Forecasting stress from wearable devices

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Presentation Outline

- Business Problem
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The Problem

HealthOn is focused on improving the health of users through the development of wearable device technology





The Solution

Create model that forecasts stressful state in users



NORMAL



STRESS

Users forecasted to be in a stressful state will be given recommendations to mitigate the stress

- Breathing exercises
- Phone a friend
- Move to a new space



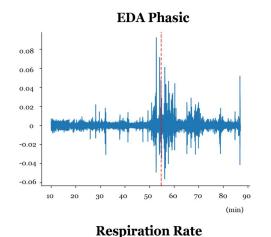
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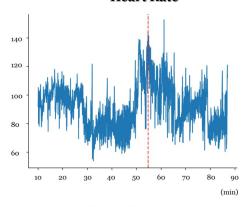
- WESAD (Wearable Stress and Affect Detection) Data Set
- Physiological data measured on the wrist and chest of 15 subjects
- 90 minutes of baseline, amusement, meditation, and stressful conditions
- Physiological data is correlated with stress:
 - Heart rate
 - Sweating
 - Respiration

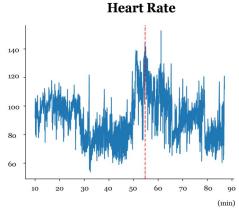


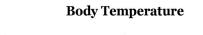


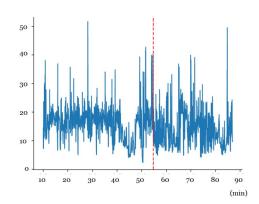
Physiological Data Used in Model Fitting

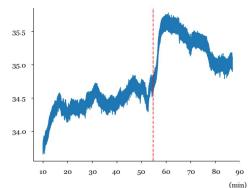










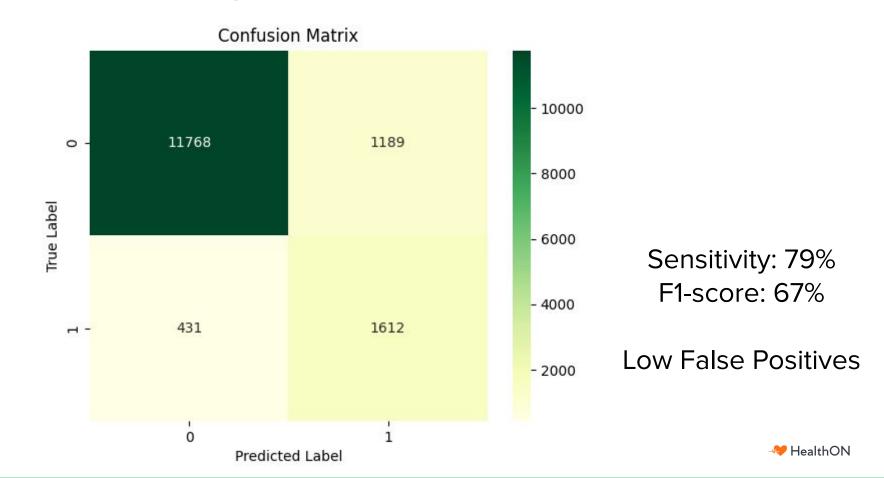


Features extracted from the raw data

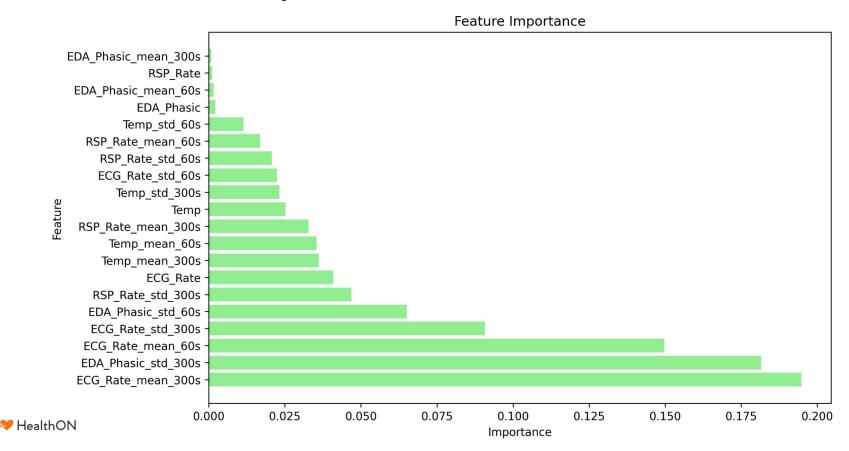
- Red line indicates when the stressful condition begins
- Phasic EDA is rapid change in the skin conductance from sweating
- Statistical feature extraction for 1-min and 5-min intervals was done all each



Model 11 using Random Forest is the best model



Feature Importance from best model



Recommendations

1. Enhance Feature Measurement

The design of the next generation of HealthON devices should focus on measuring physiological features that have high causality with stress, such as electrodermal activity and heart rate

2. Expand Data Collection

Leverage HealthON users data to expand and create a diverse dataset

3. Focus on Stressful Data Collection

Prioritize data collection during high-stress situations or and different stress related events

4. Continuous Model Improvement

Refine and enhance the learning models as new data is collected



Thank you!

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