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PDMS base

PDMS crosslinker

Triton-X

26 Figure S1. The molecular structure we have used for the modification of PDMS.





- Figure S2. The design of the EMG electrode (50.2 mm wide, 78.9 mm long)



- 3031 Figure S3. Photo of the fabricated LM ink.



- 34 Figure S4. SEM images of the LM ink without AgNWs.



Figure S5. Resistance versus strain (%) for different concentrations of Ag (0.40g, 0.30g, 0.25g, 0.20g, 0.15g, 0.10g, 0g). Error bars indicate the standard deviation of the measured resistance change values, showing the variability and reliability of the measurements over multiple experiments. Each data point represents the average of multiple independent experiments. Different color markers correspond to different silver concentrations, indicating the repeatability and reproducibility of the results under the same experimental conditions.



45 Figure S6. Stability data for resistance changes of the LM-PDMS electrode over

46 10,000 cycles





52 Figure S8. The raw EMG data in the resting state and its corresponding curve after multi-step

53 processing.





55 Figure S9. The raw EMG data from a clenched fist and the resultant curve following multi-step

56 processing.



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58 Figure S10. The raw EMG data from the forearm during wrist rotation and the plotted curve after

59 multi-step processing.

| Ref. | Stable Resistance Strain Range (%) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Our study | 50 |
| [1] | 36 |
| [2] | 40 |
| [3] | 26 |
| [4] | 60 |
| [5] | 100 |
| [6] | 30 |
| [7] | 4 |
| [8] | 60 |

61 Table S1. Comparison of stable resistance strain ranges in different studies

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- 84 close all;
- 85 clear all;
- 86 clc
- 87 % Set sampling frequency and read EMG data
- 88 fs = 10000; % Sampling frequency (Hz)
- 89 EMG_DATA = xlsread('data.xlsx'); % Read the data from an Excel file
- 90 % Extract individual channels from the data
- 91 $EMG_DATA_1 = EMG_DATA(:,1);$
- 92 $EMG_DATA_2 = EMG_DATA(:,2);$
- 93 $EMG_DATA_3 = EMG_DATA(:,3);$
- 94 % Process each channel with the EMG processing function, including wavelet analysis
- 95 [emg_data_1, t, wResults1, waveletPower1] = processemg(EMG_DATA_1, fs, 6, 2);
- 96 [emg_data_2, t, wResults2, waveletPower2] = processemg(EMG_DATA_2, fs, 6, 2);
- 97 [emg_data_3, t, wResults3, waveletPower3] = processemg(EMG_DATA_3, fs, 6, 2);
- 98 % Normalize the processed EMG data based on the max contraction value
- 99 m_EMG_DATA_1 = max(emg_data_1);
- 100 perc_EMG_DATA_1 = (emg_data_1 / m_EMG_DATA_1) * 100;
- 101 m_EMG_DATA_2 = max(emg_data_2);
- 102 perc_EMG_DATA_2 = $(emg_data_2 / m_EMG_DATA_2) * 100;$
- 103 m_EMG_DATA_3 = max(emg_data_3);
- 104 perc_EMG_DATA_3 = $(emg_data_3 / m_EMG_DATA_3) * 100;$
- 105~% Create a new figure for EMG percentage of MVC plot
- 106 figure;
- 107 subplot(3,1,1);
- 108 plot(t, perc_EMG_DATA_1, 'black', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
- 109 xlabel('Time(s)');
- 110 ylabel('EMG (%MVC)');
- 111 legend('ARM Muscle in silent')
- 112 subplot(3,1,2);
- 113 plot(t, perc_EMG_DATA_2, 'black', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
- 114 xlabel('Time(s)');
- 115 ylabel('EMG (%MVC)');
- 116 legend('ARM Muscle with wrist twisting')
- 117 subplot(3,1,3);
- 118 plot(t, perc_EMG_DATA_3, 'black', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
- 119 xlabel('Time(s)');
- 120 ylabel('EMG (%MVC)');
- 121 title('EMG of ARM during Squat (%MVC)');
- 122 legend('ARM Muscle with fist up')

123 Code S1. The annotated MATLAB main function code for processing the forearm EMG signals.

- 124 function [output, t, waveletResult, waveletPower] = processemg(EMGRAW, fs, LOWPASSRATE,
- 125 NUMPASSES)
- 126 % Ensure NUMPASSES is reasonable, often 2 or 4.
- 127 % Handle NaNs or Infinities here if they exist.
- 128 EMGRAW(~isfinite(EMGRAW)) = 0;
- 129 % Read data and create time vector
- 130 t = linspace(0, (length(EMGRAW)-1)/fs, length(EMGRAW))*100;
- 131 % Plot raw EMG data
- 132 figure();
- 133 subplot(5,1,1);
- 134 plot(t,EMGRAW,'black');
- 135 xlabel('Time (s)');
- 136 title('Raw EMG Data');
- 137 % Remove DC offset
- 138 EMGDC = EMGRAW mean(EMGRAW);
- 139 subplot(5,1,2);
- 140 plot(t,EMGDC,'black');
- 141 xlabel('Time (s)');
- 142 title('EMG with DC Offset Removed');
- 143 % Filter the noise with bandpass filter
- 144 Wn1 = 20/(fs/2);
- 145 Wn2 = 600/(fs/2);
- 146 [b,a] = butter(NUMPASSES,[Wn1 Wn2],'bandpass');
- 147 EMGFILT = filtfilt(b,a,EMGDC);
- 148 subplot(5,1,3);
- 149 plot(t,EMGFILT,'black');
- 150 xlabel('Time (s)');
- 151 title('EMG Signal with Noise Removed');
- 152 % Full-wave rectification
- 153 EMGFWR = abs(EMGFILT);
- 154 subplot(5,1,4);
- 155 plot(t,EMGFWR,'black');
- 156 xlabel('Time (s)');
- 157 title('EMG with Full-Wave Rectification');
- 158 % Wavelet decomposition
- 159 waveletName = 'db9';
- 160 level = wmaxlev(length(EMGFWR), waveletName);
- 161 [C,L] = wavedec(EMGFWR, level, waveletName);
- 162 % Store wavelet result
- 163 waveletResult.cfs = C;

waveletResult.lvl = L; 165 waveletResult.detailCfs = cell(1, level); 166 waveletResult.approxCfs = appcoef(C, L, waveletName); 167 for i = 1:level 168 waveletResult.detailCfs{i} = detcoef(C, L, i); 169 end 170 % Create wavelet power spectrum 171 waveletPower = cell(1, level); 172 for i = 1:level 173 waveletPower $\{i\}$ = abs(waveletResult.detailCfs $\{i\}$).^2; 174 end 175 % Linear Envelope 176 Wn = LOWPASSRATE/(fs/4);177 [b,a] = butter(NUMPASSES, Wn, 'low'); 178 EMGLE = abs(filtfilt(b, a, EMGFWR)); 179 % Optionally remove the end spike 180 subplot(5,1,5); plot(t,EMGLE,'black'); 181 182 xlabel('Time (s)'); 183 title('Linear Envelope of EMG'); 184 output = EMGLE; % Return the linear envelope result 185 end 186

- 187 Code S2. The MATLAB function code designed for sEMG signal processing, including removing
- 188 DC offset, denoising through filtering, and extracting the linear envelope.
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191 import numpy as np
192 import scipy.fft as sp fft
193 from scipy.signal import butter, filtfilt
194 from sklearn.model selection import train test split, GridSearchCV
195 from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
196 from sklearn.metrics import classification report, accuracy score
197 from sklearn.svm import SVC
198 from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
199 from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
200 from imblearn.over sampling import SMOTE # Import SMOTE for handling class imbalance
201 # Load the data
202 file path = 'D:/matlab/Fist up.xlsx'
203 data = pd.read excel(file path)
204 # Preprocessing function
205 def preprocess_signals(data, lowcut=20, highcut=500, fs=1000, order=5):
206
        data centered = data - data.mean()
207
        nyq = 0.5 * fs
208
        low = max(lowcut / nyq, 0.01)
209
        high = min(highcut / nyq, 0.99)
210
        b, a = butter(order, [low, high], btype='band')
211
        filtered data = filtfilt(b, a, data centered)
212
        return filtered data
213 # Apply preprocessing
     preprocessed data = data.apply(preprocess signals, axis=0)
214
215
     def enhanced features(data):
216
        data array = data.values
217
        fft values = sp fft.fft(data_array)
218
        psd = np.abs(fft values) ** 2
219
        normalized psd = psd / np.sum(psd)
220
        mean val = np.mean(data array)
        std_val = np.std(data array)
221
222
        # Flatten the feature array properly
223
        return np.concatenate([normalized psd, [mean val, std val]])
     # Apply enhanced feature extraction and collect features in a proper format
224
225 feature list = []
226 for column in preprocessed data.columns:
227
        features = enhanced features(preprocessed data[column])
228
        feature list.append(features)
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190 import pandas as pd

- 229 # Convert list of arrays into a 2D array
- 230 feature_matrix = np.array(feature_list)
- 231 # Prepare labels
- 232 labels = ['fist'] * 10 + ['wrist'] * 10
- 233 # Handling class imbalance
- 234 smote = SMOTE()
- 235 X_res, y_res = smote.fit_resample(feature_matrix, labels)
- 236 # Train-test split
- 237 X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_res, y_res, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
- 238 # Classifier with hyperparameter tuning
- 239 model = RandomForestClassifier()
- 240 param_grid = {'n_estimators': [10, 50, 100], 'max_depth': [None, 10, 20, 30]}
- 241 grid_search = GridSearchCV(model, param_grid, cv=5)
- 242 grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
- 243 # Predict and evaluate
- 244 y_pred = grid_search.predict(X_test)
- 245 accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
- 246 report = classification_report(y_test, y_pred)
- 247 print("Best parameters:", grid_search.best_params_)
- 248 print("Accuracy:", accuracy)
- 249 print("Classification Report:\n", report)
- 250

251 Code S3. The Python code designed for EMG signal processing and classification using

- 252 random forest.
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