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# ***Bipolar Disorder: A Lifetime of Passion, An Unpredictable Journey***

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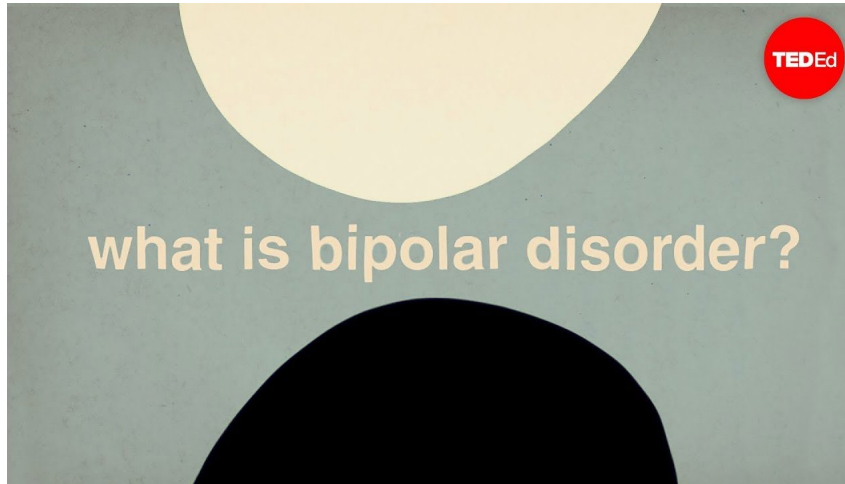
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**HEINZ C. PRECHTER BIPOLAR RESEARCH PROGRAM**

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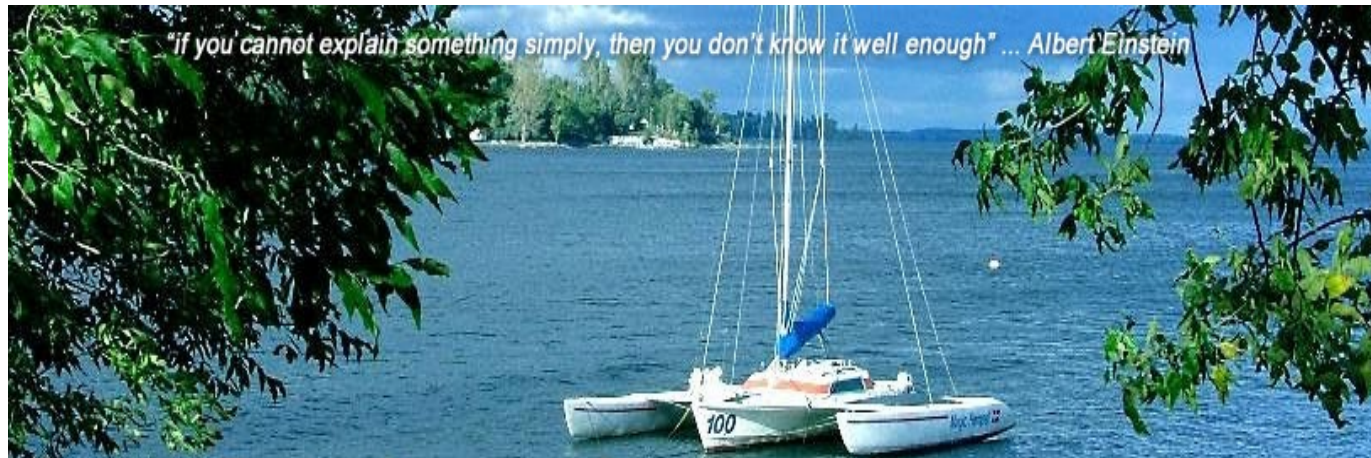
- Initially termed “manic depressive disorder”
- Clinical diagnosis: observed patterns
- Simple definition: recurrent periods of mania and depression

## What is Bipolar Disorder?

- What is a clinical diagnosis?
  - Opinion based on observations
- What is a period?
  - Element of time between events
- What is an observed pattern?
- What is mania?
- What is depression?
- What is passion?

## How can we simplify the approach to understanding Bipolar Disorder?

- Energy
- Emotion



Passion .....



## *Energy:* Volition – Drive – Motivation

- All are vital to humanity
  - Personal
    - relationships
  - Social
    - society
  - Vocational
    - careers



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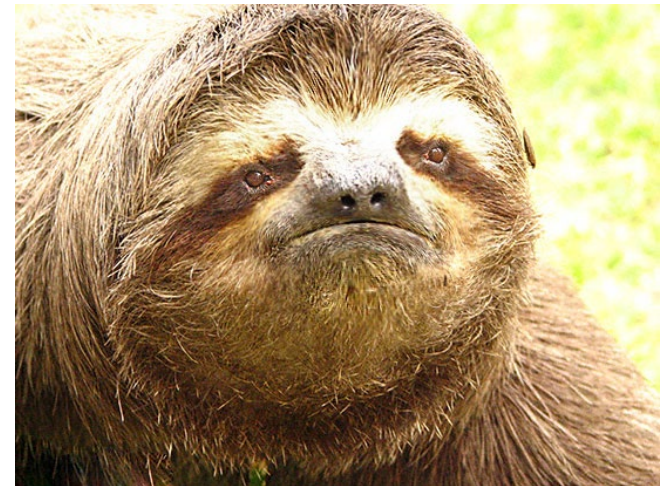
## *Energy* Overcharged



The unpredictable journey...

## *Emotions: Positive - - - - - Negative*

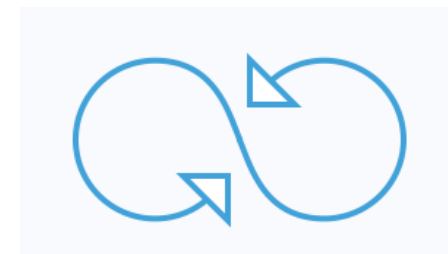
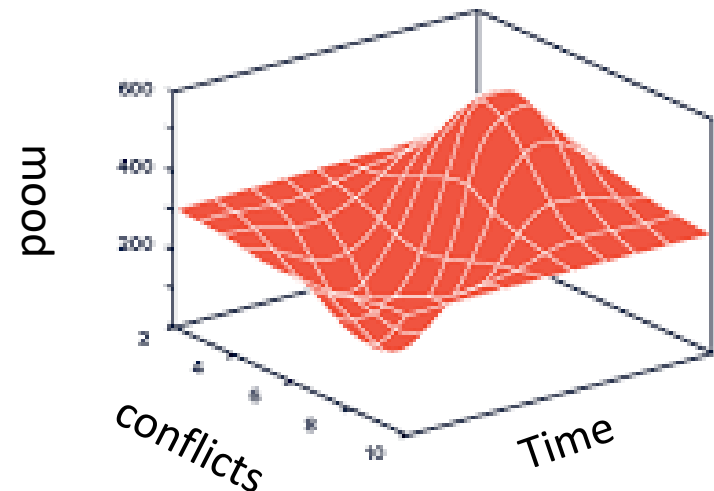
- Many words to describe nuanced expressions and experiences of emotion
  - Joy – Sorrowful
  - Happy – Sad
  - Angry – Pleased
  
- Emotions are a personal experience





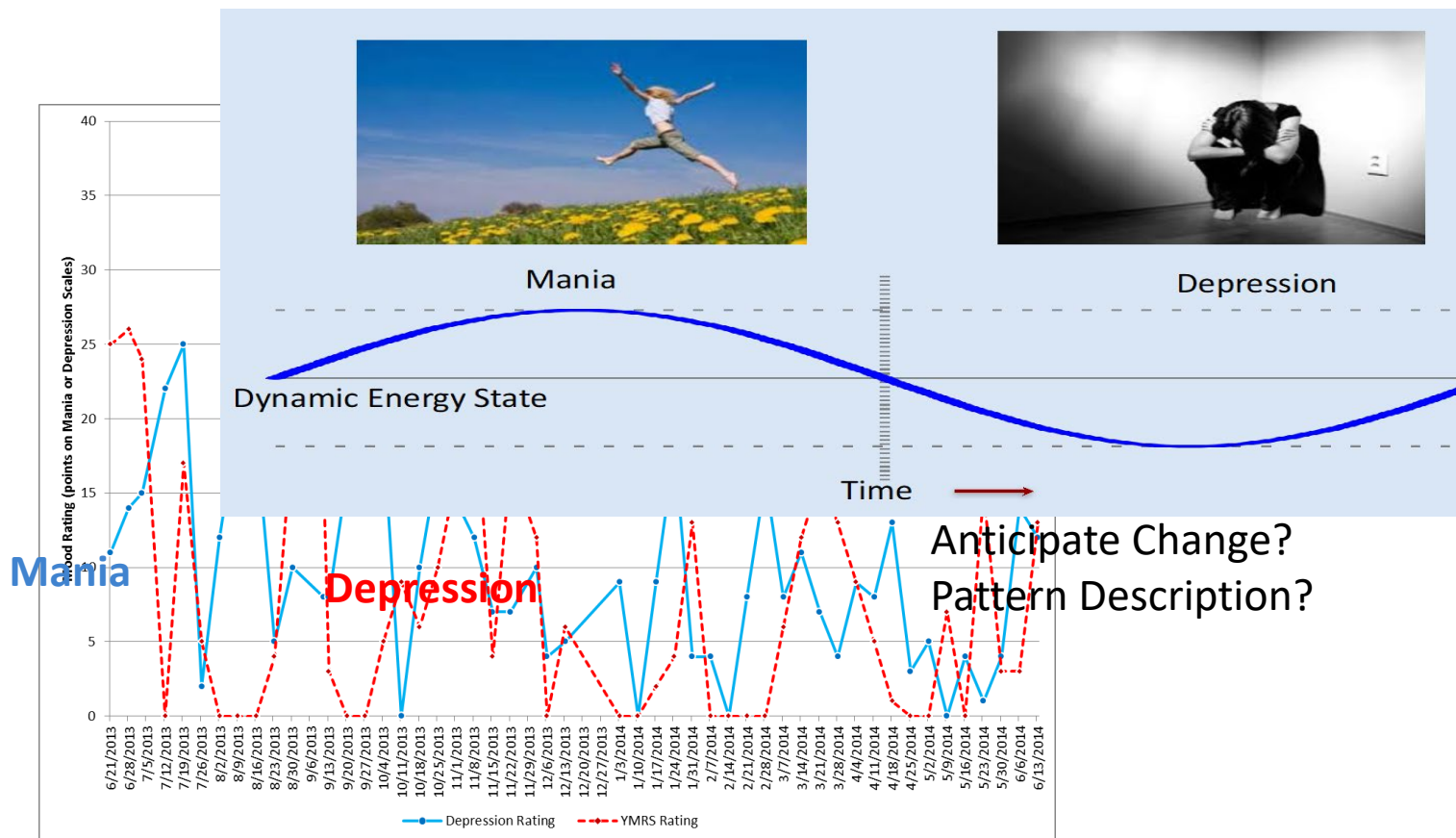
## Passion = (Energy + Emotions)<sup>2</sup>.....

- Dimensionality:
  - There is no 'black and white'
  - Multiple dimensions
- Dynamic:
  - Ever changing states
  - Time and context influences the experience



The Bipolar Experience is ever changing – day to day – week to week.

## Pathology of Energy & Emotion



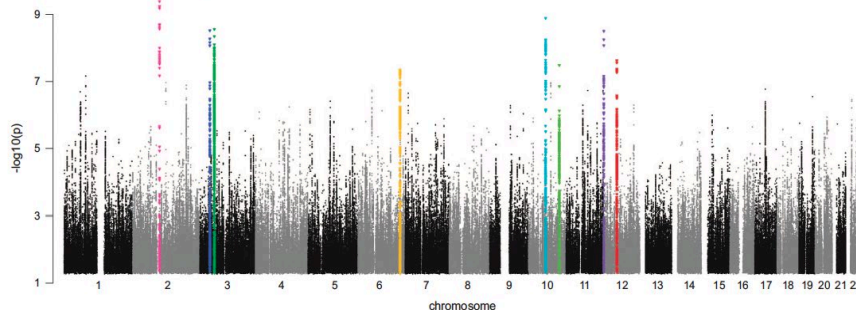
## Overview of Bipolar Research

- Highly heritable
  - Clinical observations
- No established mechanisms
- Current medication for treating bipolar disorder is based on 1950's biochemistry



## Challenges in Psychiatric Research

- **Large samples available:** Psychiatric Genetics Consortium – Limited clinical and outcomes data



~31 loci; OR ~ 1.15  
Stahl et al 2019

- Few long-term data collections available with detailed information (> 10 years with multiple data collections per year)

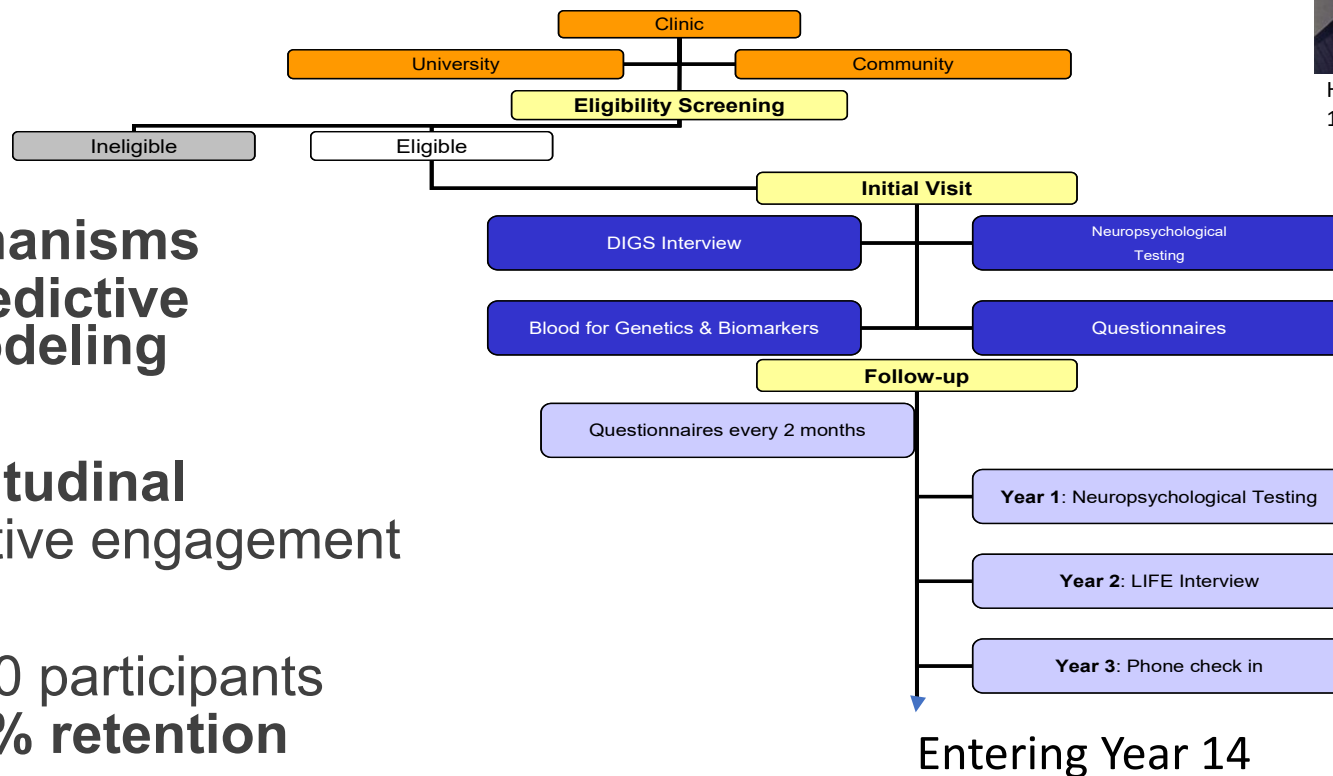
## Goals...

- **Discuss:** longitudinal sample of the Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Program at the University of Michigan Depression Center
- Emphasis on **Predictive Patterns** of illness states
  - Bipolar disorder as a series of dynamic states (ever changing)
- **Biological Mechanisms** and modeling using induced pluripotent stem cells

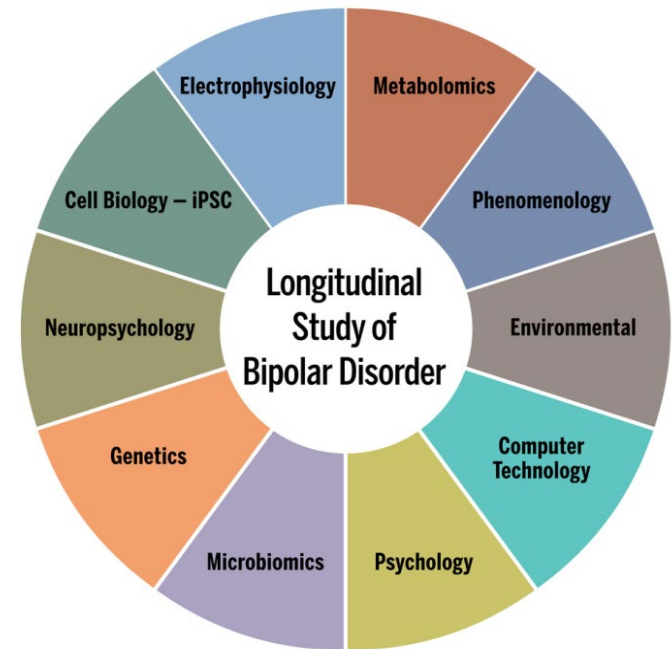
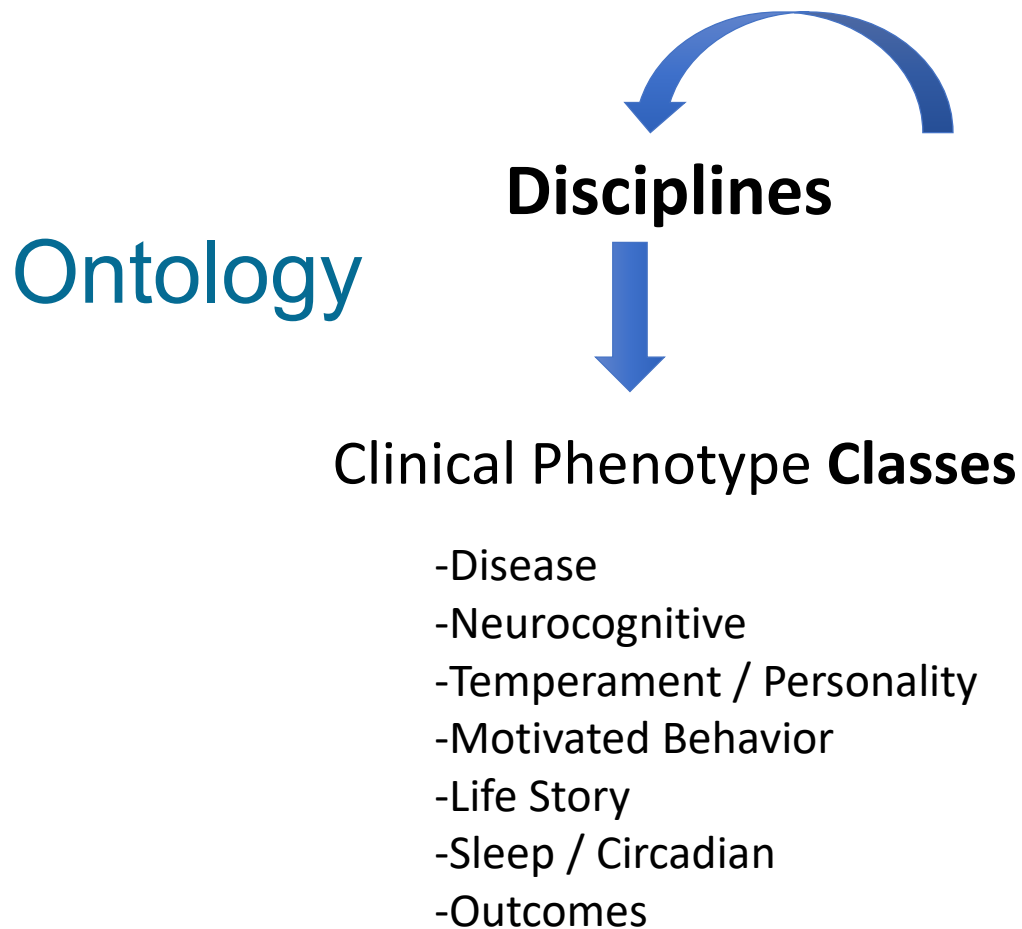
## Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Program Precision Health



Heinz C. Prechter  
1942 – 2001



- Mechanisms
  - Predictive Modeling
- Longitudinal
  - Active engagement
- > 1320 participants
  - 75% retention



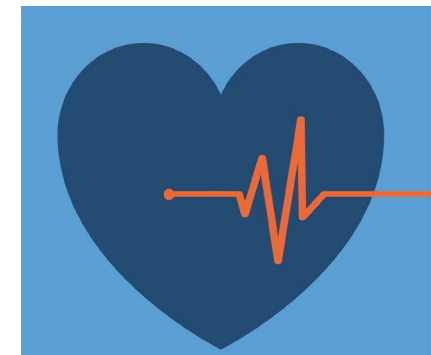
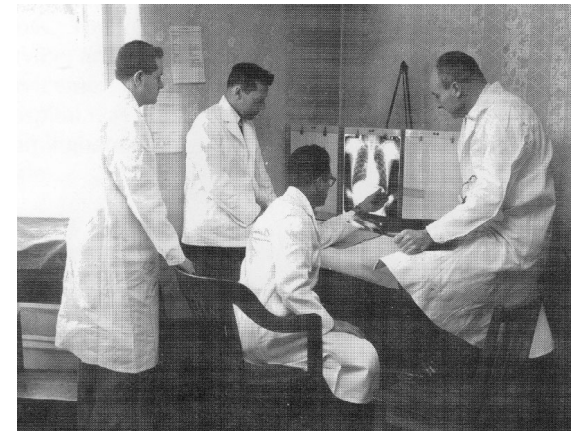
Human Volunteer Participants

## What is the importance of longitudinal data?

- Knowledge of *course and outcome*.

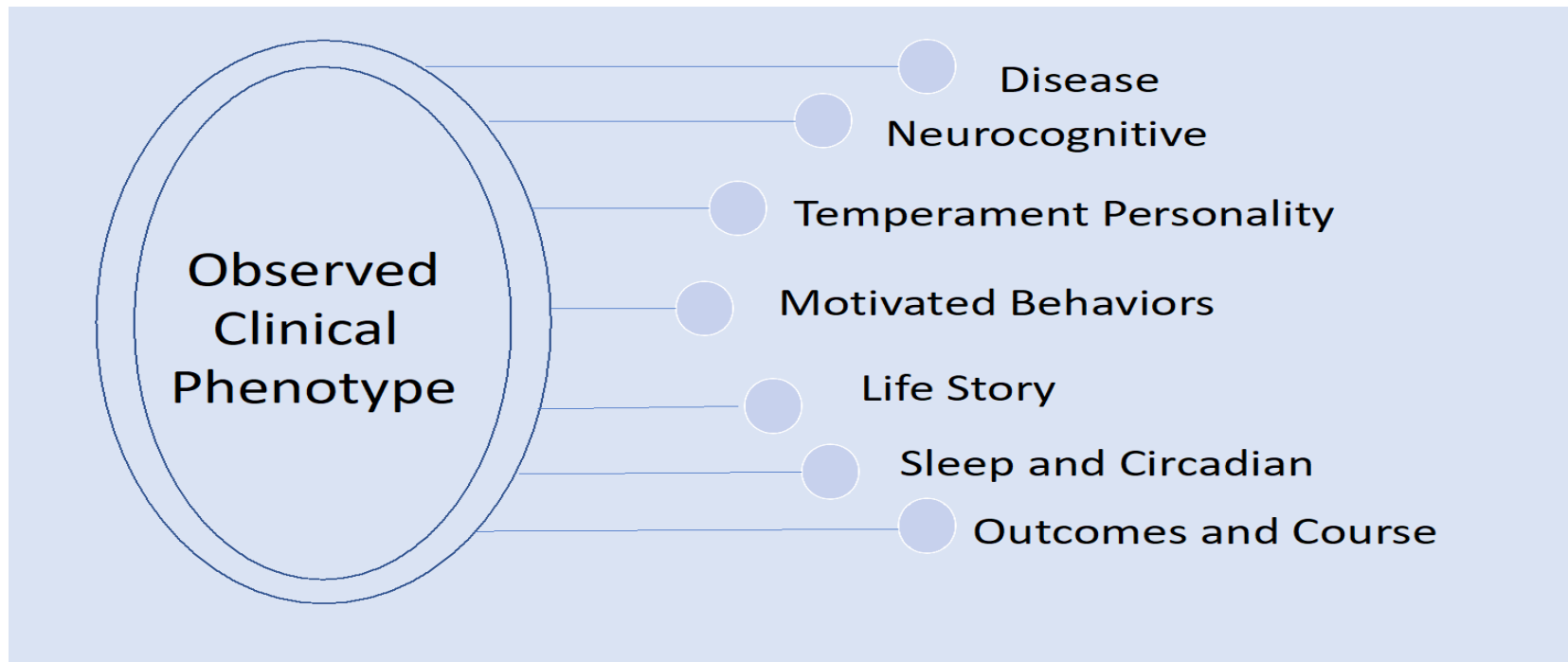
### *Framingham Heart Study*

- Began in 1948
  - Currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation
- Everything that your physician advises you about heart disease is from FHS.
    - Smoking
    - Cholesterol
    - Weight
    - Exercise





## Prechter cohort profile: 2018



Propose 7 Phenotype Classes that drive the Observed Clinical Phenotype

## Prechter phenotype classes

- **Disease**
  - Diagnostic Interviews
    - Presence of illnesses
- **Temperament / Personality**
  - Neuroticism
  - Extroversion
  - Impulsivity
  - Agressivity / Hostility
- **Motivated Behaviors**
  - Substances
  - Addictive Behaviors
- **Sleep & Circadian**
  - Sleep patterns
  - Circadian Rhythms
    - Larks vs Owls
  - Seasonality

## Prechter phenotype classes

- **Life Story / Experiences**

- Life Events
- Family supports
- Traumas
- Close relationships
- Support vs. Undermining

- **Clinical outcomes**

- Depression – mania symptoms
- Anxiety
- Drug responses
- Functional / Occupational

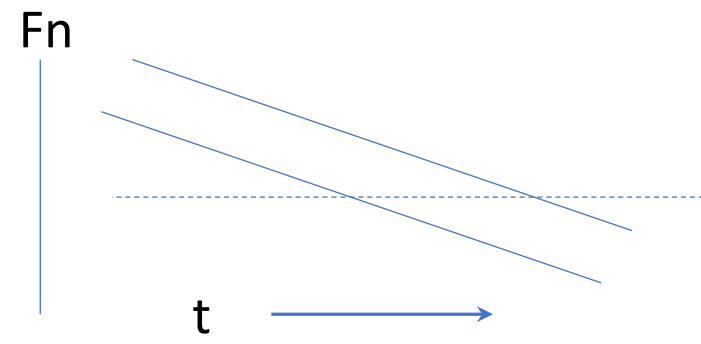
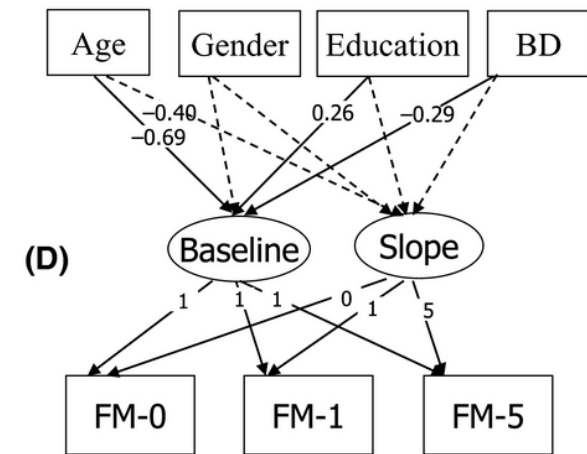
- **Neurocognitive Function**

- Capacity
- Verbal / Physical
- Logic and decision making
- Emotion perception and processing
- Memory

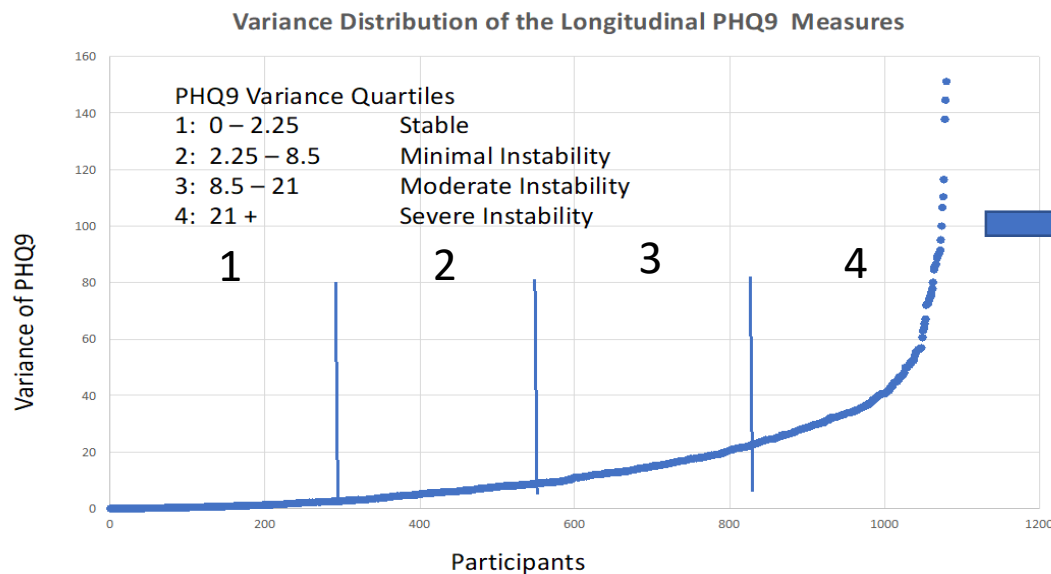


## Trajectory of cognitive capacity\*

- Five year follow-up of cohort
  - Repeat testing
- Baseline function influenced by
  - Age, education level & diagnosis
- Slope
  - Limited effect from diagnosis
  - BP has similar slope as HC



## The Dynamic States of Bipolar



15% of Bipolar individuals have extreme variability in mood states

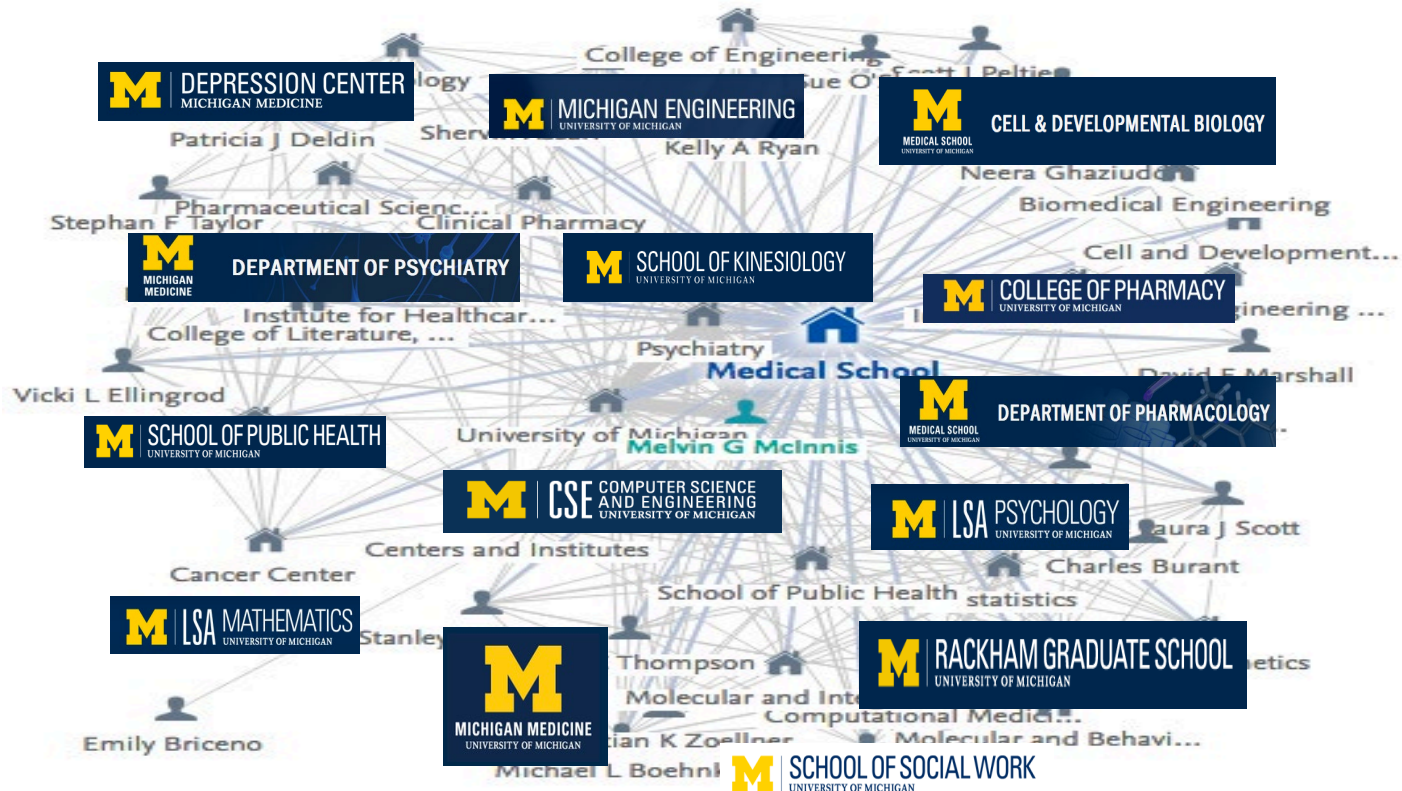
5 – 10 Years of Clinical Follow-up

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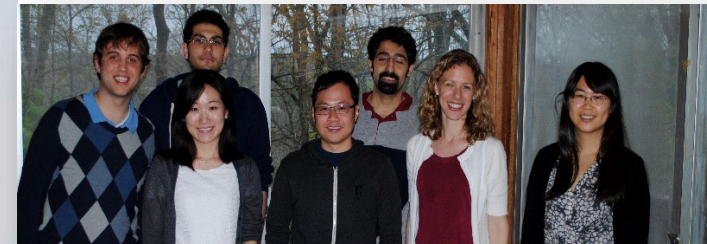
U-M experts: local network

> 92 peer reviewed publications with scientists from 7 U-M Schools

## *PRIORI*

Predicting Individual Outcomes for Rapid Intervention

Acoustic biosignals to assess mood & emotion



Emily Mower Provost, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Computer  
Science & Engineering,  
with her team

## Conflict of Interest

- Melvin McInnis and Emily Mower Provost are inventors on US patent US9685174B2, *Mood monitoring of bipolar disorder using speech analysis*, held by the University of Michigan.
- Melvin McInnis and Emily Mower Provost are co-owners of ***priori ai LLC***, an artificial intelligence-based technology company in health care.





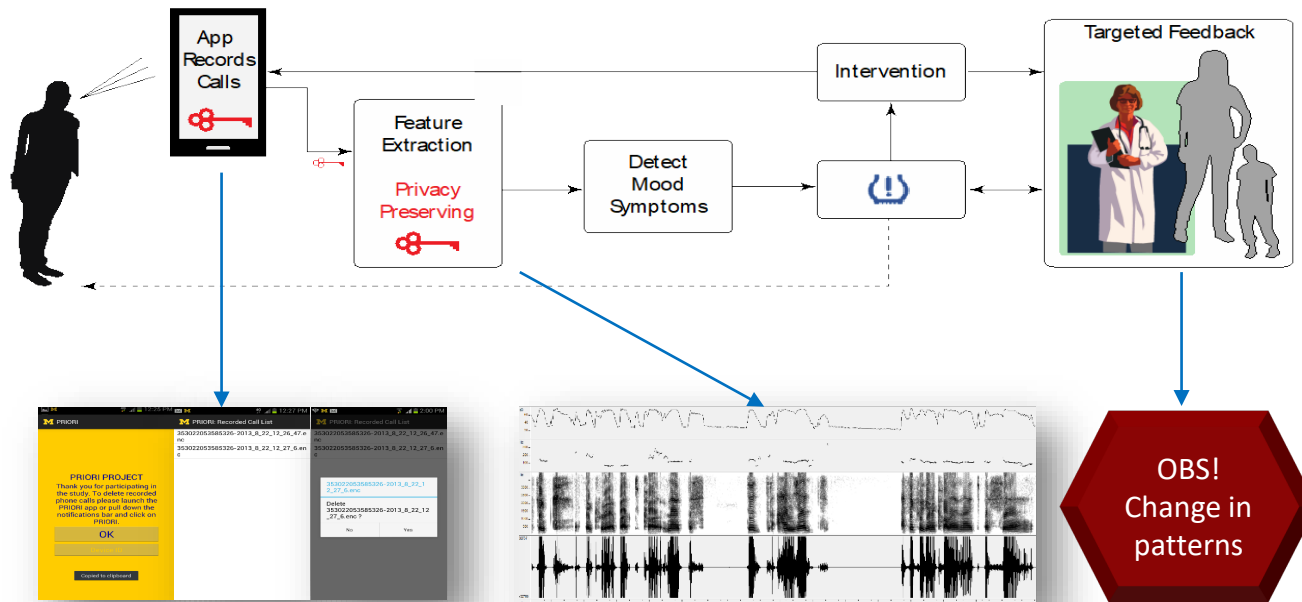
## Early warning signs in bipolar - Useful



- VERY close and intense clinical monitoring identifies problems early.
- Longer periods of wellness, decreased hospitalization & improved functioning



## PRIORI: Approach



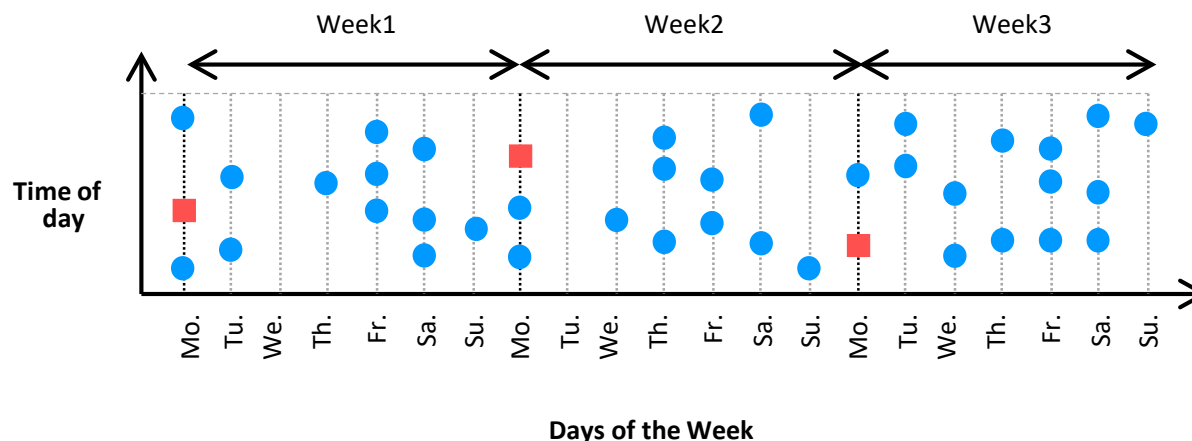
100 participants  
~70,000 calls in data bases

## PRIORI Database



**Bipolar I or II**

**60 + min / week talk time on phone**



- **Assessment call:** Weekly call: HamD and YMRS by researcher
- **Personal Call:** All other mobile calls made during the study period.

## Speech for mood monitoring

- **Hypothesis:** Speech is a proxy measure emotional, mood and affective states
- **Why Speech?**
  - Reflects emotional state of speaker
  - Used in clinical assessment of psychiatric disorders

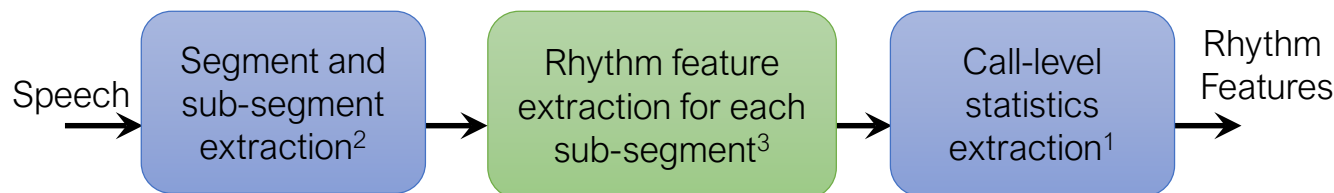


“Something’s going on ... I can hear it in his voice.... It scares me...”  
(family member of a patient)

## I. Rhythm Features

Individuals with depression exhibit speech that is slowed <sup>1</sup>

Rhythm feature extraction system:

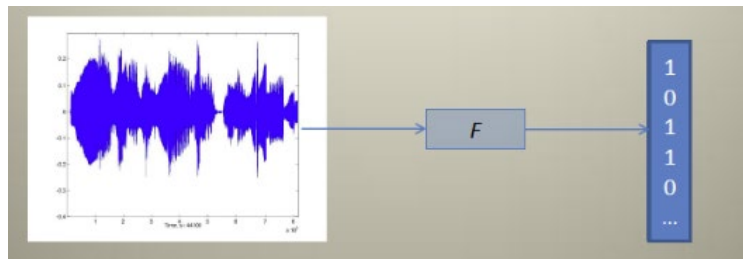


Analysis: Support Vector Machines to determine mania (YMRS), depression (HAMD)

***AUC = 0.70***

## II. Identity Vectors (i-Vectors)

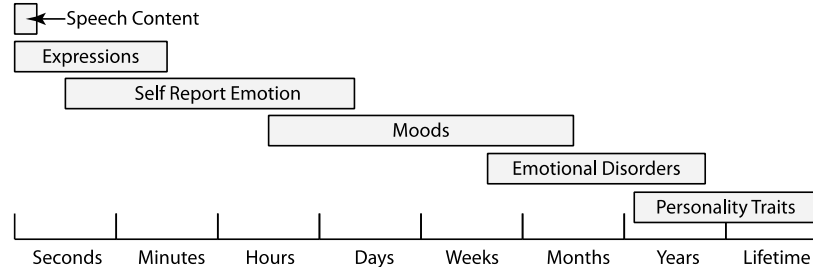
- Originally developed for speaker identification tasks
- Uses all available data
- Many applications of i-vectors are possible:
  - Language recognition
  - Accent / dialect recognition
- PRIORI used personal calls to study *background patterns*



**AUC = 0.78**

## III. Identifying intermediate features Emotions

- Mood prediction is challenging:
  - Not directly observable
  - Long *time scale*



- Can Emotion simplify mood prediction?
  - Primary BP symptom: emotion dysregulation



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EMOTION

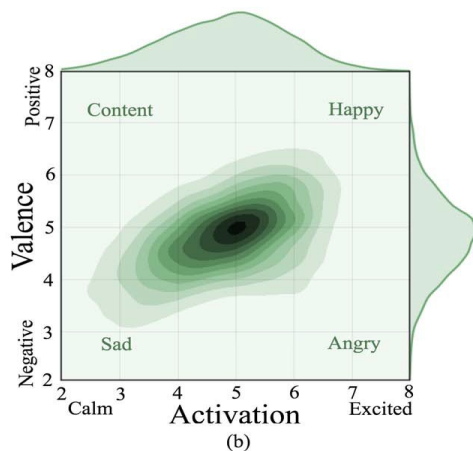


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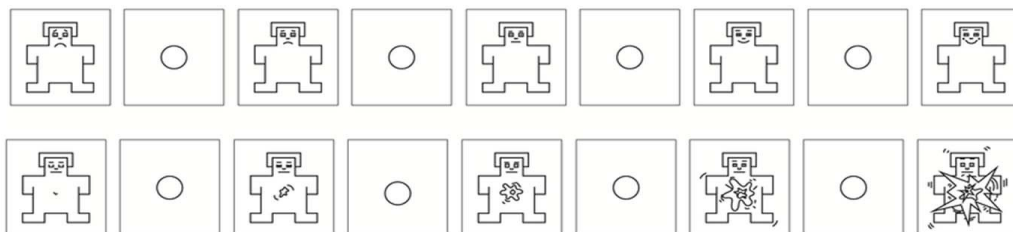
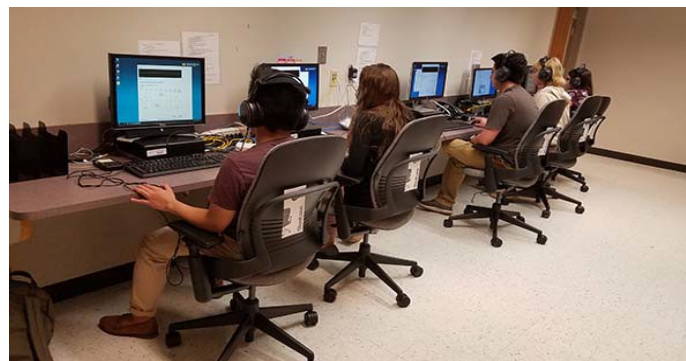
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## Emotion Annotation



Rating Emotional Content



Valence

Activation



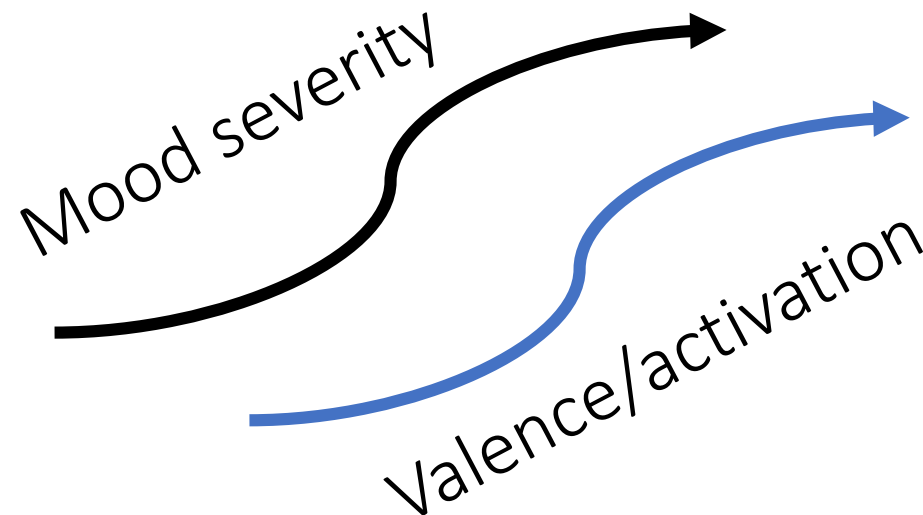
Annotators consider:

Acoustic characteristics, not content

**Correlation between acoustic measures - activation 0.7; - valence 0.4**

## What is the link between mood and emotion?

- **Finding:** valence / activation are significantly **correlated** with mood severity



Valence: positive vs. negative  
Activation: calm vs. excited

## What does this give us?

Behavior  
in daily life

Emotion  
variation

Mood  
variation

Human-Centered Computing:  
Using Speech to **Measure** Behaviors, Moods & Emotions

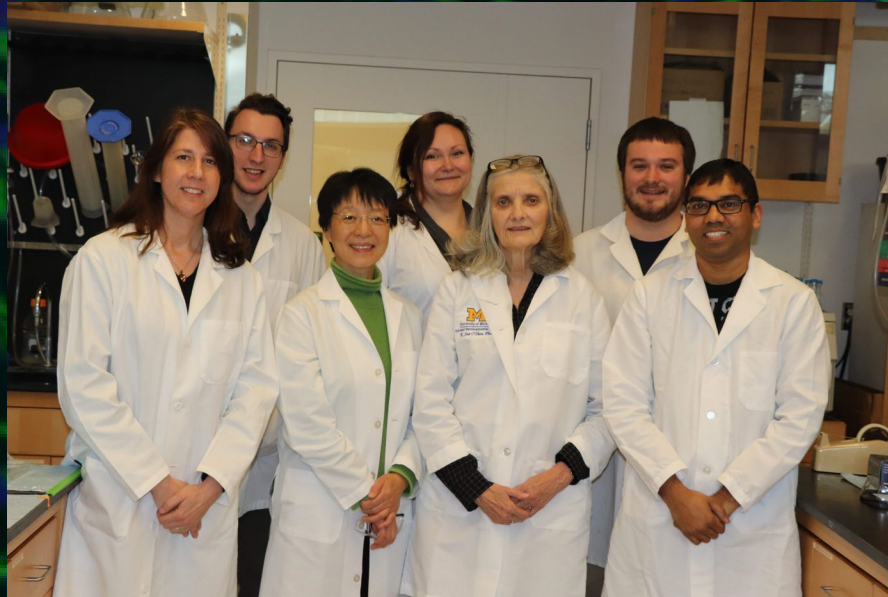
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## iPSC – Stem cell models of bipolar disorder

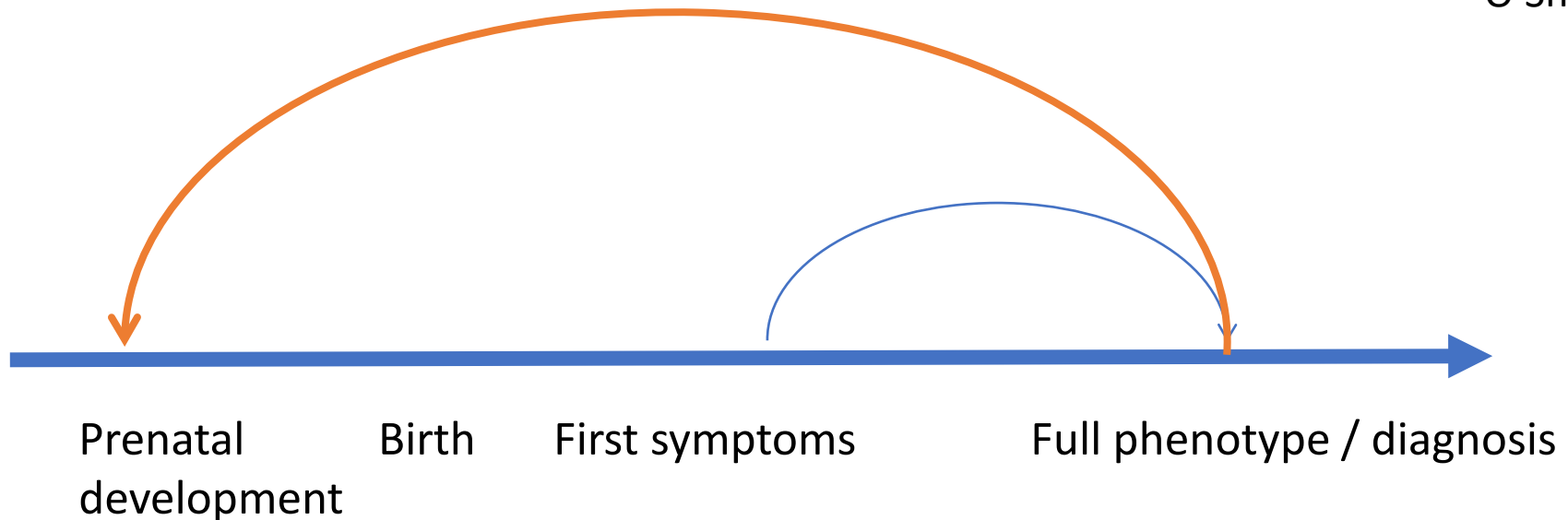


Sue O'Shea, Ph.D.,  
Professor of Cell & Developmental Biology,  
with her team



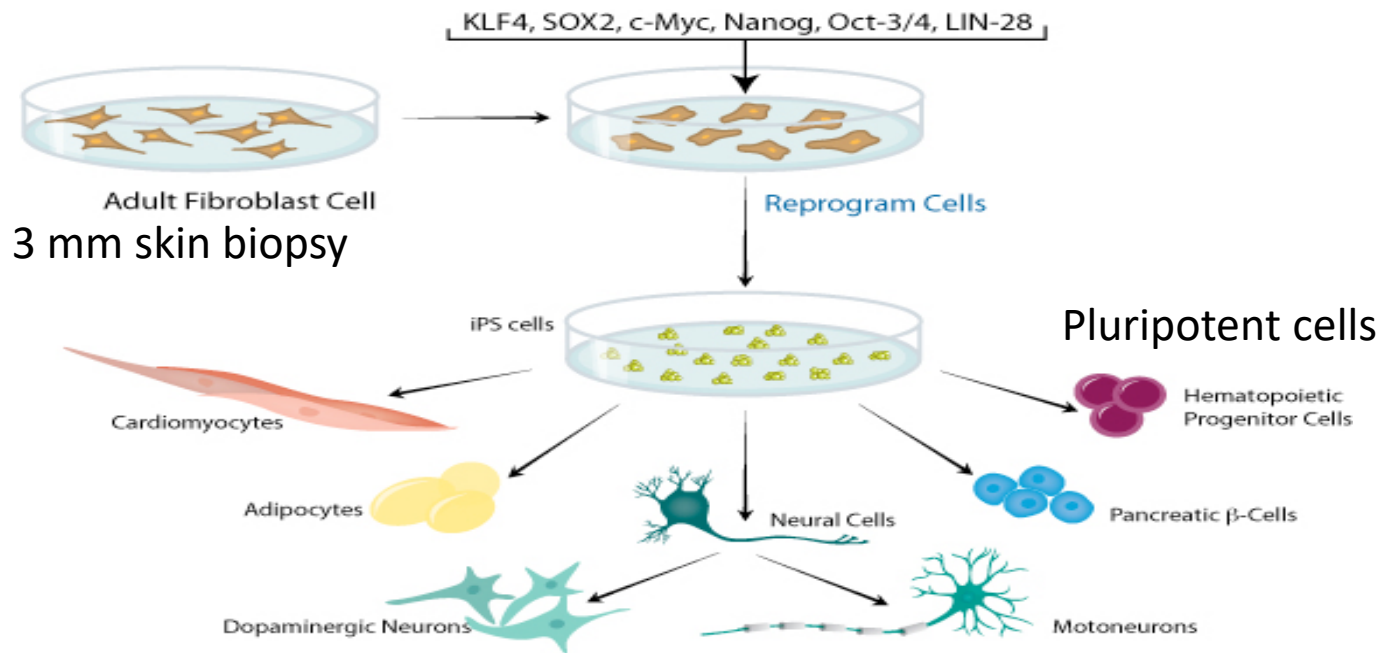
## Brain disorders form early in development before first symptoms are present

O'Shea Lab

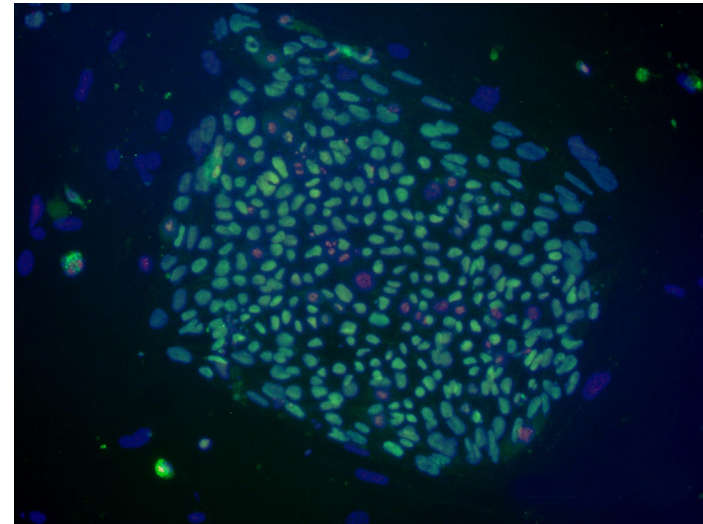
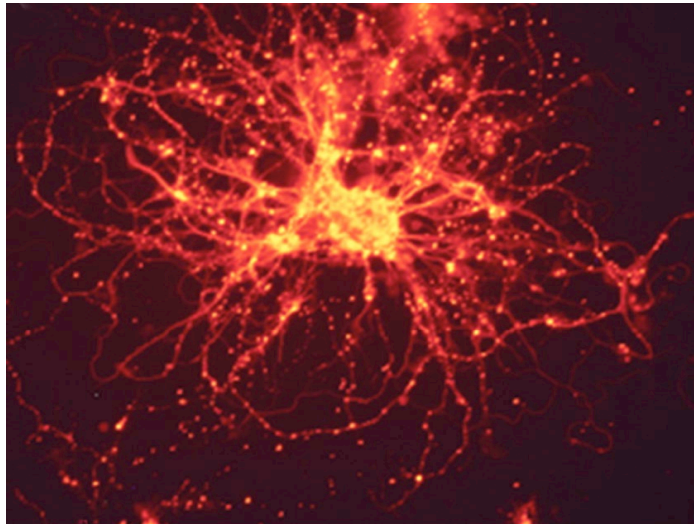


Stem cells provide for the study of the origins of BP

## Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSC) 101



## Advantages of induced pluripotent stem cells



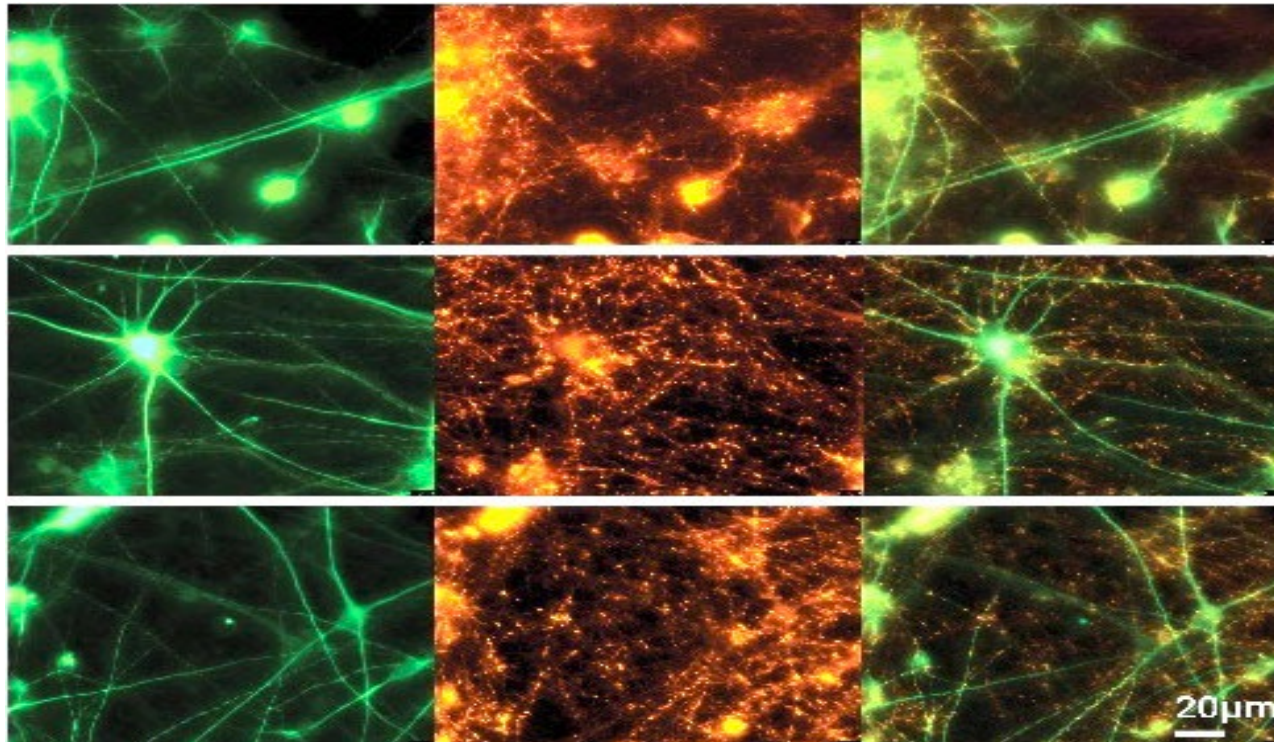
O'Shea Lab

- iPSC can be patient matched – personalized medicine – disease specific
- iPSC can be differentiated to the target cell type – “brain in a dish”
- study response to medicines, stress & condition perturbation



## Morphology & Functionality

O'Shea Lab



The Roads...

The Intersections ...

The Map...

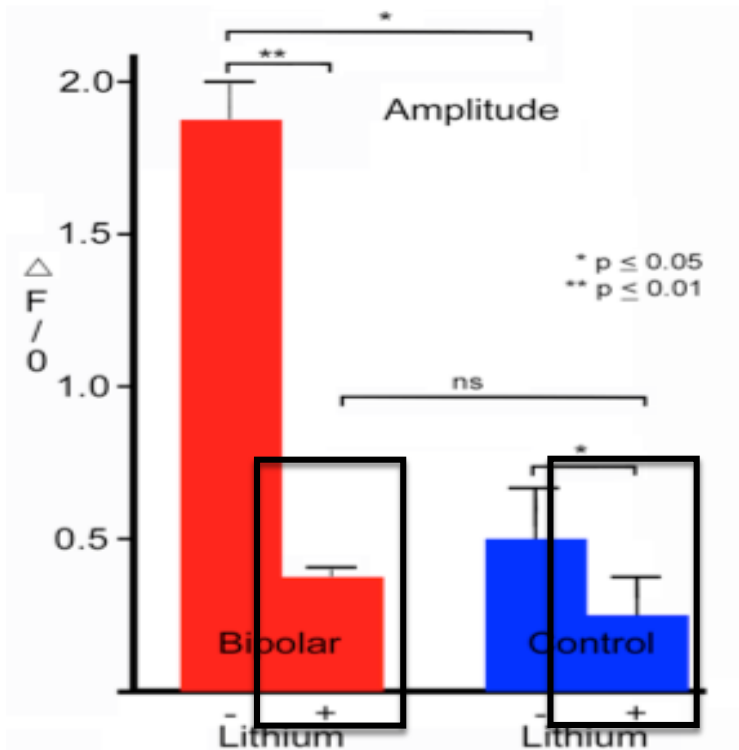
Cindy DeLong

Neuronal morphology

Synapses

Overlay

## Excitable neurons



BP neurons more active than controls:  
lithium treatment normalizes signaling



Think: **Energy** .....

## Astrocytes - exosomes (cellular health)

Think: Dept of Public Works



### Analysis of 8 lines:

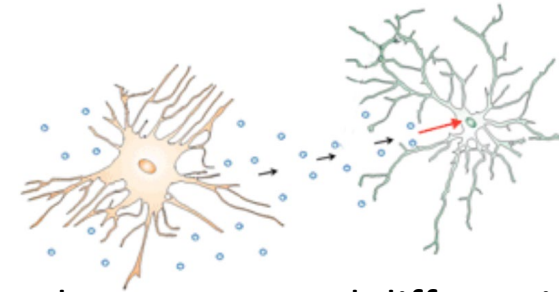
Exosomes,  $p < 1 \times 10^{-56}$ , Rule....

Exosomes: 20-130 nm

Cell to Cell communication

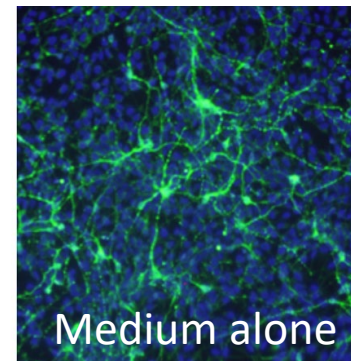
Integral organelles of internal metabolism

Released on *STIMULATION... (think Flushing...)*

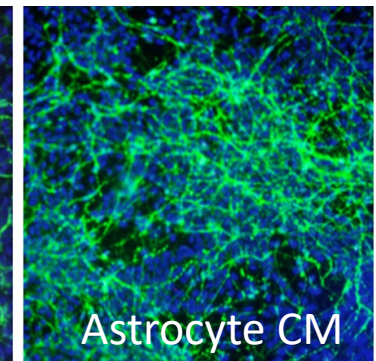


Astrocytes enhance neuronal differentiation

BIII  
Tubulin

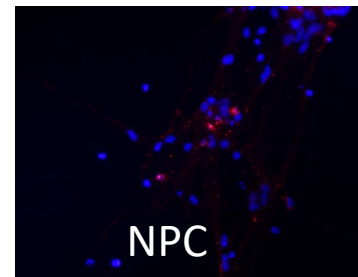


Medium alone

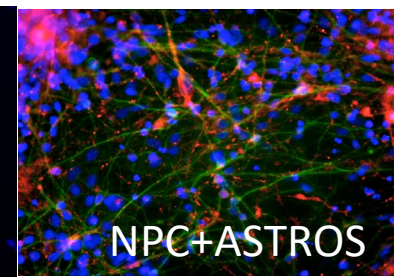


Astrocyte CM

MAP2  
Synapsin 1



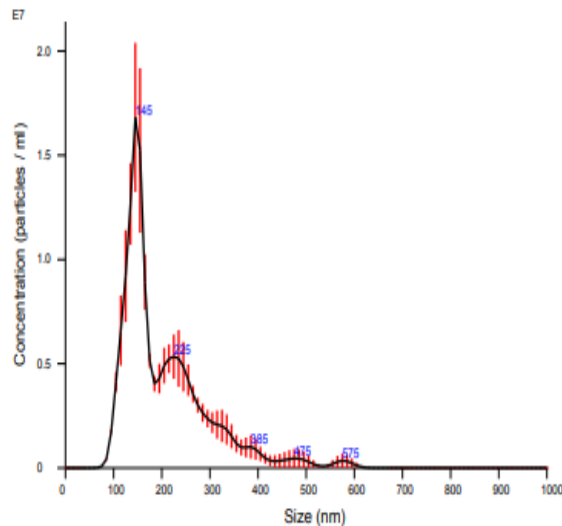
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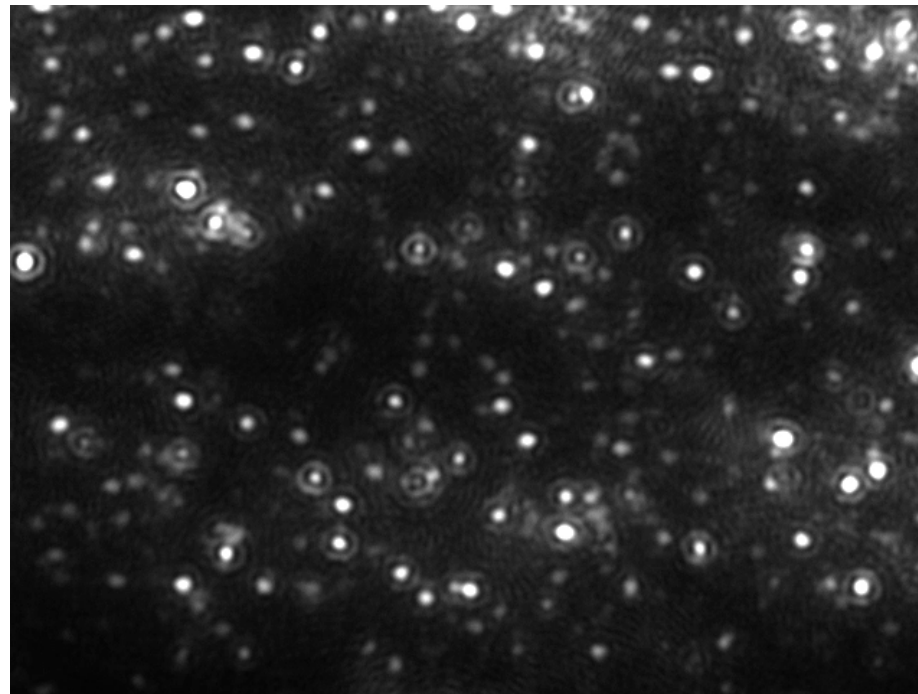
NPC+ASTROS

## Small particles released from cells: Extracellular vesicles or exosomes

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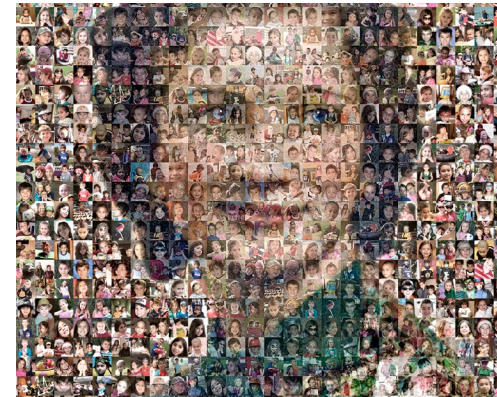
Medium from neurons or plasma from patients

## Bipolar Disorder - - Conclusions

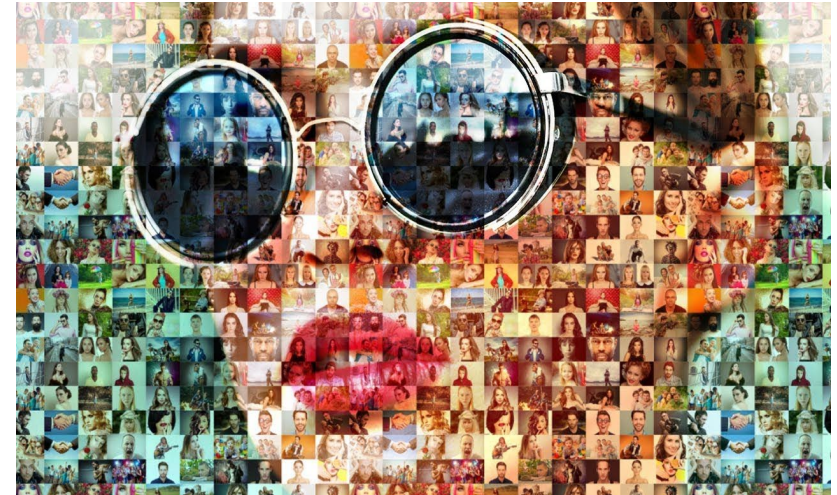
- Bipolar Disorder is an illness of ***dynamic states*** that are ever changing clinically and biologically. It is difficult to predict patterns of change.
- ***Energy*** is a central feature of bipolar disorder and is evident in the activation levels of speech and reactivity of nerve cells.
- ***Emotion*** (valence) is the positive and negative quality of experience at a personal level and expressed internally (feelings) and externally in expressive features of communications (speech and language).
- ***Time*** is an essential element in monitoring people with bipolar.

## So .... with all this re\$earch – why don't we know more.....

- The human body is a ***mosaic*** of different genomes
  - ***Mosaic***: composed of cells of genetically different types



*This messy situation is the new normal .... The challenge is now to figure out up to what point we call something normal.*



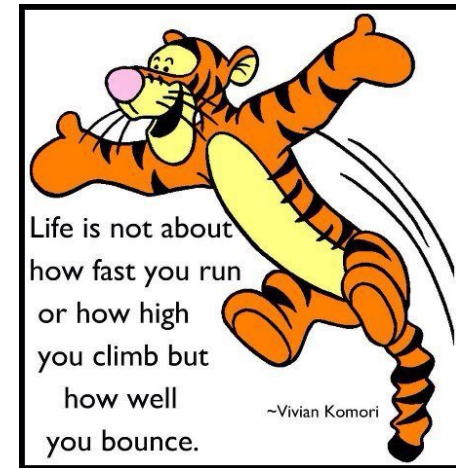
There are multiple regions, cells and cell types within the brain.

The Mosaic Brain ... Is there genetic diversity among cells of the brain?

***The challenge may be to what point we call something normal.....***



capacity to recover  
quickly from difficulties



Perhaps the road ahead is to learn more about:

- Why some individuals with bipolar do well.
- What features underline / predispose to 'doing well.'
  - What is doing well?
- What interferes with a positive course?
- What changes a negative course towards a positive course?





## Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Program at the University of Michigan

- Lab of Emily Mower Provost: Computer Science and Engineering
- Lab of Sue O'Shea: Cell and Developmental Biology
- Lab of Melvin McInnis: Department of Psychiatry



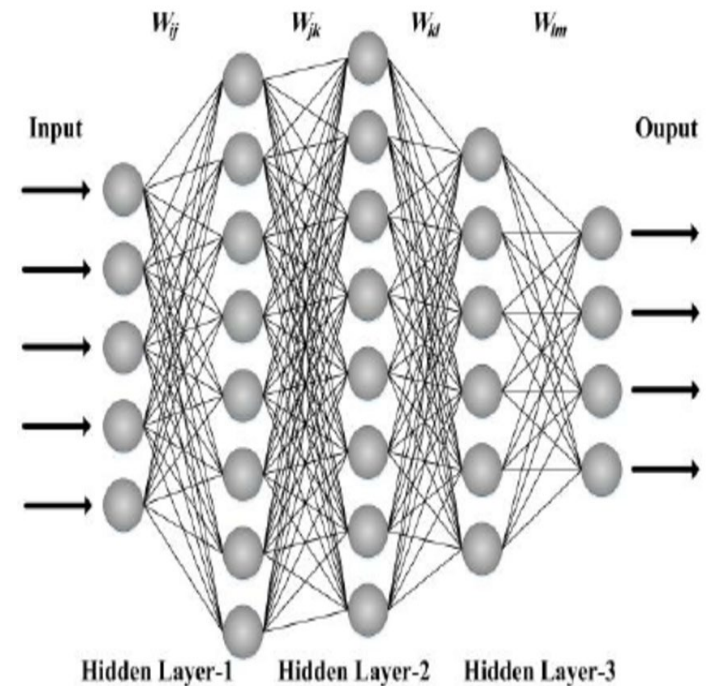
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