

Case Study #1: Connecting Digital Mobility Assessments to Clinical Outcomes – Mobilise-D Consortium

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Agenda

- Introduction to Mobilise-D
- Patient and Public Involvement
- Technical Validation Study
- Regulatory Interactions and Advice
- Clinical Validation Study
- Summary and next steps

Development of Real-World Digital Mobility Outcomes in Multiple Conditions: Mobilise-D Consortium

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Mobility is an important indicator of health, modifiable risk factor, and viable target to measure, monitor and target therapeutically

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Review

Association of clinical outcome assessments of mobility capacity and incident disability in community-dwelling older adults - a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Association between mobility capacity (at baseline) and future disability in non-disabled older adults – community dwelling

Articles

Daily steps and all-cause mortality: a meta-analysis of 15 international cohorts

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Summary
 Background Although 10000 steps per day is widely promoted to have health benefits, there is little evidence to support this recommendation. We aimed to determine the association between the number of steps per day and stepping rate with all-cause mortality.

Methods In this meta-analysis, we identified studies investigating the effect of daily step count on all-cause mortality in adults (aged ≥18 years), via a previously published systematic review and expert knowledge of the field. We asked participating study investigators to process their participant-level data following a standardised protocol. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality collected from death certificates and country registries. We analysed the dose-response association of steps per day and stepping rate with all-cause mortality. We did Cox proportional hazards regression analyses using study-specific quartiles of steps per day and calculated hazard ratios (HRs) with inverse-variance weighted random effects models.

Findings We identified 15 studies, of which seven were published and eight were unpublished, with study start dates between 1999 and 2018. The total sample included 47471 adults, among whom there were 3013 deaths (10.1 per 1000 participant-years) over a median follow-up of 7.1 years (IQR 4.3–9.9); total sum of follow-up across studies was 297837 person-years. Quartile median steps per day were 3553 for quartile 1, 5801 for quartile 2, 7842 for quartile 3, and 10901 for quartile 4. Compared with the lowest quartile, the adjusted HR for all-cause mortality was 0.60 (95% CI 0.51–0.71) for quartile 2, 0.55 (0.49–0.62) for quartile 3, and 0.47 (0.39–0.57) for quartile 4. Restricted cubic splines showed progressively decreasing risk of mortality among adults aged 60 years and older with increasing number of steps per day until 6000–8000 steps per day and among adults younger than 60 years until 8000–10000 steps per day. Adjusting for number of steps per day, comparing quartile 1 with quartile 4, the association between higher stepping rates and mortality was attenuated but remained significant for a peak of 30 min (HR 0.67 [95% CI 0.56–0.83]) and a peak of 60 min (0.67 [0.50–0.90]), but not significant for time (min per day) spent walking at 40 steps per min or faster (1.12 [0.96–1.32]) and 100 steps per min or faster (0.86 [0.58–1.28]).

Taking more steps associated with lower risk of all-cause mortality

The Lancet Commissions

Dementia prevention, intervention, and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission

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Executive summary
 The number of older people, including those living with dementia, is rising, as younger age mortality declines. However, the age-specific incidence of dementia has fallen in many countries, probably because of improvements in education, nutrition, health care, and lifestyle changes. Overall, a growing body of evidence supports the nine potentially modifiable risk factors for dementia modelled by the 2017 Lancet Commission on dementia prevention, intervention, and care: low education, hypertension, hearing impairment, smoking, obesity, depression, physical inactivity, diabetes, and low social contact. We now add three more risk factors for dementia with newer, convincing evidence. These factors are excessive alcohol consumption, traumatic brain injury (TBI), and air pollution. We have completed new reviews and meta-analyses and incorporated these into an updated 12 risk factor life-course model of dementia prevention. Together, the 12 modifiable risk factors account for around 40% of worldwide dementia, which consequently could theoretically be prevented or delayed. The potential for prevention is high and might be higher in low-income and middle-income countries (LMIC) where more dementia occur.

Our new life-course model and evidence synthesis has paramount worldwide policy implications. It is never too early and never too late in the life course for dementia prevention. Early-life (younger than 45 years) risks, such as low education, affect cognitive reserve; midlife (45–65 years), and later-life (older than 65 years) risk factors influence reserve and weighting of neurophysiological development. Culture, poverty, and inequality are key drivers of the need for change. Individuals who are most deprived need those changes the most and will derive the highest benefit.

Policy should prioritise childhood education for all. Public health initiatives minimising head injury and decreasing harmful alcohol drinking could potentially reduce emergence and late-life dementia. Midlife systolic blood pressure control should aim for 130 mm Hg or

against dementia. Using hearing aids appears to reduce the excess risk from hearing loss. Sustained exercise in midlife, and possibly later life, protects from dementia, perhaps through decreasing obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular risk. Depression might be a risk for dementia, but in later life dementia might cause depression. Although behaviour change is difficult and some associations might not be purely causal, individuals have a huge potential to reduce their dementia risk.

In LMIC, not everyone has access to secondary education; high rates of hypertension, obesity, and hearing loss exist, and the prevalence of diabetes and smoking are growing. Thus an even greater proportion of dementia is potentially preventable.

Alzheimer's and tau biomarkers indicate risk of progression to Alzheimer's dementia but most people with normal cognition with only these biomarkers never develop the disease. Although accurate diagnosis is important for patients who have impairments and functional concerns and their families, no evidence exists to support pre-symptomatic diagnosis in everyday practice.

Our understanding of dementia aetiology is shifting, with latest descriptions of new pathological causes. In the oldest adults (older than 90 years), in particular, mixed dementia is more common. Blood biomarkers might hold promise for future diagnostic approaches and are more scalable than CSF and brain imaging markers.

Wellbeing is the goal of much of dementia care. People with dementia have complex problems and symptoms in many domains. Interventions should be individualised and consider the person as a whole, as well as their family carers. Evidence is accumulating for the effectiveness, at least in the short term, of psychosocial interventions tailored to the patient's needs, to manage neuropsychiatric symptoms. Evidence-based interventions for carers can reduce depressive and anxiety symptoms over years and be cost-effective.

Keeping people with dementia physically healthy is important for their cognition. People with dementia

Being more active modifiable risk factor for dementia



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feature

How soon will digital endpoints become a cornerstone for future drug development?

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Digital technologies are transforming healthcare and will provide the basis for more patient-centric innovation in the pharmaceutical industry. Digital endpoints in clinical studies have the potential to drive innovation and reduce costly late-stage failures. This is also currently under consideration by regulatory agencies, such as the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The academic-industrial collaboration MOBILISED-D aims to implement and validate real-world walking speed (RWS) as a digital endpoint accepted by regulatory authorities as a first of its class. Previous work has shown that loss of mobility driven by chronic illness and frailty in older patients can be a relevant readout or effect of different diseases and various organ systems.

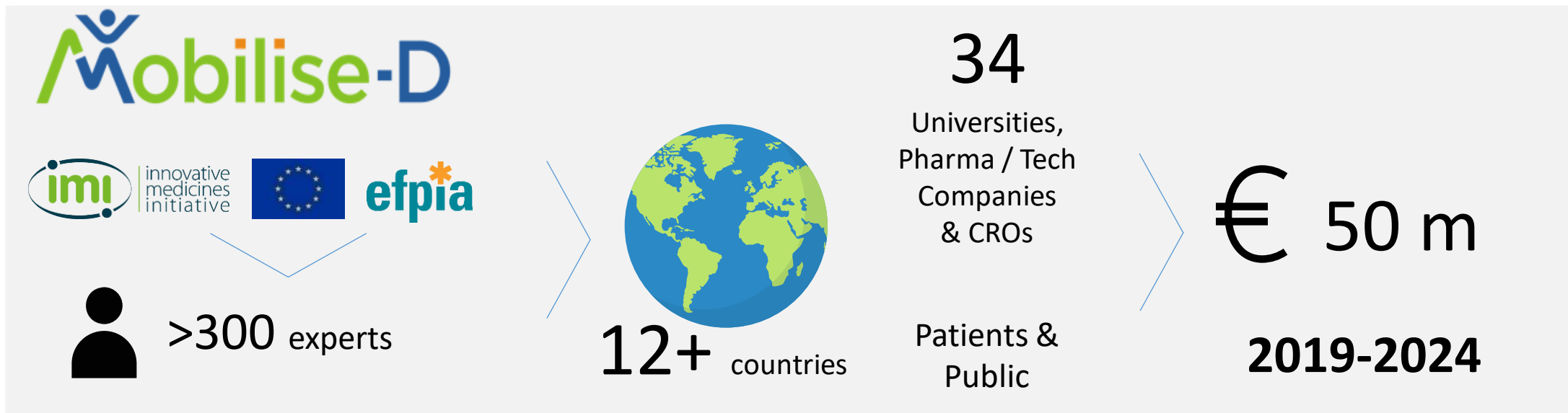
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- Pharma industry needs to **innovate** clinical trials – reliable **novel endpoints**, show an efficacy signal with predictive value
- **Multiple** indications
- Device **agnostic**
- **Patient-centric** innovation
- **Real-world** data
- **Broad application** in research and clinical
- Digital technology + Mobility = **opportunity** for novel digital endpoints
- Reliable, valid digital endpoints have potential to **transform** drug development trials and clinical research and care



Connecting digital mobility assessment to clinical outcomes for regulatory and clinical endorsement



A decorative graphic in the top-left corner consisting of two horizontal bars, one orange and one green, with a slight 3D effect.

Mobilise-D

*Deliver a **valid** solution for **real-world** digital mobility assessment in **multiple conditions** that affect **mobility** & provide a roadmap to bring **digital mobility outcomes** from concept to widespread **adoption***

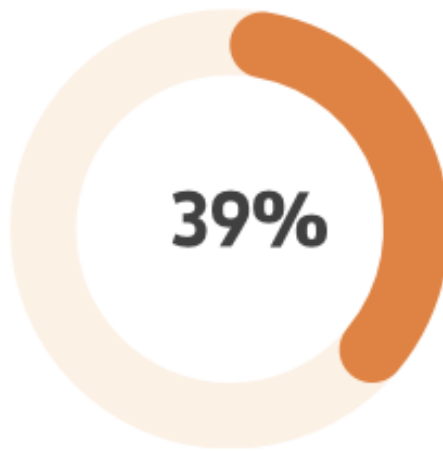
The use of patient and public involvement activities within Mobilise-D to support digital mobility development

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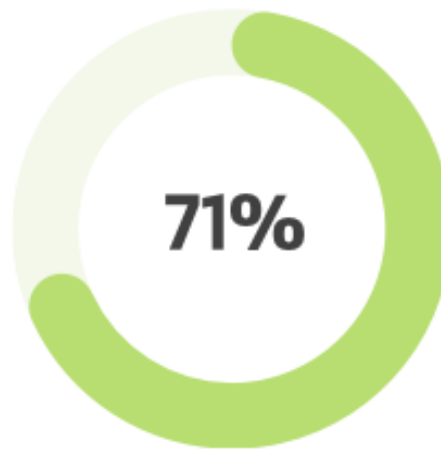
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How can patients shape digital medicine?

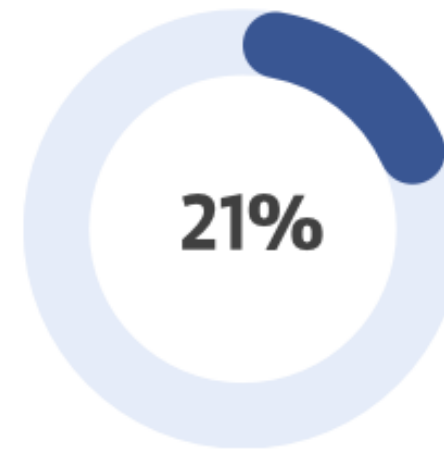
PPIE is conducted sporadically across the research cycle, with little consistency in PPIE approaches. Contributors to date are mainly involved in development, and seldom involved in implementation with little reporting regarding impact of PPIE on research.



Design



Development



Implementation



Within Mobilise-D, it was not a question of if we would have patient involvement in our project, but how we would.







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Patient cohorts



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Consortium objectives

12

Countries

17

International sites

34

+

Research partners



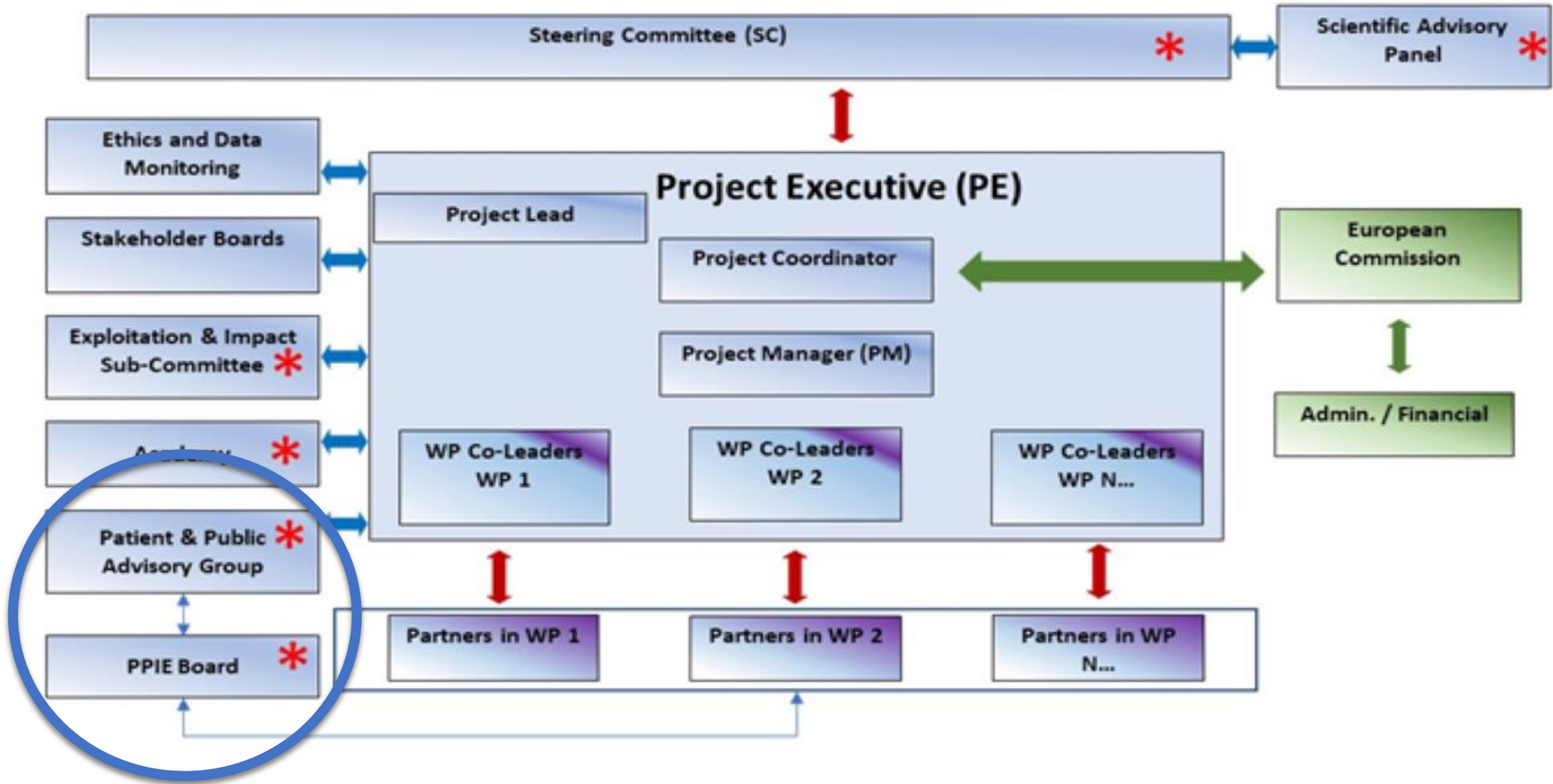


Tutorial

Mobilizing Patient and Public Involvement in the Development of Real-World Digital Technology Solutions: Tutorial

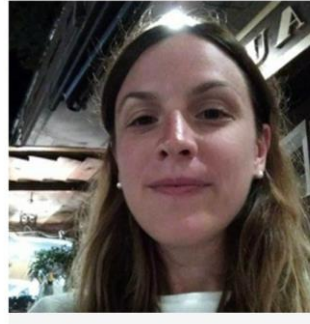
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Project Management Structure



* = PPIE representative

All Members:



Where and how did our PPIE occur?



Advice and support
to increase project
visibility & impact

Dissemination

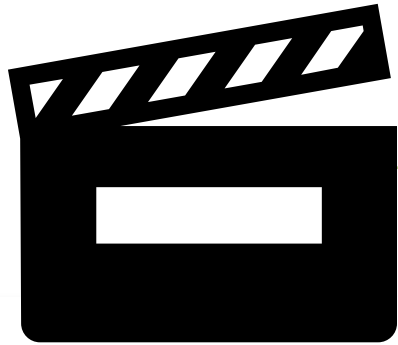
Involvement

Co-design, interpretation
& co-authorship of
research

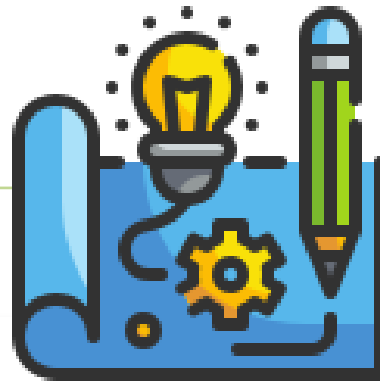
Participation

Insights gained through participation,
questionnaires & interviews

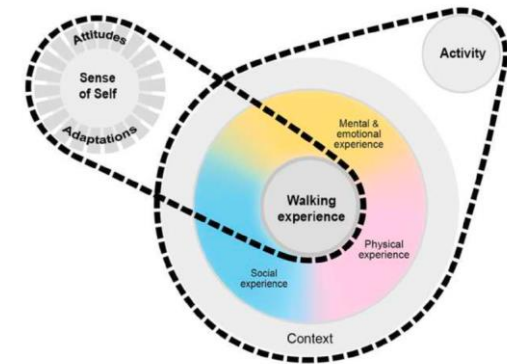
What changed because of our PPIE?



Novel & engaging approaches to inform patients and the public

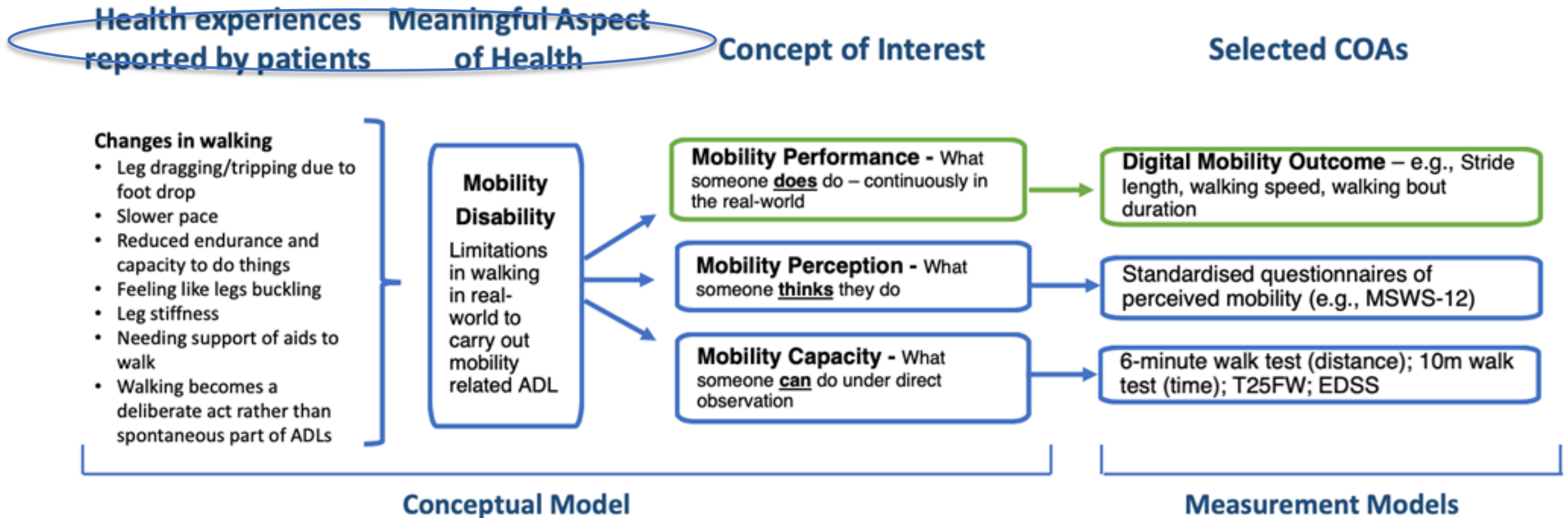


Improved study design for now and in the future



Clearer understanding on the importance of mobility

Development of conceptual model – for example MS



Novel and engaging ways to inform the public



PPIE promoted the work of the consortium in a way that is suitable for the public.

Emphasising the importance of mobility in daily life using multiple methods.

Co-designing the following:

- Webinars on PPIE and walking importance
- Public information sheet on the study and why it is happening
- 3 x Public videos promoting the study, how data is shared and the impact of patient involvement in it.



Mobilise-D
WEBINAR SERIES

Session 7 | June 1, 2022
PUTTING PATIENTS IN THE CENTRE WHEN DEVELOPING DIGITAL MOBILITY OUTCOMES



Imagine losing your ability to walk

Our ability to walk has a big influence on our life. It can be an indication of how healthy we are or how much a given condition is affecting our daily life.

However, right now, we have no way of measuring walking outside of the hospital or the doctors office, which only gives a **brief snapshot** of progress.

This is where Mobilise-D comes in

Mobilise-D is a research consortium that is using digital technology to improve the measurement of walking performance in daily life.

Partners from 34 top universities, hospitals and global industries are working together with patients, practitioners and industry experts to develop reliable measurements of real-world walking performance, such as **how much someone walks**, or their **walking speed**.

Real-world walking as a meaningful aspect of health



Maintaining independence, loss of identity, loss of control, sense of normality

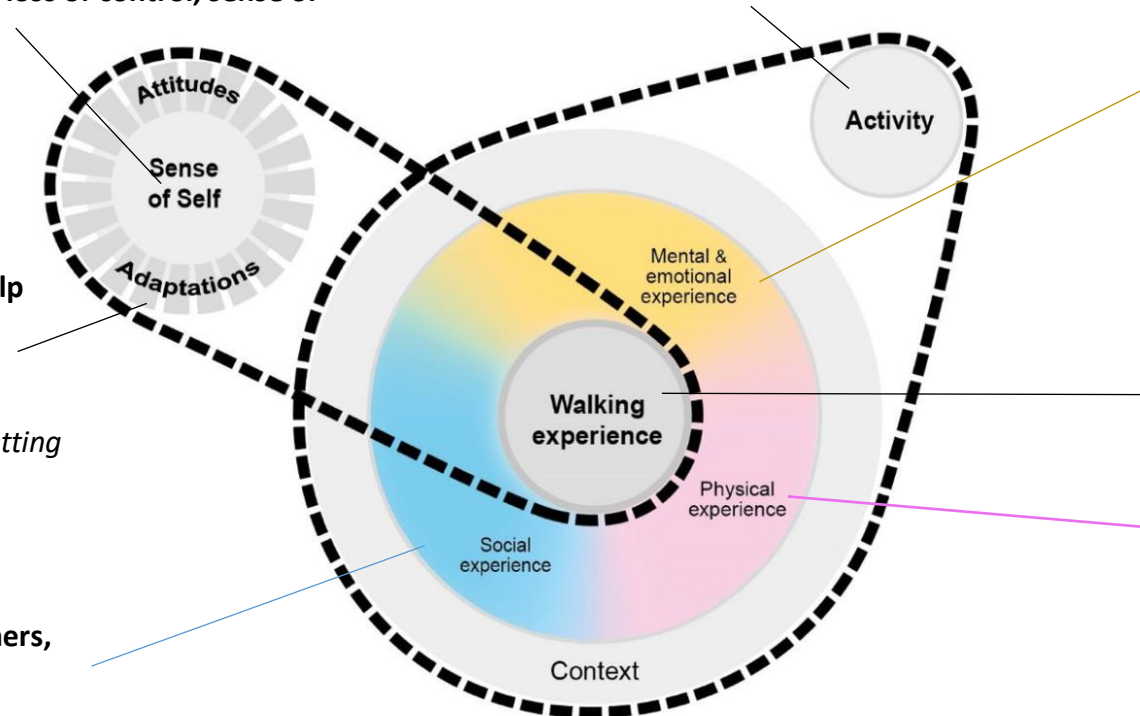
Walking aids, planning, stopping activities, continuing even with risk, pacing, taking help etc.

"The fact that my mobility is really hard now. Really difficult. And, you know, just sort of getting a cup of coffee sometimes, I think "Do I want one? Do I really need one?"

Needing help from others, judgement of others, feeling 'disabled', loss of social roles, lack of understanding by others etc.

"I look pretty goofy when my foot drops really bad. Like my leg will drag. And friends know that. Family know that. And it's like, "This is just how I am."

Any task they wish to complete – dressing, grocery shopping, work, walking to a venue etc.



Home, health clinics, holiday venues, supermarkets, work etc.

"So, I'm always aware of distance, of how far I have to walk. And I'm always aware of the temperature."

Grief, emotional fatigue, stress, mood disturbance, fear, frustration, embarrassment, loss of esteem etc.

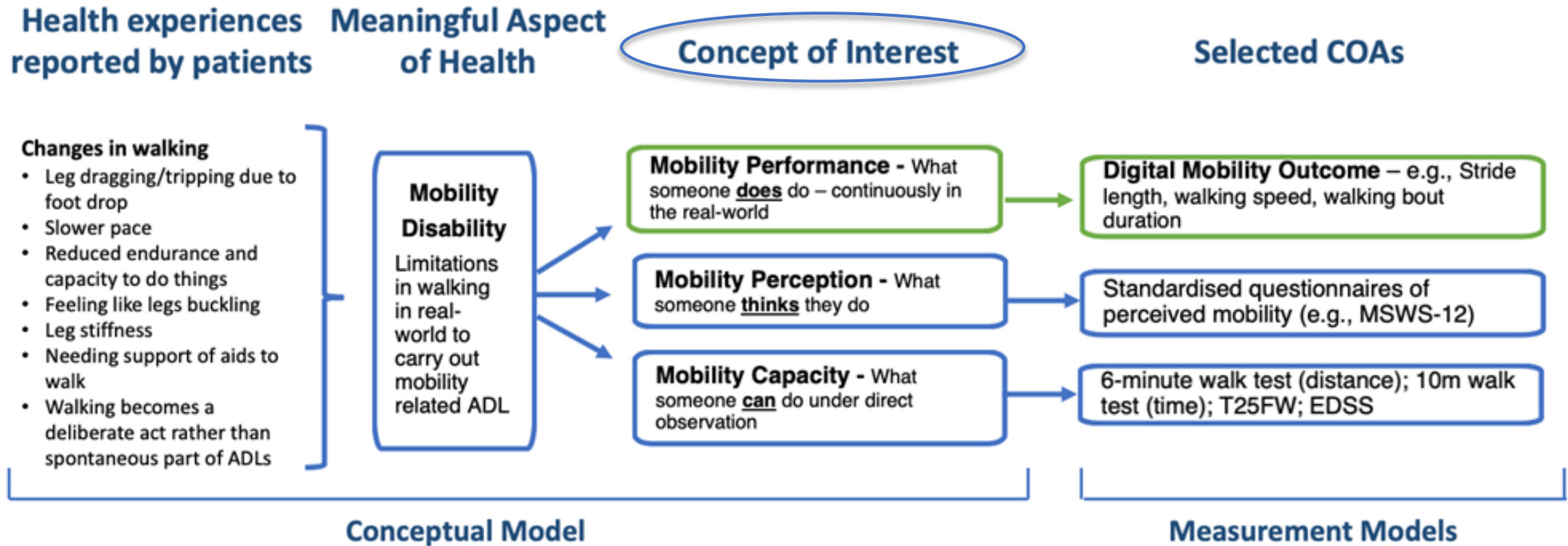
"I just have to concentrate a lot more, you know? The amount of - it's difficult to explain the amount of concentration that's put into these things, particularly when you're tired, particularly when you're fatigued or if you're doing something else at the same time"

Performance of walking related activities of daily living

Reduced balance, fatiguability, feet dragging, legs buckling, reduced energy, sensory disturbances, weakness, pain, temperature sensitivity, blurred vision etc.

"I just find it harder to lift my legs. You know, it's that general sense of strength that you start to lose"

Development of conceptual model



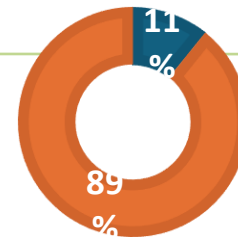
Concept of interest exploration, including acceptability of remote monitoring & opinions of under-served groups



Activities have sought to ensure that we asked questions that are important, that results are interpreted from the perspective of patients and that the lived experience of monitoring mobility performance was acceptable.

Co-designing the following:

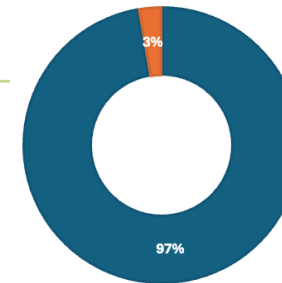
- Experience questionnaire of the CVS.
- Development of minimal important difference questions for the CVS.
- Exploring the acceptability of remote monitoring in TVS participants.
- How to include those from under-served groups.



89% said the device did not interfere with daily activities

86%

Said the device was comfortable



97% would be willing to use this in clinical care

71%

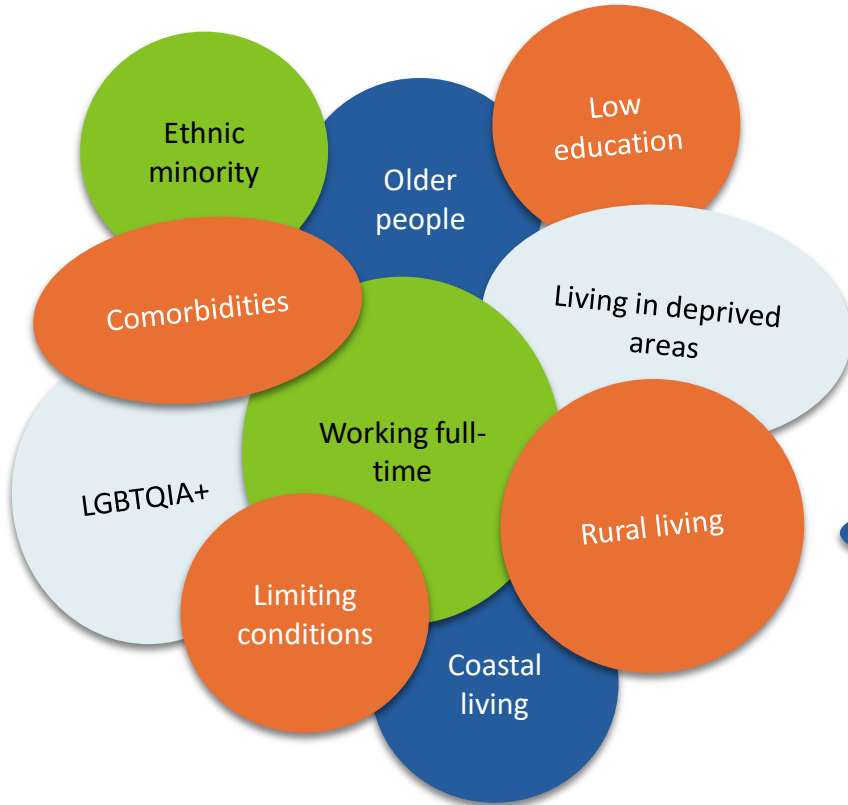
Would like information during the study not at the end



97%

Found remote monitoring acceptable

Concept of interest exploration, including acceptability of remote monitoring & opinions of under-served groups



We focused on how best to access underserved groups and support them into research.



A range of professionals and researchers took part, including researchers, neurologists, and physiotherapists.

Populations should have their value within research reinforced from the beginning to the end of

Communications should be both informal and sensitive to the populations

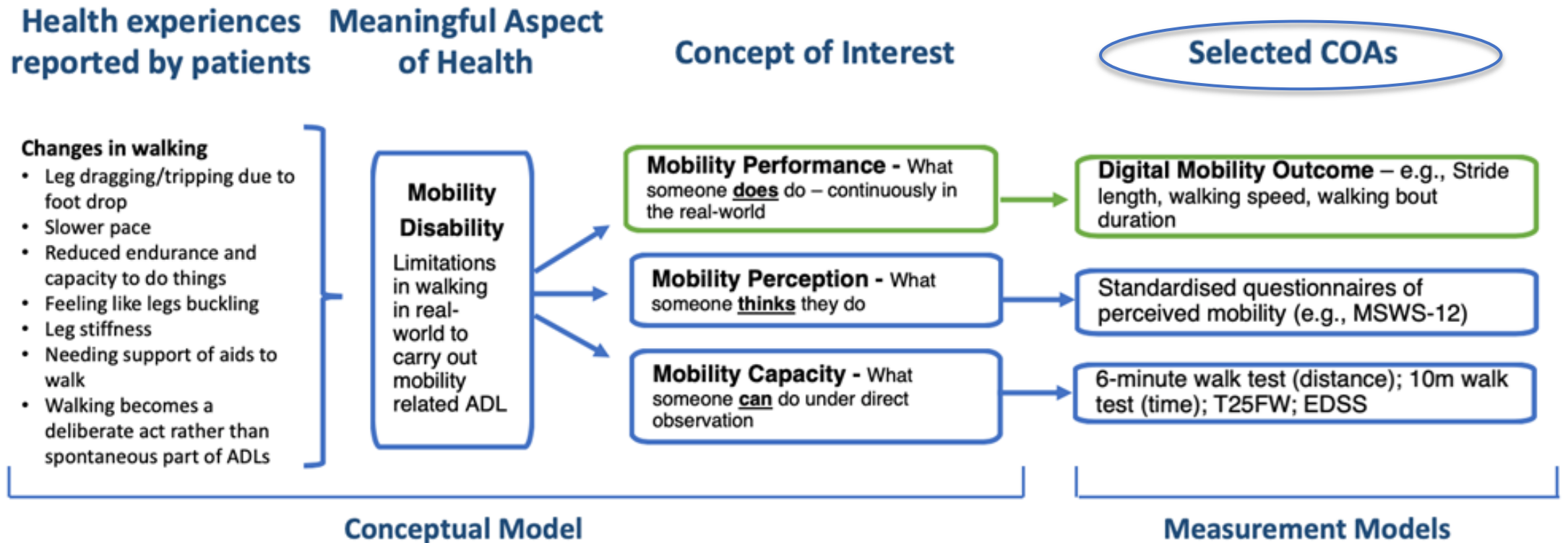
Study materials should represent the communities intended to be targeted

Important to understand the priorities of the population

Provide online and in person options where possible

Underserved groups provide meaningful insights into the accommodations that can be made in designing and marketing of digital health technologies. Recruitment should be more than advertisement but rather a means of engaging and uplifting communities. The workshops allowed us to expand our recruitment network.

Development of conceptual model

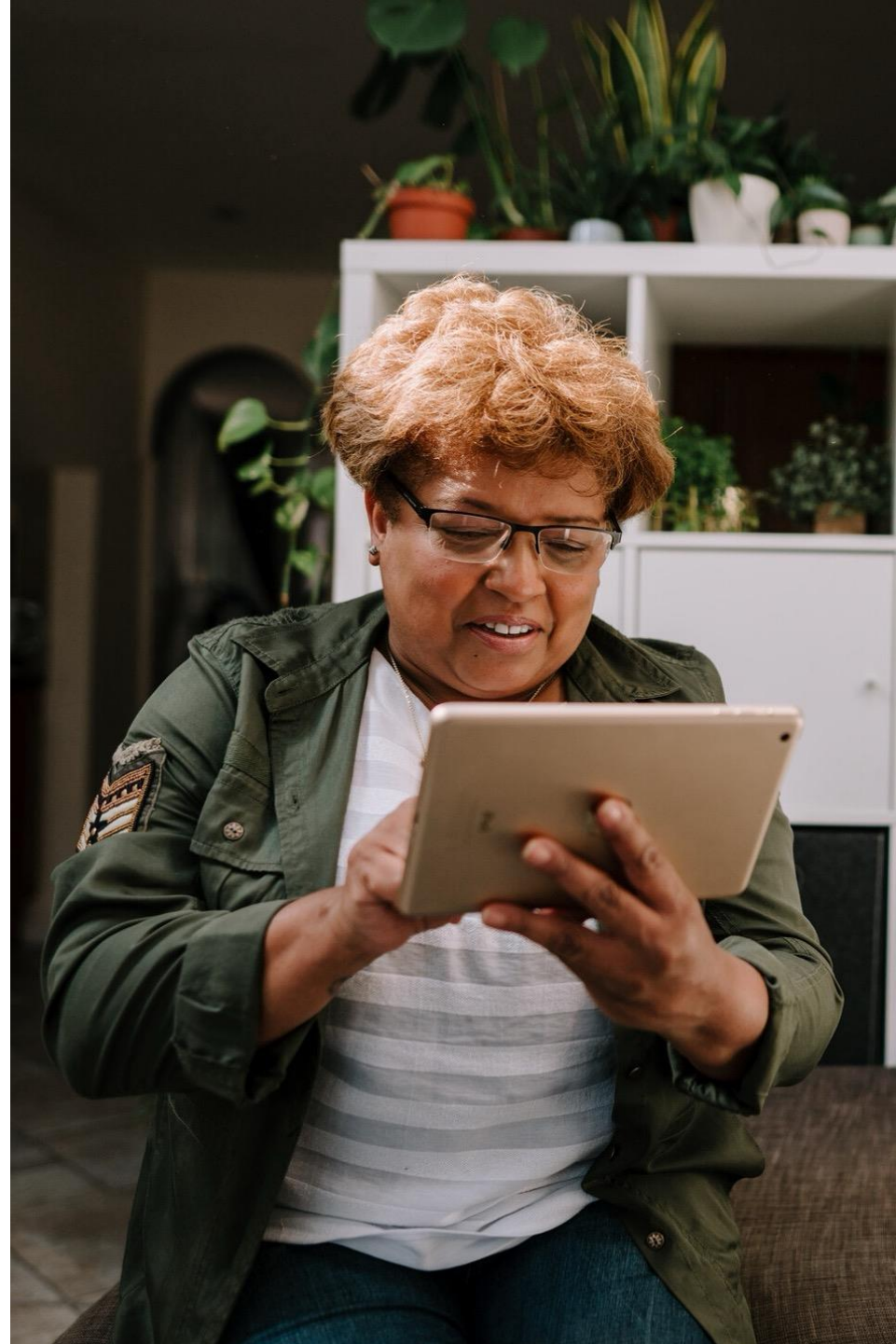


Mapping mobility experiences to DMOs

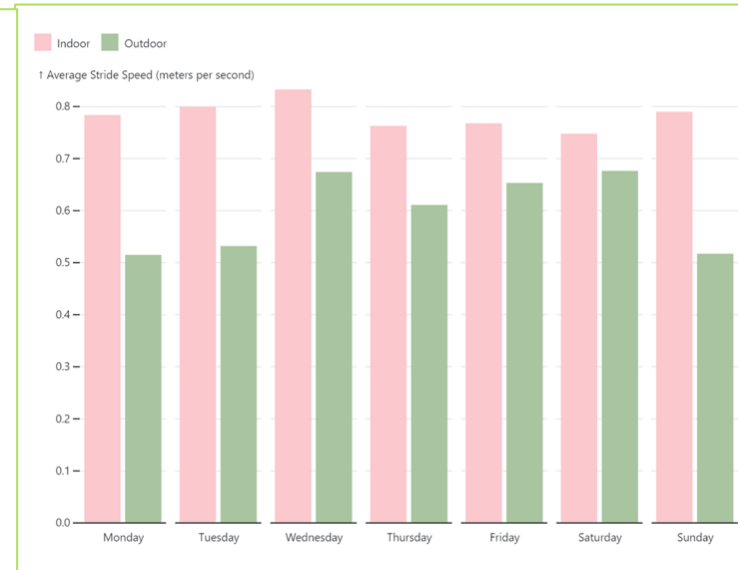
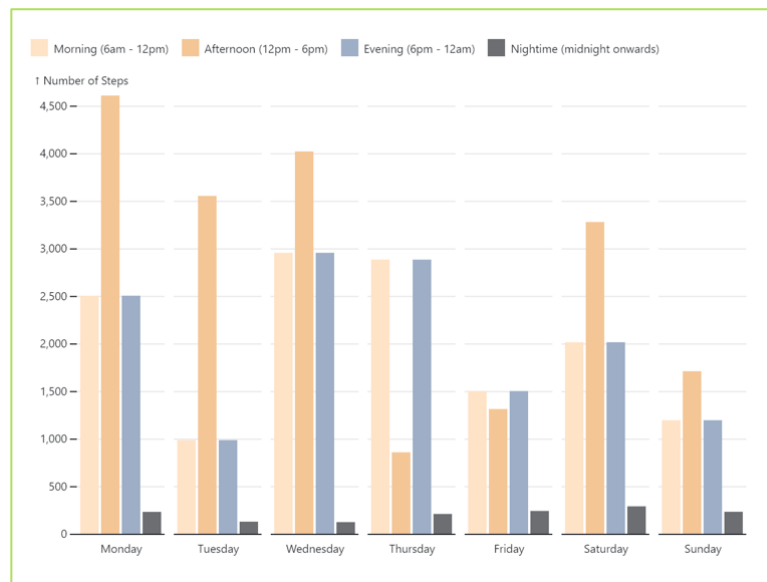
Our conceptual framework links the experiences of walking to daily tasks.

For example: "So, I'm always aware of distance, of how far I have to walk" is a contextual experience, that links to a patients' mobility related symptoms of MS and can be mapped to a digital mobility outcome such as duration of walking bout.

We are currently interviewing people with PD to map these experiences explicitly to the Mobilise-D DMOs. Additionally, we iteratively exploring how walking experiences and DMOs might be visualised to people with chronic conditions to understand how they want their data over time shown to them.



Mapping mobility experiences to DMOs



Patients wanted to see superimposed graphs to get a better grasp of the data

The data presented needs to be relevant to their experiences

Emphasis on accessibility – bigger font and brighter colours

Most participants found the graphs easy to understand



PPIE has improved the outputs of Mobilise-D, guided us on what is important, and challenged our thoughts about key concepts.



PPIE has demonstrated that real-world walking is meaningful to patients and that they find remote monitoring to be acceptable.



Patients have a clear desire for more information about their mobility. Remote trials have the potential to be impactful and change future healthcare assessments.





Technical Validation: Challenges and solutions for the estimation of technically valid real-world Digital Mobility Outcomes

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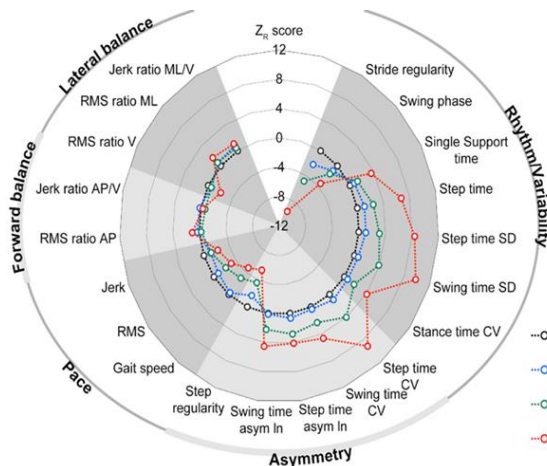
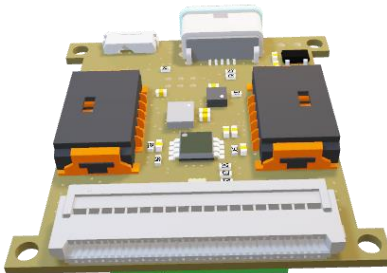


The goal of the technical validation study

To provide **valid, robust and feasible** digital tools to describe **digital mobility** in **Real World** conditions



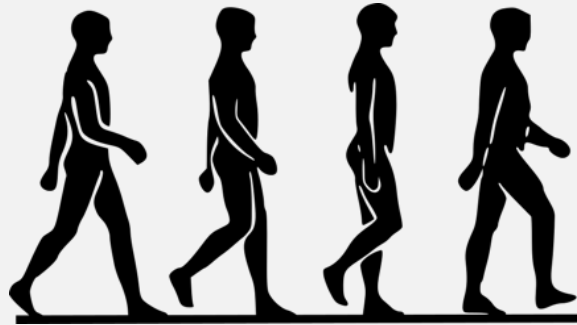
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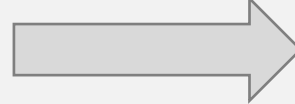
From the laboratory to the real world



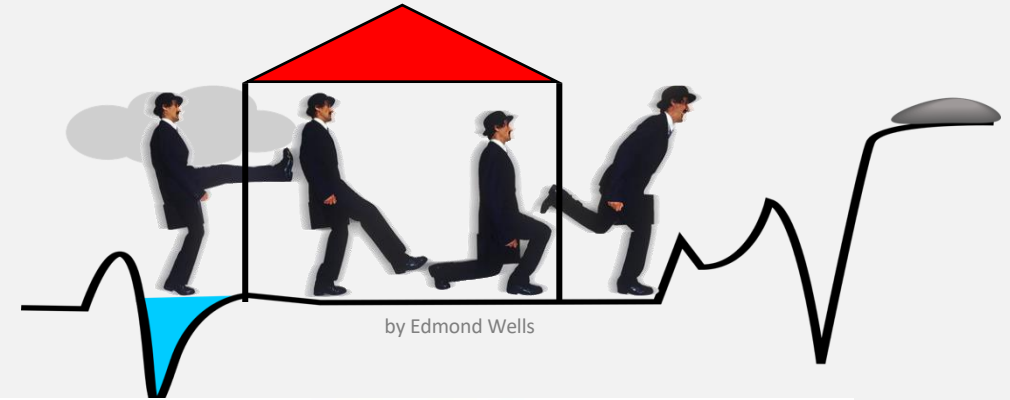
What we are used to in the **lab**



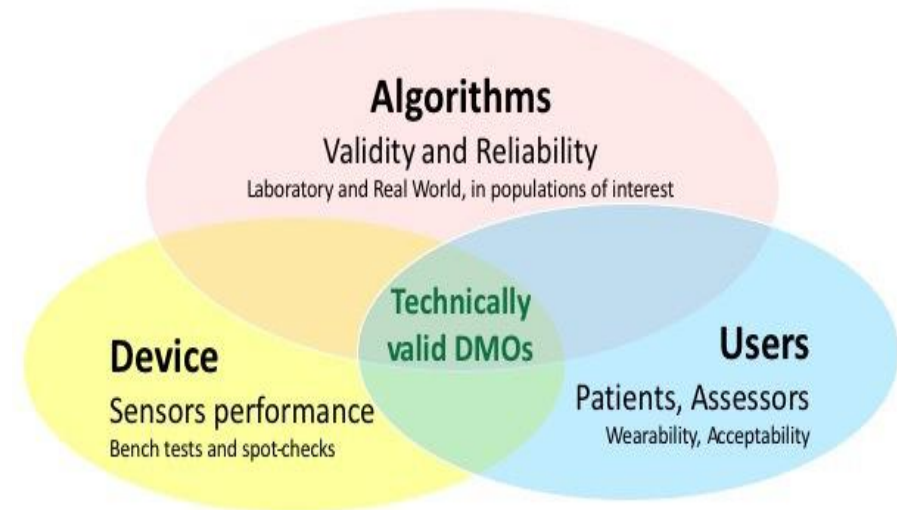
Challenges



What happens in the **real world**



1. Definitions
2. Choosing a device
3. Quantifying real-world walking (algorithms)
4. Establishing a technical validation framework
5. Data analysis to quantify and show validity



Challenge 1: Defining a common language for real-world walking



Real world

- Free-living, unsupervised, uncontrolled, and non-standardised
- Distinct from laboratory-based, supervised, and semi-controlled tests



Felix Kluge



Output

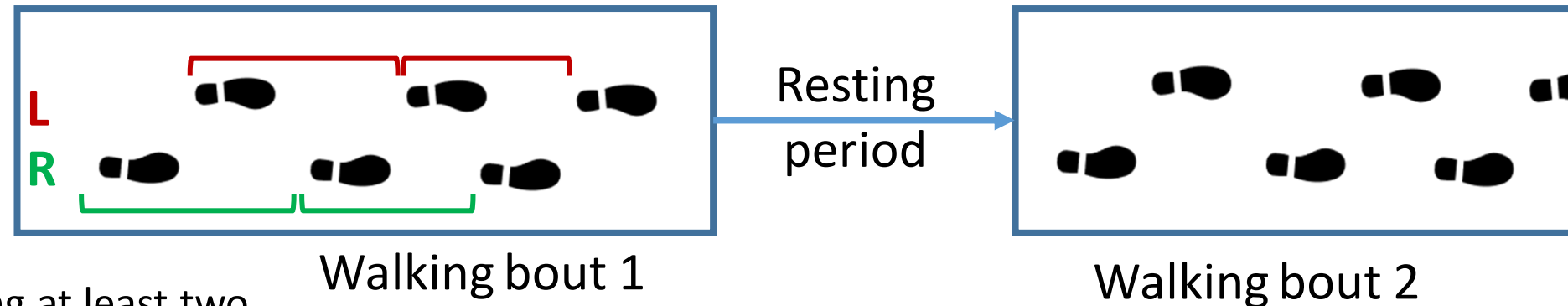
Consensus based framework for digital mobility monitoring, Kluge et al., PlosOne, 2021

Walking

- Method of locomotion using both legs to displace the center of mass in an intended direction
- Includes walking aids
- Includes turning

Walking bout

Walking sequence containing at least two consecutive strides of both feet

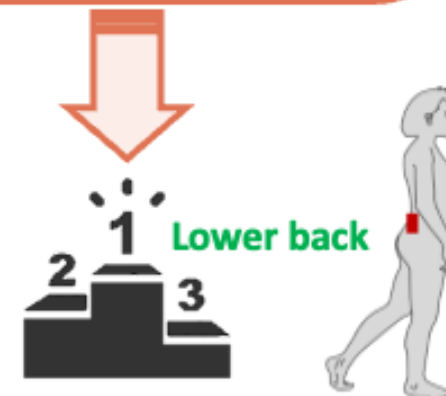
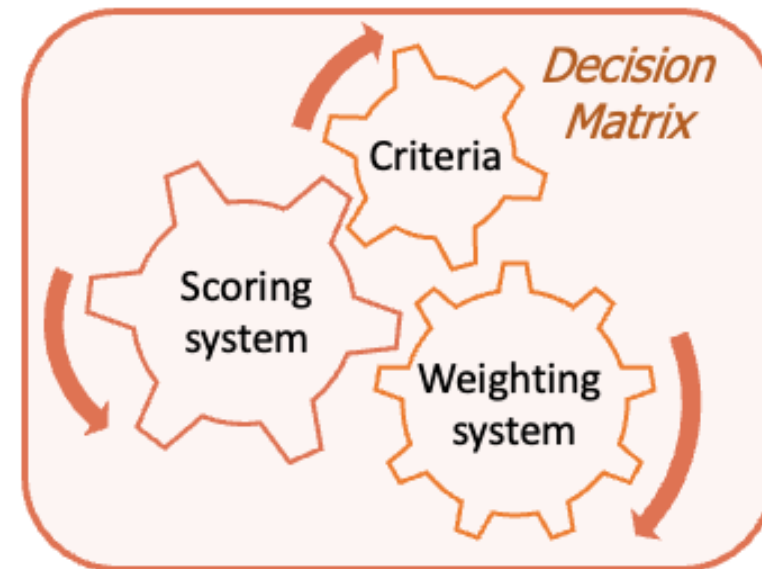
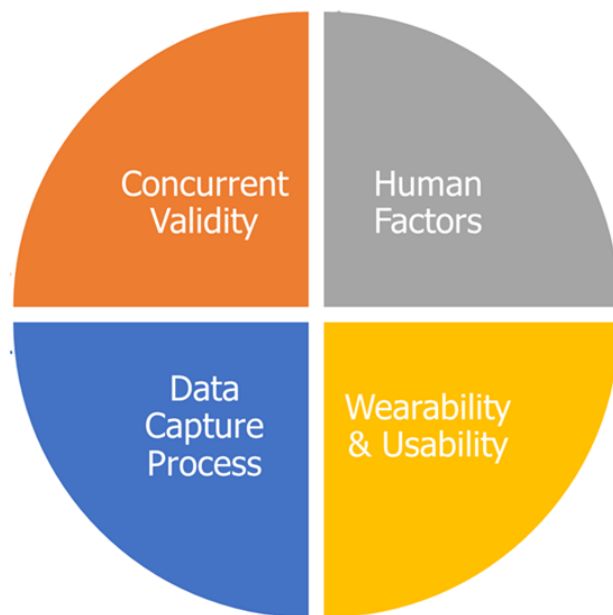
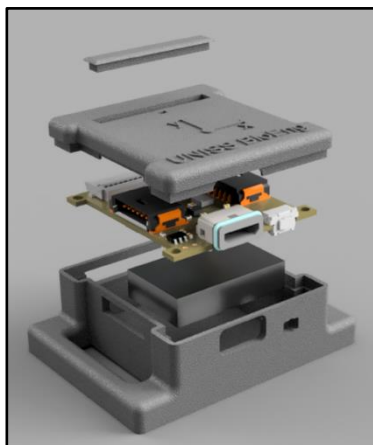




Challenge 2: Deciding on a solution

A **single** Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) including

- 3 accelerometers (linear accelerations)
- 3 gyroscopes (angular velocities)
- 7-days continuous recording at 100Hz



An objective methodology for the selection of a device for continuous mobility assessment. Bonci et al., Sensors 2020



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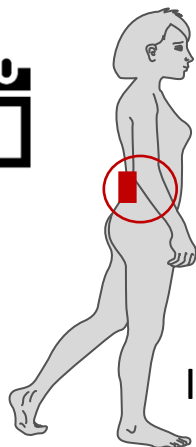


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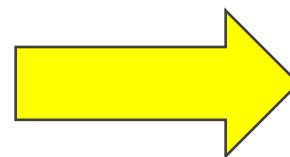
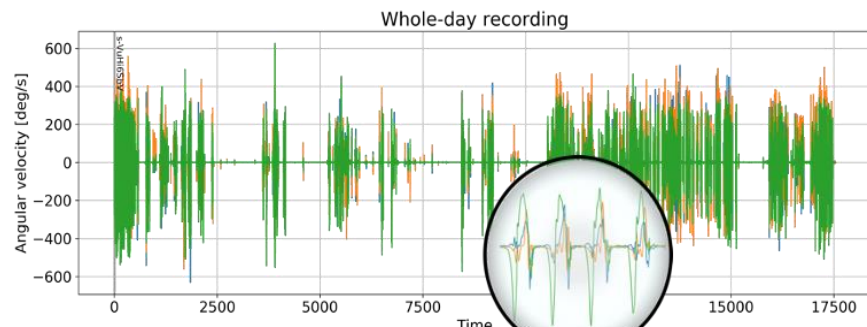


Challenge 3: quantifying real-world walking

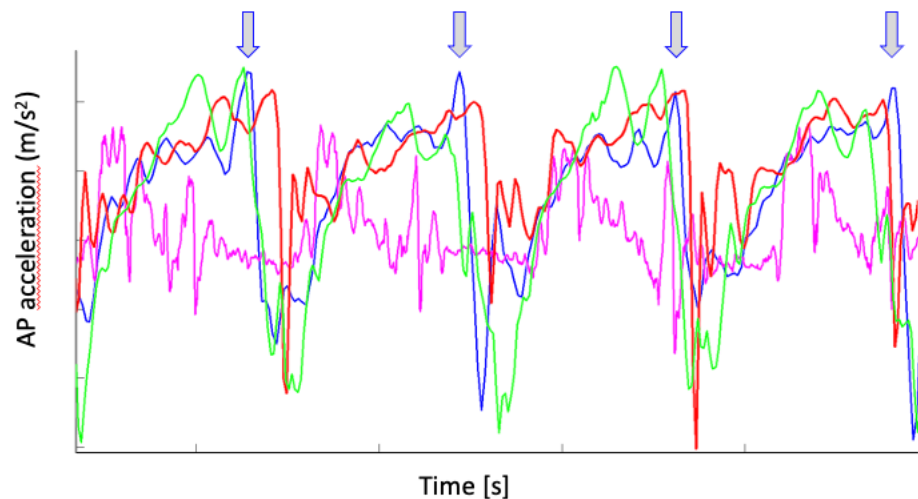
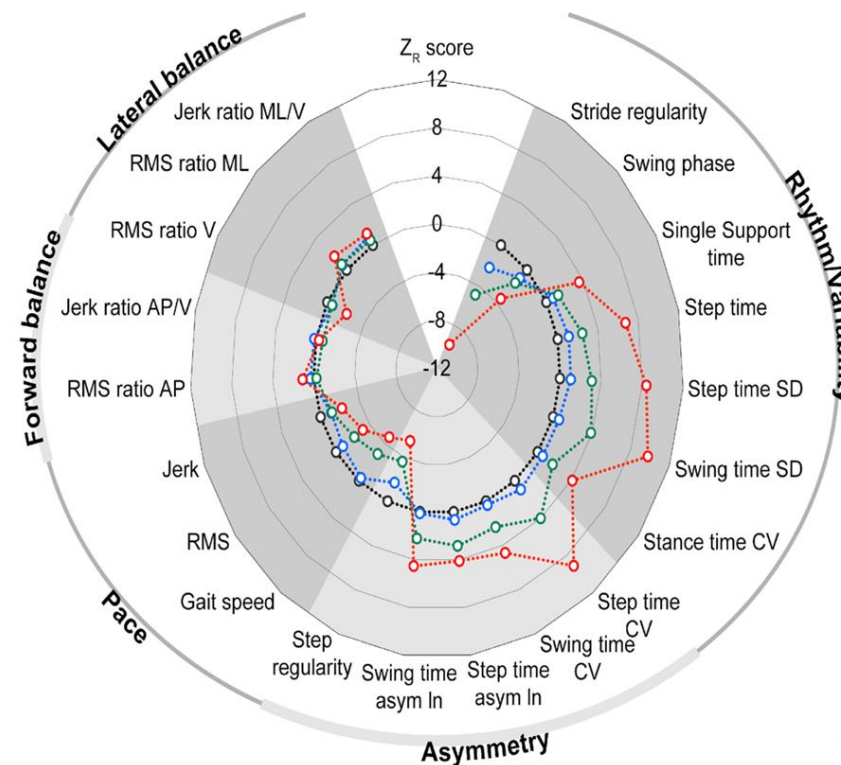
In the real world



Inertial Measurement Unit



Digital Mobility Outcomes (DMOs)



- Normal gait
- Parkinson
- Chorea
- Stroke

from Angelini et al. (2021)

Challenge 3: computational pipeline



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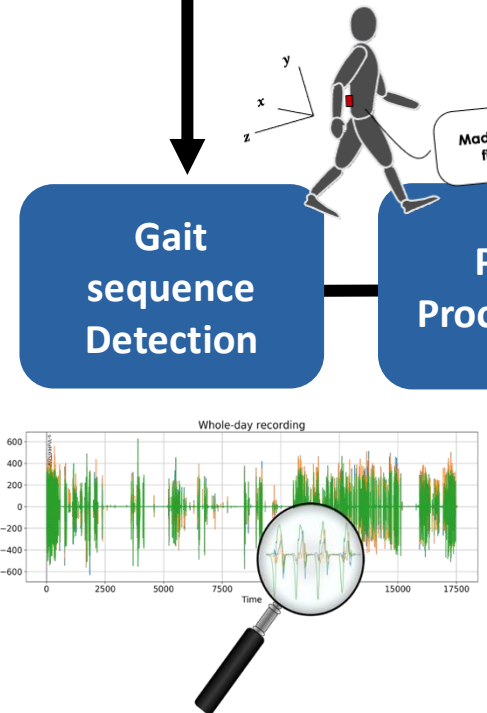


Data Standardization

Walking context

- Turning
- Stairs
- ...

80+ algorithms compared!
(mostly existing algorithms)



Gait sequence Detection

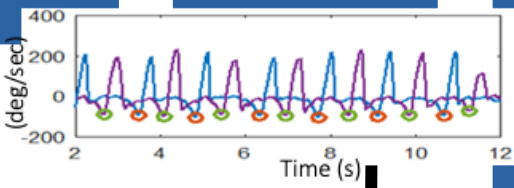
Pre-Processing

Step detection

Step Length

Real-World Walking Speed

Cadence (Temp/Freq)



Left/Right Stride detection

Stride Interpolation

Walking Bout Assembly (WBA)

WB DMOs

Secondary DMOs

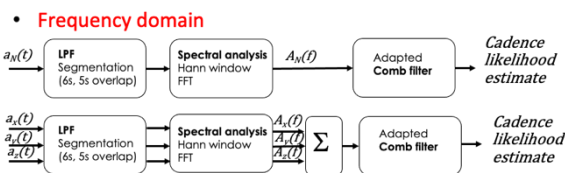
PCA: Anterior-posterior acceleration aligned with the direction of movement.

Vertical acceleration in the global frame

Time domain

$$AverageCadence = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n_steps} \left(\frac{60}{Step_duration_k} \right)}{n_steps}$$

Step_duration_k is the duration of the k - step in the WB
n_steps is the number of steps identified in the WB



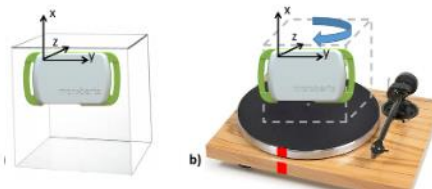


Challenge 4: establishing a technical validation framework

Three-level validation

1 - Device testing

Bench test and spotchecks



2- Algorithm validation

In-Lab motor tests

2.5 hr Free-living

With reference ("knowing the truth")

3- Acceptability Context

7 days Real World

In the cohort(s) of interest:



Older Healthy Adults



Parkinson's Disease



Multiple Sclerosis

N ~ 120



Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease



Congestive Heart Failure



Proximal Femur Fractures

In the context(s) of interest:

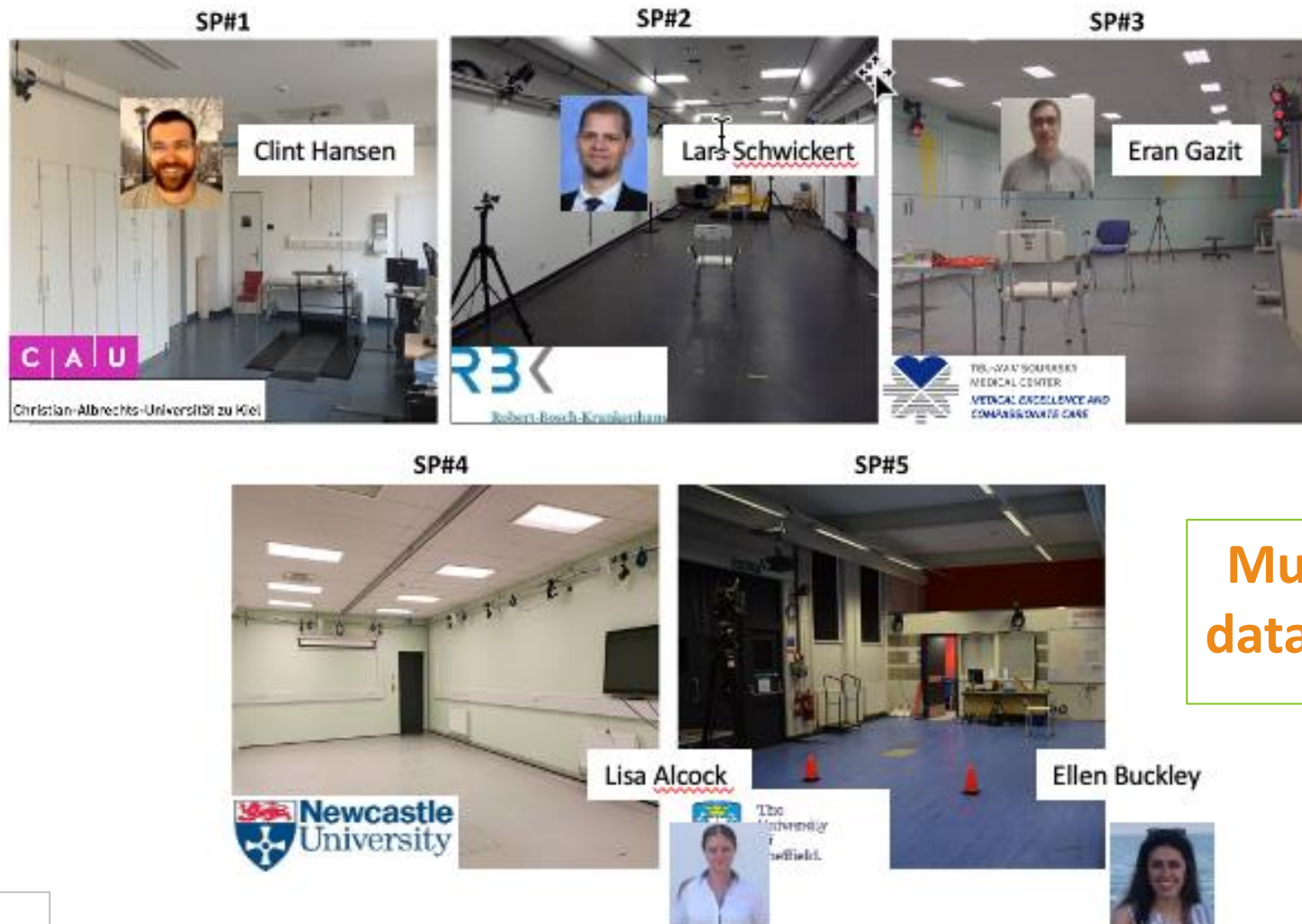
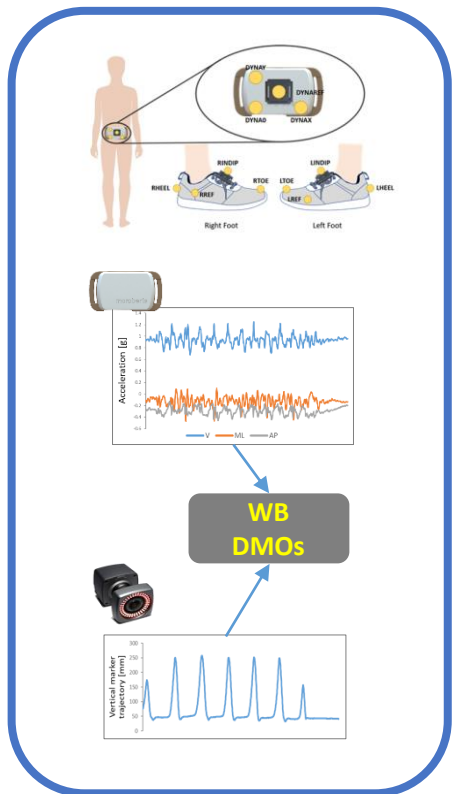


Technical validation of real-world monitoring of gait: a multicentric observational study Mazzà et al. BMJ Open 2021



Challenge 4.1: Algorithms validation In-Lab with stereophotogrammetry

In-Lab Assessment



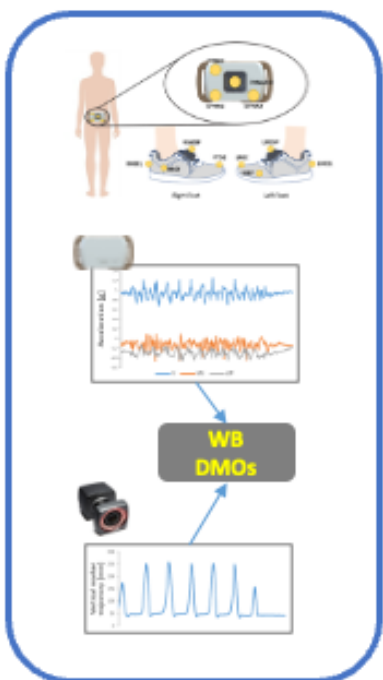
Multi-centric data collection

Algorithm performances under known circumstances



Challenge 4.1: Capturing significant data in the Lab

In-Lab Assessment



The experimental Protocol was conceived to:

- Ensure participant safety and well-being (**clinical acceptability**)
- Capture a broad range of gaits similarly to Real World (**technical acceptability**)



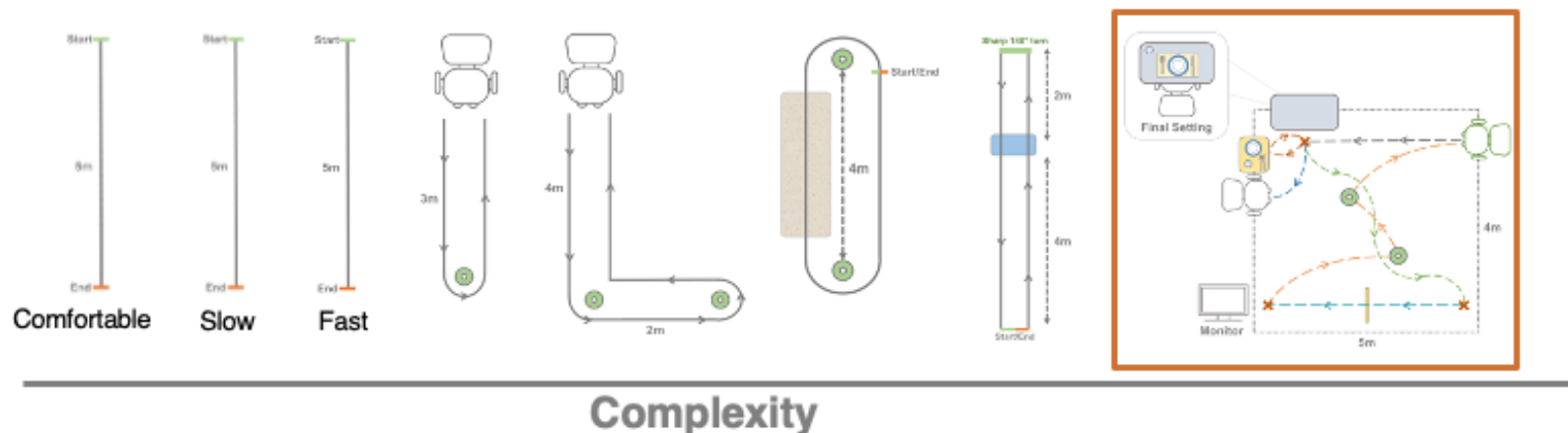
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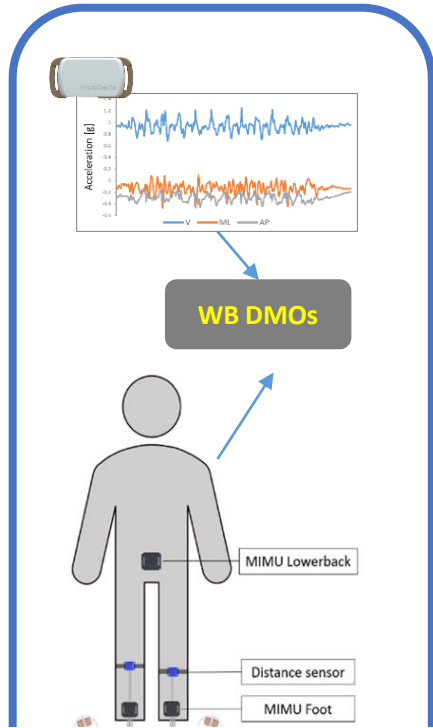
Seven Structured Tasks + 1 simulated daily activities task



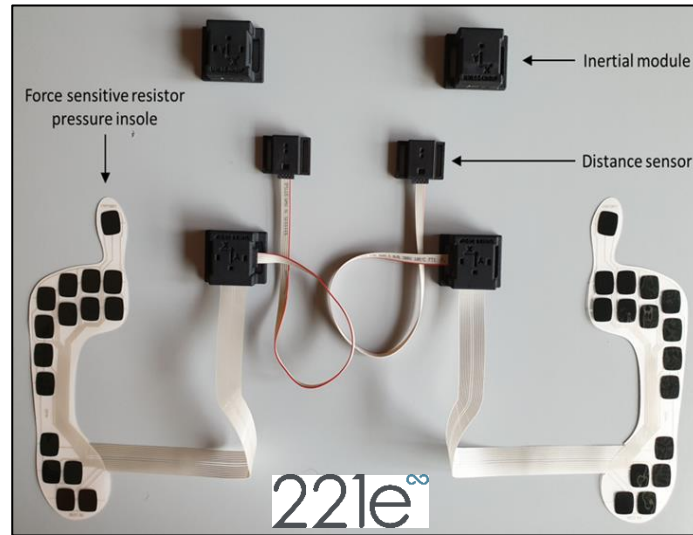
Challenge 4.2: Algorithm validation in free living conditions



2.5 hr
free-living



INDIP system



Stefano Bertuletti



Francesca Salis



Marco Caruso



Andrea Cereatti



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Walking Speed

Cohort	Mean ± Standard Deviation (INDIP, m/s)	Mean ± Standard Deviation (SP)	Median Relative Error (%)
HA	0.97 ± 0.25	0.97 ± 0.25	0.95 %
PD	0.82 ± 0.30	0.81 ± 0.29	1.16 %
MS	0.84 ± 0.29	0.79 ± 0.30	0.31 %
COPD			
CHF	0.92 ± 0.34	0.90 ± 0.33	0.67 %
PFF	0.73 ± 0.35	0.72 ± 0.35	1.57 %

Walking Speed mean error < 1.6%

A multi-sensor wearable system for the assessment of diseased gait in real-world conditions, Salis et al. Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology 11, 1143248 (2023)

Challenge 5: statistical data analysis



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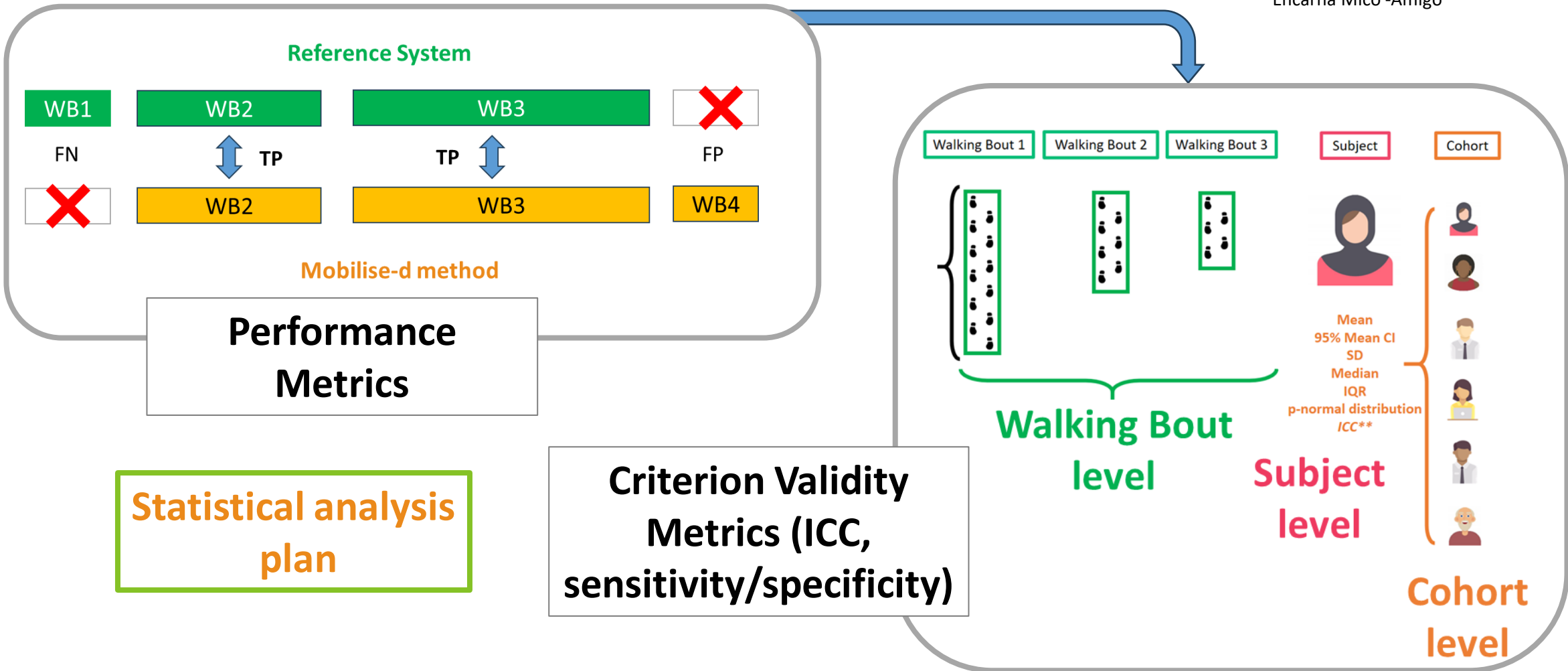
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Newcastle
University



Silvia Del Din

Walking bout matching





Challenge 5.1: DMOs validity & results at a Glance



Silvia Del Din



Kameron Kirk



Encarna Micó-Amigo

	DMOs	All Walking Bouts	Walking Bouts >10s
Walking activity Volume	Number of steps	✓	✓
	Number of Turns	✓	✓
Walking activity Pattern	Number of Walking Bouts	✓	✓
	Walking Bout Duration	✓	✓
	Turn duration	✓	✓
Gait - Pace	Walking Speed	X →	✓
	Stride Length	X →	✓
Gait - Rythm	Step Duration	✓	✓
	Cadence	✓	✓
	Swing Phase Duration	X	X
	Stance Phase Duration	X	X

Critical factors

- Short WB (< 10 s)
- Gait complexity (strong asymmetries)
- Very low gait speed (<0.3 m/sec)
- Two mobility pipelines depending of the use case (impaired gait vs limited performance)

Assessing real-world gait with digital technology? Validation, insights and recommendations from the Mobilise-D consortium. ME Micó-Amigo et al. Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation 20 (1), 1-26, 3, 2023.

Mobilise-D insights to estimate real-world walking speed in multiple conditions with a wearable device. C Kirk, et al. Scientific reports 14, 1754 (2024)

Criteria for DMO validity recommendation “✓”

Relative error <20%, Performance Metrics > 0.7 (ICC>0.7)

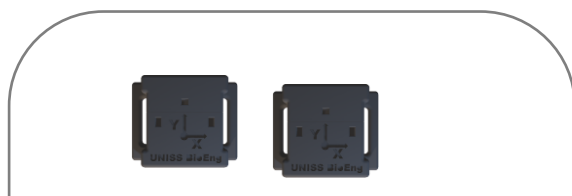
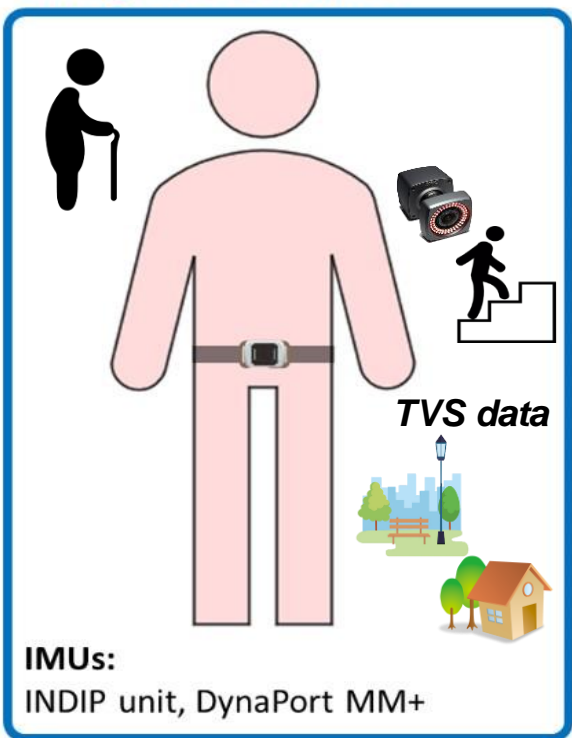


Validity of device agnostic approach

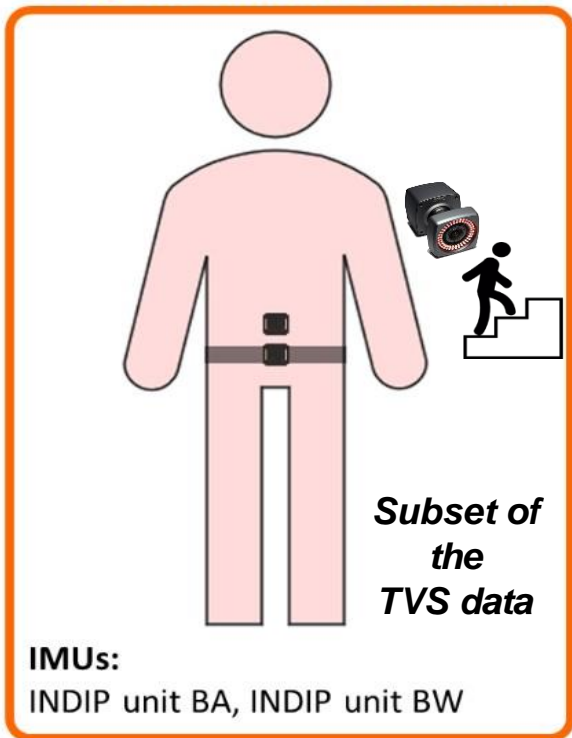
Equivalence & comparison



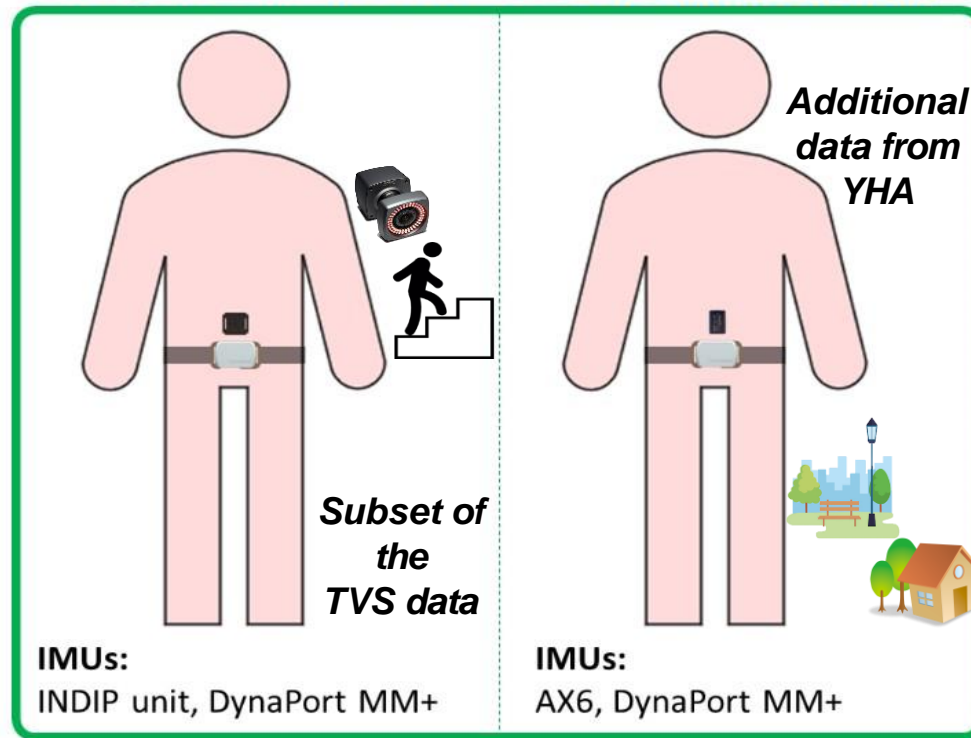
Change in electronics



Change in attachment modality



Change in both electronics and attachment modality





Impact and perspectives

- Provides first-ever systematic approach to mobility measurement that is standardised and freely available.
- *Research/tech companies*: Data availability and the benchmarking framework enables the development of new algorithms.
- *Pharma companies*: Increased robustness and trustworthiness of mobility endpoints enables use in clinical trials.
- *Health authorities*: Technical validation is one of the foundations for qualification of DMOs.

MOBILISE-D

Towards Qualification of Digital Mobility Outcomes

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FNIH - Digital Measures Workshop, June 24-25, 2024



A staged qualification advice approach

Stage 1:

Qualification Advice - EMA

CoU: use of DMO as monitoring biomarker of mobility performance in PD drug trials

Request submitted - **October 2019**

Advice received – **March 2020**

Letter of Support published - **November 2020**

Stage 2:

Qualification Advice - EMA

CoU: same, but extension to all four diseases

Request submitted - **June 2020**

Advice received – **December 2020**

Letter of Support published – **May 2021**

Stage 3:

FDA engagement

- Informal meeting with FDA COA Qualification Program in **October 2021**
- Pre-Lol meeting in May 2023

Stage 4:

Qualification Opinion

- Qualification Opinion will be pursued when responsiveness evidences are available from interventional clinical trials (post consortium)



Summary of advice from EMA

- Technical validation plan approved
- General design of the clinical validation plan approved
- The question of meaningfulness of mobility performance for the patients remains open
- The ability to detect change cannot be proved only with an Observational Clinical Study; to pursue the qualification demonstration of treatment effects in interventional RCTs are needed



FDA DDT COA Qualification Program

- DMO(s) are considered COAs
- An informal meeting with the FDA Drug Development Tool Clinical Outcome Assessment Qualification program in October 2021
- Objective: to better understand the qualification process requirements and to obtain the Division's feedback on:
 - Rationale and hypotheses
 - Proposed CoU
 - Draft qualification approach
- The established procedure requires a separate letter of intent (LoI) submission for each indication
 - Interrelatedness and common modules in the dossier together with indication-specific sections is recognized

FDA COA Qualification Program

Introductory meeting feedback



- The mobility should be correlated to each patient's daily activities and the information on what the participants are actually doing would be important for interpretation
- Collecting data to determine what the patients and caregivers consider important to them is essential
- The parameters measured and how they are measured including the information on sensors should be provided
- Confounding events should also be considered and discussed.
- The rationale for the selection of diseases and how the proposed DMOs would complement the existing endpoints should be explained.

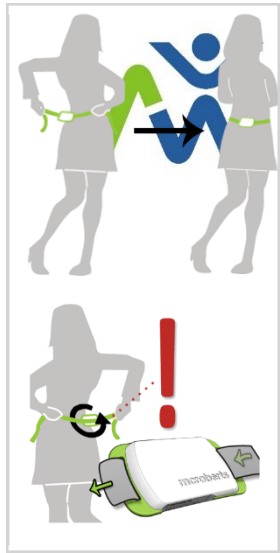
FDA COA Qualification Program

Pre-Lol meeting package (DMOs for multiple sclerosis)



- **Objective:** To obtain feedback on the draft LOI for the Mobilise-D DMO in multiple sclerosis and its suitability of the proposal for scientific review.
- Pre-Lol materials included:
 - Intended benefit for a more effective assessment tool to provide greater sensitivity to changes of disability
 - Conceptual framework for linking the COA to the meaningful aspects of health and activities of daily life (ADLs)
 - Device agnostic approach and considerations to evaluate changing between sensors
 - Technical validation data to support concurrent validity of a device and algorithm
 - Clinical validation objectives and plan:
 - To assess construct validity of DMOs against established clinically relevant endpoints
 - To assess the ability of DMOs to detect change over time in clinically relevant endpoints
 - To estimate the minimally important difference (MID) of DMOs to measure change in disease state (worsened or improved)

Device Agnostic Outcome Assessment



- When developing the DMO, the goal was to define the minimum performance requirements to enable a device agnostic digital measure
- Evaluation criteria for a new device would need to consider:

Output Data Compatibility

- Raw data output in .csv file at a sampling frequency of 100hz
- 3D Linear acceleration
- 3D angular velocities

Sensing Capability & Metrological Requirements

- Clock jitter of at least +/-20ppm
- Sampling Frequency at 100hz
- Tri-axial accelerometer:
 - Range: $\geq \pm 8g$
 - Resolution: 1mg (at $\pm 8g$)
- Tri-axial gyroscope:
 - Range $\geq \pm 2000dps$
 - Resolution: 70mdps (at $\pm 2000dps$)
- At least 7 days of recording 3D angular velocities and acceleration signals

Wearing Modality

- If changing from Body worn (BW) to body-attached (BA), apply algorithms on output data when wearing the device simultaneously
- Acceptability should be determined based on the errors associated with the BW or BA wear configuration from the Technical Validation Study

Human Factors

- Acceptability
- Wearability
- Patients' compliance

FDA COA Qualification Program

Pre-LoI meeting feedback (DMOs for multiple sclerosis)



- **Objective:** To obtain feedback on the draft LOI for the Mobilise-D DMO in multiple sclerosis and its suitability of the proposal for scientific review.
- The Agency commented that
 - How the proposed DMO would be used in the MS clinical trials and what value it would provide to MS drug development should be clarified.
 - The proposed endpoint should be described in more detail: particularly how clinical fluctuations in the MS patients would be adequately assessed and how changes in self-limiting mobility behavior (e.g., due to symptom burden) are captured.
 - Additional qualitative research to understand why and to what extent the DMO is important to patients with MS is needed.
 - Additional clarification is needed for mapping the meaningful aspects of health to CoI and how the CoI will be evaluated.



Lessons learned

- Concept of Interest should be relevant and clinically meaningful to the target population
- Context of Use, a detailed description of how the outcome measure to be used, is essential for the regulatory assessment
- Needs assessment for the COA in a specific disease area should be justified
- Utilize check-lists and publicly available feedback to cover all areas of interest. Test-retest reliability, convergent validity and ability to detect change are important properties to establish
- Consider iterative approaches :
 - Initial qualification of novel outcome measures for secondary endpoint
 - Formulate process on how to expand to additional contexts of use, diseases
- Early interactions with Health Authorities are critical for success
 - Engagement with major Health Authorities to align requirements for global project implementation
 - Multiple advice meetings required with each Health Authority – significant resource commitment
 - Define how to coordinate various HA inputs whilst their advice processes are not easily merged
- Be aware of long lead times for the various stages



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Clinical Validation Study

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Overall plan

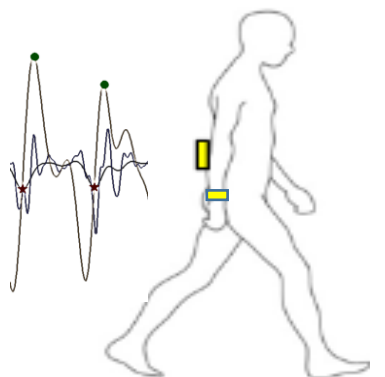


Technical Validation Study

from device to digital mobility outcomes

Clinical Validation Study

from digital mobility outcomes to health status



Digital data from
wearable device +
algorithm



- Mobility Performance
- Digital mobility outcome(s) (DMO)
- Walking speed, walking bouts; stride length, turning, etc.



Health status

Patients

Regulatory authorities

FDA/FNIH Digital Measures Workshop, June 24-25, 2024

Rochester et al., 2020

Clinical Validation Study: What do mobility outcomes tell us about health?



- 2388 participants
- ~600 per cohort (PD, MS, COPD, Hip Fracture)
- Every 6 months for 2 years (2021-2024)
- 16 sites/10 countries
- 7-day digital mobility assessment
- Clinical characterisation
- Mobility characterisation - secondary mobility outcomes & generic mobility loss
- Generalisable (geography; inclusivity; degree of disability)





Enrollment of PD, MS, COPD, and PFF cohorts

Parkinson's disease:

- n=602 from 5 sites
- 4/2021 – 5/2022

Multiple sclerosis:

- n=602 from 4 sites
- 5/2021 – 10/2022

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

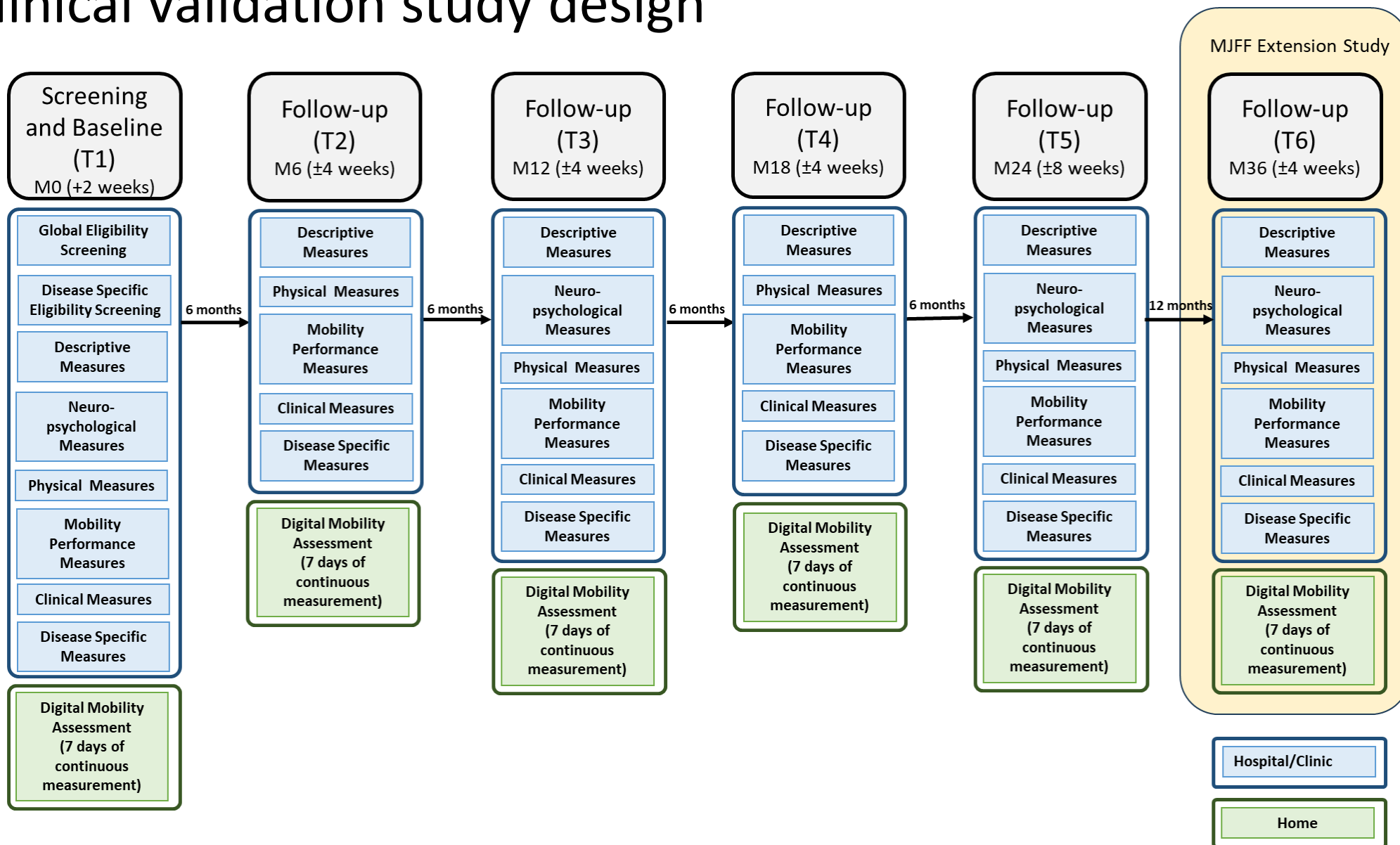
- n=613 from 7 sites
- 4/2021 – 4/2022

Proximal femoral fracture

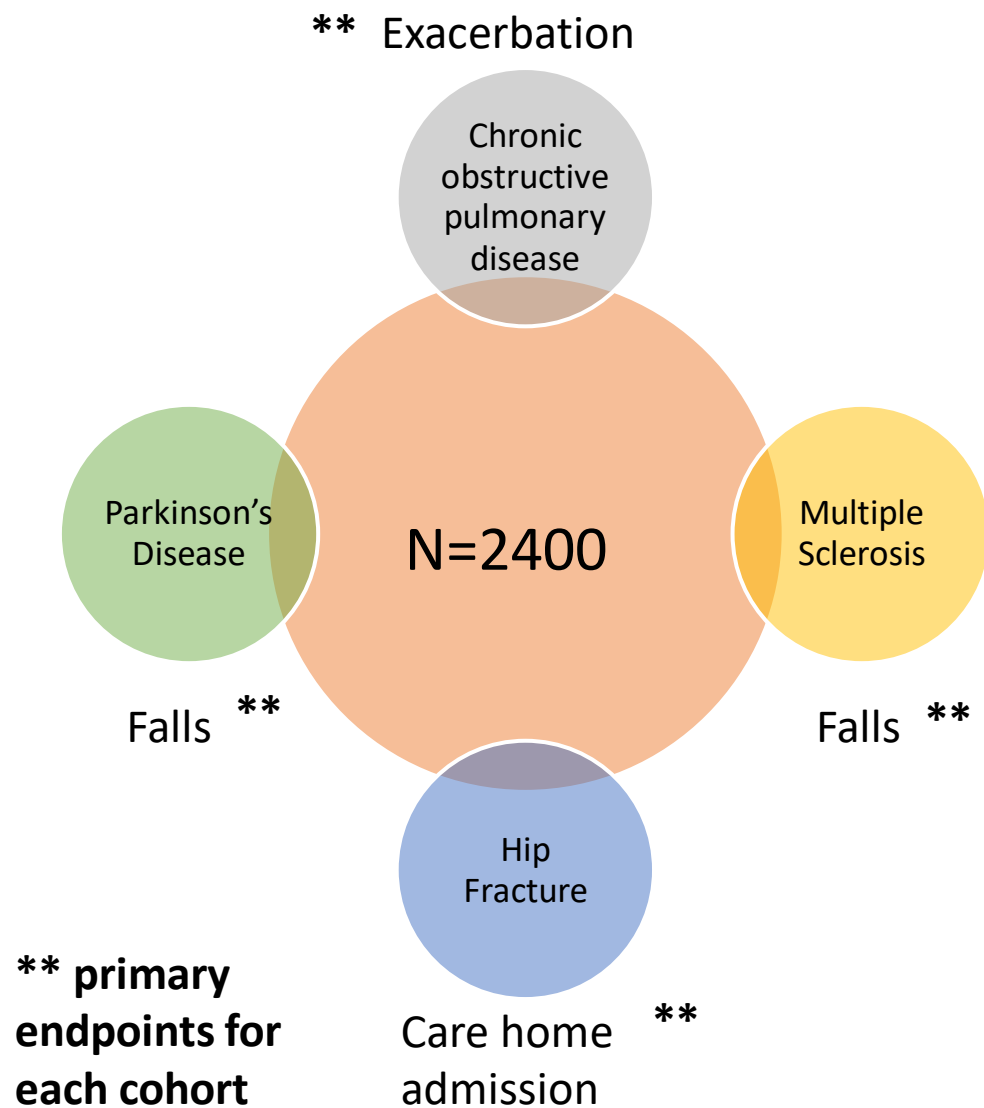
- n=572 from 3 sites
- 4/2021 – 7/2023



Clinical validation study design



Clinical Validation Study - Aims



Identify the **best disease** specific & **global** digital mobility outcome & cut-off scores where relevant:

- Measure & monitor mobility performance
- Detect change – progression & responsiveness
- Clinically meaningful
- Predictive capacity
- Superior to standard mobility outcomes
- Acceptable, reliable, implementable



Descriptive Measures:

Year of birth, gender, height, weight, shoe size, leg length, education, employment, marital status, living arrangement, overall health status, smoking history, alcohol consumption, ethnicity, comorbidities, vision and COVID-19 history.

Clinical outcome measures:

- **Late-Life Functional Disability Index (LLFDI)** - function and disability in older adults
- Mortality
- Care home admission and length of stay
- Hospital admission
- **Fall events** (occurrence and frequency) and fall related injuries.
- Fracture history
- Medication and non-pharmacological interventions
- Blood pressure
- **Euro-QoL (EQ-5D)** – Quality of life
- Pain - Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) during rest and walking
- **Groll Functional Comorbidity Index (FCI Groll)**.
- Frailty Index (FI).
- **Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy (FACIT) Fatigue scale**
- **Minimal Important Difference (MID)** -Anchor questions to measure change in mobility constructs (distance, speed, safety, effort and overall perception)
- Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA)- body composition



Physical measures (all assessments will be instrumented using a wearable sensor):

- Use of mobility aids
- **Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB)** - lower extremity function and mobility.
- **Hand grip strength**
- **Timed Up and Go (TUG)** - common clinical measure used to assess mobility, balance and walking ability in older adults.
- **Six-minute walking test (6MWT)** - functional exercise capacity.

Mobility life space measures:

- University of Alabama at Birmingham **Life Space Assessment (LSA)** - extent and frequency of movement
- Nursing Home Life Space Diameter (NHLSD) - extent and frequency of movement (nursing home resident)

Neuropsychological measures:

- **Short Falls Efficacy Scale International (Short FES-I)** – measure of concern about falling
- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-2) - severity of depression.
- Social isolation and loneliness (UCLA Loneliness scale)
- **Mini-Mental State Examination Short version (SMMSE)** - measure of cognitive impairment



PD Specific Assessments:

- Movement Disorder Society Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (MDS-UPDRS) – disease progression
- Mini balance Evaluation Systems Test (Mini BESTest) - measure to assess dynamic balance.
- New Freezing of Gait Questionnaire (NFOGQ) - impact and severity of freezing of gait.
- Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) - measure of cognitive impairment.

MS Specific Assessments:

- MS Descriptives - MS symptoms and diagnosis date, subtype and use of Disease Modifying Treatments.
- Modified Fatigue Impact Scale (MFIS)
- The Multiple Sclerosis Functional Composite (MSFC) - measure of MS in three key clinical dimensions: leg function and ambulation (Timed 25-Foot Walk), arm and hand function (9-Hole Peg Test), and cognitive function (Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test).
- Expanded Disability Status Scale (EDSS) - used to quantify disability in MS.
- Patient Determined Disease Steps (PDDS) scale - patient reported measure of disability in MS.
- Multiple sclerosis walking scale-12 (MSWS-12) - patient reported measure of impact of MS on walking ability.
- Symbol Digit Modalities Test (SDMT) - severity of cognitive dysfunction.
- Low-contrast letter acuity (LCLA) - vision testing.
- Fatigue Severity scale (FSS)
- Mobility Importance - importance of mobility (Sheffield sub-study)



Summary and impact

- Mobilise-D algorithm has been rewritten to be easier to use and is undergoing revalidation then release to the public.
- Patient input to clinical trials and feedback on participation expands the understanding of disease burden and experience as study participants. Educational materials accessible on the Mobilise-D website (<https://mobilise-d.eu/>).
- Technical Validation Study data describe required wearable DHT specifications, are published, and accessible for use by public.
- Regulatory interactions provided valuable insights into what is needed to develop a validated digital mobility outcome and has been shared through publication and presentations and will be accessible to the public.
- Clinical validation study process provided important insights for integrating DHT into clinical trials and collecting quality data. Ongoing analysis will deliver the needed evidence of clinical meaningfulness and relevance of specific DMOs to fill the knowledge gap in people with the four conditions (PD, MS, COPD, PFF).

SUSTAIN Mobilise-D – SUSTainability And Impact Now for Mobilise-D



- Objective: Build on foundational knowledge of Mobilise-D algorithm, data, and clinical research experience; promote best practices from MOBILISE-D to improve the adoption and advancement of digital mobility outcomes (DMOs)
- Financial support from select EFPIA partners and in-kind support from select academic and EFPIA partners
- Two years (1 July 2024 – 30 June 2026)
- Focused activities
 - Algorithm rewrite (Python) and data release to public
 - Support further data analyses and publication of results
 - Promote implementation of DMOs in intervention clinical trials
 - Advance DMOs towards qualification for use in the development of therapeutics



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Mobilise-D Network

The Network's proposed objectives are to:

- Create and develop methodologies for advancing the field of digital mobility measurements and application.
- Work with members to highlight and communicate research and other funding opportunities.
- Establish a forum for multidisciplinary discussion and collaboration in the field.
- Develop and promote a research agenda in the field of digital mobility biomarkers.
- Advance mobility assessment into research (including, but not limited to clinical trials) and practice (including regulators and HTA).
- Encourage skill development and training in the field.

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Creating collaborations worldwide with the lived experience at the forefront

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Digital technologies for medicines: shaping a framework for success

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Regulatory agencies can provide advice to support developers of digital technologies for medicines use, but what are the best strategies to maximize the chance of a successful regulatory interaction? Here, EMA and industry representatives comment on the experience so far.



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Evidence Generation For a Novel PD tool in an Evolving Landscape



Forging the Path in Advancing Regulatory Maturity of Digital Health

Engaging regulators prior to study start

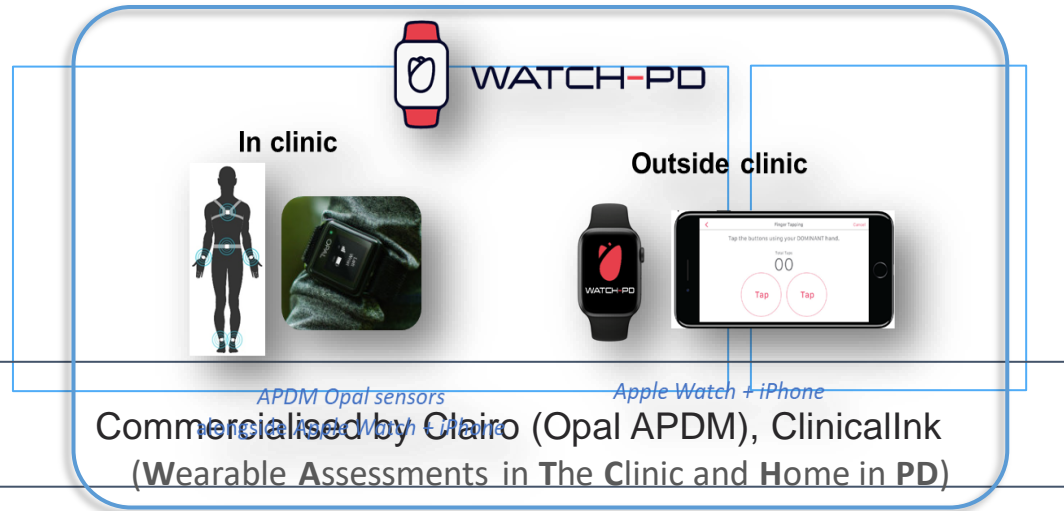
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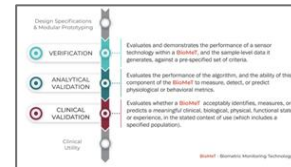


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Apple Watch



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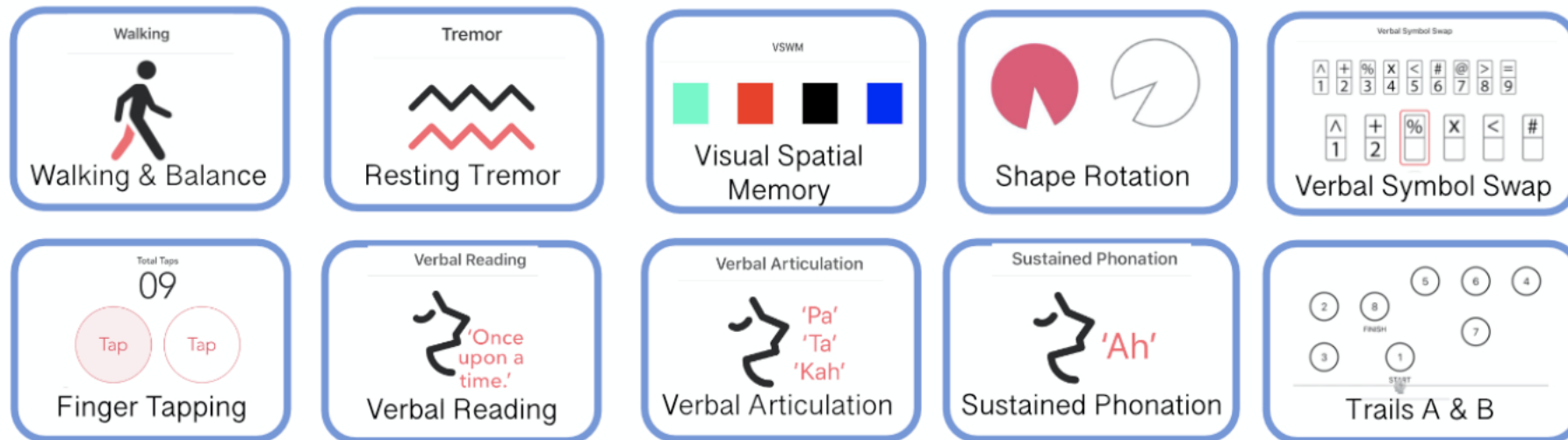
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Mapping smartphone tasks to symptoms

WATCH-PD Qualitative Sub-study

- Participants incorporate picture card of each task into the personal symptom map
- Clarify/confirm relevance of the task to personal symptoms
 - Relevant to more or less bothersome symptoms



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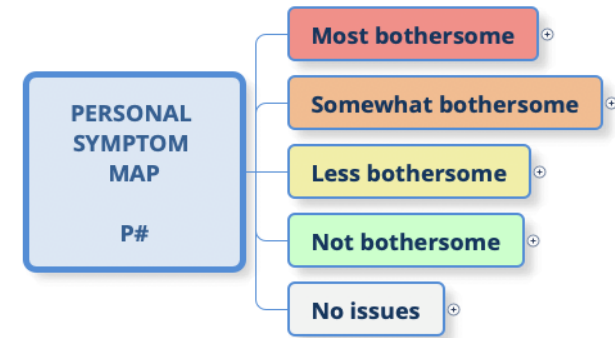
Surveys (N=80 – all participants in WATCH-PD)

- Sliding scale ratings of relevance of tasks
- Open response evaluation of symptoms and tasks
- Approx 100 mins/participant

Interviews (N=40 – purposeful subset)

1. Map Patient Reported Symptoms (PRS)
 - with details on defining characteristics
2. Cognitive debriefing re:WATCH-PD tasks
3. Map WATCH-PD tasks to PRS
4. Map symptom concepts to PRS

Step 1: Map Patient Reported Symptoms

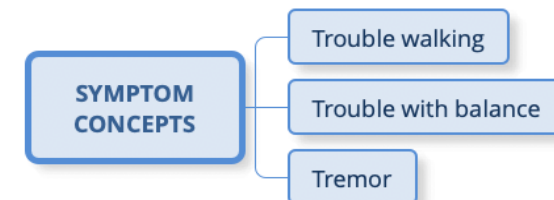


Step 2: Debrief on WATCH Tasks

Step 3: Map tasks back to PRS



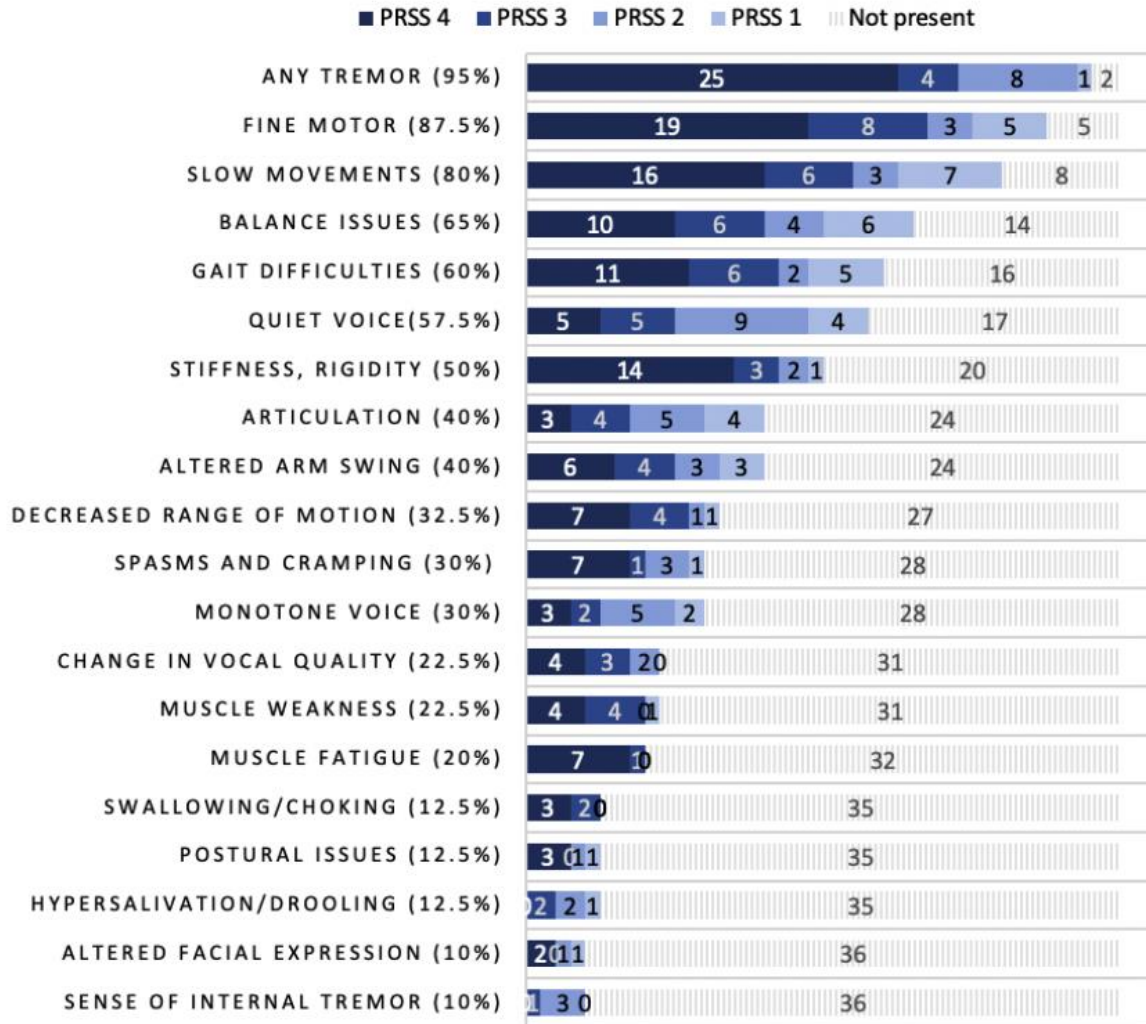
Step 4: Map Symptom Concepts to PRS



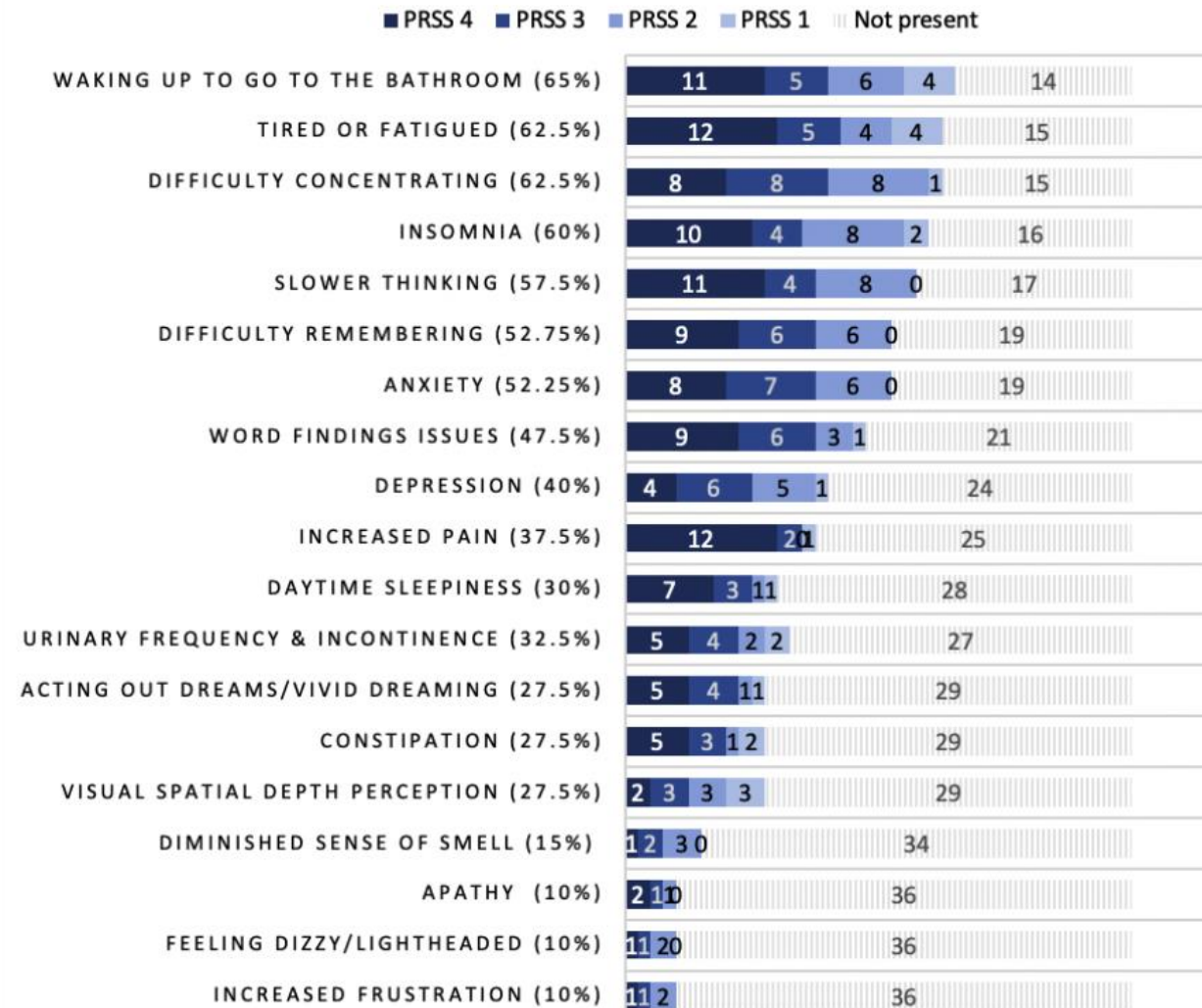
Example health experiences resulting from PD (WATCH-PD qualitative substudy, Case study 1)



Motor Symptoms



Non-motor Symptoms



Sharing of data with participants is transformational



WATCHPD participants experiences:

- Comfortable process (computer or smartphone/tablet)
- 39/40 (97.5%)- improved ability to discuss symptoms/impacts
- 2/40 (5%) experienced emotional distress
- 38/40 (95%) wanted copies of their symptom maps

P1: When I was asked for this study, [they] said there was an option to get the map back—that was very encouraging. I assumed like the other [studies], I wouldn't get any feedback. That was a delightful option.

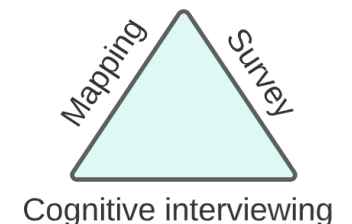
*P37: I would love to have [the maps]. I feel like I'm in all these studies, but I'm like, "I have no results"...**Until now.** ...It's eye-opening... I would love to see my progression [over time]. Did anything change?*

Participant experience with mapping

P31: It was great that you had the survey to start with, but this was much easier. I think with surveys, you tend to just [answer] whatever. You're not [un]truthful, it's just you're not quite sure...This picture is a really good way of taking that survey and organizing my thoughts and putting it correctly.

P39: It's really hard to track your symptoms in a way that shows what's most important, what's not, and why....A lot of times, when you try to tell people about your symptoms, they don't really understand what you're saying. [This is a] very good way of trying to describe it.

- 39/40 felt mapping improved ability to explain symptoms
- 38/40 wanted copies of their maps



Transforming the DHT landscape

WATCHPD-2 new findings & needs for the future



New manuscript being finalized reporting meaningful change in DHT measures from year 1 to year 2

Continued worldwide collaborations sharing data, knowledge and costs together

- WATCH-PD 3 and beyond
- WATCH-PD in alignment with Digital Mobility outcomes (CPP and Mobilise-D)
- Incentivize open science and data efficiencies (e.g. Dime crowdsourcing library)
- Continue to leverage WATCHPD to inform improved and novel endpoints
- Redefine clinical meaningfulness strategies by driving qual & quant strategies -- align with C-Path's expertise in endpoints (COA Program)
- Embrace novel data innovative strategies: Federated Learning
- Align with Biological staging initiatives



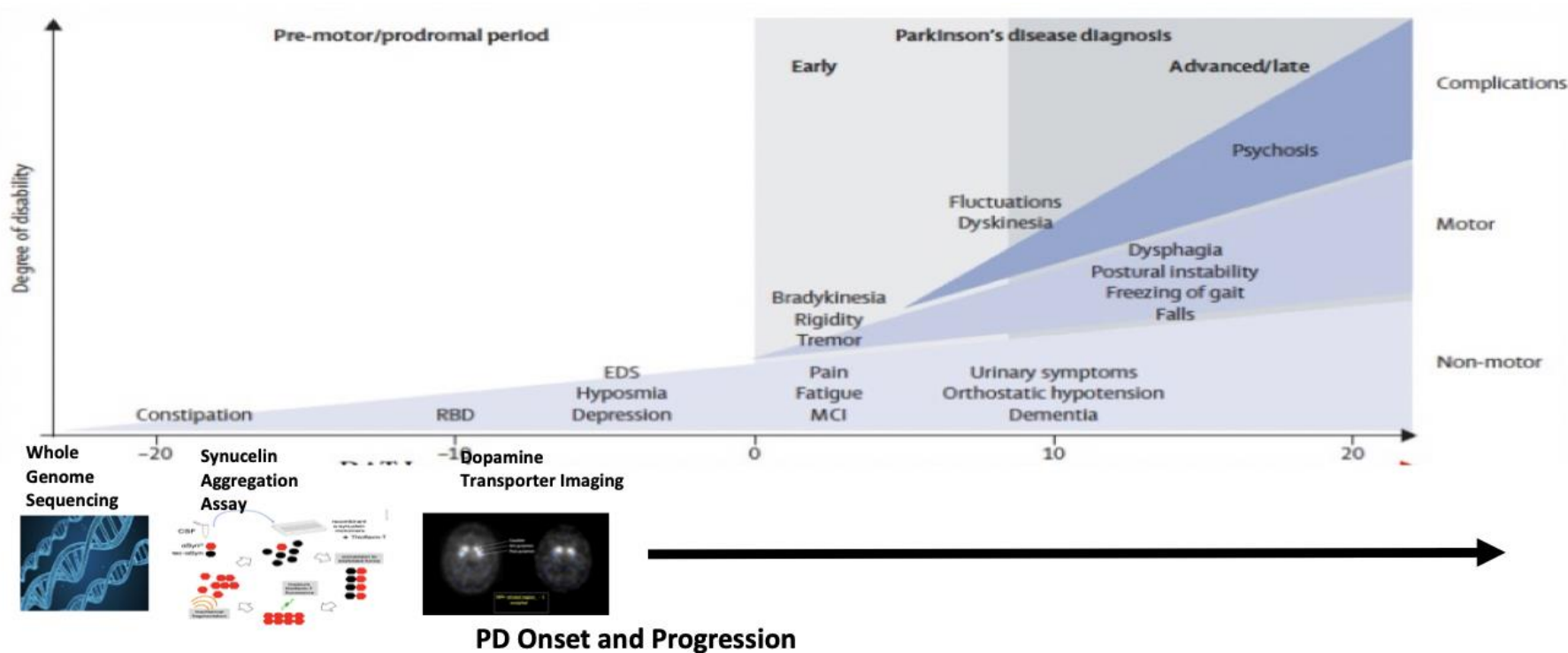
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Future PD
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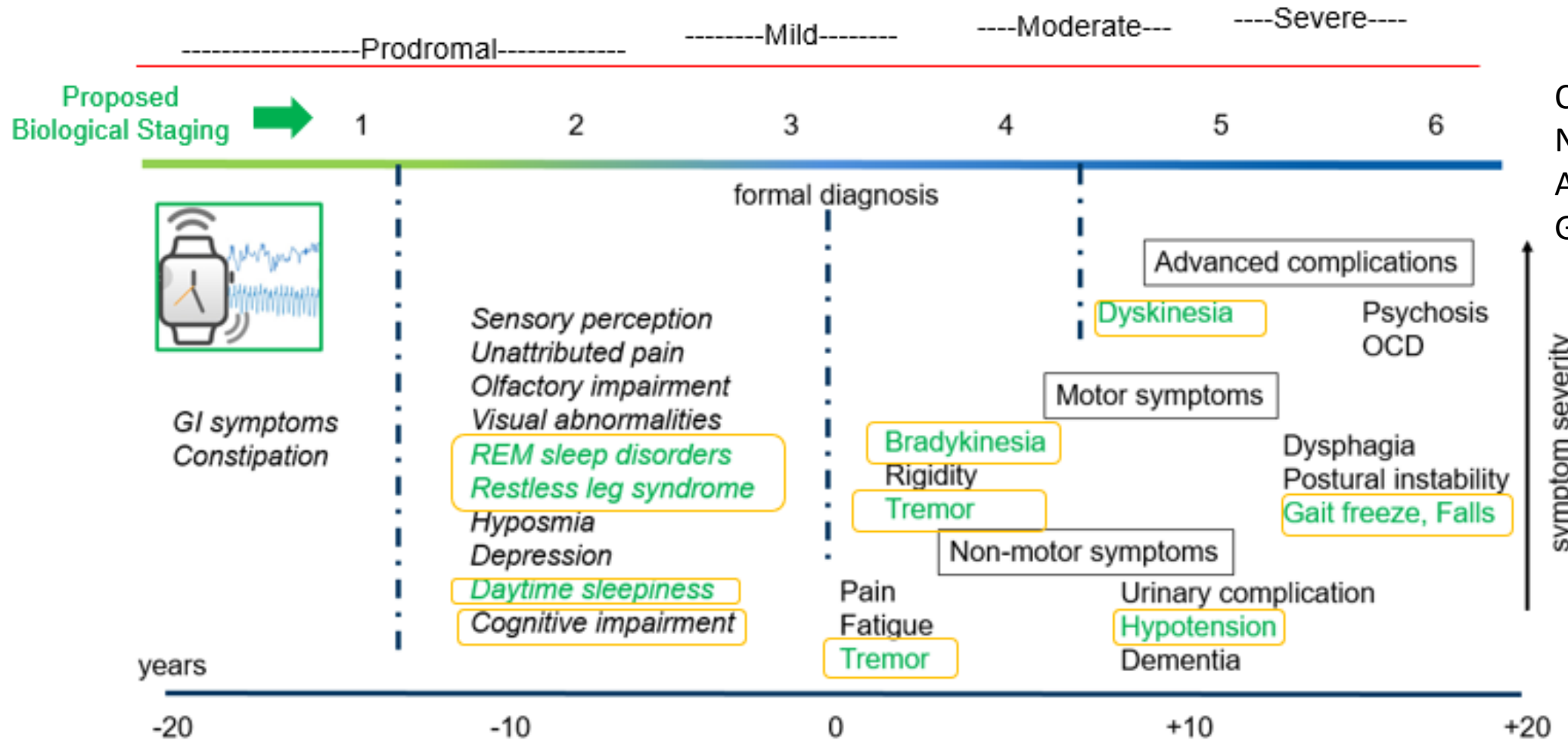
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