



# More Data, Better Data: Defining Human Behavior with Biometrics

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# Outline

- Who is iMotions?
- The Biometric/Biosensor Toolbox
- 2 Challenges to Human-Centered AI
  - ... and how biometrics can help



# “Human-Centered AI”

... assumes an understanding of human behavior

... which humans are still trying to figure out

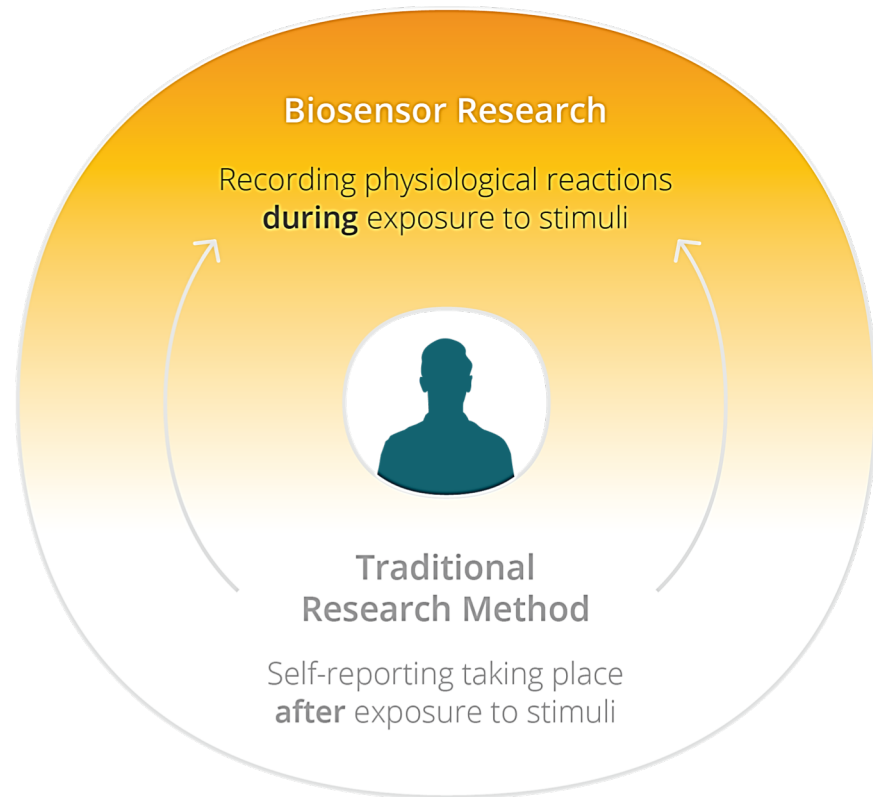
# Who is iMotions?

We are a software company specializing in biosensors to study human behavior.

# Biosensors for human behavior research

Benefits:

- Extend traditional methods
- Apply best measures to research objectives
- Understand physiological reactions

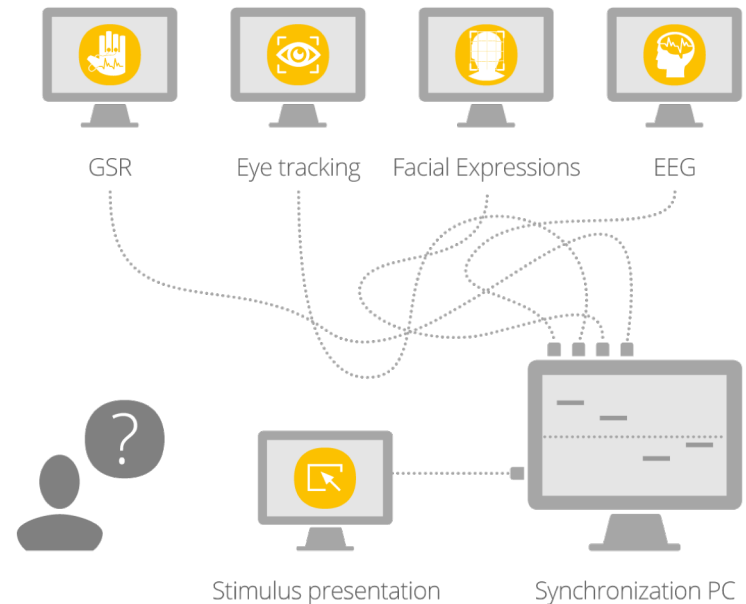


# Human behavior research can be complex

## The challenge

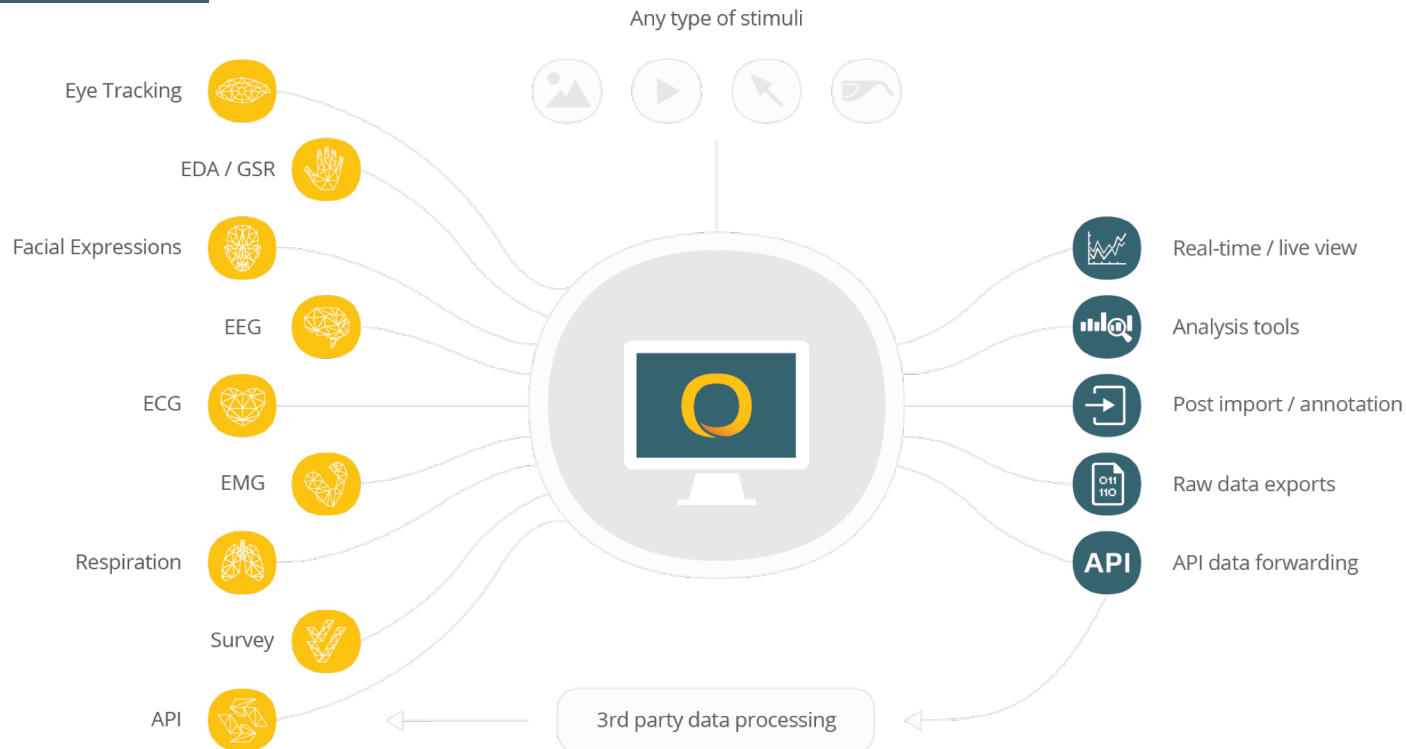
Dealing with:

- Multiple computers, hardware & software tools
- Sensors and stimuli not connected or communicating
- Data collection & analysis are time consuming and prone to manual errors



# iMotions simplifies human behavior research

## The solution



# Powering Academic & Commercial Client Labs

## Academic

Stanford  
University

  
VANDERBILT  
UNIVERSITY

 NYU

 HAMBURG  
MEDIA  
SCHOOL

 UCLA

 Northeastern

 USF  
UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA

 PURDUE  
UNIVERSITY

 mit  
media  
lab

 ARIZONA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

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 HARVARD  
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UNIVERSITY OF  
MICHIGAN

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 McGill

## Commercial

 GM

 Mondelēz  
International

 Expedia

 NBC

 WB

 gsk

 nielsen

 MEDIASCIENCE

 Ipsos

 P&G

 facebook

 Southwest

 FEDERAL AVIATION  
ADMINISTRATION

 SUBARU

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# Who is iMotions?

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(We think a lot about data.)



The most common biosensors

# The Biosensor Toolbox





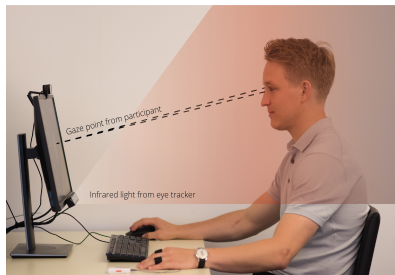
# Eye tracking

Screen-based, Glasses, and VR

# Eye Tracking Setups for Every Study

## Most Stable

Remote/Screen-  
Based



- Respondents can move within the headbox
- Stable systems
- Ideal for any type of screen-based stimulus presentation

## Most Natural

Mobile/Glasses-  
Based



- Participants can stand up and move (almost) naturally
- Glasses make additional video of the environment
- Ideal for real-world stimuli

## For Phone/Tablet

Compact Trackers



- Mobile stand holds eye-tracker and mobile device
- Extra cameras can be added to monitor the respondent

## Virtual Reality

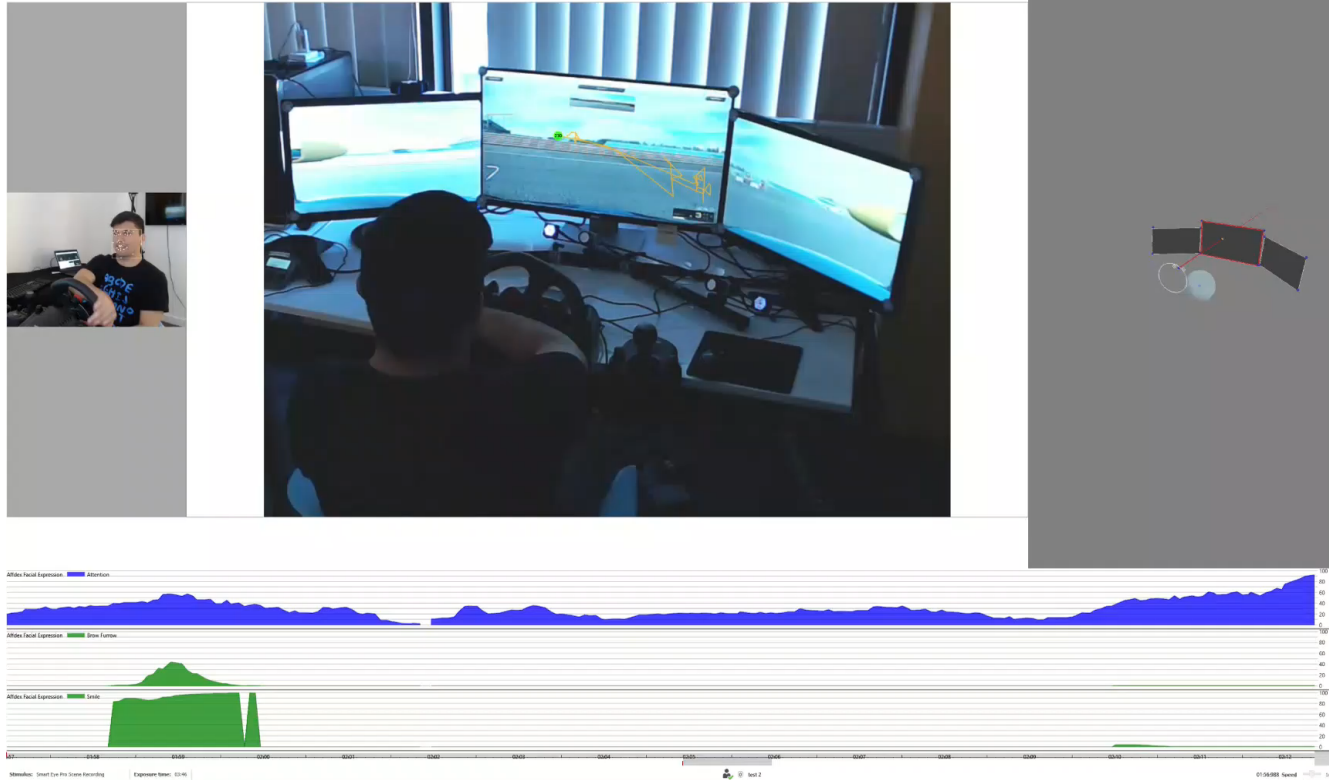
VR-ET Headset



- Virtual reality headset outfitted with eye-tracking hardware
- Made for simulated environments

# Eye Tracking setups for every study

## Multi-camera setups for driving, cockpit and simulation



# Eye Tracking

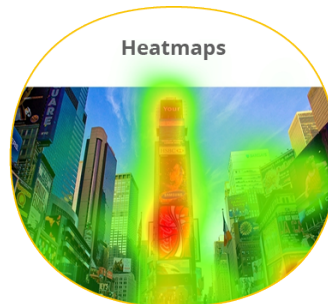
## Measure visual attention

Important metrics:

- AOI (Areas of interest)
  - Time to First Fixation (TTFF)
  - Time Spent
  - Revisits



In what order did an **individual** look at things and for how long?



Where did a **population** focus their visual attention?



How did a **population** focus on one element versus another?



**Screen-based**  
Suited for:

- Controlled environments
- Advertisement
- UX
- Academic



**Glasses**  
Suited for:

- In-store testing
- Real-life situations
- Package design
- Automotive



**VR**  
Suited for:

- Simulations
- Military
- UX
- Gaming
- Health



A woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a blue turtleneck, is smiling broadly. Her face is overlaid with a grid of white dots, representing facial tracking points for analysis. The background is a gradient of orange and blue.

Detect emotional reaction

# Facial Expression Analysis

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## Reveal emotional responses

Integrating **Affectiva's**  
(AFFDEX) engine:

- Tracked by
  - Webcam
  - Video feed
- 20 facial action units
  - Brow-furrow, Smile, Cheek-raise etc.
- 7 Core emotions
  - Joy, Fear, Contempt, Surprise, Anger, Disgust, Sadness



### FEA



- More than **7.7 million faces** analyzed in 87 countries
- Understand **unfiltered responses**
- Combine with eye tracking to **analyze Areas of Interest**

A person with long blonde hair is shown from the side, wearing a black wristband with a white 'Shimmer' sensor. The sensor has three colored buttons (red, green, blue) and a small screen. A thin wire is connected to the sensor. The person is also wearing black rings on their fingers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus orange and yellow gradient.

Detect arousal

# EDA – Electrodermal Activity



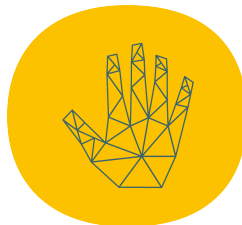
# EDA

## Detect arousal

- EDA Peaks
  - Overall intensity
  - Per minute
  - Can be positive or negative
    - Combine with valence
- Easy setup
  - Wired or wireless
  - Placed on hands or feet



### EDA (GSR)



- Measure increases in eccrine **sweat gland activity**
- Excellent for **lab and real world** settings
- A **valuable index** of emotional arousal



# EEG - Electroencephalography

Measure electrical activity



# EEG

## Measure electrical activity

- Hardware

- Electrodes in several options:  
(8-24 channels)
- Headband (8 channels)

- Metrics

- Frequency bands
- Frontal alpha asymmetry
- PSD

- Setup

- Surface of the scalp
- Wireless



### EEG



- Measuring **electrical activity**
- Excellent time resolution
- A **valuable index** of avoid/approach behavior



# Putting it all together...

Volunteer, please!

# 2 Challenges in Human-Centered AI

... and how biosensors can help

## **Challenge #1:**

Human emotions and behavior can range from simple to complex.

## **Solution #1:**

... Biosensors + machine learning can help characterize difficult problems in human behavior.

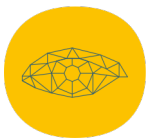
# Example 1: Advertising

The more complex and abstract the behavior, the more sources of data you should have.

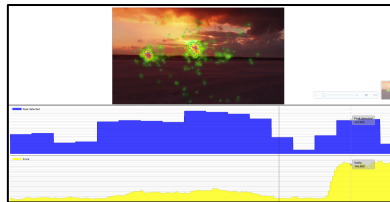
## Easy



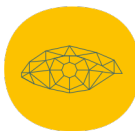
"Did people notice the branding in my commercial?"



## Moderate Question



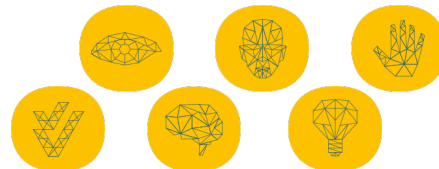
"How engaging is my commercial to viewers?"



## Difficult Question



"How does my commercial affect brand identity?"

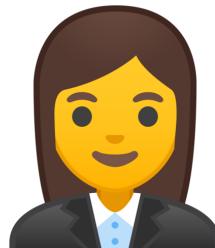


## Example 2: Automotive (Workload)

- **Cognitive Workload** is a particularly difficult problem because it's extremely context dependent and incorporates **objective** and **subjective** measures.

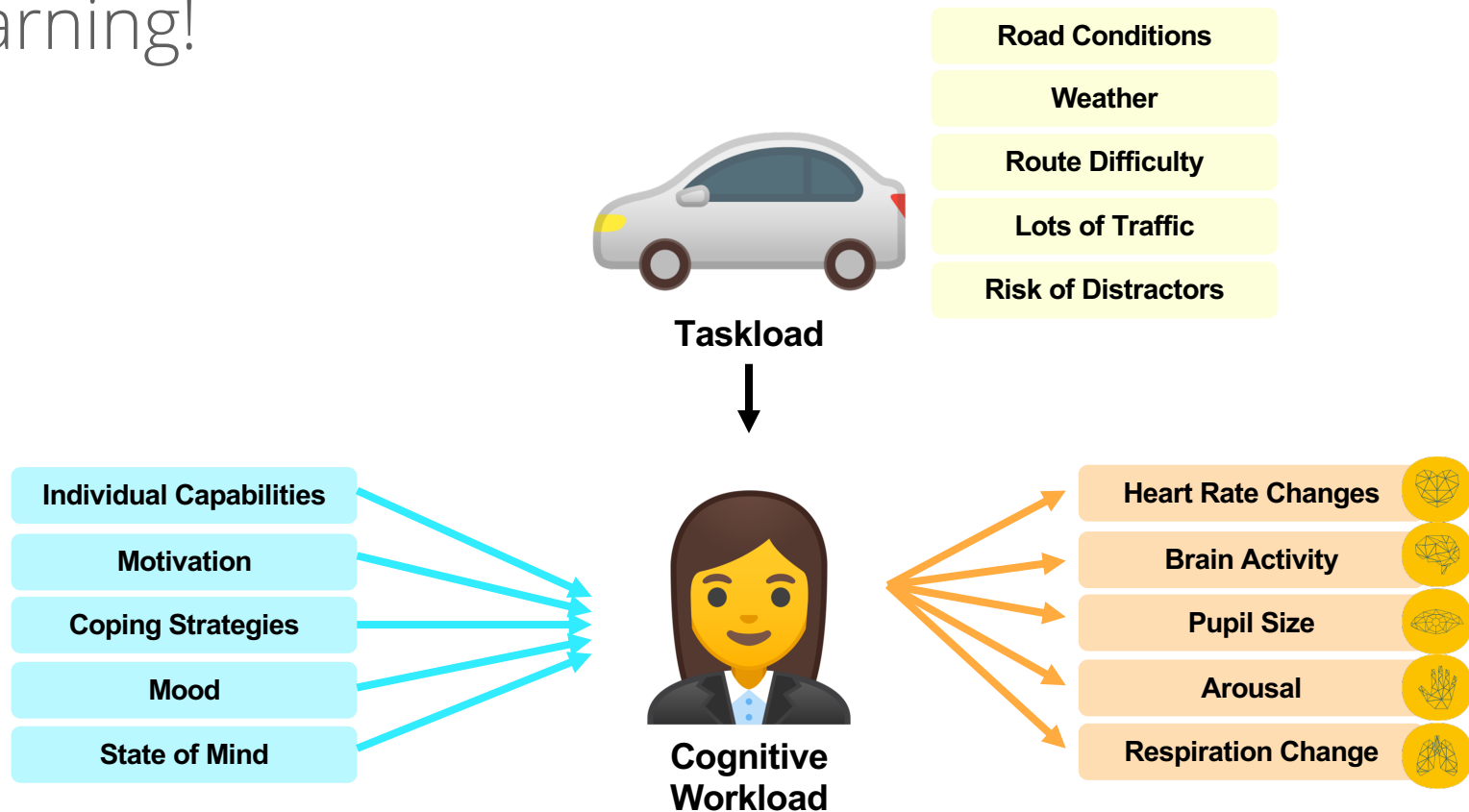


**Taskload:** The objective cognitive effort required to do a task effectively



**Workload:** The subjective interaction of the person's bandwidth with a given taskload

# Many Variables = A great problem for machine learning!





## **Challenge #2:**

Human brains are difficult to measure “in real life”. Behavior is often used as a proxy for physiological processes.

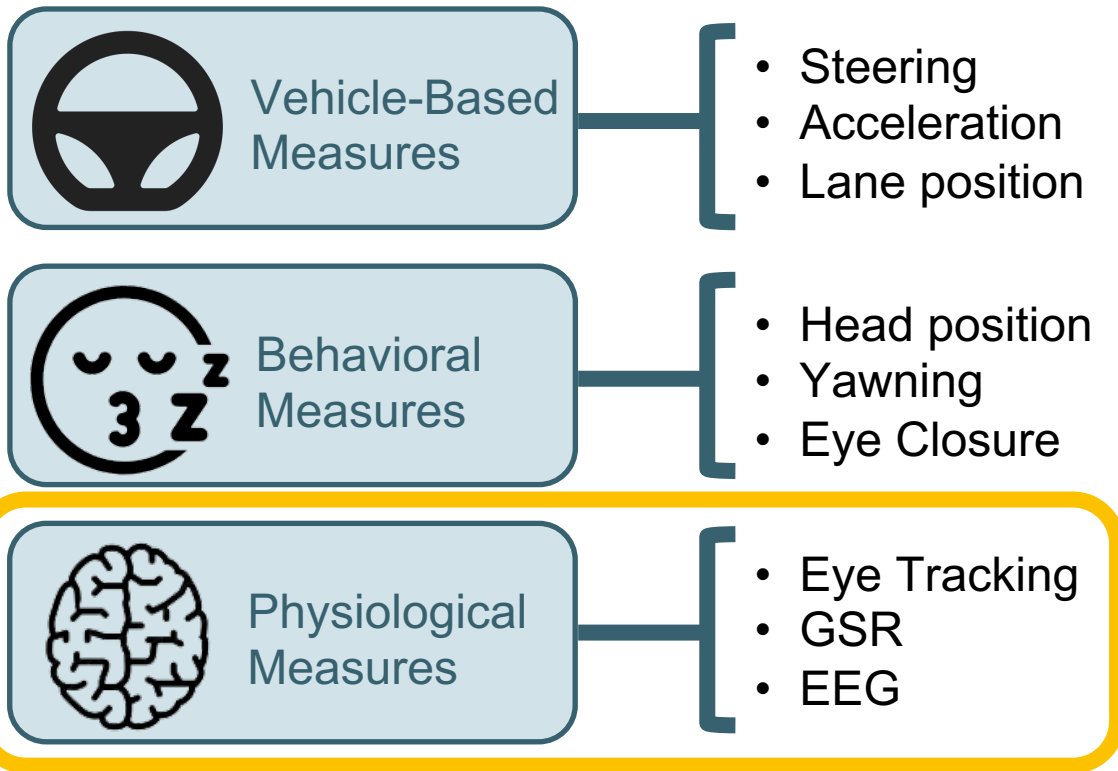
## **Solution #2:**

...Biosensors can be employed as Ground Truth Data to validate behavioral algorithms.

# Example: Automotive (Drowsiness)



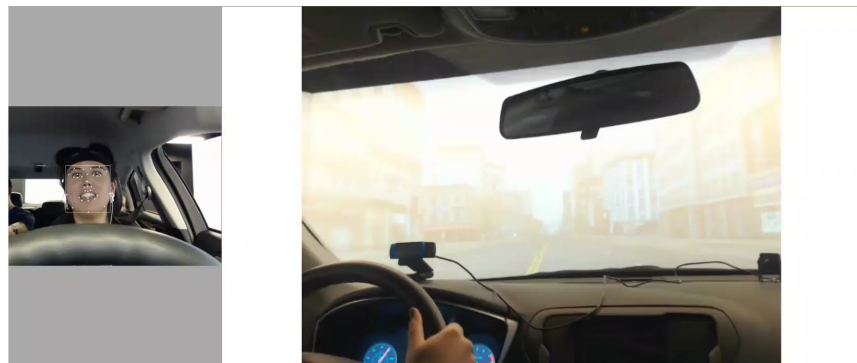
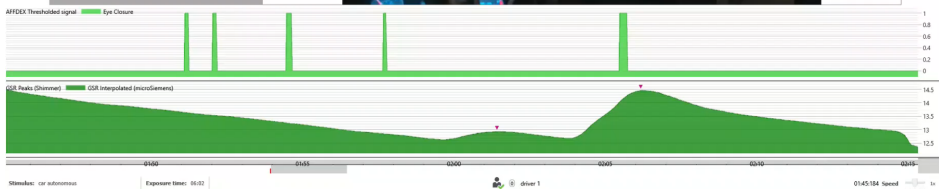
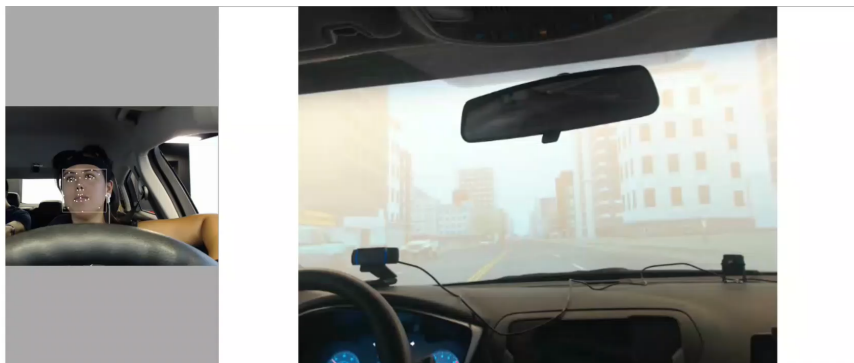
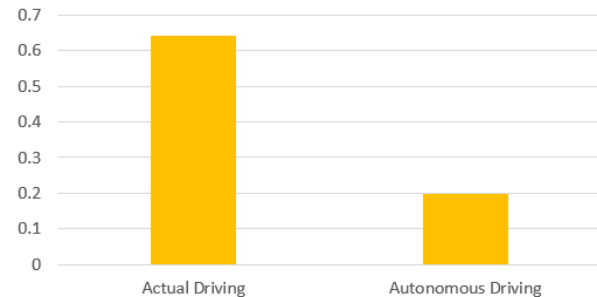
Ground Truth Data



# Example: Automotive (Drowsiness)

## Autonomous versus Regular Driving

Beta Power



# Biometric integration may be sooner than we think...?

## Nissan's future cars may read your brain to prevent accidents

The company is working on a 'brain-to-vehicle' system

By Sean O'Kane | @sokane1 | Jan 3, 2018, 11:22am EST

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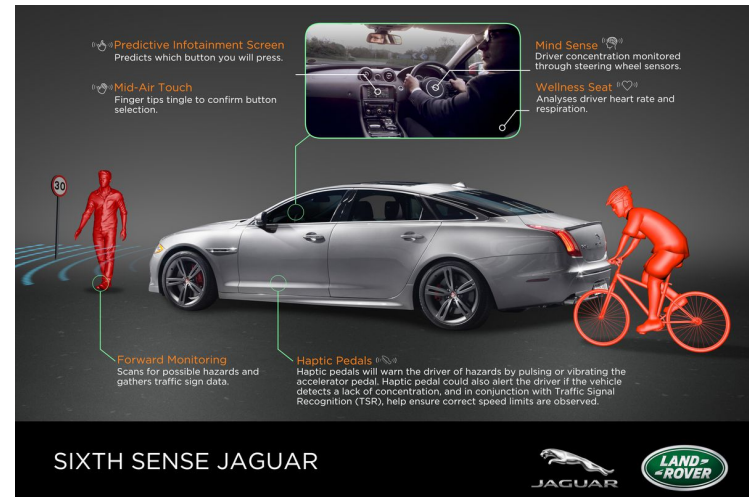
Rewriting Life

## Car Could Check Your Heart Rate While You Drive

Researchers think drivers could use their sensor-laden Mini Cooper as an aid to health.

by Susan Young Rojahn

Oct 3, 2012



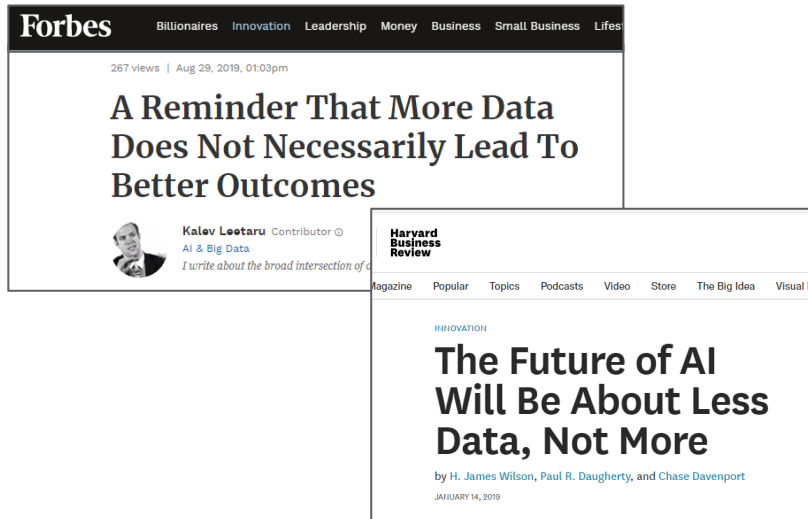
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## Making a Car that Won't Let You Sleep

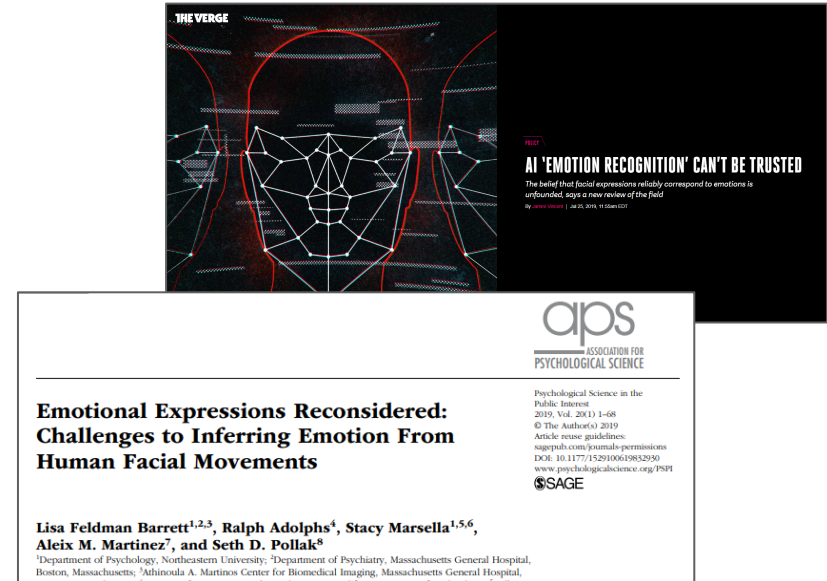
Algorithms, sensors – there's even talk of using biometrics and wearables, data derived straight from a driver's body, to determine if a person is too tired to drive.

# More or Less Data?

- Crafting human-centric AI is a delicate balance between data **overload**, and not enough data causing dangerous **assumptions or biases**.



Too Much Data



Not Enough Data?

# "Human-Centered AI"

The Right Kind of Data - Quantifying how humans interact with stuff



The stimulus,  
whether an active  
**task** or a passive  
**experience**

+



The context,  
providing **nuance**  
as well as potential  
**bias**

+



Human behavior

?

# iMotions offerings



## Biosensors & Hardware

Flexible hardware solutions from a variety of industry-leading manufacturers



## iMotions Software

One easy-to-use platform integrating multiple biosensors



## Support & Services

Customized training, enablement services, and support offered

# About Us







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