

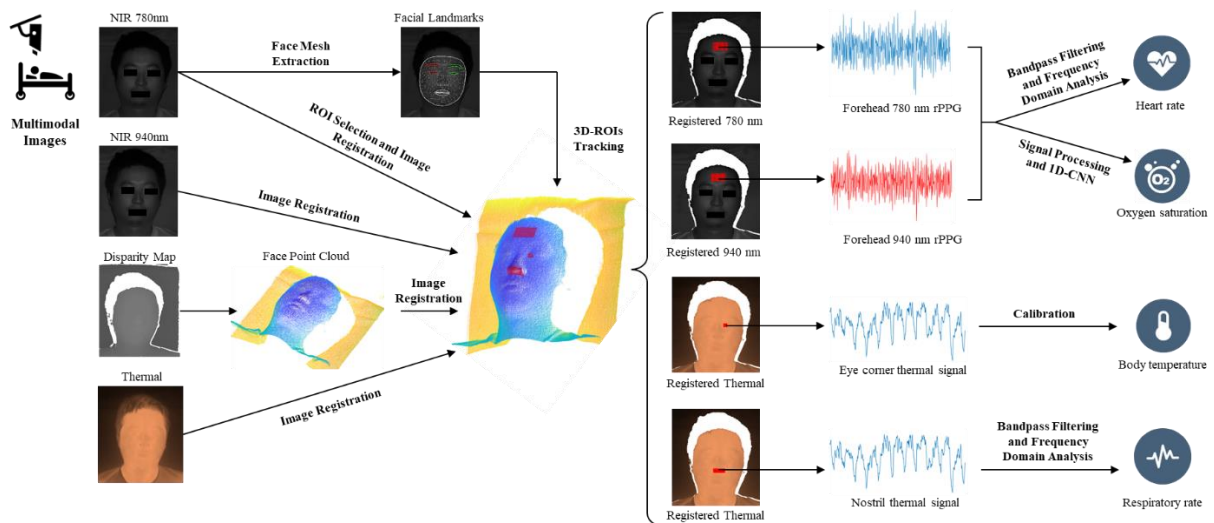
Task Description for the Project Seminar or Master Thesis

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Comparative Study of Open-Source rPPG and Camera-based Vital Signs Estimation Toolkits and Datasets

General Description:

Non-contact measurements methods are expected to expand the application scenarios of vital signs monitoring with better hygiene and comfort. Many studies have validated the feasibility of camera-based contactless measurements for some vital signs, including heart rate (HR) [1], respiration rate (RR) [2], body temperature (BT) [3], and oxygen saturation (SpO₂) [4]. Previous studies in TU Ilmenau QBV introduced a 3D multimodal (RGB, 3D, NIR, thermography) camera system and a series of data processing and vital signs estimation algorithms, which allow simultaneous monitoring of multiple vital signs [5]. To quantitatively demonstrate the advantages and transferability of our approach, a systematic discussion on benchmark approaches and datasets is expected.



Task:

Many open-source toolkits offer solutions for vital signs estimation especially heart rate, heart rate variation and respiration rate, which have also been validated on benchmark datasets. In this work, methods from various open-source toolkits are expected to be systematically compared across different datasets. Among these, the better-performing methods will be tailored to our dataset NEON (3D VIS-NIR multimodal data) for further validation and discussed as a baseline against by our developed algorithms.

In the context of this work, the following tasks arise in particular:

- Literature research on camera-based vital signs estimation (rPPG, heart rate, heart rate variation, oxygen saturation, respiration rate).
 - Implementation and reproduction of different open source analytical rPPG and vital signs processing methods and machine learning / deep learning toolkits (Python, Pytorch, Matlab)
 - Comparison and validation of the performance of different tools in diverse open-source datasets as well as our NEON dataset based on selected evaluation metrics.
 - Documentation and presentation
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