# Measuring emotions from the body and brain



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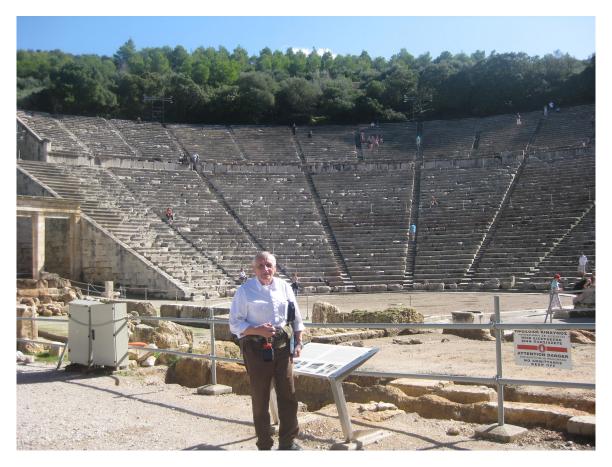






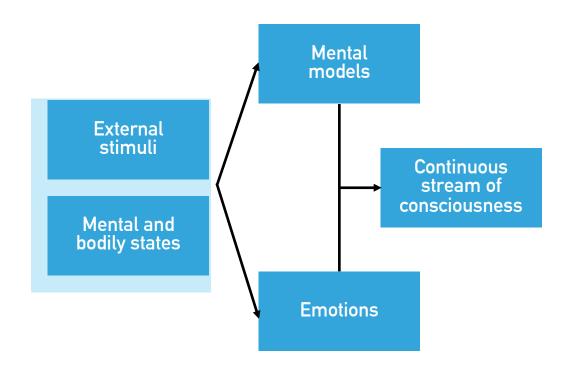


## Experience is the essence in leisure, tourism and hospitality



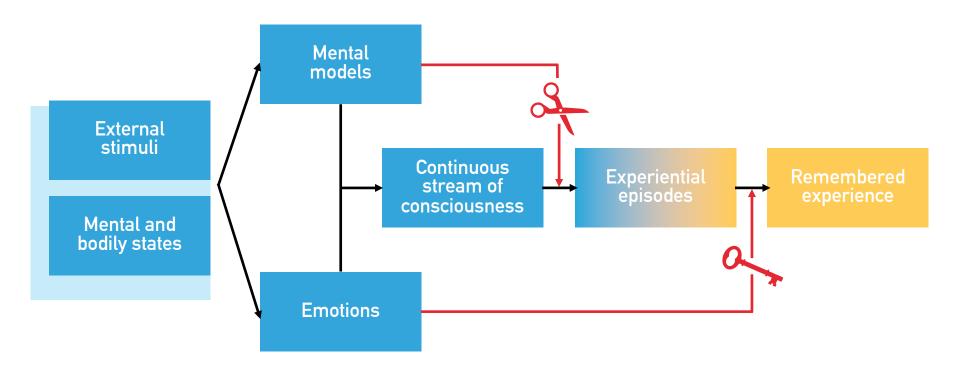
But experiences are usually designed based on "gut feeling" And evaluated based on business KPI's, with little understanding of why they work or fail

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Emotional engagement determines whether episodes will be remembered as meaningful and memorable experiences

# Emotion measurement at Breda University's Experience Lab

A range of research facilities to record emotions continuously using physiological measures





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Directly from the brain through EEG



From facial muscles through an EMG study



From the respiratory (i.e., breathing) system



From the heart through an ECG, EPV



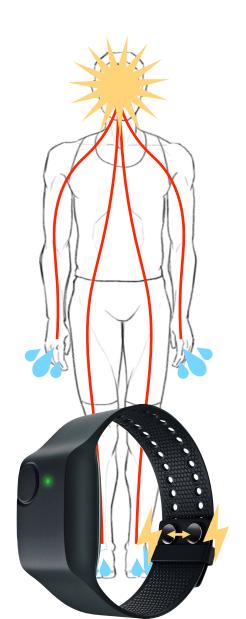
From the skin through skin conductance

### One example: skin electrical conductance









- Brain generates emotion
- Nervous system triggers sweat glands on hands and feet
- Hands and feet become slightly wetter
- Water conducts electricity
- More current gets passed between two electrodes
- > skin conductance continuously tracks emotional engagement over time



## Tracking emotions in time: a VR rollercoaster ride





## Tracking emotions in space

Van Gogh guided village tour, Nuenen

#### **Density map**

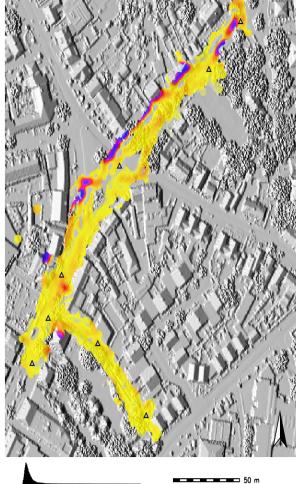
Number of data points collected via GPS

Emotion map
GPS x skin conductance

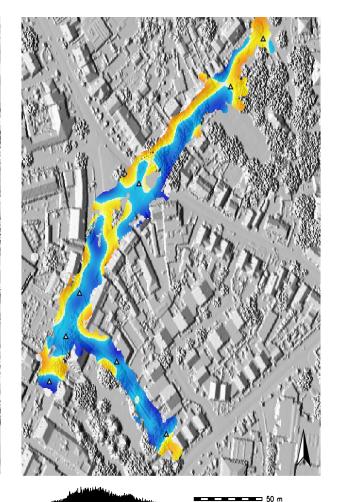
**Emotion effectiveness map**GPS x skin conductance x NPS



50 100 150 200 250 300 350



0.12 0.25 0.38 0.50



-0.45 0.00 0.45

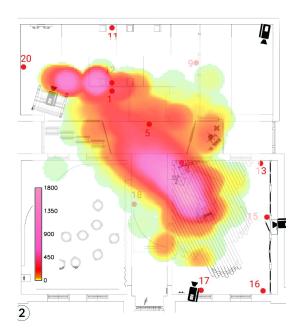
### Tracking emotions in space A museum visit (Vincentre, Nuenen, 1st floor)

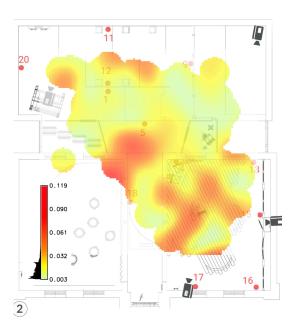
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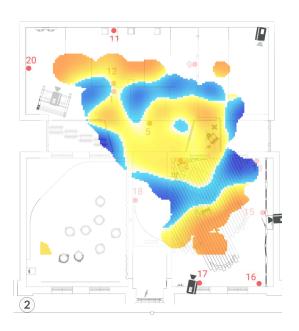
Number of points recorded based on Bluetooth beacons

**Emotion map** 

**Emotion effectiveness map** Location x skin conductance Location x skin conductance x NPS









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