



Food Intake Detection from Inertial Sensors using LSTM Networks



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Dietary monitoring

Overweight and obesity are two of the most prevalent preventable causes of death, alongside smoking tobacco and sexually transmitted diseases, and are responsible for over 2.5 million deaths per annum since 2001 [1].

Monitoring and modification of dietary behaviour has shown to be a promising approach for the treatment of obesity and eating disorders [2].

[1] World Health Organization: Global health risks: mortality and burden of disease attributable to selected major risks. World Health Organization (2009)

[2] I. Ioakimidis, M. Zandian, C. Bergh, and P. Södersten, "A method for the control of eating rate: a potential intervention in eating disorders," *Behavior research methods*, vol. 41, no. 3, pp. 755–760, 2009



Food intake detection

- Multiple ways to approach the problem
 - Inertial sensors
 - Microphones
 - Photoplethysmography
 - Cameras
 - Weight scales
 - Single sensor
 - Multiple same body-mounted sensors
 - Sensor fusion
- Every-day usage
 - Usability/practical restrictions
- Our approach
 - Accelerometer & gyroscope data
 - Off-the-shelf smartwatch
 - Detect intake moments during a meal

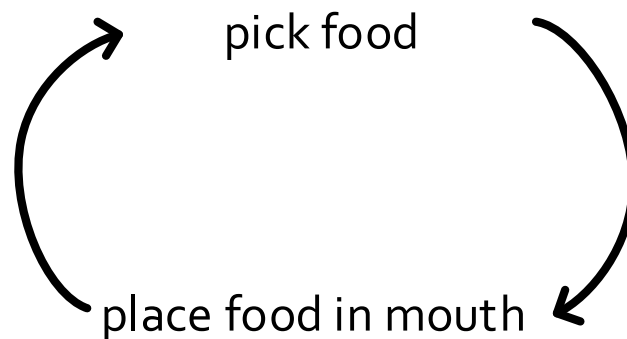




Meals, intake cycles and micro-movements

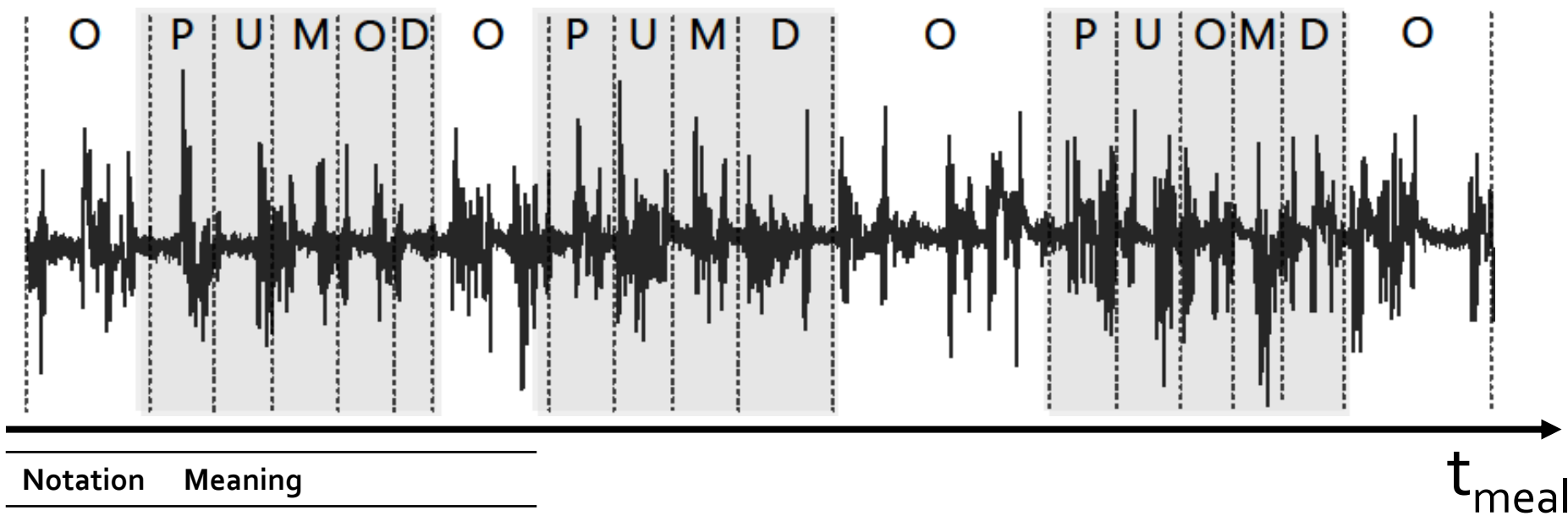
- **Micro-movement:** An eating-related and limited duration movement of the hand
- **Intake cycle:** A series of micro-movements leading to, and after a food intake
- Modelling of a meal session into intake cycles
- Modelling intake cycles as sequences of specific hand micro-movements

Simple example





Food intake cycles as micro-movement sequences: our approach

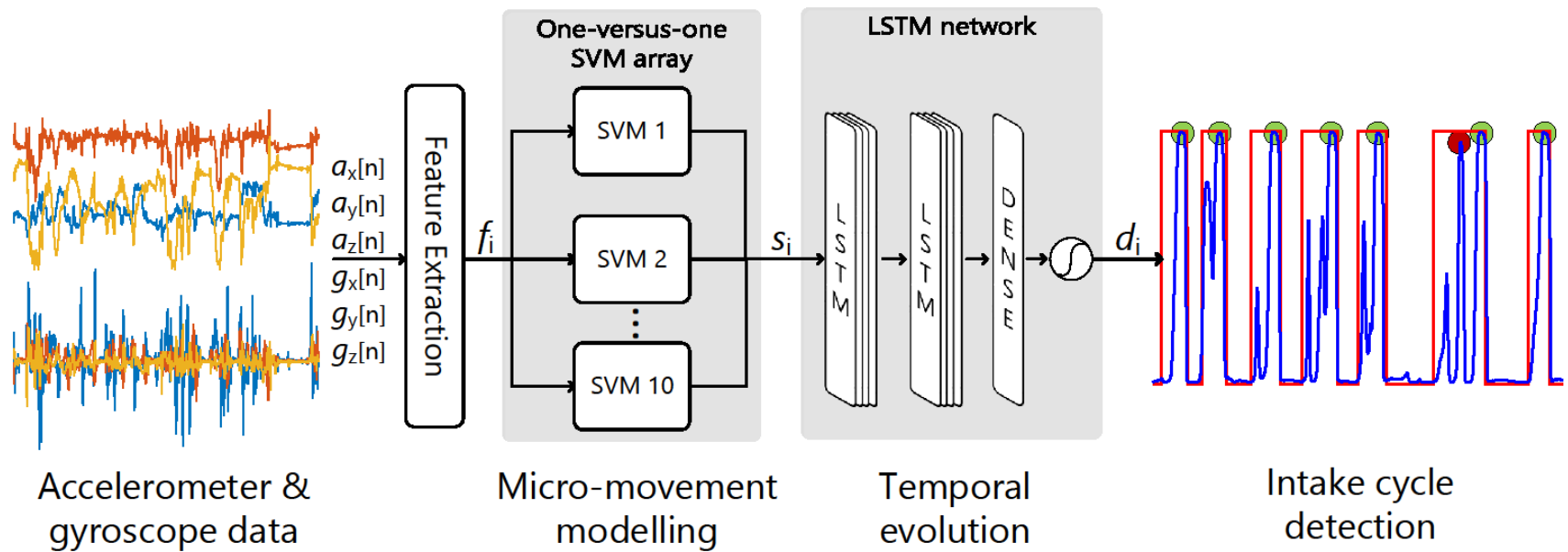


Notation	Meaning
P	Pick Food
U	Upwards
M	Mouth
D	Downwards
N	No hand movement
O	Other hand movement

We **define** the food intake cycle as:
a sequence that starts with **P**, contains at
least **M** and ends with **D**



Proposed intake detection approach





Pre-processing and feature extraction

- Remove gravitational effect from acceleration
- 5th order median filter for each accelerometer and gyroscope channel
- Sliding window approach
 - length $w_l = 0.2$ seconds
 - step $w_s = 0.1$ seconds
- Extract feature vector f in each window
 1. # of zero-crossings
 2. mean
 3. std
 4. min/max values
 5. range of values
 6. normalized energy
 7. the first $\left\lfloor \frac{w_l}{2} + 1 \right\rfloor$ *DFT* coefficients
 8. simple moving average (SMA)

(1-7 for every $a_x, a_y, a_z, g_x, g_y, g_z$)
(8 individually for the accelerometer and gyroscope)



Learning the micro-movements

- Train multiclass SVM with RBF kernel
 - features \vec{f} , labels $l \in \{\text{pick food, upwards, mouth, downwards, no movement}\}$
- Features from “other movement” micro-movement not included in the training process
 - high inner class variance
- Transform each \vec{f} into \vec{s}
 - $\vec{s} \in \mathbf{R}^{10}$
 - contains the pairwise prediction scores of the 10 one-versus-one SVMs



Modelling time evolution with LSTM

- Why LSTM?
 - solves the long term dependency and vanishing gradient problems
 - retain information over a long period
 - ❖ efficiently model food intake sequences that greatly differ from the ideal intake sequence
- Network architecture
 1. Two consecutive LSTM layers with 128 hidden cells each
 - hard sigmoid for recurrent steps
 2. One fully connected output layer
 - sigmoid function
- Compact notation: LSTM(128)-LSTM(128)-D(1)



Modelling time evolution with LSTM (cont.)

- Train network with sequences of \vec{s} and labels $l' \in \{0,1\}$
 - $l' = 1$
 - ❖ sequence is an intake cycle (starts with P, contains at least one M and ends with D)
 - $l' = 0$
 - ❖ sequence isn't an intake cycle (typically found between consecutive intake cycles)
- Design choices
 - minimize: Binary cross entropy loss
 - RMSprop Optimizer with Learning rate, $lr = 10^{-3}$
 - batch size, $M = 32$ for 5 epochs
- Output
 - For each sequence of \vec{s} , the network outputs the probability d that the given sequence is an intake cycle



Detection

- Given the:
 - sequence of \vec{s} representing a complete meal
 - trained LSTM model
- Select frames with sliding window
 - length $w'_l = 3$ seconds
 - step $w'_s = 0.2$ seconds
- Network outputs a propability d for each windowed data frame
 - form 1-D signal $d[n]$ for the complete meal session
- Intake moments are detected by local maxima search in $d[n]$
 - minimum distance of 3 seconds between peaks



Evaluation Dataset

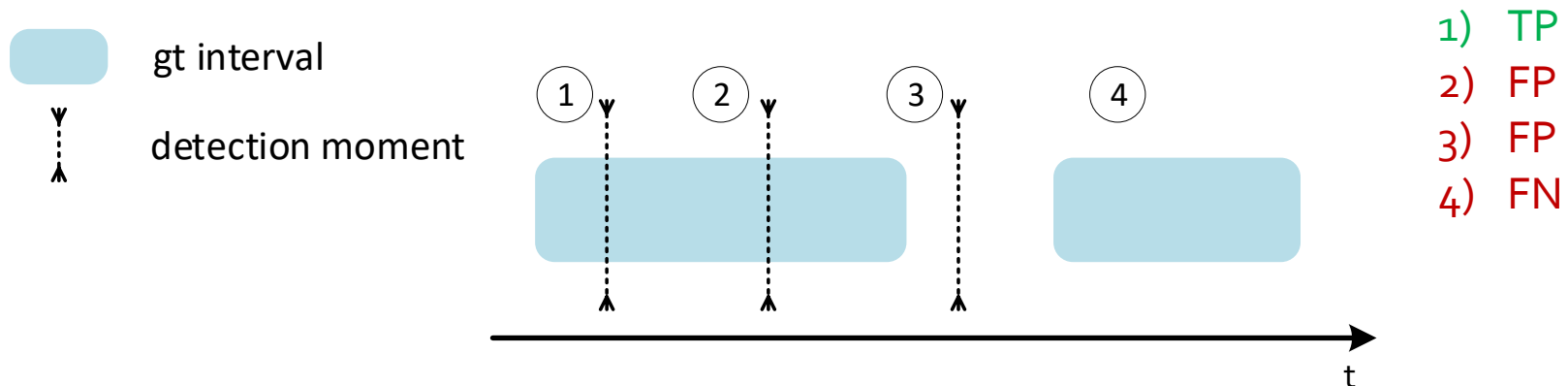
- The **Food Intake Cycle (FIC) Dataset**
- Recordings of 10 unique subjects performing unscripted eating activities
- Accelerometer and gyroscope recordings at 62 Hz
 - sensor: Microsoft Band 2
- A Go Pro Hero 5 recorded the activities
 - used to generate the ground truth at micro-movement level
- Publicly available at <https://mug.ee.auth.gr/intake-cycle-detection/>





Evaluation methods

- Leave One Subject Out (LOSO) cross validation scheme
- Repeat the network training for 10 times
 - smooth results produced by the stochastic training nature of the network
- Calculate TP, FP and FN





Results

- Compare performance with 2 approaches found in the literature [3][4]
 - data from FIC
 - evaluation scheme mentioned earlier

Method	TP	FP	FN	Prec	Rec	F1
Proposed	623.7	89	60.3	0.875	0.911	0.892
Dong et al. [3]	508	683	176	0.426	0.742	0.541
Kyritsis et al. [4]	603	193	81	0.757	0.881	0.814

[3] Dong Yujie, Hoover Adam, Scisco Jenna and Muth Eric. A new method for measuring meal intake in humans via automated wrist motion tracking. *Applied psychophysiology and biofeedback*, 2012

[4] Kyritsis Konstantinos, Tatli Christina Lefkothea, Diou Christos and Delopoulos Anastasios. Automated Analysis of in Meal Eating Behavior using a Commercial Wristband IMU Sensor. *39th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*, 2017



Conclusions

- Proposed a novel approach for intake cycle detection during the course of a meal
- Explicit modeling of intake cycles as sequences of micro-movements outperforms direct detection approaches
- Combination of micro-movement SVMs and LSTM network for score sequence classification is highly effective



Thank you

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