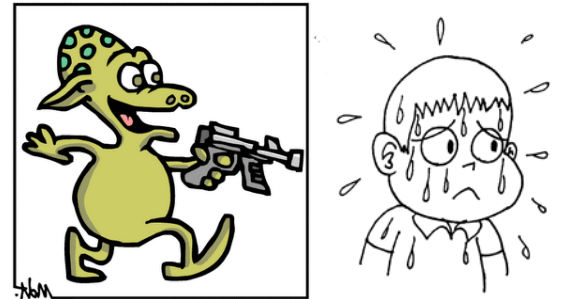


# Biometric Security Systems

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# Biometric Security Projects

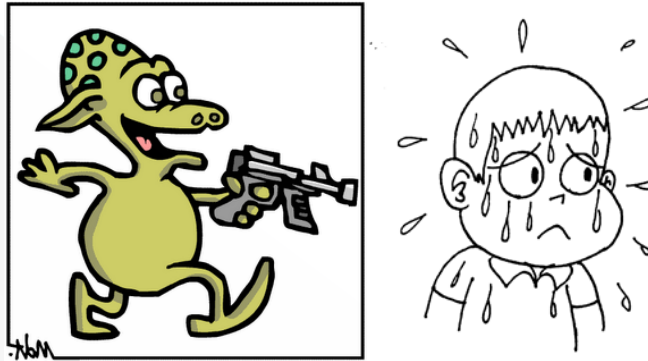
- Fighting Coercion Attacks using Skin Conductance



- Mobile Contextual Security



# Fighting Coercion Attacks using Skin Conductance



- ***Fighting Coercion Attacks in Key Generation using Skin Conductance***
  - › Payas Gupta and Debin Gao, Singapore Management University,
  - › 19<sup>th</sup> USENIX Security Symposium, 2010

# Keys and Coercion

**Coercion  
Attack**

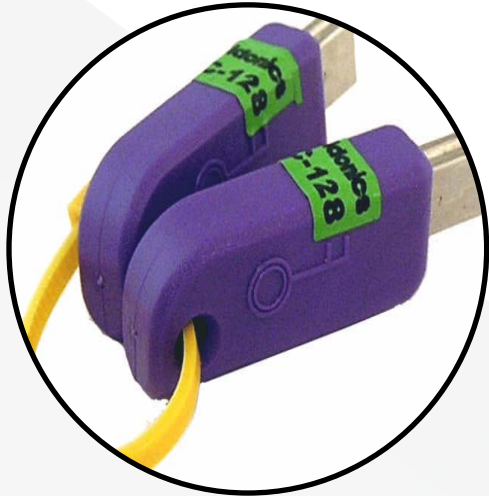
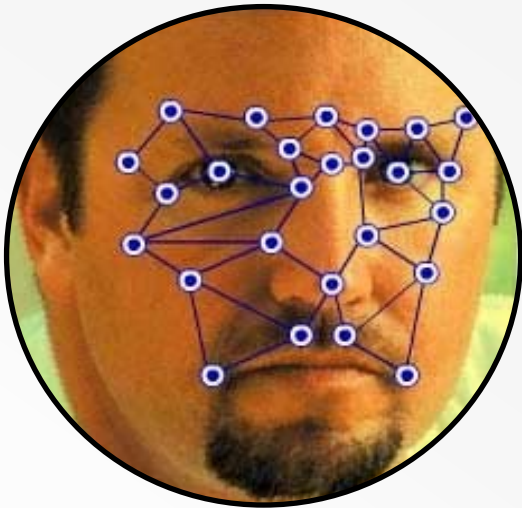
Unforgettability  
Unforgeability  
High entropy



**Password**

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**Biometrics**



**USB**

# Coercion Attack



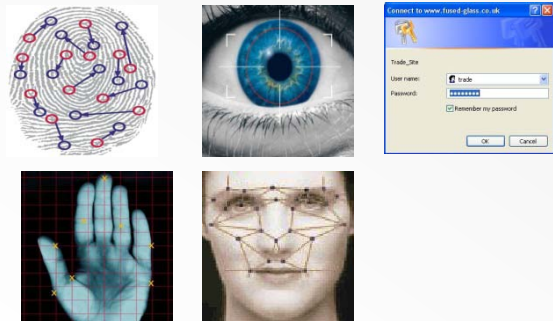
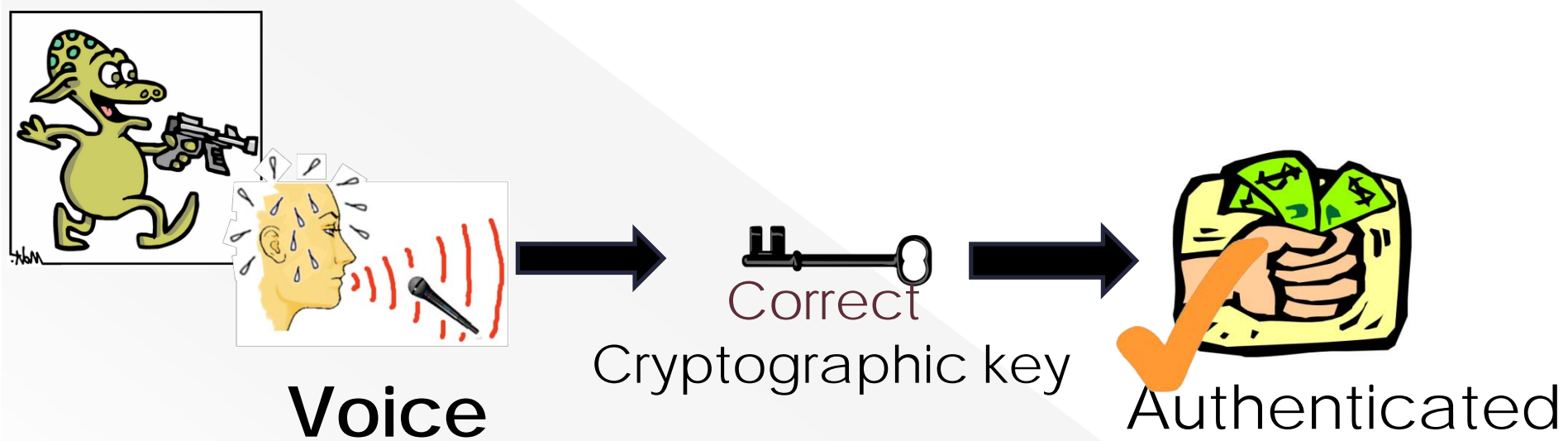
- Bank Vault
- Top Secret Lab
- Airplane Cockpit



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**Problem** with the **Existing Approach**: **Coercion Attack**



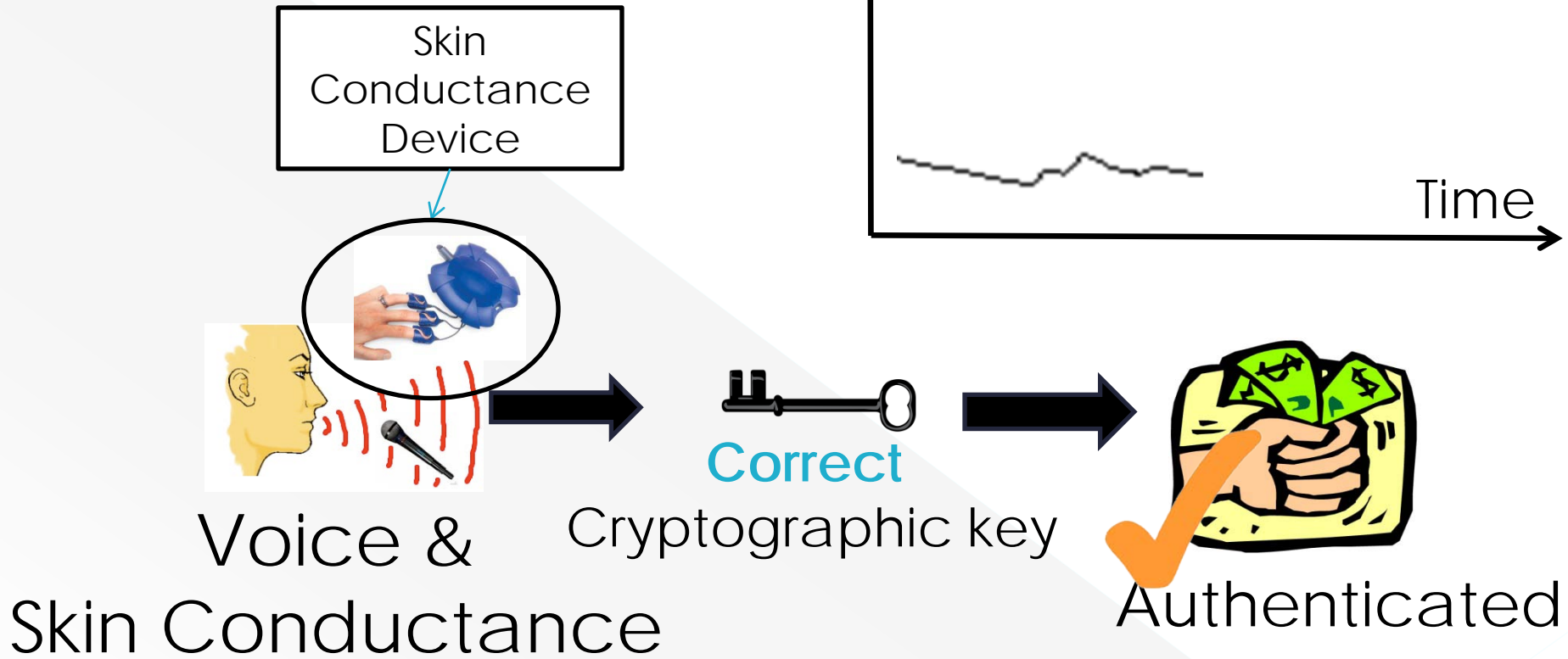
# What is Coercion Resistance?

- ◉ Coercion-resistant security scheme
  - > User does not have a **choice**
  - > User does not have the **capability**
- ◉ Assumption: Attacker knows how the system works
- ◉ Implications: Attacker will not coerce the user
- ◉ Panic Passwords [**Clark '08**]
  - > Can be used for authenticating under duress



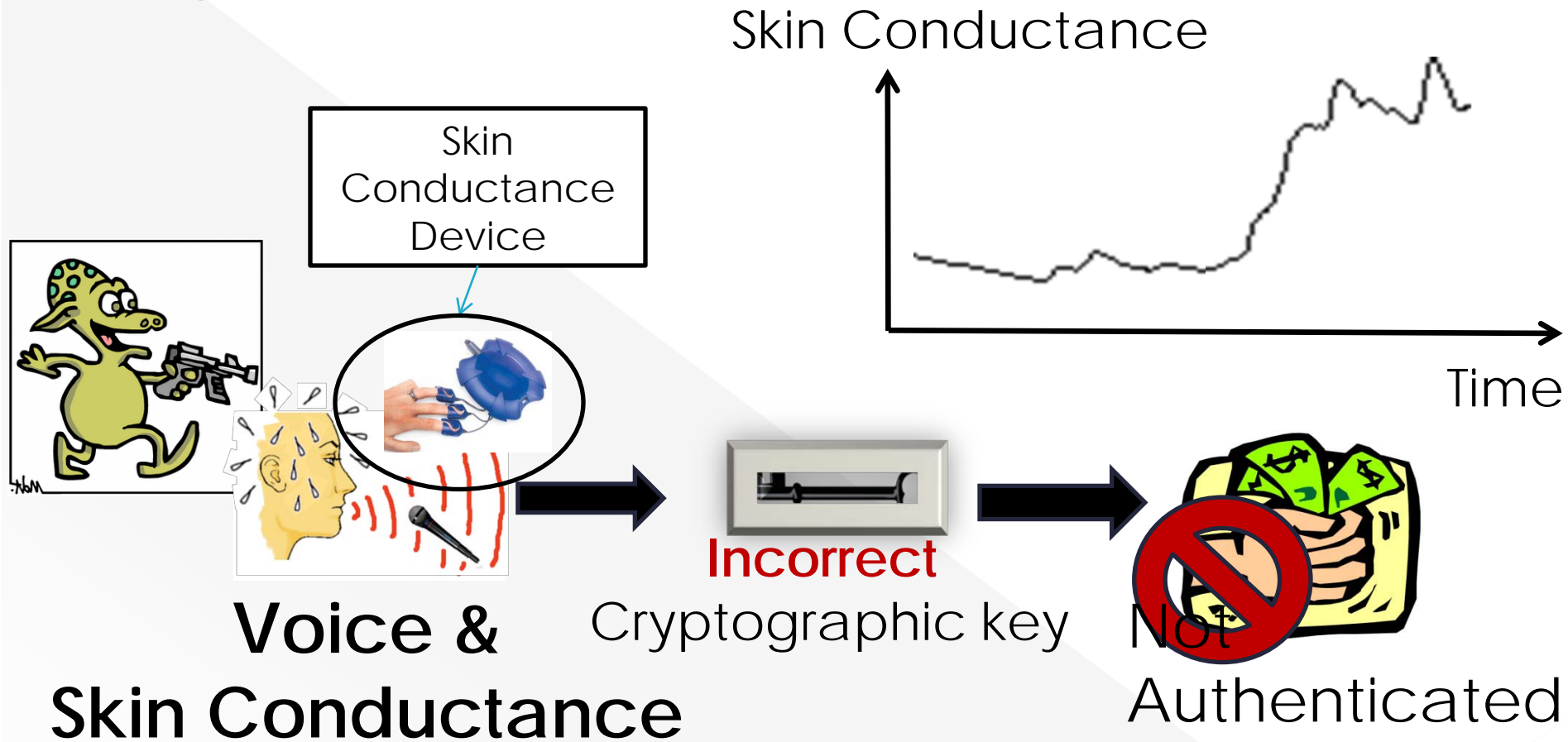


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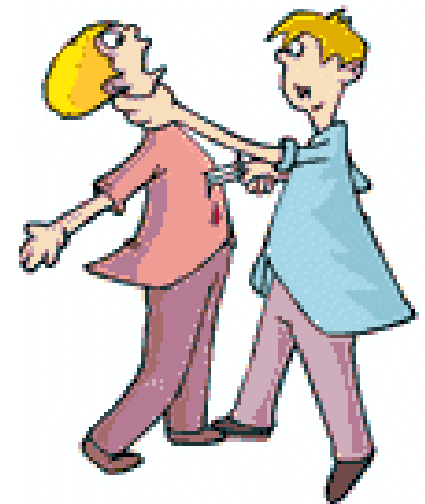
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# User Study in Coercion Attack

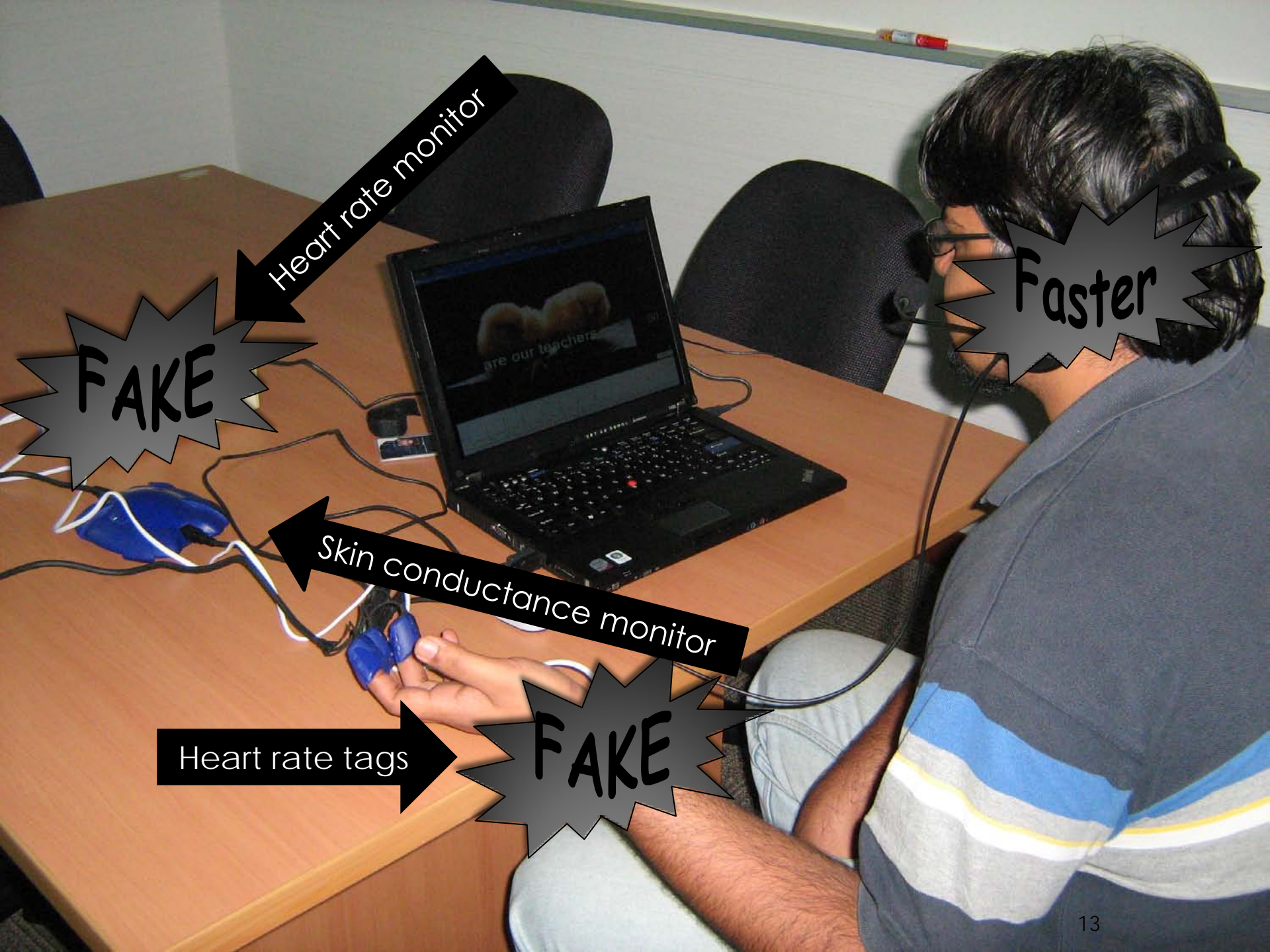
- How to show up results and to perform user study?



# User Study - Demographics

- Undergraduate and graduate students in the age from 18 to 28.
- 43 participants
  - › 4 participants removed the measuring device from their fingers when they were nervous during the experiment.
- Therefore, successful participants – 39
  - › 22 male and 17 female





Heart rate monitor

FAKE

Faster

Skin conductance monitor

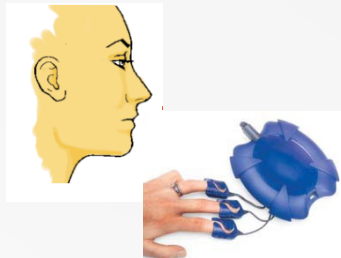
Heart rate tags

FAKE

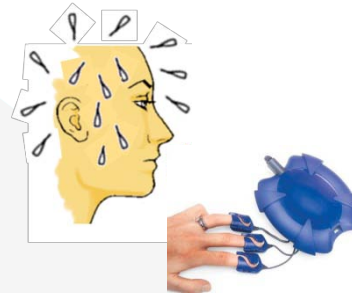
# User Study

- Objective
  - Monitor Skin Conductance

Normal



Stressed



He who angers you conquers you

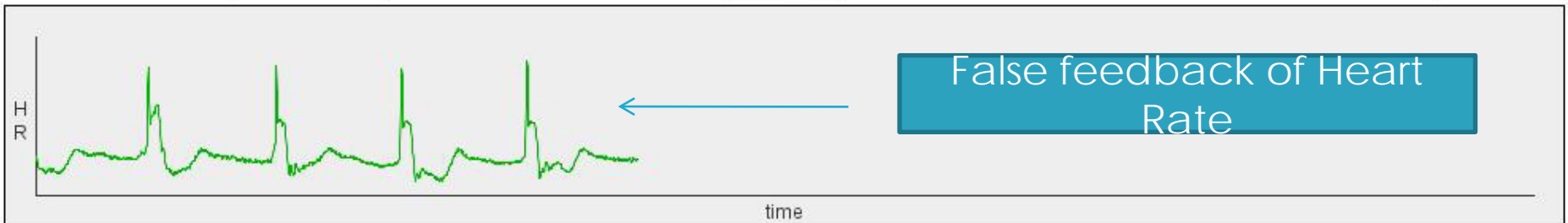
Enter the text below

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595

Enter

Start



# What happened?









*Do not touch the  
'X' key of the  
keyboard*

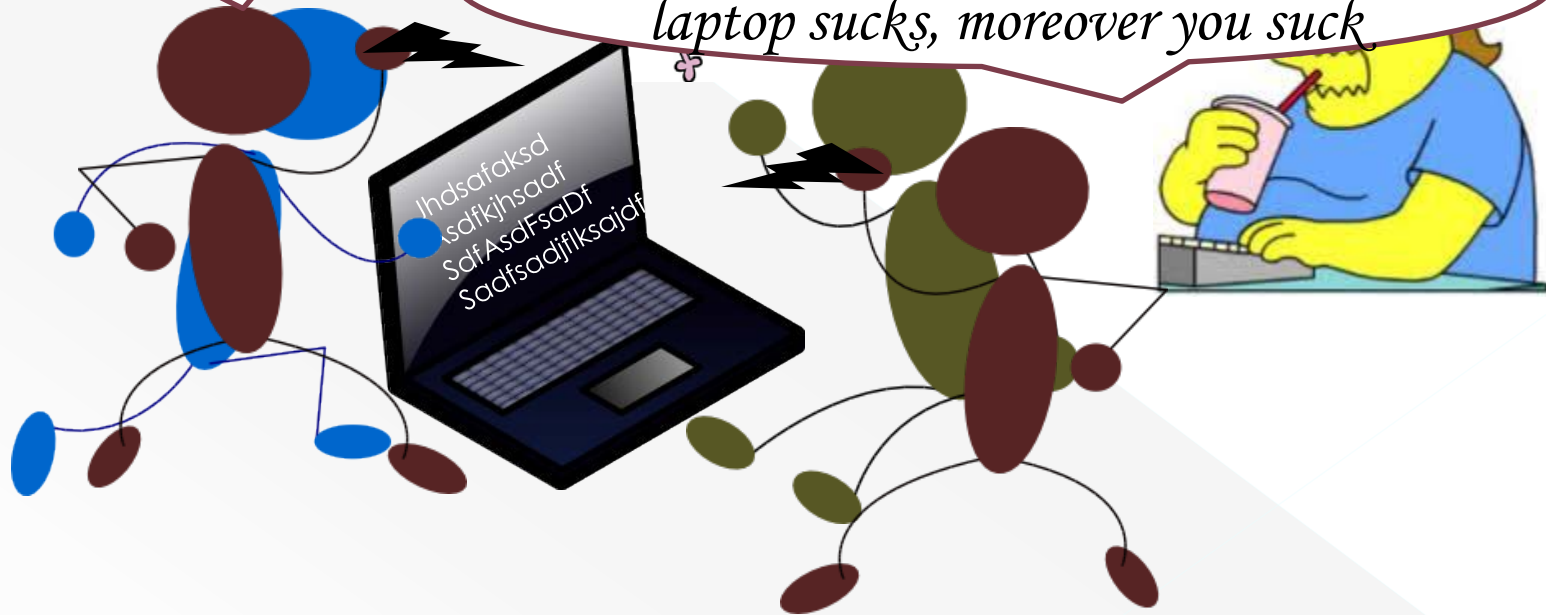


*Yeah it was my mistake, I pressed the X key of your keyboard. I am ready to help you!!!*

*It was your fault  
Who will pay for the device?  
How will I recover my data?*

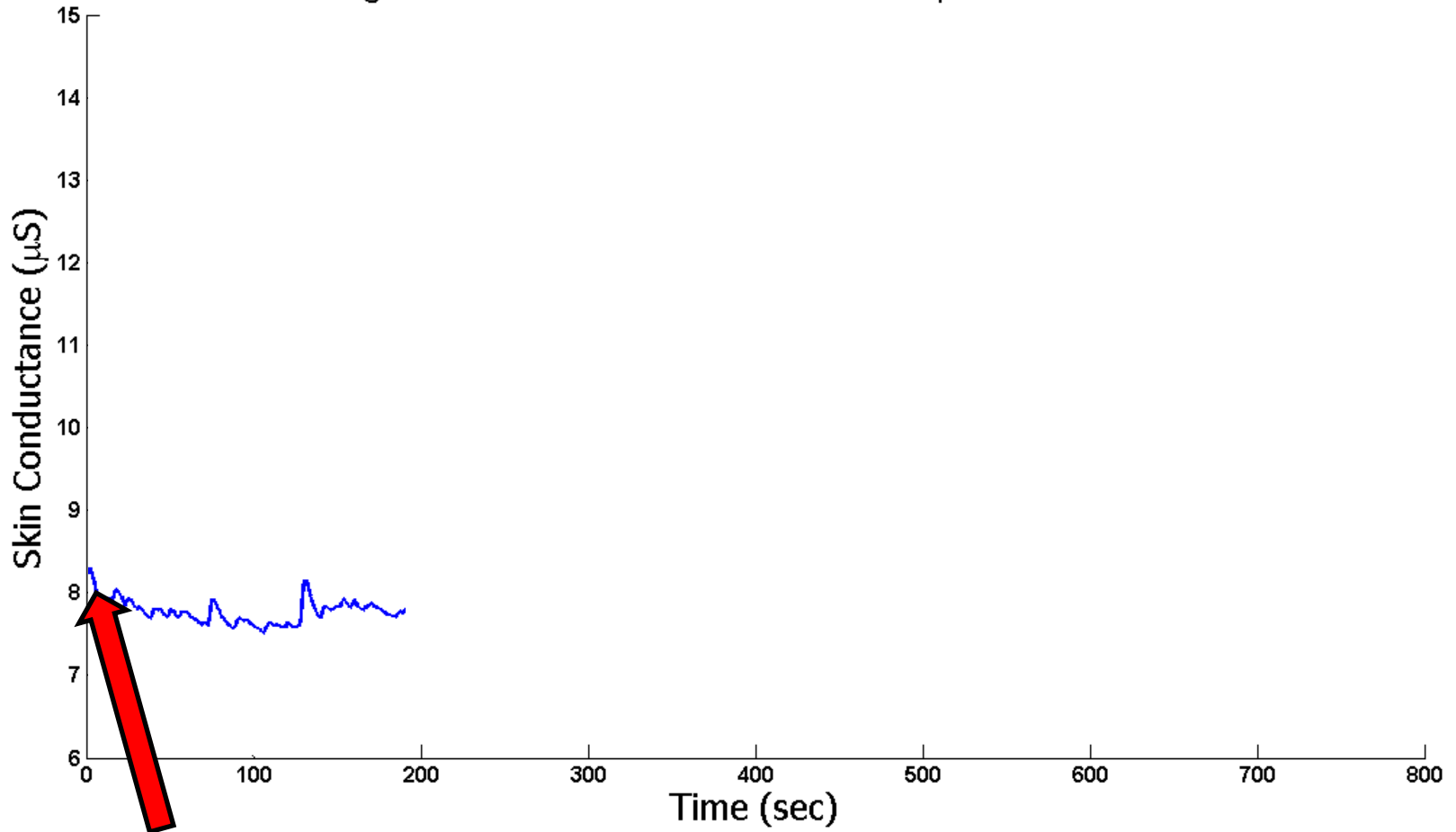
*I am sorry, but I did not press X key.*

*Your experiment sucks, your laptop sucks, moreover you suck*



# Events in Experiment 2

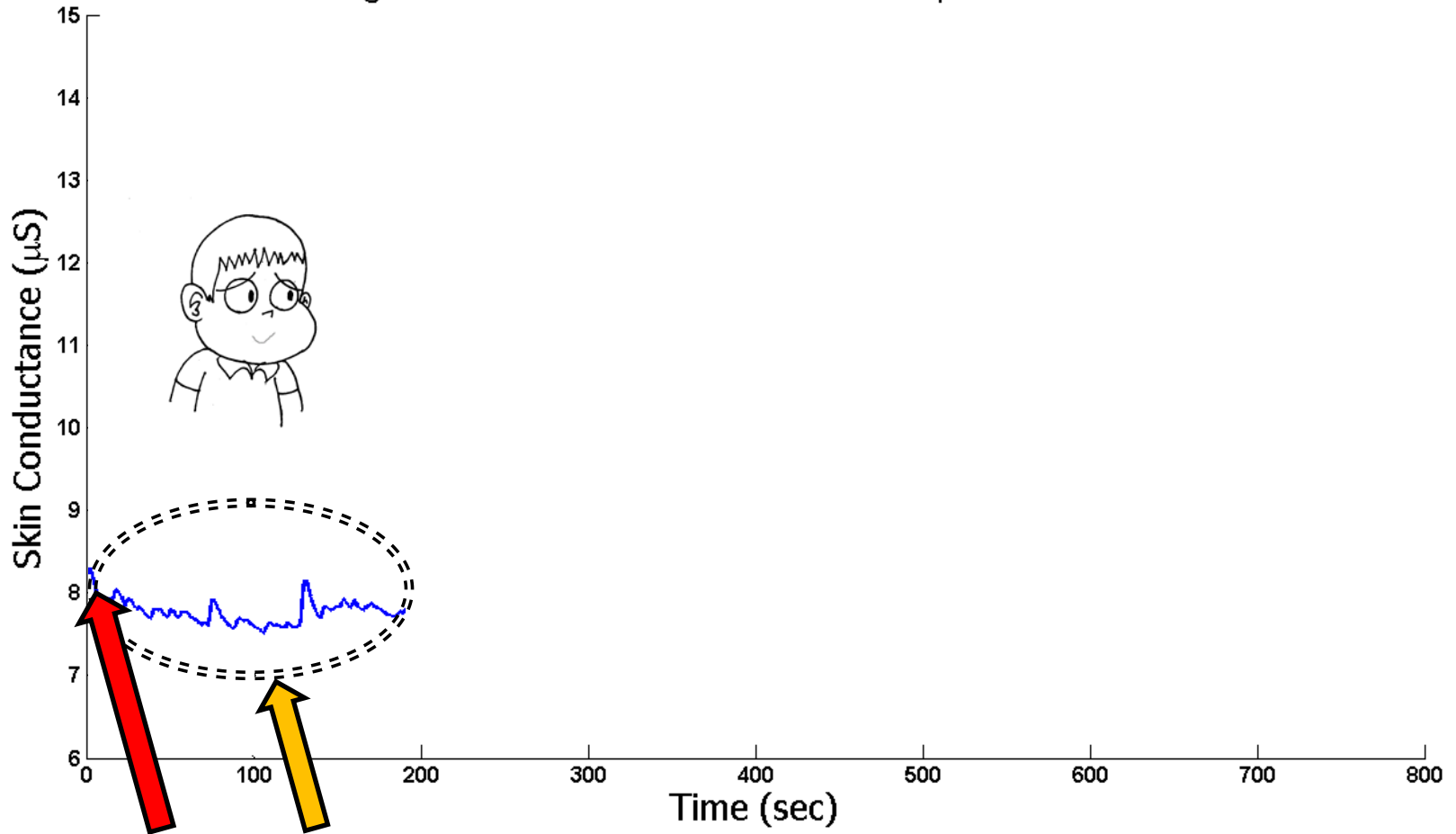
Change in Skin Conductance of a Participant Under Stress



Examiner leaves the room, leaving the subject alone

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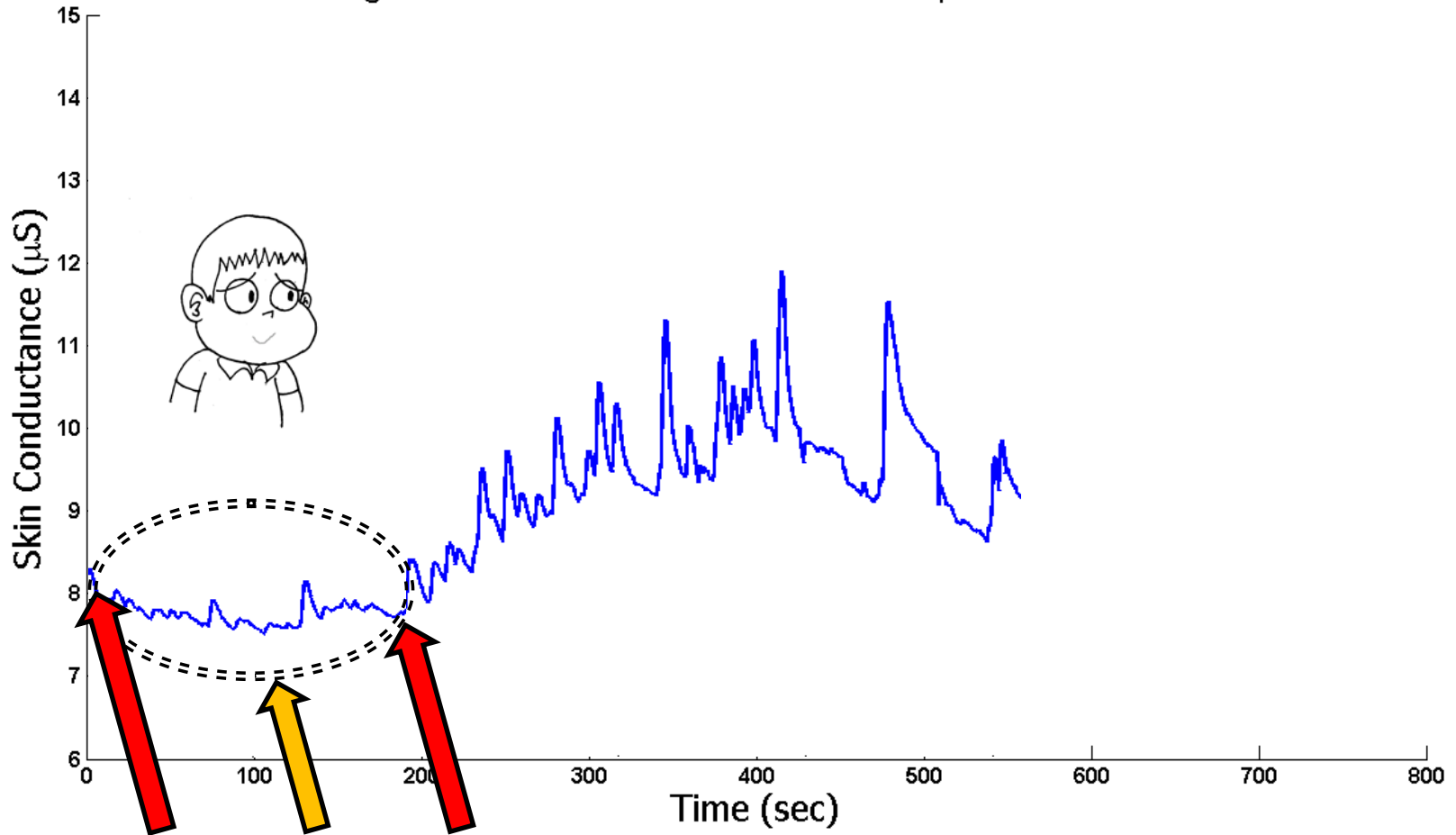
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Subject sits in-front of a PC and is asked to type a few sentences.

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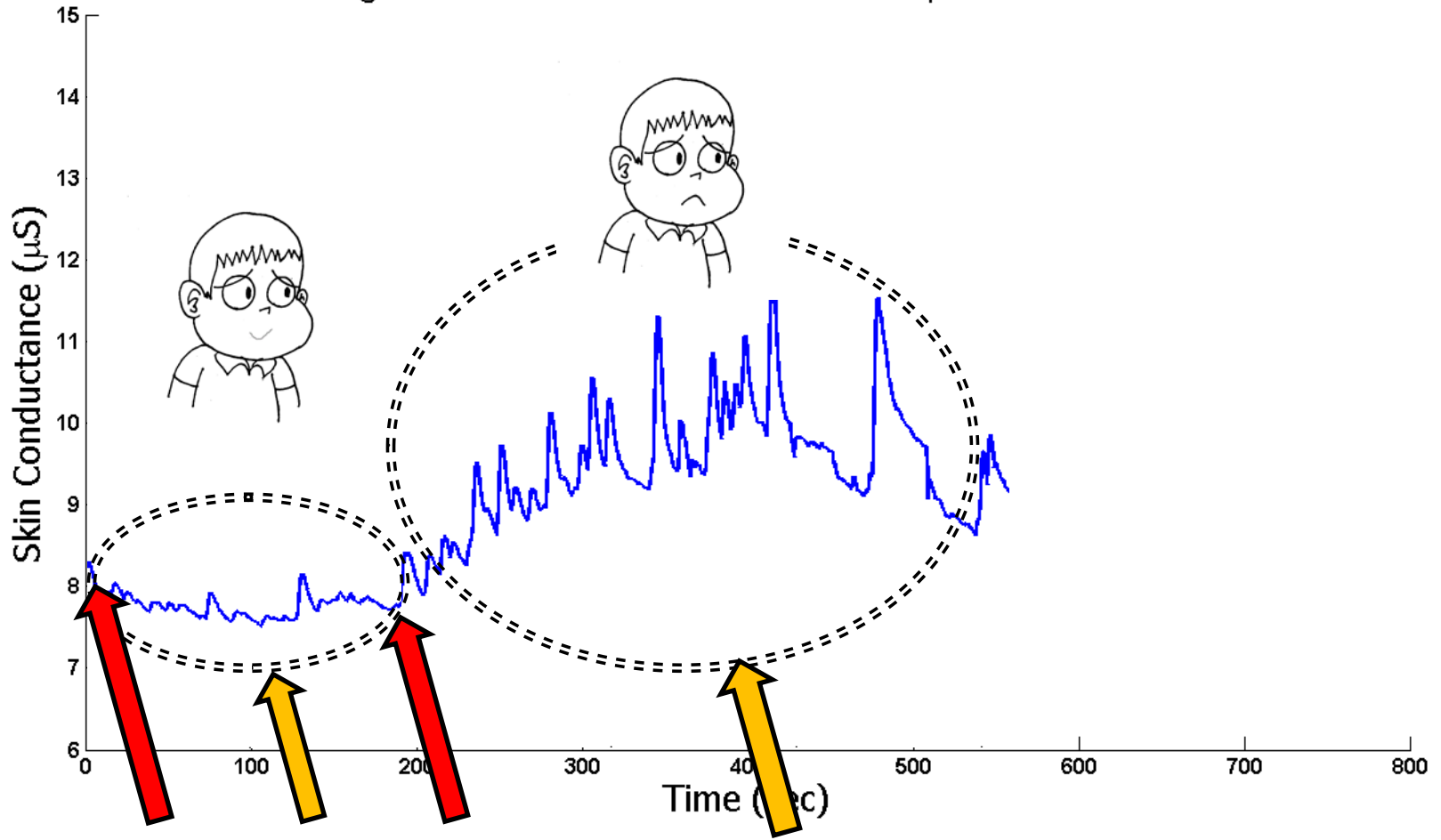
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The core of the experiment begins when the PC shuts off as the subject is typing a letter

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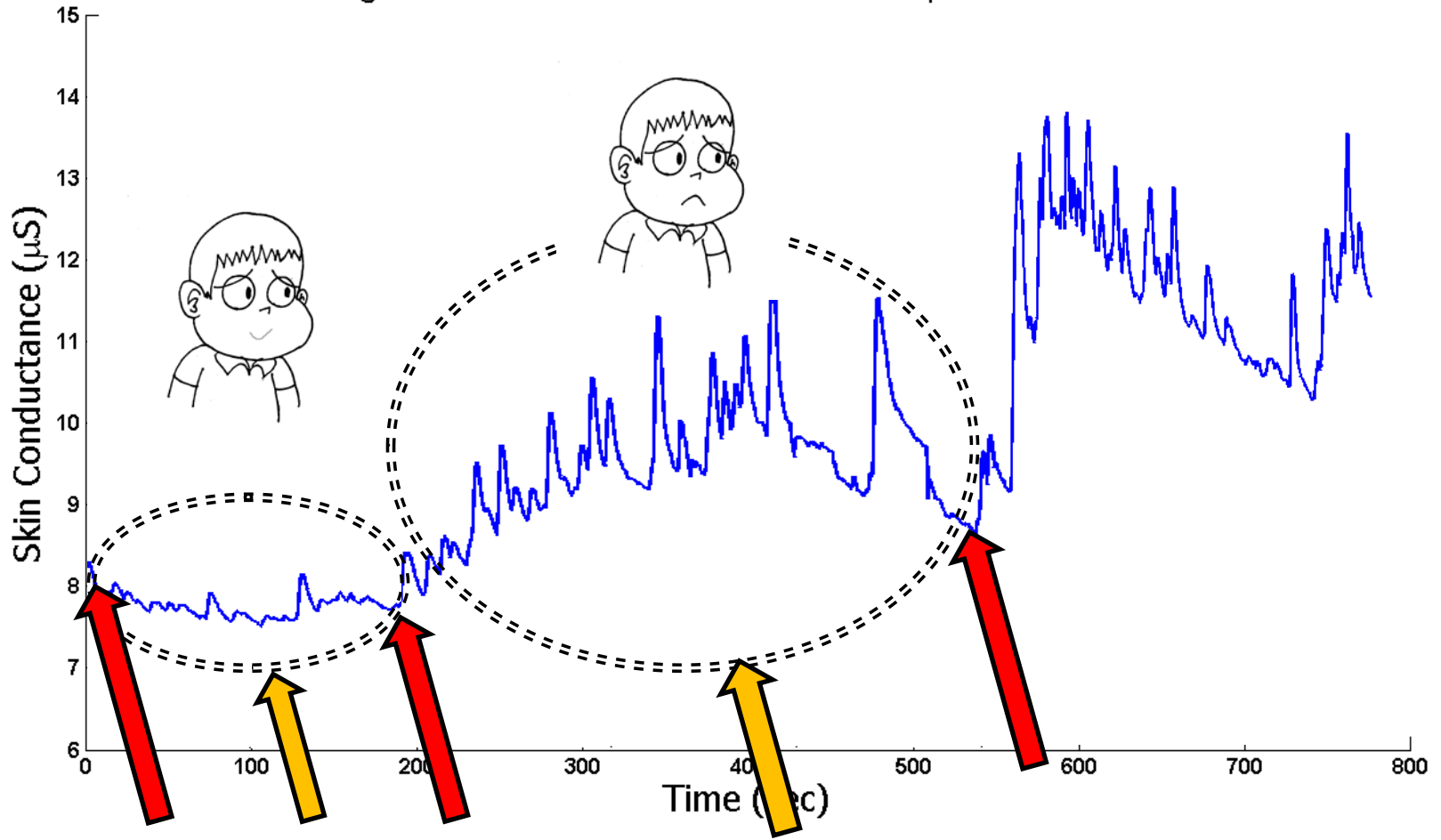
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As a result, subject succumbs to stress.

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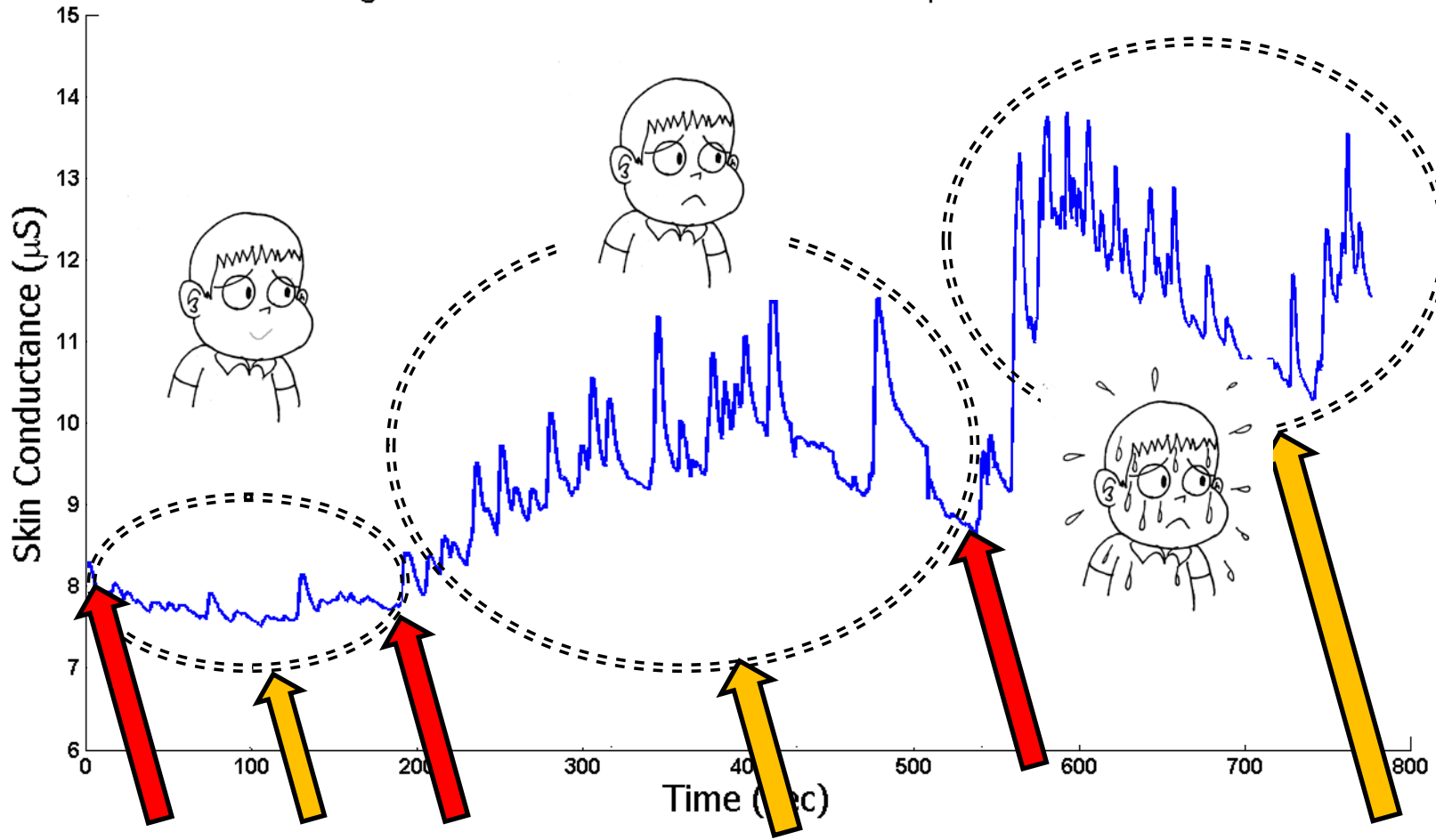


Examiner enters the room



# Events in Experiment 2

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And, falsely accused the subject for inappropriate handling of PC and corresponding data loss