

基于成像光电容积描记技术的非接触式生理参数检测及其应用

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摘要 成像式光电容积描记技术是在传统光电容积描记技术基础上发展而来的一种非接触式生理信号检测技术。成像式光电容积描记技术由于非接触、可远程监测、适用场景广泛、易操作以及低成本等优点可实现人体多项生理参数的测量,成为仪器及生物医学工程领域的新兴研究热点之一。本综述首先介绍了成像式光电容积描记技术的基本原理,对光学起源机理进行了分析,并对成像视频处理方法进行了总结,最后介绍了成像式光电容积描记技术在生理参数方面的应用,并对其在生理参数检测领域中的发展进行展望。

关键词 成像式光电容积描记技术; 生理参数检测; 心血管监测

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1 引言

成像式光电容积描记(IPPG)^[1]技术是在传统单点光电容积描记(PPG)^[2-3]技术的基础上,利用成像设备将光与皮肤组织内部发生相互作用后携带心脏脉动信息的漫反射光所引起的皮肤颜色的微小变化以连续图像的形式记录下来,并通过视频分析和图像处理技术,从视频流中提取出人体生命体征信息如脉搏、心率、心率变异性等的一种非接触、无创生理参数检测技术。

IPPG 技术克服传统接触式 PPG 技术存在的接触式操作应用场景受限、接触力导致生理参数测量精度低以及受人体佩戴方式干扰等问题,以非接触、可远程监测、性价比高、设备操作过程简单以及能够对受试者进行连续自动测量观察的优点,在人体生理参数检测应用上取得了长足进展。目前 IPPG 技术已经从心率、呼吸率以及心率变异性^[4-8]等基础生命体征参数检测逐渐过渡到对复杂疾病如动脉疾病、僵硬和老化等慢性微循环疾病^[9-11]的监测。IPPG 技术有望成为深入理解生物组织的光学特性和探究复杂心血管疾病相关病理机理的重要手段。

慢性病症状通常会使得人体呈现“亚健康”状态,即心率、心电、血压以及血氧饱和度等基础生命体征参

数发生变化。通过对上述参数进行实时监测,就能在慢性病早期做到提前发现,并采取及时治疗等措施避免其进一步恶化。IPPG 技术揭示生物组织在生理与病理过程中发生的动态、微小改变,成为了研究重要疾病(特别是早期病变)的新思路和新手段。IPPG 技术适用于大规模临床检测及日常生活中身体健康状况监测等场景,是医疗健康新时代下的人体日常生理状态监测的研究热点。本文在综合调研近 20 年来国内外采用 IPPG 技术进行人体生理参数监测的大量相关文献基础上,结合本研究团队在该领域所开展的研究工作,从 IPPG 技术的生理学机理着手,探究 IPPG 技术的光学起源机理,分析 IPPG 信号处理方法,最后,根据本研究团队的工作内容介绍 IPPG 技术的应用及发展情况。

2 IPPG 技术基本原理

2.1 PPG 技术

PPG 技术是获取脉搏波的重要手段,通常以受试者手指、手臂或面部作为被检测部位提取脉搏波信号即 PPG 信号。PPG 技术按传感器接收光的方式可分为透射式和反射式两种,如图 1 所示。在透射式中,光源与光电传感器分别位于被检测部位相对应的两侧,从光源发出的光穿过被检测部位进入深层组织,除被

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皮肤中的生色团、血液等吸收外,一部分由血液漫反射回来,其余部分则透射出去。透射式适用于指尖、耳垂、脚趾等较薄的身体部位。传统脉搏血氧仪采用的就是透射式 PPG 技术,可以测量人的血氧饱和度和心率水平。

对于反射式 PPG 来说,光源和光电传感器位于被检测部位同侧,光电传感器接收被组织反射回来的漫反射光。反射式 PPG 理论上可以应用在人体任何

裸露的皮肤组织表面。目前广泛流行的能够实现血氧饱和度、心率等生理参数测量的智能手环等商业产品采用的是反射式 PPG 技术。

接触式 PPG 传感器的使用受到一定的限制,接触式测量方式需要与被测者产生肢体接触,对于一些紧急情况如烧伤、创伤、严重感染等,佩戴接触式设备存在极大的不便性。此外,接触式方式会对使用者产生心理压力,从而影响心血管生理参数的测量精度。

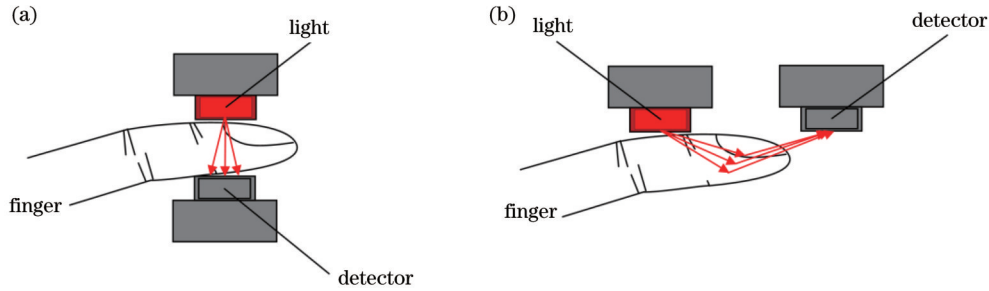


图 1 PPG 技术。(a)透射式 PPG 技术;(b)反射式 PPG 技术

Fig. 1 PPG technology. (a) Transmission model of PPG technology; (b) reflection model of PPG technology

2.2 IPPG 技术

IPPG 技术是在反射式 PPG 技术的基础上发展而来的。IPPG 系统通常由光源、皮肤组织以及图像传感器等 3 部分组成。图 2 为漫反射 IPPG 技术的物理模型。光源发出的光一部分透过皮肤表皮进入组织内部,在皮肤组织内部发生散射、反射以及吸收等光学作用,另一部分在皮肤表面发生镜面反射。图像传感器接收到的光信号包含与皮肤组织内部发生相互作用后携带心脏脉动信息的漫反射光以及直接从皮肤表面反射回去的没有携带生理信息的镜面反射光。

由于心脏搏动产生的振动会随血管组织传至人体外周微血管及皮肤组织,微弱的振动会引起皮肤组织光吸收量的变化即人体血管中的血液容积变化。血红蛋白对光具有一定的吸收作用,真皮层血容量周期性变化使其对光的吸收也发生周期性调制,进而导致皮肤表层的微弱颜色变化。肉眼虽然无法观察到这样的周期性变化,但却能够被成像传感器所捕捉。因此,光穿过皮肤表层后的衰减特性以光学连续图像的载体形式呈现,通过图像处理技术处理后可得到心率、心率变异性以及血氧饱和度等生命体征。

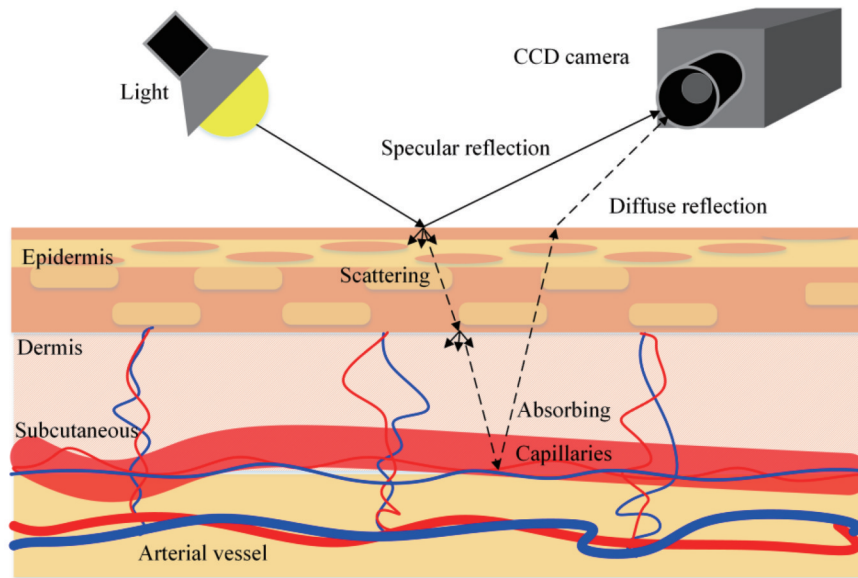


图 2 反射式 IPPG 技术

Fig. 2 Reflection model of IPPG technology

测得的 IPPG 波形包括一个脉动 (AC) 生理波形以及大趋势缓慢变化的准静态 (DC) 基线。AC 波形反映每次心跳时血液体积的心脏同步变化, DC 成分则包含呼吸、静脉流量、交感神经系统活动和体温调节信息。很多研究人员已经对 IPPG 信号的波形特点进行了理论方面的深入研究^[9], 故在此不详细阐述这部分内容。

2.3 IPPG 技术光学起源机理

2008 年, Verkrusysse 等^[12]首次采用白光作为 IPPG 技术的光源。目前以白光作为 IPPG 技术的光源已经得到了普遍认可^[13-15]。白光作为 IPPG 技术的光源时, 成像传感器 RGB 三通道中都能获取携带脉搏信息的 IPPG 信号, 且绿色通道 IPPG 信号脉动幅度远远大于红、蓝通道, 这与传统 PPG 技术主要收集来自与动脉血管交互的光信号^[16]相矛盾。事实上, 由于绿光的透射深度小于 1 mm, 一般只与毛细血管交互, 无法到达位于 3 mm 以下的深层动脉及小动脉, 这使得 IPPG 技术的光学起源机理出现了争议。针对 IPPG 技术的光学起源机理, 目前产生了 3 种主流观点:

1) 动脉血液流入毛细血管时, 对毛细血管壁产生压力, 导致毛细血管直径周期性变化, 因此毛细血管的

血容积变化对到达真皮层的绿光进行了直接周期性调制^[17-19]。

心脏周期性跳动时, 动脉血液涌入毛细血管会对其血管壁产生压力, 导致毛细血管直径发生周期性变化。毛细血管直径的周期性变化又会导致其血容积的变化, 从而对到达真皮层的绿光进行了周期性调制而产生了 IPPG 信号。RGB 三通道 IPPG 信号中绿通道的 IPPG 信号具有最高的信噪比^[20]。这是由于常规图像传感器在 RGB 某一通道测得的 IPPG 信号是血液在该图像传感器通道波段的吸收系数、光谱响应情况及光源穿透皮肤组织深度所共同决定的。

血液中的血红蛋白以及含氧血红蛋白对蓝光的吸收系数最大, 绿光次之, 红光最小, 如图 3(a) 所示。而蓝光的透射深度最小, 绿光次之, 红光最大, 如图 3(b) 所示。同时常规成像传感器在绿光处响应最高, 蓝光与红光次之。因此, 虽然三波段中红光穿透深度最深, 能够与深层动脉血发生交互, 但常规成像传感器在该波段的响应及血液对其吸收并不高。换言之, 虽然成像传感器在蓝光波段有较强的响应, 但蓝光在皮肤的穿透深度最浅。因此最终绿光信号能更好地携带心脏的搏动性信息, 交流脉动分量更大, 如图 3(c) 所示。

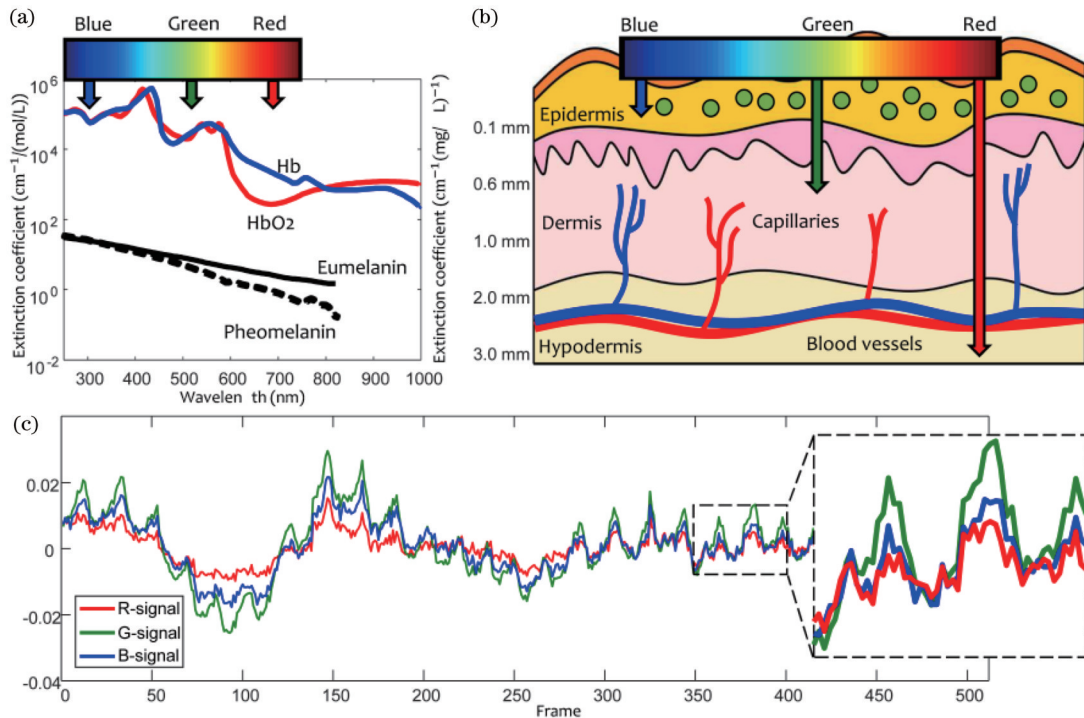


图 3 血液成分与光穿透深度^[20]。(a) 血红蛋白对红绿蓝三色光的吸收程度; (b) 红绿蓝三色光在皮肤中的透过深度; (c) 红绿蓝通道信号的调制幅度

Fig. 3 Blood composition and light penetration depth^[20]. (a) Absorption of red, green and blue light by hemoglobin; (b) penetration depths of red, green and blue light in the skin; (c) modulation amplitudes of red, green and blue channels

但是后续对毛细血管力学性能的研究表明, 随着心脏跳动, 毛细血管的直径几乎没有变化, 血容量的变化也主要发生在动脉和小动脉中。因此, 毛细血管直

径周期性变化导致其血容积变化, 进而对到达真皮层的绿光周期性调制产生 IPPG 信号的说法也似乎并不成立。

2) 毛细血管内红细胞速度信号相位变化导致光信号的周期性调制^[21-23]。

毛细血管血液流速是变化的,根据流体力学可知,毛细血管血液流速的变化会导致血液与红细胞膜间发生相对位移,二者产生的内摩擦力使得红细胞的横截面积发生改变。红细胞变形过程中,血液中红细胞的各向异性的角度发生变化,即与光作用的红细胞的横截面积发生变化。因此,红细胞横截面积的改变会导致光的吸收与散射系数发生变化,从而导致 IPPG 信号波形的产生。

但有实验研究表明^[24],采用绿光照射手指皮肤并对其施加一定压力时,从该处皮肤得到的 IPPG 信号的 AC 成分的振幅与无压力时相比有显著提高。该现象无法用毛细血管内红细胞流速信号的相位变化来解释,IPPG 信号产生机理再次受到质疑。

3) 真皮毛细血管床的血容量密度变化影响光的吸收和散射系数,进而产生 IPPG 信号^[13-14, 25],如图 4 所示。

血压力导致动脉直径周期性振荡,并对与其相邻的毛细血管床产生周期性挤压,导致毛细血管床发生周期性弹性形变。毛细血管床周期性弹性形变调节了毛细血管床密度,使得毛细血管之间的距离发生变化,局部区域整体血容量发生周期性变化,最终导致组织光吸收和散射量发生周期性变化。

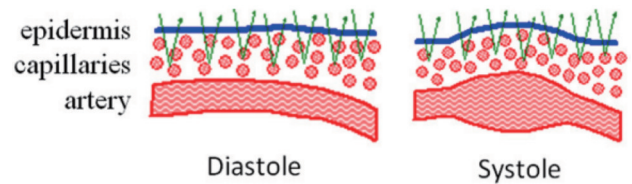


图 4 IPPG 波形起源^[13]

Fig. 4 Origin of IPPG waveform^[13]

由于心脏搏动产生的振动会随动脉传播。考虑到真皮层的力学性能,动脉血管壁的振动会导致与其相邻的毛细血管床发生周期性弹性形变,这种周期性形变调节了真皮毛细血管床的血容量,改变了毛细血管血容量密度,从而影响了光的吸收和散射,进而产生了 IPPG 信号。

IPPG 技术的光学起源机理还有待进一步的实验验证,很多研究人员也仍然在 IPPG 的光学起源机理上进行不断深入的研究。

2.4 IPPG 信号预处理方法

IPPG 技术信号的处理流程如图 5 所示,主要包含 3 个过程:从原始包含皮肤组织的视频中获得检测部位的时序图像、从连续多帧时序图像中提取 RGB 三通道 IPPG 信号、根据 RGB 三通道 IPPG 信号计算相应的生理参数信息。

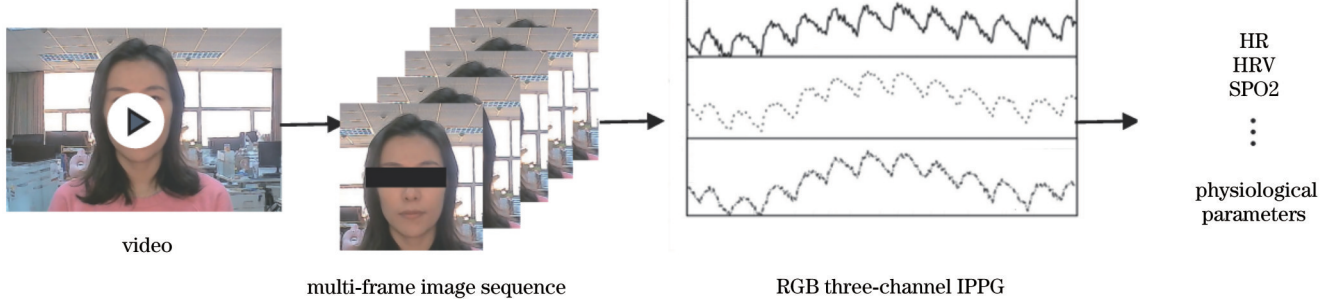


图 5 IPPG 技术生理参数获取流程图

Fig. 5 Flow chart of physiological parameter acquisition of IPPG technology

2.4.1 视频处理

一般来说,人体皮肤组织视频图像中均能够提取出 IPPG 信号。但在实际应用中,主要采集血液灌注相对丰富、色素沉积少且便于成像设备拍摄的人体部位。因此,手指、手臂以及面部是主要的 IPPG 信号获取区域。

IPPG 技术中常用的人脸检测方法主要有Viola-Jones(VJ)算法^[26-28]、进行面部特征点的检测与跟踪的约束局部神经域(CLNF)算法^[29-30]以及利用核检测跟踪的循环结构(CSK)算法^[31]等。VJ人脸检测器算法能够进行面部感兴趣区域的自动选择,通过检测视频帧内的人脸定位每个视频帧的感兴趣区域。该算法主要用于正面面部样本的训练,当面部位

置偏离正面位置时,会导致后续视频帧中出现不连续的面部定位。人脸跟踪^[32]是针对人体存在运动伪影的情况下进行面部区域 IPPG 信号提取的算法。在 VJ 算法的基础上融入皮肤检测^[33-34]可以进一步提高感兴趣区域的定位精度。超体素分割与字典学习结合的活体皮肤检测 voxel pulse spectral(VPS)算法^[35]能够保留皮肤区域的轮廓信息,克服皮肤区域无法精确分割的问题。但 VPS 算法在分割图像时,计算过于复杂且计算量大,不能实时检测视频中的活体皮肤。随后, Wang 等^[36]改进了 VPS 算法,提出一种基于多分辨率光谱迭代的实时活体皮肤检测算法,将时变 IPPG 信号转换为多分辨率迭代频谱进行分类训练,提高了实时性。

将视频图像分割成多个子区域,通过对多个子区域开展心率评估的方法也得到了进一步发展。Liu 等^[37]提出一种基于 IPPG 心率信息的人脸皮肤检测算法。首先,将视频图像分割成多个 40 pixel×30 pixel 大小的子区域,并计算出每个子区域的心率信息。然后,以受试者额头区域的心率为参考心率,通过比较每一块子区域的心率信息与参考心率之间的差异来实现人脸皮肤与非皮肤区域的分离和判断。Tarassenko 等^[38]利用 Kanade-Lucas-Tomasi (KLT) 方法实现人脸追踪,通过非参数贝叶斯图像分割获得人脸准确位置,然后从脸颊或者额头上选取 100 pixel×100 pixel 的兴趣区域从而实现心率检测。

手臂、手掌的肤色分布均匀,皮肤表面相对平整且血液灌注充盈,因此主要使用阈值分割方法^[39]、高斯肤色模型^[40]等对上述部位进行 IPPG 信号提取。

2.4.2 滤波以及去基线漂移

由于成像设备的拍摄区域往往包含无规则背景,且检测部位的成像大小与角度也会随人体晃动而发生变化。因此,常采用如下技术手段对 IPPG 信号进行处理,以提高 IPPG 信号信噪比。

基于盲源分离(BSS)的 IPPG 提取算法^[41-42]将时域 RGB 三通道颜色信息解耦到不相关或相互独立的信号源中,以检索 IPPG 脉搏波信号。基于正交肤色平面(POS)的 IPPG 算法^[43-45]以皮肤像素子空间的色

相变化表示 IPPG 脉搏波信号。色度(CHROM)方法^[46-49]利用不同颜色通道对血液脉动的不同吸收特性来设计投影函数,并将原始 RGB 信号投影到该函数方向上,从而分离出 IPPG 脉搏波信号。

提取 IPPG 信号后则采用颜色失真滤波(CDF)算法^[50]、先验平滑滤波^[51]以及小波滤波^[52]等进一步对脉搏波信号进行去趋势处理,得到高信噪比的 IPPG 信号。表 1 对不同 IPPG 信号处理方法进行了总结。

实际上,大部分 IPPG 信号滤波方法主要用来提升心率计算的准确性,虽然过度滤波在一定程度上提升了心率的准确性,但易损失脉搏波波形上所反映的血管壁细节特征^[55-57]以及血液黏稠度信息。Yu 等^[58]通过滤波器组方法提取的 IPPG 信号波形接近正弦波,但滤波后的波形上重搏波缺失。Kumar 等^[59]使用加权平均值方法来提取面部不同区域的肤色变化信号,其中,加权平均值的权重取决于该区域内血液灌注情况以及入射光强度。该 IPPG 信号获取方法具有良好的抗噪性能,但 IPPG 信号波形上仍然看不到明显的重搏波。Wang 等^[60]提出自适应奇异频谱分析算法以获得 IPPG 信号周期成分并去除非周期不规则噪声。采用该算法从面部视频中提取的脉搏波在细节保留和实时心率估计方面优于现有技术,并且能够作为心房颤动、心率变异性、血压以及其他生理指标的标准脉搏波,但其复杂度较高。

表 1 IPPG 信号的不同处理方法以及优缺点

Table 1 Different processing methods of IPPG signal and its advantages and disadvantages

Method	Advantage/disadvantage
CDF	In the frequency range, the IPPG signals of R, G and B channels are weighted with different weights, which effectively suppresses the color distortion caused by motion
POS	HR is accurately measured at rest or with light movement
BSS	BSS method is superior to ICA method
CHROM	CHROM method is better than ICA method in motion
Wavelet	IPPG signals can be separated from facial video data during motion
ICA ^[53-54]	Steady heart rate extraction when the subject is near and at rest

由于 IPPG 信号本身含有丰富的生理参数信息,因此针对 IPPG 技术采取何种滤波方法与需要提取的生理参数密切相关。

3 IPPG 技术的应用

IPPG 技术应用领域十分广泛,以下重点结合北京理工大学光电学院在该领域内的研究进行介绍。

3.1 心率

心率(HR)和心率变异性(HRV)的提取方法主要分为时域法和频域法。时域法从脉搏波时域信号中提取出脉搏波的峰值点或谷值点,计算相邻特征点之间的时间差值从而求得受试者的每一次心跳周期,即心率值。IPPG 信号中除了脉搏波还包含有其他生理信号及噪声信号,由于脉搏波信号和其他信号在各个频

率段的功率分布不同,频域内心率计算方法采用傅里叶变换(FFT)将 IPPG 信号从时域转换至频域^[61-62],并通过频谱分析估算出心率值。频域内幅值最大处的频率值为心率值,频率法也是常用的心率算法。

提高远距离心率准确性测量的前提是提高 IPPG 信号信噪比。针对远距离运动下需克服受试者与成像设备间的物距迅速变化所引起的图像中敏感区域大小、特征灰度剧烈变化等问题,Kong 等^[63]提出并设计了一种自适应焦距下的 IPPG 心率监测系统(AZIPPG),该系统可以抑制敏感区域的剧烈变化,有效降低其对 IPPG 信号的干扰,并从理论和实验上证明了 IPPG 信号的提取对离焦模糊不敏感,实现了远距离步行状态下心率的准确检测。

AZIPPG 系统在远距离步行运动过程中基于模糊

图像提取到的 IPPG 信号与传统 BVP 设备所采集到的 PPG 信号的对比分析表明:从模糊图像中提取的 IPPG 信号与接触式 BVP 脉搏波传感器提取的 PPG 信号有着相同特点,两者峰值一一对应且具有良好的—致性,如图 6(a)所示;此外,两种方法提取到的脉冲信号是具有一定的相位差的,这是两种方法检测位置不同引起的。两种方法的 Pearson 相关系数均为

0.8005,如图 6(b)所示。使用 Bland-Altman 分析来评估 AZIPPG 和 BVP 设备之间的心率—致性,如图 6(c)所示,其中, Bland-Altman 的下限和上限分别为 -6.79 BPM 和 7.43 BPM,且所有测量心率数据值均在 95% 置信区间内,两者具有较高的一—致性, BMP 为每分钟心脏跳动次数。

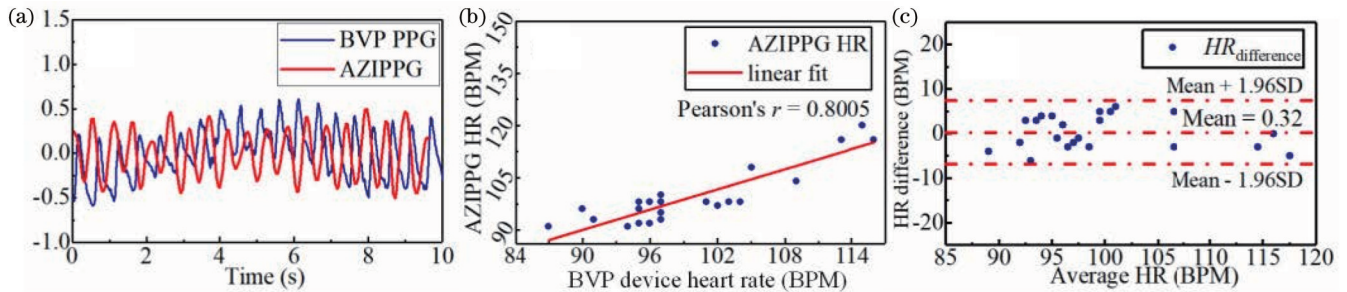


图 6 AZIPPG 运动实验测量结果^[63]。(a)脉搏波信号对比图;(b) Pearson 相关系数;(c) Bland-Altman 分析

Fig. 6 Measurement results of AZIPPG motion experiment^[63]. (a) Comparison of pulse wave signals; (b) Pearson correlation coefficient; (c) Bland-Altman analysis

3.2 活体皮肤检测

IPPG 活体皮肤检测利用深层的生理参数信息作为判断依据,可区分视频图像中活体皮肤组织和类皮肤模型,在身份识别、面部防骗、手势表情识别等领域扮演着非常重要的角色^[64-66]。不同人种的肤色差异、有色光源照射、成像设备色偏以及待测者处于复杂光照情况下时,活体皮肤在图像中的表象会更加复杂多变,使得通过 IPPG 技术实现视频图像中活体皮肤的精确检测变得更加复杂,具有挑战性^[67]。

超像素(子区域)是由一系列位置相邻且具有相似纹理、亮度等特征的像素点组成的不规则小区域^[68]。作为活体皮肤检测的第一步,超像素分割效果影响活体皮肤检测效果和生理参数提取的准确性。常规聚类分割算法如分水岭算法、K 均值(K-mean)聚类算法等对比度明显的人体皮肤图像有较好的分割效果。基于谱聚类超像素分割算法^[69-70]通过不同的权值使各超像素面积大小相似,能够提升活体皮肤检测的效果。Vedaldi 等^[71]提出一种利用均值平移、自底向上的超像素生成算法来提升谱聚类生成速度。Achanta 等^[72-73]提出简单线性迭代聚类(SLIC)算法。SLIC 算法是在一个由 CIELAB 颜色空间的 L、A 以及 B 结合位置坐标 X、Y 所构成的 5 维特征空间中依靠特定距离度量标准进行的局部像素点聚合过程。SLIC 算法所需参数较少且生成的各个超像素子块排列紧凑、大小均匀,同时较好地保留了图像中物体的轮廓边界等细节信息,使得子区域块有着较好完整性。

针对现有活体皮肤检测方法精度不高、实时性较差的问题,孔令琴等^[74]设计并提出了一种超像素-活体皮肤检测(SPASD)算法。首先,利用零参数简单线性

迭代聚类算法将图像分割为多个超像素子块;然后,通过 IPPG 技术并行提取各子块中的脉搏波信号;最后,利用支持向量机对提取到的信号进行训练分类,进而实现活体皮肤的实时检测。SPASD 算法利用改进的 SLIC 算法实现了对活体皮肤的精确快速分割,有效提高了系统检测精度。SPASD 算法并行分割处理各超像素子块,提高了实时性。SPASD 算法增强了 IPPG 信号鲁棒性且无需反复迭代,简化了算法复杂度。SPASD 算法实现了活体皮肤的精确检测,活体皮肤区域被检测、分离、标记出来,具体如图 7(a)~(c)所示。皮肤模型没有被标记,如图 7(d)~(f)所示。同时,SPASD 算法较好地保留了视频图像中活体皮肤与皮肤模型的轮廓信息,如图 7(b)、(e)所示。

3.3 血氧饱和度

血氧饱和度(SPO₂)^[75-76]能有效反映人体呼吸系统和循环系统的生理状态,在健康监护与病情诊断中发挥着积极作用。心脏舒张和收缩时,人体血液会随着心脏的脉动流经过肺部。血液中脱氧血红蛋白与肺部中的氧气结合,成为含氧血红蛋白。含氧血红蛋白进入人体后通过毛细血管组织释放氧气,从而促进人体组织细胞的新陈代谢。目前,血氧饱和度也是新型冠状病毒感染重要的诊断指标之一^[77]。

常规脉搏血氧计选择两种不同的波长(通常为 660 nm 和 940 nm)的光作为光源,以手指作为检测部位,测量两束光束通过手指后的最大透射或反射强度实现血氧饱和度的测量。两个波长需要具有穿透皮肤深度的能力,能够到达动脉血液,从而使获得的 IPPG 信号具有高信噪比。同时,两个波长应处于含氧血红蛋白与脱氧血红蛋白吸收差异的最大处。研究人员已

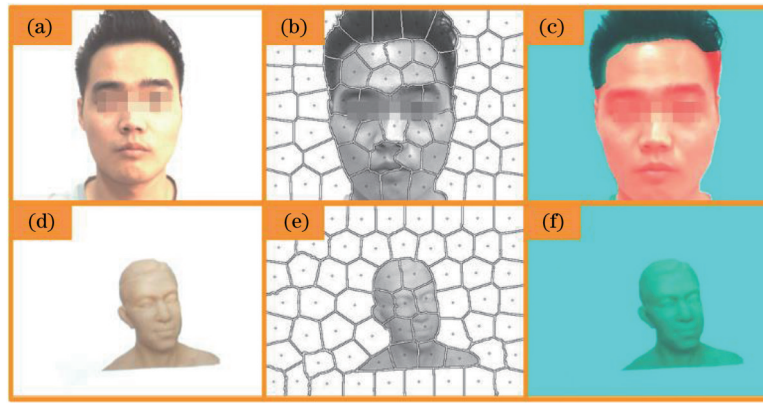


图 7 SPASD 检测结果^[74]。(a) 活体皮肤原图;(b) 活体皮肤超像素分割图;(c) 活体皮肤检测效果图;(d) 皮肤模型原图;(e) 皮肤模型超像素分割图;(f) 皮肤模型检测效果图

Fig. 7 SPASD results^[74]. (a) Original live skin. (b) superpixel segmentation map of the live skin; (c) test result of live skin; (d) original skin model; (e) superpixel segmentation map of the skin model; (f) test result of skin model

经探索了如何利用单个成像设备实现双波长下 SPO2 的提取^[78-79]。目前基于面部、手指、前臂和手掌等部位实现非接触式 SPO2 测量的研究也很广泛^[80-82]。在大多数报道的工作中^[83-86],光源的选择主要包括 450~1000 nm 的可见光和近红外光。当涉及近红外光源时,相机传感器需要覆盖近红外光谱范围。环境光下仅使用 RGB 相机进行 SPO2 的监测目前被验证也是可行的^[87-88]。

在不外加主动光源的情况下,Kong 等^[89]采用加有窄带滤光片的双 CCD 作为视频采集单元,在低照度 CCD 实现环境光下的血氧饱和度的测量。在相同环境温度和光照条件下,对多名志愿者进行多组屏气对比实验后,使用 30 组不同志愿者的 30 组数据对血氧饱和度的经验系数进行校准,从而得到血氧饱和度。血氧饱和度的测量结果如图 8 所示。从图 8 中阴影部分可以看出,非接触器件测量到的 SPO2 值与手指血液容积脉搏波传感器检测到的 SPO2 有很好的线性关系。然而,非接触式设备在 28 s 后的测量结果高于血液容积脉搏波传感器。这是因为在这个时间点之后,受试者已经开始呼吸,而血液饱和度仍在下降,由于人脸血氧饱和度恢复速度比手快,因此导致 28 s 后出现偏差。

3.4 疲劳状态监测

当驾驶员处于疲劳状态时,其生理反应会变慢,身体对刺激的反应出现延迟,进而导致生理指标失调^[90]。因此,生理参数传感器采集到的脑电、肌电、心电、脉搏以及呼吸频率等生理信号可以用来判断驾驶员是否处于疲劳驾驶状态。驾驶疲劳检测方法中,基于生理参数^[91]判断疲劳状态相较于基于车辆行驶特征方法^[90-94]、基于驾驶员行为特征^[95-99]方法具有更高的准确率。

睡眠不足的受试者的心电图和脑电图中低频与高频分量的比值较低,很大概率发生交通事故。因此,

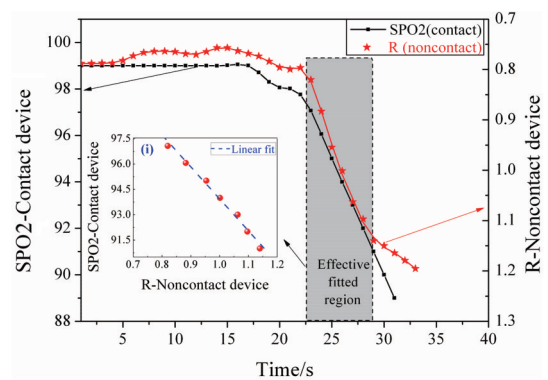


图 8 采用接触式测量仪与提出的非接触式测量方法测量的 SPO2 相关系数 R 值在时间上的比较^[89]

Fig. 8 Comparison of the R measured by noncontact device proposed and the SPO2 measured by contact device versus time^[89]

HR 和 HRV 指数是反映人体疲惫程度的关键参数,与驾驶警觉状态相关^[100-106]。Abe 等^[107]提出一种基于自主神经功能来预测疲劳驾驶事故的方法。自主神经功能会影响心率变异性,通过 HRV 特征作为异常检测方法多元统计过程控制(MSPC)的输入变量而开展模拟驾驶实验。实验结果表明,在疲劳驾驶事故发生之前,87.5% 驾驶员被成功预测为疲劳状态。Michail 等^[108]证明了对驾驶员的心率功率谱分析可以判断由困倦所引起的驾驶失误。但通过驾驶员佩戴相关仪器获取心电进行疲劳状态的监测方式存在操作繁琐、佩戴物品易影响驾驶员心理压力导致测量结果存在误差等因素。Jung 等^[109]通过安装在方向盘上的传感器实时采集驾驶员脉搏信号参数,并对脉搏信号参数进行算法建模分析,实现驾驶员的疲劳程度判断。Shin 等^[110]也针对驾驶环境下的心率开展监测,基于摄像头监控系统在后台运行,通过评估驾驶员的生命体征来间接估计驾驶员的压力水平。

在深入分析目前国内外在疲劳驾驶检测及预警方

面的研究基础上,结合生理参数检测及行为特征检测方法的优点,开发了一套基于人脸视频的非接触式双模态疲劳驾驶检测系统。基于 IPPG 技术的非接触性、可靠性以及预警性等优点,结合驾驶员行为状态检测技术,构建双模态的非接触式疲劳驾驶检测系统。疲劳驾驶检测界面分为视频图像显示窗口、疲劳状态显示窗口和参数显示窗口等。视频图像显示窗口负责实时显示相机采集的图像。疲劳状态显示窗口负责显示疲劳判断决策模型输出的结果,每 5 min 更新一次。参数显示窗口显示驾驶员的头部姿态角度、心率值等参数。在用户点击开始后开始测量驾驶员的双模态特征,实时显示驾驶员的心率值和头部姿态,满足 5 min 的时间长度后显示驾驶员的疲劳判断结果。非接触式疲劳驾驶检测系统界面系统示意图如图 9 所示。

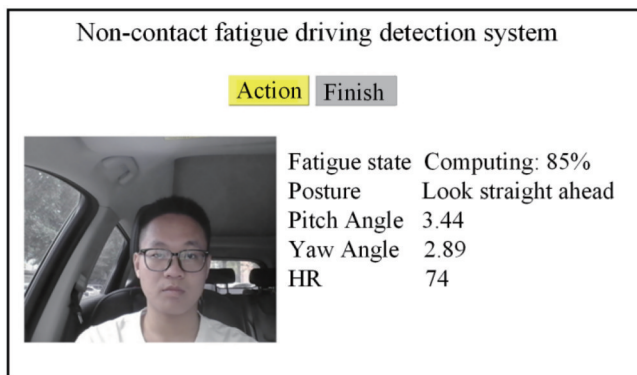


图 9 非接触式疲劳驾驶检测系统界面示意图

Fig. 9 Interface diagram of non-contact fatigue driving detection system

3.5 心理压力状态评估

传统心理压力评估方法主要是基于压力量表的主观评估法^[111-114],对心理压力的量化依赖于个体的自我判断与主观经验,难以客观反映被测试者真实的心理状态,且压力评估结果取决于被测试者对待测试的态度,故意隐瞒真实感受、刻意迎合测试期望等情况均会影响测试结果的准确性。

基于生理参数来进行心理压力评估的方法因其没有主观因素的影响而具备更加准确的结果,基于传感器等穿戴式设备测量心率、呼吸率、皮肤电导率等综合生理信息进行心理压力的评估得到学者们的认可^[115-116]。然而,传感器等穿戴式设备在使用中佩戴步骤繁琐,限制了其应用。IPPG 技术非接触式测量生理参数的优势在心理压力测量中得到了体现。HRV 功率谱的低频成分和高频成分可分别反映交感神经系统与副交感神经系统的活性,低频、高频能量比可作为评价交感神经系统与副交感神经系统均衡性的指标^[117]。Chen 等^[118]提出一种基于组织氧饱和度的非接触式心理压力测量方法,利用采集到的数据建立用于心理压力分类的二分类器,压力状态与平静状态的分类准确率可以达到 76.19%。根据达尔文理论^[119],面部表情

反映了人体内在的生理反应,当人体处于不同状态时,面部表情会有相应的变化,因此,面部表情可以体现人的心理状态。面部表情与心理压力之间存在密切关系,人的心理压力可通过静态的面部表情预测^[120-121]。

在这方面的研究上,孔令琴等^[122]提出了一种融合心率变异性 HRV 与人脸表情的非接触式心理压力检测方法。该方法通过 IPPG 技术从视频图像中提取 HRV 信息,并通过 VGG19 网络建立表情识别模型,获得人脸表情。将 HRV 及表情共同作为特征输入,利用支持向量机进行训练分类,实现压力状态与非压力状态的检测。该方法能有效提高心理压力检测的准确性,可应用于普通人群、运动员、犯罪人员心理测试等领域。

3.6 心血管疾病监测

脉搏波含有与心血管状态相关的多种生理参数信息,是心血管疾病预防及临床健康监测的重要指标。不同疾病由于其病理原因不同,对血管造成的病变有所不同,使其在脉搏波上的体现也不相同。因此 IPPG 技术可以用来开展心血管相关疾病的病理分析。

Pilt 等^[123]采用 PPG 波形增强指数 (PPGAI) 估计动脉硬化程度与年龄的关系,采集 24 名健康受试者和 20 名 2 型糖尿病患者的 PPG 信号,并对 PPG 信号进行处理与分析。糖尿病患者组与健康受试者相比,其动脉硬化和老化程度有所增加,PPGAI 指数可用于糖尿病患者心血管早衰的检测。Schönauer 等^[124]评估了心脏自主型糖尿病神经病变下的心率变异性特征。年龄、心血管疾病、内皮功能障碍、糖尿病相关微血管动脉硬化以及神经病变对脉搏波特征波形的影响得到了广泛研究^[125-127]。

以高血糖为特征的糖尿病是一种几乎影响人体所有动脉血管床的代谢紊乱性疾病^[128],对患者整个血管树产生普遍的血栓性影响,导致大血管动脉粥样硬化和微血管并发症^[129]。糖尿病病程以及程度会不同程度地对血管壁产生损伤,加剧血管缺氧、缺血的程度。血管长期处于循环不畅的状态,其脉搏波波形就产生了巨大变化^[130-132]。对于复杂生理参数的检测来说,需要分析不同疾病的病理机理对于血管的影响,从本质上分析出病理在脉搏波上的具体体现,从而选取最佳的监测方式实现心血管健康监测。

针对采用 IPPG 技术进行心血管疾病生理参数的检测,Xu 等^[133]开展了针对心脏病房颤类患者以及糖尿病患者的 IPPG 信号的特征挖掘与疾病分类。图 10(a)为房颤类心脏病病人 RGB 通道下的 IPPG 信号。RGB 通道中的 IPPG 的差分波形是结合多层皮肤组织光学信息和疾病病理机理的综合表现。对于房颤类心脏病病人来说,IPPG 信号具备单峰、双峰以及三峰的特征。另外,还可以看出,RGB 三个通道的峰值特征是十分相似的。对于房颤类心脏病病人来说,由于心脏受损而引起的 IPPG 波形在 RGB 通道中的特征都是相似的。虽然 B 通道只到达皮肤组织的表层,但 B 通

道的 IPPG 信号也与其他两个通道一样携带着心跳受损的病理特征。图 10(b) 为糖尿病患者的 RGB 通道下的 IPPG 信号。对于患有糖尿病长达 2~4 年的人来说, IPPG 信号在 RGB 三个通道下的峰值特征存在明显差异, 呈现多峰特征, 并且峰难以区分。对于糖尿病受试者, 高血糖对每层皮肤组织的具体影响明显不一

致, 很难概括每个糖尿病患者 RGB 通道 IPPG 波形的特征。由于 R 通道的 IPPG 信号穿透皮肤组织的深度最深, 承载着最丰富的皮肤组织生理病理信息。因此, R 通道的 IPPG 波形具有更明显的峰特征。根据不同疾病类型的特点, 选择合适的 IPPG 信号通道作为疾病分类通道, 可以提高受试者的分类准确率。

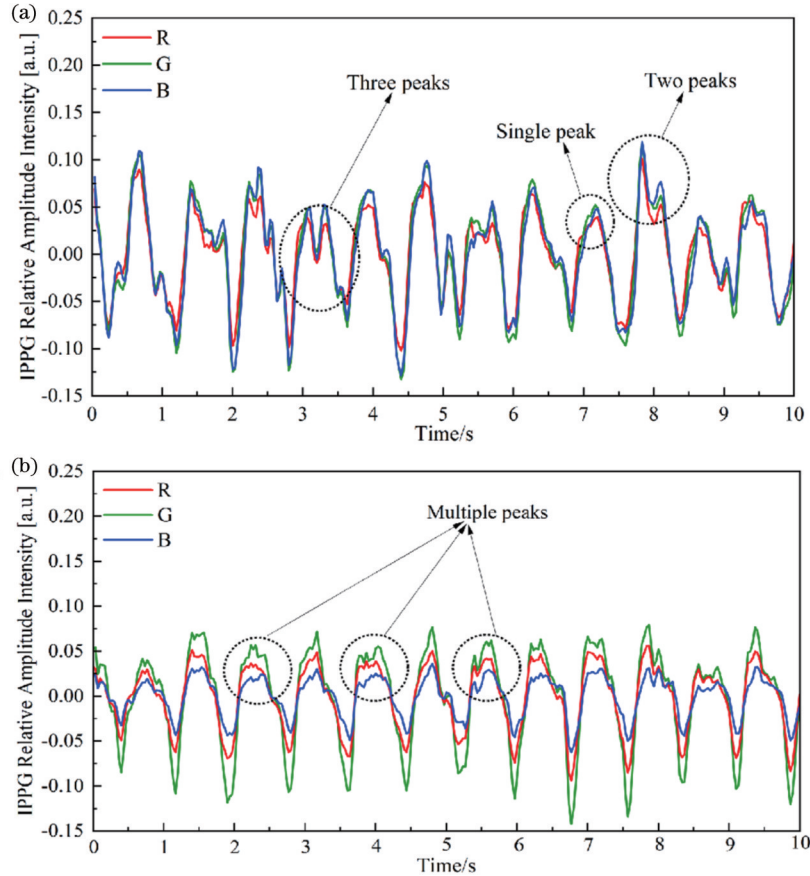


图 10 不同疾病患者的 IPPG 信号波形特征^[133]。(a)房颤类心脏病患者的 IPPG 信号特征;(b)糖尿病患者的 IPPG 信号特征
Fig. 10 IPPG signal waveform characteristics of patients with different diseases^[133]. (a) IPPG signal characteristics in patients with atrial fibrillation related heart disease; (b) IPPG signal characteristics in patients with diabetes mellitus

4 IPPG 技术展望

IPPG 技术能够获取从人体循环系统到呼吸系统的大量病理与生理信息, 是对心率、心率变异性以及血氧饱和度等基础生理参数进行远程、连续以及无创检测的重要手段。随着对 IPPG 技术研究的不断深入, IPPG 技术应用于动脉疾病、僵硬以及衰老等复杂心血管生理参数的监测与评估得到了高度认可。IPPG 技术对于心血管疾病的日常健康监测上也显示出了巨大潜力, 有望成为辅助医疗疾病诊断的重要工具。

除了医疗方面的重要应用, IPPG 技术在日常生活方面也具有广泛的应用前景。IPPG 技术可以通过检测由于血液容积变化引起的皮肤组织漫反射光强的变化获得脉搏波等人体生理信息, 因此其可用于活体皮肤识别, 进而用于人脸防伪。这使其有望广泛应

用于机场安检、地铁安检以及在线支付中, 避免采用伪装人脸进行欺骗的行为。此外, 鉴于 IPPG 技术的活体皮肤检测能力, 将其搭载于无人机或救援机器人的摄像系统中, 可用于协助在事故、灾难现场中对幸存者的救援行动。IPPG 技术还可通过获取的生理参数及表情信息来分析受试者的情绪和心理状态, 并用于分析受试者在游戏中的认知压力与情绪变化。因此该技术未来有望用于娱乐场景如虚拟现实、增强现实以及人机交互的游戏设备中检测使用者的情绪反应。此外, 该技术有望开发成非接触式隐藏测谎仪, 用于对审讯过程中犯罪嫌疑人或恐怖分子的心理压力评估。

5 结束语

IPPG 技术具备非接触、性价比高、设备操作简单、

能够对受试者进行连续自动生理参数监测等优点,在生物医学研究、临床医学、日常生活身体健康状况监测中具有重要的研究意义和应用价值。随着光学成像器件及成像技术的发展,IPPG 技术逐渐向小型化、智能化方向发展,其监测指标以及监测精度等也在不断提高。IPPG 技术定量分析在体组织光学特性及生理病理变化特征,提高在体成分定量检测精度,这对于拓展 IPPG 技术的临床应用具有十分重要的意义。IPPG 技术是一种典型的多维图像数据,与深度学习技术相结合,进一步对获取的人体生理参数信息进行评估,是深入理解生物组织的光学特性和探究复杂心血管疾病相关病理机理的重要手段。在疾病早期诊断、个体精准医疗以及日常生活情绪监测等具有十分良好的应用前景。

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Non-Contact Physiological Parameter Detection and Its Application Based on Imaging Photoplethysmography

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Abstract

Significance Imaging photoplethysmography (IPPG) has the advantages of high cost performance, simple equipment operation, and continuous automatic measurement and observation of subjects. IPPG has become an important means to deeply understand the optical properties of biological tissue and explore the pathological mechanisms related to complex cardiovascular diseases. IPPG is developed on the basis of traditional single-point photoplethysmography (PPG). IPPG uses imaging equipment to record the tiny changes in skin colors caused by the diffuse reflected light carrying the pulsation information of the heart after the interaction between light and skin tissue in the form of continuous images. Then, through video and image processing technologies, human vital sign information such as pulse, heart rate, and heart rate variability are extracted from the video stream. IPPG can reveal the dynamic and small changes in biological tissue during physiological and pathological processes. Therefore, IPPG can be used to better understand basic life activities and realize highly sensitive diagnoses and high-precision quantitative characterization of diseases. IPPG is applicable to large-scale clinical detection and physical health monitoring in daily life and other scenarios. It is a research hotspot of human daily physiological status monitoring in the new era of medical health.

Progress In recent years, due to the continuous improvement of imaging sensor resolution and various signal processing technologies, IPPG has made great progress in the detection and application of human physiological parameters, such as heart rate, respiratory rate, and heart rate variability, as well as the application of disease diagnosis, such as arterial disease, stiffness and aging, and chronic microcirculation disease. However, for the further monitoring and classification diagnosis of complex cardiovascular diseases, IPPG still faces the challenges of lack of pathological feature analysis, complex optical feature parameters, and the manifestation of different types of pathological mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases on pulse waves. Therefore, we summarize the basic research and application of the existing IPPG and continue to explore the optical mechanism and pathological mechanism of IPPG. These efforts are very important for guiding the future development of IPPG.

Based on a comprehensive investigation of a large number of relevant literatures on the monitoring of human physiological parameters by IPPG in China and abroad in the past 20 years and our long-term research work, we first introduce the optical principle of IPPG. Then, we analyze the new method of IPPG signals in video image processing and that of improving the signal-to-noise ratio (Table 1), including a series of mainstream methods for selecting imaging sites in different areas of skin tissue and those for motion artifacts and blur. Finally, the clinical application of IPPG is introduced in detail, mainly including the extraction of IPPG heart rate under adaptive focal length, detection of living skin, measurement of blood oxygen saturation under visible light (Fig. 7), monitoring of fatigue status, evaluation of psychological stress, and analysis of the pathological mechanism of IPPG signals under cardiovascular diseases (Fig. 9).

Conclusions and Prospects IPPG is gradually developing towards miniaturization and intelligence. The monitoring indicators and accuracy of IPPG are continuously improving, which has important research significance and application value in biomedical research, clinical medicine, and daily life health monitoring. As an effective tool for early diagnosis of diseases and individual precision medical treatment, IPPG still needs in-depth and detailed exploration to promote its further development in academic and engineering fields.

Key words imaging photoplethysmography; physiological parameter detection; cardiovascular monitoring