

Smart Sensing in Mental Health

Digital Technology: Novel possibilities in Early Recognition of Mental Illness and Interventions

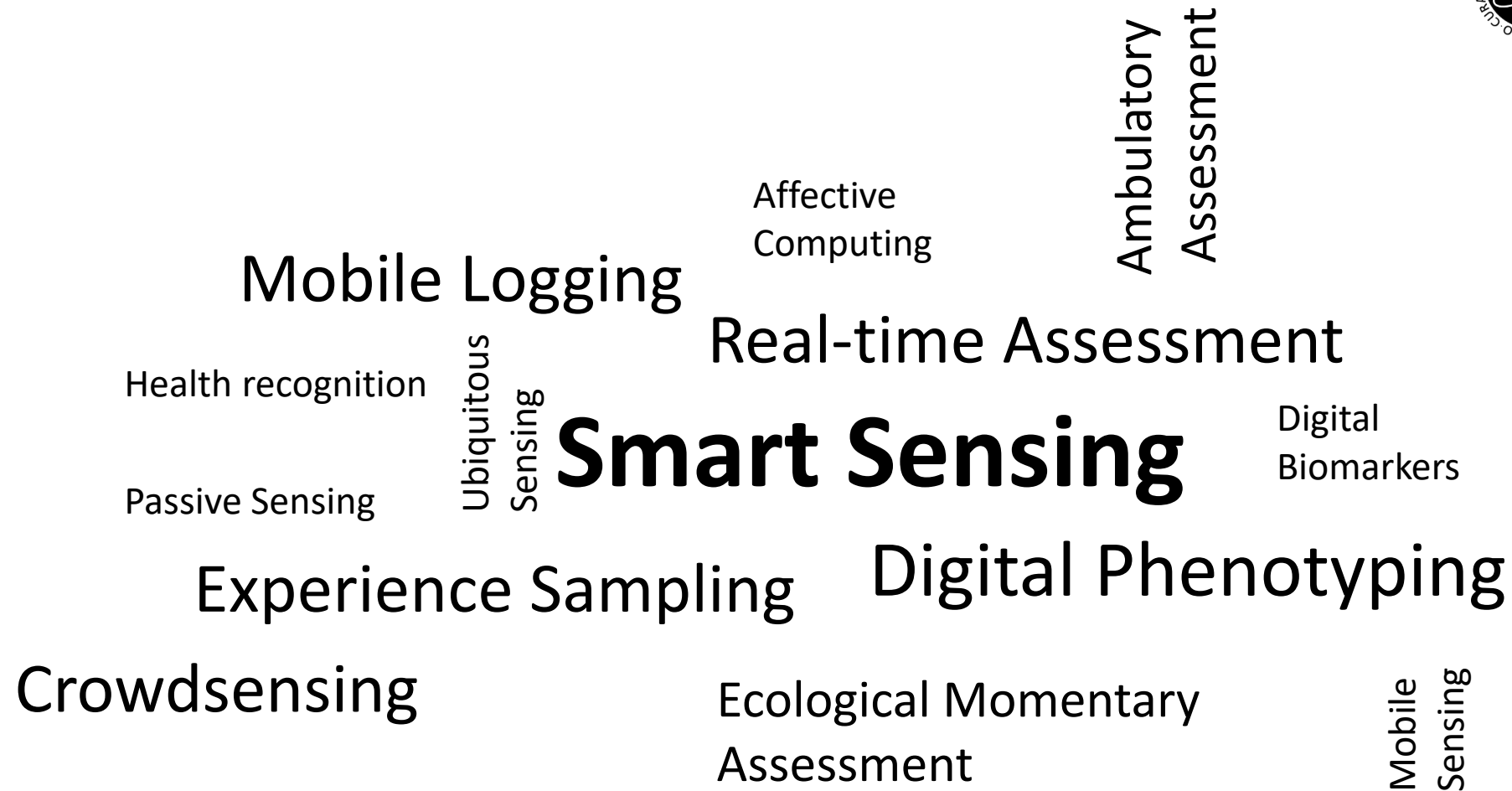
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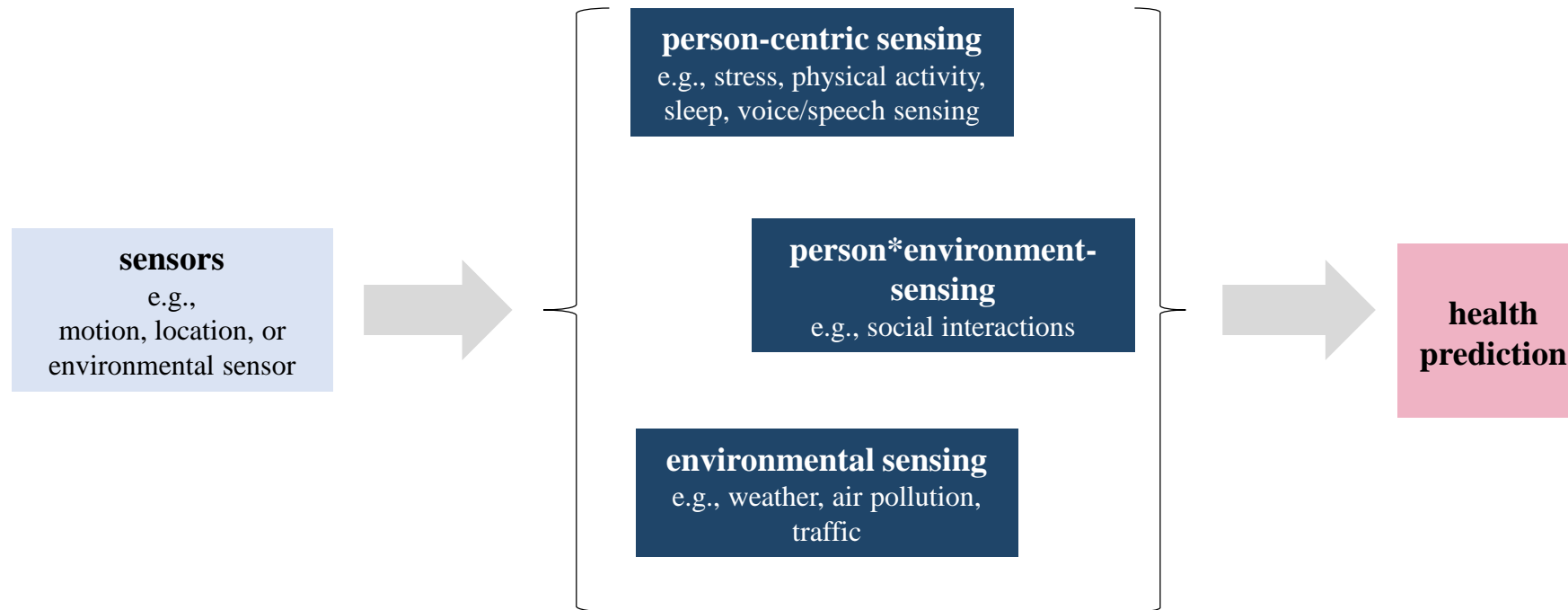
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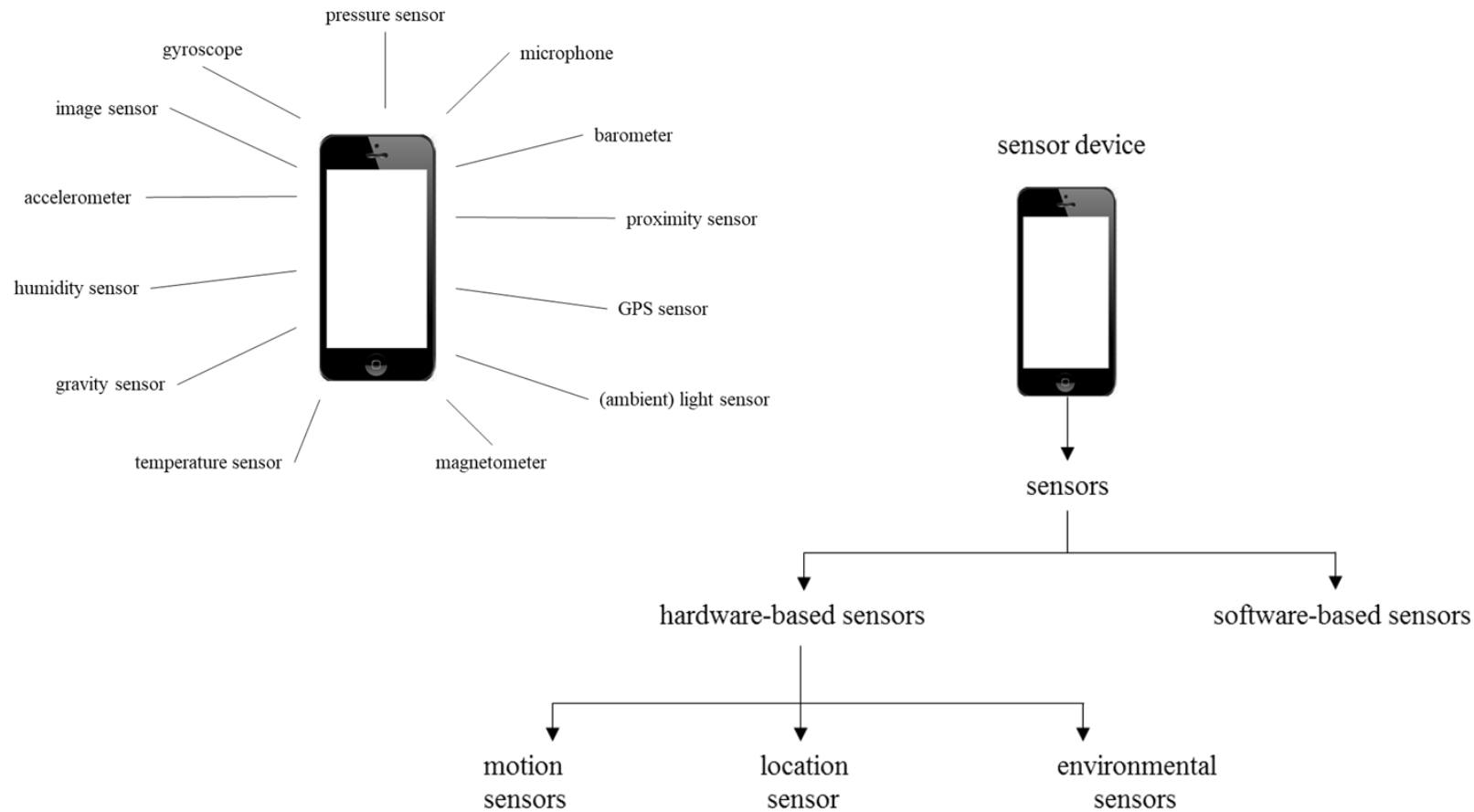


Smart Sensing: A Working-Definition

Smart Sensing



Sensors in Daily Living



Stress Management Score ▾

EDA Scan App ▾

Reflection ▾

Fitbit ECG App ▾

Oxygen Saturation (SpO2) Monitoring ▾

On-Wrist Skin Temperature Sensor ▾

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Breathing Rate ▾

Heart Rate Variability ▾

Menstrual Health Tracking ▾

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Measured During Day

Activity Levels

Calories

Steps

Inactive Times

Naps



Measured During Sleep

Resting Heart Rate

Heart Rate Variability (HRV)

Respiratory Rate

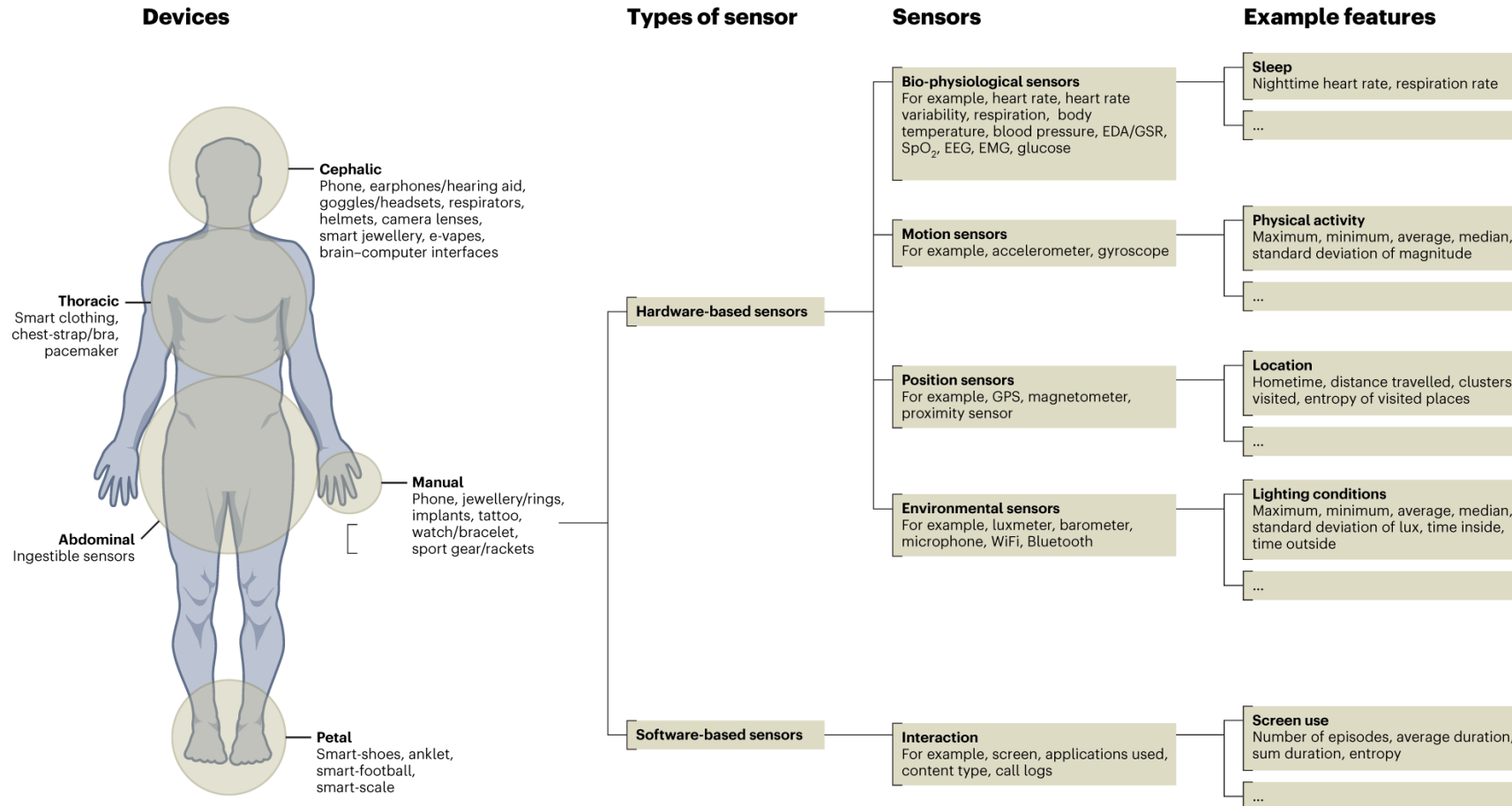
Body Temperature

Light, Deep and REM Sleep

Nighttime Movement

Sleep Timing and Quality

Smart Sensing: Process





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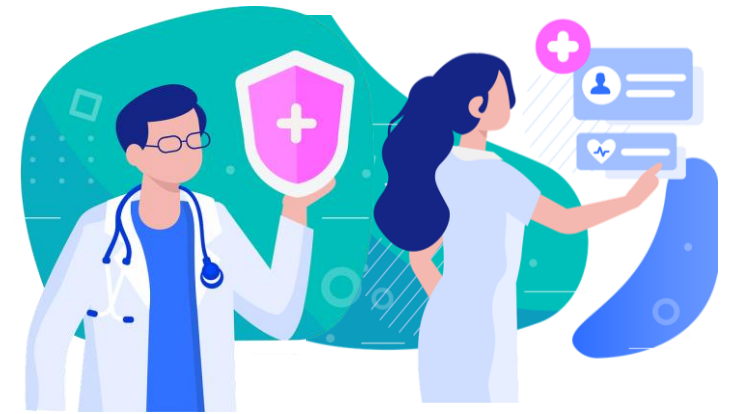
... is a process using

- unobtrusive sensor data / aggregated features (e.g., location, language, app usage, etc.)

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- Optional: active data input (e.g., ecological momentary assessment)

➔ Real-time inference to (mental) health



Does this work in the context of mental health?

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Predicting Symptoms of Depression and Anxiety Using Smartphone and Wearable Data

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Background: Depression and anxiety are leading causes of disability worldwide but often remain undetected and untreated. Smartphone and wearable devices may offer a unique source of data to detect moment by moment changes in risk factors associated with mental disorders that overcome many of the limitations of traditional screening methods.

Objective: The current study aimed to explore the extent to which data from smartphone and wearable devices could predict symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Methods: A total of $N = 60$ adults (ages 24–68) who owned an Apple iPhone and Oura Ring were recruited online over a 2-week period. At the beginning of the study, participants installed the *Delphi* data acquisition app on their smartphone. The app continuously monitored participants' location (using GPS) and smartphone usage behavior (total usage time and frequency of use). The Oura Ring provided measures related to activity (step count and metabolic equivalent for task), sleep (total sleep time, sleep onset latency, wake after sleep onset and time in bed) and heart rate variability (HRV). In addition, participants were prompted to report their daily mood (valence and arousal). Participants completed self-reported assessments of depression, anxiety and stress (DASS-21) at baseline, midpoint and the end of the study.



Method

- Longitudinal observation study: 30 days
- European-wide recruitment

- Sensing components:
 - AWARE App (iOS): Smartphone usage, Location
 - OURA-Ring: Biophysiological data (steps, sleep time, etc.)
- EMA: Daily valence and arousal (3-times a day)
- Mental Health: DASS-21 (Depression, Anxiety, Stress)

- Multilevel regression models combining data sources



Results

- N=60
- Age: M=42.8 (SD=11.6)
- Gender: 55% female
- Mostly employed (~70%)
- Highly educated (only 20% below B.Sc.)

Depression	3.78 (3.48)	–
Normal	67.3%	37
Mild	12.7%	7
Moderate	12.7%	7
Severe	5.5%	3
Extremely severe	1.8%	1

Regression

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ABSTRACT

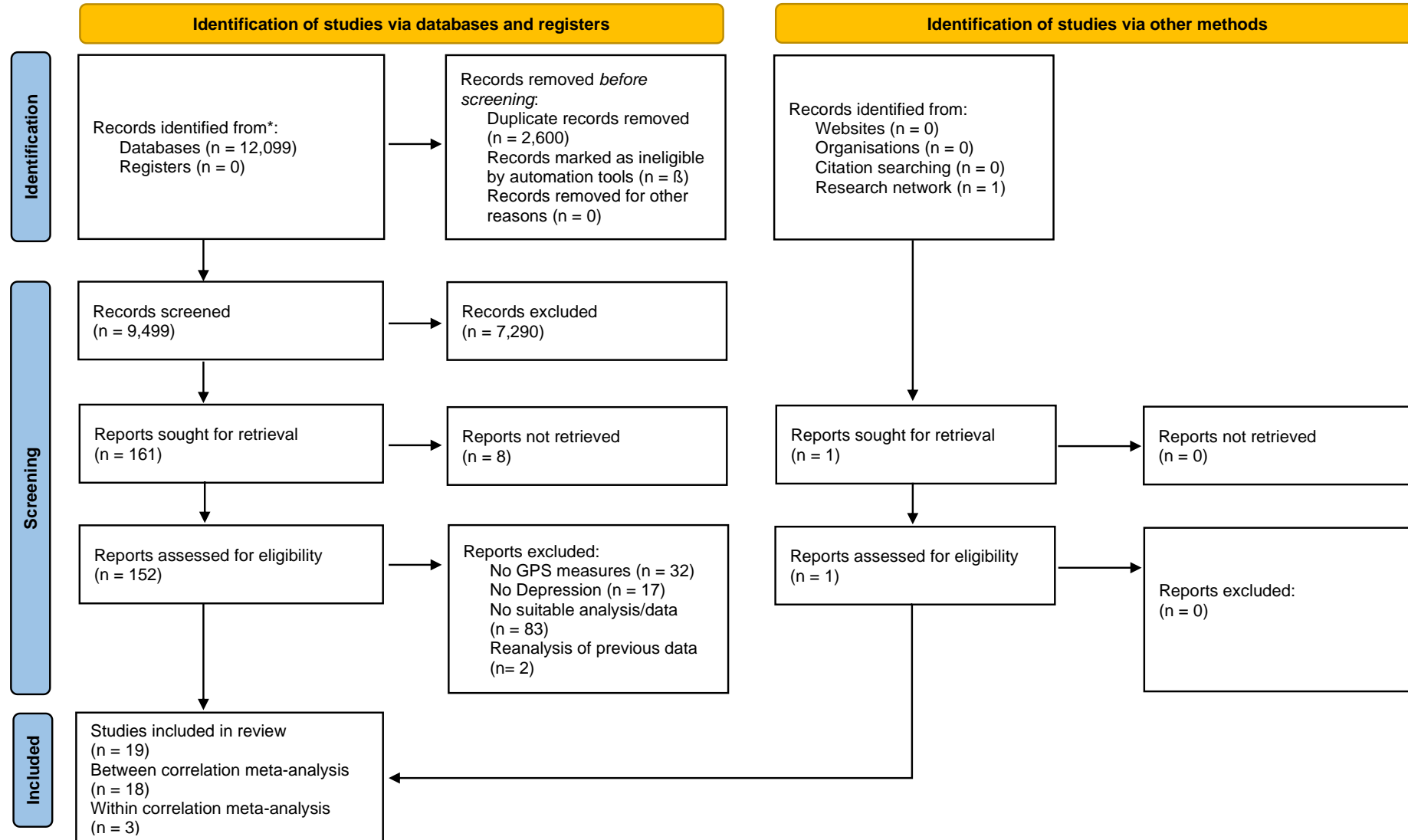
Background:

Objective unobtrusively collected GPS features (e.g., homestay, distance) from everyday devices like smartphones may offer a promising augmentation to current assessment tools for depression. However, to date there is no systematic and meta-analytical evidence on the associations between GPS features and depression.

Objective:

The present systematic review with meta-analysis investigated the between-person and within-person correlations between GPS features and depressive symptoms. Furthermore, it critically reviews the quality and potential publication bias in the field.

Results



Results

Table 4. Pooled between-person correlations.

Feature	N	Cor	CI	Prediction Interval	I ²
circadian movement	1201	-0.36	-0.71 to 0.12	-0.91 to 0.64	86%
distance	1824	-0.25	-0.29 to -0.21	-0.30 to -0.20	0%
norm entropy	1849	-0.17	-0.29 to -0.04	-0.44 to 0.13	69%
location variance	2287	-0.17	-0.26 to -0.06	-0.36 to 0.04	58%
entropy	2254	-0.13	-0.23 to -0.04	-0.35 to 0.10	57%
n_cluster	2282	-0.11	-0.18 to -0.03	-0.25 to 0.04	36%
homestay	2216	0.10	0.00 to 0.19	-0.09 to 0.27	50%
speed moving	1266	-0.01	-0.07 to 0.06	-0.09 to 0.07	0%
time moving	748	-0.05	-0.21 to 0.11	-0.45 to 0.36	68%









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- ➔ **Lessons learned: Smart sensing data is complex!**



Predicting Depression From Smartphone Behavioral Markers Using Machine Learning Methods, Hyperparameter Optimization, and Feature Importance Analysis: Exploratory Study

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Abstract

Background:

Depression is a prevalent mental health challenge. Current depression assessment methods using self-reported and clinician-administered questionnaires have limitations. Instrumenting smartphones to passively and continuously collect moment-by-moment data sets to quantify human behaviors has the potential to augment current depression assessment methods for early diagnosis, scalable, and longitudinal monitoring of depression.

Objective:

The objective of this study was to investigate the feasibility of predicting depression with human

Results

- N=629

Table 5. Average and standard deviations of Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1, AUC and Cohen's Kappa metrics for 10 fold cross validation, with features only dataset as predictors

Metric, mean % (SD)	RF ^a	XGB ^b	SVM ^c	LR ^d	KNN ^e
Accuracy	97.97 (0.37)	98.14 (0.37)	85.68 (1.16)	59.27 (1.45)	96.44 (0.52)
Precision	92.50 (1.78)	92.51 (1.25)	51.98 (2.58)	20.29 (1.25)	85.55 (1.97)
Recall	94.38 (1.86)	95.56 (1.99)	80.67 (2.36)	57.25 (4.14)	92.19 (2.24)
F1	93.41 (1.19)	94.00 (1.21)	63.20 (2.29)	29.95 (1.87)	88.73 (1.63)
AUC	98.83 (0.67)	99.06 (0.54)	89.47 (1.06)	62.43 (2.22)	94.69 (1.15)
Cohen's Kappa	92.21 (1.41)	92.90 (1.43)	54.83 (2.92)	9.66 (2.38)	86.61 (1.93)

^a RF: Random Forest

^b XGB: XGBoost

^c SVM: Support Vector Machine

^d LR: Logistic Regression

^e KNN: K-Nearest Neighbor




Conclusion

- ML well-suited for complex smart sensing data
 - Especially: ML capable of handling non-linear relationships
- Combination of smart sensing and ML may lead to promising psychodiagnostics (support-) tools in future

Chapter 24 Smart Sensing Enhanced Diagnostic Expert Systems



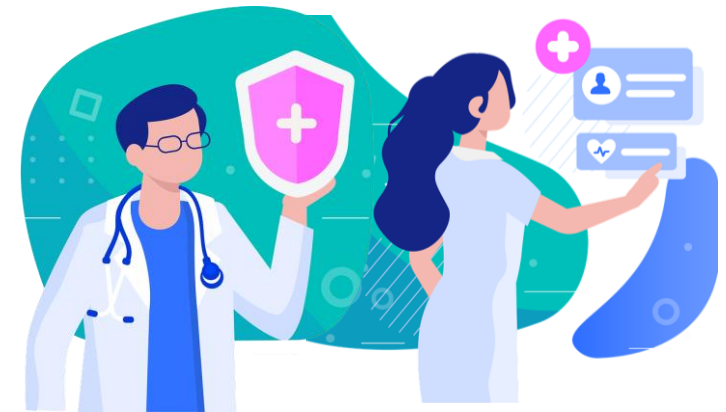
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Abstract The ubiquitous presence of sensors (e.g., in smartphones) in our everyday life allows a constant real-time collection of data. This data has been successfully used in diagnosis and prediction of health outcomes and has the potential to improve health care. However, with data security and accountability as core requirements of medical applications, it remains a major challenge to integrate smart sensing information into the health care systems. One promising application is the integration into expert systems, in which smart sensing information is used to assist medical experts in their decisions. The present chapter aims to introduce expert systems, outline conceptual examples of such a smart sensing enhanced expert system, and summarize the evidence for smart sensing enhanced expert systems in health care. Lastly, the chapter will be concluded by discussing challenges in the field including ethical, privacy and security, and clinical issues followed by an outlook about future directions and developments.

Keywords Digital phenotyping · Smart sensing · Expert system

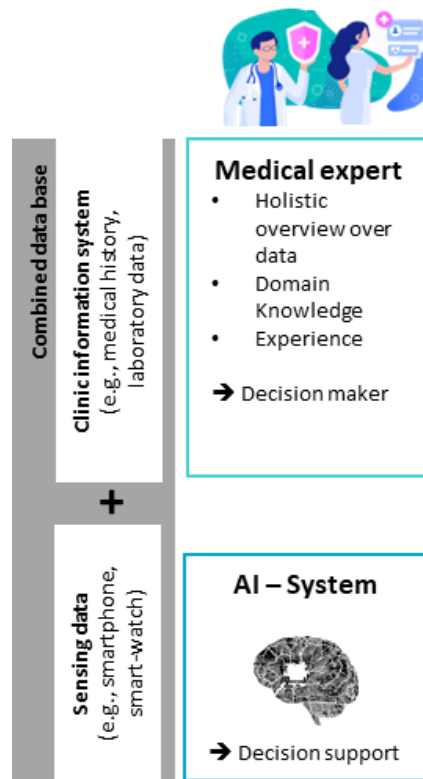


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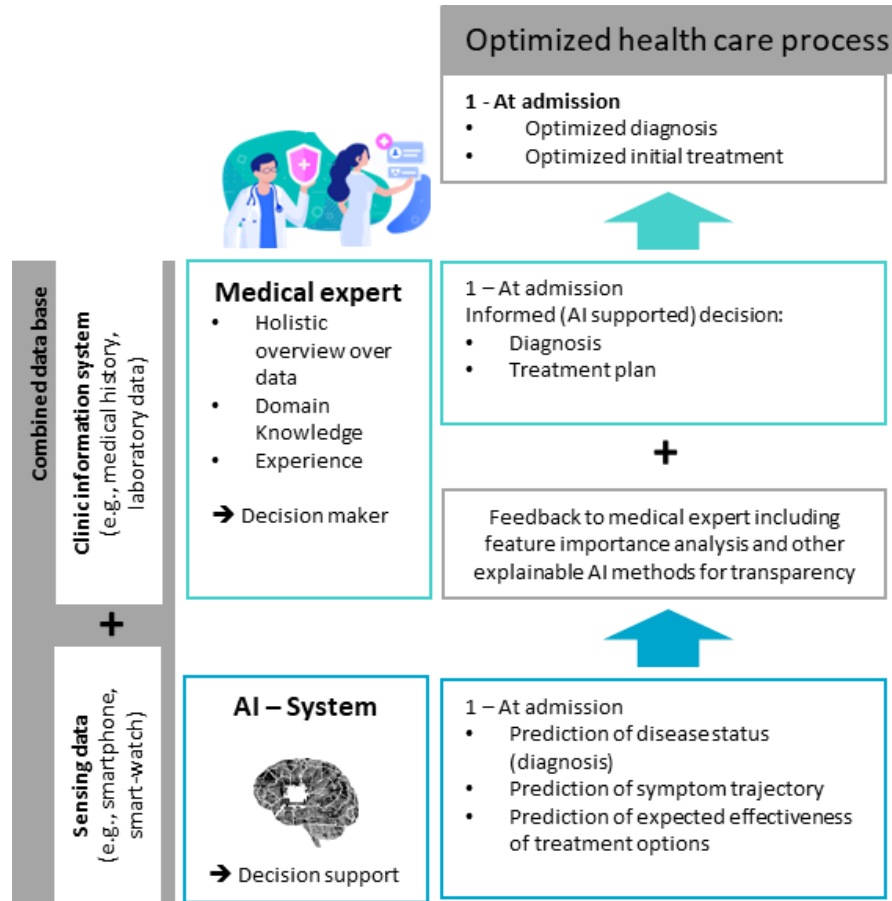


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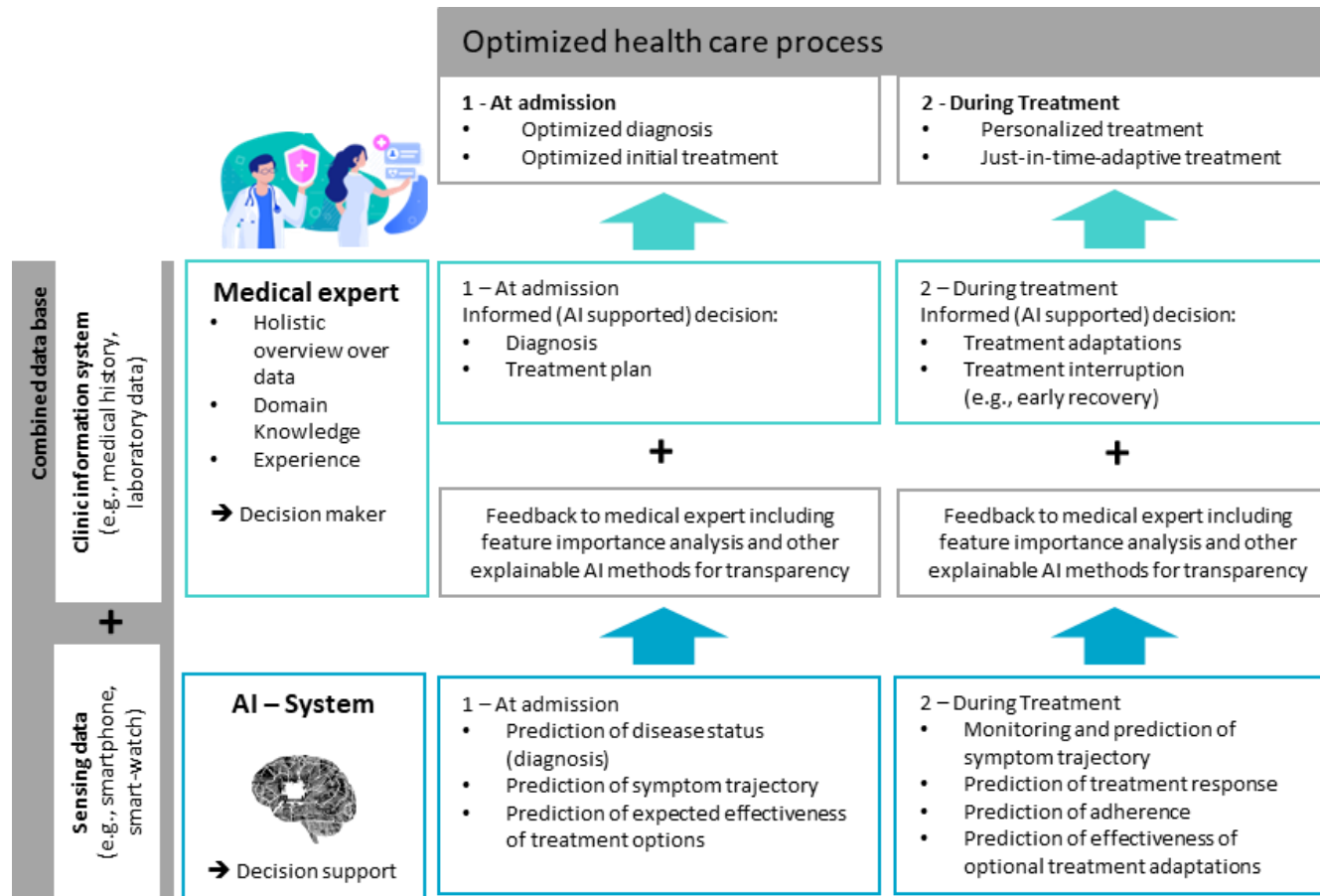
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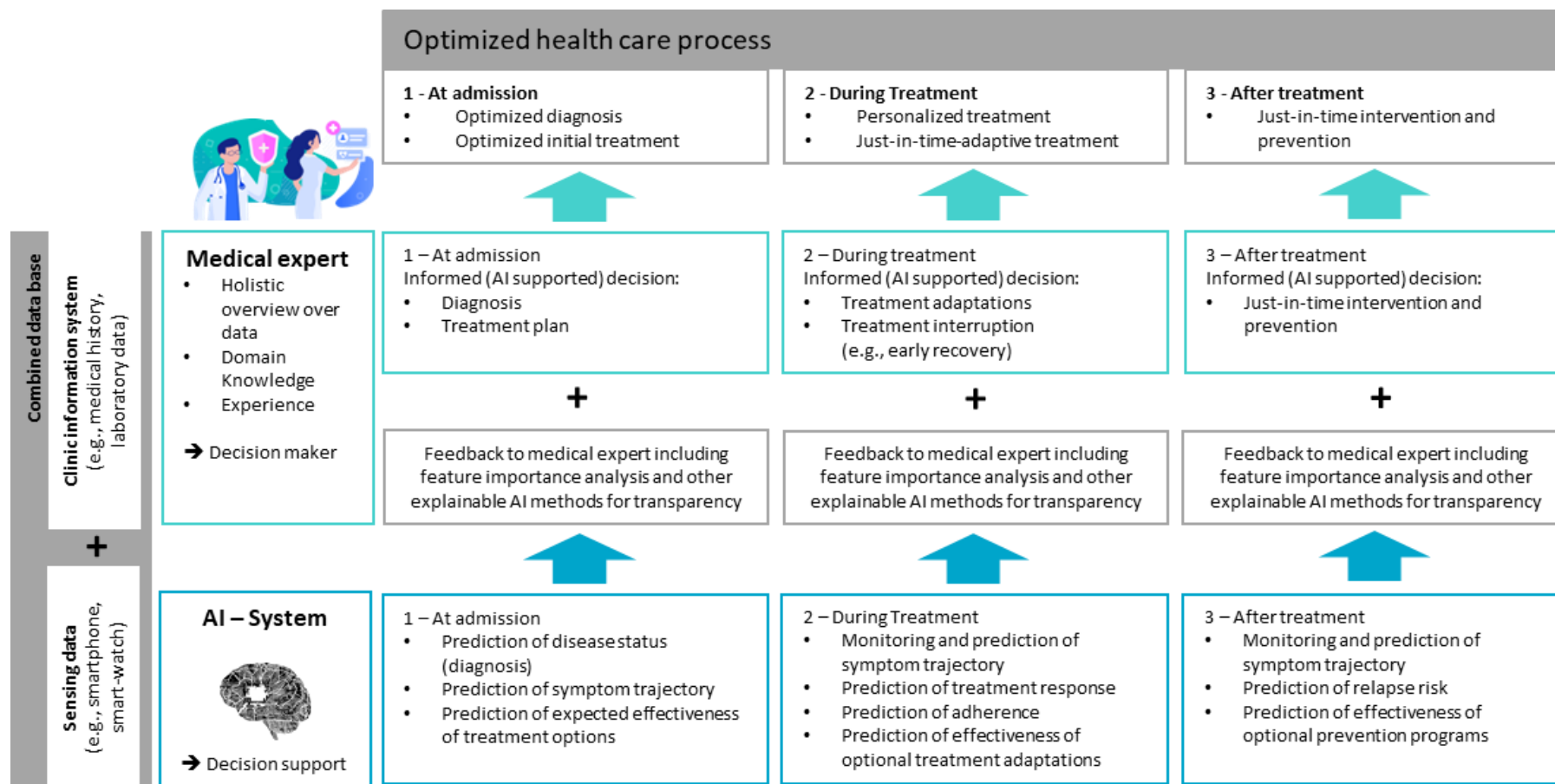
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Challenges (and future cooperations?)

- Does it work in children and adolescents?
- What would promising prediction-targets be in expert systems?
 - Risk
 - Response
 - Deterioration/early-Warning
 - Symptoms
 - Symptom networks
- What is the acceptance?
 - Youth's perspective
 - Parents' perspective
 - Clinicians' perspective

Further Reading


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Acceptance of smart sensing: a barrier to implementation—results from a randomized controlled trial

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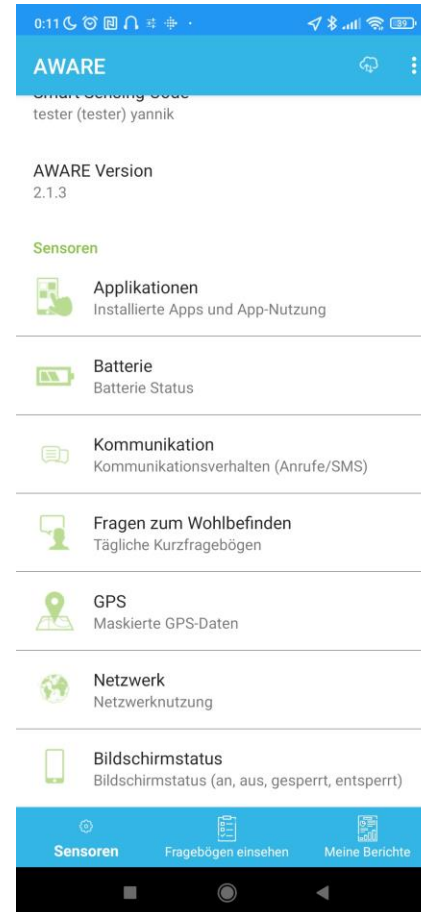
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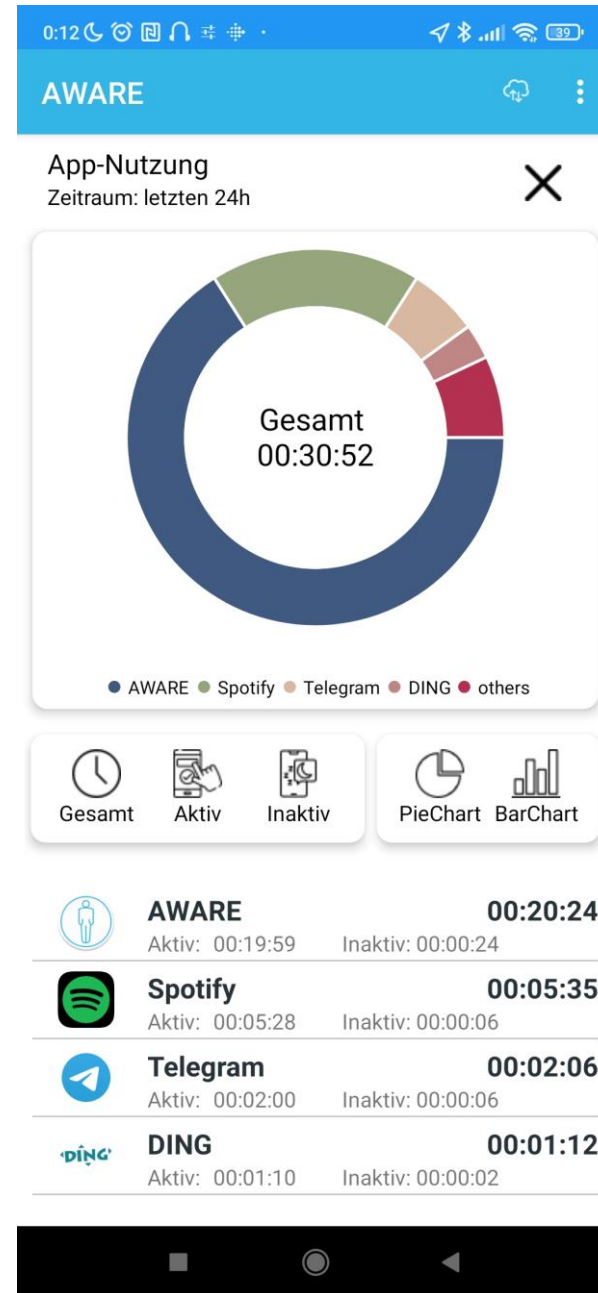
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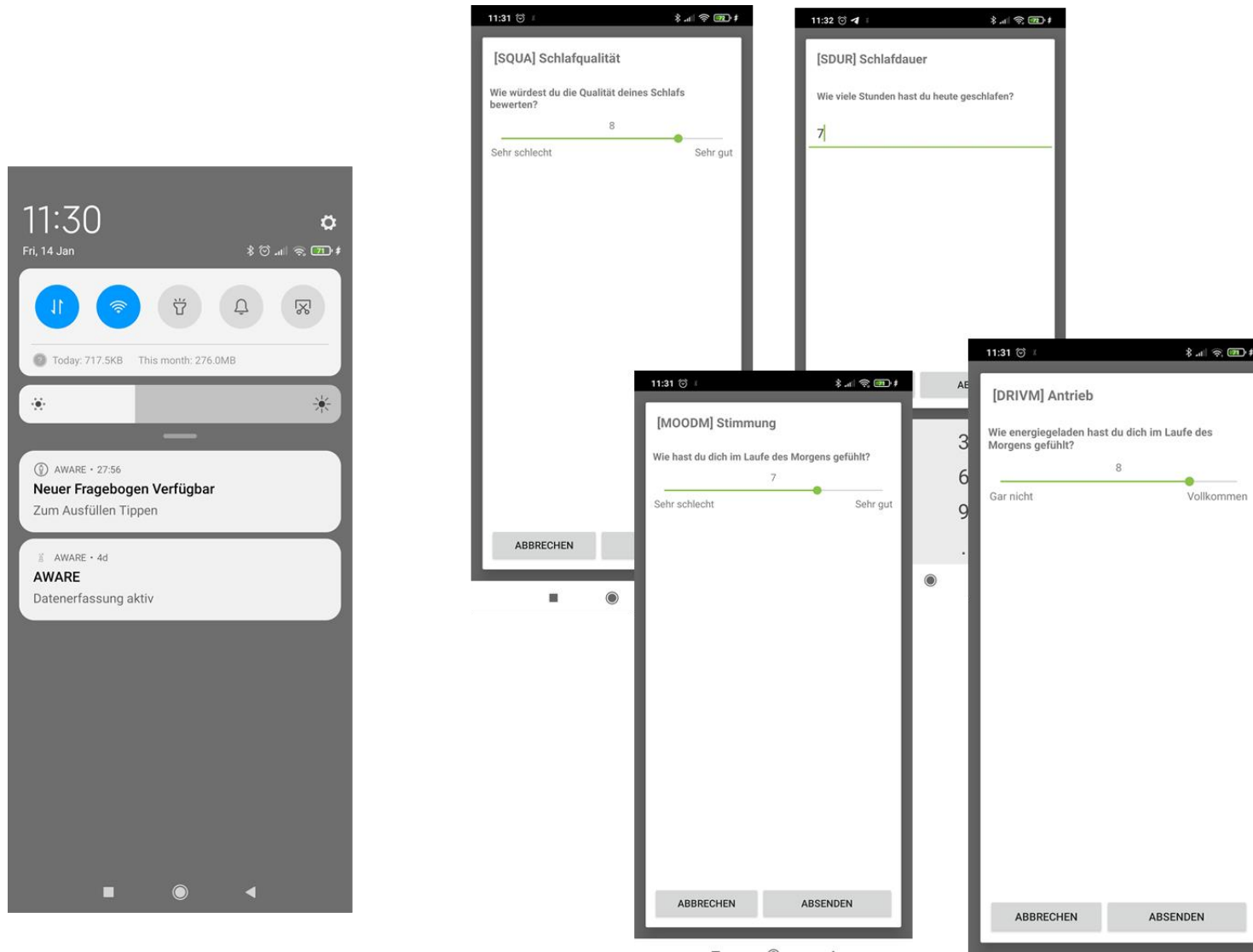
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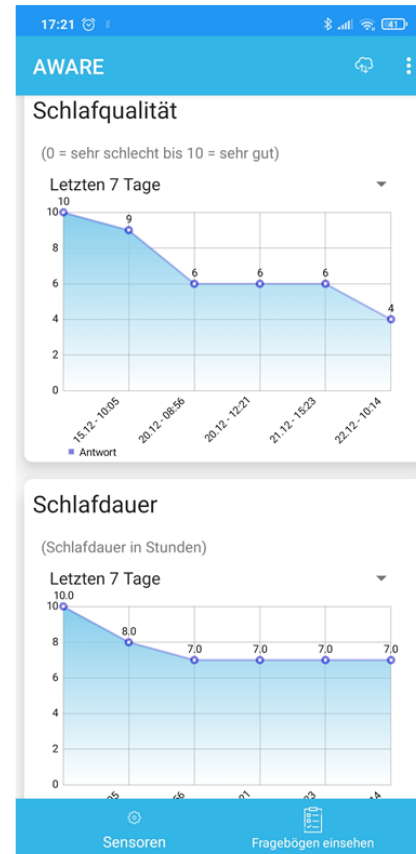
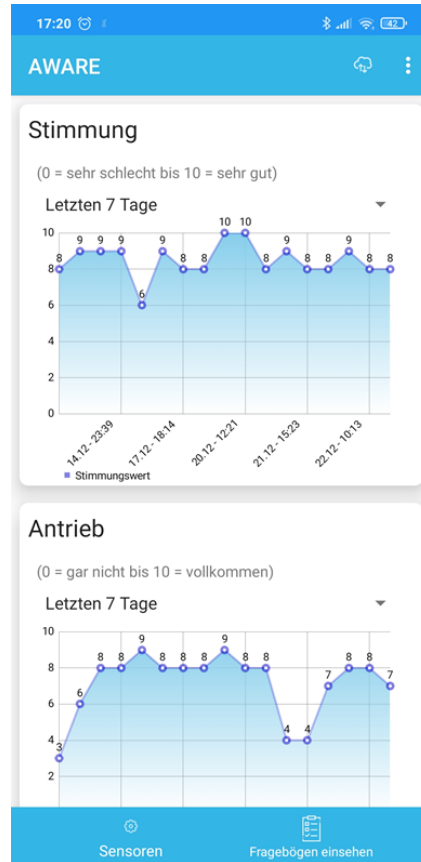
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Active User Input (i.e., EMA)



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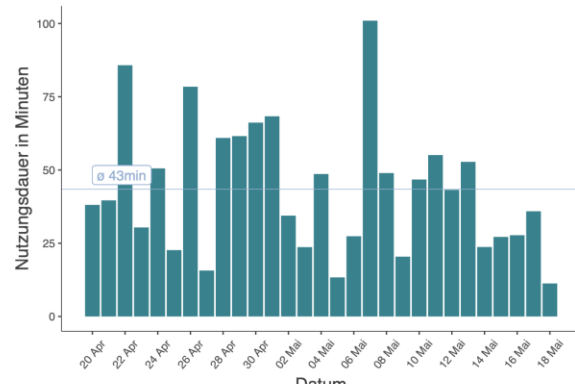




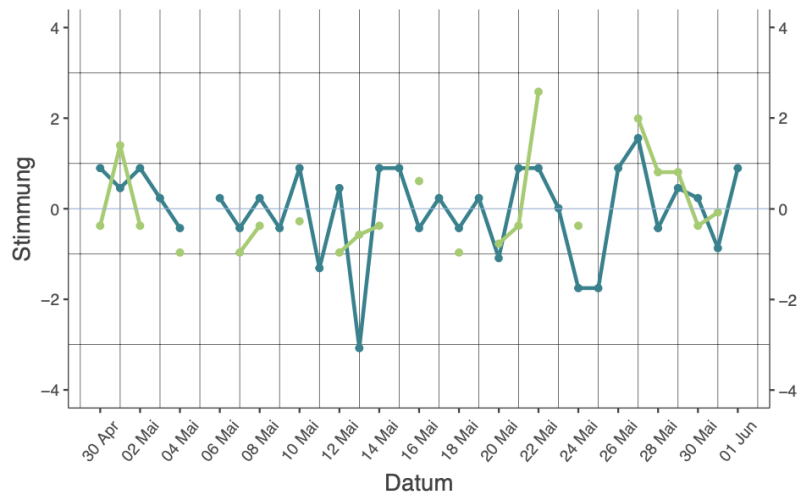
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Smartphone-Nutzungsdauer

Die folgende Grafik zeigt deine tägliche Smartphone-Nutzungsdauer in Minuten. Durchschnittlich hast du dein Smartphone 43 Minuten pro Tag verwendet.

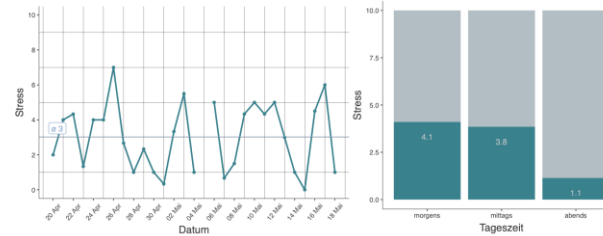


— Stimmung — Aktivität



Stress

Über die App wurde 3x täglich dein Stress-Level erfragt. Das Liniendiagramm zeigt deines täglichen Stress-Level (von 1 bis 10). In der rechten Grafik wird dir angezeigt, wie du morgens, mittags und abends im Durchschnitt warst.



Aktivität

Die folgende Grafik zeigt deine körperliche Aktivität pro Tag.

Hinweis: Die Grafik spiegelt nur deine selbst berichteten Angaben wider.

Durchschnittlich hast du dich im letzten Monat 32 Minuten pro Tag bewegt. Die Empfehlung der Weltgesundheitsorganisation (WHO) liegt bei 30 Minuten Bewegung pro Tag. Dieses Ziel hast du im letzten Monat an 11 Tagen erreicht.

