HOW EMBEDDED SYSTEMS CAN AUGMENT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE IN MEDICINE



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In this talk, I will provide an overview on Digital Health and discuss the tight links between embedded technology, artificial intelligence, and precision medicine. To illustrate the technology benefit of Digital Health, I will show examples of our recent device developments, e.g. smart eyeglasses for dietary monitoring and smart garments for bowel sound analysis. The system design considerations for embedded medical devices will be discussed, in particular the balance between resource use and pattern analysis performance. Furthermore, examples of methods and application studies will be addressed, including extracting health-related behaviour and digital biomarkers for dietary behaviour, cardiorespiratory performance, for sleep and circadian rhythm, and for rehabilitation of motor function. In the second part, I will introduce our approach to personalised systems modelling and multidomain co-design. More specifically, we attempt to combine mechanical, electronic, and software design aspects in the medical device development and replace physical prototyping with simulations. Examples employing our approach will be discussed, including sensor data synthesis and pattern analysis algorithm performance estimation. The talk will conclude by looking at the broad opportunities in future personal health system design and using digital twins to further augment medical decision support.



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