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## UMOBILE: Universal, mobile-centric and opportunistic communications architecture

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### Definition

- Type of funding scheme: Small project
- Topics: ICT 5 - 2014: Smart Networks and Novel Internet Architectures

### Consortium

- Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
- University College London, UK
- University of Cambridge, UK
- COPELABS, Portugal
- Tecnalia, Spain
- Tekever, Portugal
- Senception, Portugal
- Gowex, Spain
- AFA Systems, Italy

### Initial Thoughts

- Network availability and affordability for an extended set of communication devices (cars, sensors, home appliances) – Internet of Everything
- Cost of adding new infrastructure and capacity has a drastic effect on rural and remote communities as well as nomadic users.

### Moto

**Make the Future Internet universally pervasive supporting a diverse set of services**

Enabling universal Internet access is one of the key issues addressed in the Digital Agenda for Europe (DAE)

### Goal

- Develop a new service abstraction that brings together:
  - Principles of Delay Tolerant Networking (DTN)
  - Principles of Information Centric Networking (ICN)
  - Social trust computation
  - Cooperative incentive modeling
- The proposed architecture targets:
  - Mobile networks
  - Extension of Internet connectivity to regions that are not typically covered
  - Enhancement of network resilience

### Strategy

Use the benefits of a joint DTN – ICN infrastructure to...

- Allow opportunistic access to information
- Assist information disseminate based on the notion of smart trust circles
- Enable pervasive services, with focus on:
  - Digital inclusion
  - Personal and community safety

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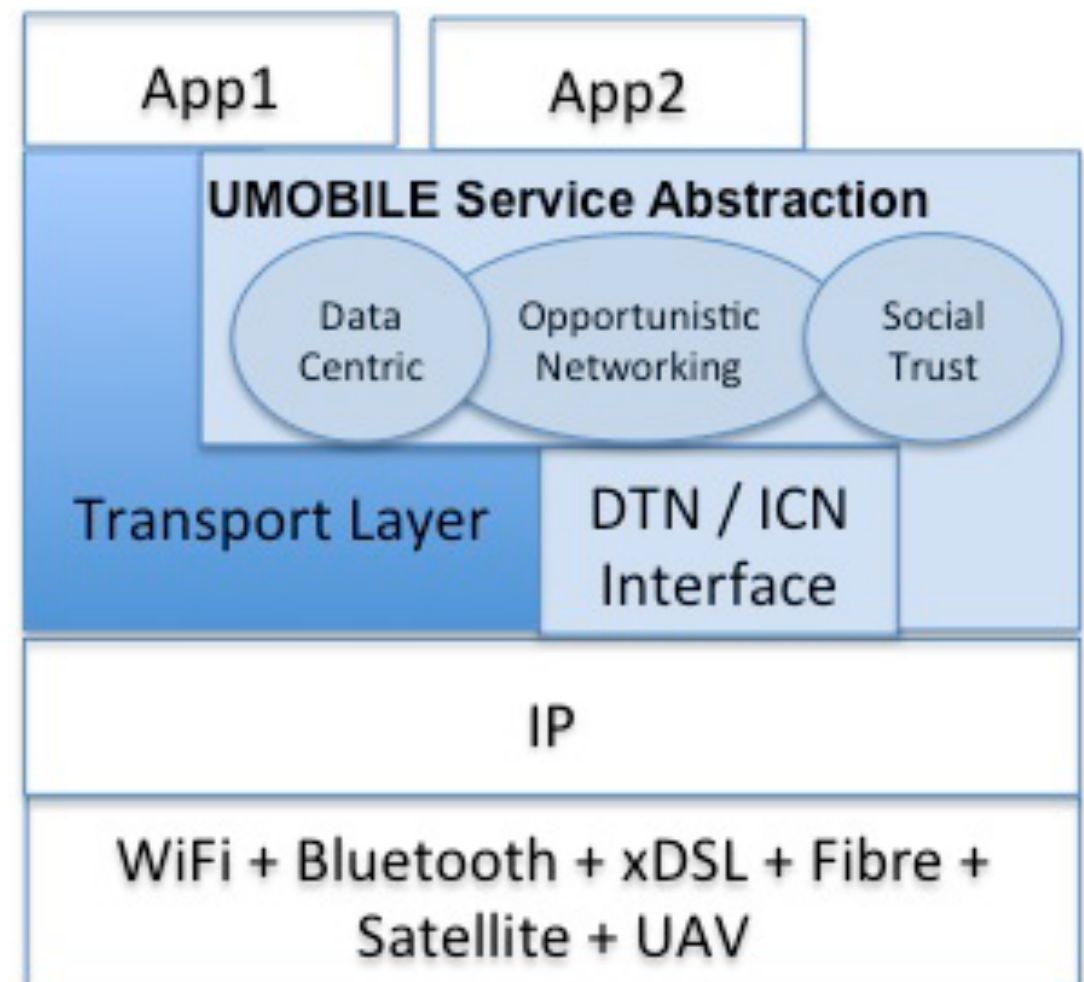
## Concept

### UMOBILE addresses Future Internet architecture in three dimensions

- **Geographical dimension:** extends Internet in a low-cost and self-organizing way, by providing reachability based on opportunistic transmission including satellite and UAV-assisted communications.
- **Scalability dimension:** accommodates any type of moving object
- **Functional dimension:** exploits social aspects such as behavioral patterns of groups and objects

### UMOBILE Approach

- Architectural aspects
  - Naming Architecture
  - Service Abstraction Layer
  - Node Design
- Lifetime of Content
  - Content publication, resolution
  - In-network caching and content delivery



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## Applicability Scenarios

### Applicability Scenario 1: Children Safety Prevention

What matter is the definition, over time, of a regular social behaviour pattern to allow the identification of abnormal situations and, as a consequence, emit alerts within the context of specific trusted circles.



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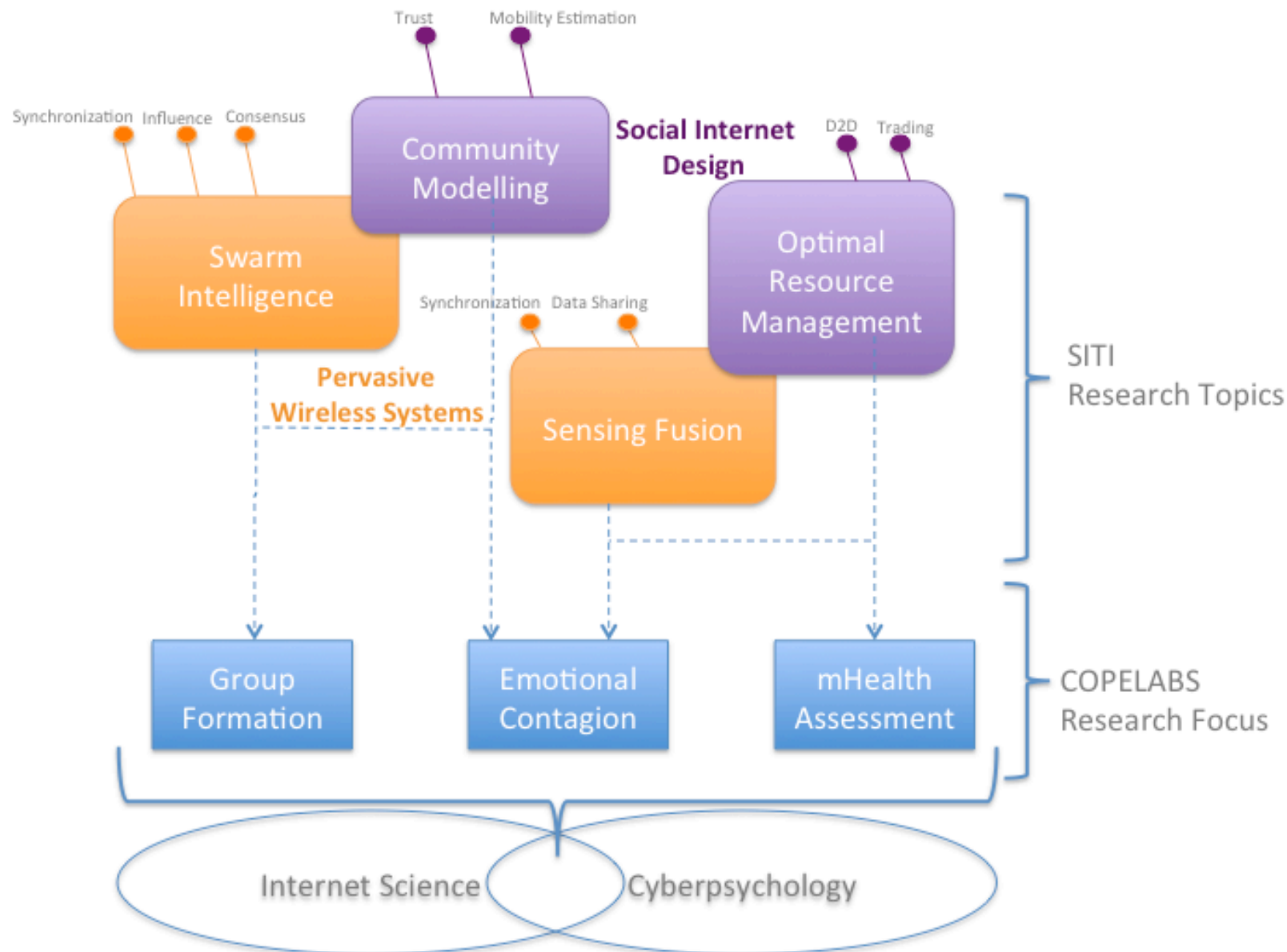
### Applicability Scenario 2: Prevention in Disaster/Emergency Situations

The use case comprises the exchange of personal and public utility data, with such data being processed, independently of its source, as to aid disaster prevention measures



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## COPELABS – UMOBILE Ecosystem



### COPELABS → UMOBILE

- Trust circles and mobility modeling
  - Software: Mtracker (Android)
- Social-aware opportunistic routing
  - Software: dLife (ONE simulator)
- Social-aware content-based opportunistic routing
  - Software: SCORP (ONE simulator)
- Expertise in social trust computation and self-organized pervasive systems

### UMOBILE → COPELABS

- Development of a social-aware and content based opportunistic communication abstract, based on
  - Awareness about trust circles
  - Collective human behavior
- Deployment on pervasive scenarios based on wearable and embedded devices (and maybe UAV depending on specific needs)
- Evaluation in scenarios related to
  - Personal (children) and community (civil) safety
  - Digital inclusion (if good field experimental sites show up)

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