

Lecture 1: From RF to Vital Signals

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Extracting Breathing and Heart Rate from RF Signals

Ubiquitous Health & Comfort Monitoring



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Personal Health



Baby Sleep



Elderly Health



Adapt Lighting and Music to Mood



But: today's technologies for monitoring vital signs are cumbersome

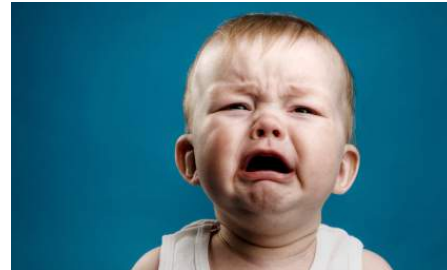
Breath Monitoring



Heart Rate Monitoring



Not suitable for elderly & babies



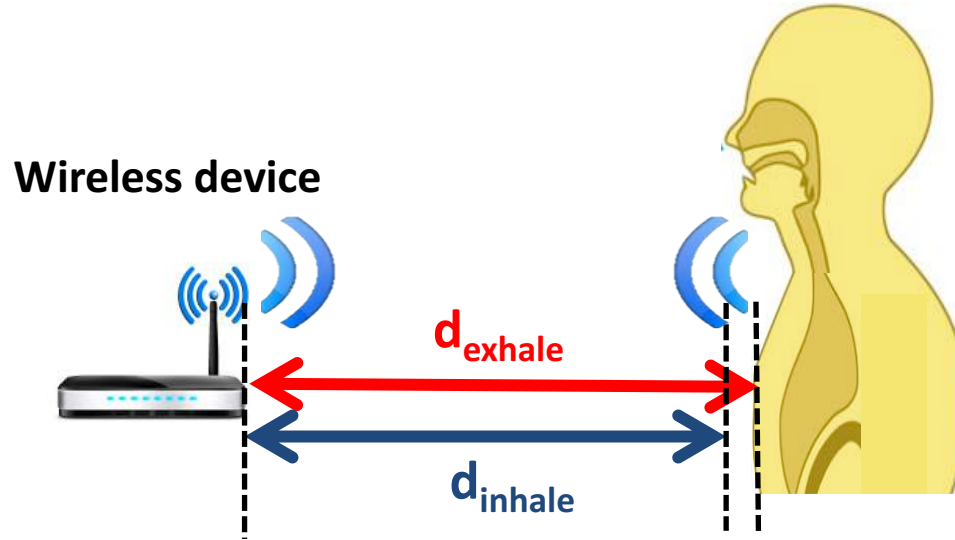
Can we monitor breathing and heart rate from a distance?

Vital-Radio

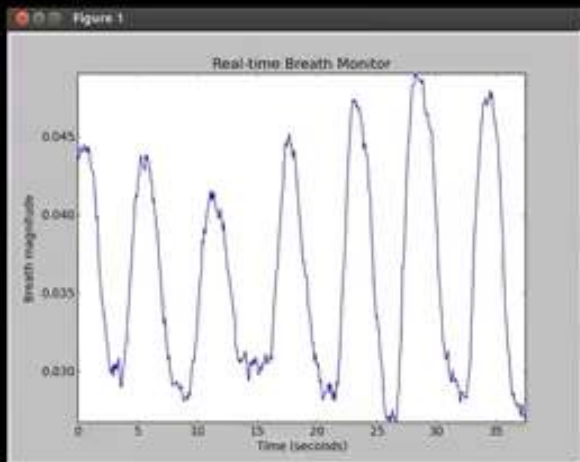
- Technology that monitors breathing and heart rate remotely with 97% accuracy
- Can monitor multiple users simultaneously
- Operates through walls and can cover multiple rooms

Idea: Use wireless reflections off the human body

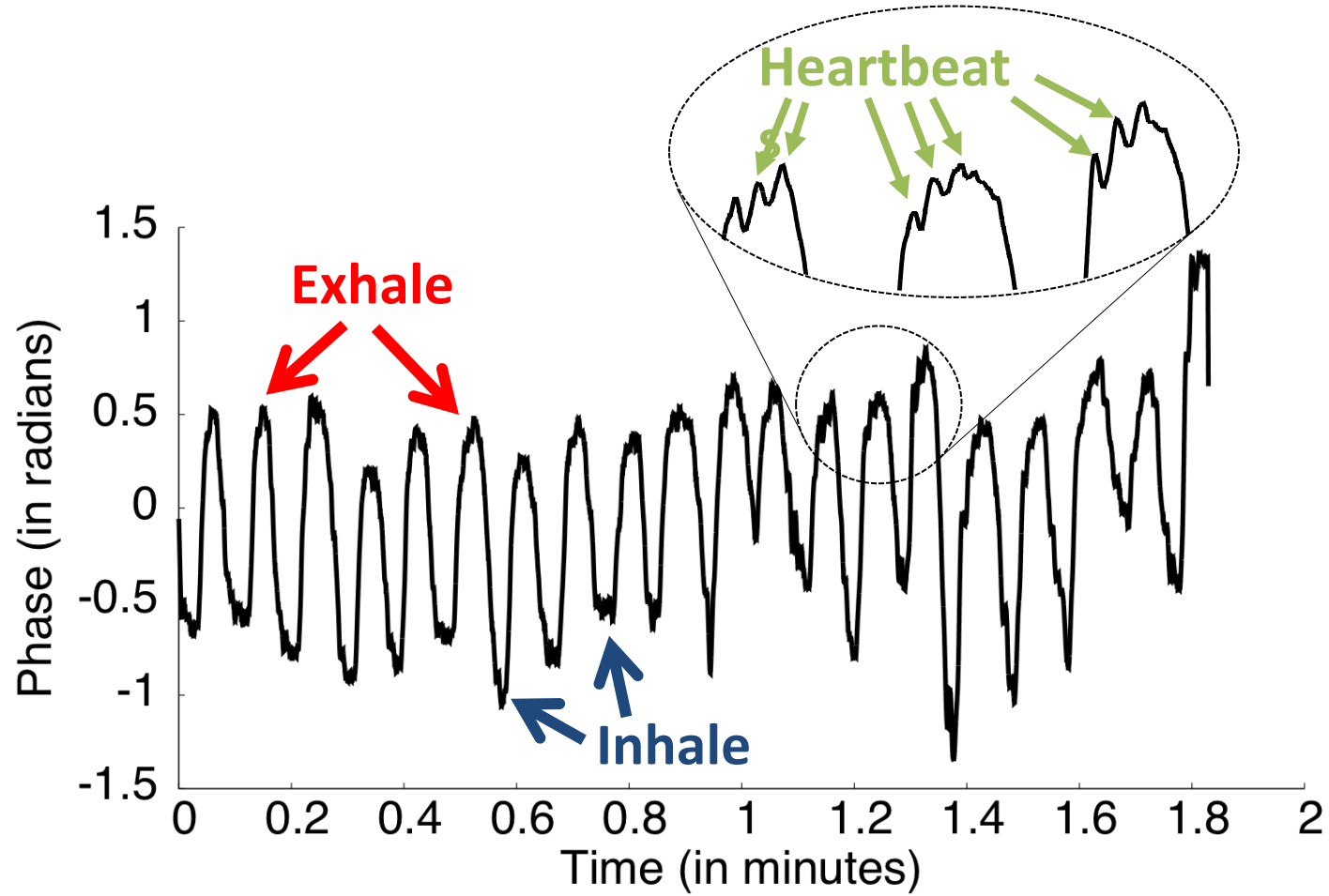
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- Wireless wave has a phase: $\phi = 2\pi \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{wavelength}}$
- Chest Motion changes distance
 - Heartbeats also change distance

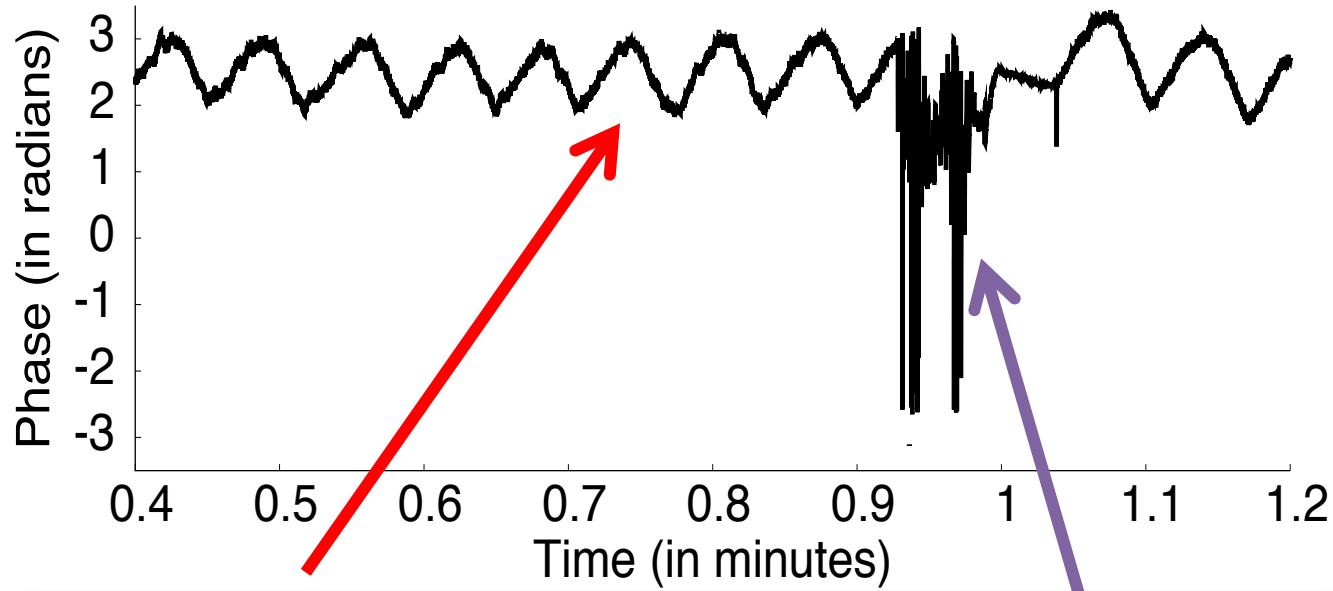


Let's zoom in on these signals



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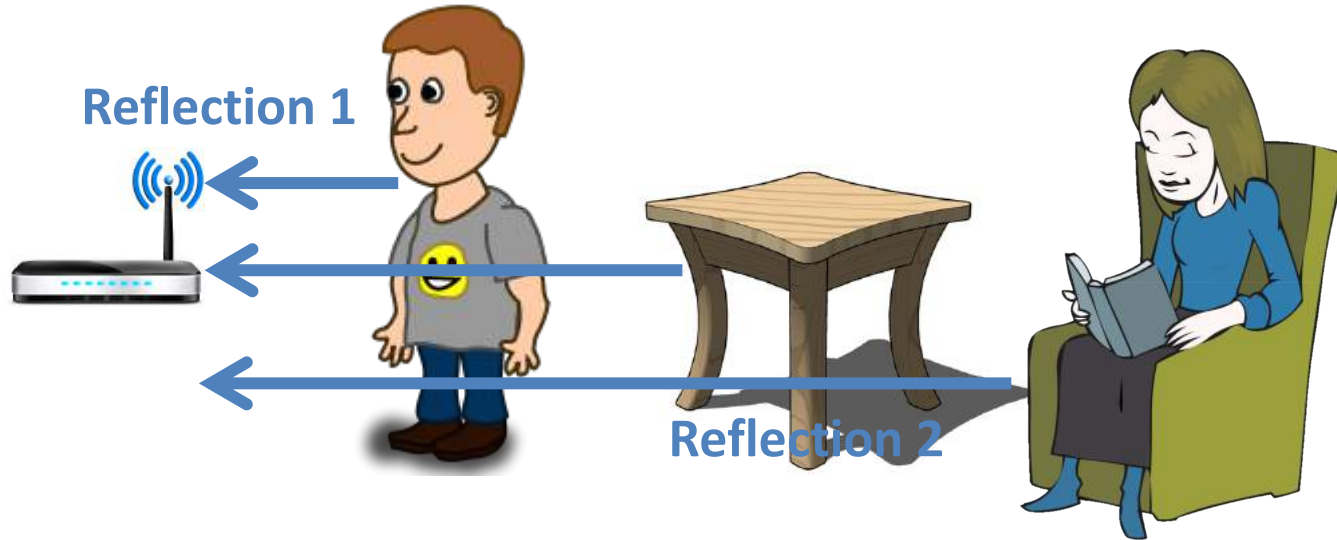
**Band-pass filter the cleaned signals to extract
breathing and heart rate**

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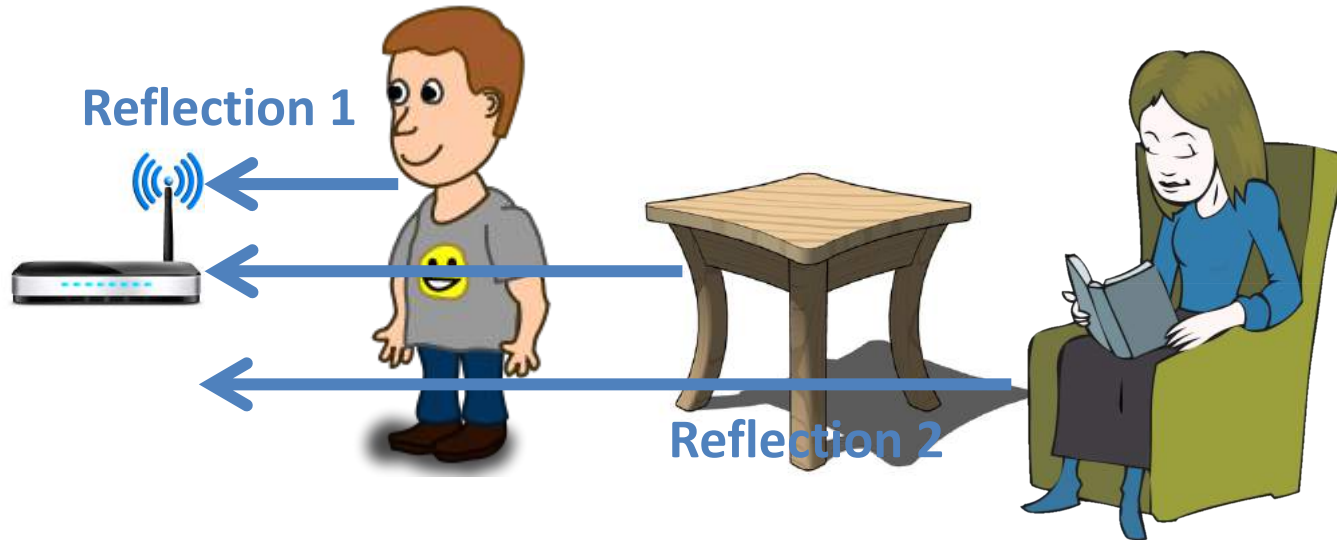
What happens with multiple users in the environment?

Reflections from different objects **collide**

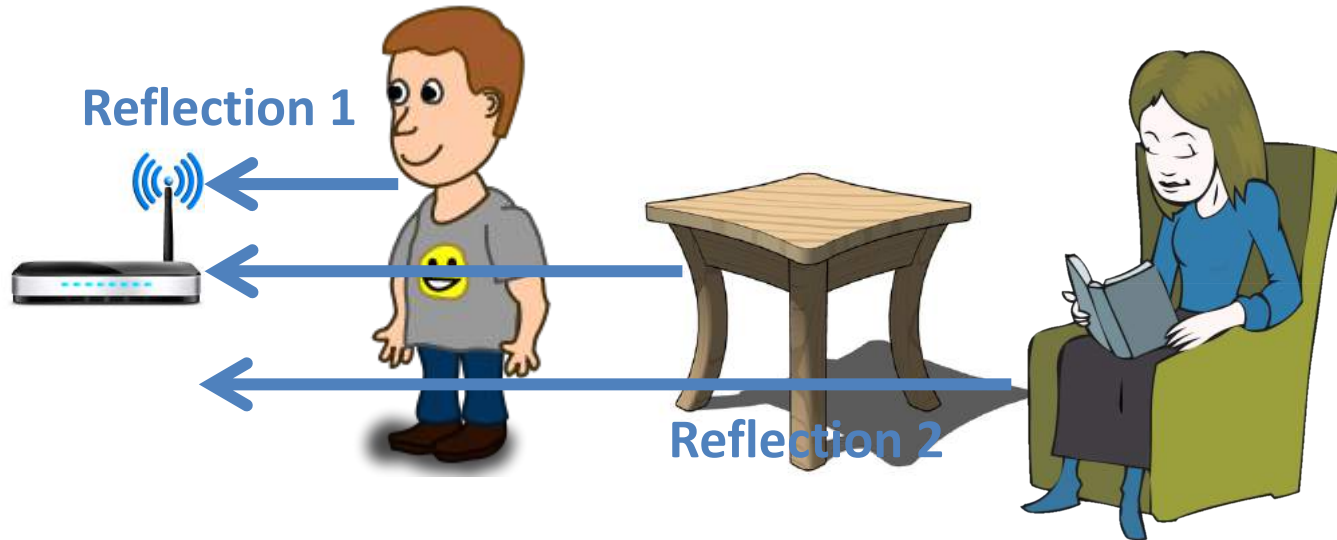
Problem: Phase becomes meaningless!



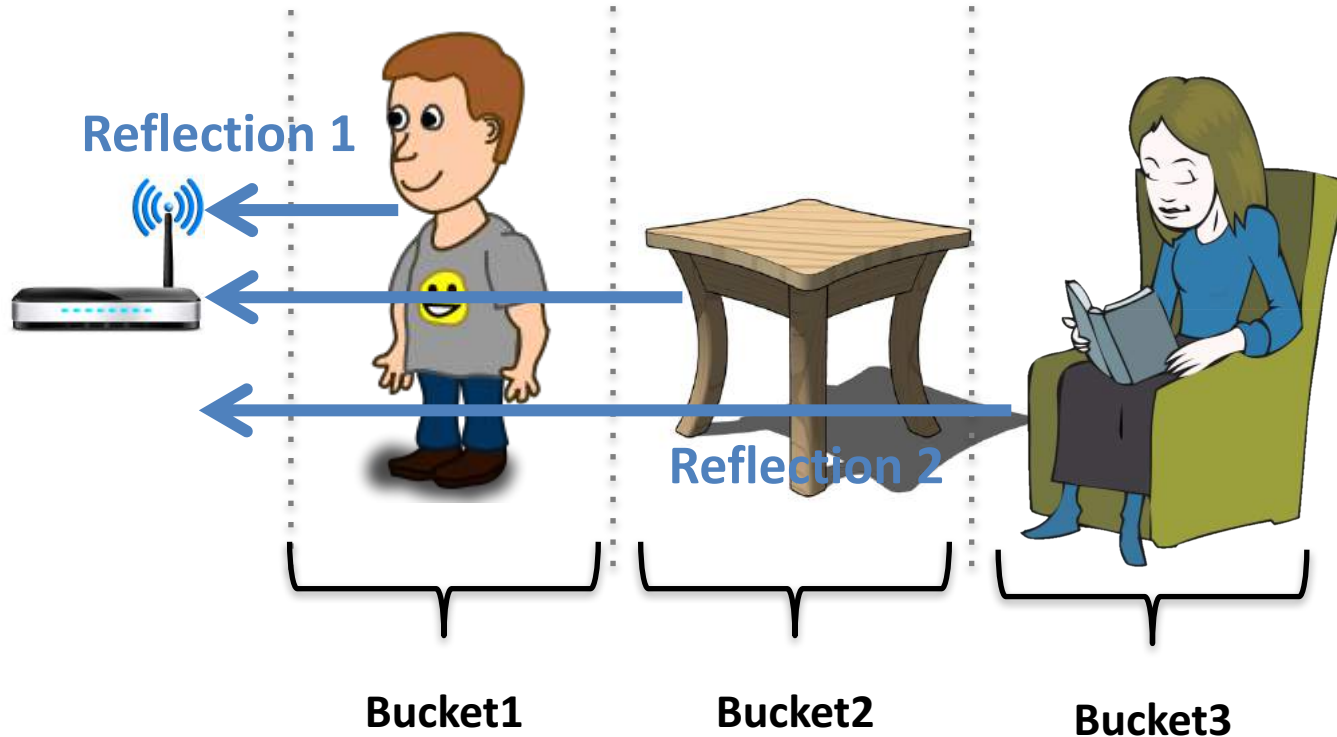
Idea: **Wireless positioning** can be used to locate various devices



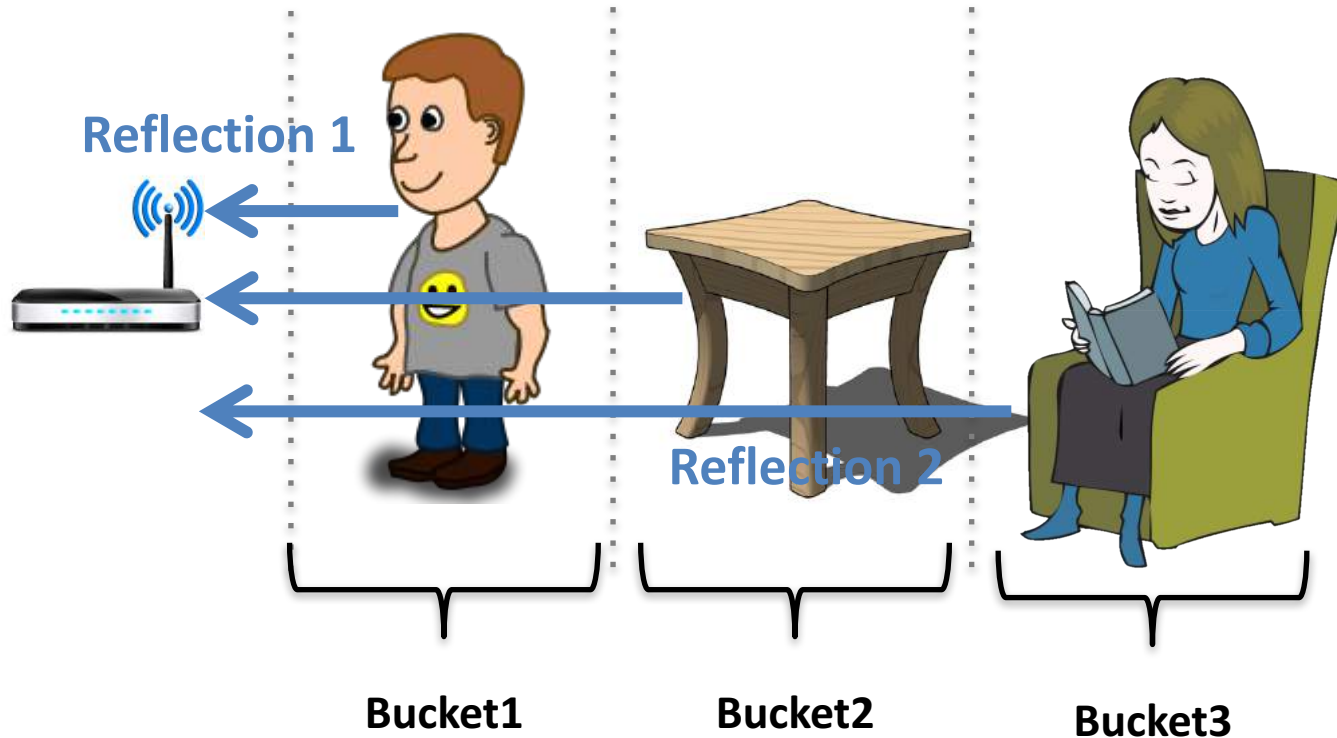
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Putting It Together

Step 1: Transmit a wireless signal and capture its reflections

Step 2: Isolate reflections from different objects based on their positions

Step 3: Zoom in on each object's reflection to obtain phase variations due to vital signs

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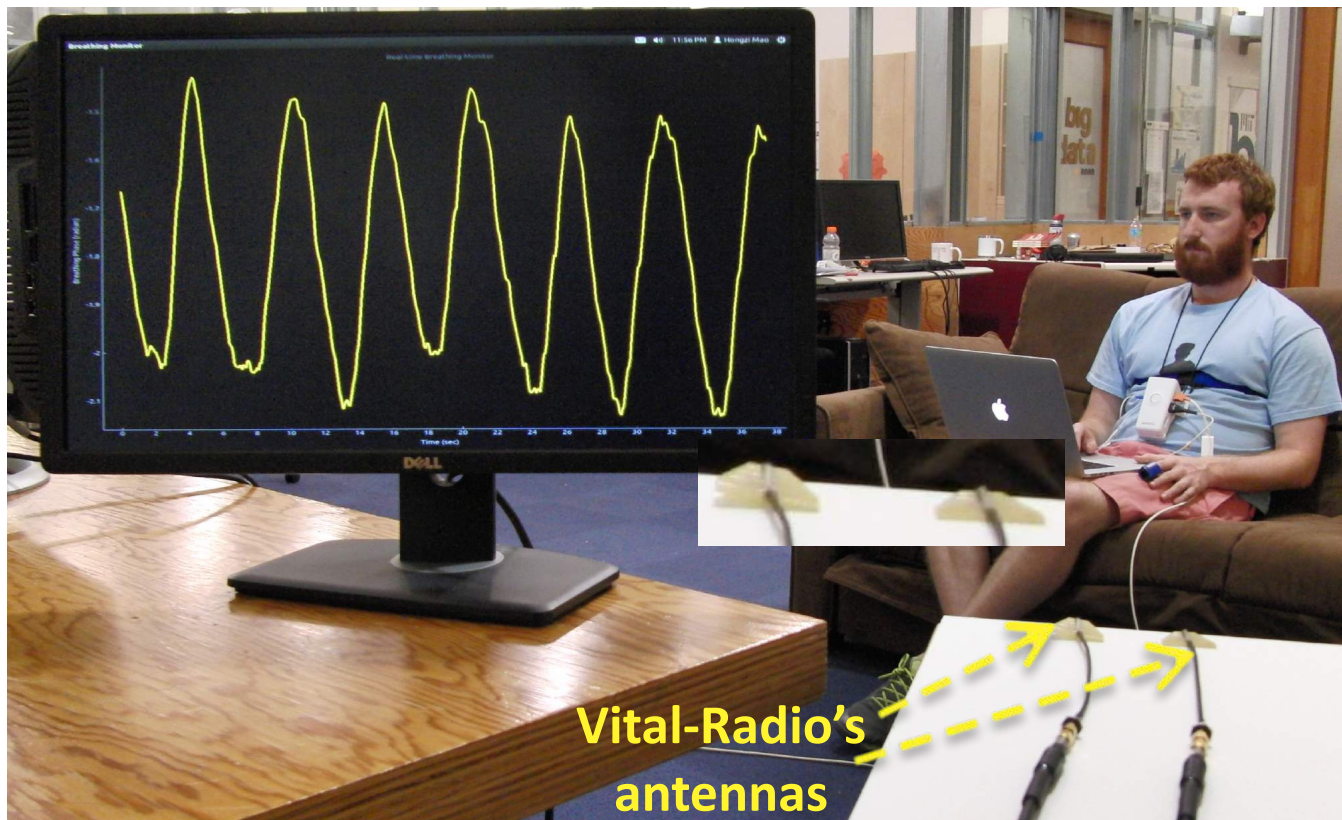
Vital-Radio Implementation

- Wireless positioning device to transmits and receives wireless signals
 - 10,000x lower power than cellphones
 - 1 transmit & 1 receive antenna



- Signal is analyzed in software to extract vital signs

Vital-Radio Implementation



Vital-Radio Evaluation

Baseline:

- FDA-approved breathing and heart rate monitor

Chest Strap

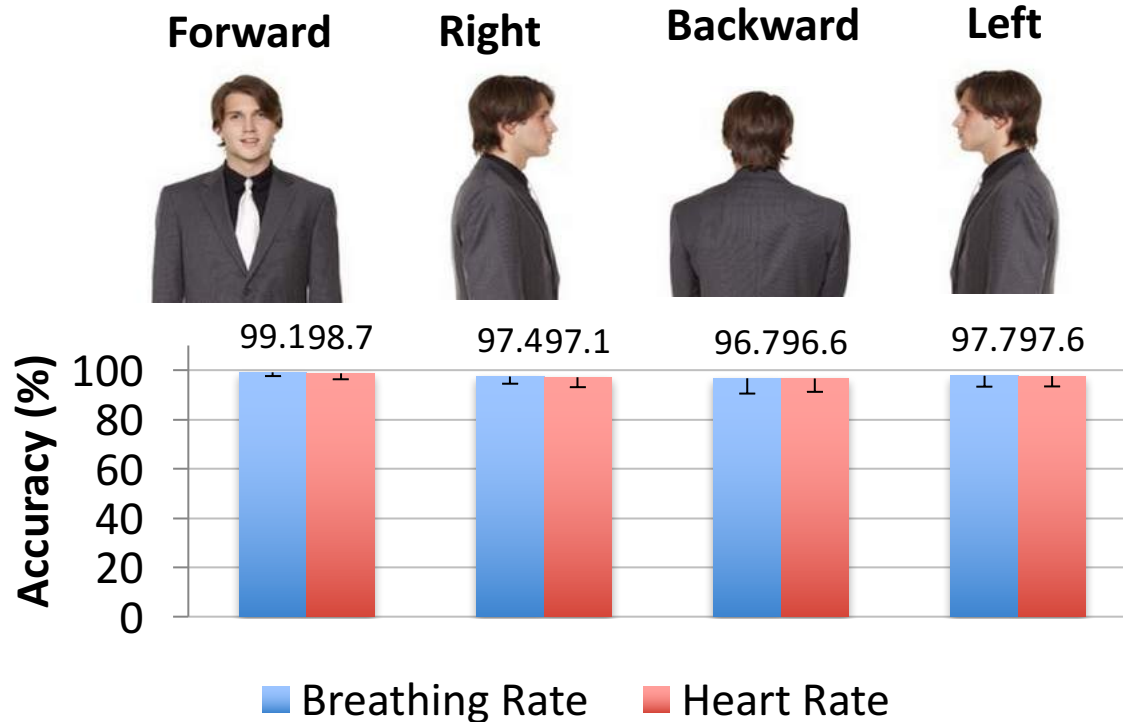
Experiments:

- 200 experiments
- 14 participants
- 1 million measurements



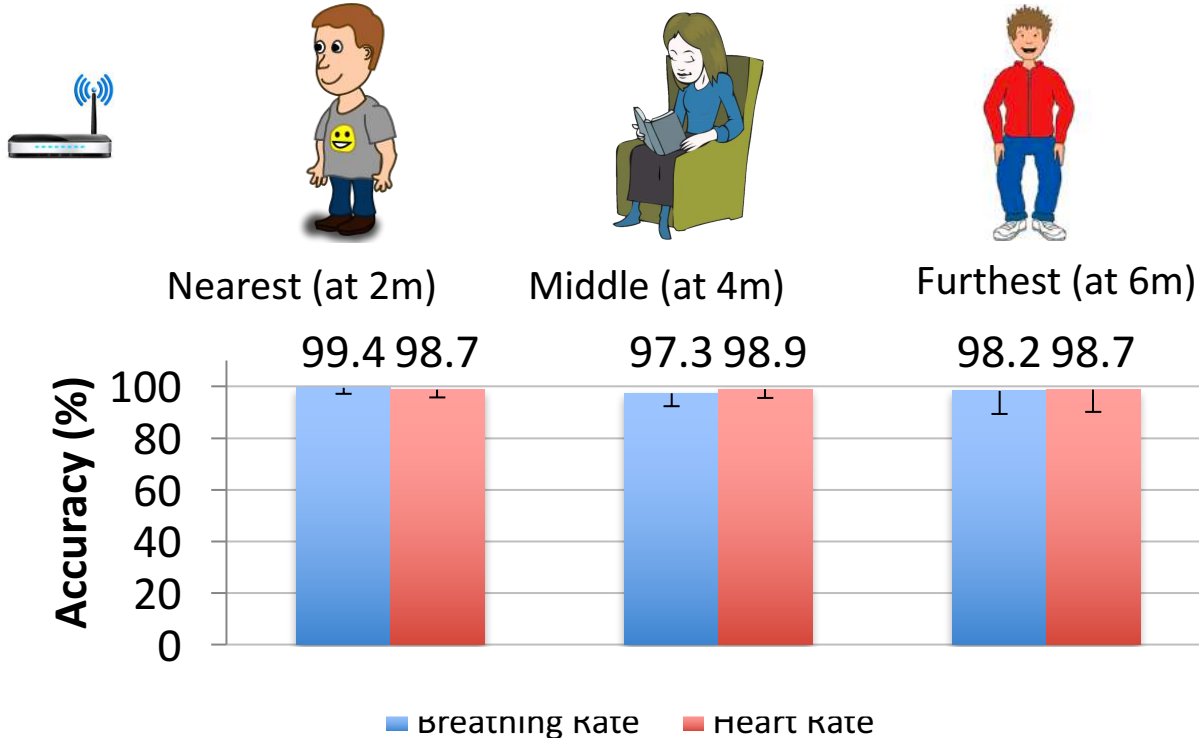
Accuracy vs. Orientation

User is 4m from device, with different orientations



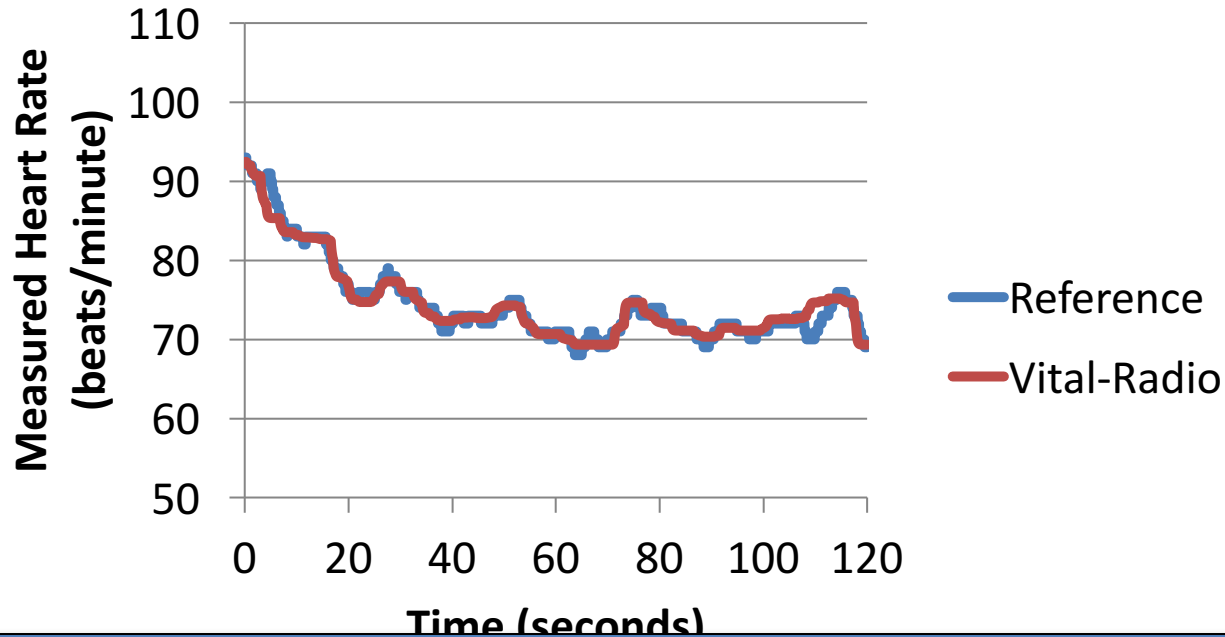
Accuracy for Multi-User Scenario

Multiple users sit at different distances



Accuracy for Tracking Heart Rate

Measure user's heart rate after exercising



Vital-Radio accurately tracks changes in vital signs

Vital-Radio Limitations

- Minimum separation between users: 1-2m
- Monitoring range: 8m
- Collects measurements when users are quasi-static

Related Work

- Wearables
 - Require direct contact with user's body
- Vision-based techniques [SIGGRAPH'12, CVPR'13]
 - Require user to face device and line-of-sight
- Wireless-based techniques [MTT'04, MTT'09]

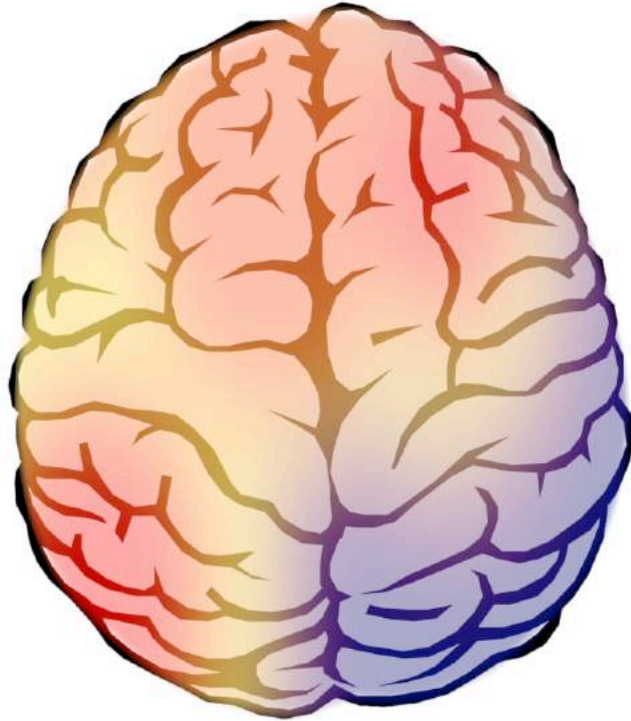
Vital-Radio operates through walls and monitors the vital signs of multiple users simultaneously in natural settings

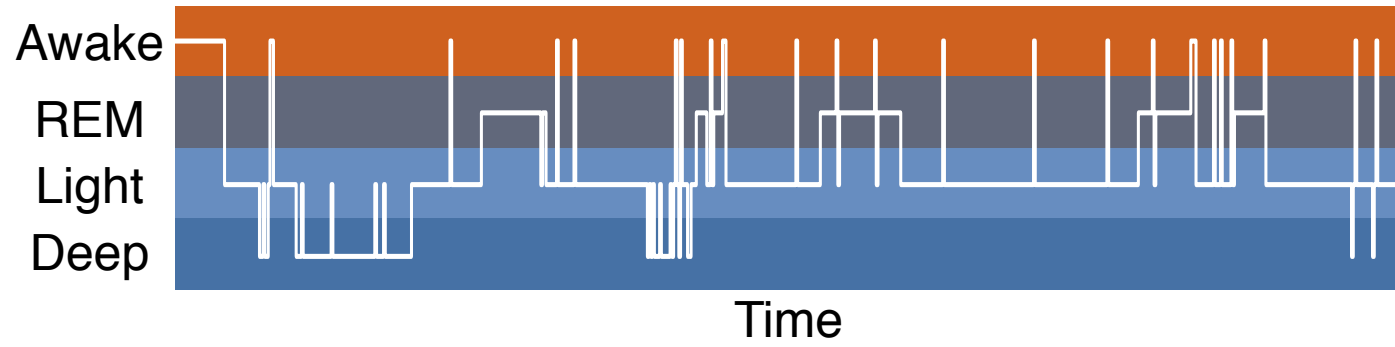
Baby Monitoring



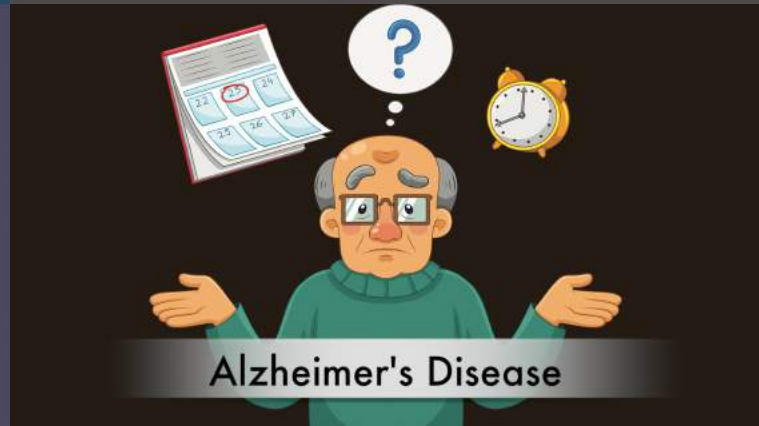
Learning Sleep Stages from Radio Signals

Background





Understanding Diseases with Sleep Stages



But, monitoring sleep stages is difficult ...
done in hospital with many electrodes on the body

Sleep Lab



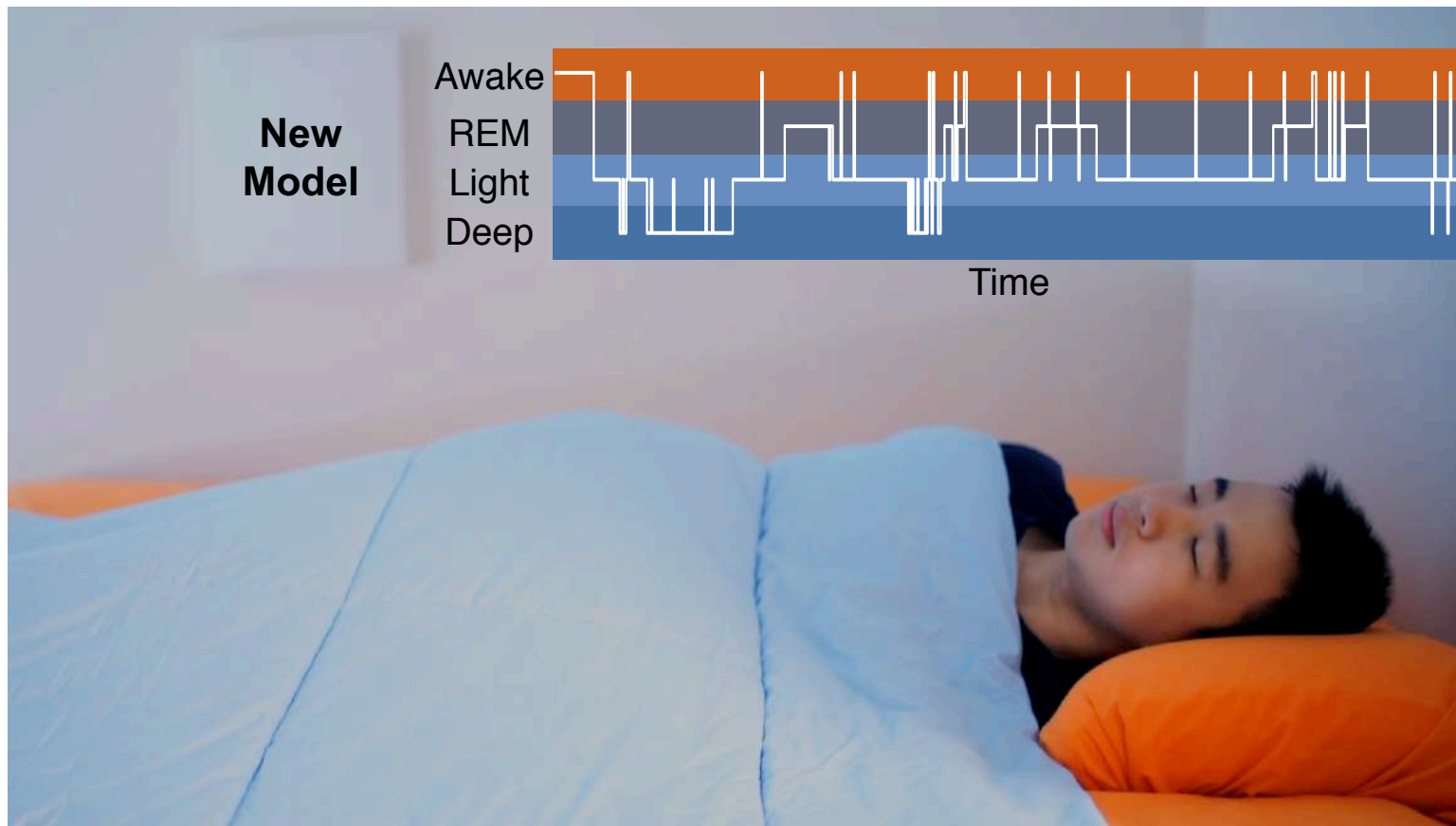
Sleep Lab



Can we do it in bedroom without any electrodes?



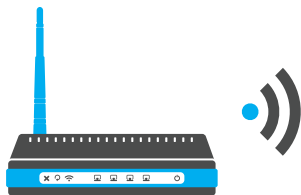
RF-Based Sleep Staging



Contributions

- Predict sleep stages from radio signals without contact
- Conditional adversary for domain adaptation
- User study and dataset of 100 night of sleep

Background on RF Sensing

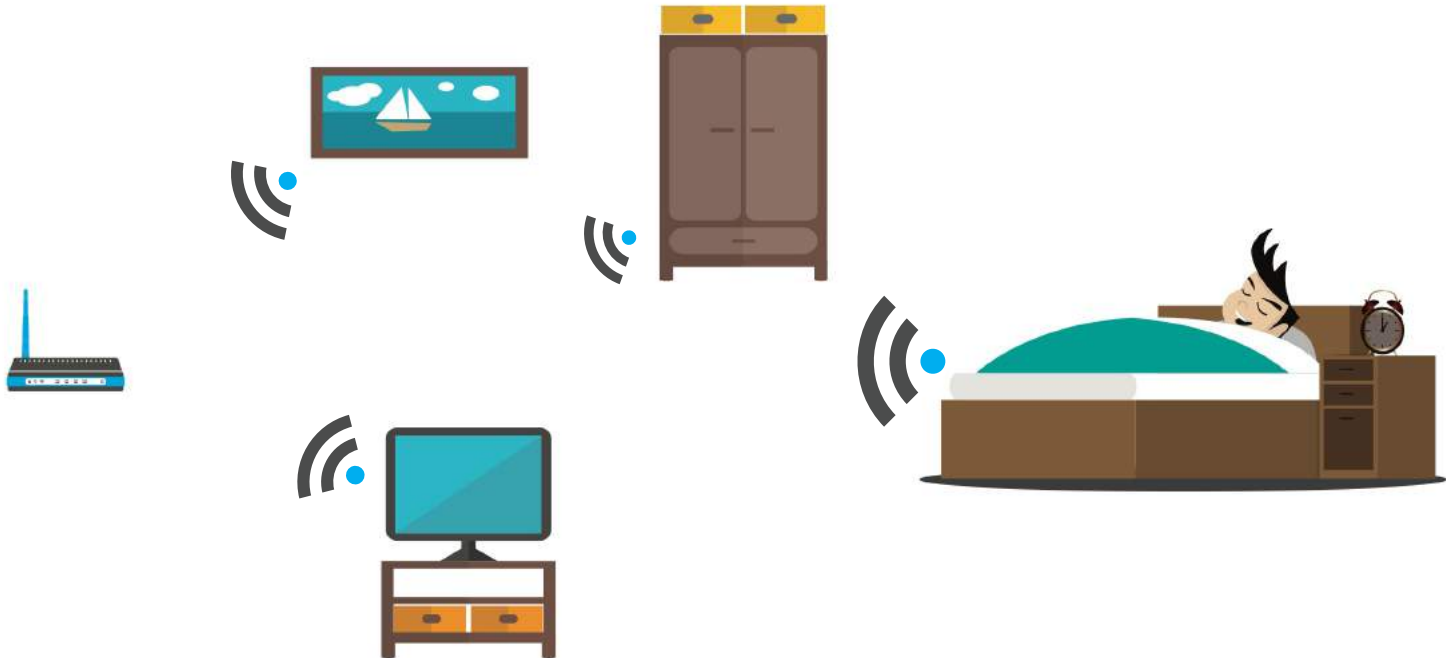


RF signals reflect off body and change with physiological signals

Our objective: High accuracy on par with sleep lab, but in one's bedroom and without electrodes on the body

Key Challenge

RF reflections are highly dependent on the **measurement conditions** and the **individuals**.



Need to remove such extraneous information!



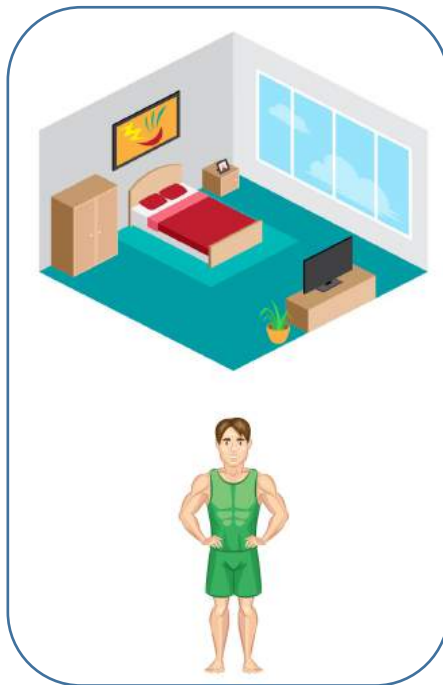
Multi-Source Domain Adaptation

domain = measurement condition + individual

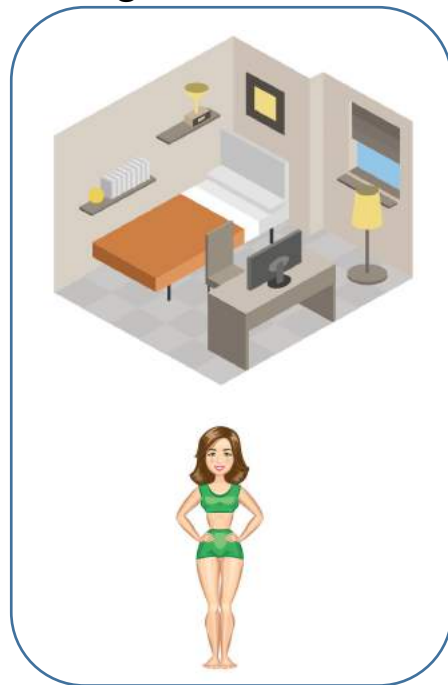
Source domain A



Source domain B

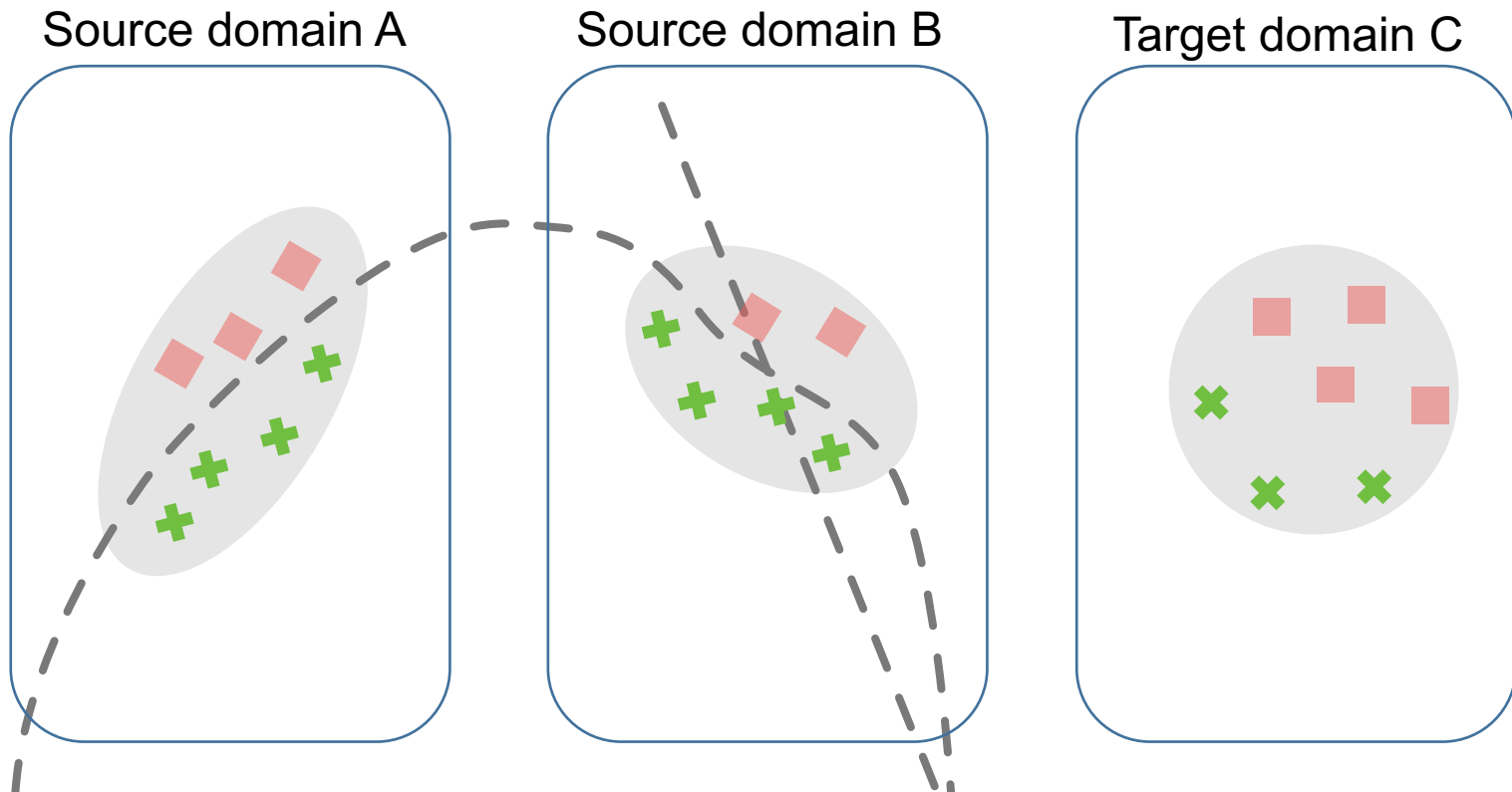


Target domain C

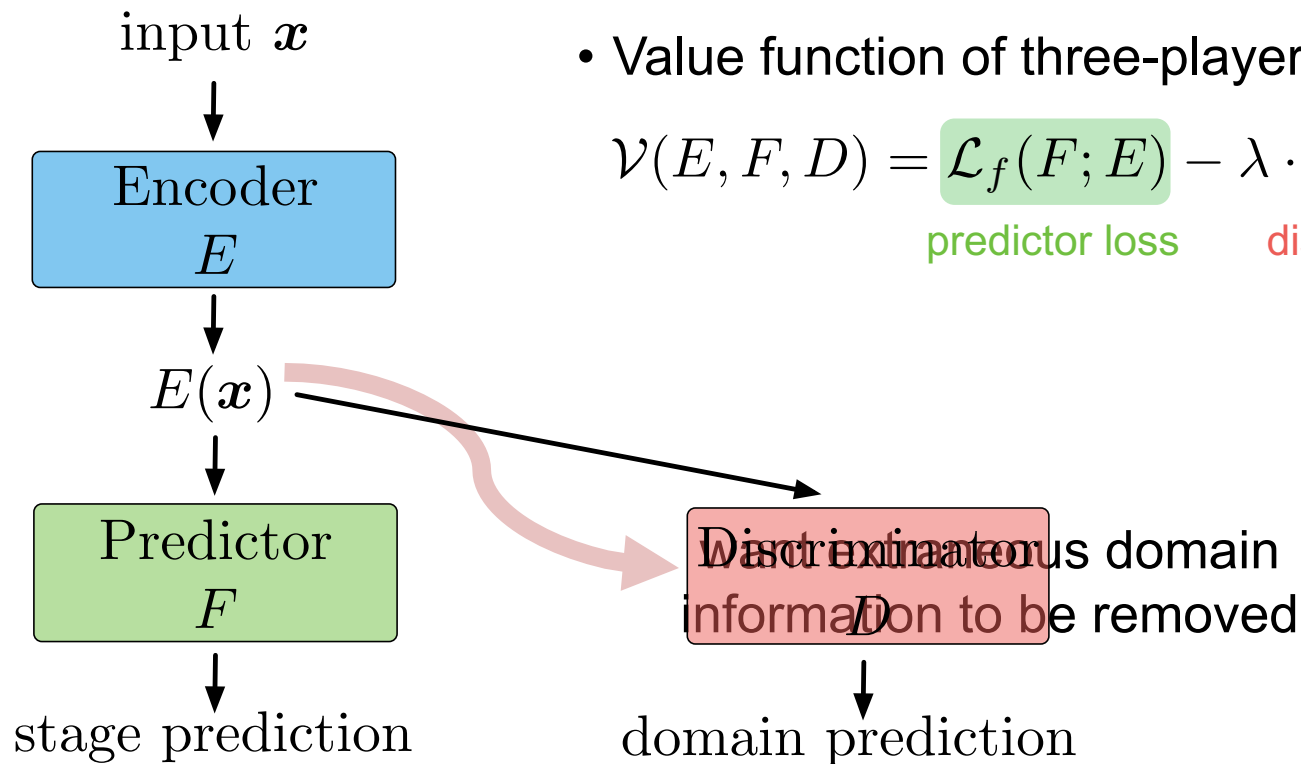


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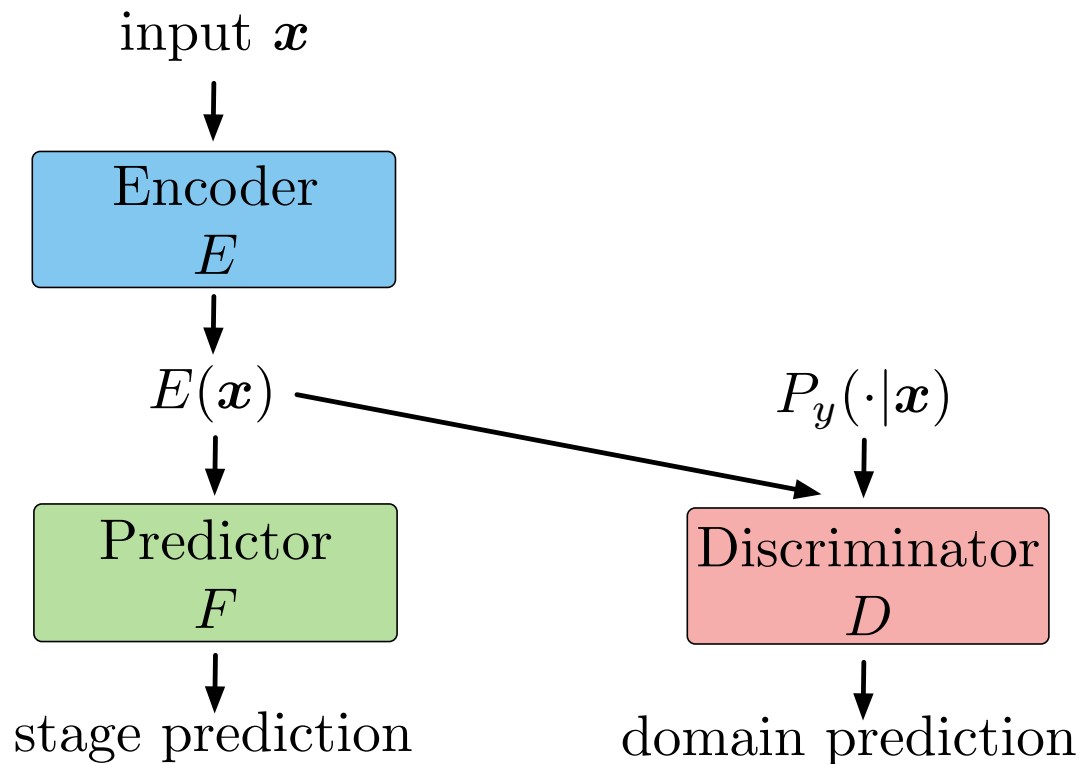
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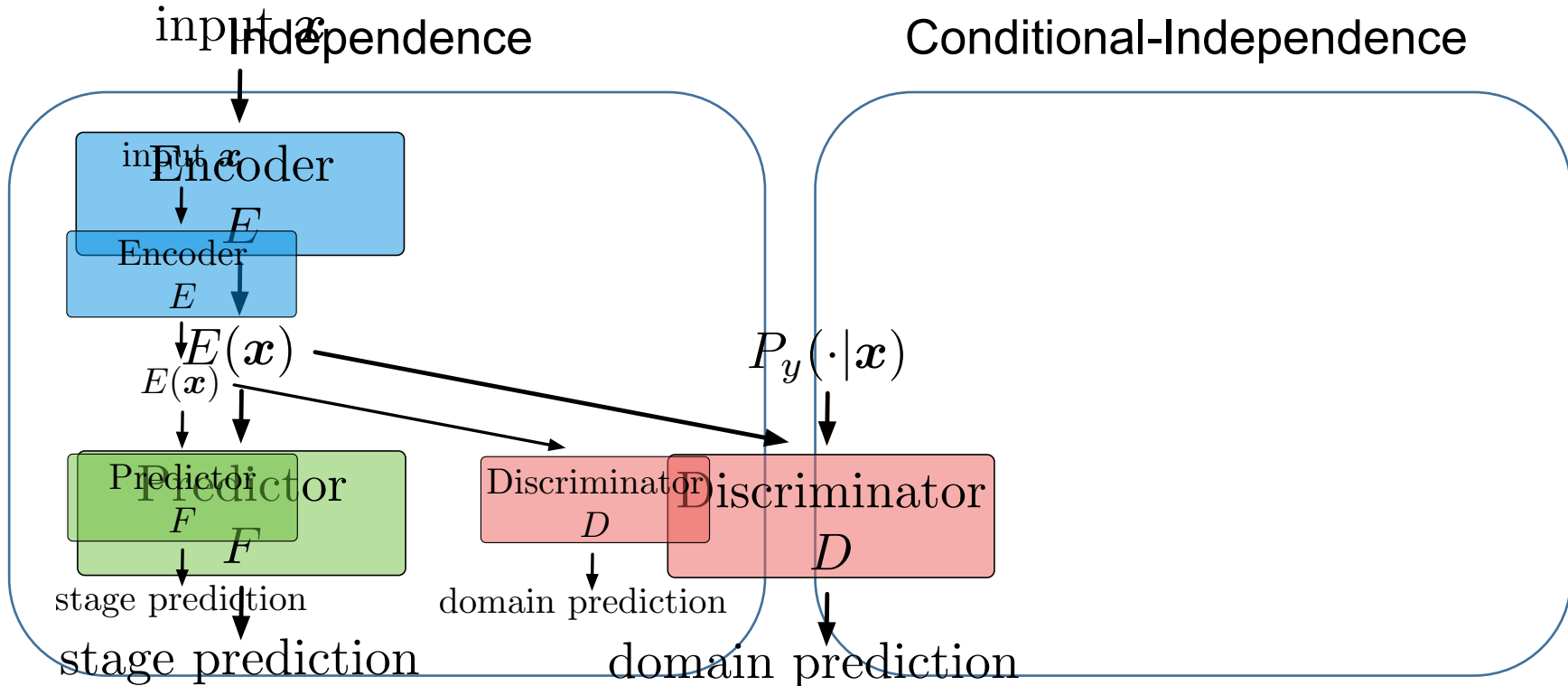
Problem: Discriminator removes both extraneous and useful information



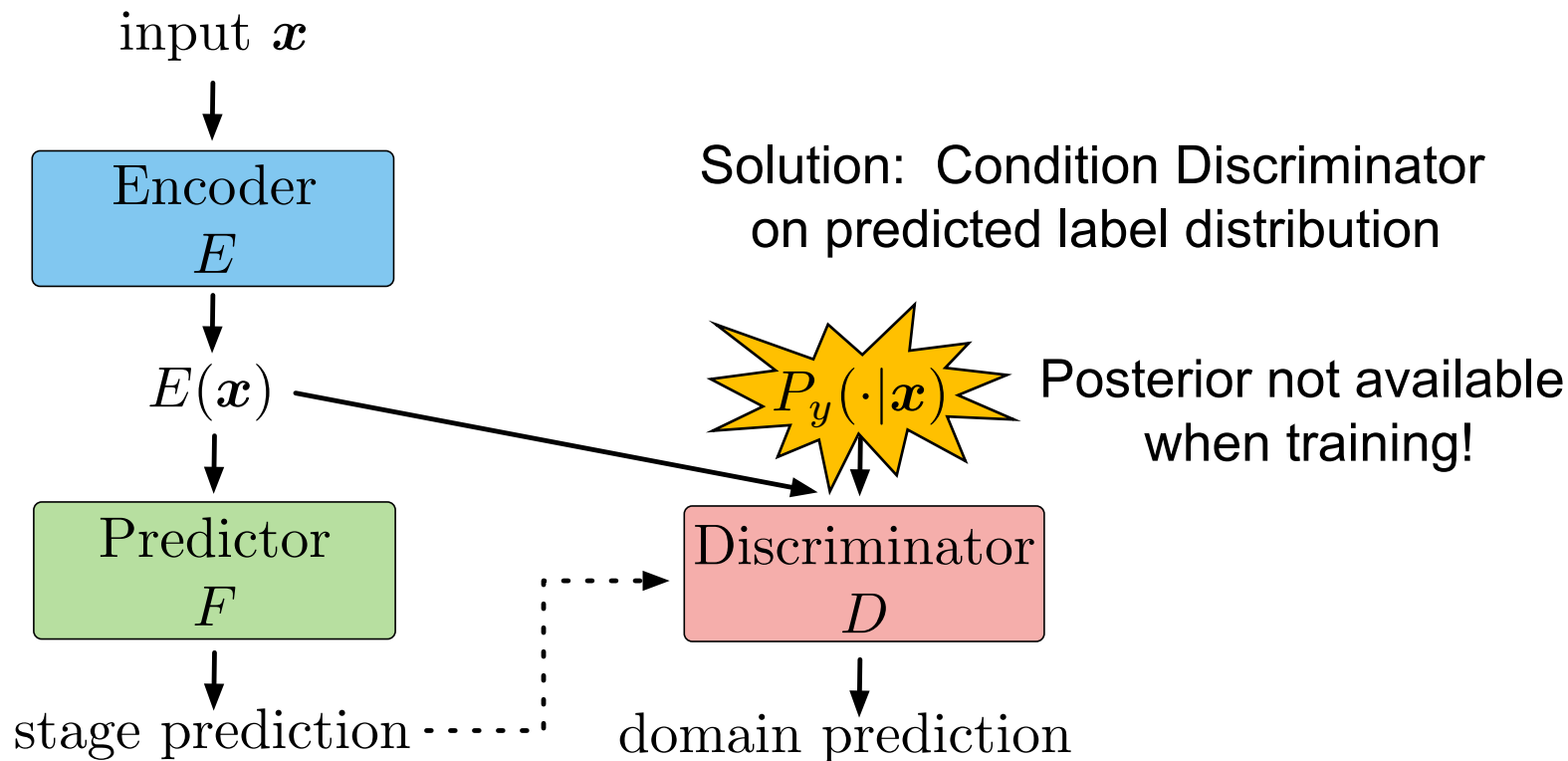
Conditional Adversary



Role of Adversary



Does it work?



It Works

Theorem (informal): Given enough capacity, the encoder at equilibrium **discards all extraneous information** specific to domains, while **retaining the relevant information** for the predictive task.

Evaluation

- 25 different bedrooms and 100 nights
- Ground-truth: FDA-approved EEG-based sleep profiler provides sleep stage labels
- ~90k 30-second pairs of RF measurements and corresponding sleep stages



Accuracy

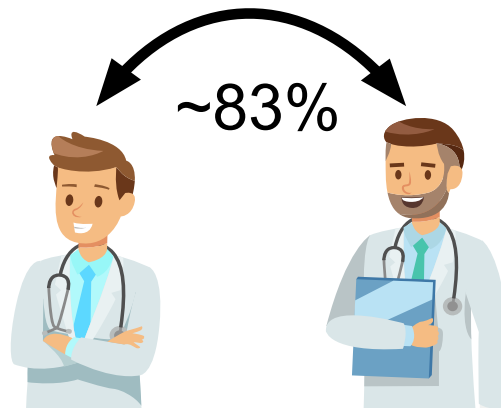
Accuracy of sleep lab
Inter-rater agreement: 83%

Our accuracy 79.8%
(Tested on new subjects not in
training, i.e., new domains)

Previous solutions: 64%



Labelling sleep stages is
subjective

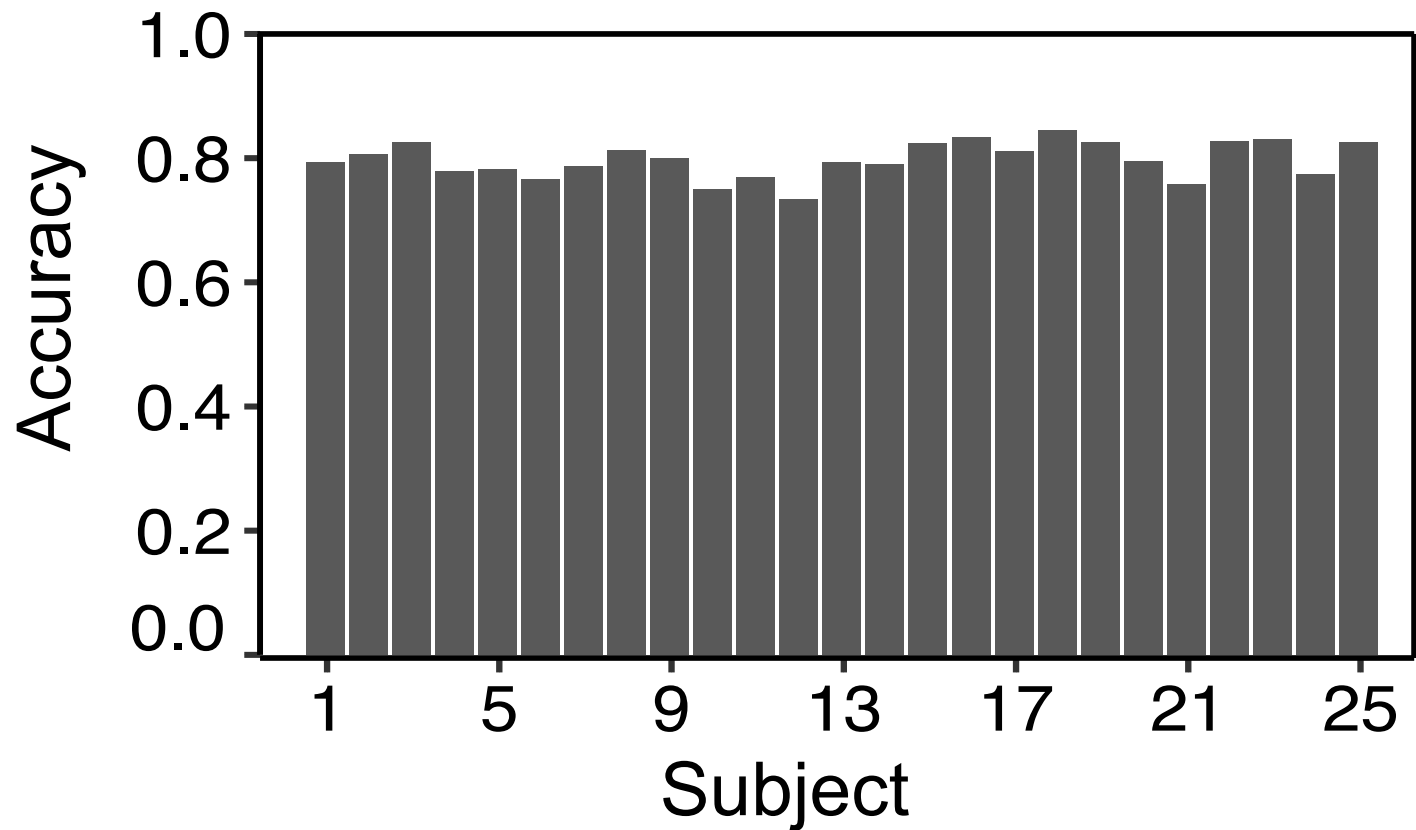


Comparison with Past Work

Average and Cohen's Kappa

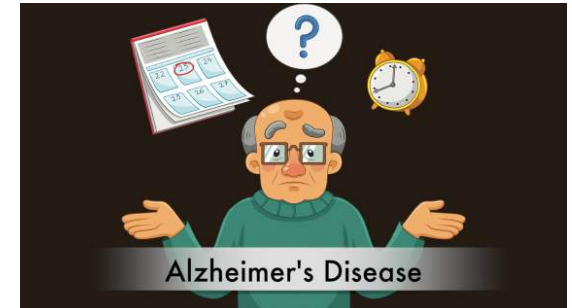
Approach	<i>Accuracy</i>	κ
Tataraidze et al. (2016b)	0.635	0.49
Zaffaroni et al. (2014)	0.641	0.45
Ours	0.798	0.70

Accuracy for Different Subjects (Domains)



Conclusion

Learning sleep stages from wireless signals



Learning Sleep Stages from Radio Signals: A Conditional Adversarial Architecture

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