

Intelligent Fuzzy Computing for Biomedical Signal Analysis

M. Kumar, N. Stoll, K. Thurow, and R. Stoll
Center for Life Science Automation, University of Rostock

The Problem: Physiological Signal to Individual Assessment

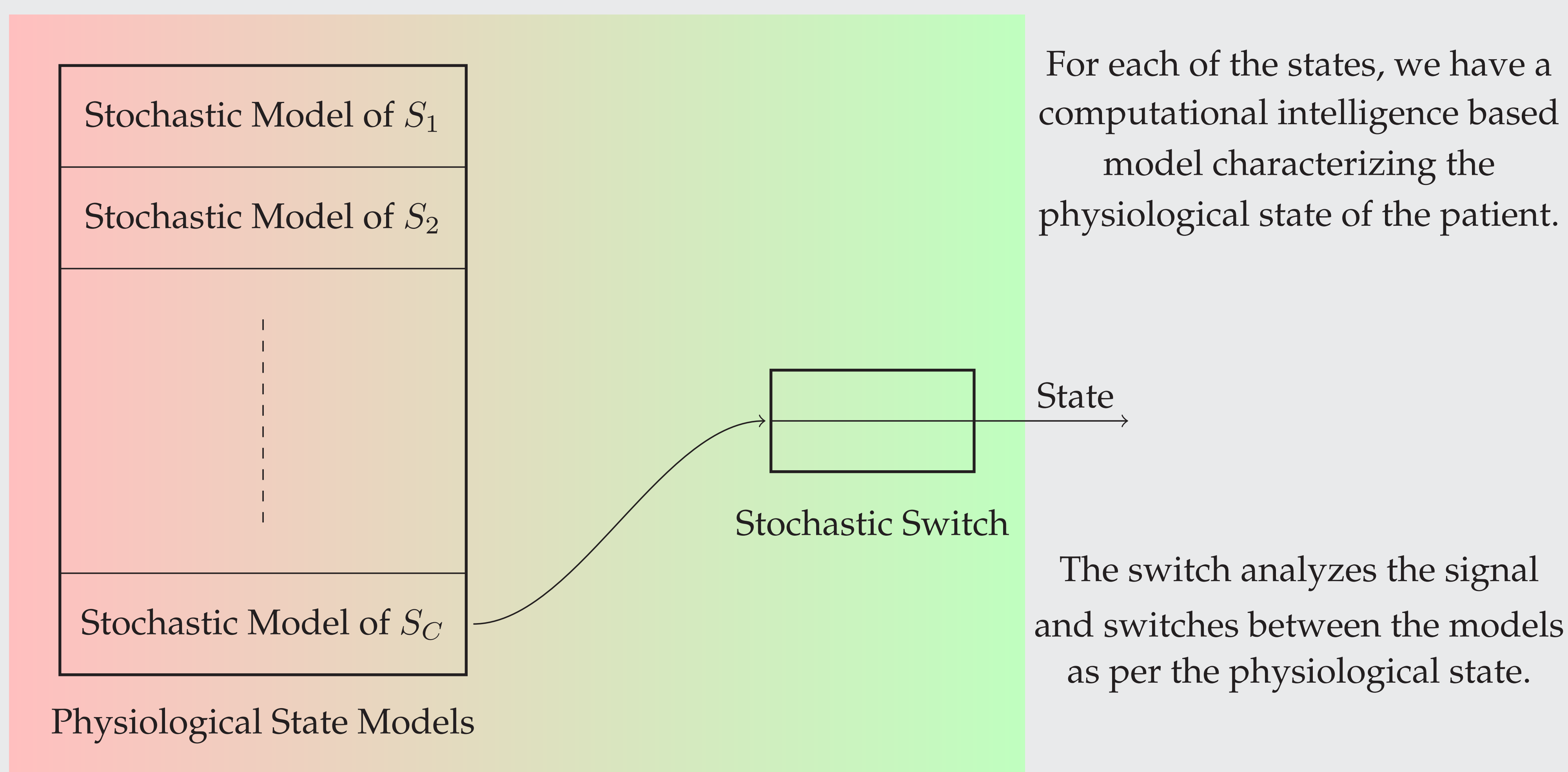


- Extraction of relevant signal features and mapping features to the states.

The Difficulties

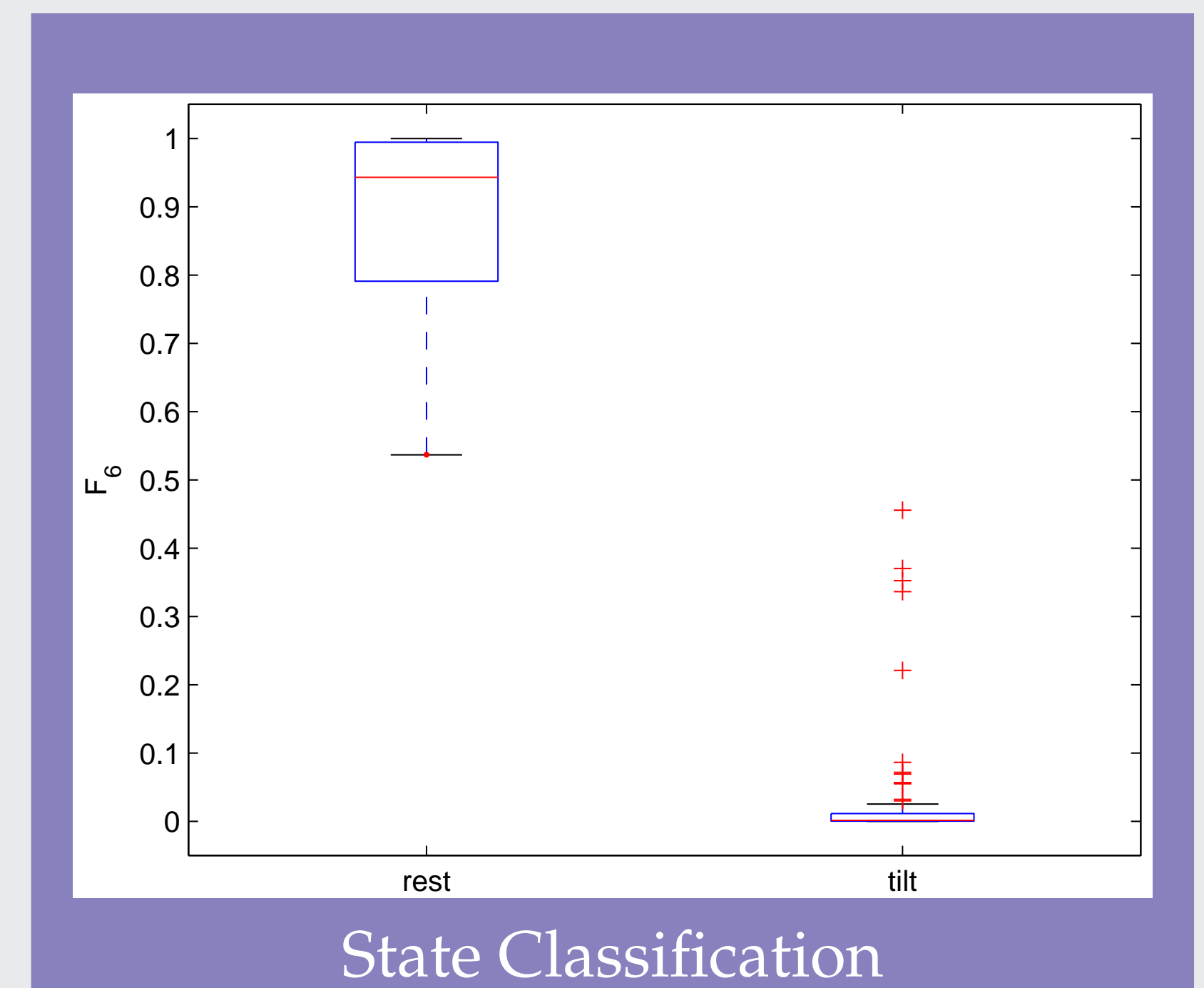
- The physiological signals are typically contaminated with noise and artifacts.
- The signal features based on the typical statistical, spectral, non-linear dynamical, and adaptive modeling analysis might not be enough diagnostic efficient in distinguishing the patients' physiological states.
- The uncertain and complex relationships between physiological states and physiological signals are difficult to be modeled using classical modeling approaches.

Approach: Computational Intelligence based Stochastic Analysis



Tilt-table Experiment

- The participants (N = 40) lay supine on the tilting table for 10 minutes followed by a 10 minutes head-up tilt at 70°.
- The physiological response of the subjects was assessed via measuring their heart-beat intervals.
- It was possible to predict accurately the either state via calculating the state probabilities.



Stochastic Fuzzy Modeling of Physiological States

- The signal of a patient P with physiological state S is modeled as a history-dependent probability density:

$$\mathfrak{M}: p(y_j | y_{j-1}, y_{j-2}, \dots, y_{j-n}) \propto e^{-\frac{\phi |y_j - FM(y_{j-1}, y_{j-2}, \dots, y_{j-n}; \alpha)|^2}{2}}$$

$$p(\alpha | m_0, \Lambda_0) = N(\alpha | m_0, (\Lambda_0)^{-1})$$

$$p(\phi | a_0, b_0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(b_0)} \frac{\phi^{b_0-1}}{a_0^{b_0}} e^{-\frac{\phi}{a_0}}, \phi > 0, a_0, b_0 > 0.$$

- Bayesian inference of the nonlinear fuzzy physiological state model m is the first goal of the method.

Physiological State Prediction

- A discrete random variable s is introduced such that the value of s reflects that s -th physiological model might have generated the current physiological signal. That is,

If random variable $s = 1$, then signal is generated by model \mathfrak{M}_1
 \vdots
 If random variable $s = C$, then signal is generated by model \mathfrak{M}_C

- Let $\pi = [\pi_1 \dots \pi_S]^T \in R^S$ be the vector of probabilities such that

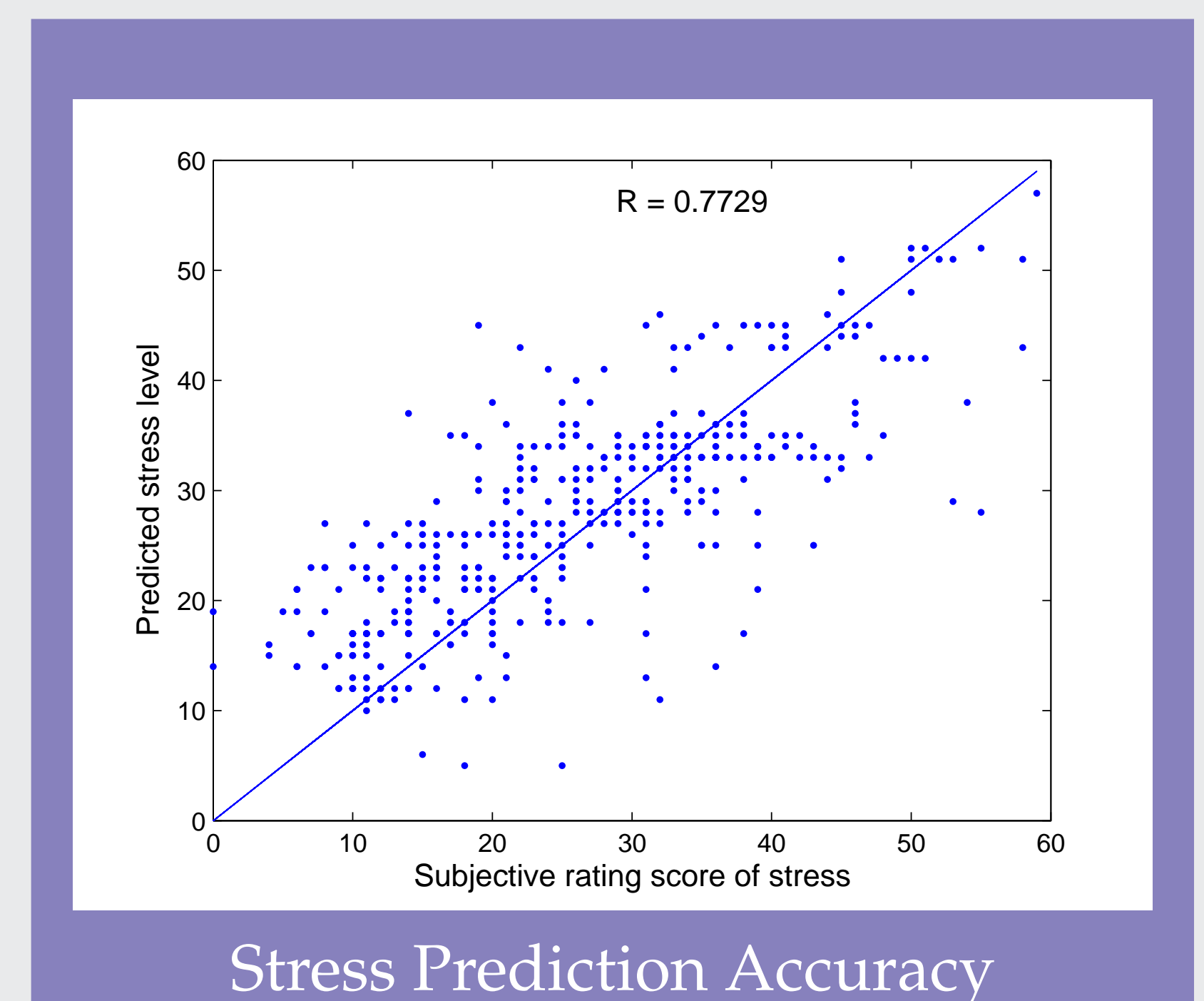
$$p(s = 1 | \pi) = \pi_1, \dots, p(s = C | \pi) = \pi_C$$

where π is generated by a Dirichlet distribution:

$$p(\pi | c_0) = \frac{\Gamma(c_0)}{(\Gamma(\frac{c_0}{S}))^S} \pi_1^{\frac{c_0}{S}-1} \dots \pi_S^{\frac{c_0}{S}-1}, \pi_1, \dots, \pi_S \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^S \pi_j = 1, c_0 > 0.$$

Stress Assessment Applications

- Stress monitoring for mobile telemedical applications.
- N = 50, 24-hours stress monitoring, prediction accuracy $R = 0.7729$.



Conclusion

- The intelligent fuzzy computing based biomedical signal analysis methods possess a high diagnostic efficiency and thus the physiological states of the subjects could be accurately predicted.