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Mapping methodological variation in experience sampling research from design to data analysis

A systematic review

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The systematic review



ESM study answering a psychological research question



Purely observational



Published between February '24 and January '25

3574 records screened

369 eligible records identified

150 records randomly selected (reporting on 162 studies)

Data extraction

Content

Which decisions are researchers making?

Reporting

Are researchers reporting (and justifying) these decisions in the first place?





Study Aim

Examples:
type of
research
questions,
population

Examples: power analysis, briefing, adaptivity, scales

Study Design

Data Analysis

Examples:
 careless
responding,
 software,
 model
 selection

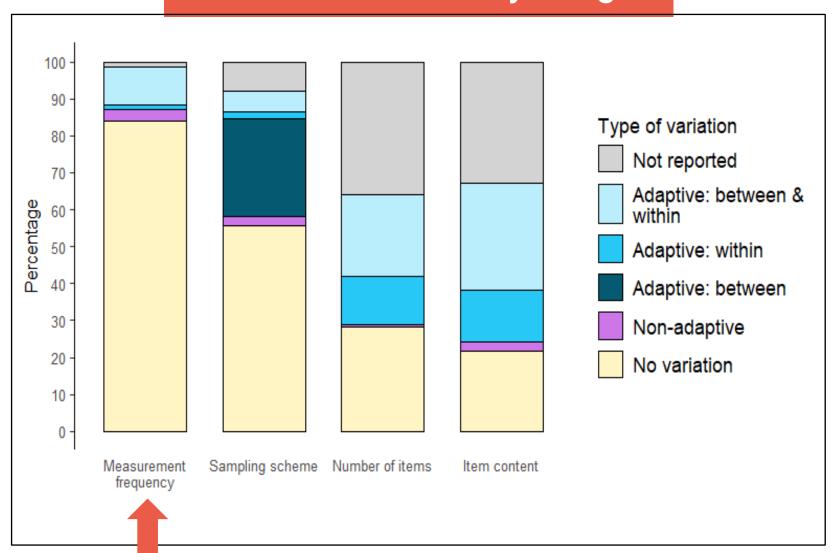
Examples: registration, data sharing, code sharing

Open Science

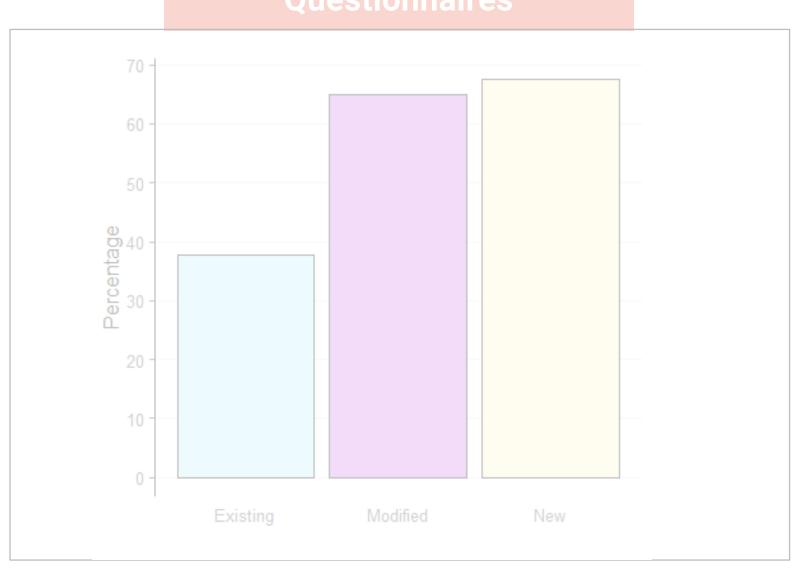




Variation in the study design

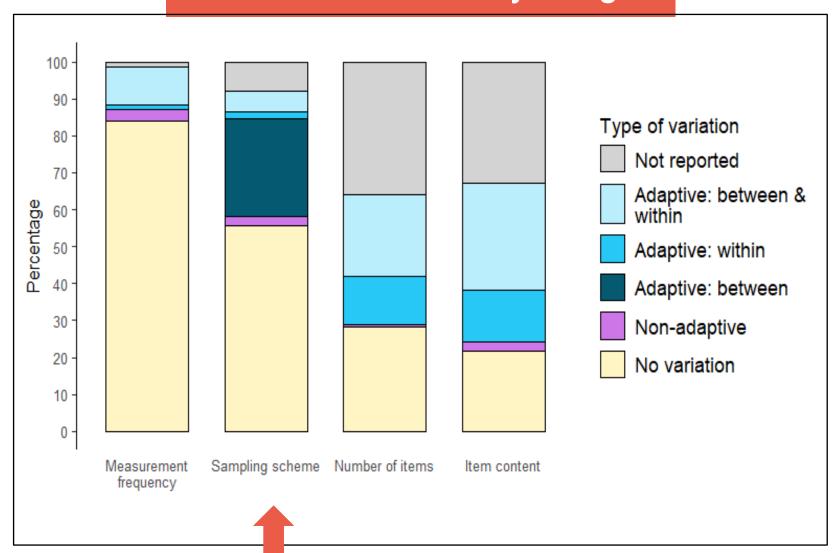


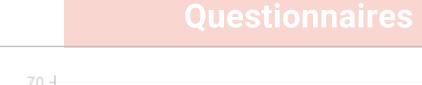
Questionnaires

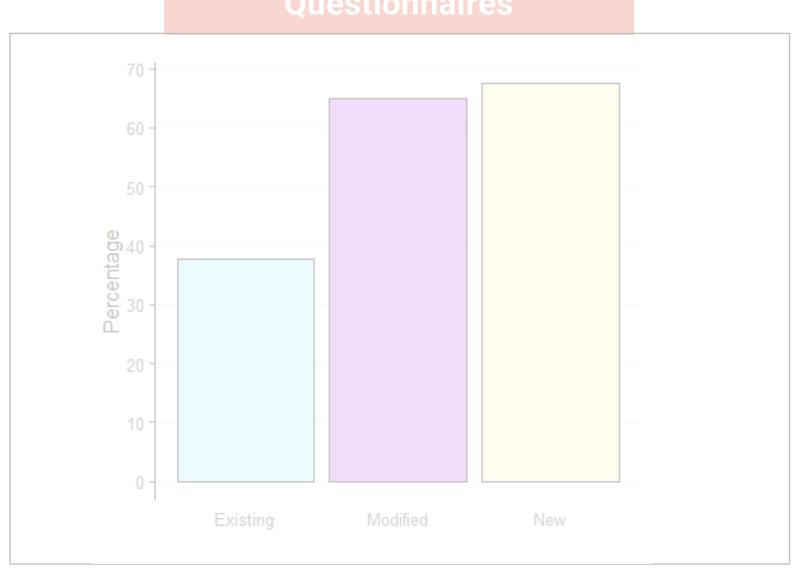


Not a lot of variation in <u>measurement</u> <u>frequency</u>

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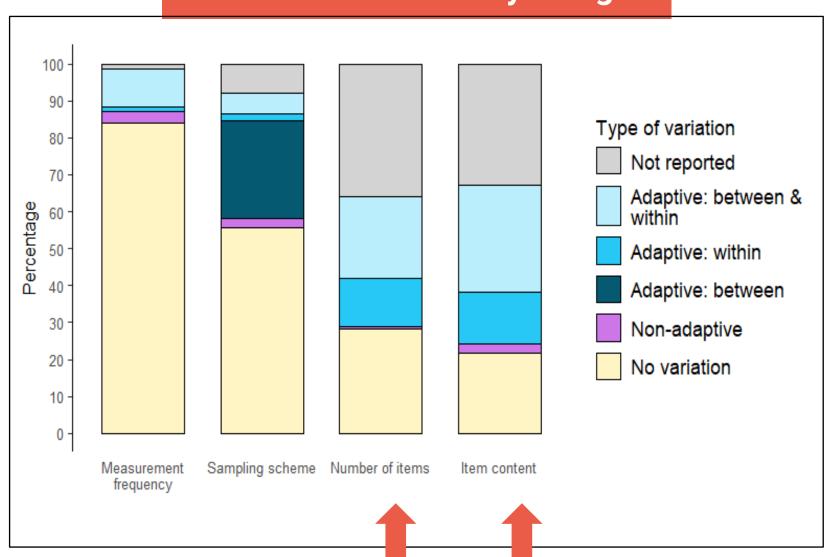


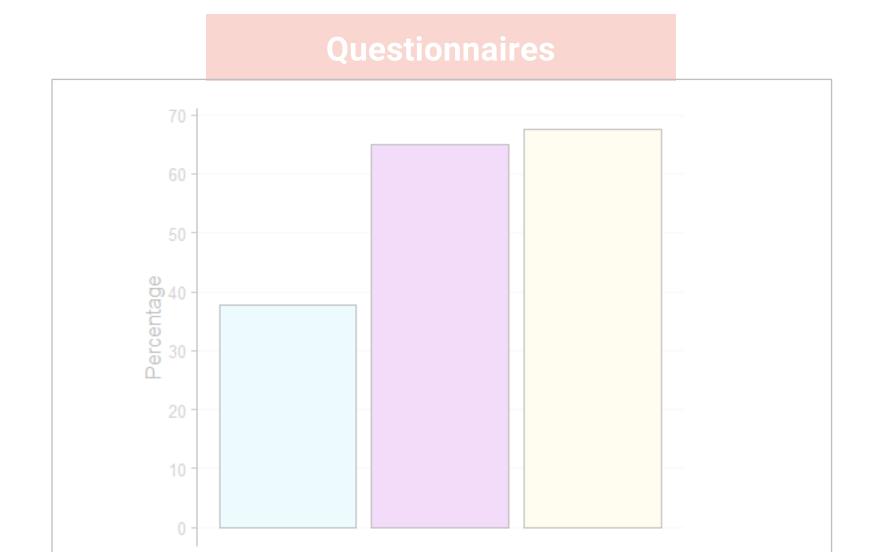




Variation in <u>sampling scheme</u> primarily through choice of sampling window

Variation in the study design



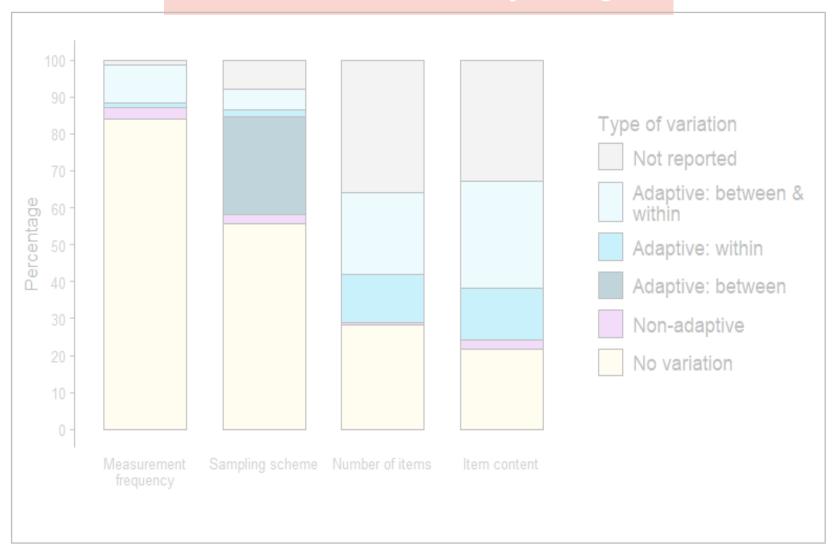


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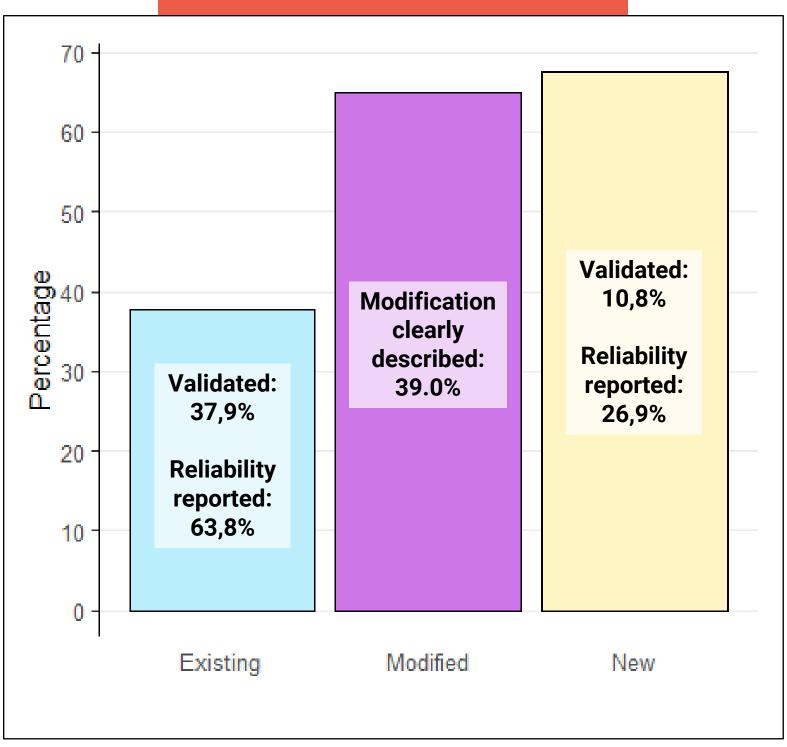
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Variation in <u>items</u> (if reported) through branching and time-of-day items

Variation in the study design



Questionnaires



Find out more!



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Comparison to previous literature



New insights



Reporting rates



Study locations



And more!



