

Capstone Report

# Predicting Emotional States Using Wearable Devices

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### **1. 1 in 5 Americans wear a fitness tracker to monitor factors important for a healthy life<sup>1</sup>**

- sleep
- physical activity
- cardiovascular health

### **2. Emotions also contribute to overall well-being**

- Chronic negative emotions can be detrimental to both mental and physical health<sup>2</sup>

### **3. Emotion detection technology could help users understand and relieve negative mood states**

1. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/01/09/about-one-in-five-americans-use-a-smart-watch-or-fitness-tracker/>

2. Salovey, Peter, et al. "Emotional states and physical health." *American psychologist* 55.1 (2000): 110.

# Can affective states be reliably recognized

From

Fitbit Data

From

Fitbit Data

Psychological Data

Demographic

Physical Health

## Data Description



### **Demographics**

Age  
Sex  
Income  
Marital Status  
Children  
BMI



### **Activity Tracker**

Steps  
Heart Rate  
Sleep



### **Psychometric**

Neuroticism  
Extraversion  
Ideal/Actual Emotion  
Activation/Inhibition  
Novelty Seeking  
Life Satisfaction  
Impulsiveness

## Data Description

How *calm, at rest, or serene*, do you feel right now?



enthusiastic, excited, elated?

fearful, hostile, nervous

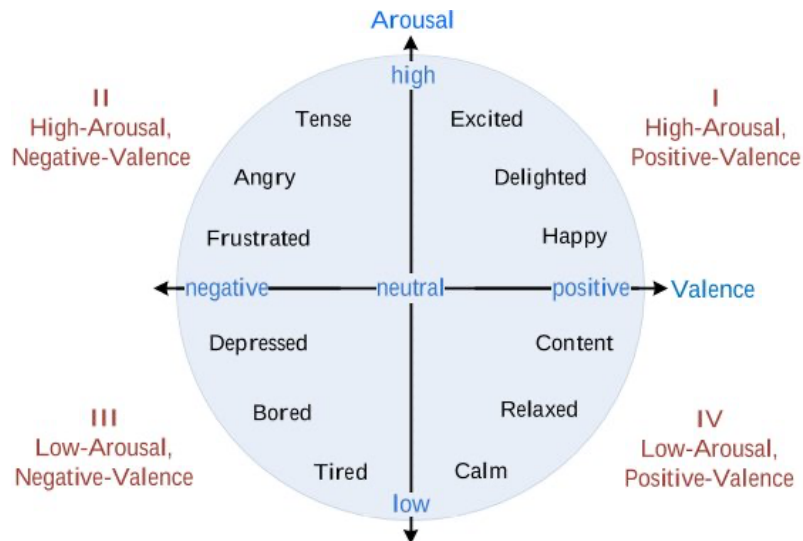
dull, sleepy, sluggish?

quiet, still, passive?

happy, satisfied, content?

sad, lonely, unhappy?

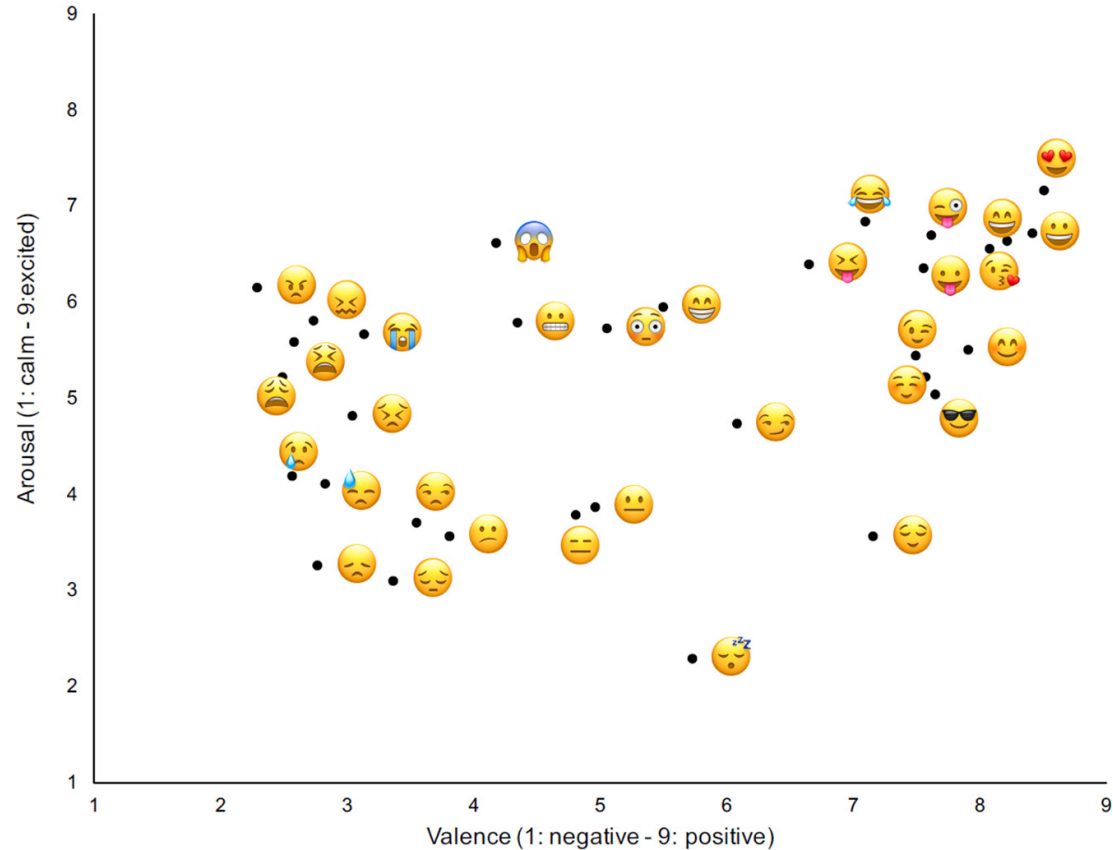
aroused, surprised, or astonished?



## Problem Definition

‘**Emotion**’ is a psychological construct composed of several features or dimensions

We decided to reduce the target variable into a single dimension:  
**Valence**



### We would like to know two things:

1. Is this subject experiencing a positive or negative emotional state?

$$\text{Positive Negative Emotion} = \begin{cases} 1, & \max(la_{-n_{s,i}}, n_{s,i}, ha_{-n_{s,i}}) \geq \max(la_{-p_{s,i}}, p_{s,i}, ha_{-p_{s,i}}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Is this subject happier or unhappier than his/her baseline level?

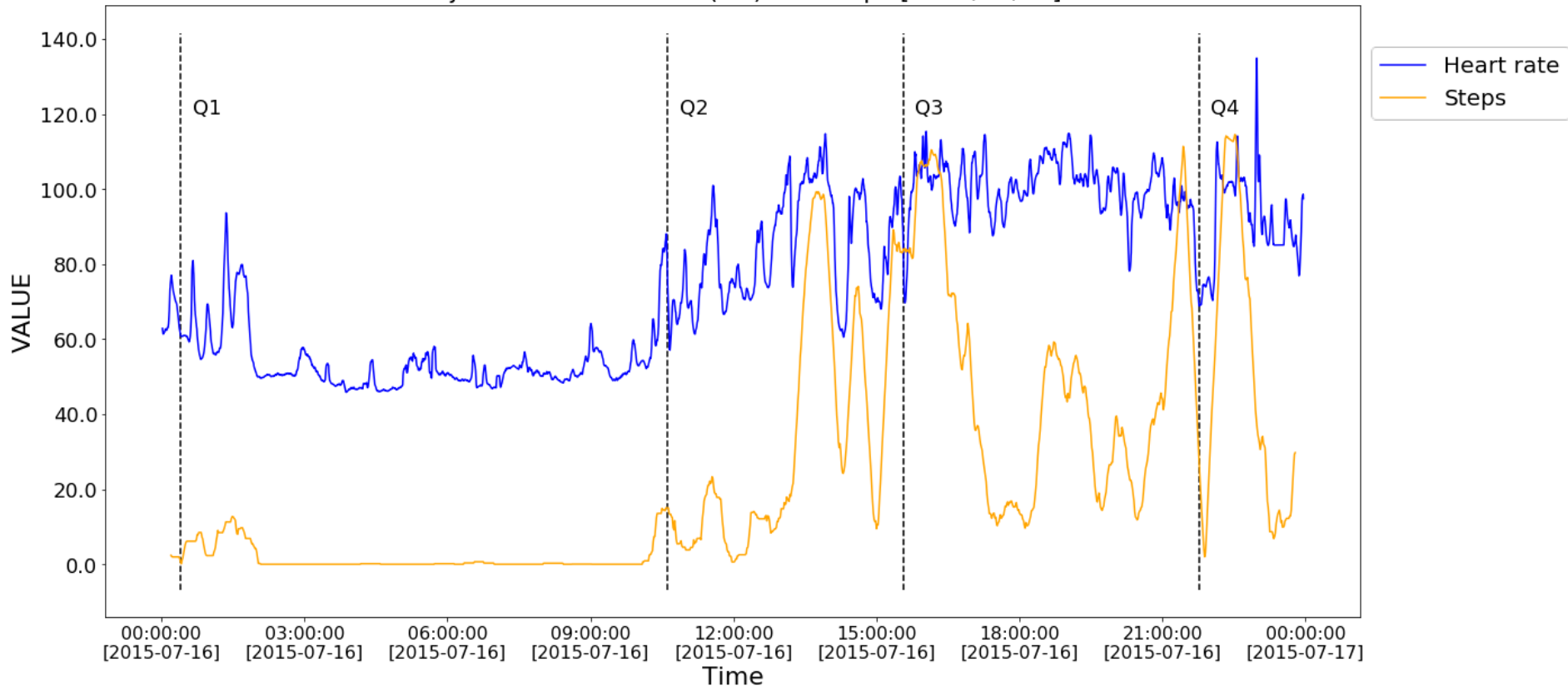
$$\text{Valence} = \frac{\text{High Arousal Positive}_{s,i} + \text{Low Arousal Positive}_{s,i} + \text{Positive}_{s,i}}{3} - \frac{\text{High Arousal Negative}_{s,i} + \text{Low Arousal Negative}_{s,i} + \text{Negative}_{s,i}}{3}$$

$$\text{Normalized valence} = \text{Valence}_{s,i} - \text{Median}(\text{Valence}_s)$$

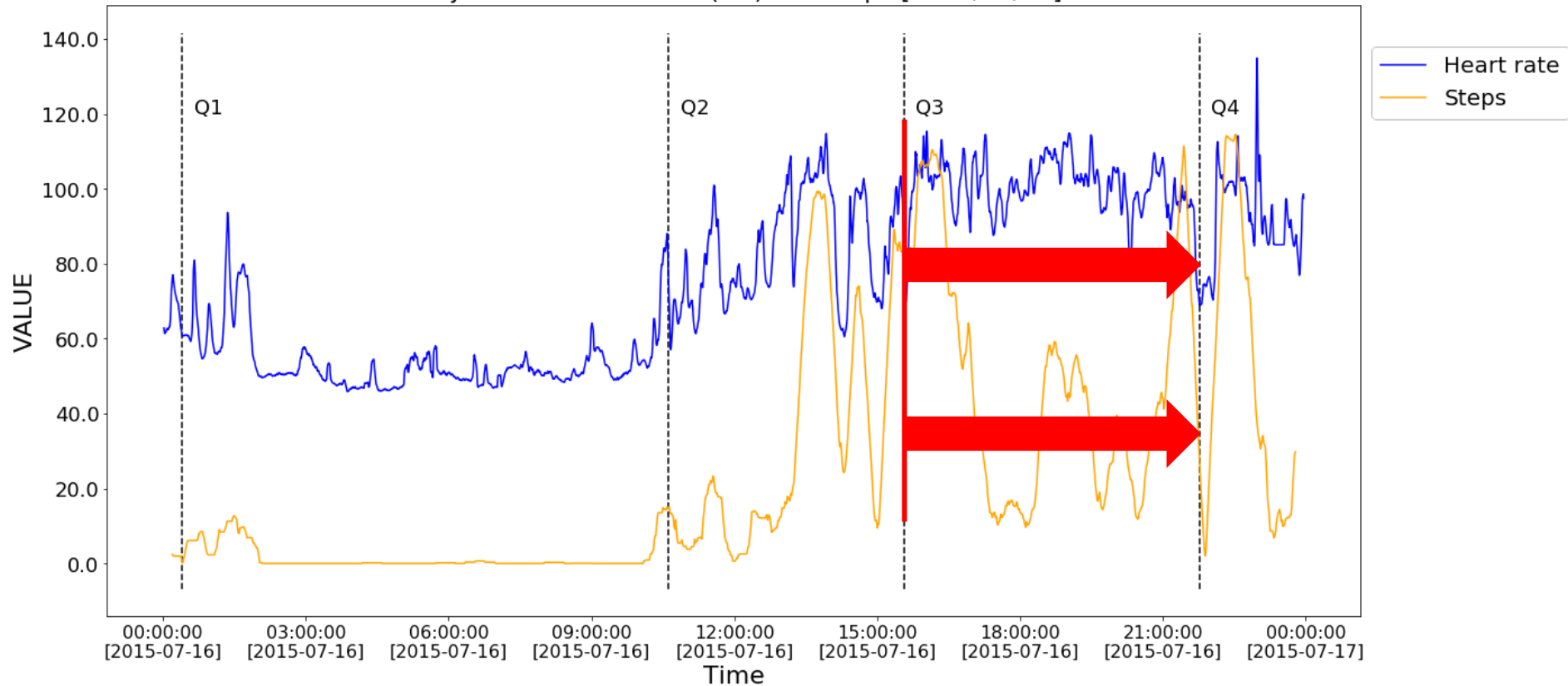
$$\text{Normalized valence (binary)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{Normalized Valence}_{s,i} > \text{Median}(\text{Valence}_s) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Subject 1002 heart-rate (HR) and steps [2015/07/16]



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Demographic data  
Subject 1002

Psychometric Tests  
Subject 1002

Subject  
1002  
Q4

Heart Rate  
Subject 1002  
Between Q3 to Q4

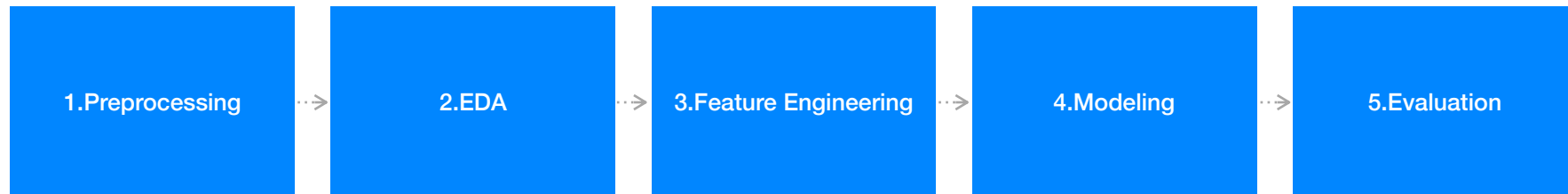
Steps  
Subject 1002  
Between Q3 to Q4

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Subject 1002 Q5	Demographic data Subject 1002	Psychometric Tests Subject 1002	Heart Rate Subject 1002 Between Q4 to Q5	Steps Subject 1002 Between Q4 to Q5
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## Modeling Outline



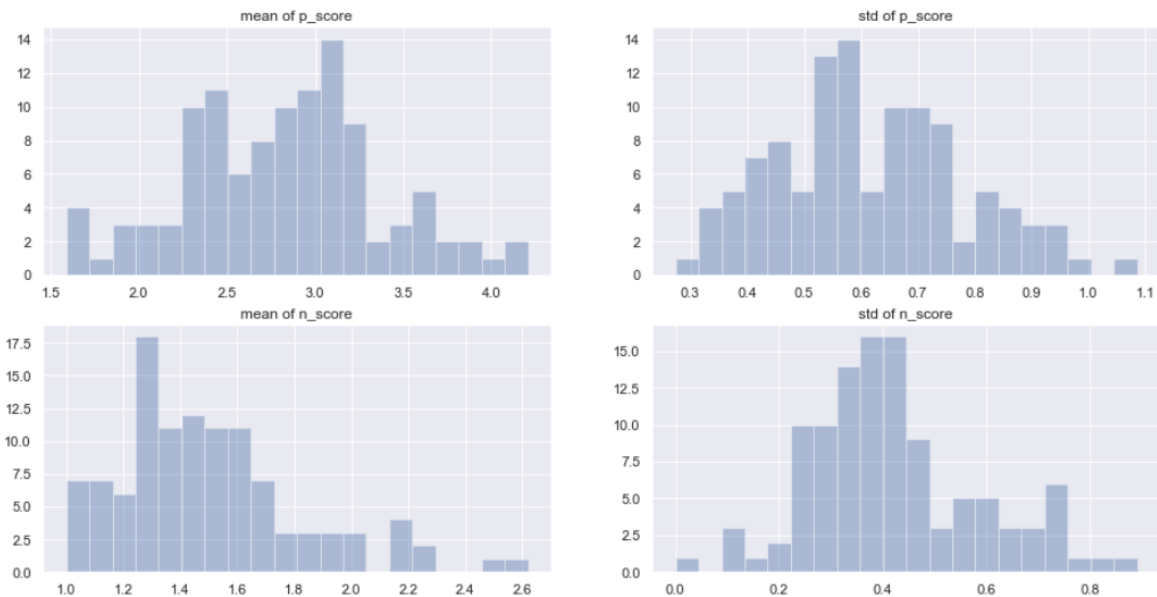
## EDA - By subject analysis

The subject level statistics indicates there is huge variance across subjects.

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p_score = mean(la_p, p, ha_p)
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n_score = mean(la_n, n, ha_n)
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Distributions of subject-level statistics



# Feature Engineering

Emotional Status

12:00 AM

11:59 PM

Activity tracking  
data (Steps & HR)

Feature Engineering

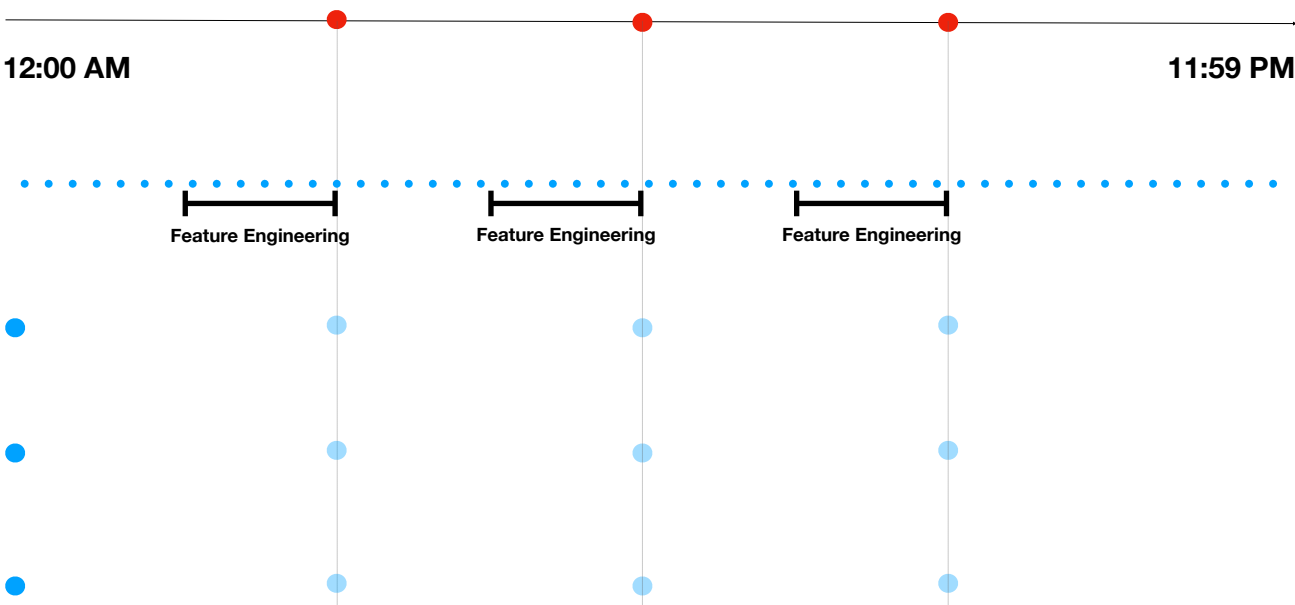
Feature Engineering

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Measures of  
personality and  
behavior

Demographic  
data

Physical health  
metrics



## Feature Engineering – Steps related features

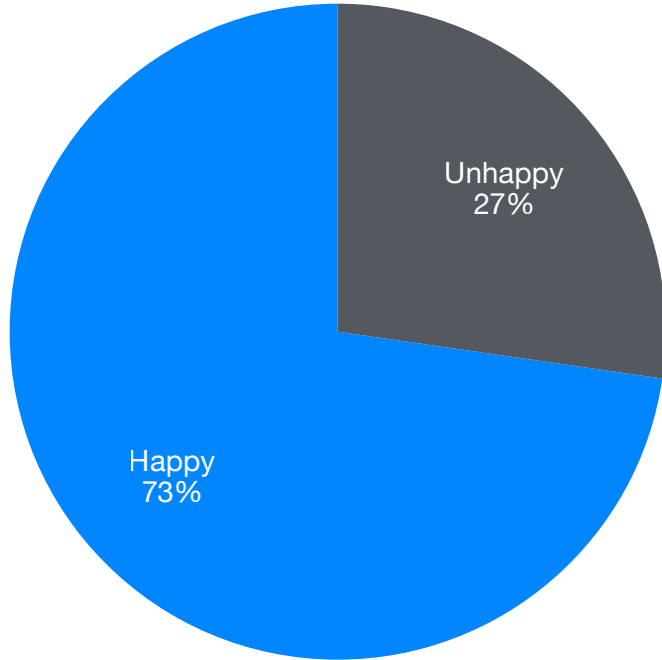
- Statistics: max, min, mean, std
- Move Rate: The # of minutes with step > 0 / total minutes
- Active Rate: The # of minutes with step > 10 / total minutes
- Very Active Rate: The # of minutes with step > 20 / total minutes
- Running Rate: The # of minutes with step > 30 / total minutes



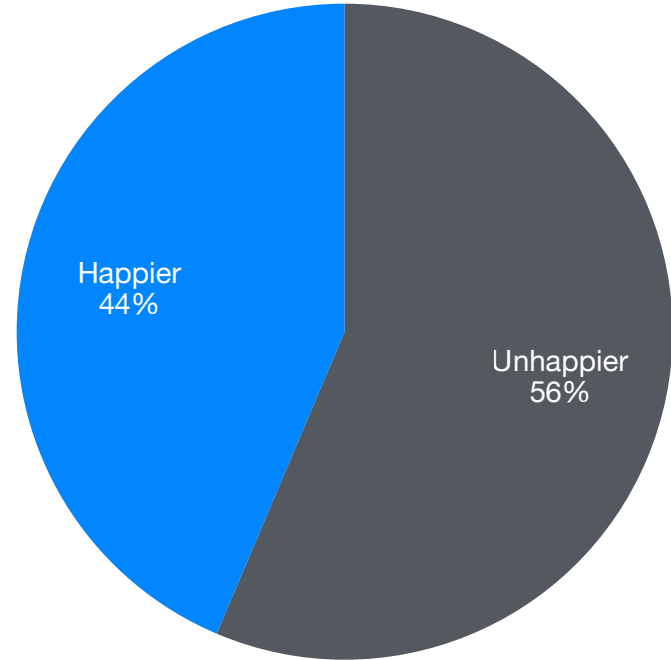
## Feature Engineering – Heart Rate related features

- Statistics: max, min, mean, std
- Resting Rate: The # of minutes with HR < 30 percentile heart rate > 0 / total minutes
- Moderate Rate: The # of minutes with HR > 50 percentile heart rate > 0 / total minutes
- Very Active Rate: The # of minutes with HR > 80 percentile heart rate > 0 / total minutes
- SDNN: Standard deviation of heartbeat intervals
- pHR2: Percentage of the difference between adjacent HR greater than 2
- rMSSD: Root of mean squared HR change
- Highest HR
- Lowest HR
- l\_h: Lowest HR / Highest HR
- CR: Highest HR / Highest HR so far

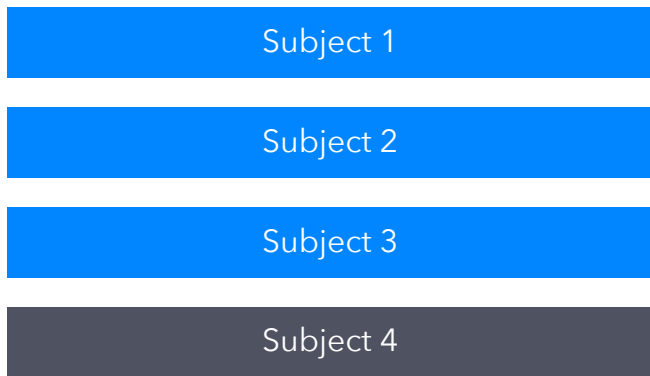
**Positive/Negative Emotional States**



**Relative Valence**

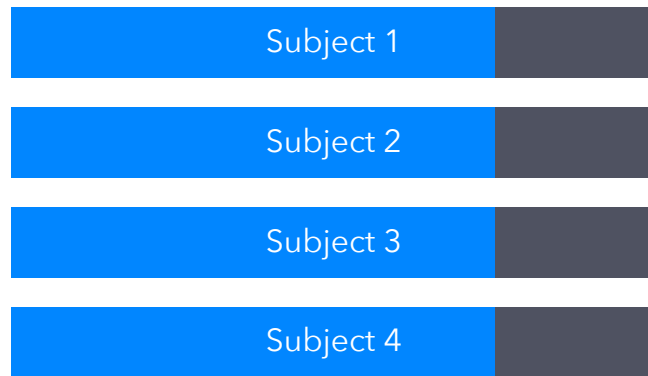


### Type 1: Split by Subject



Predict for new user

### Type 2: Stratified Split

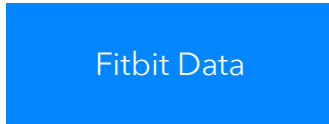


Predict for current user

■ Training Set

■ Test Set

### Type 1: Only use Fitbit data



### Type 2: Use all data we have



1. Down Sample the Majority Class
2. Up Sampling the Minority Class
3. **SMOTE** - Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique
4. Assign Class Weight to Loss Function

## Evaluation – Positive/Negative Emotion Results

	Scenario	Data	Sampling Technique	Recall	Precision	F1
1	Current Users	Activity Tracking (Fitbit)	SMOTE	0.550	0.347	0.425
2	New Users	Activity Tracking (Fitbit)	Assign Class Weight to Loss Function	0.419	0.228	0.295
3	Current Users	All Data	Assign Class Weight to Loss Function	0.626	0.482	<b>0.544</b>
4	New Users	All Data	SMOTE	0.870	0.260	0.399

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## Evaluation – Relative Valence Prediction Results

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2	New Users	Activity Tracking (Fitbit)	-	0.699	0.558	0.617
3	Current Users	All Data	-	0.877	0.590	<b>0.705</b>
4	New Users	All Data	-	0.959	0.555	0.703

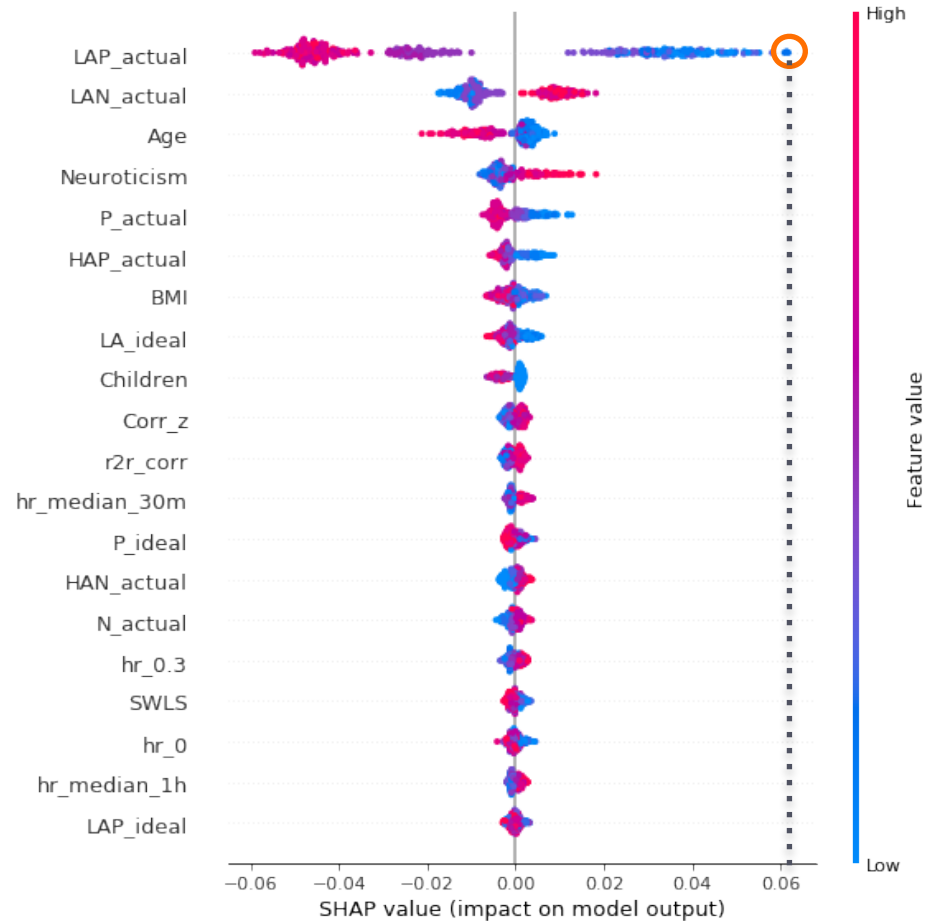
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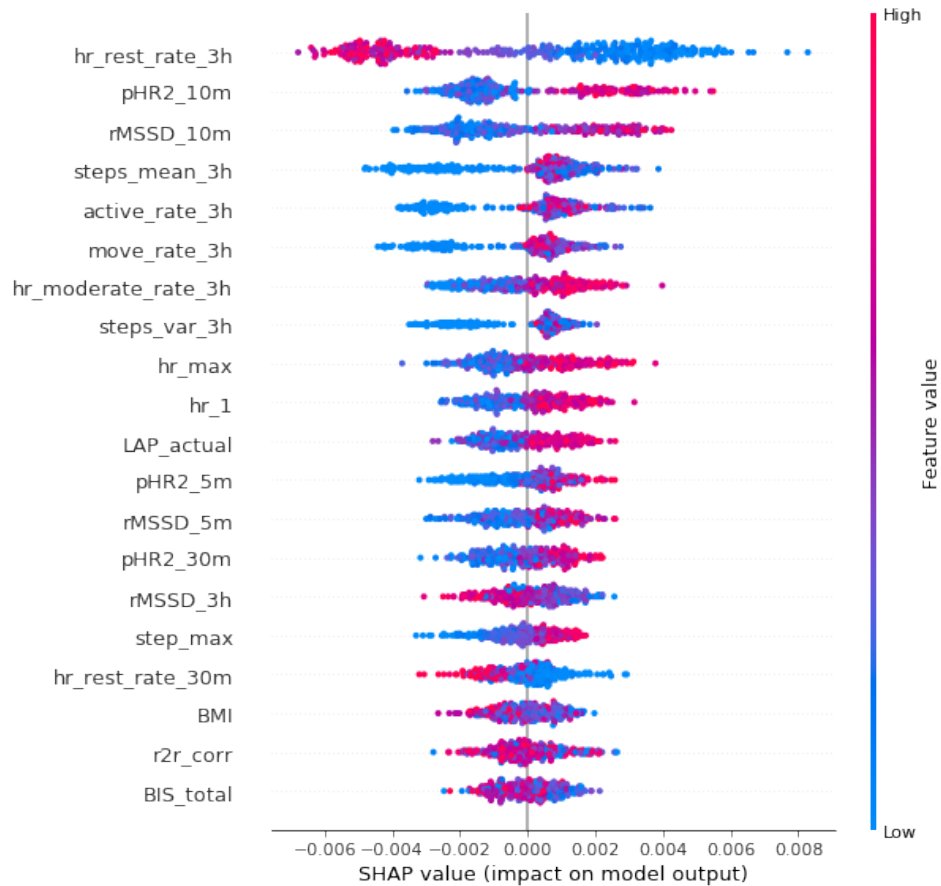
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## Modeling – Results



## Conclusions

1. In general, the data (wearable data, psychological data, health metrics and demographic data) would help the prediction of emotional states for current users.
2. Psychological features and age have a significant correlation on absolute level of valence. While wearable data reflects relative valence, especially heart rate related feature.
3. It is hard to predict emotional states for a new user. The pattern we have learnt from current users could actually harm the prediction for new users.

## Challenges and Next Steps

### **Challenges:**

1. Small data
2. Missing data
3. Complexity of emotion and variation between subjects

### **Next:**

1. Keep Connecting with Stakeholder, ask for their needs
2. Incorporating neuroimaging features
3. Try Ensemble techniques

Thanks!

Q&A