

Predicting Glucose Levels using Smartwatch Data

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Overview:

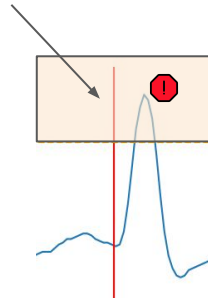
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High glucose levels have negative long-term health effects.

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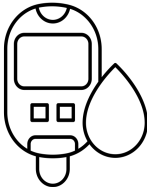
Predicting adverse events such as high glucose levels can help people with prediabetes **protect their health**.

Food intake



Dataset

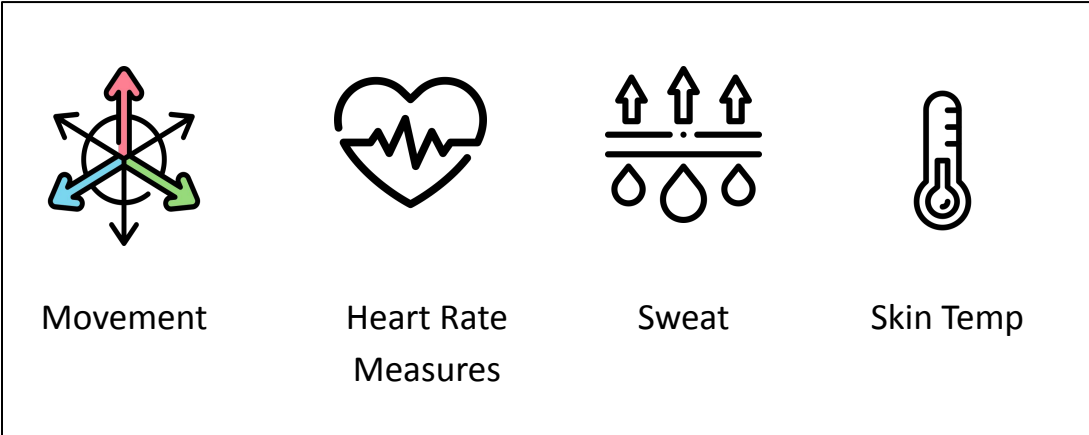
Smartwatch



Glucose



Food Log



Movement

Heart Rate
Measures

Sweat

Skin Temp

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2. Bent, B., Cho, P.J., Henriquez, M. et al. Engineering digital biomarkers of interstitial glucose from noninvasive smartwatches. *npj Digit. Med.* 4, 89 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41746-021-00465-w>

Data Prep: Accelerometer



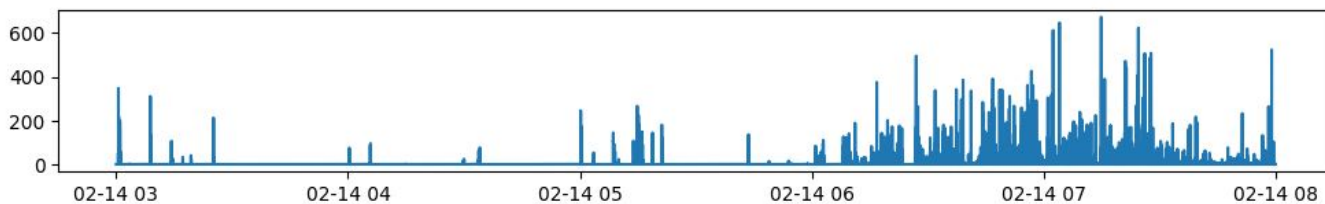
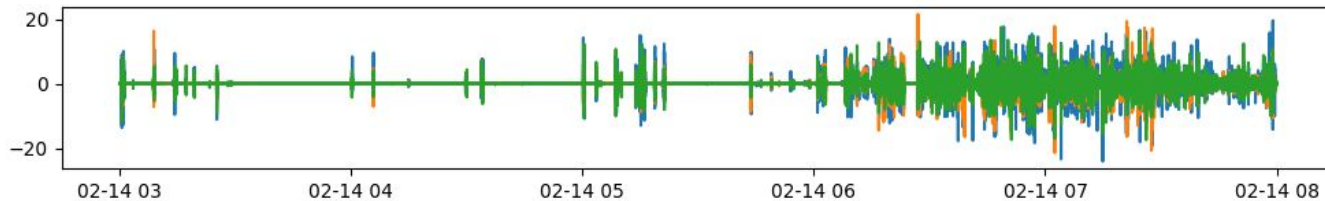
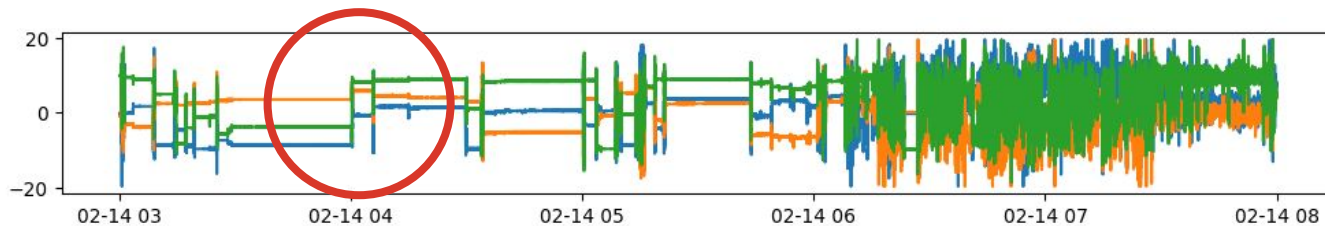
Gravity + Activity
(Vector)

High-Pass
Filter

Activity
(Vector)

Magnitude

Activity
(Scalar)



Data Augmentation: Glycemic Index (GI)



- GI quantifies how much a unit of carbohydrates in the given food raises the blood sugar.
- High GI means carbohydrates in that food are quickly absorbed → rapid rise in blood glucose.



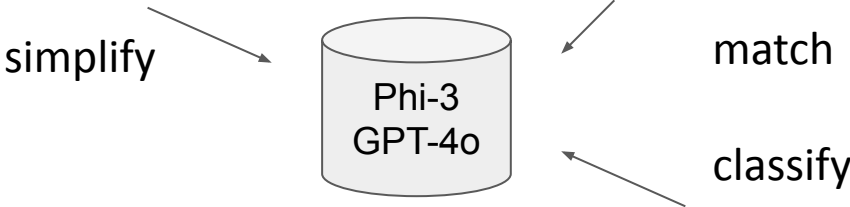
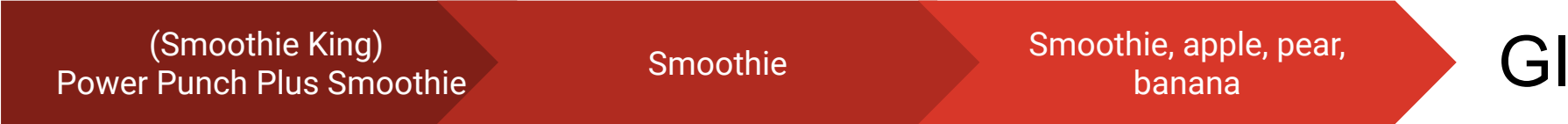
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*Our dataset has a food log (e.g., “mashed potato”, “chicken pot pie”)
→ scrape and incorporate external GI database (University of Sydney)*

Matching GI Data with LMs



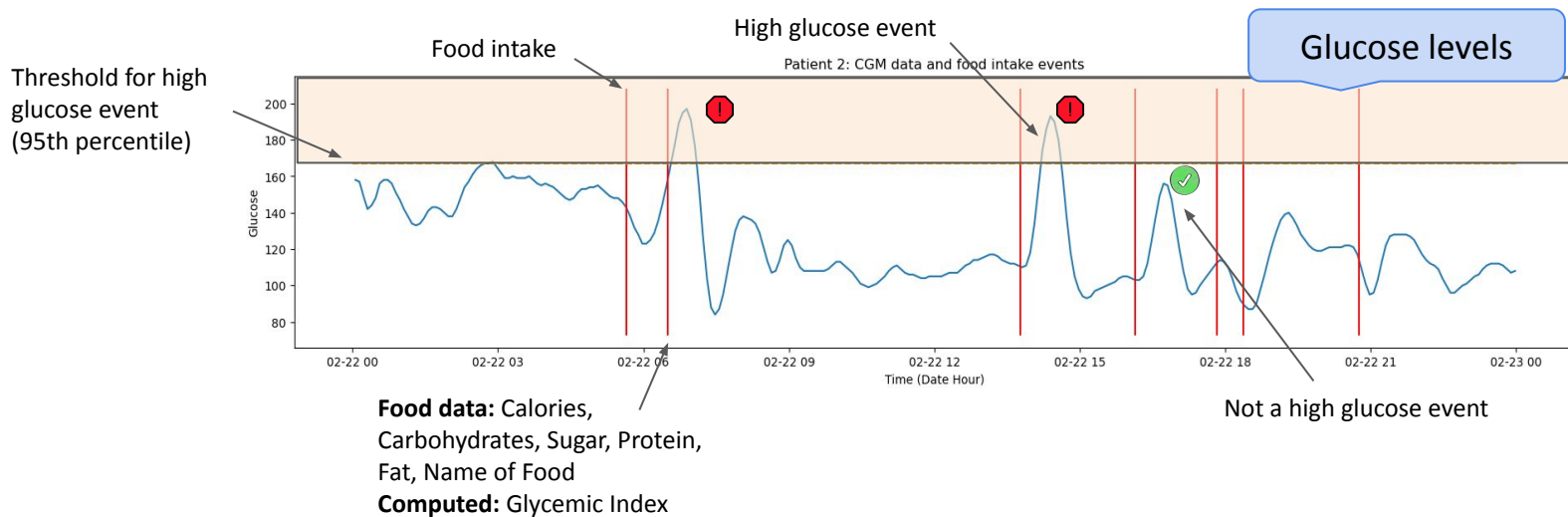
We used SLM/LLM (Phi-3/GPT-4o) to match food description to the GI database:



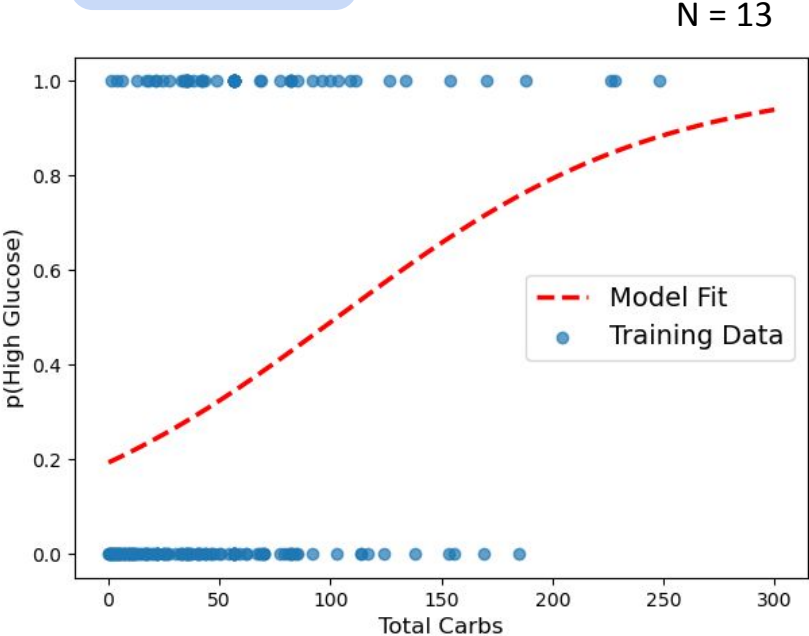
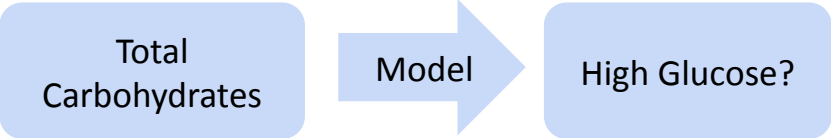
For foods not found, we used it to classify:



High glucose events



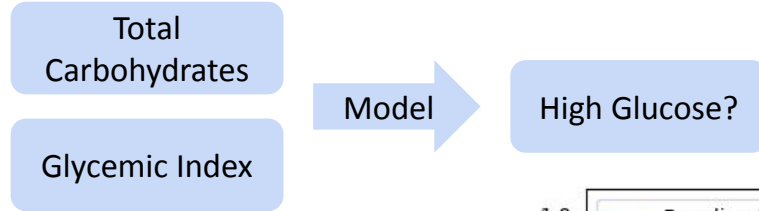
Using carbohydrates to predict high glucose level



- Discarded meal data:
- Intervals too close
 - Missing glucose data
 - Unreasonably large intake

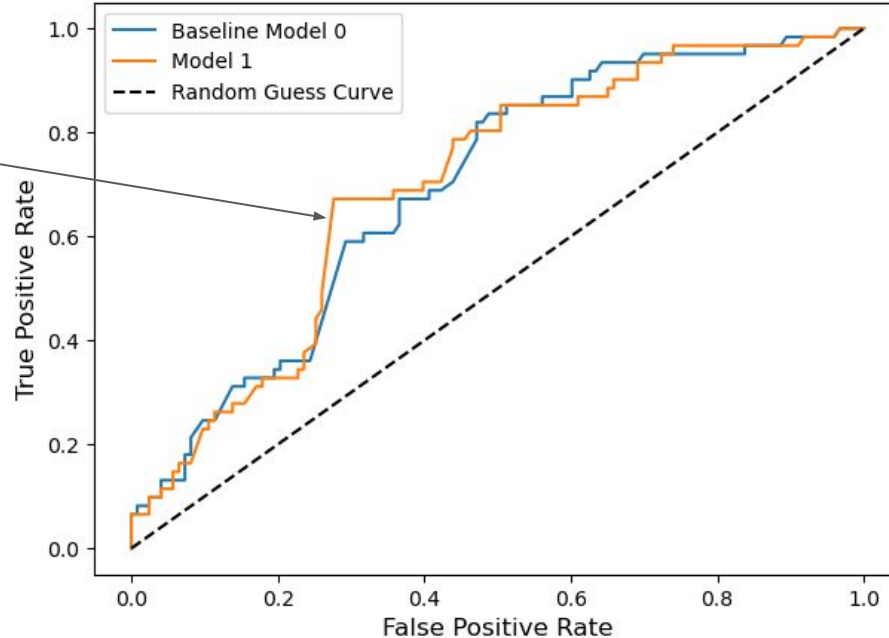
Sensitivity: .3279
Specificity: .8374

Glycemic index improves prediction



N = 13

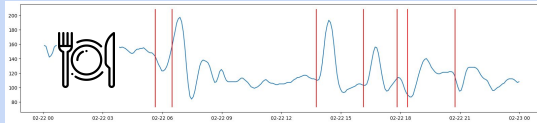
Increase in accuracy for predicting high glucose



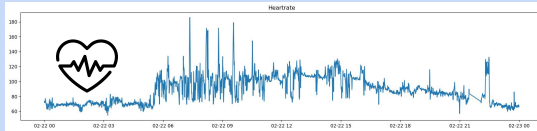
Sensitivity: .6721
Specificity: .7236

Predicting glucose levels over time

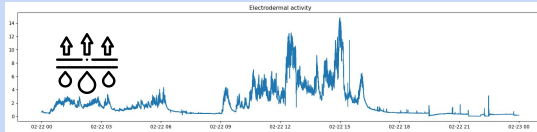
Inputs: Time-Dependent



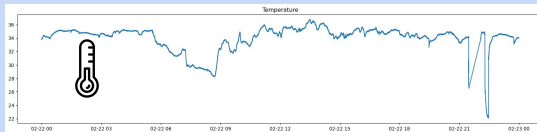
Food data



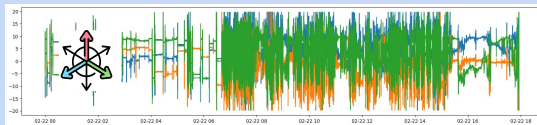
Heart rate



Skin moisture



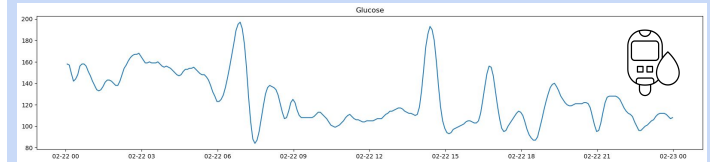
Temperature



3D Movement

Our model

Output: Time Series Prediction



Glucose

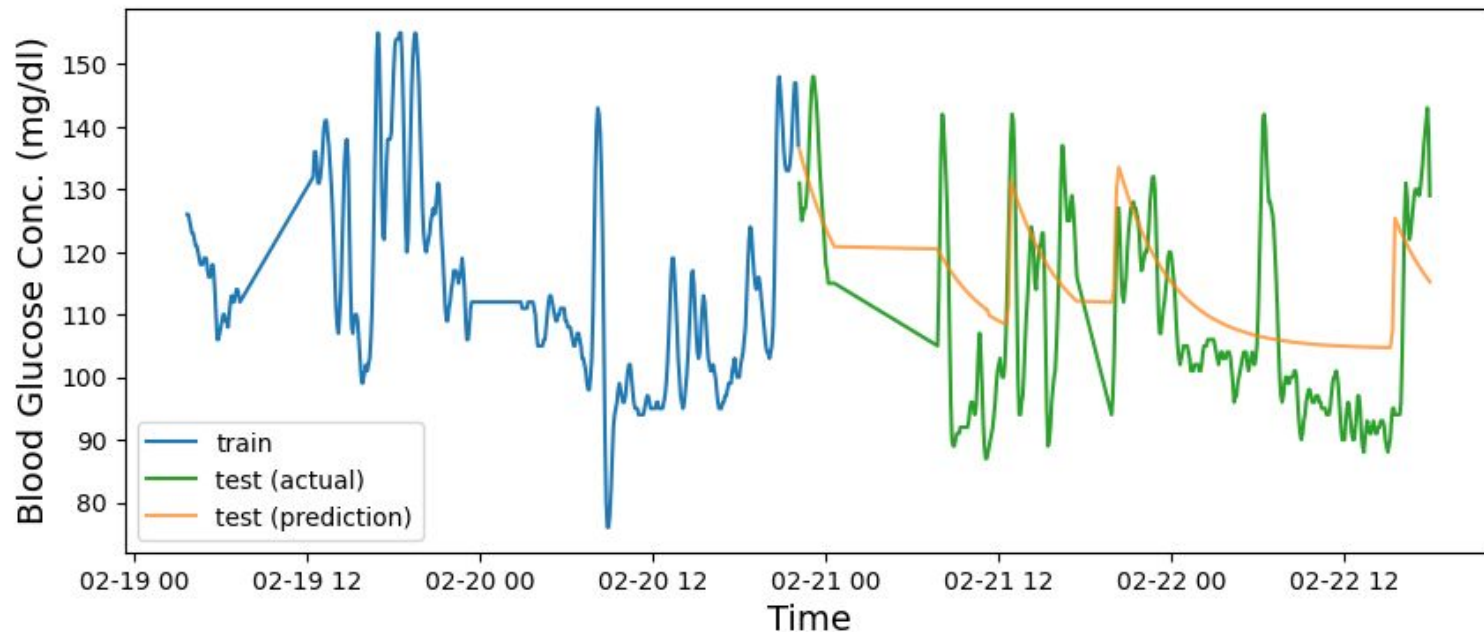
Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ADL)

- ADL functions like an autoregressive (AR) model, but incorporates information from other time series into its predictions
- Our ADL model uses the smartwatch and food consumption data to predict a glucose reading
- Model was fit to each participant
- Hyperparameter optimization was used to find the best model for each participant
 - Hyperparameters optimized: Predictor set, Glucose lags, Predictor lags

ADL: GI Only

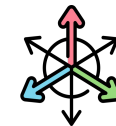


CV RMSE: 15.4 (mg/dL)

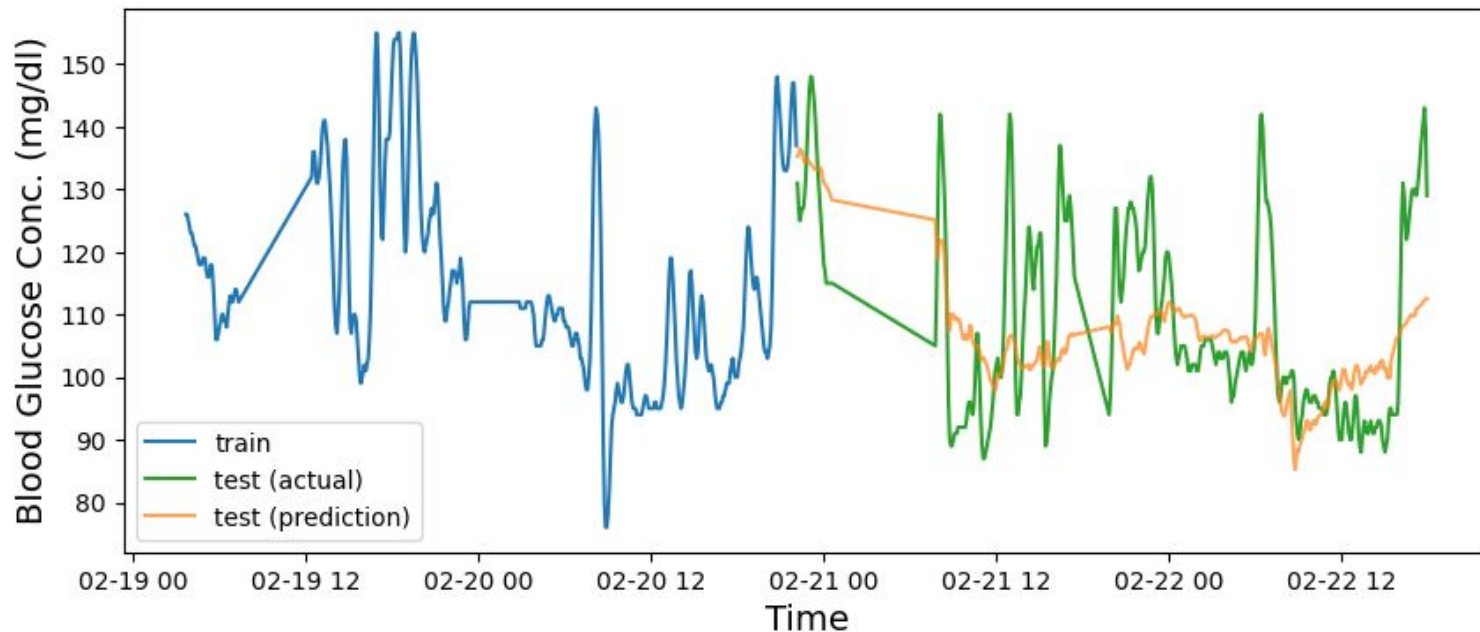


Participant 1, Glucose Lag 1, Predictor Lag 3

ADL: Smartwatch Only



CV RMSE: 15.5 (mg/dL)

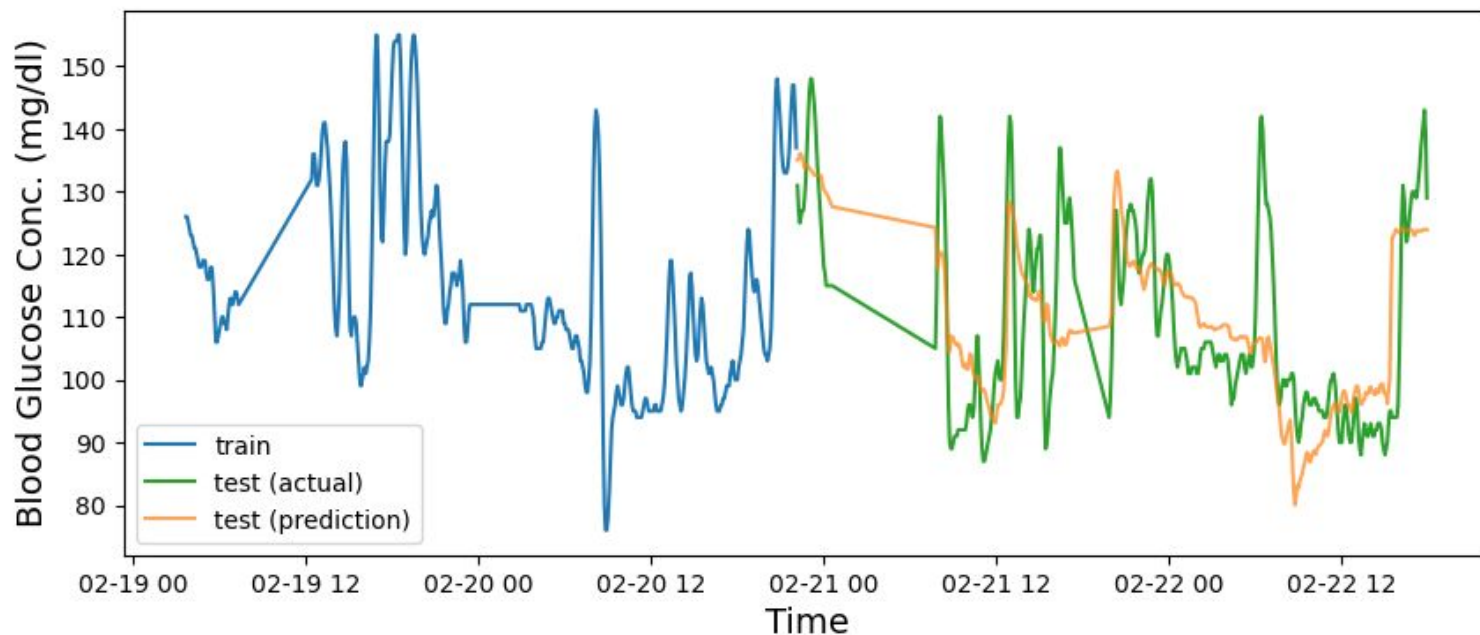


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ADL: GI + Smartwatch



CV RMSE: 14.6 (mg/dL)



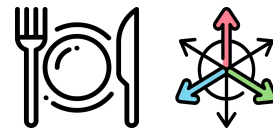
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Results

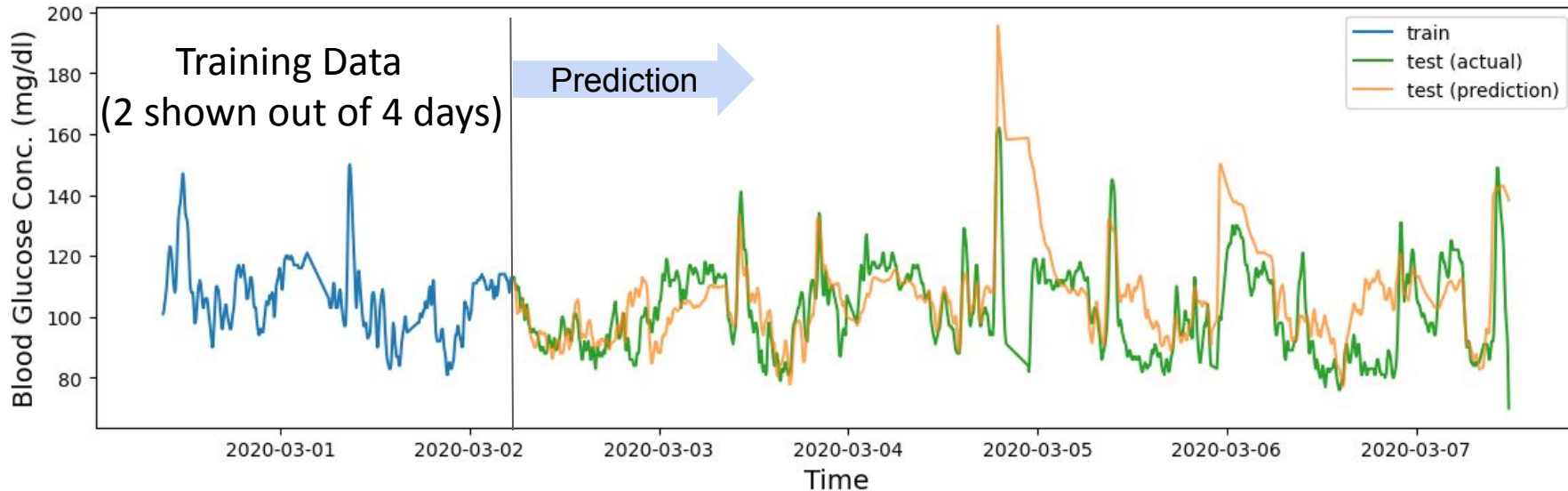
- Good fit for participants with reliably logged biometric data
- Participants with highly varying glucose data had worse fits
- Glycemic index was present in 8 of 13 best models

Participant #	Best Model RMSE Glucose Conc.(mg/dL)
1	14.19
2	19.09
3	19.39
4	18.75
5	10.62
6	22.76
8	16.54
9	22.87
10	23.20
11	19.98
12	16.34
14	20.75
16	16.82

Long Term Prediction



After training on 4 days of data, this model is capable of predicting the glucose readings for 5 days, given only smartwatch and food data for the same period.



Participant 5, Glucose Lag 1, Predictor Lag 6

Future Work

- Developing a mobile application that provides real-time alerts and personalized dietary recommendations.
- Improve data cleanup and alignment process.
- Incorporating additional data such as inter-beat interval.
- Investigating the feasibility of predicting the time to reach/recover from the peak glucose level after a meal.



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