



7th ABC  
Challenge



# Beyond Smile

A Challenge on Detecting Depression through Facial Behavior and Head  
Gestures

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# Agenda

- Introduce challenge goal and background
- Data collection app and its working mechanism
- Challenge tutorial
- Challenge pipeline
- Challenge evaluation guidelines
- Q&A

# Challenge Goal

To *Detect* Depressive Episode with Facial Behavior and Head Gesture

# Depression Prevalence

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), about **280 million** people worldwide suffer from depression, making it one of the leading causes of disability globally

# Impact of Depression on Society

**Economic burden of depression and its impact on workplace productivity**



**Social stigma and discrimination**



**Impact on family relationships**



**Exacerbation of social inequalities**





**FacePs**  
**y**



# How FacePsy Collects Data?

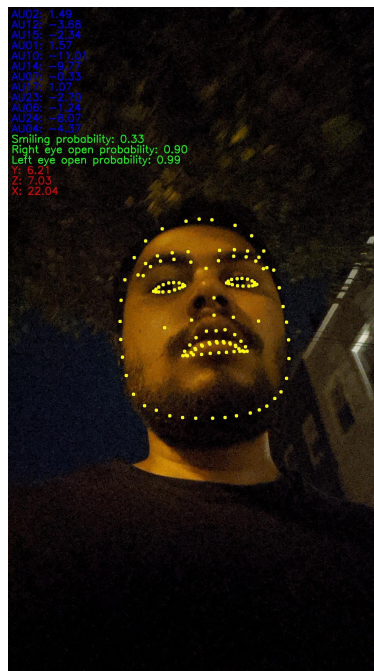
- FacePsy runs on user device in background once installed
- Triggers data collection when users **unlock phones** or **use apps**.
- Data is collected for only for first 10 seconds when the trigger initiated
- Unobtrusively captures **facial behavior primitives** during natural smartphone interactions
- Features Collected: 12 AU, 1 Smile, 2 Eye open, 3 Pose, and 133 landmark points



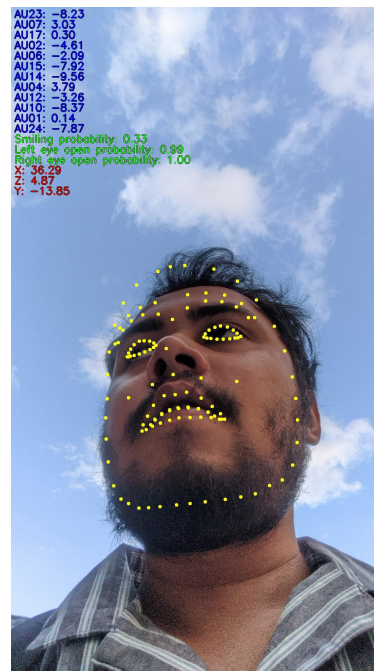
# Examples of Feature Visualization Collected from FacePsy



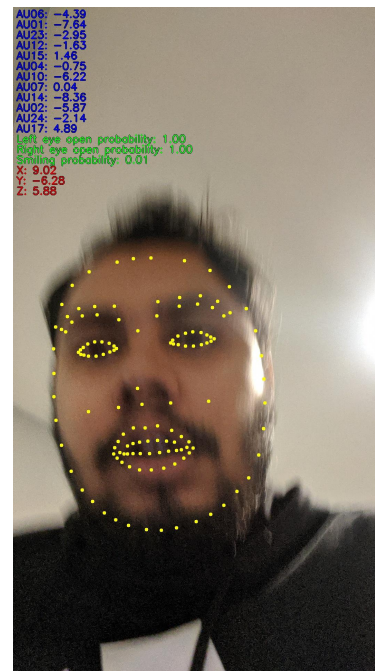
Indoor, Bright  
light, Seated



Outdoor, Night,  
Low lighting,  
Walking



Outdoor, Day,  
Walking

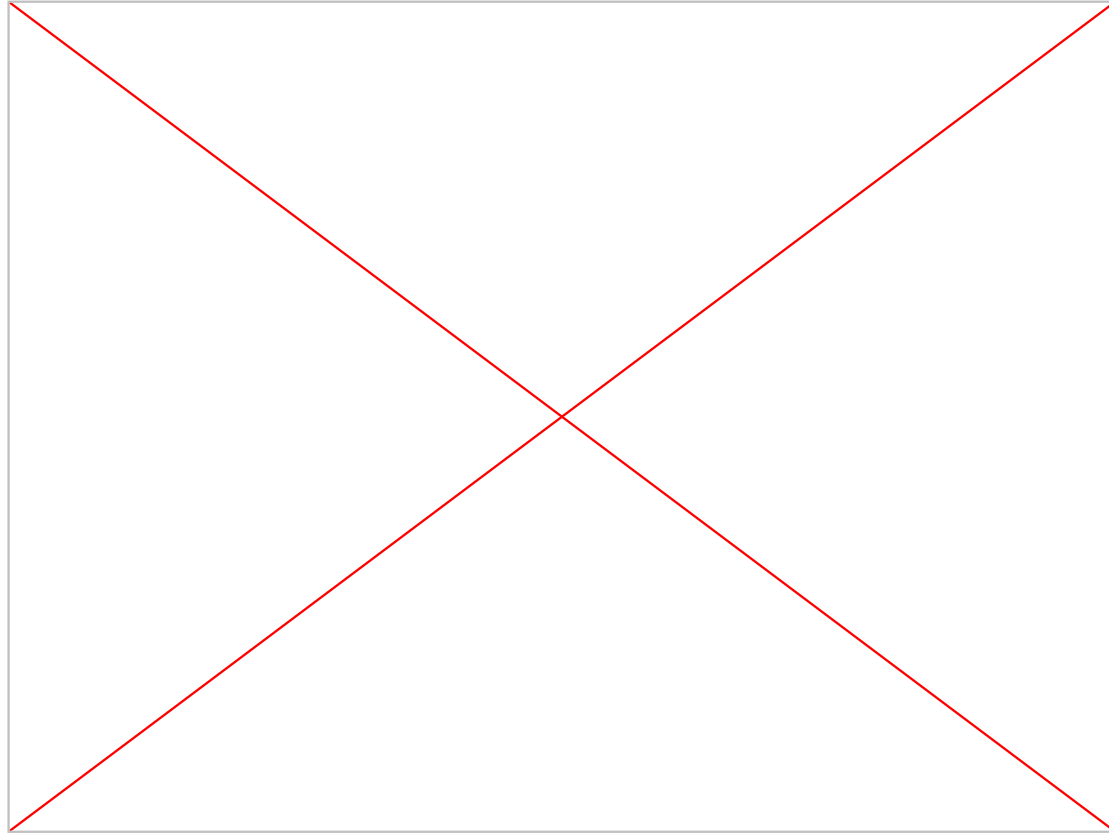


Indoor, Blurred,  
Changing position



# Tutorial

## Visualization of Data Collection in a Session (identified by seq\_id)



# Dataset Structure

**No. of Participants: 25, Age Range: 18 - 48 years**

```
dataset/
├── data/
│   ├── P08.json
│   ├── P10.json
│   ├── ...
│   └── P38.json
└── groundtruth/
    └── phq9.csv
```

# Challenge Pipeline

Sensing



Feature Engineering



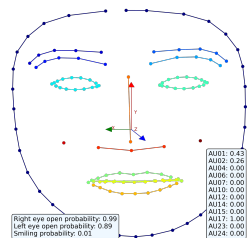
Label



Machine Learning



Validation



FacePsy running in the background

Upon app use or unlock, 10 second photo burst data collection, features extracted

*Your Proposed Feature Engineering*

**Features Available**

12 AU, 1 Smile, 2 Eye open, 3 Pose, 133 landmark points and others

Depressive Episode

Classification

+  
PHQ-9  $\geq 5$

-  
PHQ-9  $< 5$

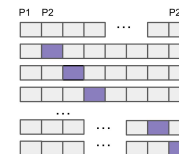
Two-week PHQ-9 based depression labeling

Legend: - negative class + positive class

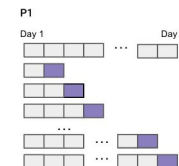
*Build your proposed depressive episode detection model*



Universal model



Hybrid model



Train Test

  
*You are here*

# Evaluation Guidelines

The evaluation involves building models to predict depressive episodes using the dataset. There are two evaluation approaches:

1. **Universal Model:**

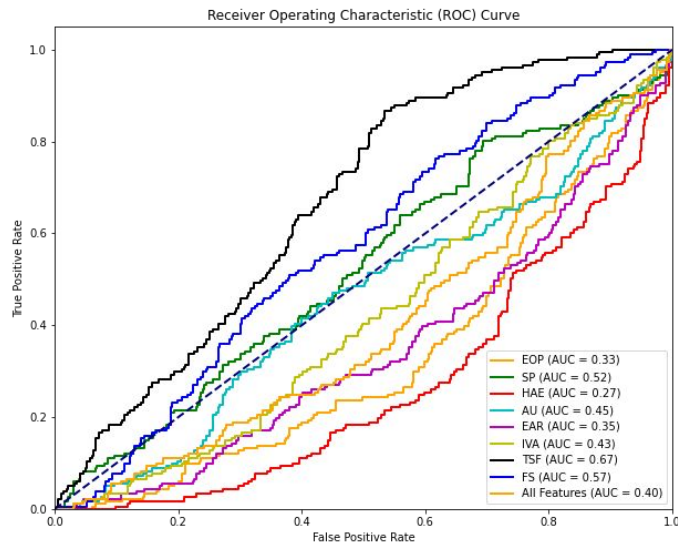
- Train a single model using all participant data.
- Use leave-one-participant-out (LOPO) cross-validation.
- Evaluate using metrics like AUROC, Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1 Score.

2. **Hybrid Model:**

- Combine user-specific data with general data for training.
- Use nested cross-validation (e.g., leave-one-participant-day-out with time-series awareness).
- Focus on personalized depression detection while maintaining generalizability.

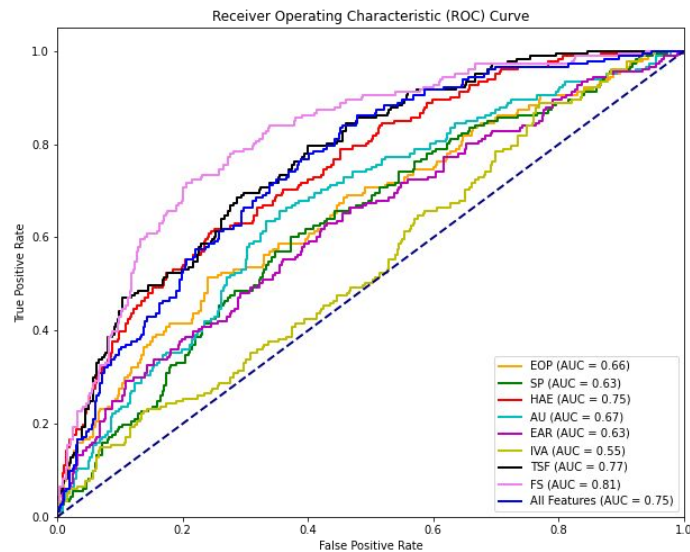
Challenge Participants Submission Evaluated on: **AUC Score**

# Baseline Performance



## Universal Model

Baseline model: TSF w/ 0.67 AUC



## Hybrid Model

Baseline model: FS w/ 0.81 AUC



# Q & A



# Organizers



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An aerial photograph of a soccer field with a large red 'CS' logo in the center. The field is surrounded by a brick stadium with tiered seating filled with spectators. In the background, a wide river flows between two dense urban areas with numerous skyscrapers. The sky is clear and blue.

Thank you