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Special Issue:

## Proceedings of the Workshop on the Use of Autonomic and Somatic Measures for Security Evaluations

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### Introduction to the Special Issue

In the summer of 2005, the National Science Foundation sponsored a series of six workshops on security evaluations. One purpose of the workshops was to develop an agenda for research on credibility assessment. The articles in this special edition are the presentations given by the invited speakers at the Workshop on the Use of Autonomic and Somatic Measures for Security Evaluations. This workshop covered four areas: needs of government agencies charged with national security; current methods used for measuring stress and detecting deception with autonomic and somatic measures; contemporary theory and psychophysiological mechanisms underlying responses to stress and deception; and emerging, alternative, and auxiliary methods and measures for detecting stress and deception. The articles are organized into these four areas as follows:

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Eye Movement-Based Assessment of Concealed Knowledge	Frank M. Marchak
Multimethod Assessment of Deception on Personnel Tests: Reading, Writing, and Response Time Measures	Andrea K Webb, Sean D. Kristjansson, Dahvyn Osher, Anne E. Cook, John C. Kircher, Douglas J. Hacker, and Dan J. Woltz

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### **Polygraph Screening**

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### **Polygraph Screening**

#### **Central Issues**

- 1) To predict future actions based on recent and not-recent behaviors
- 2) To identify those behaviors that are predictive of future actions
- 3) To uncover the behaviors of interest as accurately as possible
- 4) To develop optimal decision rules
- 5) Minimize false negatives for the most serious threats

#### Role of the Polygraph in National Security

- Primarily: Provide decision-makers with information regarding past and current activities of those who seek security clearances or special accesses
- Reporting criteria established by Congress, policy makers, and agency adjudicators.
- Secondary: Deter poor security risks from entering the system

#### **Polygraph Products**

- Self-reporting from examinees who volunteer information before the testing
- Self-reporting from examinees after testing
- Polygraph results

#### What Polygraph Screening is Not

- A single step
- A single technique
- Inclined toward false positive errors
- Final arbiter of employment fate

#### **Important Factors**

- Polygraph reactions trigger focused attention.
- Unfavorable polygraph results usually prompt other investigative methods.
- Polygraph screening in the Government uses several techniques, each with different strengths and weaknesses.



#### **Important Factors**

- Error rates have not been conclusively established.
  - Accuracy may be affected by
    - base rates

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- test questions (number, time span, memory limits)
- decision rules
- post-screening testing
- Field validation of polygraph screening has proved difficult, and will be no less difficult for the replacement technologies.



#### **Components to Security Decisions**

#### **Principal Counterintelligence Issues**

- Espionage against the US
- Sabotage
- Disclosures of classified information to unauthorized persons

#### Secondary Issues

- Security violations
  - Unreported contact with foreign nationals
  - Unauthorized transportation of classified material
  - Unauthorized storage of classified material
  - Computer system misuse

#### Suitability Issues

- Serious criminal activities
- Excessive drug use
- Falsification of applicant documents

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### Issues In The Study Of Polygraph Screening Techniques

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### Issues In The Study Of Polygraph Screening Techniques

My screening experience involved a police training program using:

- 1. A "Crime Issues Book" mailed to applicants
- 2. Return of book for interview
- 3. Interview
- 4. Polygraph test
- 5. Results & discussion

#### Voluntary applicant choices



#### Potential advantages of self selection

- 1. Crime book defines potential problem areas
- 2. Clear statement of polygraph test allows applicant to decide continue Yes / No
- 3. Pre-test interview allows participant to clarify issues & concerns also applicant is told that if
- unresolved criminal issues are discovered these may be pursued
- 4. Review of questions
- 5. Polygraph test
- 6. Results and discussion

#### **Possible studies**

Test formats – all relevant questions or topic controls for key issues Value of crime book – measure desire to continue process for group sent crime book vs those not (ie sent later) Establish more base rate information

Short more suse rate miormation

#### 2 cautionary issues from lab research

- 1. Laboratory tests often treat the polygraph test in isolation of larger context
  - a. Look at the list of events in the screening program / the polygraph test is anti-climatic/ the fact that it is in the interview is crucial for the interview but not the test itself
  - b. -no other science looks at instruments in isolation even a ruler has to be oriented in the proper direction for meaningful measurement
- Studies results are reported in isolation or with selected comparisons from other studies -this is not an adequate way to proceed - a meta-analytic approach must be used <u>and the meta-analysis must be</u> <u>done considering various possible strategies.</u> (This point requires terms: effect size (eta) & number of measures (n))

#### 2. continued: studies in isolation

GSR/ SCR & the CQT



#### Skin resistance response etas for Control Question Tests

Mean eta = 0.58, SD = .14 r = - .16, obs = 30

#### Implications

- No one study is definitive
- The funnel graph shows CQT laboratory studies create a <u>family</u> of estimates that has a mean and standard deviation
- High and low estimates are expected with the imprecision that comes from small sample sizes

#### Implications for screening research

- Future lab studies will probably be done with small sample sizes *ergo*: the results will be variable (those getting unfavorable results may suggest that screening is problematic whereas those getting favorable results will claim the technique is excellent)
- The argument is false the truth will be in the middle

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### Using the Polygraph in Employment and National Security

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### Using the Polygraph in Employment and National Security

#### **Polygraph and Employment**

- Three main applications:
  - o Internal investigation
  - Pre-employment screening
  - Periodic evaluation

#### **Pre-Employment Screening**

- There are very few studies in the scientific literature to provide guidance
- In contrast with the criminal justice applications, research on screening has produced mixed results.
- Pre-Employment Screening addresses two questions:
  - Has the applicant been honest in his application and statements?
  - Do the applicant's polygraph results accurately predict his behavior in the workplace?

#### **Possible Screening Issues**

- Prior criminal behavior
- Drug and alcohol use
- Psychiatric and other health problems
- General honesty
- Education and work history
- Financial and life-style problems
- True identity and motives
- Possible security risks

#### **Criminal Behavior**

- Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense?
- Have you ever committed a serious criminal act for which you were not caught?
- Do you have a relationship with anyone that you know is involved in criminal activity?

#### **Drugs and Alcohol**

- In the past 5 years,) have you used an illegal drug or substance?
- Have you ever sold or distributed an illegal drug or substance?
- Do you frequently consume alcohol in substantially greater amounts than you have indicated?
- Have you ever received treatment for excessive use of drugs or alcohol?

#### Health

- Do you have any serious illness or disease that you have not indicated?
- *Have you ever received medical treatment for a serious psychiatric illness?*

#### Honesty

- Have you ever taken more than \$\_ from a place where you worked?
- Have you ever deliberately done something to cause your employer (agency, company) a serious loss or problem?

#### **Education and Employment**

- Have you accurately represented your educational history?
- Have you accurately represented your employment history?

#### Financial and Life Style

- Do you have any serious financial problems that you have not indicated?
- Is there anything in your background or present situation which someone could use to get you to violate the trust of your employer?

#### **Identity and Security**

- Have you accurately represented your identity?
- Have you ever knowingly had unauthorized contact with a representative of a foreign government or hostile organization?
- Have you ever knowingly disclosed important confidential or security information to an unauthorized person or organization?

#### Periodic Testing

- Used in situations where there are serious consequences of undetected misbehavior by employees, for example, national security, industrial security, access to money or valuable commodities, drugs.
- Relevant questions take the form:
- Since your last polygraph, have you . . .
- *Periodic testing should not be conducted more frequently than necessary.*

#### **Research on Screening**

- The U. S. Government is the world's largest user of polygraphs for employment screening.
- The U. S. Government research program includes a major focus on polygraph screening issues.
- Some research may be unavailable because of national security classification.

#### **Pre-Employment Screening**

- Pre-Employment Screening addresses two questions:
  - Has the applicant been honest in his application and statements?
  - Do the applicant's polygraph results accurately predict his behavior in the workplace?

#### **Base Rate**

- The prevalence of the target in the population affects the confidence in the outcome of a diagnostic test.
- Base Rates may often be an important consideration in screening polygraph examinations.

#### Information Gain

- Information Gain (Wells & Olson, 2002) is the difference between the probability that a person is
  of the target status before a diagnostic procedure and the probability that the person is of the
  target state after the diagnostic procedure.
- Information Gain is a Bayesian approach that produces a curve describing information gain across the range of prior probability.



#### **Information Gain - Lay Person Deception Detection**







Information Gain National Security (Barland, Honts, & Barger, 1989)

#### Information Gain National Security (TES)



Barland, Honts, & Barger, 1989



#### Source for Screening Research

- <u>http://truth.boisestate.edu</u>
- D. H. Krapohl in Kleiner, M. (Ed.) (2002). *Handbook of Polygraph Testing*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press

#### The Test For Espionage and Sabotage

- Research results such as those shown in the previous slides resulted in the U. S. Government conducting research to develop more accurate screening examinations.
- The result of that research was a test now known as the Test for Espionage and Sabotage (TES).
- The TES uses Directed Lie Comparison Questions
- Only one test is conducted where each of two relevant questions is repeated 3 times.
- The TES question sequence:
  - o N1, N2, D1, R1, R2, D2, R2, R1, D1, R1, R2, D2

#### **Other Issues and Problems**

- Relevant questions in screening polygraph tests may be similar to comparison questions in forensic polygraph tests.
- Often there are too many relevant issues of interest for a single test session.
- Base-rate issues can pose problems for interpretation.

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### Emerging Technologies in Credibility Assessment

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### Emerging Technologies in Credibility Assessment

- TRACKER
- THERMAL FACIAL SCREENING (The Booth)
- Laser Doppler Vibrometry
- Future Prototypes

Eye Movement-based Memory Assessment (TRACKER)



Turnkey Remote Assessment of Concealed Knowledge using Eye-movement Recording

#### Familiar/Unfamiliar Faces-Objects-Scenes

Individual presentations of known and unknown faces, objects, or scenes



Concealed

**Crime Scene** 



Group



**Source Verification** 

**Relevant Objects** 

**Locations of Interest** 







#### How would it be used to assess credibility?

- Use of eye movement data to categorize prior knowledge of presented images of faces, scenes and objects
- Certain 'acquisition' patterns or fixation duration can contribute to designation of prior knowledge or engaged behaviors
- These measures can indicate whether the person is viewing the face/scene/object for the first time...or whether the image exists in the memory of the examinee



Thermal Facial Screening-"The Booth"

Research Division-DODPI

How We Do It :





#### **FUTURE PROTOTYPES**

- .
- Sensor Chair LDV Biometric
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation TRACKER

#### **Status of Prototypes**

Prototype	Alpha	Beta	Field	Battle-Lab
TRACKER	Х	Х	Х	
Thermal Facial Screening	Х	Х		
Laser Doppler	Х			

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### **Toward a Neurocognitive Basis of Deception**

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### **Toward a Neurocognitive Basis of Deception**

#### Introduction

- The past 5 years has brought an explosion in our knowledge about the brain mechanisms underlying cognitive control and other higher-order processes.
  - These are exactly the kind of cognitive processes that are likely to be used when a person is being deceptive.
- Thus, now is a good time for a major effort aimed at identifying the cognitive and neural basis of deception.

#### Rationale

- We wanted to determine which cognitive processes are the antecedents of the ANS activity associated with deception.
- Identifying the cognitive processes that people use when they are deceptive could potentially provide:
  - Additional methods for detecting deception in individuals that could be used alone or in conjunction with ANS measures
  - A better understanding of deception-related ANS activity
- The cognitive approach outlined here is different from those used previously to reveal the presence of guilty knowledge in individuals.

#### **Conceptual Framework for Studying Deception**

- To begin creating a model of deception, we divided the possible cognitive processes that might be involved into two broad categories:
  - Those related to the intent or motivation for being deceptive
  - Those related to making deceptive responses
- Although motivations may vary across different types of deceptions and from day to day, making a response that is incompatible with the truth is a necessary component of all deceptions.
- Thus, we began by investigating how the response conflict generated by deceptive responses is controlled.

#### **Role of Cognitive Control**

- A central hypothesis was that cognitive control processes play a key role in all deceptions.
- Cognitive control is the term used to describe how, through a variety of executive processes, one is able to control the selection and execution of willed actions.
- Because truthful responses are pre-potent, making deceptive responses requires extra cognitive control to:
  - Inhibit the pre-potent truthful response
  - Overcome conflicting response tendencies (i.e., Tactical monitoring)

#### Strategic Monitoring

- We also hypothesized that additional control processes would be necessary if one wanted to monitor the long-term pattern of their responses to make them conform to an overall plan or goal (i.e., Strategic monitoring).
- Strategic monitoring processes are separate and provide the context in which tactical monitoring processes operate.
- Because both all cognitive control processes require attention, engaging them will place additional demands on the limited pool of attentional resources. Thus, being deceptive can be thought of as equivalent to performing a separate task concurrently with the task of being truthful.

#### Model of Truthful Responding Deceptive



#### **Initial Experiments**

- Participants made truthful and deceptive responses about perceptual events and items in memory in a series of tasks. The tasks were structured to create comparisons that allowed us to isolate a variety of cognitive processes:
  - o Perceptual vs. Conceptual (memory-based) response conflicts
  - Consistent Truthful vs. Consistent Deceptive responses
  - Tactical vs. Strategic monitoring processes

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- Effect of practice on truthful and deceptive responding
- Effect of deceptive responding on retrieval-related processes

#### Results

- We found 26 differences between truthful and deceptive responses.
  - Behavioral measures revealed that deceptive responses were slower and more variable than truthful responses.
  - Multiple ERP effects were found that arose from different brain areas and in different temporal intervals.
  - Some ERP differences reflected activity in the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC), a brain area that plays a vital role in cognitive control.
  - In every case, the truthful-deceptive differences increased when responses were monitored strategically.

#### Conclusions

- Tactical and strategic monitoring processes were associated with different patterns of ACC activity.
- Both types of monitoring required additional processing resources over those normally used to make truthful responses.
- Although practice benefited truthful responses, it did not reduce the level of cognitive control needed for deceptive responses.
- Different patterns of ERP activity previously shown to reflect an item's memory status were not altered for deceptive responses. This indicates that they can provide a cognitively-based index of both guilty knowledge *and* confabulation.

#### Role of "Self" in Deception

- Making evaluative judgments about social and physical aspects of our environment is an important aspect of everyday life.
- In contrast to memory retrieval, evaluative judgments are self-referential in that they draw on one's attitudes, beliefs, values and preferences.
- Evaluations on a good-bad dimension are known to evoke both automatic (unconscious) and controlled (conscious) processes.
- Making good/bad judgments bridges both cognitive and affective domains so will likely have both CNS and ANS effects.

#### Evaluative Judgment Paradigm

Participants provided agree/disagree ratings on a wide variety of items:

#### AGREE ITEMS

Political-Social

Patriotism, Gun control, Bill Clinton, Welfare, Death penalty, Abortion

Personal

Marriage, Birth control, Dancing, Basketball

Religion

God, Angels, Heaven, Hell, Miracles

#### Food Preferences

Chocolate, Pizza, Meat, Coffee, Candy

#### DISAGREE ITEMS

#### Political-Social

Al Q'aeda, Bin Laden, Traitors, Adultery, Racial profiling, Assisted suicide

#### Personal

Casual sex, Smoking, One night stands

#### <u>Crimes</u>

Treason, Murderers, Rapists, Shoplifting

#### **Evaluation Results**



#### **Medial Frontal**

• The evaluation task elicited ERP activity related to both automatically activated and consciously controlled cognitive processes.

- The large response for deceptions about positively viewed items suggests that one component of at least some deceptions is a "denial of self" reaction that has its own characteristic pattern of brain activity.
- The brain activity in this task was shown to be generated in three midline brain areas shown to be involved in the processing of self.
- The pre-response valence-related (good/bad) ERP activity appears to be generated automatically and thus may provide an index of how items are unconsciously categorized as good and bad.

#### **Future Directions**

- Overall, these results demonstrate the utility of taking a cognitive approach to understanding the nature of deception.
- Studies measuring both ANS and ERPs in cognitive paradigms should further increase our understanding of the inter-relations between the cognitive and emotional aspects of deception.

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### The Polygraph: One Machine, Two World Views

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**Allies or Adversaries** 



Interrogation



#### **Influences of Context**





#### **Evaluation Criteria**




## **Research Objectives**



### Conclusions

- 1. Better understanding of mutual objectives and competencies
- 2. New research agenda to provide appropriate tools for polygraphy

  - a. The development of new paradigmsb. Improvement of quantitative techniques

## **Emerging Technologies in Credibility Assessment**

### Are We Asking the Wrong Question?

Are we focusing on efficacy research when we should be investing in theory driven research?

### **Credibility Assessment**





Credibility Assessment: The goal of translation research



### How basic science can contribute to credibility assessment

- 1. Understanding neural processes
- 2. Theories of deception and credibility that are nervous system based
- 3. Translation of theory driven research to applications in the field
  - a. Credibility
  - b. Stress
  - c. Pathology
  - d. Work environment
  - e. Medicine
  - f. Social environment

### What Do the New Technologies Provide?

- 1. fMRI basic mechanisms of how brain structures are involved in deception. Limited applications and paradigms.
- 2. Voice stress analyzers theory is not well developed and data are weak

3. Laser Doppler and facial thermography - potentially broad applications in field research leading to the development of a theory driven model of deception/credibility

### The Polyvagal Theory and the Social Engagement System: Insights into the psychophysiology of deception

### **Overview:** The Polyvagal Theory

- 1. <u>Evolution</u> provides an *organizing principle* to understand neural regulation of the human autonomic nervous system.
- 2. Three neural circuits form a <u>phylogenetically-</u>ordered response hierarchy that regulate behavioral and physiological <u>adaptation</u> to safe, dangerous, and life threatening environments.
- 3. "<u>Neuroception</u>" of danger or safety or life threat trigger these adaptive neural circuits.

### The metaphor of safety: A basic principle of our nervous system



- 1. NOT Autonomic measures, but measures of the Autonomic NERVOUS SYSTEM
- 2. Characteristics of measures of the ANS
  - a. Not merely arousal (SNS)
  - b. Neural pathways
  - c. Rhythmic features



Structures of the Nervous System: The Autonomic Nervous System



### Evolution

## Neural Regulation of the Heart in Vertebrates

	СНМ	DMX	SNS	AD/m	NA
Cyclostomes	X+				
Elasmobranchs	X+	X-			
Teleosts	<b>X</b> +	<b>X</b> -	<b>X</b> +		
Amphibians	X+	X-	X+		
Reptiles	X+	X-	X+	X+	
Mammals	X+	X-	X+	X+	Х-

	VVC	SNS	DVC
heart rate	+ / -	+	-
bronchi	+ / -	+	-
gastrointestinal		-	+
vasoconstriction		+	
sweat		+	
adrenal medulla		+	
tears	+ / -		
vocalization	+ / -		
facial muscles	+ / -		
eyelids	+ / -		
middle ear muscles	+ / -		

### Polyvagal Theory: Three Adaptive Neural Circuits

# Polyvagal Theory: Phylogenetic Stages of Neural Control

Stage	ANS Component	Behavioral Function	Lower motor neurons
III	Myelinated vagus (VVC – ventral vagal complex)	Social communication, self- soothing and calming, inhibit sympathetic-adrenal influences	Nucleus ambiguus
Ш	Sympathetic-adrenal system	Mobilization(active avoidance)	Spinal cord
I	Unmeyelinated vagus (DVC – dorsal vagal complex)	Immobilization(death feigning, passive avoidance)	Dorsal motor nucleus of the vagus

Structure	Function	VVC	SNS	DMX
Head	Communication	+		
Limbs	Mobilization		+	
Viscera	Immobilization			+

Polyvagal Theory: A Phylogenetic Hierarchy of Response Strategies



Phylogenetic Organization of the ANS: The Polyvagal Theory



# Vasovagal Syncope

Phylogenetic Organization of the ANS: The Polyvagal Theory





**Mobilization: Flight Behaviors** 

# **Mobilization: Fight Behaviors**





Heart Rate Rhythms: A measure of the "new" vagus



### Autonomic Response Indicator System

Input Signal	Derived Variable
1. ECG	HR, HRV, Q-T, RSA, CIDF, THM-A
2. Respiration	Rate, tidal volume
3. Blood pressure (finger)	Systolic, diastolic, BP variability (respiration, THM)
4. Activity (accelerometer)	Movement
5. ECG/Blood pressure	Baroreceptor sensitivity, pulse transit time

## Looking and Listening: Common Neurophysiological Mechanisms



Middle Ear Muscles: Role in Extracting Human Voice





### The Trustworthiness of Faces



R. Adolphs, 2002





### Corticobulbar Pathways

### Social Engagement System: Candidate variables for the detection of deception

- Prosody
- Gaze
- Facial expressivity
- Autonomic measures (visceral state)
- Posture during social engagement

### Social Engagement System Where to look? What to measure?

Cortex	ERP, EEG, EOP, fMRI
Autonomic	<i>heart rate, vagal tone</i> ( <b>RSA),</b> respiration
Middle ear muscles	impedance <b>words from noise</b>
Facial muscles	facial EMG, thermography, video coding of faces
Laryngeal/pharyngeal muscles	acoustic properties of vocalizations, language
Gaze	eye tracking





### Respiration

Respiration rate comparison: remote IR thermography vs. contact impedance pneumography.

Respiration rate for each method = 21 breaths per minute

Respiration pattern via IR thermal pattern at the nasal passage



Respiration pattern via standard impedance pneumograph



Laterality









Area	Min	Max	Avg
1	89.66	92.45	90.81
2	90.19	93.29	92.07
3	87.46	92.76	90.09
4	87.96	94.33	91.17
5	87.93	92.60	90.11
6	88.72	94.14	91.27
delta 1-2	.53	.85	1.26
delta 3-4	.50	1.57	1.08
delta 5-6	.79	1.53	1.16







Area	Min	Max	Avg
1	88.09	91.68	89.70
2	90.13	93.68	91.52
3	86.35	92.14	89.38
4	86.85	92.33	89.83
5	85.08	90.90	88.56
6	86.67	92.60	89.77
delta 1-2	2.03	2.00	1.82
delta 3-4	.5	.19	.45
delta 5-6	1.59	1.70	1.2





Area	Min	Max	Avg
1	91.24	95.23	92.94
2	92.33	94.95	93.55
3	86.39	92.02	89.53
4	87.81	92.94	90.60
5	85.91	92.63	89.88
6	88.12	92.48	90.45
delta 1-2	1.09	.28	.62
delta 3-4	1.42	.92	1.08
delta 5-6	2.21	.15	.57

## **Biological Organizing Principles**

- Facilitate an understanding of the neural mechanisms and contexts mediating autonomic reactivity
- Identify candidate variables for detecting deception

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# The Use of Voice in Security Evaluations

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# The Use of Voice in Security Evaluations

### Introduction

- The analysis of voice and speech can lead to the identity of the speaker, explanations of the speakers behavior and, perhaps, if the speaker is lying.
  - It is 2c (stress) and 3 (deception) that are of interest here.
- But if identification of deception by voice analysis is to be attempted, one **must** first consider the effects of stress on voice. In most cases, this progression has not been properly carried out.
- While it is recognized that lying does not always result in stress (due to sociopathic conditions, stress muted by chemicals and so on), stress constitutes the substrata for deception in the great majority of instances.

### 1. Speaker Verification

- 2. Behavioral States
  - a. Emotions
  - b. Intoxication
  - c. Psychological stress
  - d. Illness, fatigue, etc.
- 3. Deception

- It is **first** necessary to study and understand psychological stress as it is reflected in phonatory output.
- One problem to be faced is that stress is most often defined on the basis of the particular stressor involved.
- Actually, stress should be defined as a psychological response to a perceived or actual threat (as modified by coping behavior).
  - Unfortunately most research on vocal stress has been based on the former assumption -- not a useful approach.

### **Stress and Voice Model**

- The model in Figure 1 has been gleaned from data analysis and the distillation of the available literature. Included is our own research. It involves curves of four acoustic (voice) parameters as they shift from low stress utterances through normal speech to that reflecting high stress. They are:
  - **SFF or speaking fundamental frequency:** This factor tends to rise with stress due to muscle tension and increased pulmonic airflow.
  - **Vocal intensity:** This factor tends to be reduced for low stress; quiet speech also rises -- as does speaking rate (**RATE**).
  - **Speech bursts:** The reverse trend is found for speech bursts (**SB**) and intervocalic pauses. There is an elongation, and reduction, of the number of phonatory bursts as stress rises.
  - In addition, **non-fluencies** tend to increase as a function of greater stress.



### Stress and Voice Model: Figure 1

- If this model was both stable and universal, it would prove to be a boon to the study of deception as it is reflected in speech and voice.
  - Most investigators and practitioners contend that stress states provide the undergirding for the identification of deception. Unfortunately, this model is more in the nature of a hypothesis than a law.

### Problems

- For example, while the data trends reported by most authors conform to the SFF and most vocal intensity curves, a few report little change or even some reversals.
- On the other hand, although the shift in speaking rate is not extensive, it appears stable.
- So do the trends for non-fluencies and speech bursts. Yet even these relationships are not universal.
- The cited across-study problems do not simply result from basing the experiments on the different types of stressors, they also appear to be created by marked differences in experimental design and variation of stressor **intensity** (i.e., the electric shock, induced anger, task complexity, threat of punishment and so on).
- Worse of all, few if any of the investigators were able (or willing) to determine the level of stress being experienced by the speakers
  - Sometimes they did not even know if their subjects were actually stressed.

#### **A Response**

- It now appears necessary to respond to all of the cited problems (particularly, the past failure to verify stress level experienced by human subjects).
- No research designs to date appear to have been robust enough to detect deception in speech samples.
- The ideal program would consist of basic research on the relationship between deception, stress and speech articulation

- Such a program should be conducted prior to testing developed products that purport to detect deception in speech.
- In the interim, we are now carrying out research which we believe will provide a reasonable and sophisticated response. We require that our stressors be powerful enough to induce a marked -- and measurable -- stress response and this **presence/level be independently verified**.

### **Current Study**

- Specifically, we are currently conducting a study of a relatively large sample of men and women (N>40) ranging in age 20-55 years and drawn from many population subclasses.
  - These (paid) "volunteers" are carefully screened (psychiatric, hearing, speech, dialect, reading competency and so on) and for firmly held beliefs/opinions.
  - The experimental conditions include speaking under high stress:
    - 1) threat of electric shock (after conditioning)
    - 2) lying with jeopardy (two conditions)
    - 3) lying with jeopardy **and** threat of shock
- Sampling procedures (see also Speaking Conditions)
  - Subjects are tape recorded and videotaped and told they will be heard/seen by their contemporaries -- even their friends -- espousing the lies (a proper debriefing comes later).
  - The high jeopardy lies involve intense invective and criticisms of a strongly held belief (e.g., Marines re: the Marine Corps, pro-gun activists re: the NRA, religious individuals re: their religious beliefs, etc).
  - A second type of high jeopardy lie is one that involves substantial embarrassment (e.g., men indicating they are wearing women's undergarments, women describing public menstrual accidents).
  - Also spoken/read are:
    - several repetitions of a standard passage (baseline),
    - a low stress truthful passage
    - a low stress lie
    - a truthful statement while simulating stress.
  - All passages are 25-35 seconds long and contain a long carrier (or neutral) sentence embedded within the passage.

### **Speaking Conditions**

### A. High Stress

- 1. Truthful passage: Stress induced by fear of electric shock
- 2. Lie passage: Jeopardy induced by passage content.
- 3. Combined high jeopardy lie with fear of shock

### **B.** Low Stress

- 1. Baseline: Standard passage
- 2. Truthful passage
- 3. Lie passage
- 4. Truthful passage with stress simulated

### Current Study (cont.)

- Stress level is being established by seven indicators:
  - 1. Change in heart rate
  - 2. Variation in galvanic skin response
  - 3. Oxygen usage
  - 4. Shifts in cortisol level (from saliva)
  - 5. Self reports of responses to stress (Hamilton test)
  - 6. Self reports of felt states (anxiety, anger, etc)
  - 7. Investigator observation of speaker response (sweating, flushing, trembling, etc)
- These data are being normalized and profiles developed to permit the selection of those individuals who can be used in the several studies planned.
- Preferably, we would carry out basic research in this area. However, the stated compromise at least provides (for the first time) a robustly controlled series of studies on stress and lying.

### Conclusions

- Basic research in the relationship between voice, stress and deception is required in order to develop deception detection models and their ultimate security applications.
- Stress levels, both in the presence and absence of deception must be verified in both basic research and in testing existing commercial applications.

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# **Voice Stress**

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"DESCARTES ERROR" – DAMASIO

HI RISK VS LOW RISK CARD GAME

NORMALS: GSR RESPONSE TO HI RISK -AVOID HI RISK.

FCX DDG SUBJS: NO GSR RESPONSE –SELECT HI RISK. LOSE MONEY.UNDERSTAND STRATEGY –DON'T CARE.

## EMOTIONS ENHANCE RATIONAL DECISIONS

















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COULD STRESS EFFECTS ON VOICE INTERFERE WITH VOICE ACTIVATED COMPUTERIZED OPERATIONS?



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Time (s)

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Frequency (kHz)

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# **BIOMEDICAL AND PITCH CHANGE DURING STRESS**

	-7 DAYS	REST	STRESS	REST
HR	70	71	93	70
SBP	118	146	178	154
DBP	78	75	90	71
FO	103	103	137	103



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# FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE U.S.CONSTITUTION

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DURING THE DECADE FROM 1989 THROUGH 1998, 682 POLICE OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

10% OF THOSE KILLED WERE MURDERED WITH THEIR OWN WEAPONS.

MOST SHOOTINGS OCCUR IN POORLY ILLUMINATED ENVIRONMENTS, AT CLOSE RANGE, WITH MULTIPLE PERSONS PRESENT, AND ARE OVER IN LESS THAN THREE SECONDS.

MANY DUTY SITUATIONS EXPOSE OFFICERS TO INORDINATE RISKS (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATIONS, TRAFFIC STOPS, SEARCH OR ARREST WARRANTS).

### FOUR PHASE POLICE SCENARIO

BASELINE EVALUATION DURING A HIGH SPEED CAR CHASE DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE: LETHAL FORCE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION CONSTRUCTIVE DEBRIEFING









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**100% CORRECT SHOOTING JUDGMENT** 





DID NOT SHOOT HOSTAGE







% SHOTS CENTER-OF-MASS





70 60 50 . 40 . 30 20 Frequency 10 . Std. Dev = .44 Mean = 1.74 0 N = 89.00 GO NO GO **26**% 74%

PROPER WEAPONS HANDLING



#### COMMUNICATED WITH PARTNER ON ROLES



#### **PSYCHOMETRICS**

#### STATE ANXIETY INCREASED STATE ANGER INCREASED TRAIT ANGER POSITIVELY RELATED TO PERFORMANCE



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# **Evaluating Voice-Based Measures for Detecting Deception**

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#### **Voice Stress Analysis**

- Less invasive alternative to the polygraph
- Some potential applications
- Airport security; phone-based interviews
- Most analyze 8-14 Hz frequency content of vocal signals; 'microtremors'



# Product lineage for voice-based credibility assessment

- Psychological Stress evaluator (PSE) 1970
- The Diogenes
- Computerized voice stress analyzer (CVSA)
- VSA-1000, VSA-15
- Vericator
  - Multi-layered voice analysis
  - o Truster Pro
- Xandi

Author	Device	Better than chance detection of deception
Kubis (1973)	NA	NO
Suzuki et al. (1973)	NA	NO
Horvath (1978)	PSE	NO
Lynch & Henry (1979)	PSE	NO
Brenner et al. (1979)	PSE	Marginal
Timm (1983)	PSE	NO
Hollien et al. (1987)	Several	NO
Cestaro (1995)	CVSA	NO
Janniro & Cestaro (1996)	CVSA	NO
Meyerhoff et al.	CVSA	NO

#### Selected references on voice stress analysis in credibility assessment

#### Vericator

- A new product introduced in late 1990s
- Analyzes 11 parameters of vocal signal
- Specific parameters and algorithm for combining are proprietary
- Product lineage
  - o TrusterPro<sup>™</sup> by Trustech (1998)
  - Vericator<sup>™</sup> by Integritek Systems (2000)
  - o TiPi<sup>™</sup> by Nemesysco (2003)
- Costs
  - Approximately \$10,000 for full device
  - Approximately \$1,500 for training

#### **Project objectives**

- Develop methodology for assessing reliability and validity of vericator
- Obtain data assessing 3 primary test attributes
  - Reliability: Test-retest
  - Sensitivity: Percentage deception detected
  - Specificity: Percentage of non-deception excluded
- Obtain data assessing relationship between overall stress levels and validity of vericator
- Compare detection rates induced by deception and other types of stress

# High stress condition

- Participants
  - N = 30
  - All native speakers
- Methods
  - Participant waits with confederate for "speech perception" test
  - Confederate offers to split money "found" in a box
  - Participant first asked series of calibration questions
    - "What is your major"
  - Participant questioned about events as might affect speech perception performance
    "Did anything happen prior to the speech perception test that might have affected
    - your performance?"





Sensitivity = .31

\*Based on 72.4\* incidence of deception

Percentage of d



Low vs. high stress condition



### **DoDPI mock smuggling**

- Ability of Vericator to detect smugglers at a mock security checkpoint
- More naturalistic settings
- Procedure
  - Testing took place at Strom Thurmond Federal Building & U.S. District Court complex (Columbia, SC)
    - Participants attempt to "smuggle" evidence for Federal trial through security checkpoint

#### **Procedure continued**

- All participants asked to go through security checkpoint
- When get to checkpoint participants are questioned by senior customs inspector
- Told that microphones are for recording responses



Two modes of questioning

- Scripted (n = 77; questioned according to set of prepared questions)
- Field-like (n = 93questioned as would do in actual interview)



#### Smuggler results



#### Possible explanations for poor performance

- Vericator fails to detect microtremors
- Can indicate stress with reasonable accuracy
- Vericator detects microtremors but these are not diagnostic of deception
  Microtremors may indicate increased levels of stress
- Can we get similar pattern of detecting deception with paradigm that induces stress but not deception?

#### Deception vs. other stressors

- Participants
- N = 40
  - o 20 in high-stress deception condition
  - 20 in high-stress video game
- Video game
  - Identical to deception condition except
    - Participants play demanding video game
    - Game gets progressively more difficult
    - Bonus for higher scores
  - Asked identical questions as individuals in the deception condition
    - Participant must keep playing game during questioning



# Deception versus video game

#### Summary

- Test characteristics
  - Relatively low sensitivity and specificity
- Sensitive to overall stress levels
- $\circ$  High stress gives greater detection rates than low
- Detection rates similar for actual deception and other stressors

# **Future directions**

- Must determine vocal parameters that are diagnostic of deception
  Example: Factor analysis of known deceptive and nondeceptive statements
- Need standardized procedures for assessing devices

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### **Body Odors as Biomarkers for Stress**

#### Chemical Senses & Sensors: The Role of Chemical Communication

- Olfaction is the most ancient of the distal senses, capable of providing information from distant sources in real time
- Olfactory information is used to detect & evaluate food sources and environmental toxins as well as recognize kin and potential predators
- Many body odors evolved to be olfactory messengers to convey information between individuals

#### FINGERPRINTS

Every human is uniquely identified by a <u>fingerprint</u>, the characteristics of which are controlled in part by genes.

#### **ODORPRINTS**

Similarly, every human probably is uniquely identified by an <u>odorprint</u>, the characteristics of which are controlled in part by genes.

However.... Body odors can signal other types of information, such as age, health & emotional status



Chemosensory Signals of Metabolic and Emotional States

#### Body odor as a diagnostic indicator: Noninfectious agents

### Disease

#### **Description of odor**

Scurvy Diabetic ketosis Schizophrenia Phenylketonuria Amino acid metabolism Methionine metabolism Hyperaminoaciduria Trimethylaminuria Sweat has putrid odor Decomposing apple odor; sweet Pungent odor Musty; sweaty locker-room towels Maple syrup odor in body fluids Boiled cabbage odor in body fluids Dried malt of hops Fishy

•Penn & Potts, 1998

#### Body odor as a diagnostic indicator: Infectious diseases

#### Disease

Smallpox Typhoid Diphtheria Yellow Fever Scrofula (TB) Gingivitis Syphilis Gangrene Bacterial vaginosis Abscesses

#### **Description of Odor**

Stench Fresh brown bread Sweetish Butcher shop Stale beer Significant Characteristic Obnoxious Malodor Unpleasant

•Penn & Potts, 1998



"Professor von Neusser's acuity of smell was so pronounced that he frequently diagnosed a case on the odor of perspiration. He would walk into a ward in the general hospital in Vienna, lift a patient's arm, sniff and name the malady; then he would proceed with a thorough examination and discussion from every point of view. Rarely was his first impression proved wrong by exhaustive study." (circa 1850)

#### Body Odor as Messenger for Emotional Communication





Human Emotional Communication (Chen & Havilland-Jones, 1999)

#### **Odor collection**

Axillary secretions collected on cotton pads from 11 men and 14 women on two different occasions.

#### **Emotion manipulation**

Emotional state manipulated by watching a comedy or horror movie.

#### **Emotion Identification**

77 subjects were asked to categorize following odors presented in bottles.





Identification of Happy Odor

#### **Identification of Fear Odor**



#### **Apocrine Secretions & Chemical Communication**

- Unlike eccrine secretions, apocrine secretions are produced by emotional situations: stress, fear and sexual arousal
- Anecdotal evidence that emotionally-elicited secretions smell different than those elicited by physical activity
- Many non-human scent glands are apocrine-like in structure
- Apocrine secretions can be stimulated by exogenous epinephrine







#### Sniff Chromatography (GC/O) of Apocrine Gland Samples

- After column separation of sample, effluent is split: one stream to detector, one to human 'sniffer'
- Human reports of odor qualities linked to chromatogram output
- Can ID odorous components of complex mixtures
- Human nose can ID presence of low-level volatiles

#### Organoleptic Analysis of Apocrine Gland Secretions

- GC/O studies compared axillary secretions collected over time, via pads, with extracts of freshly hydrolized, epinephrine-elicited secretions
- Results of 'epinephrine' challenge revealed presence of several characteristic, <u>onion-like odors</u> that were not found during GC/O studies of axillary extracts from pads.
- Sensory and analytic data (RT and spectra) suggest sulfur-containing compounds are involved in the characteristic odor of stress/newly hydrolyzed apocrine secretion.







Axillary extracts from 3 males with strong axillary odor and "onion" notes confirmed the presence of 3-methyl-3-mercapto-1hexanol as the earlier eluting note



Can the characteristic 'stress' odor be experimentally elicited by a stressful, cognitive task?

<u>Trier Stress Test</u> 10-min prep 5-min speech 5-min verbal math



#### **Effects of Cognitive Stressors on Apocrine Secretions**

- GCO analysis confirmed that the post-stress sample contained higher levels of 3M2H and the 'typical' odor of epinephrine-elicited axillary secretion
- At baseline and post-stress, levels of 3-methyl-3-thio-1-hexanol and 3M2H were positively correlated with:
  - self-reported stress levels
  - salivary cortisol levels
  - heart rate variability





#### **Electronic Olfaction & Pattern Response**

#### Conclusion

- Emotional arousal (e.g., stress, fear) appears to elicit quantitative and qualitative changes in axillary secretions
- Such changes may be a useful surrogate for monitoring physiological states which may indicate stress or deception
- Technology developed for artificial nose sensors can be implemented for covert, unobtrusive monitoring

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## Radar Technology For Acquiring Biological Signals

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### Radar Technology For Acquiring Biological Signals

#### The Ability of Radar to Sense Biological Signals Background of Gene Greneker

- Principal Research Scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute 33 years
  - Radar Vital Signs Monitor (heart and respiration) Project Director
  - RADAR Flashlight Project Director
    - Through the wall detection of the human respiration radar signature
  - o DARPA radar gait analysis program Project Director
  - Identification of a subject by radar sensed gait characteristics
- Retired From GTRI on 12-01-03 and started RADAR Flashlight, LLC.
- Working 49% part-time at Georgia Tech Research Institute
- Working 51% time for RADAR Flashlight, LLC on DARPA SBIR program to develop next generation RADAR Flashlight

#### The Ability of Radar to Sense Biological Signals

- Types of biological signals that radar can sense at present
  - Heart and respiration (vital signs)
  - Body tremor and very slight movement to maintain balance
  - Gait signature to allow identification of a subject
  - Heart signature (ballistocardiogram ) of person hidden in vehicle
- Other attributes of radar sensing of biological signals
  - Detection of slight motion of the human body induced by a biological process
  - Detection of vital signs through clothes and heavy outer wear

#### The Ability of Radar to Sense Biological Signals Applications of Radar Vital Signs Monitoring

- Medical
  - Tele-medicine no connection required for heart and respiration monitoring
  - Heart disease screening
- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Finding persons behind walls and in closed areas
- Suicide watch monitoring
- o Finding persons in shipping containers and border crossing inspection
- Deception detection (heart and respiration channels of polygraph)
- Military
  - o Clearing buildings in urban warfare scenario (through the wall human sensing)
  - Battlefield casualty assessment (dead or alive)
  - Vital signs monitoring through uniforms and chem/bio suits

#### History of Georgia Tech Research Institute's Radar Vital Sign Monitoring Research Program

<u>RADAR Vital Signs Monitor developed for military applications</u>

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- Remote evaluation of battlefield casualties from 100 meters away
  - Monitoring of vital signs (heart and respiration rate) of injured person
    - Sealed in <u>contaminated</u> chemical or biological suit
    - Monitor of subject without opening suit and contaminating subject
- <u>RADAR Vital Signs Monitor developed for 1996 Olympic application</u>
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Monitoring of archer and rifle competitor's vital signs at a distance of 30 feet
    - Do rifle competitors shoot between heartbeats?
    - Do archery competitors shoot between heartbeats?

#### GTRI Olympic Athlete Monitoring System Olympic Athlete Monitor – Front View



GTRI Olympic Athlete Monitoring System Radar Vital Sign Monitor - Rear View





GTRI Olympic Athlete Monitoring System Respiration Signature at 30 feet

GTRI Olympic Athlete Monitoring System Radar Cardiogram Taken at 15 Feet



Thorax Aspect

Range To Subject = 15 feet

#### GTRI Human Gait Program Radar Measured Gait

- Radar Measured Gait Analysis
  - Investigation of radar sensed gait to identify subjects after they have been enrolled in a 'gait' data base



- Gait research program performed for DARPA
  - Registered almost 100 subjects by having them walk toward radar
  - $\circ$  ~ Took gait data 6 months later on same subjects used to build data base
  - $\circ$  ~ Developed recognition algorithm to compare 'probe' to 'gallery'
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Had 80% and higher recognition rate with low false alarm rate

#### GTRI Human Gait Program Processed Human Gait Signal

Doppler signature produced by body members (walking subject)



#### Radar Flashlight, LLC Clip-on Monitor Heart and Respiration Rate Sensed Through Clothes

- RADAR Flashlight, LLC is commercializing radar vital signs instrumentation
  - Clip-on radar heart and respiration rate monitor is first product
  - o Stand-off long range non-contact radar vital signs monitoring system also planned as product

#### Radar Flashlight, LLC Clip-on Monitor Clip-on Sensor Specifications

- Sensor unit is clipped on uniform over thorax area
- Battery operation
- Up to 10 patients monitored simultaneously
- Patient monitoring performed on hand held unit
- Sensors data sent to hand held unit via radio link
- Distance Between clip-on sensor and hand held monitor = 50 feet
- Loss of signal alarm
  - Radio link
  - Patient vital signs

#### Radar Flashlight, LLC Clip-on Monitor Heart and Respiration Rate Sensed Through Clothes

- Applications for RADAR Flashlight, LLC Clip-on System
  - Small military units behind operating behind lines with wounded
    - Wounded stays in body armor and battle dress while system monitors
    - Victim can be moved on short notice without usual wired system mobility problems
  - Civilian heart and respiration rate monitoring applications
    - No removal of clothes required to monitor
      - Next generation system may be very inexpensive (disposable)

#### Radar Flashlight, LLC Clip-on Monitor Radar System

Radar System Used in Clip-on Sensor Package



Sensor weight is 2 ounces

#### Radar Flashlight, LLC Clip-on Monitor Heart Signature Taken Through Clothes

Clip-on Sensor's Heart Signal Channel Output



Time in seconds



Clip-on Sensor's Respiration Signal Channel Output



Time in seconds

#### Radar Technology For Acquiring Biological Signals What Radar <u>Can't</u> Do (Yet)

- Monitor low level biological electrical signals in body
  - o EKG
  - o EEG
- Recover heart and respiration signals from all parts of the body
  - Thorax front aspect best to monitor
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Heart and respiration signal can be picked up from back area
  - If vessel or artery comes close to surface heart signal detectable

#### Radar Technology For Acquiring Biological Signals Current Radar Vital Signs Challenges

- Any subject motion currently causes artifacts in signal from stand-off radar system
  - Moving body motion induces signal larger than small heart and respiration signal
  - Techniques to isolate heart and respiration signature from small body motion signature needs to be developed
  - Covert deception analysis on basis of heart and respiration rate at checkpoint possible if subject body motion artifact problem can be solved
- Motion artifact not same magnitude problem in clip-on system
- Recovery of radar developed heart and respiration signal from walking subject topic for future research
  - Data is in the Doppler sidebands but only as "micro-Doppler" components
  - Micro-Doppler recovery techniques should be subject of future research efforts

#### Radar Technology For Acquiring Biological Signals Future Research Topics in the Area of Radar Based Deception Detection

- Heart and respiration signal recovery while subject is being questioned at Customs or Immigration counter
  - Motion artifact suppression research
  - Method to determine deception from only 2 channels of information
- Detection and recovery of heart and respiration signal when subject of interest is walking
- Techniques to isolate heart and respiration rates of subject moving in crowd

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### The Physiology of Threat: Remote Assessment Using Laser Doppler Vibrometry

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### The Physiology of Threat: Remote Assessment Using Laser Doppler Vibrometry



#### **Overall Premise:**

Internal physiology has mechanical components that can be detected in the form of surface (skin) vibrations.

- Provide basis for conventional methods based on accelerometry, plethysmography, etc.
- Key to clinical methods based on auscultation, palpation, and percussion of body sounds and movements.

- Multiple forms of activity can be sensed, supporting differentiation among stress and emotional states.
- Vibrations can be sensed remotely.



Works on Doppler principle, using phaseshifted reference beam to yield directionencoded interference patterns.

- Laser: 633 nm, 1 mW
- Range: >5 m
- Bandwidth: 0 >20 kHz
- Sensitivity: <1 nm</li>



Polytec PSV400 Scanning Vibrometer



Polytec PDV100 Portable Vibrometer



Carotid Pulse: Beat to Beat Stability

LDV Carotid Pulse Contour



#### **Carotid Pulse During Interrogation**



#### Interbeat Interval and Ejection Time During Interrogation



#### **Stress Interview**

16 min semi-structured, face-to-face interview covering common life stressors (following procedures of Dimsdale et al., 1988).



#### Maximum Velocity 2500 Maximum 2000 Velocity Velocity 1500 1000 500 Before 0 During Pre-Int. Interview Post-Int. After Pulse Amplitude 1e+6 Displacement 8e+5 Pulse 6e+5 Amplitude 4e+5 2e+5 0 Pre-Int. Post-Int. Interview

#### **Carotid Pulse Amplitude**



#### **Carotid Pulse Contour**

Systolic Murmur



#### Muscle Vibrations (Acoustic Myogram)

- First described by Grimaldi, 1665.
- Peak frequency *ca* 10 to 30 Hz.
- Usually recorded using microphones or accelerometers.
- Reflect lateral vibration or expansion of muscle, associated with firing of motor units.
- May be more directly related to force production than is electrical signal (EMG).



Weak Smile

## Lower Face (RMS velocity, 16-32 Hz band)

Neutral

AU 20

AU 31

Lip Stretcher

Jaw Clencher







Upper Face (RMS velocity, 16-32 Hz band)

Neutral AU 1 AU 2 AU 4 Inner Brow Raiser Outer Brow Raiser







Brow Lowerer







**CONCLUSION:** The LDV method can reliably assess facial muscle activity, associated with emotion and stress, at low levels—below the threshold for visible facial deformations.

#### Summary

Laser Doppler Vibrometry (LDV) provides advanced measures in multiple physiological systems relevant to laboratory and field assessment of stress and emotion:

- LDV *cardiorespiratory* recordings yield advanced measures of myocardial and vascular performance, and respiratory effort and sounds.
- LDV *tremor* activity compares favorably with accelerometry, and is responsive to laboratory stressors.
- LDV *muscle* vibratory activity can be sensed from multiple muscles, including facial muscles, and compares favorably with the EMG.

LDV signals are unaffected by environmental noise and other conditions.

LDV signals can be obtained during unconstrained interviews or interrogations.

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### The Gaze Control System and Detection of Deception

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### The Gaze Control System and **Detection of Deception**

- Camera based systems allow for relatively unobtrusive recording of:
- Oculomotor activity
  - Eyeball movement 0
  - Eyelid movement 0
  - Pupil diameter changes 0
  - Minor head movement 0
  - Vergence eye movements 0
- Which components may be useful in the detection of deception?
- I will start with the one with highest probability of pay-off.
- (my guesstimate and I may be wrong)
- 1. Pupil diameter change highest likelihood of immediate payoff:
  - Reasonable literature in support of this measure.
  - Most recent report from Technion on guilty knowledge test (2004).
  - Innocent found innocent • 90%.
    - Innocent found guilty 10%.
  - Guilty found guilty
  - 75%. Guilty found innocent 25%.
  - Question: 1. What can it contribute to current polygraph measures? 2. What can it contribute to non-polygraph based investigations?
- 2. Eve movements saccades
  - Saccades move gaze to location of interest
  - Timing of saccade with respect to "information" presentation.
  - Speed with which gaze shifts to location of interest.
  - CLEM suggestive of information processing style- does operator have to think about answer before responding?
    - Do left movers use strategies different from right movers when attempting to 0 be deceptive?
- 3. Head movement minor movements.
  - If task is "difficult" likelihood of head movements is enhanced. Is lying more difficult than truth telling?
  - Timing of head movement with respect to eye movement.
- 4. Eye blinks
  - Increase with "anxiety" (and other variables)
  - Decrease with difficulty of information processing task
  - Timing with respect to eye and head movements,
  - Timing with respect to aspects of information processing
  - Duration discriminating between blink and lid closure

#### CONCLUSION: SPECIFIC and GENERAL

- 1. There is no unique oculomotor signature associated with deception
- 2. There is no unique "bio-behavioral signature" associated with deception
- 3. Deception involves both affective and cognitive components.
- 4. Which component is most important may be unique to the individual
- 5. The bio-behavioral signature may be unique to the individual but we should be able to identify parameters effective for identifying deception for a specific subject.

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### Eye Movement-Based Assessment of Concealed Knowledge

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### Eye Movement-Based Assessment of Concealed Knowledge

#### Theoretical Background Traditional Deception Detection

 Polygraphy hypothesizes that individuals in deceptive situations experience an emotional response that causes arousal of the autonomic nervous system (ANS)



- Increase in arousal is detected through measurement of change in physiological functions
  - $\circ$  Respiration
  - Blood pressure
  - Heart rate
  - Skin conductance

#### Theoretical Background Current Concept

• Change in the responses of cognitive and perceptual processes can be measured and employed in a similar manner



- Previous exposure to materials can be revealed by changes in subsequent cognitive processing
- Indirect measures of performance, such as speed and accuracy, show an increased efficacy in the processing of previously presented materials

#### Theoretical Background Measures of Memory

- Direct
  - Require reference to target event in personal history
    - Free Recall
    - Cued Recall
    - Recognition
- Indirect
  - Require reference only to task at hand
    - Speed
    - Accuracy

#### Measures of Memory Memorize this List

alligator	hammer
apple	house
arrow	lemon
baby	microscope
bird	ocean
book	pencil
butterfly	rock
computer	shoes
corn	table
fish	window

#### Measures of Memory – Direct Free Recall

• Recall all of the words that you remember

#### Measures of Memory – Direct Cued Recall

• Recall all of the words that were animals

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#### Measures of Memory – Direct Recognition

• Which of these words were on the original list?

alligator	hammer
apple	key
banana	lemon
bag	microscope
bird	ocean
book	penguin
butterfly	radio
computer	shoes
corner	table
floor	wheel

#### Measures of Memory – Indirect Word Fragment Completion

all\_ga\_ \_r ap\_l\_ a \_r\_w m\_ cr\_ \_ \_ \_pe b\_ \_ \_er\_ \_ \_ h\_ \_ \_ er pe\_ \_ \_in

#### Measures of Memory – Indirect Word Stem Completion

- all\_\_\_\_\_ ap\_\_\_\_ ar\_\_\_\_ mic\_\_\_\_\_ but\_\_\_\_\_ com\_\_\_\_\_ ham\_\_\_\_
- pen \_ \_ \_ \_

#### Measures of Memory – Indirect Perceptual Identification: Words

alligator apple banana bag bird book butterfly computer corner


### Measures of Memory – Indirect Perceptual Identification: Images

Snodgrass & Feena, 1990

### Theoretical Background Repetition Priming

- Prior exposure to stimuli produces:
  - Enhancement in performance
  - Changes in how stimuli are processed
  - Changes in eye movement patterns can serve as an indirect measure of memory and effectively indicate concealed knowledge
    - Developed by Neal Cohen at the University of Illinois –Urbana/Champaign (UIUC)





### Theoretical Background Eye Movement-Based Memory Effect\*

- Previously seen faces are viewed differently from novel faces
  - Fewer eye fixations
  - Fewer regions sampled
  - Less statistical constraint in sampling

\* Althoff, R. R. and Cohen, N. J. (1999). Eye-movement-based memory effect: A reprocessing effect in face perception. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition, 25(4),* 997-1010.

### Theoretical Background Data Analysis

- Variables calculated from eye movements to each face image
  - Number of fixations
  - o Number of regions sampled
  - First return fixation
  - Proportion of fixations to left of face
  - First-order Markov measures
  - Second-order Markov measures
- Linear Discriminant Analysis performed on variables to classify face images as familiar and unfamiliar



### Theoretical Background UIUC Experiment Results

Grand Mean = 88.1%

### EMMA Project Background

- US Government sponsor took delivery of a remote eye tracking system from the University of Illinois after six years of external research
- Internal research team formed with VRADC and personnel from Sponsor's organization to transition system from laboratory to field environment
- Effort named Project EMMA (Eye Movement-based Memory Assessment)

### VRADC TRACKER

- Turnkey Remote Assessment of Concealed Knowledge using Eye-movement Recording (TRACKER)
- Portable, easy-to-use stimulus preparation, eye tracking and analysis system
- Additional stimulus types –objects and scenes
- Creation and validation of new administration protocols
- Expansion and refinement of analysis techniques
  - Fast Adaptive Mean Shift Clustering
  - o Bagging Quadratic Discriminant Analysis
  - o Bootstrapping

### Methodology

### Eye Movement-based Assessment First Generation Eye Tracking



Buswell, 1935

Apparatus Used for Photographing Eye Movements, Front View



Eye Movement-based Assessment Later Generation Eye Tracking

ISCAN, 1998

### Eye Movement-based Assessment Current Generation Eye Tracking

SMI System Configuration









### Tobii System Configuration







Eye Movement-based Assessment Infrared Remote Eye Tracking



# Eye Movement-based Assessment Methodology

### Create Test



Integrated User Interface



Analyze Test



Conduct Test



SMI



Tobii

### Protocols

### **Group Membership**

Determine prior knowledge of group membership

Familiar





Unfamiliar



### Sample Accuracy – Group Membership Protocol Familiar/Unfamiliar

Stimulus	True Positive Rate	False Positive Rate
Faces	0.80	0.20
Objects	0.82	0.17
Scenes	0.81	0.14

### Protocols Specific Individuals

Determine whether prior knowledge exists for a specific individual

Familiar













### Protocols Object Knowledge

Differentiate seen objects, handled objects, and unseen objects



Questionable



### Protocols Scene Knowledge

Determine prior knowledge for scene content through addition, deletion, or feature change



Original



Manipulated

## **Applications & Current Research**

## **Current Applications**

Concealed Information



Source Verification



Eyewitness ID



Suspect Questioning



Combatants







### Current Research Focused Screening

- Combine eye movement data with electrodermal, pupil diameter and reaction time data
- Develop and validate protocols



### Current Research Integrated Biometric Identfication

- Prototype Software System
- Supports enrollment & verification



### Curent Research Determining Effect Boundaries

- Stimulus Differences
  - o Photo types
  - Feature differences
- Participant Differences o Cultural

Analysis Methods

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Classification techniques

Eye movement variables

# Eye Movement-based Assessment

Summary

- Eye Movement-Based Assessment provides an effective, non-invasive tool to determine prior knowledge
- Supports use of faces, objects and scenes as stimuli
- Application to a wide range of verification situations
  - Source verification
  - Witness corroboration
  - $\circ \quad \ \ {\rm Perpetrator\ identification}$
  - Detection of concealed information

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# Multimethod Assessment of Deception on Personnel Tests: Reading, Writing, and Response Time Measures

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# Multimethod Assessment of Deception on Personnel Tests: Reading, Writing, and Response Time Measures

## **Experimental Design**

	Item Presentation	
Guilt Condition	Serial	Parallel
Cash	n = 10	n = 10
Card	n = 10	n = 10
Innocent	n = 20	n = 20

### Procedure

- Flyers posted around campus
- Interested students/staff called a secretary
- Preliminary instructions emailed
- Students came to a designated room
  - $\circ \quad \ \ {\rm Signed} \ a \ consent \ form$
  - Read instructions on a computer

### The Experiment

- 2 guilty conditions, 1 innocent condition
  - 2 mock-crimes
    - Cash
    - Card
- 3 types of true/false items
  - o Neutral

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- "I was born prior to the year 1990."
- Cash

  "I was involved in the theft of the \$20."
- o Card
  - "I took nothing from the student's computer."

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**Data Collection** 

### **Item Presentation**

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3. I did not take the money that was in the secretary's purse.

### Participants

- 10 Cash, 9 Innocent
- 8 female, 11 male
- Mean age: 22.32
- 78.9% Caucasian

### Measures

- Number of fixations
- First pass duration (time reading)
- Second pass duration (time rereading)



### **Results: Number of Fixations**



### **Results: Number of Fixations**



Question Type X Guilty Status

- Guilty subjects make more fixations across question types than do innocent subjects
- Guilty subjects make more fixations on the card items than on the other two types

### **Results: Reading and Rereading**





Question Type X Guilty Status



Rereading

- Guilty subjects reread more than did innocent subjects
- Guilty subjects reread card items more than other items

### Summary

• Traditional reading measures can be used to distinguish between guilty and innocent subjects

- Writing and response time measures
- Other eye movement measures
- Recruitment differences
- Motivation

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