

Perceptions of personal privacy in different users regarding health monitoring technologies

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Research Progress



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- **Relevance**



- informed, effective, and well ***targeted communication strategies*** for each user group of potential users
- ***Inform technical designers*** about the privacy needs outlined that needs to be considered for matching the technological functioning accordingly

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- Cognate-based approach in social science:
 - classified as behaviour, predisposition of the individual to behave (Smith et al., 2011)
 - considered as state of mind or assertion of control (Alpert, 2003; Westin, 1967; Goodwin, 1991; Milne, 2000)
- **WHY?** Privacy satisfies basic human needs (i.e., contemplation, autonomy, rejuvenation, confiding and creativity)
- **HOW?** The optimum level of privacy is reached through boundary regulation processes (i.e., behavioural mechanisms, paraverbal/verbal expressions and movements, cultural norms and customs)
Altman, 1975, 1976; Pedersen, 1979, 1997, 1999; Smith et al., 2011; Uysal, et al., 2010



Personal
and context
factors

Privacy related aspects

- data access
- personal information
- surveillance
- personal space
- appearance

Privacy Concerns

Privacy related aspects

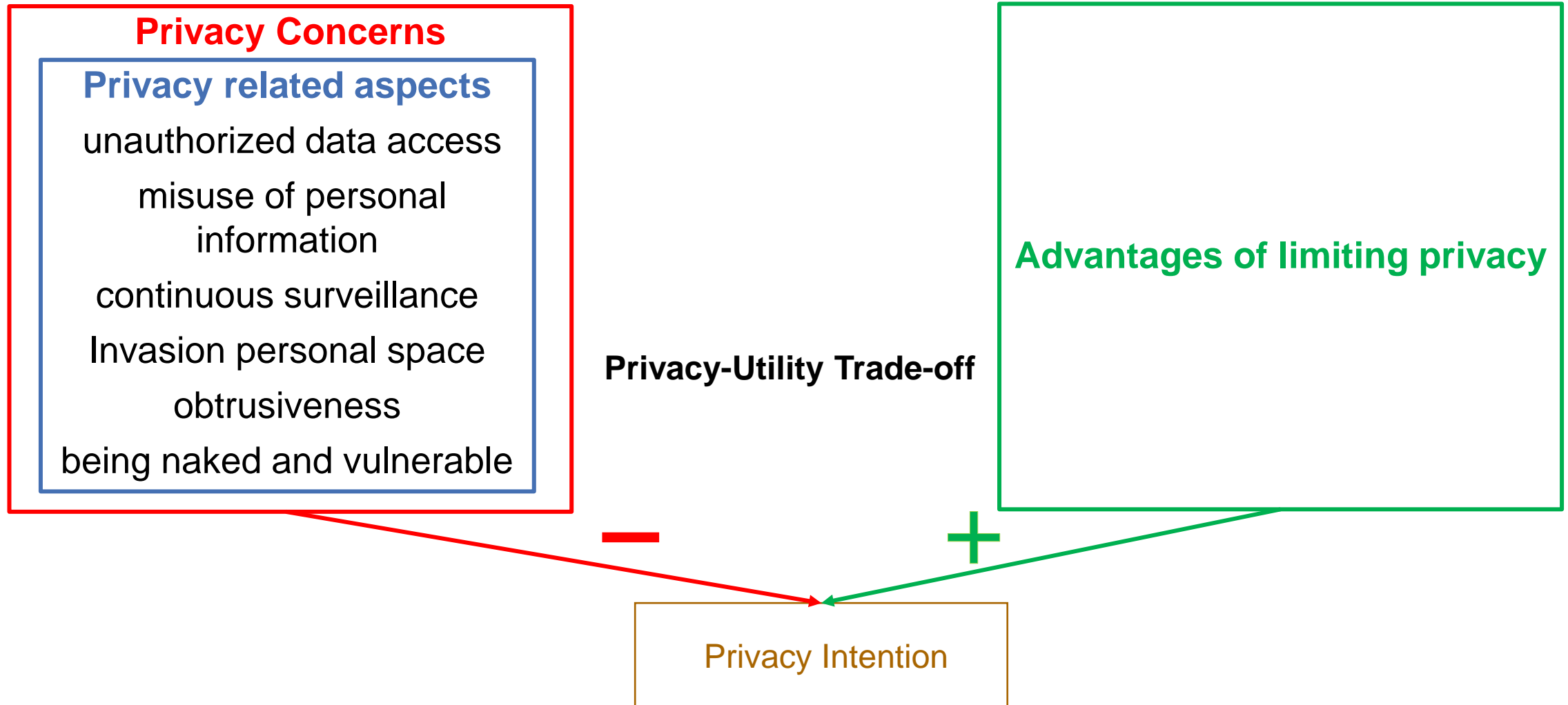
unauthorized data access

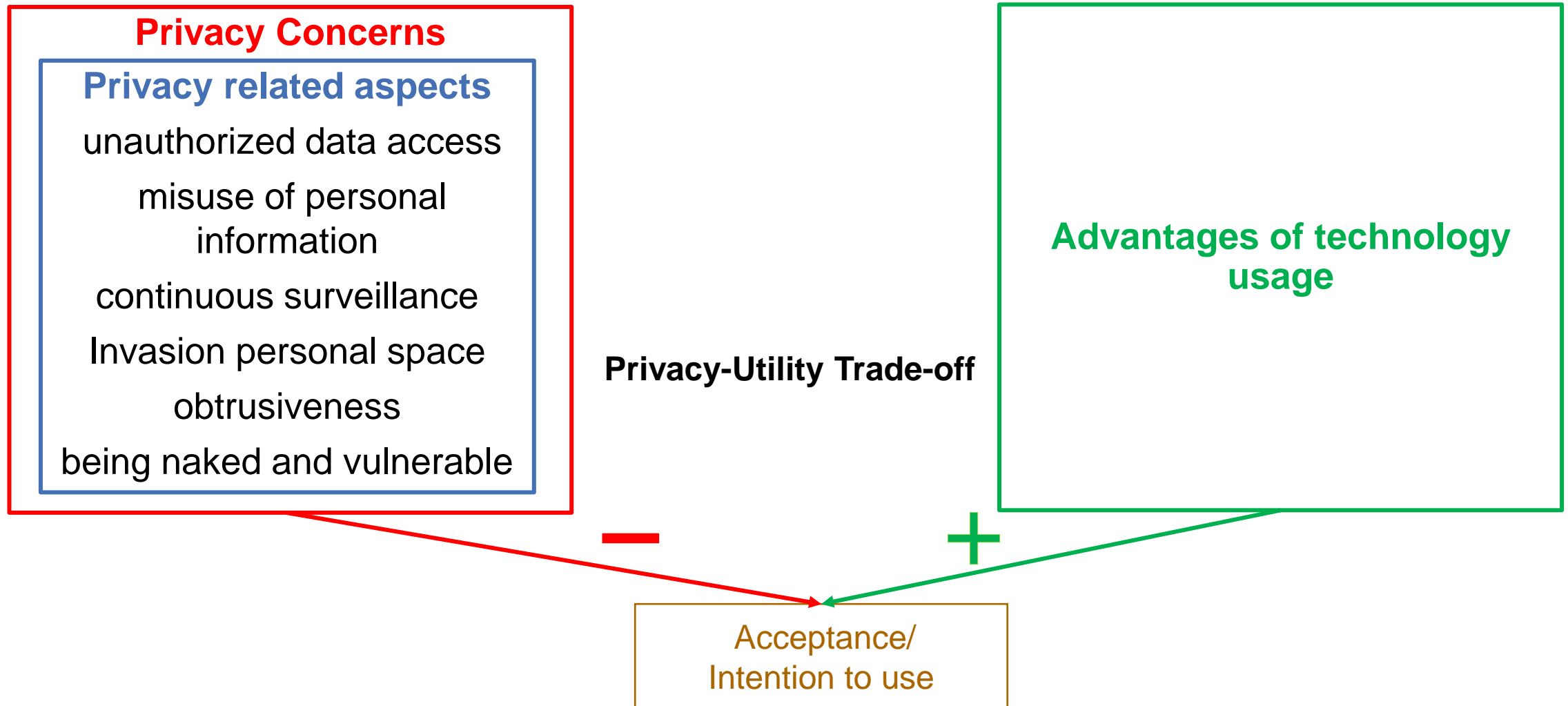
misuse of personal
information

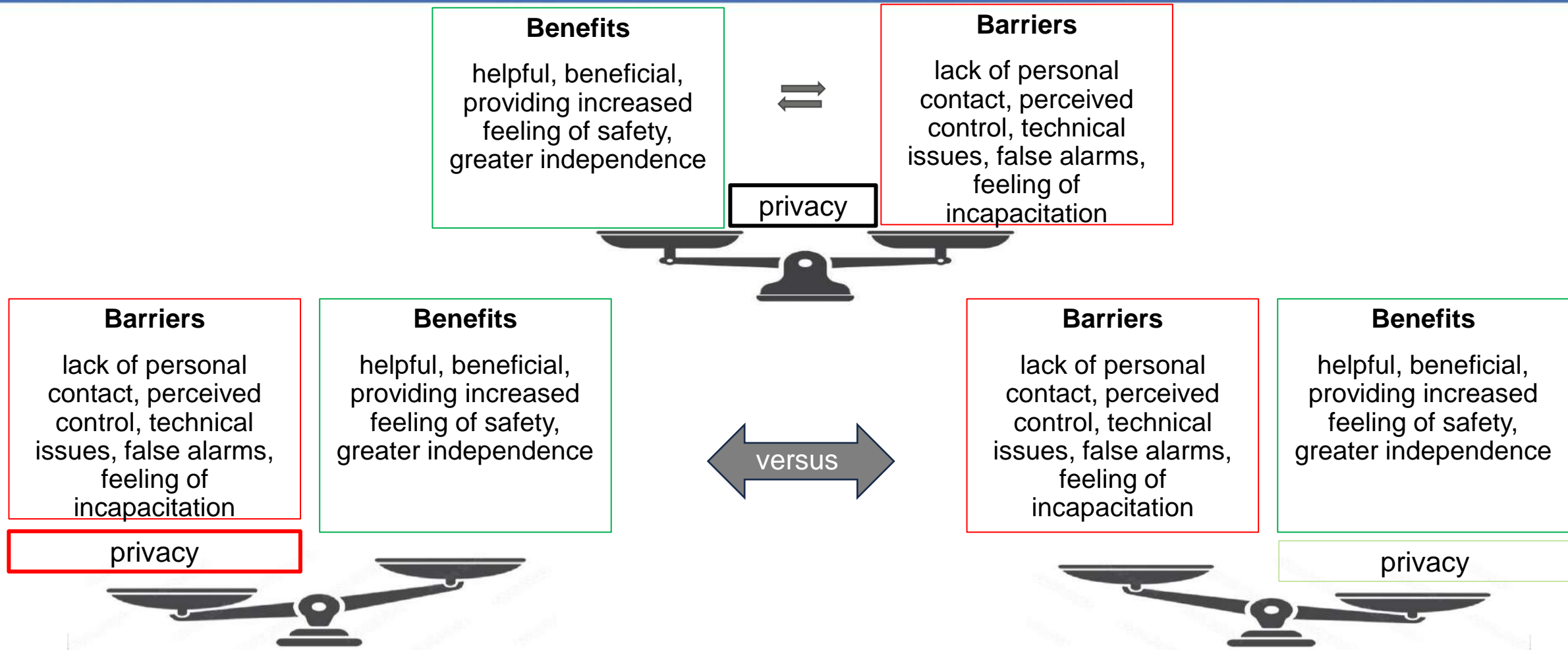
continuous surveillance








Invasion personal space

being naked and vulnerable







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What is privacy in video-based AAL? What are concerns of privacy?

Are privacy aspects influenceable?

To what extent is the perception of privacy related to the perception and acceptance of video-based AAL?

How are privacy aspects traded-off?

Understanding Privacy

Within the context of video-based AAL and as a barrier and concern

Influences on privacy perceptions

Contextual factors and personal factors

Modelling Privacy

Connections and relationships among relevant variables including acceptance

Privacy decisions








Trade-offs of privacy related factors in relation to each other

Qualitative (i.e., interviews, content analysis)

Quantitative (i.e., questionnaire, descriptive and inferential statistical analysis)

Theoretical modelling
(i.e., structural equation modelling)

Applied testing
(i.e., conjoint analysis)

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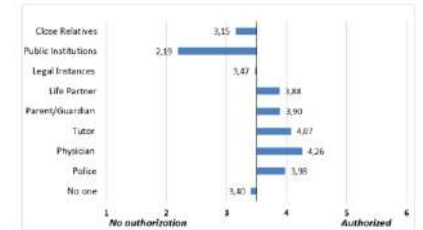
Creation of mental maps of living with AAL: Privacy themes emerged: **Handling of Data, Handling technology, Sensitive Activities, Privacy Invasion**

(Maidhof et al., 2022)



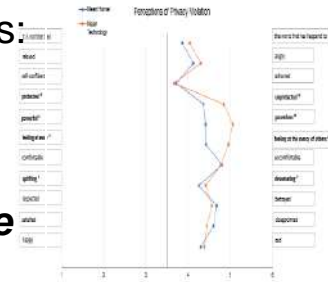
Privacy Invasion by various stakeholders: Privacy invasion is **least critical for physicians** and **most critical for public institutions**

(Maidhof et al., 2023b)



Affective perceptions of privacy invasion by human vs. technology and related concerns: Invasion by technology perceived significantly more unprotected, powerless, at mercy of others, devastating
Main concerns: **data misuse, more people seeing data, unpleasant**

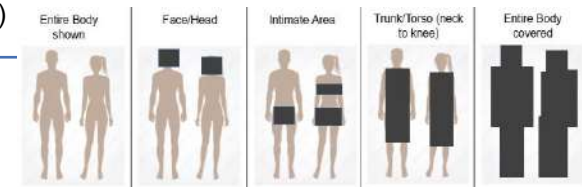
(Offerman, Maidhof & Ziefle, 2023c)



Comfortableness of being filmed and Nudity Visualization Preferences: Intimate activities such as toileting, washing oneself, changing clothes are most uncomfortable to be filmed – even when needing care

Nudity and visualization of skin have a negative influence on technology acceptance

(Maidhof & Hashemifard et al., 2022)

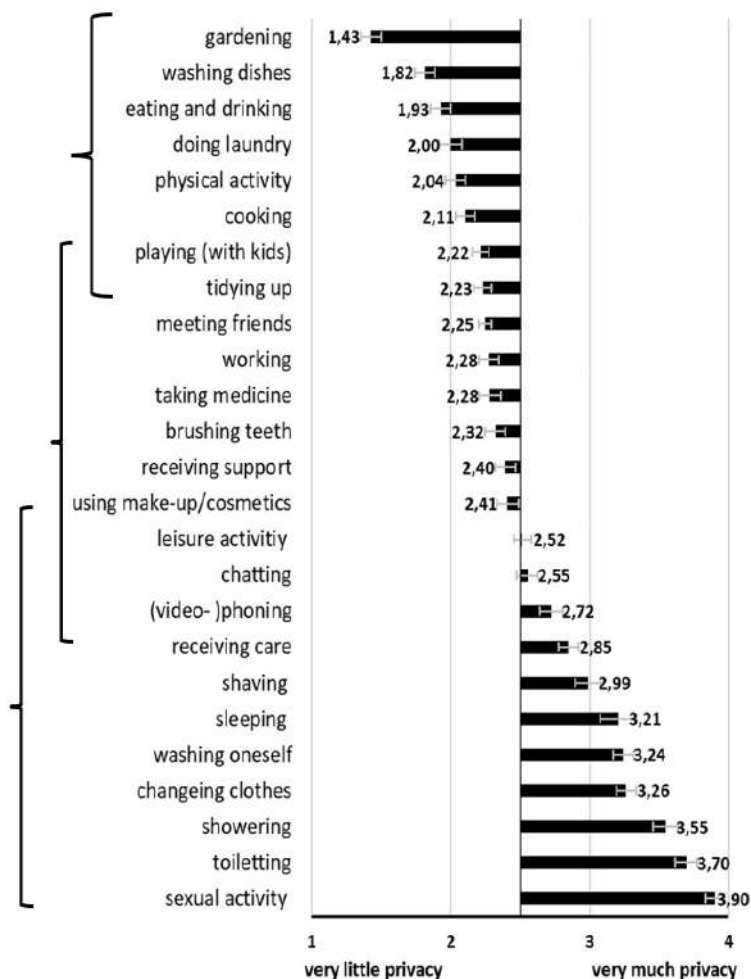


Privacy Need

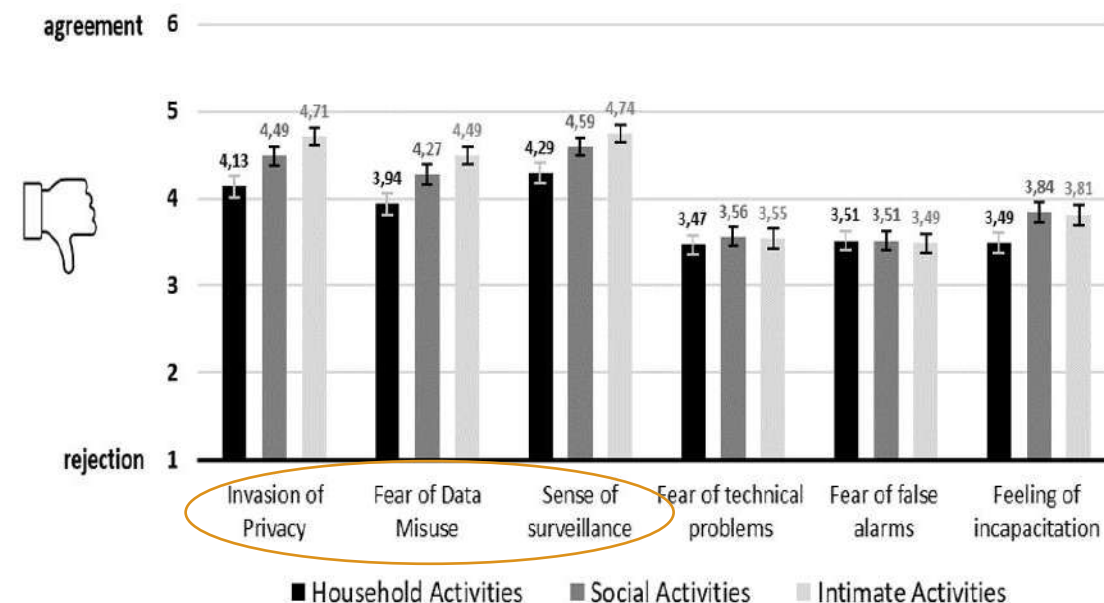
Household Activities

Social Activities/ Care Activities

Intimate Activities



Barriers of video-based AAL





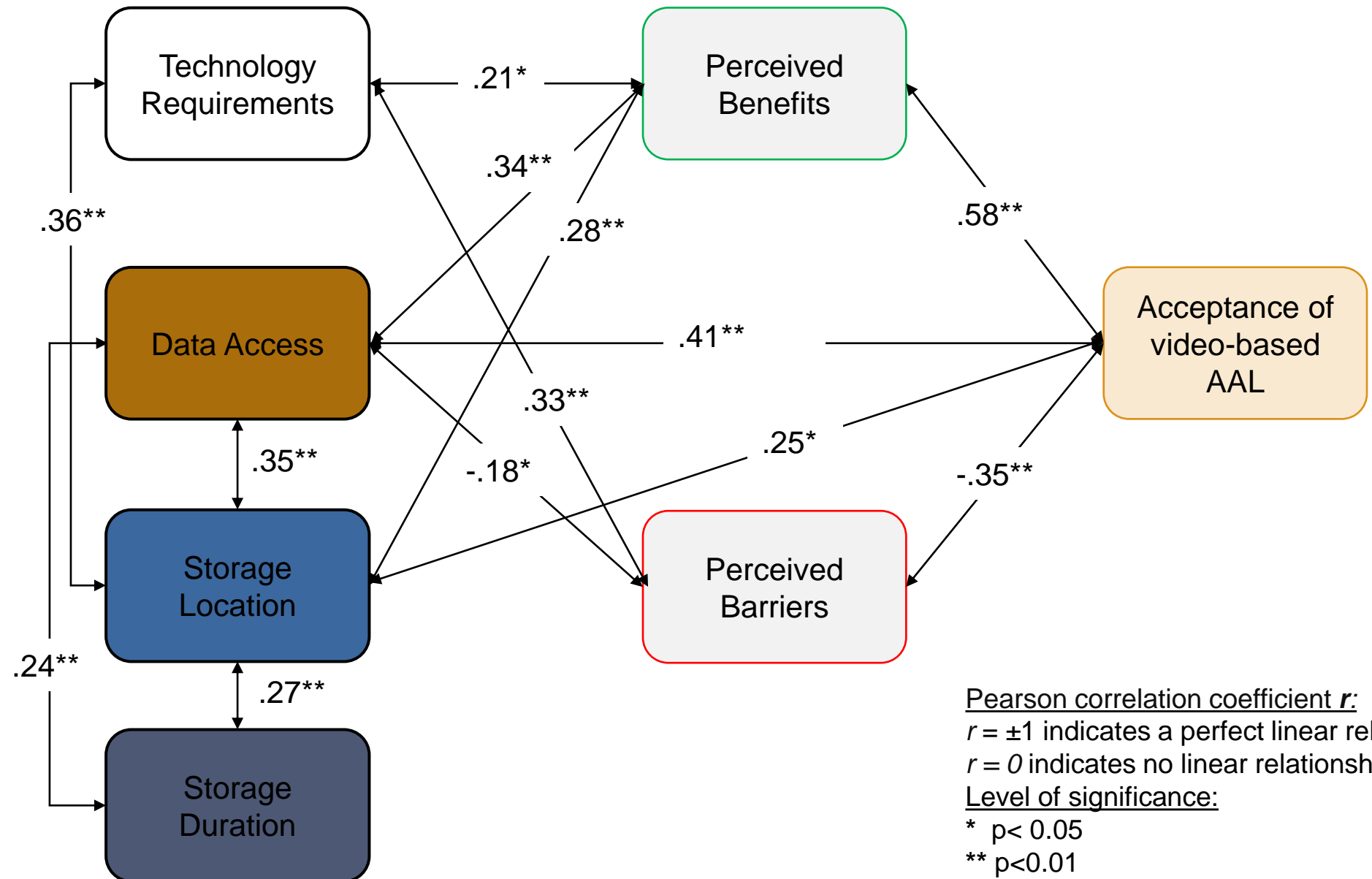
Theoretical Challenge:

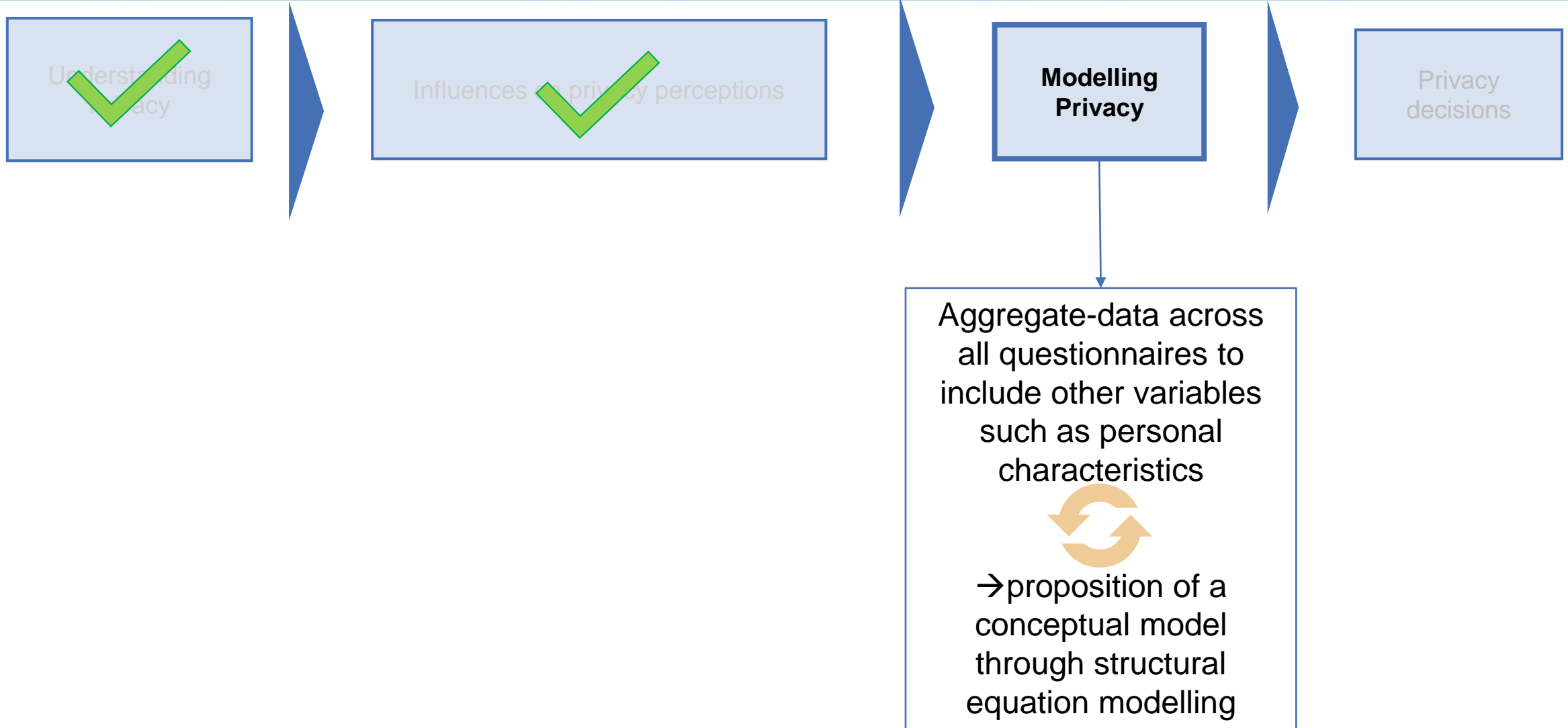
Despite similar psychological origins (utility trade-off) technology acceptance and privacy have largely been researched separately from each other.

→ Investigating and clarifying the relationships between privacy related aspects and acceptance evaluations for video-based AAL is not clear yet.



To what extent is the perception of privacy including data handling preferences (requirements, access, storage) related to the perception and acceptance of video-based AAL including evaluation of benefits and barriers of usage?







Practical Challenge:

Privacy related aspects and their relationships have only been studied in isolation.

→ Understanding privacy related factors in conjunction and relation to each other and gain insights which of these privacy related factors become relevant as part of a simulation of deciding the optimal video-based AAL set-up.



Which privacy-related aspect is most decisive for the composition of video-based AAL (when care is optional compared to when there is a severe care need)?

What contributes positively or negatively to the decisions?

Attributes

Levels

Conjoint-Measurement assesses how consumers/participants make trade-off decisions when considering products or services with **multiple attributes** which have **several levels**.

→ It helps to understand what people like about different parts of a product or service – this could be some features, or functions. E.g., phone

→ The main goal is to figure out which combination of these things matters the most when people are deciding or to determine the "utility" or the perceived value or preference that individuals assign to different attributes of a product or service and how the various levels contribute to the decision.

Attributes

Levels



Ravi et al.,
(2023)
ODIN

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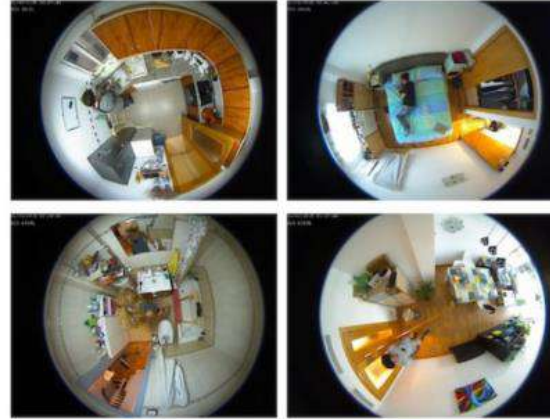
Data
Access

Storage
Duration

Storage
Location

Visualisation

Type of
Activity



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Attributes

Levels

Data Access

Trusted Persons



Relatives



Medical Experts



Emergency Service



Storage Duration

No storage



Max. 1 week



Max. 1 month



Max. 1 year



Unlimited storage



Storage Location

Local storage



Virtual storage



Type of Activity

Household Activities



Social Interaction



Intimate Activities



Visualisation

100% invisible



Shoulder to knee invisible



Intimate Area invisible



Face invisible



100% visible



Respondents are presented with **hypothetical scenarios** featuring varied **attribute combinations** and their choices or ratings are analyzed (Hierarchical Bayes Estimation based on a Monte Carlo Markov Chain Algorithm)

Privatsphäre und Akzeptanz video-basierter AAL Technologien

Sie sehen nun immer vier unterschiedliche Szenarien. Wählen Sie bitte jeweils das Szenario aus, das Ihrem Bedürfnis nach Privatsphäre am ehesten entspricht.

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	Verwandte	Vertraute	Medizinische Experten	Notfallservice
Datenzugriff				
Speicherdauer	max. 1 Woche 	unbegrenzt 	max. 1 Jahr 	max. 1 Monat
Speicherort	Virtuell 	Lokal 	Lokal 	Virtuell
Aktivitäten	Soziale Interaktion 	Intime Aktivitäten 	Haushaltsaktivitäten 	Soziale Interaktion
Visualisierung	Gesicht unsichtbar 	100% Unsichtbar 	Intimbereich unsichtbar 	Schulter bis Knie unsichtbar
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Start



Video based AAL and Monitoring of Activities of Daily Living

Detailed Information about AAL and video based sensors
Explanation of the conjoint attributes and their levels:

Data
Access

Storage
Duration

Storage
Location

Activity
Type

Visual-
isation

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Scenario:

being **75 years old** and having a **mild care need**
where support is rather optional

7 x choice tasks with 4 options each

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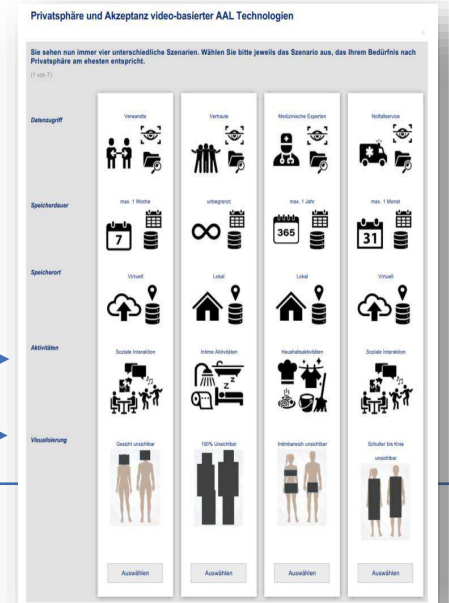
being **80 years old** and having a **severe care need**
where support is really needed

7 x choice tasks with 4 options each

e.g.
Choice
task



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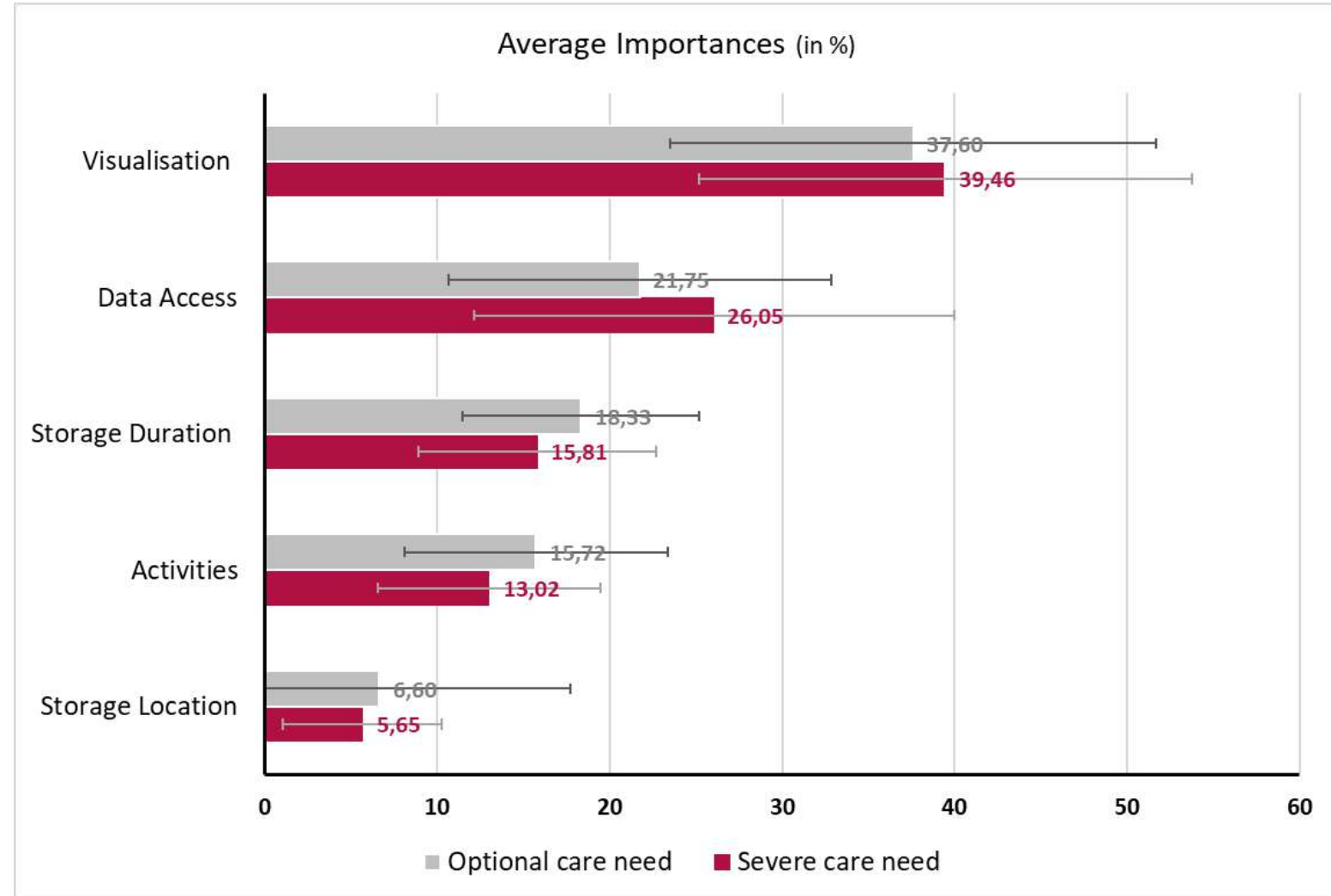
Convenience sampling in summer - autumn 2023

Demographics

- **Age:** range: 18 - 88 (M=35.58; SD=17.2)
- **Gender:** 55.9% females, 42.9% males, 1.3% no specification
- **Education:** 50% university degree, 31.1% A-level

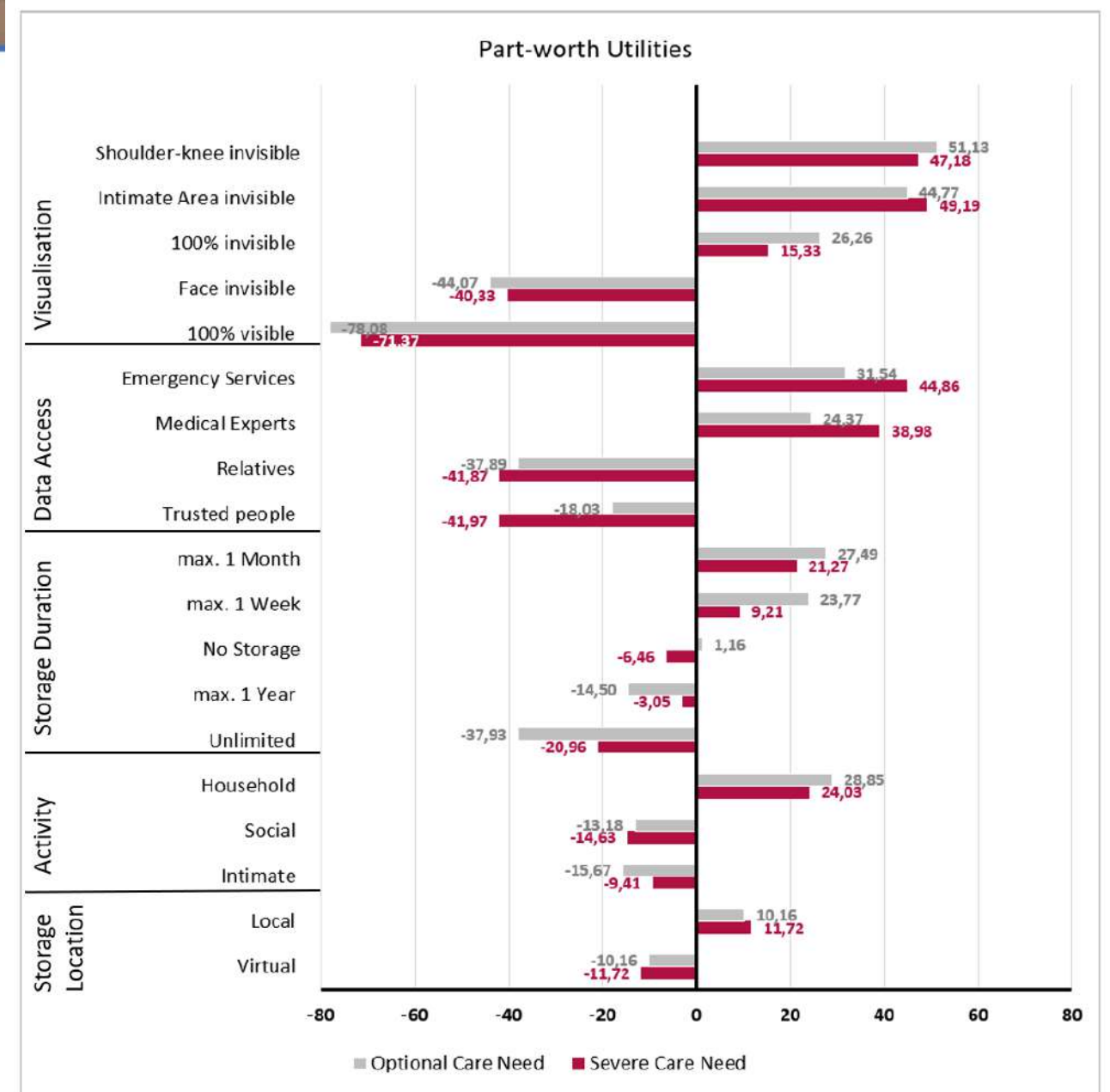
Health & Care

- 16.8% **chronic illness** (asthma, migraine, endometriosis, high blood pressure, diabetes)
- 2.5% **needing care** in daily life
- 39.9% **have cared** for another person (either professionally or informally)










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Journal

Conference/Book Proceeding

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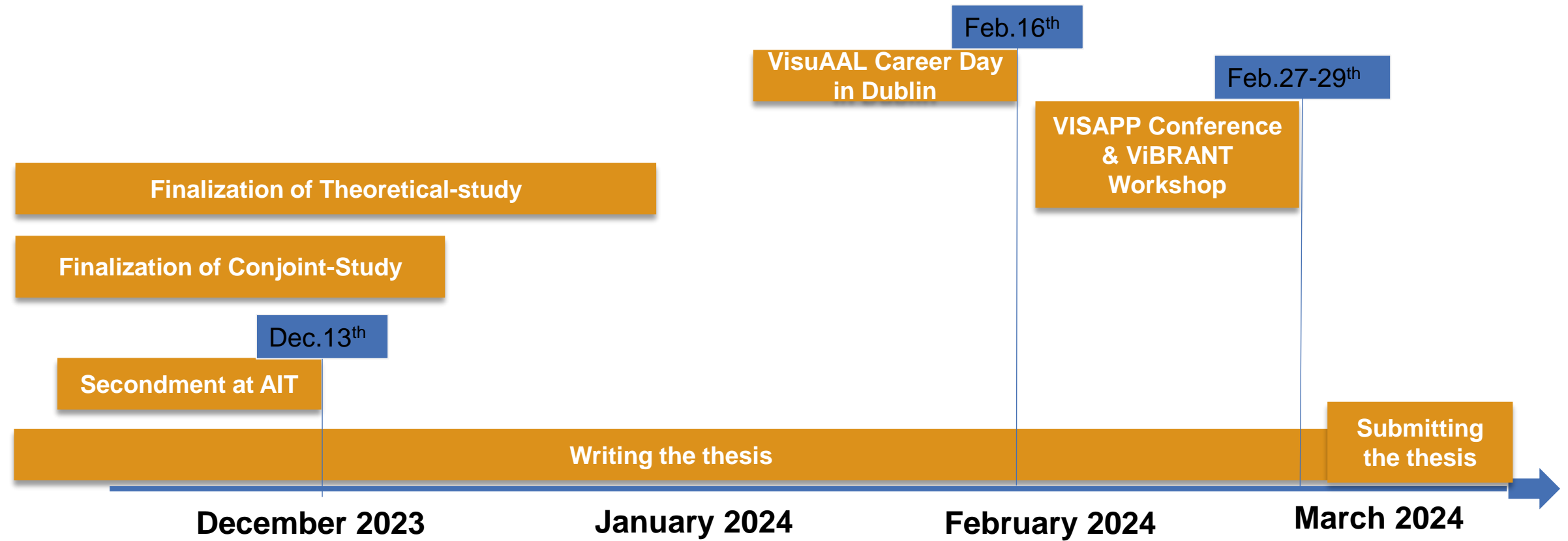
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Academic environment








Non- Academic environment



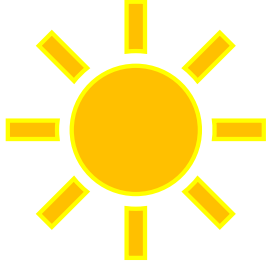
Work in human-computer interaction
Applied settings
Assistive technology

Multi & Interdisciplinary environment

Business insights
(acquiring projects and funding)

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Helpful, open-minded and
curiosity-driven environment

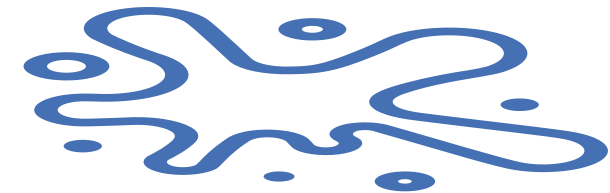
Good communication across
disciplines

Informative and very well-
organized training schools



Understanding my
identity as an
ESR

Understanding
dissemination and
communication of the own
research



Thank you!

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