

KEEP CALM

A Smartwatch for People with Autism to Regularize Emotion

FACTS AND FIGURES

1 %

About 1 percent of the world population has autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

About 1 in every 100 children in China has ASD

14 Million

14 million people could have the condition in China

1/3

Nearly a third of people with autism are non-verbal



EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION

Unproportioned attention to irrelevant aspects of a given task

Difficulty to keep an instruction in mind while inhibiting a problematic response

Strong difficulties in the change of environment of certain task



SUPPORTING STRATEGIES

INCREASE USERS' SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLE WITH ASD



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Assistive devices enable caregivers to create, edit and perform strategies to regularize the emotion of ASD

CAREGIVERS' INTERVENTIONS

Caregivers and teachers are the people who know characteristics of ASD best



WHY SMARTWATCH?

WIDE SENSING SET

Accelerometer, heart rate monitor GPS, light sensor, Wi-Fi, etc.



VARIED INTERACTION POSSIBILITIES

Tactile screen, vibration feedback or voice recognition

MODULES IN THE SMARTWATCH

PREPROCESSING

Define a scale of emotional intensity (such as set heart rate threshold)



IDENTIFICATION

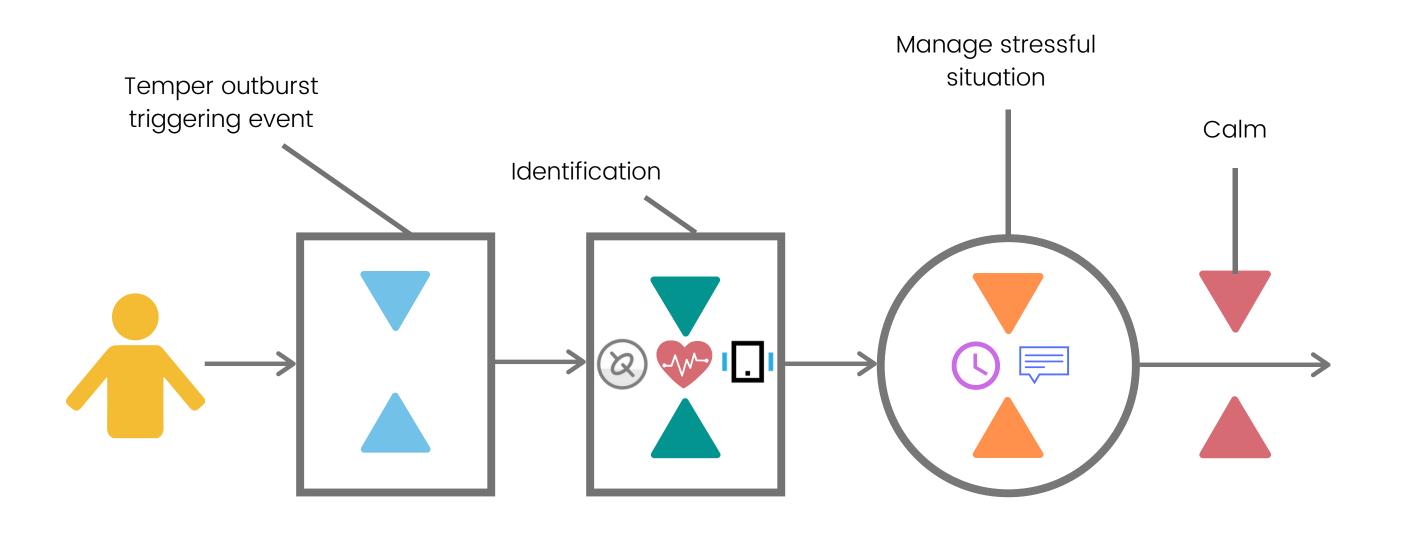
Identify stress triggering events and situations

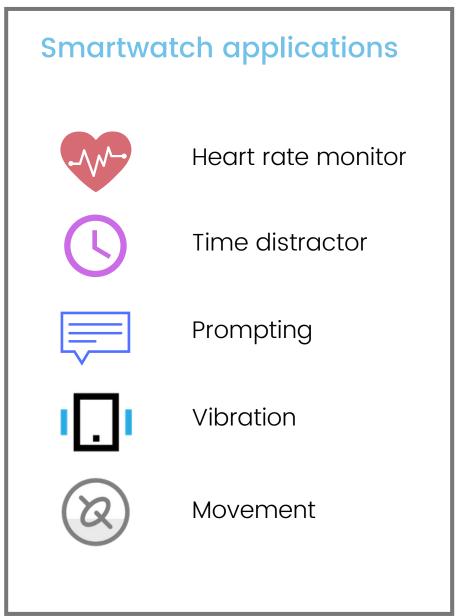


MANAGEMENT

Create and edit strategies to handle stressful and emotional situations

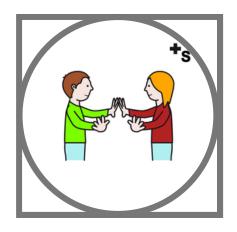
Adjust the emotional reaction to the proper intensity





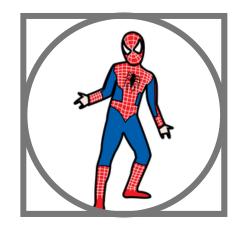
APPLICATIONS IN THE SMARTWATCH

ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES



PICTOGRAM

Caregivers can upload pictograms children are interested in



ANIMATION

If children are more likely to focus on animation, caregivers can upload gifs to smartwatch



TEXT AND AUDIO

Strategies can also include text and audios as instructions or encouragement at the end. The content can be personalized and audios can be the voice of caregivers



SMARTPHONE

AUTHORING



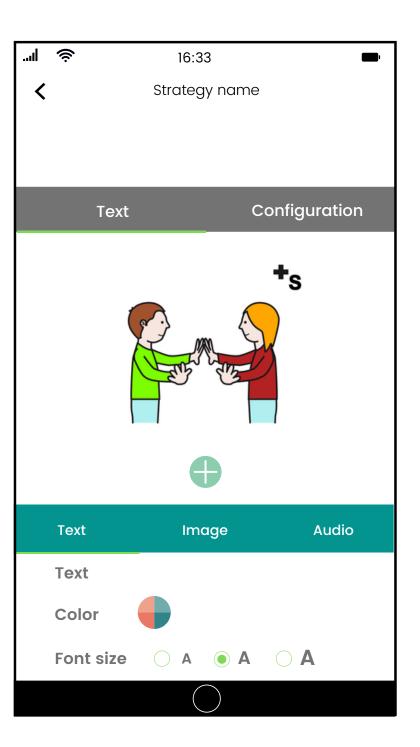
Smartphone is served as authoring tool to achieve 2 goals: create and edit activities for the smartwatch

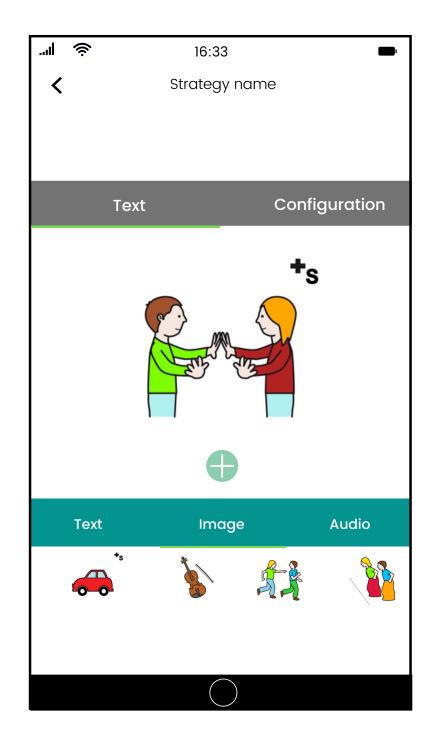
USER-FRIENDLY

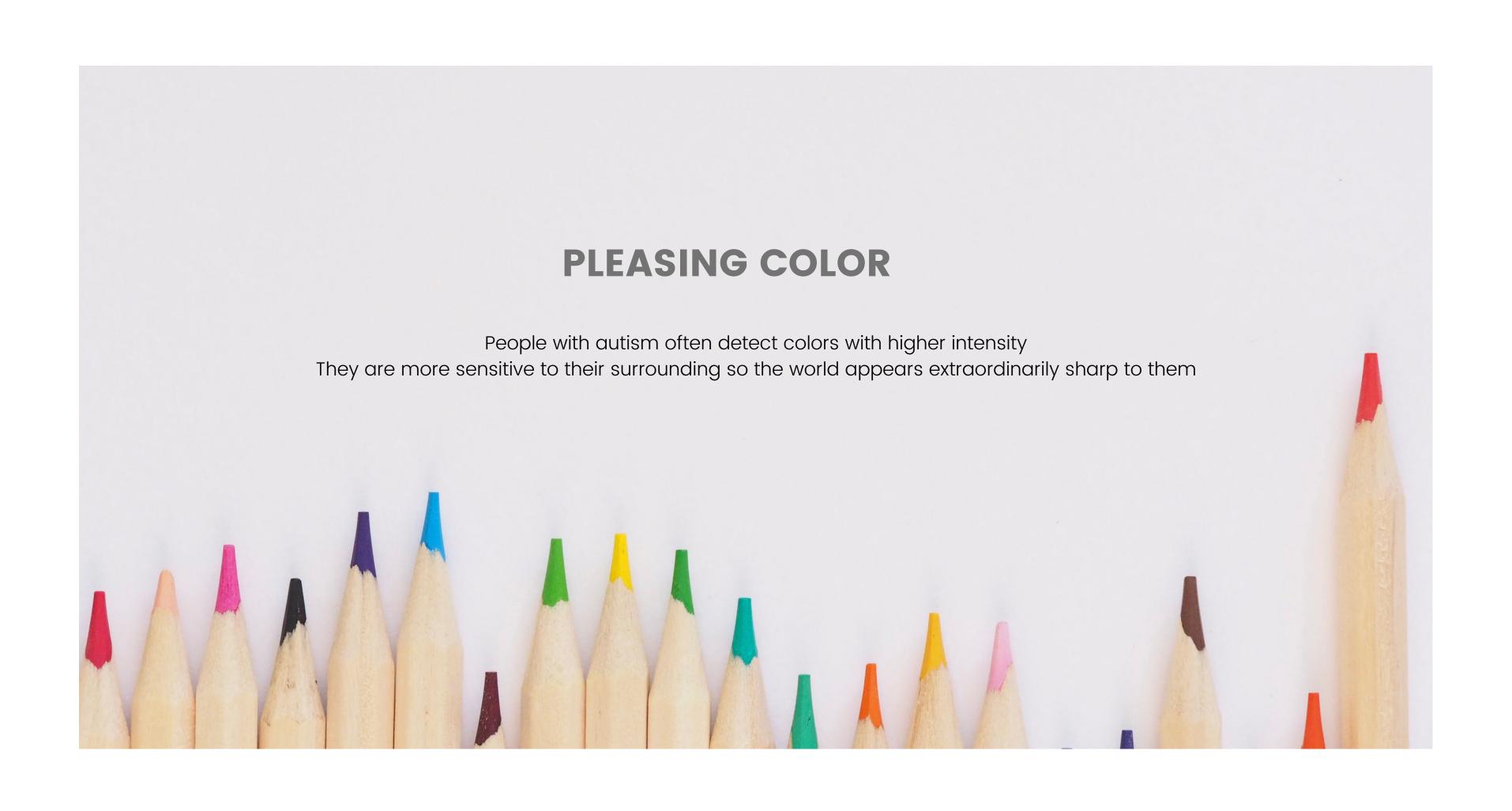


No too much functionalities

Users can use the materials in the database or they can also import resources





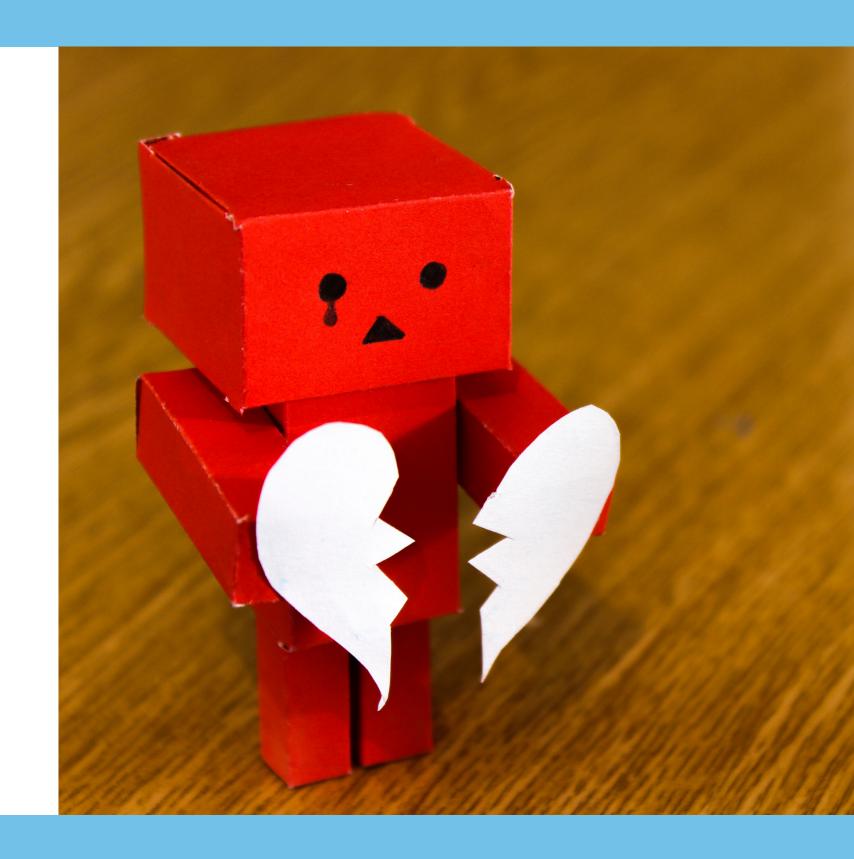


USER CASE

Cathy, how to make you happy?

Cathy is a girl with autism spectrum. She is 8 years old, and is afraid of animals. Cathy suffers temper outburst when animals are in sight (like a dog). She might leave the class and go to another classroom and does not get calm for a long time.

Cathy's parents and her teachers know Cathy enjoy watching Peppa Pig and singing songs of it when she feels happy.



ILLUSTRATION

Save Cathy from the stress

So Cathy's heart beats fast and she jumps repeatedly. The application in the smartwatch (heart rate monitor and accelerometer) detects the stressful situation and triggers the strategy programmed by her mother. The watch vibrates and plays audio (her mother's sweet voice, or her favorite song), catching Cathy's attention. A gif of Peppa Pig is displayed in the screen. Cathy starts to sing the opening song of this show and she notices the images change if she touches the screen. After browsing all images, she breathes in and out following the pictograms. At the end of breathing exercise, a message with a picture is shown: "Well done, Cathy, you are the best!"

Cathy feels happy.



FINAL WORD

Accept. Understand. Love.