

Visual Data Analytics and IoT in Smart Construction Management

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Outline

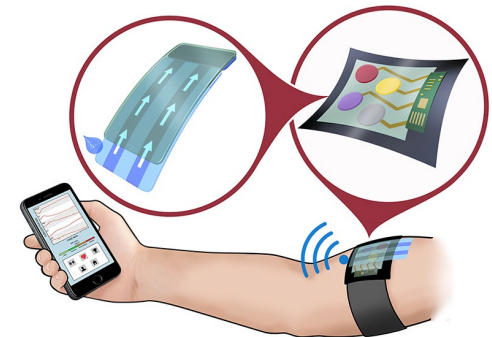
- Video-based and sensor based smart site management
- Sweat based vital signs measurement to detect physical fatigue
- Smart cushion based measurement to detect mental fatigue
- In-ear device to measure EEG and ECG



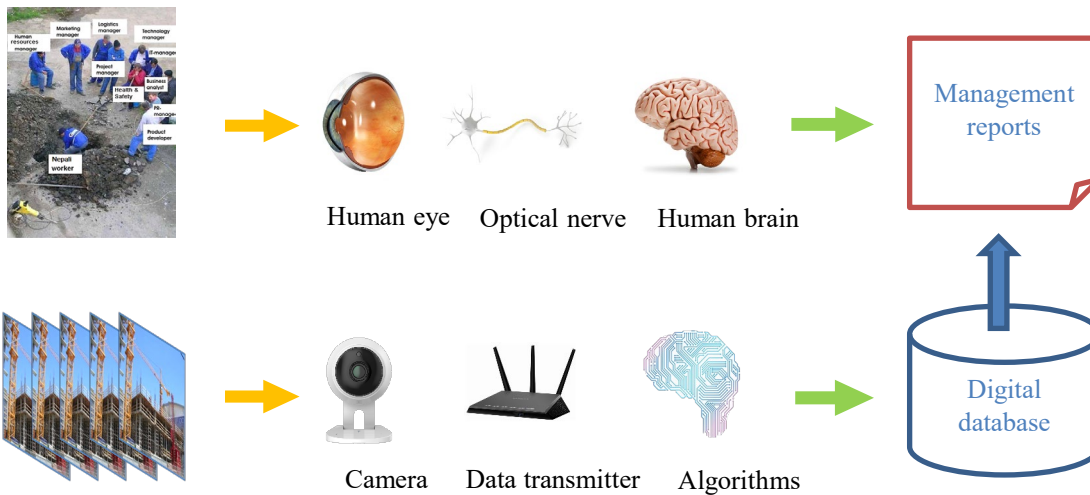
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VIDEO-BASED AND SENSOR BASED SMART SITE MANAGEMENT



It is likely that construction managers will be replaced by computer vision and AI (项目经理很可能被计算机视觉和人工智能所取代)

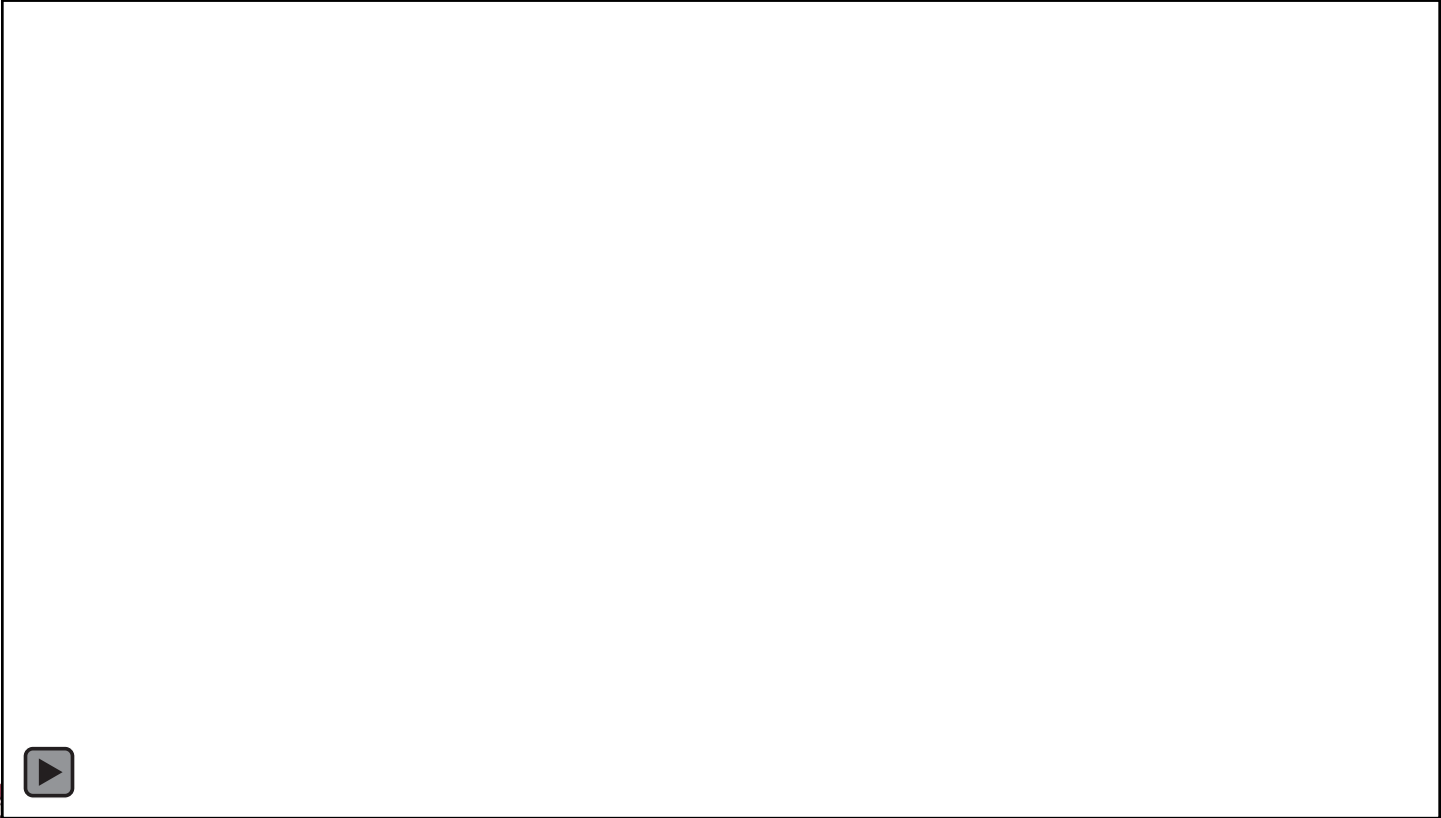


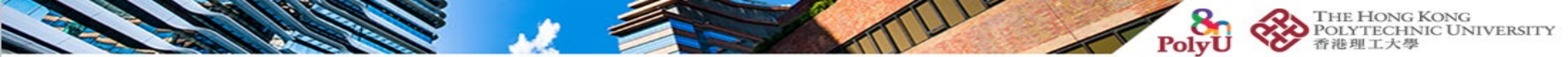
Computer vision and deep learning





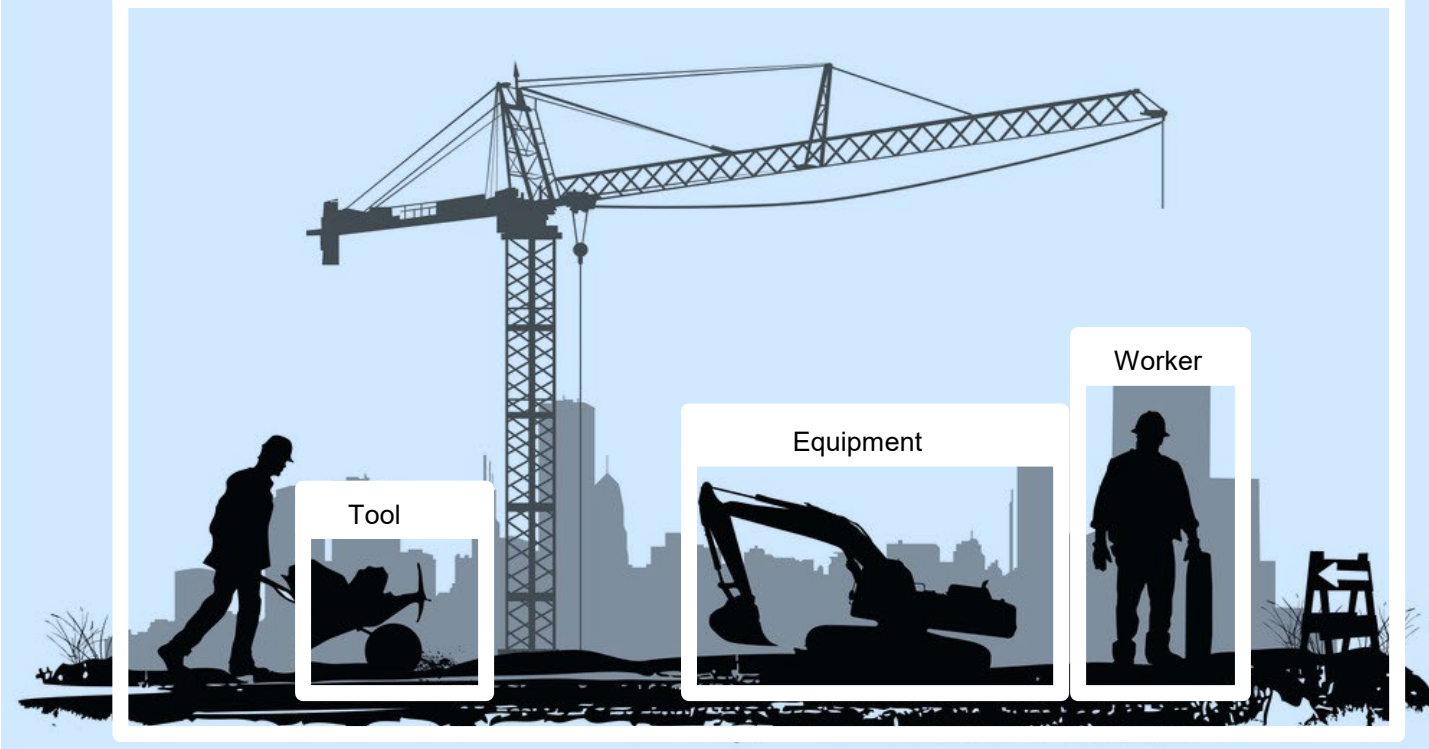
Site supervision using CV and AI





Monitoring tools when there is no lighting

Construction Site





Angle
Grinder



Circular Saw



Coping Saw



Drill



Hammer



Jig Saw



Wrench



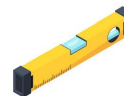
Orbit Sander



Screwdriver



Tape
Measure



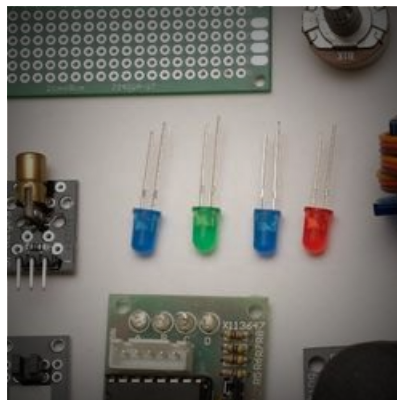
Torpedo
Level



Trowel

By X.Y.

Hardware



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Micro-Electro-Mechanical System Inertial Measurement Unit

- 3-axis accelerometer
- 3-axis gyroscope
- 3-axis magnetometer
- Thermometer

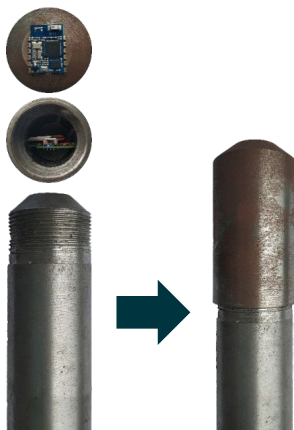
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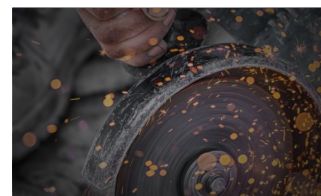
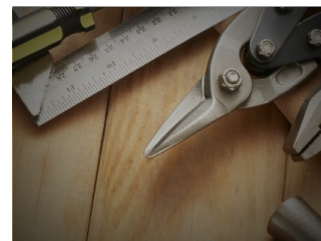
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- Communication 4.2 Mbps / s
- Distance 50 m

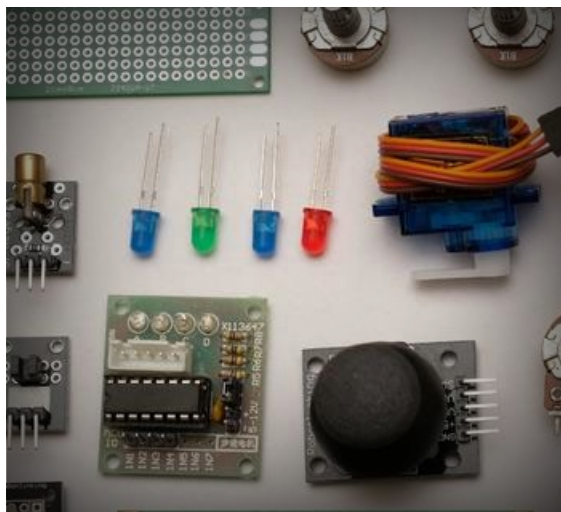
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IMU based tracking system





Hardware



1 MEMS-IMU

Micro-Electro-Mechanical System Inertial Measurement Unit

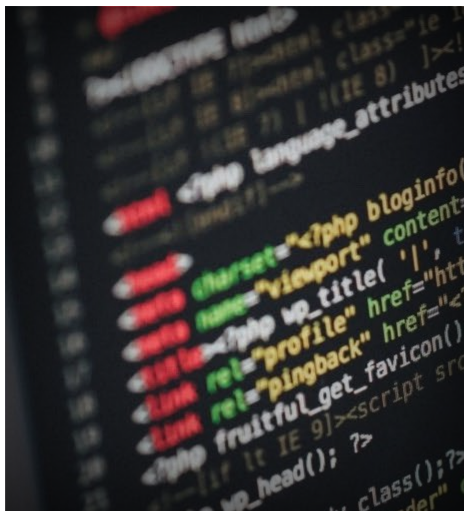
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2 BLE

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Software



1 Core Programming

Python + Blender

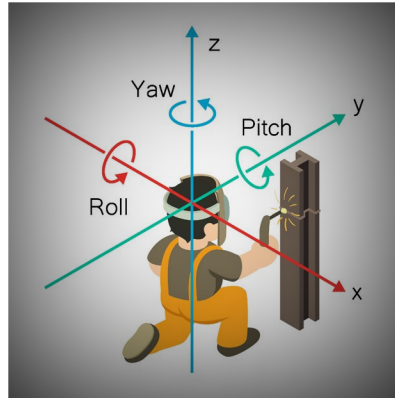
- Communication: pyserial
- GUI: tkinter, PyQt5
- Visualization: matplotlib, qtgraph

2 API

Application Interface

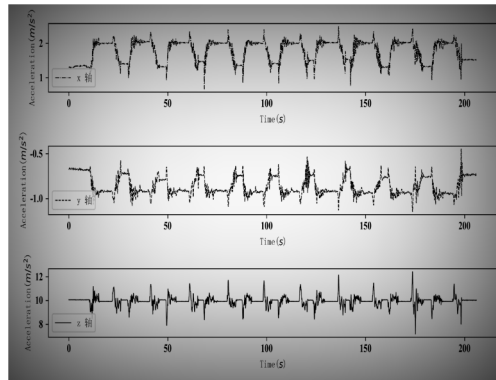
- Connect
- Read
- Adjust
- Save

Data Processing – Data Fusion for Orientation (AHRS)

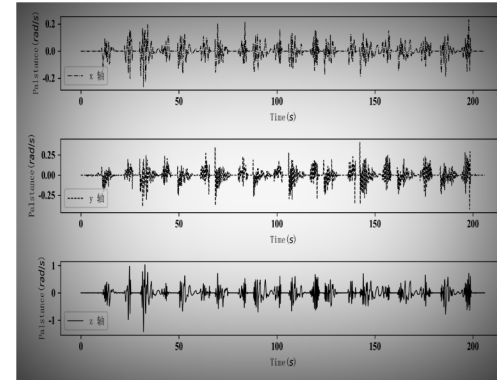


$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= \tan^{-1} \frac{a_y}{a_z} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-a_x}{\sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2}} \\ \psi &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-m_x^N}{m_y^N} \pm \Delta\psi \\ &= \tan^{-1} \frac{-\cos\phi m_y^B + \sin\phi m_z^B}{\cos\theta m_z^B + \sin\phi \sin\theta m_y^B + \cos\phi \sin\theta m_z^B} \pm \Delta\psi\end{aligned}$$

Collected data from an internal vibrator

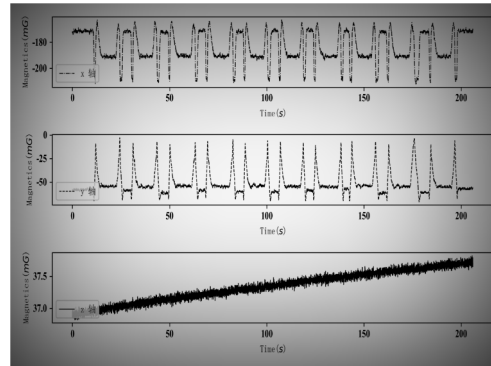


Acceleration

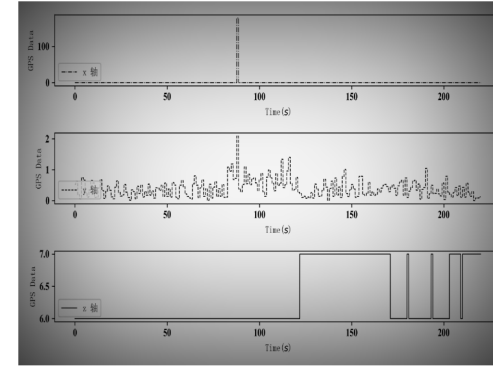


Angular velocity

Collected data from an internal vibrator

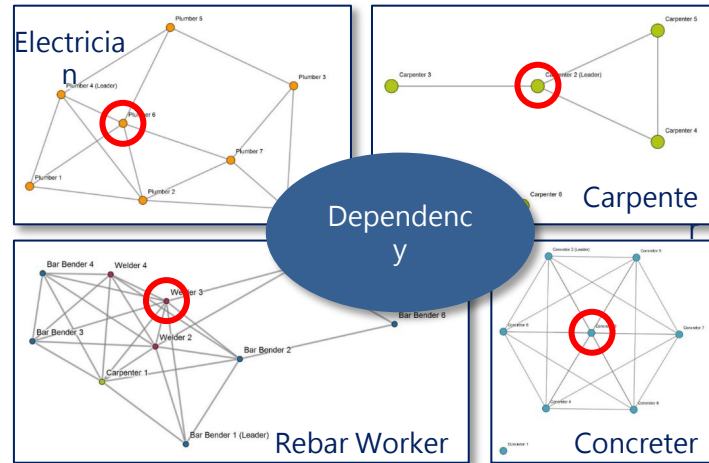


Magnetic field

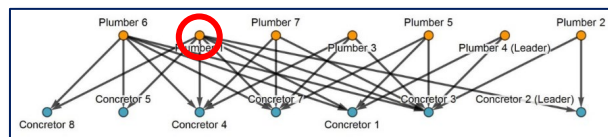


GPS (latitude, longitude, height)

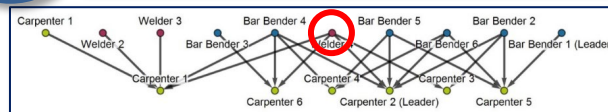
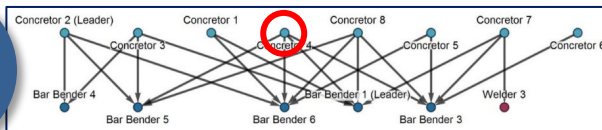
Dependence network



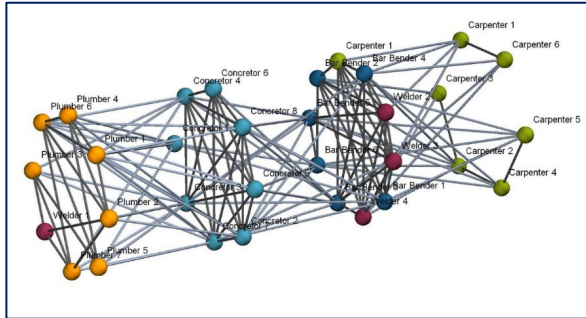
Sequential inter-dependency network



Day1
to
day3



Traceability chain



It is possible to develop a traceability chain using the dependency network. This allows to trace “who should be responsible for it, if something goes wrong”

HOW IS A PLANE TRACKED?

On board are cockpit voice and flight data recorders – the ‘black boxes’ – which each include a ‘pinger’ that sends a transmission up to 30 days after submersion.

In the black box was an ASD-B flight transponder which, unlike the GPS in a car, broadcasts its location by sending information back to air traffic controllers every second.

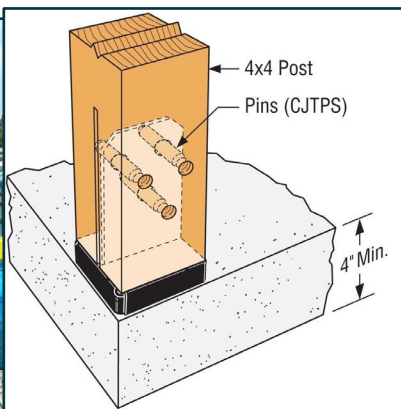
Crews are able to speak to their airline through discrete radio channels. The aircraft was comfortably at a stage of flight when the pilot would have had plenty of time to report any mechanical problems to Air Traffic Control.

Black boxes on commercial aircraft also contain cockpit voice recorders which could provide some insight into what went wrong on that plane at 1am on Friday morning.

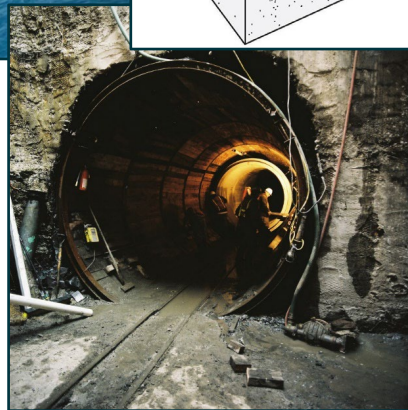
Cockpit Voice Recorder
Capable of recording 4 channels of audio data for a period of 2 hours.

Flight Data Recorder
Records more than 100 hours of data. An insulated armoured steel housing protects the unit from impact, fire and sea water.

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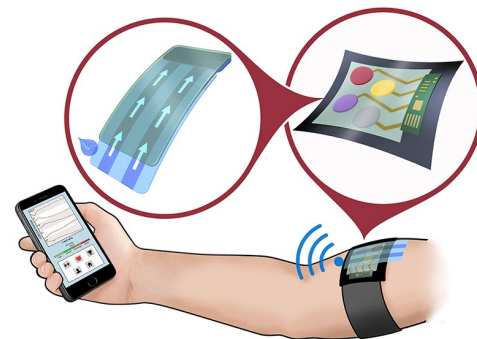


This technology is potentially useful in situations where portions of work are invisible.

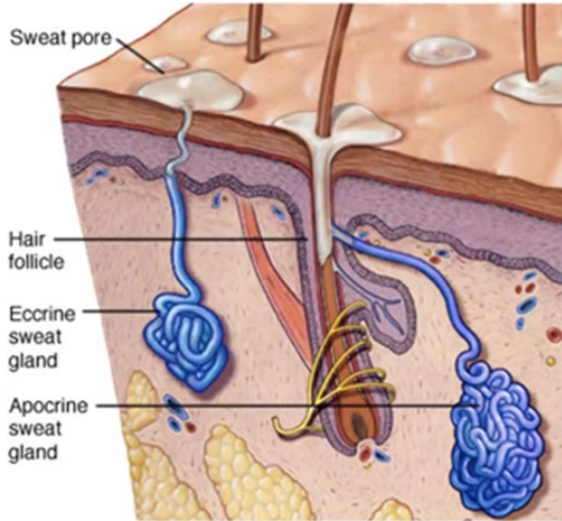




SWEAT BASED VITAL SIGNS MEASUREMENT TO DETECT PHYSICAL FATIGUE



Sweat Biosensors for assessing Physical and Mental Fatigue



Structure of sweat gland

Physical Fatigue Mental Fatigue

Chemical Biomarkers

Seshadri et al. (2019)

Blood or Saliva

Strong Intrusive

Calibration Test

Sweat

Sweat Biosensor

Rich distribution & abundant biochemical contents (sodium, chlorine, potassium, lactate, calcium. Glucose, ammonia, ethanol, urea, cortisol etc.)

- Non-invasiveness
- Simplicity
- Low-cost



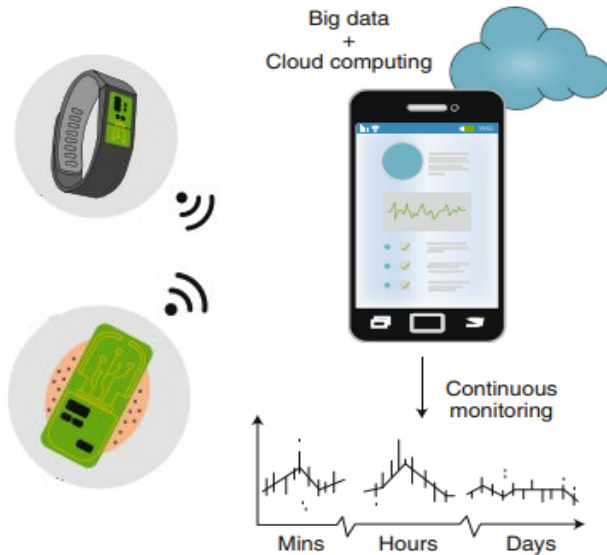
Structure and mechanism

Sweat sensors

Data Storage

Data Analysis

Fatigue Alerting



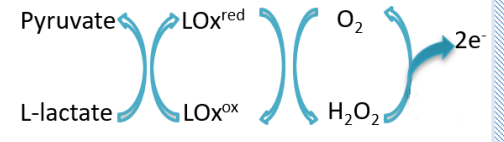
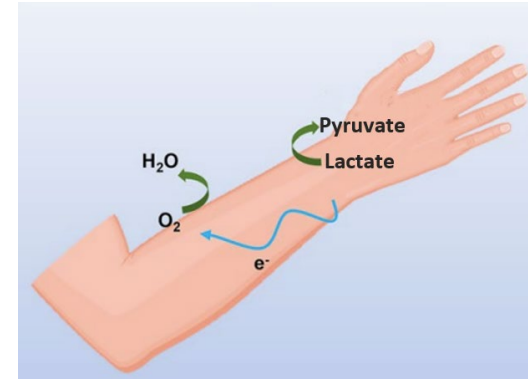
Fatigue Level

Low

Medium

High

Very High

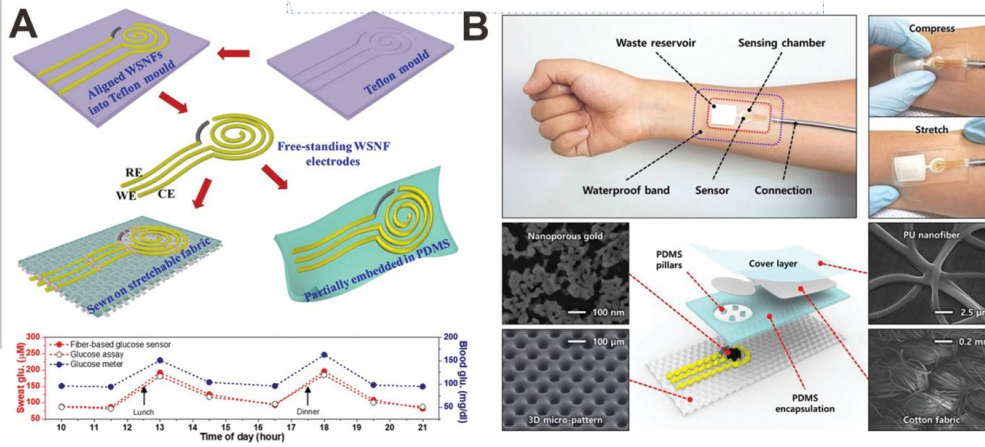
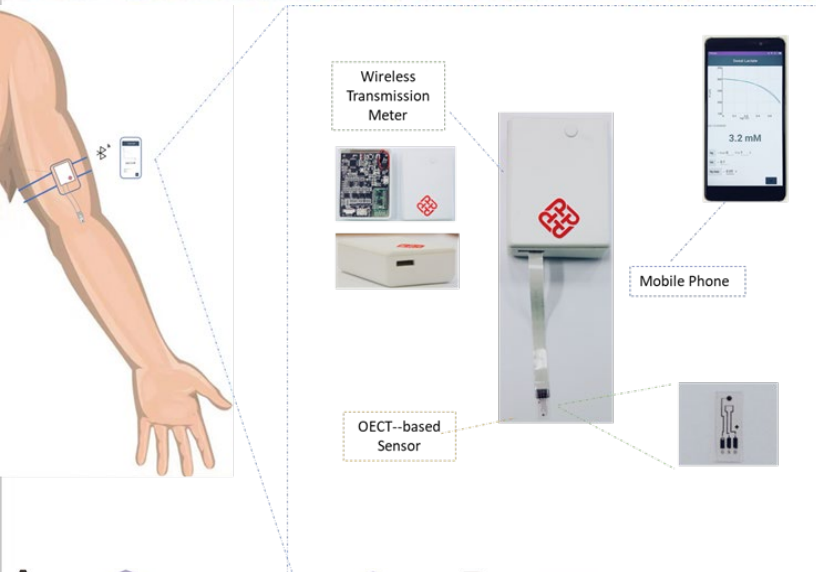


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signals

Working Model



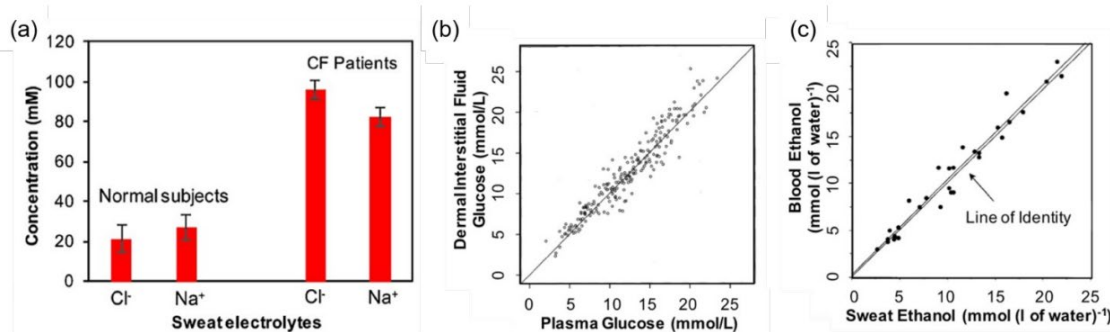
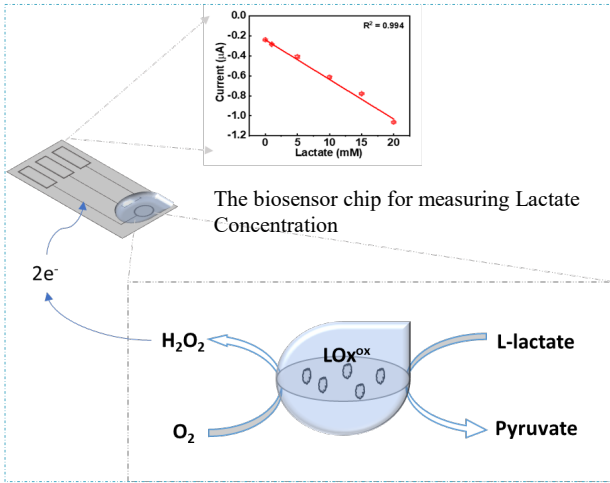
Detection and measurement

Advantages

- ✓ Continuous monitoring.
- ✓ Right Treatment at the right time
- ✓ Easy to wear and takeoff.

Application:-

- ✓ Combat casualty care.
- ✓ Medical monitoring.
- ✓ Sports/ Performance monitoring.
- ✓ Space experiments.
- ✓ Mission critical/ hazardous application.
- ✓ Fire- fighting.





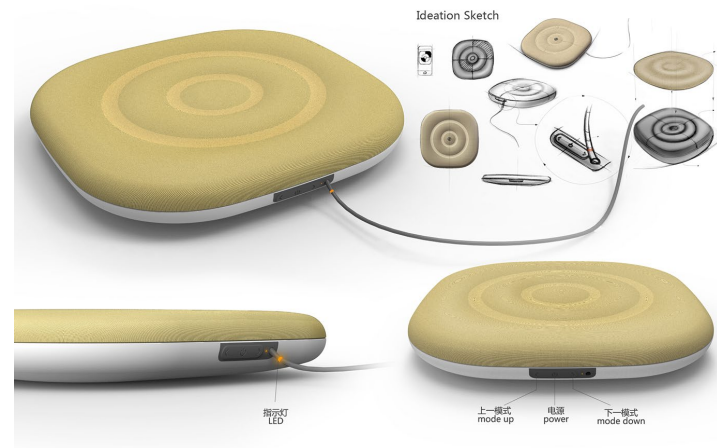
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SMART CUSHION BASED MEASUREMENT TO DETECT MENTAL FATIGUE

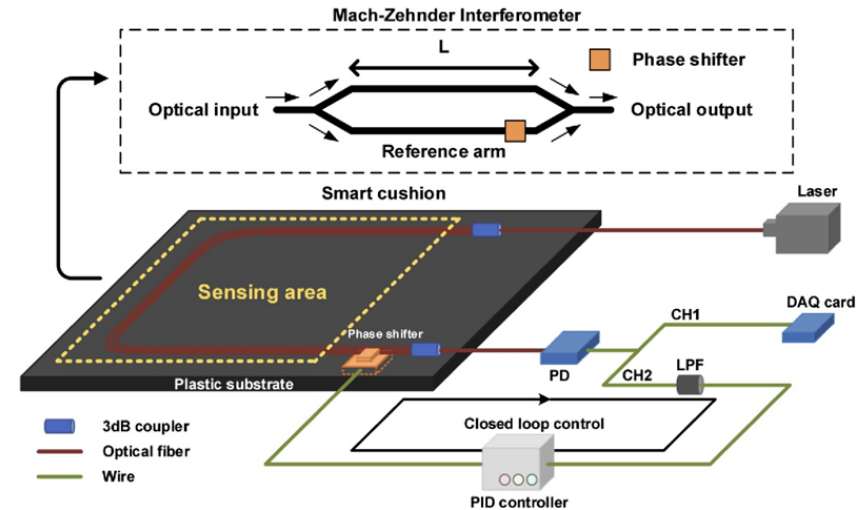
i-Cushion

智能健康坐墊 / Smart Air Cushion

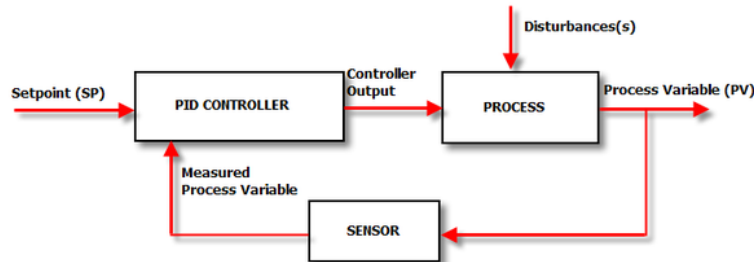
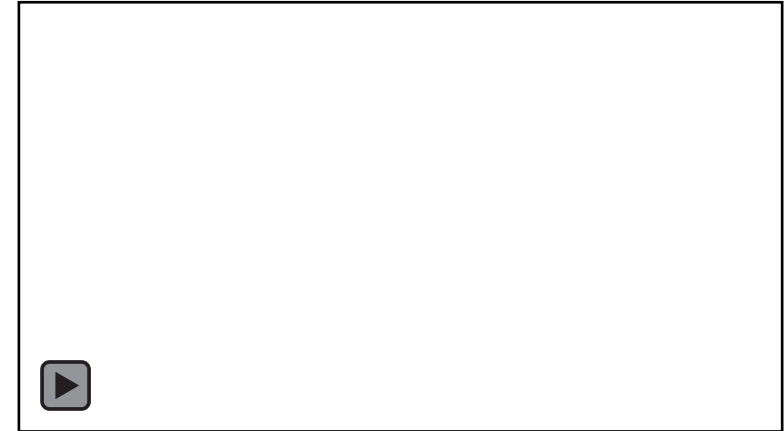
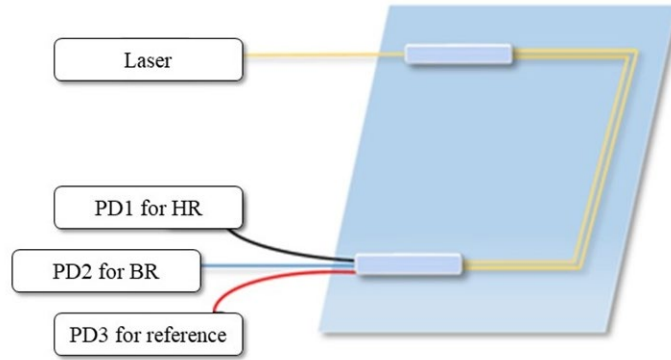


Structure and mechanism

- The monitoring system consists of the Mach-Zehnder interferometer (MZI)-based BCG monitor.
- The optical fiber MZI contains two 3 dB couplers.
- The arms of MZI, including the sensing arm and reference arm, are fixed in the parallel form which is used to maintain the interferometer system in quadrature by a PID controller.



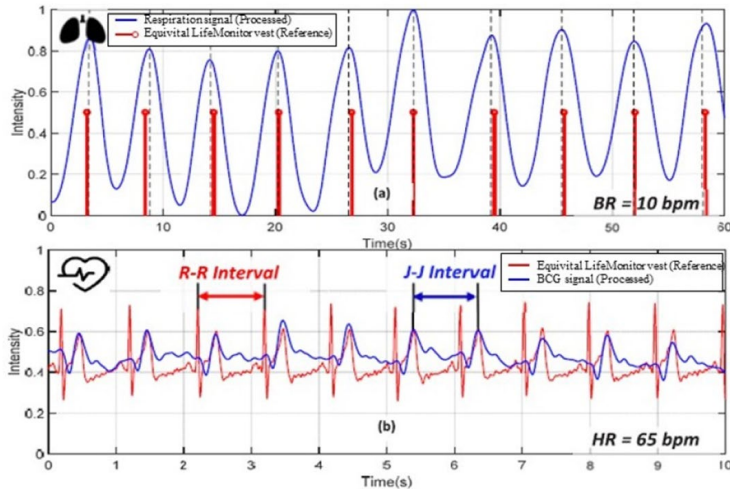
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A proportional-derivative (PD) controller can be used to make a simple system track some reference point.

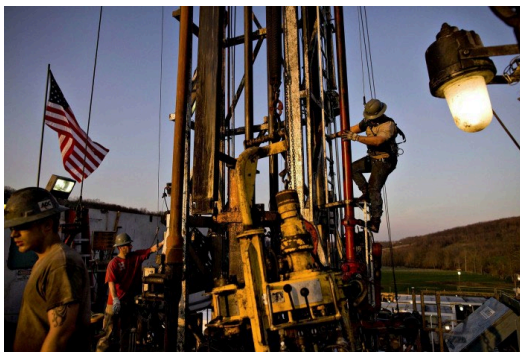
A PID controller is an instrument used in industrial control applications to regulate temperature, flow, pressure, speed and other process variables.

Accuracy and reliability evaluation



- While the smart cushion will be used to extract HR and BR signals of the operator, its measurement accuracy will be evaluated against the measures from an Equivalital EQ02 LifeMonitor vest.
- The Equivalital LifeMonitor vest is chosen as a ground truth because studies have found it to be a reliable and valid instrument for monitoring HR and BR signals.

Application of Smart cushion



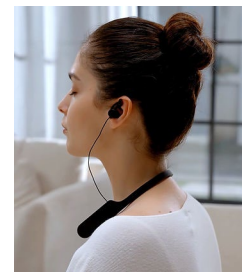
- The system finds various applications in different fields especially in the areas of construction industry, where workers operate heavy machinery (like oil and sea ores) which requires continuous monitoring
- The second most critical aspect is for construction workers drivers transporting materials on the site with uneven surfaces which could deteriorate workers health and requires constant monitoring to avoid hazards and accidents



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IN-EAR DEVICE TO MEASURE EEG AND ECG



Mental fatigue assessment method

Mental fatigue can be reflected in the changes of individual subjective evaluation, behavioral performance, and physiological performance.

(1) Self-report-based methods

- Questionnaires or interviews using the Fatigue Severity Scale (FSS)

- ✗ subjective
- ✗ cause work interruption
- ✗ impractical for simultaneous monitoring of multiple workers

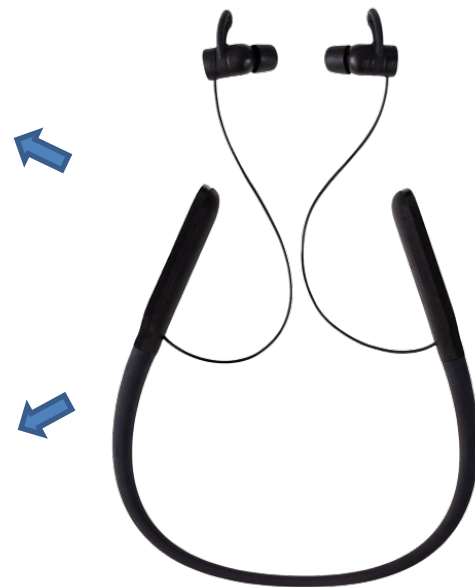
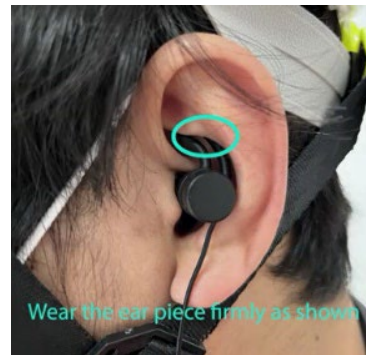
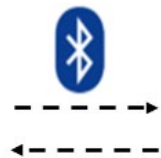
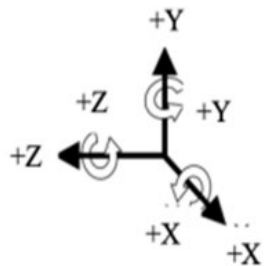
(2) Contact and non-contact based monitoring sensors

- Electrodermal activity (EDA) sensors
- Cameras
- Ultra-wideband (UWB)
- Acoustic-based sensors

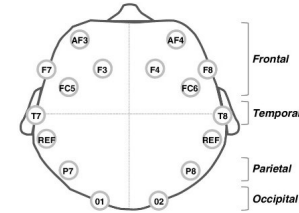
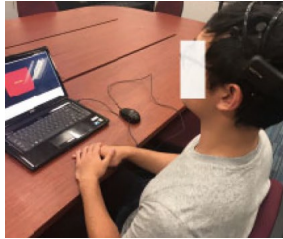
- ✗ hinder individual movements
- ✗ easily distorted by noise and movements
- ✗ privacy issues
- ✗ not real time

Structure and mechanism

The in-ear device fitting for construction workers



Proposed method

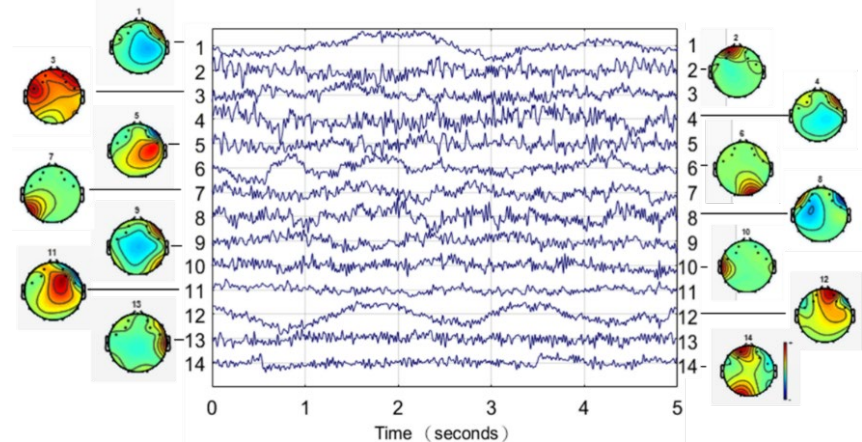
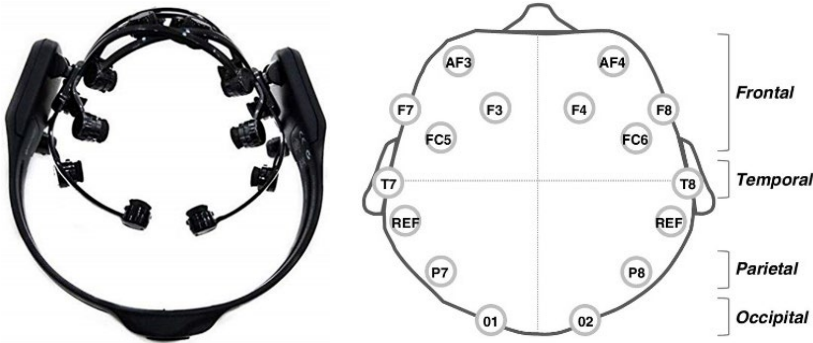


(3) Scalp-based EEG

- Wearable, non-invasive monitoring devices
- No privacy issues involved
- Objective monitoring approach

Data collection, analysis and correlation

- Various **machine learning** algorithms have been applied in EEG decoding.
- Deep learning** algorithms used in EEG signal decoding are applied from the four categories: convolutional neural network (CNN), deep belief networks (DBN), auto-encoder (AE) and recurrent neural network (RNN).



Working Model

Ear-EEG type	Applications	Selected features
In-ear EEG/ECG	Auditory attention	Event-related potential
	Sleep monitoring	Multi-scale fuzzy entropy
	High and low cognitive tasks	Common spatial pattern
	Sleep monitoring	Power spectral density
	Attention State Classification	Power spectral density and temporal features
	Sleep staging assessment	Power spectral density and temporal features
	Eye-state identification	Filtered time-series





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