

Supplementary Materials

A Pervasive Respiratory Monitoring Sensor for COVID-19 Pandemic

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1. Description

The supplementary materials aim to provide extra information about our original work for COVID-19 Pandemic monitoring, which is useful for understanding our work and further improvements of related systems. It includes comprehensive performance testing, algorithm designing, prediction results, and system comparison. Four main sections are conducted, including the respiration signal strength distribution with the barometric sensor at different spatial locations (Fig. S1-S5), the confusion matrix for coughing detection (Fig. S6), the pseudocode of duplicate points reduction (Table. 1), a performance comparison of current respiration monitoring systems (Table. 2).

2. Details

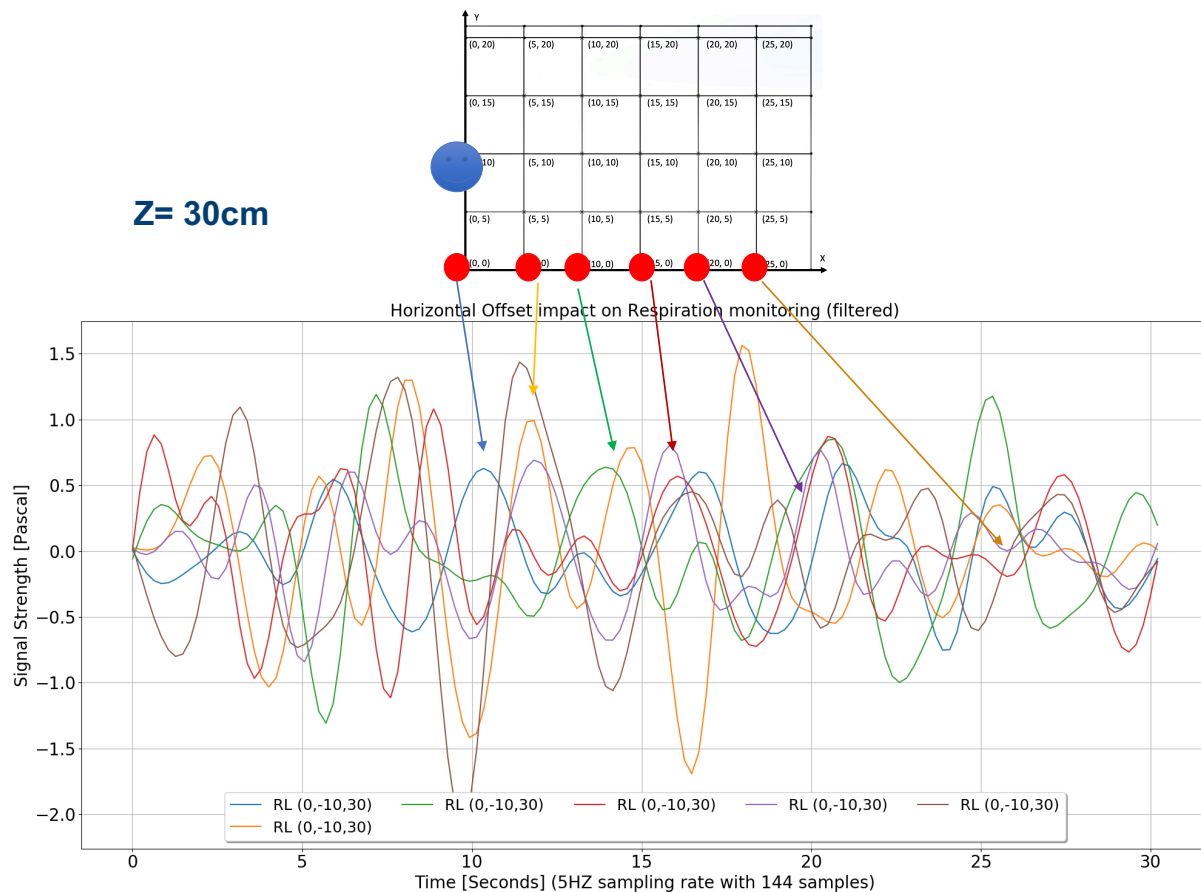


FIGURE S1. Signal strength distribution with 30 cm Z offset, -10 cm Y offset and 0-25 cm X offset.

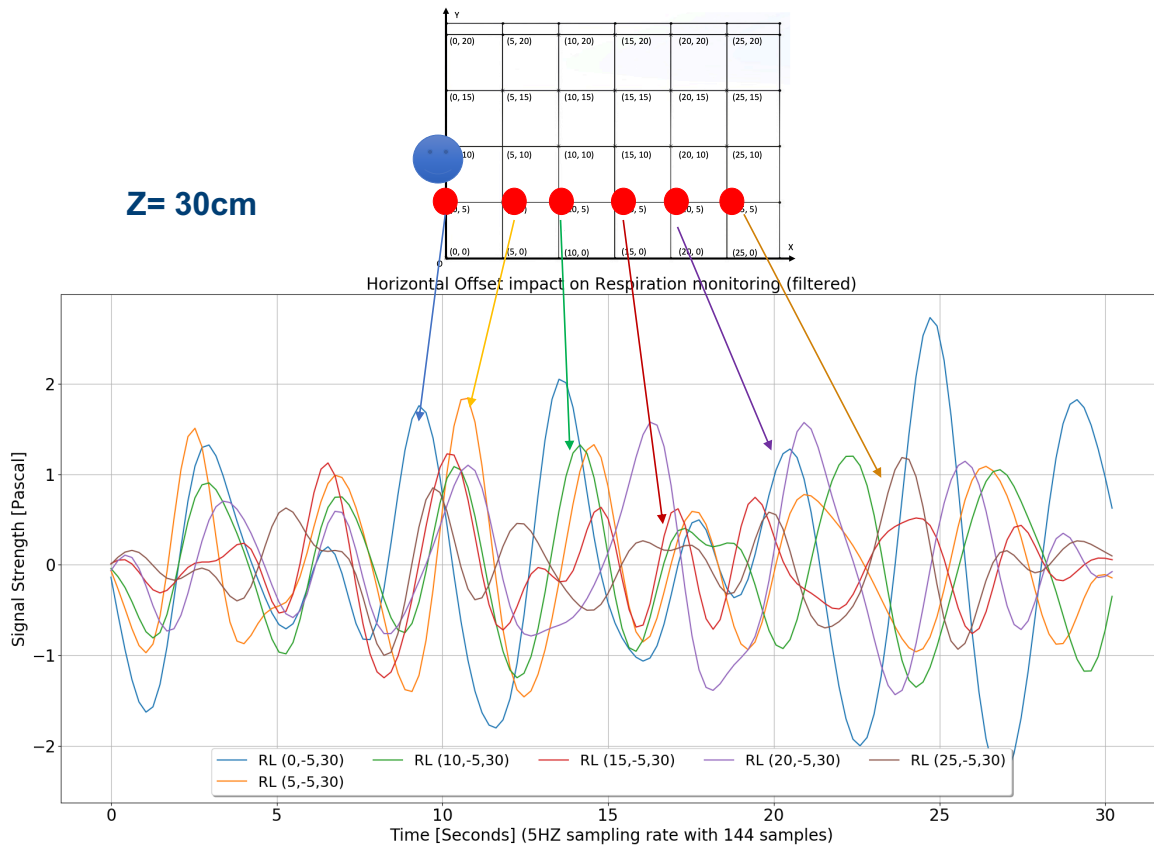


FIGURE S2. Signal strength distribution with 30 cm Z offset, -5 cm Y offset and 0-25 cm X offset.

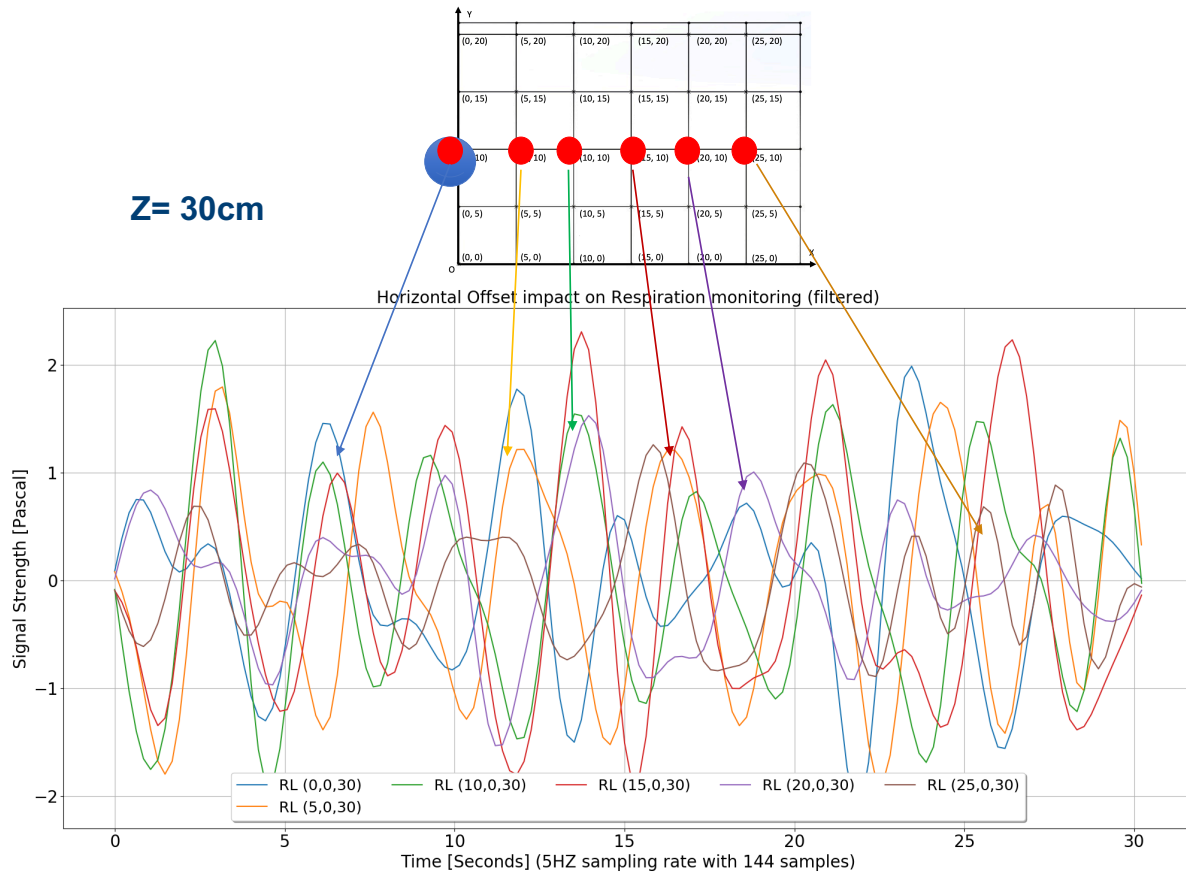


FIGURE S3. Signal strength distribution with 30 cm Z offset, 0 cm Y offset and 0-25 cm X offset.

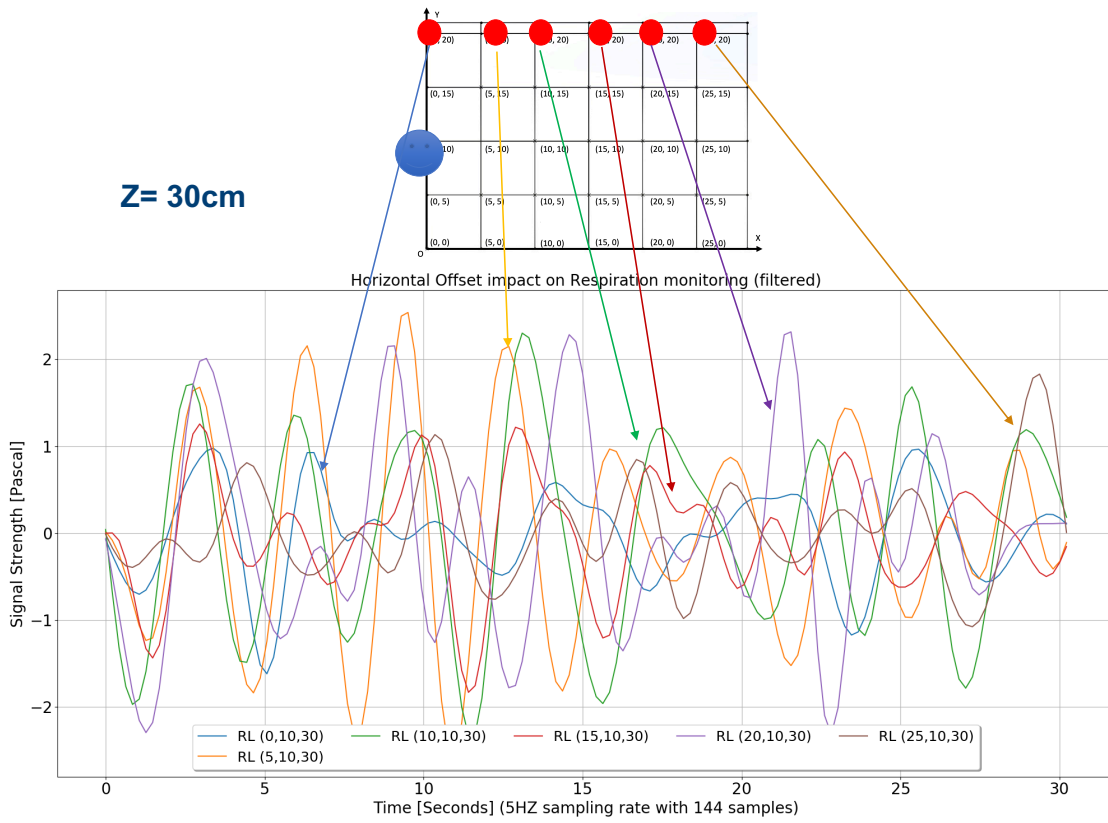


FIGURE S4. Signal strength distribution with 30 cm Z offset, 5 cm Y offset and 0-25 cm X offset.

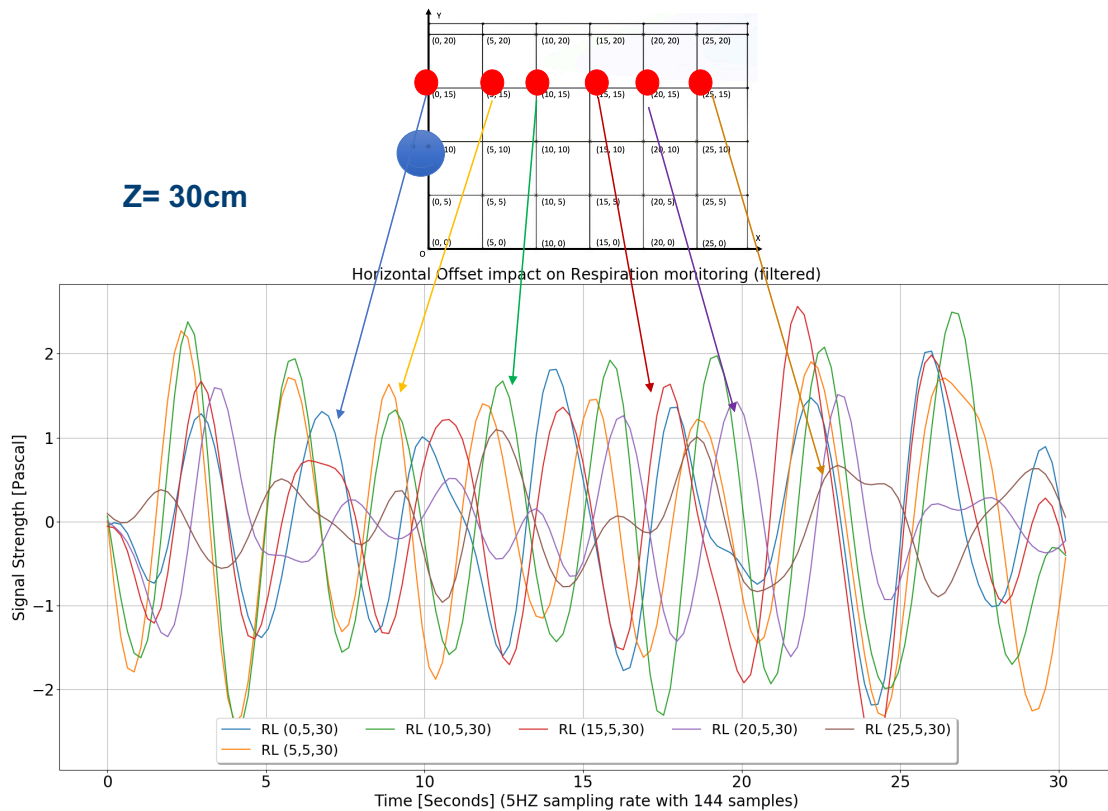


FIGURE S5. Signal strength distribution with 30 cm Z offset, 10 cm Y offset and 0-25 cm X offset.

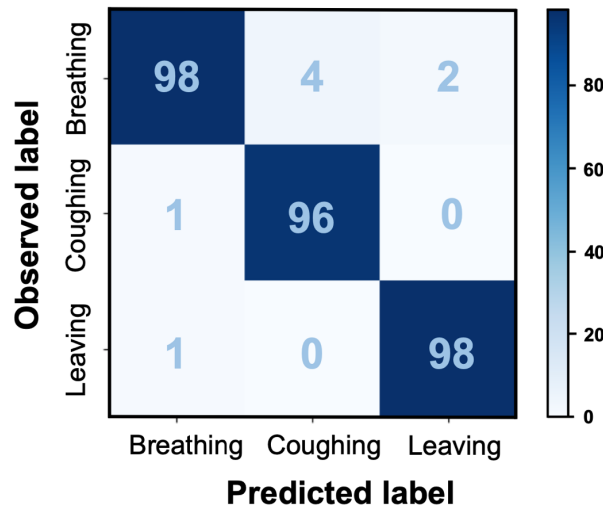


FIGURE S6. Confusion matrix of coughing detection.

TABLE II. ALGORITHM FOR DUPLICATE POINTS REDUCTION

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Input: Peak, valley points matrix  $[P, V]$  and Respiration matrix  $[X]$ 
Output: Crossing peak-valley points location matrix  $[P_c, V_c]$ 
1:  $i = 0; j = 0; S = \min(P[0], V[0]);$ 
2: while  $i < \text{len}(P)$  and  $j < \text{len}(V)$  do
3:   if  $P[i] < V[j]:$ 
4:     if  $S = \text{'valley'}:$ 
5:        $S = \text{'peak'}; i += 1;$ 
6:     else:
7:       if  $\text{abs}(X_{V_{j-1}} - X_{P_i}) > \text{abs}(X_{V_{j-1}} - X_{P_{i-1}}):$ 
8:          $\text{Del\_Peak.append}(i-1)$ 
9:       else:
10:         $\text{Del\_Peak.append}(i)$ 
11:   else:
12:     if  $S = \text{'peak'}:$ 
13:        $S = \text{'valley'}; j += 1;$ 
14:     else:
15:       if  $\text{abs}(X_{P_{i-1}} - X_{V_j}) > \text{abs}(X_{P_{i-1}} - X_{V_{j-1}}):$ 
16:          $\text{Del\_Peak.append}(j-1)$ 
17:       else:
18:         $\text{Del\_Peak.append}(j-1)$ 
19:  $P_c = P [m \notin \text{Del\_Peak for } m \text{ in } P]$ 
20:  $V_c = V [n \notin \text{Del\_Valley for } n \text{ in } V];$ 
21: return  $[P_c, V_c]$ 

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TABLE I. A COMPARISON OF SPECIFICITY OF CURRENT RESPIRATION MONITORING SYSTEMS

Method	Specificity	System sensitivity	Payload convenience	Expense Cost	Privacy
Accelerometer [1]	82.34%	Activity movements	Wearable	Low	Yes
Radar [2]	80%	Environmental signal	Ambient	High	Yes
WiFi [3]	89.78%	Electronics signal	Ambient	Low	Yes
Acoustic sensor [4]	96.58%	Spatial distance	Ambient	Low	No
Stretchable sensor [5]	-	Activity movements	Wearable	High	Yes
Thermal imaging [6]	99.9%	Spatial distance	Ambient	Low	No
Thermistor [7]	69.27%	Breathing strength	Invasive	Low	Yes
Capnometry [8]	12%	Breathing depth	Wearable	High	Yes
Our system	98.98%	Spatial distance	Ambient	low	Yes

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