

Radar in The Service of Medicine









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Outline:

- Non-Contact Vital Signs Monitoring
- Hardware Demonstration
- Stroke Detection
- Targeted Drug Delivery



Sparsity Based Non-Contact Vital Signs Monitoring of Multiple People Via FMCW Radar





FMCW – Frequency Modulated Continuous Wave

Problems with contact patient monitoring in healthcare

- Increases the risk of infections and transmission of diseases (e.g., COVID19)
- The connection consumes valuable time from medical staff
- May produce **discomfort** or irritations and can be easily detached
- Privacy concerns
- Patient unwillingness to cooperate
- Results are affected by the manner of contact

Non-Contact

Contact





Schellenberger et al., Sci Data, 2020

Incorporating radar in healthcare - challenges

- The radar should localize people in a cluttered environment
- Human cardiopulmonary activity should be accurately identified
- Multiple-people monitoring to alleviate loads
- Must operate at **low power** to meet safety requirements



F. Adib, H. Mao, Z. Kabelac, D. Katabi, and R.C. Miller, "Smart homes that monitor breathing and heart rate," In Proceedings of the 33rd annual ACM conference on human factors in computing systems, pp. 837–846, 2015.



Mathematical Modelling

Standard SISO FMCW model $y[n,l] \triangleq \tilde{x}_b \exp\left(j\left(2\pi f_b nT_f + \psi_b[l]\right)\right), \quad \begin{cases} n=1,...,N\\ l=1,...,L \end{cases}.$ $f_{b} \triangleq \frac{2S}{c} d \quad \psi_{b}[l] \triangleq \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} (d + v[l]),$ Simplistic model for single person

Proposed SISO FMCW model $y[n,l] = \sum_{m=1}^{M} x_m \exp(j(2\pi f_m nT_f + \psi_m[l])) + w[n,l],$ $f_{m} \triangleq \frac{2S}{c} d_{m} \qquad \psi_{m} [l] \triangleq \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} (d_{m} + v_{m} [l]),$ $v_m[l] \triangleq \sum_{q=1}^{Q} a_{m,q} \cos\left(2\pi g_{m,q} lT_s\right),$ **Extended model for** multiple people!

Sparsity-Based Localization and NCVSM of Multiple People



Multiple People Localization in A Cluttered Scenario



Multiple people localization in a cluttered scenario

- Multiple objects in the same radial distances but different angles
- Proposed localization based on Joint-Sparse Recovery





10-minute NCVSM of a single subject (based on *)



NCVSM - Non-Contact Vital Signs Monitoring

^{*} Y. Eder, and Y. C. Eldar, "Sparsity Based Non-Contact Vital Signs Monitoring of Multiple People Via FMCW Radar," arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.05152, 2022.

10-minute NCVSM of 3 subjects simultaneously (based on *)



Y. Eder, and Y. C. Eldar, "Sparsity Based Non-Contact Vital Signs Monitoring of Multiple People Via FMCW Radar," arXiv preprint arXiv:2205.05152, 2022.

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Median accuracy results of 30 monitored individuals



The extracted signal is rich in cardiopulmonary information



- Respiration rate
- Respiration depth
- Respiratory flow

- Inhale-exhale ratio
- Respiratory arrest
- Sleep monitoring

- Heart rate
- Blood Pressure
- Stress levels

- Inter-beat interval
- Atrial fibrillation
- Orientation

Normal breathing:

Extracted Radar Signal 8 Thoracic vibration 6 Displacement [mm] 2 0 -2 -4 -6 -8 40 45 50 35 55 Time [s] Extracted Radar Signal - Thoracic vibration 5 Displacement [mm] Heartbeats 0 -5 -10 65 75 80 55 60 70

Time [s]

Apnea:

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Hardware Demonstration





Hardware Demonstration



Real-time monitoring example using dedicated phantom



Experimental Demonstration



Radar for Stroke Detection

- Unique penetration properties of radar
- Based on dielectric properties of tissues and the wave equation



Simulation

Detecting the location and size of the stroke



Phantom



Radar for Stroke Detection



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Targeted drug delivery

Some of the benefits

- improvement of pharmaceutical activity
- Fewer side effects
- Lower doses
- Reducing the time, cost, and failure rate of clinical trials
- Contribute to better drug development

A major challenge

• Evaluating the drug performance is still a challenge, especially for organs beyond the bones (lungs, brain)

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Radar for Personalized Medicine

Imaging and Tracking of GNP using radar

- Metals are known as strong reflectors of EM waves
- Some EM waves are capable of penetrating rigid bodies include human bones
- As a result, using radar, it may be possible to detect and track a changing concentration of GNPs and liposomes to non-invasively understand how the human body responds to treatment



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Radar for Personalized Medicine

Ex-vivo Experiment

SIMO FMCW signal model

$$y[n,l,k] = \sum_{p=1}^{P} \sum_{m=1}^{M} x_{m,p} e^{j(2\pi f_m n T_f + \psi_{m,p}[l] + \phi_p[k])} + w[n,l,k]$$

 Amplification of the reflected signal due to the injection of GNPs









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To conclude:

- Radar systems have great potential in a variety of clinical applications
- From remote monitoring of vital signs to targeted drug delivery
- The aging population and the lack of manpower reinforce the need for automated personalized medicine which can be addressed using radars



Thank You

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