

Open Trackers for (Open) Science

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Outline

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Using Activity Trackers for Research

- Participating in Research

- Activity: Alarm bells

- Conducting Research

Which hardware and software options exist?

What are current solutions?

What's next?

- Activity: Next steps and avenues

Three Personas I

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Persona I : Mark



Three Personas II

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Persona II : Janine



Three Personas III

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Persona III : Karla



Three Personas

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Using Activity Trackers for Research: Activity: Alarm bells

Summary Feedback

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The Why

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What makes those activity trackers so attractive?

- tracking of activity, heart rate, location, interactions, momentary emotional assessment
- passively, (almost) non-intrusive
- longitudinal studies (several weeks)
- real life data

Summary of Use Cases

	Children	Ex-Detainees	Nursinghome
Data Collection			
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EMA	X		
GPS/Location	X	X	X
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The How - Balancing Acts

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Consumer Grade Devices

- Apple WatchOS
- fitbit
- Garmin Watch OS
- Wear OS / Android for wearables
- Tizen for Wearables
- astroid

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The How - Apple Watch

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- Apple Watch App (e.g. Apple Watch SensorLog)
 - locked in by certification/ app store process
 - locked in to Apple Watches

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The How - Fitbit

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- Use Fitabase
- Use web API
 - Companion Application to Watch Application file transfer
 - locked in certification
- Use bulk download via fitbit account

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The How - Garmin

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- Use Fitabase - a company providing research support
- Use the Health API
- Use the Health SDK

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- Design Choice - Working with participants or patients

The How - Choices

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”To **enhance acceptability** and minimize user burden and stigma, widely available consumer-oriented technologies were therefore considered. The user groups favored the wrist-worn Fitbit Charge HR (Fitbit Inc, San Francisco) due to its **appearance as a lifestyle device** that is acceptable to both younger and older users and the **ability to view metrics** relating to sleep and activity via the Fitbit app.”

Meyer N., et al (2018): Capturing Rest-Activity Profiles in Schizophrenia Using Wearable and Mobile Technologies: Development, Implementation, Feasibility, and Acceptability of a Remote Monitoring Platform

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”Do these devices, therefore, have a role as tools for clinical prediction?

We suggest that they do, **depending on the question being asked [58]**. Our goal is not to draw conclusions about sleep parameters (eg, total sleep time, sleep efficiency) per se, for which the use of unvalidated devices would be inappropriate. Rather, our **objective is to ask whether changes in longitudinal rest-activity patterns** at the within-person level, captured using wearable device and smartphone sensors, **predict deterioration** in clinical status.”

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Locked - in: corona-datenspende

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	Fitbit	Garmin	Polar	Withings	GoogleFit	Apple Health
Soziodemografische Daten						
Größe & Gewicht	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Geschlecht & Alter	✓		✓			✓
Aktivitäten						
Aktivitätsinformationen						
Aktiv	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Aktivitätsdetail (Laufen, Radfahren, Sport etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ruhe	✓	✓	✓			
Schritte	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kalorienverbrauch	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Zurückgelegte Strecke	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gestiegene Treppen	✓	✓		✓		
Schlaf	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vitaldaten						
Puls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Körpertemperatur				✓	✓	
Gewicht	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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The How - What has been done

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Own Solution - Samsung

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Possibilities - Positives

Negatives and Downsides/ Limitations

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Open Source Operating System

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<https://asteroidos.org/news/>

The Future

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- Data Privacy is paramount - Research platforms allow access to some but not all data - API's do not allow access to all data
- Interoperability - Robust Findings - independent of tech -
Validity of measurements - Research questions independent of tech/
pre-trained black boxes - Modularity to ensure only those sensors that are needed are included (and that they ARE included) -
Costs are high - open science might be an answer? - Using big tech at exploratory research level might be fine - but where are you going with this – access only to those who can afford it and dependent on companies to not change the modeling? - Usually we are working towards sth - let's make sure it is in accordance with what we want to create with the tech– also already at exploratory levels

The Future

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- Show design process until now - mission and network of stakeholders - Multifaceted problem - Difficult to get people on board, who commit and stay on board - certainly at beginning - How do you build a OS / Open Hardware community? - What are the benefits - especially when trying to get academics involved - incentive structure is not built for such projects

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What's next?: Activity: Next steps and avenues

Wake-up Activity

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Activity with Audience: collect possible solutions to move forward