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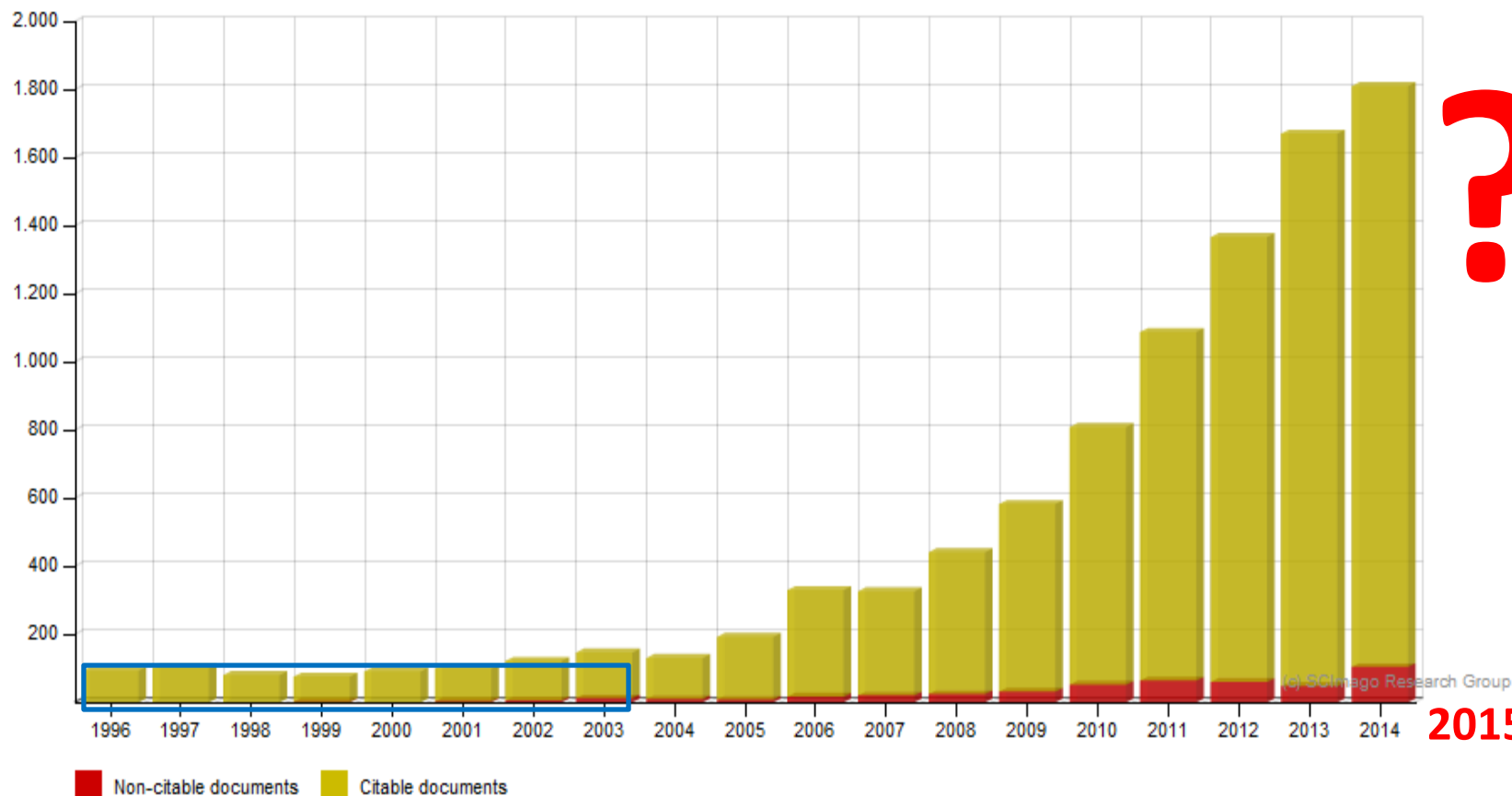
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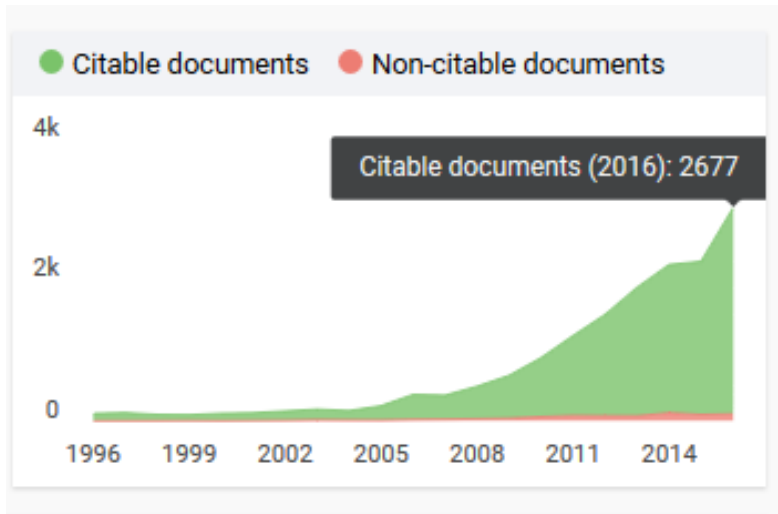
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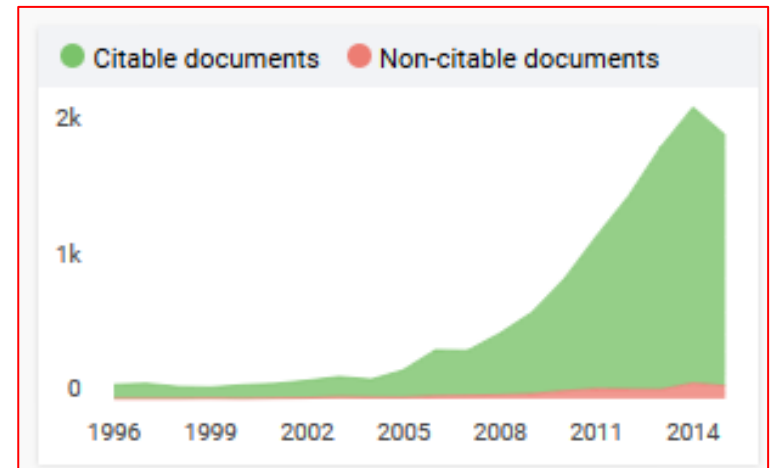
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


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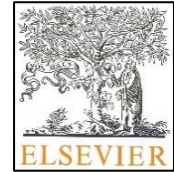
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demonstrations, translation of this research into the clinic has been limited (Jiang, Dosen, Müller, & Farina, 2012; Kuiken et al., 2014). This shortcoming may be because it is very difficult for the amputees to generate distinct activity patterns for different movement classes of hand or wrist movements. This will lead to overlap of the movement classes in the feature space which will in turn impair the classification. Advanced machine learning with induced artificial variability or, perhaps, with daily recalibration may improve the accuracy (Liu, Sheng, Zhang, He, & Zhu, 2016). However, because it is not clinically viable to emulate all possible variations, during prosthesis use, incorrect classifications will likely take place in response to EMG patterns that were not observed during training or recalibration.



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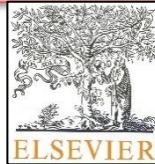
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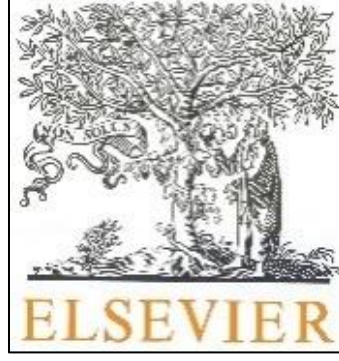
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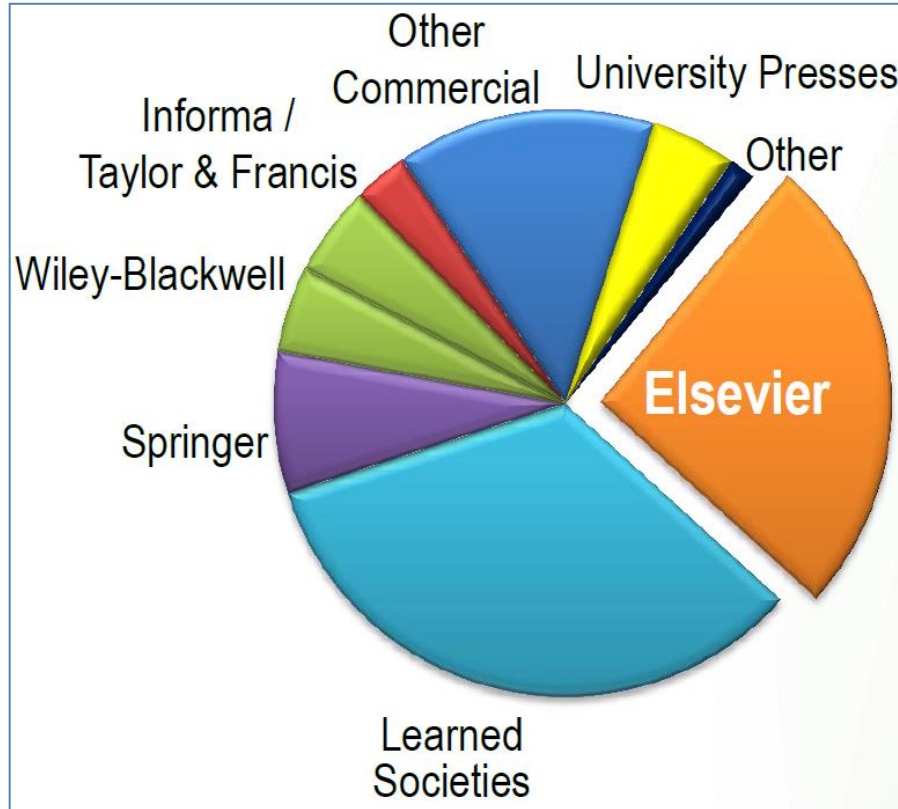
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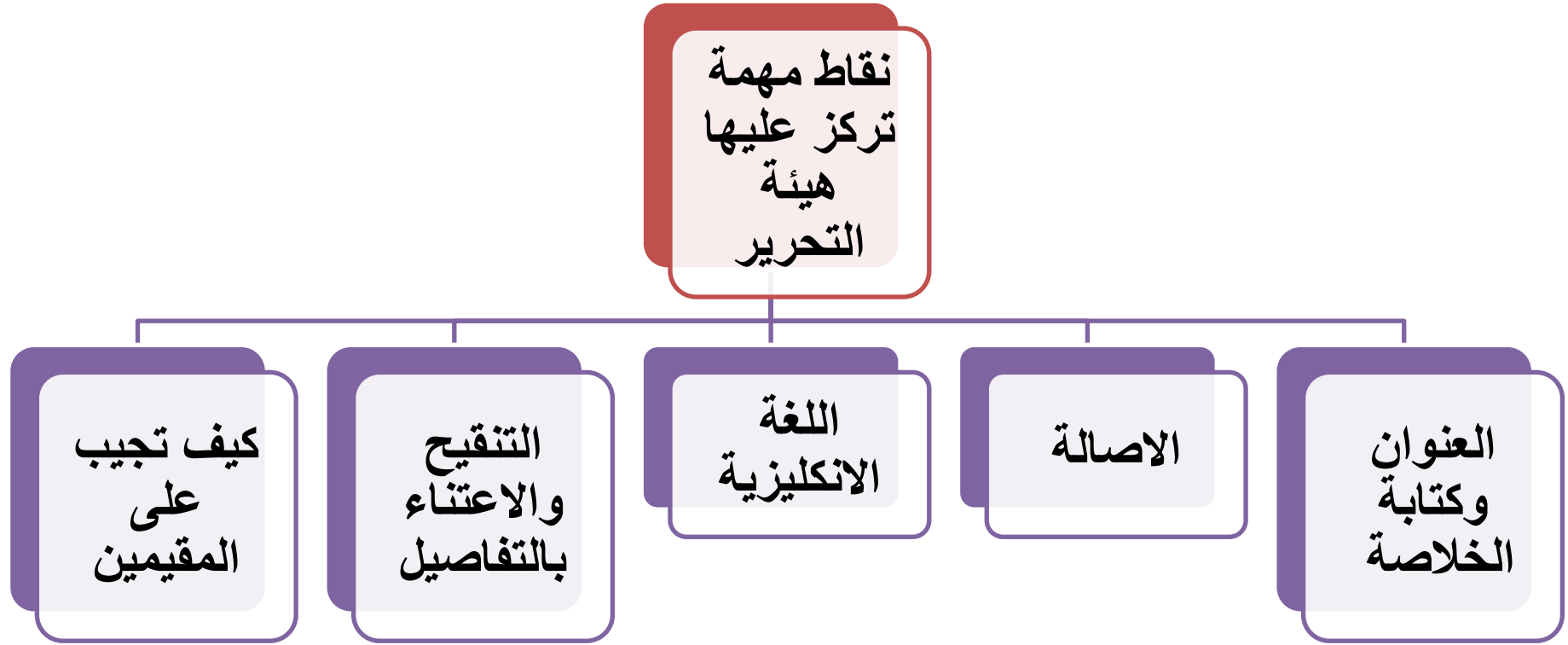
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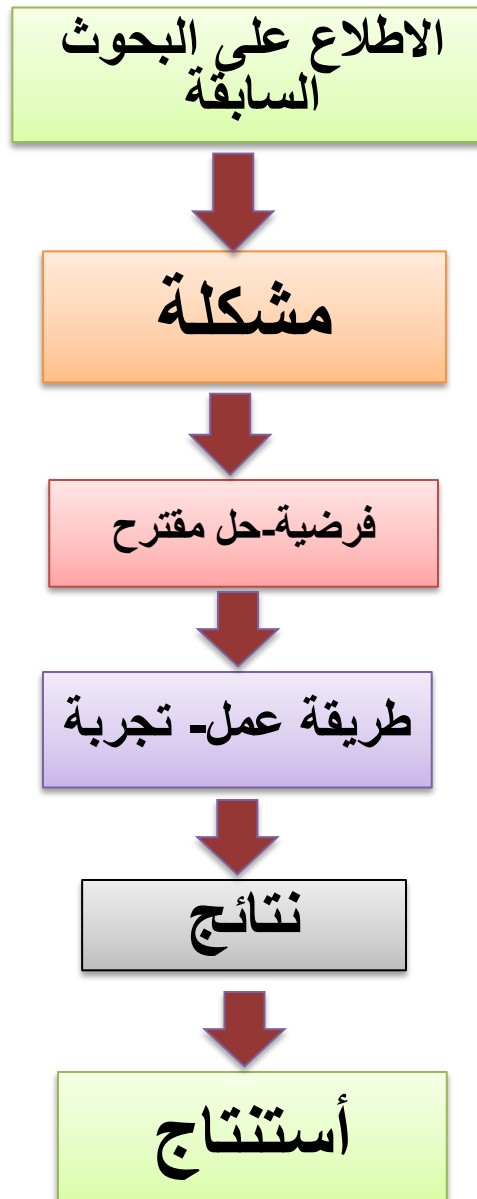
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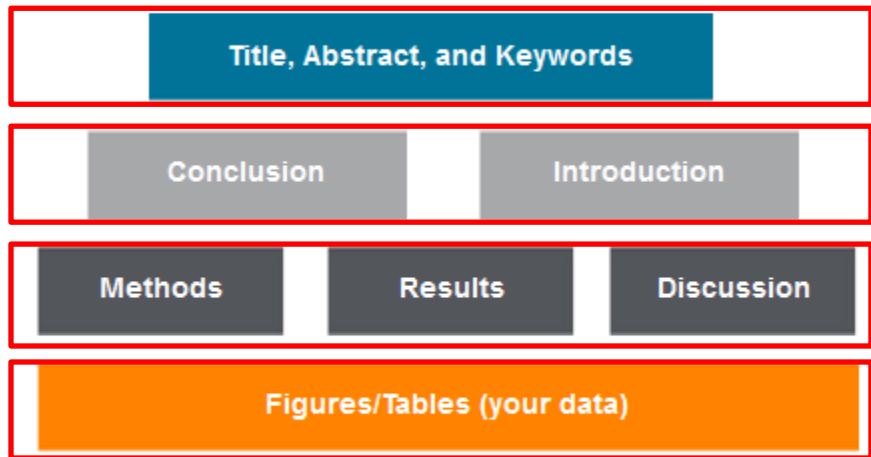


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# مثال - خلاصة

We investigate the problem of achieving robust control of hand prostheses by the Electromyogram (EMG) of transradial amputees in the presence of variable force levels, as these variations can have a substantial impact on the robustness of the control of the prostheses. We also propose a novel set of features that aim at reducing the impact of force level variations on the prosthesis controlled by amputees. These features characterize the EMG activity by means of the orientation between a set of spectral moments descriptors extracted from the EMG signal and a nonlinearly mapped version of it. At the same time, our feature extraction method processes the EMG signals directly from the time-domain to reduce computational cost. The performance of the proposed features is tested on EMG data collected from nine transradial amputees performing six classes of movements each with three force levels. Our results indicate that the proposed features can achieve significant reductions in classification error rates in comparison to other well-known feature extraction methods, achieving improvements of 6% to 8% in the average classification performance across all subjects and force levels, when training with all forces.

# الخلاصة مهمة جدا

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## Are IELTS and CEFR Enough Indicator of Students Success in Academic Study?

### Bio data

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### Abstract

المقدمة



Language tests and the level achieved in the CEFR are considered to be the two main gatekeepers for international students who aim to study in an English-speaking university. However, gaining the required scores or passing from the A1 institutional level to the C1 level, instead of focusing on what they need to acquire for their academic study, has become the main aim for many students. Turner (2004, p.97) argues that "students seem to want to 'train' to reach the appropriate entrance level score or band rather than to engage with the language as an essential, and integral, part of the learning process of their subject of study."

مشكلة البحث



The present study investigates students' perceptions of their experiences with language institutes, preparation for IELTS tests and how these two endeavors affected their academic study in UK universities. It also explores the relationship between the level these students achieved in the institutions according to the CEFR reference, the IELTS band score they attained and their academic performance. The study was based on a questionnaire that was distributed to 173 Saudi participants and on interviews undertaken with six of them.

منهجية البحث



The results revealed that participants' main concerns at every stage of their English language study was gaining the required score on the IELTS test, which led to giving more attention to the test and not preparing for their academic studies. Also, it was revealed that some of the participants in the study finished the advanced level (C1) in the institutions, yet they could not achieve higher than a score of 5-5.5 on the IELTS tests, which indicates the (B2) level in the CEFR. This study suggests that Practitioners should take IELTS band scores and CEFR "can do" statements with caution so students will clearly understand that what they achieved in term of scores or levels is not an indication of their readiness for academic study.

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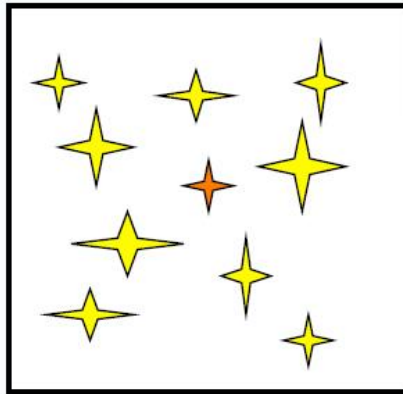
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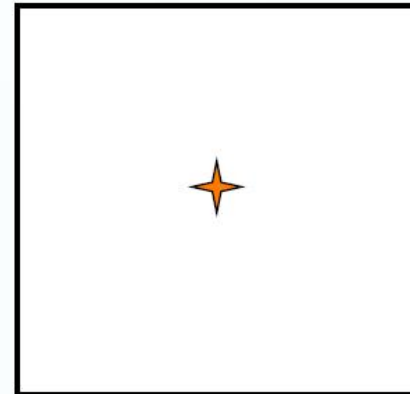
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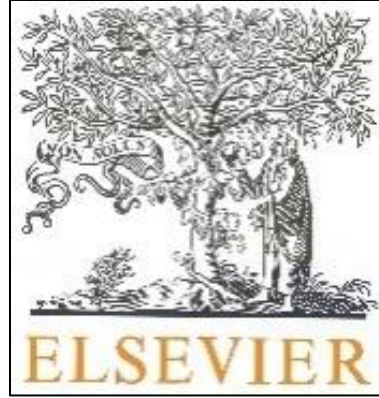


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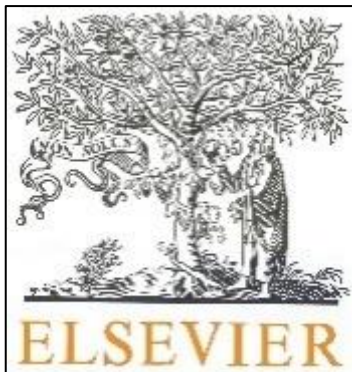
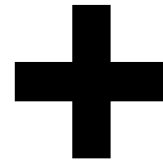
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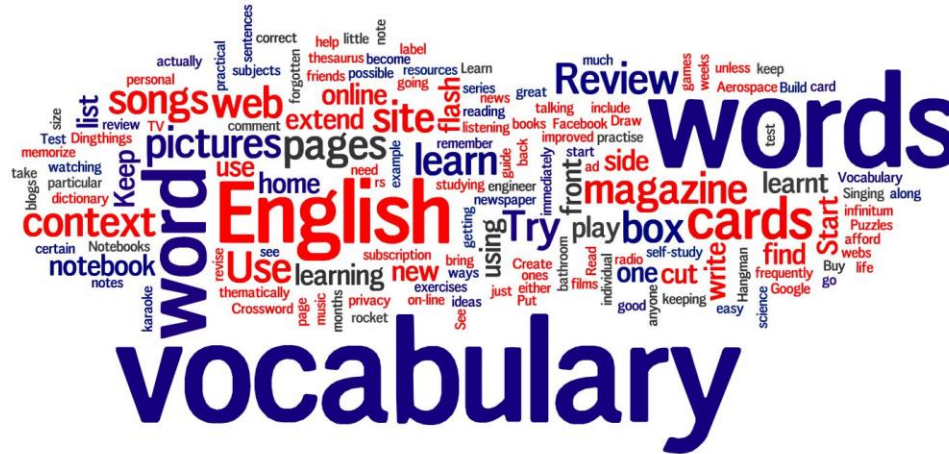
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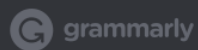
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# A note on the probability distribution function of the surface electromyogram signal<sup>a</sup>

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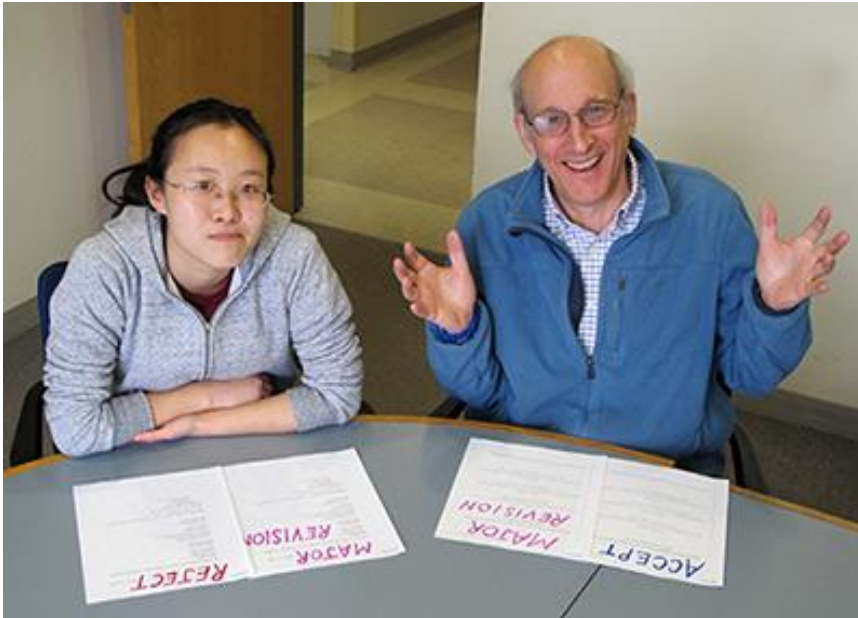
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Your manuscript, Improving the Practical Robustness against Force Variation of BMS Controlled Prostheses for Transradial Amputees TNSRE-2014-00179, has been examined by a qualified editorial review board of IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems & Rehabilitation Engineering. The consensus opinion is that your work has significant merit, but that major revisions are necessary before the manuscript can be accepted for publication. Further review may be necessary before the final decision can be made.

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Comments to the Author

The manuscript "Improving the Practical Robustness against Force Variation of BMS Controlled Prostheses for Transradial Amputees" presented a nicely designed and well executed study in improving pattern recognition based ~~myoelectric~~ control algorithms when contraction level varies.

While the topic of the manuscript is of key importance for the current development of the relevant literature in ~~myoelectric~~ control and advanced prosthetic design, the following issues need to be addressed before the manuscript is suitable for publication:

1, the robustness ~~myoelectric~~ processing algorithm against force variation has been discussed intensively in the literature recently. The reviewer would like to bring the below paper to the authors attention:

He, et al., "Invariant Surface BMS Feature Against Varying Contraction Level for ~~Myoelectric~~ Control Based on Muscle Coordination", IEEE J-BMT, 2014 (DOI: 10.1109/JBMT.2014.2330356).

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This paper is on exactly the same topic as the current manuscript. In this reviewer's view, it proposed a simple, but very elegant and efficient approach in feature extraction. Compared to the feature extraction proposed in the current manuscript, it is computationally less demanding, and it is really robust against force level changes as it does not require training on multiple level (not sensitive to force changes).

The authors should carefully discuss the differences and advantage/disadvantage of the proposed method with this recently published method.

they didn't do it for the amputees, it is difficult to know if their result is ~~reproducible~~ ~~reproducible~~ for ~~amputees~~. also we need to test it. Also our results is better than them.

2, a 'true' robustness algorithm should be insensitive to the non-stationary factor (force changes here). However, the proposed algorithm still need to be trained with data from multiple force levels to get acceptable performance (~10% error rate). This approach, as used by many other similar studies, is not necessarily robust, it is still sensitive to the non-stationary factor in question. And it is unrealistic to include all the potential conditions of the non-stationary factor, which make the approach not practical. As such, 'robustness' in the title of the current manuscript is indeed misleading. One can state 'improving performance .... against force variation...', but not stating the algorithm or approach is 'robust'.

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3, since force variation is the key component of the study, the reviewer is surprised that the authors failed to take a more elaborate approach on force levels in the experimental design. No clear quantified information, in any form, was recorded by the experimenter and provided to subjects during experiment. How did the authors make sure the force level produced by the subjects were really what they should be?

It was done visually but no ~~quantitative~~ ~~measure~~ was used. we ~~acknowledged~~ this in ~~the limitations~~ of the manuscript

4, the statistical treatment was not clear. There should be a sub-section in the Methods section, detailing the statistical tests used. The test type, hypothesis, factors, levels of factors, and response variables, etc.

Rami

5, Method "E" training size is not a relevant to the title and the focus of the manuscript. The reviewer strongly suggest remove this part completely, as it is distracting from the main thrust of the manuscript.

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1, Algorithm should be a sub-section of the "Methods" section, not a separate one.

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2, The format of the references (some of them at least) is not consistent and not consistent ~~M.C.T.~~ the IEEE style. The authors should check these inconsistencies after the reference list is generated by automated tools.

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#### 3. Reviewer: 2

Comments to the Author

Authors have reported study on improving robustness against force variation of BMS for amputees.

Comments:

#### Introduction:

1. How is this version of spectral moments improved and how is this significant in terms of the physiology or force?

Rami

2. Last paragraph in Page 4 is not necessary as this paper is too lengthy.

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3. What do authors mean by low computational cost. Please explain. Is this study tested this?

#### Proposed features:

1. What does these features measure in terms of signal properties. for ex RMS measure the strength of muscle contraction

2. Please specify the significant improvement from the previous technique (which one? the SH V1 or other TD tech.) and how is this affected with force as factor

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#### Methods:

1. Please reduce the size of the paper mentioning the effect of force on the robustness and how they have improved in their feature and how it is significant for amputees.

reduced

2. It is difficult to understand what improvement has been done from the previous technique. (Which one? the SH V1 or other TD tech.)

3. Please discuss (In the discussion???) based on the results the how the feature has neglected the force variation?

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## Editor in Chief's and Reviewers' Comments and Authors' Responses

### "Improving the Performance against Force Variation of EMG Controlled Multifunctional Upper-Limb Prostheses for Transradial Amputees"

Ali H. Al-Timemy, Rami N. Khushaba, Guido Bugmann and Javier Escudero,

Ref. number: TNSRE-2014-00179

#### 1. Editor in Chief's Comment and Authors' Response:

##### 1.1 Editor in Chief's Comments

Your manuscript, Improving the Practical Robustness against Force Variation of EMG Controlled Prostheses for Transradial Amputees TNSRE-2014-00179, has been examined by a qualified editorial review board of IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems & Rehabilitation Engineering. The consensus opinion is that your work has significant merit, but that major revisions are necessary before the manuscript can be accepted for publication. Further review may be necessary before the final decision can be made.

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##### 1.1 Authors' response

We would like to thank the Editor in Chief for his letter, the Associate Editor for handling the review process of our manuscript and the two Reviewers for their feedback and suggestions. We have revised the manuscript and we have addressed all their comments and concerns, which have enabled us to improve our study significantly. Major changes included in this revision are:

- Comparison with recent paper addressing similar challenges,
- Clarification of our experimental approach,
- Improved description of our novel feature set,
- Thorough revision of the text for conciseness.
- Removal of subsection dealing with the effect of training size

We believe that the revised manuscript is a contribution of interest to the readership of IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering and to the research community working on myoelectric control. It is our hope that the changes and additions made to the manuscript, together with the detailed responses and clarifications provided to the Reviewers, will address your concerns. For your convenience we have included our responses to each of the Reviewers' comments below.

#### 2. Reviewer 1's Comments and Authors' Responses:

##### Comment of Reviewer 1

The manuscript "Improving the Practical Robustness against Force Variation of EMG Controlled Prostheses for Transradial Amputees" presented a nicely designed and well executed study in improving pattern recognition based myoelectric control algorithms when contraction level varies.

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##### Authors' Response

We thank the reviewer for the appreciation of our work. We also appreciate the Reviewer's detailed feedback, which has enabled us to improve the manuscript. Detailed responses to your comments are included below.

##### Comment of Reviewer 1

2.1 The robustness myoelectric processing algorithm against force variation has been discussed intensively in the literature recently. The reviewer would like to bring the below paper to the authors attention:

He, et al., "Invariant Surface EMG Feature Against Varying Contraction Level for Myoelectric Control Based on Muscle Coordination", IEEE J-BHI, 2014 (DOI: 10.1109/JBHI.2014.2330356).

This paper is on exactly the same topic as the current manuscript. In this reviewer's view, it proposed a simple, but very elegant and efficient approach in feature extraction. Compared to the feature extraction proposed in the current manuscript, it is computationally less demanding, and it is really robust against force level changes as it does not require training on multiple level (not sensitive to force changes).

The authors should carefully discuss the differences and advantage/disadvantage of the proposed method with this recently published method.

##### 2.1 Authors' Response

We thank the reviewer for pointing out the relevant new reference which was published 2 days after we submitted our manuscript to IEEE TNSRE. We included the new reference with a paragraph in the Introduction section of the revised manuscript which reads

##### Quoted from Page 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph

"Recently, a feature extraction method based on discrete Fourier transform and muscle coordination was proposed by He et al. [29] and applied to EMG data collected from intact-limbed subjects who performed nine movements with three different force levels. The classification accuracy was increased by approximately 11% when using the proposed features compared to the TD feature set. However, a specific sensor-placement configuration, by which the EMG electrodes were attached on pre-specified forearm muscles, was reported as vital for the algorithm to perform well. This configuration is limited by the difficulty to place the electrodes on the deformed amputee stump, which may make it difficult to reproduce their results with the transradial amputees."

We also agree with the reviewer that the feature extraction based on Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) method proposed in (He et al. 2014) is simple and efficient. However, the DFT features were only tested on intact-limbed subjects and, therefore, the generalization of the performance across transradial amputees cannot be assumed here. Following the Reviewer's suggestion, we have carried out two

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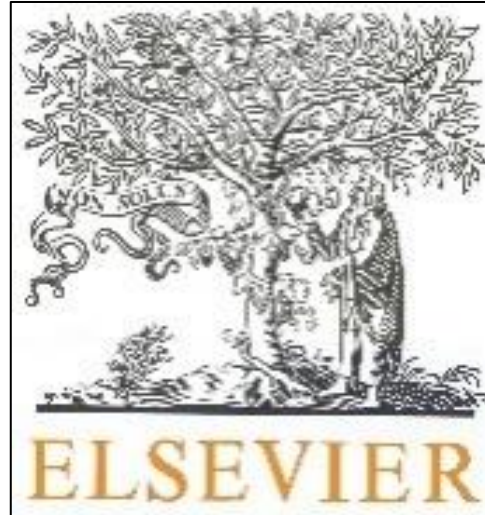


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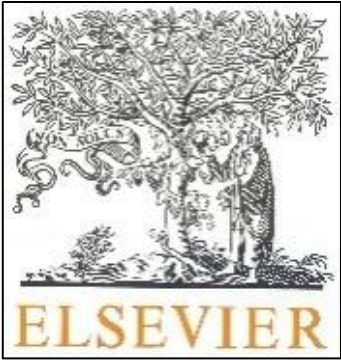




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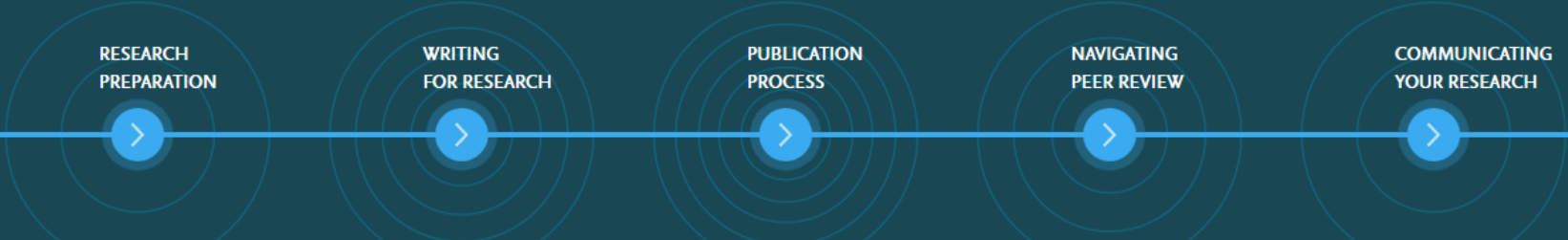
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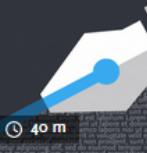
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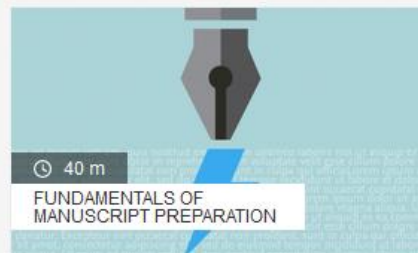
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