



# Task-based Classification of Reflective Thinking Using Mixture of Classifiers\*

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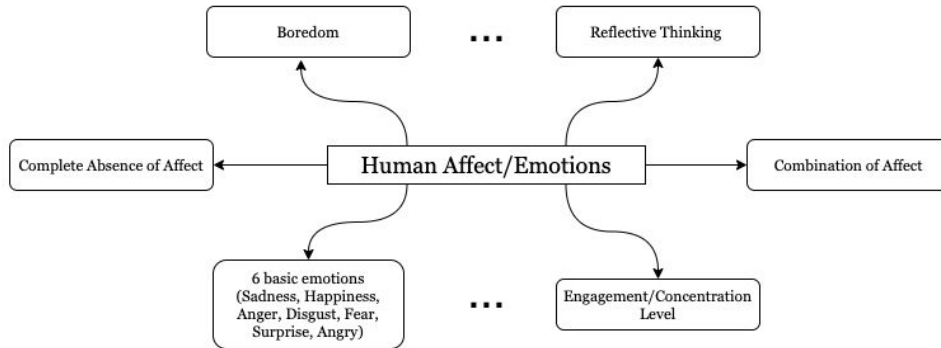
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# Structure of Presentation

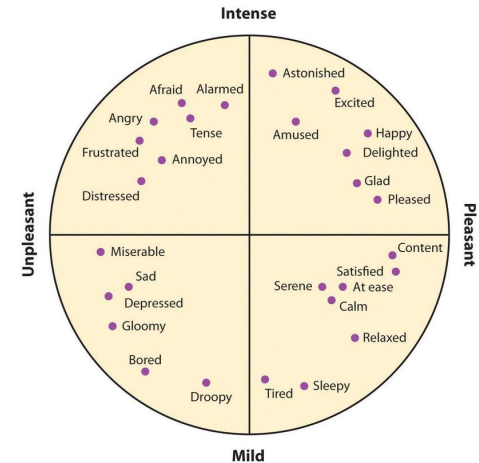
- Defining Affect and its Application
- Task-based Classification of Reflective Thinking Using Mixture of Classifiers
- Key takeaways and filling the gap
- PhD Roadmap

# Affective Computing

*“Affective Computing is the study and development of systems and devices that can recognize, interpret, process, and simulate human affects<sup>1</sup>”*



Emotion as **Categorical<sup>2</sup>** set



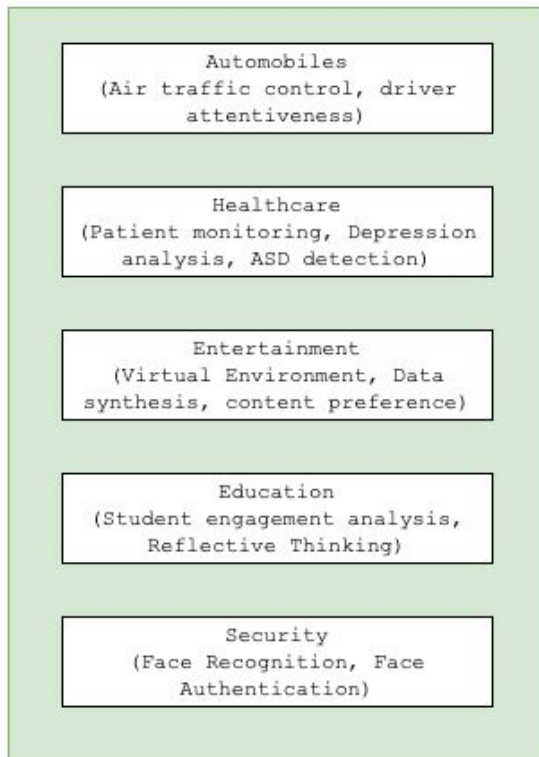
Emotion as **Dimensional<sup>3</sup>** set

[1] Affective computing - Wikipedia.

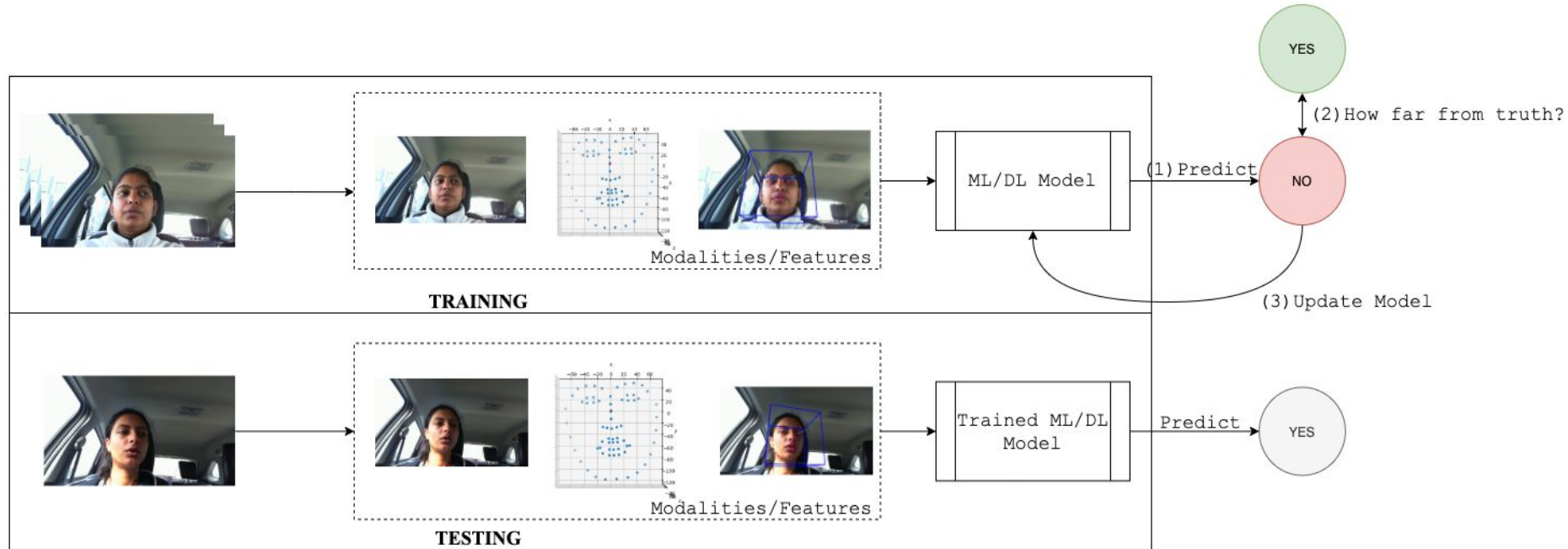
[2] Ekman, Paul. "An argument for basic emotions." *Cognition & emotion* 6.3-4 (1992): 169-200.

[3] Russell, James A., and Albert Mehrabian. "Evidence for a three-factor theory of emotions." *Journal of research in Personality* 11.3 (1977): 273-294.

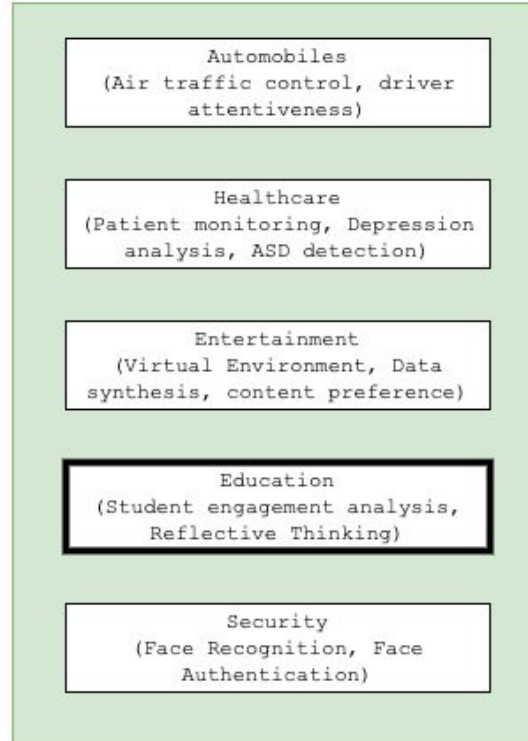
# Application Areas



# Leveraging ML/DL in Affective Computing

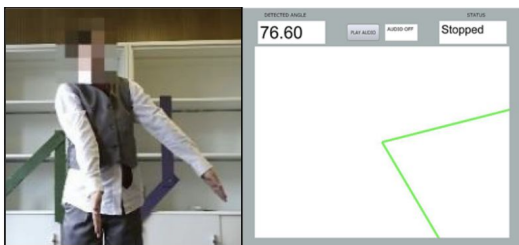


# Application Areas



# Dataset and Task Description

## WeDraw-1 Dataset<sup>4</sup>



**Task 0**

**Forming Angles**, where the child explored static representation of given angles using their arms



**Task 1**

**Bodily Angles Sums and Differences**, given two 3D object representing angles, the child had to represent the sum of angles using their arms.

**Rotating in Angles**, represent the above sum of angles using full body rotation.

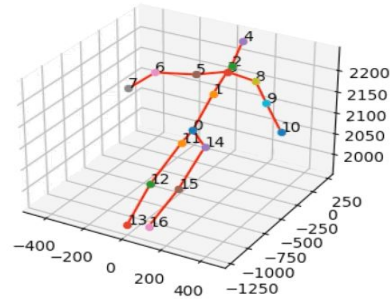


**Task 2**

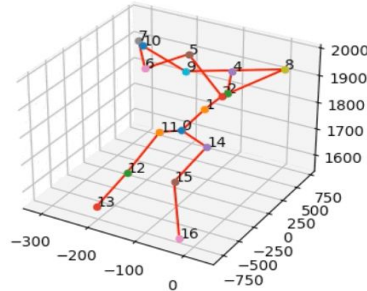
**Making shape reflections**, where the child explored symmetry and reflections of shapes using different shaped cutouts.

[4] Olugbade, Temitayo, et al. "Automatic detection of reflective thinking in mathematical problem solving based on unconstrained bodily exploration." *IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing* (2020)

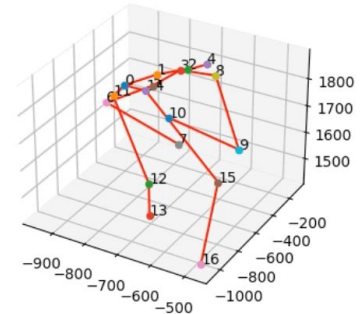
# Reflective Thinking Detection



**Task 0: Forming Static Angles**



**Task 1: Bodily Angles Sums and Differences, Rotating in Angles**



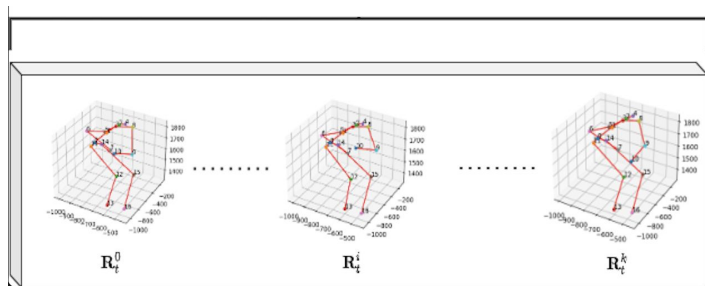
**Task 2: Making shape reflections**



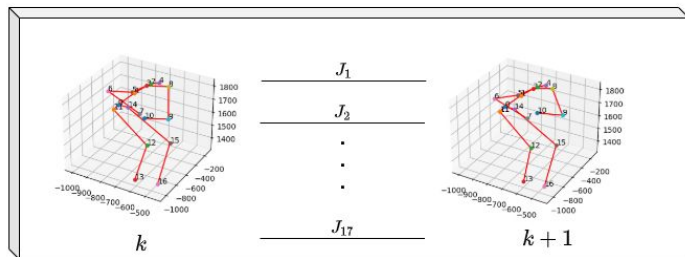


# Feature Space

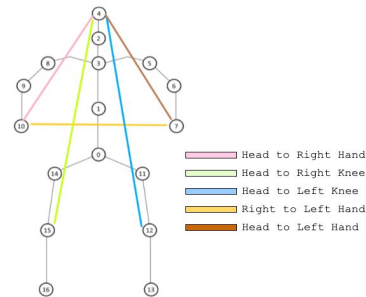
(a) Raw Features:  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 17 \times 3}$



(c) Temporal Features:  $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 17}$



(b) Handcrafted Features:  $\mathcal{H}_{seg} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 5}$

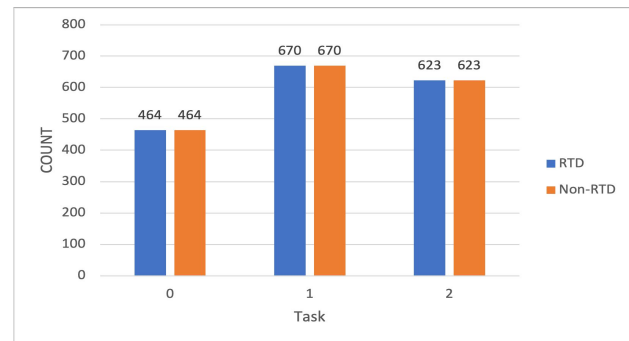
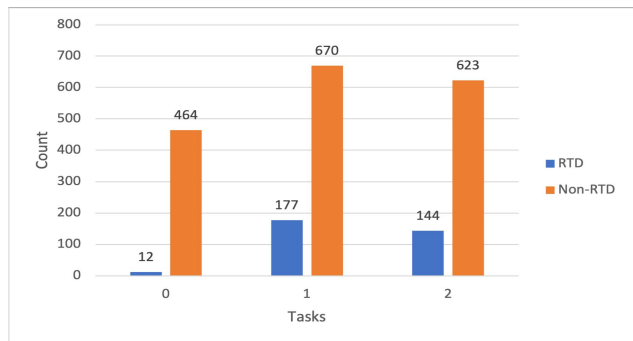


(d) Extended Handcrafted Features:  $\mathcal{H}_{ext} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 29}$

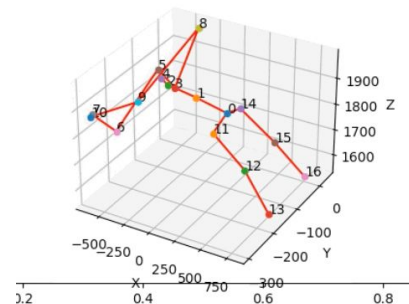
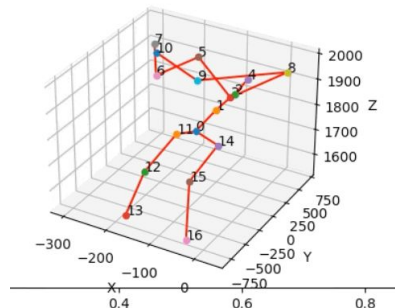
- Extended Handcrafted features inspired by the baseline<sup>5</sup>.
- 29 features evaluated on different energy functions.

# Augmentation Techniques

## Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique (SMOTE)<sup>6</sup>

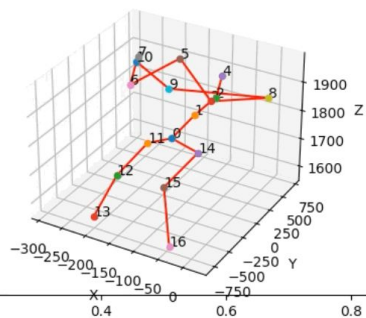


Reflection



[6] Chawla, Nitesh V., et al. "SMOTE: synthetic minority over-sampling technique." *Journal of artificial intelligence research* 16 (2002): 321-357.

# Data Preprocessing



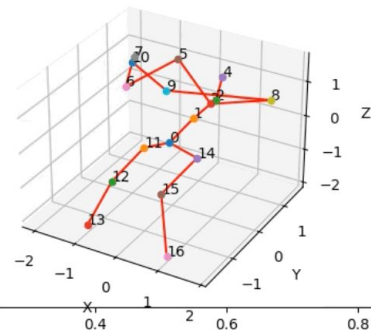
$$\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 17 \times 3}$$

**Cubic Interpolation**

$$\mathbb{R}^{n \times 17 \times 3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{120 \times 17 \times 3}$$

**Z-score  
Normalization**

$$x_{norm} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$



$$\mathcal{R} \in \mathbb{R}^{120 \times 17 \times 3}$$

# Task-based classification

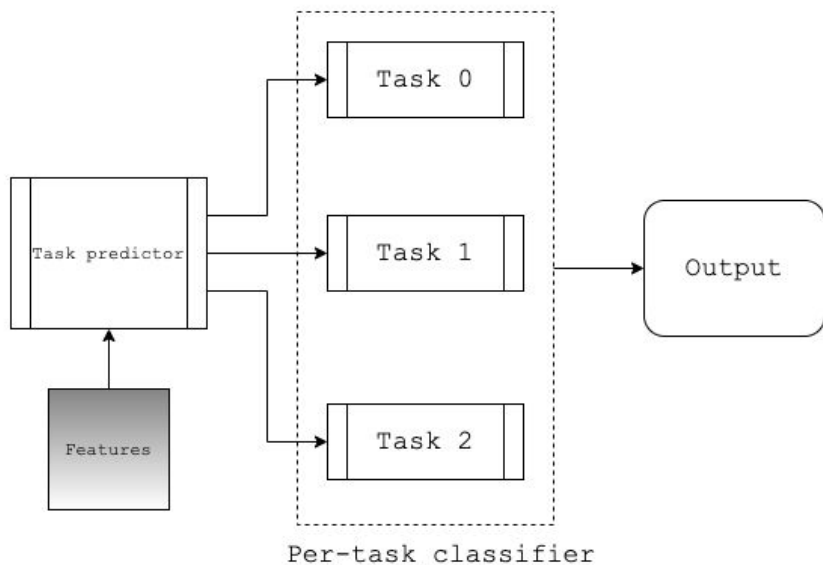


Fig 7: Task-based framework

Features
Raw Features
Handcrafted Features
Extended HF
Temporal Features

Augmentation
SMOTE
Reflection

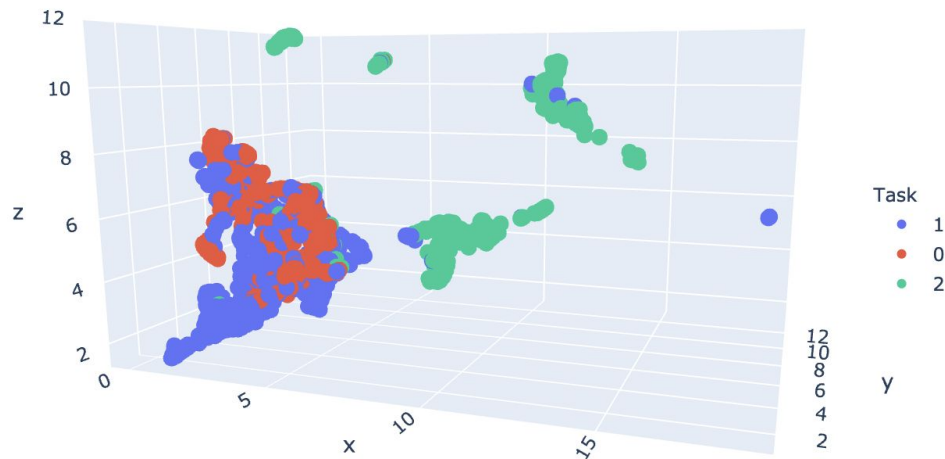
Classifier
Random Forest
Gradient Boosting
LSTM

Table I: Bag of Features, Augmentations, and Classifiers

# Data Visualization using UMAP<sup>7</sup>

Feature selection for task-predictor

Raw Features  $\mathcal{R}$  shows distinct segregation in low-dimensional space per task

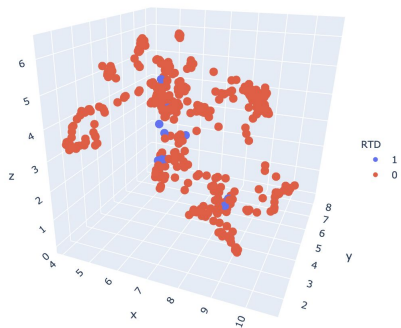


**Fig 8:** UMAP embeddings of Raw features based on tasks

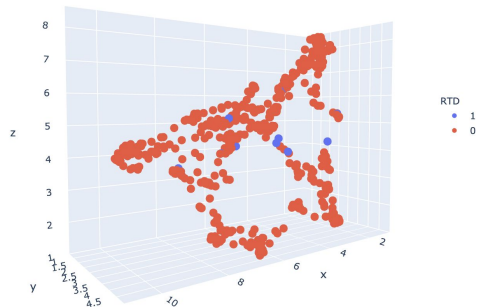
# Data Visualization (Task 0)

Fig 9: UMAP embeddings for feature elimination for Task 0 on RTD labels.

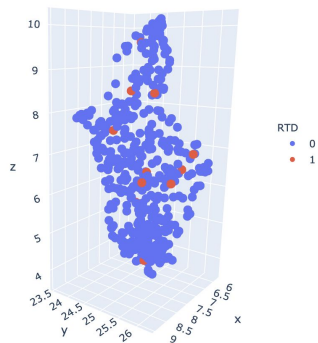
(a) Raw Features



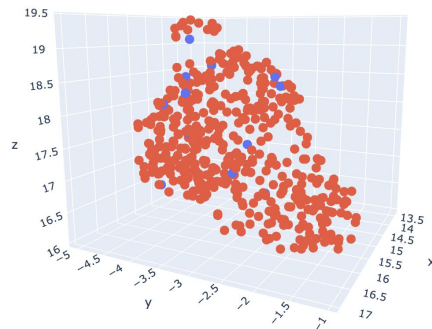
(b) Handcrafted Features



(c) Extended HF



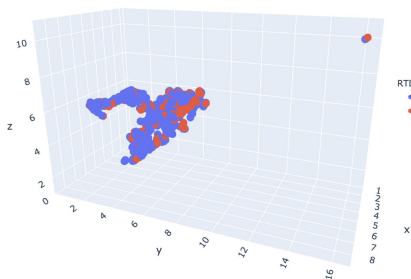
(d) Temporal Features



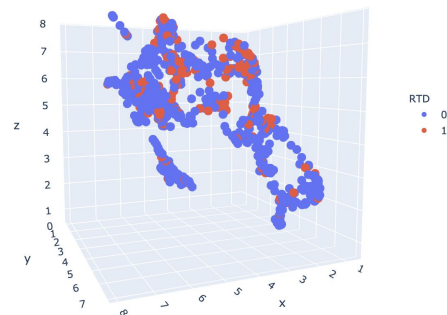
# Data Visualization (Task 1)

Fig 10: UMAP embeddings for feature elimination for Task 1 on RTD labels.

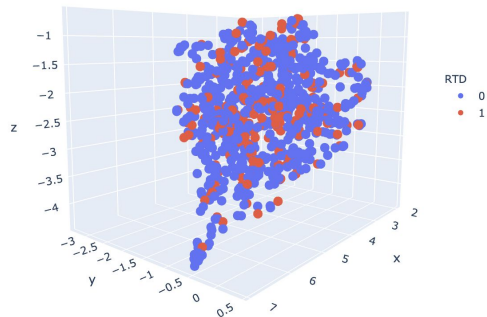
(a) Raw Features



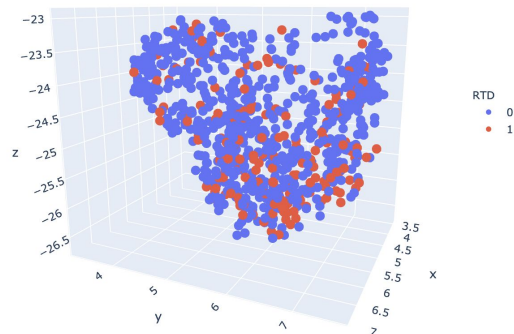
(b) Handcrafted Features



(c) Extended HF



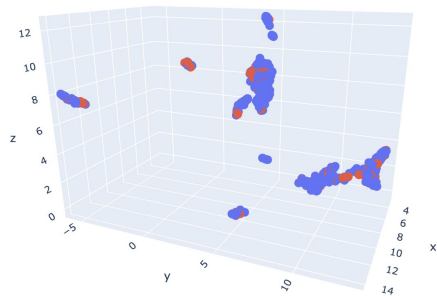
(d) Temporal Features



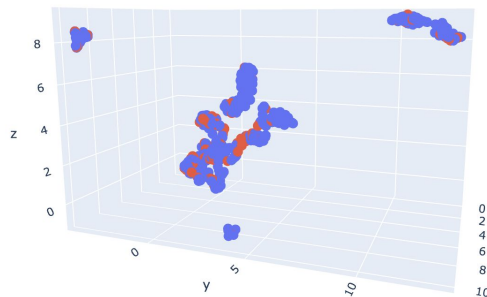
# Data Visualization (Task 2)

Fig 11: UMAP embeddings for feature elimination for Task 2 on RTD labels.

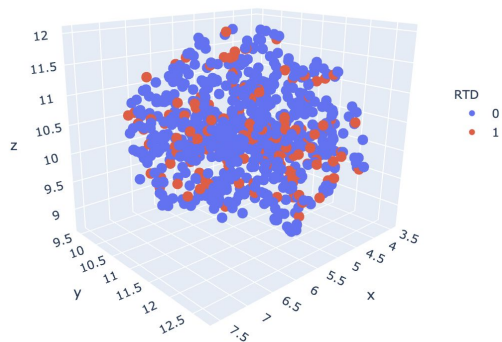
(a) Raw Features



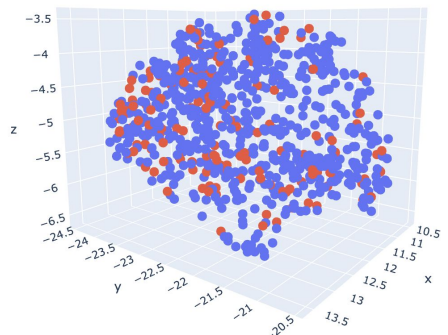
(b) Handcrafted Features



(c) Extended HF

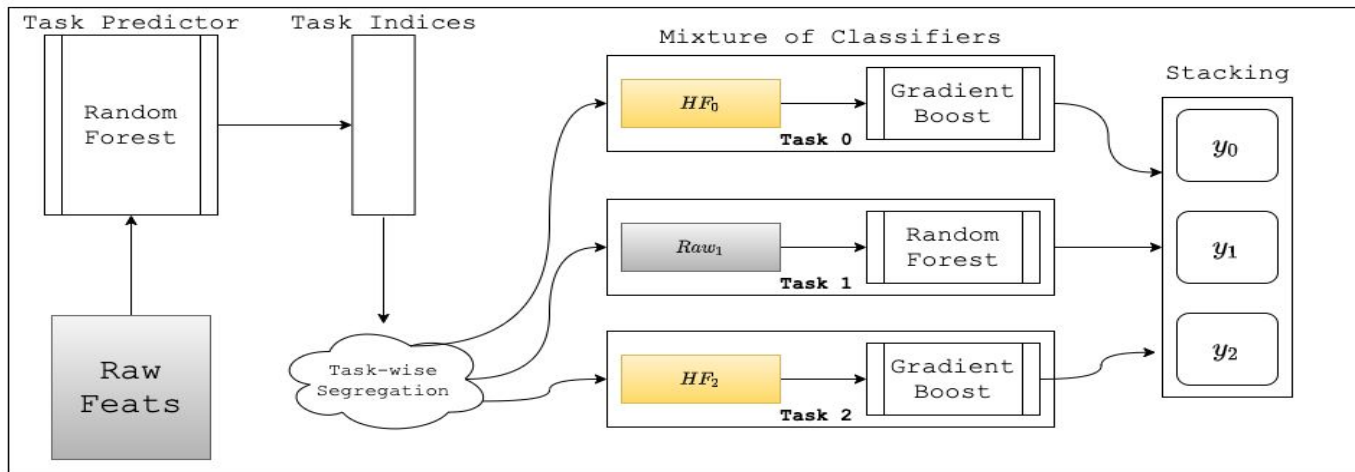


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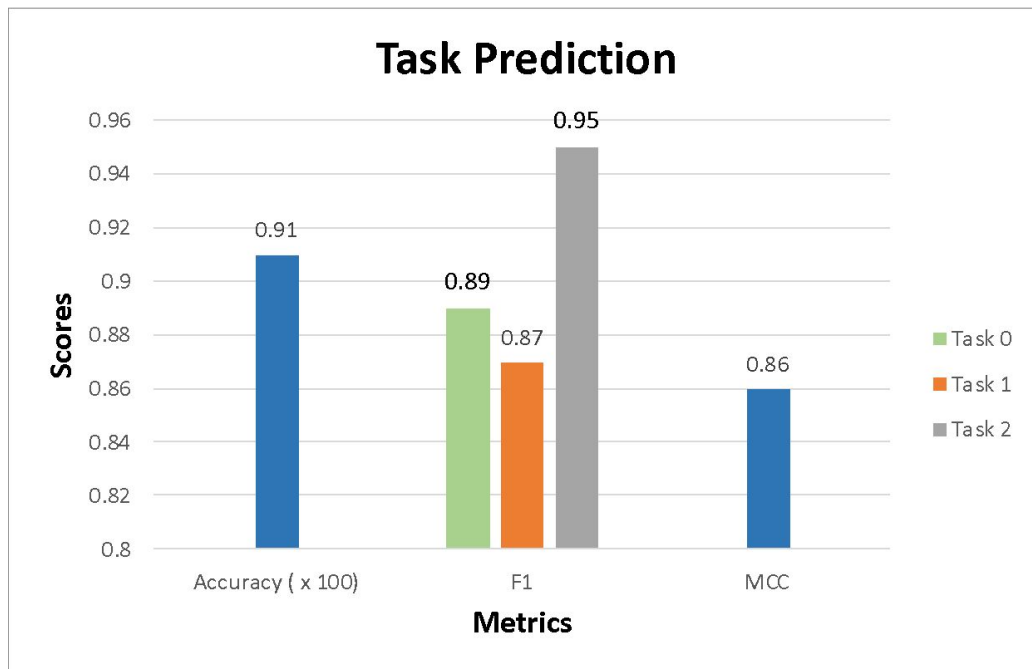


# Architecture



Classification Type		Method	Feature
Task Prediction		Random Forest	Raw Feature
RTD	Task 0	Gradient Boosting	Handcrafted Feature
	Task 1	Random Forest	Raw Feature
	Task 2	Gradient Boosting	Handcrafted Feature

# Results – Phase I | Task Prediction



**Fig 12:** Task prediction on validation set

# Results – Phase II | RTD Classification

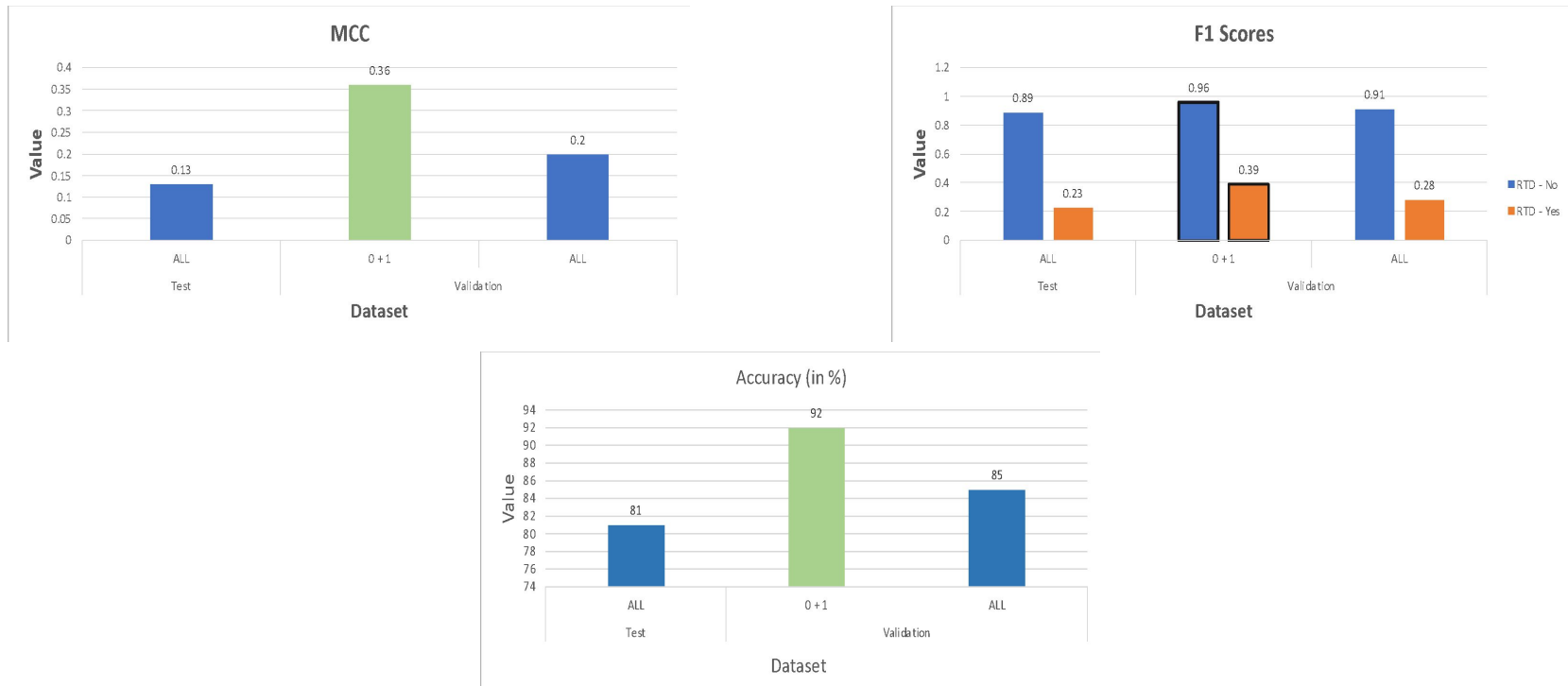


Fig 13: RTD results across validation and test sets

# Results – Better than Random Prediction

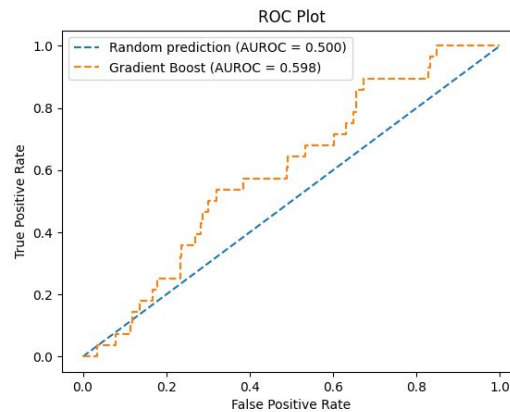
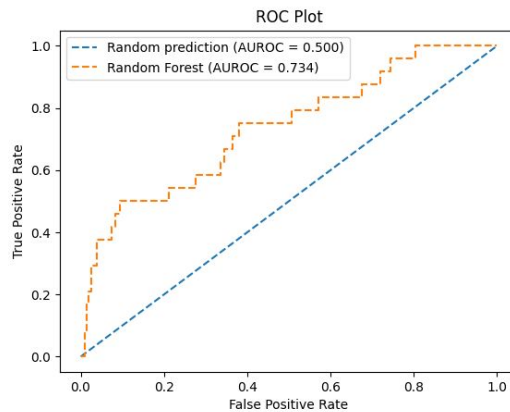
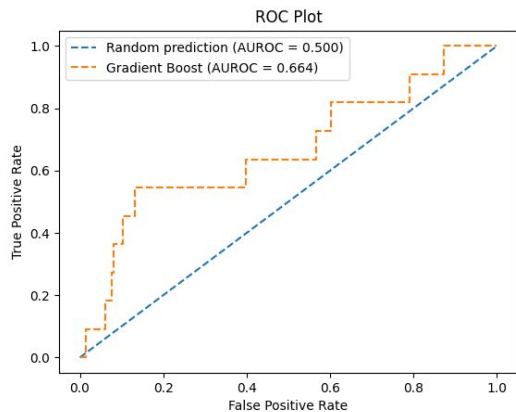
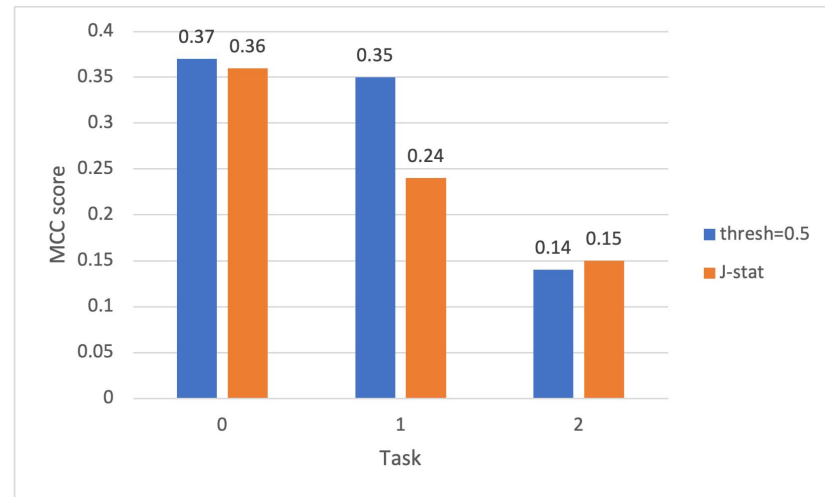
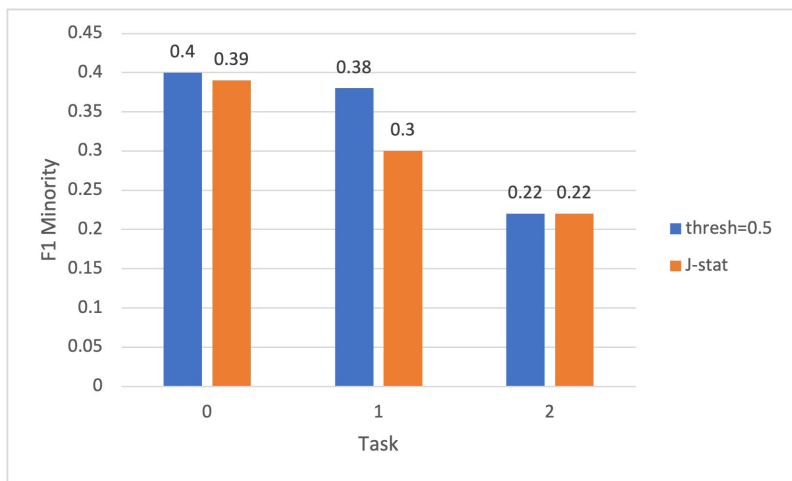


Fig 14: Task-wise ROC curves

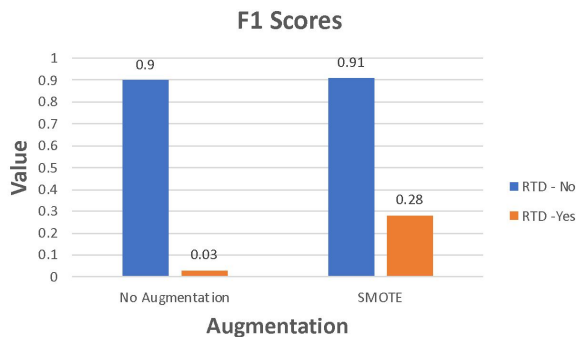
# Results – Optimal Threshold for improved RTD classification



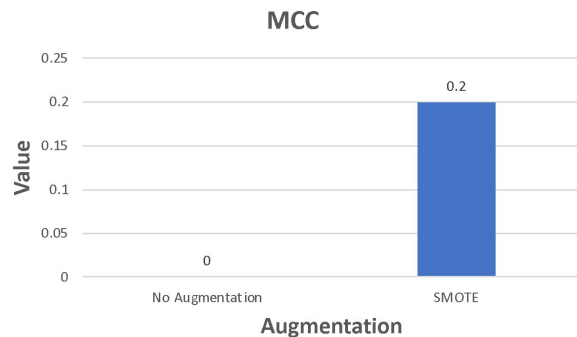
**Fig 15:** Comparison of F1 minority and MCC scores after finding best threshold score

# Experiments

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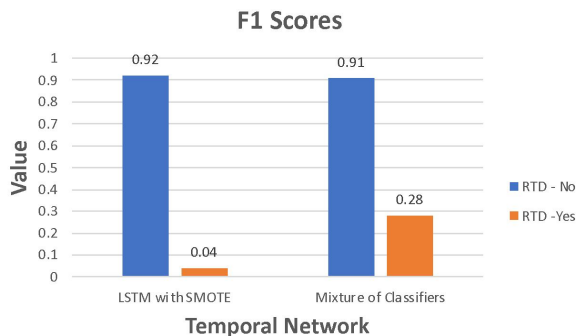


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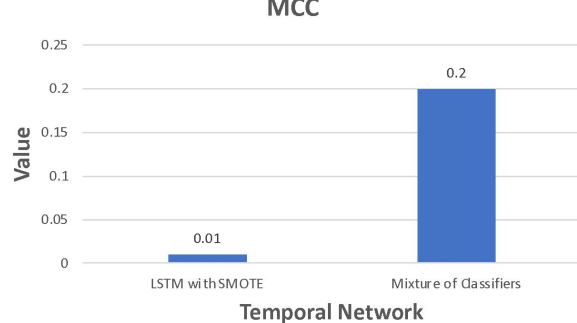


**Fig 16: Effect of SMOTE as data augmentation**

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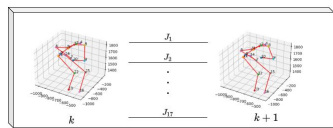
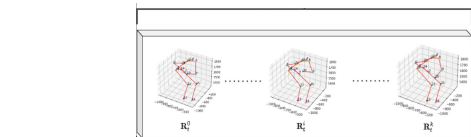


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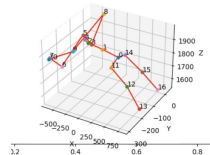
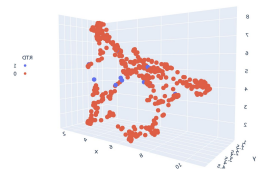
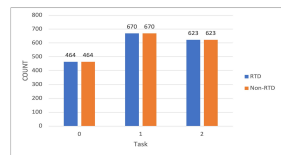


**Fig 17: Using Temporal Networks with SMOTE**

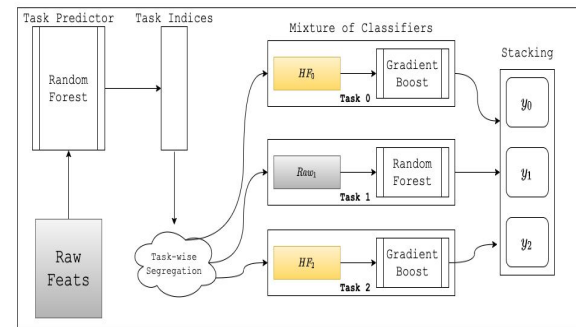
# Summary



Feature  
Space



Augmentation &  
UMAP



Pipeline

Class	RTD No	RTD Yes
RTD No	648	81
RTD Yes	40	23

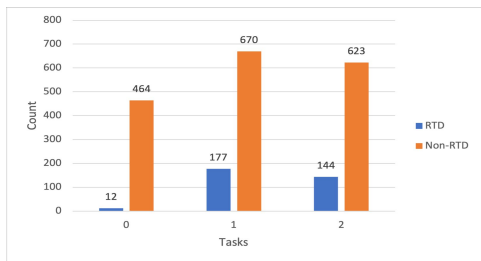
Confusion  
Matrix

Dataset	Accuracy (in %)	F1	MCC
Validation	85	[0.91, <b>0.28</b> ]	<b>0.2</b>
Test	81	[0.89, <b>0.23</b> ]	<b>0.13</b>

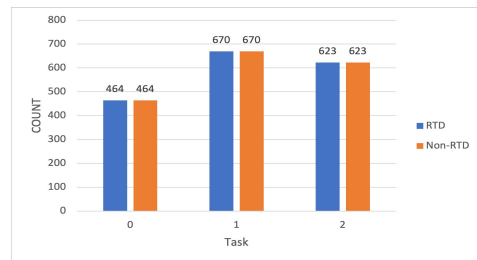
Results

# Limitations and Future Work

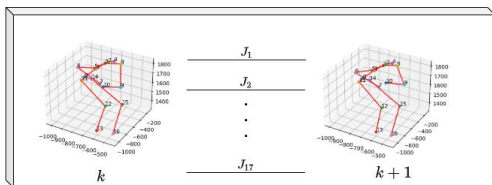
- Minority class performance is limited.*



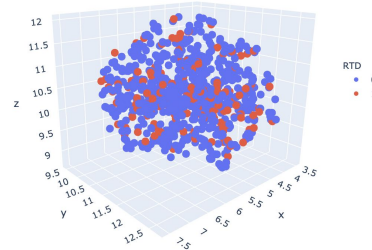
SMOTE  
Not Enough?



- Dimensionality reduction using UMAP did not provide concrete class separation*



UMAP  
Is it Useful?





# Addressing the Limitations

## Flow-based Generative Models<sup>7</sup>

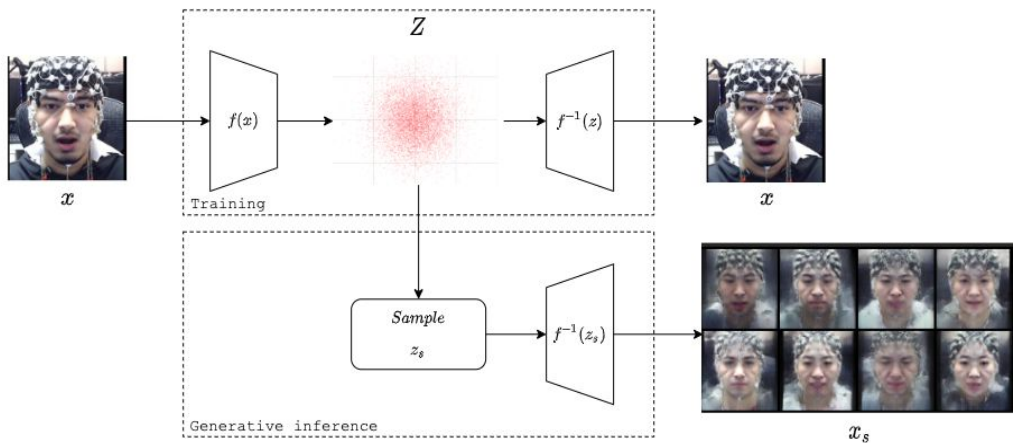


Fig 18: Normalizing Flow Architecture

## Self-attention models (Transformers)<sup>8</sup>

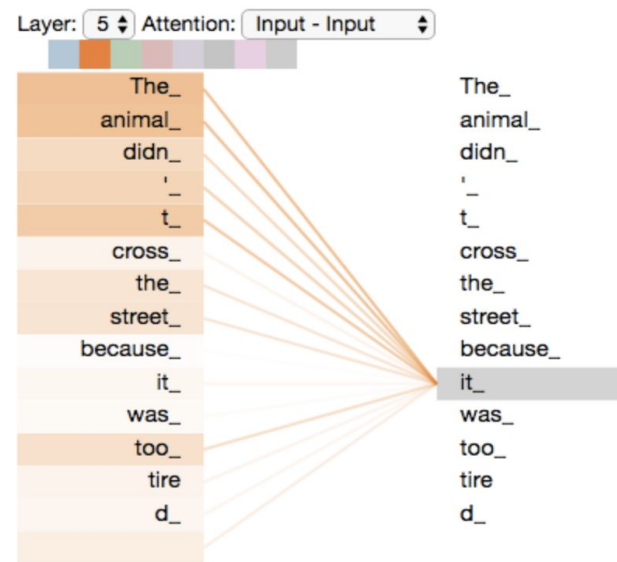


Fig 19: Transformer visualization

[7] Rezende, Danilo, and Shakir Mohamed. "Variational inference with normalizing flows." *International conference on machine learning*. PMLR, 2015.

[8] Vaswani, Ashish, et al. "Attention Is All You Need.(Nips), 2017." URL <http://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03762> (2021).

# PhD Roadmap (Publications)

- **Task-based Classification of Reflective Thinking Using Mixture of Classifiers (ACII 2021)**  
S. Aathreya, L. Jivnani, S. Srivastava, S. Hinduja and S. Canavan. Task-based Classification of Reflective Thinking Using Mixture of Classifiers. *Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction Workshops and Demos (ACIIW)*, 2021.
- **Recognizing Emotion in the Wild using Multimodal Data (ICMI 2020)**  
S. Srivastava, S. Aathreya, S. Hinduja, Sk R. Jannat, H. Elhamdadi, and S. Canavan. Recognizing Emotion in the Wild using Multimodal Data. *International Conference on Multimodal Interaction*, 2020.
- **Three-level Training of Multi-Head Architecture for Pain Detection (FG 2020)**  
S. A. S. Lakshminara, S. Hinduja and S. Canavan. Three-level Training of Multi-Head Architecture for Pain Detection. *Face and Gesture Recognition*, 2020.

# PhD Roadmap (Current Work)

Effect of Conditional Affect Modality Synthesis using Tractable Generative Models

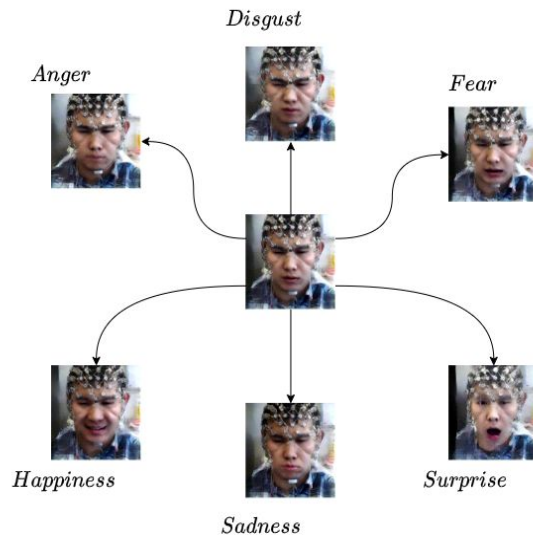


Fig 20: Under preparation for ACII 2022

PTSD Analysis using Self-attention Models

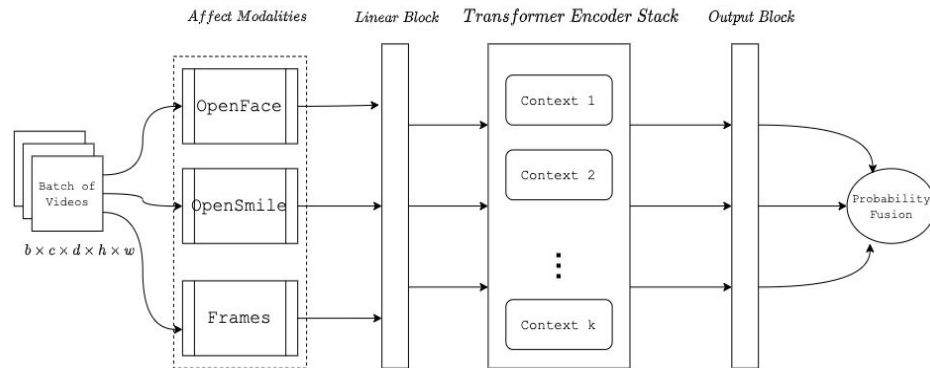
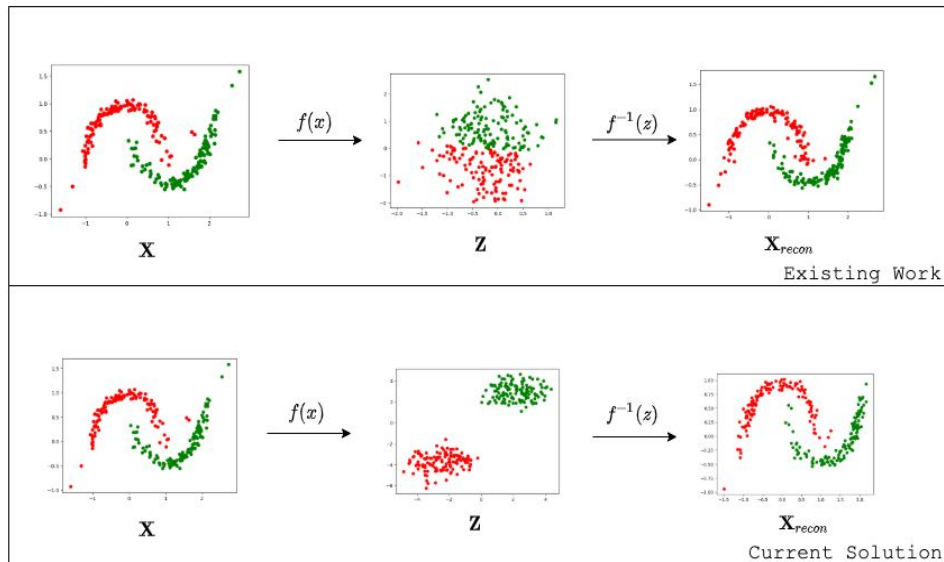


Fig 21: Under preparation for WACV 2023

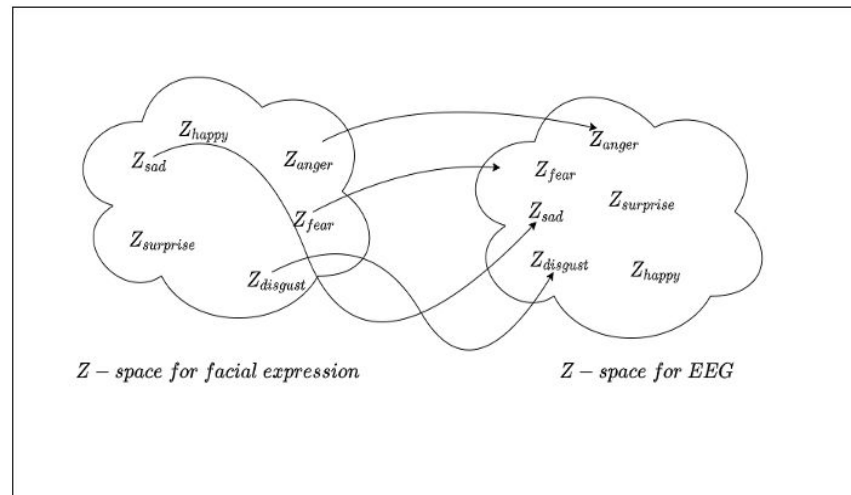
# PhD Roadmap (Future Work)

Flow-based Supervised Learning using Contrastive  
Bhattacharyya Loss



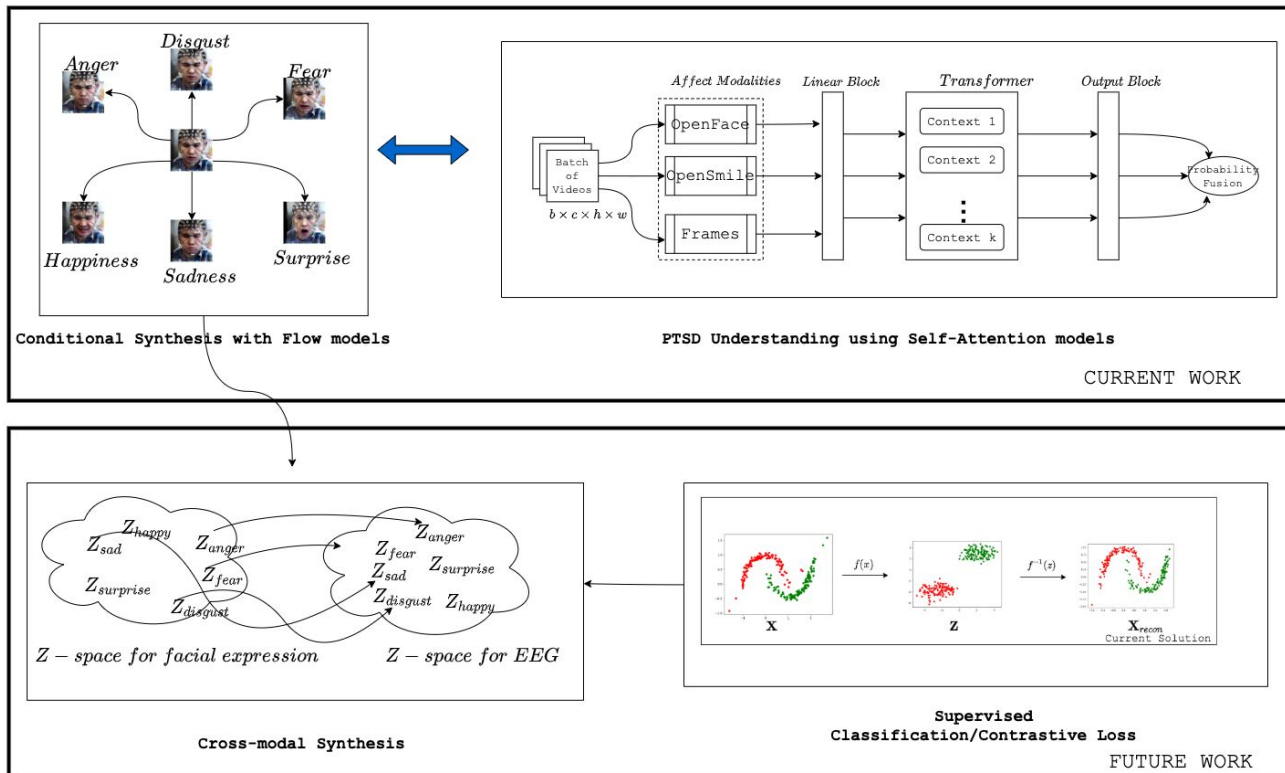
**Fig 22:** Progress till now includes low dimensional output. Need to scale it to higher dimensions.

Cross-Modal Data Synthesis



**Fig 23:** Cross Modality Synthesis by combining Data Augmentation and Supervised Classification.

# PhD Roadmap (Putting It Together)



# PhD Roadmap (Timeline)

Tasks	Timeline						
	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024
Conditional Synthesis of Affect Modality using Flow-based generative models							
<b>Affective Computing &amp; Intelligent Interaction (ACII) 2022 Submission</b>							
PTSD understanding using self-attention models							
<b>Winter Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2023 Submission</b>							
Flow-based Classification using Contrastive Bhattacharyya Loss							
<b>Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2023</b>							
Cross-modal Synthesis of Affect Modalities (Face, physiological, audio)							
<b>IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing (TAC) Submission</b>							
Dissertation Defense							

**PhD Timeline: Fall 2019 – Spring 2024**  
**Thesis Defense: April 2024**

# PhD Highlights so far...

- Collaborating with Dr. Shaun Canavan and Dr. Alison Salloum for PTSD understanding
- Collaborating with Dr. Tempest Neal and Dr. Shaun Canavan (NSF award no. 2039373)
  - Multimodal Continuous Authentication
- ICPR 2022 Reviewer
- Joining as AI research Intern at Zippin for Summer 2022
- Best paper award (ACIIW 2021)
  - *Task-based Classification of Reflective Thinking Using Mixture of Classifiers*

# Summary

- *Application areas of Affective Computing*
  - Better augmentation technique
    - Capture the underlying distribution of the dataset
  - Comprehensible latent space representation
- *Addressing Limitations*
  - Conditional generative models (Glow<sup>8</sup>)
    - Synthesize and manipulate likelihood-based data.
  - Supervised classification
    - Flow-based models
    - Contrastive Bhattacharyya loss