

Supplementary Material for Paper:  
“Body Movements as Biomarkers: Machine Learning-based  
Prediction of HPA Axis Reactivity to Stress”

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**Table A.1.1:** Overview of generic features computed per body part (group) from the *Xsens* system.

| Body Part (Group)    | Channels |     |         |     | Axes      |         | Generic Features                                      |
|----------------------|----------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                      | acc      | vel | ang_vel | rot | $x, y, z$ | L2-norm |                                                       |
| Head                 | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓   | ✓         | ✓       | <i>all</i>                                            |
| Chest (T8)           | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✗   | ✓         | ✓       |                                                       |
| {Left/Right} Hand    | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓   | ✓         | ✓       |                                                       |
| {Left/Right} ForeArm | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓   | ✗         | ✓       | mean, std, cov, max_val                               |
| {Left/Right} Leg     | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✓   | ✗         | ✓       |                                                       |
| Trunk                | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✗   | ✗         | ✓       | <i>all</i> , except <b>z_cross</b> and <b>m_cross</b> |
| Upper Extremities    | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✗   | ✗         | ✓       |                                                       |
| Lower Extremities    | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✗   | ✗         | ✓       |                                                       |
| Total Body           | ✓        | ✓   | ✓       | ✗   | ✗         | ✓       |                                                       |

**Table A.1.2:** Overview of expert features computed per body part (group) from the *Xsens* system.

| Body Part (Group)      | Channels |         | Expert Features                      |
|------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|
|                        | vel      | ang_vel |                                      |
| Chest (T8)             | ✓        | ✓       | Static Periods                       |
| Left Hand & Right Hand | ✓        | ✓       |                                      |
| Head                   | ✓        | ✓       | Absolute Movement,<br>Static Periods |
| Trunk                  | ✓        | ✓       |                                      |
| Upper Extremities      | ✓        | ✓       |                                      |
| Lower Extremities      | ✓        | ✓       |                                      |

**Table A.2:** Hyperparameter search space for the individual feature selection and classification/regression algorithms.

| Type                 | Algorithm | Parameter                | Values                                                                   |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feature Selection    | SkB       | k                        | {2, 4, ..., 18}                                                          |
|                      | RFE       | n_features               | {2, 4, ..., 18}                                                          |
| Classifier/Regressor | kNN       | n_neighbors              | {1, 3, ..., 19}                                                          |
|                      |           | weights                  | ["uniform", "distance"]                                                  |
|                      | DT        | criterion                | ["gini", "entropy"]                                                      |
|                      |           | max_depth                | {1, 3, ..., 19}                                                          |
|                      |           | min_samples_leaf         | {0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4}                                                     |
|                      |           | min_samples_split        | {0.1, 0.2, ..., 0.7}                                                     |
|                      |           | max_features             | {0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, "auto", "log2", None}                          |
|                      | SVM-lin   | C                        | { $10^{-2}$ , $10^{-1}$ , ..., $10^4$ }                                  |
|                      | SVM-rbf   | C                        | { $10^{-2}$ , $10^{-1}$ , ..., $10^4$ }                                  |
|                      |           | gamma                    | { $10^{-4}$ , $10^{-3}$ , ..., $10^3$ }                                  |
|                      | MLP       | hidden_layer_sizes       | [(1), (1, 1), (1, 1, 1), (2), (2, 2), (2, 2, 2), (5), (5, 5), (5, 5, 5)] |
|                      |           | activation               | ["identitiy", "tanh", "relu"]                                            |
|                      |           | solver                   | ["lbfgs", "adam"]                                                        |
|                      |           | alpha                    | { $10^{-2}$ , $10^{-1}$ , ..., $10^2$ }                                  |
|                      | Ada       | base_estimator           | SVC                                                                      |
|                      |           | n_estimators             | {10, 20, ..., 500}                                                       |
|                      |           | learning_rate            | {0.01, 0.02, ..., 0.1, 0.2, ..., 1.5}                                    |
|                      | RF        | criterion                | ["entropy"]                                                              |
|                      |           | max_depth                | {4, 8, 12, ..., 48, None}                                                |
|                      |           | max_features             | {0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, "sqrt"}                                             |
|                      |           | min_samples_leaf         | {0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.20}                                                  |
|                      |           | min_samples_split        | {0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4}                                                     |
|                      |           | min_weight_fraction_leaf | {0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4}                                                     |
|                      |           | max_leaf_nodes           | {2, 4, ..., 18}                                                          |
|                      |           | min_impurity_decrease    | {0, 0.01, ..., 0.09}                                                     |
|                      |           | n_estimators             | {10, 20, ..., 390}                                                       |
|                      |           | ccp_alpha                | {0, 0.01, ..., 0.09}                                                     |

**Table A.3:** Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of classification performance metrics over the 5-fold model evaluation CV. For each evaluated classifier, the classification pipeline combination with the highest mean accuracy is shown. The classification pipelines scoring the highest metrics are highlighted in **bold**. SkB: SelectKBest.

| Scaler   | Feature Selection | Regressor | Accuracy (%)                     | F1-score (%)                      |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Min-Max  | SkB               | RF        | <b>65.2 <math>\pm</math> 7.3</b> | <b>62.8 <math>\pm</math> 11.0</b> |
| Standard | SkB               | MLP       | 64.8 $\pm$ 5.0                   | 62.1 $\pm$ 8.5                    |
| Min-Max  | RFE               | Ada       | 62.9 $\pm$ 11.2                  | 62.5 $\pm$ 11.7                   |
| Standard | SkB               | kNN       | 62.5 $\pm$ 9.4                   | 54.6 $\pm$ 21.8                   |
| Min-Max  | SkB               | SVM       | 58.8 $\pm$ 13.7                  | 53.7 $\pm$ 22.8                   |
| Standard | RFE               | DT        | 56.4 $\pm$ 8.2                   | 50.3 $\pm$ 16.3                   |

**Table A.4:** Mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of regression performance metrics over the 5-fold model evaluation CV, trained on features extracted over the complete (f-)TSST, respectively. For each evaluated regressor, the pipeline combination with the lowest mean absolute error is shown.

| Scaler   | Feature Selection | Classifier | Mean Absolute Error               |
|----------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Min-Max  | SkB               | MLP        | <b>0.71 <math>\pm</math> 0.09</b> |
| Min-Max  | SkB               | RF         | 0.71 $\pm$ 0.16                   |
| Standard | SkB               | DT         | 0.72 $\pm$ 0.08                   |
| Min-Max  | SkB               | SVM        | 0.73 $\pm$ 0.15                   |
| Standard | SkB               | kNN        | 0.73 $\pm$ 0.11                   |
| Standard | RFE               | Ada        | 0.74 $\pm$ 0.12                   |