

A transdisciplinary approach to healthy aging research

Minxia Luo, PhD candidate Burcu Demiray, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, University Research Priority Program "Dynamics of Healthy Aging", Collegium Helveticum & Digital Society Initiative, University of Zurich



Healthy aging and real-world evidence

- The aging population is rapidly accelerating worldwide. Maintaining health in old age has become a priority in the global agenda (UN, 2019; World Economic Forum, 2016).
- The Decade of Healthy Ageing (2020-2030): **Improving measurement** and research on healthy aging (WHO, 2015).
- Using **digitally powered real-world evidence** to supplement traditional information on biology and health-care practices in making health-care decisions (Seyfert-Margolis, 2018).



- Real-life audio data
- Electronically Activated Recorder (EAR)



- 30 50 seconds
- About 500 healthy older adults

A transdisciplinary approach to data analytics

Projects

Reminiscence and well-being

(Demiray, Mischler & Martin, 2017; Ferrario et al., in prep.)

Language complexity and cognitive health

(Luo, Robbins, Martin, & Demiray, 2019; Luo, Schneider, Martin & Demiray, 2019)

Machine learning and automatic classification

conversation partner, location, activity, mood (Yordanova, Demiray, Mehl & Martin, 2019)

• Automatic detection of human voice

(Cheetham, Demiray, Martin, Battegay & Londral, under review)

Pilot: Sounds of Citizen Scientists Study



Expert workshops

- International Interdisciplinary Workshop on Semantic Analysis of Multi-Scale Health Dynamics (2017, 2018, 2019)
- DSI Workshop on Text Analytics for Health (Sep 2019)
- Audio Data Processing Workshop (Upcoming)

Individualized activities profile for healthy aging

Reconstruction of Daily Spatio-Temporal Lifelines

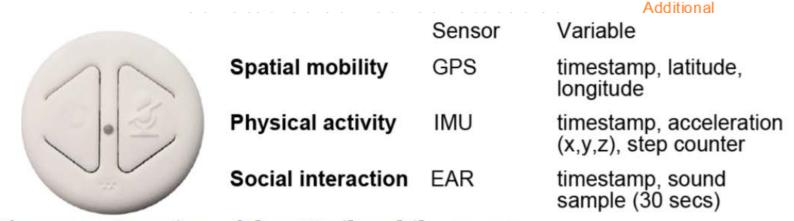
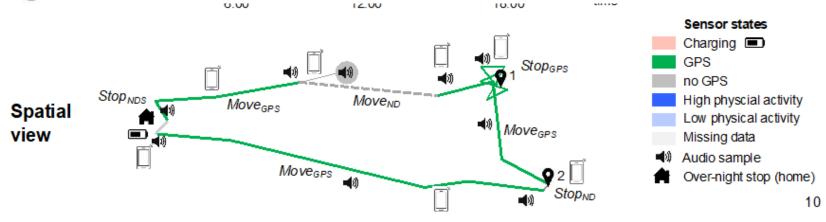


Figure 1. Overview of the uTrail mobile sensor



(Bereuter & Weibel, 2016; Röcke, Katana, Fillekes, Martin, & Weibel, 2018)