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How many of you are
feeling sleep deprived?

In Canada...

83% of adults are
sleep deprived

More than 15% of
adults have insomnia

10% of adults have
undiagnosed sleep
disorders

Project Background

Clients: An affiliate scientist and a biomedical engineer from UHN whose identities will be kept anonymous

Project: Develop a design to record data regarding desynchronization of patients with circadian rhythm sleep disorders (CRSDs)



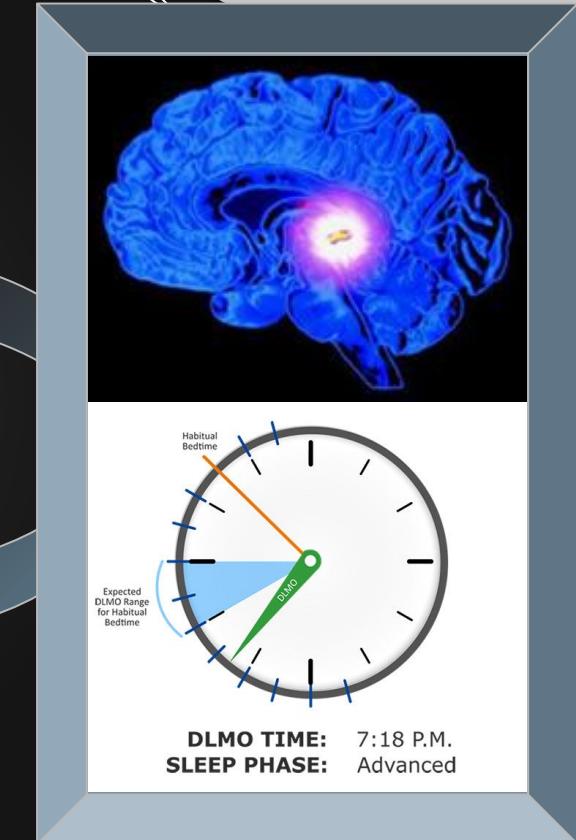
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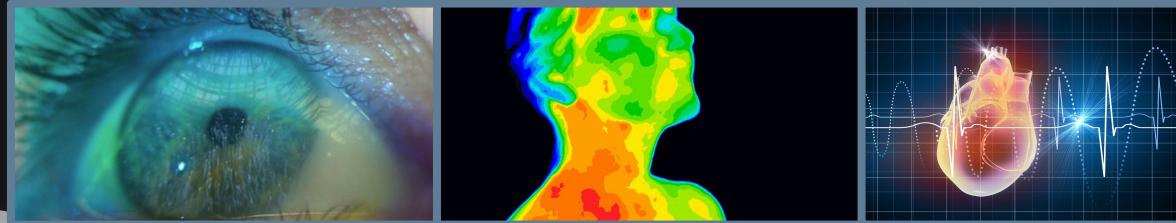
Misdiagnosis of CRSDs

- More than a third of CRSDs go undiagnosed
- CRSDs are a new field of study, thus analysis procedures are crude and inefficient
- One method currently in use is DLMO test, which involves the patient chewing cotton **every 30 minutes for 7 hours.** [4]
- Other methods are subjective and rely on symptom observation and asking for family history

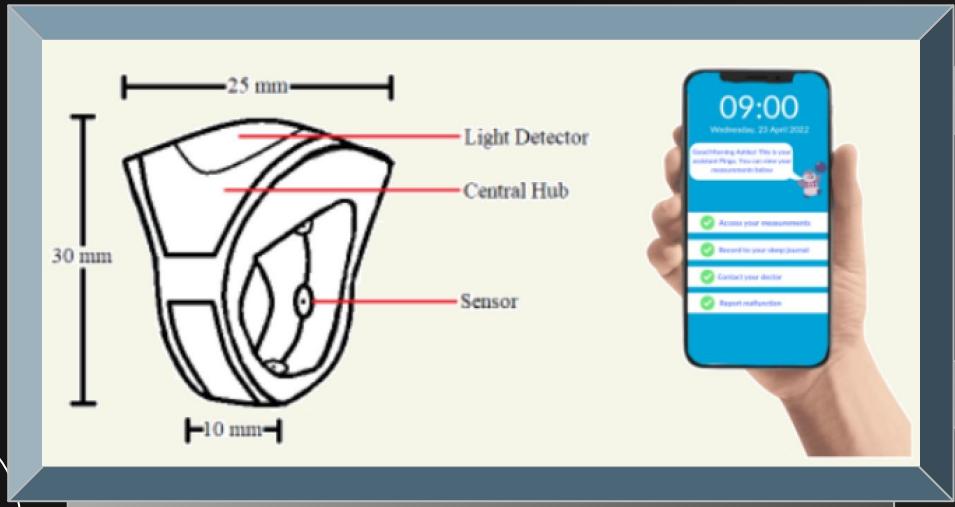


Urgency of the Project

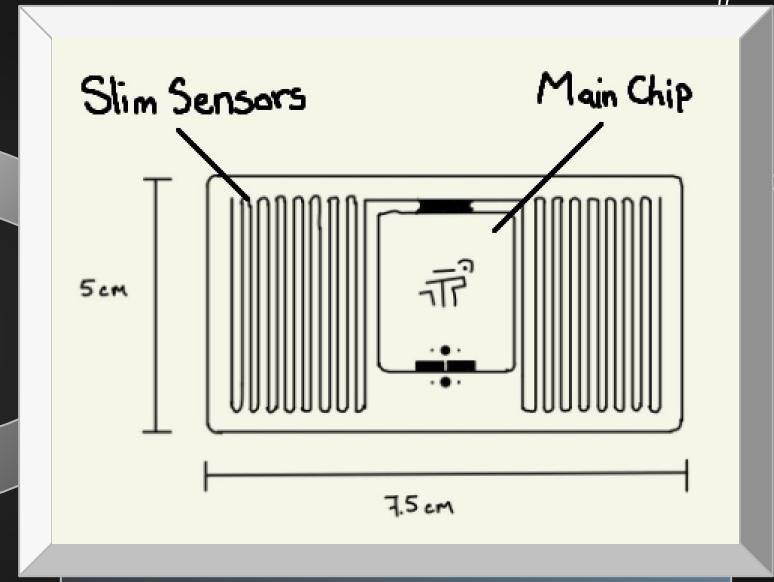
- The absence of an objective means to measure the core body temperature, light-darkness exposure, and sweat rate
- The need for a design that would use objective metrics to assess the criteria of core body temperature, light darkness exposure and sweat rate
- The project has been narrowed down to measure these three parameters to make it more manageable and less complex



Alternative Designs



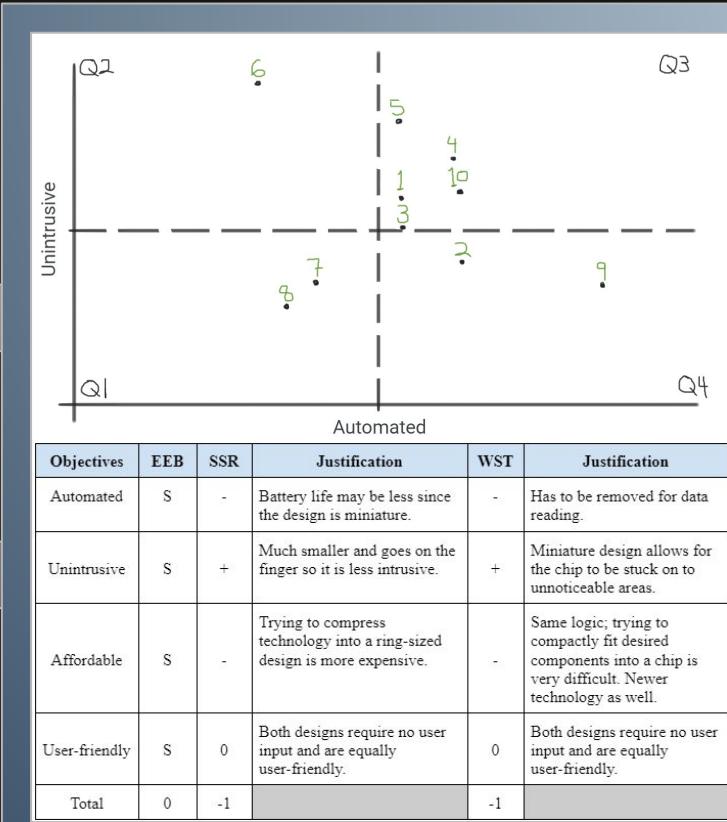
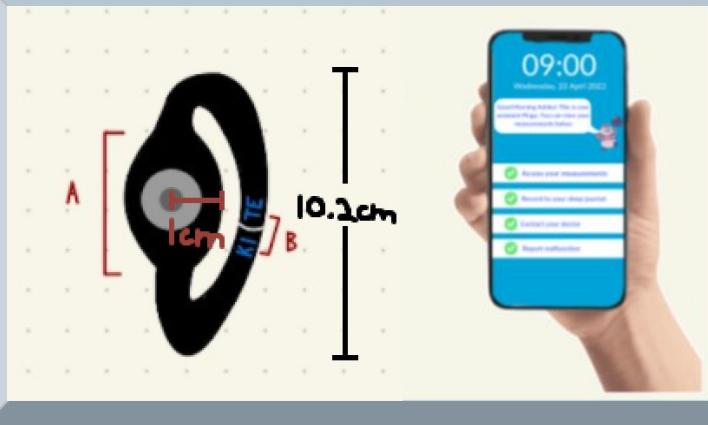
- Requires charging every two weeks
- Data cannot be tracked during charging time



- Newly developing technology
- Visually unappealing
- May be publicly controversial

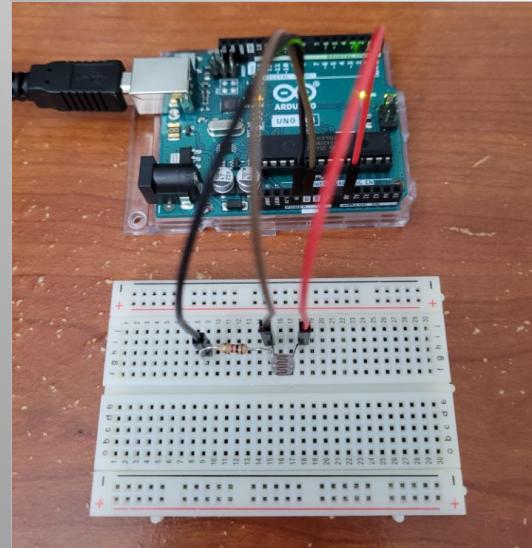
Proposed Conceptual Design

- Designs were compared via decision matrix and Pugh method chart
- Ergonomic Environment Bracelet (EEB) was chosen



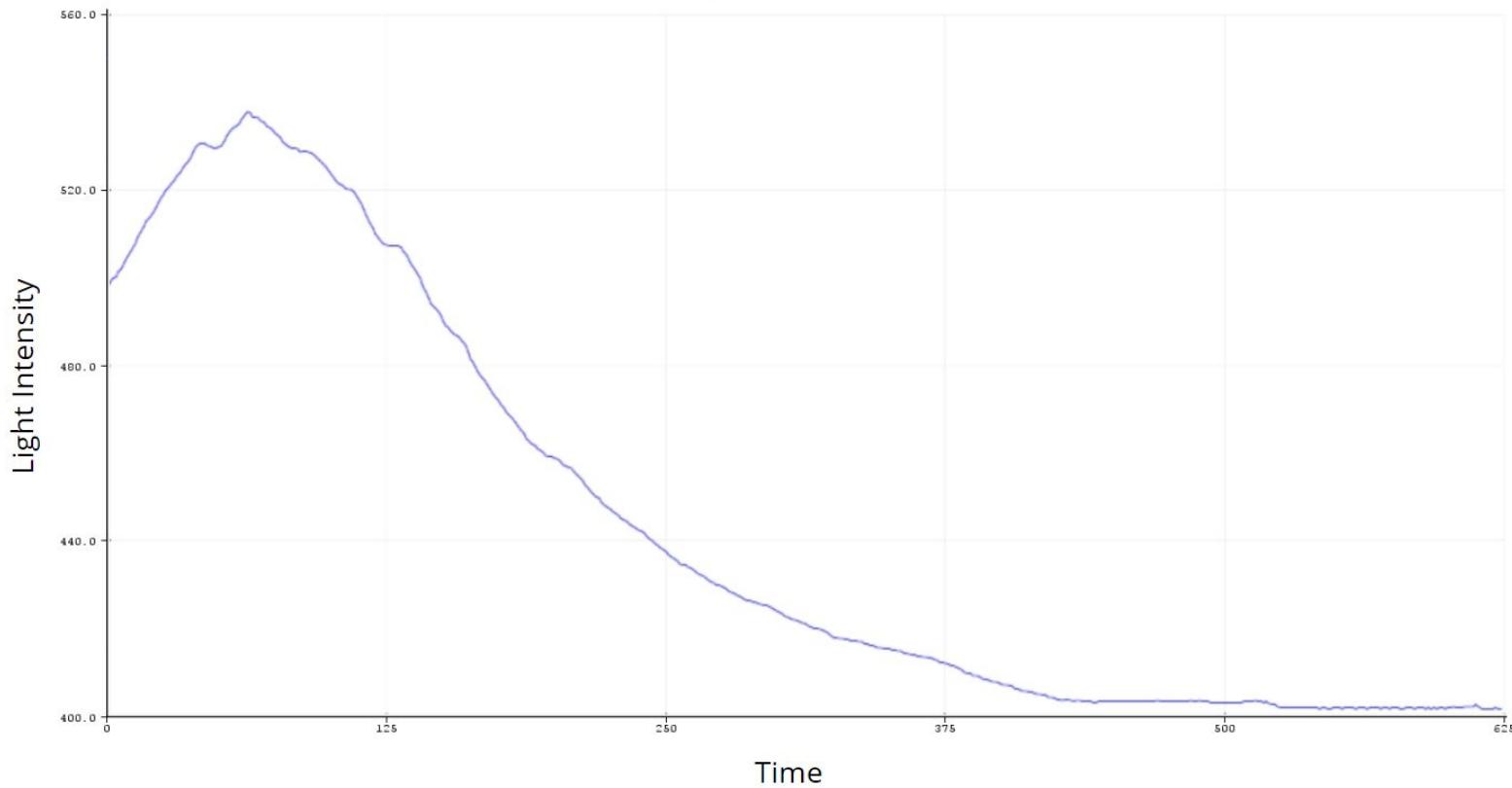
Tracks Light-Darkness Exposure

- Used Arduino connected to circuit with photoresistor
- Tested outdoor natural and indoor artificial light intensity
- Graphed readings against time using built-in plotting software
- Data compared with results of study with similar testing

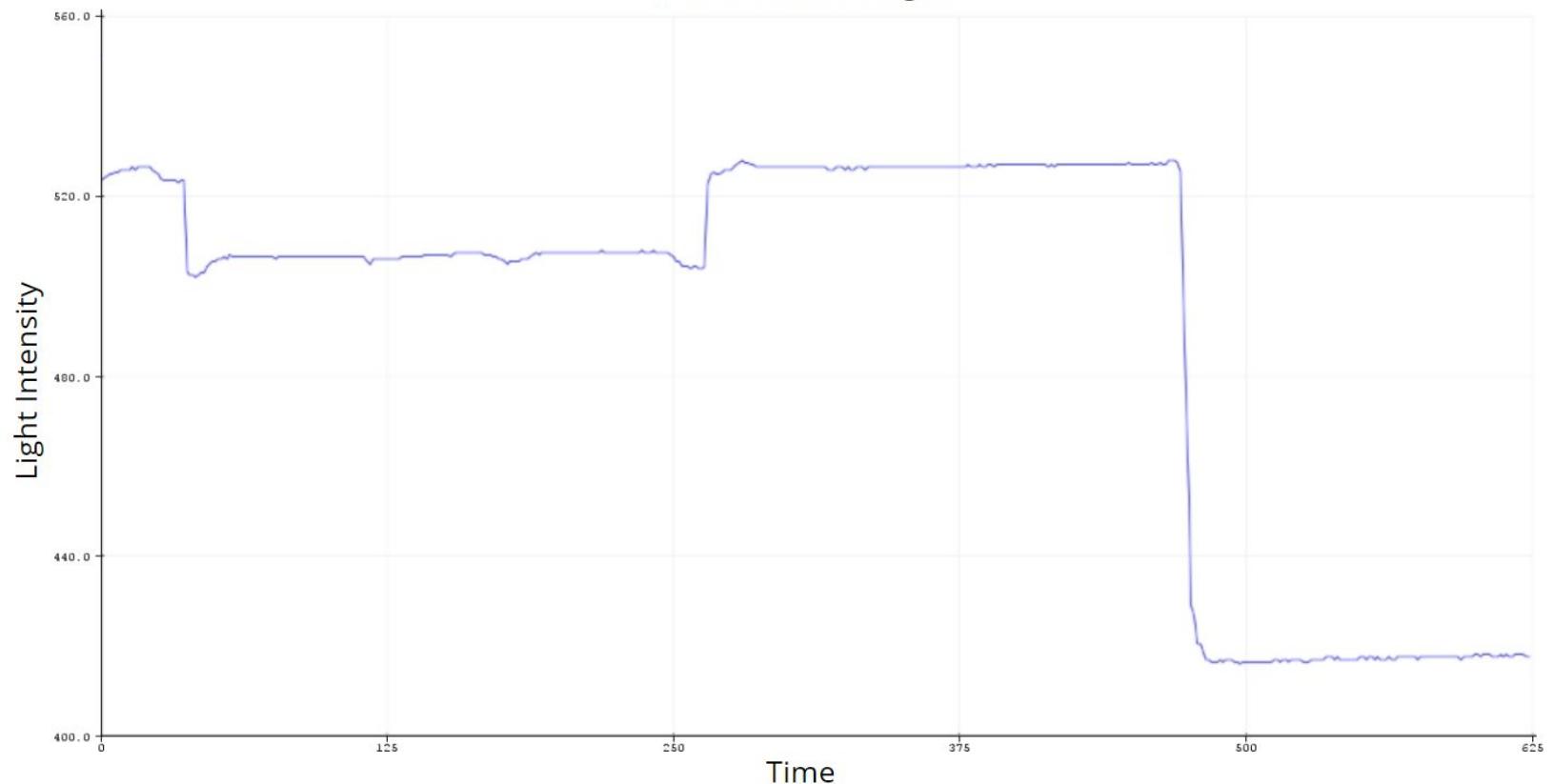


```
photoresistor\$  
int light_intensity;  
  
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(9600);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    light_intensity = analogRead(A0);  
    Serial.println(light_intensity);  
    delay(100);  
}
```

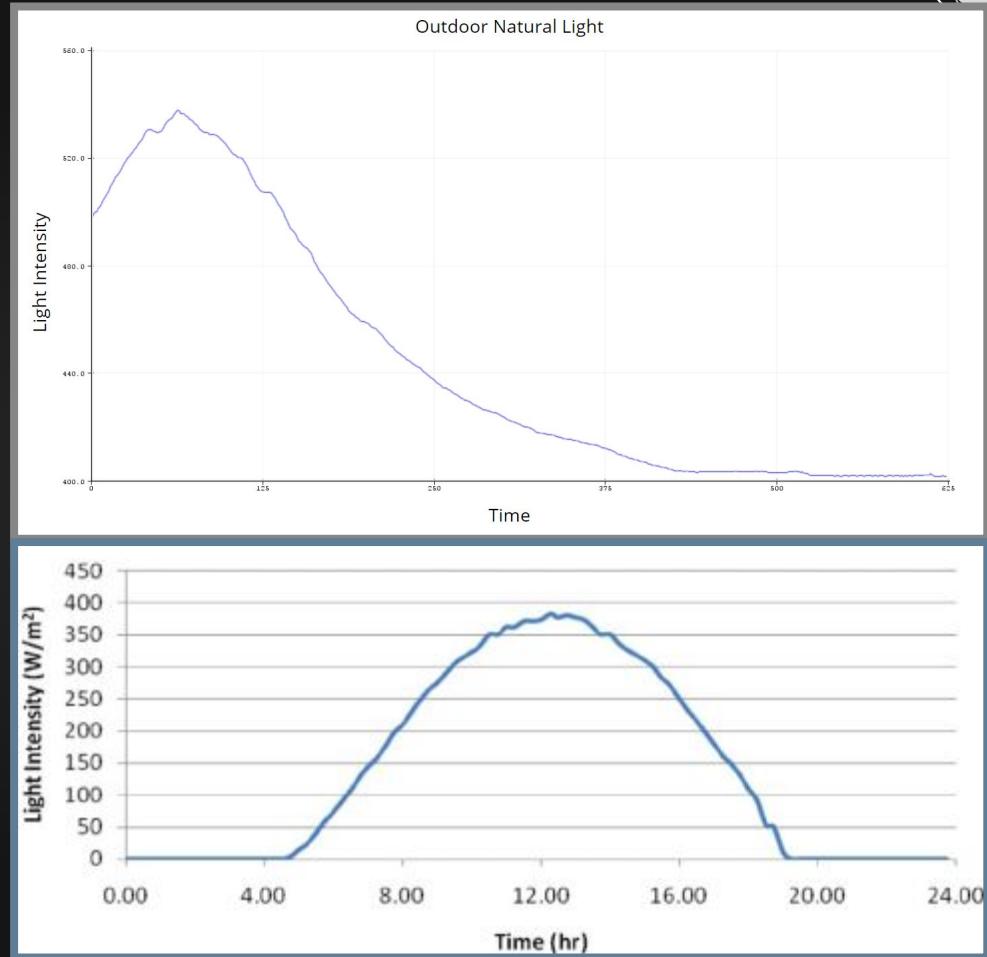
Outdoor Natural Light



Indoor Artificial Light

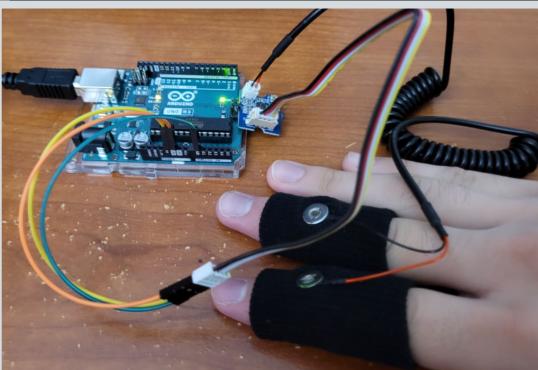
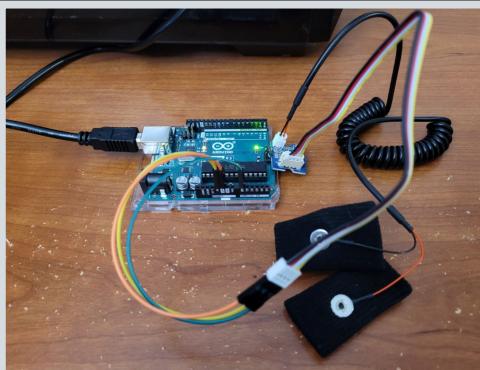


- Study models transport of bacteria in oceans [9] which involved light intensity measuring
- Phase shift due to tests starting at 11:00 AM
- General trends are similar and behaviour is cyclical for both samples

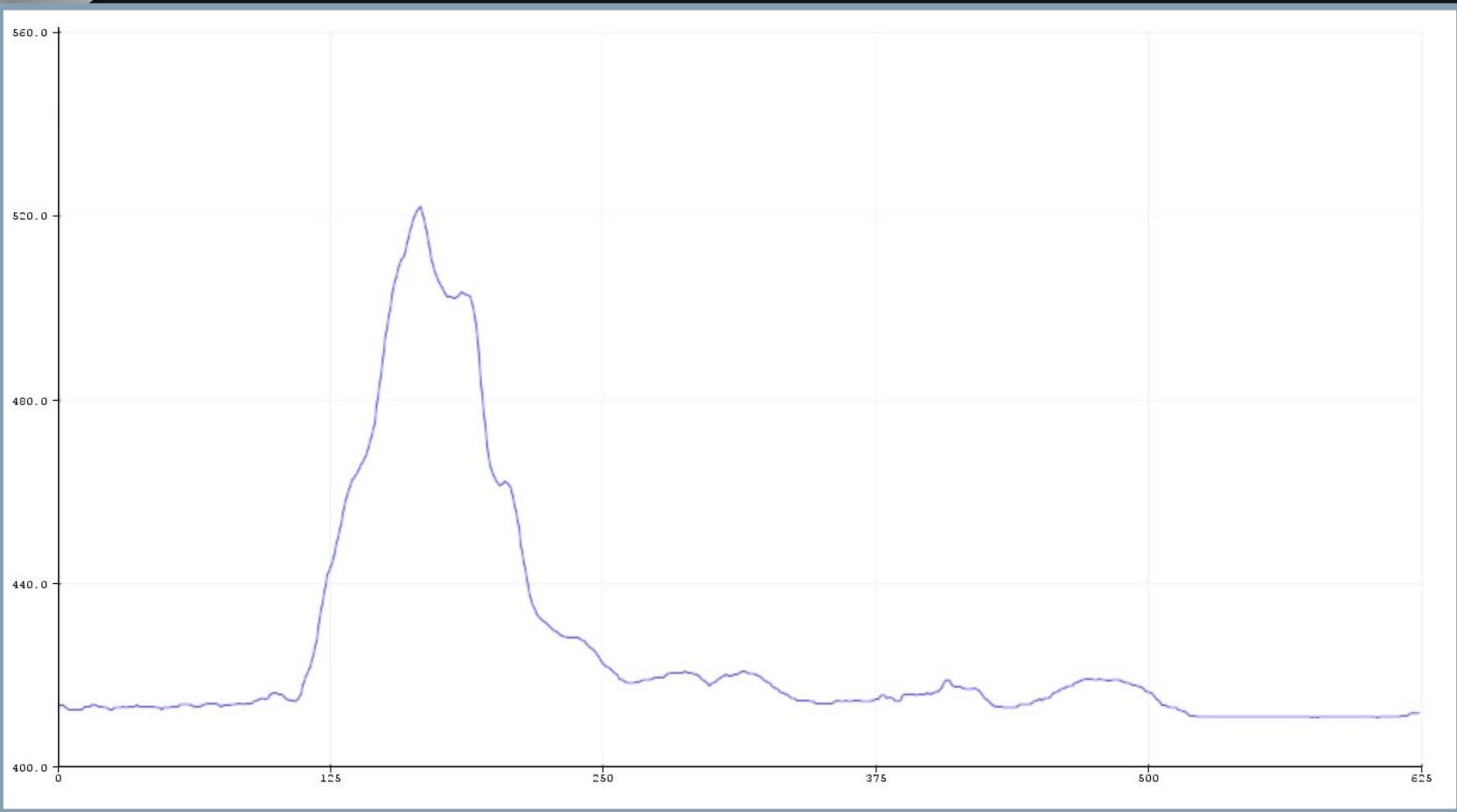


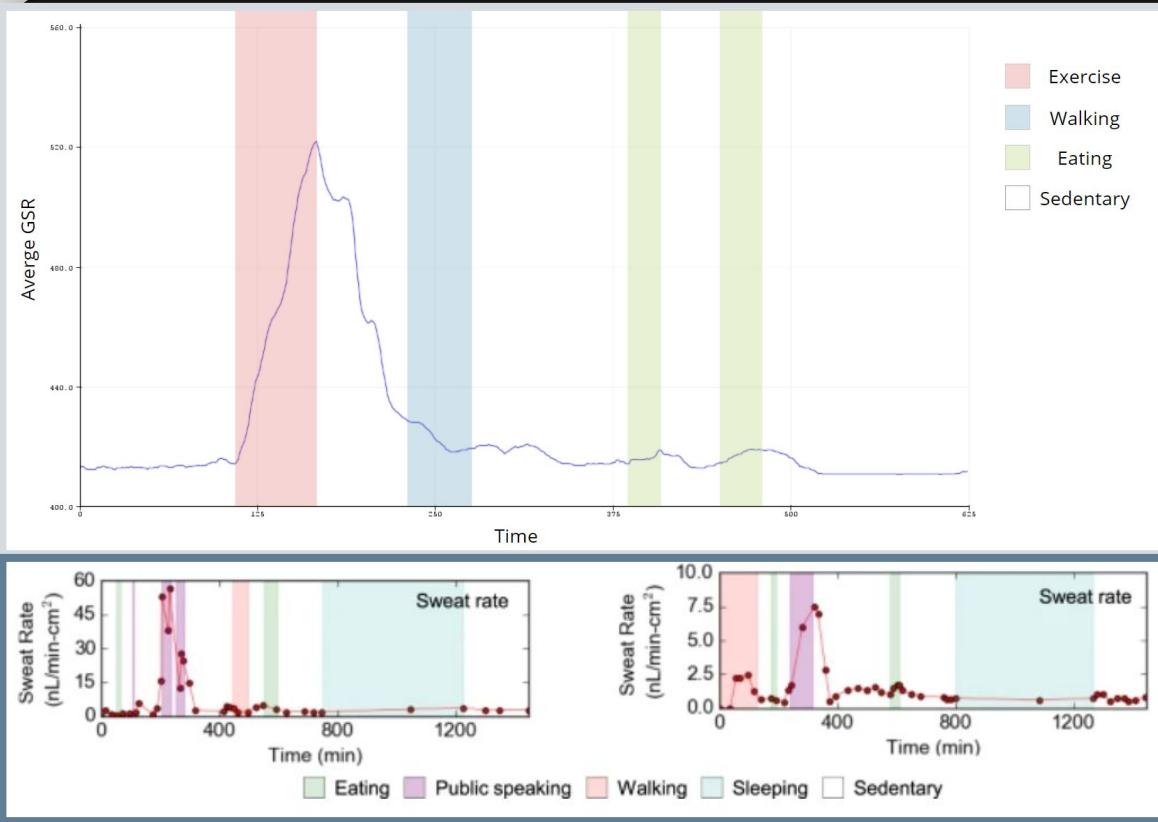
Tracks Sweat Rate Effectively

- Galvanic Skin Response (GSR) sensor connected to Arduino, measuring skin conductance, an electrical measure of sweat rate
- Observations recorded for approximately 10 hours and plotted against time while user performs regular daily tasks
- Data was annotated and compared with results of routine test for sweat rate



```
gsr$  
const int GSR = A0;  
int sensor = 0;  
int gsr_avg = 0;  
  
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(9600);  
}  
  
void loop() {  
    long sum = 0;  
    for(int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
        sensor = analogRead(GSR);  
        sum += sensor;  
        delay(10);  
    }  
    gsr_avg = sum / 13.27;  
    Serial.println(gsr_avg);  
    delay(50);  
}
```

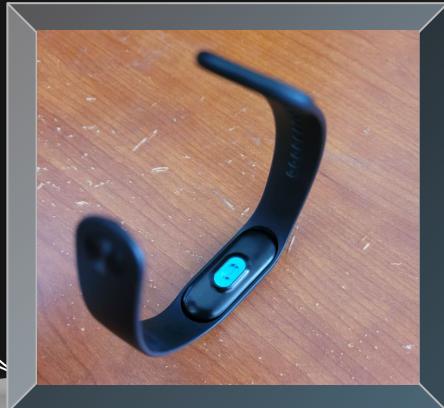


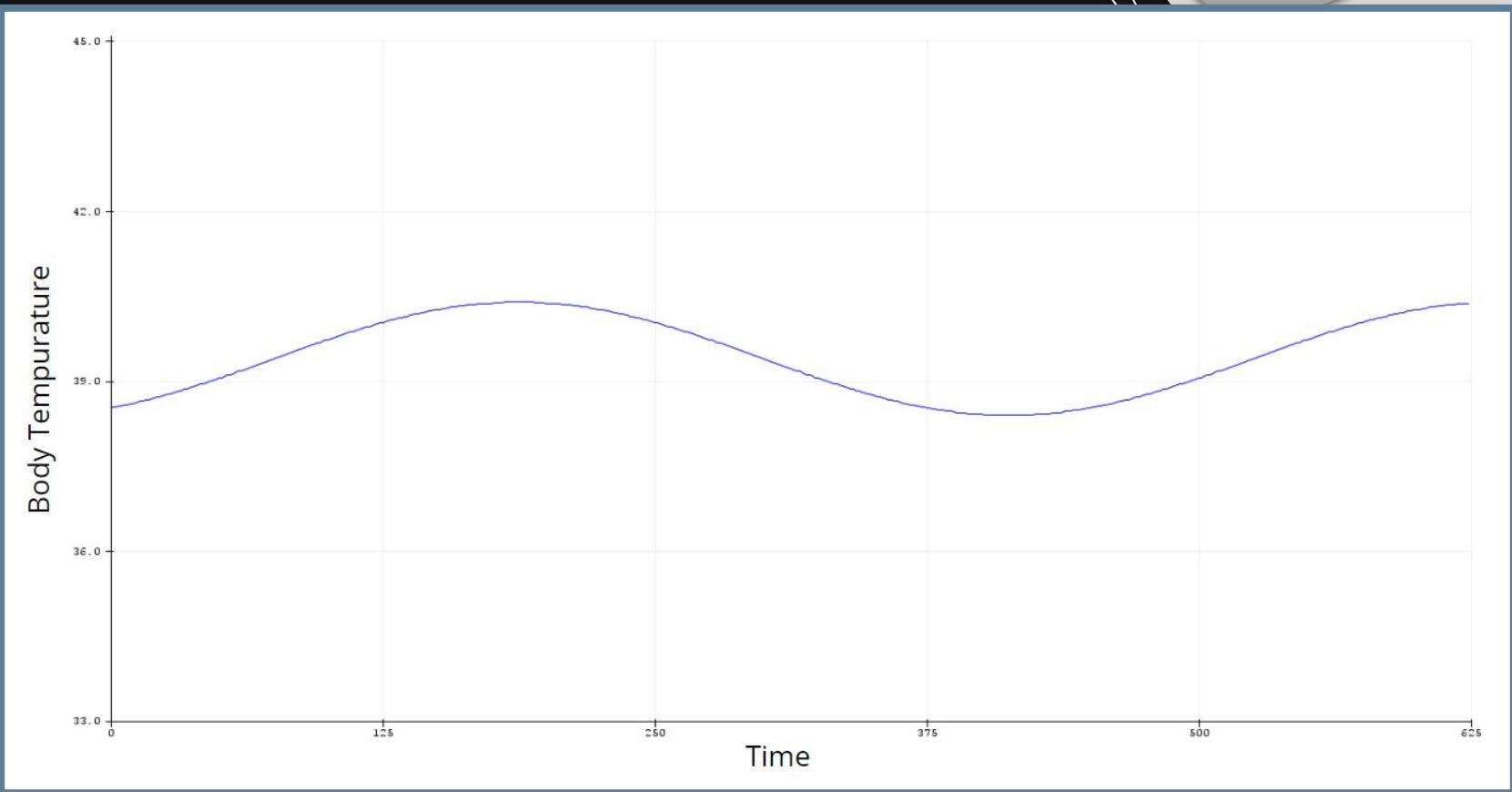


- Sweat rate and average GSR are proportional
- Sweat rate rises as the task is ongoing and decays when done
- Sample sizes vary but general trend is similar for activities that require different levels of physical work

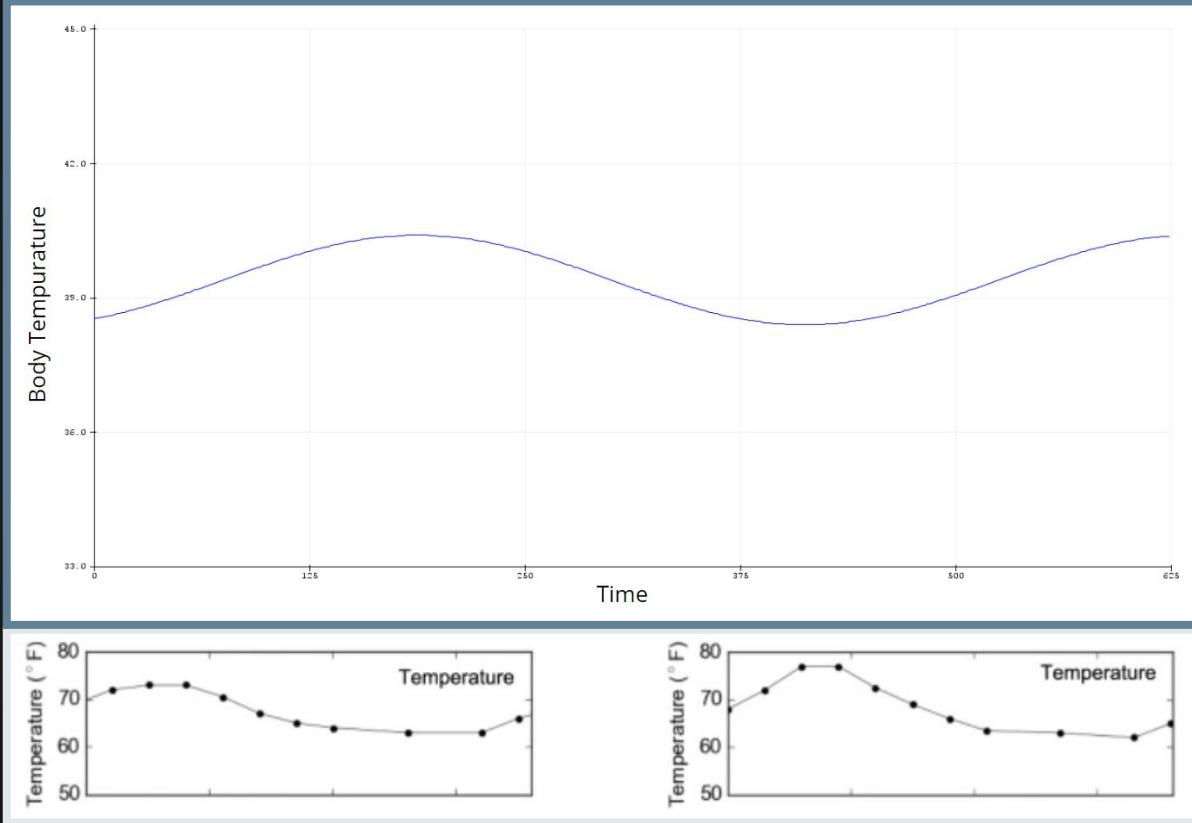
Tracks Core Body Temperature

- Slim watch that reads skin temperature manually used to record data
- Not done via Arduino due to complexity of measuring body temperature
- Temperature recorded once every half hour and general trend plotted against time with offset of 3 °C due to skin and body temperature variance [11]
- Observations compared with study involving analysis of sweat during rest





- Study measures ambient temperature around user in °F [10]
- Samples vary slight but general trend is similar
- Temperature rises during an ongoing task
- Behaviour is cyclical and will repeat for larger samples



Design is Non-intrusive

- Watch used for temperature also tested non-intrusiveness
- Provides desired material sensation due similar dimensions and properties of ideal design
- Worn by multiple users for long sessions who were surveyed for their experience afterwards



Observations & Results

- Users had no issues other than some sweating in the wrist area
- No irritation was reported and some claimed that they had no awareness of having the watch on after a while
- One user proclaimed that the strap of the watch did not tug on and was quite friendly to arm hair
- It can be concluded that the design is successful in terms of being non-intrusive towards the user

Possible Limitations

- Inaccurate readings if bracelet is exposed to different light intensity than the retina of the user
- Current design requires the use of button cell batteries that must be replaced after their service time
- Temperature module requires direct contact with skin to provide measurements, if any at all



Conclusion

- With the tests we have conducted for all parameters and intrusiveness, we have created an automatic and effective prototype
- The fact that observations matched results of several credible studies suggests that the design is successful
- With the limitations addressed, we can help with possibly reducing the misdiagnosis of CRSDs overall



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