

Speech as a Biomarker for Obstructive Sleep Apnea Detection

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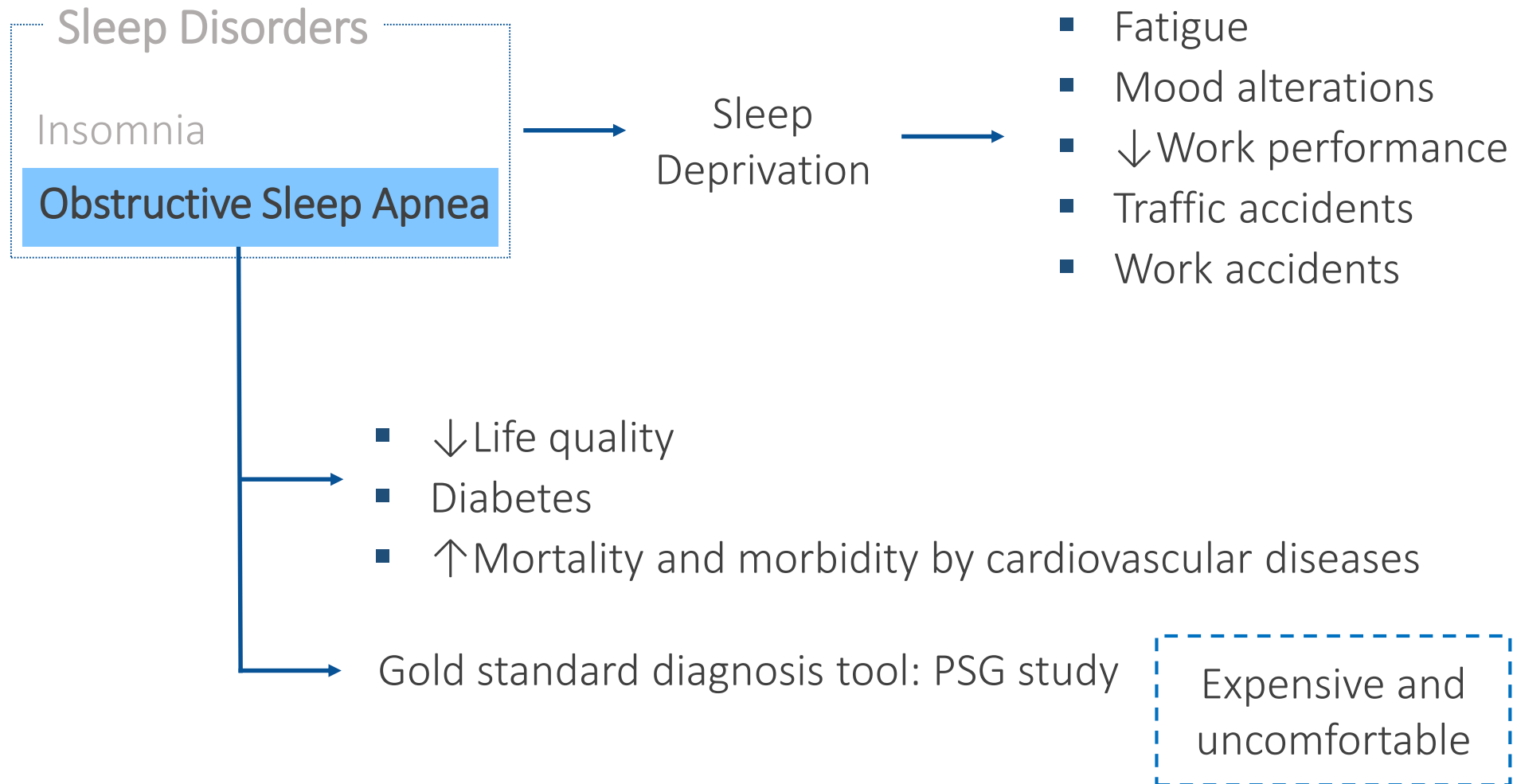
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Motivation: Facts and Figures

By 2020, 230000 – 345000 people are expected to be killed in traffic accidents due to fatigue^[1]

\$45,210,000,000^[2]

9% - 38% of the adult population suffers from OSA^[3]

1/3 adults suffers of inadequate sleep^[2]

Sleep-related traffic accidents have an injury severity level similar to alcohol intoxication-related traffic accidents^[4]

46% of OSA couples sleep in separate rooms^[5]

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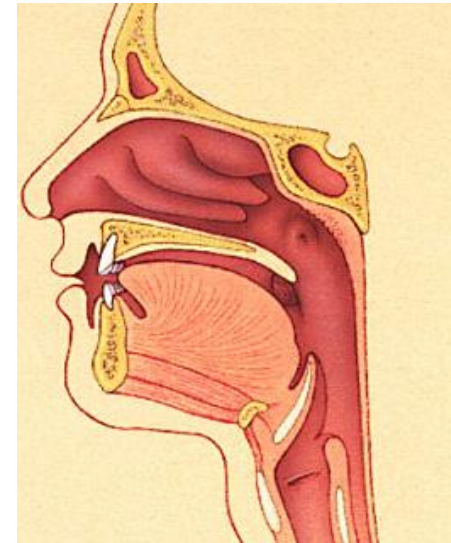
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OSA Pathophysiology and Speech

- Decrease in the muscle tone of the upper airway dilator muscle
- Excessive compliance of the pharyngeal wall
- Anatomical alterations of the respiratory tract



Source: TMJ & Sleep Therapy Centre.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xc0t77kEIU>



Source: http://www.newmanmd.org/anatomy_lung_upper.php?menu=2&subMenu=1

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- Articulatory anomalies

- Phonation anomalies

- Resonance anomalies

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Related Work

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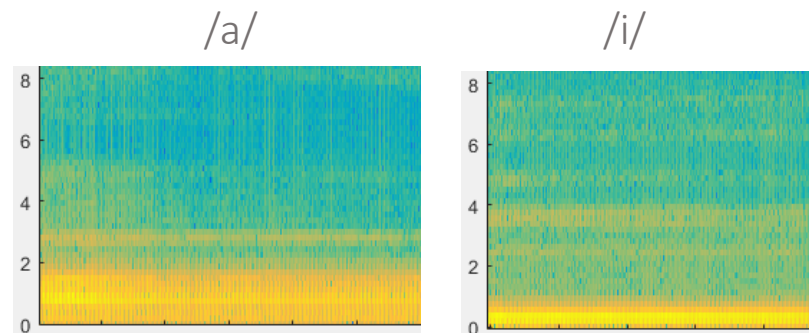
Portuguese Sleep Disorders (PSD) Corpus

Task 1: “The North Wind and the Sun”



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_North_Wind_and_the_Sun

Task 2: Elongated vowels



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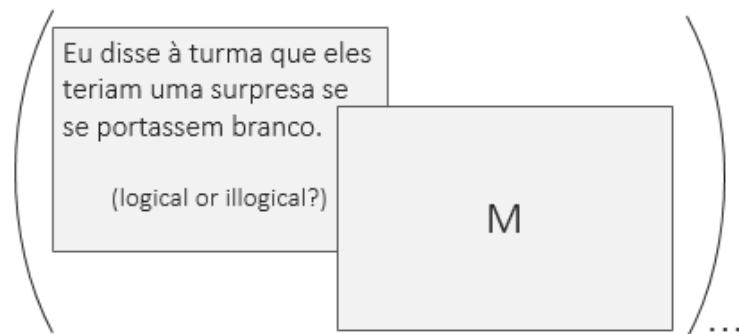
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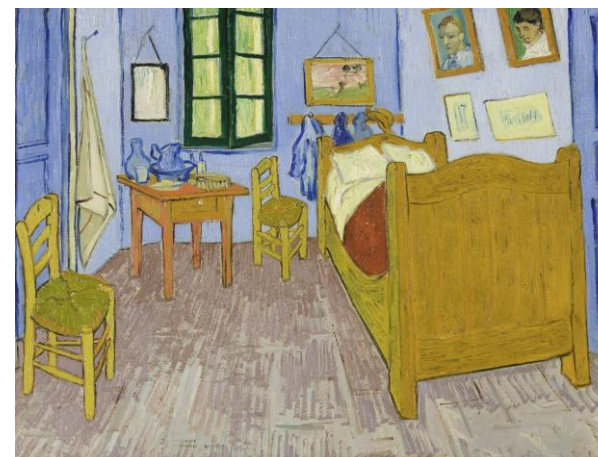
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Task 3: Reading span task



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Task 4: Describing the image



Source: <http://time.com/4551131/Vincent-van-gogh-bedroom-bed-boxmeer/>

Portuguese Sleep Disorders (PSD) Corpus

Table 2. PSD Corpus.

	Control	OSA
#F	12	6
#M	8	19
Age – F	33 ± 11	55 ± 9
Age – M	36 ± 10	53 ± 10

Table 3. PSD-b Corpus.

	Control	OSA
#F	11	9
#M	11	11
Age – F	50 ± 8	61 ± 14
Age – M	43 ± 10	55 ± 10

- Control subjects in PSD-b include subjects suffering from insomnia.

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In-the-Wild Obstructive Sleep Apnea (WOSA) Corpus

Table 4. In-the-Wild Obstructive Sleep Apnea Corpus.

Class	# Female subjects	# Male subjects	# Subjects under CPAP treatment	# Subjects using oral appliances	# Subjects not under treatment
Control	4	4	-	-	8
OSA	4	4	6	1	1



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Original Feature Set

- Formant Frequency (F1, F2, F3)
- Formant Bandwidth (F1, F2, F3)
- Harmonics-to-Noise ratio
- Jitter
- Spectral Flux
- F0
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Random Forest Feature Selection

5 features.
 $\Delta\Delta$ MFCC, Δ MFCC, F0.

Mann-Whitney U Test Feature Selection

18 features.
MFCC, Δ MFCC, $\Delta\Delta$ MFCC, F0, HNR, formant frequency, jitter.

Experimental Results

- PSD Corpus
 - Comparison: SVM, kNN, LDA, Naïve Bayes, Random Forest
 - Ensemble classifiers
- PSD-b
- WOSA Corpus
- PSD+WOSA Corpus

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Experimental Results

Table 4. Best performing classifiers and feature sets for OSA detection, using PSD and WOSA corpus.

	RF features; SVM			OFS features; SVM			OFS features; SVM+LDA+kNN		
	TPR (%)	TNR (%)	WA (%)	TPR (%)	TNR (%)	WA (%)	TPR (%)	TNR (%)	WA (%)
PSD	92.0	65.0	80.0	88.0	75.0	82.2	88.0	80.0	84.0
PSD-b	85.0	68.2	76.2	70.0	77.3	73.8	80.0	72.7	76.2
WOSA	12.2	37.5	25.0	75.0	87.5	81.3	75.0	87.5	81.2
PSD+WOSA	50.0	25.0	37.5	75.0	62.5	68.8	75.0	62.5	68.8

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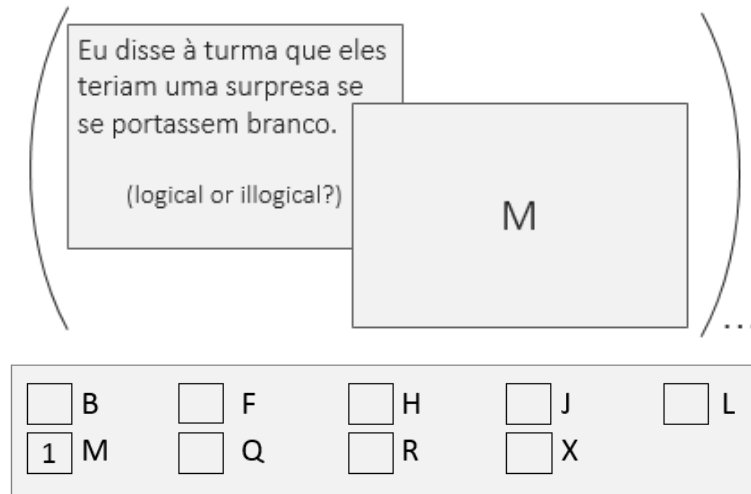
Recall: PSD Corpus

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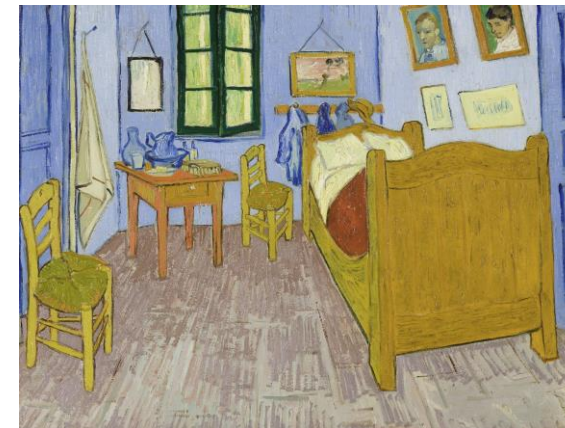
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X 10 sentences

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Phoneme Relevance for OSA detection

Table 5. Comparison of the performance achieved per task and the relative frequency of nasal phonemes and diphthongs.

Task	Performance			Nasal Phonemes (%)	Diphthongs (%)
	TPR (%)	TNR (%)	WA (%)		
1	84.0	70.0	78.8	12.6	6.4
3.1	84.0	65.0	75.6	13.5	5.7
3.2	92.0	75.0	84.4	25.0	10.0
3.3	72.0	65.0	68.9	18.8	6.3
3.4	84.0	70.0	77.8	6.5	6.5
3.5	92.0	65.0	80.0	12.1	5.1
3.6	80.0	85.0	82.0	8.9	4.4
3.7	84.0	75.0	80.0	14.0	7.0
3.8	84.0	75.0	80.0	14.3	7.1
3.9	92.0	65.0	80.0	11.5	1.9
3.10	88.0	60.0	75.6	16.0	4.0
4	92.0	55.0	75.6	-	-

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Sleep Disorders' impact on Working Memory



Source: <https://www.opendooreducation.in/others/cognitive-load-theory/>

- Working Memory
 - Temporary storage
 - Information processing
- Cognitive Load
 - Effort of performing a task

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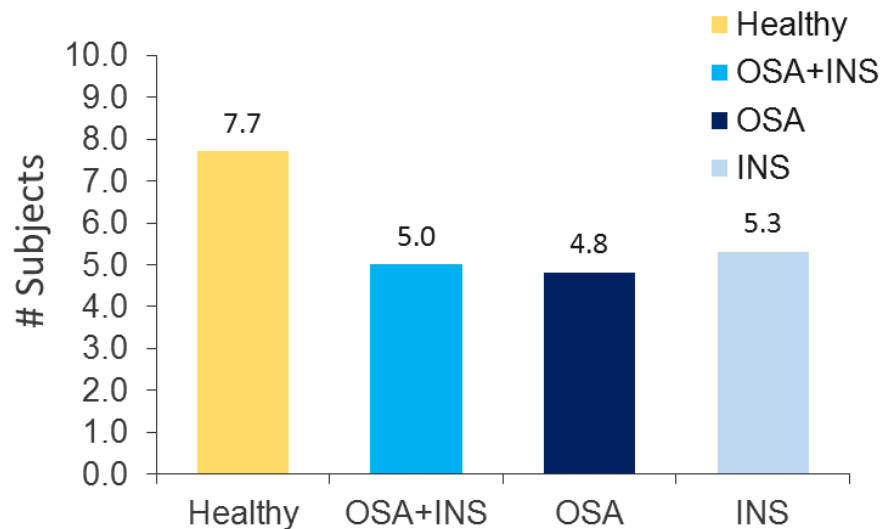
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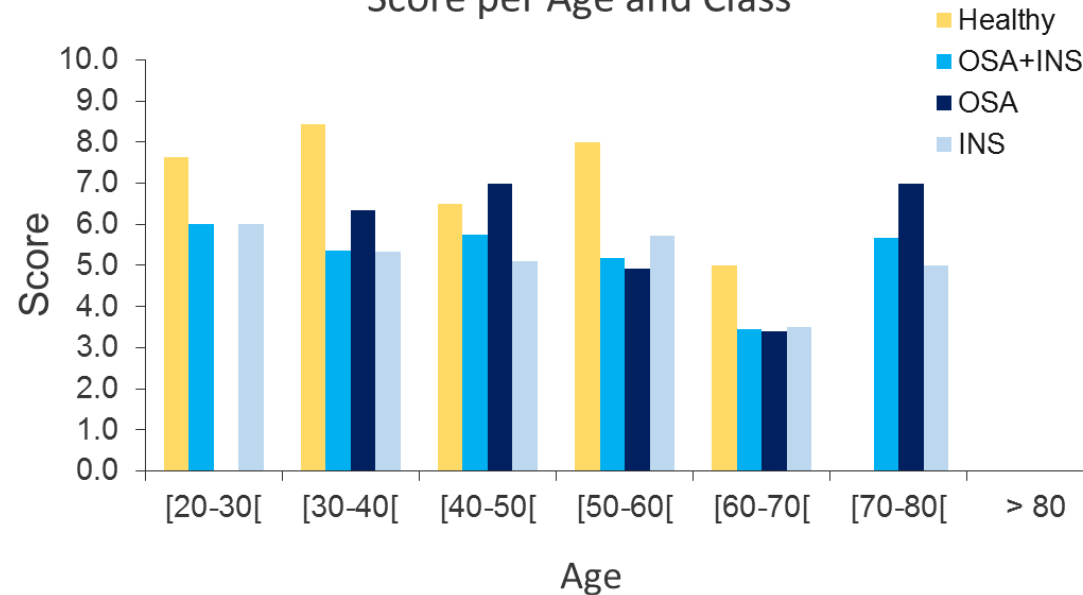
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Working Memory Impairment: Task 3 analysis

Score per Sleep Disorder Class



Score per Age and Class



# Control	8	7	2	2	1	0	0
# OSA	0	3	6	12	5	1	0
# Insomnia	1	9	16	17	9	3	1

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Conclusions

- The feature set proposed for OSA detection provides satisfactory results;
- Evidence for phonation and resonance anomalies with the PSD corpus;
- Proof-of-concept for OSA detection with in-the-wild data;
- Evidence for the fact that OSA treatment does not alter speech anomalies;
- Evidence for the impairment of working memory caused by sleep disorders;
- Limitation: reduced size of the corpora.

Future Work

- Expand PSD corpus;
- Expand WOSA data set, addressing the automatic classification of the vlog data;
- Further explore the spontaneous speech subset;
- Compare cognitive load levels in sleep disordered and control subjects, in speech recordings.

Thank you for your attention.

