Stimulus-EEG testing for forecasting health outcomes of comatose patients

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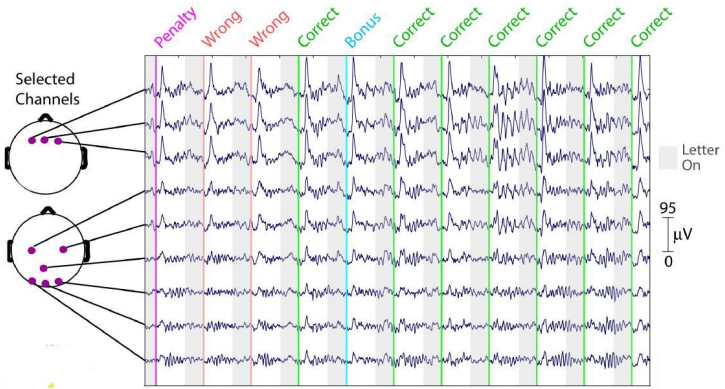
Background

- 250 new comatose patients per 100,000 people in the US each year
- Need: correlated electroencephalogram (EEG) data with outcomes
  - Measures brain activity of patients



- Implications for medical doctors and clinical researchers

https://sccn.ucsd.edu/~arno/fam2data/publicly_available_EEG_data.html

Project Goals

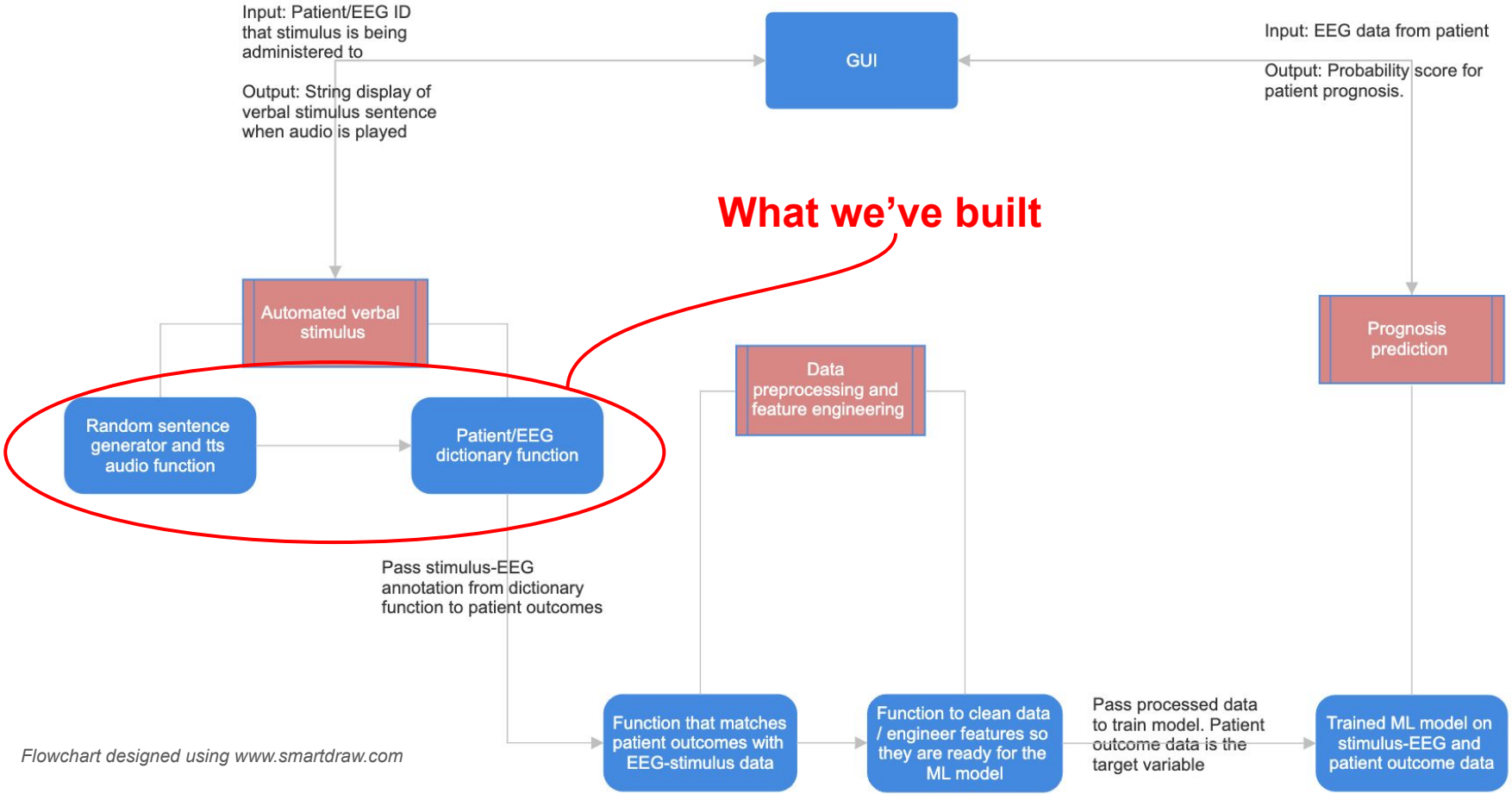
Winter Quarter:

- Develop standardized stimulus protocol to be implemented during data collection
  - Method to recognize when a stimulus was introduced to the patient in the EEG data (markers for stimuli)
  - IRB approved 03/07/2024

Spring Quarter:

- Develop an analysis pipeline software to analyze data
- Implement protocol with admitted patients (non-comatose, admitted for observation)

Use-cases and components



Flowchart designed using www.smartdraw.com

Design architecture

PsychoPy

- Used for creating automated stimuli for psychological tests

GTTS

- Used to normalize audio stimulus for patients

All code written in Python

Structure:

- Generate sentence from predefined lists of nouns, verbs, adjectives
- Play sentence out loud for patient, recording timestamp
- Dictionary holding patient ID + timestamp + stimulus is updated

Project demo

Automated Verbal Stimulus Demo

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[ ]: # Import the package with the functions
from stimulus_package import update_patient_dict, generate_and_play_sentences

# Enter the patient or EEG ID so that the administered sentences can be matched to the EEG
patient_or_eeg_id = ""

# Enter the number of sentences to generate and play
number_of_sentences = None

# Pass the above arguments into the sentence generator and patient dictionary functions
update_patient_dict(*generate_and_play_sentences(number_of_sentences, patient_or_eeg_id))
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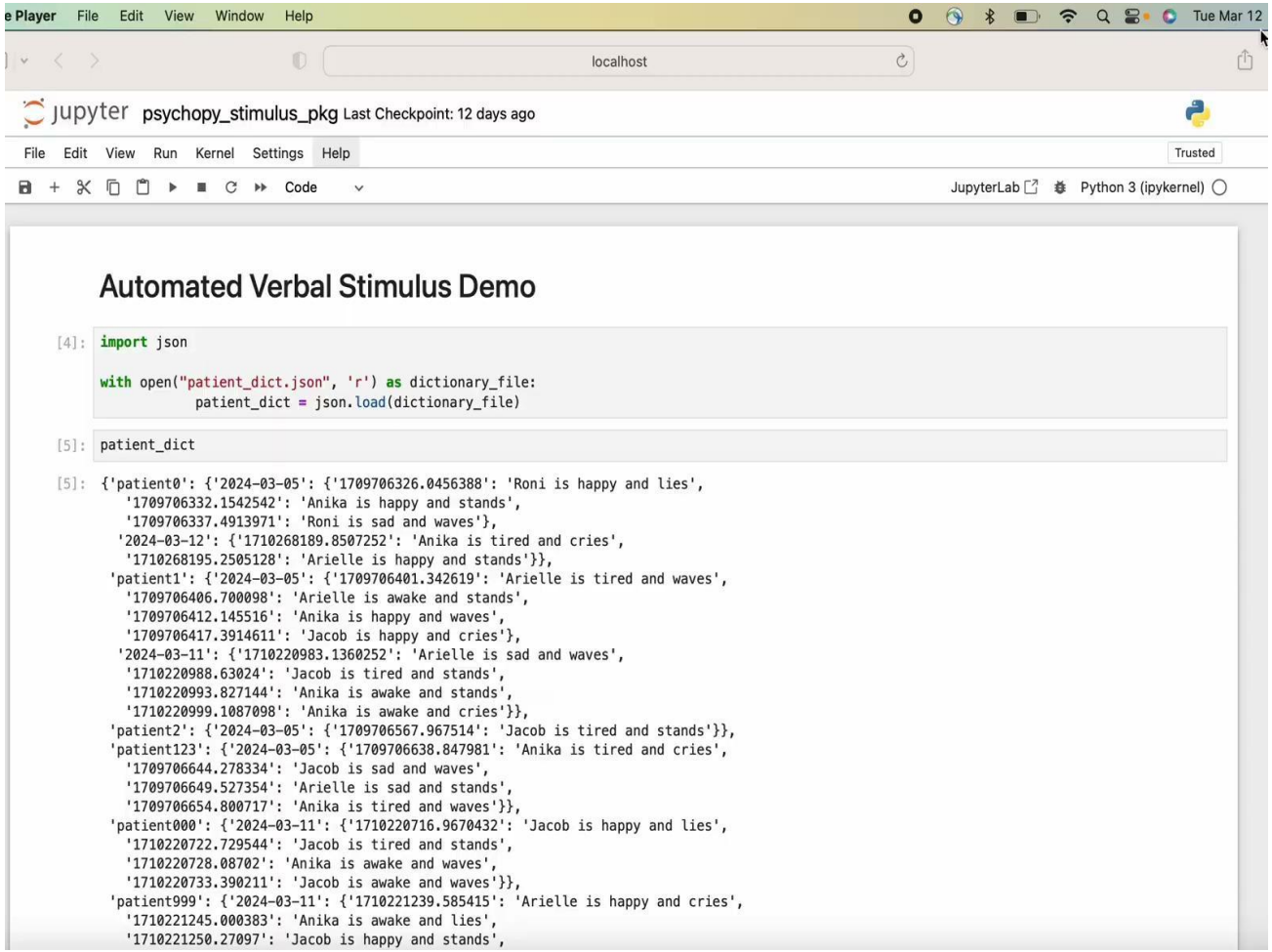
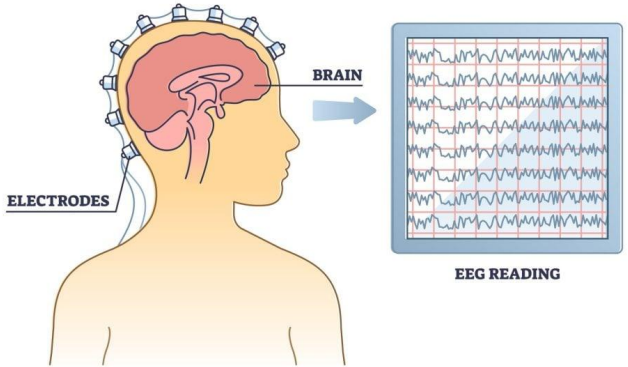


Future directions

- Determine connection to EEG machines
  - This will inform future efforts to sync our software with hardware components
- **Timestamp synchronization**
  - How can we ensure that the data collected on the EEG is properly synchronized with the software stimulation time points?
- Train ML model for forecasting patient health outcomes
  - Based on stimulus EEG test
  - Using previously reported data from the literature
- In-person shadow of data collection process
- Individual patient considerations
  - Auditory perception
  - First language



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