

Technology currently used by astronauts on the ISS can now be used here on Earth

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Challenges

Address the need to improve worker effectiveness and safety in space and on Earth.

Assess the impact of recently revised safe driving regulations for commercial truck drivers.

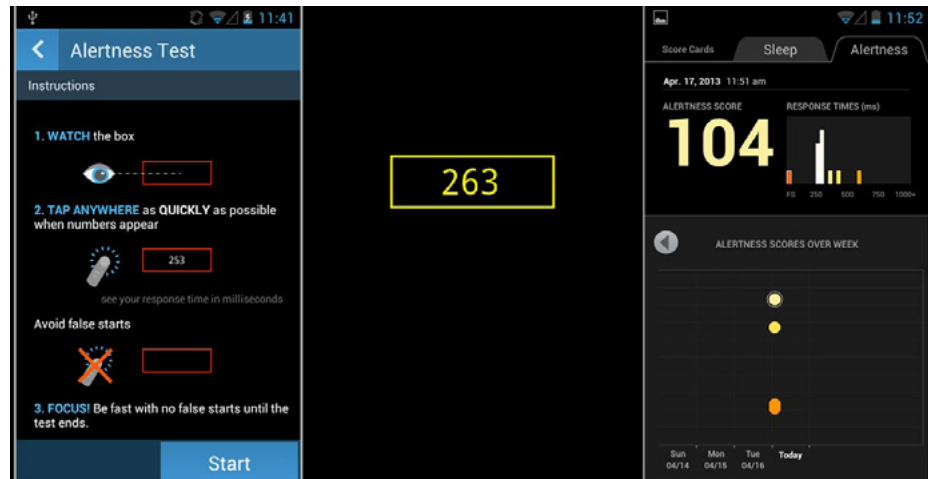
Products and services

PVT

Sleep Fit

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Pulsar Informatics, Inc. received the first ever SMARTCAP grant in the fall of 2011. It used the grant to develop SleepFit, a smartphone-based; three minute Psychomotor Vigilance Test (PVT). A custom version of SleepFit has been used in a U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) study to assess the impact of recently revised safe driving regulations for commercial truck drivers.

Solution

SleepFit was used in a field study sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to evaluate Hours of Service (HOS) regulations for commercial truck drivers. Pulsar contributed to the study, which assessed fatigue in long haul truck drivers. The results were reported in January 2014.

The app allowed drivers to complete brief alertness tests before and after driving. The study also assessed driving performance, such as lane and speed deviations. Drivers wore wrist activity monitors that measured sleep and wakefulness. The study confirms the science used to make the hours-of-service rule more effective at preventing crashes that involve sleepy or drowsy truck drivers.

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This study brought into focus the importance of fatigue planning and a gap in products for the commercial motor vehicle market related to tracking and mitigating driver fatigue. There is a need for route planning software that helps drivers and dispatchers plan drives in a way that optimizes constraints related to load assignments, hours-of-service regulations, fatigue, traffic, and rest stop availability.

Since receiving the inaugural SMARTCAP grant, Pulsar has expanded its Fatigue Risk Management technology offerings to provide a comprehensive suite of products and services to mitigate fatigue risk. The product, called Trucking Fatigue Meter, will be available for purchase as an add-on to route planning and electronic log solutions through industry leading route-planning products.

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