A novel approach for remote monitoring of heart beat rate, respiratory rate and chewing activity in cows

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**Opto-phone: The Concept**

**“Non contact” approach**

Any distance starting from 1mm and up to few hundreds of meters

**Components:**
- LD- Laser Diode
- CMOS– small size imaging sensor
- Plastic molded lens
Fig. 1. Schematic description of the system.
Long Distance Field Experiments

Cell phone
Counting…1,2,3,4,5,6

Back part of neck
Counting…5,6,7

Face (profile)
Counting…5,6

Heart beat pulse taken from a throat

All recordings were done in a very noisy constriction site at distance of more than 80m.
Medical applications: What is **Opto-care**?

A wearable non-contact sensor that can continuously measure the following bio-medical parameters:

- **Pulse** (heart beats rate and shape)
- **Respiratory activity** (rate and shape)
- **Blood pulse pressure**
- **Oxygen in blood**
- **Chemicals in blood stream**
  - glucose, alcohol
- **Intra-ocular pressure monitoring**
- **Dehydration**
Cows bio-diagnostics (welfare)

- Heart Beat Rate monitoring
- Breathing rate monitoring
- Chewing rate monitoring
- Pre-clinical trials with Pigs
Bio-medical Agro-Care monitoring can be applied on different body areas without actual contact with the body.

The sensor can be placed close to the body, on cloths or remotely.
The non-visible laser system

The swine's location

The non-visible laser system

40 m

Fig. 1. Image of one of the proposed optical setups, consisting of a green laser system, a camera with its lens and a beam expander.

Fig. 2. Image of the second optical setup, consisting of a non-visible laser system while the distance from the device to the surgery room where the subject is located was 40 meters.

Fig. 3. Image of the swine during the experiment while the laser beam aimed at its chest.
Pigs’ HBR and breathing

Fig. 1. (a). Signals recorded by our optical system. (b). A zoom of the heart beating signal of the swine. (c). Frequency representation of the output signal. We see a clear peak at frequency of 1.825 Hz. The major peak at ~ 3.5 Hz is the second harmonic of the heart beat frequency.

Fig. 2. (a). Temporal breathing signals recorded by our optical system. (b). A zoom of the left signal showing the breathing signal of the swine. (c). Summary of all breath tests. Blue line denotes the pumped air breath machine settings, while the red line denotes the optical measurements of our optical device.
Fig. 1. (a). Measurement of the blood pulse pressure monitoring during adrenalin intake. (b). The red line refers to systole blood pressure read by the surgery instrumentation readout, the light gray line refers to diastole blood pressure read by the surgery instrumentation readout while the dark gray line present our optical measurement. (c). Another measurement of the blood pulse pressure monitoring during adrenalin intake. (d). Red line refers to the surgery instrumentation readout, while gray line presents our optical measurement.
Fig. 1 (a). The time space pulse profile of a swine as measured with our optical device. (b), (c). Time space oxygen graph where the blue line denotes to the optical device oxygen measurement and the red line denotes the actual reference oxygen level.
Remote cows’ bio-monitoring

Image 1. The experimental opto-phone device used on the site.

Image 2,3. Cows used at the experiments. The cows were locked in the special cage, while their movements are limited.
a) Chewing of cow. Each chewing episode is enclosed in red rectangle. Sampling rate = 1000 Hz.
b) Pulse measurement. Each pulse peak is marked by black mark with (X,Y) position.
c) Breath measurement. Each breath peak is marked by black mark with (X,Y) position.
Advantages of Agro-care

• Simple and robust system.
• Capable of doing biomedical measurement without physical contact.
• Invisible and eye safe illumination.
• Works well on wet surface (sweat, water etc.).
• Works through cloths
• Multi functional monitor.
• Low cost and low weight/volume.
Easy to bring it to product level

- No need for high accuracy of optical alignment
- No need for high quality optics
- No need for high accuracy wavelength of the laser
- No need for high SNR of the image
- No need for high image sensor resolution
- Off-the-shelf, Low cost components

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**Table 1.** Close range (1mm-10mm) application: General parameters of the proposed elements and BOM cost
Evolution of long distance operational device

Timeline

2007  2010  2012

Paper:

Z. Zalevsky, Y. Beiderman, J. Garcia, S. Gingold, I. Margalit, M. Teicher, "Simultaneous remote extraction of multiple speech sources and heart beats from secondary speckles pattern, Optics Express 17 (2009), 21566-21580."
Evolution of wrist band prototype

Moke-up of the WT sensor. Wearable on-watch biological meter was chosen among the most innovative devices of 2012 year.

Operational real-time sensor. Wearable on-watch biological meter has been build and tested in 2013 year.

Timeline

2012

2013

2014

Future Plans:

2x2mm Sensor in 2014
Future Plans: Animals Monitoring

Challenges in Agriculture: Animals welfare – real-time monitoring

- **Bio-monitoring**: Mini optical remote sensor development: on-body animals
- **Lameness**: Remote bone fraction inspection in animals with light
- **Health-care**: Body temperature sensor development (measurement with light)
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