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# AI Fundamentals and Breakthrough Applications in Epilepsy

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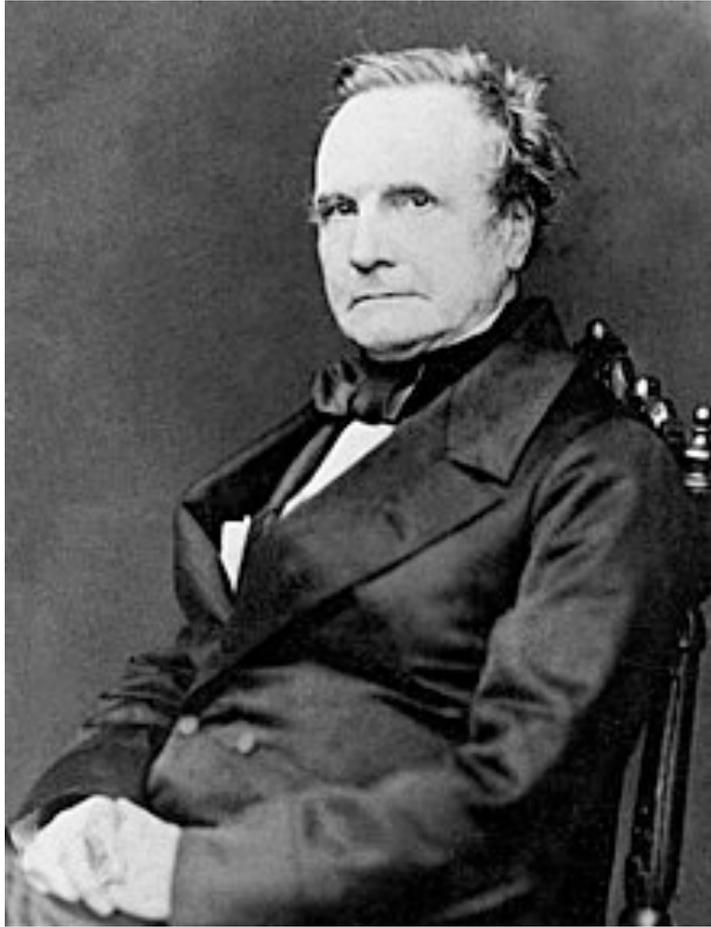
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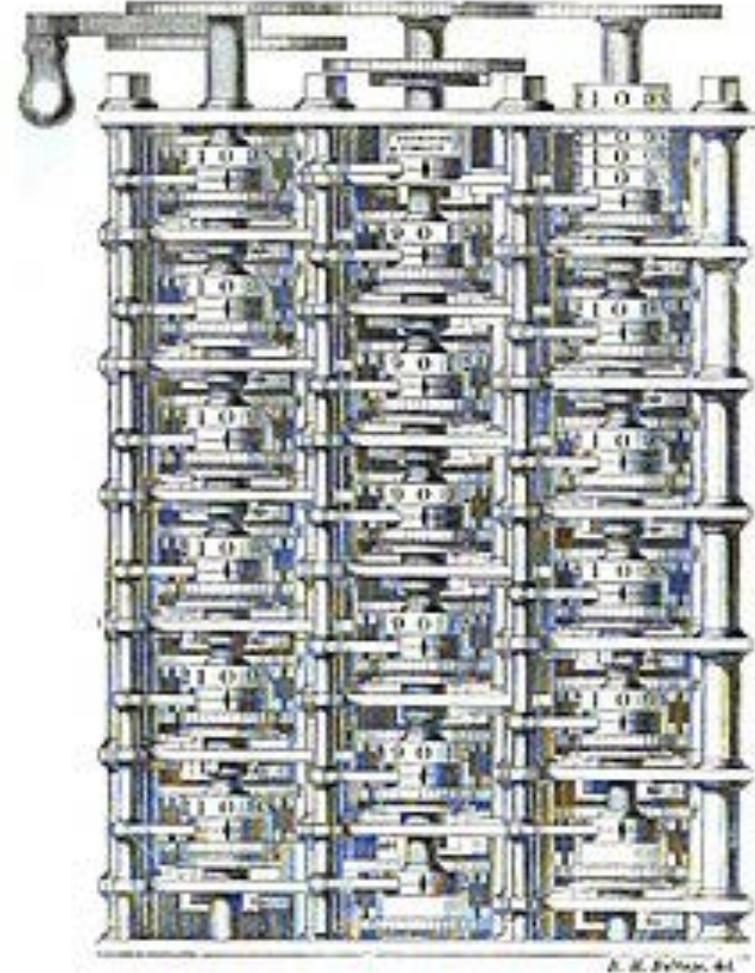


# Artificial intelligence (AI)

- “A Field of computer science focused on creating systems to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making and language translation”
- “A field of research in computer science that develops and studies methods and software that enable machines to perceive their environment and use learning and intelligence to take actions that maximize their chances of achieving defined goals”



**Charles Babbage**  
1791 –1871



Invented the first mechanical computer, the Difference Engine, that eventually led to more complex electronic designs



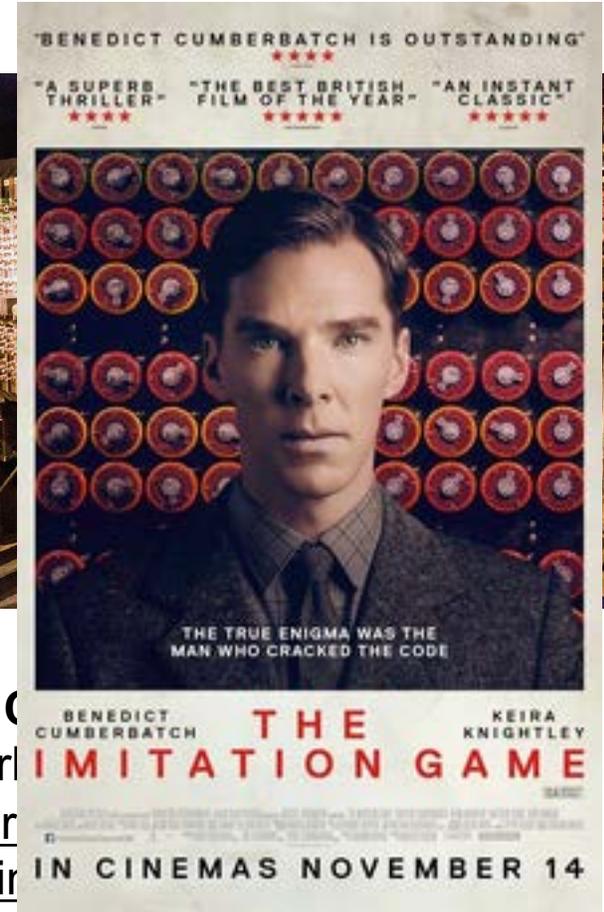
Alan Turing  
(23 June 1912 – 7 June 1954)

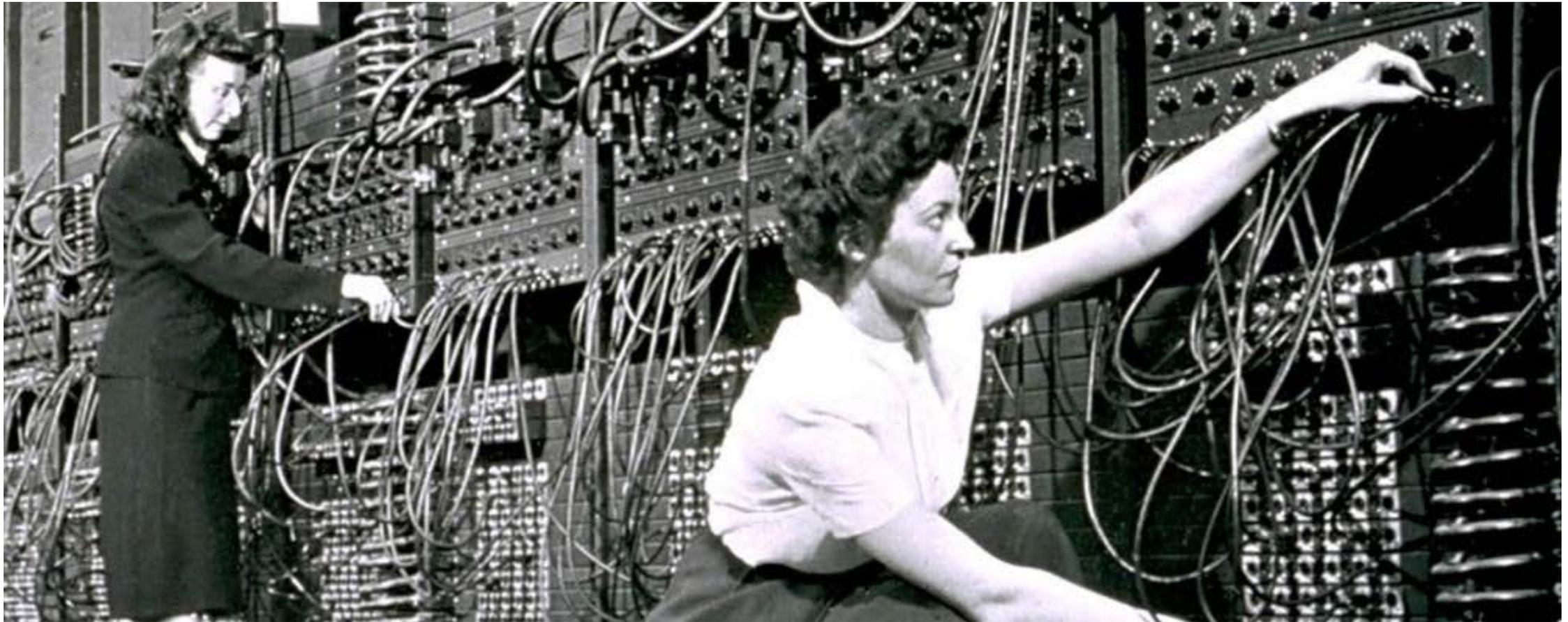


Military Model Enigma I,  
in use from 1930



**Automatic C**  
a British early  
stored-program  
by Alan Turing





The **ENIAC, or Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer**, was the result of a U.S. government-funded project during World War II to build an electronic computer that could be programmed. The project was based out of the University of Pennsylvania's Moore School of Engineering. The design team included engineer J. Presper Eckert Jr. and physicist John Mauchly under the leadership of Herman Goldstine. The team began work on the project in 1943. John von Neumann, a noted mathematician of the day, began consulting on the project in 1944.

# Example of AI

Web search engines



Recommendation systems



Interaction via speech



Generative and creative tools



Use "large language model"

Games eg. computer chess

# Terms

## Machine Learning

- A subset of artificial intelligence that involves development of algorithms and statistical models that enable computers to improve their performance on a specific task through experience or data without being explicitly programmed for that task
- Involves using data to train a computer algorithm to maximize its performance based on a single quantitative metric (e.g., accuracy)

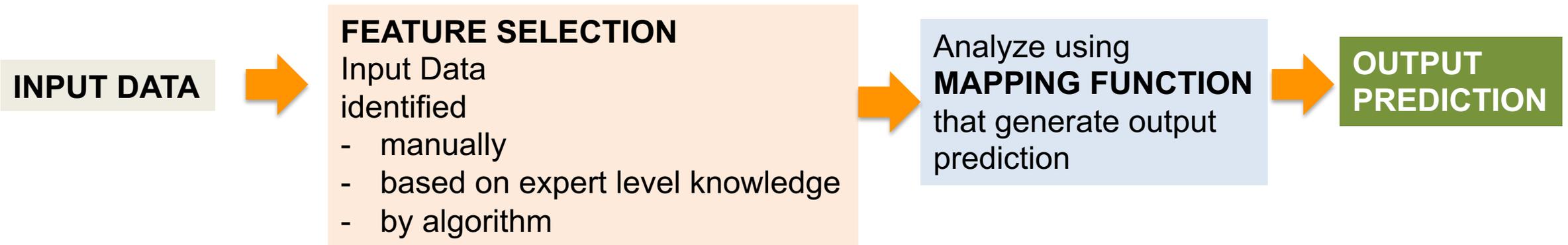
## Artificial intelligence

- A Field of computer science focused on creating systems to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence
- Aims to perform a broad range of tasks, including tasks for which there has not been explicit training, and can do so using multiple ML tools

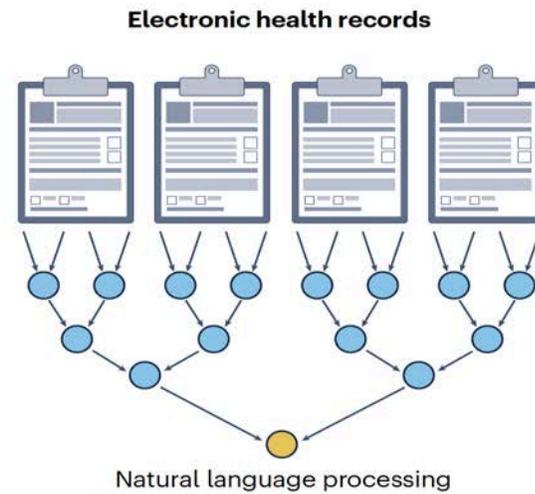
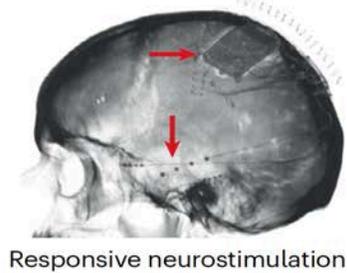
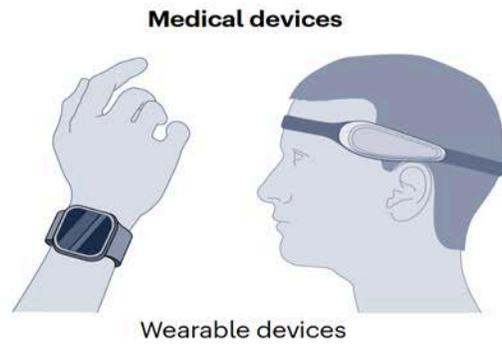
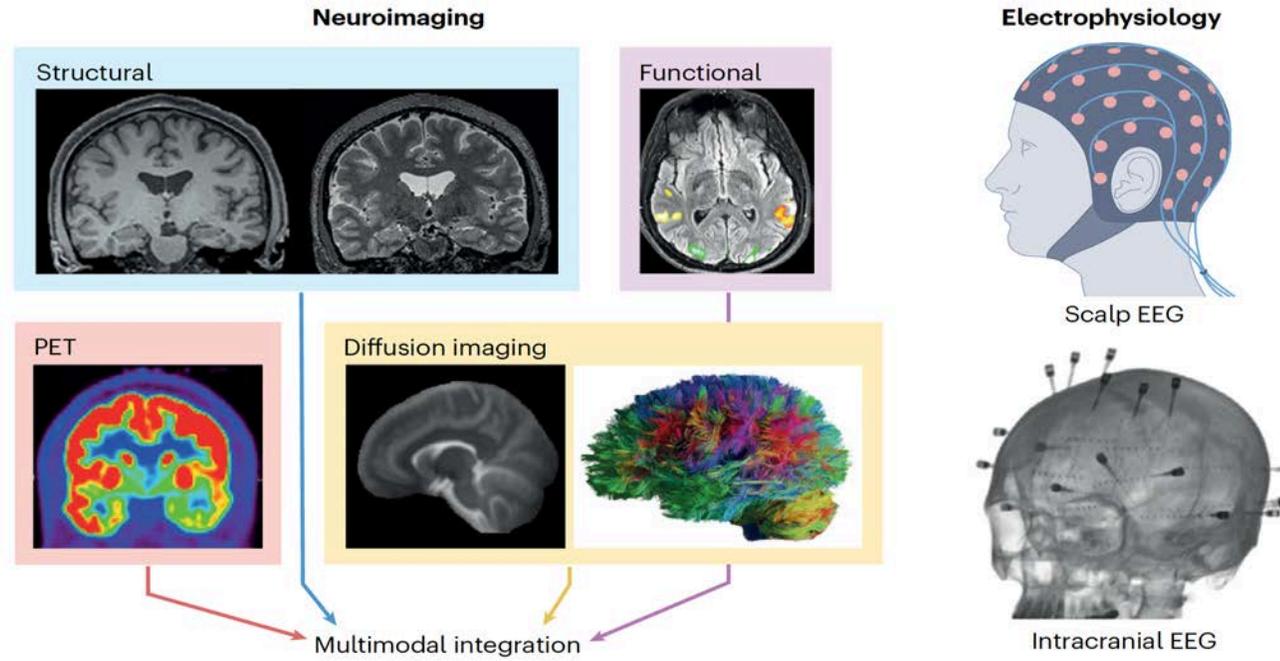
## Deep learning

- A machine learning technique that uses layered neural networks to analyse and interpret vast amounts of data

# Data pipeline



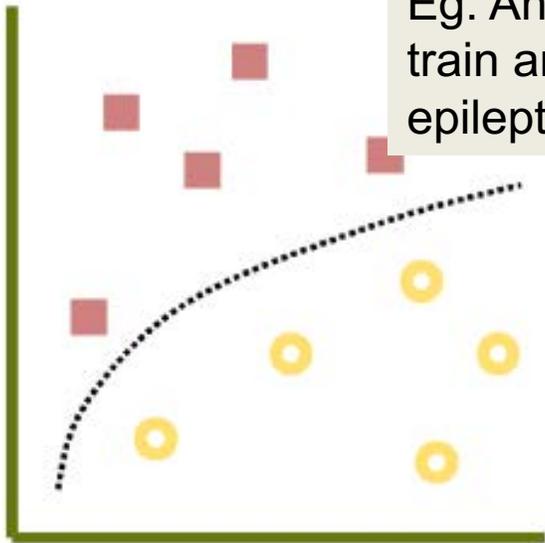
# Data modalities of AI in epilepsy



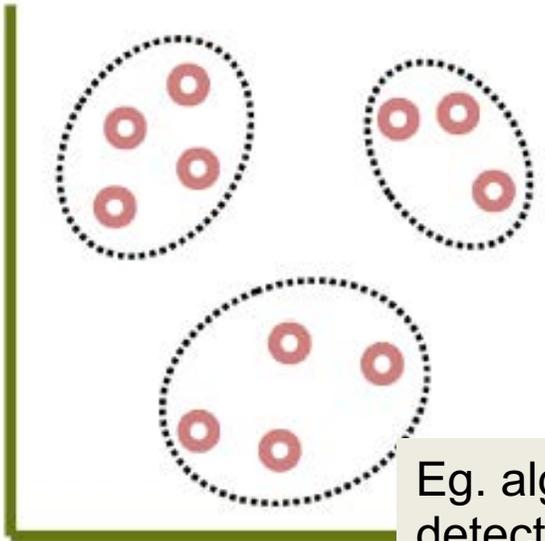
# Overview of machine learning concepts

- Supervised learning
- Unsupervised learning

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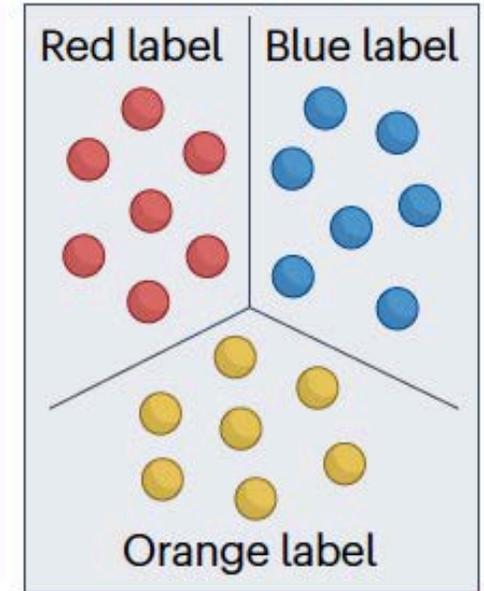
Eg. Annotated EEG recordings may be used to train an algorithm to automatically detect epileptiform discharges.



Eg. algorithm identify candidate epileptiform discharges by detecting outliers from the background EEG recording

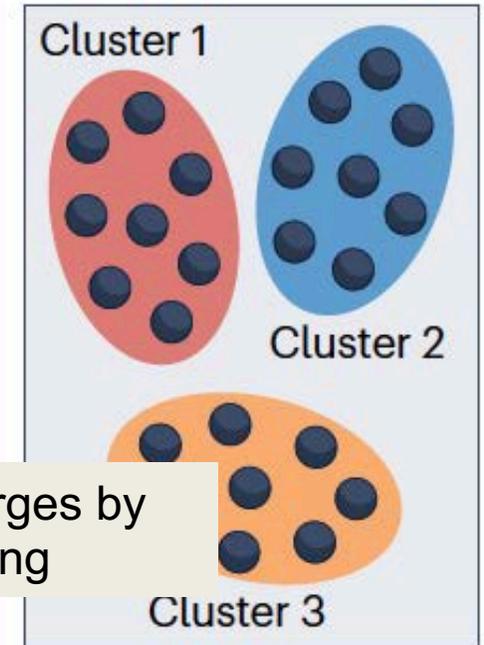
### Supervised learning

The algorithm learns by analysing these data and making predictions or decisions that are refined according to accuracy against the known labels



### Unsupervised learning

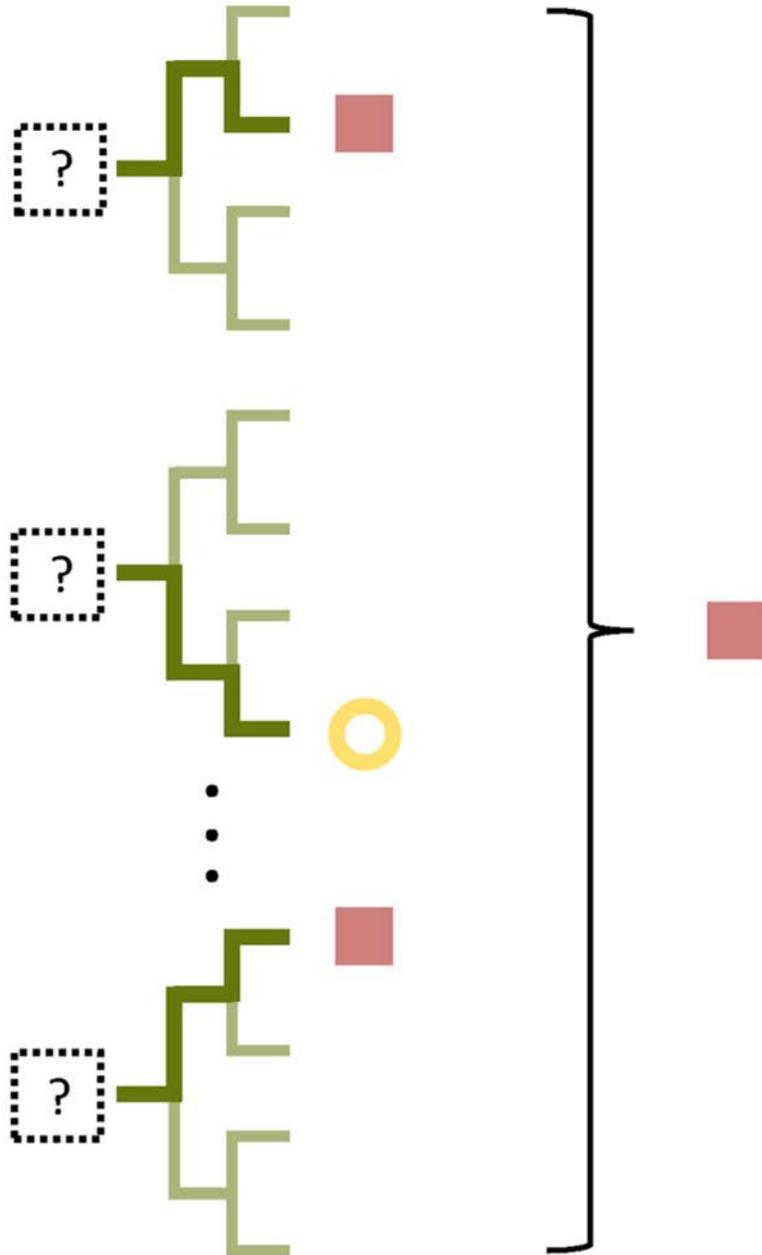
An algorithm is trained with an unlabelled dataset, allowing autonomous identification of patterns and structures in the data. Can uncover patterns and intrinsic structures,



# Overview of machine learning concepts

- Commonly used mapping functions
  - Random forest
  - K nearest neighbor (k-NN) classification
  - Support vector machine

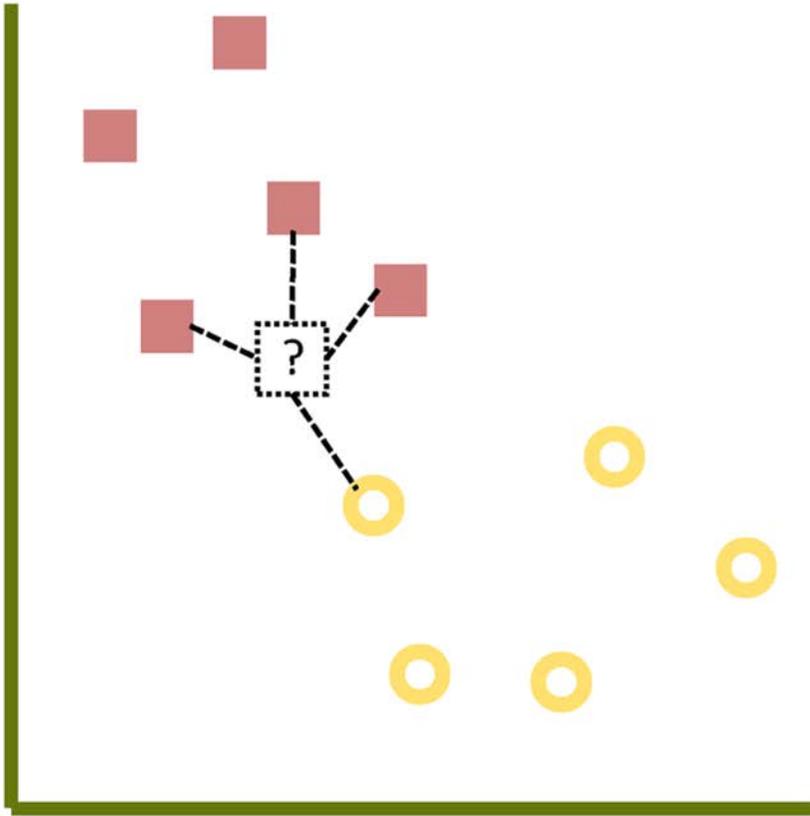
**B**



**The random forest**

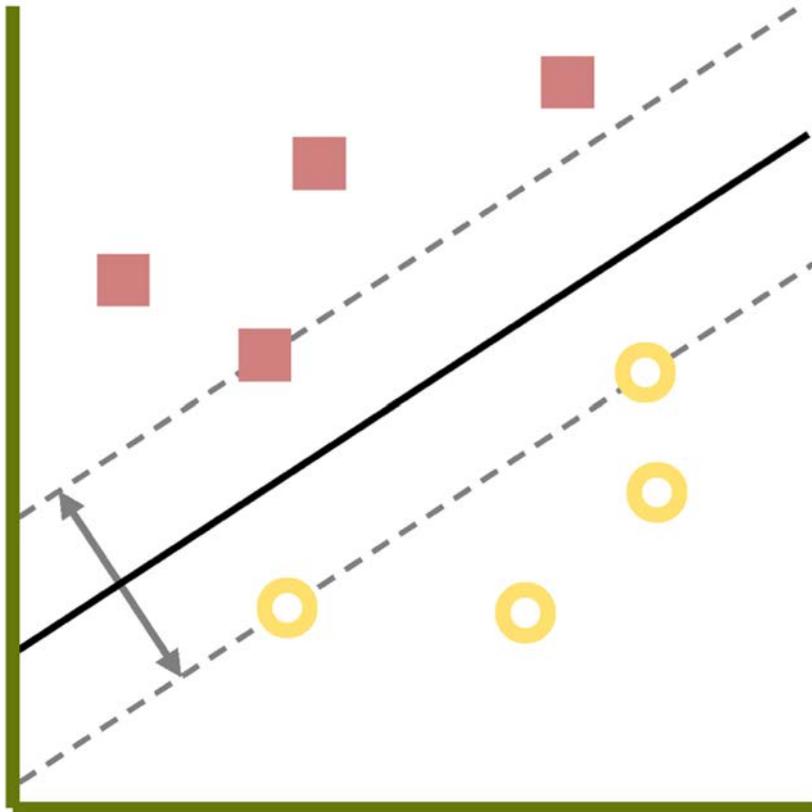
Algorithm generates a forest of decision trees, each utilizing subsets of input features as bifurcation points to differentiate the training data into expected outputs the output of the ensemble (eg, the majority vote) is reported for new inputs.

C



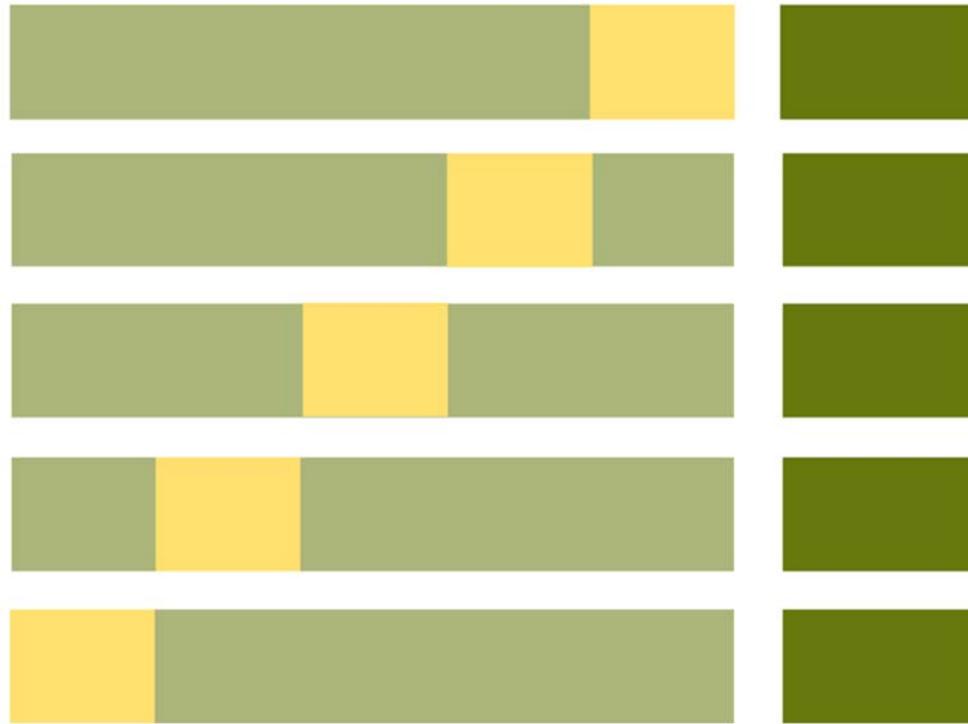
**k-nearest neighbor classification**

an input is plotted as a vector within a feature space alongside labeled data, and is subsequently assigned to the class of its  $k$  nearest neighbors (here,  $k = 4$ ).



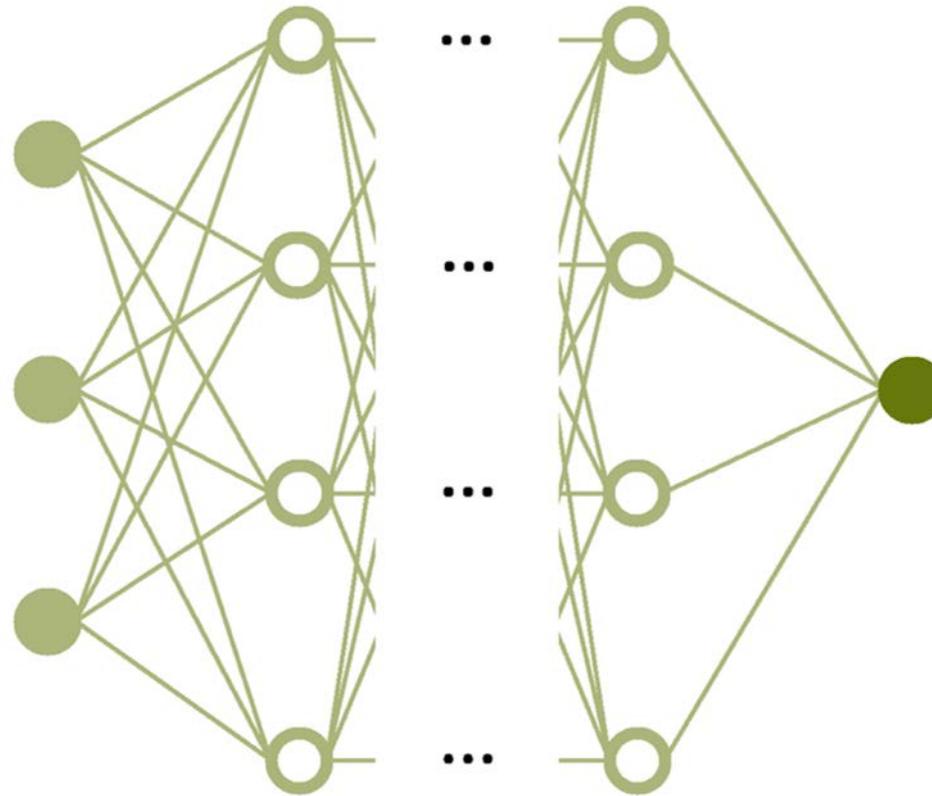
### **Support vector machine**

generate a hyperplane in a higher-dimensional feature space to maximally separate clusters of labeled training data, providing a decision boundary for classifying new inputs



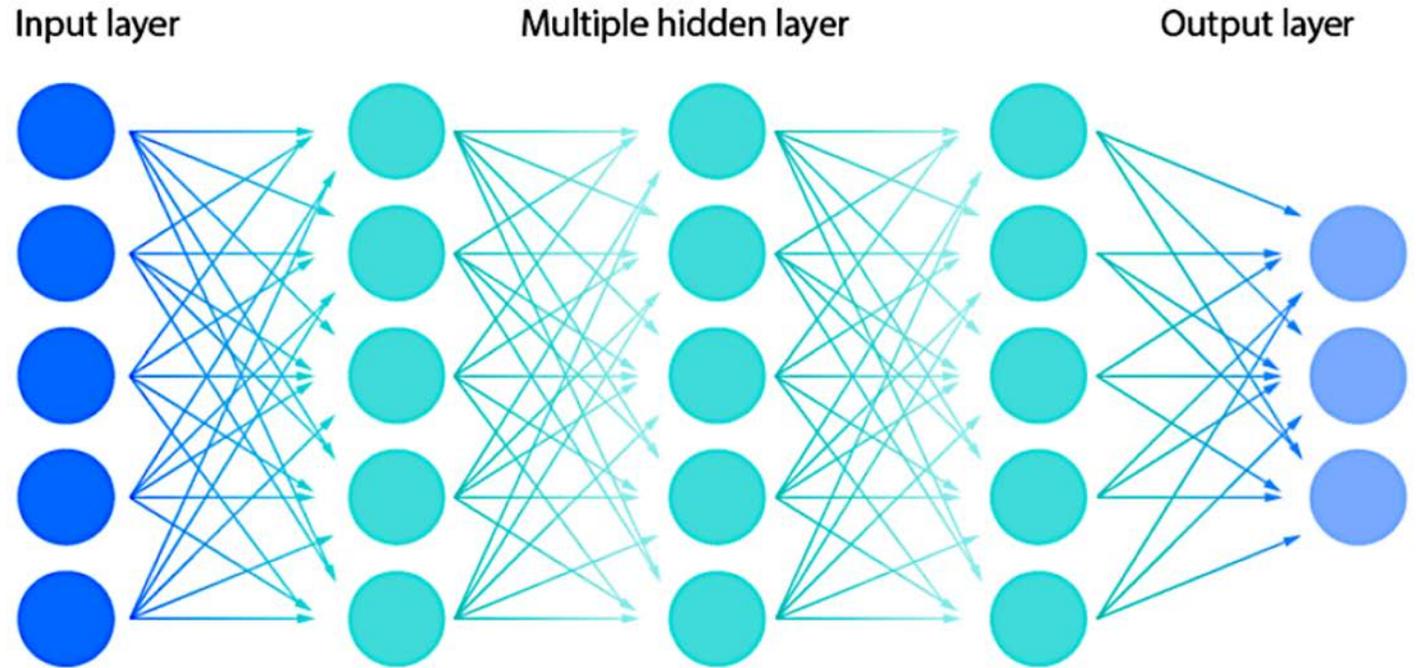
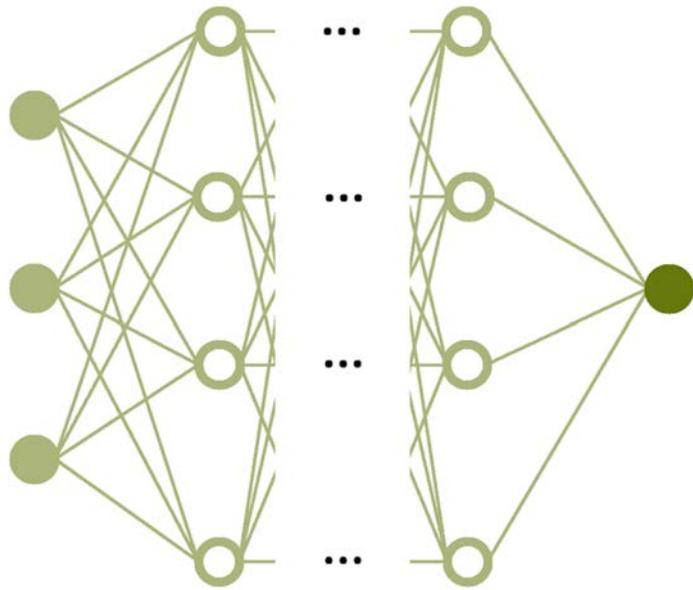
**In cross-validation**

a subset of the training data is withheld as the validation set (yellow), allowing for fine-tuning of an algorithm parametrized on the training set (light green); after multiple iterations (here showing K-fold cross-validation with  $K = 5$ ), the algorithm may be tested on an initially withheld testing set (dark green) to assess accuracy and generalizability of the finalized model



### **Multilayers artificial neural networks**

process data through layers of nodes, in each of which weighted inputs are summated and passed through a nonlinear activation function to yield intermediary outputs; these may in turn proceed through additional layers of nodes as desired, ultimately reaching output nodes



See video “Stat Quest” on YOUTUBE

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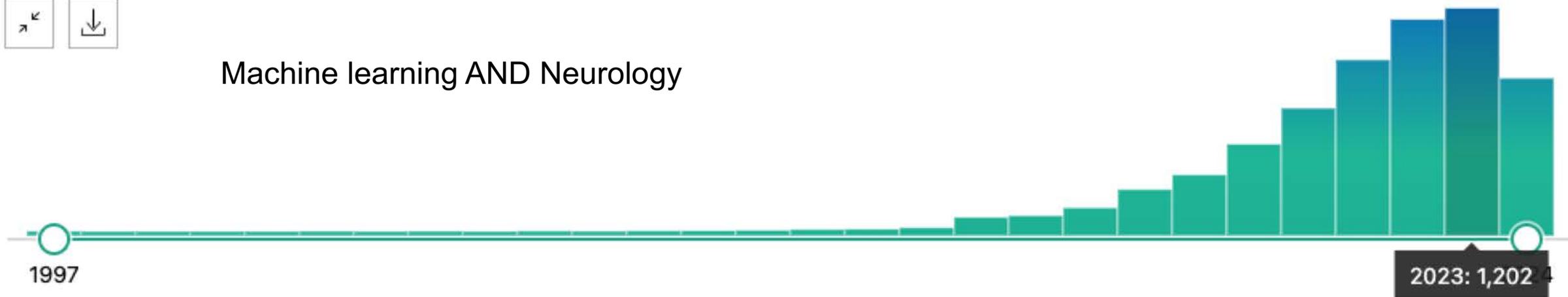
RESULTS BY YEAR

5,398 results

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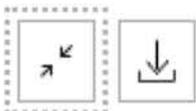
## Machine learning AND Neurology



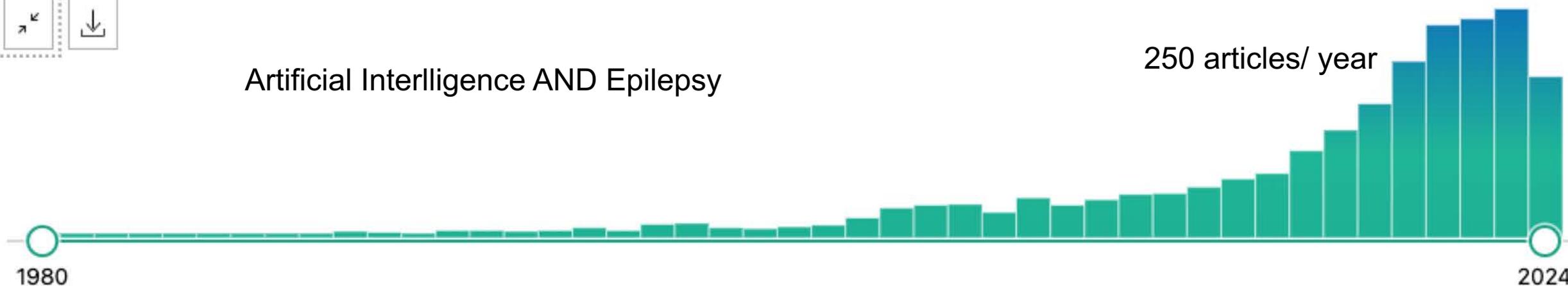
RESULTS BY YEAR

1,757 results

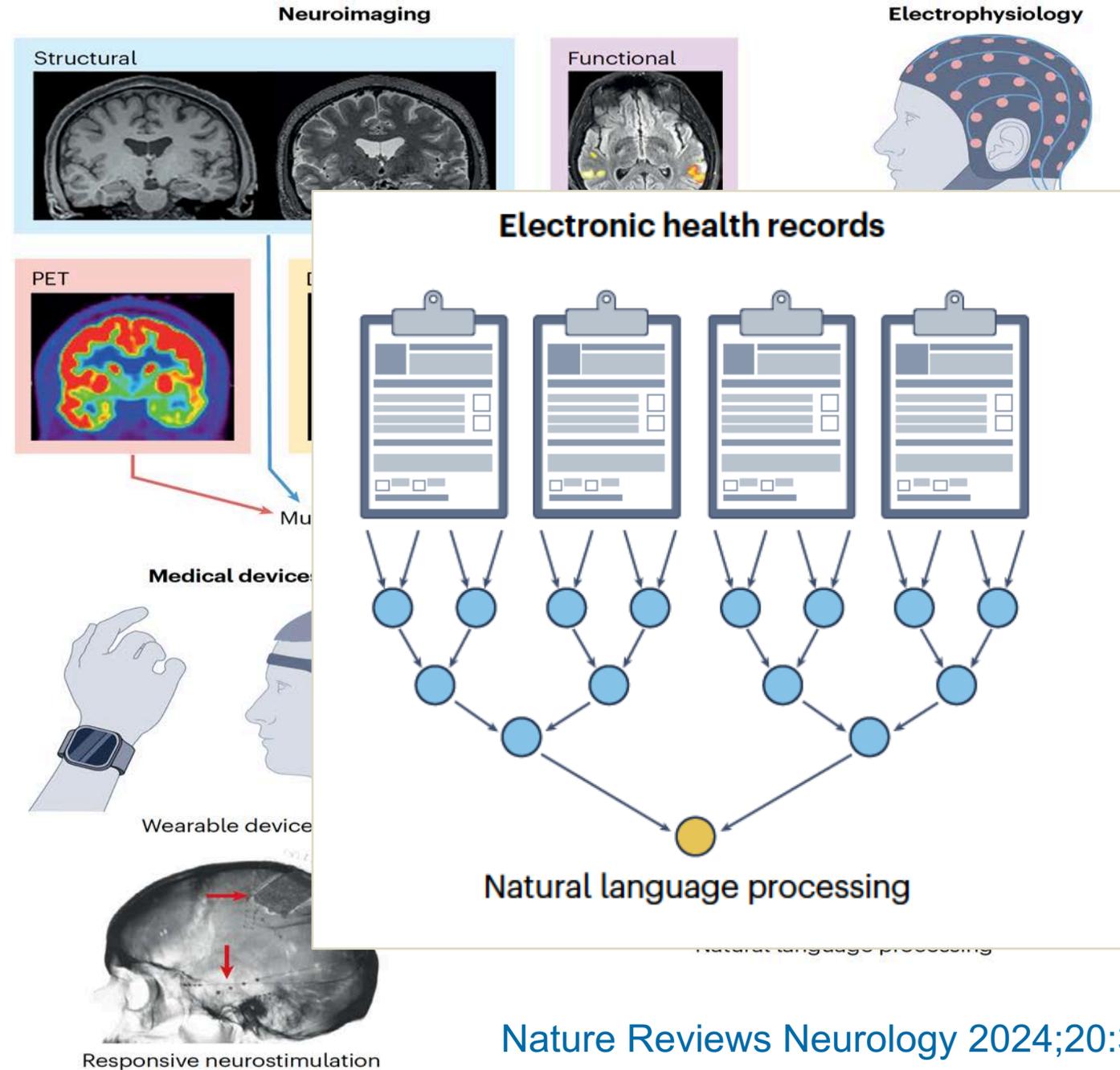
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## Artificial Interlligence AND Epilepsy



# Data modalities of AI in epilepsy



# Epilepsy classification using artificial intelligence: A web-based application

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Mohsen Farazdaghi<sup>1</sup>  | Mehrdad Sharifi<sup>4,5,6</sup>

To evaluate the feasibility of using easily accessible and applicable clinical information (based on history taking and physical examination) in order to make a reliable differentiation between idiopathic generalized epilepsy (IGE) versus focal epilepsy using machine learning (ML) methods.

# Data pipeline

**INPUT DATA**



## **FEATURE SELECTION**

Input Data identified

- manually
- based on expert level knowledge
- by algorithm



Analyze using **MAPPING FUNCTION** that generate output prediction



**OUTPUT PREDICTION**

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All patients with an electro-clinical diagnosis of IGE or focal epilepsy, at the outpatient epilepsy clinic at Shiraz University, Shiraz, Iran, from 2008 until 2022, were included

1445 patients; 964 with focal epilepsy and 481 with IGE



The first author selected a set of clinical features



Different types of classifiers were assessed and the final classification was made based on their best results using the stacking method

First phase of the study was a retrospective study of a prospectively developed and maintained database.

## **Feature Selection**

The first author selected a set of clinical features that are

- (1) easily obtainable even by people who are not experts in the field and
- (2) helpful in making a diagnosis of epilepsy type/syndrome (differentiating focal epilepsy from IGE) based on the previous literature.

Other clinical features [eg, an exact diagnosis of seizure types (eg, focal seizure with impaired awareness vs absence seizures)] that are very helpful in differentiating focal epilepsy from IGE, but need a skillful expert were not included

The study did not include EEG and imaging findings.

# Epilepsy Classifier: IGE vs Focal

**Age at onset:** (years, e.g. 12, 13, etc.)

**Sex:** (1 for Male, 2 for Female)

**Febrile convulsion:** (1 for Yes, 2 for No)

**Family history of epilepsy:** (1 for Yes, 2 for No)

**Major head injury:** (1 for Yes, 2 for No)

**Medical comorbidity:** (1 for Yes, 2 for No)

**Aura:** (an integer from 1 to 17, see )

**Exam:** (1 for Normal, 2 for Abnormal)

**Tongue biting:** (1 for Yes, 2 for No)

Classify

## Description:

**Project details:** The present online application aims to utilize clinical information of patients with epilepsy (PWE) to differentiate focal epilepsy from idiopathic generalized epilepsy (IGE) by application of machine learning methods. Nine easily obtainable clinical features (based on a detailed history and physical examination) are utilised as the inputs. The classification framework benefits from multiple classifiers and their best results are exploited by a Stacking classifier to perform the final classification. The training procedure is carried out on a large database of PWE built over 14 years at the epilepsy center at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran, from 2008 until 2022. More technical details can be found in the related publication.

**Input parameters:** including age at seizure onset, sex, a history of febrile convulsion, a family history of epilepsy, a history of severe head injury, a history of medical comorbidity, aura with seizures, ictal-related tongue biting, and abnormal physical examination.

**Aura types:** 1 = No aura, 2 = Indescribable feeling, 3 = Dizziness, 4 = Fear / Nervousness / Anxiety / Adrenaline rush, 5 = Cognitive / Deja vu / Jamais vu / Forced thinking, 6 = Epigastric / Abdominal / Nausea, 7 = Elementary visual, 8 = Complex visual, 9 = Elementary auditory, 10 = Complex auditory, 11 = Olfactory, 12 =

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<http://www.epiclass.ir/f-ige>.

Classifiers	Precision			Sensitivity			Specificity			F1-score		
	FE	IGE	Avg	FE	IGE	Avg	FE	IGE	Avg	FE	IGE	Avg
Stack	0.87	0.71	0.81	0.85	0.74	0.81	0.74	0.85	0.77	0.86	0.72	0.81
SVM	0.83	0.68	0.78	0.85	0.66	0.79	0.66	0.85	0.72	0.84	0.67	0.78
LogReg	0.83	0.67	0.78	0.84	0.66	0.78	0.66	0.84	0.72	0.84	0.67	0.78
KNN	0.87	0.66	0.80	0.76	0.80	0.78	0.76	0.80	0.78	0.84	0.71	0.79
RanFor	0.85	0.69	0.80	0.84	0.70	0.79	0.70	0.84	0.77	0.85	0.69	0.80
GradBoost	0.88	0.68										
AdaBoost	0.87	0.69										
Bagging	0.86	0.68										
ExtRa Trees	0.82	0.71	0.78	0.89	0.60	0.79	0.60	0.89	0.70	0.85	0.66	0.79

Also, in order to enable and facilitate future external validation studies by other peers and professionals, the developed and trained ML model was implemented and published via an online web-based application that is freely available at <http://www.epiclass.ir/f-ige>.

Note: Each row represents a classifier while their precision, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score are in the columns for focal epilepsy (FE), idiopathic generalized epilepsy (IGE), and their average.

This study developed a pragmatic algorithm aimed at epilepsy classification (IGE vs focal epilepsy) for individuals whose epilepsy begins at age 10 years and older

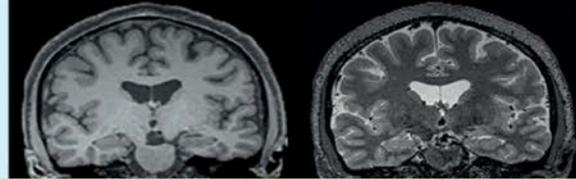
The algorithm has the precision: 0.81, sensitivity: 0.81, and specificity: 0.77.

This algorithm is that it could be used by people who are not experts in epilepsy diagnosis (eg, internists, etc.)

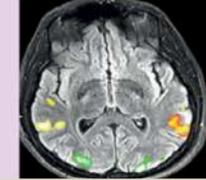
# Data modalities of AI in epilepsy

## Neuroimaging

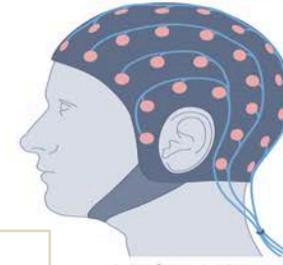
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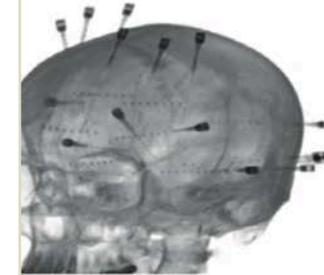
Functional



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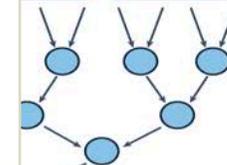


Scalp EEG



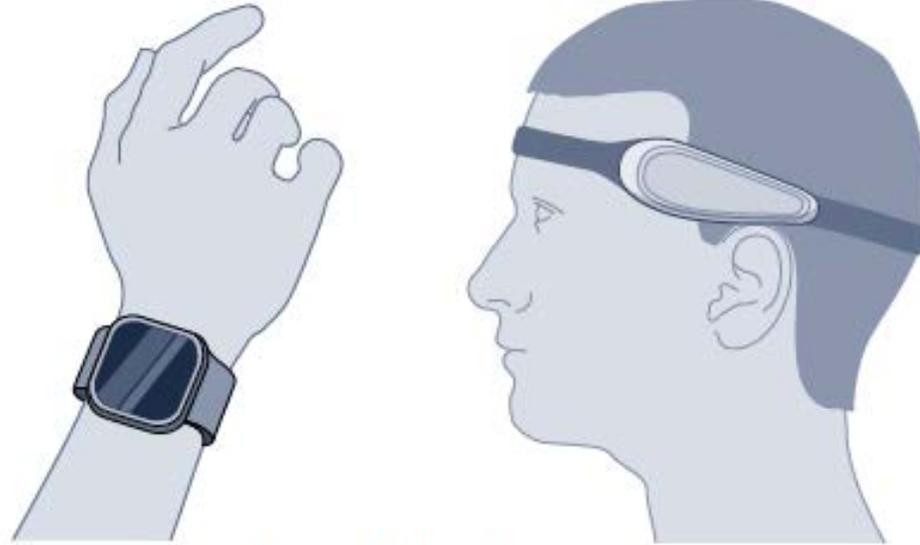
Intracranial EEG

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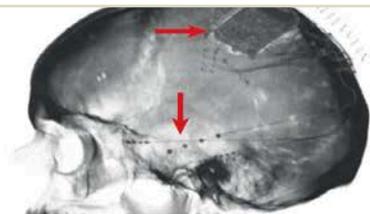


Natural language processing

## Medical devices



Wearable devices



Responsive neurostimulation

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REVIEW ARTICLE

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# Seizure detection based on wearable devices: A review of device, mechanism, and algorithm

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Gang Wang<sup>1</sup> 

Li W, et al. Acta Neurol Scand. 2022;146:723–731

# Data pipeline

INPUT DATA



FEATURE SELECTION

Input Data identified

- manually
- based on expert knowledge
- by algorithm



OUTPUT PREDICTION

ACM: accelerometer  
sEMG  
EKG  
EDA: electrodermal activity  
PPG: photoplethysmography  
EEG: behind ears



Input data selected based on different criteria

- : Time
- Frequency



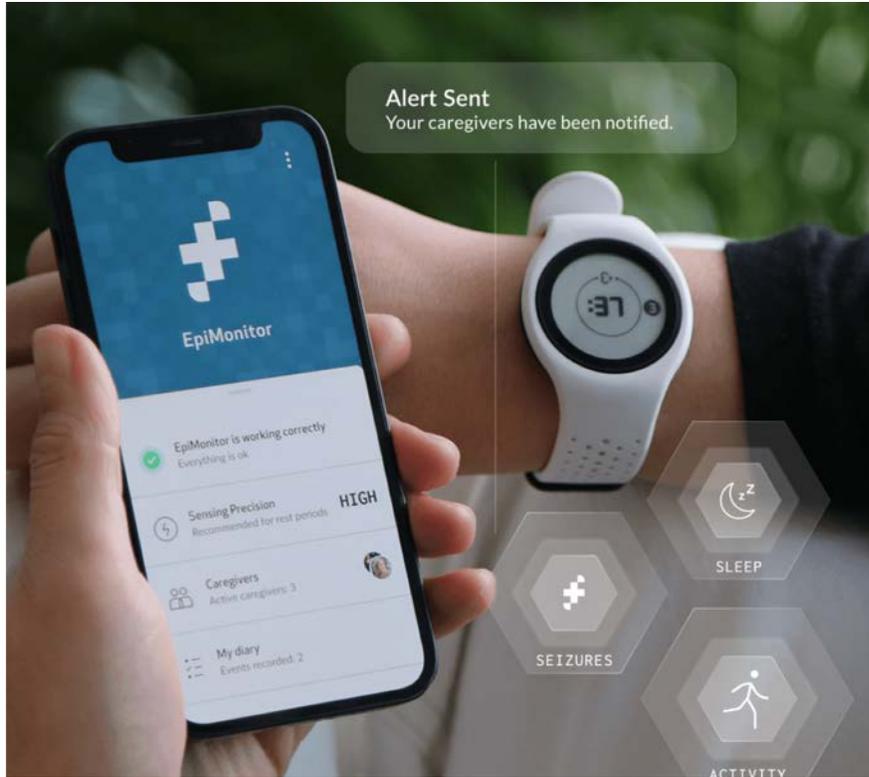
Different types of classifiers

- KNN
- SVM
- RF
- gradient tree boosting

First author	Subjects			Feature set	Algorithm	SEN (%)	FDR (/h)
	(n)	Seizures	Signal				
Johansson <sup>56</sup>	11	37 TCS	ACM	Time, frequency	KNN	100	0.05
Dong <sup>57</sup>	5	379 GTCS	ACM	Time, frequency	RF	88.01	0.01
Dong <sup>58</sup>	7	547 MS	ACM	Time, frequency	two-layer ensemble model	76.84	0.04
Conradsen <sup>33</sup>	11	22 GTCS	sEMG	Time	threshold	100	0.04
Beniczky <sup>23</sup>	11	32 GTCS	sEMG	Time	threshold	93.80	0.03
Baumgartner <sup>59</sup>	20	47 MS	sEMG	Frequency, time-frequency	threshold	72	/
You <sup>60</sup>	12	56 MS	behind-the-ear EEG	Time-frequency	GAN, threshold	96.30	0.14
Frankel <sup>25</sup>	10	24 FS	behind-the-ear EEG	Time, frequency, time-frequency, nonlinear	RF	90	0.09
You <sup>61</sup>	16	52 MS	behind-the-ear EEG	frequency	VAE based on RNN	90.40	0.83
Vandecasteele <sup>64</sup>	11	47 FS	ECG, PPG	Time	SVM	70	2.11
Forooghifar <sup>65</sup>	18	154 FS	ECG	Time, frequency, nonlinear	RF		
Cooman <sup>66</sup>	24	227 FS	ECG	Time	SVM		
Baghersalimi <sup>67</sup>	29	277 FS, FTCb	ECG	Time	Res1DCNN		
Poh <sup>18</sup>	7	16 GTCS	ACM, EDA	Time, frequency, nonlinear	SVM	94	0.03
Milošević <sup>68</sup>	7	22 GTCS	ACM, sEMG	Time, frequency, time-frequency, nonlinear	SVM	91	0.04
Onorati <sup>19</sup>	22	55 MS	ACM, EDA	Time, frequency, nonlinear	SVM	94.55	0.01
Vandecasteele <sup>63</sup>	135	896 FS	behind-the-ear EEG, ECG	Time, frequency, nonlinear	RF	92	1.85
Böttcher <sup>69</sup>	10	21 TCS	ACM, EDA	Time, frequency	Gradient tree boosting	91	0.01
Nasserl <sup>62</sup>	10	19 MS	ACM, EDA, PPG, temperature	Time	LSTM	93	0.10
Böttcher <sup>70</sup>	9	20 MS	ACM, EDA, PPG	Time, frequency	Gradient tree boosting	75	0.56

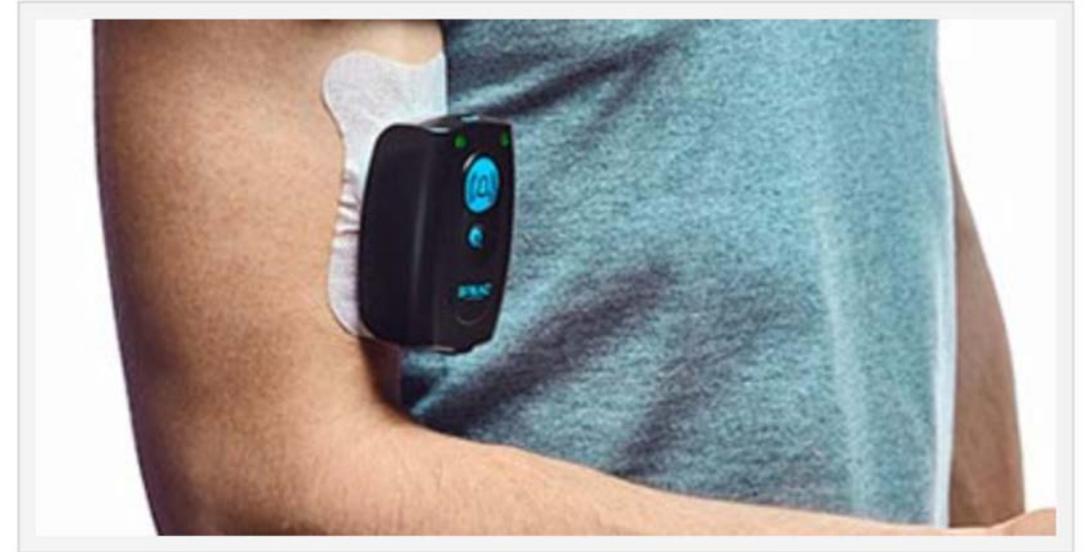
Sensitivity of 72-100%  
FDR of 0.01-2.11/hr

FDR= false discovery rate



## Embrace2

: monitor ACM, EDA, PPG and temperature



## SPEAC® System Brain Sentinel® Monitoring and Alerting System

non-EEG physiological signal-based seizure  
monitoring system: record sEMG

ACM: acceralometer, EDA: electrodermal activity, PPG: photoplethysmography

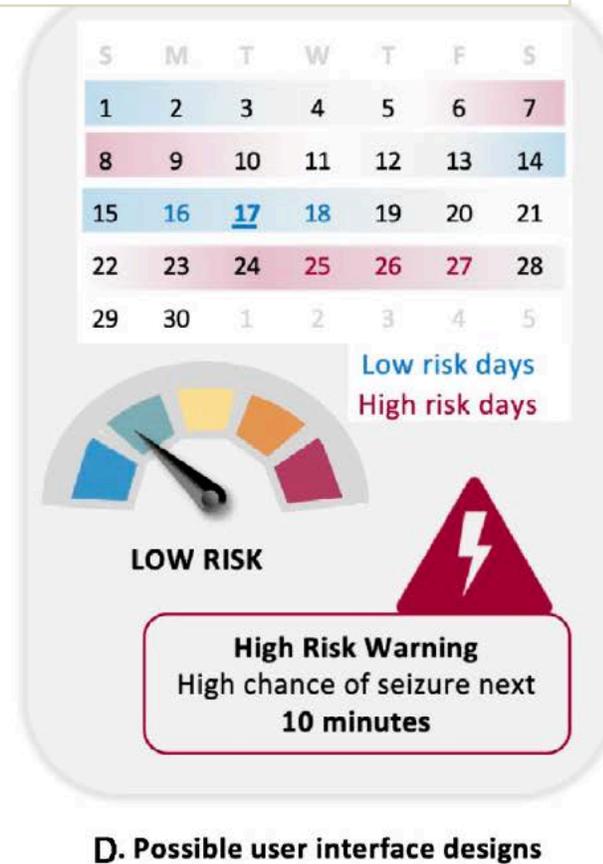
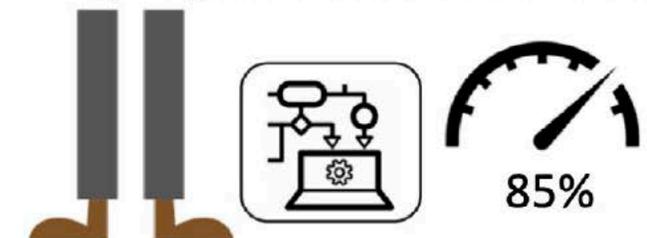
**TABLE 1** Wearable seizure monitor available in the market

Device	Company	Wear site	Signal	Targeted seizure	Certificate	Battery life
Smart Watch <sup>13,14</sup>	SmartMonitor	Wrist/ankle	ACM	CS, FMS	Not reported	30h
Epi-Care <sup>16,17</sup>	Danish Care Technology	Wrist	ACM	GTCS	CE	24h
Embrace2 <sup>21</sup>	Empatica	Wrist	ACM, EDA, PPG and temperature	GTCS	FDA and CE	48h+
Epilert <sup>22</sup>	Tekru Technologies	Wrist	ACM, EDA, PPG and temperature	TCS	Not reported	48h
EDDI <sup>23,33</sup>	IctalCare	Brachial biceps muscles	sEMG	GTCS	CE	8 h
SPEAC <sup>23,34</sup>	Brain Sentinel	Biceps and triceps brachii	sEMG	GTCS	FDA	12h
ePatch <sup>24</sup>	BioTelemetry	Left ribs	ECG	CS and non-CS with autonomic changes	Not reported	72h
Epilog <sup>25</sup>	Epitel	Scalp below hairline	EEG	Depend on paired software	No FDA	168h
Sensor Dot <sup>26</sup>	Byteflies	Behind ear (optional)	EEG	Typical absence	CE	24h
Nightwatch <sup>27,35</sup>	LivAssured BV	Armband	ACM and PPG	CS at night	CE	–
IMEC <sup>36,37</sup>	imec/Holst Centre	Armband and patches on chest	ACM, EDA, ECG, and sEMG	FS	Not reported	96h

Abbreviations: CS, convulsive seizure; FMS, focal motor seizure; FS, focal seizure; TCS, tonic-clonic seizure.

**SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE****Epilepsia****Seizure forecasting and cyclic control of seizures**Rachel E. Stirling<sup>1</sup> | Mark J. Cook<sup>2</sup> | David B. Grayden<sup>1</sup> | Philippa J. Karoly<sup>1,2</sup>

Epilepsia. 2021;62(Suppl. 1):S2–S14.

**A. Wearable, mobile, clinical, implantable****B. Patient specific risk-factors****C. Integrated forecast of seizure likelihood**



**Mobile App**  
 Diary, weather, medication,  
 self report (i.e. mood/stress),  
 accelerometry



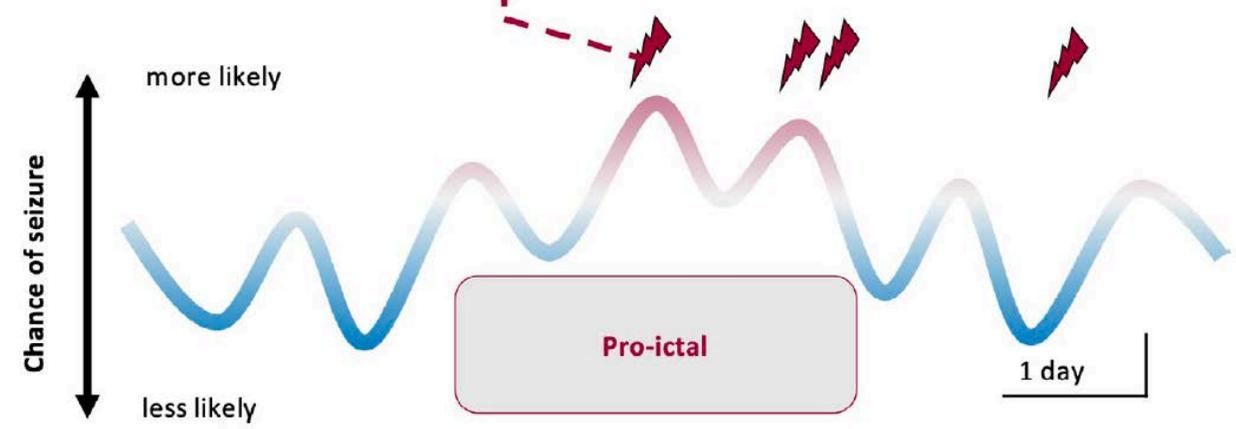
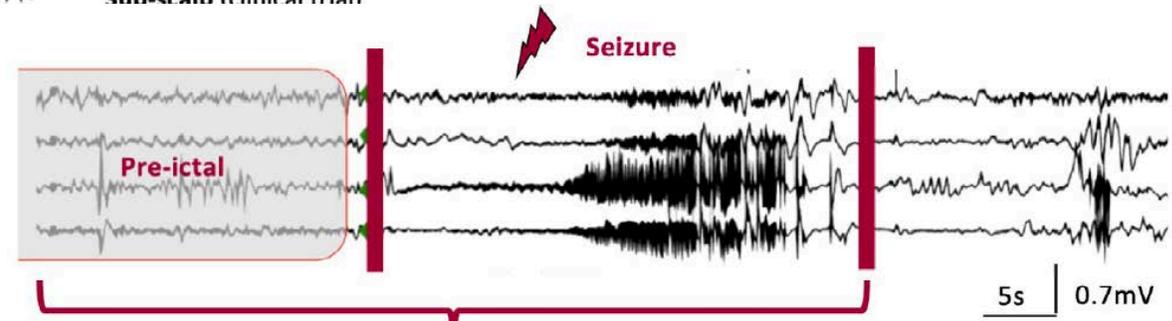
**DBS / RNS**  
 Limited EEG, epileptic events  
 stimulation



**Cortical (research)**  
 continuous EEG  
 stimulation



**Sub-scalp (clinical trial)**



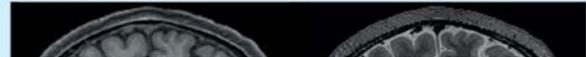
## Biomarkers and available recording device

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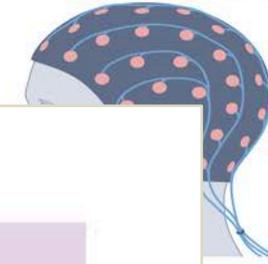
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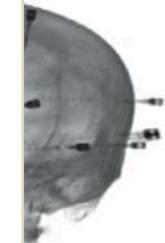
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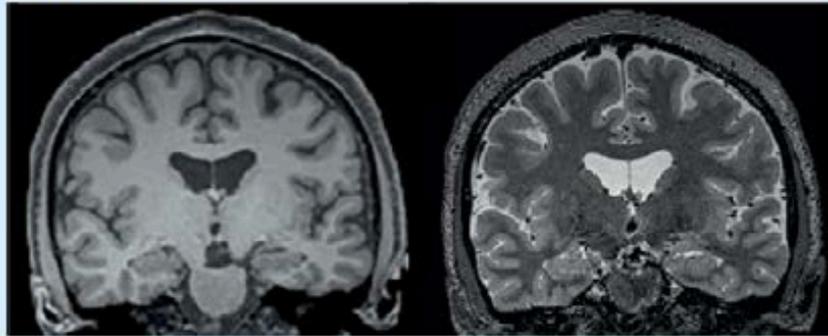
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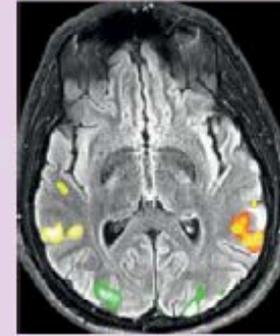
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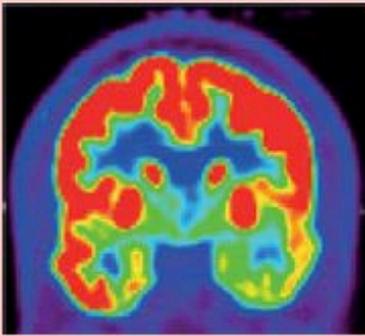
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PET



Diffusion imaging



Responsive neurostimulation

RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Multicenter Validation of a Deep Learning Detection Algorithm for Focal Cortical Dysplasia

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# Data pipeline

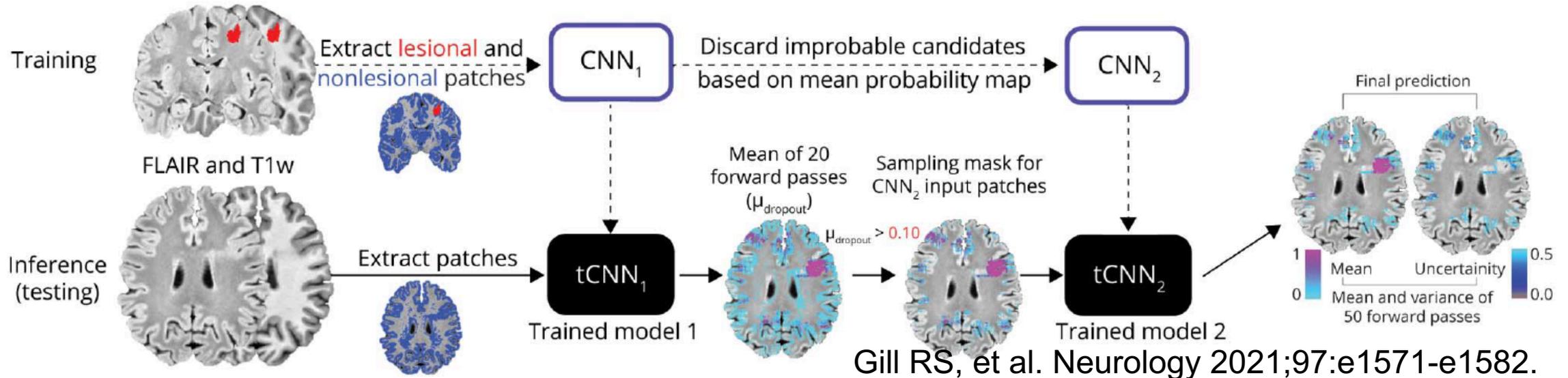
3D T1-weighted and 3D FLAIR MRI of 148 patients with histologically verified FCD at 9 centers



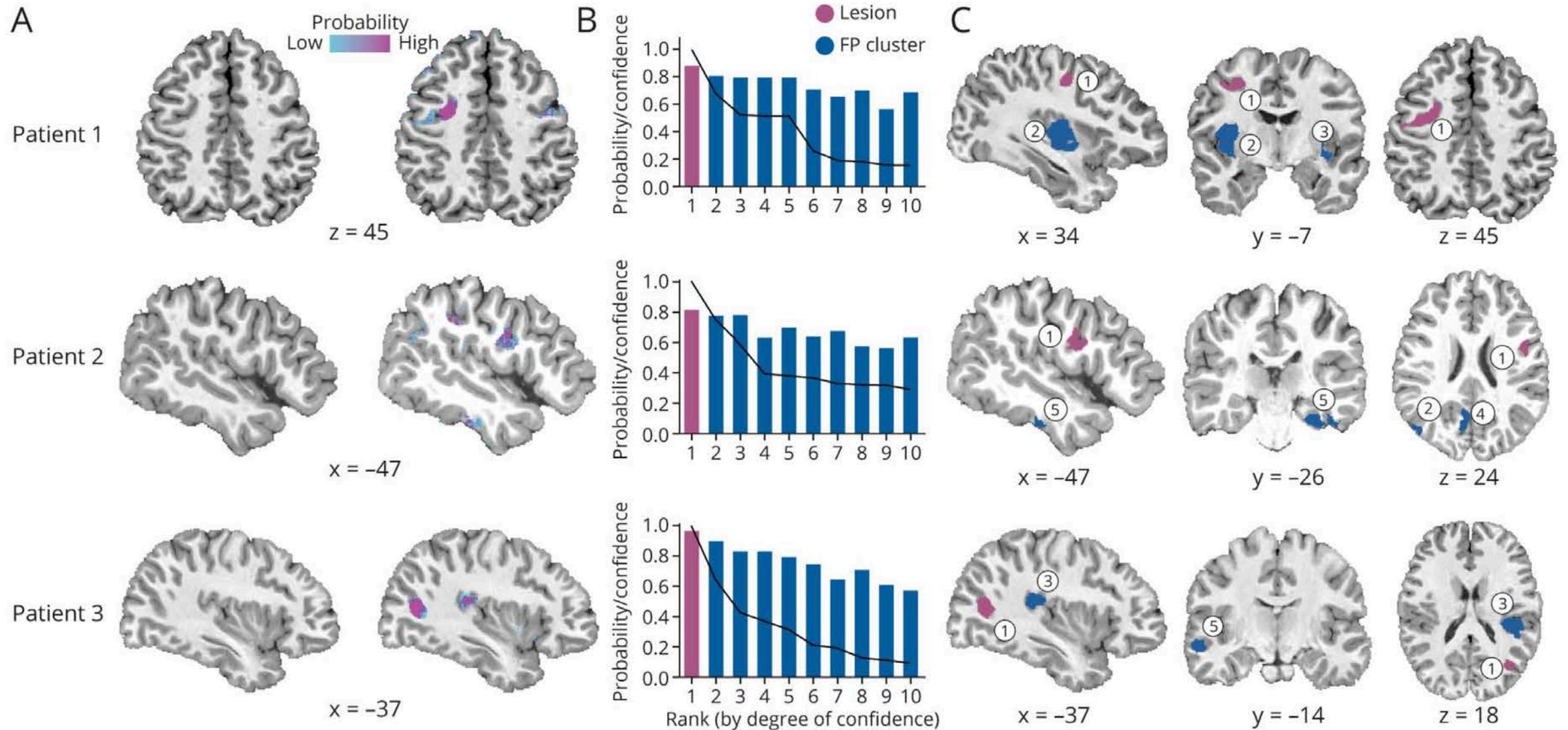
Feature selection : image processing



Deep convolutional neural network (CNN) classifier



To evaluate performance, detection maps were compared to expert FCD manual labels. Sensitivity was tested in an independent cohort of 23 cases with FCD ( $13 \pm 10$  years). Applying the algorithm to 42 healthy controls and 89 controls with temporal lobe epilepsy tested specificity.



(A) T1-weighted MRI and prediction probability maps with the lesion circled. (B) Probability of the lesion and false-positive (FP) clusters sorted by their rank; superimposed line indicates the degree of confidence for each cluster. (C) Location of the focal cortical dysplasia (FCD) lesion (rank 1, highest confidence; purple) and FP clusters (ranks 2-5; blue). In these cases, the lesion has both the highest confidence (rank 1) and high probability (>0.8). S = site.

Site	No.	Age, mean $\pm$ SD, y	Female, %	MRI+/MRI-, n	Sensitivity, n (%)		FPs
					All patients	MRI-	
S1-I	45	27 $\pm$ 9	49	13/32	39/45 (87)	26/32 (81)	7 $\pm$ 4
S1-II	17	18 $\pm$ 9	65	2/15	15/17 (88)	13/15 (87)	7 $\pm$ 4
S2	08	11 $\pm$ 6	25	5/3	8/8 (100)	3/3 (100)	6 $\pm$ 5
S3	05	22 $\pm$ 17	80	2/3	5/5 (100)	3/3 (100)	1 $\pm$ 1
S4	11	8 $\pm$ 7	36	11/0	11/11 (100)	NA	8 $\pm$ 6
S5-I	10	23 $\pm$ 14	30	8/2	9/10 (90)	1/2 (50)	10 $\pm$ 6
S5-II							6 $\pm$ 7
S6							3 $\pm$ 3
S7							8 $\pm$ 6
S8							6 $\pm$ 5
S9							1 $\pm$ 2
<b>Total</b>	148	23 $\pm$ 13	47	49/51%	137/148 (93)	64/75 (85)	6 $\pm$ 5
<b>Independent</b>	23	13 $\pm$ 10	48	30/70%	19/23 (83)	12/16 (75)	5 $\pm$ 3

- The overall sensitivity of the classifier cross-validation was 93% (137 of 148 FCD lesions detected), with 6  $\pm$  5 FP clusters per patient

- 85% of MRI-negative and 100% of MRI-positive lesions were detected.

**When the classifier was tested on the independent cohort**

- overall sensitivity was 83% (19 of 23 FCD lesions detected, 5  $\pm$  3 FP clusters per patient)

- 75% of MRI-negative lesions and 100% of MRI-positive detected

Abbreviations: FPs: false positive rate per cohort; NA = not applicable; S = site. Gill RS, et al. Neurology 2021;97:e1571-e1582. I and II refer to different MRI scanners for the same site. Independent refers to validation cohort from S1 and S2. Number refers to sample size.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Convolutional Neural Network Algorithm to Determine Lateralization of Seizure Onset in Patients With Epilepsy

A Proof-of-Principle Study

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Using a dataset of 359 patients with temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) from 7 surgical centers  
Tested whether a CNN-based on T1-weighted images could classify seizure laterality concordant with clinical team consensus.

This CNN was compared with a randomized model (comparison with chance) and a hippocampal volume logistic regression (comparison with current clinically available measures).

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# Data pipeline

Dataset of 359 patients with temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE) from 7 surgical centers

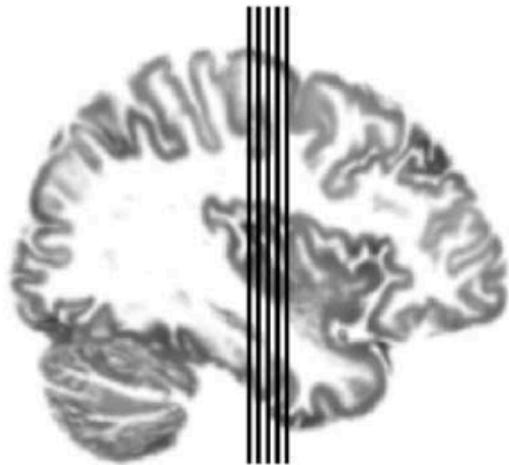


Feature selection  
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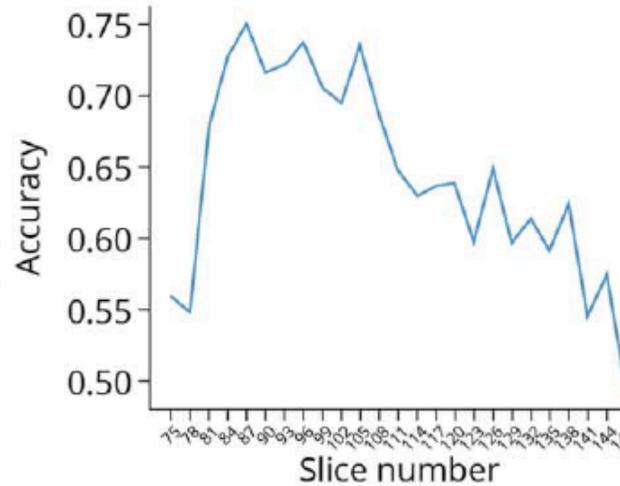


Deep convolutional neural network  
(CNN) classifier

Optimizing slice selection

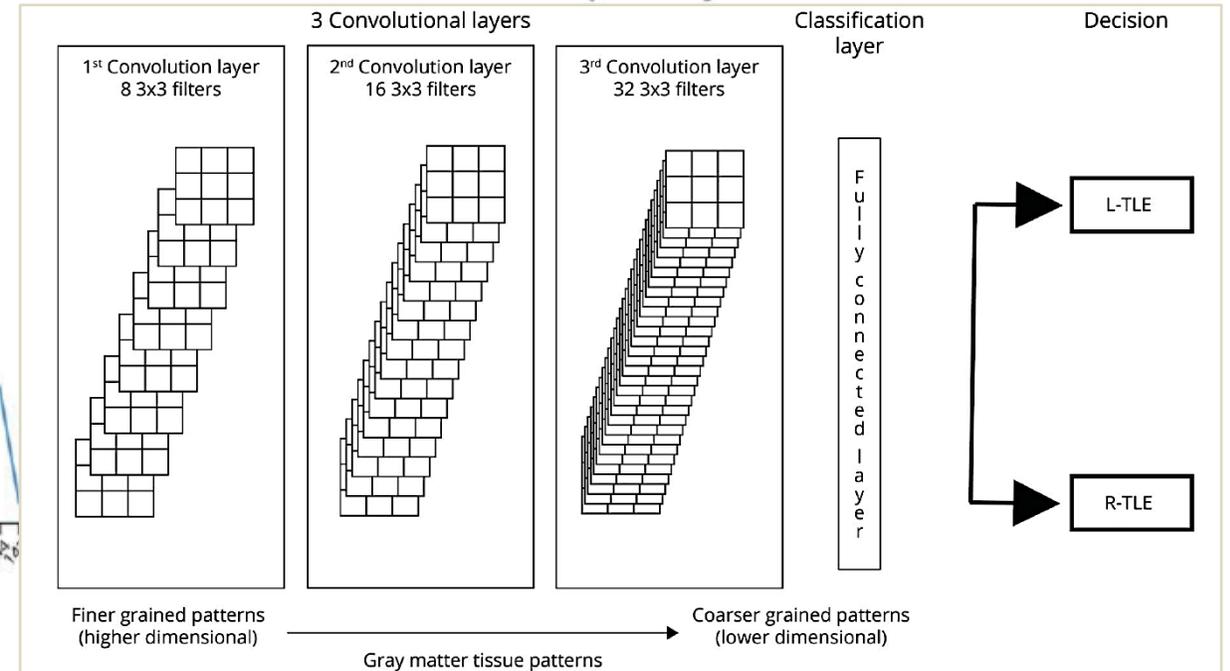


Coronal slice selection

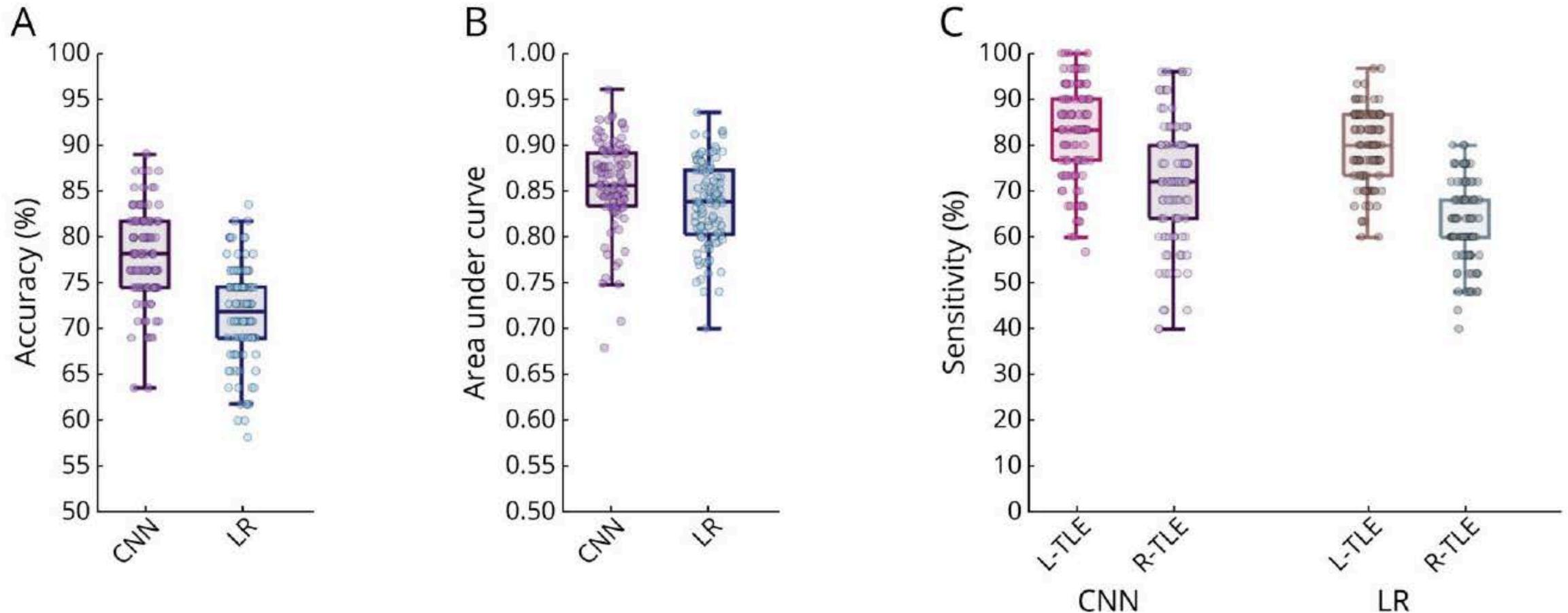


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Input layers

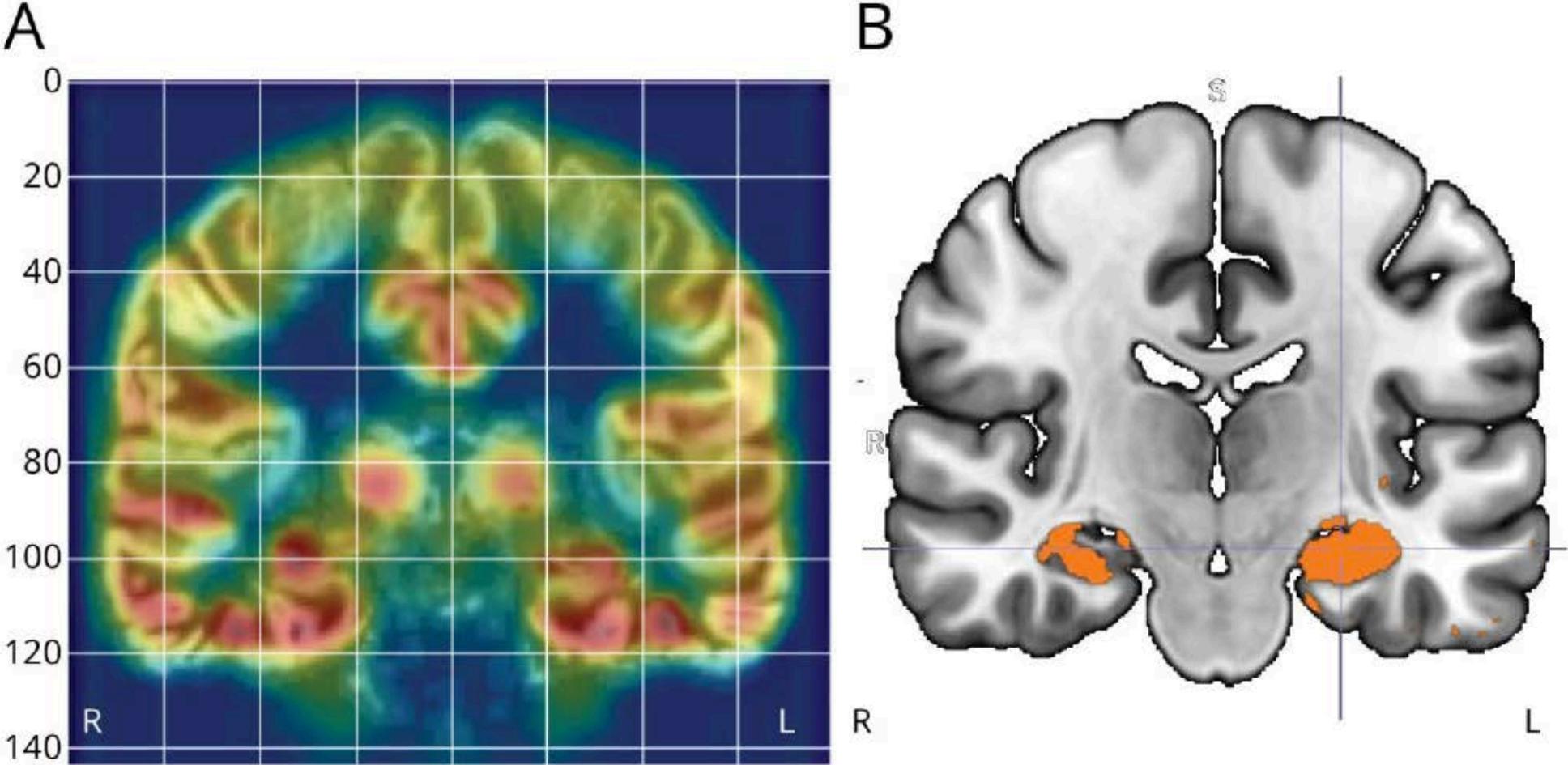


# CNN Model vs Hippocampal-Logistic Model



Across 100 runs, the CNN model was concordant with clinician lateralization on average 78% (SD = 5.1%) of runs with the best-performing model achieving 89% concordance. The CNN outperformed the hippocampal volume model (average concordance of 71.7%) on 85% of runs with an average improvement of 6.25%.

# Feature Visualization of Differences Between L-TLE and R-TLE Patient Groups



Feature visualization maps revealed that in addition to the medial temporal lobe, regions in the lateral temporal lobe, cingulate, and precentral gyrus aided in classification.

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## Classification of Evidence

This study provides Class II evidence that in patients with drug-resistant unilateral temporal lobe epilepsy, a convolutional neural network algorithm derived from T1-weighted MRI can correctly classify seizure laterality.

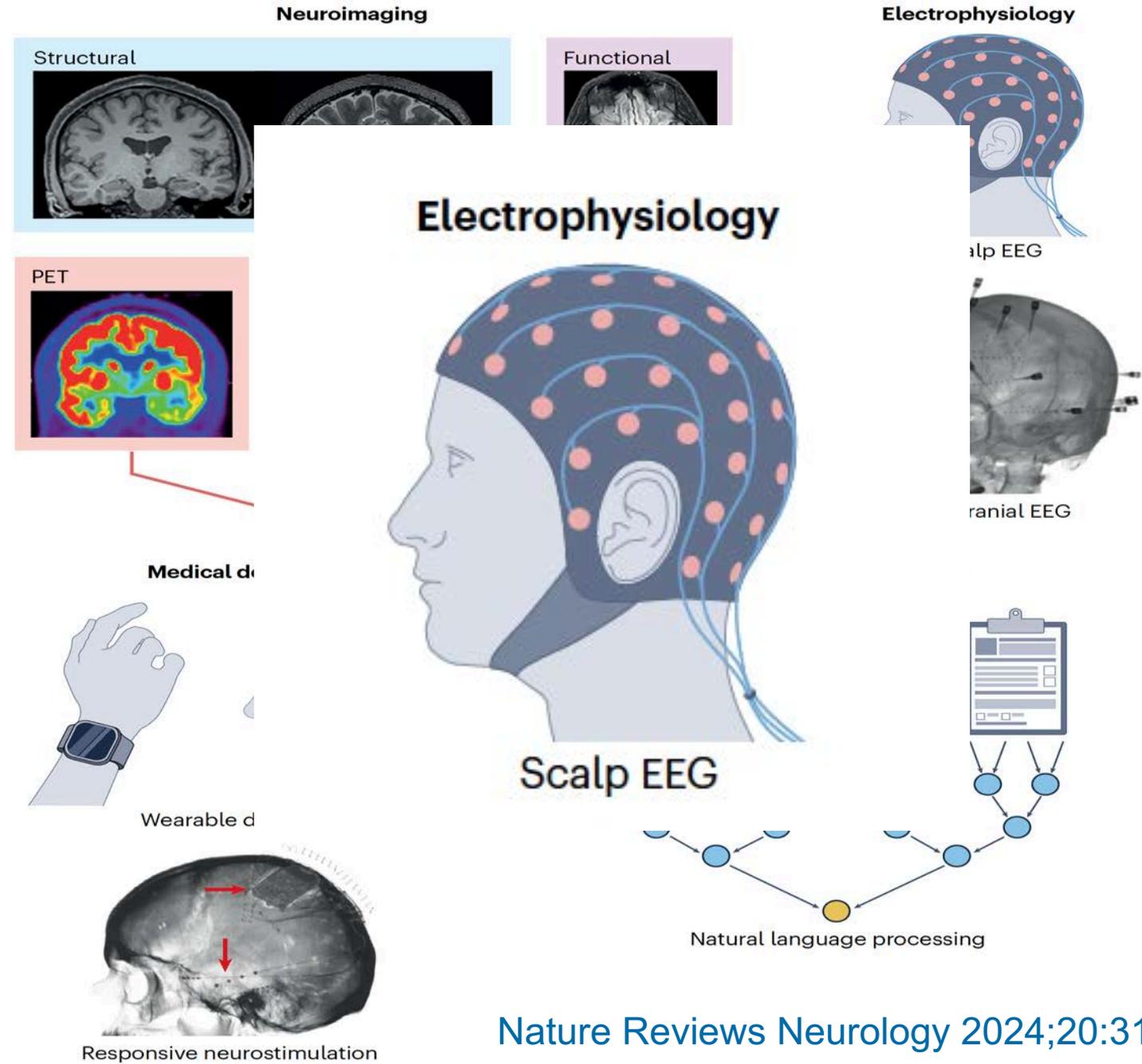
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**CRITICAL REVIEW**

# Artificial intelligence for the detection of focal cortical dysplasia: Challenges in translating algorithms into clinical practice

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# Data modalities of AI in epilepsy



Research

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# Automated Interpretation of Clinical Electroencephalograms Using Artificial Intelligence

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To develop and validate an AI model (Standardized Computer-based Organized Reporting of EEG–Artificial Intelligence [SCORE-AI]) with the ability to distinguish abnormal from normal EEG recordings  
to classify abnormal EEG recordings into categories relevant for clinical decision-making: epileptiform-focal, epileptiform-generalized, nonepileptiform-focal, and nonepileptiform-diffuse

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INPUT DATA



FEATURE SELECTION



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# Data pipeline

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30,493 recordings of patients referred for EEG were included into the development data set annotated by 17 experts



## Feature selection

3 independent test data sets:

- a multicenter data set of 100 EEGs evaluated by 11 experts
- a single-center data set of 9785 EEGs evaluated by 14 experts
- a data set of 60 EEGs with external reference standard (for benchmarking with previously published AI models)



Convolutional  
neural network model  
SCORE-AI



EEG  
classification

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The SCORE-AI achieved high accuracy, with an area under the receiver operating characteristic curve between 0.89 and 0.96 for the different categories of EEG abnormalities, and performance similar to human experts.

Benchmarking against 3 previously published AI models was limited to comparing detection of epileptiform abnormalities. The accuracy of SCORE-AI (88.3%; 95%CI, 79.2%-94.9%) was significantly higher than the 3 previously published models ( $P < .001$ ) and similar to human experts.

**Table 1. Gwet AC1 Agreement Coefficients for the 11 Human Experts, SCORE-AI, and the Human Expert Majority Consensus**

EEG recording category	Agreement coefficient (95% CI)	
	Agreement among the human experts	Agreement between SCORE-AI and majority consensus of human experts
Normal	0.723 (0.649-0.796) <sup>a</sup>	0.903 (0.820-0.987) <sup>a</sup>
Epileptiform-focal	0.723 (0.643-0.803)	0.757 (0.634-0.880)
Epileptiform-generalized	0.901 (0.854-0.949)	0.928 (0.865-0.991)
Nonepileptiform-diffuse	0.630 (0.539-0.721)	0.738 (0.608-0.868)
Nonepileptiform-focal	0.587 (0.499-0.674)	0.775 (0.657-0.893)
Exact match/multiple abnormalities	0.497 (0.433-0.561) <sup>a</sup>	0.689 (0.611-0.766) <sup>a</sup>

Abbreviations:

EEG, electroencephalography; SCORE-AI, Standardized Computer-based Organized Reporting of EEG-Artificial Intelligence.

<sup>a</sup> Significant difference. Statistical comparisons were based on the 95% CIs. Significance means there was no overlap between the 95% CIs.

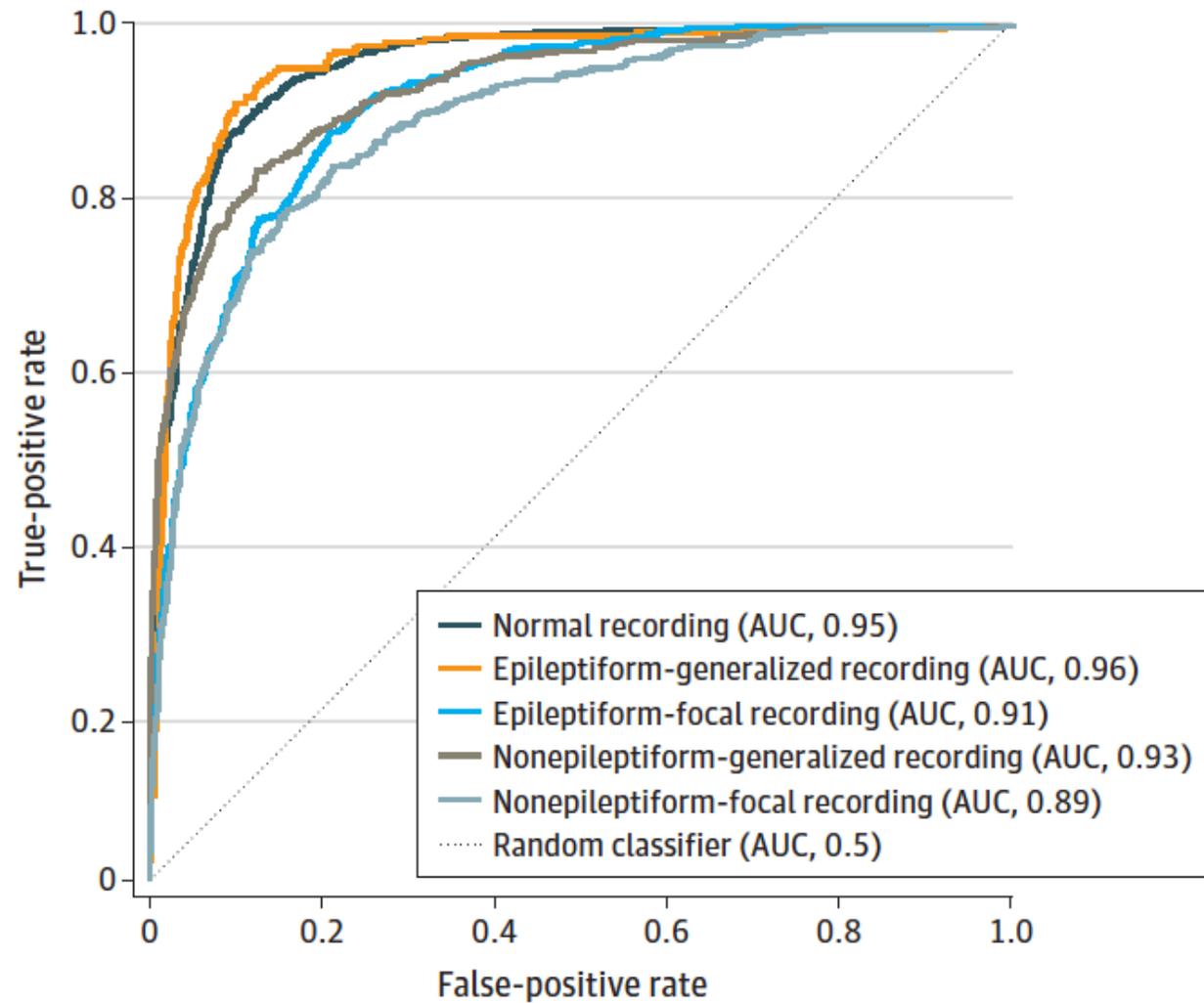
**Table 2. Average Accuracy of SCORE-AI and of the Human Experts With Respect to the Human Expert Majority Consensus on 100 EEGs From the Multicenter Test Data Set**

EEG recording category	Average accuracy (95% CI)		Difference (P value)
	SCORE-AI	Human experts	
Normal	95.00 (89.61-97.88)	91.36 (88.04-94.10)	.09
Epileptiform-focal	84.69 (76.73-90.54)	88.4 (84.35-91.91)	.12
Epileptiform-generalized	94.9 (89.41-97.83)	95.36 (92.51-97.48)	.34
Nonepileptiform-diffuse	84.69 (76.63-90.83)	86.09 (81.99-89.66)	.33
Nonepileptiform-focal	85.71 (77.86-91.41)	85.25 (81.04-88.78)	.47
Exact match/multiple abnormalities	65.31 (54.93-73.60)	66.7 (60.56-72.41)	.33

Abbreviations:

EEG, electroencephalography; SCORE-AI, Standardized Computer-based Organized Reporting of EEG-Artificial Intelligence.

Figure. Receiver Operating Characteristics Curves on the Holdout Test EEG Data Set (n = 2549)



AUC indicates area under the curve.

# Development of Expert-Level Classification of Seizures and Rhythmic and Periodic Patterns During EEG Interpretation

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To develop and validate a computer algorithm that matches the reliability and accuracy of experts in identifying SZs and SZ-like events, known as “ictal-interictal- injury continuum” (IIIC) patterns on EEG, including SZs, lateralized and generalized periodic discharges (LPD, GPD), and lateralized and generalized rhythmic delta activity (LRDA, GRDA), and in differentiating these patterns from non-IIIC patterns

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INPUT DATA



FEATURE SELECTION



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## Data pipeline

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6,095 scalp EEGs  
from 2,711 patients  
with and without  
IIC events



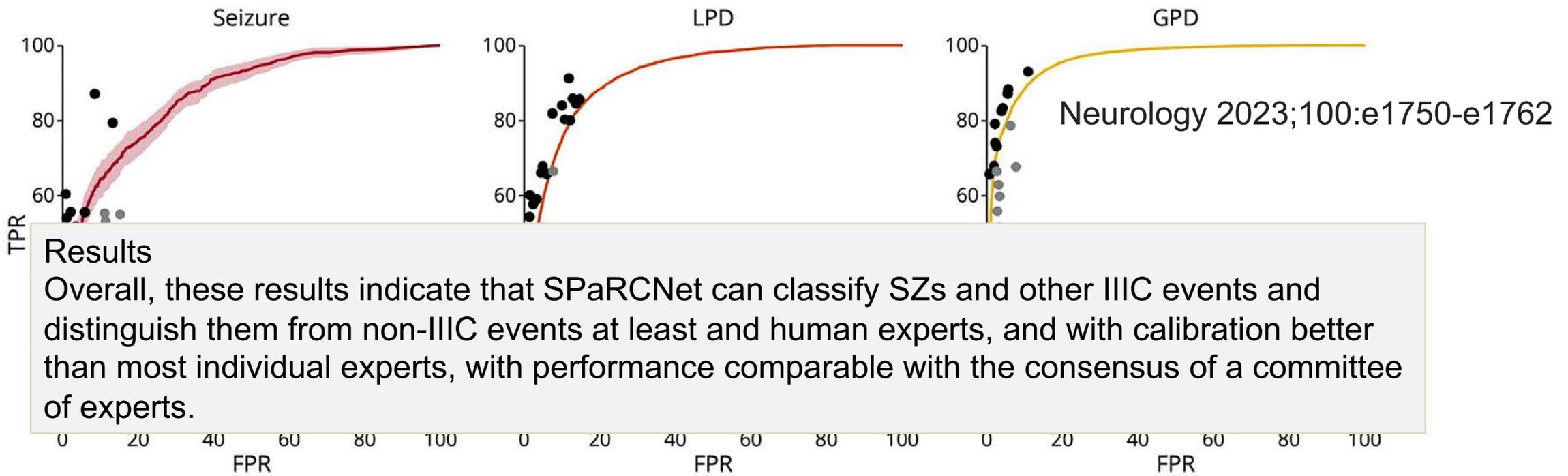
Feature selection  
Independent training and test data sets  
were generated from 50,697 EEG  
segments, independently annotated by  
20 fellowship-trained neurophysiologists



Deep neural network,  
SPaRCNet

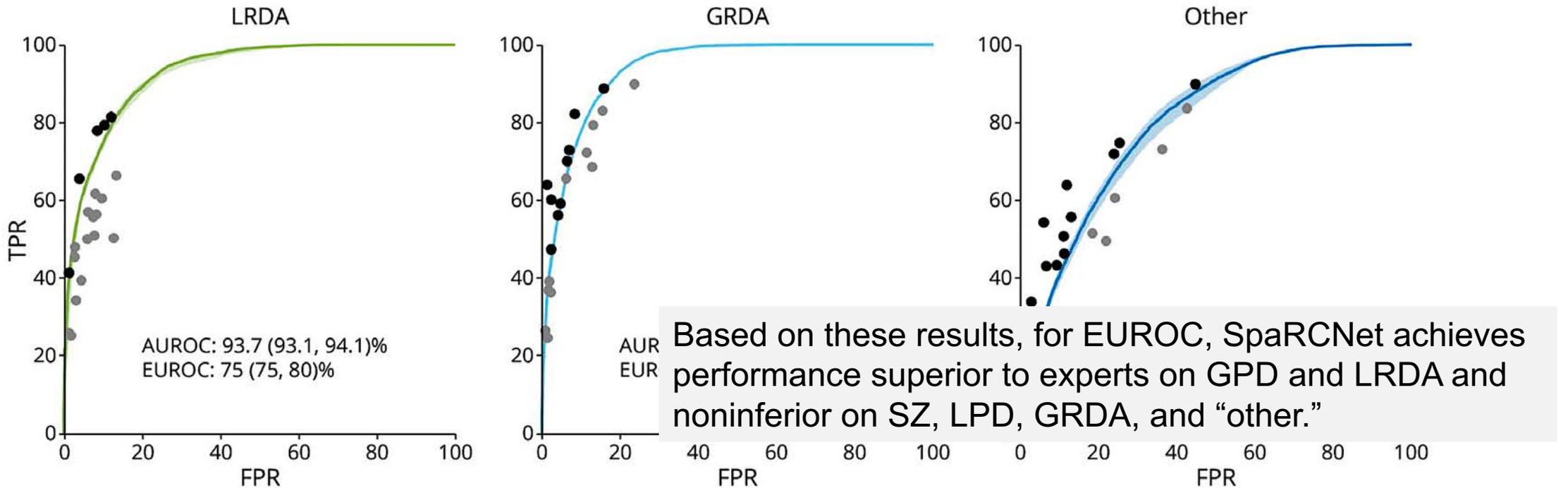


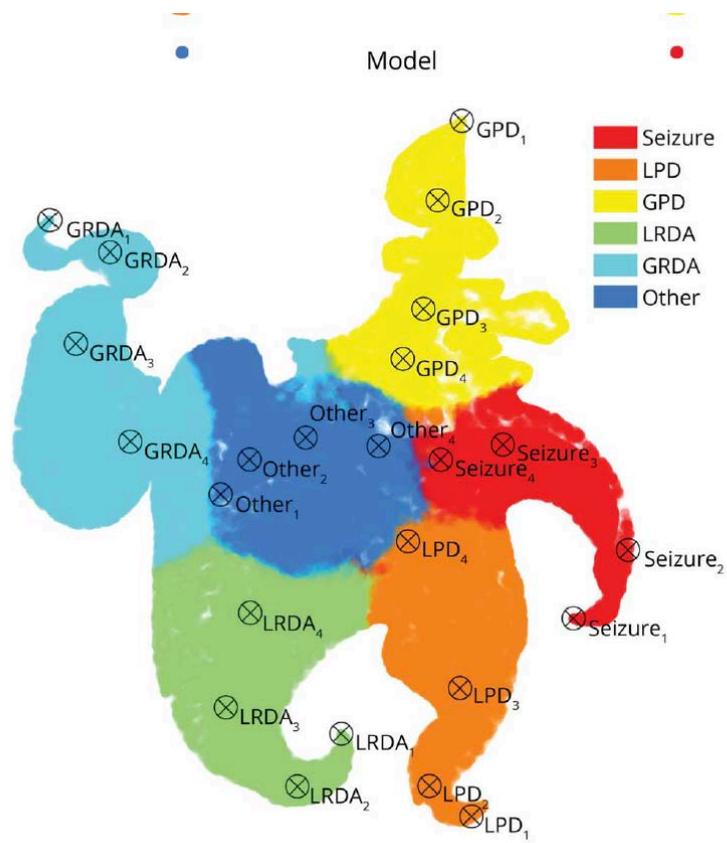
IIC event  
classification



## Results

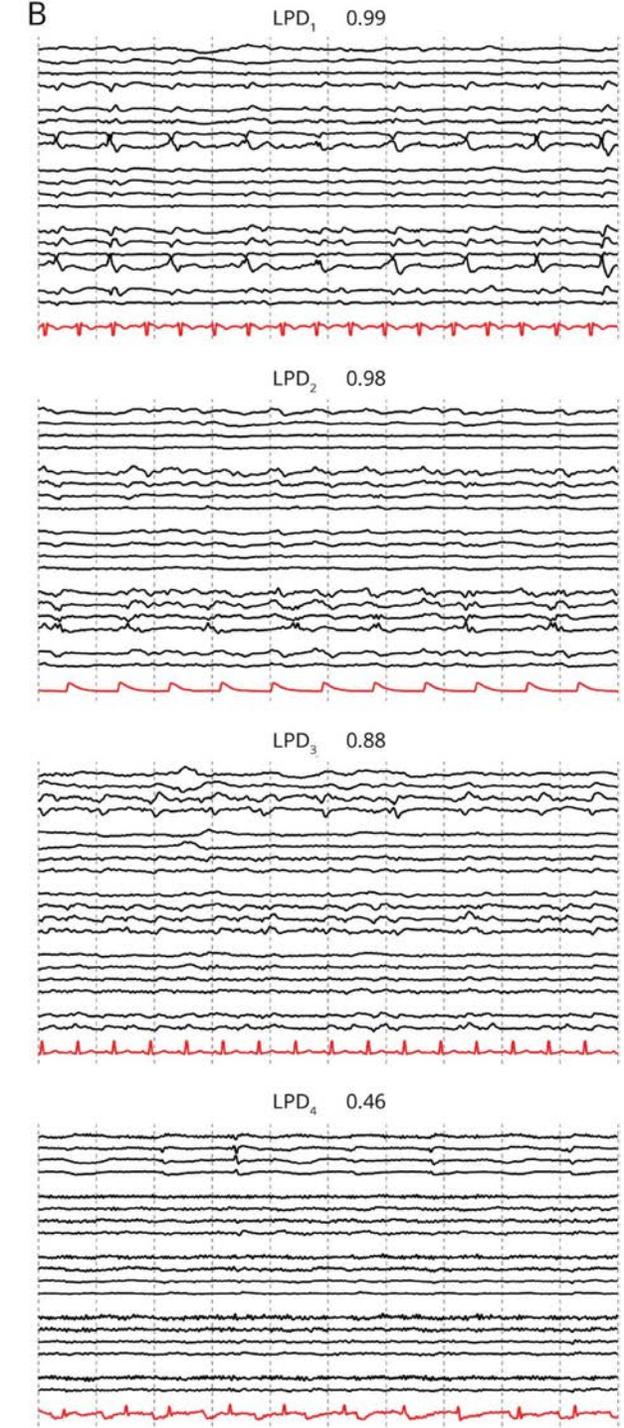
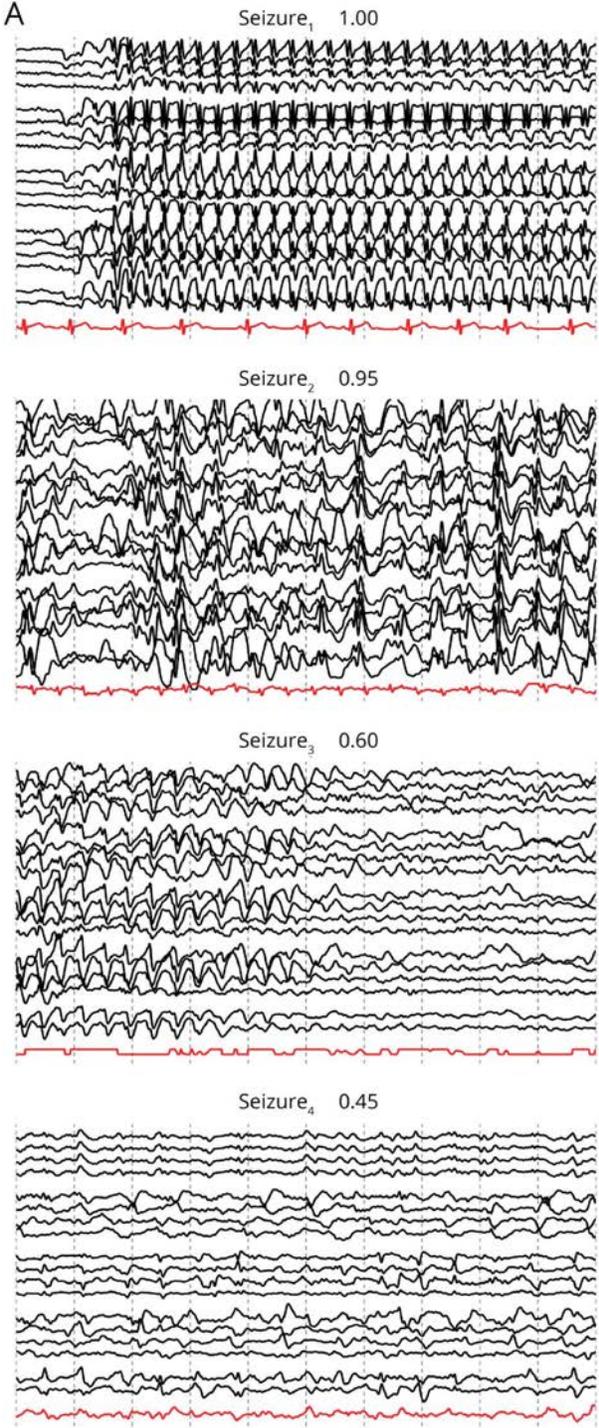
Overall, these results indicate that SPaRCNet can classify SZs and other IIC events and distinguish them from non-IIC events at least and human experts, and with calibration better than most individual experts, with performance comparable with the consensus of a committee of experts.

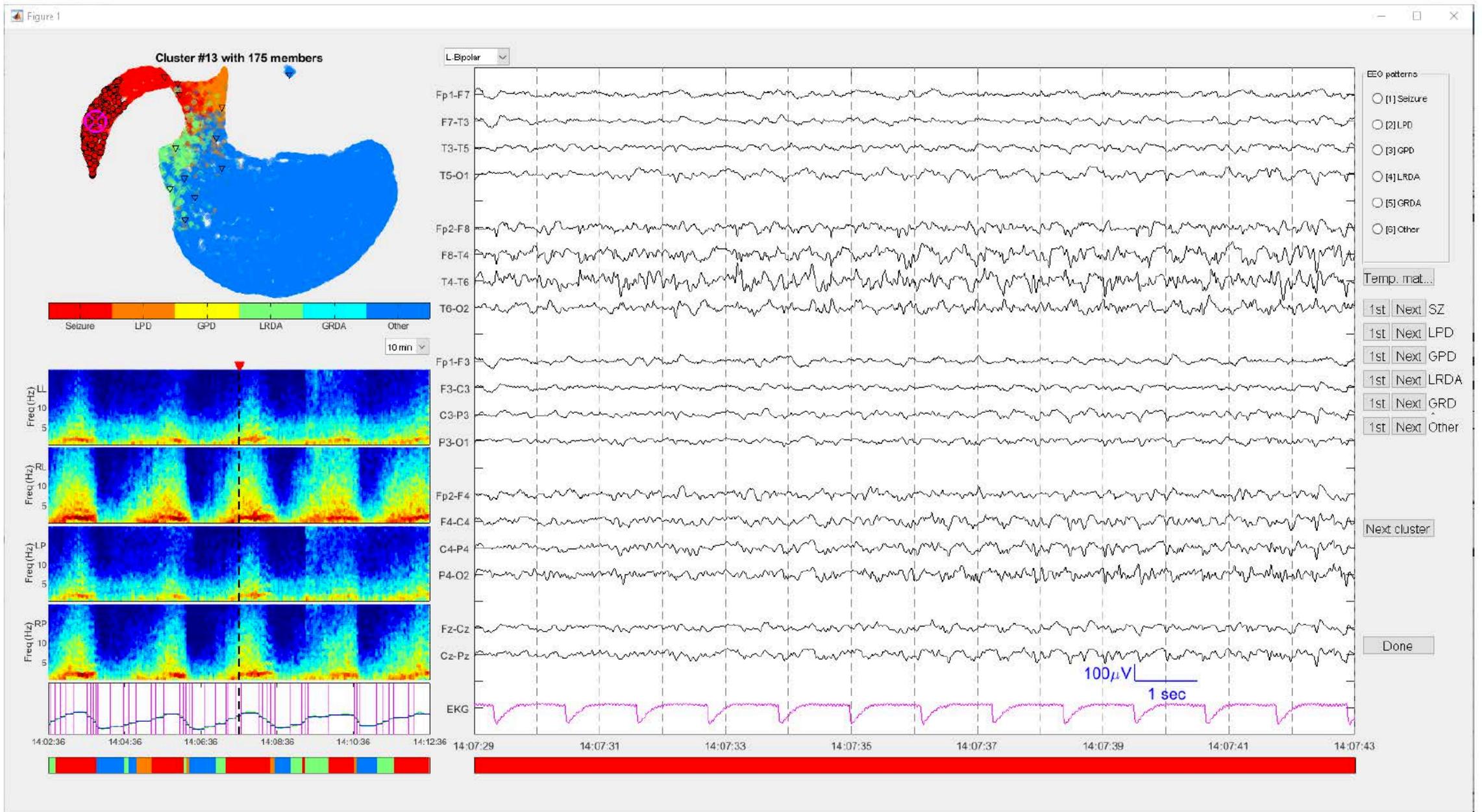




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Two-dimensional coordinates are calculated by an algorithm (UMAP) such that patterns assigned similar probabilities for each class by the model are near each other in the map. The map learned by SparCNet (model) forms a “starfish” pattern, with the 5 IIC patterns (SZ, LPD, GPD, LRDA, and GRDA) emanating as arms from a central region containing non-IIC patterns.





**eFigure 11.** The user graphical interface of “hybrid” method for expert to review model annotations.

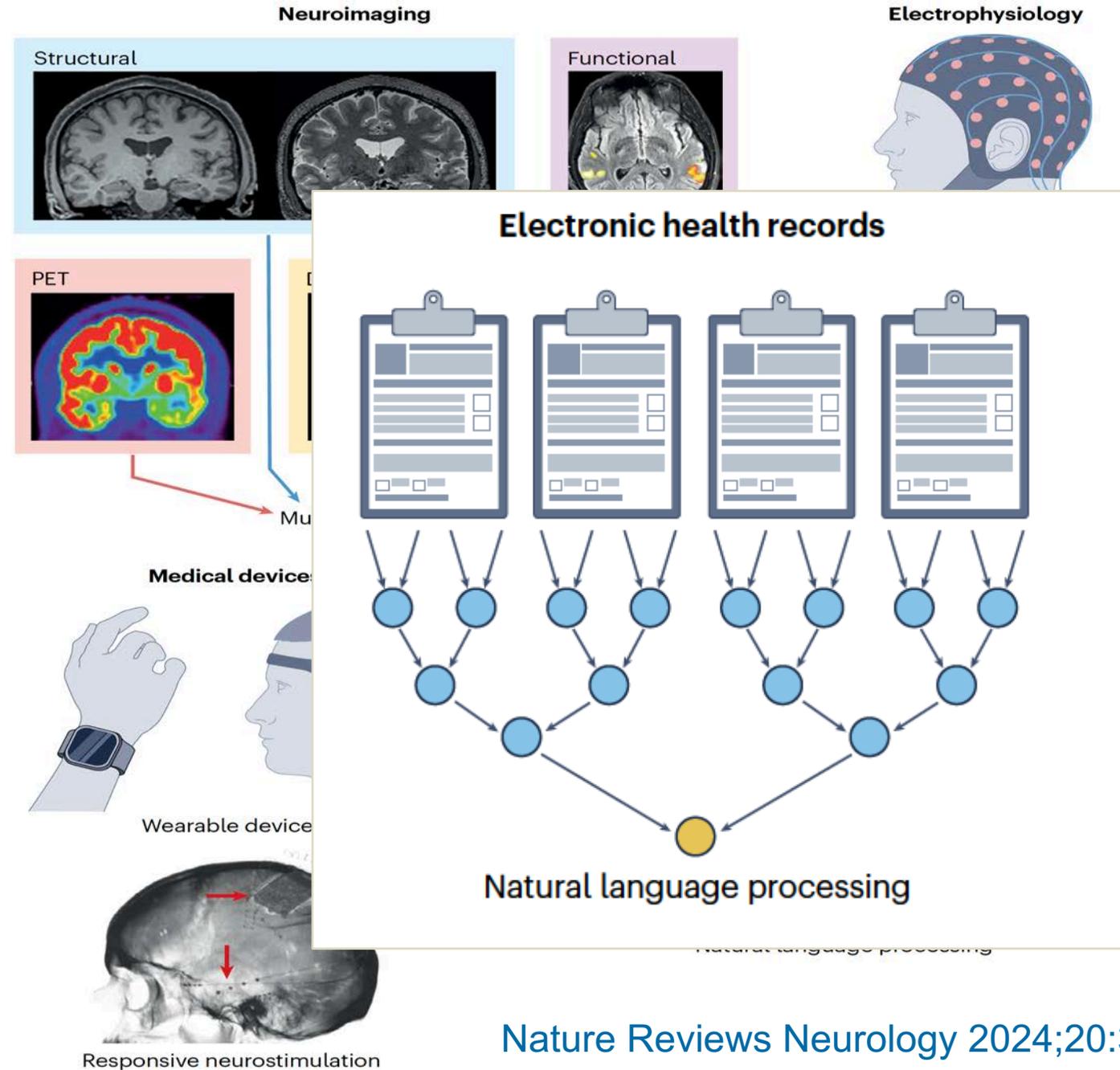
**eTable 3.** Experiment to show how *SPaRCNet* can assist rapid EEG interpretation.

EEG	Seizure %	Burden			EEG duration (hour)	Total time cost (minute)	
		LPD %	GPD %	LRDA %			
<b>case01</b>	2.74	0	89.79	0	1.01	12.81	3.13
<b>case02</b>	3.16	83.17	0	10.28	0	12.90	2.28
<b>case03</b>	0	0	94.57	0	0	12.82	1.61
<b>case04</b>	0	76.03	21.80	0	0	12.47	2.00
<b>case05</b>	0.29	0	0	90.58	0	13.27	2.21
<b>case06</b>	1.33	53.26	11.04	0.11	0.25	12.75	2.14
<b>case07</b>	0	0	0	69.18	3.92	12.67	2.00
<b>case08</b>	16.11	0	0	24.53	2.46	12.96	2.92
<b>case09</b>	0	0	0	27.50	47.64	13.48	1.82
<b>case10</b>	0	11.28	0	13.57	17.07	12.60	2.01
<b>case11</b>	6.38	23.70	0	20.07	0	12.00	2.35
<b>case12</b>	14.46	2.73	0	3.63	0	12.00	2.18
<b>case13</b>	34.75	0	11.48	0	19.22	12.00	1.72
<b>case14</b>	1.73	95.30	0	2.97	0	12.00	1.59
<b>case15</b>	1.75	40.56	3.20	9.14	8.30	12.00	1.90

## Important limitations

- SPaRCNet does not identify all EEG patterns of clinical relevance. Examples of other key patterns include burst suppression, nonrhythmic slowing, and nonperiodic epileptiform discharges
- SPaRCNet does not attempt to further characterize patterns. For example, it does not localize the onset of SZs, determine the frequency of discharges within GPDs or LPDs, and attempt to determine the morphology of GPDs
- SPaRCNet categorizes all non-IIIC patterns as “other,” whereas for clinically deployment, it is important to discriminate between physiologic non-IIIC patterns (e.g., “normal” vs burst suppression vs focal slowing) and to identify nonphysiologic patterns such as artifact

# Data modalities of AI in epilepsy





Research

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# Development and Validation of a Deep Learning Model for Predicting Treatment Response in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Epilepsy

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**OBJECTIVE** To develop and validate a deep learning model using readily available clinical information to predict treatment success with the first ASM for individual patients.

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INPUT DATA



FEATURE SELECTION



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PREDICTION

# Data pipeline

A total of 2404 adults with epilepsy newly treated at specialist clinics in Scotland, Malaysia, Australia, and China between 1982 and 2020 were considered, of whom 606 (25.2%) were excluded due to missing information



Feature selection  
16 clinical factors and  
ASM information



Attention-based  
deep learning model  
“the transformer model”  
to predict the probability  
of treatment success with  
the first prescribed ASM



Prediction

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**Table 1. Input Variables for the Machine Learning Models**

Input variable	Categorization
Sex	Male or female
Age at treatment initiation	Age groups (tertiles), y <sup>a</sup>
History	
Febrile convulsions	Yes or no
Central nervous system infection in childhood	Yes or no
Significant head trauma	Yes or no
Cerebral hypoxic injury	Yes or no
Substance abuse	Yes or no
Alcohol abuse	Yes or no
Epilepsy in first-degree relatives	Yes or no
Presence of	
Cerebrovascular disease	Yes or no
Intellectual disability	Yes or no
Psychiatric disorder	Yes or no
No. of pretreatment seizures	≤5 or >5
Type of epilepsy	Focal, generalized, or unclassified
Electroencephalography findings	Normal, abnormal epileptiform, or abnormal nonepileptiform
Brain imaging findings <sup>b</sup>	Normal, abnormal epileptogenic, or abnormal nonepileptogenic
Drug used	Carbamazepine, lamotrigine, levetiracetam, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, topiramate, or valproate

<sup>a</sup> Tertiles are 18 to 29 years, older than 29 to 46 years, and older than 46 years.

<sup>b</sup> Computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging.

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**Table 3. Comparison of Model Performance on the Test Set of the Pooled Cohort**

Model parameter	Transformer	Multilayered perceptron	Logistic regression	Support vector machine	XGBoost	Random forest
Mean AUROC (95% CI)	0.65 (0.63-0.67)	0.63 (0.60-0.66)	0.61 (0.58-0.64)	0.61 (0.59-0.63)	0.60 (0.58-0.62)	0.58 (0.56-0.60)
Weighted balanced accuracy (95% CI)	0.62 (0.60-0.64)	0.59 (0.57-0.61)	0.60 (0.58-0.62)	0.57 (0.55-0.59)	0.59 (0.57-0.61)	0.59 (0.57-0.61)
Sensitivity (95% CI)	0.69 (0.66-0.72)	0.59 (0.55-0.63)	0.54 (0.52-0.56)	0.65 (0.62-0.68)	0.54 (0.52-0.56)	0.47 (0.44-0.50)
Specificity (95% CI)	0.55 (0.52-0.58)	0.60 (0.57-0.63)	0.63 (0.60-0.66)	0.52 (0.49-0.55)	0.61 (0.58-0.64)	0.62 (0.59-0.65)

Abbreviation: AUROC, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve.

The transformer model that was trained using the pooled cohort had an AUROC of 0.65 (95%CI, 0.63-0.67) and a weighted balanced accuracy of 0.62 (95%CI, 0.60-0.64) on the test set.

**Table 4. Model Performance After Training Exclusively on the Glasgow Cohort (N = 1065)**

Model parameter	Type of model <sup>a</sup>					
	Transformer	Multilayered perceptron	Logistic regression	Support vector machine	XGBoost	Random forest
Kuala Lumpur cohort (n = 242)						
Mean AUROC	0.58 (0.57-0.59)	0.55 (0.53-0.57)	0.57 (0.55-0.59)	0.57 (0.55-0.59)	0.57 (0.55-0.59)	0.46 (0.44-0.48)
Weighted balanced accuracy	0.58 (0.56-0.60)	0.52 (0.50-0.54)	0.56 (0.54-0.58)	0.54 (0.52-0.56)	0.55 (0.53-0.57)	0.49 (0.47-0.51)
Sensitivity	0.46 (0.44-0.48)	0.55 (0.51-0.59)	0.56 (0.52-0.60)	0.59 (0.55-0.63)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.38 (0.35-0.41)
Specificity	0.65 (0.61-0.69)	0.50 (0.46-0.54)	0.56 (0.53-0.59)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.59 (0.56-0.62)	0.55 (0.53-0.57)
Chongqing cohort (n = 191)						

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** In this cohort study, a deep learning model showed the feasibility of personalized prediction of response to ASMs based on clinical information. With improvement of performance, such as by incorporating genetic and imaging data, this model may potentially assist clinicians in selecting the right drug at the first trial.

Sensitivity	0.41 (0.39-0.43)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.59 (0.56-0.62)	0.42 (0.39-0.45)
Specificity	0.55 (0.52-0.58)	0.50 (0.46-0.54)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.47 (0.44-0.50)	0.51 (0.49-0.53)	0.46 (0.43-0.49)
Guangzhou cohort (n = 111)						
Mean AUROC	0.51 (0.49-0.53)	0.48 (0.46-0.50)	0.52 (0.50-0.54)	0.49 (0.47-0.51)	0.49 (0.47-0.52)	0.45 (0.43-0.47)
Weighted balanced accuracy	0.51 (0.49-0.53)	0.48 (0.46-0.50)	0.52 (0.50-0.54)	0.49 (0.47-0.51)	0.49 (0.47-0.52)	0.45 (0.43-0.47)
Sensitivity	0.47 (0.44-0.50)	0.47 (0.44-0.50)	0.53 (0.50-0.56)	0.49 (0.46-0.52)	0.49 (0.46-0.52)	0.44 (0.40-0.48)
Specificity	0.55 (0.52-0.58)	0.50 (0.46-0.54)	0.50 (0.47-0.53)	0.47 (0.44-0.50)	0.51 (0.49-0.53)	0.46 (0.43-0.49)

The model that was trained using the largest cohort only had AUROCs ranging from 0.52 to 0.60 and a weighted balanced accuracy ranging from 0.51 to 0.62 in the external validation cohorts.

Abbreviations: AUROC, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve; XGBoost, extreme gradient boosting.

<sup>a</sup> The numbers in parentheses are 95% CIs.

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Predicting seizure outcome: do we need more complex models?

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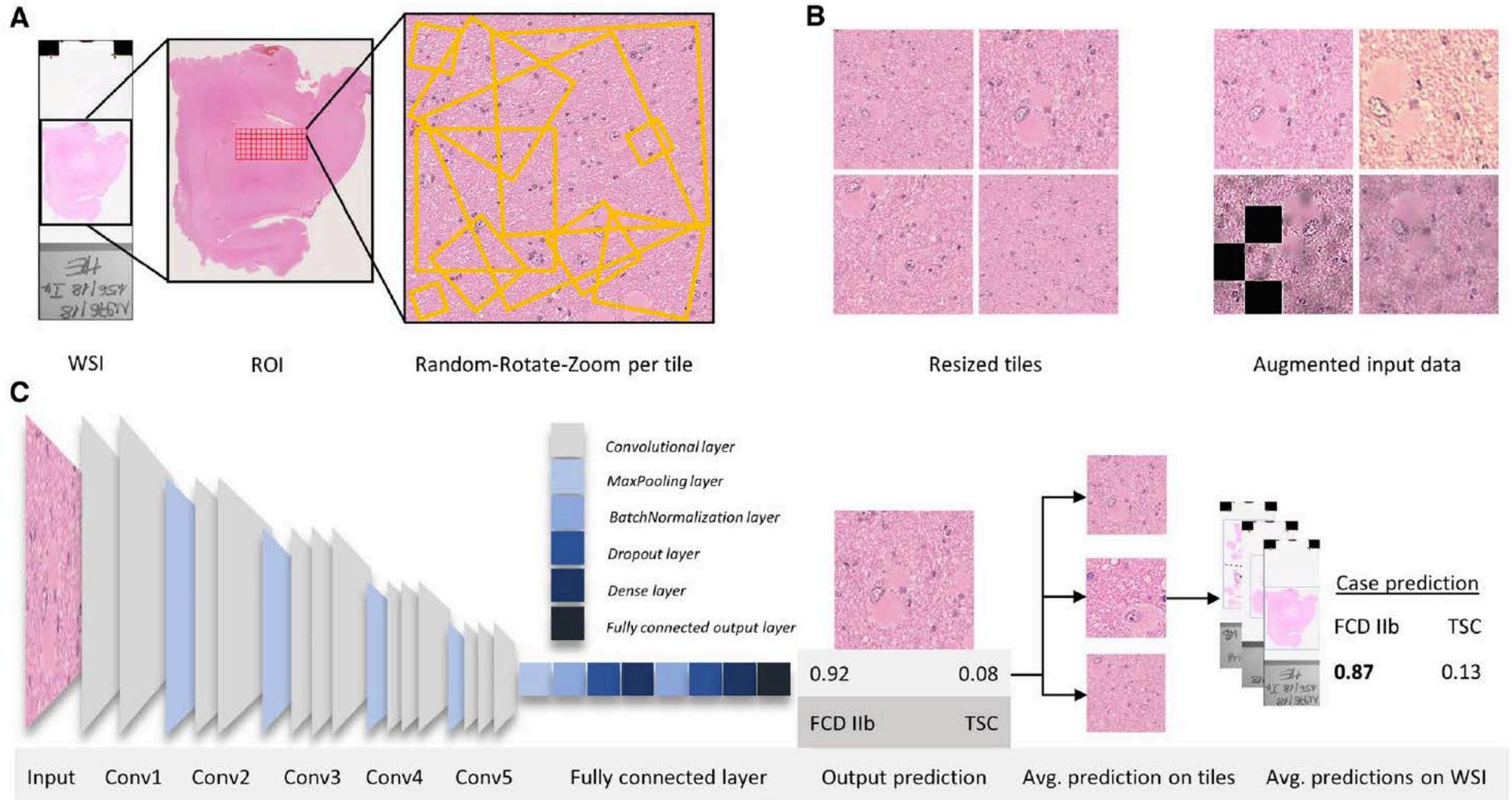
**Results:** Our logistic regression achieved an accuracy of 72% (95% confidence interval [CI] = 68%–75%, area under the curve [AUC] = .72), whereas our multilayer perceptron and XGBoost both achieved accuracies of 71% (95% CI<sub>MLP</sub> = 67%–74%, AUC<sub>MLP</sub> = .70; 95% CI<sub>XGBoost own</sub> = 68%–75%, AUC<sub>XGBoost own</sub> = .70). There was no significant difference in performance between our three models (all  $p > .4$ ) and they all performed better than the external XGBoost, which achieved an accuracy of 63% (95% CI = 59%–67%, AUC = .62;  $p_{LR} = .005$ ,  $p_{MLP} = .01$ ,  $p_{XGBoost own} = .01$ ) on our data. All models showed improved performance with increasing sample size, but limited improvements beyond our current sample. The best model performance was achieved with data-driven feature selection.

**Significance:** We show that neither the deployment of complex machine learning models nor the assembly of thousands of patients alone is likely to generate significant improvements in our ability to predict postoperative seizure freedom. We instead propose that improved feature selection alongside collaboration, data standardization, and model sharing is required to advance the field.

**FULL-LENGTH ORIGINAL RESEARCH**

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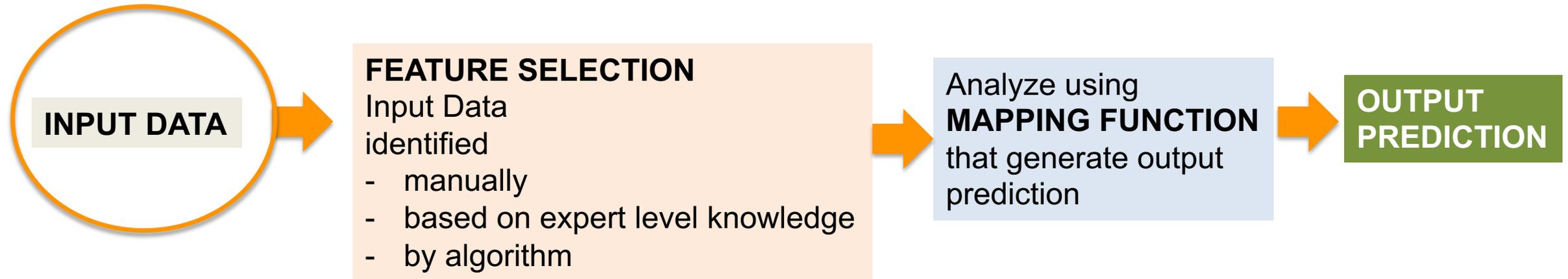
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# Artificial Intelligence



# Data pipeline



# 1. AI needs “gold standard labels” for evaluation

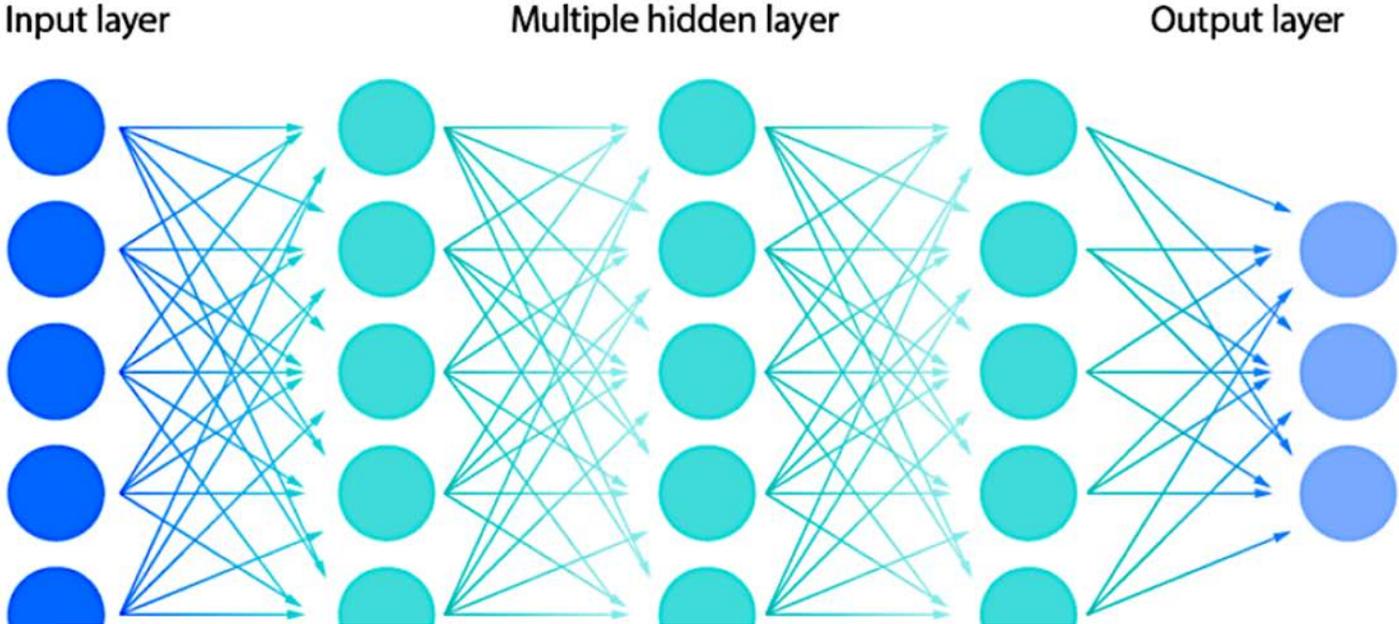
- Garbage in → a lot of garbage out
- Example
- EEG: expert to expert agreement of seizure is low
- Electronic medical record: incomplete
- ICD codes: limited codes for epilepsy

# 2. Training data reflects where we can apply the particular AI program

# Data pipeline

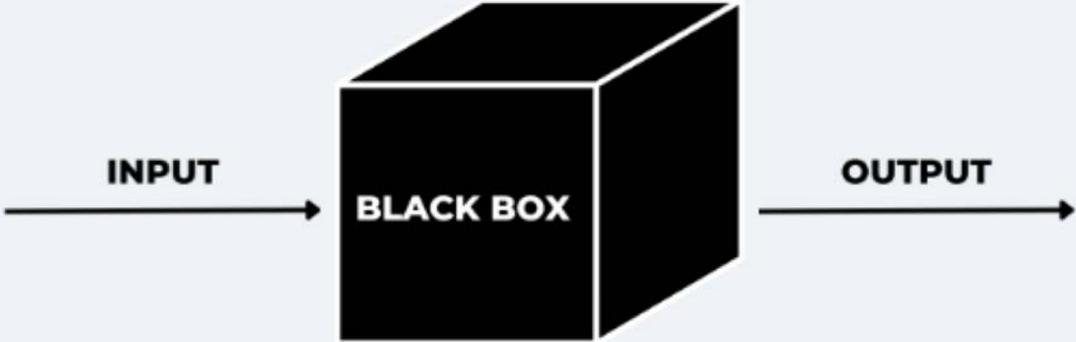


# Hallucinations



**Multilayers artificial neural networks** process data through layers of nodes, passed through a nonlinear activation these may in turn proceed through additional

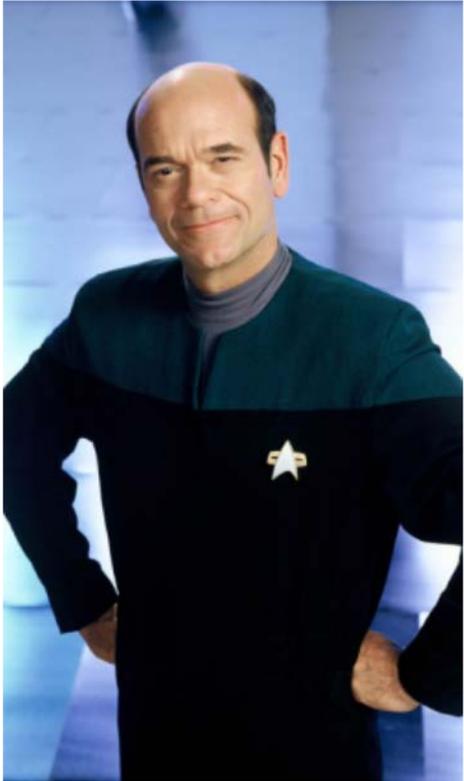
**“Black box problem”**



Output nodes

- Advantages
  - Do more work in less time
  - Improve clinical decision in challenging situations
- Limitations
  - Need large number of “good” data
  - Machines only knows what it has seen in training
  - Require supervision
  - Hallucinations

AI will not replace clinicians, but  
clinician assisted by AI will  
replace clinician without AI.



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EMH: Emergency Medical Hologram (Star Trek: Voyager)

Questions?