

### How much is left in your "sleep tank"? A simple model for sleep history feedback

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• Sleepiness is often used as an indicator of impairment, and in many circumstances, it tracks performance measures



• Measuring sleepiness is not necessarily measuring awareness of risk



Performance ratings often track sleepiness more closely than they track performance



• What else can we use in addition to sleepiness?



- People also need to project into the future Towards the end of my shift, will I still be fit for work, or for my commute?
- Can we develop a simple model to transform sleep history to support fatigue-related decision-making and forward planning?



### Technology-supported methods for sleep recording are everywhere

"Despite a paucity of clinical validation with traditional sleep technologies (e.g., polysomnography (PSG), multiple sleep latency testing (MSLT), and clinical-grade actigraphy), CSTs are here to stay because of their innovative nature, convenience, and affordability." p.1455







## "Sleep Tank" is refilled by sleep, and depletes during wake

- Tank size = sleep-fuel required to remain awake for 4 days
- Required inputs are sleep period time and efficiency (provided by wearables)
- The model focuses on the sleep process of the two-process model - does not include a circadian factor





#### Dorrian et al., (2017). Health Psychology, Cambridge Press



# Initial validation: Laboratory-based simulated shiftwork study (*n*=10)



- 1. Extremely alert
- 2. Very alert
- 3. Alert
- 4. Rather alert
- 5. Neither alert nor sleepy
- 6. Some signs of sleepiness
- 7. Sleepy, but no effort to keep awake
- 8. Sleepy, but some effort to keep awake
- 9. Very sleepy, great effort to keep awake, fighting sleep
- Lapses (>500msec)
- Sleepiness Rating
- %Time in Safe Zone (within 10km/h of the speed limit and within 0.8m of the centre of the lane)
- PSG during sleep periods



**KSS** 



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#### "Hours left to get sleep" metric shows expected changes across simulated night shifts



23.6h "in the tank" 12.2h "in the tank"



### % left in the tank is highest on waking, with longer, more efficient sleep filling the tank higher





### Every 5% reduction in the tank resulted in an increase of one lapse



### Every 5% reduction in the tank resulted in an increase of one point on the KSS



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### Every 1% decrease in the tank resulted in a 0.75% decrease in time spent in the Safe Zone



#### Discussion



- Initial support for "Sleep Tank" transformation tracking performance data during simulated night work
- Next steps include validation with actigraphy/wearables, rotating shift patterns in the lab and field
- Following further validation "Sleep Tank" calculations could be added to consumer-grade actigraphs and/or apps to map performance implications of recent sleep history, to aid fitness for work decisions at that moment, and across a coming shift





#### Discussion

 Continuous metric that can facilitate forecasting



What if I napped here? How long would I need to nap to be safe on my commute?

