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## Part A — Literature Review (concise synthesis)

### 1. Field summary

- **Passive sensing** (smartphone + wearable sensors + environmental sensors) can yield predictive signals for mood, depression, stress, and relapse risk when combined with ML approaches (feature engineering + temporal models). Evidence across multiple longitudinal studies supports this potential. [MDPI+1](#)
- **Multimodal fusion** (accelerometer, GPS/location entropy, phone usage, device interaction, heart rate/HRV, sleep, conversation/activity proxies) outperforms single-modality approaches in most reviewed work. Systematic reviews show multimodal pipelines and careful preprocessing are common best practices. [MDPI](#)
- **Generalization is a core challenge**: models trained on one longitudinal dataset often fail to generalize to others without adaptation (domain shift, sensor heterogeneity, demographics). Cross-study generalization efforts show mixed success and call for personalization and transfer-learning strategies. [PubMed Central](#)

### 2. Key datasets / deployments & clinical validation

- **StudentLife (Dartmouth)** — large college-student longitudinal dataset linking smartphone sensing to GPA, stress, depression measures (PHQ-9), social and sleep behavior. Demonstrates feasibility of week-level depression prediction. [studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu+1](http://studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu+1)
- **CrossCheck** — deployed clinical study with people with schizophrenia; integrates EMA, passive sensing, and clinician-verified outcomes; provides lessons about engagement, privacy, and clinical workflow integration. [PubMed Central+1](#)

- Multiple smaller/clinical trials (JMIR/Journals) and more recent scoping/systematic reviews (JMIR 2025, Sensors 2024) summarize evidence and note the need for stronger clinical validation pathways. [PubMed Central+1](#)

### 3. Typical ML architectures and performance measures

- **Feature extraction:** time-series summarization (hourly/daily buckets), activity counts, sleep duration, circadian regularity, location entropy, call/SMS/interaction counts, phone unlock patterns, HRV metrics when available.
- **Models:** Random Forests / Gradient-boosted trees for interpretability and baseline; LSTM / CNN-LSTM and transformer-style temporal models to capture dynamics; personalized models (fine-tuning) for better individual performance. [MDPI+1](#)
- **Evaluation:** AUC, F1, precision/recall, MAE for continuous severity. Reported accuracies vary widely depending on task/time-window/labels (week-level detection tends to be easier than day-level). Cross-study AUCs typically range from modest (~0.65) to strong (~0.9) depending on label quality and personalization. [PubMed Central+1](#)

### 4. Privacy, ethics, and deployment concerns

- **Privacy-first design** is essential: collect minimum necessary features, on-device preprocessing, differential privacy or federated learning where possible, robust consent and data governance. Clinical deployments (CrossCheck) require strict IRB and clinical workflows. [PubMed Central](#)
- **Sensor heterogeneity & missing data:** device differences (Android vs iOS, wearable vendors) and adherence dropouts require robust imputation and confidence/uncertainty modeling. [MDPI](#)

### 5. Gaps & research needs (from reviews)

- Larger multisite clinical trials with clinician-verified outcomes and prospective evaluation. [PubMed Central](#)
  - Standardized benchmarks / open datasets to compare methods and assess generalization. [PubMed Central](#)
  - Clear regulatory and validation pathways for clinical-grade use (medical device classification, CE/FDA when moving to clinical interventions). [PubMed Central](#)
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## Part B — Final Documentation: Software Requirements Specification (SRS)

*(High-level actionable SRS for an MVP “Passive Mood Detection System” suitable for research-to-clinic pipeline)*

### 1. Purpose & Scope

Deliver an application and backend that collects consenting users’ passive sensor data (smartphone + wearables), processes it securely, and produces per-user mood risk estimates and clinician-facing summaries with alerts for high-risk events. The system supports research and clinical pilots.

### 2. Stakeholders

- End users (patients/participants)
- Clinicians / mental health teams
- Researchers / data scientists
- Product owners / site admins
- Security & compliance officers

### 3. Definitions

- **EMA:** Ecological Momentary Assessment (short self-report surveys).
- **Bucket:** aggregation window (e.g., daily).
- **Model Score:** continuous risk/probability of depression/stress on a 0–1 scale.

### 4. High-level Functional Requirements (FRs)

#### FR1 — User onboarding & consent

- FR1.1: Provide informed consent UI with plain-language description of data recorded, storage, sharing, and opt-out.
- FR1.2: Collect demographic metadata (age bracket, gender, diagnosis if clinical pilot, language) with optional fields.

#### FR2 — Data collection (mobile + wearables)

- FR2.1: Passive smartphone sensors: accelerometer, gyroscope, GPS coarse location (hashed), screen on/off, app usage, call/text metadata (counts, NOT content), battery level, Bluetooth device presence.

- FR2.2: Wearable integration: heart rate / HRV, step count, sleep stages when available via vendor APIs (Fitbit, Garmin, Oura, Apple Health). Use vendor OAuth flows.
- FR2.3: EMA administration: deliver short surveys (mood, PHQ-2/PHQ-9 short form) at configurable schedules.

### **FR3 — Edge preprocessing**

- FR3.1: On-device preprocessing to compute derived features and reduce raw-data upload (feature extraction windows: 5m / 1h / 1d).
- FR3.2: Local encryption of cached data; upload over HTTPS when on Wi-Fi (policy configurable).

### **FR4 — Backend ingestion & storage**

- FR4.1: Ingest batched feature uploads; store encrypted-at-rest.
- FR4.2: Support multi-tenant separation (research studies/clinical sites).
- FR4.3: Implement retention and deletion policies per consent (e.g., delete raw audio immediately; retain derived features for X months).

### **FR5 — ML pipeline**

- FR5.1: Feature normalization and missing data handling modules.
- FR5.2: Baseline models: Random Forest + temporal LSTM ensemble. Support per-user personalization (fine-tune using 2-week calibration window).
- FR5.3: Provide uncertainty/confidence metric with each prediction; withhold alerts unless confidence > threshold.
- FR5.4: Versioned models + A/B testing support.

### **FR6 — Alerts & clinician dashboard**

- FR6.1: Dashboard showing longitudinal trends, risk score, EMA responses, and explanationable features driving alerts (top-5 features).
- FR6.2: Alerting workflows: email/SMS/push notification to clinician or care team; include risk level and suggested next steps.
- FR6.3: Audit logs for all clinician actions and alerts.

### **FR7 — APIs & integrations**

- FR7.1: REST API endpoints for retrieving aggregated data, scores, and reports.
- FR7.2: FHIR/HL7 integration for EHR interoperability (optional for clinical pilots).
- FR7.3: Vendor connectors: Fitbit, Oura, Garmin, Apple HealthKit, Google Fit / Health Connect.

## 5. Non-functional Requirements (NFRs)

- NFR1: **Security** — All data encrypted in transit (TLS 1.2+) and at rest (AES-256). Role-based access control (RBAC).
- NFR2: **Privacy & Compliance** — Support HIPAA-equivalent safeguards for US deployments; GDPR compliance for EU users (data subject access/deletion).
- NFR3: **Availability** — 99.5% system uptime for core ingestion/data access.
- NFR4: **Latency** — Feature batches processed within 5 minutes of upload; dashboard updated hourly.
- NFR5: **Scalability** — Support scaling to 10k active users in pilot, with horizontal scaling of ingestion and ML inference.
- NFR6: **Explainability** — For any clinical alert, include top contributing features and confidence level.

## 6. Data & Privacy Specifications

- Collect minimum necessary; never collect raw audio content; extract only voice activity counts and short hashed features if needed (and only after IRB approval). CrossCheck & StudentLife practices recommend **remove/avoid raw content**. [PubMed Central+1](#)
- Use pseudonymization: store PII separately from sensor streams with key management.
- Provide user controls for data export and deletion.

## 7. ML Evaluation & Clinical Validation Plan

- **Phase 0 — Retrospective validation:** use existing datasets (StudentLife, CrossCheck-like datasets, and in-house collected datasets) to benchmark (AUC, F1, calibration). [studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu+1](#)
- **Phase 1 — Pilot (n≈100):** 4–8 week passive + EMA data collection; compare model outputs to validated clinical scales (PHQ-9 weekly) and clinician assessment. Use pre-registered analysis plan. [PubMed Central](#)
- **Phase 2 — Clinical trial:** multisite prospective validation with clinician endpoints and safety protocols; plan for regulatory consultation if using for clinical decision support.

## 8. Implementation Notes & Best Practices (from reviews)

- **Personalization** is often required — plan for a short calibration period per user (commonly 1–2 weeks). [PubMed Central](#)

- **Cross-study generalization:** include domain-adaptation or meta-learning strategies for better transfer. [PubMed Central](#)
- **Clinician workflow:** present concise, actionable summaries — raw risk probability alone is not enough. CrossCheck experience shows integration with clinicians is crucial for real-world usefulness. [PubMed Central](#)

## 9. Risk Analysis & Mitigations

- **False positives:** produce unnecessary alarm — mitigate via thresholds, confidence gating, human-in-the-loop review.
- **Privacy breach:** implement strong encryption, key rotation, and breach response plan.
- **Bias & fairness:** test models across demographics; include fairness metrics in reporting.

## 10. Acceptance Criteria (MVP)

- Successful enrollment and consent flow.
  - Continuous passive data ingestion from smartphone + one wearable vendor.
  - Baseline ML model produces daily mood score, with documented  $AUC \geq 0.70$  on held-out internal pilot dataset.
  - Clinician dashboard with alerts, explanations, and audit logs.
  - IRB approval and privacy review completed for pilot.
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## Appendices

### Appendix A — Short summarized findings (by paper category)

- **Systematic reviews (Sensors 2024, JMIR 2025):** summarize trends, sensors used, typical pipelines, and highlight need for better clinical trials. [MDPI+1](#)
- **Cross-study generalization (PLOS ONE 2022):** demonstrates domain shift issues and the value of personalization/transfer learning. [PubMed Central](#)
- **StudentLife and deployment studies:** successful college-student longitudinal predictions linking behavior to PHQ-9 / stress; practical lessons on adherence and label collection. [studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu+1](#)
- **CrossCheck and schizophrenia deployments:** clinical integration lessons, EMA + passive sensing synergy, and ethical/operational considerations for severe mental illness contexts. [PubMed Central+1](#)



## Appendix B — Recommended immediate next steps (practical)

1. **Select pilot population & IRB:** define inclusion/exclusion and get approvals (clinical vs. general research).
  2. **Instrument apps:** build mobile SDK with on-device feature extraction + secure upload.
  3. **Select wearable vendor** for pilot (Fitbit or Oura) and implement OAuth connector.
  4. **Assemble baseline datasets:** obtain StudentLife-style datasets (public or collaboration) and re-run baseline models to reproduce performance. [studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu](http://studentlife.cs.dartmouth.edu)
  5. **Run 8-week internal pilot (n=50–100)** and measure model metrics & clinician feedback.
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## Notes about coverage & limitations of this document

- I synthesized the document from the primary reviews and representative study papers you provided. For an **exhaustive** academic systematic review or a full SRS with contractual/regulatory language, we should iterate with direct access to full-text PDFs of each paper and any internal policy/regulatory constraints (HIPAA, GDPR, local regs).
- The SRS is intentionally scoped for an *MVP/pilot* to get to validated clinical utility; elements for production medical-device certification (e.g., IEC 62304, FDA SaMD guidance) are mentioned at a high level but not expanded into certification checklists.

