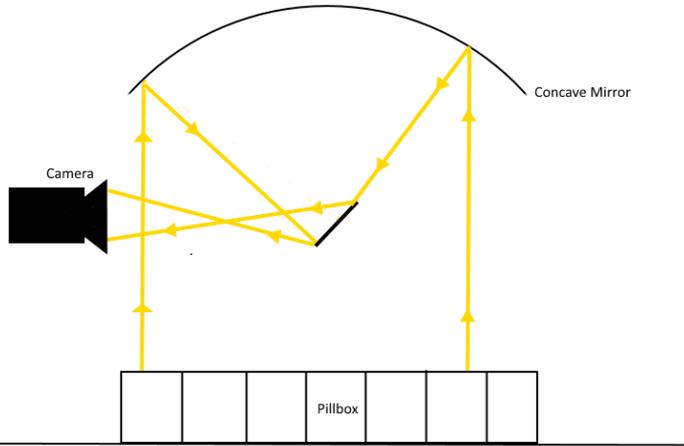
Core Stability  
Alignment of Joints  
Leg Strength  
Functional Exercise



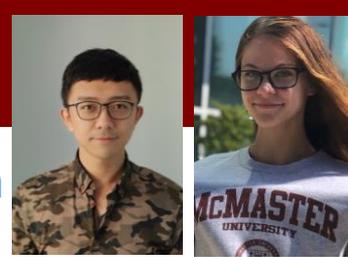
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# Smart Medication Compliance

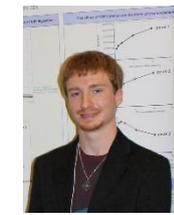


# Smart Toilet

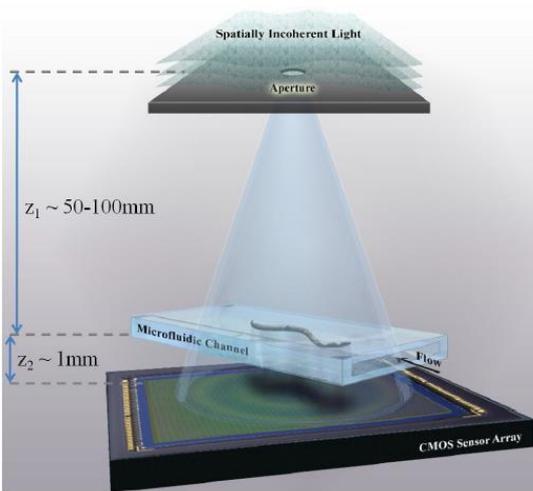
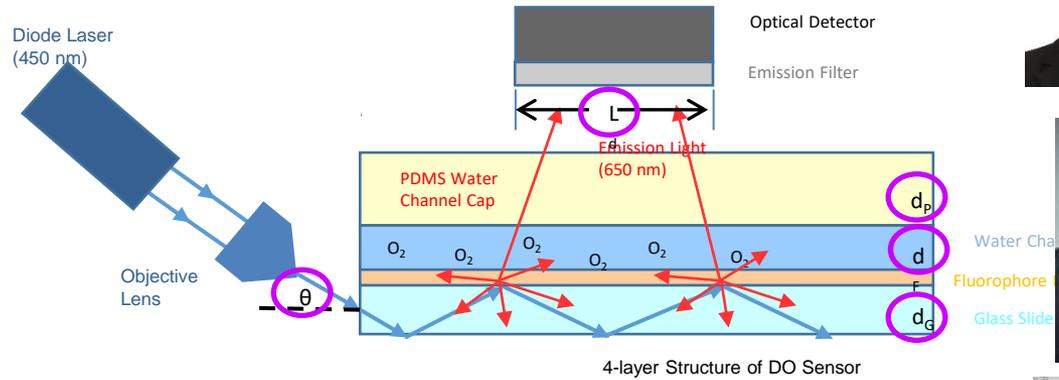


## Smart Toilets: Doctors in Your Bathroom

BY AARON SAENZ ON MAY 12, 2009 | LONGEVITY



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### Holographic opto-fluidic microscopy

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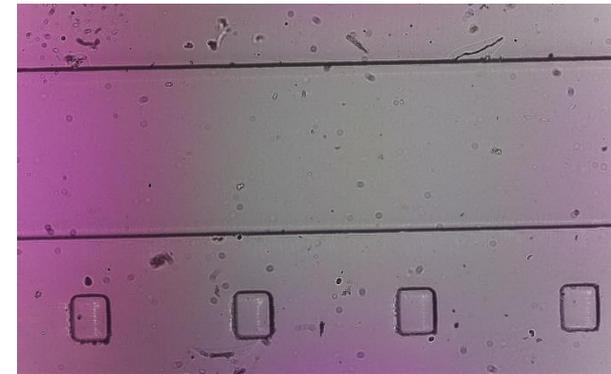
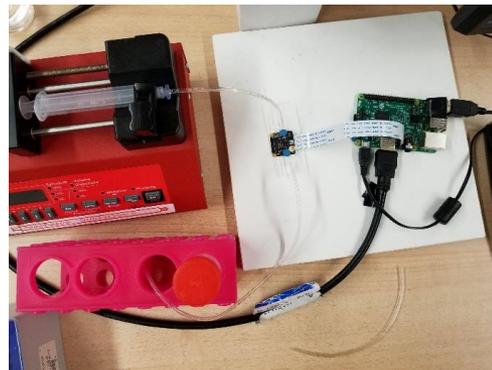
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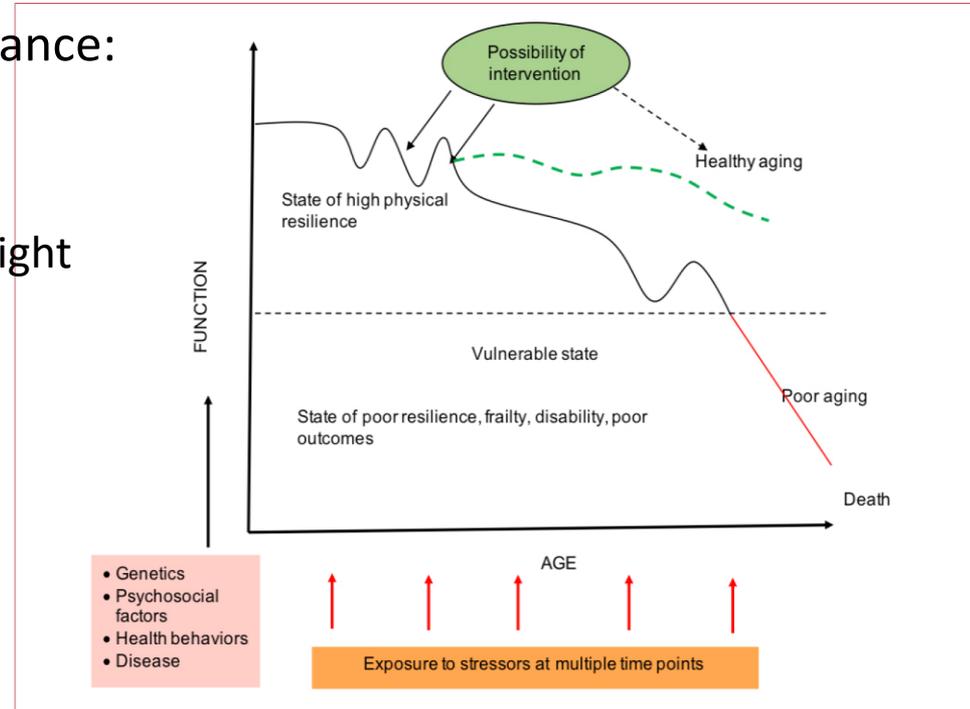
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# Lessons Learned

- Sensing modalities and clinical relevance:
  - Motions are easy to measure
  - Activities are hard to determine
  - Glucose, sweat, saliva, pressure/weight
  - **Feeling, pain**
- Analytics
  - Edge computing, battery issues
  - **Longitudinal data**
  - Personalized Machine Learning
- Data security and privacy
  - Patient owned data
  - How about processed data?
- **Cost?**
  - **Equipment purchase, Installation, Operation**
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusive**
- **Regulatory Issues: Health Canada, FDA, EMA**



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# Additional thoughts

- What is “Smart” or “intelligent”?
  - Smart means capability of decision making beyond a static decision tree;
  - Ideally, in new situations
  - We are only at the sensing level
  - Will AI/ML take us there?
  - Regulatory approval is far
- Design for 60+yr old
  - Not limited to rehab scenarios
  - Workplaces

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