

# Assessment of Psychophysiological Characteristics of Drivers Using Heart Rate from SHRP2 Face Video Data

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# Background and motivation

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- Drivers' performance and behavior in traffic safety
- SHRP2 naturalistic data
  - Potentiality of video data
  - No direct measurement of physiological variables
    - Blood pressure, heart rate, respiration rate
- Limited work with non intrusive heart rate measurement using naturalistic data

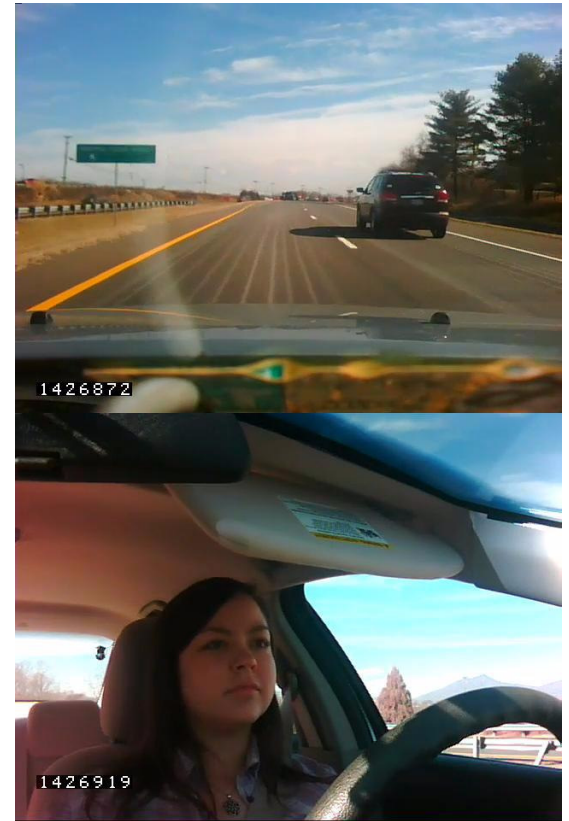
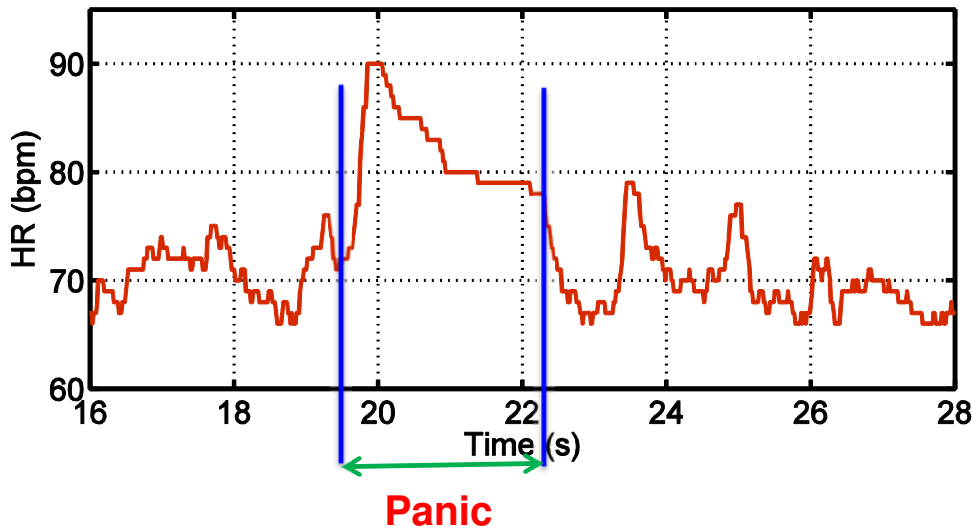
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- The goal is to
  - Extract heart rate from face video
  - Understand the behavior of driver, e.g. cognitive load, panic attack, drowsiness, DUI.
  - Develop automatic video reduction technique
  - Device a tool for future

# Heart Rate - What It Reflects

## Average heart rate



# What is Video Magnification

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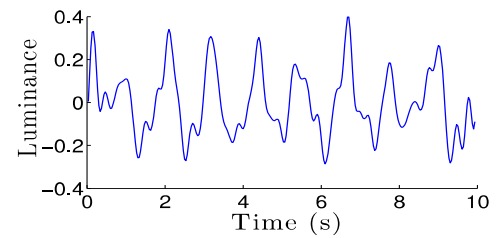
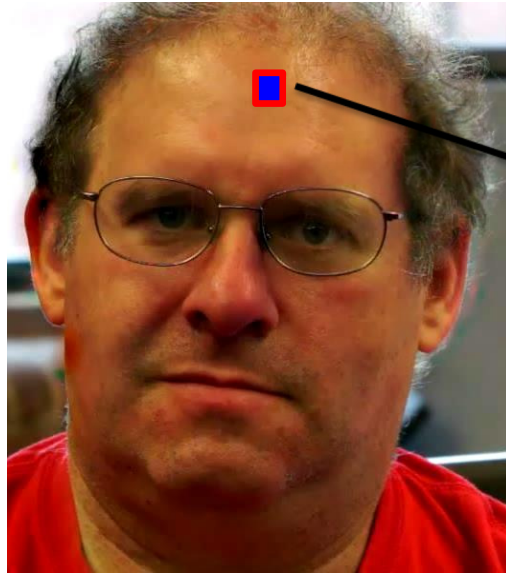
- Blood volume pulses are imperceptible to normal vision



Wu et al. SIGGRAPH 2012

# What is Video Magnification

- Video magnification helps to visualize pulse rate



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# Video Magnification(VidMag)

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- Application
  - Fast algorithm
  - Provides average heart rate in restricted condition
- Task
  - Test VidMag in naturalistic condition to extract heart rate
  - Find relation between heart rate and psychophysiological behavior of driver

# Challenges

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- Constraint from video
  - No color information
  - Low frame rate – 10 to 15 fps
  
- Naturalistic constraints
  - Natural head movement
  - Effect of ambient illumination and reflections

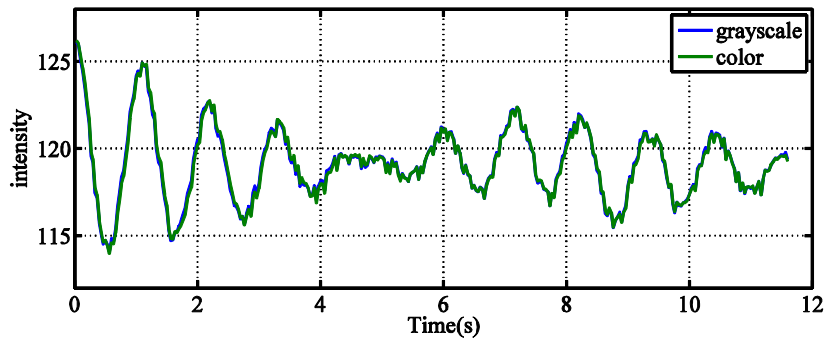


# Test with Grayscale Video

RGB video



Gray scale video



# Low Frame Rate

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- Nyquist criteria
  - HR ranges from 0.6 to 4 Hz
- Post processing of pulse signals during peak detection
  - Resample to increase HR resolution
  - Smoothing helps eliminate false peak

# Natural Head Movement

- More than 80% of the time drivers look forward
- Goal: Automatic selection of video sequence with minimum face movement
  - tracking facial landmark



Below threshold sequence



Above threshold sequence

Xiong et al. CVPR 2013

# Validation

- Garmin Forerunner 620 with HR monitor
  - Records heart rate every second
  - Synchronized with MiniDAS GPS time
  - Non-intrusive to naturalistic driving



Wrist wearable data recorder

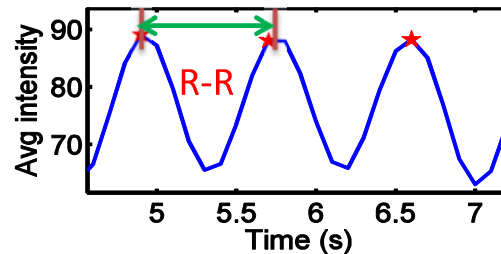
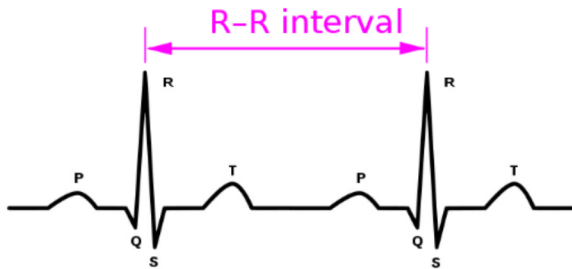


Chest wearable HR sensor

Image : <http://www.garmin.com/en-AU>

# Heart Rate Variability (HRV)

- HRV is the variation of RR intervals in ECG signal



- Reflects the behavior of the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system
- Indicates condition of a driver
  - Drowsiness, panic, cognitive load, mental state.
- Open source software available

# On going efforts

- Change in illumination



- Inconsistency in different part of the face
- Automatic skin detection
- Validate behavior of interests

# Conclusion

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- Promises shown
  - Low processing time
  - Matlab platform
  - Face video can indicate instantaneous heart rate with good accuracy
  - This method is nonintrusive to driver performance
  - HRV is a good indicator of the psychophysiological condition of the driver
  - Effective tool on top of kinematic variables

# Conclusion

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## ○ Challenges

- Night vision is more challenging, difficult to find faces
- SNR during night is very low
- Shadows and change in illumination
- Sensitive to small movement of face



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# Questions

# Thank you

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