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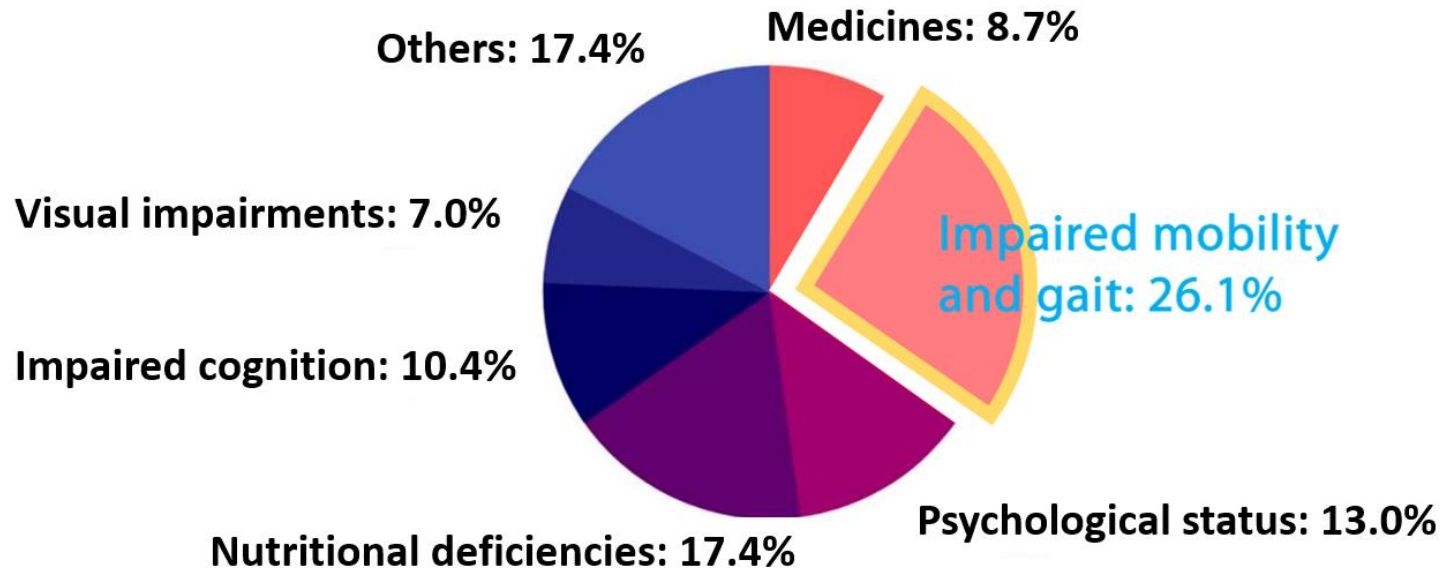
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## 膝伸展筋トレーニングリアルタイム評価のため、非接触 式筋活動推定システムの開発

Development of a non-contacting muscular activity  
measurement system for evaluating knee extension  
muscles training in real-time

# BACKGROUND

- Elderly people fall each year: 28-35% (65 years old~)<sup>[1]</sup>
- The loss of muscle (Knee Extension Muscles, or KXMs) strength serves as a known factor of the falling<sup>[1][2]</sup>



## Risk Factors for falls in older age

KXMs training is important.

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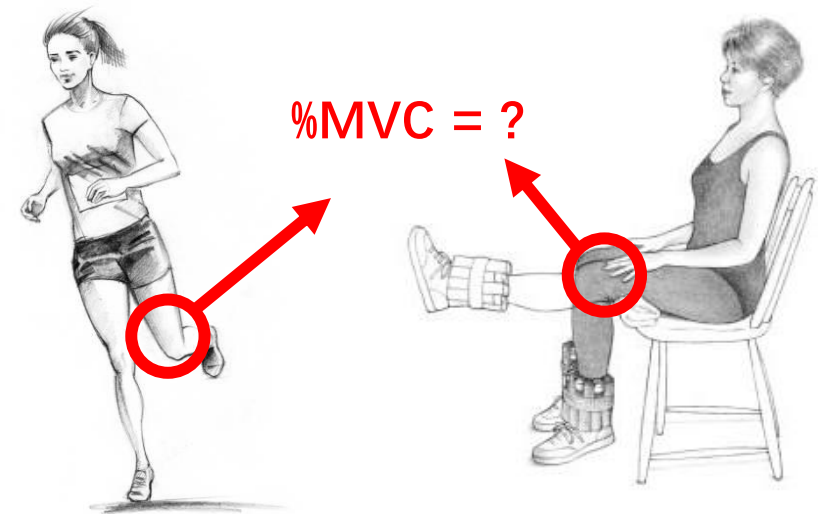
[2]World Health Organization(Europe), . WHO(2004). What are the main risk factors for falls amongst older people and what are the most effective interventions to prevent these falls?

# BACKGROUND

Common Exercises for KXMs training<sup>[1][2]</sup>:

- Jogging
- Chair extension exercises
- Stair exercises
- ...

Problem: KXMs training lacks **suitable means** to evaluate muscular activity



Exercises for KXMs training

Unable to do **quantitative analysis** on the muscle

Objective: Developing a real time muscular monitoring system for KXMs training

[1] World Health Organization, World Health Organization. Ageing, & Life Course Unit. (2008). WHO global report on falls prevention in older age. World Health Organization.

[2] <https://www.bu.edu/enact/living-well/exercise-and-arthritis/exercises/exercise-3-knee-extension/>

# STATE OF THE ART

- Muscular activity evaluation

## 1. Electromyography (EMG)<sup>[1]</sup>

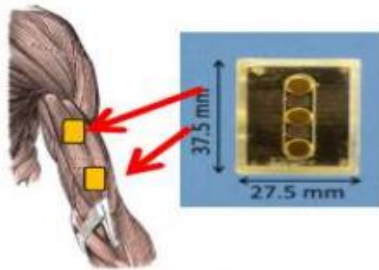


Fig.4.1: EMG sensor

## 2. Mechanomyogram (MMG)

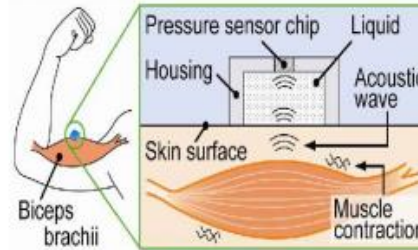


Fig.4.2: MMG sensor

## 3. Kinematics

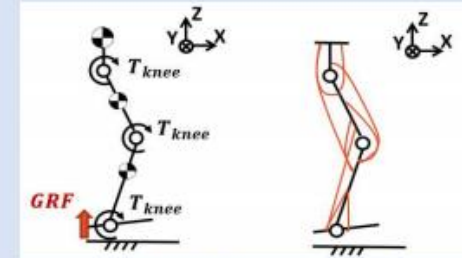


Fig.4.3: Kinematics model

Measurement	Electrical signals, Directly	Mechanical signal, Directly	Kinematic parameters, Indirectly
Sensor	sEMG	MMG	Camera, MMG, IMU
Accuracy	$R^2=0.90\pm0.02^{[1]}$	$R^2 = 0.82\pm0.04^{[2]}$	$R^2= 0.58^{[3]}$
Limitation	Placement on skin, Affected by sweat	Inconvenient placement, Affected by sound noise	Affected by model and measurement

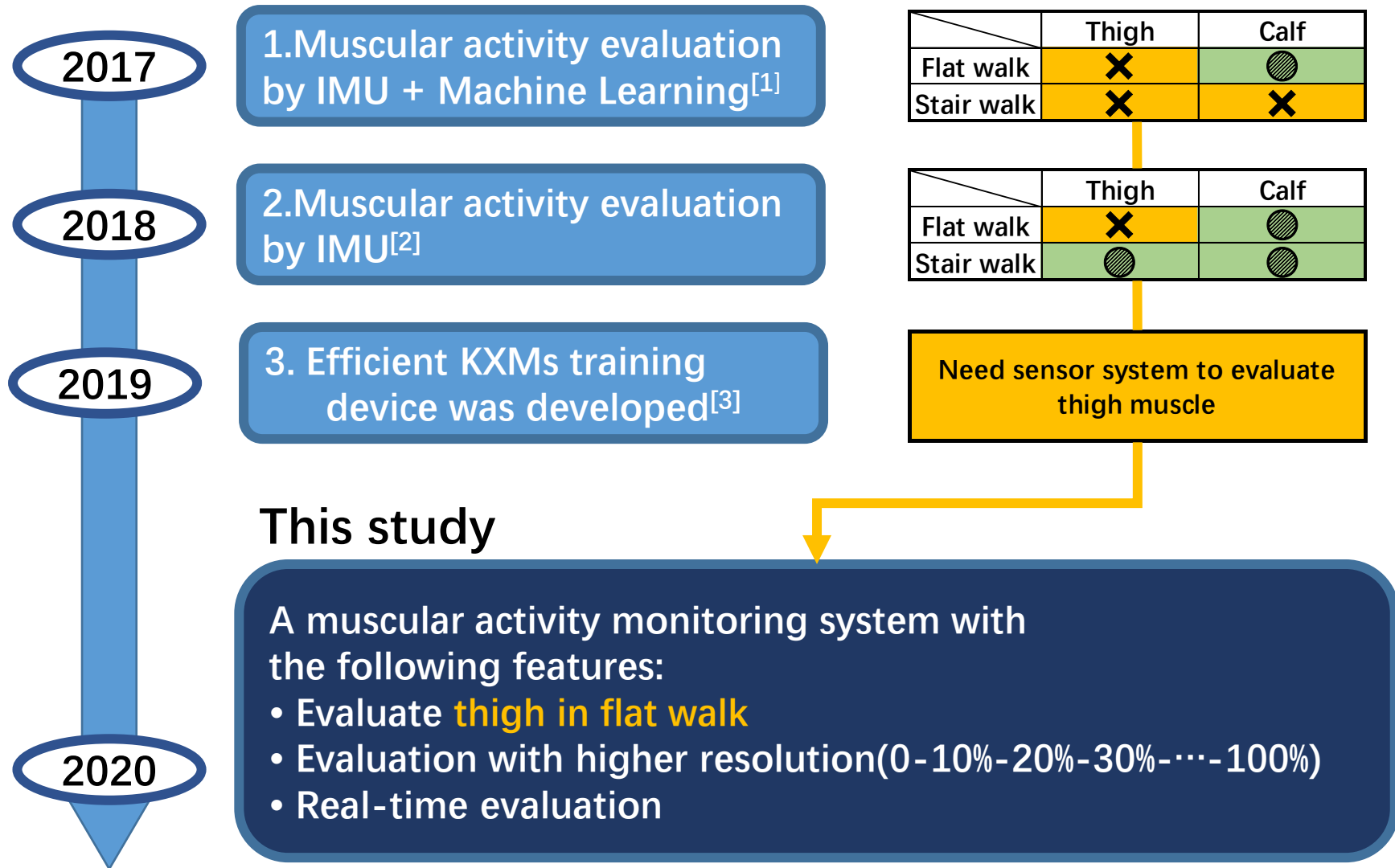
**Kinematics method** (Easy-to-Place) is a suitable choice for daily KXMs training

[1] Na, Y A study on estimation of joint force through isometric index finger abduction with the help of SEMG peaks for biomedical applications.

[2] Wang, Daqing(2019) Estimation of Human Quadriceps Contraction Strength Using Mechanomyogram Signal

[3] Kasai, Ritaro(2017) Development of a training system to increase knee extension load during walking -Muscular activity estimation by IMU

# RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

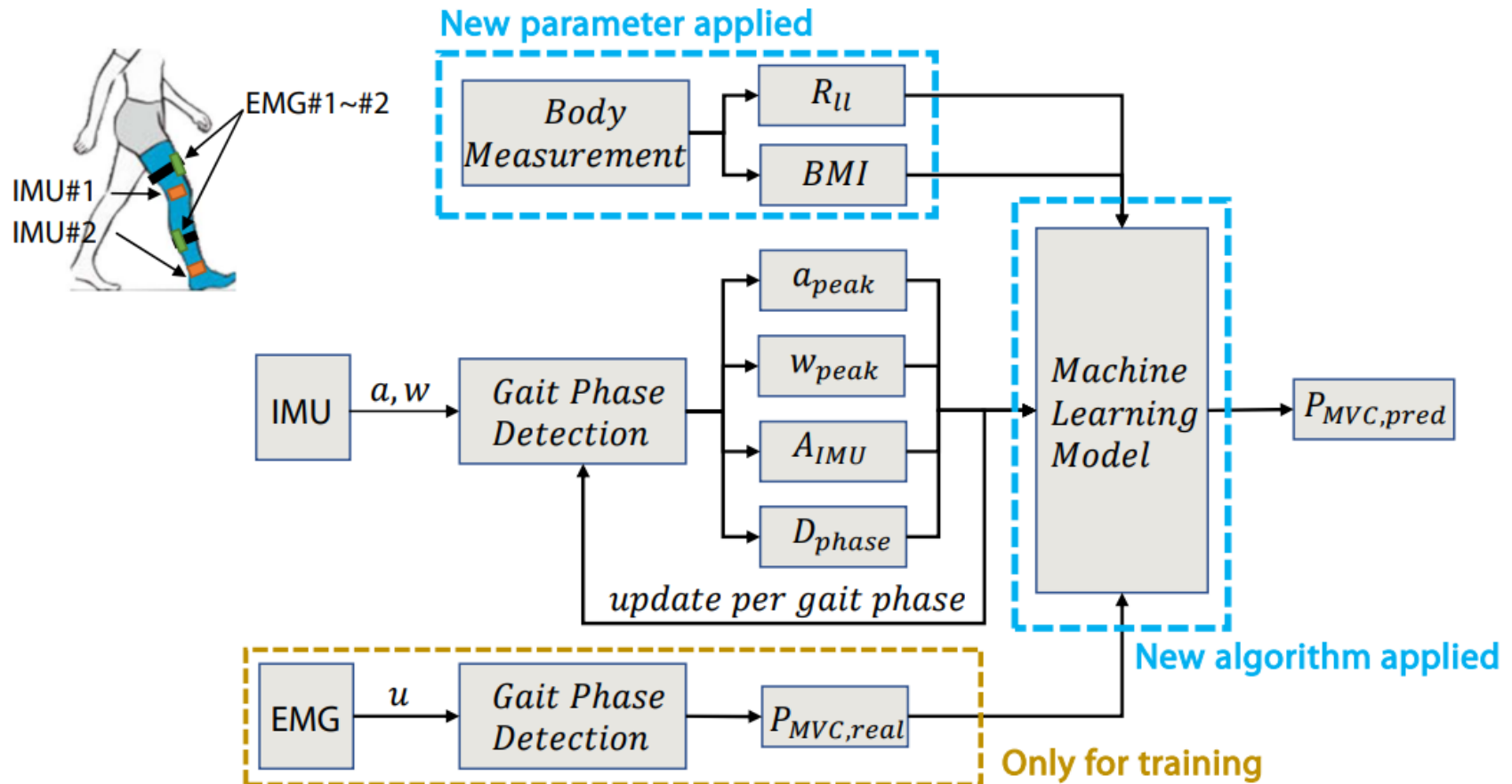


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[3] Z. Gu, M. S. A. Maamari, D. Zhang, Y. Kawakami, S. Cosentino and A. Takanishi, "Design and Evaluation of a Training system to Increase Knee Extension Load During Walking," 2019 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics and Automation (ICMA), Tianjin, China, 2019, pp. 1288-1293.

# SYSTEM OVERVIEW-MODEL

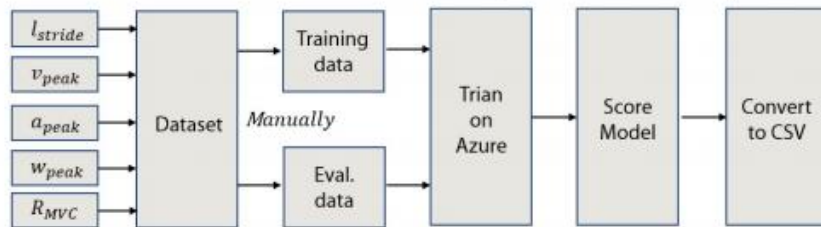




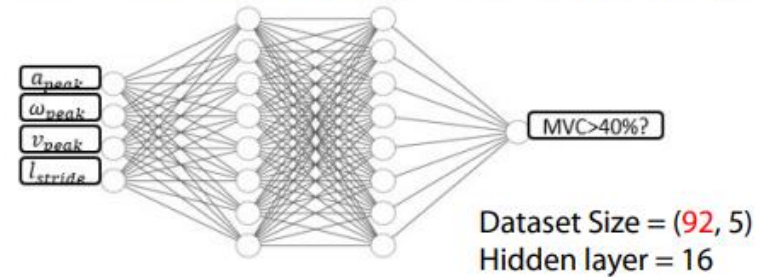
# TRIAL EXPERIMENT

- Azure<sup>[1]</sup>(previous) vs Local training(this study) using previous database

*Previous: Train on **Cloud**(Azure, ANN)*



*This time: Train on **Local**(Tensorflow, ANN)*



In this study, local training applied as it is more **feasible** for adjusting training parameters.

## Result

	Platform	Cycle	Result(RMSE*)
Previous	Azure	80	9.4%
Re-do 1	Local (Tensorflow r1.15)	100	9.6%
Re-do 2		1000	3.4%
Re-do 3		100	9.3%(BMI)

$$*RMSE(X, h) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h(x_i) - y_i)^2} \quad \text{smaller is better}$$

- ① Better result when consider **individual difference**.
- ② **Overfitting** happened when learning cycle increase.
- ③ **More database** is need.

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# EXPERIMENT

## ❑ Objective:

- Extend database
- Evaluate algorithm

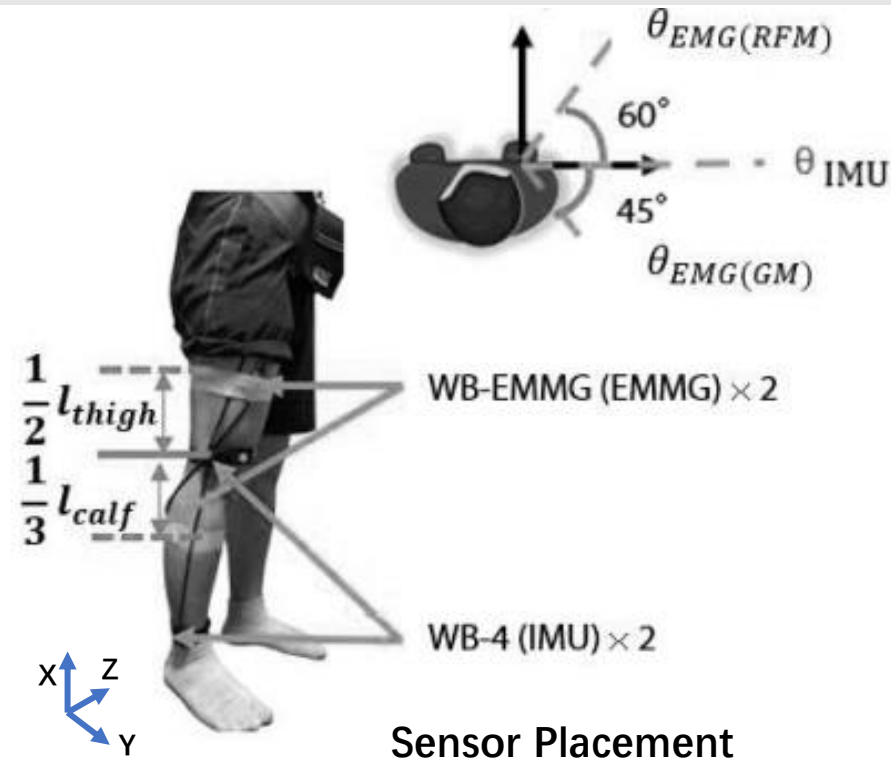
## ❑ Participants:

14 healthy young adults  
(8 male + 6 female,  
21-44 years old)

## ❑ Protocol:

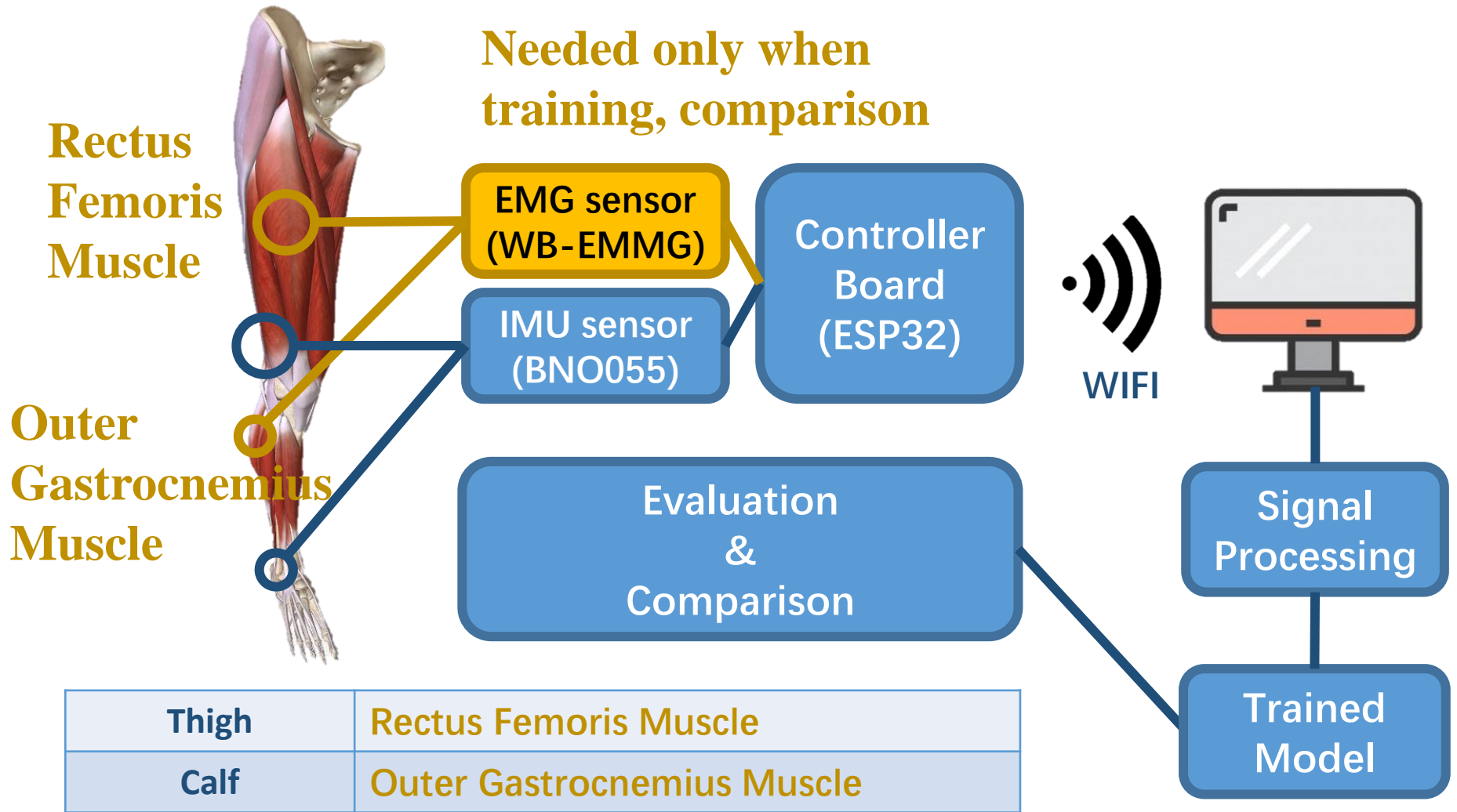
- Body measurement (Lower limb ratio & BMI)
- Normal walk, 5[m] \* 5 [times] back and forth walk: 4 [groups]
- Fast walk, 5[m] \* 5 [times] back and forth walk: 4 [groups]
- MVC measurement

## ❑ Results: **649** Phases available for model training.



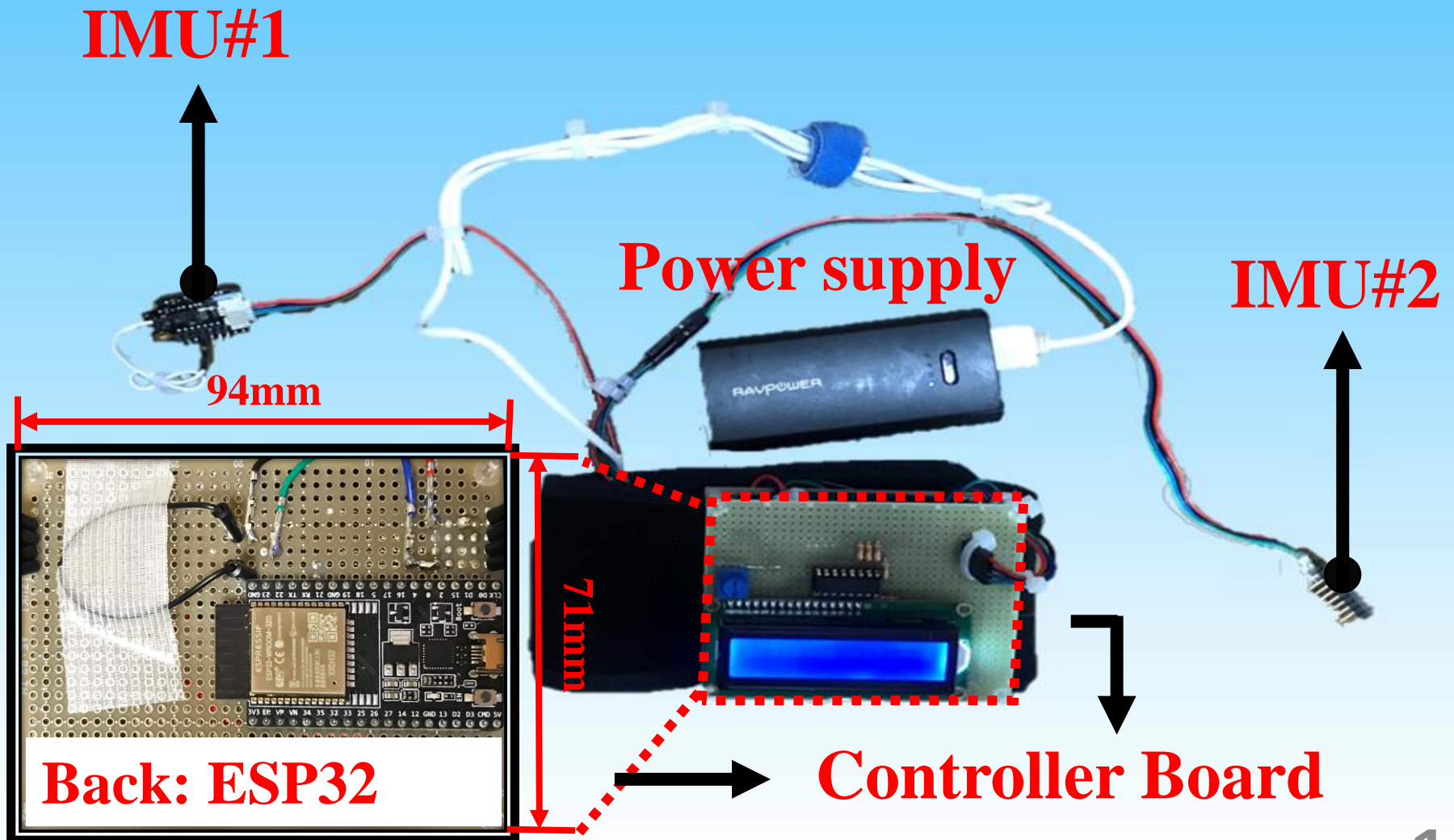


# SYSTEM OVERVIEW-HARDWARE

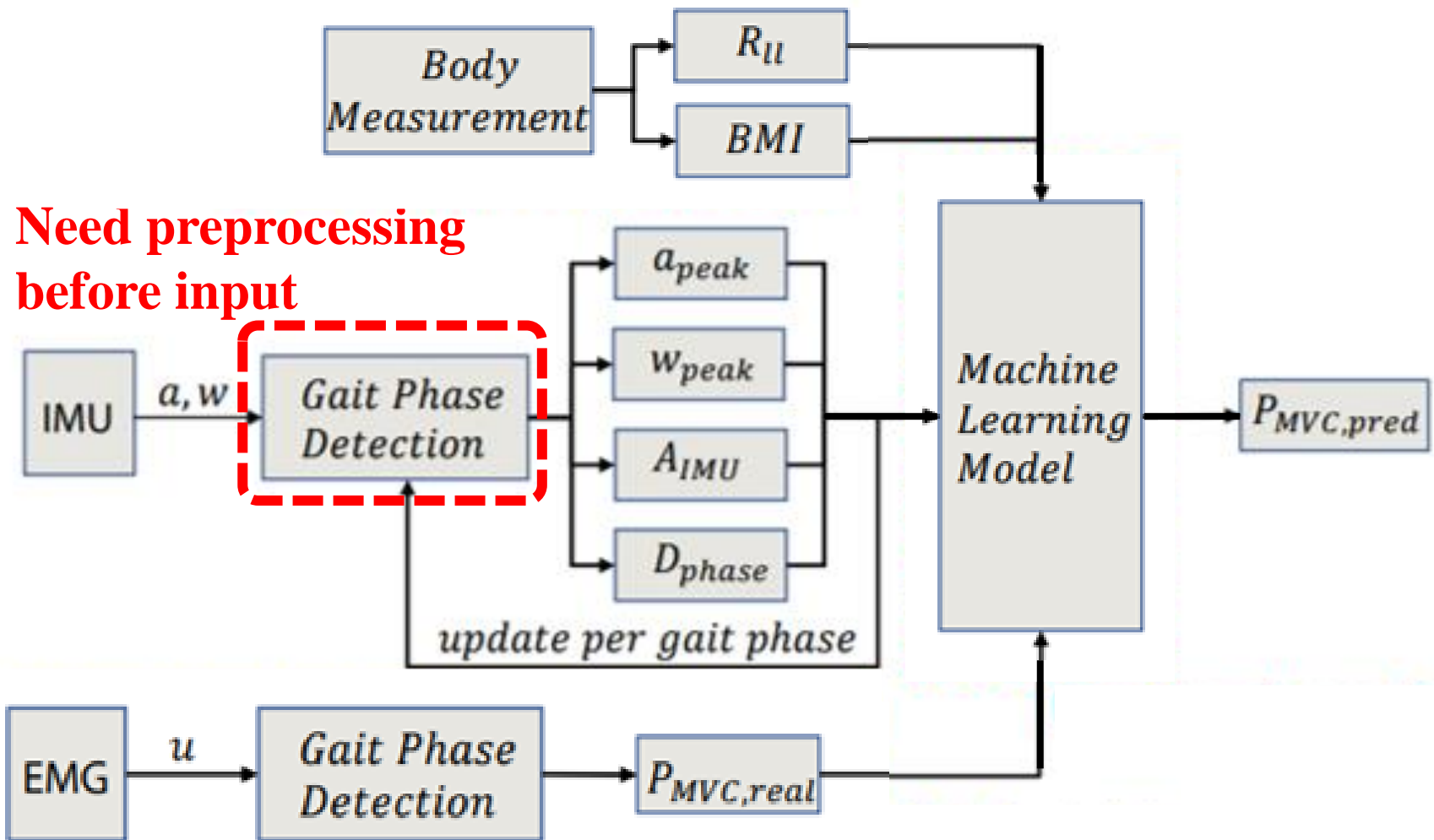


# SYSTEM OVERVIEW-HARDWARE

## Image of the prototype hardware

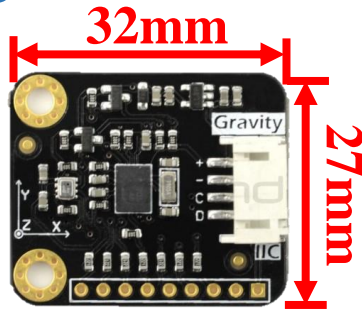


# PREPROCESSING

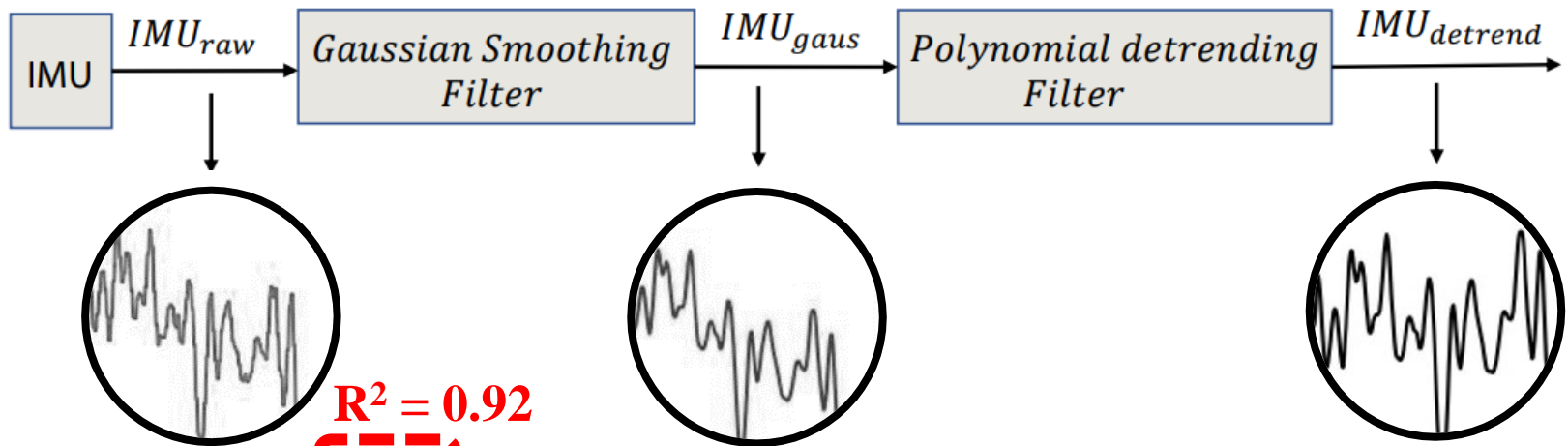


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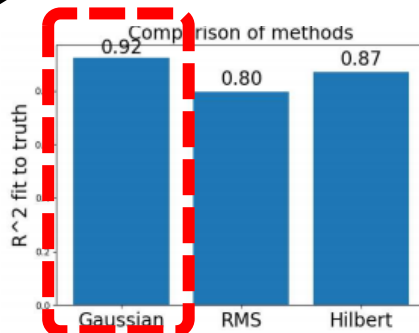
## 1. Signal Processing(IMU: BNO055)



Sensor	DOF	Accelerometer		Gyroscope	
		Range	Bandwidth	Range	Bandwidth
BNO055	9	$\pm 2g/\pm 4g/\pm 8g/\pm 16$	$1k \sim 8$ [Hz]	$\pm 125 \sim 2000$ [deg/s]	$523 \sim 12$ [Hz]



$R^2 = 0.92$



Denoising Filter  
Performance  
Comparison

Gaussian Smoothing Filter:

$$\text{Kernel: } g = e^{\frac{-4 \ln(2)t^2}{w^2}} \quad \text{Filter: } y_t = \sum_{i=t-k}^{t+k} x_i g_i$$

\*IMU signal change

# PREPROCESSING

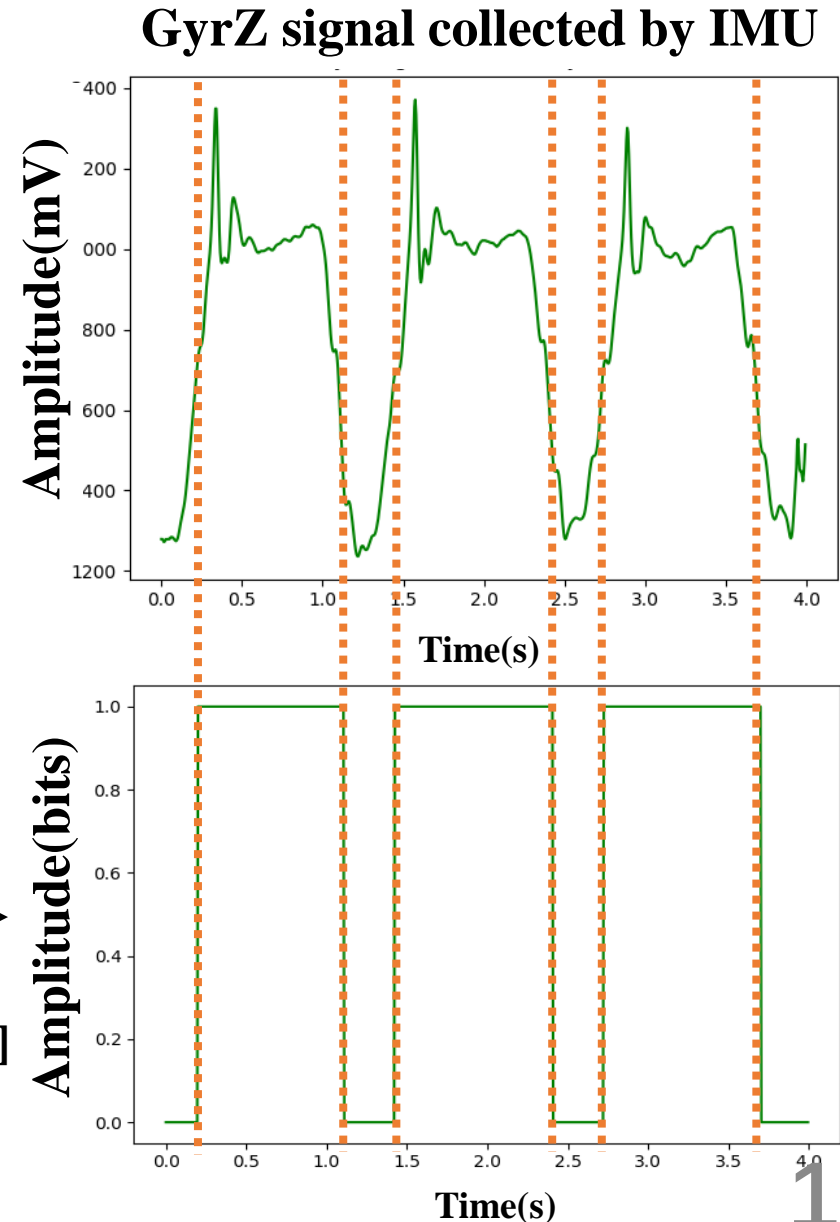
## 2. Gait Phase detect

Gait phase separated  
by Threshold, Then  
turn to digital signal



Featured parameter  
calculation

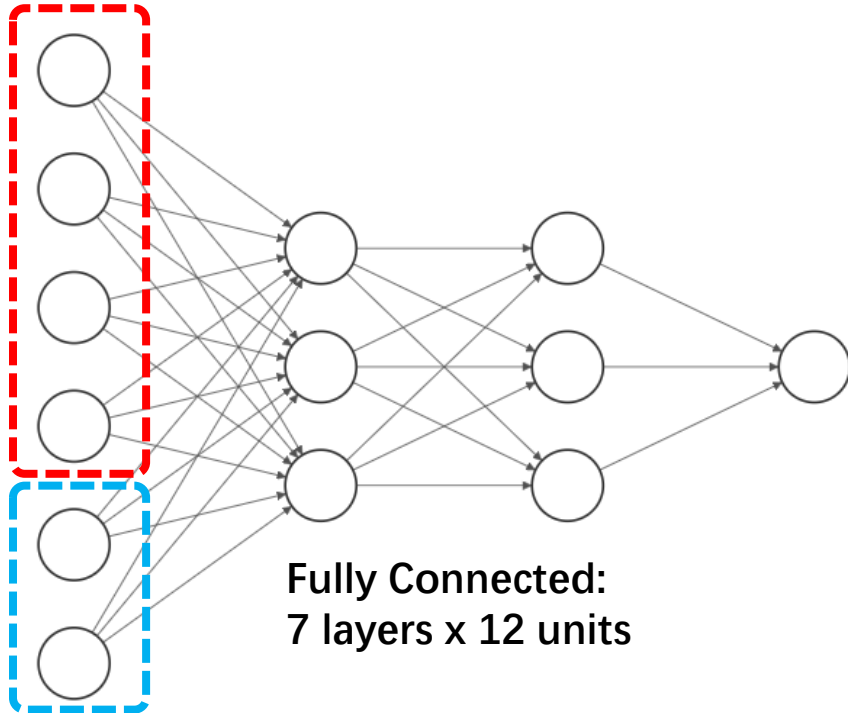
$a_{peak}$	Peak acceleration [ $\text{m/s}^2$ ]
$w_{peak}$	Peak angular velocity [ $\text{rad/s}$ ]
$A_{IMU}$	Area under IMU signal curve [ $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}$ ]
$D_{phase}$	Duration of the gait phase [ms]



# MODEL OPTIMIZATION

## 1. Hyper-parameter Selection

Featured kinematics  
inputs(via IMU): [4,649]



Individual Differences(via Body  
measurement): [2,649]

Objective: optimize model's performance  
by adjusting hyper-parameter

Hyper-Parameter adjusted with  
GridSearchCV method

n_HiddenLayer	7
n_NeuronUnit	12
act_Func	'relu'
Optimizer	'Adam'
loss_Func	'logcosh'

\*Environment:  
- Python 3.6.5  
- CUDA 10.0  
- Tensorflow 2.0.0  
- Keras 2.3.1

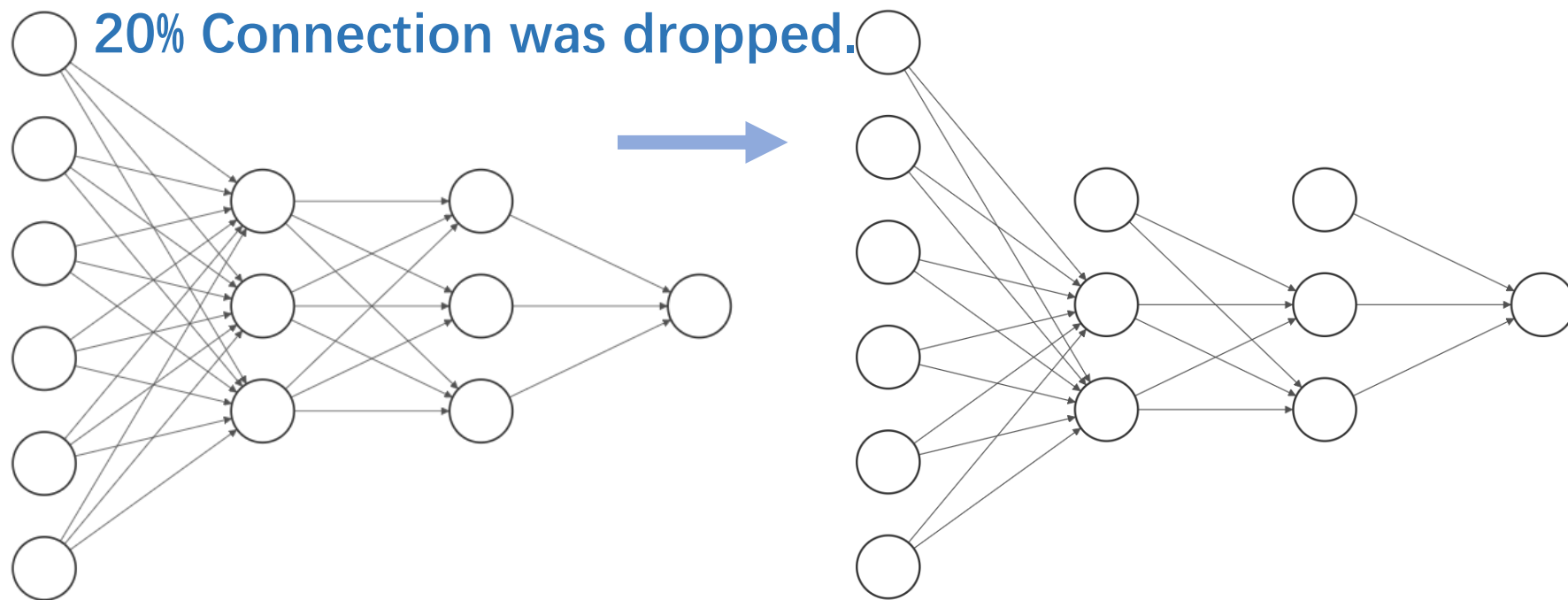
**Result: Performance was  
improved by 6.4% in average**



# MODEL OPTIMIZATION

## 2. Random Connection Dropping(Dropout)

**Objective: prevent over-fitting happened (generalization ability reduce)**

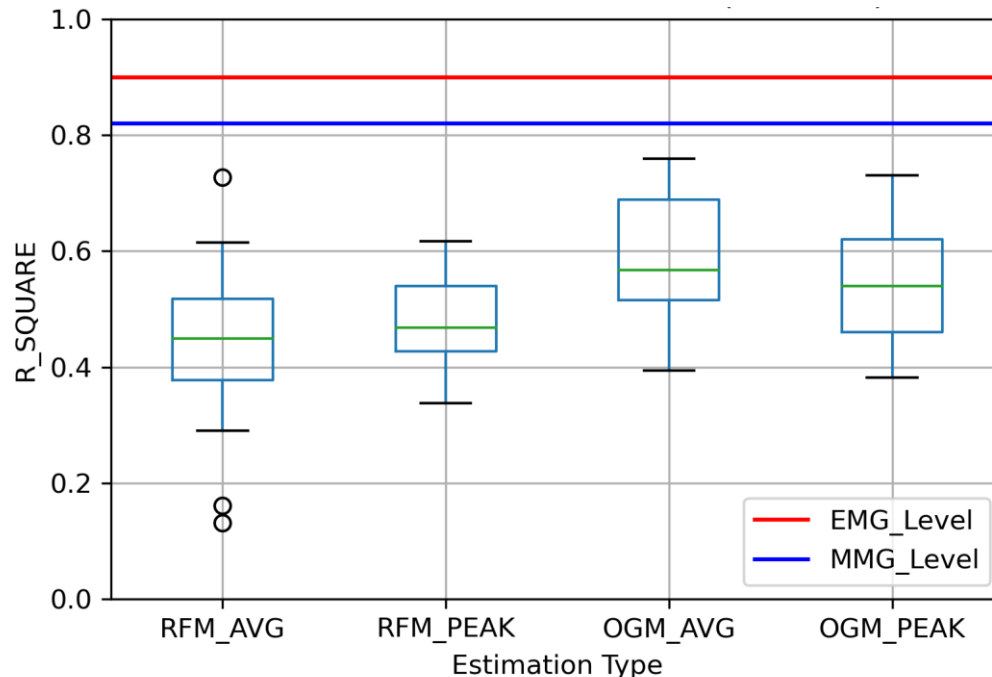


**Result: performance difference between training data and testing data drop from 20%~40% to < 5%**

# Results

## 1. Model Performance boxplot

10-fold cross validation results (20 times)



## 2. Real-time Performance (Latency): For 1 gait phase

Processing (PC)	Wireless	Total
72 [ms]	120 [ms]	192 [ms]

\*Regular frequency of human stride:

**1[Hz] ~ 4[Hz]**

**=>**

**250 [ms] ~ 1000[ms]**

		2021.1 Model (BNO055)	EMG sensor	MMG sensor
<b>MVC value estimation</b> <b>(Regression)</b> <b>Evaluation index:</b> <b>R Square</b> <b>(10-Fold cross validation, higher R<sup>2</sup> shows better results)</b>	MVC <sub>AVG</sub> (RFM)	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.90 ±0.02</b>	<b>0.82 ±0.04</b>
	MVC <sub>Peak</sub> (RFM)	<b>0.47</b>		
	MVC <sub>AVG</sub> (OGM)	<b>0.58</b>		
	MVC <sub>Peak</sub> (OGM)	<b>0.55</b>		

# Results

## Conclusion:

- Quantitative estimation for lower limb muscular activity (flat walk) in a high accuracy( $r^2 > 0.5$ ).
- Real time estimation

## Limitation:

- Model trained by EMG sensor data, data scale & EMG accuracy limit further performance improvement.
- Preprocessing calculation made the system need powerful hardware or latency increase.

# Future work

- Performance improvement:
  - 1. Merge multiple sensor data to break the limit of only using single type sensor(Not just EMG).
  - 2. Extend application scenario(more complicate exercise & specific object group).
- Real time estimation:
  - 1. Simplifying algorithm to decrease calculation difficulty.
  - 2. Trying model no need gait phase detection.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**