

# Real-Time Driver Drowsiness Detection Using Facial Action Units



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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

To develop a **vision based** method of **detecting driver drowsiness** using **Facial Action Units** with the following features -

- Robust to illumination conditions and occlusions
- Not intrusive
- High inference accuracy
- Real-time
- Low training data requirement



# FACIAL ACTION UNITS

## What are Facial Action Units?

- Movements of a particular muscle or a group of muscles in the face



(a) Jaw Drop



(b) Upper Lid Raiser



(c) Outer Lid Raiser

## Why use Facial Action Units to Detect Drowsiness?

- High correlation with EEG signals - a reliable indicator of drowsiness

Fig. 1 : Facial Action Units [1]

[1] "Facs - facial action coding system." <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~face/facs.htm>.

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# MOTIVATION

## Challenges

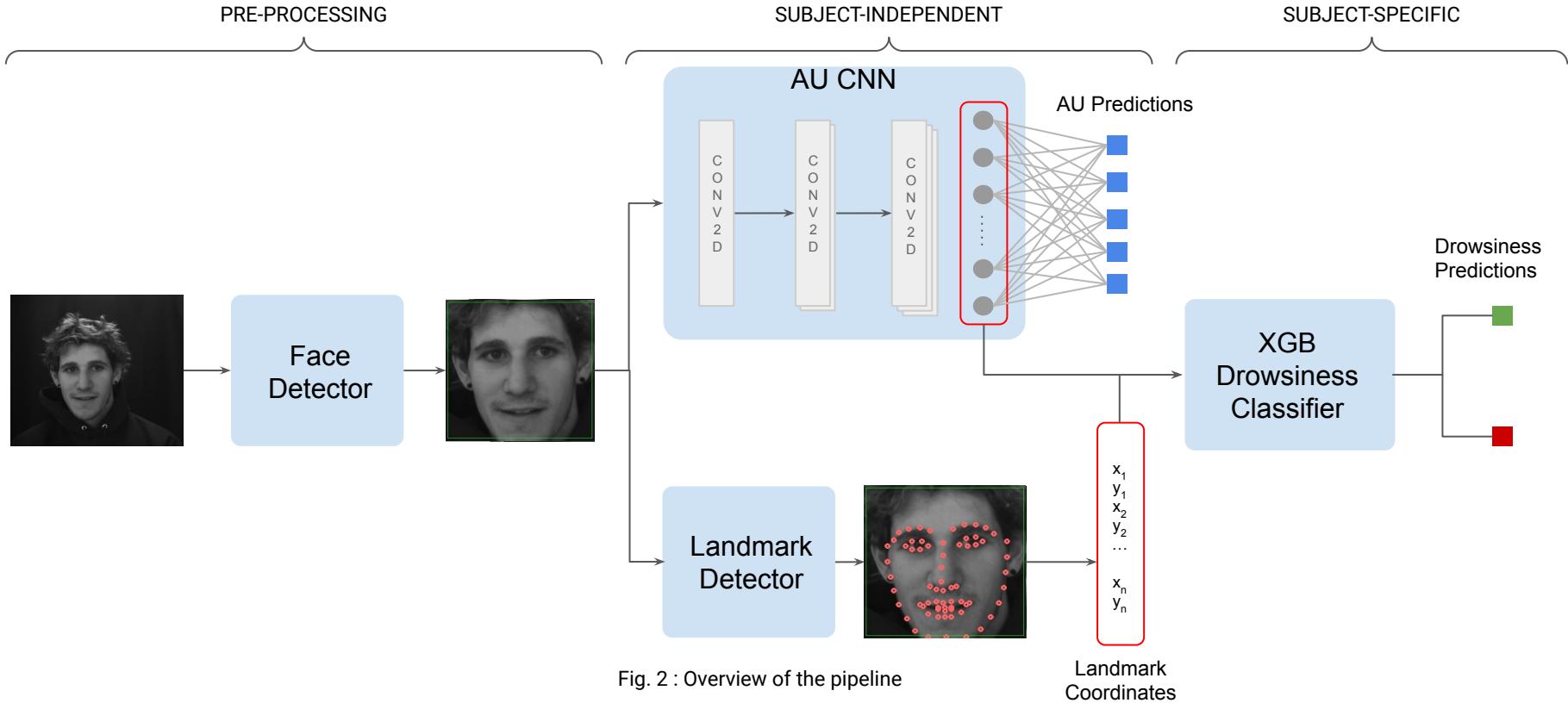
- End-to-end models like CNNs do not necessarily perform well on unseen subjects
- Subject-specific training not practical

## Two Stage Representation Learning based Pipeline

- **Subject Independent** - Generic feature extraction from subject, common across all subjects
- **Subject Specific** - Classify drowsiness based on computed features for each subject



# METHODOLOGY



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# DATASETS

## DISFA

- Denver Intensity of Spontaneous Facial Action Database [2]
- Non-Posed Videos of 27 subjects exhibiting various FAUs
- 12 FAU Annotations for each frame
- Used for FAU detection

## NTHU-DDD

- NTHU Driver Drowsiness Detection Dataset [3]
- Videos of 22 subjects performing a driving simulation
  - Drowsy/Non Drowsy Behaviour
  - Night/Day time illumination
  - Glasses/Sunglasses/No Glasses
- Used for Drowsiness detection

[2] S. M. Mavadati, M. H. Mahoor, K. Bartlett, P. Trinh, and J. F. Cohn, "Disfa: A spontaneous facial action intensity database," IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing, vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 151–160, 2013.

[3] C.-H. Weng, Y.-H. Lai, and S.-H. Lai, "Driver drowsiness detection via a hierarchical temporal deep belief network," pp. 117–133, 03 2017.



# RESULTS

Frame Rate

- **23.6fps**

Training Data

- **9 minutes**

Mean Accuracy (%)	Standard Deviation
81.40	12.22

Table 1 : FAU Classifier Test Metrics

Mean Accuracy (%)	Standard Deviation
99.43	0.36

Table 2 : Drowsiness Classifier Test Metrics

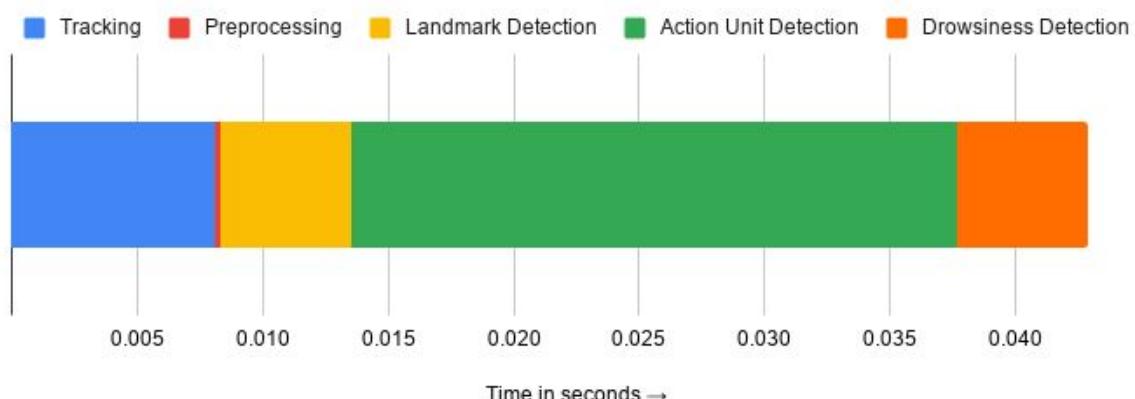


Fig. 3 : Timing diagram for pipeline



# CONCLUSION

- Two Stage Representation Learning Pipeline for Driver Drowsiness Detection based on Facial Action Units and Facial Landmarks
- Demonstrated high prediction accuracy from subject specific calibration
- Minimised data requirements for subject specific training
- Robust to varying illumination conditions
- Robust to occlusions of the eye



# Thank You

