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# Abstract

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

- What is SDB? Apnea vs Hypopnea? Central vs Obstructive? Mixed apnea hard to detect, therefore not in this study.
- SDB is under-diagnosed (x% of people have it dignosed, expected x% estimated undiagnosed) but has many potential harms.
- AHI and Severity classifications. Just looking at AHI is skewed (FP and FN cancel each other out), so also look at Event-Based metrics (Se, Pr, F1).
- Gold standard for detecting it is PSG but it's very obstructive and expensive.
- Results [1] from others.
- Goal is to use an easy to setup finger PPG sensor for this task. As single-night Recordings might not be representative, an unobstrusive way could help.
- Results from others that use only PPG.
- Structure of this work.

# Chapter 2

## Methods

### 2.1 Dataset

- Explain MESA (what Patients, how did they record the nights, ...)
- Statistical analysis (Count, Age, ...)
- Scorings from SOMNOLYZER (OSA, HYP, ...)
- Kappa between NSRR and SOMNOLYZER
- Use predicted Hypnogram (maybe?) and their Kappa

### 2.2 Preprocessing

- PPG [256Hz], SpO2 [1Hz], Hypnogram [1Hz]
- For PPG: Statistical Analysis, Denoising, VAE?, Conv-Block

### 2.3 Model Architecture

- U-Net (with PPG Conv-Block), Batch-Norm, Attention, ...
- Output: Detection at 1Hz - Event vs No Event
- TODO Next model then classifies into SDB classes

### 2.4 Training and Evaluation

- Training Parameters (Optimizer, LR, BS, ...) and Setup (Machines, ...)

- Seed and Cross-Validation
- Train on 30min (?) segments. For Testing: Concat 30min Windows with Overlap for full night result.
- Correct results (like Olsen, 10sec minimum event and distance between events)
- Event-based metrics (Se, Pr, F1) and when to count TP, TN, FP, FN
- AHI-based metric (Linear Correlation, Severity Classes, Near-Boundary Double-Classification)

## Chapter 3

# Results

- Baseline Model vs PPG Preprocessing vs Attention Model Results
- Significance of SpO2 and the Hypnogram (No SpO2/Hypnogram, Only PPG Baseline Model)
- AHI correlations and Severity class results

## Chapter 4

# Discussion

- Discussion and Implications (Is this way applicable in the real world)
- Limitations
- Further work



## Chapter 5

# Conclusion

- Summerization of paper
- Significance of work
- Outlook

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