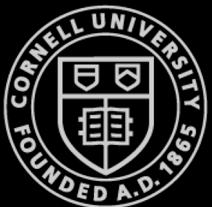
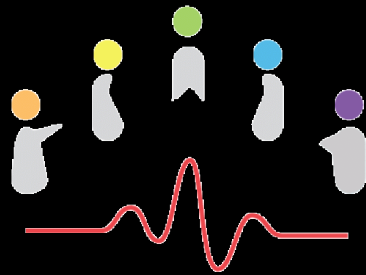


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# Closing the Sensing-to-Intervention Loop in Precision Psychiatry



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timely personalized  
**INTERVENTION**

high fidelity  
**PREDICTION**

objective continuous  
**MEASUREMENT**

# Measurement Gap

# PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE (PHQ-9)



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Over the *last 2 weeks*, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?  
(use "✓" to indicate your answer)


|   | Not at all | Several days | More than half the days | Nearly every day |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless   | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 4. Feeling tired or having little energy  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 5. Poor appetite or overeating  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 6. Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television  | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite—being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |
| 9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way   | 0          | 1            | 2                       | 3                |

add columns:

+  +

(Healthcare professional: For interpretation of TOTAL, please refer to accompanying scoring card.)

TOTAL:

A man with a full red beard and sunglasses on his head stands with his arms crossed in the center of a busy outdoor market. He is wearing a red and white plaid shirt and black pants. The background is filled with people walking and colorful bunting flags strung across the street.

**I didn't want to wake up. I was having a much better time asleep**

**I barely had any social contact last week**

**My legs bounce, speech goes fast ... I even eat too fast**

**My wife can tell by my walk**

**Now we can continuously track subtle signals that get missed in current clinical practice**



# Continuous measurement of actionable signal

Raw data  
[phones &  
wearables]

Second-Level  
Behaviogram

Behaviors

Disease-  
specific Models



social  
physical  
sleep  
circadian  
psycho-motor



Patient  
trajectories  
  
Score  
Predictions

Battery life  
management,  
bandwidth  
management, data  
coverage



Data cleaning,  
aggregation

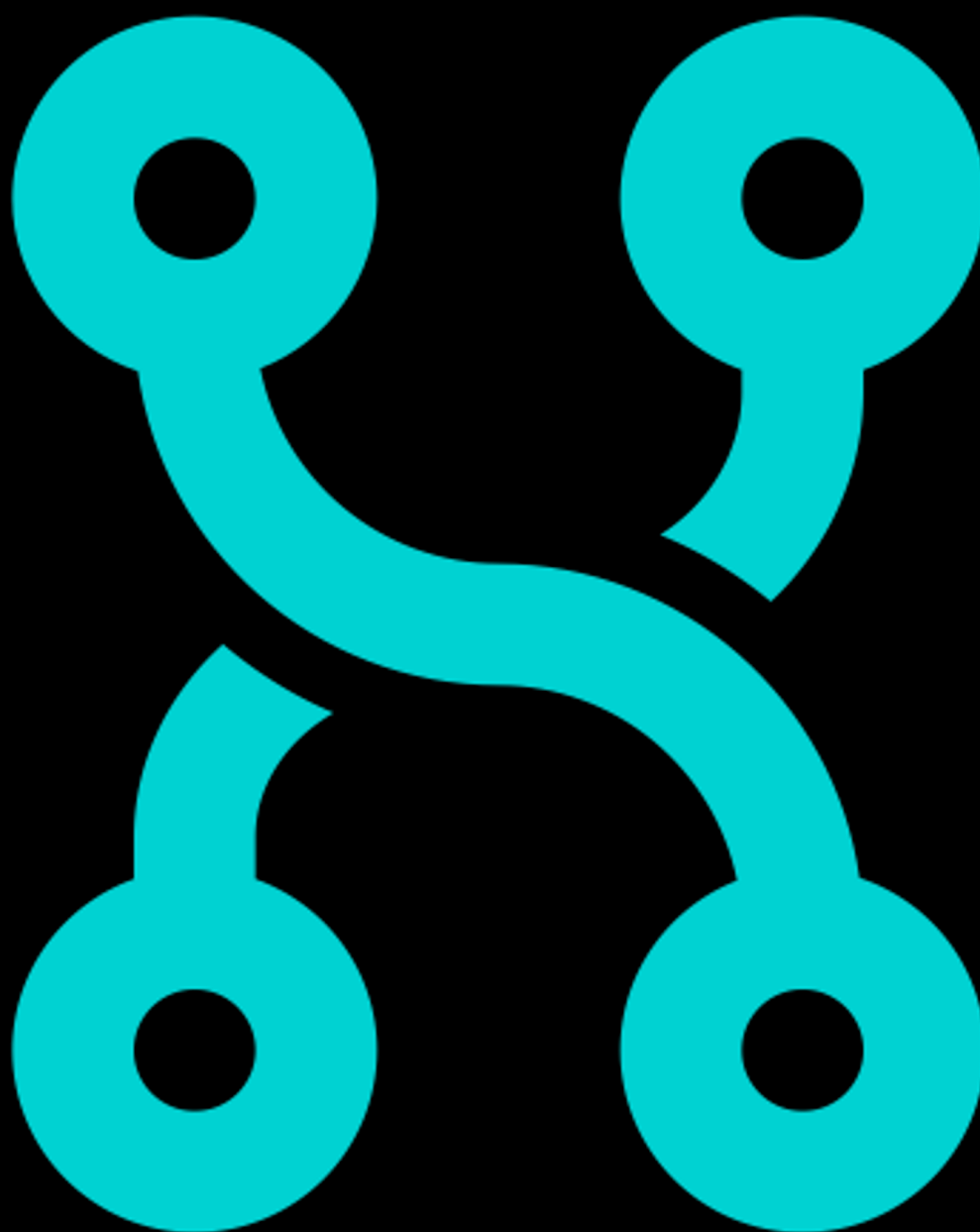


Clinically-informed  
feature modelling



Machine Learning



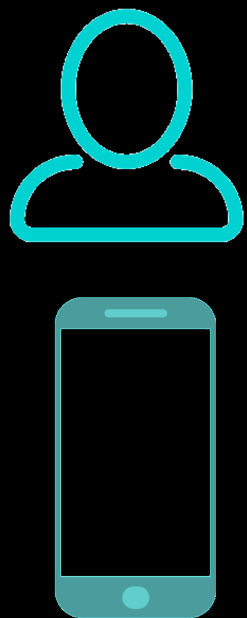


Can we create a **system that can predicts behavior changes that precede a major psychiatric event?**

# **Case study: CrossCheck**

Detecting mental health changes  
in individuals with Schizophrenia

Psychiatric hospitalization  
within past 12 months



1 year randomized control trial



- 60 participants
- 20,137 days of continuous passive sensor data
- 726 days of data within 30 days of relapse

- Passive sensing data
- Ecological momentary assessment (EMA)

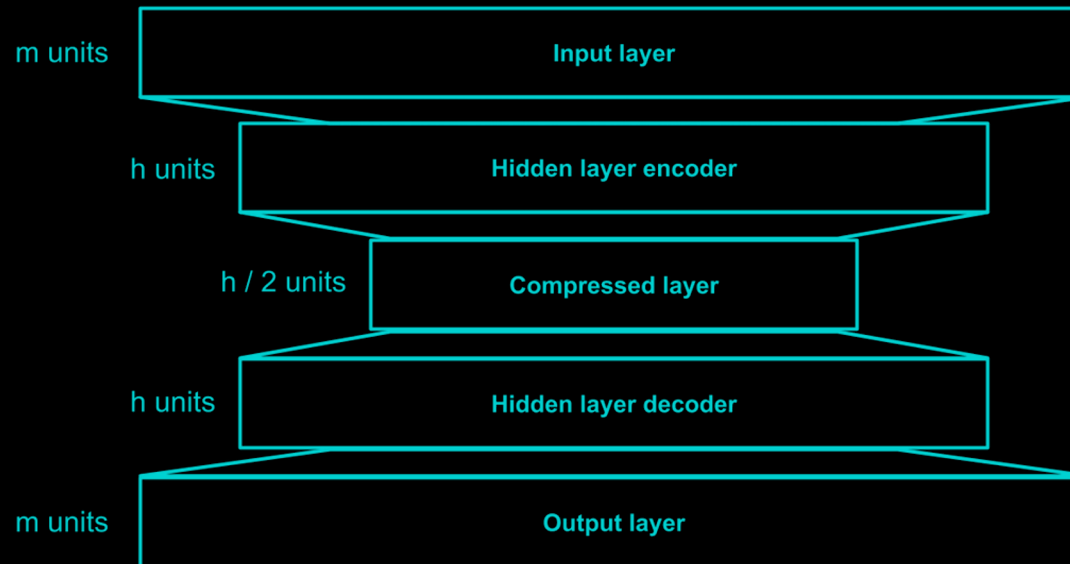


- Month doctor visits
- Brief psychiatric rating scale (BPRS) scores

# Training an anomaly detection system for human behavior

## Encoder-decoder network

Smartphone  
behaviors from  
days of relative  
health (DRH)

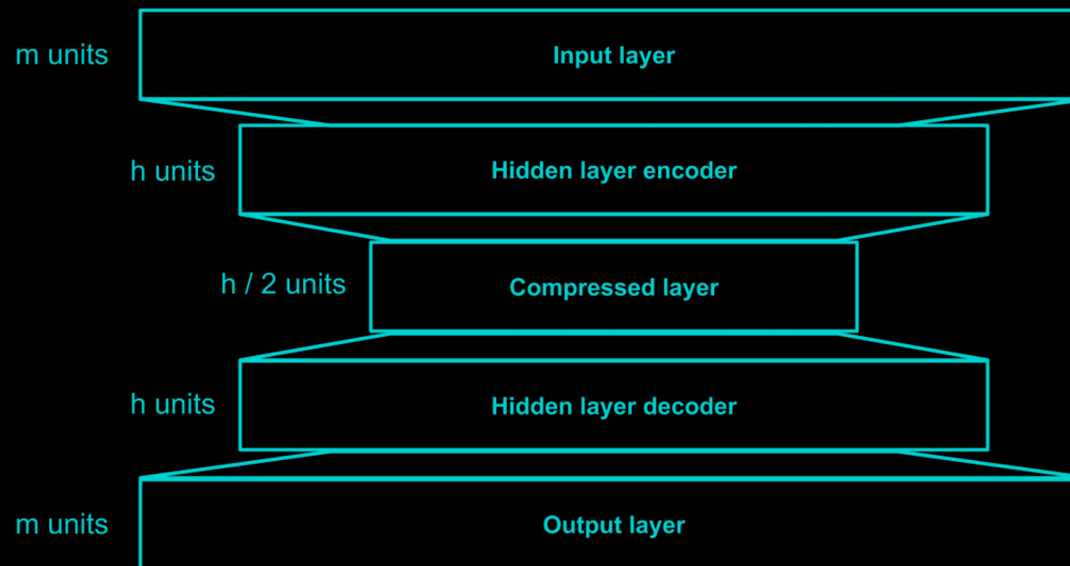


Recreated  
behaviors

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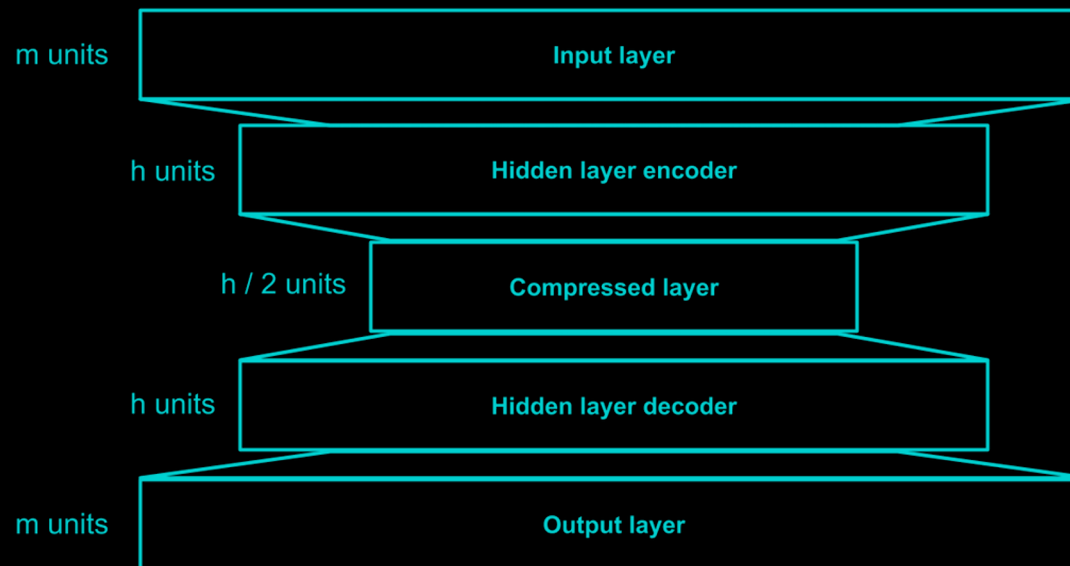
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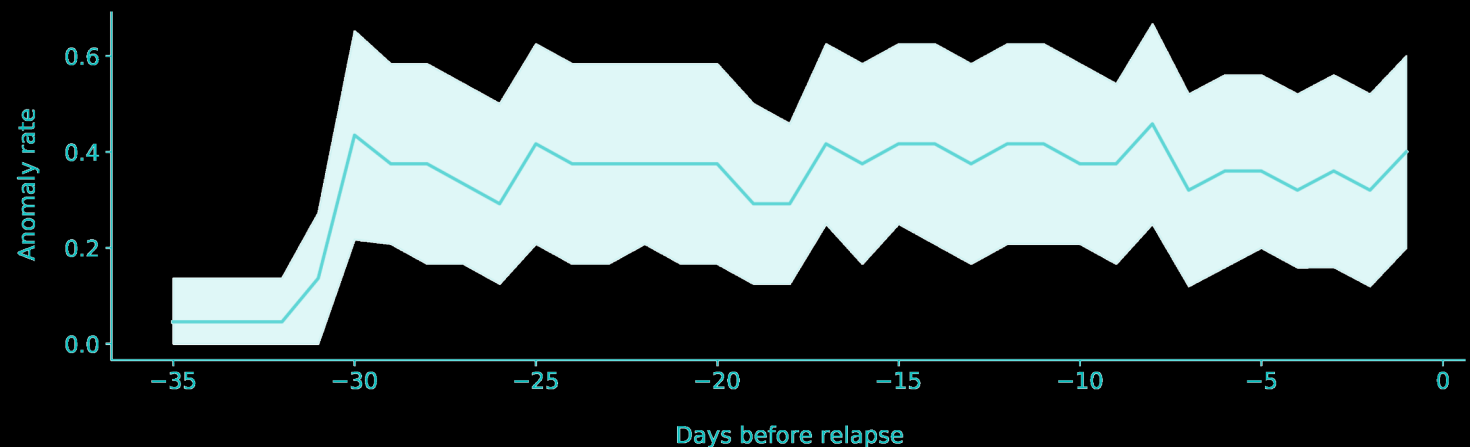
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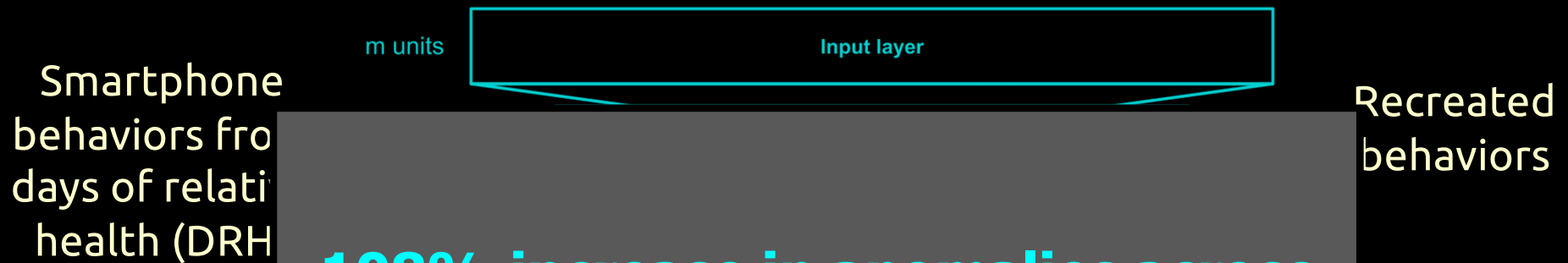
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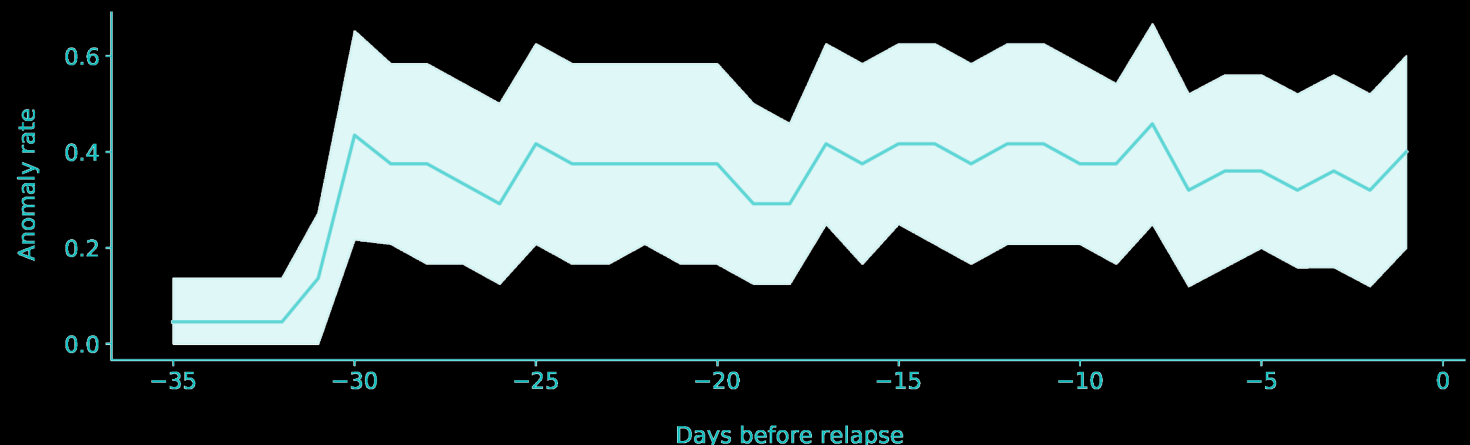
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## Encoder-decoder network



**108% increase in anomalies across patients within the 30 days preceding relapse compared to DRH**

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# Intervention Gap



One month of data



Patient reach out

Patient reach out

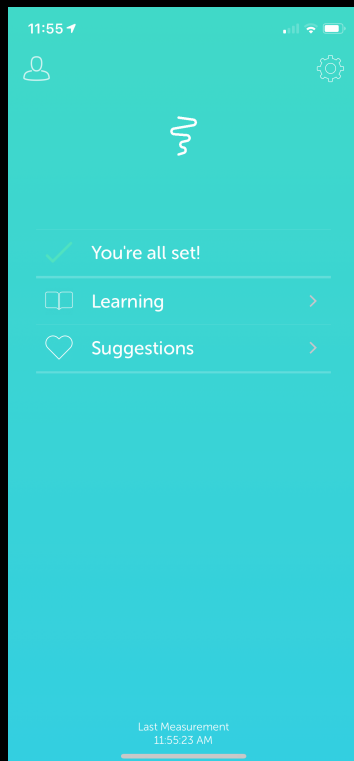
Alert care team if  
score > threshold



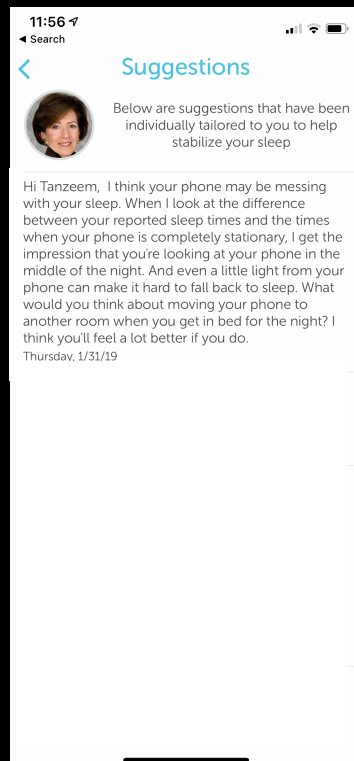
Alert physician



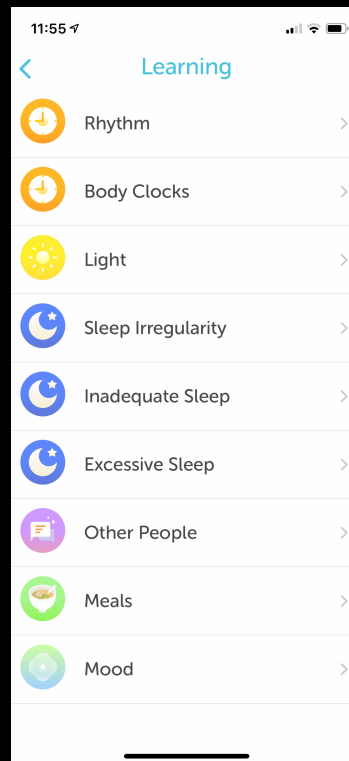
# Personalized Sensor Driven Health Program



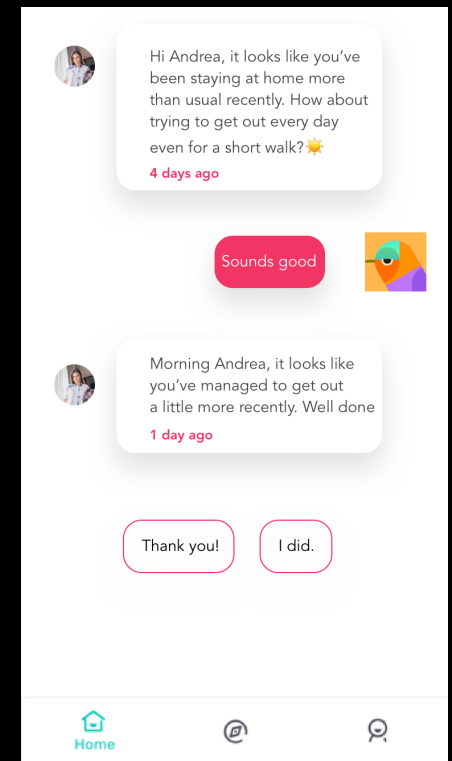
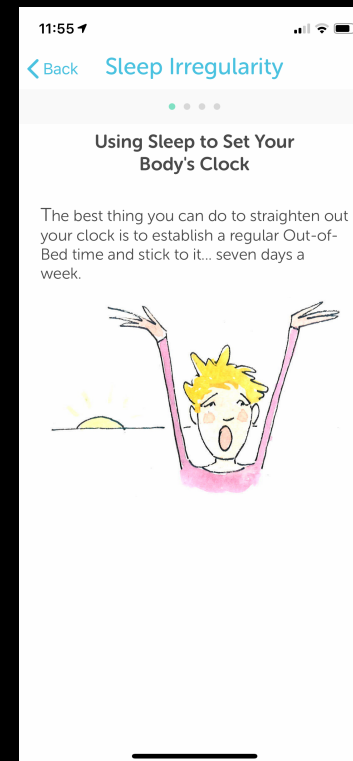
Continuous sensor measurement



Sensor-driven activity suggestions

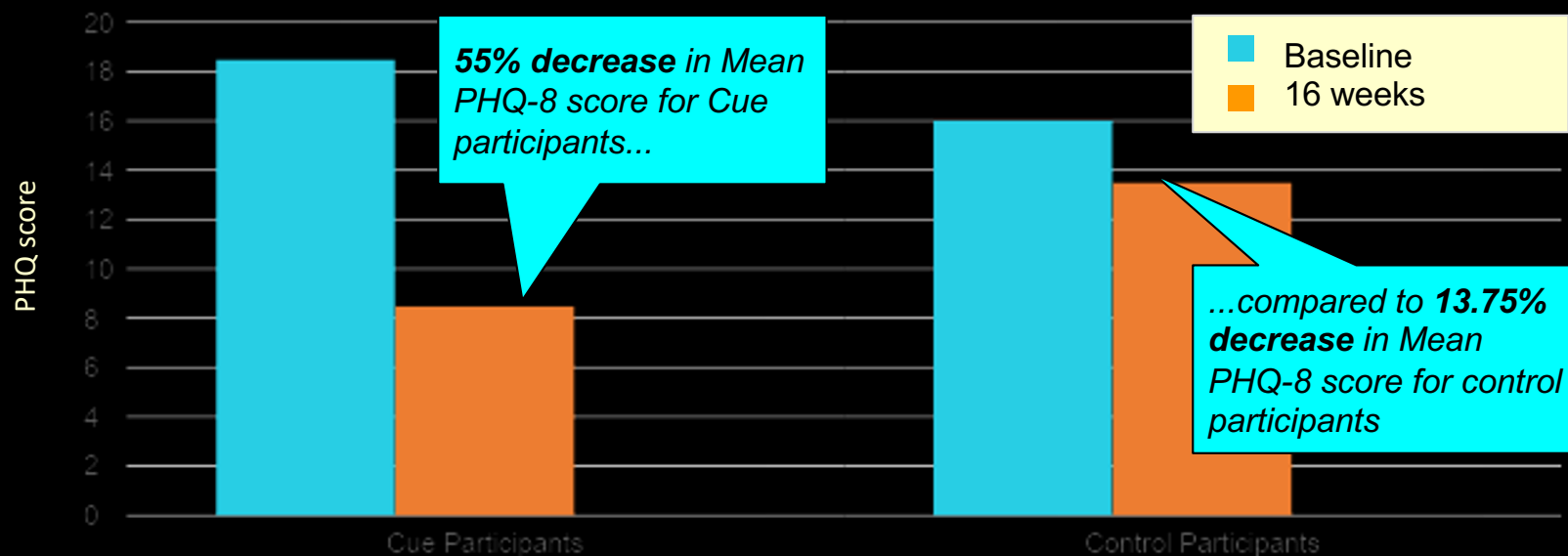


Engaging psychoeducational content



Personalized Messaging

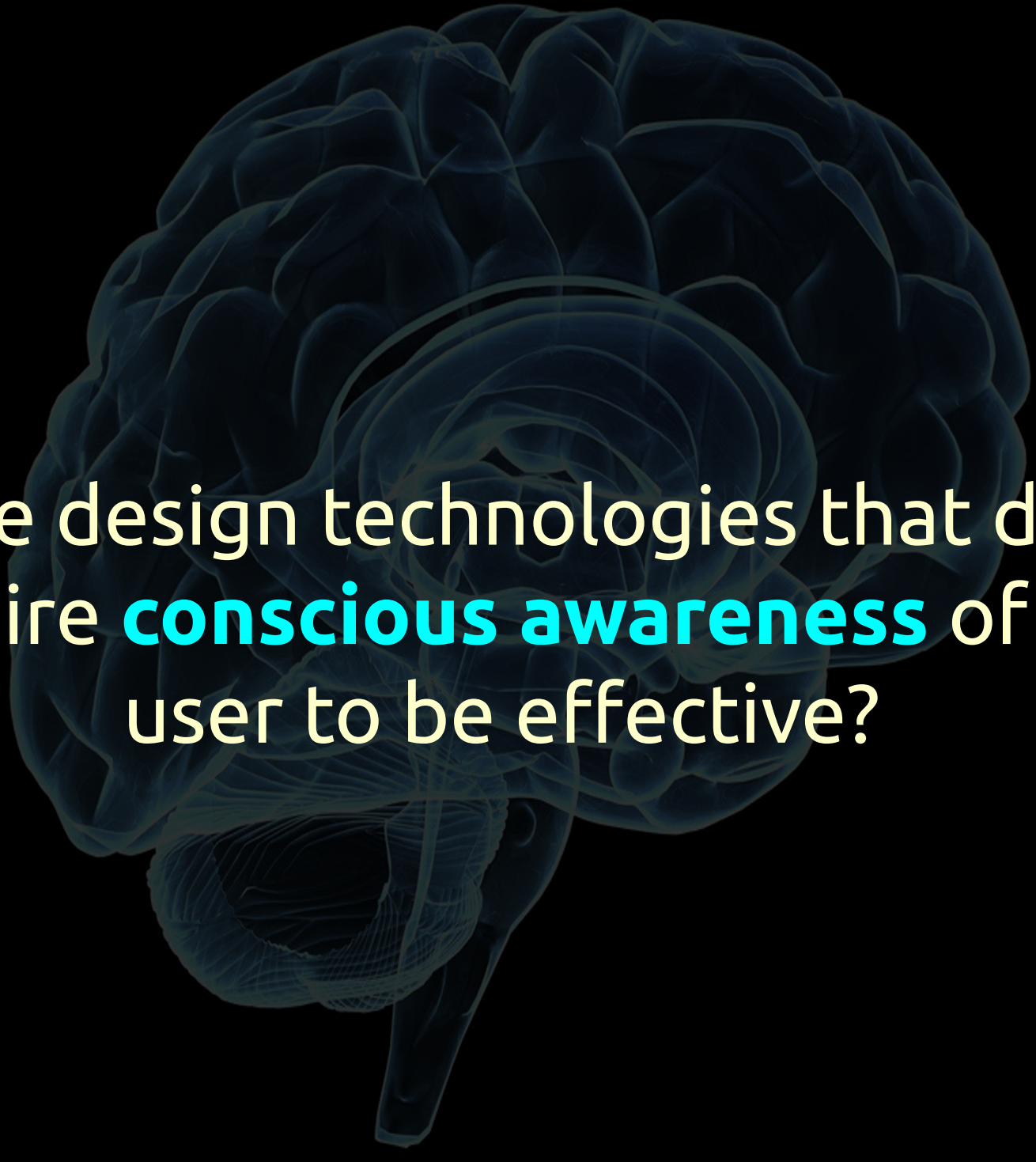
## Cue digital therapeutic shown to increase efficacy of treatment in RCT completed January 2020



- Protocol: 16 weeks
- Coverage: 24/7 data coverage on 93% of study days
- Total participants: 135
- Drop-outs: 4

# Tighter synchronization between sensing and intervention is needed

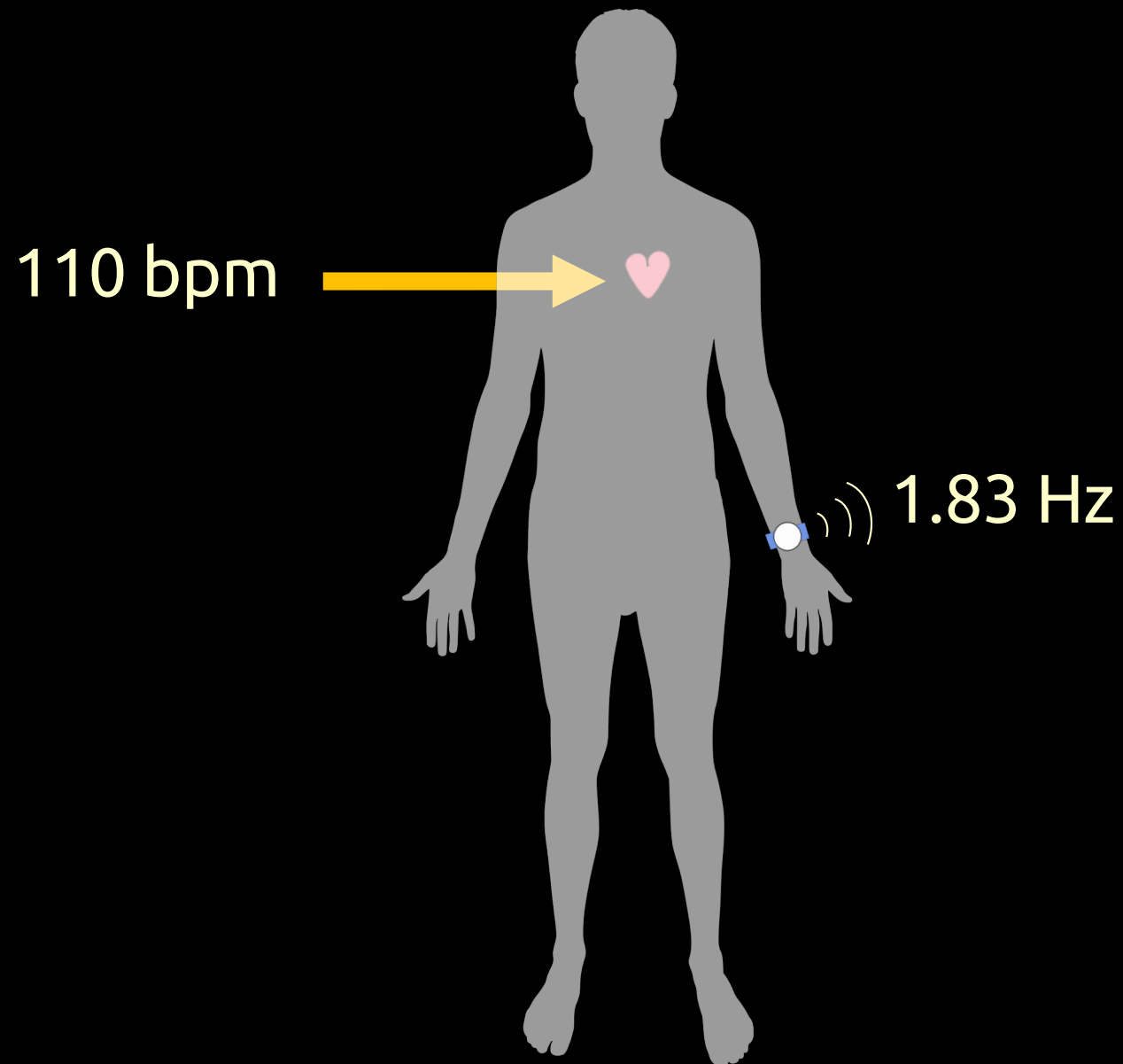


A translucent blue brain graphic is centered on a black background. The brain is shown in a three-quarter view, with its gyri and sulci clearly visible. It has a semi-transparent, wireframe-like appearance, allowing the text to be seen through it.

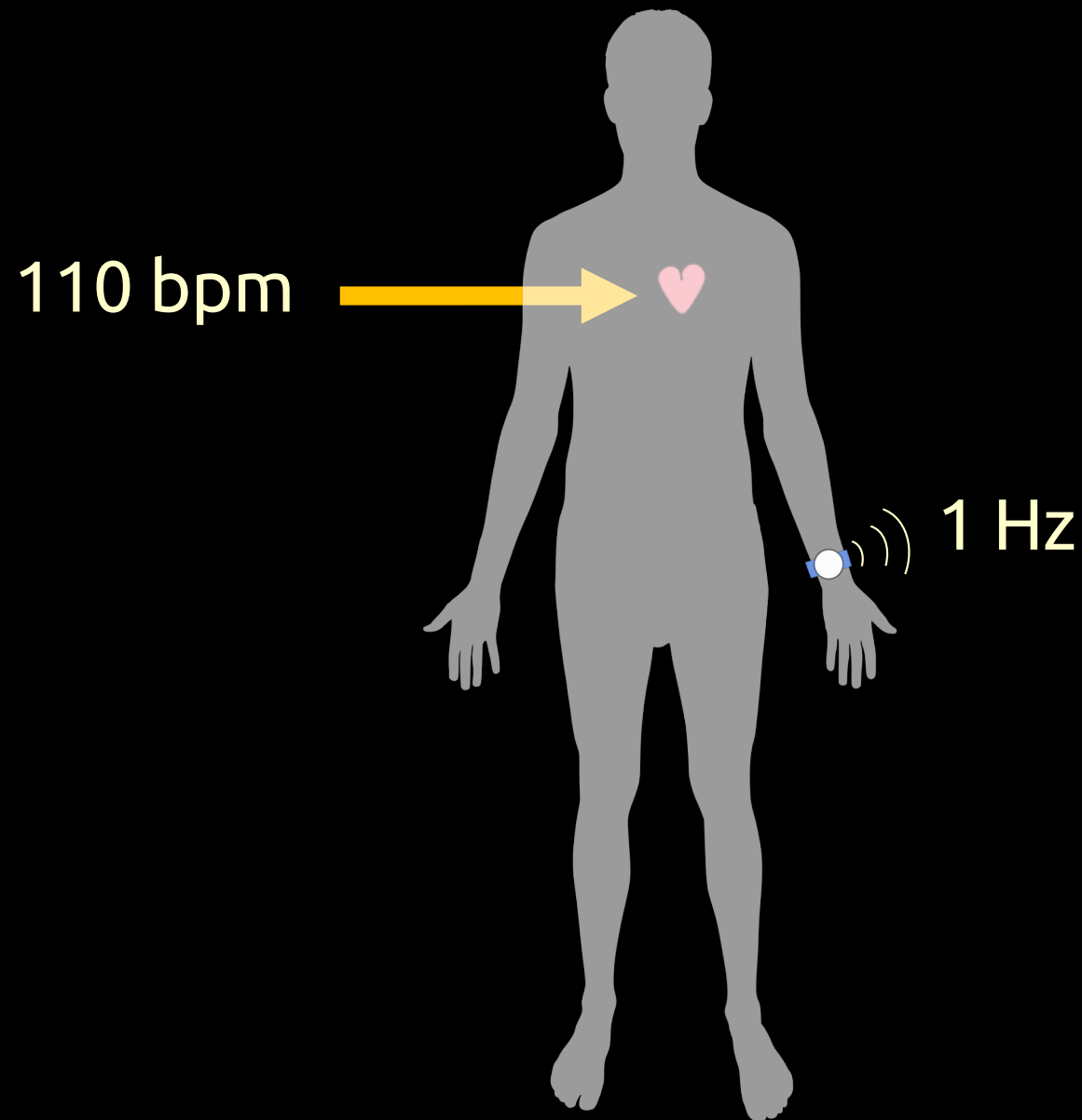
Can we design technologies that do not  
require **conscious awareness** of the  
user to be effective?

# **EmotionCheck:** Leveraging Bodily Signals to Reduce Anxiety in Real-time

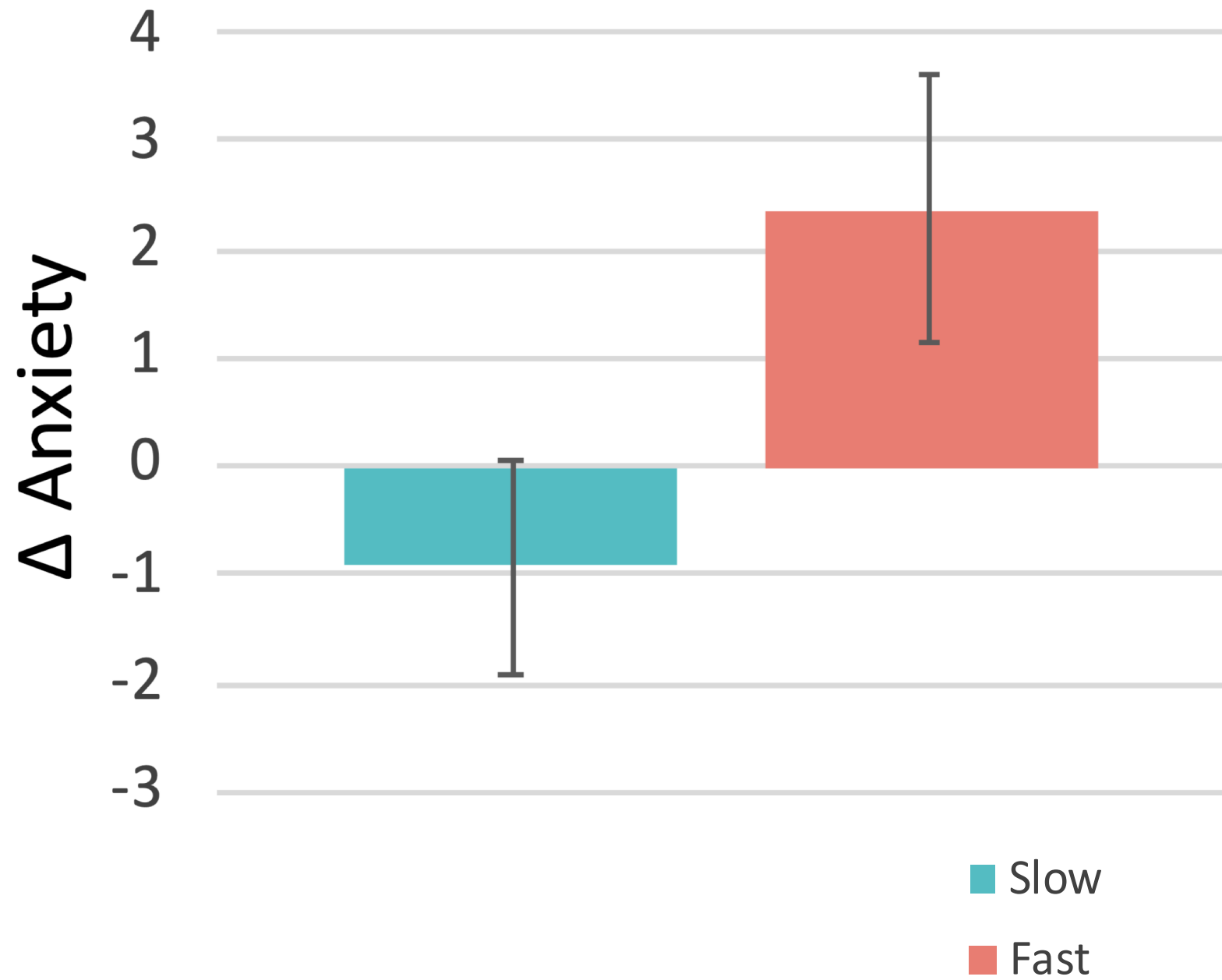
The vibrations represent your current heart rate



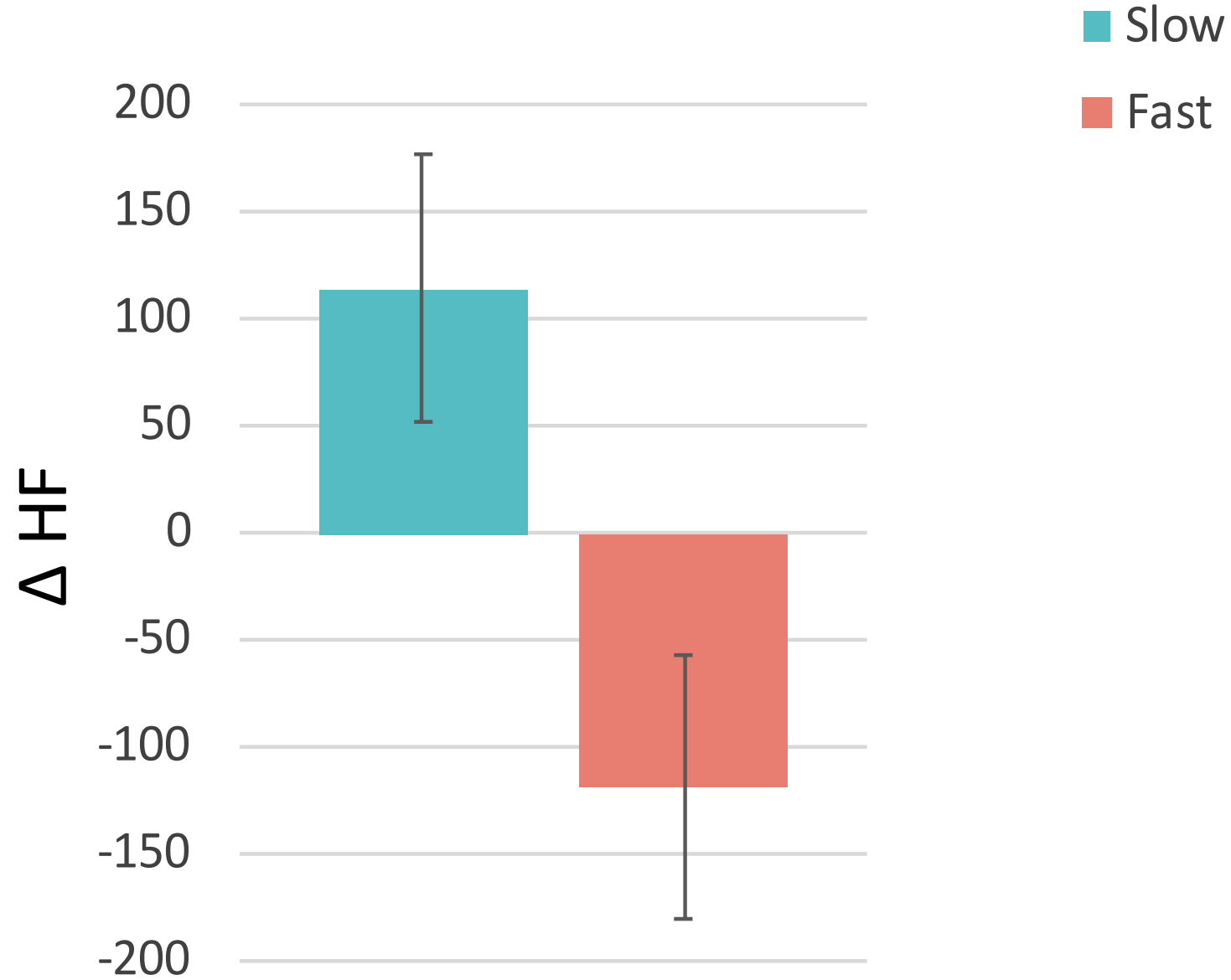
# The vibrations represent false heart rate feedback



# Anxiety Level



# Changes in Heart Rate



# Pitfalls

**Too much focus on novel features  
generations and incremental  
accuracy improvements?**



One alarm every

168

seconds

**Reducing Burden**

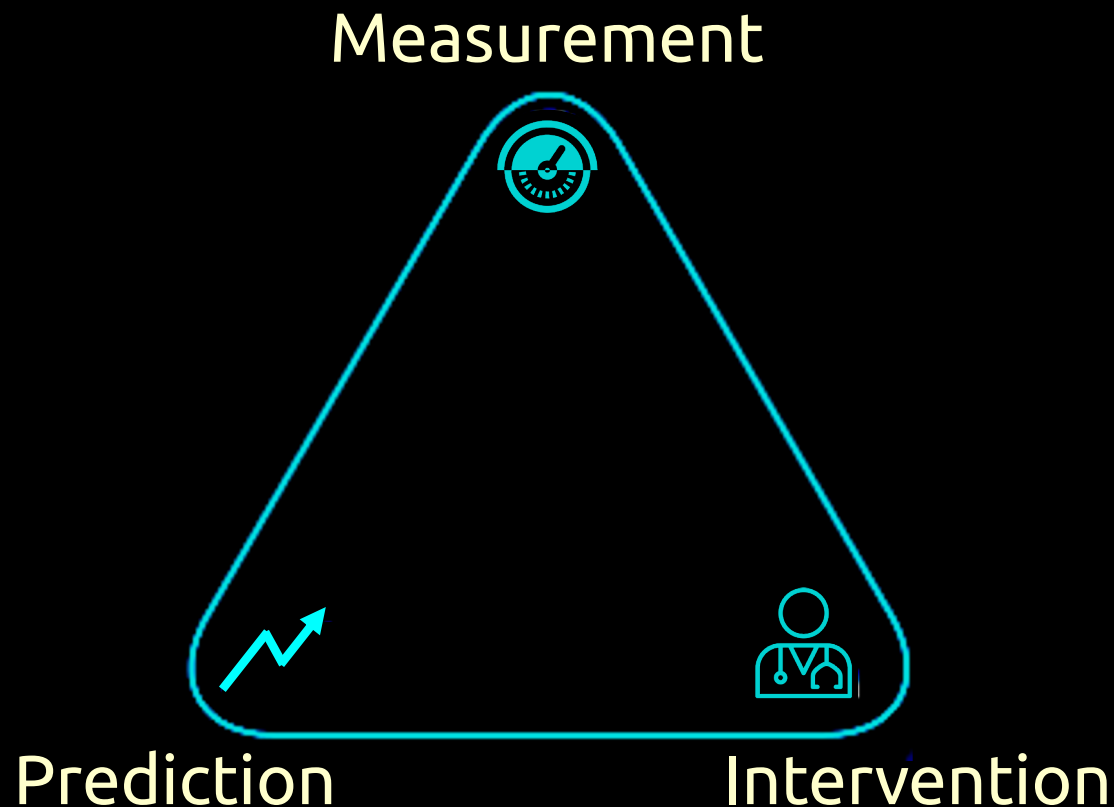
An aerial night photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense grid of streets. The streets are illuminated with a bright orange-red glow, creating a complex network of lines against a dark background. The lighting is most intense in the central part of the image, where the grid is most regular and dense. The text "And it's for sale." is overlaid in the upper left quadrant in a white serif font.

And it's for sale.

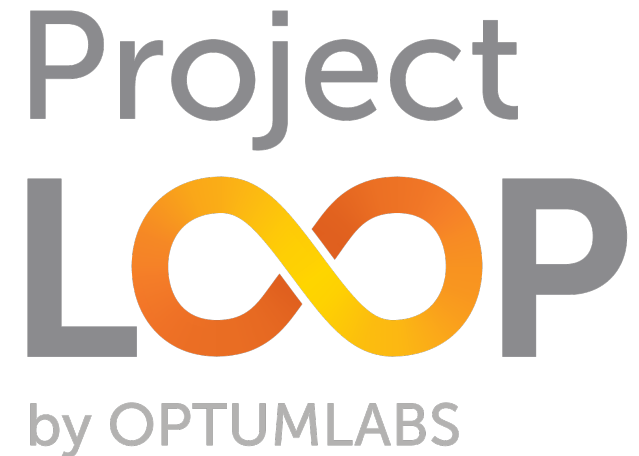
Trustworthy  
sensing

# Future of Integrated Care:

Continuous, personalized coupling between measurement and intervention



# Technology assisted Integrated Care



High-quality integrated physical and behavioral health with three components:

- platform agnostic data capture and analysis to intercept behavioral conditions early and monitor for progression
- real-time and adaptive AI algorithms that determine engagement, measurement, and intervention strategies for each patient
- transparent and integrated clinical decision support that gives providers actionable insights and maximizes care efficiency and effectiveness.



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# The Precision Behavioral Health Initiative @ Cornell Tech

aims to advance the role of precision technology in  
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