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# Assessment of the Aging Brain Using Computing Technology



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# The fundamental challenge... Detecting (assessing) meaningful change

- Current Outcome Measures cognitive tests, functional scales *are poorly sensitive to change*
- Current Assessment Paradigms (brief, sparsely spaced queries, exams, selfreport methods) - *do not optimally identify meaningful, ecologically valid change.*











# Change the Paradigm---> Improve the Signal

- Brief
- Episodic
- Clinic-based
- Inconvenient
- Obtrusive
- Proxy Measures of Function
- Cognitive Tests Artificial
- Inter-rater/test Variability
- Intra-person Variability

Araujo, et al. How Much Time Do You Spend Online? Understanding and Improving the Accuracy of Self-Reported Measures of Internet Use. Communication

Error Estimated Minutes of Internet Use > 90 minutes/day

	Self-Reports		Tracking Data		
N = 690	Yesterday	Average day	Yesterday	Average day	
Self-Reports					
Yesterday	1	.797**	.294**	.311**	
Average Day		1	229**	.291**	
Tracking Data					
Yesterday			1	.702**	
Average Day				1	

# How changing the approach may improve the ability to detect *meaningful* change



#### Example: The Power of High Dimensional Frequent Data Capture



#### The Value of High Dimensional Frequent Data Capture Example: Increase the *efficiency and value* of clinical trials

Hiroko Dodge

Chao-Yi Wu

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Replicated on independent data set, 2019

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MCI Prevention Trial - Sample Size Estimates

Similar results with sleep data: Wu, 2019



Dodge, et al., PLoS One, 2015, Wu et al. CTAD, 2019

# Many ways to capture this data...Is it working?



#### Evidence for What Works... (systematic reviews, examples)

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# Summary of Evidence & Gaps

- Overall, few studies relative to other research areas: a small field
- Benefits may be reported but mainly based on low-quality studies (small samples, short study periods, non-diverse populations, not replicated)
- Technologies used are wide-ranging (passive sensors, wearables, apps, integrated multi-domain systems...) and used in many settings/combinations of assessments and interventions
- Standardization gaps: variability in the devices or technologies used (hardware/software), and limits in specification of the systems deployed and the analytic algorithms applied
- Usability and adoption
- Deployment barriers are prevalent (ease of use, research expertise, costs, lack of evidence of efficacy or effectiveness)



# To Address Gaps - Build Evidence



- **CART** Collaborative Aging Research Using Technology
- Initiative established to address needed research capability for evidence building (facilitated by technology) in aging research.
- Goal: Design and implement a scalable, disseminated technology system ('platform') for more effective aging research, ultimately deployable to 10,000+ homes
- Focus on diversity, use case flexibility, technology agnosticism, "futureproofing", facilitating secure data sharing.
- Interagency U2C (U2CAG054397) with NIH (NIA, NIBIB, NCI, NINDS, NINR, NCATS, OBSSR,) and VA
- Research Team: ORCATECH/Oregon Health & Science University, NIA, and U.
   Miami, Cornell, Rush, OSU, U. Penn, Intel, VA VISN 20

#### Technology Agnostic, Use-case Flexible, Sharable Research Platform



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#### End-to-End System



Considerations for Research Assessments



"IT MAY VERY WELL BRING ABOUT IMMORTALITY, BUT IT WILL TAKE FOREVER TO TEST IT."





#### Bedtime: Withings Watch vs. Actiwatch



#### Sleep Duration: Withings Watch vs. Actiwatch



## Validation







Kaye, et al. Alzheimers Dement. 2014; Silbert et al., Alzheimers Dement, 2015



#### Kaye et al. CTAD, 2019

#### Cognition







Mobility



Socialization





Kaye, et al. AAIC 2019



# **Diversity Matters: CART Enrollment**

Characteristic mean (SD) or %	Low-Income	Veterans	Latino	MARS
n	73	117	29	68
Age (years)	71.4 (6.5)	70.8 (6.3)	73.1 (7.1)	76.8 (6.0)
Female (%)	73	44	79	79
94% remain actively	y enrolled afte	r a mean of	12 months	of follow-up
Live alone (%)	92	15	69	/6

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Drives a car (%)	40	89	91	89
Uses a smart phone (%)	77	73	100	85
Has an iPhone (%)	28	39	58	43
Follow-up time, months	14.5 (4.4)	13.4 (3.8)	9.5 (5.0)	8.5 (4.5)
MoCA or MMSE*	24.9 (2.9)	23.3 (3.4)	25.1 (3.3)	28.7 (1.2)
IADL	0.2 (0.5)	0.3 (0.9)	0.2 (0.4)	N/A
MCI (%)	18	38	21	7

\* RUSH data is for MMSE











Alzheimers Dement.: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring, 2015; Seelye et al.

Alzheimer's Disease & Assoc. Disorders, 2015; Seelye et al., Alzheimer & Dementia, 2018

Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; MCI, mild cognitive impairment.

NOTE. \*P < .05, \*\*P < .01.

#### Cognition: Computer Use, online questionnaire completion



Months

*Time of Day Completed:* Longitudinal scatter plot of differences in median questionnaire start time of day (minutes from 5 AM) by week for MCI (Black) and cognitively intact (gray) participants.

Seelye et al. Alzheimer's Dis. & Assoc. Disorders, 2015

*Time to Complete:* Longitudinal Change in Survey Completion Time (in seconds) by Group in the 12 month period *before* MCI diagnosis (calculated regression lines from the mixed effect model) Seelye et al., Alzheimer & Dementia, 2018



Adri Seelye





### **Experience Sampling:** *Online Weekly Activity & Health Questionnaire*



		Q4.2 You / indica	ated that you had medication changes in the last / week. Please answer / the following quest
	1	AWAY	In the past week, have you been away from home / overnight?
٦	2	VISITORS	In the past week, have you had visitors who stayed with you in / your home for a night or more?
	3	MEDICATIONS	In the past week, have you had a change to any of your medications / OR started a new one?
	4	FALLS	In the past week, have you had a fall, including a slip or trip, in / which you lost your balance a
┥	5	ACCIDENTS/INJURIES	In the past week, have you had any other injuries or / accidents?
	6	HOSPITALIZATION/ER	In the past week, have you had any hospitalizations or emergency / room visits (not including routi
	7	HEALTH CHANGE/ILLNESS	In the past week, has your physical health limited you more than / usual? For instance, did illness
	8	LIFE SPACE	In the past week, have you had any changes in your home-space or living situation? For example, r
┥			In the past week, is someone newly assisting you with medication management, bathing, dressing
	9	ASSISTANCE	or
	10	MOOD - BLUE	Have you felt downhearted or blue for three or more days in the / past week?
	11	MOOD - LONELY	In the past week I felt lonely.
-	12	PAIN LEVEL	Please rate your pain by indicating the number that best describes / your pain on average in the la No Pain:Worst Imaginable
	13	PAIN INTERFERENCE	During the past week, how much did pain interfere with your normal / activities or work (including Pain interfered with my normal activities
		Q4.11 Did you hav	ve any other medication / changes in the past week?

#### Online tools for assessment: Usability, Tests, Engagement



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The CART Initiative

#### Medication Adherence (Function & Cognition): 'IADL' Task & Test of Prospective Memory



Johanna Austin



Continuous monitoring of medication adherence timing may identify patients experiencing cognitive decline

- Individuals with lower cognitive function have more 'spread' in the timing of taking their medications (p < .014)</li>
- Increase over time in the spread of timing of taking their medications (P < .012)</li>

#### Physical Activity and Mobility Behaviors

#### Room activity distributions & gait speed differentiating MCI vs not MCI



Hiroko Dodge

Room	Bedroom	Bathroom	Kitchen	Living Room	Combined
F <sub>0.5</sub> Score*	0.842	0.829	0.813	0.826	0.856
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 $*F_{0.5}$  Scores window size  $\omega$  = 20 weeks; slide size = 4 weeks (with leave-one-subject-out cross validation)



Ahmed Akl



Akl et al. Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments, 2015

Trajectories of gait speed over time





Dodge, et al. Neurology, 2012

#### Physical Activity & Mobility: Out of home assessment - Driving (and Cognition)





#### Highway diving



#### Table 2. Summary Driving Characteristics; (Per day; six month observation period)

Variable	Total	Intact	MCI	p-value
Ν	28	21	7	
Mean # of (one-way) trips per day	4.2 (1.0)	4.1 (0.9)	4.7 (1.4)	0.19
Day-to-day variability in # of trips	2.1 (0.6)	2.1 (0.5)	2.3 (0.8)	0.49
Mean distance driven per day (miles)	20 (13)	22 (13)	14 (11)	0.06
Day-to-day variability in distance driven	26 (17)	31 (17)	13 (12)	0.01*
Mean time driven per day (hours)	0.9 (0.4)	0.9 (0.4)	0.8 (0.4)	0.26
Day-to-day variability in time driven	0.7 (0.3)	0.8 (0.3)	0.5 (0.2)	<0.01**
Mean first clock starttime of driving per day	11.1 (1.2)	11.3 (1.2)	10.6 (1.4)	0.43
Day-to-day variability in first starttime (hrs)	2.8 (0.8)	2.8 (0.6)	2.7 (1.1)	0.78
Mean last clock starttime of driving per day	15.4 (1.6)	15.2 (1.4)	15.9 (1.9)	0.33
Day-to-day variability in last starttime (hrs)	3.2 (0.6)	3.2 (0.6)	3.2 (0.8)	0.79
Mean # of days monitored	206 (36)	208 (38)	201 (33)	0.70
% of days at least one trip was taken out of all days monitored	52%	49%	60%	0.21
% of driving days with >=20 miles driven	26%	27%	21%	0.51
Mean time of highway driving per day (seconds)	450 (506)	543 (533)	172 (288)	0.01*

#### Seelye et al. Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, 2017

hronobiological Behavior		No Differences Between Gr	oups in Self-Report Mea	sures	
CART: Association between slee regression model)	p duration and N	ACI status (Multiva	riate logistic	e valu .69	
	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P value	.21	
Mean total sleep time (hrs)	0.74	0.56 – 0.98	0.038	.77	
Age	1.10	1.02 – 1.18	0.015		
Gender (Female vs. Male)	0.36	0.15 – 0.88	0.024		
Education	0.66	0.53 – 0.83	0.0003		
<ul> <li>Two weeks of sleep-activity did not predict MCI</li> <li>Self-reported night-time sleep duration did not predict MCI</li> </ul>					

Hayes et al. Alzheimer Dis Assoc Disord. 2014 Hayes et al. IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc, 2010 Kaye et al AAIC, 2019





Tamara Hayes



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#### **Assessments for Interventions**



"I'm going to ask you a series of scary questions. When I'm done, let's see if you can guess why I'm asking them."

# I-CONECT: Internet-based Conversational Engagement Clinical Trials

(PI: H. Dodge, NIA R01AG051628; NIA R01AG056102)

- Isolated 80+ yrs
- 50% African American





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*TX: Video Chat, 4 times/week: 6 months, 2 times/ week: 6 months Control*: 1/wk phone check. Novel Outcome Measures: MedTracker memory, Conversational Speech & Language Quantification; vMRI, DTI, fMRI

#### I-CONECT Pilot/Preliminary Results





- 89% of all possible sessions completed; Exceptional adherence – no drop-out
- MCI participants generate a greater proportion of words (mean = 2985 vs.
   2423 words) out of total number of words during conversation sessions (p=0.03).
- Logistic regression models: ROC AUC identifying MCI (vs. Nls) = 0.71 (95% CI: 0.54 - 0.89)

Dodge et al. Current Alzheimer Res. 2015

Dodge et al. Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Res. & Clinical Interventions, 2015 Asgari et al. Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions, 2017

LIWC cat.	Communication	Swear	Anger	Fillers	Family
Avg. num. in MCI	46.4	7.14	37	101.5	31.14
Avg. num. in intact	38.7	4.8	49.8	141.6	41.8
p-value	0.002	0.005	0.054	0.067	0.08





#### EVALUATE – AD: Ecologically Valid, Ambient, Longitudinal and Unbiased Assessment of Treatment Efficacy in Alzheimer's Disease

- Establish Digital Biomarkers sensitive to clinical change associated with conventional AD TXs
- ORCATECH / CART platform (60 subjects: 30 patients/30 care partners; 30 households)





Reynolds et al. 2017, unpublished Thomas et al. Dement Geriatr Cogn Disord, 2019





# **DYAD-LEVEL INTERDEPENDENCE - Sleep**

How related is the *variability* in sleep patterns of two older adults co-residing as couples?





Random Effects (within-dyad covariances)	Std. Estimate (r)	P-value (two-tailed)	95% CI
M-F Sleep Covariance (Level) (score x at some time point)	0.130	< 0.001	[0.096; 0.162]
M-F Sleep Covariance (Velocity) (speed that a score is changing: <i>dx/ dt</i> )	0.532	< 0.001	[0.390; 0.671]
M-F Sleep Covariance (Acceleration) (rate that speed is changing: $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$ )	0.262	< 0.001	[0.191; 0.330]

# Summary

A wide range of pervasive computing solutions are available for deployment in dementia research

# We have Come a Long Way – HBA 2005 Kiosk Arm Equipment : Cable and Parts Guide Image: State of the st

#### Many ways to use this technology to improve assessment: *The right tool for the right job*

#### "If you have a smartphone everything is not an app"



#### Much to do: Need to grow & move the field forward

Current Participants: 511 Current Homes: 432



ORCATECH-CART 'Ecosystem'

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# High dimensional data fusion model predicting MCI







#### Predicting MCI Transitions: Sensitivity Analysis

 Likelihood of a MCI transition within the next 24 months – ROC AUC under curve= 0.95



Model Fit & ROC/AUC Results				
Model	AUC (SD)			
Behavior 1	0.85 (0.004)			
Behavior 2	0.85 (0.004)			
Clinical	0.88 (0.004)			
Full	0.95 (0.002)			



