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Abstract

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Results

The aggregated data-set describes 193,318 observations of daily physical activity and sleep from 24,752 unique participants. Table 1 shows demographic information for all participants. A table of study characteristics can be found in supplementary materials.

The effects of physical activity volume on sleep

We estimated the effects of physical activity on sleep (RQ1) using mixed-effects models. We estimated the effect of physical activity volume on sleep by age, and the results are presented in Table 2 and Figure 1. There was no meaningful relationship between physical activity volume and sleep duration. However, we observed a curvilinear relationship between physical activity volume and sleep efficiency, onset, and regularity, all of which interacted with age. Sleep efficiency improved with greater physical activity volume, but improvements tapered off for older individuals. Physical activity volume and sleep onset had a positive association for younger individuals, but a negative association for older individuals, where sleep onset was reduced among those with the highest physical activity. There was a strong positive association between physical activity volume and sleep regularity, which was strongest among older participants. For participants aged 35 years and above, this link weakened among those with a physical activity volume greater than two standard deviations.

The effects of physical activity intensity on sleep

We estimated how physical activity intensity affects sleep across different age groups. We present the results controlling for sex, SES, and BMI, in Table 2 and Figure 2. We found that higher physical activity intensity is directly proportional to longer sleep duration and better sleep efficiency. In the case of older participants, physical activity intensity had a

U-shaped relationship with sleep onset, meaning that individuals with very low or very high physical activity intensity had longer sleep onset. We also found a strong link between physical activity intensity and improved sleep regularity, which weakened at higher intensity levels.

The effects of sleep duration on physical activity

We estimated the effect of sleep duration on physical activity by age. Results, controlling for sex, SES, and BMI are presented in Table 3 and Figure 3. As age increases, both physical activity volume and intensity decrease. We found a subtle inverted U-shaped relationship between average sleep duration and physical activity volume, where the highest volume of physical activity was linked to average sleep duration.

The effects of sleep efficiency on physical activity

We estimated the effect of sleep efficiency on physical activity by age. Results, controlling for sex, SES, and BMI are presented in Table 3 and Figure 4. We did not find a relationship between physical activity volume and sleep efficiency. However, there was a subtle U-shaped relationship where individuals with above-average sleep efficiency engaged in more intense physical activity.

The effects of sleep onset on physical activity

We estimated the effect of sleep onset on physical activity by age. Results, controlling for sex, SES, and BMI are presented in Table 3 and Figure 5. There were strong U-shaped relationships where average sleep onset was linked to the highest levels of physical activity volume and intensity. The U-shaped relationship between sleep onset and physical activity volume attenuated for older participants.

The effects of sleep regularity on physical activity

We estimated the effect of sleep regularity on physical activity by age. Results, controlling for sex, SES, and BMI are presented in Table 3 and Figure 6. There was a U-shaped relationship between sleep regularity and physical activity volume. Participants with below-average sleep regularity tended to have average physical activity volume. Increases in regularity above the average were linked to greater physical activity volume. There was a strong linear relationship between sleep regularity and physical activity intensity which slightly attenuated with age. Greater sleep regularity was associated with greater physical activity the following day.

Table 1

Participant characteristics

Characteristic	Age group				
	2-11 years	12-18 years	19-35 years	36-65 years	66+ years
Numeric variables					
N	10,065	3,431	373	4,187	6,615
Valid weartime hours	21.77 (3.03)	21.20 (3.97)	21.06 (3.46)	22.57 (2.49)	23.78 (1.03)
PA volume	43.68 (25.56)	42.28 (16.83)	41.37 (11.44)	39.80 (13.35)	31.23 (10.39)
PA intensity	-2.11 (0.19)	-2.20 (0.19)	-2.35 (0.20)	-2.50 (0.19)	-2.67 (0.22)
Sleep duration	429.14 (120.91)	374.98 (131.77)	334.95 (108.40)	399.97 (70.13)	397.38 (74.34)
Sleep efficiency	0.78 (0.12)	0.81 (0.15)	0.87 (0.10)	0.87 (0.07)	0.86 (0.06)
Sleep onset	20.89 (1.14)	22.17 (2.03)	24.03 (1.73)	23.66 (1.37)	24.41 (1.32)
Sleep regularity	54.58 (12.72)	54.07 (13.28)	53.13 (13.30)	59.11 (11.76)	54.68 (12.59)
Age	9.58 (1.36)	13.73 (2.40)	22.56 (6.04)	57.77 (6.91)	72.22 (4.74)
BMI	17.98 (3.28)	20.43 (4.01)	24.77 (5.94)	26.99 (4.92)	27.08 (4.41)
Accelerometer Wear Location					
Hip	7,487 (74.39%)	1,321 (38.50%)	-	-	-
Wrist	2,578 (25.61%)	2,110 (61.50%)	373 (100.00%)	4,187 (100.00%)	6,615 (100.00%)
Region					
Africa	910 (9.04%)	175 (5.10%)	-	-	-
Asia	635 (6.31%)	95 (2.77%)	-	-	-
Europe	3,002 (29.83%)	1,238 (36.08%)	107 (28.69%)	3,772 (90.09%)	6,612 (99.95%)
North america	1,342 (13.33%)	85 (2.48%)	-	-	-
Oceania	1,798 (17.86%)	694 (20.23%)	146 (39.14%)	415 (9.91%)	3 (0.05%)
South america	2,378 (23.63%)	1,144 (33.34%)	120 (32.17%)	-	-
Season					
Autumn	3,310 (32.89%)	821 (23.93%)	34 (9.12%)	1,003 (23.96%)	1,412 (21.35%)
Spring	2,320 (23.05%)	1,718 (50.07%)	272 (72.92%)	1,145 (27.35%)	2,149 (32.49%)

Table 1 continued

Characteristic	Age group				
	2-11 years	12-18 years	19-35 years	36-65 years	66+ years
Summer	1,260 (12.52%)	372 (10.84%)	30 (8.04%)	956 (22.83%)	1,364 (20.62%)
Winter	3,175 (31.54%)	520 (15.16%)	37 (9.92%)	1,083 (25.87%)	1,690 (25.55%)
Sex					
Female	5,259 (52.25%)	1,757 (51.21%)	232 (62.20%)	2,250 (53.74%)	2,739 (41.41%)
Male	4,806 (47.75%)	1,674 (48.79%)	141 (37.80%)	1,937 (46.26%)	3,876 (58.59%)
Sleep Conditions Reported					
Yes	49 (0.49%)	1 (0.03%)	-	268 (6.40%)	690 (10.43%)
Socioeconomic Status					
Low	3,576 (35.53%)	898 (26.17%)	67 (17.96%)	1,180 (28.18%)	2,505 (37.87%)
Medium	2,798 (27.80%)	1,228 (35.79%)	148 (39.68%)	1,681 (40.15%)	2,589 (39.14%)
High	3,691 (36.67%)	1,305 (38.04%)	158 (42.36%)	1,326 (31.67%)	1,521 (22.99%)

Note. For categorical variables the value is the count, and percentage. For numeric variables the value is the Mean and SD.

N = 24,752

Table 2

Physical activity on sleep controlling for SES, gender and BMI

Term	Physical Activity Volume				Physical Activity Intensity			
	β [95% CI]	SE	t	p	β [95% CI]	SE	t	p
Sleep duration								
(Intercept)	0.81 [0.66, 0.97]	0.08	10.26	< .001	0.77 [0.62, 0.92]	0.08	9.76	< .001
Physical activity	-0.01 [-0.04, 0.02]	0.02	-0.60	.559	0.05 [0.00, 0.10]	0.03	2.05	.057
Age	-0.01 [-0.01, -0.01]	0.00	-15.72	< .001	-0.01 [-0.01, -0.01]	0.00	-14.64	< .001
Physical activity ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.01]	0.00	0.77	.454	0.00 [-0.02, 0.03]	0.01	0.35	.729
Physical activity \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	1.14	.257	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-1.43	.160
Age \times Physical activity ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.15	.890	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-1.30	.193
Sleep efficiency								
(Intercept)	-0.31 [-0.47, -0.15]	0.08	-3.87	.001	-0.36 [-0.52, -0.20]	0.08	-4.33	< .001
Physical activity	0.10 [0.05, 0.14]	0.02	4.41	.011	0.05 [0.01, 0.10]	0.02	2.36	.019
Age	0.01 [0.01, 0.01]	0.00	14.27	< .001	0.01 [0.01, 0.01]	0.00	13.71	< .001
Physical activity ²	0.00 [-0.01, 0.01]	0.00	-0.70	.518	0.01 [-0.01, 0.04]	0.01	0.99	.329
Physical activity \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-2.93	.022	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-2.13	.033
Age \times Physical activity ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.05	.961	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-1.26	.223
Sleep onset								
(Intercept)	-1.25 [-1.38, -1.12]	0.07	-18.43	< .001	-1.22 [-1.35, -1.09]	0.07	-18.13	< .001
Physical activity	0.05 [0.03, 0.07]	0.01	4.82	< .001	-0.02 [-0.05, 0.01]	0.02	-1.41	.159
Age	0.02 [0.02, 0.02]	0.00	31.29	< .001	0.02 [0.02, 0.02]	0.00	28.59	< .001
Physical activity ²	0.00 [-0.01, 0.01]	0.00	-0.43	.694	-0.02 [-0.04, 0.00]	0.01	-1.61	.116
Physical activity \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-4.77	.001	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.82	.415
Age \times Physical activity ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.25	.810	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	2.73	.006
Sleep regularity								
(Intercept)	0.11 [-0.07, 0.29]	0.09	1.17	.263	0.04 [-0.13, 0.21]	0.09	0.46	.653
Physical activity	0.12 [0.09, 0.16]	0.02	6.97	< .001	0.20 [0.16, 0.25]	0.02	8.88	< .001

Table 2 continued

Term	Physical Activity Volume				Physical Activity Intensity			
	β [95% CI]	SE	t	p	β [95% CI]	SE	t	p
Age	0.00 [0.00, 0.01]	0.00	6.17	< .001	0.01 [0.00, 0.01]	0.00	6.55	< .001
Physical activity ²	0.00 [-0.01, 0.01]	0.01	0.29	.793	-0.03 [-0.06, 0.00]	0.02	-2.00	.068
Physical activity \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.03	.980	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-5.79	< .001
Age \times Physical activity ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.62	.593	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.02	.986

Note. Adjusted for SES, BMI, and sex.

Table 3

Sleep on physical activity controlling for SES, gender and BMI

Term	Physical Activity Volume				Physical Activity Intensity			
	β	SE	t	p	β	SE	t	p
Sleep duration (Intercept)	0.57 [0.41, 0.73]	0.08	6.93	< .001	1.21 [1.08, 1.34]	0.07	18.08	< .001
Sleep duration	0.03 [0.00, 0.07]	0.02	1.81	.147	0.00 [-0.02, 0.03]	0.01	0.41	.690
Age	-0.01 [-0.01, 0.00]	0.00	-7.59	< .001	-0.02 [-0.02, -0.02]	0.00	-32.01	< .001
Sleep duration ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.01]	0.00	0.84	.426	0.00 [0.00, 0.01]	0.00	0.73	.487
Sleep duration \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-1.72	.106	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.60	.552
Age \times Sleep duration ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.03	.981	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-1.66	.147
Sleep efficiency (Intercept)	0.59 [0.43, 0.76]	0.08	7.01	< .001	1.22 [1.09, 1.35]	0.07	18.64	< .001
Sleep efficiency	0.02 [0.00, 0.05]	0.01	2.06	.058	0.01 [-0.01, 0.03]	0.01	0.74	.481
Age	-0.01 [-0.01, 0.00]	0.00	-7.98	< .001	-0.02 [-0.02, -0.02]	0.00	-29.32	< .001
Sleep efficiency ²	0.00 [-0.01, 0.00]	0.00	-0.87	.402	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.21	.837
Sleep efficiency \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.04	.965	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.16	.875
Age \times Sleep efficiency ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.41	.685	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.16	.882
Sleep onset (Intercept)	0.73 [0.51, 0.94]	0.11	6.63	< .001	1.25 [1.11, 1.38]	0.07	18.30	< .001
Sleep onset	0.13 [0.03, 0.22]	0.05	2.58	.091	0.01 [-0.02, 0.04]	0.02	0.73	.468
Age	-0.01 [-0.01, -0.01]	0.00	-7.79	< .001	-0.02 [-0.02, -0.02]	0.00	-30.25	< .001
Sleep onset ²	-0.05 [-0.10, 0.00]	0.03	-1.86	.170	-0.02 [-0.03, 0.00]	0.01	-2.29	.022
Sleep onset \times age	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-2.60	.071	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.22	.828
Age \times Sleep onset ²	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	2.06	.102	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]	0.00	1.48	.146
Sleep regularity (Intercept)	0.58 [0.41, 0.75]	0.09	6.63	< .001	1.22 [1.09, 1.35]	0.07	18.11	< .001
Sleep regularity	0.15 [0.12, 0.19]	0.02	9.65	< .001	0.09 [0.07, 0.12]	0.01	8.39	< .001

Table 3 continued

Term	Physical Activity Volume				Physical Activity Intensity					
	β	[95% CI]	SE	t	p	β	[95% CI]	SE	t	p
Age	-0.01	[-0.01, 0.00]	0.00	-8.06	< .001	-0.02	[-0.02, -0.02]	0.00	-30.09	< .001
Sleep regularity ²	0.00	[-0.01, 0.02]	0.01	0.49	.645	0.00	[-0.01, 0.01]	0.01	-0.27	.787
Sleep regularity \times age	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-4.74	.002	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-4.27	.003
Age \times Sleep regularity ²	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.00	-0.33	.749	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]	0.00	0.04	.970

Note. Adjusted for SES, BMI, and sex.

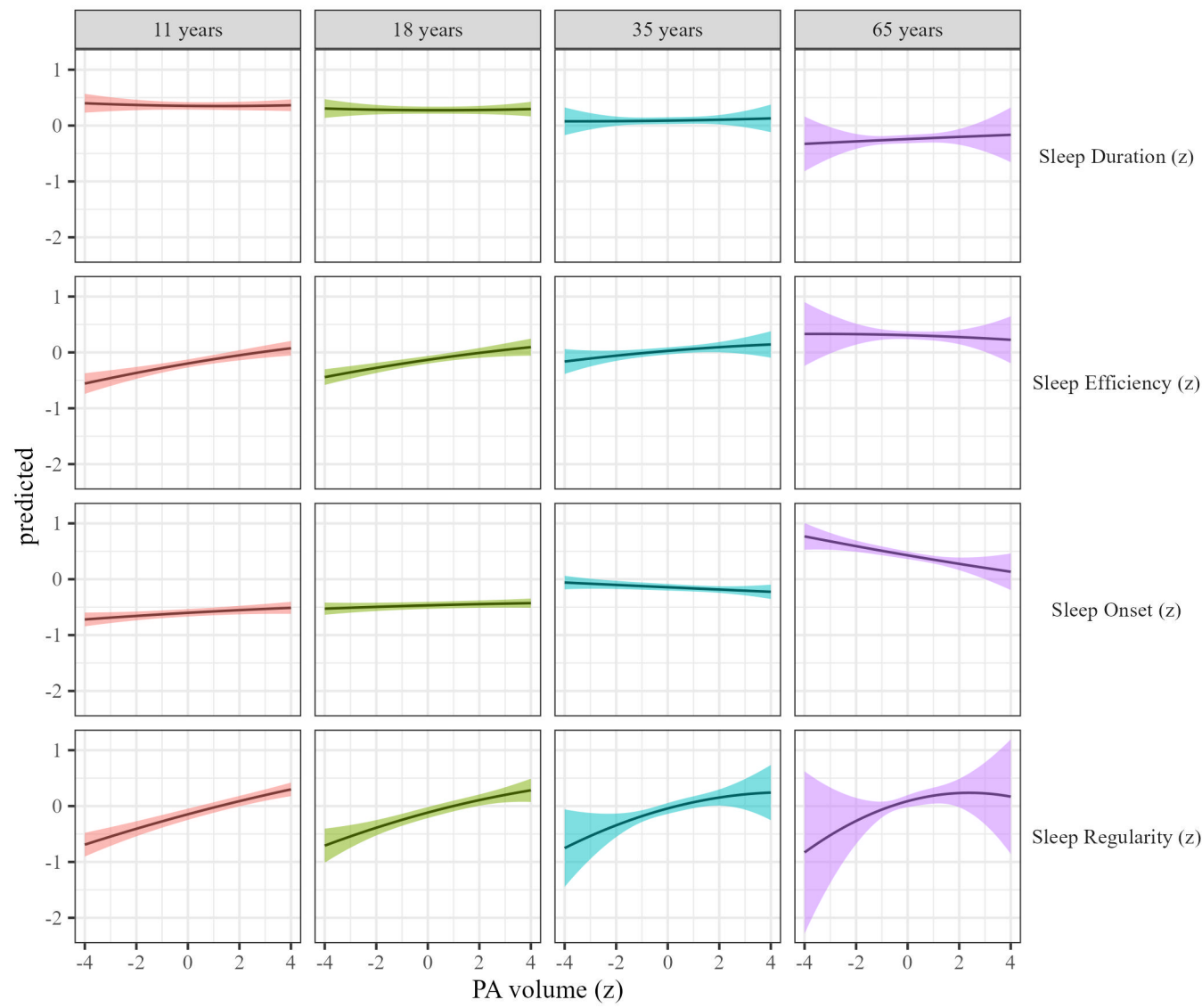


Figure 1. Sleep metrics on Physical activity volume

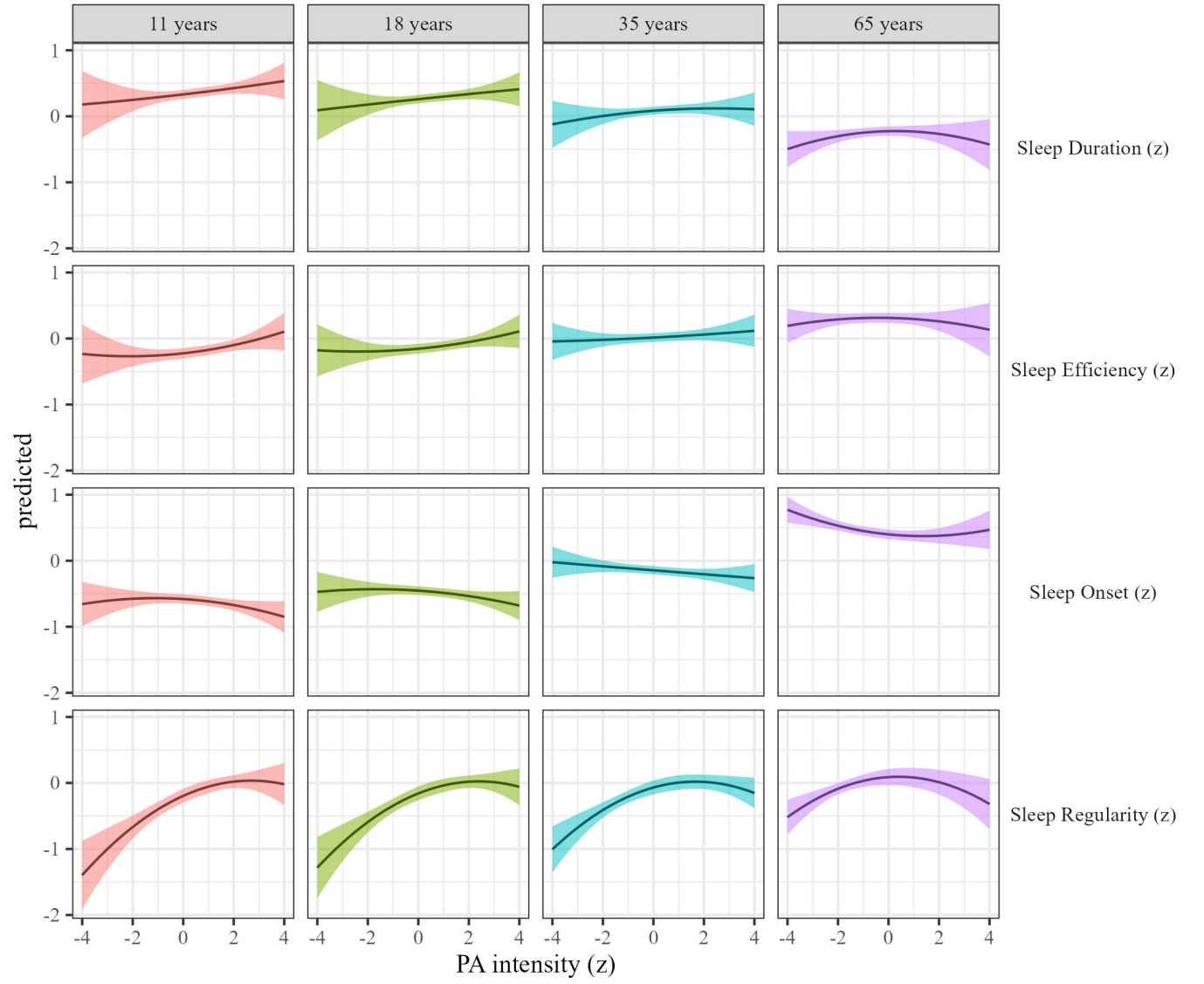


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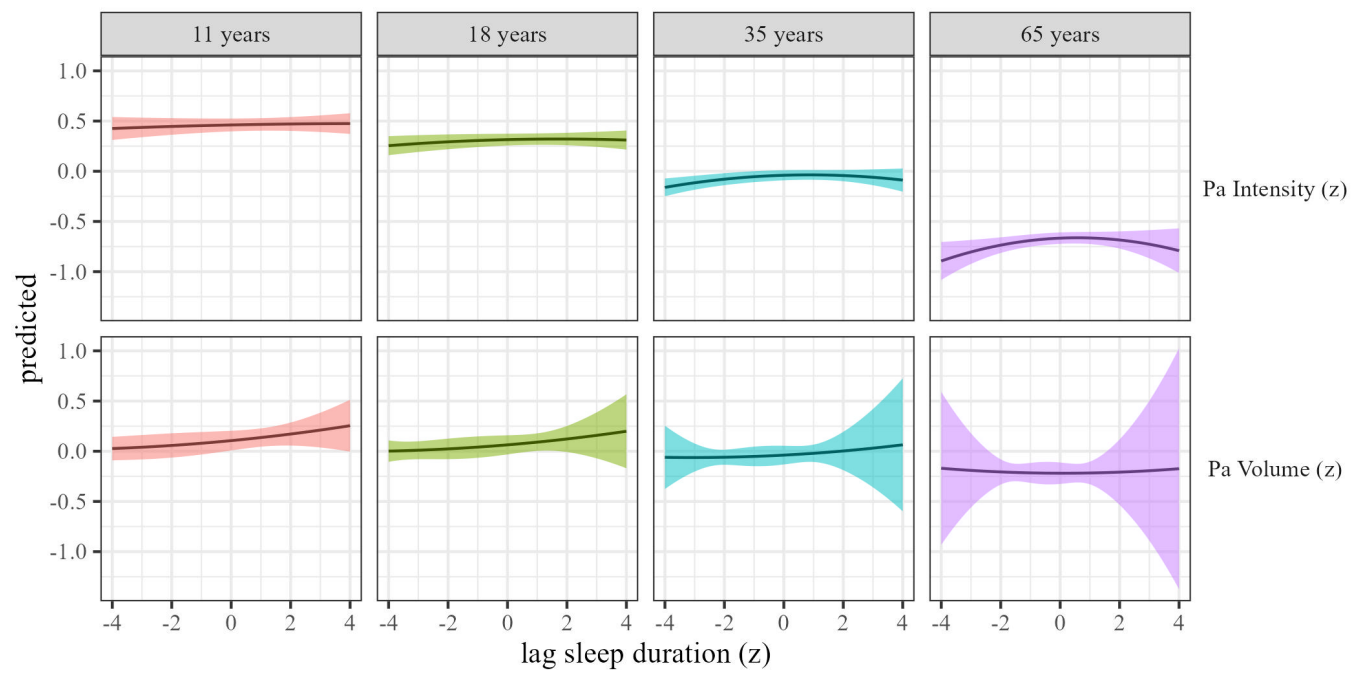


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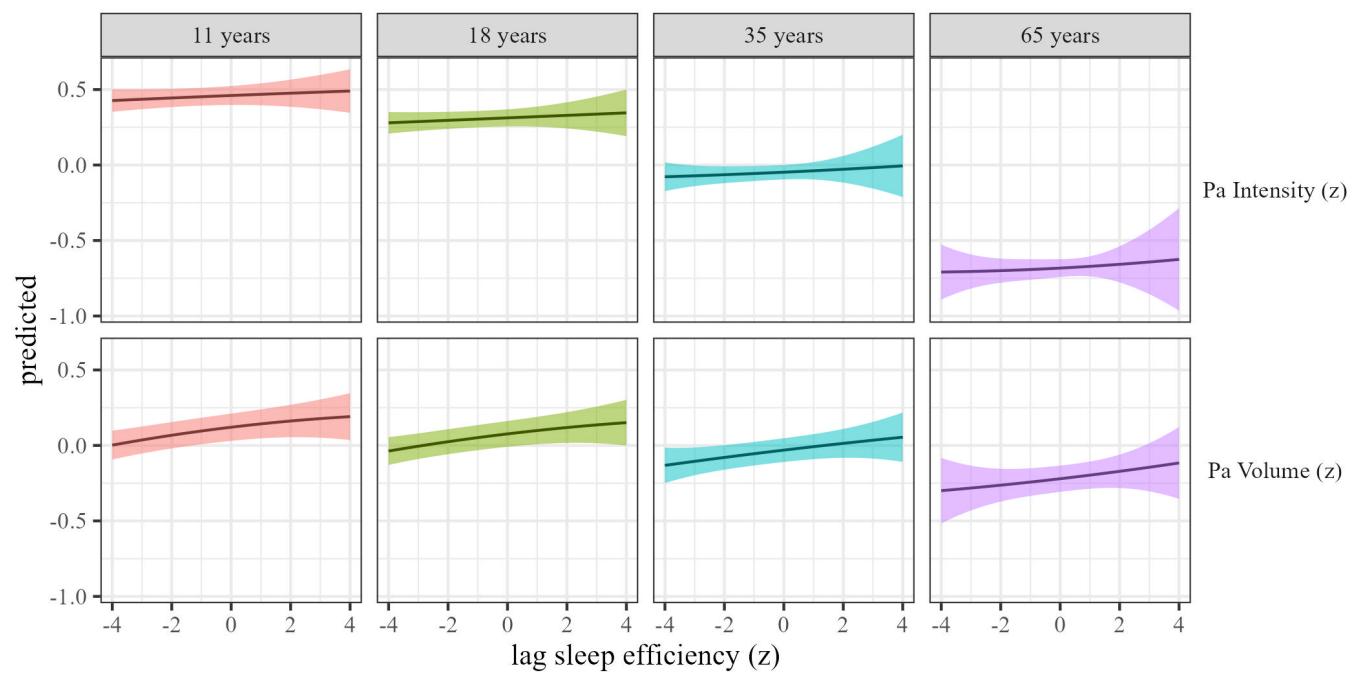


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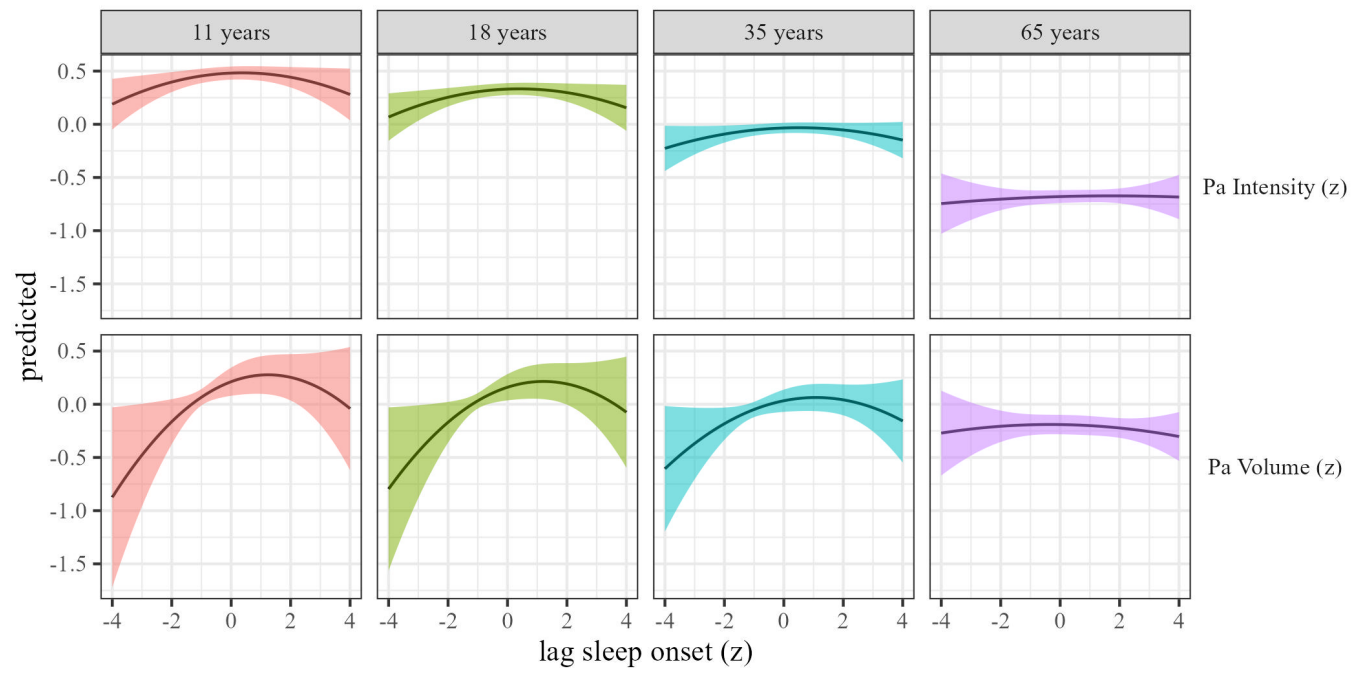


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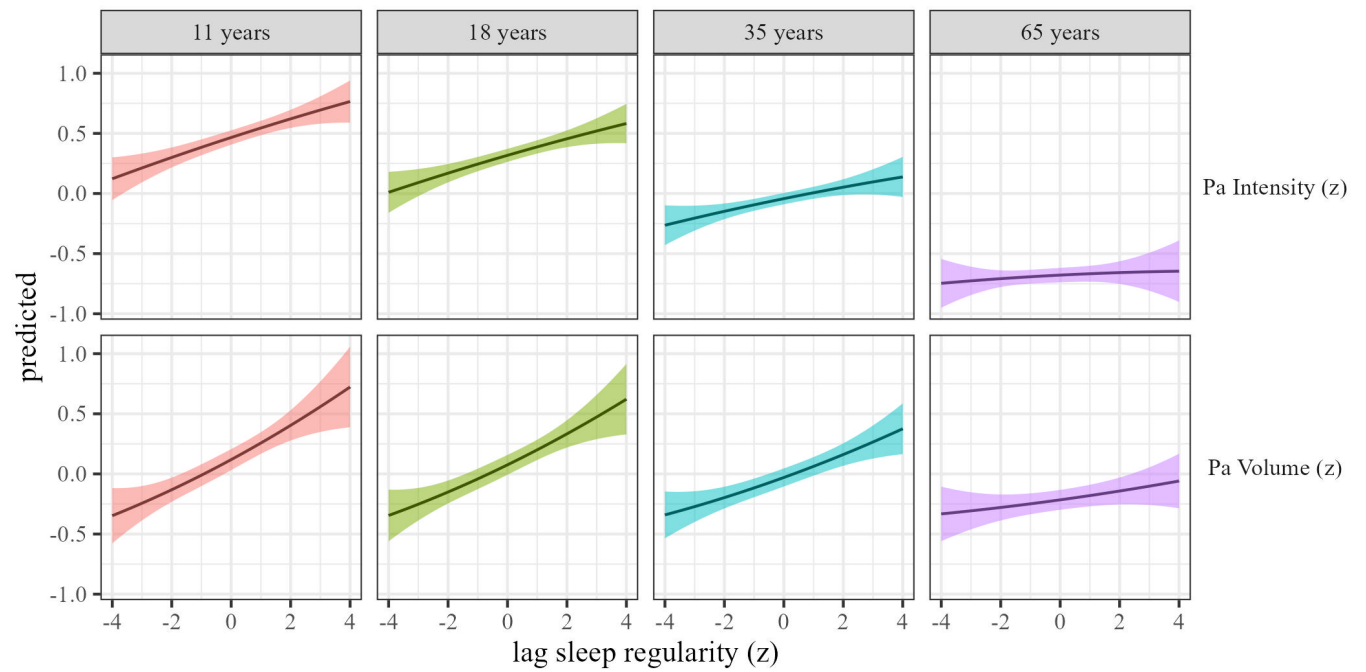


Figure 6. Physical activity by sleep regularity