

A scoping review of sleep discrepancy methodology: what are we measuring and what does it mean?

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Introduction

- Sleep discrepancy is a common feature of insomnia disorder
- Sleep discrepancy has been investigated with diverse methods making it difficult to integrate findings across studies
- AIM: *How has sleep discrepancy has been conceptualised in the literature what methods have been used to investigate it?*

Method

- Scoping review methodology

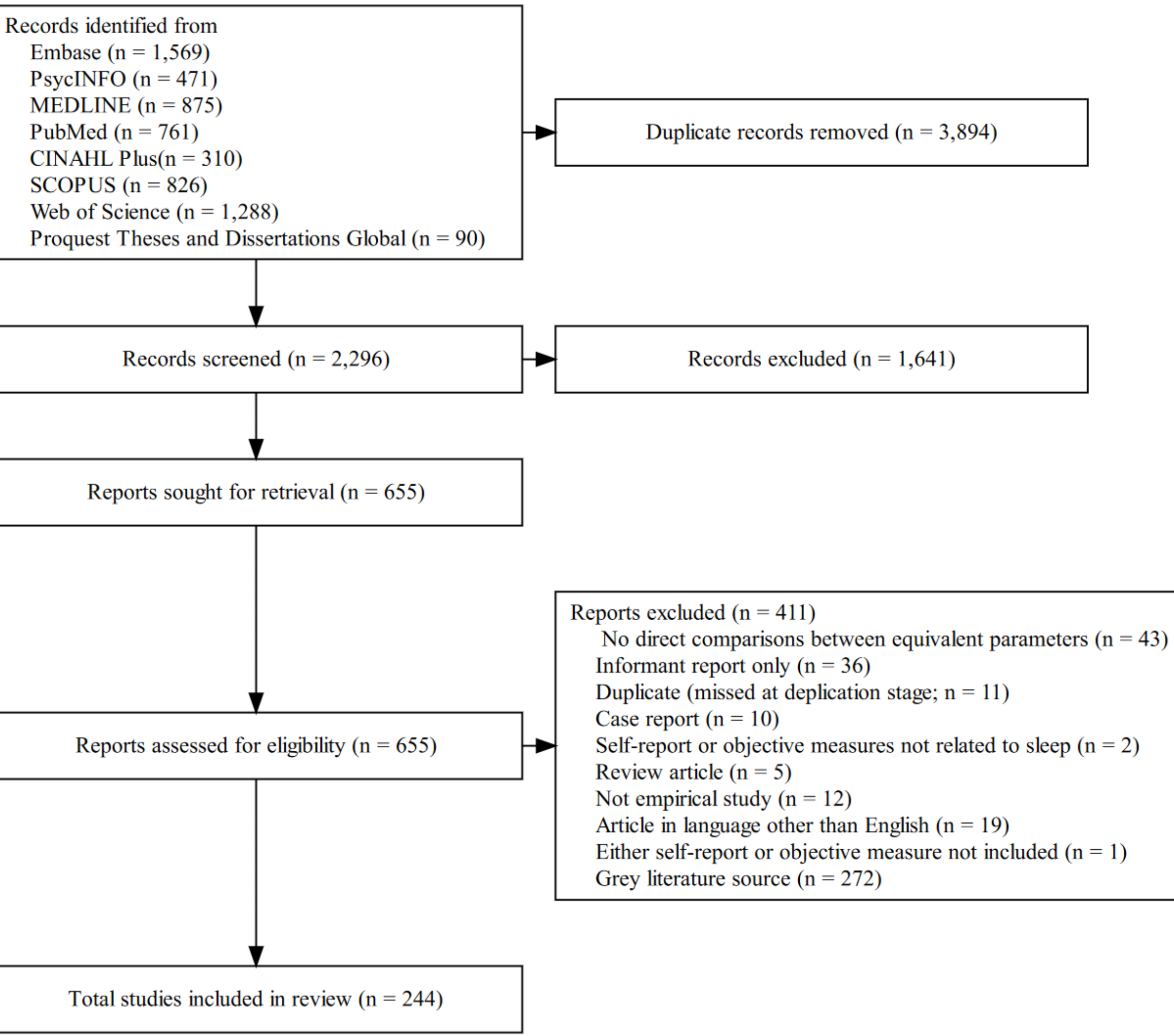


Figure 1: PRISMA flowchart

There are different types of sleep discrepancy and significant problems with how they have been investigated.

Results

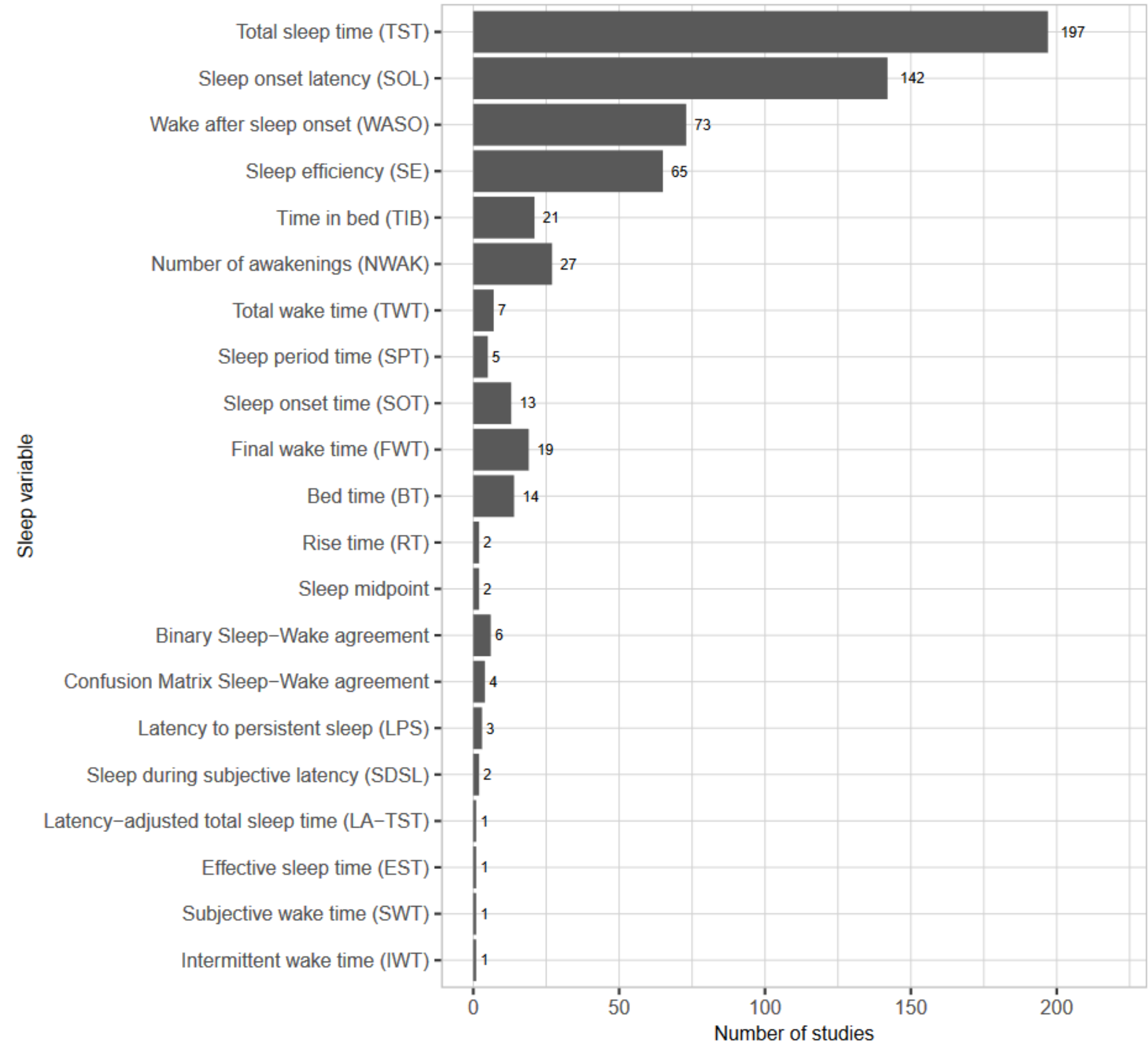


Figure 12: Sleep variables

- Approximately half (n = 128) of included studies calculated a derived index (e.g., self-report TST–objective TST) to operationalise sleep discrepancy
- 172 studies measured sleep discrepancy at the group level by directly comparing self-report and objective sleep

Conclusions

- Sleep discrepancy is mostly restricted to sleep states or sleep time and varies in its conceptual distance to sleep misperception

		Self-report sleep			
		Self-report sleep state e.g., laboratory query	Episodic self-report e.g., morning questionnaire TST	Habitual self-report e.g., PSQI TST	Aggregate self-report e.g., weekly mean diary TST
Objective sleep	Objective sleep state e.g., laboratory PSG	≈ Sleep misperception	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Episodic objective e.g., single night PSG	n/a	Sleep time discrepancy	Discrepancy between habitual and episodic sleep	Not typically observed
	Aggregate objective e.g., weekly mean actigraphy TST	n/a	Not typically observed	Global sleep discrepancy	Problematic (see section 5.6)

Figure 21: Sleep discrepancy matrix

- Conceptual and methodological problems
 - i. Methodological heterogeneity
 - ii. Objective SOL definitions
 - iii. Operationalising with derived indices
 - iv. Averaging across nights
 - v. Correlations as concordance
 - vi. Sleep quality discrepancy
 - vii. Sleep diaries defining rest intervals



On the use of difference and ratio scores in sleep discrepancy research

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Introduction

- Sleep discrepancy is the discordance between self-report and objective measures of sleep
- Sleep discrepancy is often operationalised as a derived index (e.g., self-report TST – objective TST)
- Derived indices are associated with a range of conceptual and methodological problems

Method

- Archival data: Healthy Ageing Research Programme (N = 230; age 50+)
- Objective sleep using actigraphy with concurrent sleep diaries
- Questionnaires measures including the insomnia severity index.

Difference score problems

- Directionality** identified effects exist through the full range of a difference score

Table 2: Linear and piece-wise regressions of ISI scores on dTST

	Estimate	95% CIs	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Linear regression					
Intercept	6.28	[6.03 , 6.54]	0.13	48.2	p < .001
dTST	-0.01	[-0.014 , -0.007]	0.002	-5.76	p < .001
Piecewise regression					
Intercept	6.08	[5.79 , 6.36]	0.145	42	p < .001
dTST	-0.014	[-0.018 , -0.01]	0.002	-6.99	p < .001
U1 dTST	0.043	[0.021 , 0.065]	0.011	3.76	p < .001
Break-point	45.1642	[21 , 69.4]	NA	NA	

Muggeo’s score test for one or two changes in the slope of regression (Muggeo 2016) is statistically significant, observed value = 2.026, p = 0.043

- Implicit constraints** components equal magnitude opposite in sign

$$ISI = b_0 + b_1(sTST - oTST) + \epsilon$$
$$= b_0 + (1)b_1sTST + (-1)b_1oTST + \epsilon$$

Table 3: Regression with an additive and difference score model

	Estimate	95% CI [LL, UL]	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Difference score model					
Intercept	6.28	[6.03 , 6.54]	0.13	48.2	p < .001
dTST	-0.01	[-0.014 , -0.007]	0.002	-5.76	p < .001
Additive model					
Intercept	12.2	[10.6 , 13.8]	0.816	14.9	p < .001
oTST	-0.002	[-0.006 , 0.003]	0.002	-0.715	.475
sTST	-0.013	[-0.016 , -0.009]	0.002	-6.96	p < .001

A statistically significant reduction in R² from the additive (R² = 0.059) to the difference score model (R² = 0.023) is observed (F =53.7, p < .001)

There are significant problems with the use of difference and ratio scores in sleep discrepancy research.

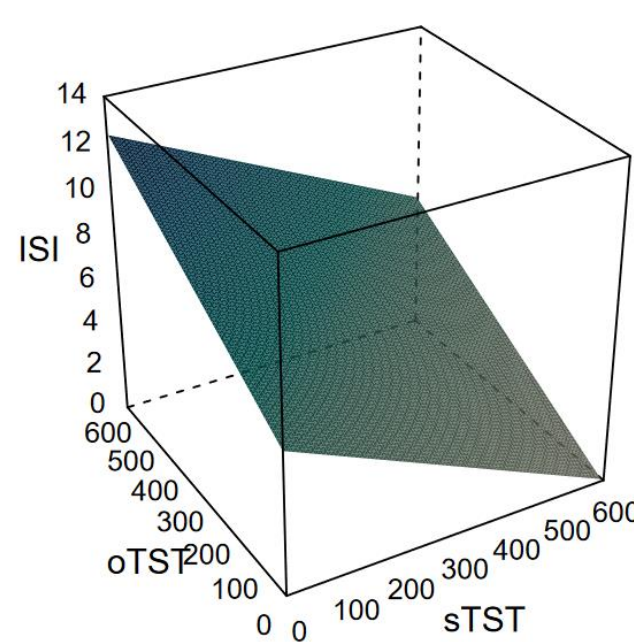


Figure 2: Difference score plot

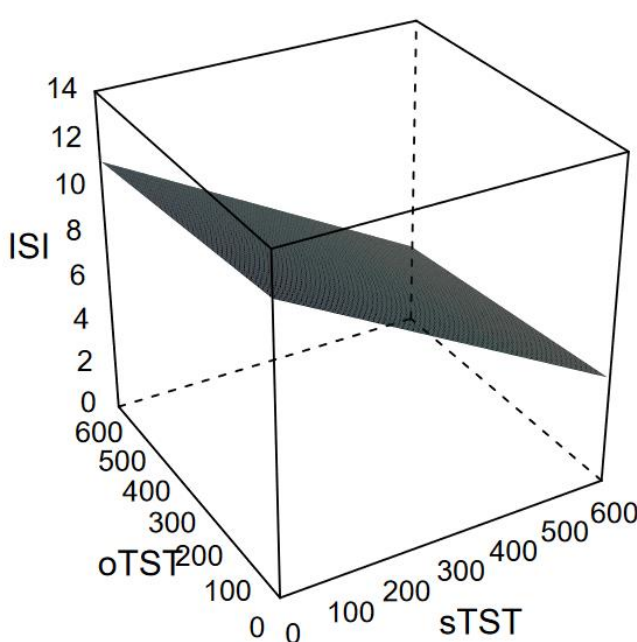


Figure 3: Additive model plot

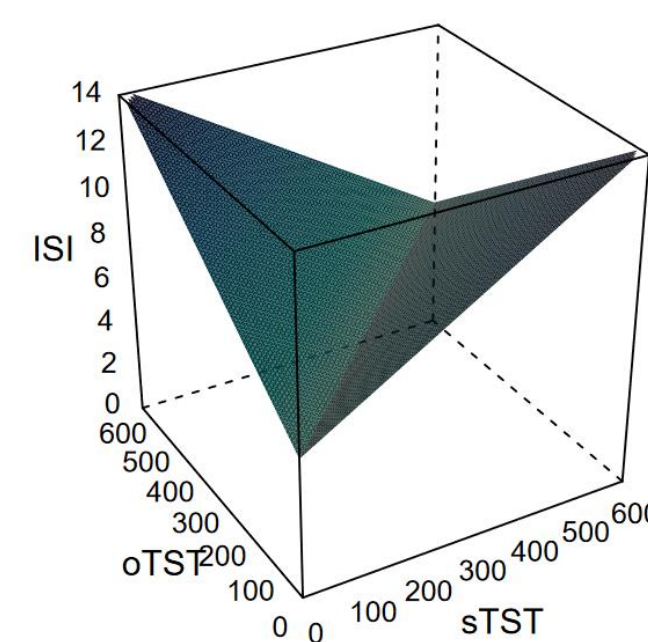


Figure 5: Absolute difference score model

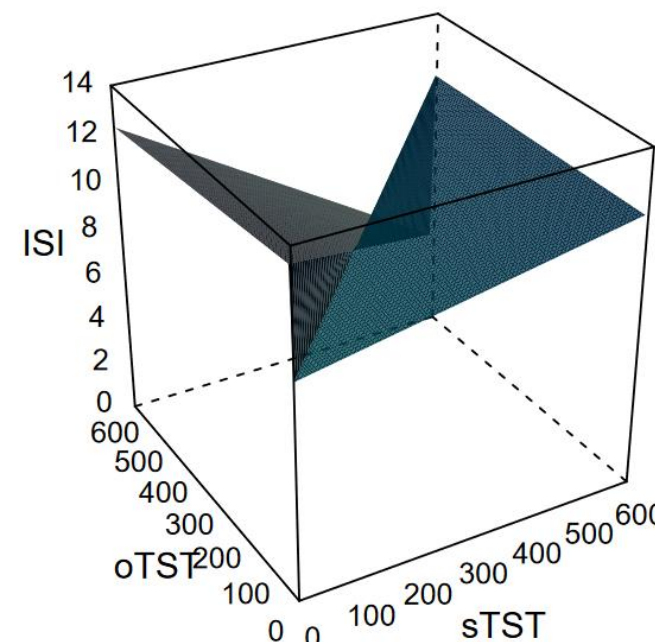


Figure 4: Unconstrained piecewise regression

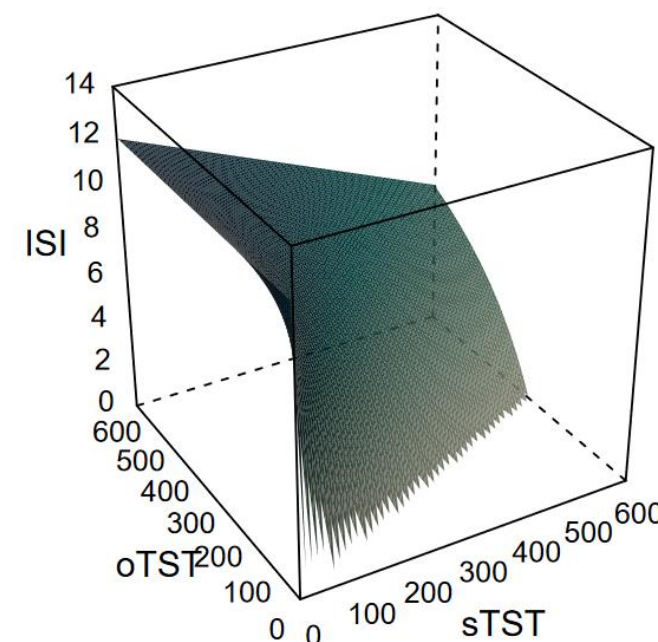


Figure 6: Ratio regression plot

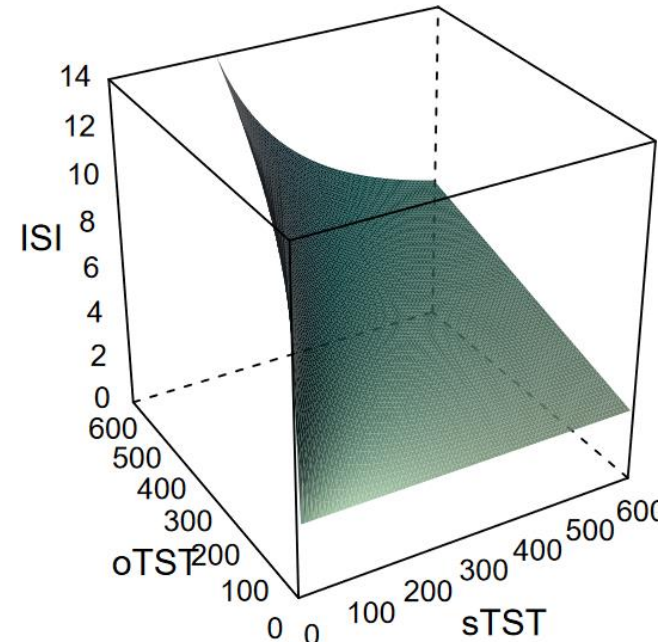


Figure 7: Inverted ratio regression plot

Absolute difference score problems

- Directionality** full-range symmetrical distribution may not be present
- Implicit constraints** components equal in magnitude opposite in sign, pattern reverses at X = Y, no combined main effect of predictors

$$ISI = b_0 + b_1(1 - 2W)(sTST - oTST) + \epsilon$$
$$= b_0 + b_1sTST - b_1oTST - 2b_1WsTST + 2b_1WoTST + \epsilon$$

$$ISI_{sTST > oTST} = b_0 + b_1sTST + b_1oTST - 2b_4WsTST + 2b_5WoTST + \epsilon$$
$$= b_0 - (1)b_1sTST + b_1oTST + \epsilon$$

$$ISI_{sTST \leq oTST} = b_0 + b_1sTST + b_1oTST - 2b_40sTST + 2b_50oTST + \epsilon$$
$$= b_0 + b_1sTST - (1)b_1oTST + \epsilon$$

Table 5: Absolute difference score and unconstrained piecewise regression

	Estimate	95% CI [LL, UL]	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Absolute difference model					
Intercept	6	[5.62 , 6.38]	0.194	30.9	p < .001
absTST	0.014	[0.009 , 0.019]	0.003	5.57	p < .001
Unconstrained piecewise model					
Intercept	8.98	[6.06 , 11.9]	1.49	6.02	p < .001
sTST	0.004	[-0.009 , 0.017]	0.007	0.612	.541
oTST	-0.012	[-0.026 , 0.002]	0.007	-1.66	.097
W	4.31	[0.221 , 8.4]	2.08	2.07	.039
W*sTST	-0.018	[-0.032 , -0.004]	0.007	-2.48	.013
W*oTST	0.01	[-0.006 , 0.027]	0.008	1.26	.209

The R² from the absolute difference score model (R² = 0.03) was reduced more than two-fold from the unconstrained piecewise regression (R² = 0.072) a difference that was statistically significant (F =11.2, p < .001).

Ratio score problems

- Directionality** identified effects exist through the full range of a difference score
- Arbitrary designation of numerator/ denominator**

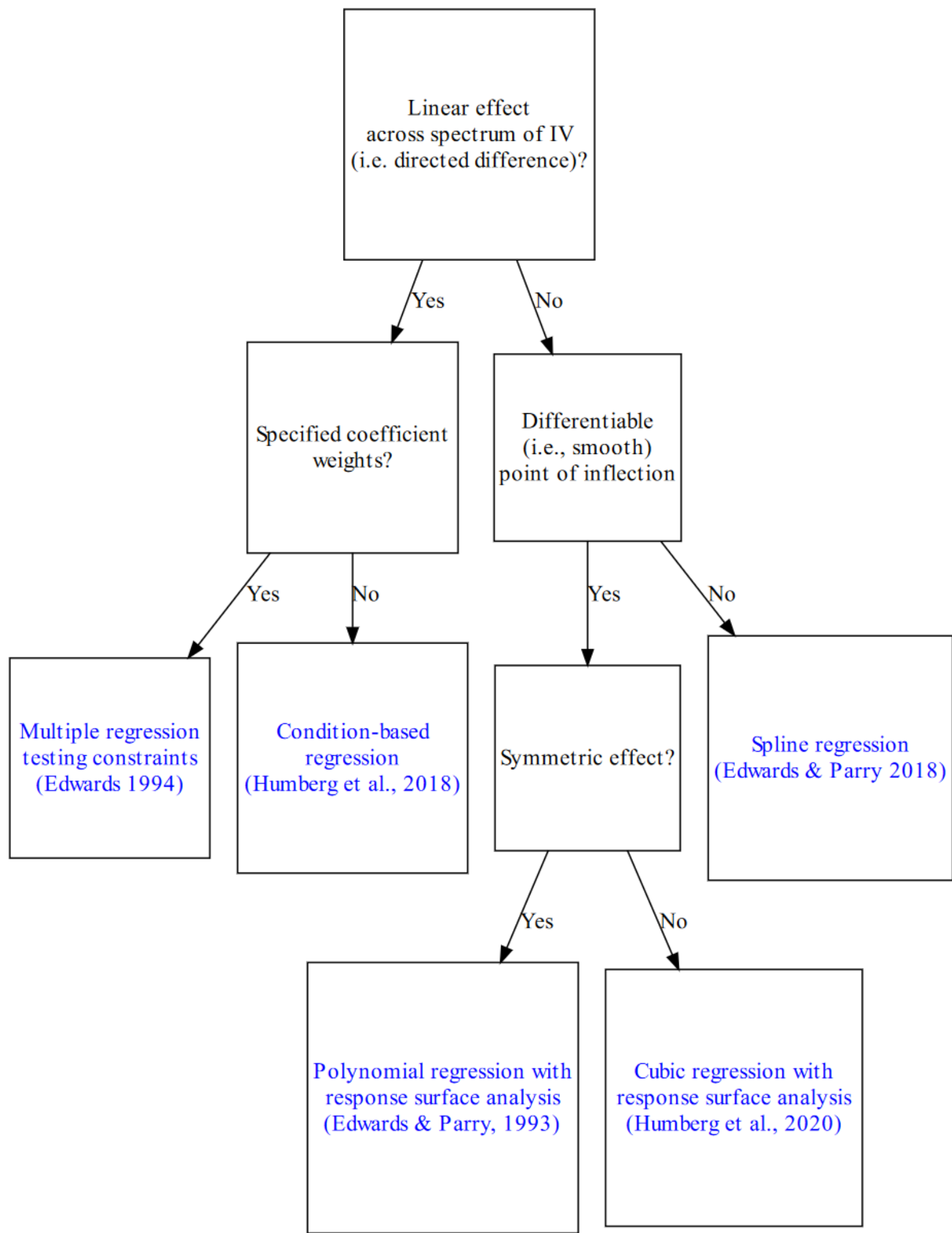
$$\frac{\partial \hat{ISI}}{\partial sTST} = [\frac{\partial}{\partial sTST} b_1 sTST][\frac{1}{oTST}]$$
$$= \frac{b_1}{oTST}$$
$$\frac{\partial \hat{ISI}}{\partial sTST} = [\frac{\partial}{\partial oTST} b_1 oTST^{-1}][sTST]$$
$$= [-b_1 oTST^{-2}][sTST]$$
$$= \frac{-b_1 sTST}{oTST^2}$$

Table 7: Ratio model comparisons

	Estimate	95% CI [LL, UL]	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
rTST regression					
Intercept	11.9	[10.3 , 13.6]	0.843	14.2	p < .001
rTST	-5.42	[-7.08 , -3.76]	0.847	-6.4	p < .001
Inverse rTST score regression					
Intercept	3.09	[1.94 , 4.24]	0.584	5.29	p < .001
Inverted rTST	3.36	[2.31 , 4.4]	0.532	6.31	p < .001

- Implicit constraints**

Solutions



Insomnia and sleep discrepancy: an investigation with cubic response surface analysis

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Introduction

- Sleep discrepancy is often operationalised as a derived index (e.g., self-report TST – objective TST)
- Cubic regression with response surface analysis solves many problems associated with the use of difference and ratio scores in operationalising sleep discrepancy
- Hypothesis:
 - i. Discrepancy effect (H1.1)
 - ii. Discrepancy effect is asymmetric in the expected direction (H1.2)
 - iii. Linear level effect (H1.3)

Method

- Data from MrOS 1,022 community-dwelling men aged 65+ years.
- Total sleep time (TST) from single-night polysomnography (PSG)
- Self reported TST from morning questionnaire
- Insomnia severity index (ISI) to measure insomnia symptom severity

$$Z = b_0 + b_1X + b_2Y + b_3X^2 + b_4XY + b_5Y^2 + b_6X^3 + b_7X^2Y + b_8XY^2 + b_9Y^3$$

- Rising ridge congruence surface $b_1 = b_2, b_4 = -2 * b_3, b_5 = b_3, b_7 = -3 * b_6, b_8 = 3 * b_6, b_9 = -b_6$

- b_3 discrepancy effect (H1.1) must be significantly positive
- b_6 direction & presence of asymmetry (H1.2) must be significantly negative
- $u_1 (b_1 + b_2)$ linear level effect (H1.3) must be significantly negative

Results

	\hat{b}_0	\hat{b}_1	\hat{b}_2	\hat{b}_3	\hat{b}_4	\hat{b}_5	\hat{b}_6	\hat{b}_7	\hat{b}_8	\hat{b}_9	\hat{u}_1	$\Delta\chi^2$	R^2
Asymmetrical congruence model													
Estimate	0.03	-0.099	-0.099	-0.026	0.053	-0.026	8e-04	-0.003	0.003	-8e-04	-0.199	10.2	0.028
p-value	.392	< .001	< .001	.068	.068	.068	.839	.839	.839	.839	< .001	.117	
Full cubic model													
Estimate	0.084	-0.22	0.055	-0.035	0.033	-0.023	0.014	-0.06	0.051	-0.007			0.039
p-value	.055	< .001	.418	.072	.363	.478	.163	.016	.05	.658			

Response surface analysis revealed sleep discrepancy was not associated with insomnia symptom severity in older men.

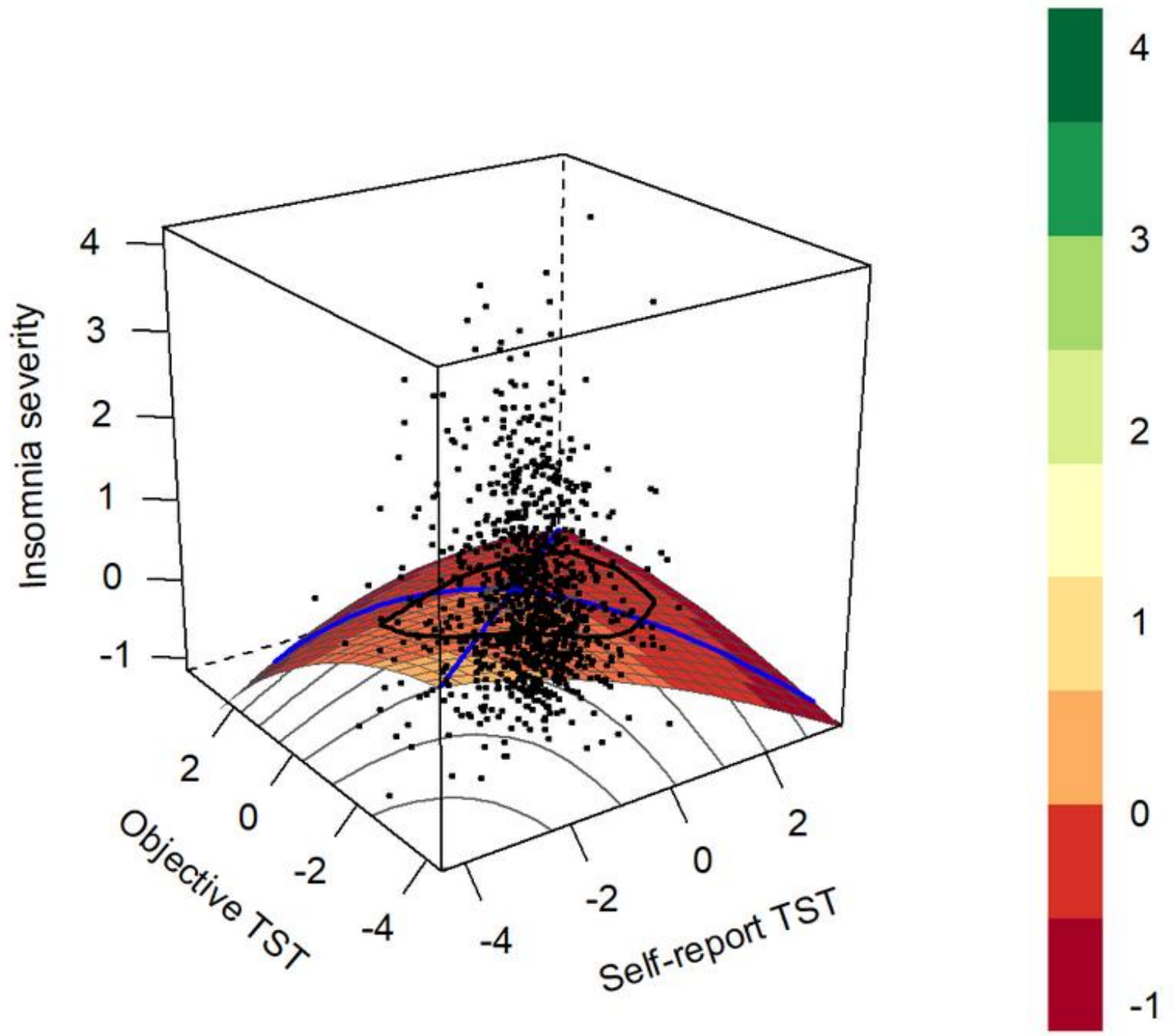


Figure 4.2: Response surface for asymmetric rising ridge discrepancy model

Table 3: Model comparisons

Model	k	df	χ^2	$\chi^2 diff$	AIC	cfi	R^2	$R^2 adj$
cubic	9	0	0		2838	2838	0.039	0.031
full	5	4	6.22	6.31	2836	2836	0.033	0.028
IA	3	6	7.29	1.08	2833	2833	0.032	0.029
additive	2	7	7.65	0.29	2831	2831	0.032	0.03
diff	1	8	27.1	17.5	2849	2849	0.013	0.012
null	0	9	40.6	12.4	2860	2860	0	0

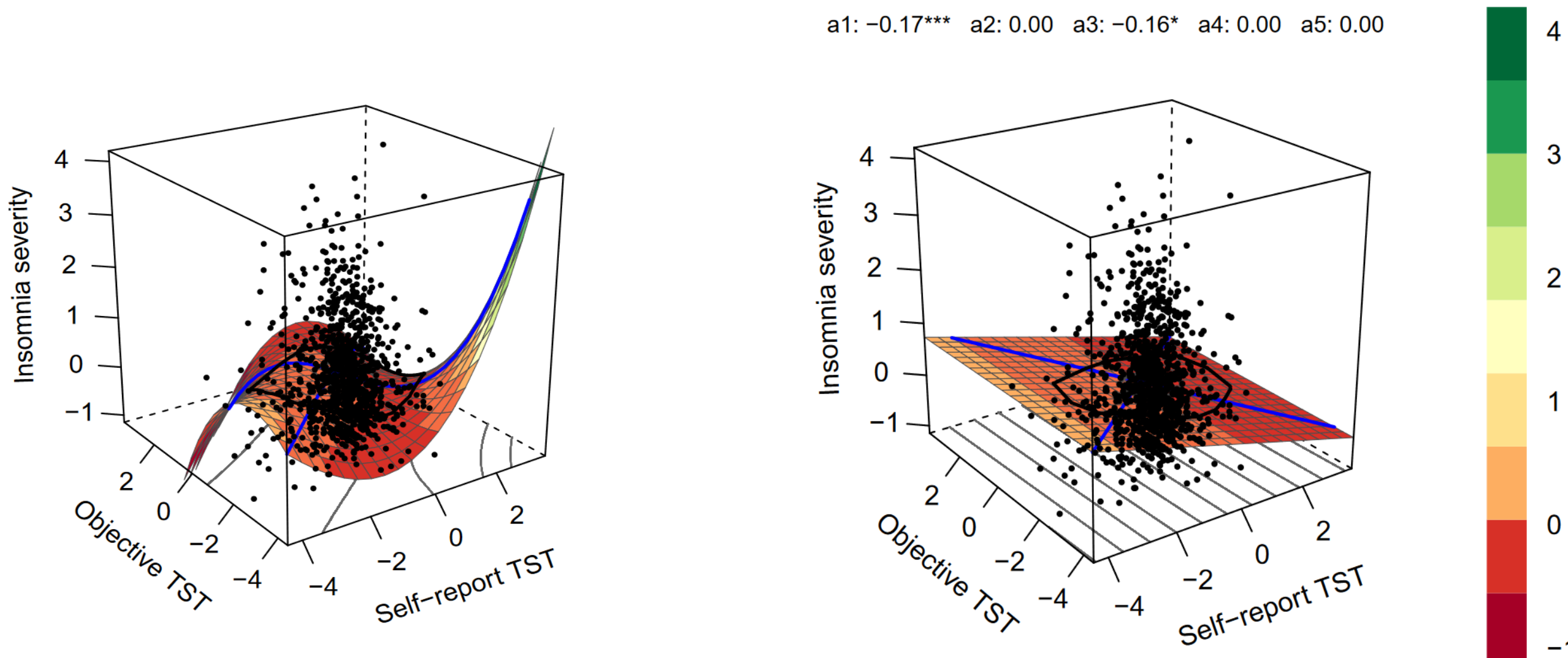


Figure 5: Cubic regression model

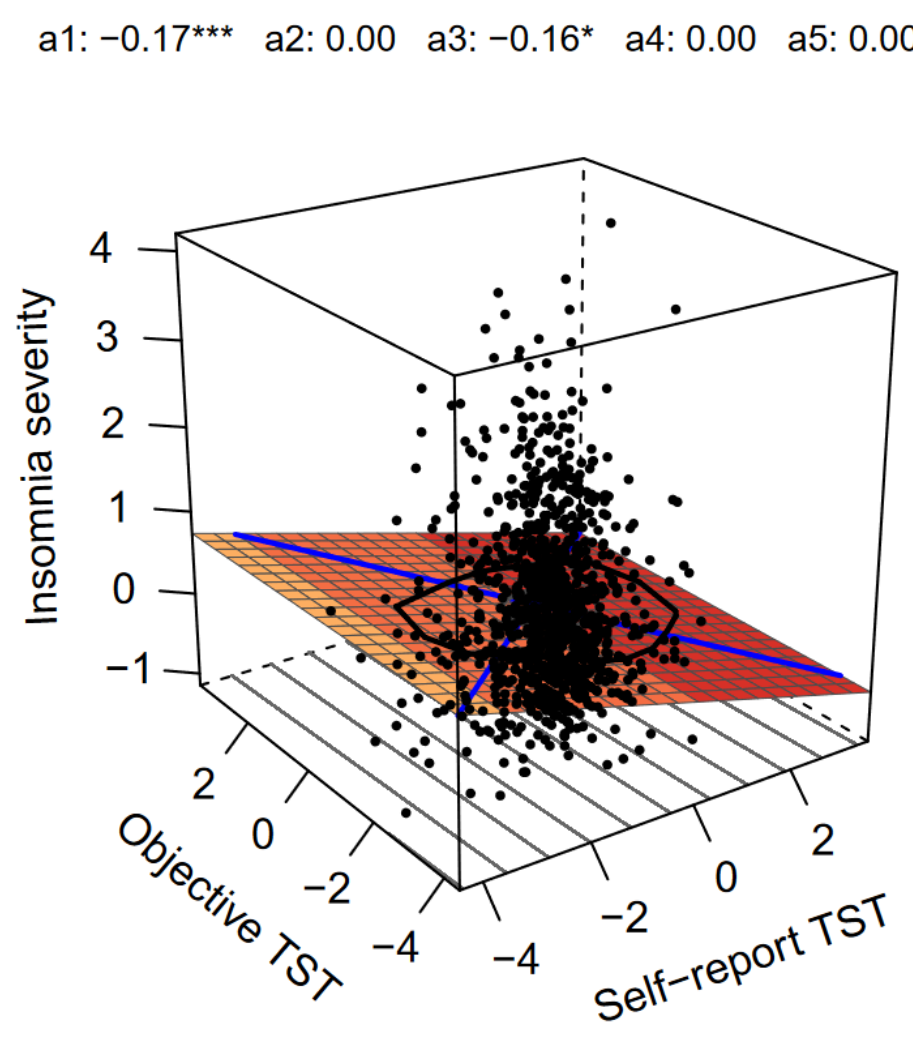


Figure 7: Response surface for additive model

a1: -0.17*** a2: -0.02 a3: -0.17* a4: 0.02 a5: 0.00

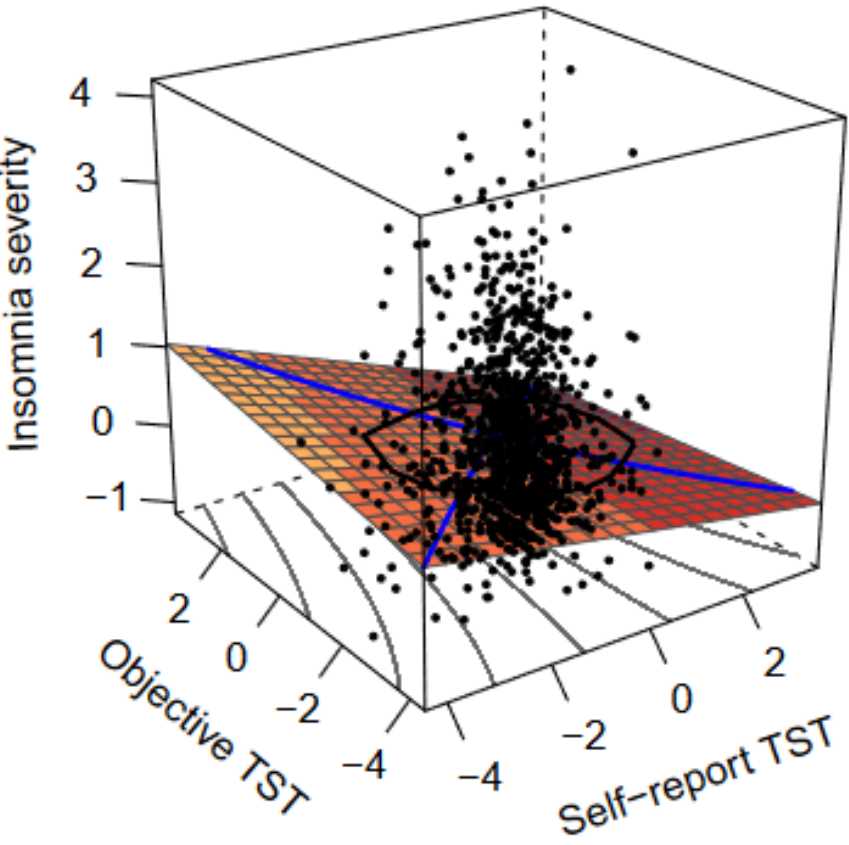


Figure 5: Interaction only model

a1: -0.18*** a2: -0.02 a3: -0.15* a4: -0.04 a5: -0.00

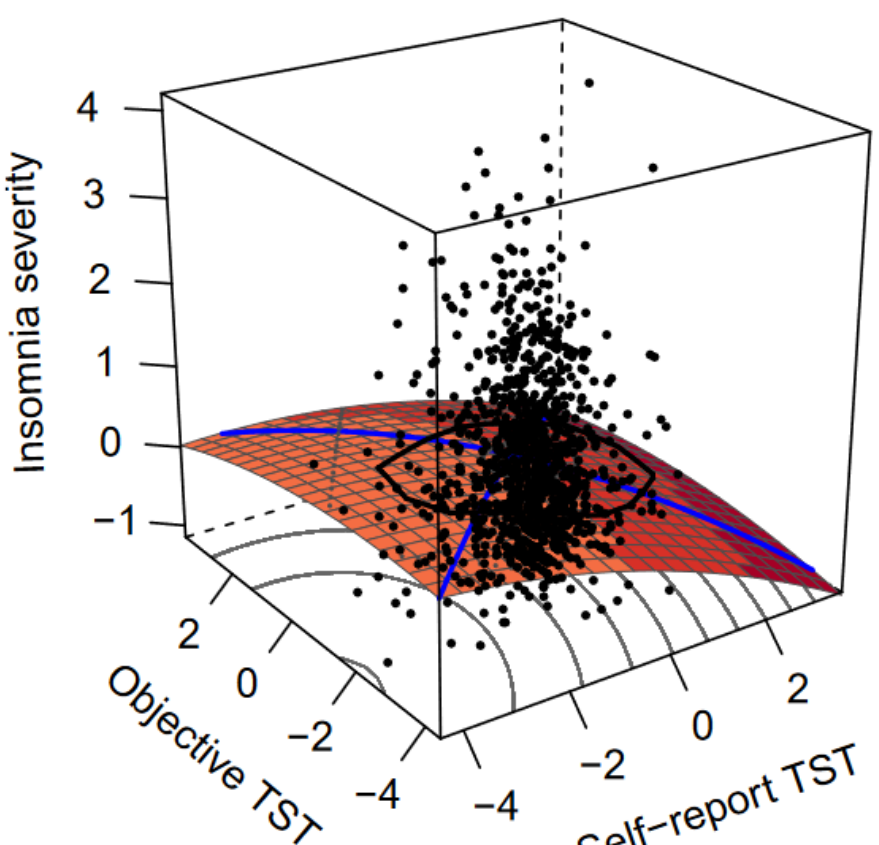


Figure 3: Response surface for full cubic model

Conclusions

- Response surface analysis is a useful alternative to derived indices for investigating sleep discrepancy
- Discrepancy in sleep time parameters can be importantly different to misperception
- Emphasis on perception of sleep quantity rather than sleep misperception per se
 - Experiments with hypnotics
 - Low self-report + objective as different phenotype
- Results to be replicated in pre-registered study

