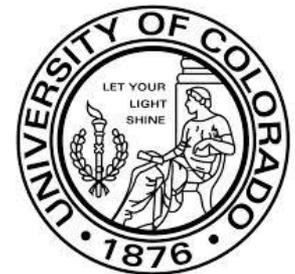




Smartphone based Blood Oxygen Level Measurement using Near-IR and RED Wave-guided Light

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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)



Leading cause of death in the US, 2016



24 Million Americans
have COPD

Early detection of COPD is key to successful treatment



OFTEN
FOUND IN **LATE STAGE**

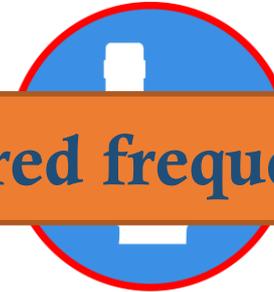


\$34,000 treatment
in ICU

Vital signs screening in COPD

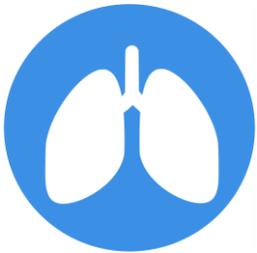


Heart rate

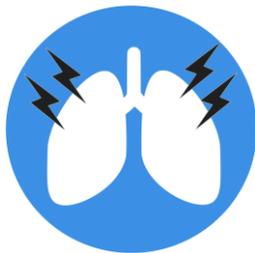


Oxygen saturation (SpO₂)

Oxygen Saturation needs to be measured frequently



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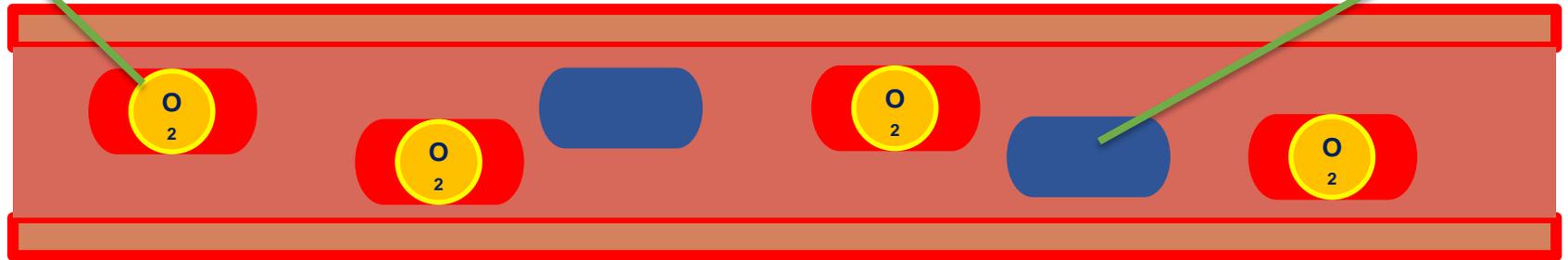


Wheezing sound

Oxygen Saturation (SpO₂)

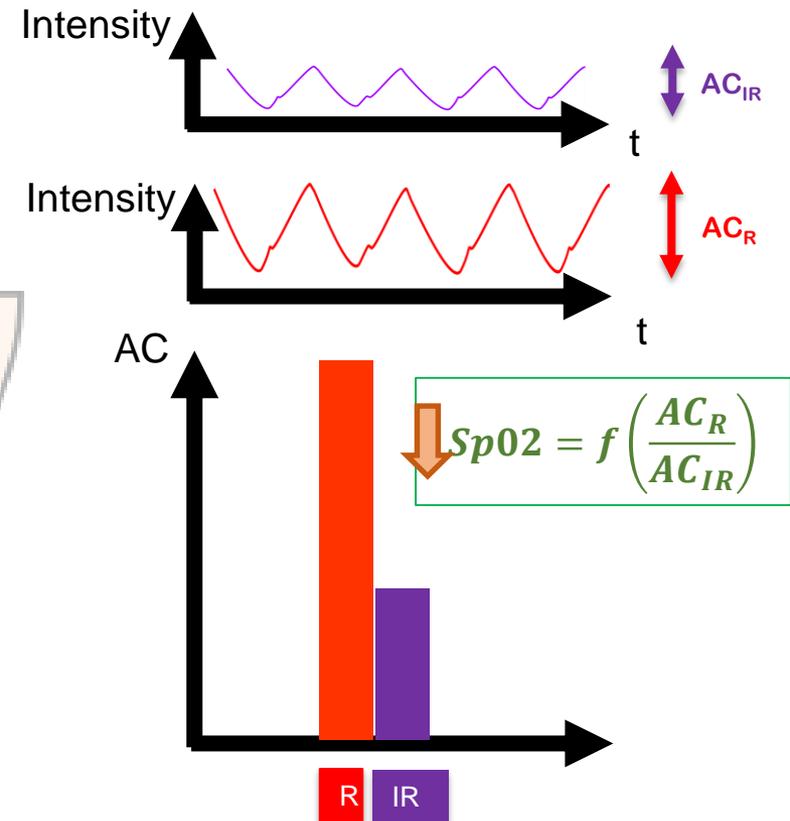
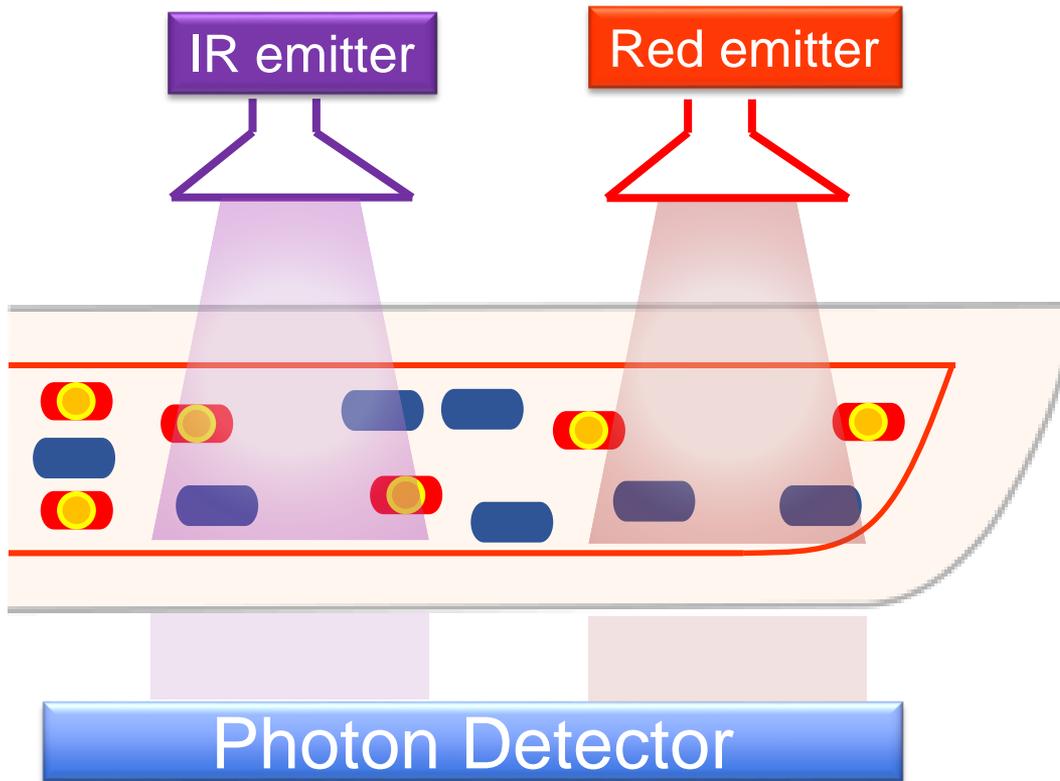
Oxygenated hemoglobin

Deoxygenated hemoglobin

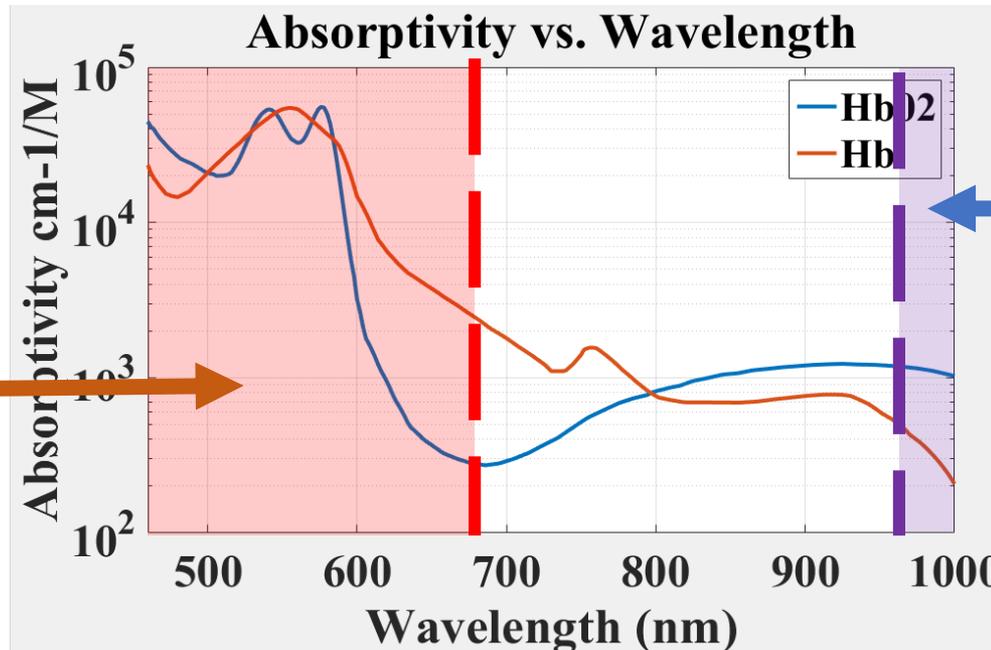


$$SpO_2 = \frac{\text{No. oxygenated hemoglobin}}{\text{Total No. hemoglobin}} 100\%$$

Non-invasive Measurement of Oxygen Saturation



Red and IR Wavelength Selection



At **Red= 660 nm** and **IR = 960 nm**, the difference of light absorption by oxygenated hemoglobin and deoxygenated hemoglobin is largest.

Dedicated Hardware Solutions



Smartphone-based blood oxygen measurement

Pros

- High accuracy

Cons

- Inconvenient
- Costly

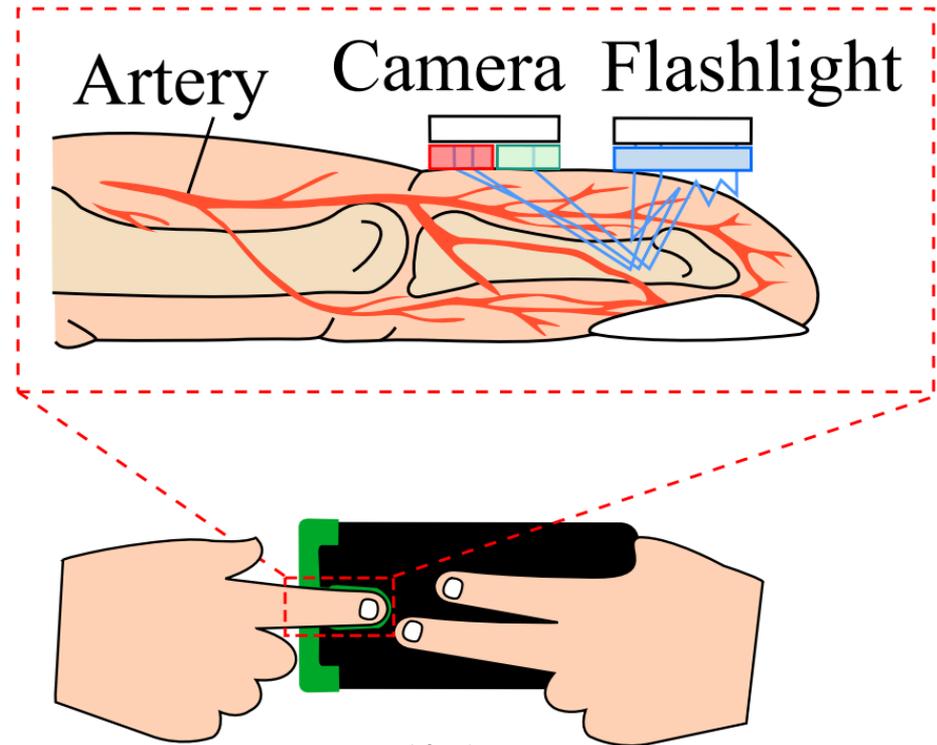
A solution to capture the oxygen level and is

- ➔ High accuracy.
- ➔ Low-cost.
- ➔ Easy to make by patients



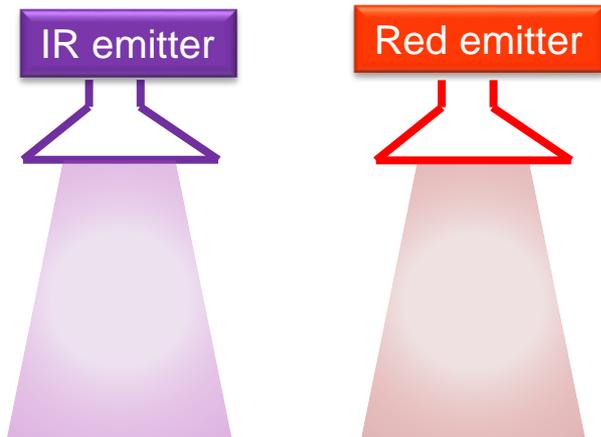
PhO_2

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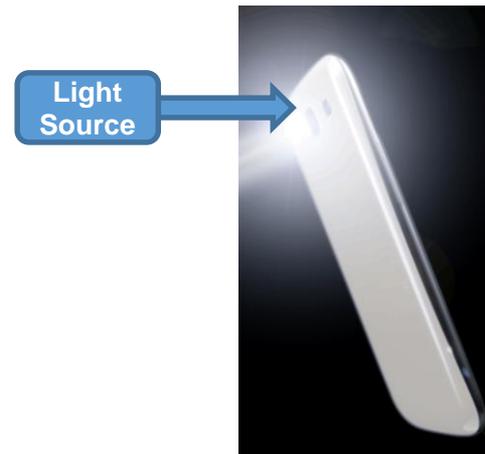


Hardware Challenges

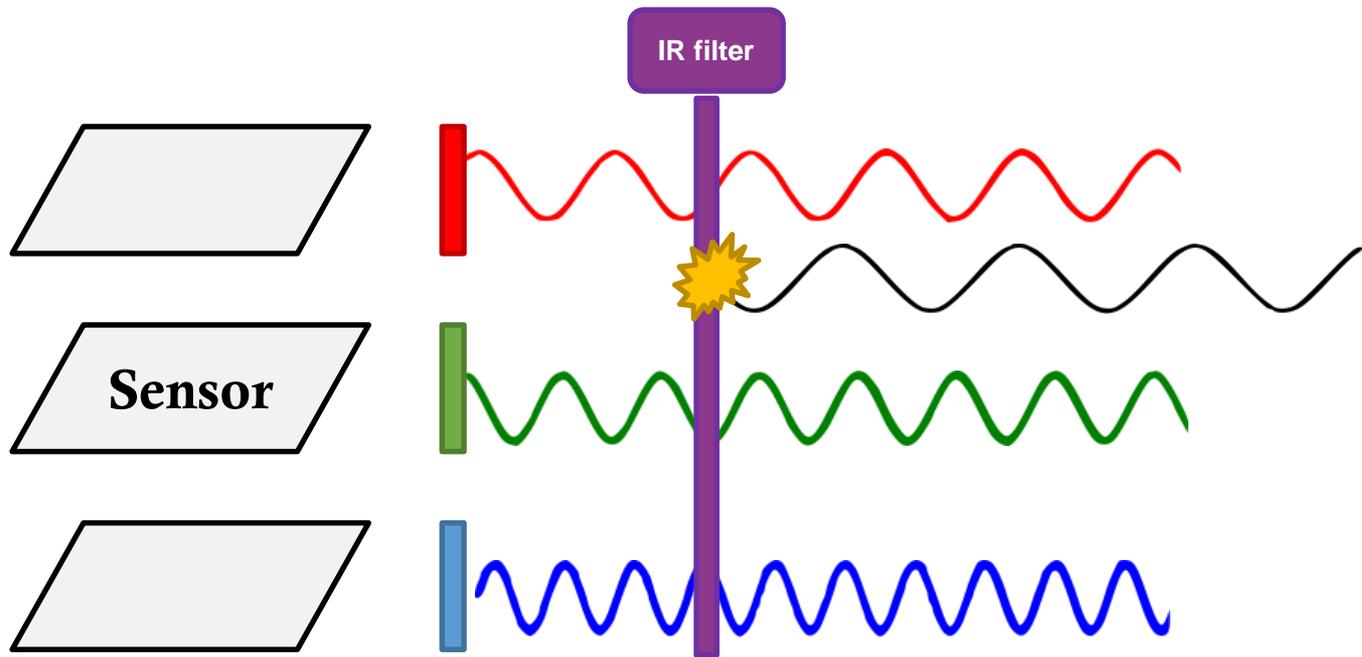
PULSE OXIMETER



PHONE BASED PULSE OXIMETER



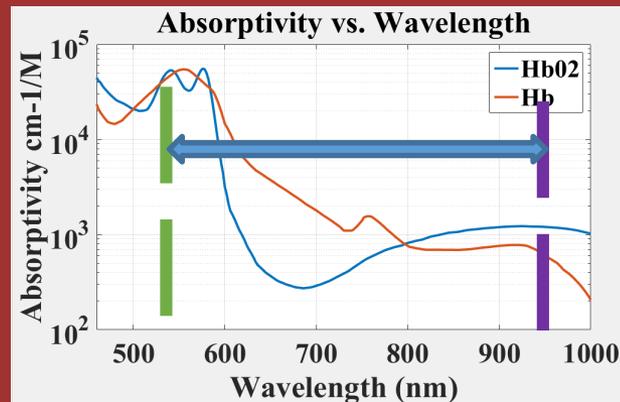
Challenge. Phone's camera IR filter



Existing Software-based Solutions

DISADVANTAGES

- ❑ Inaccurate: Green channel is mostly absorbed by red pigmentation.
- ❑ Coarse-grained: one record per 10 seconds.

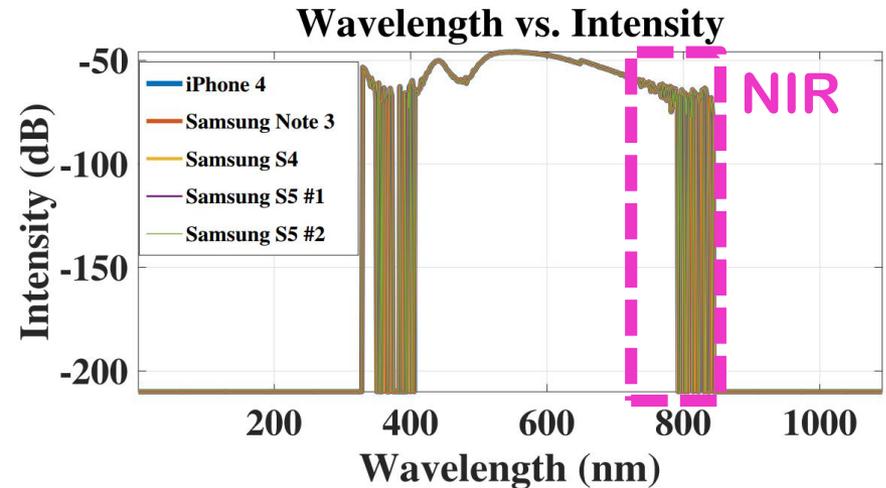
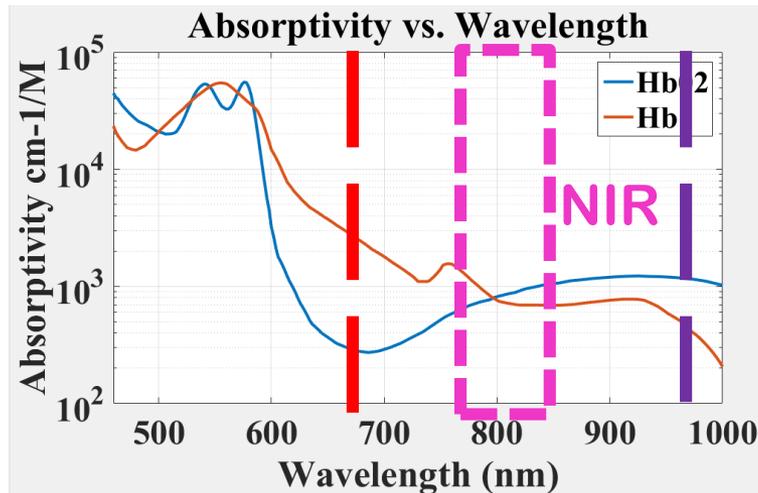


Digital

Healthcare

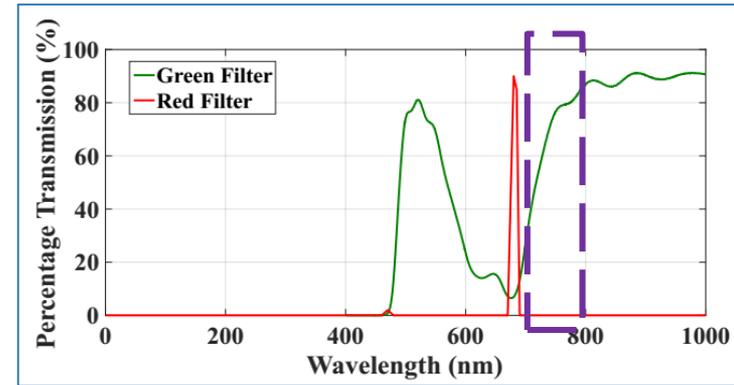
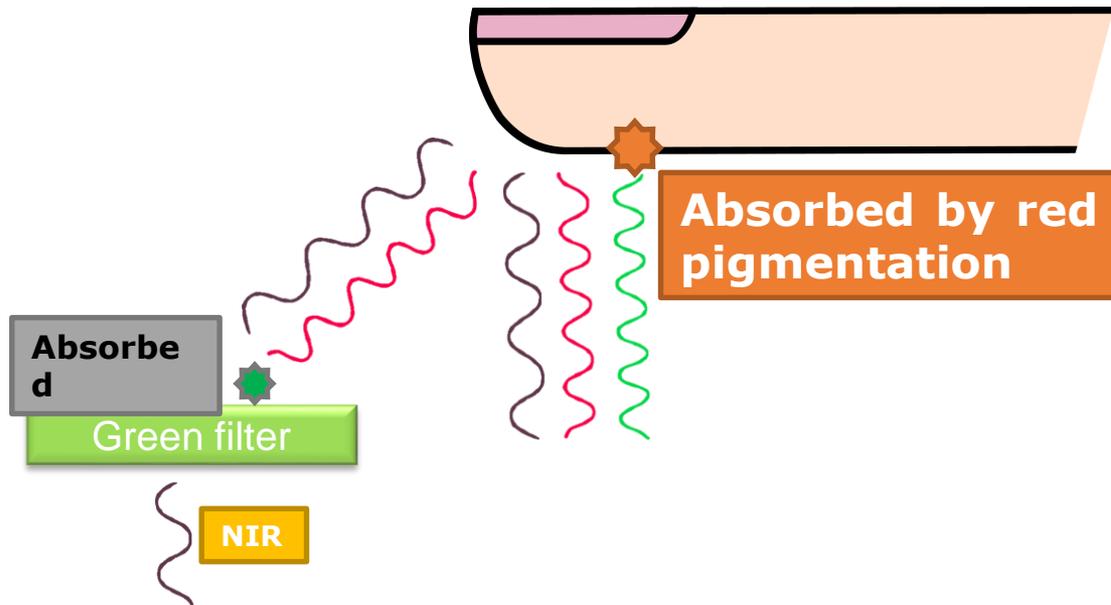
Solution.

Red and NIR for Oxygen Saturation Measurement



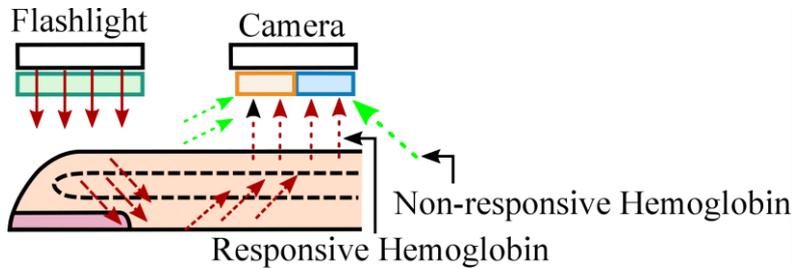
NIR **has similar characteristics of hemoglobin absorption** with the IR lights.
is **available in most of phone's flashlight** and is **not filtered by the phone's camera**.

PhO₂ NIR Extraction Technique



Red and Green filter cutoff

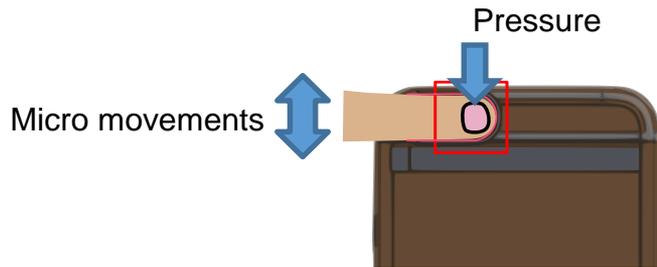
And 5 More Challenges...



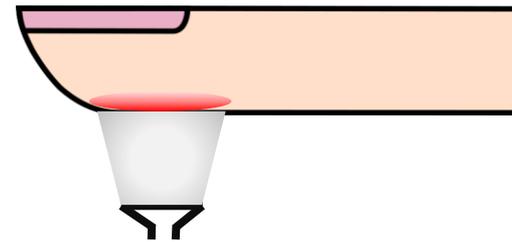
Smartphone's camera picks up most of the lights

RGB ↔ Intensity

Conversion between RGB and light intensity

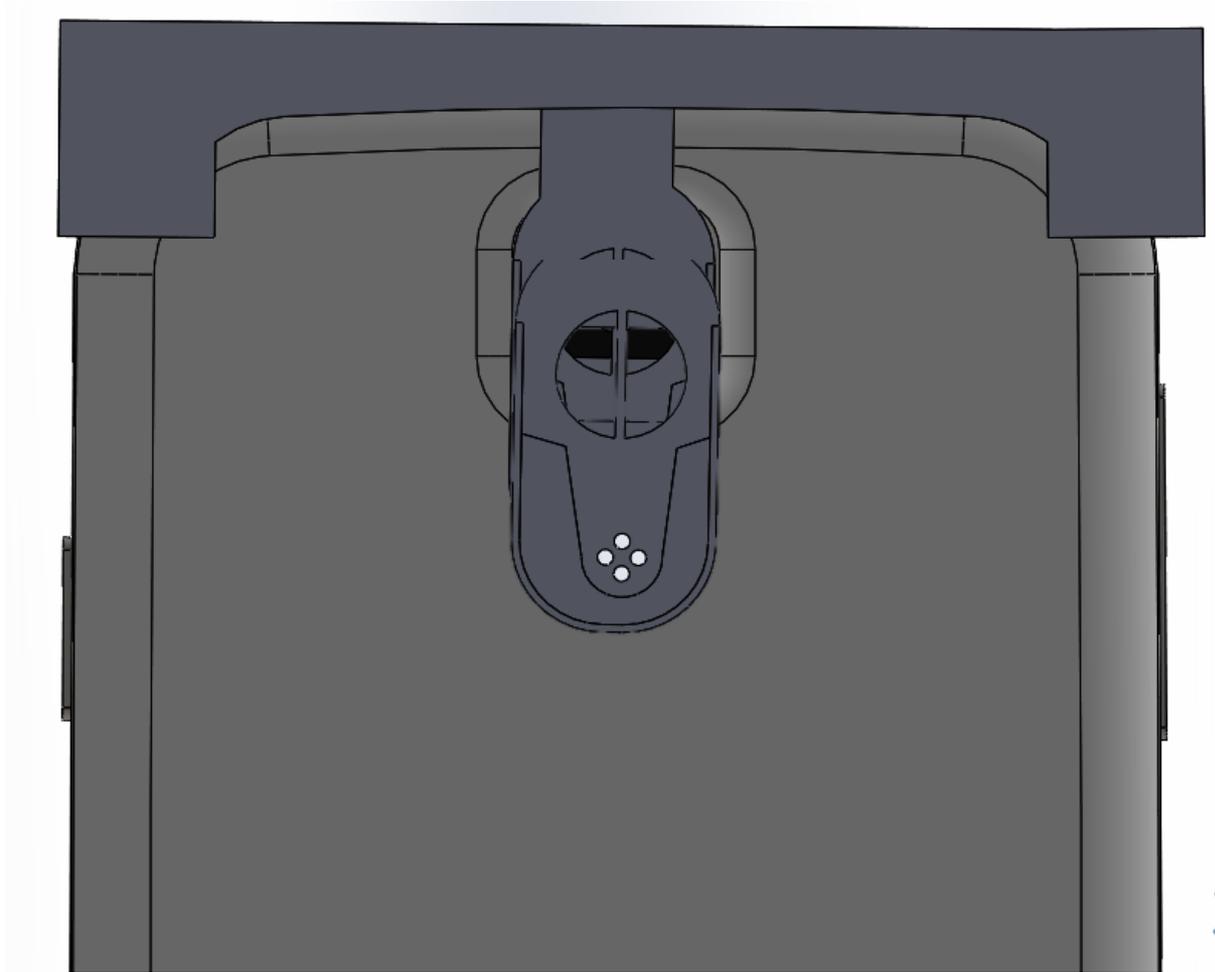


Finger movement and Contact pressure

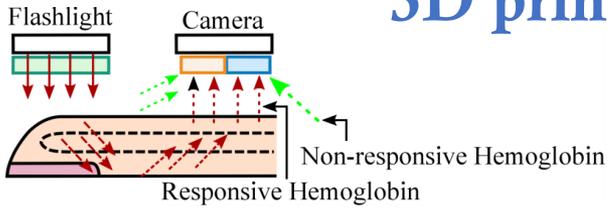


Flashlight heat can cause skin burn

3D printed Optical Hardware Add-on



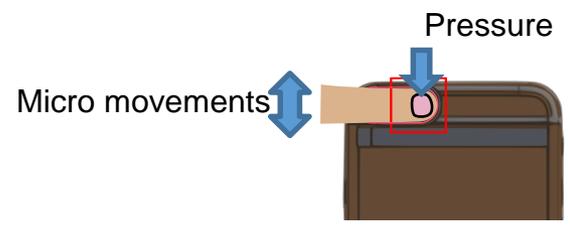
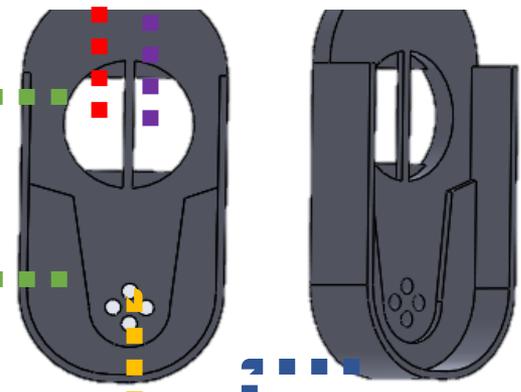
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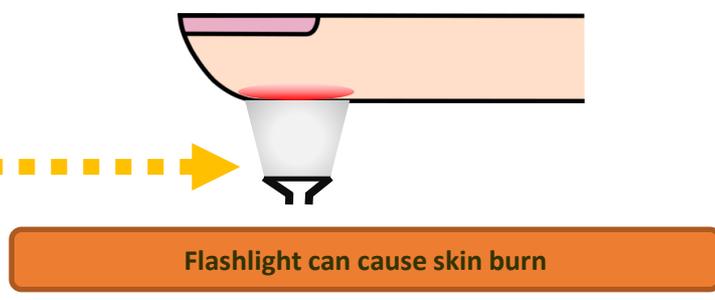
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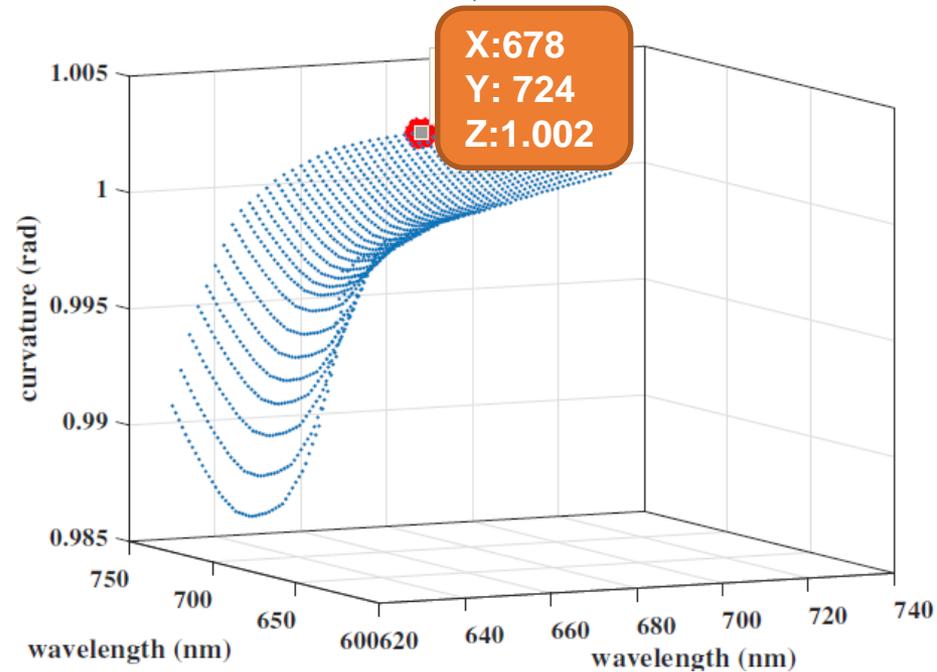
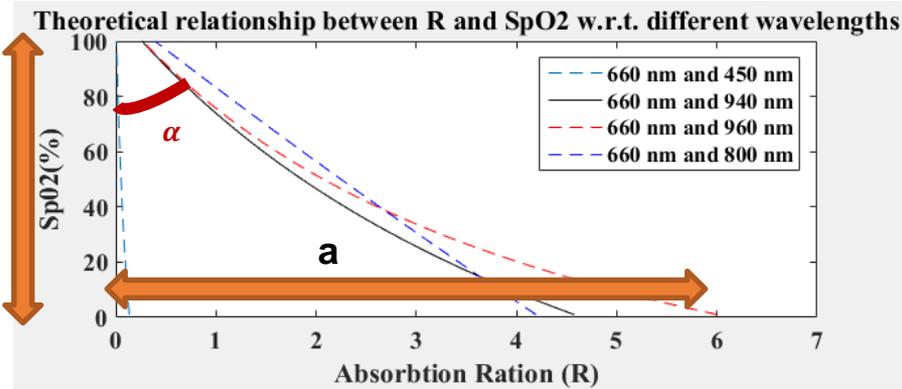
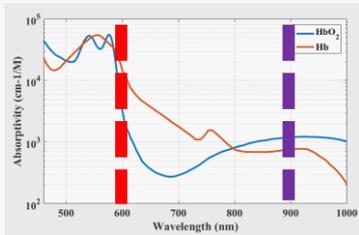


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Wavelength selection

$$\alpha = \arctan(a/b)$$

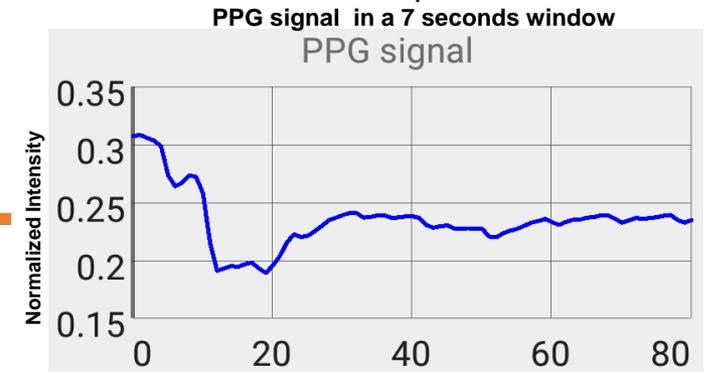
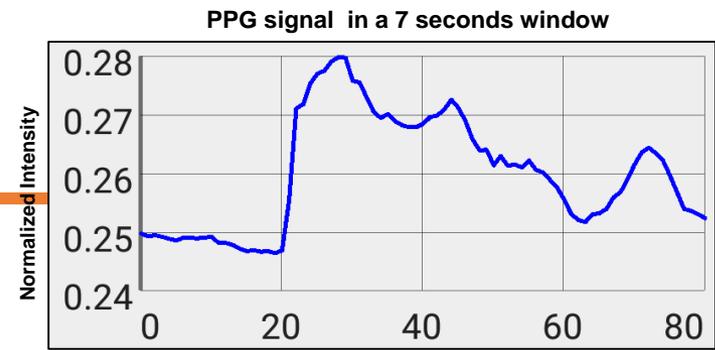
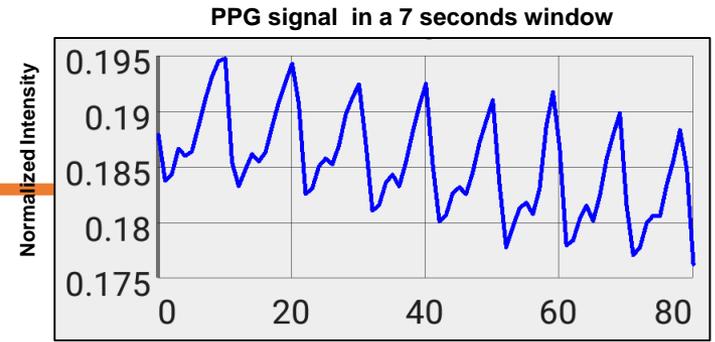
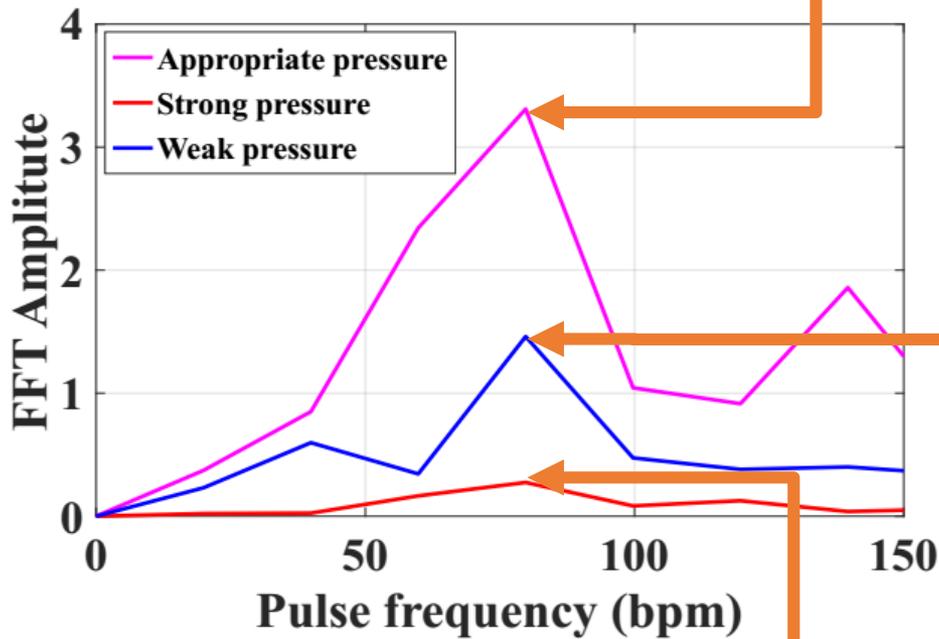
$$SpO_2 = \frac{\epsilon_{Hb}(r) - \epsilon_{Hb}(r)R}{\epsilon_{Hb}(ir) - \epsilon_{HbO_2}(r) + [\epsilon_{HbO_2}(ir) - \epsilon_{Hb}(ir)]R}$$



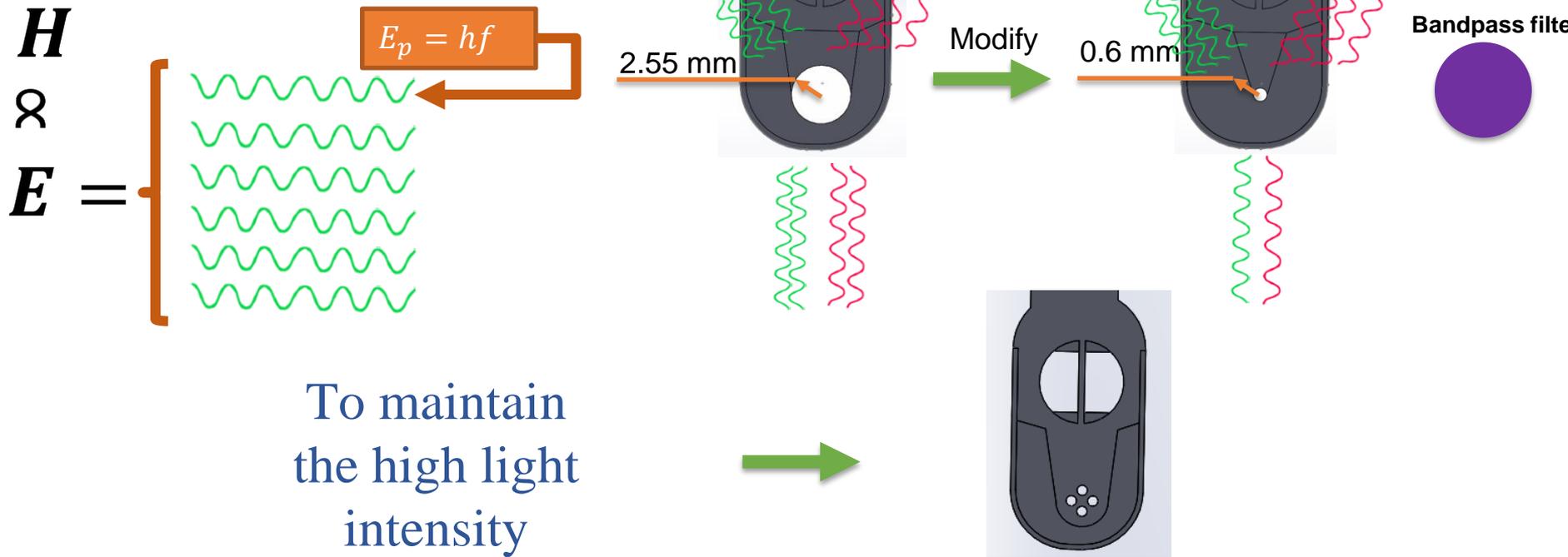
$\lambda_R = 678 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_{NIR} = 724 \text{ nm}$

Pressure Detection and Recommendation

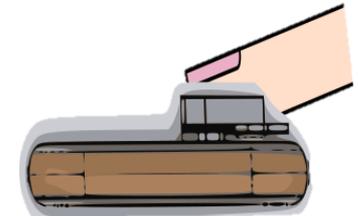
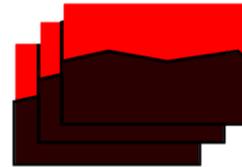
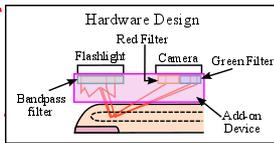
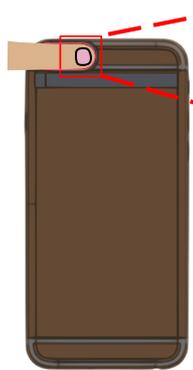


Heat Reduction with Distributed Lighting Source





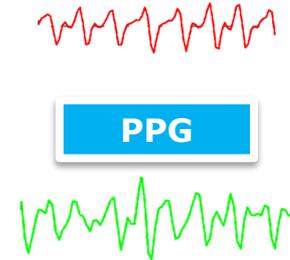
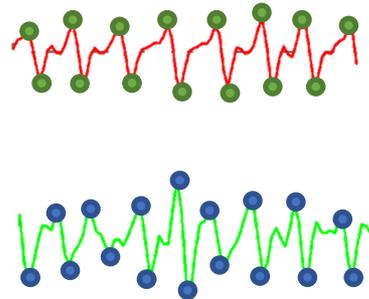
PhO₂ Algorithms



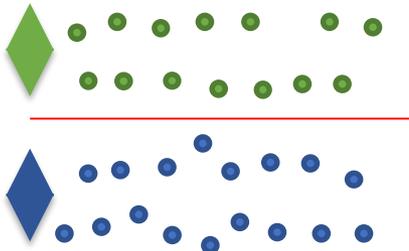
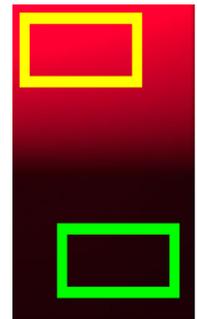
Detecting pressure



Collecting raw data



ROI detection and create the PPG signals

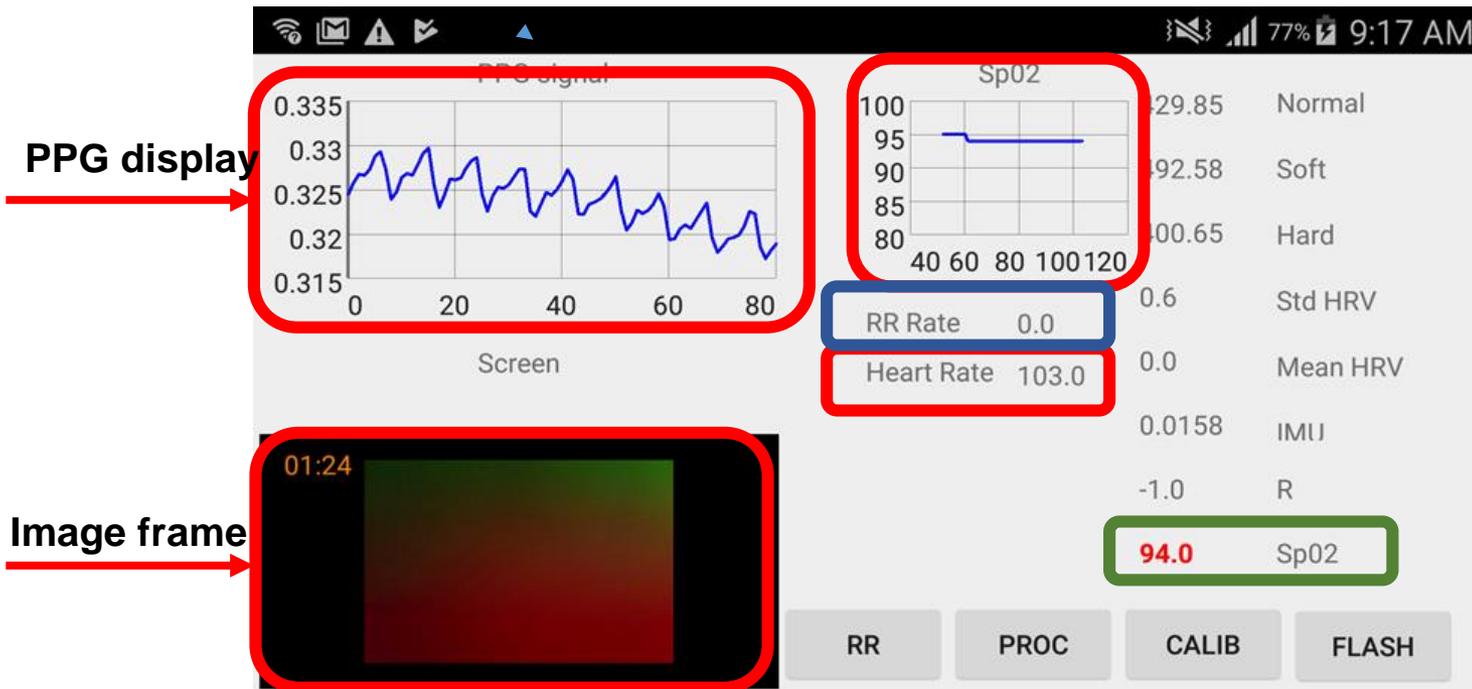


Calculate peak-to-peak ratio

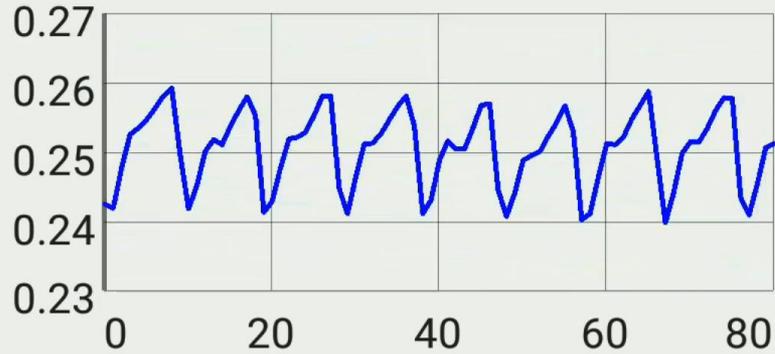


95 %

App overview

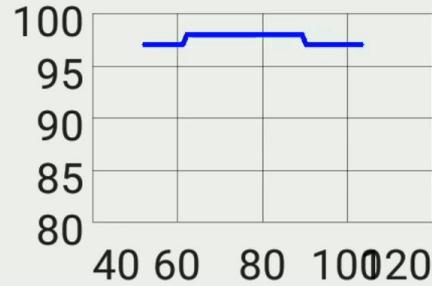


PPG signal



Screen

SpO2



	429.85	Normal
	492.58	Soft
	400.65	Hard
	0.4969	Std HRV
RR Rate	0.0	
Heart Rate	94.0	0.0
	0.0290	IMU
	-1.0	R
	97.0	SpO2

04:17



RR

PROC

CALIB

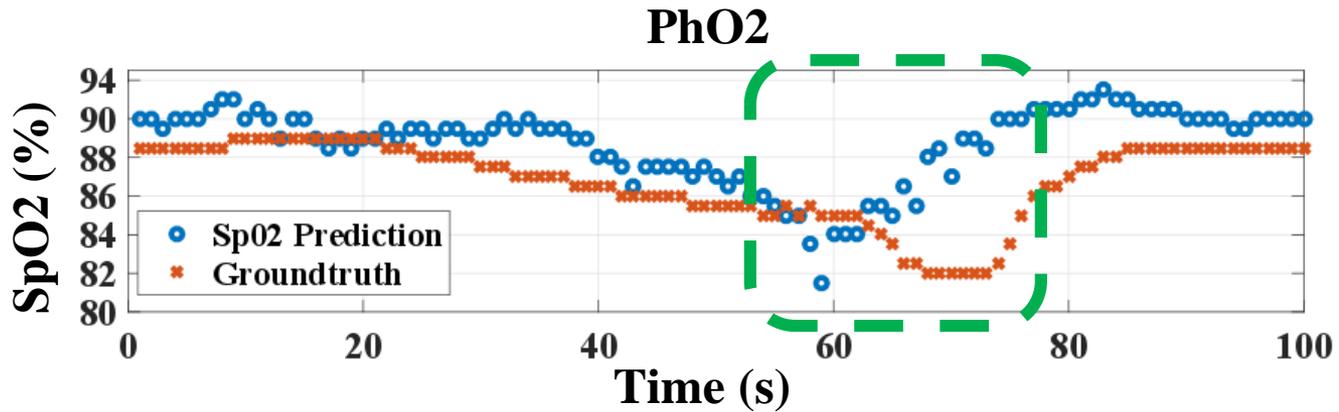
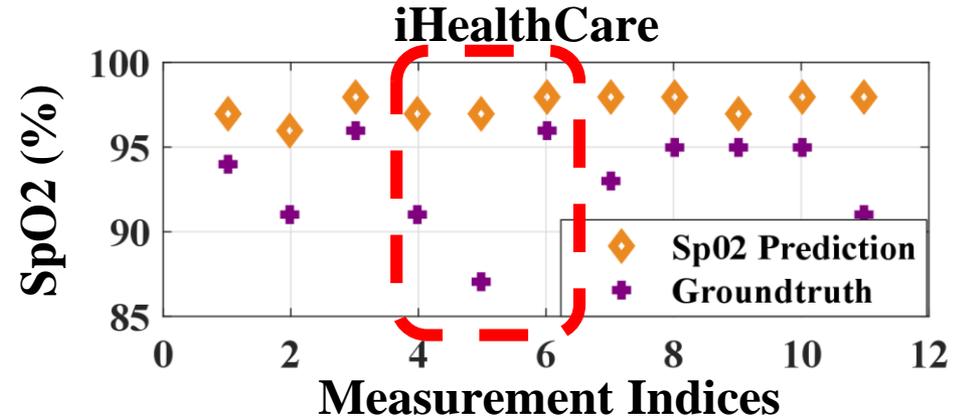
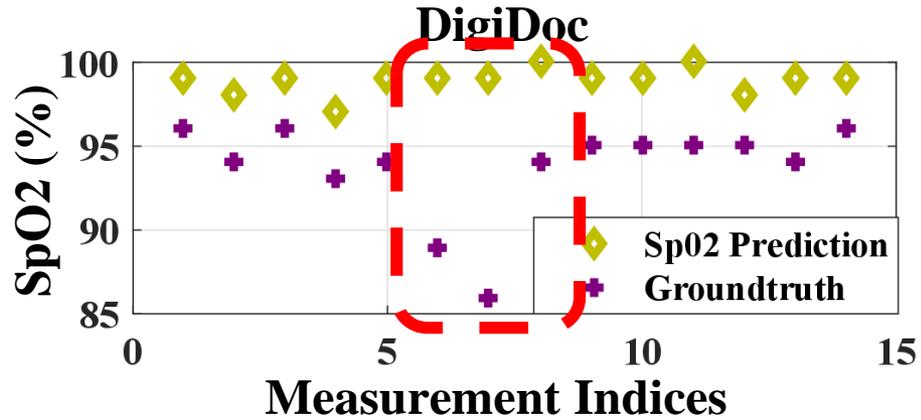
FLASH

In-lab experiments

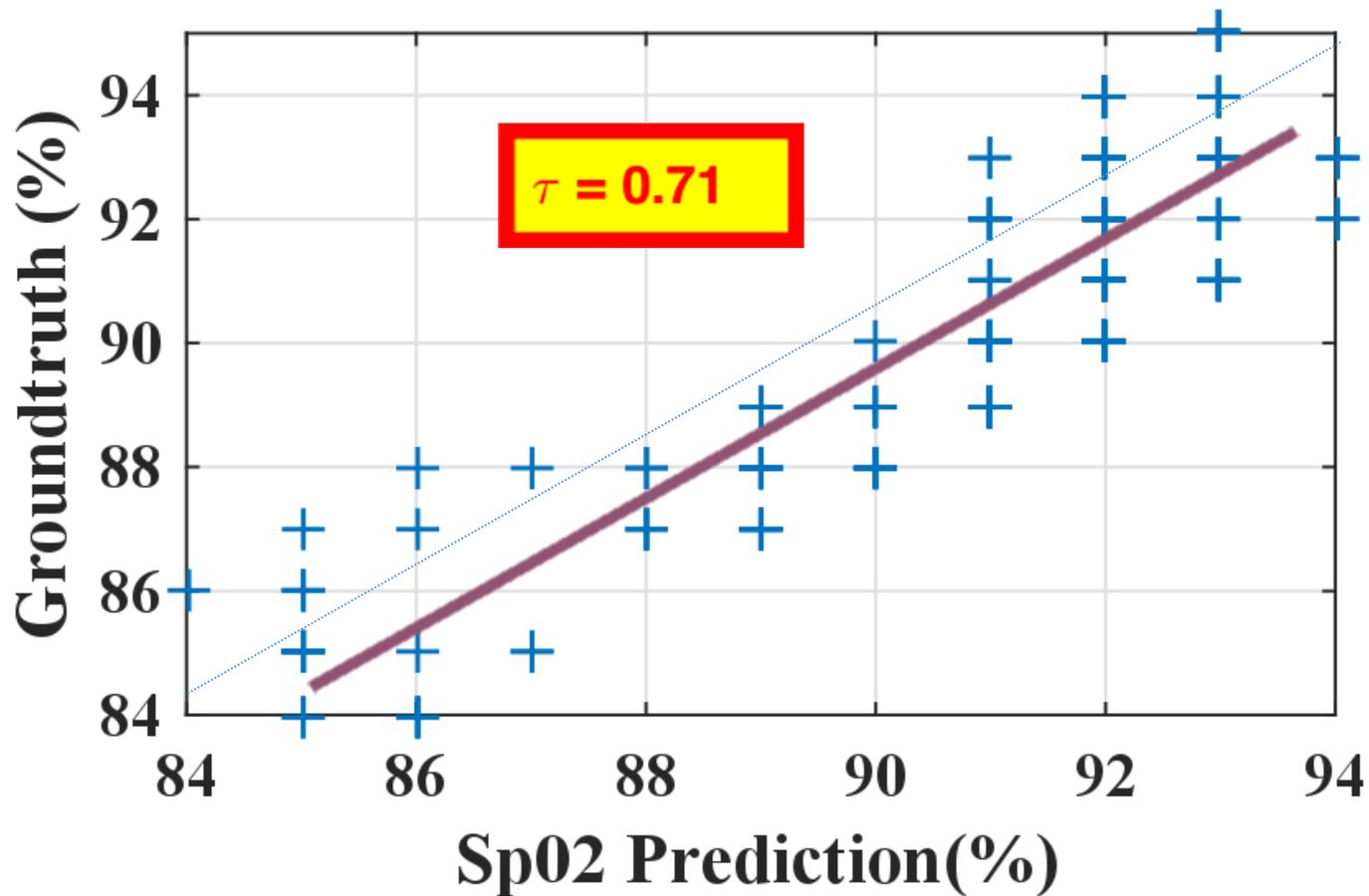


- 3 males, 3 females
- 5 times performs the *hyperventilation* (a breath holding technique to reduce oxygen).
- Totally 560 samples.

PhO2 vs. Existing apps

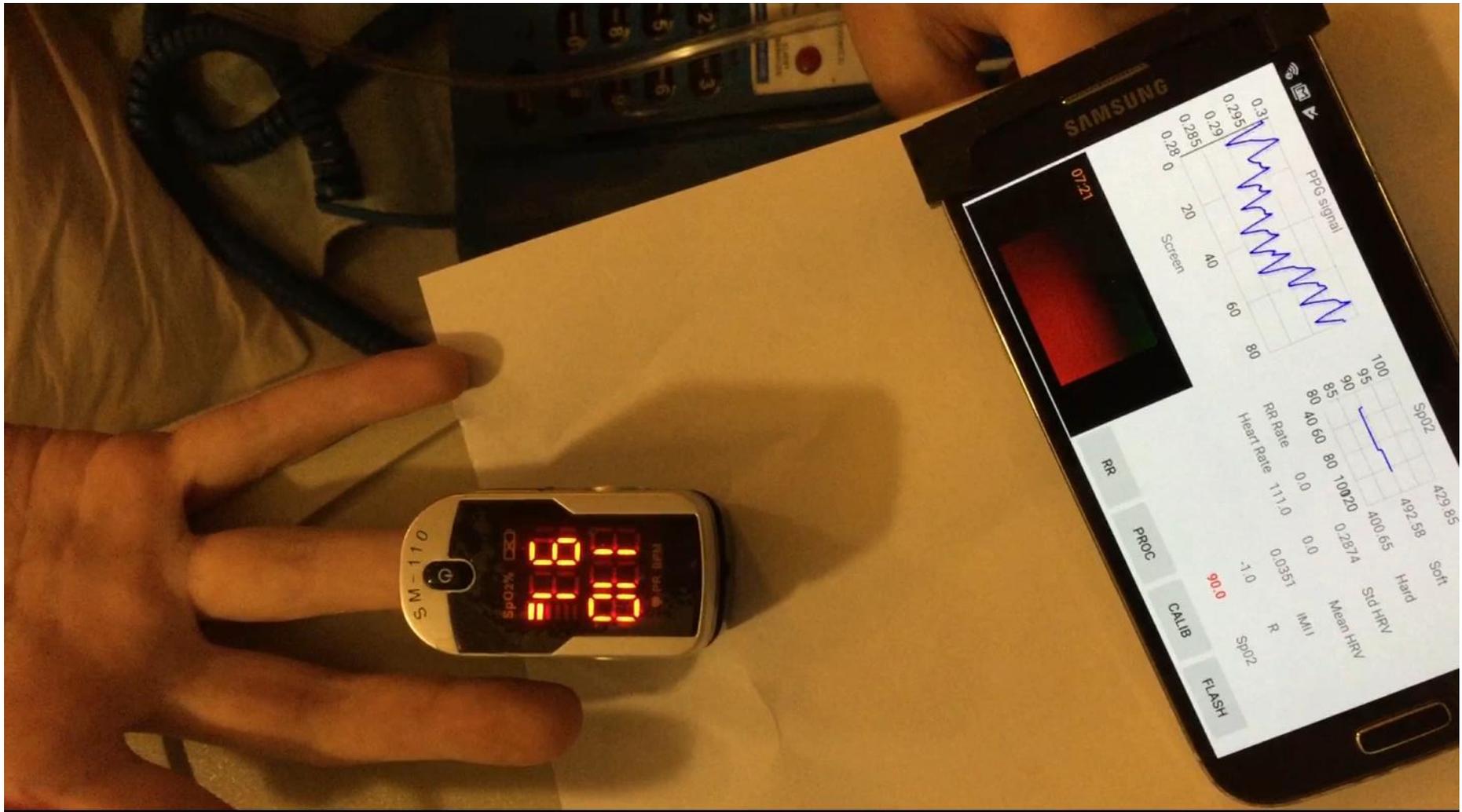


Experimental results

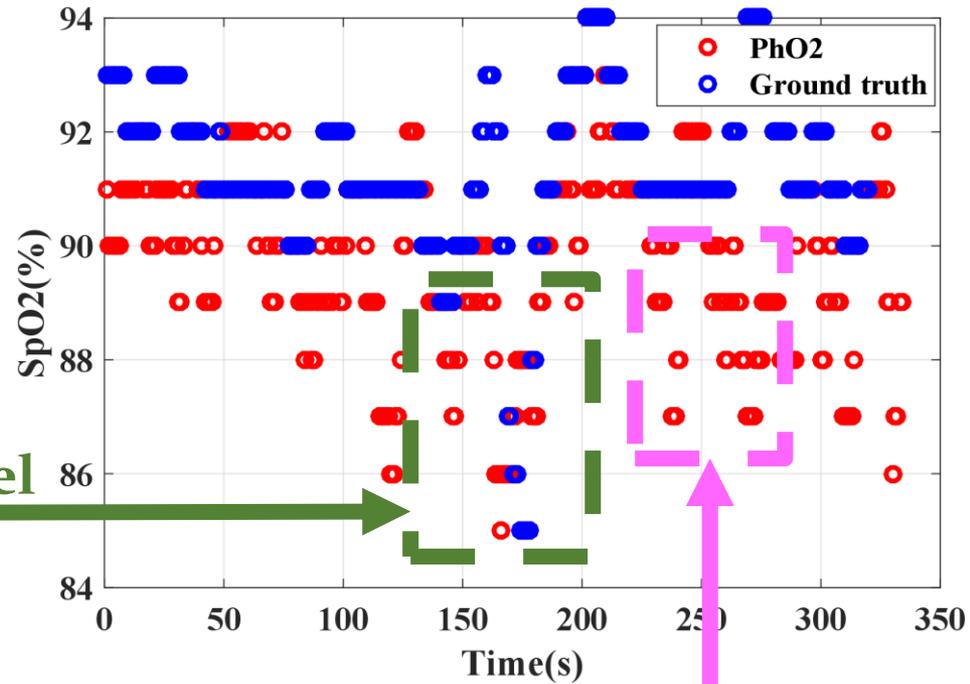


3.5%

In hospital experiment with patient.



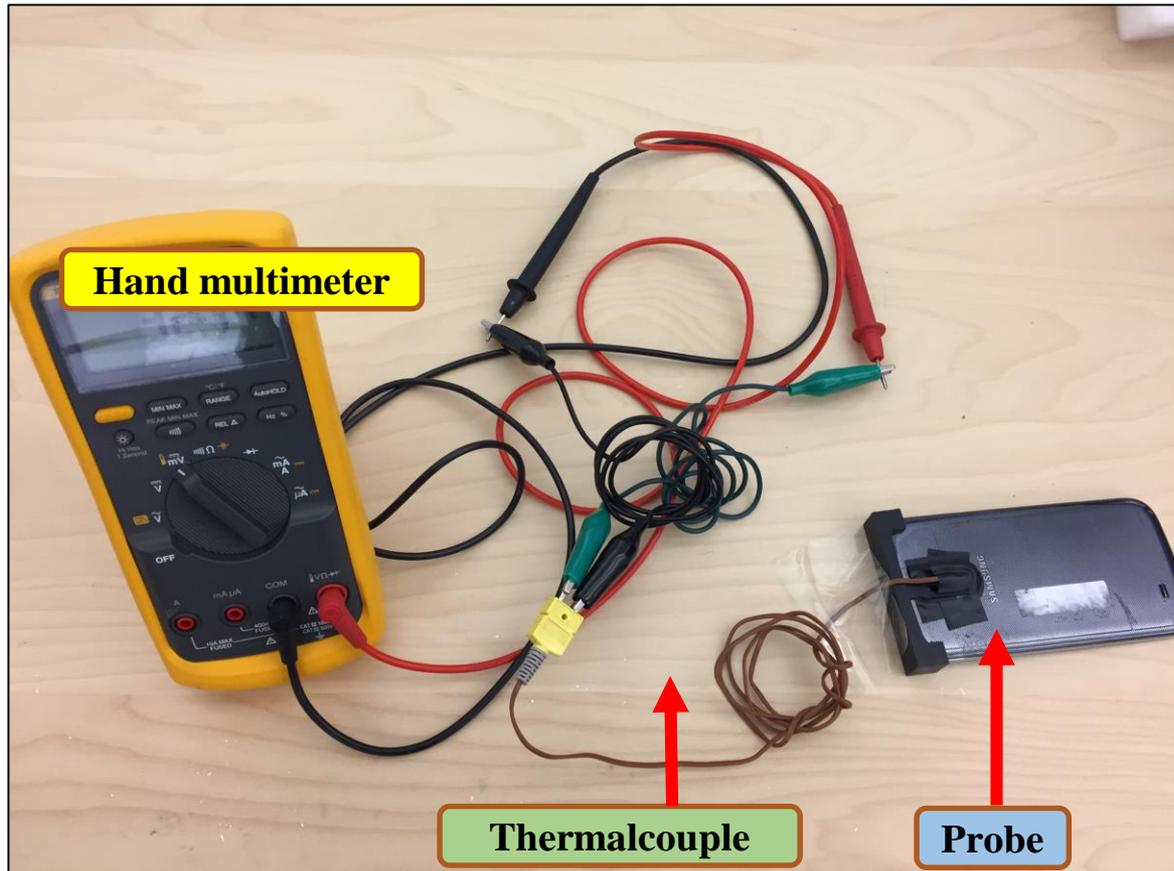
Fine-grained evaluation of the patient



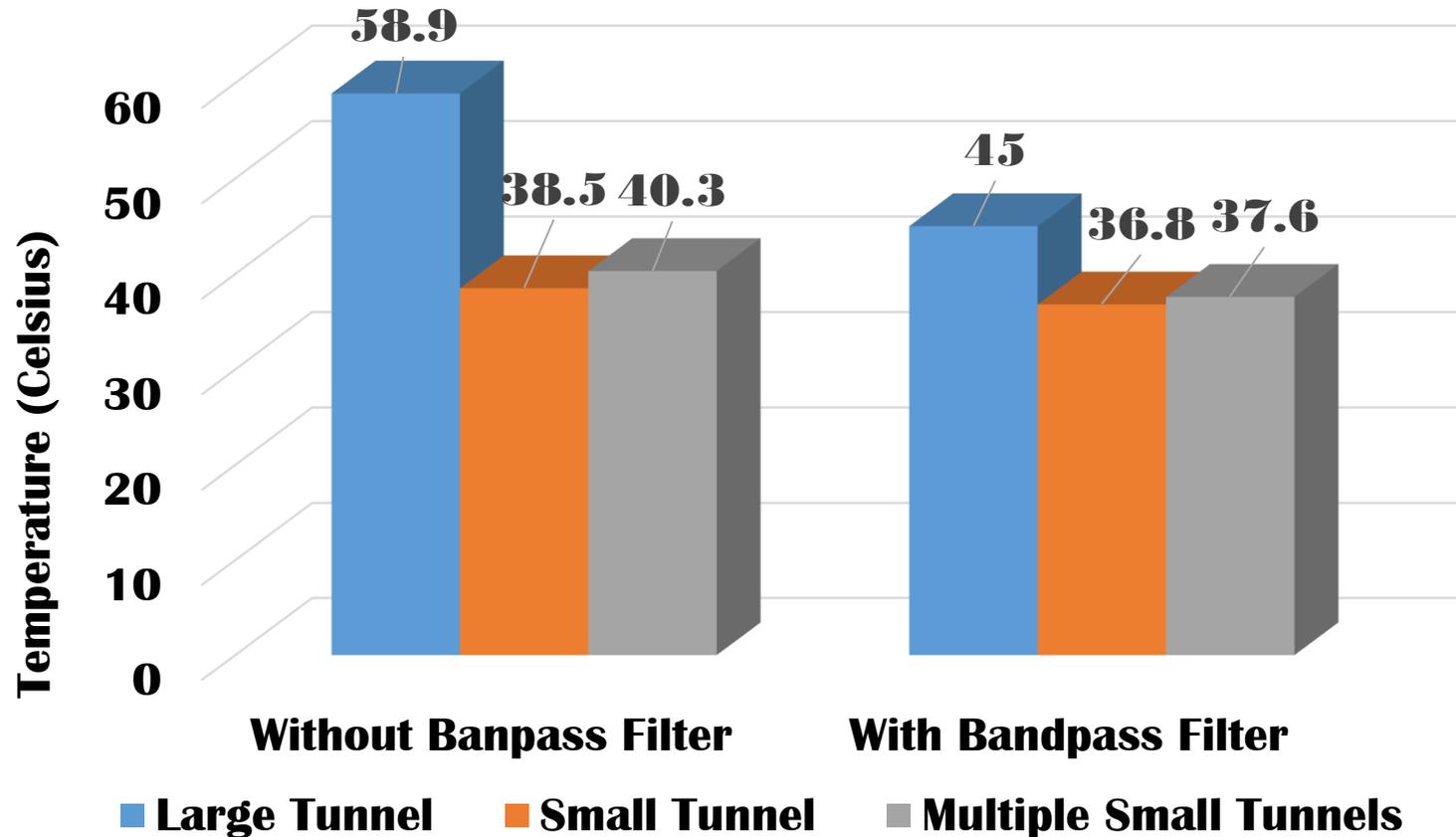
Low Oxygen Level

Coughing

Heat Reduction Evaluation



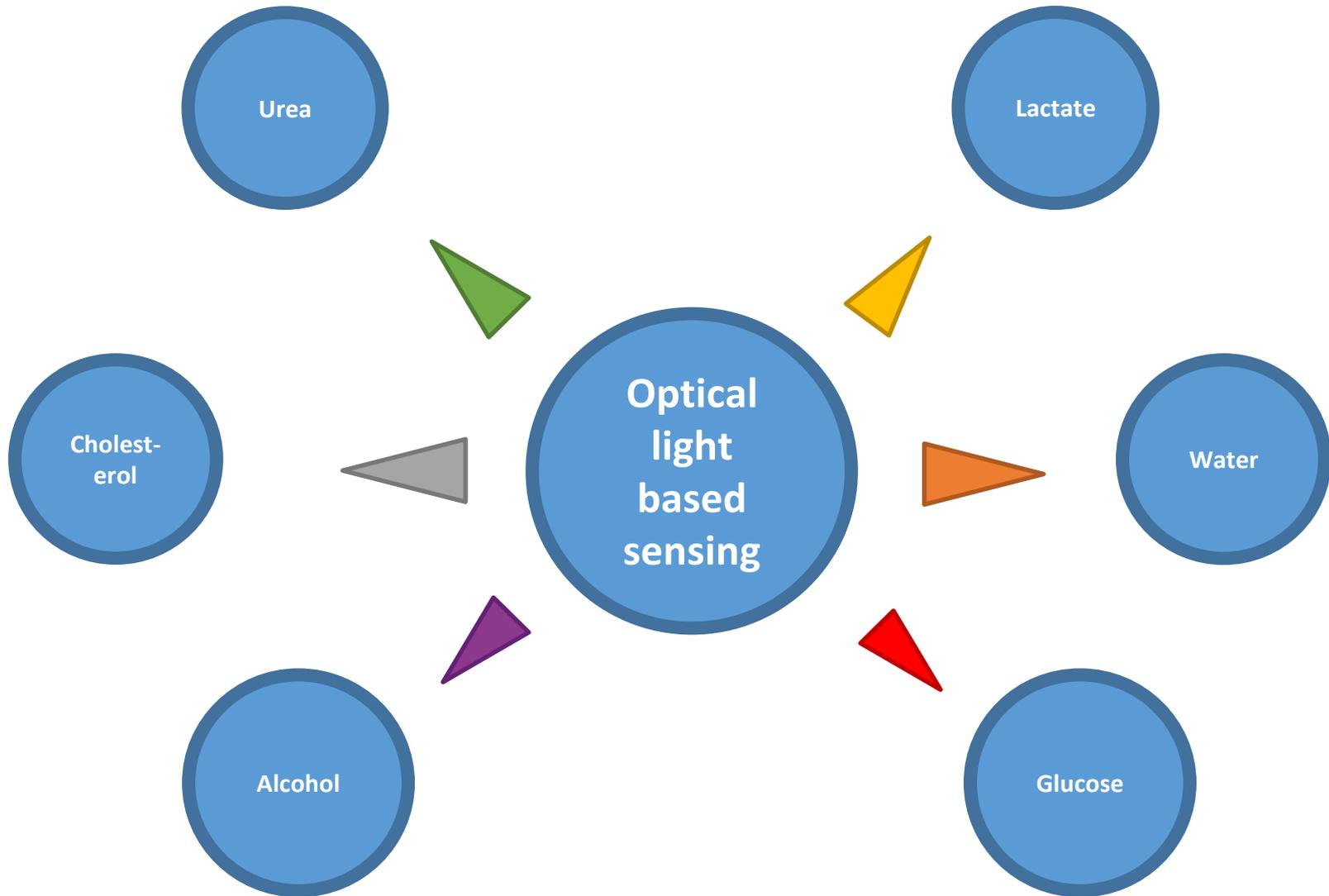
Output temperature of different add-on designs



Conclusion

- Accurately measuring oxygen level using low-cost optical film filters.**
- Detect the appropriate contact pressure between finger and phone' camera.**
- 3D-printed add-on to handle the problem of light scattering and finger movement.**

Application for optical light based sensing





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