



UDSv4 dVoice and Q&A Session

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UDSv4: Defining a new standard for the field

Aligned with key scientific advances



dVoice Forms and Guidelines

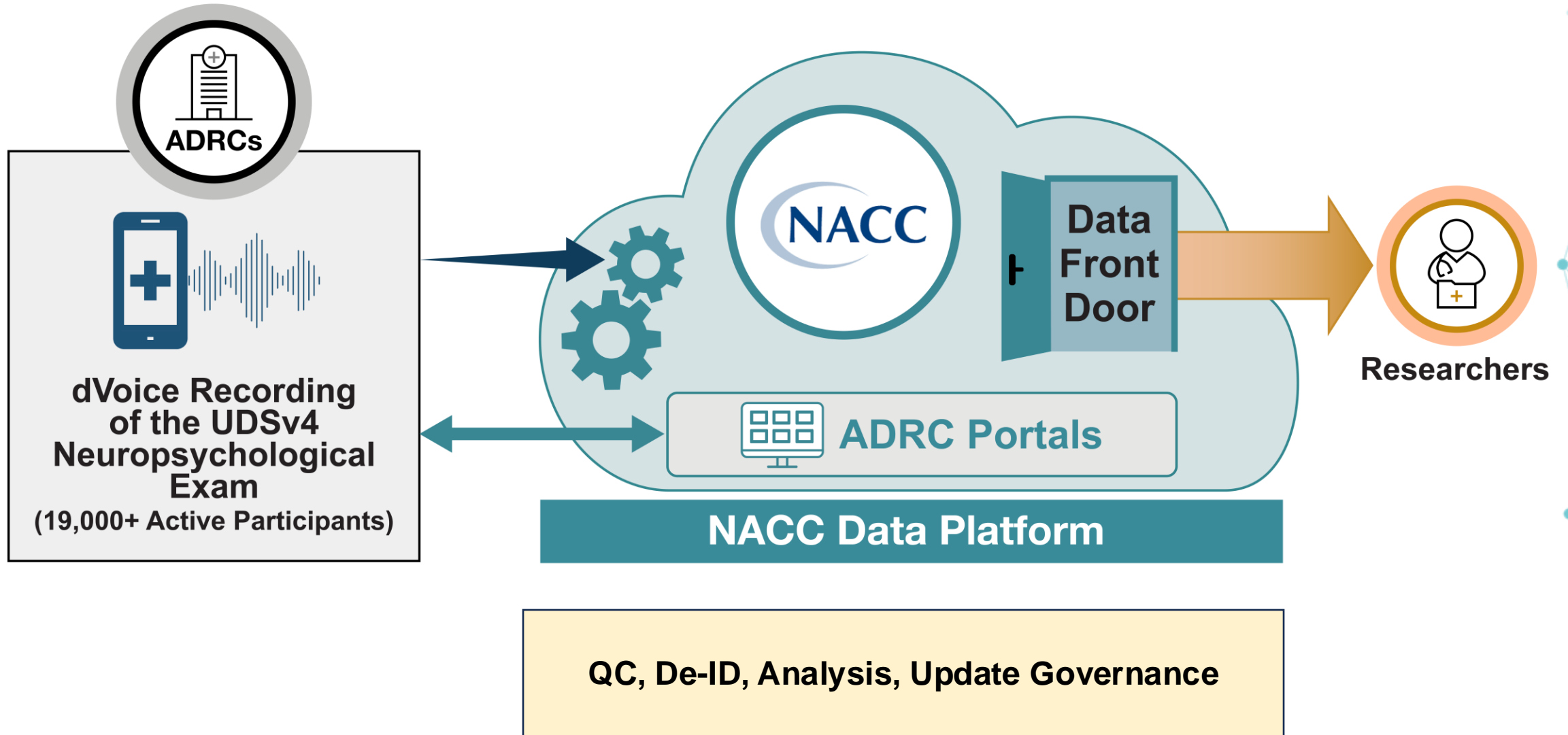
- **UDSv4 Digital Voice Webpage** – Provides a central hub for ADRCs interested in learning more about digital voice data collection as part of UDSv4
- **Digital Voice Start-up Checklist** - A guide for ADRC's and other interested groups in getting started to collect digital voice audio recordings as part of the UDSv4 cognitive exam for research analysis.
- **IRB Protocol and Informed Consent Language** - Provides ADRC's with guidelines, example IRB protocol and informed consent language, and helpful suggestions to aid centers in obtaining regulatory compliance for the collection and storage of digital voice data
- **Digital Voice Recording Manual** - Provides in-depth instructions and best practices for collecting, storing, and processing the audio data
- **FAQ**

View available resources:



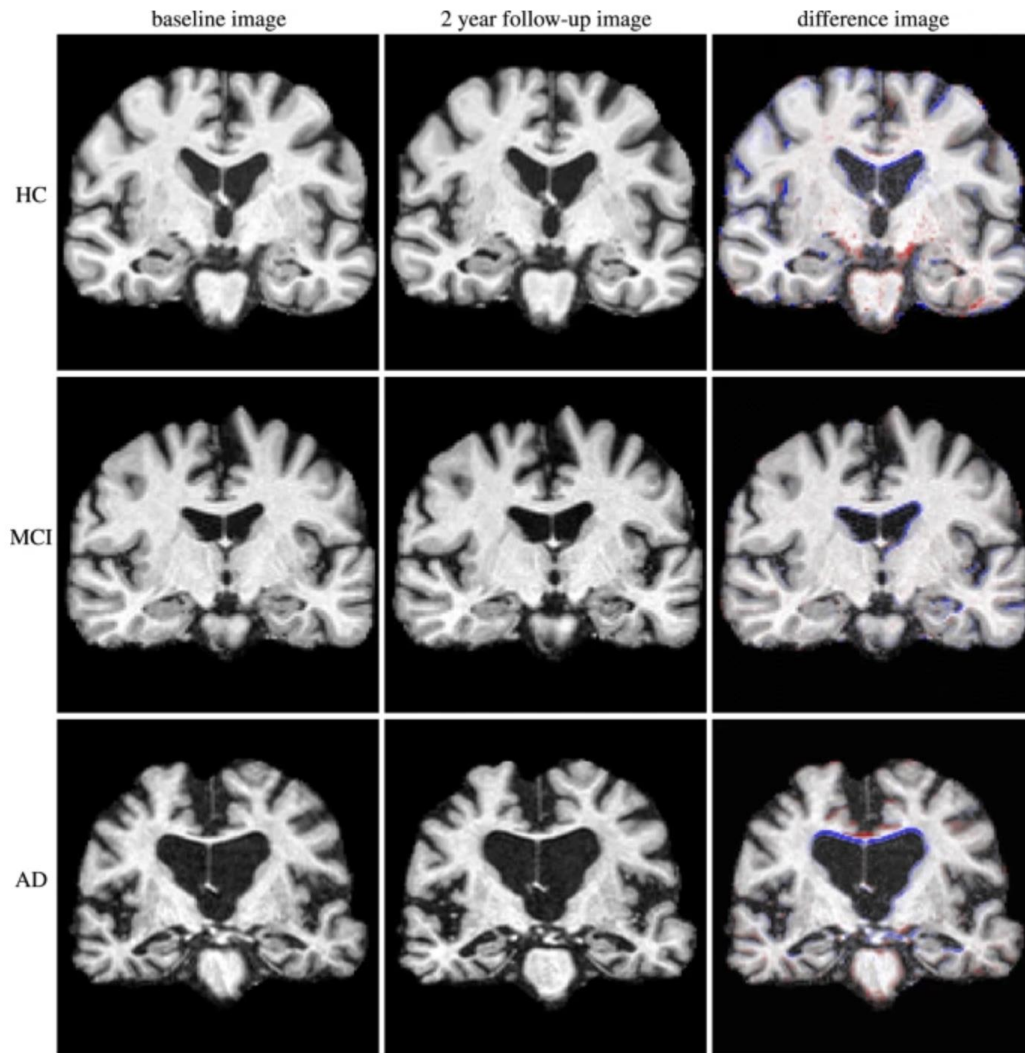
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UDSv4 dVOICE Recordings



Why Imaging? You Can See the Progression

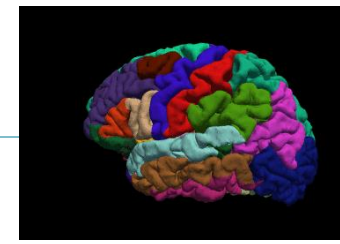
Figure 1



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Data from Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative

Freesurfer: A History Reminder*

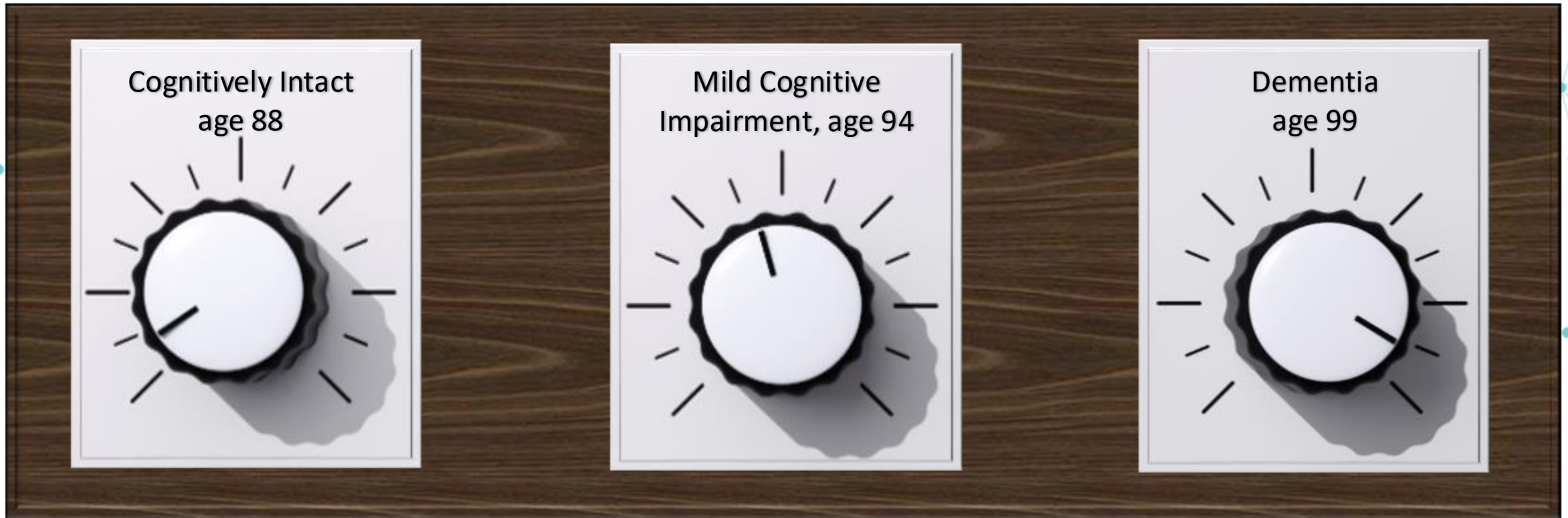


- First Team: Bruce Fischl, Anders Dale, Martin Sereno, Doug Greve
- 1999: First release
 - v1. cortical based analysis: segmentation and surface reconstruction
 - v2. cortical based analysis: inflation, flattening, surface-based coordinate system
 - v3. high resolution intersubject averaging, coordinate system for cortical surface
- 2000: Cortical thickness
- 2001: Automated manifold surgery: constructing geometrically & topological correct models of cortex
- 2002: Whole brain segmentation
- 2004: Automated parcellation
- 2006: Automated labeling of gyral-based regions of interest
- 2022: 57,541 copies downloaded worldwide

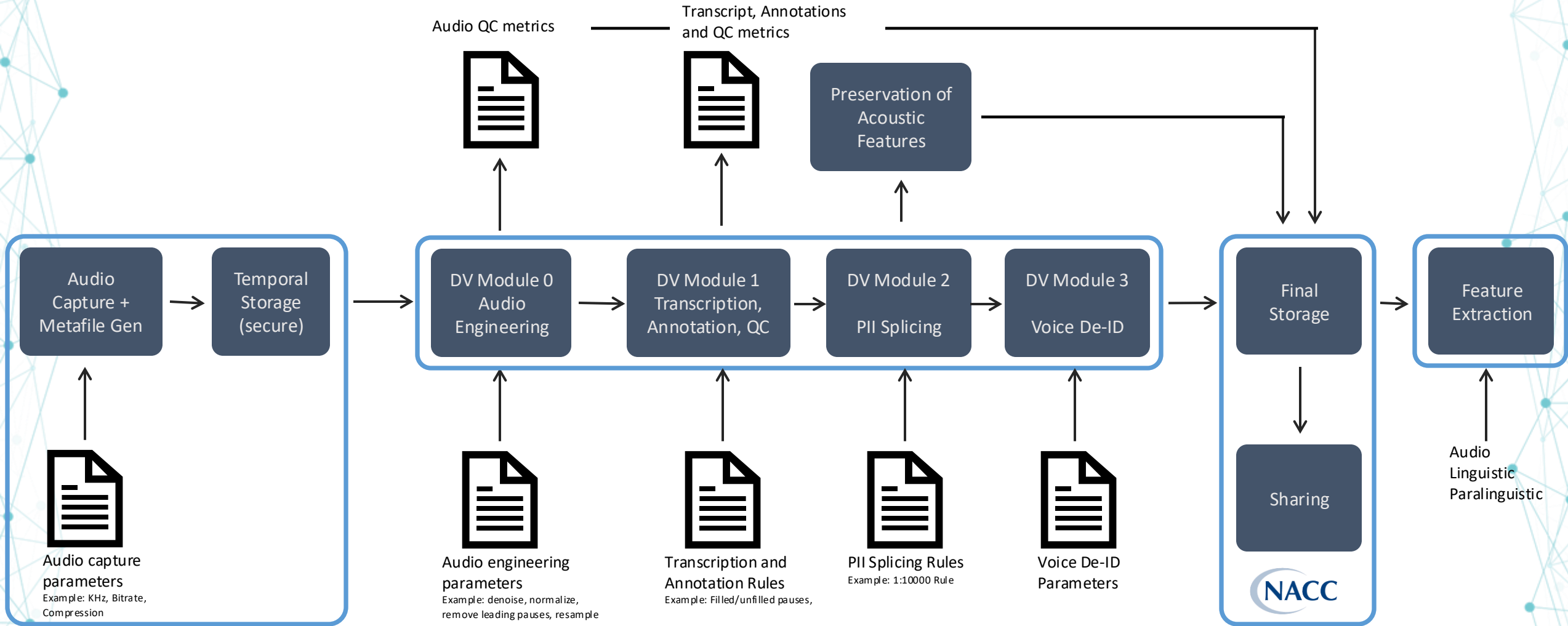
ADNI, UK Biobank, Human Connectome Project, Framingham Heart Study, ADRCs ...Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study

Why Voice? You Can Hear the Progression

Prompt: *"How does yeast cause dough to rise?"*



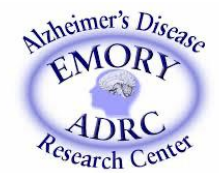
"Freesurfer" of Digital Voice



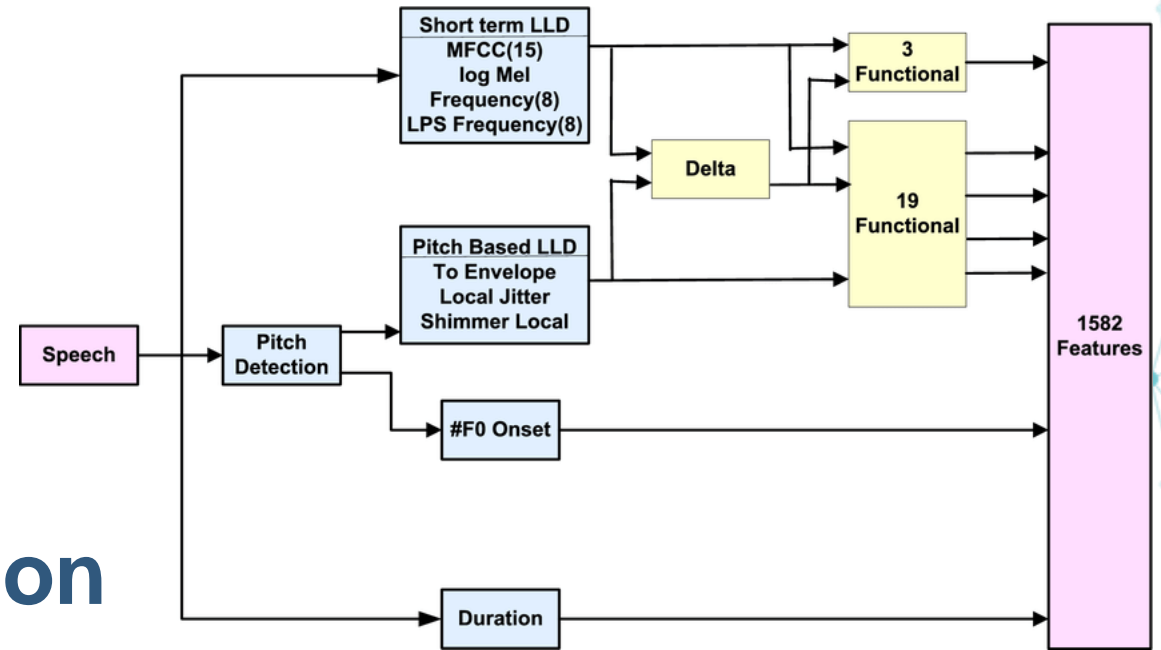
Collaborators:



Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation



What Can Be Done Now: Audio



Automated Feature Extraction

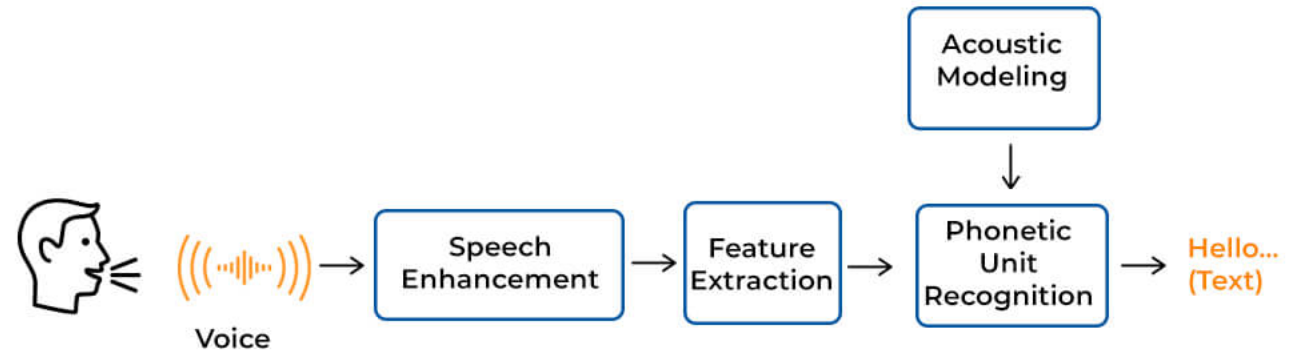
Features

- **Prosodic:** rhythm, intonation, musical quality
- **Spectral:** phonetic patterns, speaker traits, sound spectrum
- **Sound Quality:** Jitter and shimmer”, voice quality
- **Cepstral:** change in wave forms, harmonic frequencies

What Can Be Done Now: Text



SPEECH RECOGNITION PROCESS



“Hands free” Transcriptions
English
Non-English
No Speech

Science It Has Produced

Observational Study > J Med Internet Res. 2022 Dec 22;24(12):e42886. doi: 10.2196/42886.

Association Between Acoustic Features and Neuropsychological Test Performance in the Framingham

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Prediction of Alzheimer's disease progression within 6 years using speech: A novel approach leveraging language models

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Identification of digital
> [JMIR Aging.](#) 2024 Aug 22;7:e55126.

Samad Amini, Boran Hao, Jingmei Yang, Cody Karjadi, Vijaya B. Kolachalama, Rhoda Au, Ioannis C. Paschalidis

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Detection of Mild Cognitive Impairment Semantic, Acoustic Voice Features: The I Heart Study

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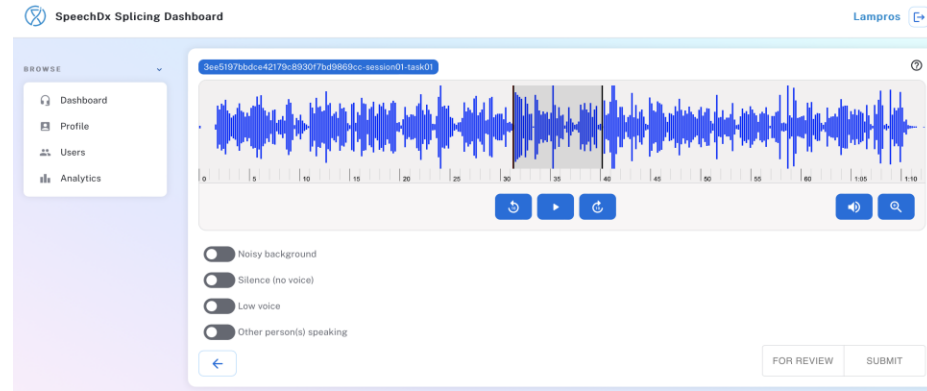
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Fusion of Low-Level Descriptors of Digital Voice Recordings for Dementia Assessment

[Cody Karjadi](#),^{a,b,c,1} [Chonghua Xue](#),^{b,1} [Claire Cordella](#),^d [Swathi Kiran](#),^{d,e} [Ioannis Ch. Paschalidis](#),^{e,f} [Rhoda Au](#),^{a,b,c,g,h} and [Vijaya B. Kolachalama](#)^{b,e,h,i,*}

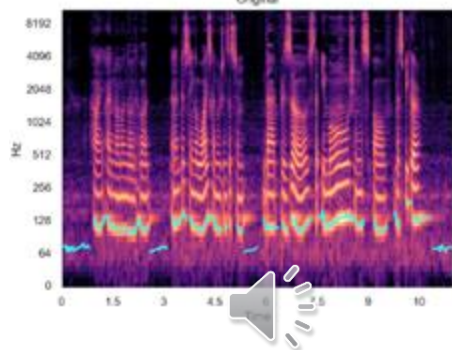
Coming Soon: De-identification Tools

- v1: Personal Identifying Information (PII) Splicing

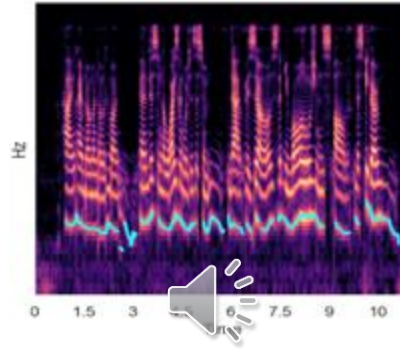
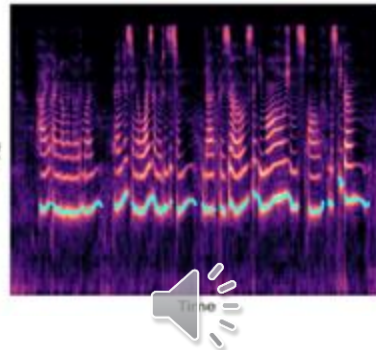


- v1: Voice Alterations

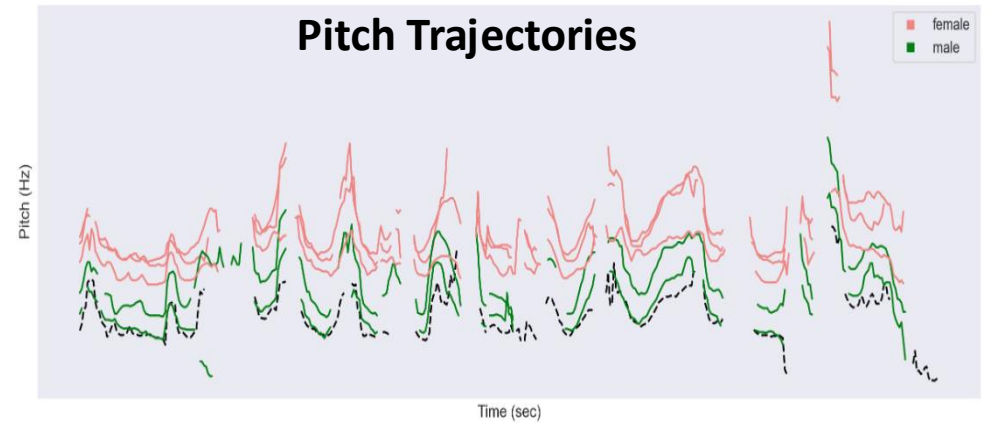
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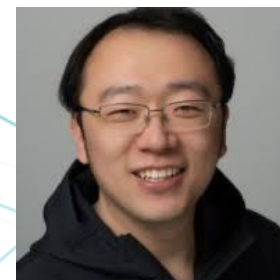
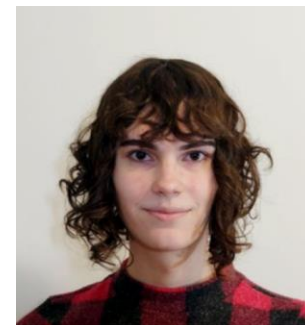
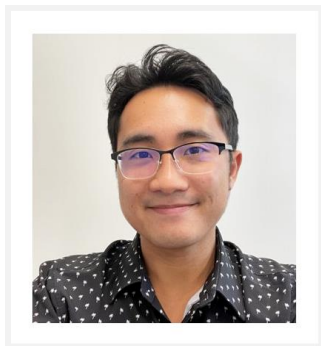
Targets (Emo-StarGAN)



Pitch Trajectories



Thank you!



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