

# **Emotion Recognition Using Smart Bands**

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Abstract — Emotion recognition is an important research area within the field of affective computing, which aims to build systems that can recognize, interpret, and respond to human emotions. The feasibility and costliness of continuous emotion recognition have led to numerous studies. Rather than labeling emotional states continuously, the focus is on modeling time intervals that better represent the presence of affective states. Instead of tracking ongoing affective changes within a specific timeframe, this technique aims to identify the most prominent emotional incidents. This approach offers a practical and natural way of learning in a weakly supervised environment, considering the uncertainty of emotional responses.

Keywords— Affective computing, continuous emotion recognition, time intervals modeling, uncertainty of emotional responses.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Emotion recognition [1, 2] is a significant process that involves the identification and interpretation of an individual's emotional state based on their facial expressions, voice, or behaviours. This area of study holds great importance in psychology, neuroscience, and computer science, and finds application in diverse fields such as healthcare, education, and customer service. However, recognizing emotions can be challenging due to their complex nature and the multitude of ways inwhich they can be expressed. Additionally, individuals may deliberately conceal their emotions or may lack self-awarenessregarding their own emotional states.

Emotion recognition using physiological signals encompasses the utilization of sensors or other devices to measure and analyse various physiological indicators that are associated with emotions. These signals include heart rate, blood pressure, skin conductance, pupil dilation, and facial expressions. It is believed that these physiological responses are closely intertwined with emotions and can offer valuable insights into an individual's emotional state.

By monitoring and analyzing these physiological signals [3,4], researchers and practitioners can gain a deeper understanding of a person's emotional experiences. This information can be utilized to enhance the quality of healthcare services by assessing patient well-being and emotional distress levels. In the field of education, emotion recognition can contribute to creating supportive learning environments by identifying students' emotional engagement or frustration levels. In customer service, recognizing and responding to customers' emotions can help improve interactions and overall satisfaction.

The development of intelligent systems incorporating emotion recognition models has gained momentum. These systems aim to enhance human-computer interactions by enabling machines to perceive and appropriately respond to users' emotional cues. This advancement opens up new possibilities for the integration of emotion recognition technology into various domains, improving our understanding and interaction with human emotions.

Physiological signals are quantifiable biological reactions generated by the body when it encounters internal or external stimuli. These responses can be assessed through diverse methods like sensors, electrodes, and imaging techniques, and yield significant insights into an individual's physical and mental well-being. By measuring physiological signals, valuable information about a person's overall health, emotional state, and cognitive processes can be obtained. These signals serve as indicators of bodily functions, including heart rate, blood pressure, respiration rate, electrodermal activity, and brain activity. Analyzing and interpreting these signals can assist in diagnosing medical conditions, monitoring patient progress, assessing stress levels, understanding emotional responses, and evaluating cognitive performance. The utilization of physiological signal measurement techniques contributes to advancing fields such as healthcare, sports science, psychology, and human-computer interaction, facilitating a better

eISSN: 2584-0371 © 2023 Federal Institute of Science and Technology (FISAT), Angamaly, Kerala, India. Received for review: 27-09-2023 Accepted for publication: 17-12-2023 Published: 27-12-2023 understanding of human physiology and enhancing personalized approaches to well-being.

Physiological signals encompass various measurable indicators produced by the body, and some examples include:

- 1) Heart rate: The number of heart beats per minute, measured through sensors detecting electrical signals like electro-cardiography (ECG) or photoplethysmography (PPG).
- 2) Blood pressure: The force exerted by blood on artery walls during heart pumping, measured using a cuff placed around the upper arm.
- 3) Respiratory rate: The number of breaths taken per minute, measured via sensors capturing chest or abdominal movements.
- 4) Body temperature: The average temperature of the body, typically 98.6°F (37°C), measured using a thermometer under the arm, in the mouth, or in the rectum.
- 5) Galvanic skin response (GSR): Changes in skin's electrical resistance in response to emotional arousal, measured by placing electrodes on the skin.

These physiological signals [4] find diverse applications, including monitoring health and well-being, detecting shifts in mental states, and identifying emotions. By analyzing heart rate, abnormalities can be detected and used to assess cardiac health. Blood pressure measurements help in diagnosing hypertension and evaluating cardiovascular conditions. Respiratory rate monitoring aids in assessing respiratory function and identifying breathing irregularities. Body temperature readings are crucial for monitoring fever or hypothermia. Galvanic skin response analysis provides insights into emotional responses and can aid in psychological research or stress management. The utilization of physiological signals extends beyond clinical settings. These signals have applications in fields such as sports performance, where heart rate and respiratory rate monitoring can optimize training regimes. In humancomputer interaction, physiological signals can be leveraged to create adaptive interfaces that respond to users' mental Furthermore, in neuromarketing, physiological responses aids in understanding consumer behavior and emotional engagement with products or advertisements.

Overall, physiological signals offer a wealth of information that can enhance our understanding of health, mental states, and emotional responses, enabling targeted interventions and personalized approaches across various domains.

## A. Significance of the Study

Emotions play a pivotal role in human interactions, shaping the way we connect with others and navigate the complexities of social engagement. The ability to discern and understand the emotions conveyed by individuals is an integral aspect of human social conduct, influencing the

quality and effective- ness of our relationships and communication. Consequently, the significance of studying emotion recognition transcends mere theoretical inquiry and extends to numerous practical implications across diverse domains, amplifying its importance manifold.

In the realm of education, emotion recognition holds tremendous promise in revolutionizing the learning experience. By discerning students' emotional states, educators can tailor their instructional methods to accommodate individual needs, fostering a conducive and empathetic learning environment. Additionally, it can assist in identifying learners who may be struggling emotionally, allowing for timely interventions to ensure their well-being and academic success.

In healthcare, emotion recognition can be a transformative tool for healthcare providers, enabling them to better under- stand and respond to patients' emotional states. This enhanced comprehension can lead to improved patient satisfaction, adherence to treatment regimens, and overall health outcomes. Moreover, emotion-aware systems can aid in assessing mental health conditions, offering timely and personalized interventions for those in need.

The application of emotion recognition in marketing and customer service has the potential to revolutionize consumer experiences. By accurately gauging customers' emotions during interactions, businesses can tailor their marketing strategies and customer service approaches accordingly. This not only enhances customer satisfaction and loyalty but also provides valuable insights for product refinement and brand positioning. The integration of emotion recognition models into intelligent systems marks a progressive stride in human-computer interactions. These sophisticated systems can now perceive and adapt to human emotions, leading to more engaging and effective interactions. From virtual assistants that respond empathetically to users' moods to chatbots that provide emotional support, emotion-aware technologies enhance user experiences across various digital platforms.

The practical significance of emotion recognition is underlined by its potential impact on diverse sectors beyond the aforementioned domains. In architecture, emotion-aware design can lead to spaces that evoke specific emotional responses, enhancing users' well-being and comfort. In engineering, understanding users' emotional reactions to products can guide the development of more user-centric designs. Furthermore, emotion recognition has the potential to enhance virtual reality and augmented reality experiences, immersing users in emotionally enriched simulations.

Beyond these tangible applications, the significance of emotion recognition is deeply rooted in its potential to foster a more empathetic and inclusive society. By cultivating technology that can accurately interpret and respond to human emotions, we open new possibilities for bridging cultural divides and promoting emotional understanding across diverse communities.

In conclusion, the study of emotion recognition is not merely an academic pursuit but a transformative journey that can shape the future of human interactions and experiences. Its far-reaching practical implications span education, health- care, marketing, customer service, and intelligent systems, transcending disciplines and industries. The realization of emotion-aware technologies can usher in a new era of empathy, understanding, and responsiveness, enriching the human experience in unparalleled ways. As we venture into this emotionally intelligent landscape, the potential for positive impact becomes limitless, propelling us towards a more com- passionate and emotionally connected world.

## II. RELATED WORKS

In this research, various related works focusing on emotion recognition and its applications in different domains are explored. These studies shed light on the significance and potential of utilizing diverse techniques and technologies to enhance emotion recognition and its practical implications. Below is a synthesis of the related works:

Emotion Recognition From Multimodal Physiological Signals: This study emphasizes the value of objective physio-logical indicators in emotion recognition, rather than relying solely on subjective self-reports. The proposed approach integrates multiple physiological signals to improve accuracy and reliability in emotion classification. Employing classification algorithms like support vector machines and neural networks, the study demonstrates the effectiveness of the approach and explores potential applications.

Weakly Supervised Pain Localization Using Multiple Instance Learning: This work introduces a novel pain localization technique based on multiple instance learning (MIL), which identifies pain presence and location in images using only image-level labels, making it more cost-effective. The approach shows promise in accurately localizing pain without pixel-level annotations, thus aiding pain assessment [3] in medical imaging and reducing time and expense.

Selection of the Most Relevant Physiological Features for Classifying Emotion: The study focuses on feature selection techniques for emotion classification based on physiological signals [4,5]. By exploring methods like MIL and considering instance groups, it offers more robust and flexible modelling of behaviours. Applications include animal behaviour analysis, human activity recognition, and anomaly detection in surveillance.

Emotion Recognition Based on Physiological Changes [6] in Music Listening: This research investigates using physiological changes during music listening for emotion recognition. By analysing physiological data from participants while listening to various music tracks, the study correlates specific patterns of physiological responses with different emotional states induced by music. The proposed approach has potential implications in music therapy, personalized music recommendation systems, and affective computing.

Can Body Expressions Contribute to Automatic Depression Analysis? The study explores the potential of using computer vision and machine learning algorithms [7]

to analyse body expressions, including facial expressions, body posture, and movements, for automatic depression analysis. Detecting subtle changes associated with depression [8] in body expressions can aid in early identification and personalized interventions, though individual variations and privacy concerns need to be addressed.

Automatic Mood Detection and Tracking of Music Audio Signals: This work aims to develop algorithms for automatic mood detection and tracking in music audio signals. Signal processing and machine learning techniques are used to extract features indicative of different moods, allowing for dynamic mood analysis. The study has applications [9] in music recommendation, playlist generation, and emotional content analysis.

Pain Level Recognition Using Kinematics and Muscle Activity for Physical Rehabilitation in Chronic Pain [10]: This study investigates using technology to assist individuals with chronic musculoskeletal pain in managing their physical exercise routine. By analysing body movement quality during functional physical exercises, the proposed approach detects pain levels through feature optimization and machine learning. The findings suggest the potential for personalized feedback and improved pain management.

LSTM-Modelling of Emotion Recognition Using Peripheral Physiological Signals in Naturalistic Conversations: This re- search proposes a framework for emotion recognition based on using multi-modal peripheral signals, such as heart rate and electrodermal activity, to classify emotions in the arousal and valence space. The study explores using LSTM architecture for classification and highlights the potential objectivity and consistency of physiological-based emotion recognition systems.

In conclusion, these related works collectively contribute to the development of emotion recognition methodologies, with potential applications spanning diverse fields such as medical imaging, music analysis, human-computer interaction, and mental health assessment. The integration of various techniques, technologies, and signal modalities showcases the potential for enhancing accuracy, efficiency, and applicability in emotion recognition systems. As the field continues to advance, the impact on human-computer interactions, well-being, and personalized experiences holds great promise.

## III. METHODOLOGY

Physiological signals, such as heart rate, oxygen saturation, and body temperature, can be extracted from smart bands wornby individuals during exercise. These signals serve as valuable indicators to assess the person's risk levels during physical activity.

During exercise, individuals can wear smart bands that capture physiological signals like heart rate, oxygen saturation, and body temperature. These signals act as valuable indicators for assessing the risk levels during physical activity.

By continuously monitoring and analysing these physiological signals in real-time, it becomes possible to detect patterns or deviations that may indicate a heightened risk to the individual's well-being. To process and interpret the signals effectively, advanced algorithms and machine learning techniques are employed. The extracted physiological signals are subjected to analysis using predefined thresholds or risk models based on medical research and expert knowledge. When the analysis reveals an elevated risk level, timely alerts are generated and communicated to the user. These alerts can manifest as visual notifications on the smart band's display or be transmitted to a connected smartphone or wearable device.

The primary objective of these alerts is to notify individuals of potential risks they may encounter during their exercise routine. This empowers them to take appropriate actions, such as adjusting the intensity of their activity, taking a break, or seeking medical assistance when necessary.

Timely alerts serve as a crucial safety measure by enabling individuals to make informed decisions about their physical exertion, thereby averting potential harm or health complications. Smart bands, through real-time feedback and risk assessment, contribute to fostering a safer exercise environment and promoting overall well-being among individuals engaged in physical activity.

It is important to emphasize that the accuracy and reliability of these risk assessments rely on the quality of the physiological signals captured by the smart band, as well as the sophistication of the algorithms employed for analysis. Regular calibration and validation of the smart band's sensors, coupled with continuous enhancements to the risk models and algorithms, are imperative for bolstering the precision and effectiveness of these timely alerts.

# A. Dataset

The Health Monitoring dataset is designed to capture various physiological parameters of individuals and determine their fitness level. It consists of records of multiple individuals, where each record contains the following attributes

- heart rate: This attribute represents the heart rate of an individual, measured in beats per minute (BPM). It is a continuous numerical value that indicates the number of times the heart beats within a minute.
- spo2: The spo2 attribute denotes the blood oxygen saturation level, expressed as a percentage. It measures the amount of oxygen carried by red blood cells in the body. Higher values indicate a higher oxygen saturation level.
- temperature: The temperature attribute represents the body temperature of an individual, typically measured in degrees Celsius (°C). It indicates the internal temperature of the body and is a vital sign used to monitor health.
- status: The status attribute indicates the fitness level of an individual. It is a binary value that categorizes individuals into two classes: fit and not fit. A value of 1

denotes a fit individual, while a value of 0 represents a person who is not fit.

The dataset aims to explore the relationship between the physiological parameters (heart rate, spo2, and temperature) and an individual's fitness level. By analyzing this dataset, researchers, healthcare professionals, and fitness enthusiasts can gain insights into the impact of these parameters on a person's fitness.

## B. Libraries/Applications

The project utilizes several packages and libraries to accomplish different tasks. Below is a detailed formal description of each package and library used:

# • App Development:

- Flutter: Flutter is an open-source UI framework developed by Google for building cross-platform mobile applications. It allows developers to create visually appealing and high-performance apps using a single codebase that can run on both iOS and Android platforms.
- material.dart: Material.dart is a package provided by Flutter that implements the Material Design guidelines for UI components and styling. It offers a rich set of pre-designed widgets and tools to create visually consistent and interactive user interfaces.
- 3) neon circular timer: The neon circular timer pack- age is a Flutter library that provides customizable circular timers with a neon glow effect. It is commonly used to create visually appealing countdown timers or progress indicators in Flutter applications.

# • API Development:

- Django: Django is a high-level Python web framework that follows the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern. It provides a robust set of tools and features for building web applications efficiently and securely.
- 2) Django Rest Framework: Django Rest Framework (DRF) is a powerful and flexible toolkit for building Web APIs using Django. It simplifies the process of creating RESTful APIs by providing built-in support for serialization, authentication, authorization, and request/response handling.
- Machine Learning Model Training and Implementation:
  - scikit-learn: Scikit-learn is a popular Python library for machine learning. It provides a wide range of algorithms and tools for various tasks such as data preprocessing, feature extraction, model selection, and evaluation. Scikit-learn offers a consistent API and is widely used for training and deploying ma- chine learning models.
  - 2) joblib: Joblib is a Python library that provides utilities for saving and loading Python objects, including scikitlearn models. It allows efficient serialization and

- deserialization of model objects, which is useful for persisting trained models for later use.
- 3) pickle: The pickle module is a built-in Python library that provides a way to serialize Python objects. It allows objects to be converted into a byte stream, which can be stored in a file or transmitted over a network. In the context of machine learning, pickle is commonly used for saving and loading trained models.

These packages and libraries play crucial roles in different aspects of the project. Flutter and material dart enable the development of the mobile app with visually appealing UI components. Django and Django Rest Framework are used for building the API, which serves as the backend for the application. Scikit-learn provides the necessary tools for training the machine learning model. Finally, joblib and pickle facilitate the implementation of the trained model within the API, allowing it to make predictions based on the provided input.

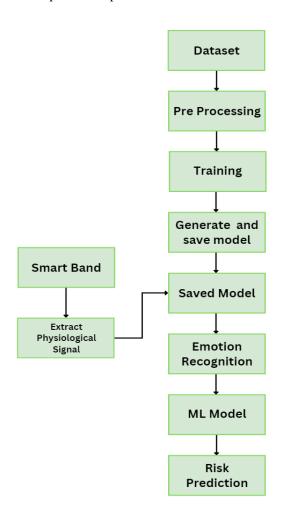


Fig. 1. Data Flow Diagram

## IV. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS

The experimental analysis of the emotion recognition using smart band project was conducted to evaluate the performance of the emotion classification model. The dataset

used for the experiment consisted of 74 samples, with two classes: class 0 and class 1. The performance of the model was measured using precision, recall, and F1-score metrics.

The confusion matrix, as shown below, illustrates the performance of the model in classifying the two emotions: The precision score measures the proportion of true positive predictions out of all positive predictions made by the model. In the experiment, the precision for class 0 was 0.95, indicating that 95% of the samples predicted as class 0 were indeed correct.

The recall score, also known as the sensitivity or true positive rate, measures the proportion of true positive predictions out of all actual positive samples. For class 0, the recall was 1.00, meaning that the model correctly identified all instances of class 0.

Table 1: Evaluation Metrics

	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
Class 0	0.95	1.00	0.97	53
Class 1	1.00	0.86	0.92	21
Accuracy			0.96	74
Macro Avg	0.97	0.93	0.95	74
Weighted Avg	0.96	0.96	0.96	74

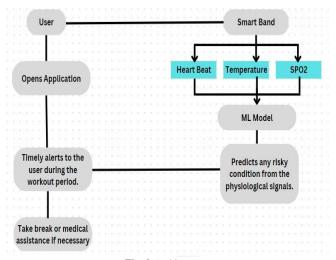


Fig. 2 Architecture

The F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balanced measure of the model's performance. The F1-score for class 0 was 0.97, indicating that the model achieved a high level of accuracy in identifying class 0 samples.

For class 1, the precision was 1.00, signifying that all predictions made for class 1 were accurate. However, the recall for class 1 was 0.86, implying that the model missed identifying some instances of class 1.

The overall accuracy of the model was 0.96, meaning that it correctly classified 96% of the samples in the dataset.

The macro-average F1-score was 0.95, representing the average F1-score across both classes. The weighted average F1-score was also 0.96, considering the class distribution, which indicates a high level of overall performance.

In conclusion, the experimental analysis demonstrates that the emotion recognition model using smart bands achieved a high level of accuracy and precision in detecting emotions. However, there is room for improvement in the recall forclass 1 to ensure better identification of instances belonging to that class. Further research and refinement of the model can potentially enhance its performance, making it a valuable tool in emotion recognition applications.

# V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In conclusion, the implementation of smart bands for risk recognition holds significant promise in enhancing safety during physical activities. By capturing and analyzing physio- logical signals, smart bands provide real-time risk assessments and timely alerts, enabling informed decision-making about exercise routines. The future of risk recognition with smart bands presents several avenues for further advancement.

Advancements in algorithms and sensor integration are key factors in improving the accuracy of risk assessments. Leveraging sophisticated algorithms for analyzing physiological signals can enhance the precision and reliability of risk recognition. Incorporating additional sensors will offer a more comprehensive understanding of an individual's physical state, leading to more accurate risk assessments.

Context-aware risk assessment and personalized risk profiles are crucial aspects of future smart band technology. Tailoring risk recognition to specific contexts and individual characteristics ensures accurate and relevant risk assessments, accommodating individual needs and preferences.

Integration with healthcare systems opens up promising directions for smart bands. Establishing connections with health- care professionals allow users to benefit from collaborative efforts, enabling personalized care and preventive measures based on the data provided by smart bands.

Long-term health monitoring capabilities are another area with substantial growth potential. Continuous monitoring of health parameters empowers proactive intervention and management of chronic conditions, promoting overall well-being and empowering individuals to take charge of their health.

Data-driven insights and user-friendly interfaces are essential for engaging individuals and promoting healthy habits. Smart bands can provide meaningful and actionable information derived from collected data, motivating users to adopt healthier behaviors and maintain their engagement in physical activities.

In summary, the future of risk recognition using smart bands revolves around advancing algorithms, integrating with healthcare systems, developing personalized risk profiles, implementing long-term health monitoring, and providing user- friendly interfaces. By harnessing these potential developments, smart bands have the capability to revolutionize risk recognition, fostering safer physical activities, and promoting overall well-being. The continuous evolution of smart band technology has the potential to positively impact individuals' lives and contribute to the advancement of preventive health- care practices.

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