

# Machine Learning and its application in Advanced Prostheses

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"All models are  
wrong, but some  
are useful."

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**George Box**



# Background

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Lower-Limb, among most common amputation (Robbins et al., 2008)

Associated with High Mortality Rates, Lower Quality of Life (Robbins et al., 2008)



# Active vs Passive

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Passive: prosthetic device that does not move on its own



Active: prosthetic device powered in some form by a microprocessor

Active prostheses can aid in mobility and pain-relief  
(Stokosa, 2021)





# Prostheses

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- ✓ Aesthetics
  - ✓ Advanced Technology
  - ✓ Cool...
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- Comfortable?
  - Painful?
  - Functional?



# Problem Statement

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*In view of the pressing need to **improve the quality of life** for individuals with prostheses, specifically for Lower-Limb Amputations, we seek to **apply a Neural Network** classification algorithm with the objective of integrating to active/assisted prostheses to **increase functionality**.*



# Locomotive Intentions



**MAKE THE PROSTHESIS RESPONSIVE**





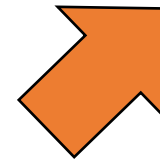
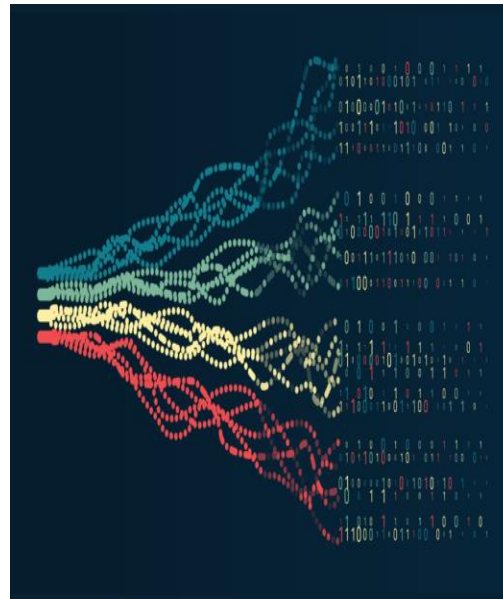
# Identifying the Activity



*Engage in 12  
activities  
with sensors*



*Collect sensory  
data*



*Build classification  
model*



# Identifying the Activity

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# Data

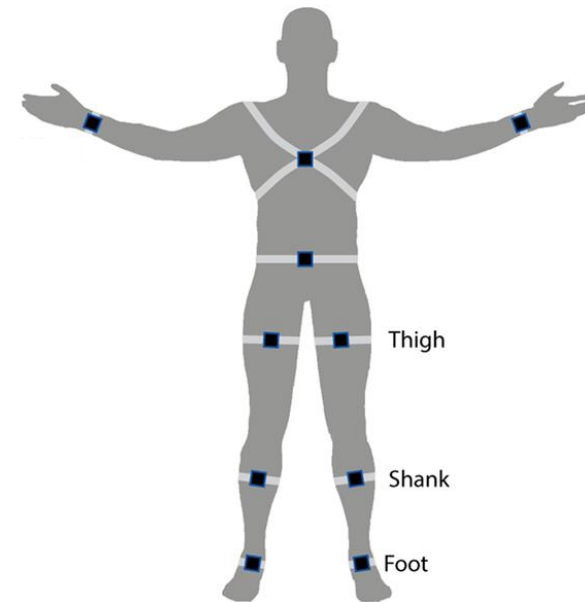


# Dataset

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## HuGaDB: Human Gait Database for Activity Recognition from Wearable Inertial Sensor Networks

- Uses accelerometer, gyroscope, and EMG data
- Over 2 million observations
- 18 individuals --> 12 activities



# Activities



Activity	Observations
Walking	679,073
Running	328,655
Going up	241,756
Going down	180,573
Sitting	156,560
Sitting down	131,604
Standing up	116,637
Standing	89,144
Bicycling	71,653
Up by elevator	69,729
Down by elevator	24,112
Sitting in car	22,373



# Methods

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Compare 3 optimized models



Embed model to IMU device for proof-of-concept





# The Classification Models

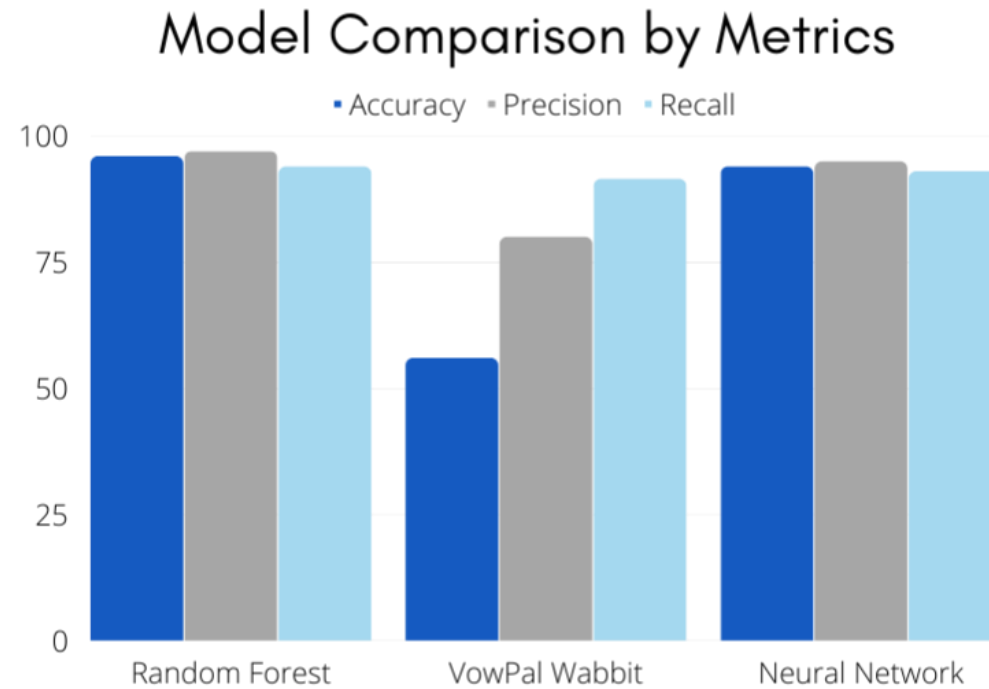
Random Forest

Neural Network

Vowpal Wabbit



# Results



# Discussion/Ethics

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Evaluative Metrics

Limitations

Autonomy and Privacy



# Conclusions

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## **What we knew:**

- Lower-limb amputations are among the most common
- Mobility and quality of life is affected

## **What we found:**

- Machine learning can be part of the process
- After exploring several models...



# Conclusions

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**NEURAL NETWORK WAS THE  
MOST USEFUL!!!**



*Further study and implementation is necessary and encouraged!*



# Applying the Model

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# Questions

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*What questions came to mind during our presentation?*



# Citations

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