

Of Mice and Men, Healthy Brain and Healthy Business

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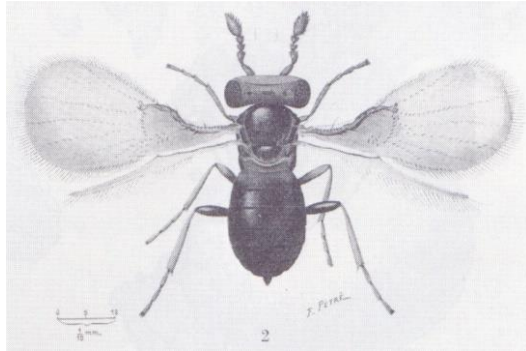
Science & technology

Innovation

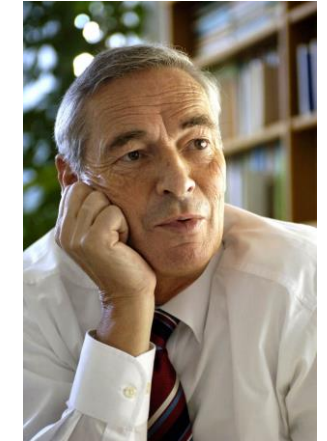
Sustainability

Ph.D. research

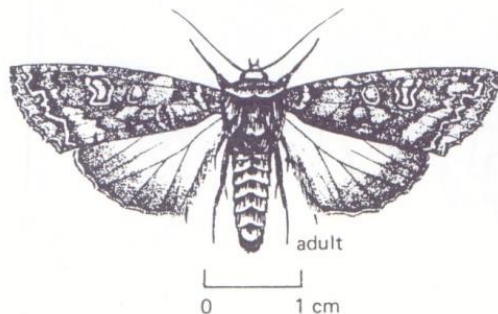
Biological Pest Control using Natural Enemies



Trichogramma evanescens



Joop van Lenteren



Mamestra brassicae

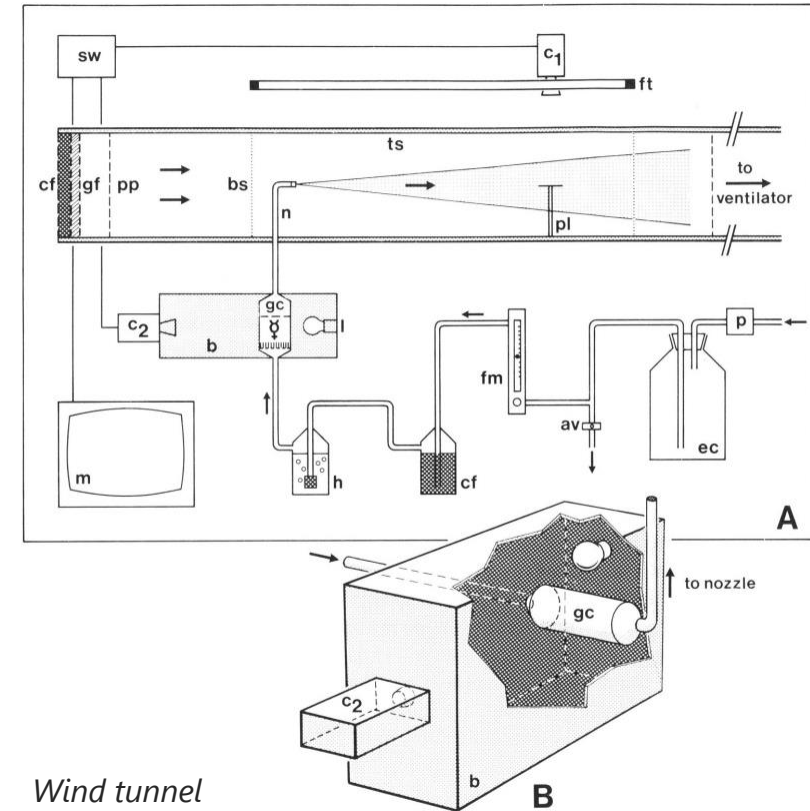
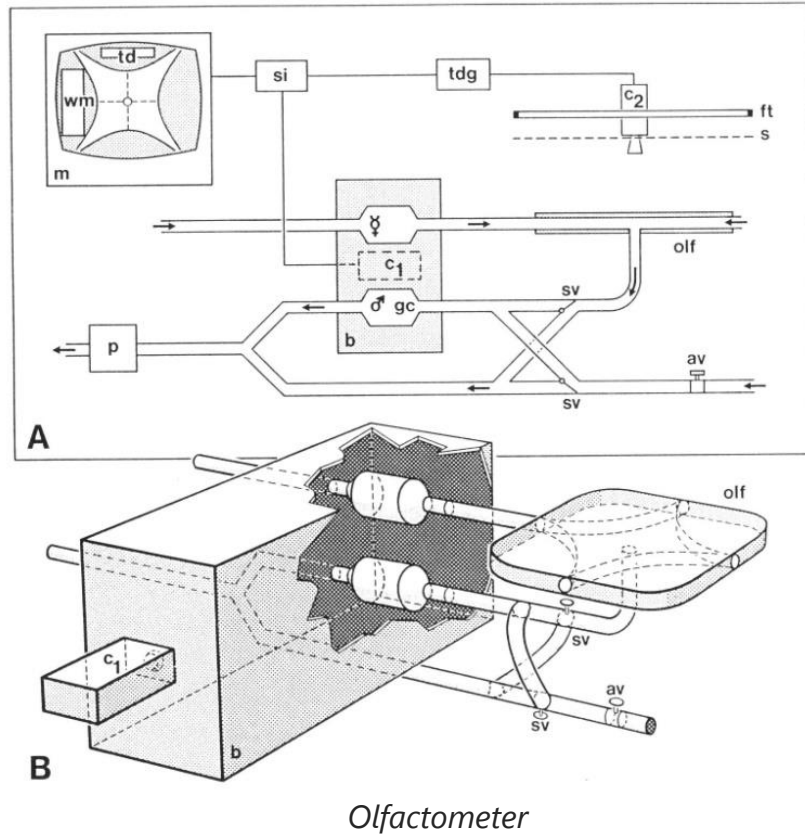


Fascinating questions

- How can tiny wasp find moth eggs in giant cabbage field?
- Do they use smell or taste?
- Wasps are diurnal, moths are nocturnal...

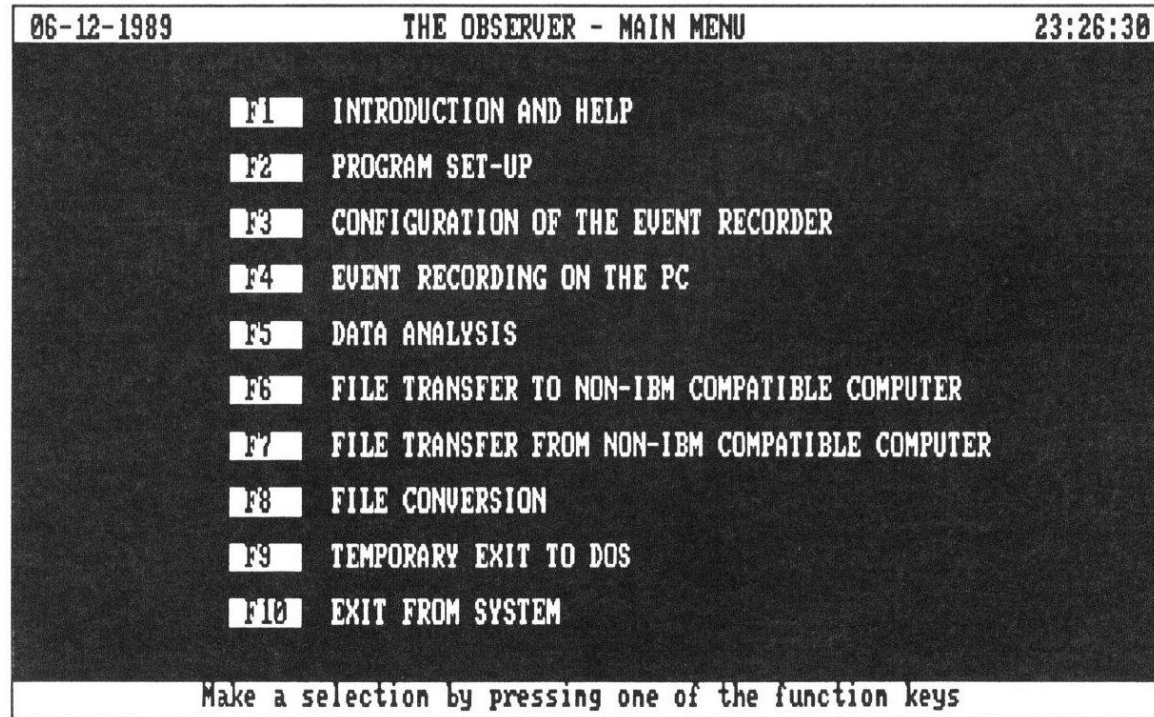
Ph.D. research

Designing hardware instruments



Ph.D. research

Writing software



The Observer version 1



TRS-80 Model 100 portable computer

Observation, recording and analysis

Insect behavior

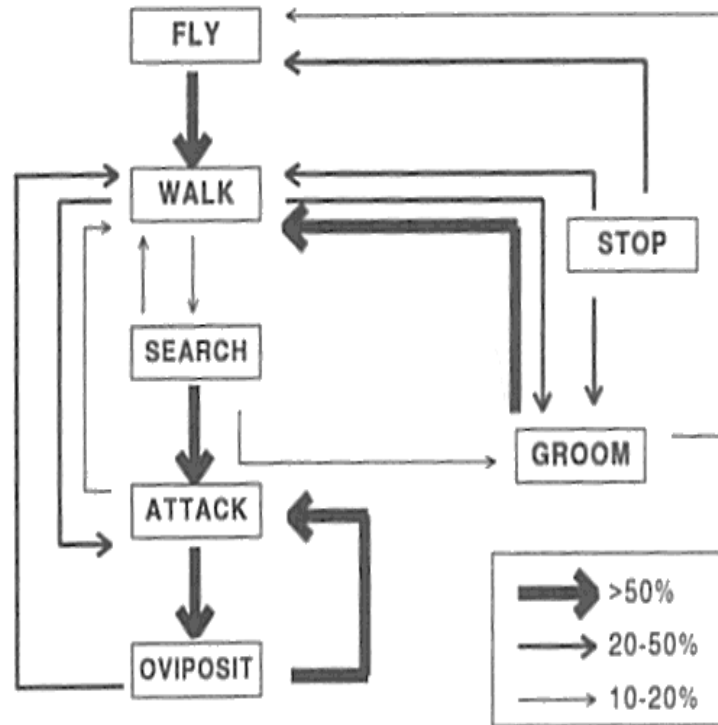


Wasp
Cotesia glomerata

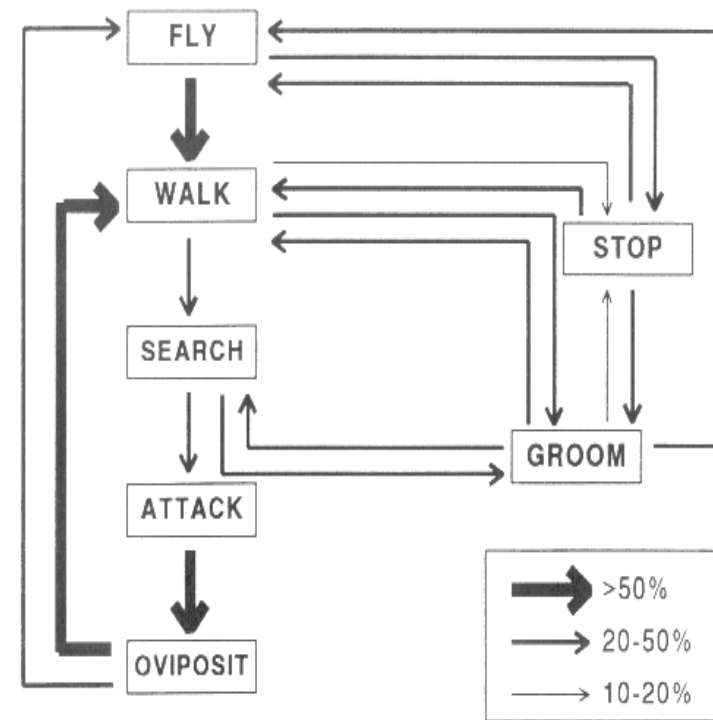
Caterpillar
Pieris brassicae

Sequential analysis: universal method to analyze behavior

Behavior described as sequence of events



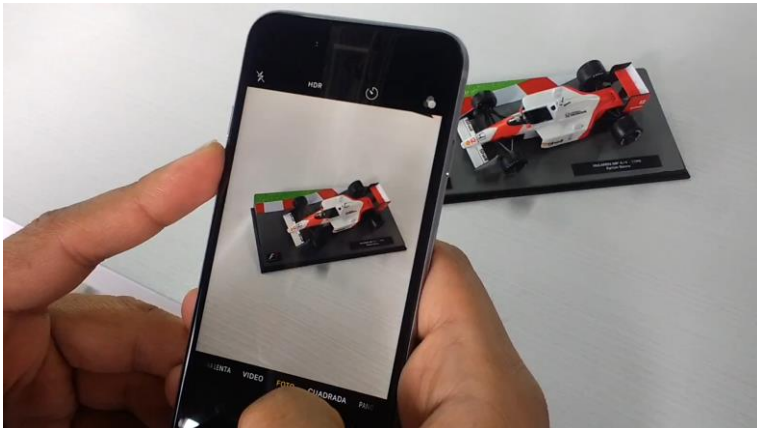
Wasp: Cotesia glomerata
Caterpillar: Pieris brassicae



Wasp: Cotesia rubecola
Caterpillar: Pieris rapae

One concept for many applications

Goal-oriented behavior



Measuring behavior

Individual behavior

- Activity
- Movement
- Body posture
- Gestures
- Facial expression
- Vocalizations & speech

Interaction

- Social behavior: human-human, animal-animal
- Human-animal interaction
- Human-system interaction

*Plenty of measurement challenges
Needed: tools!*

Start of the company

The first ingredients for growth

Method of describing behavior independent of organism

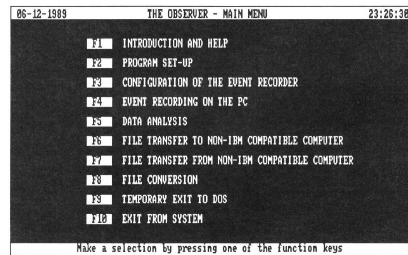
- Systematic observation
- Event recording
- Sequential analysis

Tools suitable for many applications

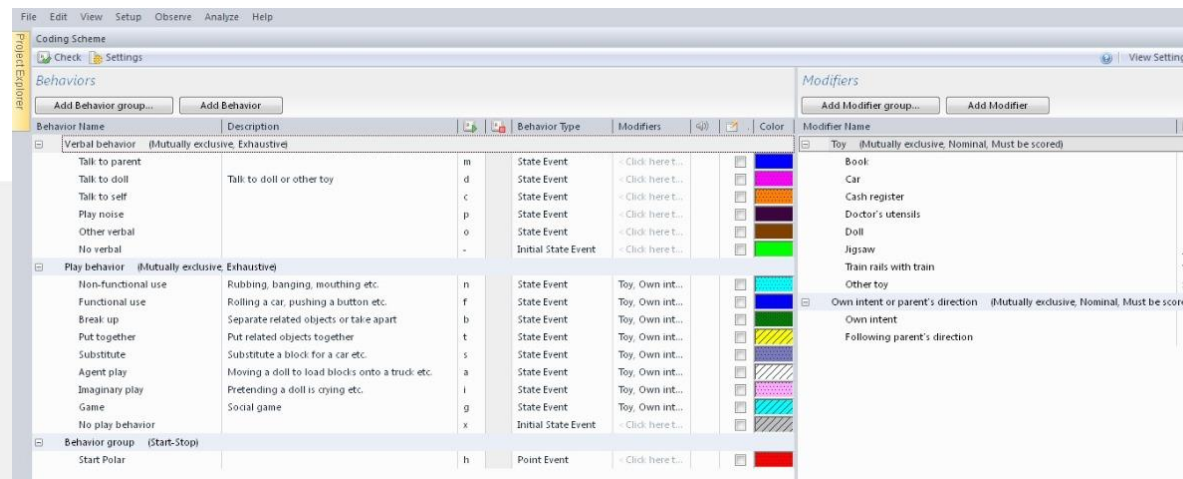
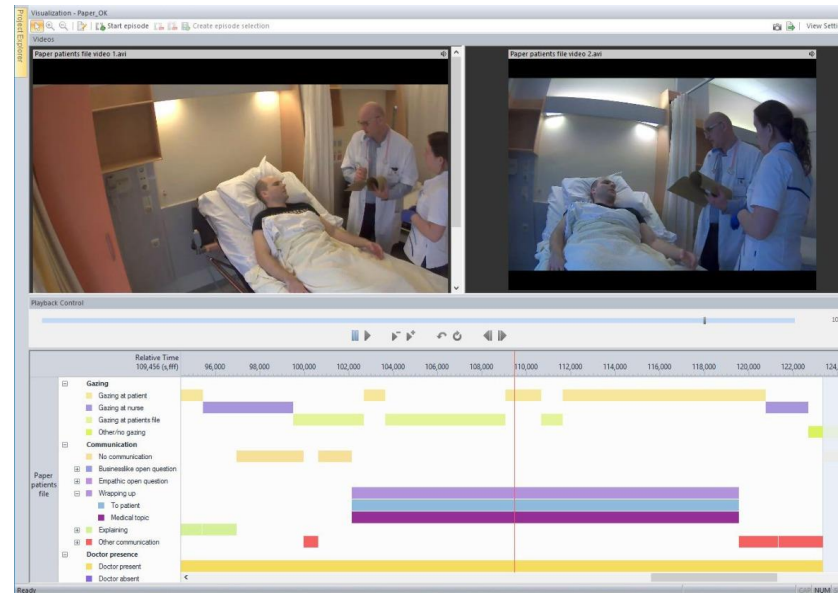
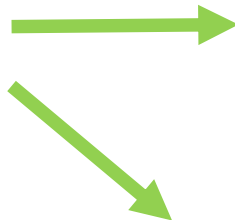


The Observer and supported computer models, early 90's

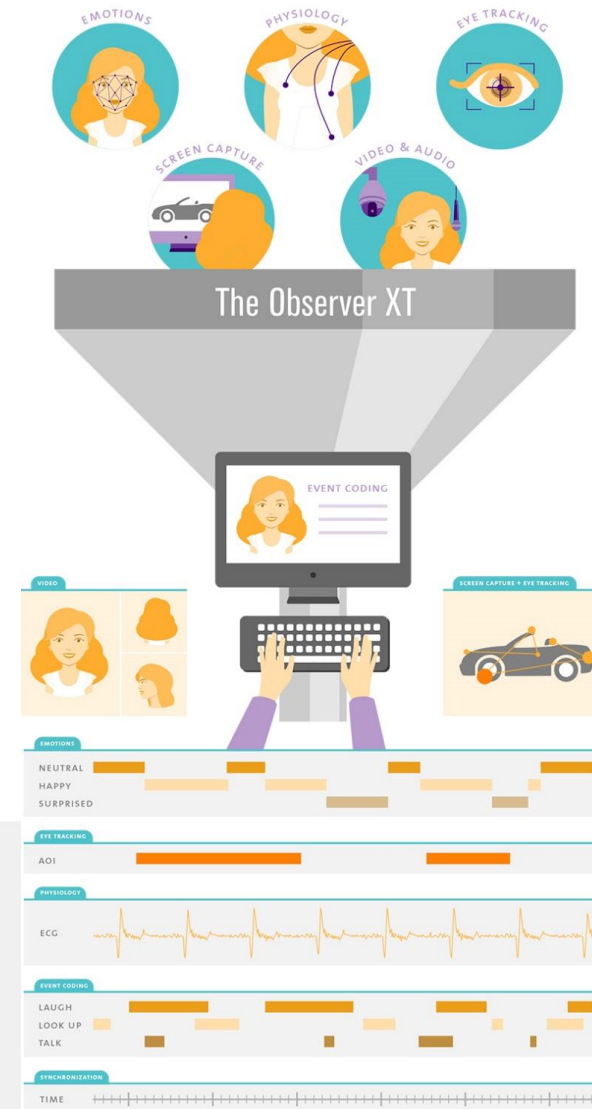
30 years later The Observer XT



The Observer 1



The Observer XT 15



The Observer XT Data Integration Platform

- 6,000 licenses
- 30,000 users
- 12,000 publications

Our offering 2020

Tools for human and animal behavior research

Noldus

APPLICATIONS

PRODUCTS

CUSTOMER STORIES

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Advance your behavioral research

Save time & obtain high quality data

SOFTWARE

SERVICES

LABS

SYSTEMS

HUMAN BEHAVIOR RESEARCH

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH

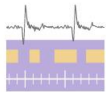
Product portfolio 2020

Products and integrated solutions

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR HUMAN BEHAVIOR RESEARCH



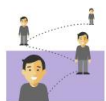
AV recording & evaluation



Data integration & visualization



Eye tracking & physiology



Spatial behavior



Behavioral coding & analysis



Emotion analysis



Lab set-ups



UX research

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR ANIMAL BEHAVIOR RESEARCH



Zebrafish video tracking



Home cage & welfare



Rodent gait analysis



Cognition & memory



Rodent video tracking



Anxiety / fear / depression



Animal behavior observation



Behavior, welfare & health tracking

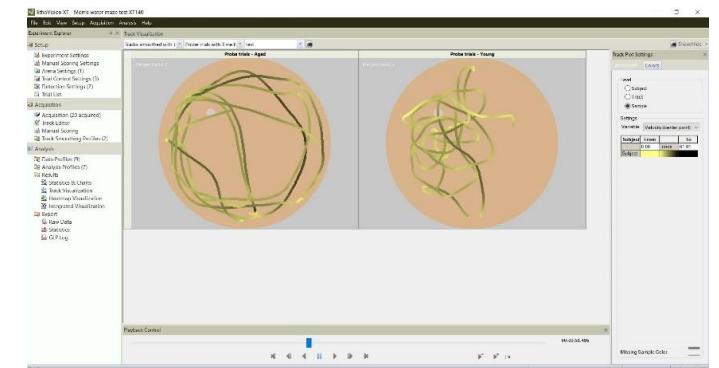
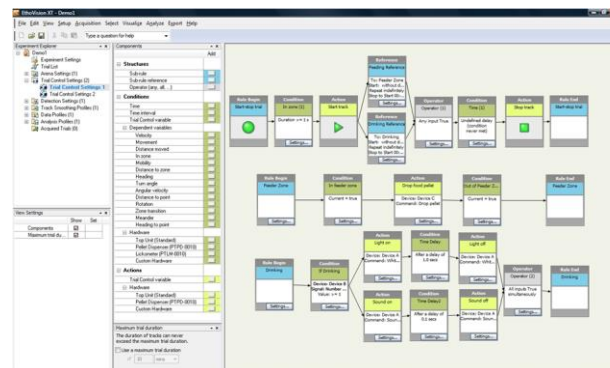
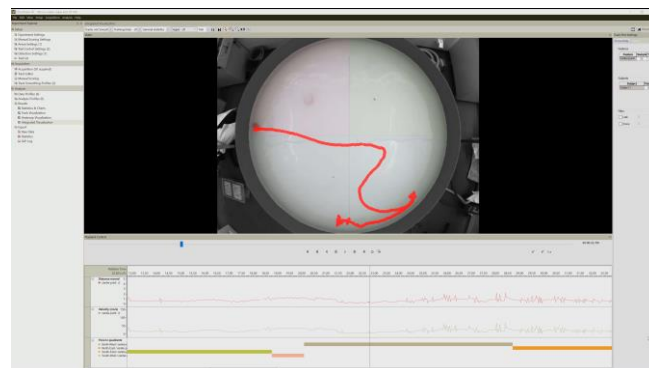
Automated behavioral observation

EthoVision® XT

Video tracking software for automating behavioral experiments

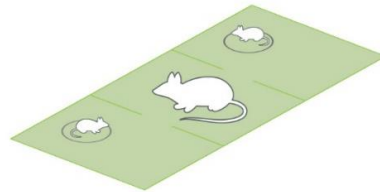
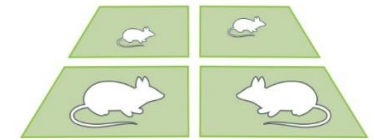
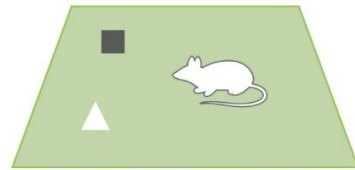
- Robust and reliable tracking of any kind of animal
- For high-throughput and high-content testing
- Automatic behavior recognition for rats and mice
- Trial and hardware control for automated of stimulus delivery
- Comprehensive analysis of individual and social behavior

Movement	
Distance moved	
Velocity	
Movement	
Acceleration	
Acceleration state	
Location	
In zone	
Distance to zone	
Distance to point	
Path	
Meander	
Target visits and errors	
Zone alternation	
Zone transition	
Direction	
Heading	
Heading to point	
Head direction	
Head directed to zone	
Turn angle	
Angular velocity	
Body	
Body elongation	
Body elongation state	
Body angle	
Body angle state	
Mobility	
Mobility state	
Rotation	

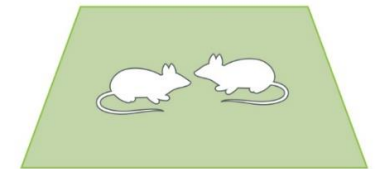
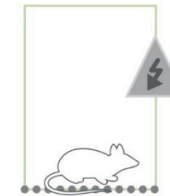
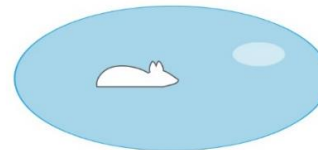
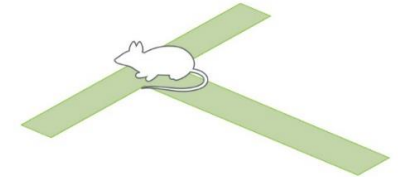


EthoVision XT design principles

- One software application for many different applications
- Open interface to third-party hardware
- Modular design: low-cost base package, optional add-on modules



EthoVision XT
VIDEO TRACKING FOR ALL SET-UPS

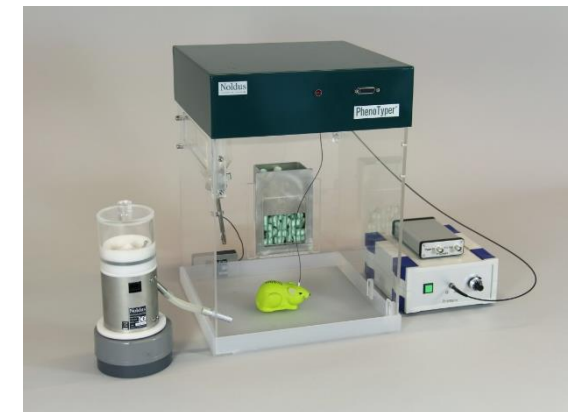
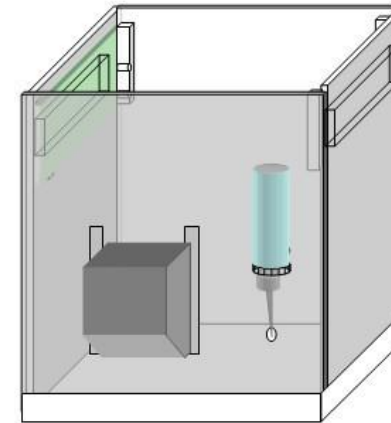
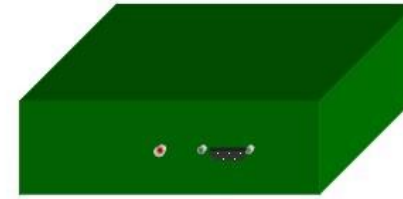


Observation in home cage

PhenoTyper®

Instrumented cage for automated behavioral testing

- Highly flexible, modular test environment, from basic test arena to enriched home cage
- Top unit with camera, LEDs, audio and visual stimuli
- Supports 24/7 continuous operation
- Wide range of components and add-on devices available for operant conditioning, optogenetics, electrophysiology, in-vivo brain imaging, etc.
- Applications: sleep/wake studies, anxiety, eating disorders, learning & memory, etc.
- Powered by EthoVision software

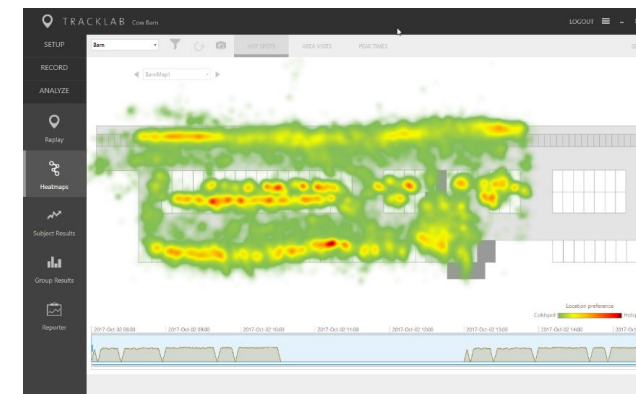


From mice to men

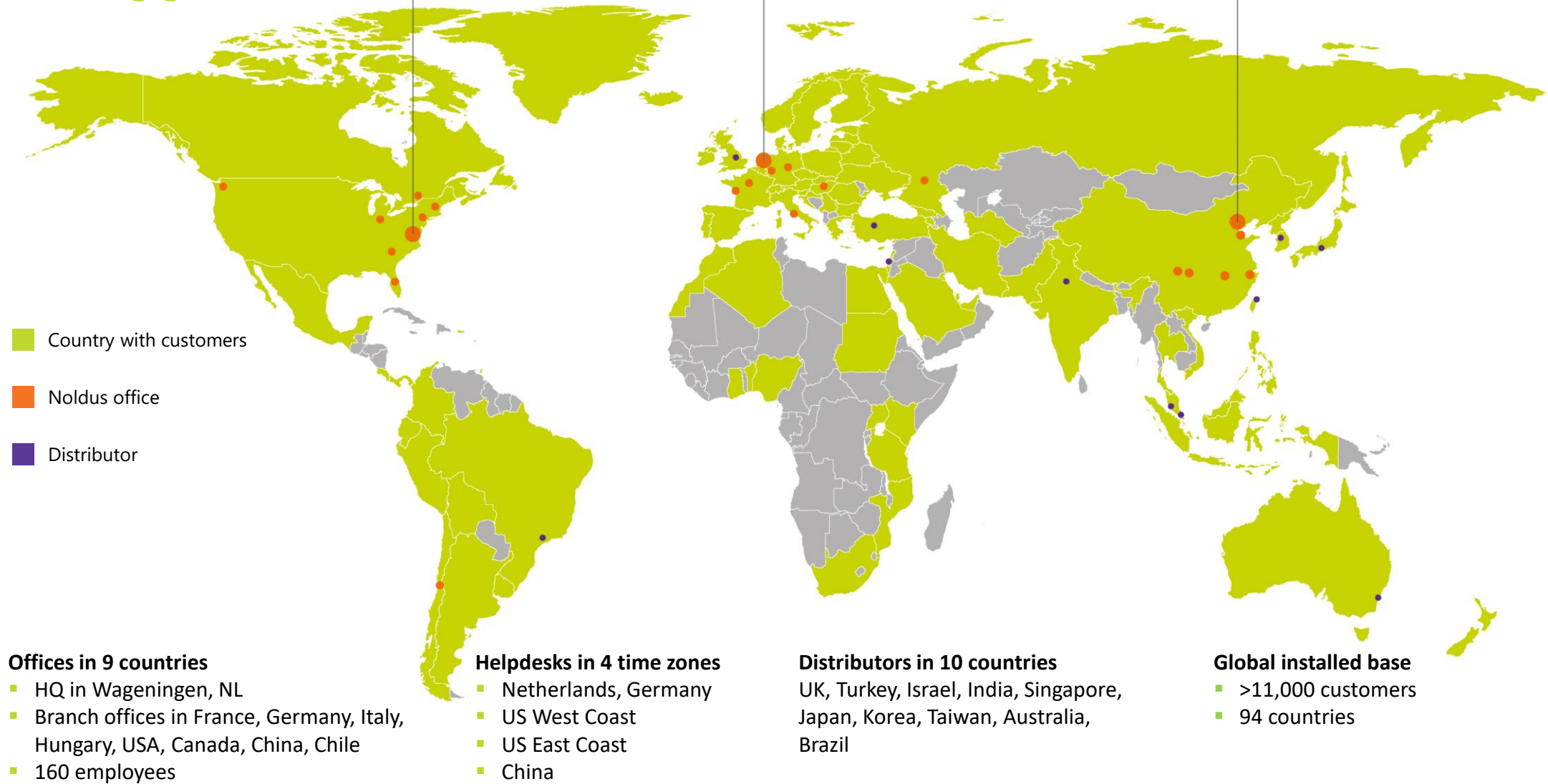
TrackLab™

Software for tracking and analysis of spatial behavior

- Gain insight into spatial behavior, both indoor and outdoor
- Work with any number and type of subjects (animal or human), any space
- Supports different positioning systems: ultra wideband, GPS
- Visualize and analyze tracking data by subject, group, time bin
- Quantify locomotion parameters, social behavior



Global Presence, Local Support



Our clients

Universities



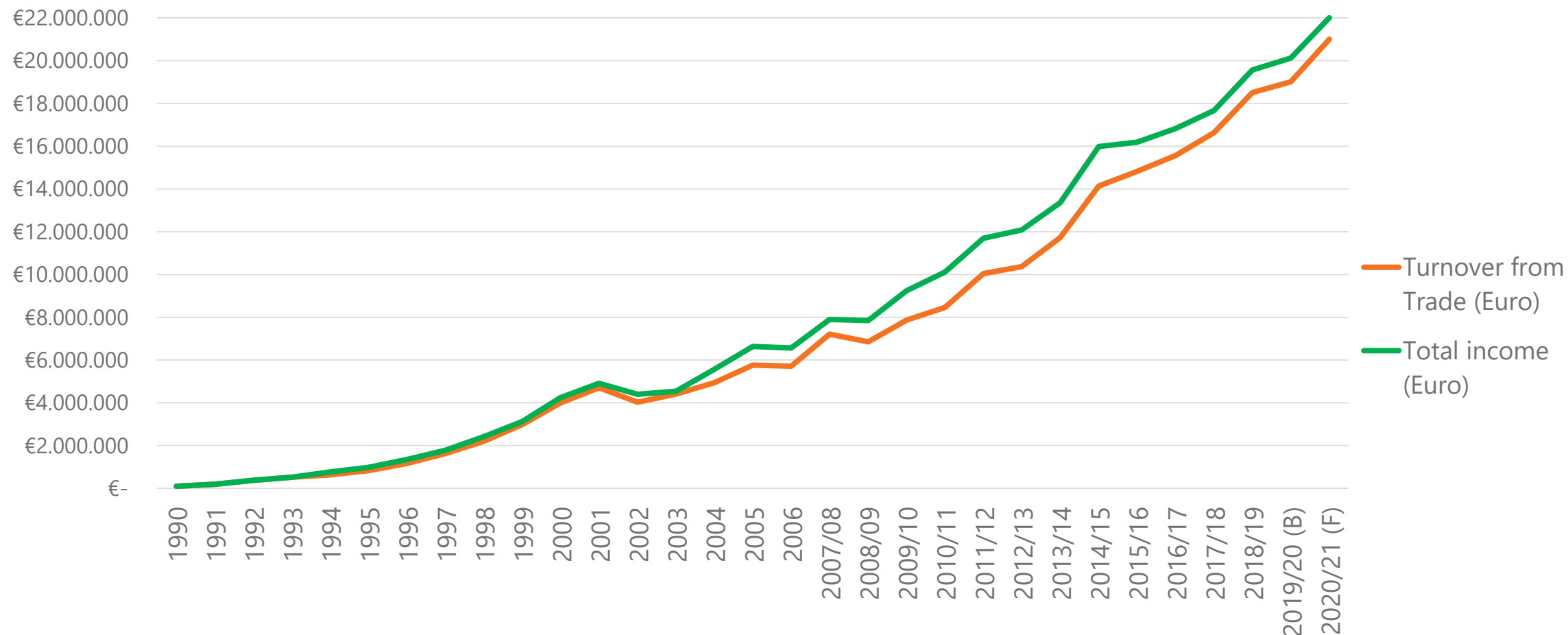
Our clients

Pharmaceutical industry



Healthy business

Revenue growth



The future of health

Market trends and opportunities

- Researchers of human behavior are increasingly asking for **automated data collection**.
- Human behavior studies move from the lab to more naturalistic context, asking for **non-invasive sensors** and **automated remote monitoring**.
- Multimodal measurement asks for **sensor fusion** and **smart data integration**.
- Increasing interest in animal models of social behavior asks for robust identification and advanced analysis tools.
- Big data resulting from automated measurement needs **AI-based analytics**, video highlights, insightful graphs and dashboards.
- Scientists expect **access to data** anytime and anywhere, device-independent and OS-independent software tools.
- Research moves **from the clinic to the field**, from a handful of test participants to hundreds of patients participating remotely.
- Research tools for thousands of scientists can be embedded in **teaching** programs, reaching millions of students.

The future of health

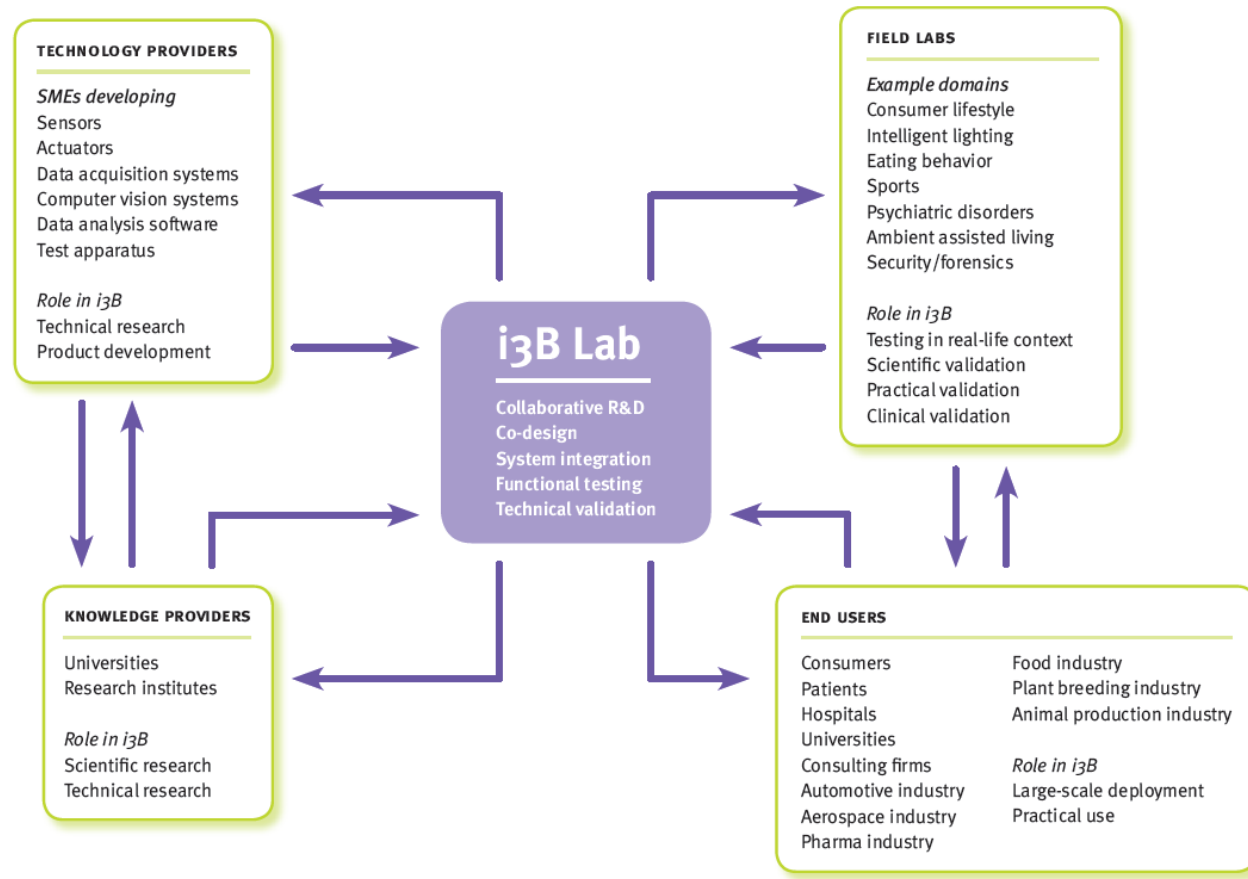
Technical developments and enablers

Ongoing developments in computer science, microelectronics and data communication enable breakthrough innovations:

- › **Sensor technology:** wider choice of sensors, more sensitive, smaller, cheaper.
- › **Computing power:** low-cost processing power allows real-time massive number crunching.
- › **Internet:** our customers are always online, everywhere.
- › **Artificial Intelligence:** software libraries for computer vision, deep learning, pattern recognition are freely available.

Innovation through collaboration

Our innovation ecosystem



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Comorbid Analysis of Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Epilepsy

The problem

- Neurodevelopmental conditions (e.g. autism, ADHD) affect ~15% of the European population.
- Often associated with somatic illnesses (e.g. epilepsy, autoimmune disease) which can have a strong impact on quality of life.
- No effective treatments
- Why do they co-exist?

Project objectives

- Understand interaction between genetic and environmental factors
- Elucidate causal mechanisms
- Develop new strategies for prevention and treatment



Target group



Animal model



AIMS-2-TRIALS

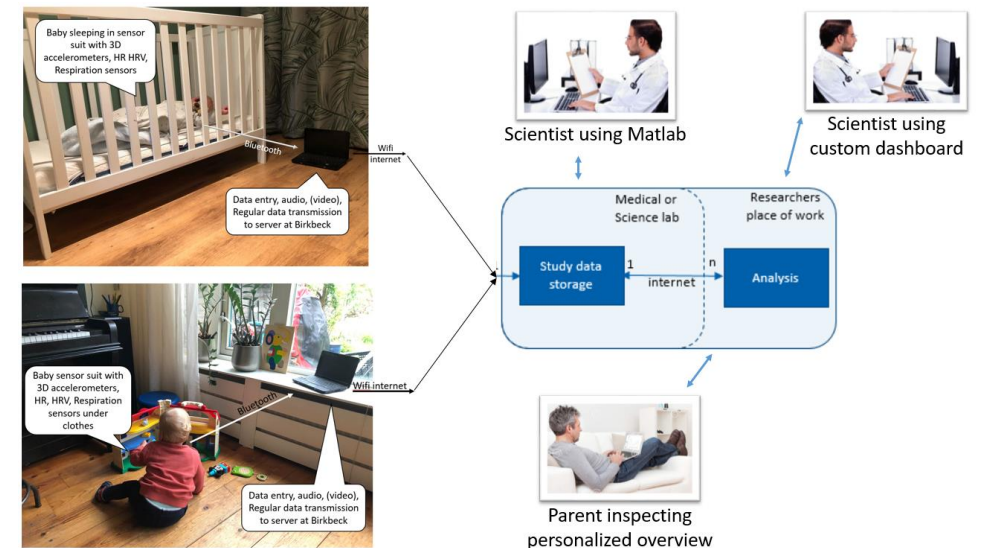
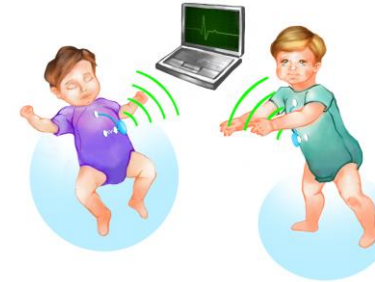
Smart Baby Suit

Objectives

- Development of system for continuous automated monitoring of body motion, posture, heart rate and breathing rate in babies and toddlers for home use
- Integration of sensors in garment, no discomfort
- Machine learning, pattern recognition
- Distributed data architecture using low-cost hardware and web interface
- Easy for use for parents, clinicians and researchers

Project partners

- Radboud University (Biophysics, Artificial Intelligence, Baby & Child Research Center)
- Noldus Information Technology
- Demcon
- AIMS-2-TRIALS consortium



Innovaties voor Gedrag en Gezondheid in Gelderland



Objectives

- Development of integrated monitoring solutions for early risk detection and personalized lifestyle/behavior interventions
- Main product: multi-sensor wristband for continuous measurement of activity, motion and physiological parameters, real-time display and capture of user response
- Provide insight into risk factors, efficacy of behavioral interventions, and mental wellbeing
- Data accessible for healthy volunteers, patients, healthcare professionals and researchers
- Distributed data architecture for remote monitoring and support
- Privacy by design, AVG and GDPR compliant



Thank you for your attention

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