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Prerequisites for Affective Signal Processing (ASP)

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Introduction

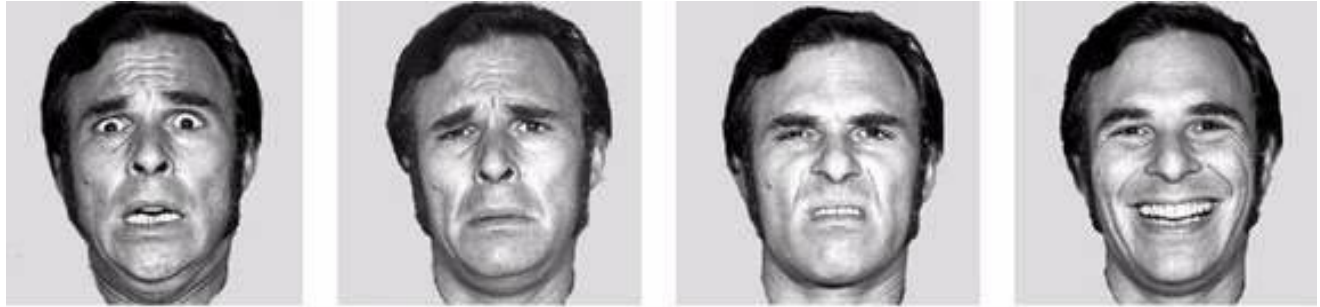
- Why ASP?:
 - Affect has major impact on health and cognition
 - Enhance man-machine communication
 - The path to true artificial intelligence (?)
- Three approaches:
 - Facial expressions
 - Speech processing
 - **Physiological signals**
- Why physiological signals?
 - Unobtrusive measurement
 - No social masking



Martin Ouwerkerk et al. (Philips Research)

State-of-the-art: method

1. Affective **state induced**: films, pictures, music, autobiographical recollection, commercials, games, virtual reality, real-world experiences



2. Extraction of broad range of signals and **features**:
 1. Electrodermal activity (EDA): Mean, SD, SCRs
 2. Respiration: Rate, Amplitude
 3. HR, HRV: Rate, RMSSD, Power Bands, RSA
 4. Skin Temperature
 5. EMG: Facial, Back*(review in paper)*
3. Fed to **statistical classification** methods: e.g., ANN, LDA, SVM

State-of-the-art: results

Table 2: A summary of 18 studies that have tried to infer affect from physiological signals.

Information source	Signals	Part	Fea	Sel / Red	Classifiers	Target	Result
(Sinha and Parsons, 1996)	\mathcal{M}	27	18		LDA	2 emotions	86%
(Picard et al., 2001)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{M}$	1	40	SFS, Fisher	LDA	8 emotions	81%
(Scheirer et al., 2002)	C, \mathcal{E}	24	5	Viterbi	HMM	2 frustrations	64%
(Nasoz et al., 2003)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S}$	31	3		kNN, LDA	6 emotions	69%
(Takahashi, 2003)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{B}$	12	18		SVM	6 emotions	42%
(Haag et al., 2004)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{R}$	1	13		MLP	val / aro	90%
(Kim et al., 2004)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S}$	175			SVM	3 emotions	78%
(Lisetti and Nasoz, 2004)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S}$	29			kNN, LDA, MLP	6 emotions	84%
(Wagner et al., 2005)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{M}$	1	32	SFS, Fisher	kNN, LDA, MLP	4 emotions	92%
(Yoo et al., 2005)	C, \mathcal{E}	6	5		MLP	4 emotions	80%
(Choi and Woo, 2005)	\mathcal{G}		3	PCA	MLP	4 emotions	90%
(Healey and Picard, 2005)	$C, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{M}$	9	22	Fisher	LDA	3 stress levels	97%
(Rani et al., 2006)	$C, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{P}$	15	46		kNN, SVM, RT, BN	3 emotions	85%
(Zhai and Barreto, 2006)	$C, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{P}$	32	11		SVM	2 stress levels	90%
(Leon et al., 2007)	C, \mathcal{E}	8	5	DBI	AANN	3 emotions	71%
(Liu et al., 2008)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{M}$	6	35		SVM	3 affect states	83%
(Katsis et al., 2008)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{R}$	10	15		SVM, ANFIS	4 affect states	79%
(Yannakakis and Hallam, 2008)	C, \mathcal{E}	72	20	ANOVA	SVM, MLP	2 fun levels	70%
(Kim and André, in press)	$C, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{R}$	3	110	SBS	LDA	2 fun levels	70%

Notes. Part: the number of participants; Fea: the number of features; Sel / Red: Algorithms used for selection or reduction of features; C : Cardiovascular activity; \mathcal{E} : Electrodermal activity; \mathcal{R} : Respiration; \mathcal{M} : Electromyogram; \mathcal{B} : Electroencephalogram; \mathcal{S} : Skin temperature; \mathcal{P} : Pupil Diameter; MLP: MultiLayer Perceptron; HMM: Hidden Markov Model; RT: Regression Tree; BN: Bayesian Network; AANN: Auto-Associative Neural Network; SVM: Support Vector Machine; LDA: Linear Discriminant Analysis; kNN: k Nearest Neighbors; ANFIS: Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System; DBI: Davies-Bouldin Index; PCA: Principal Component Analysis; SFS: Sequential Forward Selection; SBS: Sequential Backward Selection.

State-of-the-art: results

- Review in paper: recog. rate 42% - 97%
- Results difficult to interpret
 - lack of validity
 - different targets
 - different signals (1 to 5)
 - number of participants (1 to 175)
 - number of days (1 to 21)
- More variability in data and targets >> lower classification performance

• No general standards
• Low performance
• Inconsistent results

ASP's caveats and limitations

- Affective signals are temporally indirect
 - Lag between affective and physiological changes
- Sensors are unreliable:
 - movement artifacts, bodily position, air temperature & humidity
- Sensors are obtrusive
- Many-to-many relationships: noisy
- Physiological and affective time windows variable
- Humans are not linear time invariant
 - Habituation
- Individual differences

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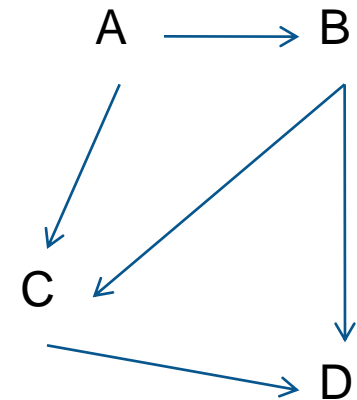
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Prerequisites: Validation

- **Content** validity: degree to which a feature represents construct, or set of features represent all facets of domain
 - E.g.: SCL and emotion (weak) or arousal (strong)
- **Criteria-related** validity: reliability and resolution of measurement
 - E.g.: more affective states discriminated > higher validity
- **Construct** validity: theoretical grounding of construct of interest
 - E.g.: difference between emotions and moods
- **Ecological** validity: context of measurements
 - E.g.: natural affect events are sparse, affective signals easily contaminated by context variance

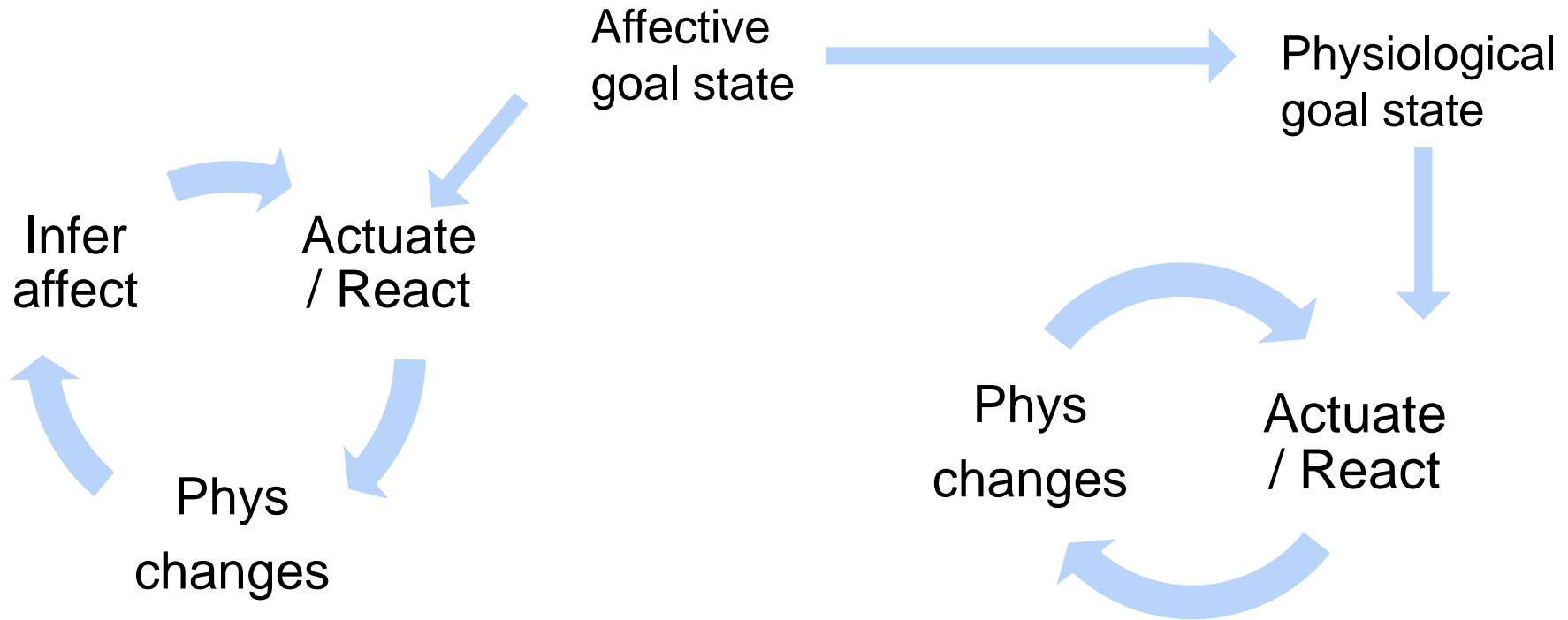
Prerequisites: Triangulation

- Social sciences: “Use multiple operationalizations of constructs” (Heath, 2001)
 - Use different signals/modalities/measurements
- Advantages:
 - Signals can validate each other
 - More solid ground truth
 - Extrapolations for more certainty
- Example: Bailenson et al., 2008
 - Uses subjective ratings, facial expressions, observers, and physiological signals:
 - Stronger ground truth and better classification results



Prerequisites: Physiology-driven

- Affective signals often contaminated
- Instead of inferring; generalize!



Prerequisites: Contributions of signal processing

E.g.:

- Determine **optimal sample frequencies** and signal loss / distortion for all signals
- **Benchmark** needed!
 - Comparing different signals, approaches, techniques

Applying the prerequisites

- Prerequisites have been applied to:
 - Healey, J.A. & Picard, R.W. (2005). Detecting stress during real-world driving tasks using physiological sensors. *IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems*, 6 (2), pp. 156 – 166.
 - They agreed with us
 - It's all in the paper!

Conclusion

- We are confident that ASP will find its way into technology
- Many **applications** will benefit from successful ASP, e.g.:
 - Personalized psychotherapy (Eliza++)
 - Stress management
 - Affective music player
 - Advertisement impact (affective memory)
 - 24/7 biofeedback
 - Affective tutoring
 - Enabling common sense AI (Minsky)