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CONTEXT-ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF HUMAN ATTENTION

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Attention is a scarce resource.

"What information consumes is rather obvious: it consumes the attention of its recipients."
(Simon, 1971)

WWW, corporate networks, mobile devices,...
"continually wash tsunamis of information onto our desktops" (Davenport & Beck, 2000)

"...need to allocate that attention efficiently among the overabundance of information sources..." (Simon, 1971)

Intelligent system may be a remedy.

intelligent
systems allow
filtering
information

intelligent
systems allow
targeting
information
(more)
accurately

intelligent
systems may
catch or
withdraw human
attention

Intelligent systems have to adapt to context.



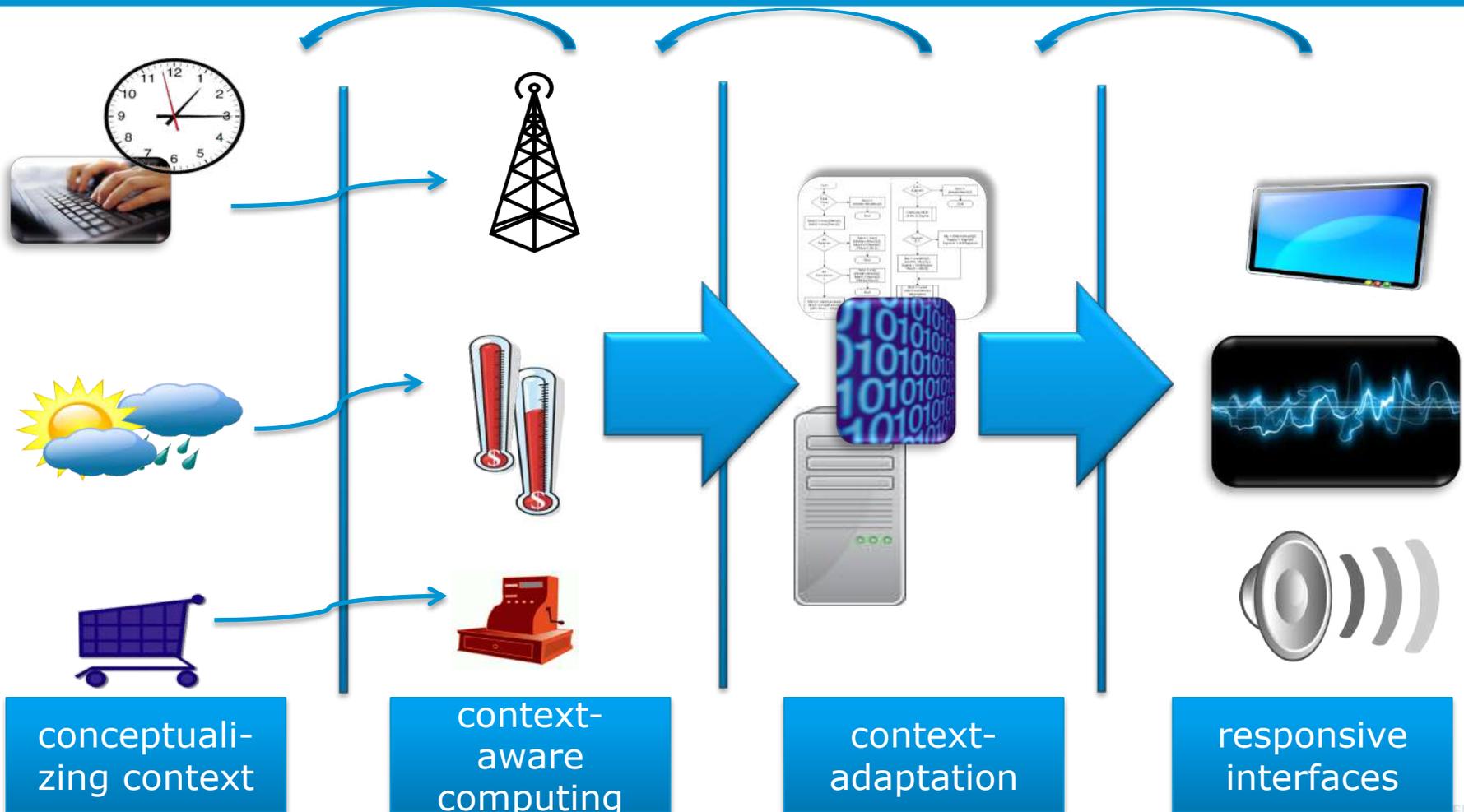
The main objectives are to investigate...

Which type of context information should be considered by context-adaptive services?

In which ways should systems ideally adapt to context?

What are sustainable business models for context-adaptive services?

The process of context adaptivity has 4 phases.



conceptualizing context

context-aware computing

context-adaptation

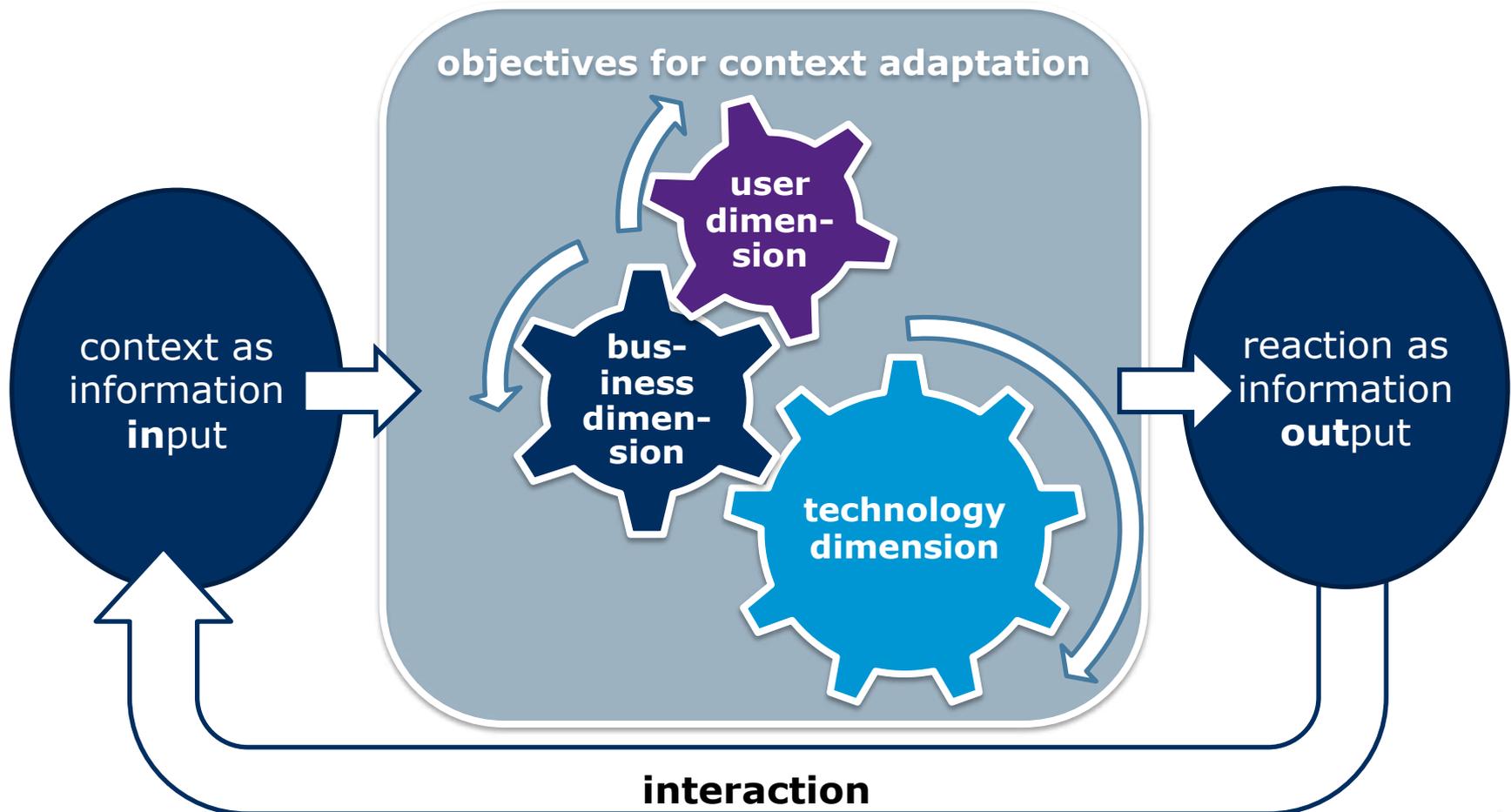
responsive interfaces

Consider the whole picture.

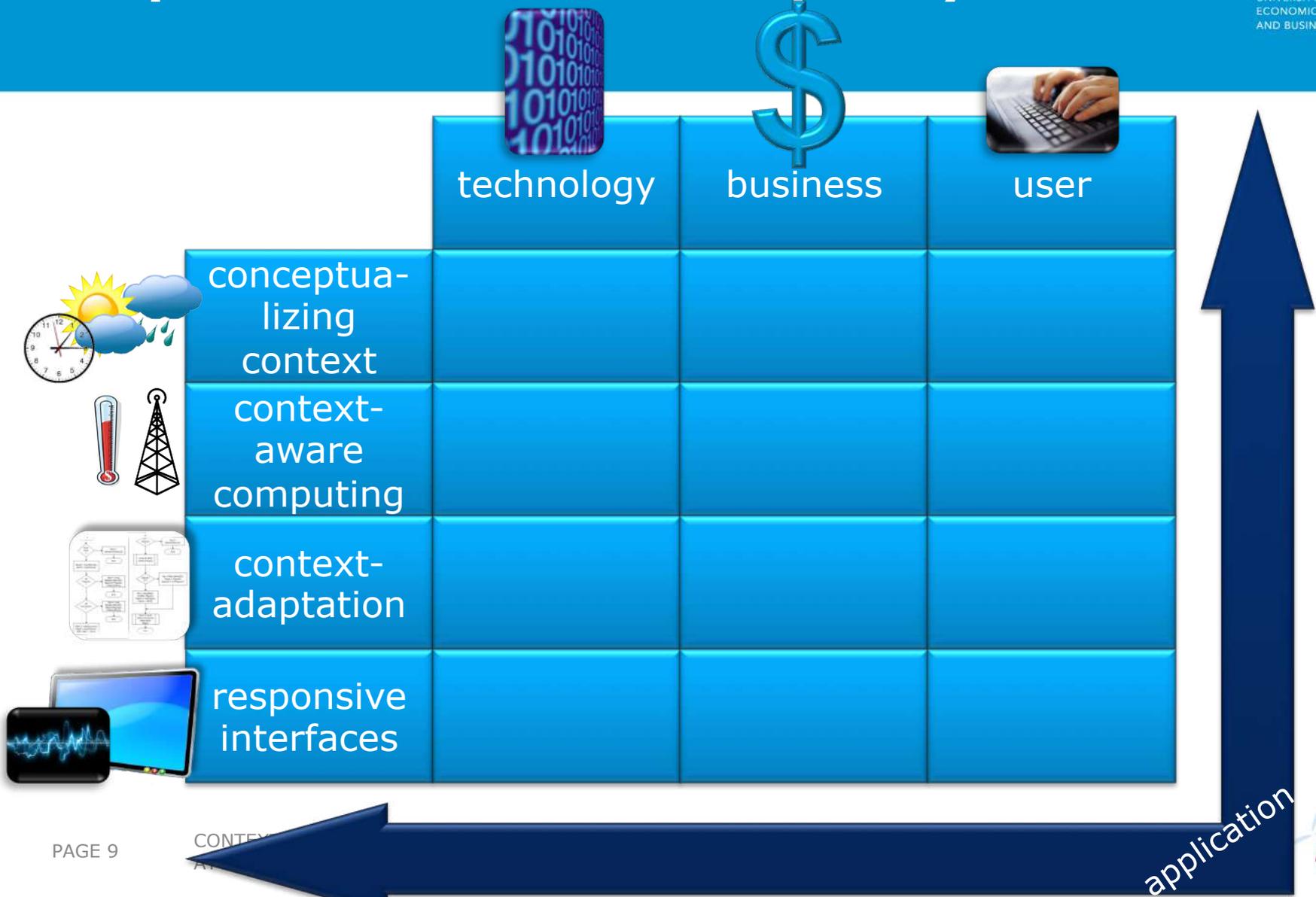
advancement of context-adaptive technology
and services is relevant for all market players

consider the whole picture of concerned parties!

The chain of context adaptation



I will approach research alongside the process of context adaptivity...



technology

business

user

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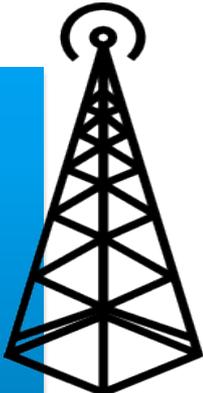
application

Previous research focuses on technology.



focus on
developing
architectures,
prototypes, and
toolkits

advancement of
detecting
technology
(e.g. sensors)

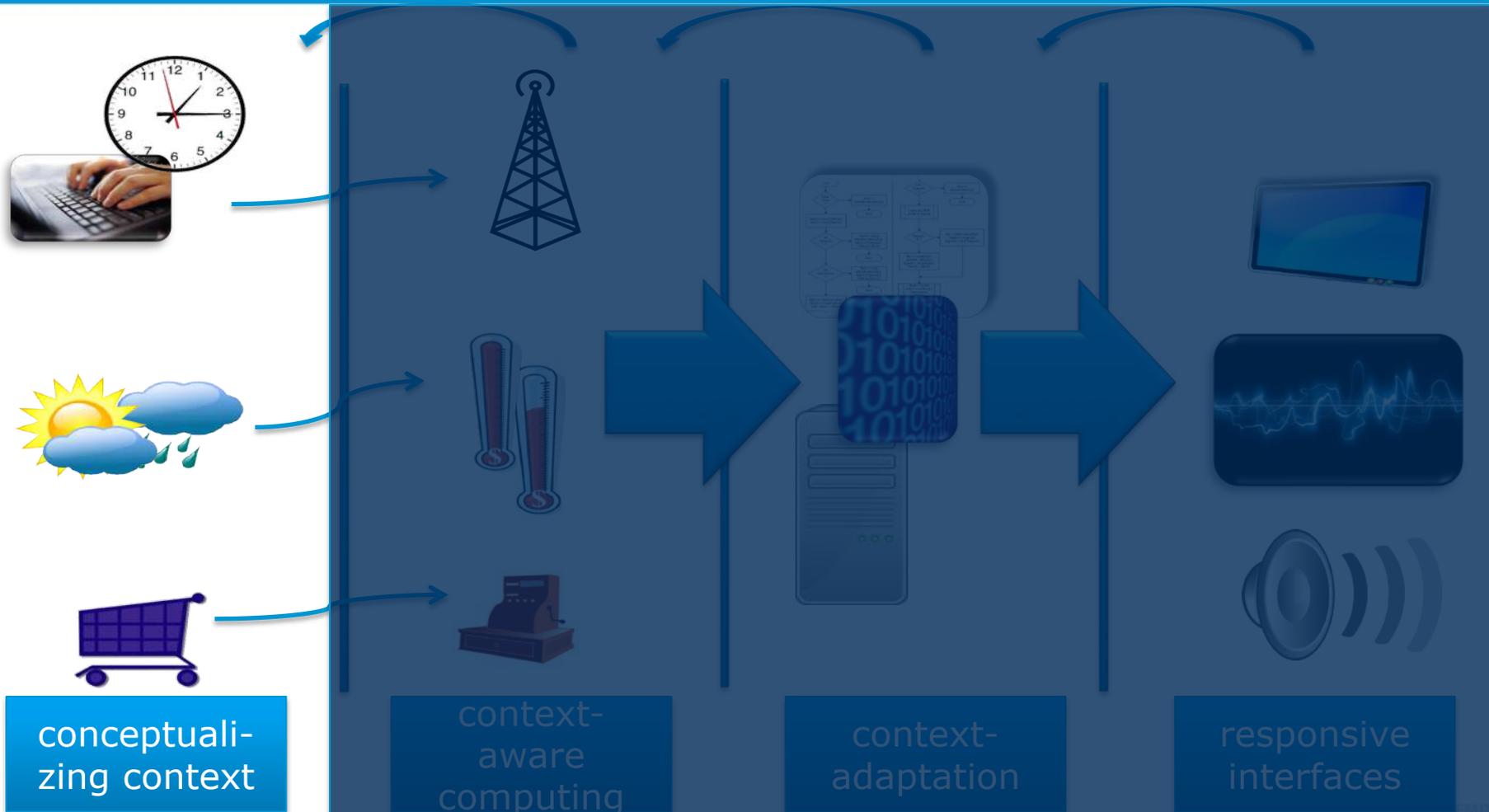


Challenge:

**Which context
information do
we need to
consider?**



Conceptualization of context

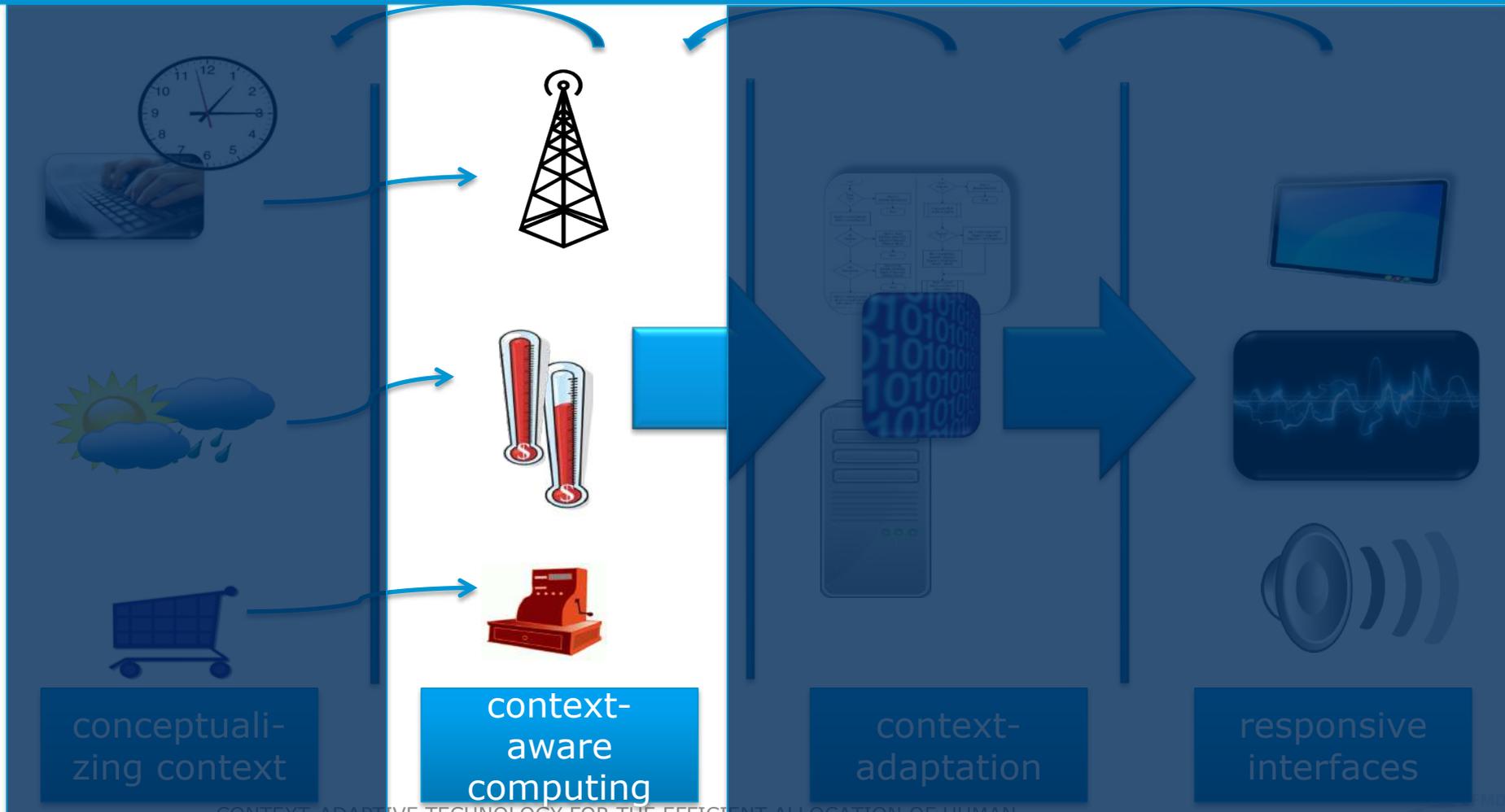


Challenge:

**How can we
capture required
context data?**



Interrelating context with detecting technologies



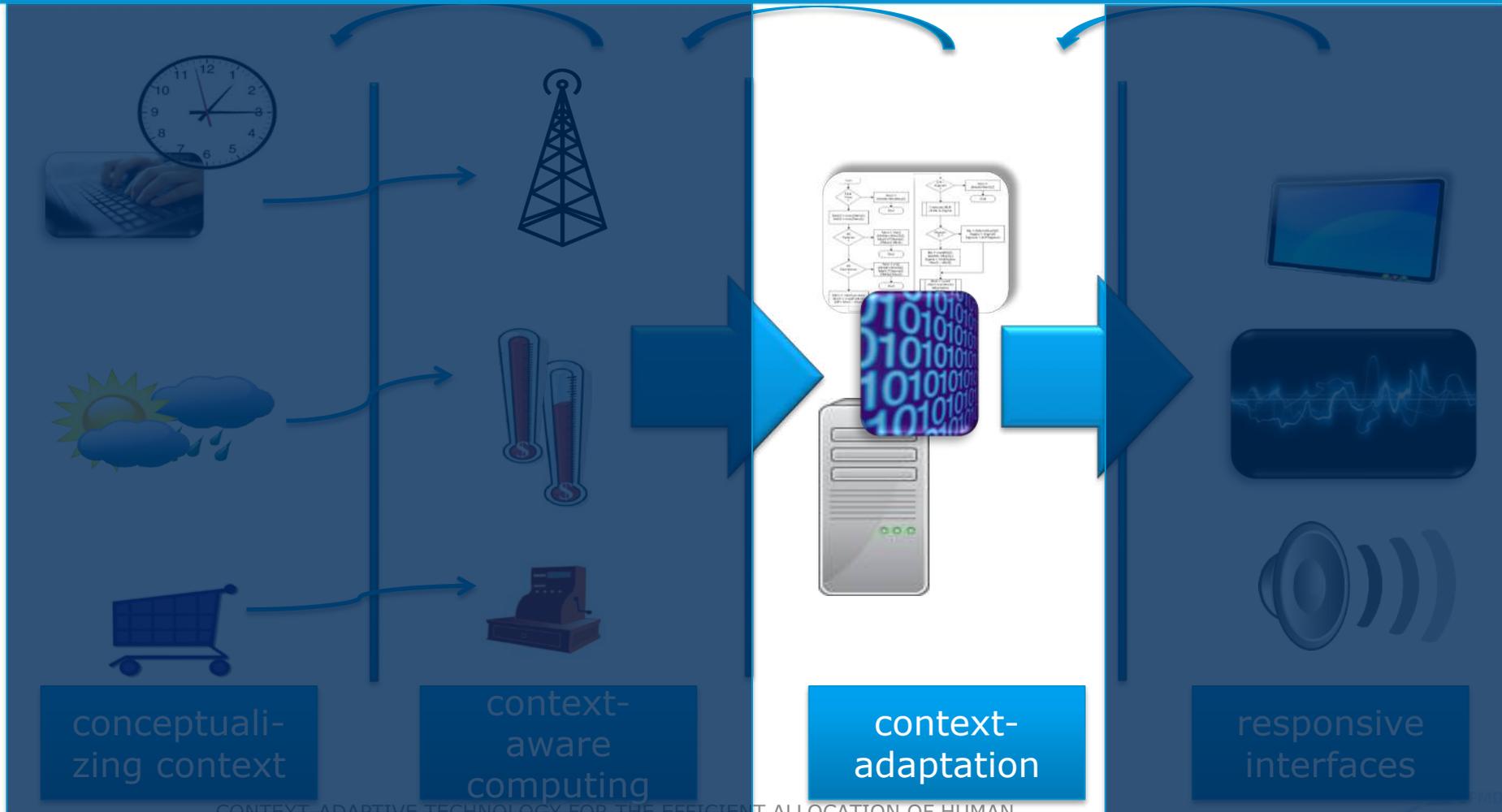
Challenge:

**In which ways
should systems
adapt to context?**

**How should
personalization be
undertaken?**



Algorithms for context-adaptation

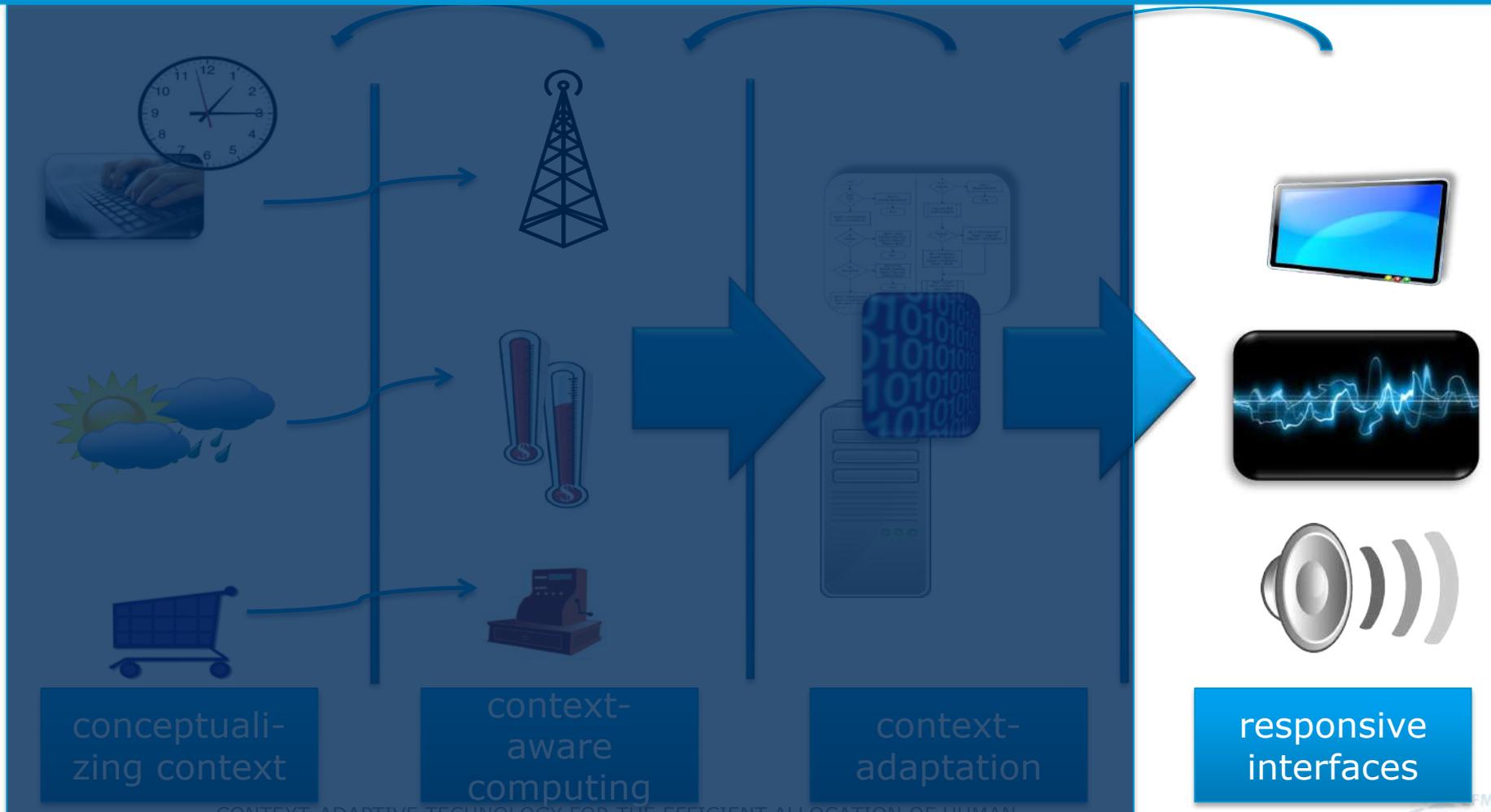


Challenge:

**How should
adapted
information reach
a user?**



Responsive interfaces





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