



# Using **EEG** for Emotion Experience **Design** in TV Commercials

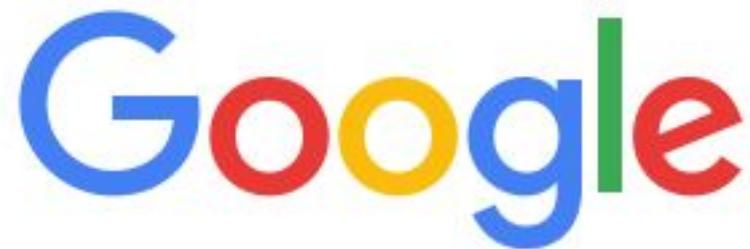
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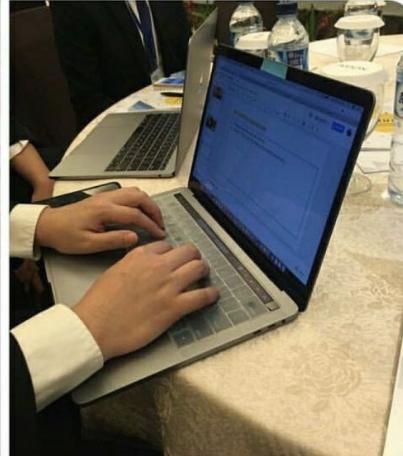
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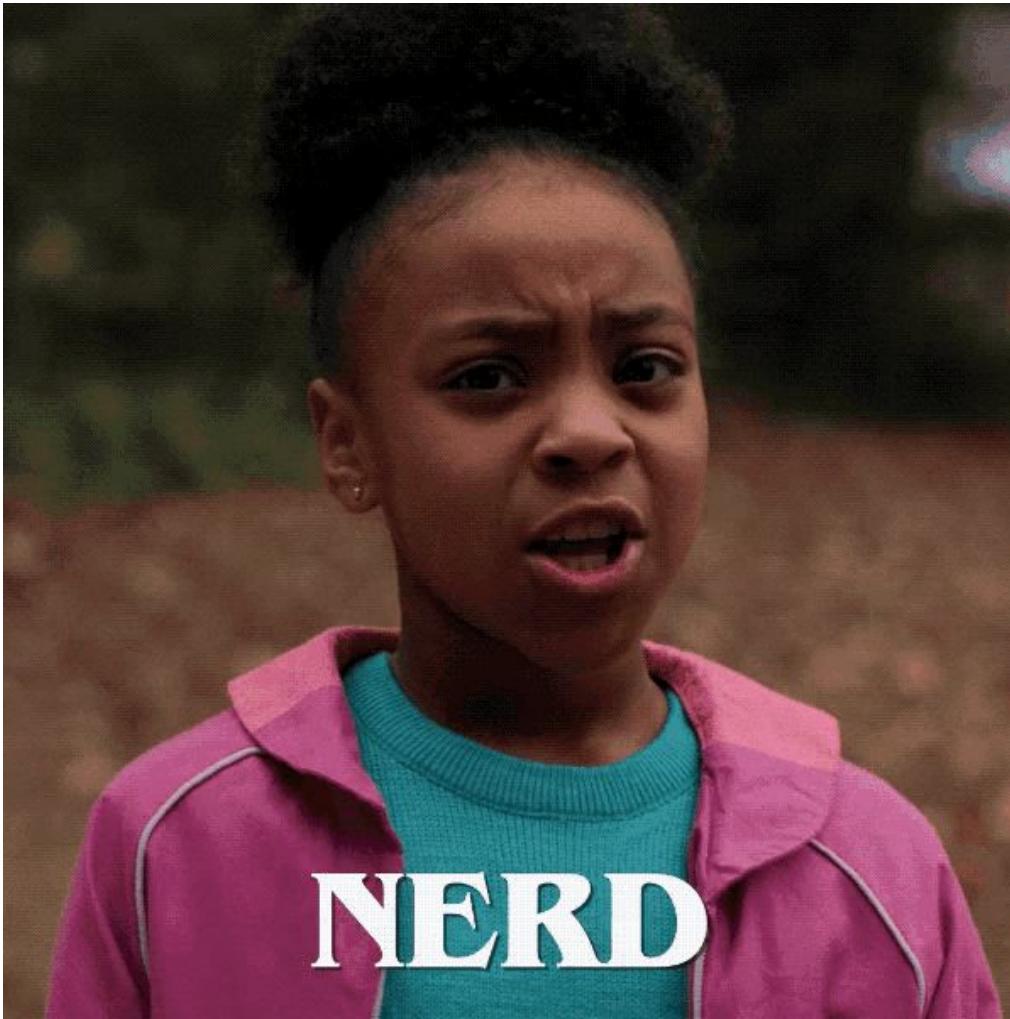


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# TV Commercials and the industry

- TVC airtime is paid by the second; usually expensive
- Most TVC's are from 30 to 45 seconds in length
- Most dandruff commercials would include the “scalp” scene
- Marketing teams do qualitative testing through structured interviews after TVC viewing
- Each interview lasts around 30 to 45 minutes per respondent.
- Conversion is measured directly-attributable sales from TVC's

# On viewing experiences

- Filipinos usually watch as a family
- Current TVC's in the PH setting elicit certain emotions which we call "feels"
- Most product conversions take place after watching TV commercials
- TV Commercials are more likely to appear on shows during prime time

# Four ideas to take from this report



## BIG BUDGETS DELIVER BIG PROFITS

Judges of this year's Creative Effectiveness Awards deliberately focused on campaigns that could show they had delivered a profit for their brands. This emphasis, which was less pronounced in 2015, has had an impact on the types of campaign doing well in the competition. The result, Jury President Andrew Robertson adds, is a far more 'traditional' set of winners than in some previous years – big brands with big budgets showing high financial returns from their advertising. The Grand Prix winner from UK retailer John Lewis, built around a Christmas TV ad, is a case in point.

## ONLINE LEADS BUT TRADITIONAL MEDIA OVERPERFORM

Arguably, the stronger focus on profit ROI in this year's competition has favoured more tried-and-tested campaign models. Digital media, in particular social media, continue to feature heavily in the campaign mix. Social media is the most widely used channel in the mix, and is also the most widely used lead channel. However, it was a remarkably strong year for 'traditional' channels. TV was the second-biggest 'lead' medium – and TV-led campaigns significantly overperformed among the shortlist and winners. It was also a strong year for radio, outdoor and cinema. It appears that digital-led campaigns, particularly those on a low budget, were less likely to have evidence of a profit ROI.

## EMOTION WORKS WHEN IT AIDS MEMORABILITY

Emotion is once again a widely used creative approach among the winners and shortlisted entries, reflecting the power of emotional appeal to drive business results. A neuroscientific analysis of the Grand Prix winner suggests one reason emotion is so important. The study found that the John Lewis ad's emotional peak coincided with a strong response in terms of memory encoding. In other words, emotional appeal and memorability work together in effective advertising.

## 'REAL-TIME' EFFECTIVENESS IS AN EMERGING CHALLENGE

Effectiveness in this competition is still largely backward-looking – the success of a campaign is measured after it has run. However, as one judge pointed out, the challenge is increasingly not just being able to prove effectiveness retrospectively, but to identify real-time effectiveness indicators that allow marketers to optimise campaigns as they're running. One way this can work is evident in a Gold-winning campaign from The Economist. This campaign was built around online content and programmatic technology. By seeing what types of content were working with the target audience in real time, it was able to evolve the strategy during the campaign.

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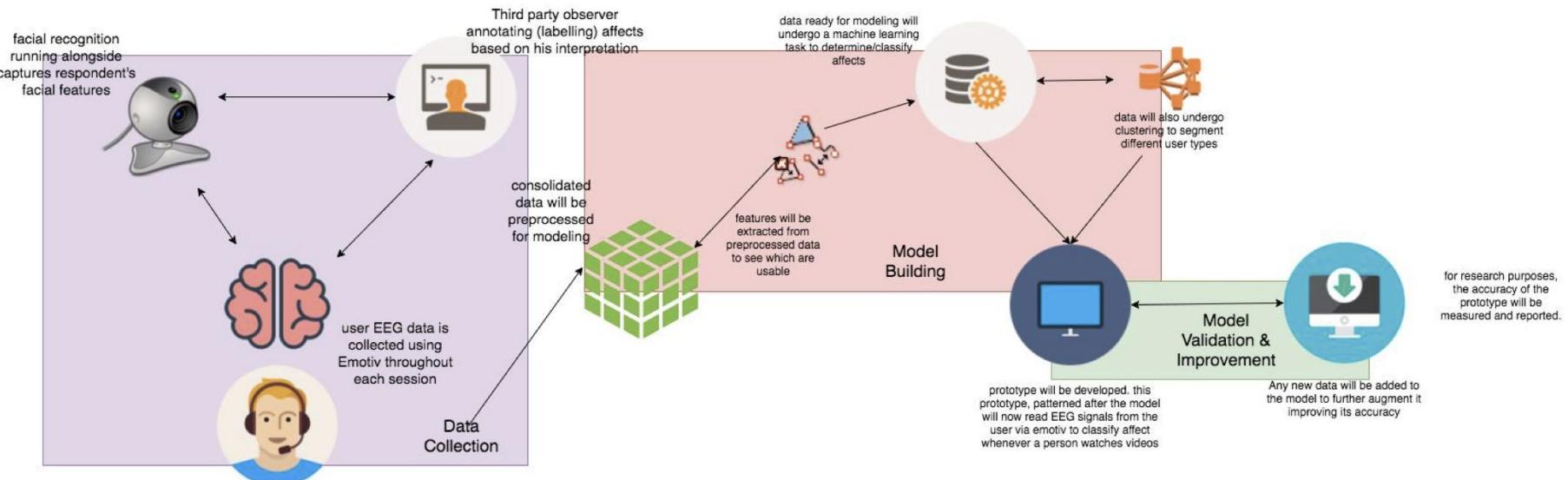
# How might we use EEG emotion models to measure TV viewer experience?

How might we train a computer model to help us determine if a certain scene elicits the intended emotion?

How might we extract patterns and observations from these viewer experiences to turn them into actionable insights?

# Objectives

- Build a data set from EEG data to **model** emotions such as (1) calm, (2) disgust, (3) excited, (4) kilig, (5) angry and (6) neutral
- Use emotion models to **measure** if certain scenes in a video elicits such emotions to its viewers
- Interpret these data into **actionable insights** that producers and business can use for their commercial campaign (**data-inspired creativity**)



Respondent is shown 5-10 30-second clips in one session. Repeat for at least 10 sessions

# Two Phases

## Model Building

- Data Collection
- Emotion Labelling/Detection
- Data Cleaning
- Model Training
- Model Implementation

## Affective Testing

- Individual Viewing Sessions
- Structured Interviews
- Post-Interview Discussions
- Insights Analysis

# Model Building

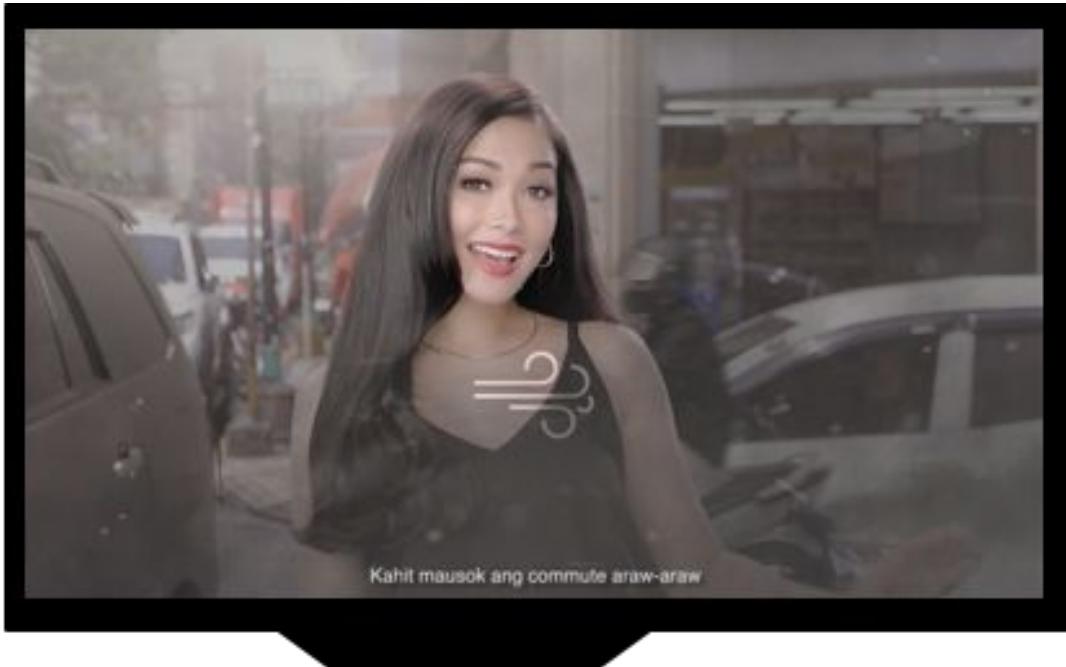
- Participants were asked to watch video clips that showed “calm”, “exciting” and “disgusting” scenes

# Participants

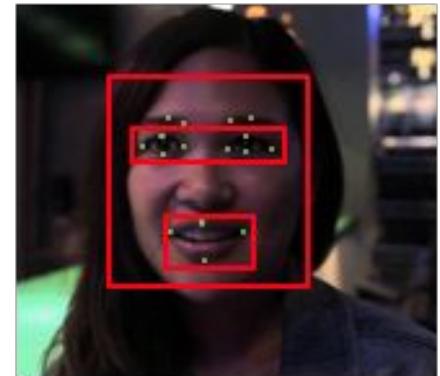
- 10 males aged 18-31 recruited for model building
- 30 males aged 18-31 recruited for affective testing
- Half of testers were users of a specific shampoo product
- The other half of testers were not







Emotion detection through facial  
recognition





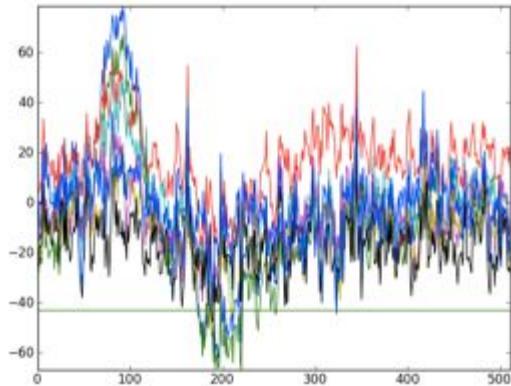
Use EEG headsets from Emotiv (Insight and EPOC) to read peoples emotions through the analysis of the signals that their brains emit



Researchers manually encode and annotate moment by moment emotion responses of participants during tests

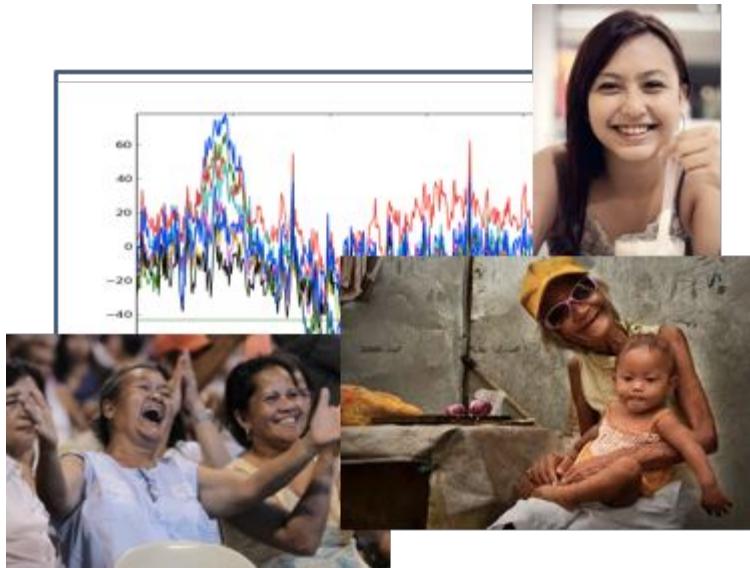


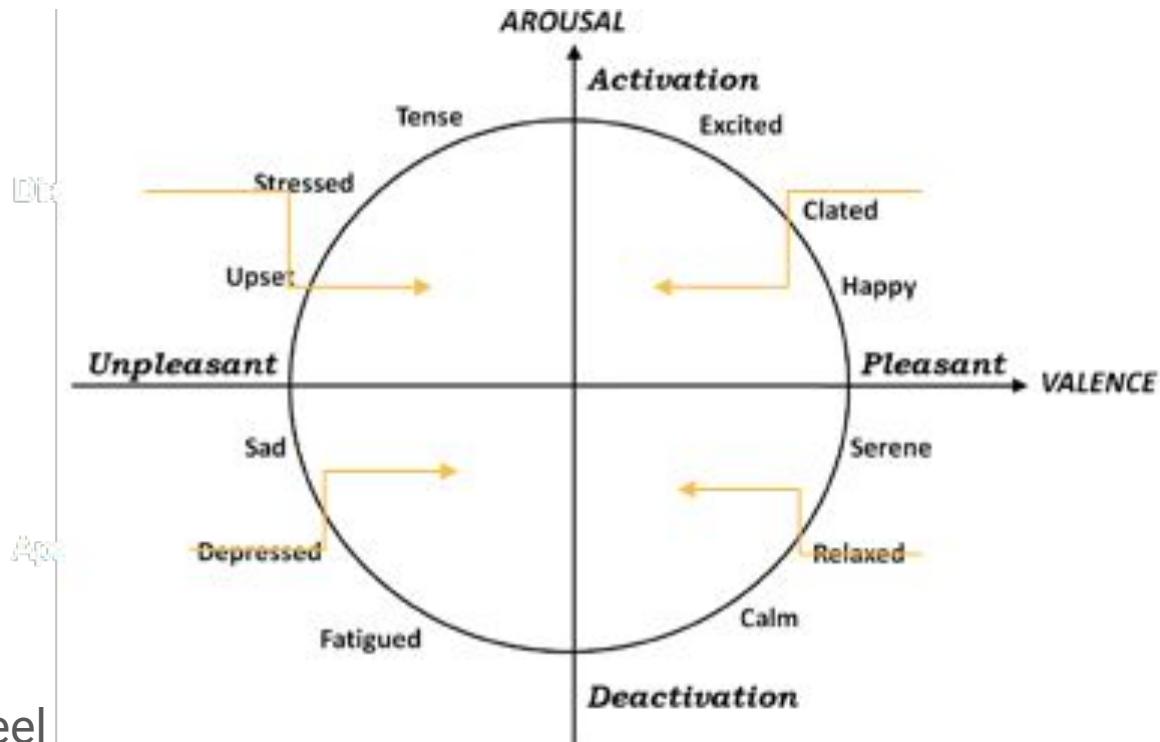
Emotion was labelled using three approaches: (1) capturing EEG signals, (2) use of facial recognition and (3) observer coder



Using EMOTIV's Xavier, we get to look at the raw signals and process them from the five signals namely Pz, AF3, AF4, T7 and T8

In this study, we got to label based on 3 affects/emotions: Calm, Excited and Disgust (to cover at least positive and negative arousal and valence values)





Plutchik's wheel

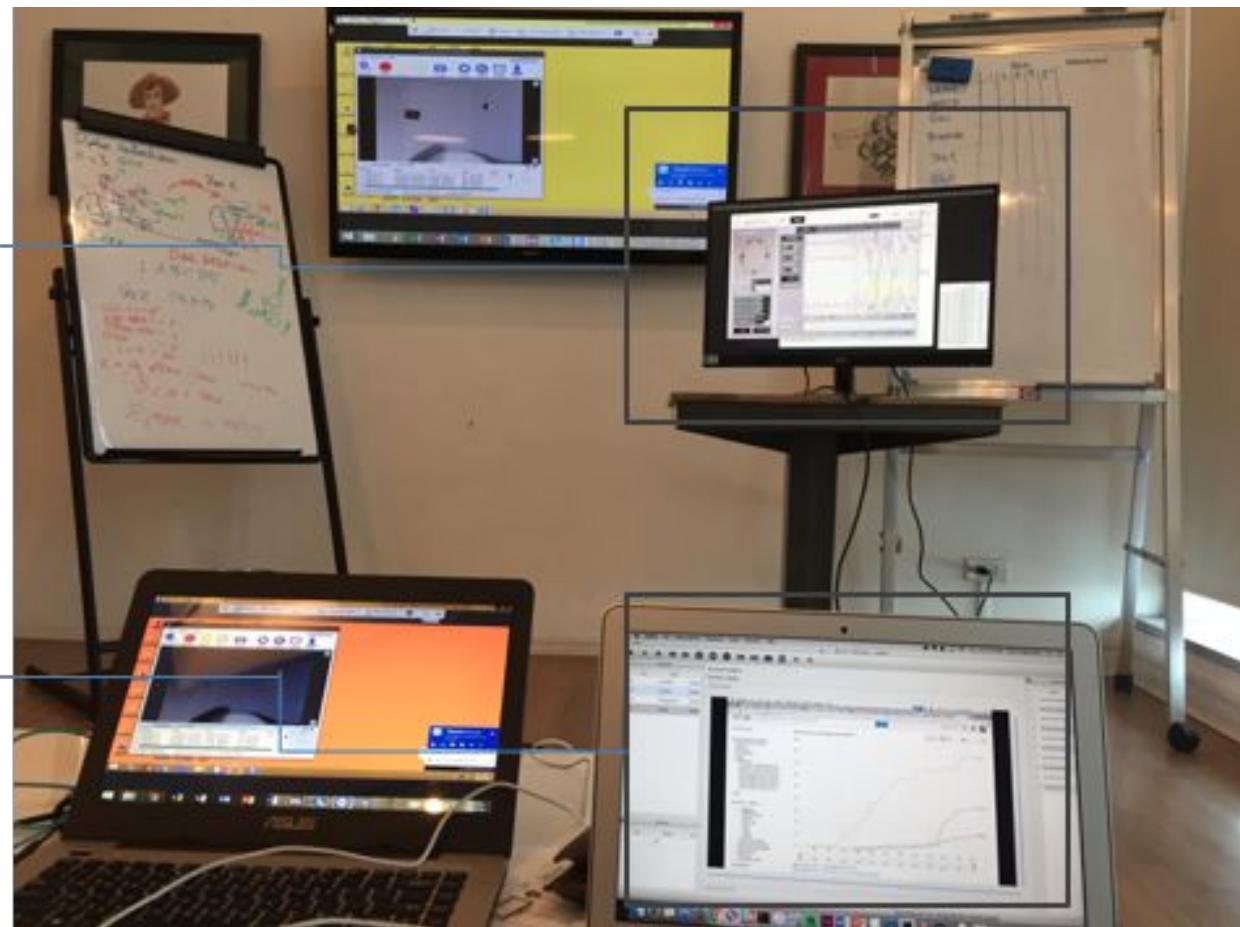
Tools Used in Model Creation Initial Data Collection:

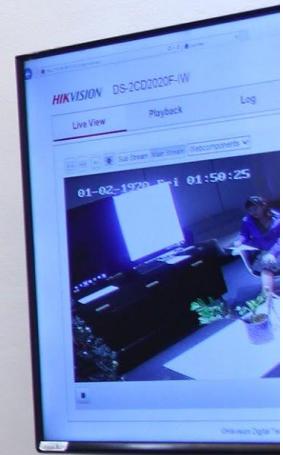
**Emotiv Xavier** – Output for raw EEG visualization

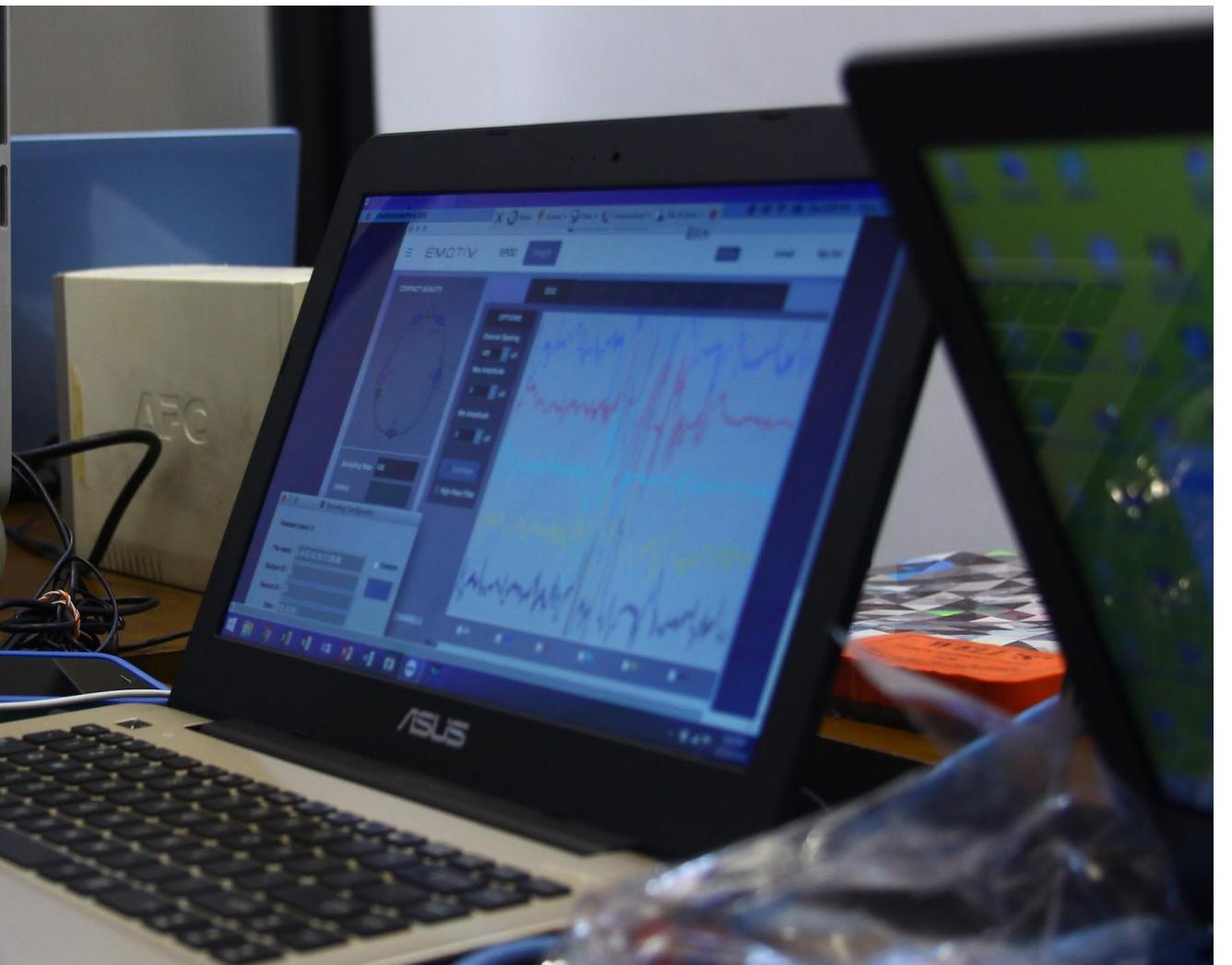
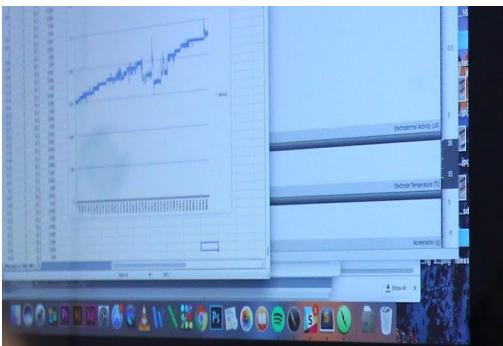
**NuWorks EEG Reader/Interpreter**  
– Data reader in partnership with DLSU COMET

**BORIS** – Behavioral Observation Research Interactive Software from the University of Turin, Italy.

An event logging software for video/audio coding that is open-source





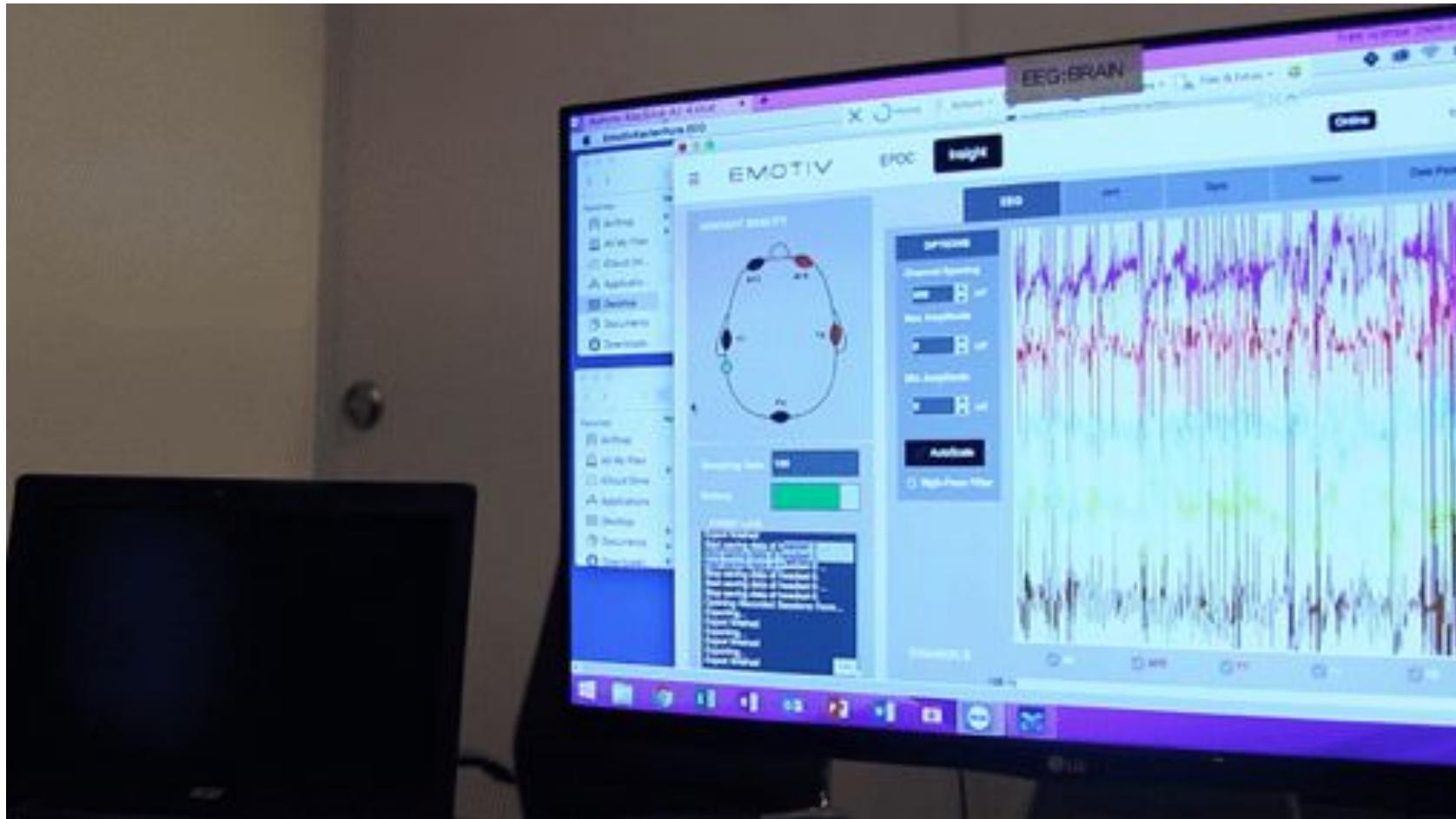


3-C untaggable

EE findings  
PE white coat  
PE positive recruitment  
PE pulse irregular  
  
HR of the day  
HR is expected to return to normal  
  
Intraoperative findings  
HR deceleration  
HR arrhythmias  
HR Bradycardia  
HR arrhythmia  
HR bradycardia  
HR arrhythmia  
HR tachycardia  
  
EE findings  
Sp - rapid  
Pr - dropped  
Ca - steady  
TG - pulse irregular  
  
PL PE ATW: FDS @ 10:44AM CP? NO GSR  
PL PE ATW RER @ 11:54AM PLAN  
GSR  
FCG  
RRM @ 12:20PM only early GS  
rest  
  
Systolic blood pressure 200mm Hg  
A steady GS  
Systolic blood pressure 190mm Hg









## EEG Findings

DC definite calm  
PE probable excitement  
PD probable disgust

ATW all the way

AE as expected (no certain response)

GSR findings  
Sp - spiked  
Dr - dropped  
St - steady

## Interview Findings

DIS discomfort  
NER nervous  
REL relaxed

ANN annoyed  
LAU laughted/laughed  
SMI smiled  
CON concentratting



F - frequent  
A - always  
H - hardly  
R - rarely  
U - unusual

C - continuous

How we annotated user responses during affective testing

### Big findings

DC - whole code  
SE - public interface  
TD - private design

Are all the way  
to be exposed (in certain cases)

### GOF findings

Sp - speed  
Dr - dropped  
St - sturdy

5 - it's great  
3 - it's unstoppable

P1 DC ATW TDS @ DASH ⚡ ND.GSR

P2 DC ATW RNR & RSR  
PLAN ND.GSR

ND.GSR

P3 DC ATW RREL @ T-SR only early GSR

\* PD KE correct

P4 PD AE @scd RREL @ T-SR already GSR ND.GSR

\* DC

P5 PTD.METHOD  
ME DC ADG first  
unstoppable

ADG

ADG  
advice  
clear  
GSR.PTDR.GSR  
PDA.GSR.GSR v3

### 261RLS

P6 DC.GSR.RNR.BR.GSR  
DC.METHOD.PRS  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P7 DC.GSR.RNR.BR.GSR  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P8 DC.GSR.RNR.BR.GSR  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P9 DC.GSR.RNR.BR.GSR  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P10 DC.GSR.RNR.BR.GSR  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P11 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3  
BUND.NORME.SECURE  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P12 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P13 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P14 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P15 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P16 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P17 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

P18 DC.METHOD.PRS  
VALUING.RNR.v3

## 26 GIRLS

P6 DC@COOL Rcong @2:38  
DC:ATW@V2 FDIS  
valence increase @ "dandruff"  
valence drop @V2 (5s)

P7 DC@V1 ATW RNEV  
@negative valence  
@parts not liked  
AXEV  
CSR  
glutamin  
attract dirt V3  
unstopable V3  
motorcycle V3

P8 DC@TW  
definite relieved @ clean  
DC@V2  
PD@dirt V3

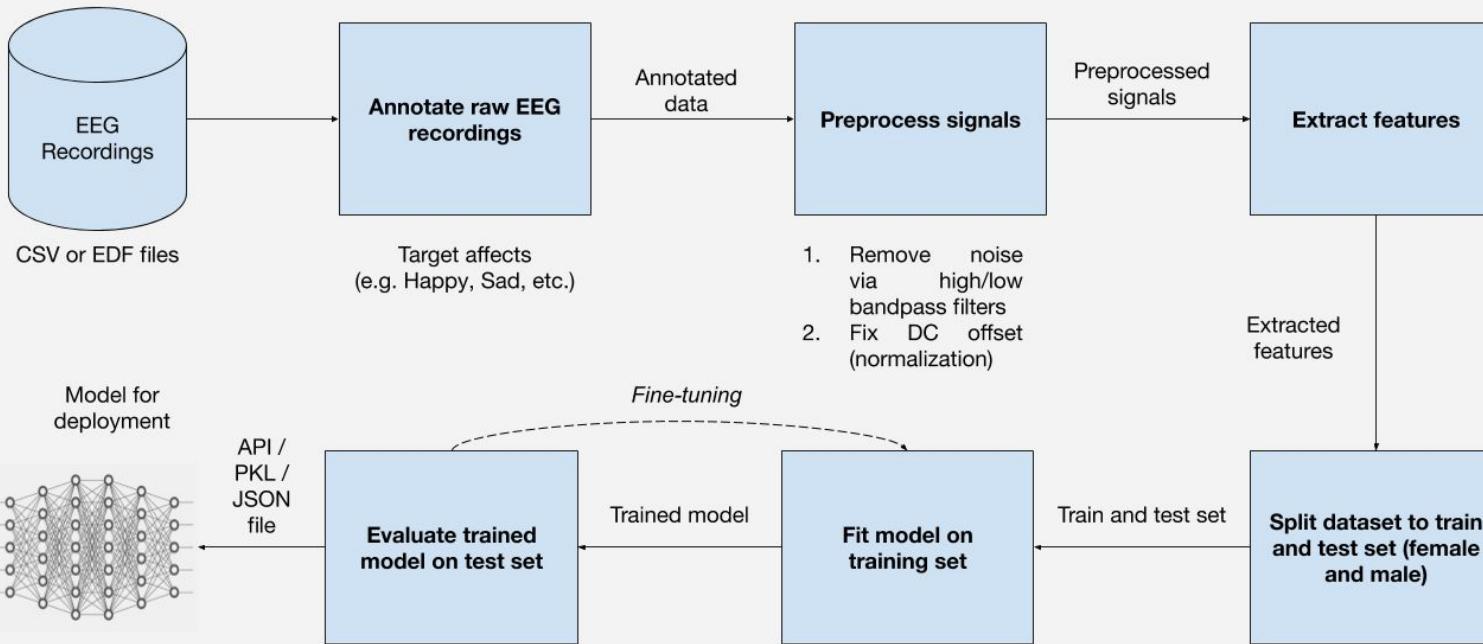
P10 DC@ATW V1  
almost flat/jagged  
AF

↑↑ DC ATW@V2  
+spiking segment HEM NGR  
PE@V8 +char by extension  
predict what  
to do with dirt @V2





# NuWorks DeepDive Model Improvement

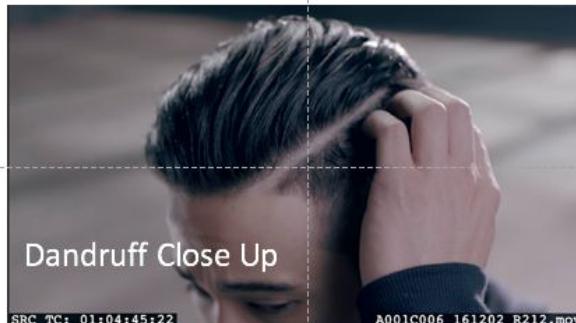


1. Apply FFT to raw time series data to get frequency features
2. Extract further statistical features such as the mean, standard deviation, min, max, etc.
3. Re-annotate new features

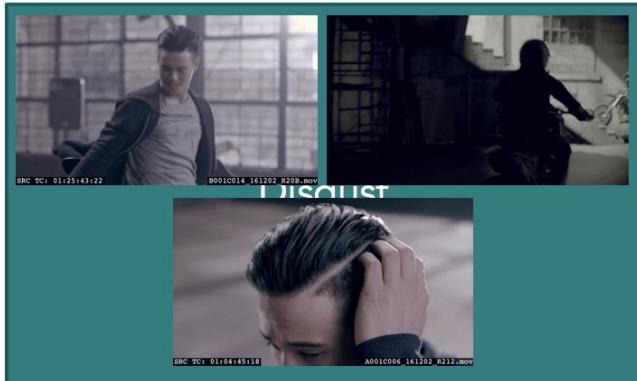
## Results: Insights from User emotions during testing

- We were able to identify which scenes had high/low valence and arousal values based from the EEG data of participants in the affective testing stage
- We could confirm how certain visual elements can be tagged with certain affects
- User insights from EEG can be used to accelerate the Rapid Content Prototyping stages in the Media Production

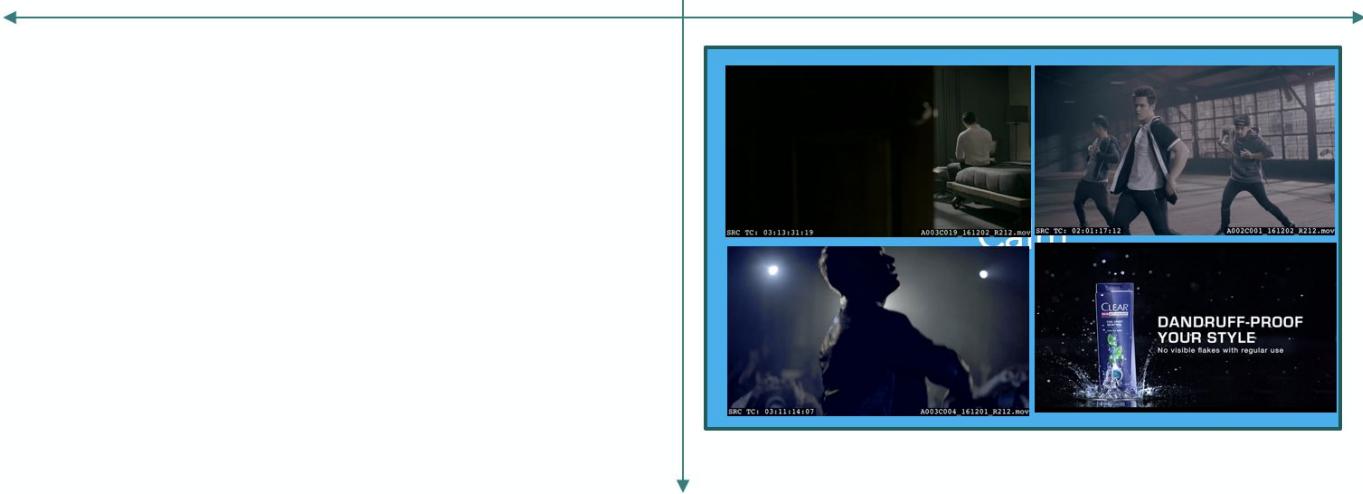
Bedroom



# Arousal



# Valence





# Sample scene analysis: Bike scene

Avg. Valence: 1.024 (high)

Avg. arousal: 0.512 (high)

Affect: Possible  
Excitement

Pocket recommendation:  
**keep**

Notes: confirms interest  
for bicycles

EEG values display 30%  
spike of values on arousal  
for the next 3 seconds  
from this scene



SRC TC: 01:18:27:03

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# Sample scene analysis: Enrique dance

Avg valence: 1.01 (high)

Avg arousal: 0.481 (low)

Affect: Definite Calm

Pocket recommendation:  
**don't**

Notes: EEG values 2 seconds before and 2 seconds after hardly changed (also for most selected scenes from 15s videos)



SRC TC: 02:01:18:08

A002C001\_161202\_R212.mov

# Sample scene analysis: scalp scene

Avg. Valence: 0.998 (low)

Avg. Arousal: 0.5101  
(high)

Affect: Probable Disgust

Pocket recommendation:  
**keep**

Notes:

Some participants  
remembered dandruff on  
this scene even there was  
none as this was unedited



SRC TC: 01:04:46:11

A001C006\_161202\_R212.mov



**UNSTOPPABLE**  
**DANDRUFF-FREE FRESHNESS**

no visible flakes with regular use



The Future

No visible hair loss with regular use

# Conclusion

- We were able to produce a model that can detect 3 affects from EEG data of users during their viewing experiences
- Quals by marketing were augmented by the implemented model especially on cases where interviews failed to extract certain insights
- Rapid Content Prototyping process in Ad Agencies are expedited with the use of our model
- Certain visual elements can be associated with emotions (but these can be very culturally-specific)

## Future Work

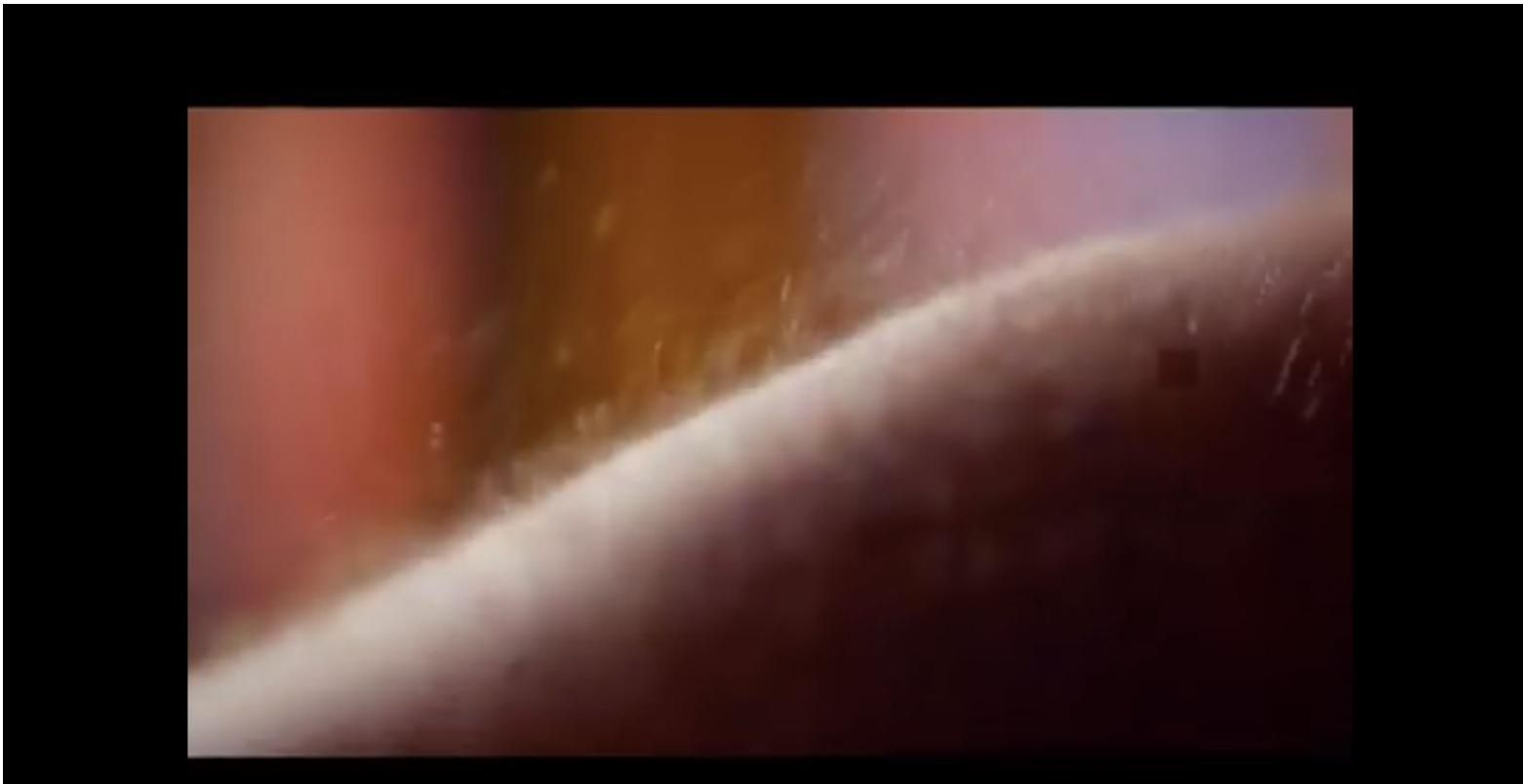
- Increase the number of affects it can detect from 3 to 7
- Increase participant number for model building
- Cover unusual affects like “kilig”
- Design affective experiments towards measuring conversion rate in advertising

# CloseUP #CloserThanEver Indonesia vs Philippines





**“Kilig” scene which is only shown in the PH version**





Planes **dont** flap their wings to fly, but  
birds **dont** take off from trees either...

A car can **run faster** than a  
cheetah but it can **never climb**  
a tree..



# Resources:

- Check out <https://github.com/jrdndj/techtalkslides>
- Website: <https://jrdndj.github.io>



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