

# Mood and Cognitive Assessment Across the Lifespan

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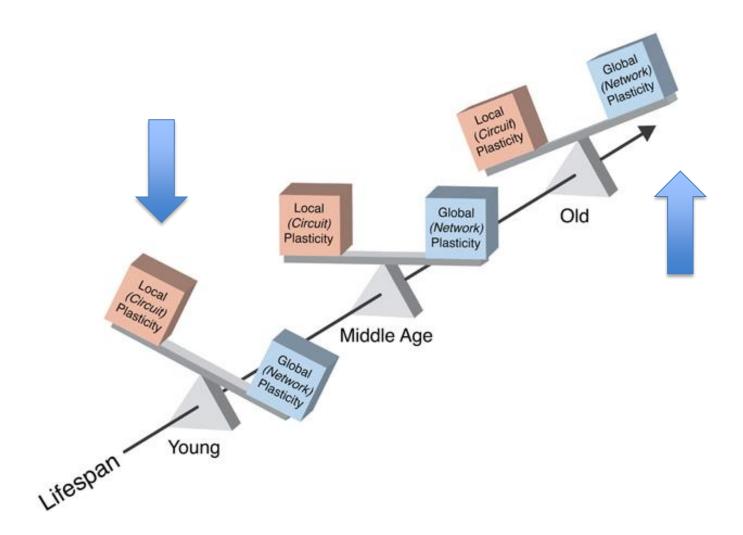
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### Overview

- Developmental issues in assessing mood;
- Outcomes of importance to focus on;
- Challenges with assessment;
- Solutions for overcoming challenges.



### Plasticity over the life span



Freitas et al 2013, Frontiers in Neuroscience

### **Current Status**

- Variable and brittle response to medications;
- Not enough information about long term effects of behavioral interventions;
- Recruitment challenges leads to selected samples (diagnosis of MDD);
- Mood measures are usually age adjusted selfreport or other-report instruments.

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### Importance of assessing cognition: Late Life

- Pretreatment EF associated with SSRI response;
- Residual EF impairments associated with poor response in all treatments;

A late life RCT that does not assess EF domains is an incomplete trial.

### **Assessment Challenges**

- Reporting accuracy influenced by age;
- Changes in mood not always related to other outcomes;
- Assessment is burdensome and questionably accurate for lifespan;
- Impact of context on mood;
- Conflicting reports from "others".

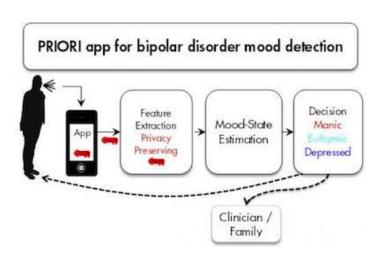


# SOLUTIONS & INNOVATIONS IN MOOD ASSESSMENT ACROSS LIFESPAN.

### Milieu based assessment

- Use of mobile technologies to deploy assessment in home;
- Monitor activity outcomes;







### Ginger.io measures clinical indicators for behavioral health conditions



#### Movement data

- Physical isolation
- Lethargy / Restlessness



### Screen usage data\*

- Insomnia / Hypersomnia
- Restlessness
- Diminished interest in phone activities



#### Communication data\*

- Social isolation
- Support network outreach

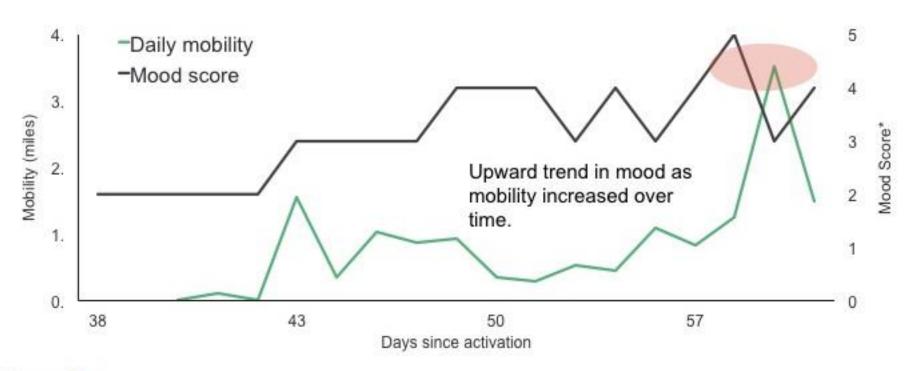


### Patient-reported outcomes data

- · Medication compliance
- Validated mood scores (e.g., PHQ-9)
- Anhedonia, guilt, suicidal ideations, irritability, et al.



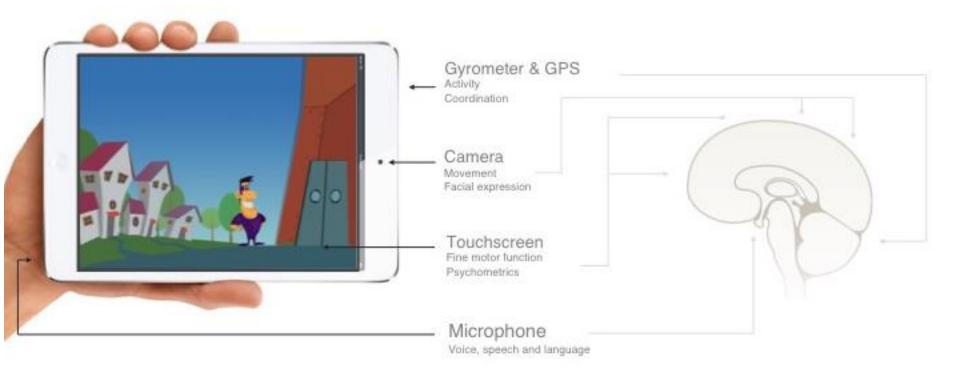
## Ginger.io helped care manager uncover a pattern between stress at home & low mobility





### A modern approach to research

The old way of conducting research is dying. It's inefficient, costly, unscalable, and frankly, not fun for patients or docs. We're mashing up knowledge from gaming, experience design, technology and science to create experiences that take advantage of all the advances mobile devices have to offer.



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### Attention, reaction time & response inhibition



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## Learning & memory



### Set shifting & visual search









A mobile way to assess cognitive control in a quick, fun, and robust fashion





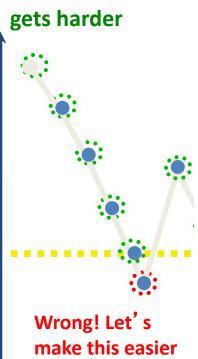
### Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation

## Based on Psychophysics ...like a hearing test



"Yes, I heard it "Correct!...so this gets harder

Sound Intensity



"I didn't hear a thing"



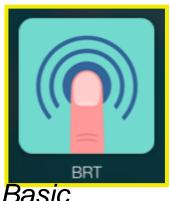


### Adaptive Cognitive Evaluation





Goal Manageme nt



















Working Memory



Distracte d Attention



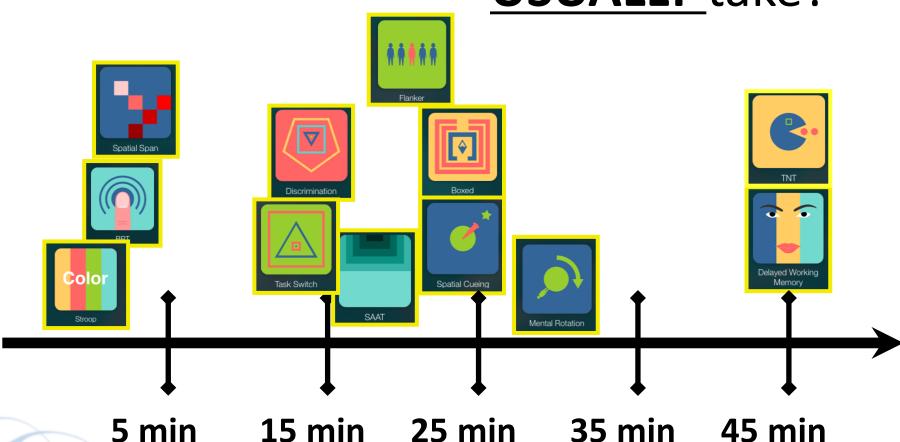
Directed Attention





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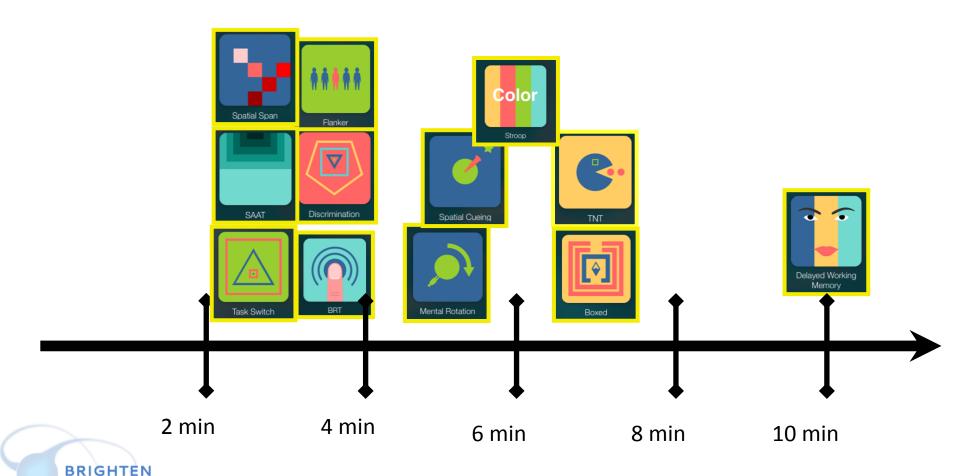
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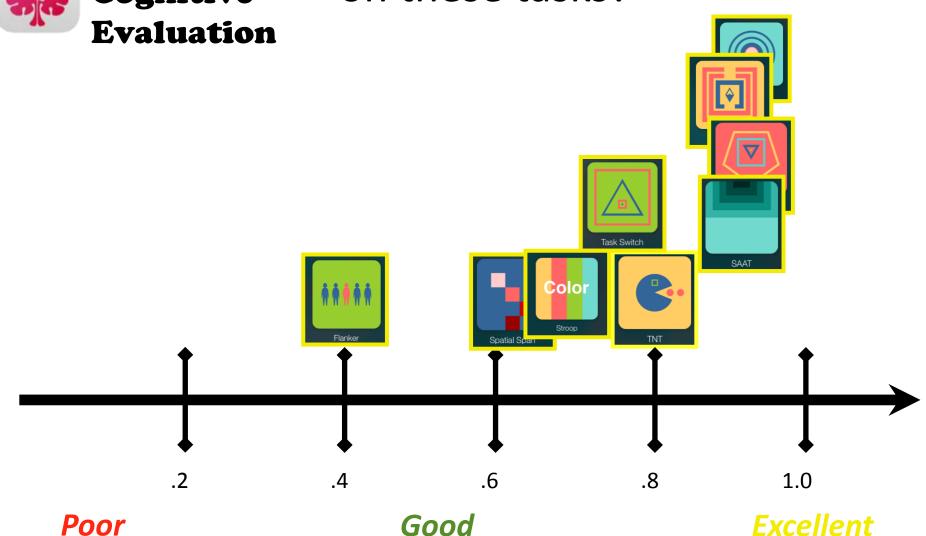
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**Poor** 

How *reliable* is performance on these tasks?

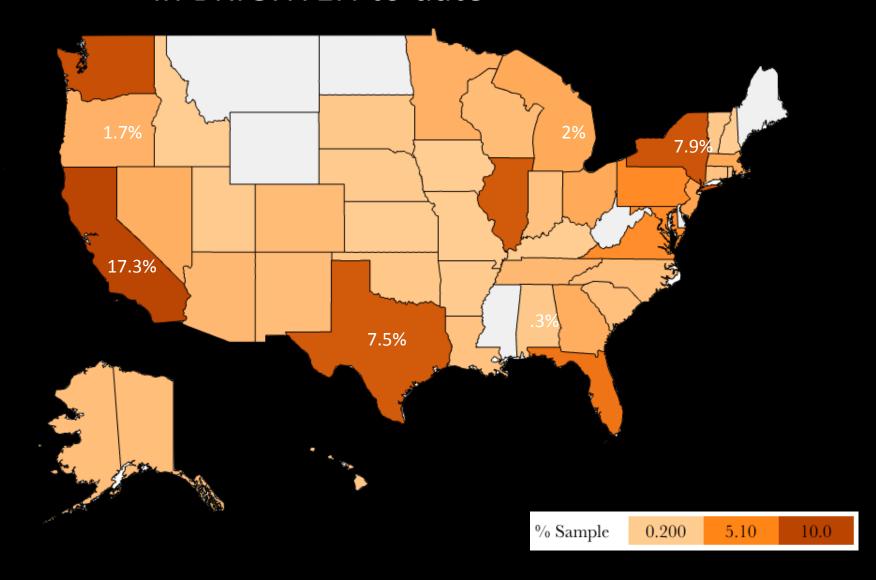


Intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC)

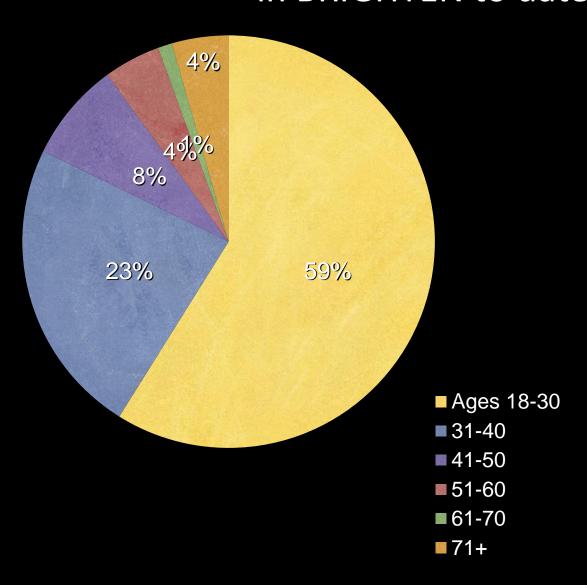
### Adaptive Design Optimization

- Bayesian approach to increase accuracy of assessment with fewer trials;
- Analyzes data in real time, optimizing information from previous trials to ascertain a signal.

## % Enrollment of all recruited in BRIGHTEN to date

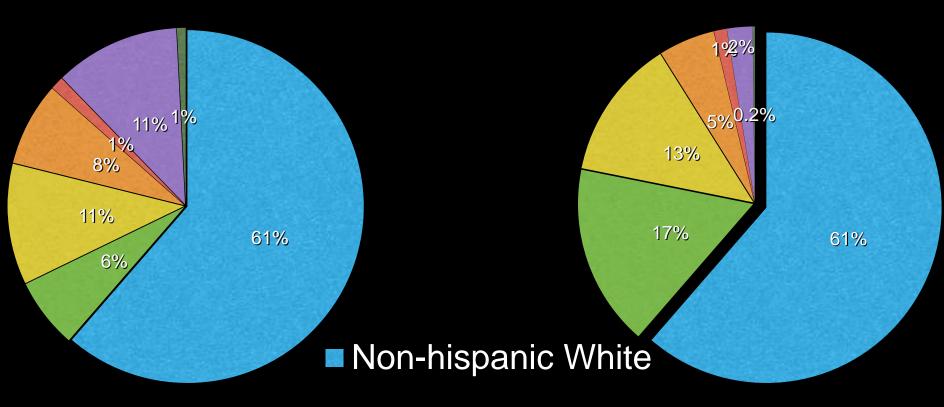


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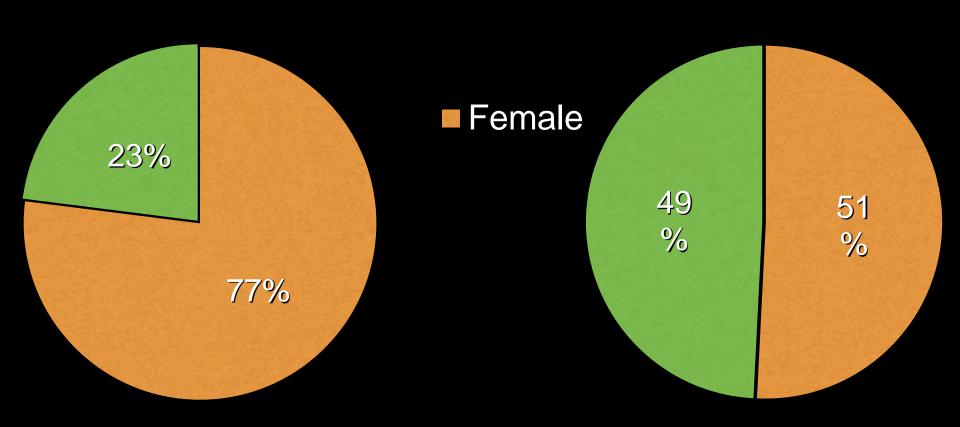
### **Ethnicity** of participants





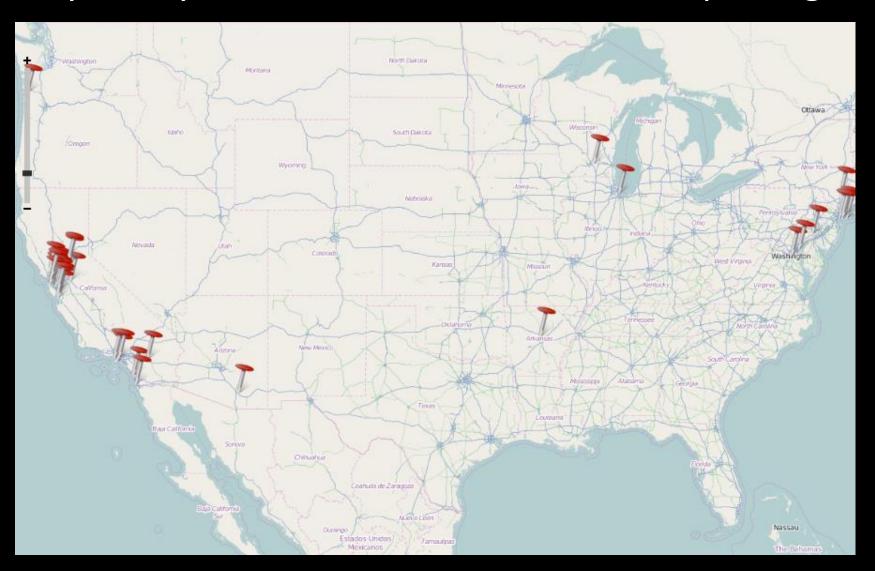
- Hispanic
- African-American/Black

### **BRIGHTEN**



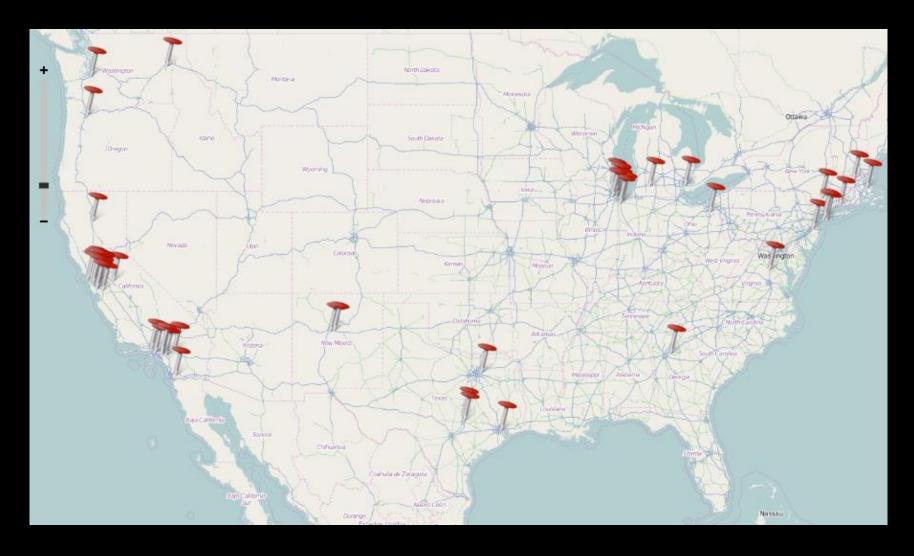
### May 1- July 11

### MUNI + volunteer postings

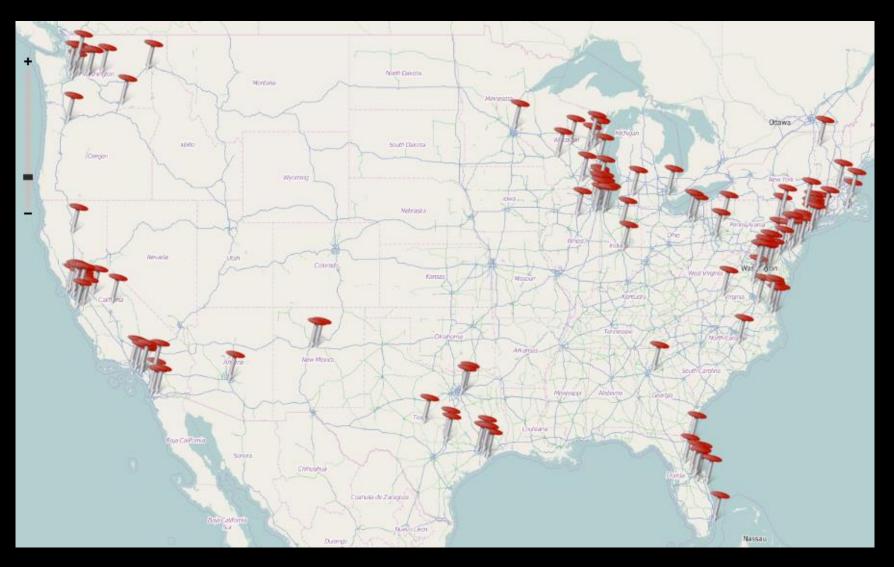


Total Recruited = 114

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Total Recruited = 257

### Oct 1- Oct 30 craigslist



Total Recruited = 519

### Nov 1- Nov 30

### craigslist



### Dec 1- Dec 31

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Total Recruited = 288

### Jan 1- Jan 31

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Total Recruited = 183

### (found us on their own)



### **Next Steps**

- Younger and older adult depression research outcomes:
  - Cognition
  - Activity
  - Sleep
- Develop new tools to improve accuracy, engagement, and meaning;
- Explore relationship between cognition, function and mood;
- More opportunities for cross talk among child, adult and older adult researchers.