

Detection of Drowsy Driving Using Wearable Sensors

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Abstract: Drowsy driving is one of the leading causes of traffic accidents. Some solution provides feedback when the driver is drowsy, however, few tackle the issue in a way that allows for portability and early prevision. This study focuses on drowsiness detection during driving. Wearable sensors are used, for a low-cost, portable, automated, and non-intrusive solution. The wearable sensors chosen for biosignal acquisition are Empatica's E4 wristband for heart activity acquisition and Brainlink Pro for brain activity. Features were mainly in the time domain and time-frequency, and algorithms, such as Nearest Neighbours, Radial Basis Function, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Multi-layer Perceptron, Naive Bayes, and Logistic Regression were trained and validated through the use of a database developed for this study (11 adults with normal last-night sleep, and 2 without any last-night sleep). Participants answered Pittsburgh, and Satisfaction, Alertness, Timing, Efficiency and Duration questionnaires, after which photoplethysmography and electroencephalography physiological signals were acquired during driving in a simulation environment. The practice-run discrimination and individual classification had comparable results, both slightly above average (70 to 80%). The evaluation metric values showed that the discrimination of sleep-deprived exams yielded significantly better. This suggests that the proposed methodology is capable of classifying sleep deprivation and surpasses existing ones in its portability.

1 INTRODUCTION

In a growing society, sleep restrictions have a negative impact and risks from multiple factors. Driving activity places highly complex perceptual, physical, and cognitive demands on the driver (Sawyer et al., 2012). According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (Moser, 2009), being awake for at least 18 hours is the same as someone having a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.05%, while being awake for at least 24 hours is equal to having a blood alcohol content of 0.10%. This is higher than the legal limit (0.08% BAC) in the USA. Therefore, methods for detecting sleepiness in driving are under investigation, with promising results. It is widely known that monotonous or nighttime driving for long periods often lowers driving performance significantly. This contributes to it being one of the

leading causes of injuries and deaths from traffic accidents each year (Lin et al., 2014). Even though a third of our life is spent sleeping (Mancia, 1993), sleeping disorders are very common. 15 to 35% of the adult population complain of sleep quality disturbance (Breslau et al., 1996). Sleep disturbances are also related to higher rates of depression, anxiety disorders, alcohol abuse, or drug abuse. To measure sleep quality, subjective methodologies can be used, predominately through questionnaires. However, these methods are not enough, since they rely on the self-awareness and honesty of the subject. Then, objective measurements of sleep are required and thus enter polysomnography (PSG). These tests tend to be made in a specialized facility overnight. To find a response to drowsy driving, a change of paradigms is necessary, in which methods for sleep evaluation need to be substituted for the automatic detection of sleep disturbances or chronic sleep deprivation. This

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can be achieved by integrating algorithms that also classify the circadian rhythm of a subject. A low-cost, portable, and non-intrusive solution is ideal, to facilitate everyday usage. The project *Sono ao Volante 2.0* (Rodrigues et al., 2021) with the main objective of developing a prototype of an integrated data system that is non-intrusive and low-cost, allows sleep prevision while driving and detects disturbances or chronic sleep deprivation.

2 BACKGROUND

The contribution from this study focuses on the use of wearable sensors and intelligent algorithms, to conceive in detail the functional and technical architecture of a low-cost, non-intrusive and portable system for the detection of drowsy driving episodes. Therefore, concepts in sleep evaluation, driving monitoring, driving simulation, and signal processing practices must be reviewed.

2.1 Sleep Evaluation

Sleep evaluation typically involves monitoring and assessing an individual's sleep patterns and quality. This can be done using subjective and objective measures. Alertness and reaction time vary according to the circadian rhythm, which makes it an important factor in this study. Living cells in animals have rhythmic variations in their function on a circadian cycle (Barret et al., 2019). If they are entrained, this process usually coincides with day-night light cycles in the environment. If they are not entrained, they become asynchronous from the light-dark cycle. The entrainment process is dependent on the suprachiasmatic nuclei, located above the optic chiasm, bilaterally. The sleep-wake cycle and the secretion of the pineal hormone melatonin are reliant on neurohormonal signals that participate in this entrainment. According to (Leung and Martinez, 2020), circadian rhythm biomarkers include cortisol levels, peak expiratory flow, blood lipids, DNA damage, lipid peroxidation, protein oxidation, antioxidants, white blood cell counts, estradiol, progesterone, follicle-stimulating hormone, body temperature, blood pressure, and muscle strength. Cellular responses include inflammatory response and cellular trafficking, while some affected molecular processes include oxidative stress responses, DNA methylation, and histone modification. Only signals which are measured during polysomnography exams are considered.

2.1.1 Subjective Methods

Pittsburgh Quality Index (PSQI) Questionnaire is one of the most used questionnaires for sleep quality assessment (Mollayeva et al., 2016). The PSQI insides on sleep quality during the previous month (Buysse et al., 1989). This provides information about the night-to-night variations occurring in sleep quality, as well as the duration, frequency, and severity of abnormal behaviour duration and frequency over a long period. The PSQI is constituted of 19 self-rated questions and 5 questions rated by the bed partner or roommate. The self-rated questions focus on a vast quantity of factors relating to sleep quality, such as sleep duration, latency, frequency, and severity estimated for each specific sleep issue. The 19 items are grouped into 7 component scores, each weighted from 0 to 3. The seven scores are then added to each other to obtain the global PSQI score, with a range of 0-21. Higher scores are associated with worse sleep quality. The 7 components of the PSQI are subjective sleep quality, sleep duration, sleep latency, usual sleep efficiency, sleep disturbances, use of sleeping medications, and daytime dysfunction. Satisfaction, Alertness, Timing, Efficiency and Duration (SATED) Questionnaire is a more recent and reliable approach to subjective sleep quality assessment, SATED evaluates five dimensions of sleep health: 1) satisfaction, 2) alertness while awake, 3) timing, 4) efficiency, and 5) duration. Objective measures can be obtained from every level, excluding satisfaction (Benítez et al., 2020). The total score ranges from 0 to 10 points, from worst to best sleep quality, respectively.

2.1.2 Polysomnography and Electroencephalography

Polysomnography (PSG) plays a critical role in confirming suspicions found in more subjective exams and helps guide further diagnosis of sleep disorders (Chokroverty and Bhat, 2014). PSG consists of the overnight recording of various physiological characteristics during sleep. These recordings allow evaluation of sleep stages, alertness, cardio-circulatory functions, respiration, and body movements. Electroencephalography (EEG), electrooculography (EOG), and electromyography (EMG) applied to the chin area are of particular interest for sleep staging (Berry, 2012).

2.2 Wearable Signal Acquisition

User-acceptable and reliable EEG devices for real-time monitoring are still a challenging proposition (Lin et al., 2014). Data acquisition from most EEG recording techniques requires skin preparation and conductive gel to reach optimal electrical conductivity at the interface. These procedures can be slow at the time of application and uncomfortable. Also, the gel may have to be reapplied, since the reading decays in quality as the gel dries out. Therefore, the EEG system needed must be a dry-electrode, both wearable and wireless, facilitating prolonged and portable use. The system must also be able to capture the required brain signals for assessing wakefulness and sleep stages. According to (LaRocco et al., 2020), some promising consumer EEG wearable headsets with Bluetooth compatibility include InteraXon Muse, Neurosky Mindwave, OpenBCI, Emotiv Epoc and Insight. Even though there is a decent amount of commercial headsets available in the market, a large portion of them lacks the number of electrodes since they are more targeted for focus, relaxation, or gaming purposes. The ones with the better characteristics are Emotiv EPOC and Open BCI, but the price of the latter exceeds most consumer capabilities. Therefore, Emotiv EPOC seems to be the best candidate, as it offers a wide range of electrodes, which allow the recording of signals from different brain regions, all at an accessible price counting that the shipping taxes do not increase the cost too much. Regarding Brainlink Pro, it can be of interest to the proposed solution, since the Fp1-Fp2 channel has been used in literature for sleep stage scoring, nominally (Lucey et al., 2016). This study obtained a poor sensitivity of 0.2 for stage N1 due to the lack of occipital electrodes. The study also found that sleep latency and REM onset latency readings were compromised relatively to the PSG diagnosis, as well as sleep disturbance detection (e.g., sleep apnea). However, a strong and substantial agreement ratio with PSG measurements of 67% was verified overall, having particularly found that REM assessment, combined with N2 and N3 sleep and frontal slow wave activity can be well assessed through single-channel means. However, this study did not use automatic means for sleep classification, which introduced subjective factors, due to the use of a limited number of human EEG scorers, biased for standard PSG analysis. The Empatica E4 wristband has been the target of study for ECG applications that depend on heart rate (HR) measurements, with promising results (Ollander et al., 2016) (Milstein and Gordon, 2020) (McCarthy et

al., 2016). The wristband derives heart rate variability (HRV) from Blood Volume Pressure (BVP), which is another designation for PPG. These studies also include electrical conductivity in the skin, peripheral skin temperature, and motion-based activity. Additionally, the E4 possesses internal memory that allows for recording of up to 36 hours, with a USB connection to a device needed to recover the data; or a Bluetooth streaming mode that allows for visualization of data in real-time. After recording, the data can be uploaded to the Empatica cloud service and visualized or imported through a web dashboard.

2.3 Signal Processing

The general structure found in Machine Learning (ML) systems for automatic sleep staging follows the phases of pre-processing, feature extraction, and classification. Initially, the user's biosignals are recorded, followed by, a pre-processing stage, which includes filtering and artefact removal for signal enhancement. The resulting signals finally suffer feature extraction to return useful attributes for the classification stage (Aboalayon et al., 2016) (van Wouwe et al., 2011) (Guillodo et al., 2018). Some systems also include dimension reduction and feature selection, to generate new features with low dimensions derived from the input features.

3 METHODOLOGY

The proposed solution can provide human driver interaction with digital devices in the vehicle by translating the different biosignals into a diagnosis of sleep deprivation. The system flow consists of signal acquisition, followed by data processing, which includes pre-processing, feature extraction, feature selection and classification.

3.1 Experimental Setup and Procedure

The study was non-probabilistic and conducted during the morning, throughout two work weeks. Subjects were young adults and a driver's license was mandatory. In the first session, subjects are asked how many hours of sleep they had the previous night. Non-sleep-deprived participants are asked if they want to leave their contact information for the scheduling of a non-mandatory second session, in which they are sleep-deprived. Participants answer both the Pittsburgh and SATED questionnaires during the first session. Volunteers read and sign an agreement of consent.

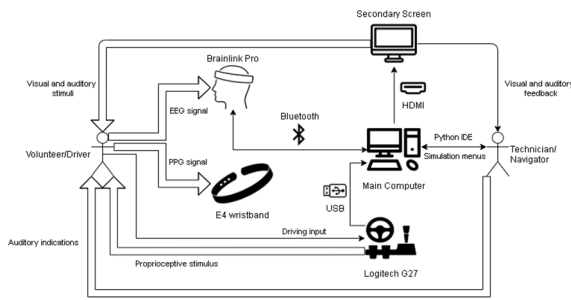


Figure 1: Experimental setup.

The Logitech G27 driving wheel, gearbox, and pedals are connected via USB to the main computer, with Logitech’s Gaming Software Profiler running the default calibration sequence (Figure 1). The wheel provides proprioceptive feedback during simulation. A dual display screen is set up (Figure 2), with the larger one presenting the simulation environment to the volunteer and technician, and the smaller one presenting the script and a real-time raw EEG signal graph to the technician. The secondary screen is connected to the main computer via HDMI.



Figure 2: Experimental scenario setup.

Sequentially, a practice run and an exam run are performed, both with a 10-minute duration and within the same route. The practice run serves as a way for the volunteers to get used to the simulation-specific conditions, such as controls, as well as the route itself. Signal acquisition is performed during both runs. For both runs, the City Car Driving simulation software is run, and the free driving option and European Union traffic regulations are selected. To reduce the number of stressful situations presented to the subjects as well as sources of distraction, the optional settings are set to low traffic density (20%), quiet traffic, 0% pedestrian density, default vehicle, spring, clean weather, daytime, violation pop-ups disabled, fuel consumption, radio, and emergencies disabled. The view is locked in the first person. The route is the

same for every run, to limit route-dependent variables, such as the number of turns and stops the volunteer would be required to make. It is also designed to last more than the acquisition’s 10-minute duration, as well as to provide a wide range of driving situations to volunteers (e.g., roundabouts, traffic lights, highway segments). The run finishes when Brainlink Pro’s script ended, regardless of where the subject is in the route. E4 wristband acquisition is finished manually soon after.

3.2 Data Acquisition

Before initializing the exams, Brainlink Pro’s acquisition is tested, to guarantee connection and stable acquisition. The technician inputs the desired label, with the following 30 seconds corresponding to the preparation stage, in which no signal is acquired nor recorded. Afterwards, the 10-minute acquisition is initiated (Figure 3), with a sampling rate of 60Hz, in which the timestamp, raw EEG, blink, attention, meditation, delta, high-alpha, high-beta, low-alpha, low-beta, low-gamma, mid-gamma and theta are recorded into a .csv file. For this study, only the raw EEG signal is used, due to the low frequency found in other possibly useful signals. Upon the end of the 10 minutes, the new label is appended into a Labels.csv file, with both the filename and the corresponding label.

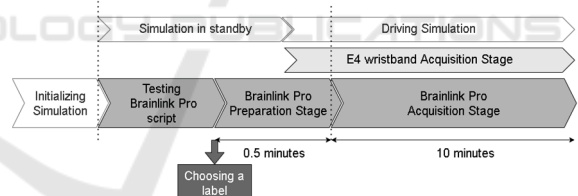


Figure 3: Acquisition sequence for each run (2 times, for practice and exam). The white blocks represent simulation-related activities, the dark-grey blocks represent Brainlink Pro script-based activities, and the light-grey block represents E4 wristband activity.

Regarding E4 wristband acquisition, this is performed via E4’s inbuilt recording feature. The acquisition is initiated during Brainlink Pro’s preparation stage. At the end of Brainlink Pro’s script, the acquisition is stopped manually. Later, the E4 wristband is connected to a computer via USB, where recorded sessions are uploaded to Empatica’s cloud via the E4 manager software. Synced sessions can be searched by date, time and duration, as well as visualized and imported from the E4 connect website. The imported .zip file, corresponding to the desired session, contains a .csv for each of Empatica’s

recorded signals: accelerometer, blood volume pressure (BVP), electrodermal activity, heart rate, interbeat interval and temperature. Each file also includes the sampling rate for the respective signal in the first line. For the purposes of this study, only BVP, with the PPG signal, is used.

3.3 Signal Processing Methods

For this study, the signal processing algorithms were performed through Python 3.7, with the PyCharm IDE and proper libraries for data pre-processing, feature extraction, feature selection, classification and evaluation metrics. Three optional classification experiment modes were selected: Practice Run Discrimination (in which the labels are “Practice” or “Exam”), Individual Classification (in which the labels are “Individual” or “Other”) and Sleep Deprivation Detection (in which the labels are “Exam SD”, for sleep-deprived exams, or “Exam”, for non-sleep deprived exams).

3.3.1 Pre-Processing

Before pre-processing can be applied, the data from obtained from the two sensors (BVP/PPG from the E4 wristband and raw EEG from Brainlink Pro) must be synced time-wise. Following time syncing, the signals are divided into 30-second duration epochs, in order to obtain more samples from the limited dataset, as well as samples that are more manageable for analysis. In a preliminary state, 10-second duration epochs were applied, but this would limit wavelet and heart rate feature extraction further on. Therefore, from an intersecting pair of signals with roughly 9.5-minute duration, roughly 19 (9.5×2) epochs can be obtained. It is worth noting that labels are given to each epoch according to the file from which the epoch originates. Due to unexpected acquisition issues (low sampling frequency) for some Brainlink Pro sessions, pairs of epochs in which raw EEG frequencies below 30Hz are dominant are discarded. Then, the remaining raw EEG epochs are resampled to 30Hz. After syncing and epoching, the actual pre-processing can be performed for each epoch. Firstly, the raw EEG mean is set to zero. Bandpass filters are applied to both the BVP and EEG signals, with ranges 0.6875-10Hz and 4- 30Hz, respectively. No movement-noise filtering is performed at the current iteration.

3.3.2 Feature Extraction and Selection

After extraction, the complete feature matrix was normalized column-wise, to the range 0-1. A custom-

made function for 1-valued statistic extraction from a 1D array is implemented in several stages of data processing. This function includes the sum of all values, the value closest to the mean, values closest to the quartiles, zero-crossings, standard deviation, kurtosis, range and entropy. The statistics function is first applied to the pre-processed EEG and BVP. Wavelet feature extraction is also performed in both pre-processed epochs. Two main types of wavelet transform are computed: a three-level DWT and a morlet CWT. For the three-level DWT, types cycle between Daubechies 4, Daubechies 20, Coiflet 3, Haar, Symlet 4, and Discrete Meyer. Boundry conditions cycle between zero-padding, symmetrization and smooth padding. For the morlet CWT, widths cycle between the values 10, 15, 48, 72, 80 and 120. The wavelet transforms output coefficient arrays, which are then passed through the 1D statistics function. For the extraction of the heart rate from the pre-processed BVP, the signal is initially inverted, and peaks are found with a distance higher than 37. Peaks are then counted for the 30-second interval. Power Spectral Density feature extraction is performed in the pre-processed BVP and EEG signals. Welch, periodogram, and multitaper is extracted, all using the default function parameters. Afterwards, statistics are extracted from the array of powers. For the entropy feature extraction, functions are applied to the pre-processed epochs, which allows for the extraction of sample, Shannon, and spectral entropy, with default function parameters. The selected feature matrix is converted to a data frame. The correlation matrix is then obtained, consisting of a matrix in which each value is the absolute correlation between the row feature and the column feature. If any correlation value in a column is inferior to 0.95, that column’s index is added to a list. The corresponding columns are dropped from the initial data frame. Afterwards, from this matrix, the 30 best features are selected through the Chi-squared test. Thus, the 1893 extracted features were reduced to the 30 best.

3.3.3 Classification Algorithms and Evaluation

The classifiers used are Nearest Neighbors, Radial Basis Function (RBF) SVM, Gaussian Process, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Multi-layer Perceptron, AdaBoost, Naive Bayes, QDA, and Logistic Regression. The defined constant initial conditions are the RBF kernel and one vs one decision function shape for the SVM, alpha equal to 1 and a maximum number of iterations of value 2000 for the

Multi-Layer Perceptron, the random state value of 0 for the AdaBoost, and binary class mode (one versus rest) for the Logistic Regression. The data is split into train and test sets, after which a hyperparameter grid search is performed. Finally, each model is trained, and fitting to the test data is performed, to obtain a vector of predicted labels for each model. The report includes precision, recall and F1-score for each given class, as well as the accuracy of the classifier. The macro average (averaging the unweighted mean per label) and weighted average (averaging the support-weighted mean per label, i.e., the mean considering the real difference between class sample sizes) of the previous four values are then calculated. The ROC-AUC score is computed and added to the corresponding final report.

4 RESULTS

All the participants were young adults with driver's licenses, aged 21 to 24 years old. For the non-sleep deprived group, there were 11 participants in total, 9 male and 3 female. The education level was mostly graduates, 8 out of 11, with the 3 remaining having completed high school. None of the participants were previously diagnosed with any chronic sleep diseases. Approximately half of the volunteers with good sleep quality claimed to have drunk coffee less than 12 hours before the experiment. The normal sleep group presented a PSQI mean value of 6.73 and a standard deviation of 2.34, while SATED scores had a mean value of 5.68 and a standard deviation of 1.94. At their extremes, these values are within the range of average sleep quality found in (Manzar et al., 2016) and (Dalmases et al., 2018), for PSQI and SATED scores respectively. The amount of sleep during the night previous to the exams had a mean value of 7 hours, with a standard deviation of 1.5 hours. Regarding the sleep-deprived dataset, data was obtained from 2 young adults, a female with PSQI of 12 and SATED score of 1.5, and a male with PSQI of 7 and SATED score of 3. As expected from bad sleep quality individuals, PSQI was higher than normal and SATED was below the normal in the female subject, while the male subject had normal PSQI and bad SATED. Both individuals were awake for more than 24 hours. None of these individuals drank coffee 12 hours previously to the experiment. Due to the low amount of sleep-deprived subjects, 10 exams were performed by the male individual: 5 under sleep deprivation and 5 under a normal sleep schedule. Normal sleep sessions were used for the classification performed in a single individual. This classification

served as a comparison to the classification performed with the complete non-sleep-deprived group versus the sleep-deprived group.

4.1 Classification Experiments

Regarding the practice ("Practice") vs exam ("Exam") classification nearly all classifiers reached 65% averages and 70% ROC AUC, excluding Decision Tree and QDA. The best classifier was AdaBoost, with averages and accuracy above 70%, and 76% ROC AUC value. Closely behind were the MLP, Random Forest and Gaussian Process, all with the same ROC AUC of 76%, but worse means and accuracy, slightly below 70%. The Decision Tree classifier was the worst performing in this classification, with the most discrepancy between classes. The values of precision, recall and F1-score were, respectively, 71%, 26% and 38% for the exam data, and 56%, 90% and 69% for the practice data. The macro averages were 63%, 58% and 53% with the weighted averages being nearly identical. The accuracy and ROC AUC for this classifier had a value of 59%. For all classifiers, the "Individual" class had more precision than recall, with the opposite being found in the "Other" class. F1-scores were better for the "Individual" class (except in Naive Bayes). The best-performing classifier was Random Forest, with 84% AUC and 78% accuracy and averages. MLP, Gaussian Process, Logistic Regression and Nearest Neighbors all attained ROC AUC of 80%, accuracy of 70-76% and averages in the range 70-78%. The worst performing classifier was QDA, with 68 ROC AUC, accuracy and averages between 65-70%.

4.2 Sleep Deprivation Detection

For the sleep-deprived exam ("Exam SD") vs non-sleep deprived exam (Exam) classification, the discussed results are shown in Table 1. Overall, the "Exam SD" class achieved better recall than precision, with the opposite happening to the "Exam" class. F1-scores were overall better in the "Exam" class. The obtained results for this classification were the best of all three datasets and labels. The best classifier was Random Forest, with 95% ROC AUC, and accuracy and averages in the range of 87-89%. Closely behind were Naive Bayes, AdaBoost, MLP and Logistic regression, with ROC AUC 90- 94%, accuracy and averages between 78% and 89%. The worst classifier was the Decision Tree, with 78% ROC AUC and 76-79% accuracy and averages.

Table 1: Sleep deprivation detection results.

Classifier	ROC AUC		Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Random Forest	95	Exam	95	87	91
		Exam SD	79	92	85
		Accuracy	88	88	88
		Macro Average	87	89	88
		Weighted Average	89	88	89
Naive Bayes	94	Exam	97	82	89
		Exam SD	74	96	84
		Accuracy	87	87	87
		Macro Average	85	89	86
		Weighted Average	89	87	87
Multi-layer Perceptron	92	Exam	88	80	84
		Exam SD	68	79	73
		Accuracy	80	80	80
		Macro Average	78	80	78
		Weighted Average	81	80	80
AdaBoost	93	Exam	89	87	88
		Exam SD	76	79	78
		Accuracy	84	84	84
		Macro Average	82	83	83
		Weighted Average	84	84	84
Logistic Regression	90	Exam	85	82	84
		Exam SD	69	75	72
		Accuracy	80	80	80
		Macro Average	78	79	78
		Weighted Average	80	80	80
Decision Tree	78	Exam	86	80	83
		Exam SD	67	75	71
		Accuracy	78	78	78
		Macro Average	75	78	77
		Weighted Average	79	78	79

5 DISCUSSION

Volunteers found the experience was close to reality regarding control and perception, and the sensors were comfortable to use. The main complaints presented were about the sensibility of the wheel being too high and the pedals being difficult to step on, compared to real vehicles. The low amount of volunteers pose a threat to the statistical validity, mainly when it comes to gender inequality and age range, as well as the very low amount of sleep-deprived individuals. Further work should invest in obtaining more volunteers. The sleep questionnaire results support that nearly study participants have sleep habits corresponding to a young adult population, with some scoring worse than the norm. Regarding classification results, the practice-run discrimination and individual classification had comparable results to each other, both slightly above average (70 to 80%) regarding their evaluation metric

values. When it comes to the practice discrimination, results proved that while the simulation environment had some impact on the performance of at least some subjects, this was somewhat reduced by the 10-minute practice sequence. Regarding the individual classification, results do not allow for completely discarding the effect of the low sample size in the sleep-deprived population. However, the results found in the discrimination of sleep-deprived exams were significantly better than other dataset-label experiments, which leads us to believe that sleep deprivation classification is possible with the proposed methodology with very good evaluation metrics to back them up (above 90%). The best-performing classifiers were Random Forest, Naive Bayes, AdaBoost, MLP and Gaussian Process.

6 CONCLUSIONS

Polysomnography and marketed solutions for drowsy driving assessment have validated objective results, some of which are derived from physiological signals. However, these solutions lack the portability that a solution integrating wearable devices offers. The proposed system integrates commonly used algorithms in PPG and EEG-based Machine Learning, obtaining promising results when it comes to the detection of last-night sleep deprivation. The sensors are costly, particularly the E4 wristband, but it is expected that they become cheaper as research in the field progresses. Overall, the proposed solution far surpasses the current solutions in portability and day-to-day applicability. Future work should apply to other kinds of sleep deprivation, such as chronic sleep deprivation. Also, it should implement the prediction of the sleep-deprived state through monitoring of the circadian rhythm. Integration of the sleep questionnaires with the objective sleep evaluation methods may be of interest for a future circadian rhythm monitoring system. Also, movement noise removal must be applied in the PPG signal, to provide a good basis for the interbeat interval, heart rate, and heart rate variability computation.

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