

Dysphagia detection with Machine learning and Esophageal manometry

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What is Dysphagia?

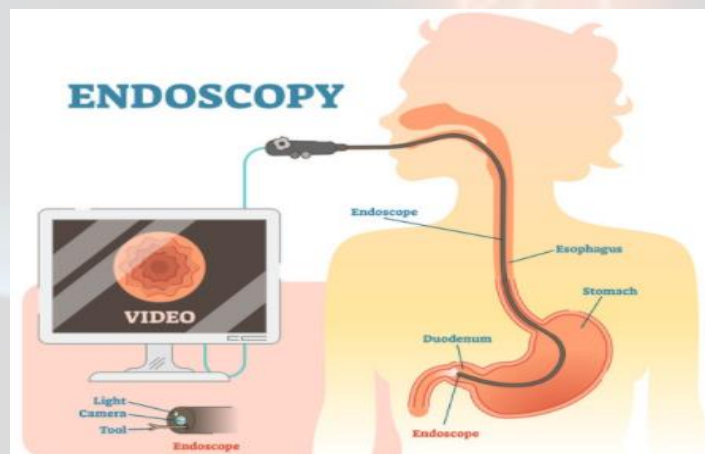
Dysphagia is a medical term for swallowing related problems.

How is Dysphagia Detected?



<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/rosecentre/research/publications/>

X-RAY



<https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/endoscopy>

ENDOSCOPY



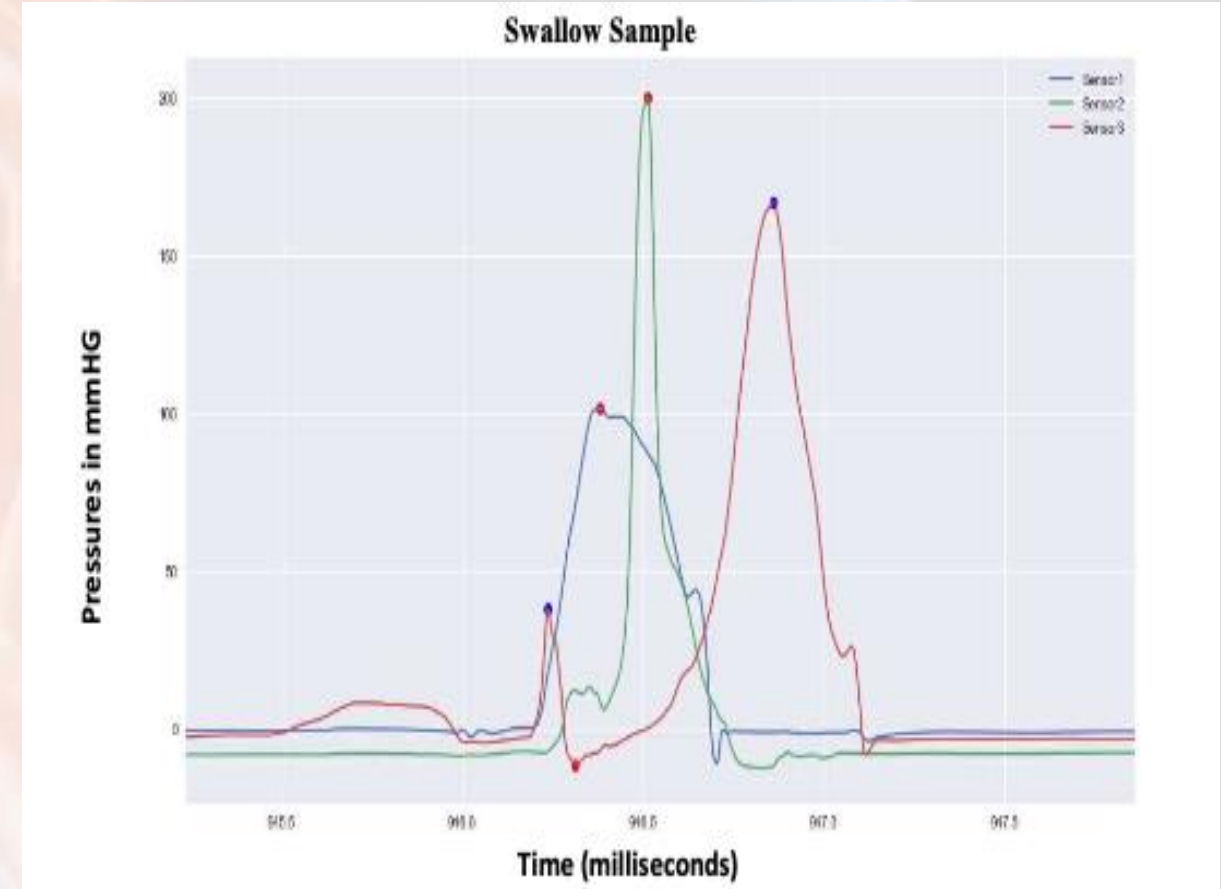
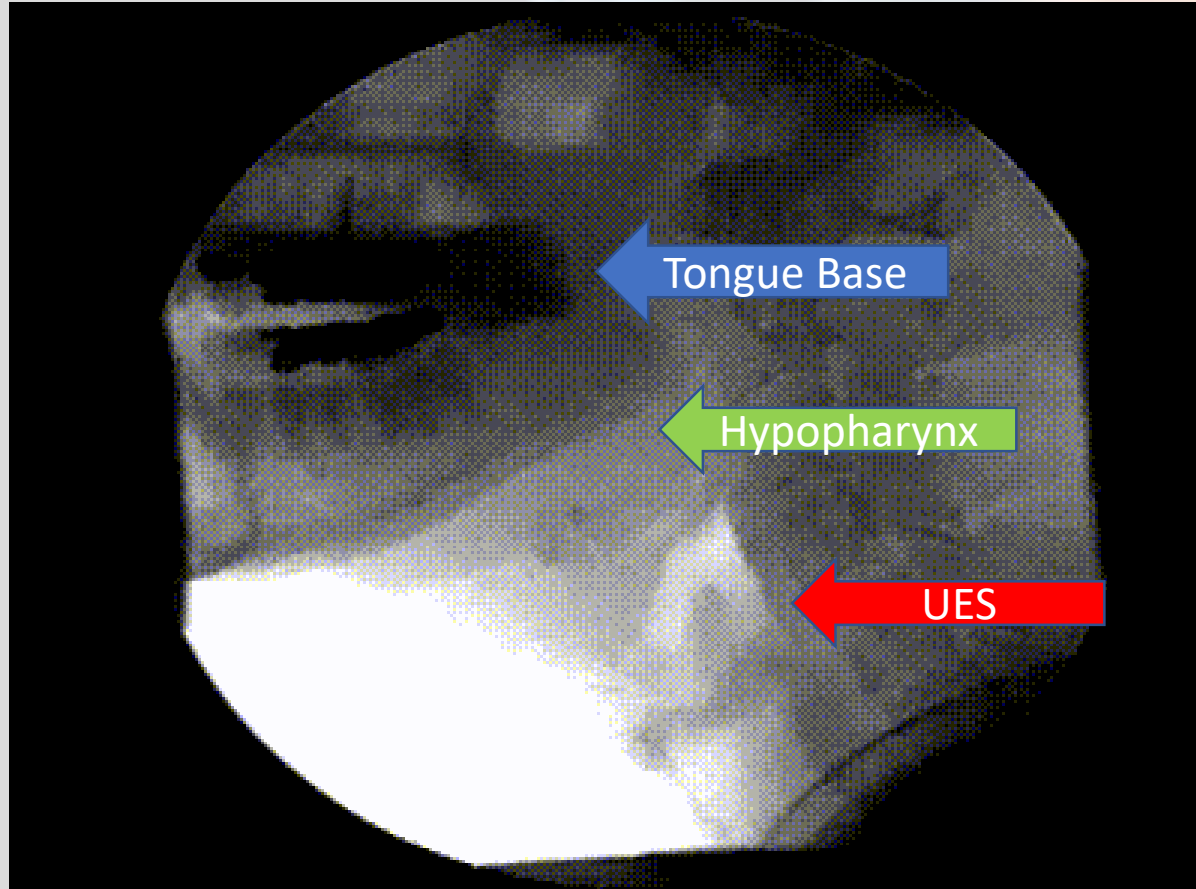
<https://www.fmc-cares.com/esophageal-manometry-test/>

MANOMETRY

Limitations of Dysphagia detection Methods:

Time Consuming, exhaustive evaluation, costly, low detection rate.

What Happens when food is swallowed ?



What are we trying to achieve in this Research?

The main goal of this research is to combine the potential of an existing method for dysphagia detection i.e. Esophageal manometry and Machine learning with the following objectives

- To improve the Detection rate of Dysphagia
- To improve the efficiency of the detection process in terms of Time & resources required

What is Esophageal Manometry?



How does a Manometry Record of Patient Look like?



- Sensors record the pressure readings at intervals of 1 millisecond.
- Every second, 1000 readings are recorded by sensors.
- In this sample, there are close to 370,000 recordings, which means the length of the manometry session is 370 seconds(6 minutes)

Data Ethics

- Data collected for this research is composed of pressure readings from the patient's throat and do not contain any form of personal information on Patients such as name, age, or gender.
- It requires consent for anyone else to use it and responsible authority has issued consent only for this particular research.
- Any form of data collected during this research has been handled with complete integrity.

Constraints in Data collection

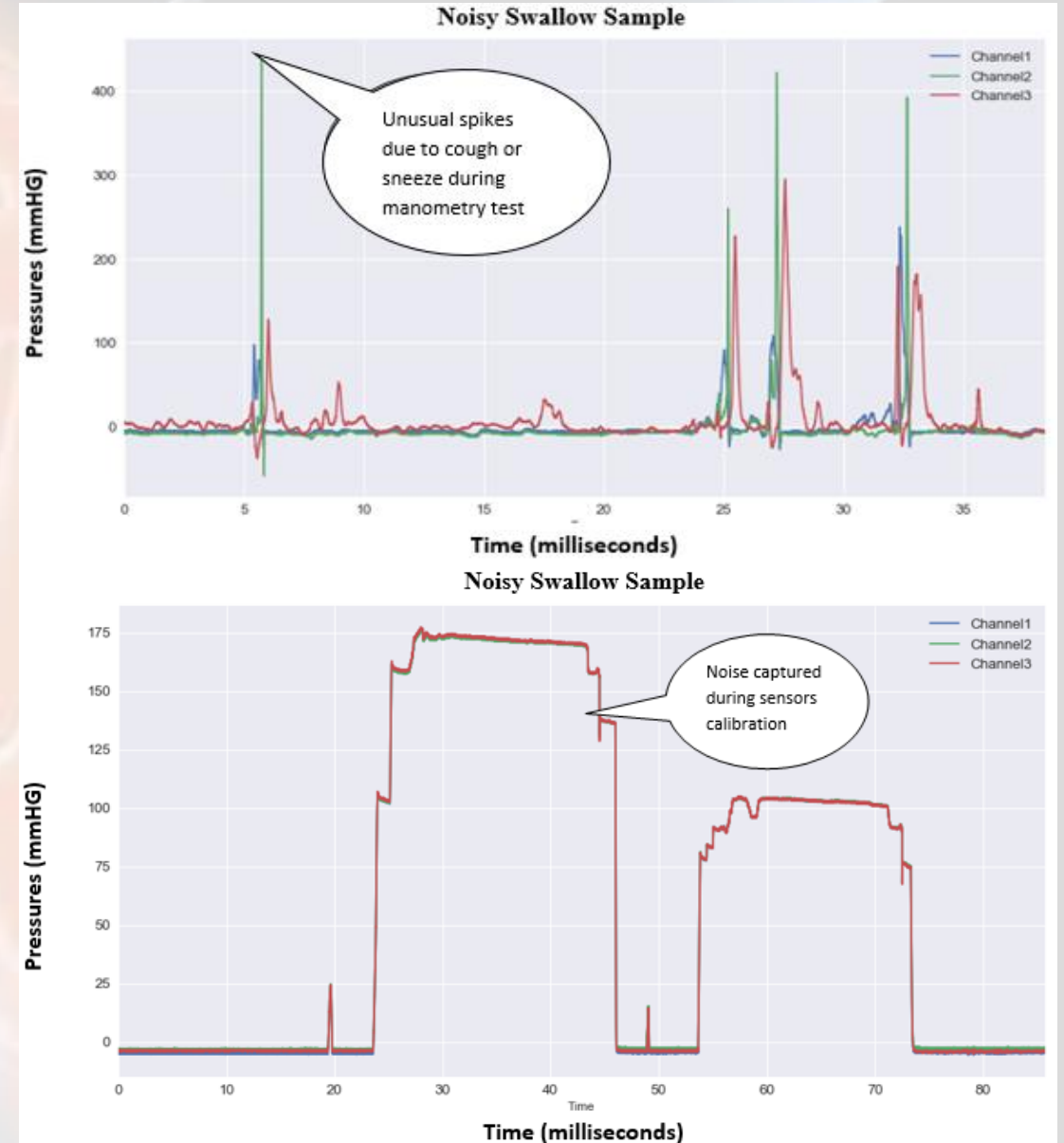
- Limited data availability
- Restriction to access important features such as patient's age, gender, height, or weight
- Limited data availability for different categories of patients such as Stroke, Parkinson's, Huntington disease
- Delays in data collection due to manometry system failure

Data Quality

Noise Sources:

- Sensors Calibration
- Patient experiencing cough or sneeze during manometry session
- Patient failing to comply with the guidelines of medical practitioner

Examples of Noise



Data Preprocessing & Sampling

Step.01

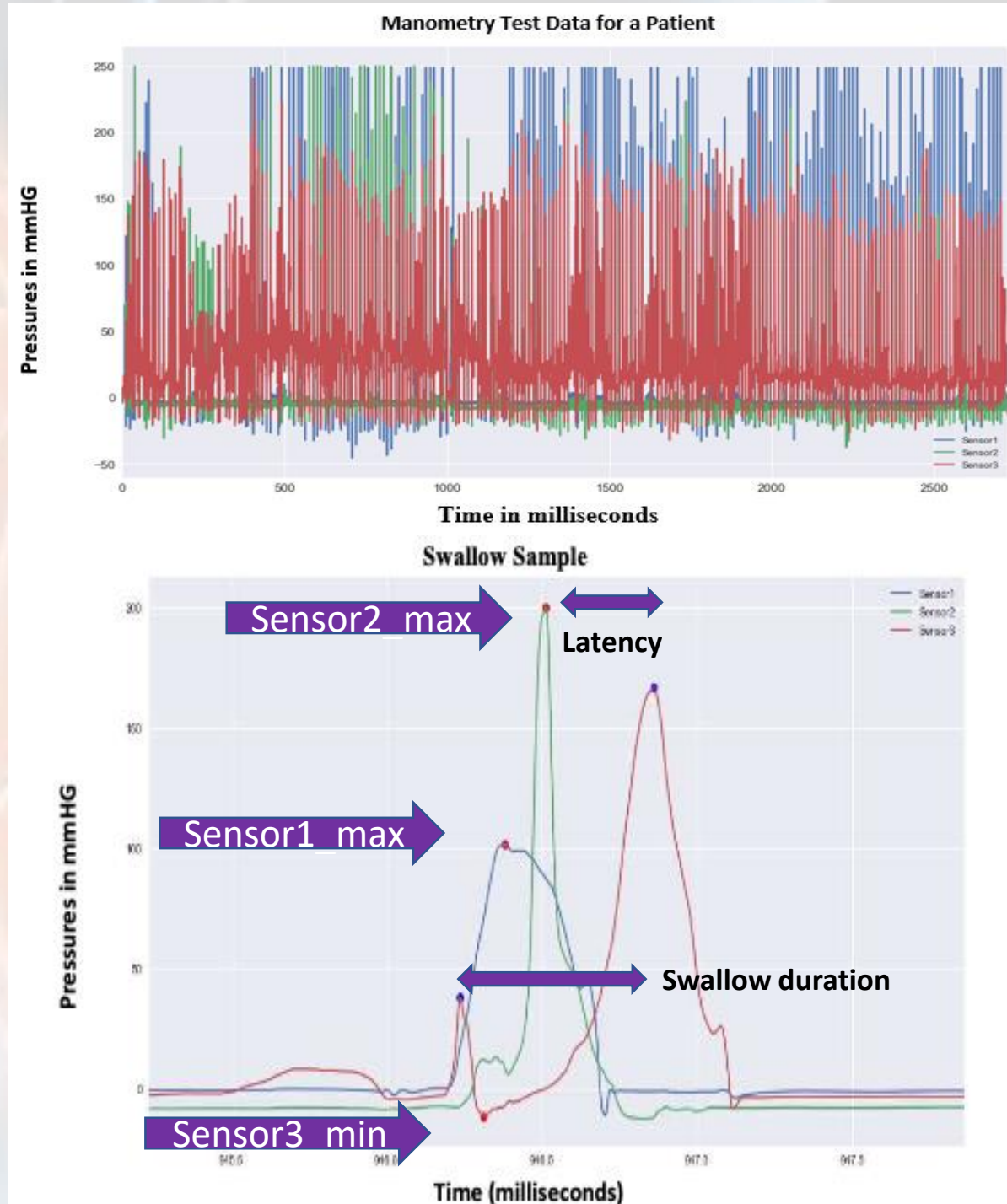
Transforming raw data into suitable format for plotting & Visualization

Step.02

Extracting swallow samples from the raw data

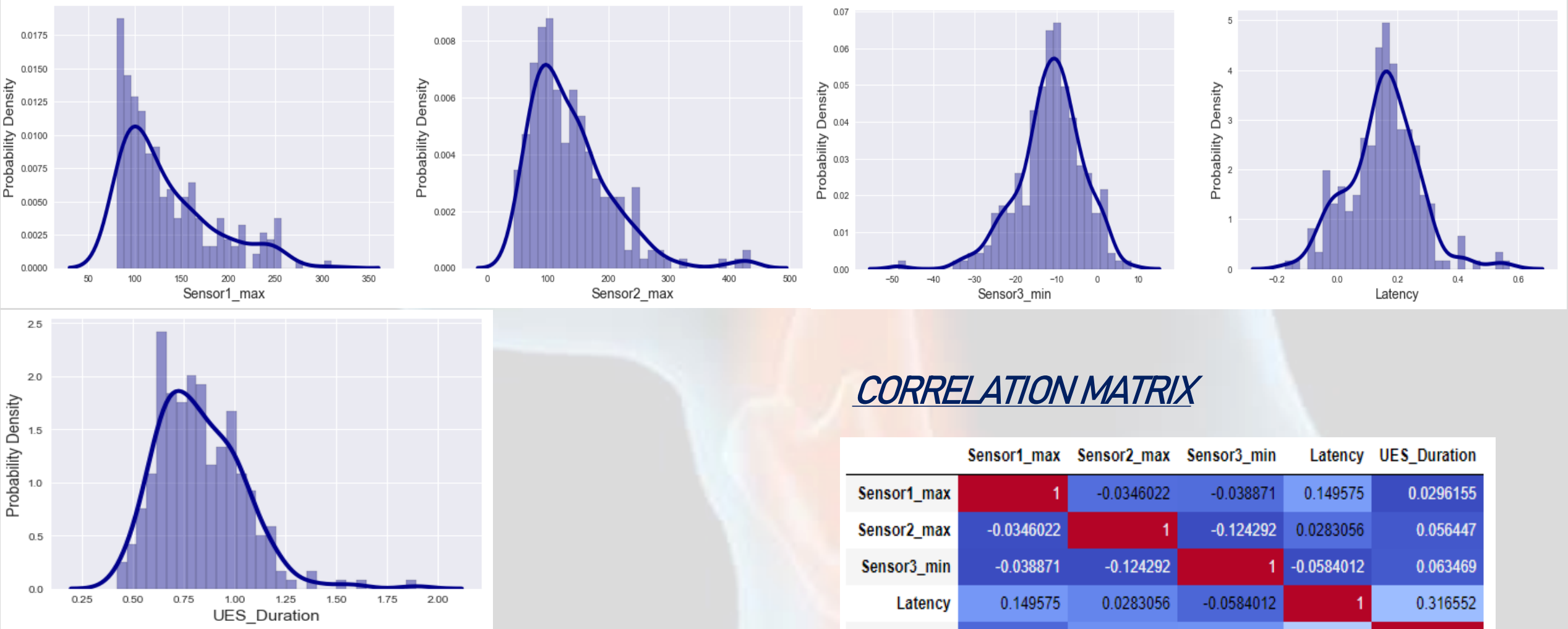
Step.03

Evaluating features of a Sample



Exploratory Data Analysis

DENSITY PLOTS



CORRELATION MATRIX

	Sensor1_max	Sensor2_max	Sensor3_min	Latency	UES_Duration
Sensor1_max	1	-0.0346022	-0.038871	0.149575	0.0296155
Sensor2_max	-0.0346022	1	-0.124292	0.0283056	0.056447
Sensor3_min	-0.038871	-0.124292	1	-0.0584012	0.063469
Latency	0.149575	0.0283056	-0.0584012	1	0.316552
UES_Duration	0.0296155	0.056447	0.063469	0.316552	1

Data Modelling

Independent Features

Dependent Variable

Patient		Sensor1_max	Sensor2_max	Sensor3_min	Latency	UES_Duration	Swallow type
0	Control 2.txt	101.393912	199.782559	-11.066606	0.132	0.624	Healthy
1	Control 2.txt	110.988785	143.783474	-9.734493	0.088	0.544	Healthy
2	Control 3.txt	164.236667	100.936141	-13.469902	0.268	0.812	Healthy
3	Control 3.txt	104.612039	186.672007	-17.383841	0.248	0.988	Healthy
4	Control 5.txt	113.895628	158.551156	-14.614328	0.088	0.644	Healthy
5	HF1-E.txt	137.317464	119.958801	-11.723507	0.309	0.792	Healthy
6	HF10-HL.txt	108.303960	45.131609	-13.014420	0.079	0.716	Healthy

Train and Test Data Composition

Composition	Training data	Testing data	Total
No of Healthy swallow samples	86	38	124
No of Unhealthy swallow samples	84	36	120
Total samples	170	74	244

Performance of models trained to detect unhealthy patients

The evaluation metrics for classification models are shown below:

S. No	Classification Model	Default Hyperparameters			Hyperparameter tuning with 6 fold cross validation		
		Accuracy	Precision	Recall	Accuracy	Precision	Recall
1	Logistic Regression	68%	65%	72%	66%	63%	72%
2	Support Vector Classifier	54%	67%	11%	69%	70%	64%
3	Random Forest Classifier	69%	68%	69%	61%	58%	69%
4	XGBoost Classifier	66%	62%	78%	62%	60%	69%
5	LightGBM Classifier	58%	66%	67%	68%	65%	72%

Performance of the models trained for screening of patients

Logistic Regression	Precision	Recall	Random Forest	Precision	Recall	Support Vector	Precision	Recall
Healthy	1.00	0.21	Healthy	1.00	0.21	Healthy	1.00	0.03
Unhealthy	0.55	1.00	Unhealthy	0.55	1.00	Unhealthy	0.51	1.00

XGBoost Classifier	Precision	Recall	LightGBM Classifier	Precision	Recall
Healthy	1.00	0.24	Healthy	1.00	0.13
Unhealthy	0.55	1.00	Unhealthy	0.52	1.00

The probability threshold was regulated to achieve 100% recall for the Unhealthy class and 100% precision for the healthy class. These models can facilitate the screening of patients and save the cost and resources by 21-24%.

Conclusion

- The best performing models i.e. Logistic regression and LightGBM classifier were able to detect 72% of unhealthy patients.
- Support Vector, Random forest & XGBoost classifiers displayed a detection rate of 64%, 69% & 69% respectively.
- XGBoost, Random forest & Logistic regression has potential to save the cost & resources by 24%, 21% & 21% respectively.
- LightGBM & Support vector classifier displayed a potential to save cost & resources by 13% & 3% respectively.
- Overall, Logistic regression & Light GBM are the best performing models for the detection of unhealthy patients. However, for the screening process, XGBoost performs the best.

Future Work

- This research utilizes data from high-resolution manometry, however, this data can be collected by using advanced techniques like high definition manometry, which has a better spatial resolution.
- Sampling process can be improved by collecting samples from different types of swallows such as “Saliva swallow”, “10ml bolus swallow” and “Effortful swallow”