How to Build Your Very Own Sleep Lab: The Execution

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Overview

What does it do?

We're collecting data for later interpretation:

Electroencephalogram (EEG)

Heart rate monitor (HRM)

Electronic Ocular Monitor (EOM)

Infrared pictures

Overview

What does it not do?

Breathing measurements

Skin response on face

Why not?

Restless leg and apnea are obvious to an outside observer

Overview

A series of devices connected to an ordinary desktop PC:

ModularEEG implementation of the OpenEEG project

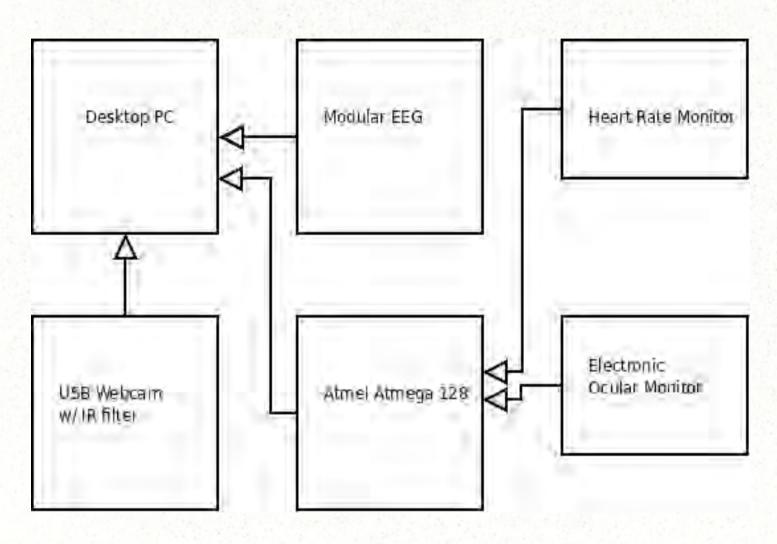
Interfaces with a desktop PC via RS 232 serial port

Homebrew microcontroller (Atmel Atmega128) device to collect other signals

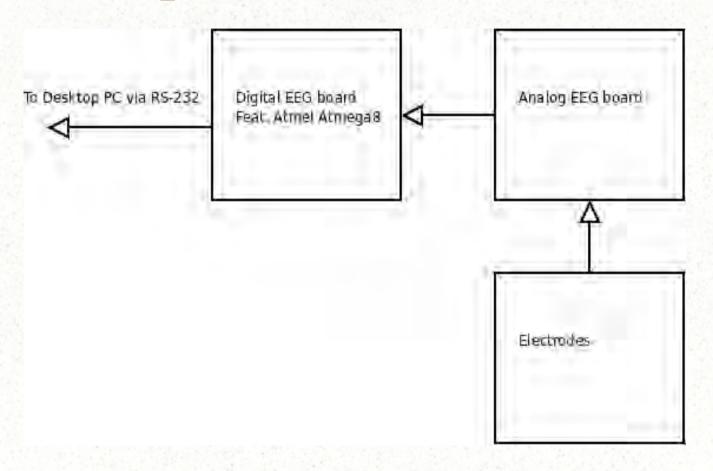
Also Interfaces with a desktop PC via serial port

USB Webcam modded to see only IR

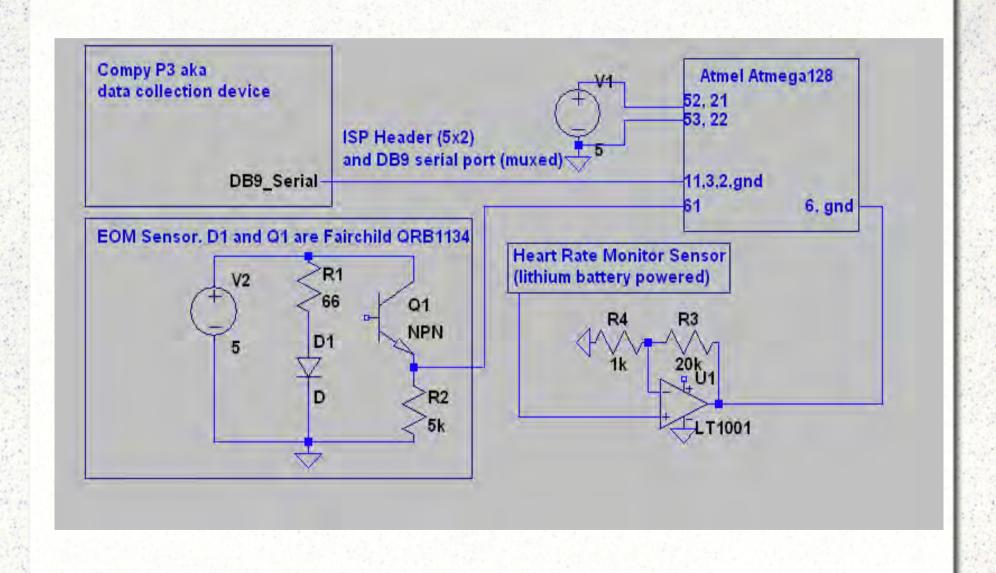
Hardware overview



OpenEEG overview



Microcontroller data collection device



Sensor choice

ModularEEG from OpenEEG project

Cheap (\$<200 to build)

Well tested (Initial release in 2003)

Prebuilt PCBs available

Open Source

Needed to detect stage of sleep

Sensor choice

Wireless heartrate monitor by Oregon Scientific

Super cheap off of eBay (\$<20)

Signal to find was relatively simple

Needed to verify that monitored user is calm

Sensor choice

EOM – Fairchild QRB1134

Very cheap

Well documented

Simple

Used to verify REM

Construction pitfalls

ModularEEG – Buy it preassembled!

Took hours of cramped soldering

Easy to make solder bridges or short to ground plane

Easy to put ICs in backwards

Does not include a power supply

Construction highlights

On the fly construction:

Op-amp for HRM to boost signal from 1Vpp to 5vpp

Adding first-order filters to remove noise from incoming circuits

Finding new and interesting uses for soldering irons

We plugged the EEG in and nothing caught on fire!

EEG capture when subject was asked about their favourite topic



HRM and EOM verified to be working:

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Disclaimer:

We are not doctors, nor do we pretend to be

It is rare, but possible to give yourself an electric shock with this equipment

There is no warranty – explicit or implied

We are not responsible for the consequences of anyone attempting to duplicate our efforts

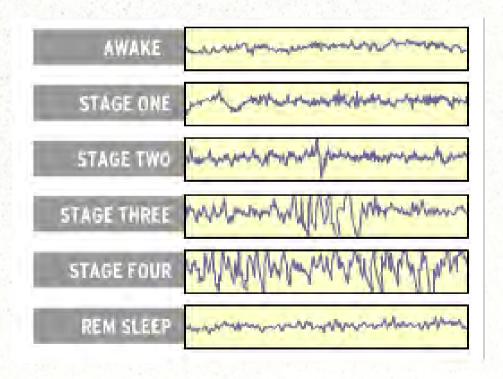
FIXME: show picture clips of various sleep stages collected here

Analysis

What does this data tell me?

EEG and EOM can verify that user is entering all

stages of sleep.



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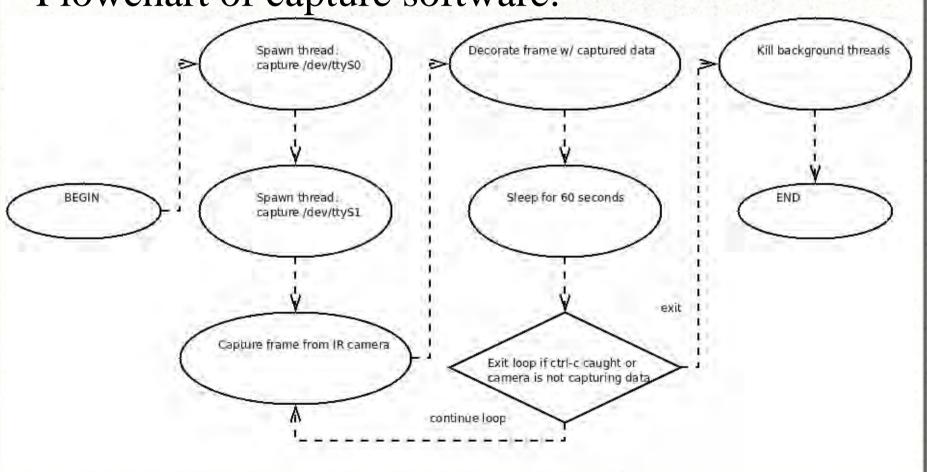
What does this data tell me? (cont.)

Camera stills will show fitful sleep, sleepwalking, and restless leg.

Elevated heart rate can indicate stress

Additional info

Flowchart of capture software:



Additional info

Future expansion:

More sensors:

Muscle sensors on face

Volume and temperature of airflow to/from lungs

Automagic identification and categorization of data

Closing

Shoutouts to:

ab3nd, dead addict, lockedindream, lyn, mb, nobodyhere, old grover, psychedelicbike, tottenkoph,

Detailed schematics and source code are available at:

http://defcon17sleeplab.googlepages.com/