





Designing Wearable Sensor-based Analytics for Quantitative Mobility Assessment

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Mobility Monitoring

- Age, injury, or health-related impairments can decrease mobility
- Beneficial to monitor mobility
 - Insights into movement abilities
 - Longitudinal tracking
 - Motivation
- Technologies for mobility monitoring
 - Wearable sensors (acceleration, angular velocity, etc.)
 - Smartphone/tablet apps
 - Ambient sensors (motion, door, etc.)







Research Hypothesis

Wearable sensor data can be analyzed using machine learning techniques to provide insights on mobility changes related to rehabilitation



Hypothesis Validation Overview

- Wearable sensor data collected during rehabilitation
 - Mobility feature extraction
 - Predicting patient functioning at discharge
 - Physical therapy provider interviews
 - Utility of features
 - Usefulness of predictions
 - Evaluation of sensor data visualizations



Data Collection

- Participants
 - N=20 (M=14, F=6)
 - 71.55 ± 10.62 years of age
 - Stroke, brain injury, debility, cardiac, etc.
- 2 Testing sessions (S1 and S2 one week later)
 – Ambulation circuit (AC)
- 4 Inertial measurement units
 - C: center of mass
 - L/R: left and right shank
 - D: assistive device (cane or walker)



Ambulation Circuit (AC)





Data Processing



Gait Cycle Event Detection

- Identify gait events in gyroscope Z-axis signals for left/right shank and cane
 - Mid-swing, initial contact, and terminal contact



Sensor-based Mobility Features



Mobility Changes

- Changes in performance features
- Group level
 - Boxplot analysis
 - Standardized mean difference effect size
- Individual level
 - Reliable change index
- Several changes detected
 - AC duration, gait features, strokeaffected side improvements, etc.







Stroke-affected side shank range of motion

Clinical Outcome Prediction

- Hypothesis: More accurate clinical outcome predictions are possible w/sensor-based features over clinical features alone
- Clinical outcome to predict
 - Discharge Functional Independence Measure (FIM) scores



Target Prediction Variable: FIM

- Functional Independence Measure
- Measured at admission and discharge
- 13 Motor tasks
 - Transfers
 - Locomotion
- 5 Cognitive tasks

	Task Type	#	Task
ſ		1	Eating
		2	Grooming
		3	Bathing
		4	Upper body dressing
		5	Lower body dressing
		6	Toileting
	Motor	7	Bladder management
	WIOLOI	8	Bowel management
		9	Bed to chair transfer
		10	Toilet transfer
		11	Shower transfer
		12	Locomotion (ambulatory or wheelchair level)
L		13	Stairs
Γ		14	Cognitive comprehension
		15	Expression
	Cognitive	16	Social interaction
		17	Problem solving
		18	Memory

Prediction Approach

 Train prediction models M₁ (admission), M₂ (AC S1), and M₃ (AC S2)



- Cumulative model construction
 - Utilize features from previous points in time



Feature Selection

- Recursive feature elimination with cross validation (RFECV)
 - Linear SVM
 - 10-fold CV w/mean squared error scoring
- Top 10 ranked features shown

M_1	Rank	M_2	Rank	M_3	Rank
Admission upper body dressing*	1	COM acceleration stand to sit Z peak angular velocity*	1	COM acceleration stand to sit Z peak angular velocity*	1
Admission memory [*]	1	Admission memory*	1	Admission memory*	1
RIC	1	COM acceleration stand to sit RMS*	1	Range of motion SMD (lesser side)	1
Admission bladder*	1	Shank range of motion aver- age (greater side)*	1	Step length average [*]	1
Admission grooming [*]	1	Admission grooming*	1	Admission grooming [*]	1
Admission problem solving*	1	Double support percent CV	1	COM vehicle unload Z peak angular velocity percent change	1
Admission tub/shower transfer	1	Admission upper body dressing*	1	Admission upper body dressing*	1
Admission lower body dressing	1	Admission bed to chair transfer*	2	S2 peak angular velocity av- erage (lesser side)*	1
Reciprocal admission total motor score*	2	Swing percent CV	3	Cycle duration CV percent change	1
CMG relative weight*	3	Limp average	4	S2 double support percent CV	1

CMG = case mix group, COM = center of mass, CV = coefficient of variation, M = model, RIC = rehabilitation impairment category, RMS = root mean square, S2 = session 2, SMD = standardized mean difference, * = listed in Table 5.3

Discharge FIM Motor Prediction

Results from leave-one-out-cross validation

		Linear SVM			Linear Regression			Random Forest		
	Model	RMSE	NRMSE	r	RMSE	NRMSE	r	RMSE	NRMSE	r
M	$M_1 (w/o NAC)$	4.66	11.65%	0.89^{**}	6.07	15.19%	0.87^{**}	8.14	20.36%	0.61^{**}
1411	M_1	7.36	18.41%	0.82^{**}	7.95	19.87%	0.80^{**}	10.86	27.14%	0.73^{**}
	M_2	8.55	21.38%	0.60^{*}	9.82	24.55%	0.55^{*}	10.18	25.45%	0.25
Comencto	M_3	5.54	13.86%	0.85^{**}	5.43	13.57%	0.86^{**}	10.70	26.76%	0.07
Separate	M_{avg}	5.54	13.86%	0.87^{**}	5.27	13.18%	0.89^{**}	8.04	20.09%	0.69^{**}
	$M_{\rm E}$	5.50	13.74%	0.84^{**}	5.69	14.22%	0.84^{**}	9.38	23.46%	0.44
	M_2	5.43	13.57%	0.86^{**}	6.59	16.47%	0.78^{**}	8.51	21.27%	0.59^{*}
Cumulative	M_3	3.40	8.50%	0.95^{**+}	3.59	8.96%	0.94^{**}	9.78	24.46%	0.31
Cantadatte	M_{avg}	3.66	9.15%	0.96^{**+}	3.91	9.78%	0.93^{**}	7.38	18.46%	0.77^{**}
	$M_{\rm E}$	3.24	8.11%	0.95**†	4.29	10.72%	0.91^{**}	9.30	23.24%	0.45^{*}

avg = average, E = ensemble, M = model, NAC = non-ambulation circuit, NRMSE = normalized root mean square error, r = Pearson correlation coefficient, RMSE = root mean square error, SVM = support vector machine, * = p < 0.05, ** = p < 0.01, † = significantly (p < 0.05) improved results from M₁.

Therapists' Feedback

- 7 Physical therapists and assistants interviewed
- Interview content ٠
 - General topics related to technology
 - Measuring gait and transfer ability
 - Usefulness of sensor-based metrics -> (1 not useful to 5 very useful scale)
 - Providing therapy services
 - Indicator of the FIM discharge motor score
 - RFECV did not select any CAP metrics as top-ranked features
 - Evaluation of three sensor data visualizations
 - Task duration bar plot
 - Gait cycle bar plot
 - Effect size forest plot

Therapists' metric ratings

Metric	Usefulness	FIM Indicator
Sit-to-stand duration	4.14(1.46)	3.29(1.70)
Walking speed	4.00(1.41)	3.29(1.89)
Stand-to-sit duration	3.86(1.46)	3.29(1.60)
Curvilinear walking duration	3.71(1.38)	3.29(1.38)
Total ambulation circuit duration	3.71(1.38)	2.71(1.11)
Floor surface speed ratio	3.57(1.27)	3.14(1.35)
Vehicle load duration	3.14(1.07)	2.43(1.13)
Vehicle unload duration	3.14(1.07)	2.43(1.13)
Walking smoothness	3.71(1.25)	2.71(1.60)
Center of mass movement intensity	3.14(1.07)	2.57(1.40)
Center of mass peak angular velocity	2.86(1.07)	2.29(1.25)
Cadence	4.00 (1.00)	2.86(1.21)
Single support percent	3.86(1.35)	2.71(1.60)
Gait cycle duration	3.71(1.38)	2.71(1.50)
Number of gait cycles	3.71(1.25)	2.71(1.60)
Shank range of motion	3.71(1.38)	2.43(1.27)
Step length	3.71(1.25)	2.43(1.27)
Stride length	3.71(1.25)	2.43(1.27)
Stride regularity	3.71(1.25)	2.43(1.27)
Step regularity	3.57(1.27)	2.29(1.38)
Double support percent	3.43(1.40)	2.29(1.25)
Shank peak angular velocity	3.43(1.40)	2.14(1.07)

FIM Prediction Usefulness

- 7/7 Therapists are interested in using wearable technologies for their patients
- 6/7 Therapists said they would consider FIM predictions for patients useful
 - "It would be very useful, it could help with discharge planning if we needed to steer one way or another."
 - "I would make use of [the predictions] as an adjunct."
- 1/7 would not consider FIM predictions useful
 - "I probably wouldn't [use FIM predictions], mostly because patients are really variable."

Gait Cycle Bar Plot

- Scale
 - 1 (strongly disagree)
 - 5 (strongly agree)
- I think that I would use this plot frequently

 (2.57 ± 0.98)
- I thought the plot was easy to understand

 – (2.86 ± 0.90)
- I would imagine most patients would learn to use this plot very quickly
 - (1.43 ± 1.13)



Gait Cycle Analysis

- 7/7 classified patient A's paresis correctly
- Noticed differences in variability between A and B
- 4/7 would use gait cycle bar plots
- "It would be for my own personal measures to see where they are at. The ankle is really tough to assess when you are by their shoulders."





Mobility Recovery Conclusions

- Our algorithms offer several insights into the recovery process
 - Objectively tracking changes in patient performance
 - Improving clinical outcome predictions with our sensor-based features
- Therapy providers are interested in utilizing our prediction models
- AC study limitations
 - Low sample size
 - Human-operated stopwatch times segment AC components



Future Work

- Increasing sample size
- Improve prediction results
- Interface therapist and patient into data
- Large scale evaluation of sensor-based techniques for health care providers

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Measuring Gait and Transfer Ability

Observation

- Memory to compare previous observations
- "I kinda compare and contrast step lengths. I will do speed. I will do trunk deviation. If there's any toe drags. If they are using an assistive device or not. If they are using orthoses or not."
- Estimate of physical assistance required
- Do not use visualizations, plots, graphs, or drawings

Task Duration Bar Plot

- Scale
 - 1 (strongly disagree)
 - 5 (strongly agree)
- I think that I would use this plot frequently

 (3.14 ± 0.90)
- I thought the plot was easy to understand

 (4.43 ± 0.53)
- I would imagine most patients would learn to use this plot very quickly
 - (3.29 ± 0.95)



Task Duration Bar Plot

- "It may have been an improvement in a safety factor, whereas they may have sat down due to a loss of balance."
 - Context is needed to determine improvement/regression
- Therapists think patients could understand – 3.29 ± 0.95
- "[The plot] would be helpful to get the patient more involved in seeing their progress."

Effect Size for Repeated Measures

$$d_{RM} = \frac{\bar{X}_{post} - \bar{X}_{pre}}{S_D} \qquad \qquad d_{RM} \pm CS * \hat{\sigma}_d^{2(L1)}, \hat{\sigma}_d^{2(L1)} = \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\hat{\rho})}{n} + \frac{d_{RM}^2}{2(n-1)}}$$
[Wolff Smith and Beretvas, 2009] [Viechtbauer, 2007]

Metric	\overline{X}_{pre}	CV_{pre}	\overline{X}_{post}	<i>CV</i> _{post}	ES Category	d _{RM}	$d_{RM} CI_L$	$d_{RM} CI_H$
Duration	174.91	0.81	133.22	0.59	Moderate	-0.72	-1.01	-0.43
Cadence	65.08	0.26	70.46	0.28	Moderate	0.67	0.38	0.97
Velocity	0.51	0.51	0.57	0.51	Small	0.39	0.10	0.68
Involved Range of Motion	45.76	0.27	49.54	0.21	Large	0.81	0.45	1.16
Uninvolved Range of Motion	49.90	0.24	53.49	0.17	Moderate	0.63	0.30	0.97

Effect Size Visualization

- Each individual as an experiment
- SMD ES for each participant
- S1 gait cycles vs. S2 gait cycles



Effect Size Forest Plot

- Scale
 - 1 (strongly disagree)
 - 5 (strongly agree)
- I think that I would use this plot frequently

 (1.86 ± 0.90)
- I thought the plot was easy to understand

 (2.00 ± 1.00)
- I would imagine most patients would learn to use this plot very quickly
 - $-(1.43 \pm 0.79)$



Effect Size Forest Plot

- Lowest rated visualization
- 2/7 acknowledged the usefulness for research
 "If I got into a research study to justify what I was doing then yes, but not for direct patient care."

Gait Analysis

- Gait cycle events
 - Initial contact (IC)
 - Terminal contact (TC)
 - Mid-swing (MS)
- Support periods
 - Single (one limb)
 - Double (both limbs)
 - Triple (both limbs + cane)



AC Participant Characteristics

PID	RIC	Involved Side	Gender	Age	Comorbi- dities	LOS	#Days A→S1	#Days S2→D	FIM _{A-cog}	$\mathrm{FIM}_{D\text{-}\mathrm{cog}}$	FIM _{A-moto}	r FIM _{D-moto}	r Total RER
001	Stroke	L	М	73	Ν	31	16	8	23	34	25	70	1.81
002	Cardiac	N/A	М	84	Y	14	4	3	26	30	33	62	2.36
003	Misc	N/A	М	68	Y	19	8	4	32	33	37	65	1.53
004	Stroke	L	М	75	Y	21	14	0	15	26	24	52	1.86
005	Stroke	No paresis	М	63	Y	23	15	1	25	33	44	74	1.65
006	Stroke	L	F	82	Y	29	18	5	21	27	25	59	1.38
007	NTBI	N/A	М	52	Y	22	8	7	21	31	43	62	1.32
009	Stroke	No paresis	F	85	Y	20	8	5	22	30	46	58	1.00
010	NTBI	N/A	F	67	Ν	24	17	0	16	28	25	40	1.13
011	Stroke	L	М	74	Ν	20	11	2	16	23	28	49	1.40
013	NTSCI	N/A	Μ	76	Ν	15	7	1	25	30	26	58	2.47
014	Stroke	No paresis	М	55	Y	17	9	1	16	25	45	78	2.47
015	Stroke	L	М	85	Ν	13	4	2	32	33	55	80	2.00
016	Stroke	L	М	54	Ν	21	13	1	23	29	37	69	1.81
018	Stroke	L	М	88	Ν	29	19	3	26	32	27	60	1.34
019	Stroke	R	М	65	Ν	14	5	2	30	31	49	72	1.71
020	Misc	N/A	М	74	Y	28	17	4	21	30	31	61	1.39
021	Stroke	R	F	74	Ν	16	9	0	24	33	40	80	3.06
024	Stroke	L	F	63	Ν	18	9	2	29	31	38	73	2.06
025	Stroke	R	F	74	Ν	21	12	2	19	22	37	61	1.29
Mean	-	-	-	71.55	-	20.75	11.15	2.65	23.10	29.55	35.75	64.15	1.752
SD	-	-	-	10.62	-	5.35	4.75	2.25	5.20	3.43	9.27	10.51	0.53

A = admission, cog = cognitive, D = discharge, F = female, FIM = functional independence measure, L = left, LOS = length of stay, M = male, N = no, N/A = not applicable, NTB1 = non-traumatic brain injury, NTSC1 = non-traumatic spinal cord injury, PID = patient identification, R = right, RER = rehabilitation efficiency ratio, RIC = rehabilitation impairment category, SD = standard deviation, Y = yes.

Reliable Change Index

- Individual-level change
- "Statistical measure of category membership"
- Clinical significance for small samples
 - [Jacobson and Traux,
 1991, Gibbons et al.,
 1993, Zahra and Hedge,
 2010]



RCI Details



FIM Distribution

- AC participants (N=20)
 - − FIM_{motor}: 35.75 ± 9.27 → 64.15 ± 10.51
 - − FIM_{cog}: 23.10 ± 5.20 → 29.55 ± 3.43
- Utilize additional patient medical records (N=4936) for training (NAC data)
 - − FIM_{motor}: 38.58 ± 12.98 → 59.53 ± 16.91
 - − FIM_{cog}: 22.12 ± 7.67 → 28.46 ± 6.27



Individual Predictor Correlations

- Pearson correlations with discharge FIM motor score
- Top 10 highest correlations for Admission, AC S1, AC S2

Admission	r	AC S1	r	AC S2	т
Reciprocal admission	-0.68**	COM acceleration	0.62^{**}	S2 peak angular veloc-	0.65^{**}
total motor score		stand to sit Z peak angular velocity		ity average (lesser side)	
Admission bladder	0.62**	Shank range of motion average (greater side)	0.62**	S2 vehicle challenge du- ration	-0.60**
Admission upper body dressing	0.61**	Step length average	0.59**	S2 range of motion av- erage (lesser side)	0.59**
CMG relative weight -0.60**		Vehicle challenge dura- tion	-0.56**	S2 number of gait cycles	-0.56**
Admission grooming 0.60**		Shank range of motion average (lesser side)	0.55^{*}	Cadence percent change	0.51*
Admission problem solving	0.59**	Number of gait cycles	-0.51*	S2 swing percent CV	-0.50*
Admission memory	0.56*	Shank peak angular ve- locity average (greater side)	0.48*	Peak angular velocity SMD (greater side)	0.50*
Admission bed to chair transfer	0.53*	COM acceleration vehi- cle unload RMS	0.47*	S2 duration	-0.49*
Admission toilet trans- fer	0.50^{*}	COM acceleration stand to sit RMS	0.46^{*}	S2 COM acceleration RMS	0.48*
Admission comprehen- sion	0.46^{*}	Walking speed	0.44	S2 COM acceleration RMS jerk	0.46*

AC = ambulatory circuit, CMG = case mix group, COM = center of mass, CV = coefficient of variation, r = Pearson correlation coefficient, RMS = root mean square, S1 = session 1, S2 = session 2, SMD = standardized mean difference, * = p < 0.05, ** = p < 0.01.