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SELF-MANAGEMENT
OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL FITNESS
OF OLDER WORKERS



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Prevention of health-related absence of older workers

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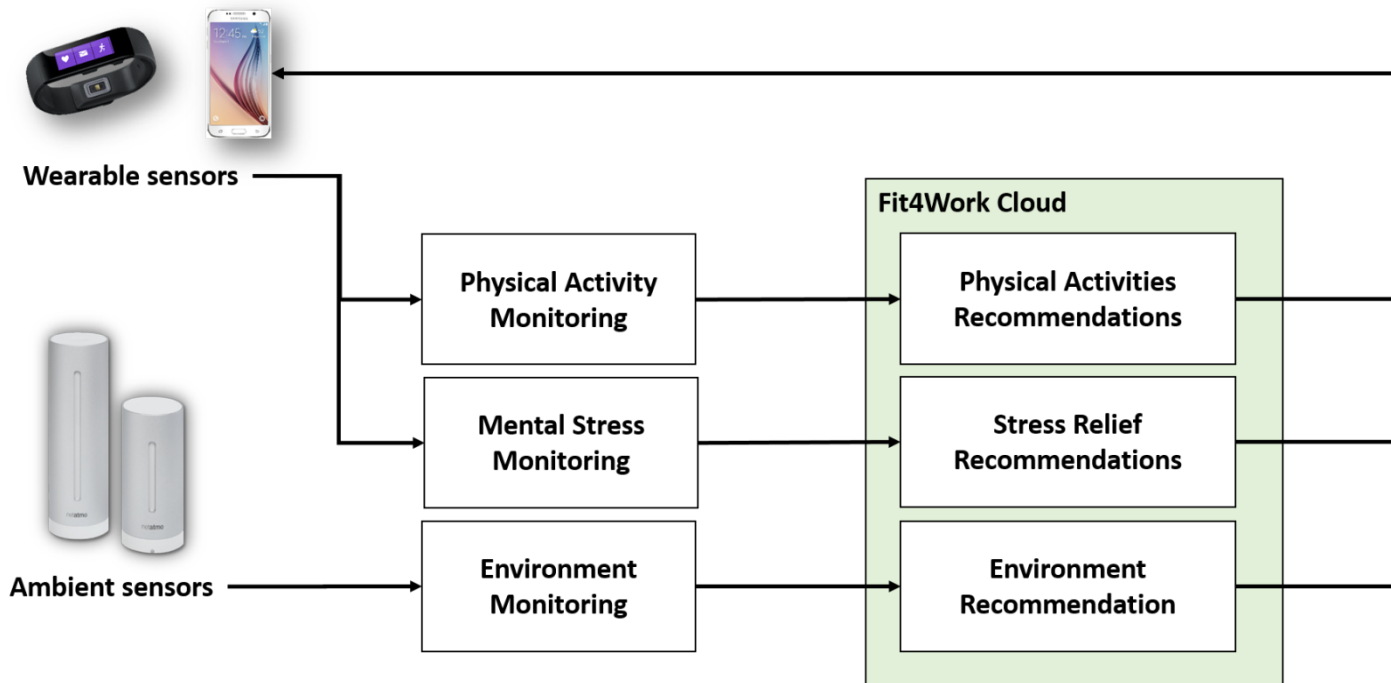
Objective

innovative easy-to-use and unobtrusive system
that supports older workers in reducing and
managing physical, mental and environmental
stress resulting from their occupation

What should the solution do?

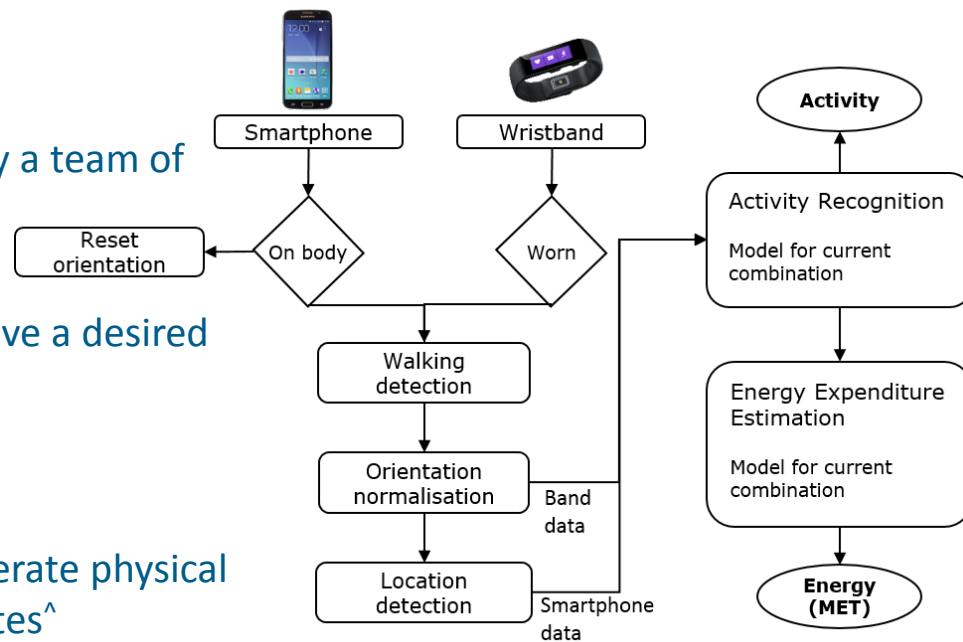


Stress monitoring in Fit4Work



Physical activity monitoring

- Results from earlier (and project) work by a team of researchers at Jožef Stefan Institute*
- Monitoring in order to help the user achieve a desired level of physical activity:
 - Daily goal
 - 200 active kcal[#]
 - one (or more) continuous moderate physical activity lasting at least 10 minutes[^]



* Cvetković, B., Janko, V., & Luštrek, M. (2015). Activity Recognition and Human Energy Expenditure Estimation with a Smartphone. Proceedings of PerCom 2015

[#] Pate R.R., Pratt M., Blair S.N., Haskell W.L., Macera C.A., Bouchard C., Buchner D., Ettinger W., Heath G.W., King A.C. (1995). Physical activity and public health: a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine. *Journal of the American Medical Association* 273 (5): 402-407.

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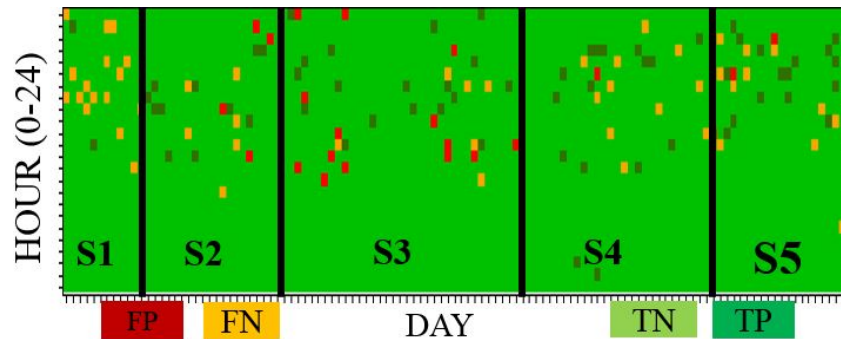
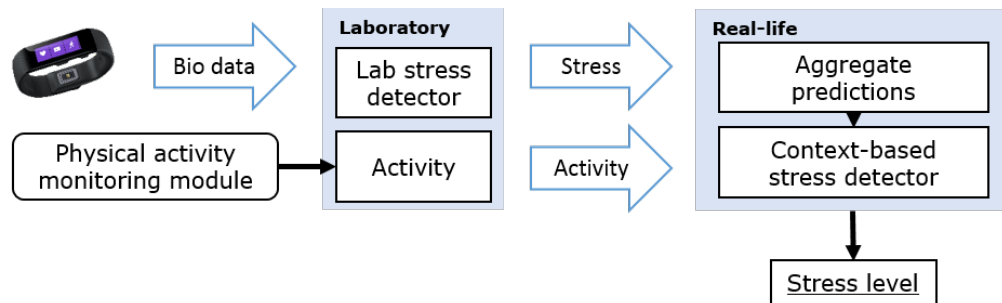
Postural stress monitoring

- Monitored through detecting type of physical activity
- Recognized activities:
 - Standing
 - Sitting
 - Walking
 - Running
 - Lying
 - Cycling
 - Mixed (standing activity like e.g. cooking)
 - Transition
- Goal: detect prolonged physically demanding positioning of the users (e.g. office – sitting for longer than an hour straight) and recommend to take a relevant break from this positioning (e.g. stand up and take a walk)



Mental stress monitoring

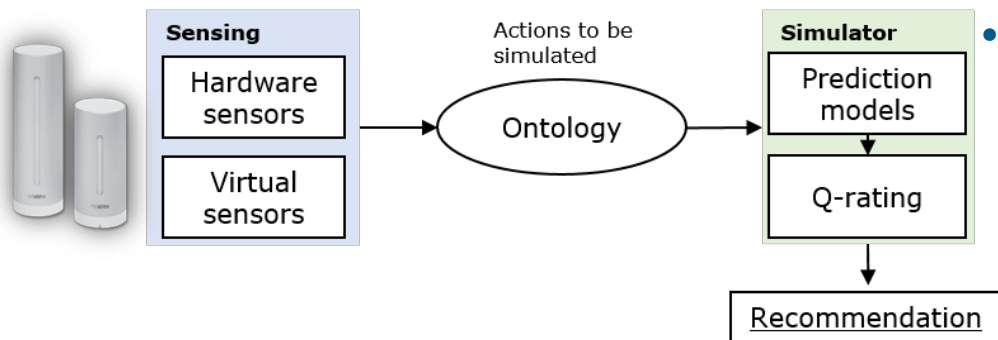
- Machine-learning method applied on raw data collected from bio-sensors
 - blood volume pulse
 - heart rate
 - R-R intervals (heart rate variability)
 - galvanic skin response
 - skin temperature and acceleration sensor.
- Processed using signal processing techniques in order to provide numerical features relevant for stress
- Goal: detect the level of mental stress as a derivative of
 - physiological signals
 - context



Stress classifications: green correct, yellow&red false

Workplace conditions monitoring

- Good workplace conditions – ISO standards:
 - air temperature
 - concentration of carbon dioxide - CO₂ - in the air
 - relative humidity
 - noise
 - luminosity
- Goal: detect if any workplace environment condition is outside the norm and recommend action that could help to improve that
- The algorithm needs configuration based on available (in the given workplace) measures of changing the environment (e.g. availability of air conditioning)



- The algorithm uses external temperature and external relative humidity measurements in working out recommendations that might relate to opening windows

Functional exercise

- Goal: ensure functional independence (at work / occupation) through a programme of functional exercises with multiple (difficulty) levels
- Exercises do NOT pose risk for persons with (minor) health problems



Long term goal: use 3D motion sensor built into the smartphone

User application



Complimentary PC (web) interface



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