Development of an automatic drowsiness monitoring system based on EEG and EOG signals, and preliminary tests in a professional driving simulator

Clémentine FRANCOIS, Jérôme WERTZ, Jacques G. VERLY
Laboratory for Signal and Image Exploitation (INTELSIG),
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of Liège, Belgium

PROBLEM

• 1/3 of fatal accidents on highways [1]

• 100,000 crashes per year in USA [2]

• 6-11% of the population suffer from Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) [3]
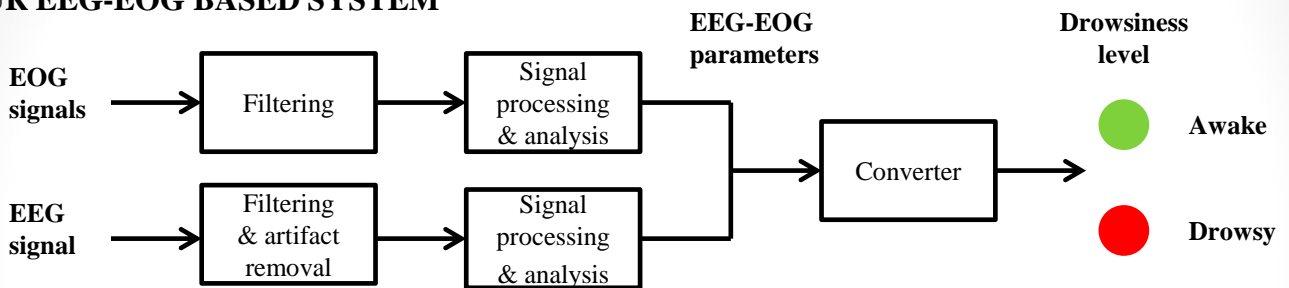
DROWSINESS MONITORING SYSTEMS

| Driver state | Driver behavior | Vehicle behavior |

Major issue: Validation
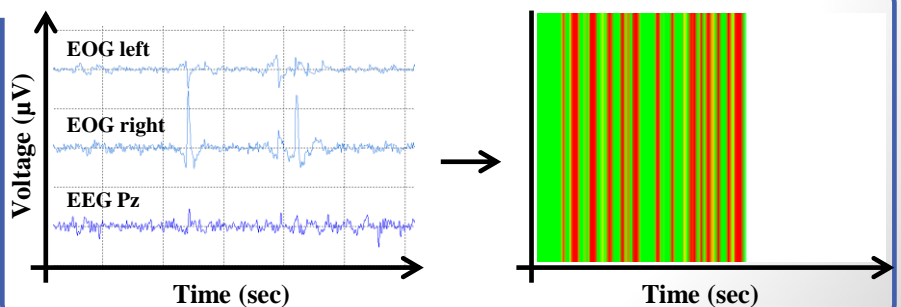"Gold standard" = EEG + EOG

OUR EEG-EOG BASED SYSTEM

EOG signals → Filtering → Signal processing & analysis →

EEG signal → Filtering & artifact removal → Signal processing & analysis →

EEG-EOG parameters → Converter → Drowsiness level

🟢 Awake

🔴 Drowsy

Primary application: Validation; Secondary application: Real-time monitoring

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

EOG left
EOG right
EEG Pz
Voltage (μV)
Time (sec)
Time (sec)

DEMAND AND MARKET

• Demand: ASAF, ITSRE, Caterpillar,…
• Market: 1,000,000 trucks in EU and 2,000,000 trucks in USA

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

REFERENCES

[1] Association des Sociétés Françaises d'Autoroute, "*Somnolence au volant – Une étude pour mieux comprendre*", juin 2010.
[2] Denso, http://www.densocorp-na.com/news/pr.php?Action=459, accessed 04/14/2010.
[3] M.F. Vecchierini and D. Léger, "La somnolence diurne excessive et les hypersomnies centrales primaires: données épidémiologiques," *Médecine du sommeil*, vol. 7, 2010, pp. 129-138.

Université de Liège