


Can we build diagnostic machines using automated Conversation Analysis?

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Background

Typical diagnostic journey for patients with memory complaints

General Practice

- Patients complaining of memory problems in primary care may be referred for specialist evaluation

Within the memory clinic

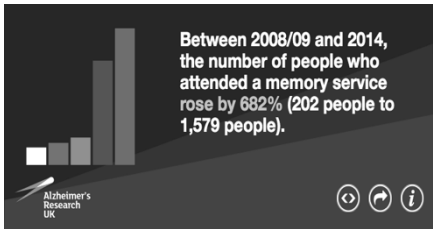
- History-taking by neurologist**
- Neuropsychological testing (potentially repeated)
- Brain scanning (MRI, CT, PET, potentially repeated)
- Diagnosis

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Increasing pressure on specialist memory services in the UK



Between 2008/09 and 2014, the number of people who attended a memory service rose by 682% (202 people to 1,579 people).

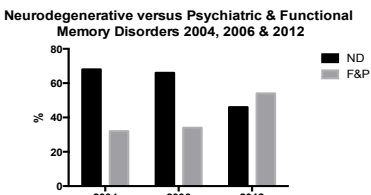
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Increasing proportion of FMD presentations in UK memory clinics



Neurodegenerative versus Psychiatric & Functional Memory Disorders 2004, 2006 & 2012

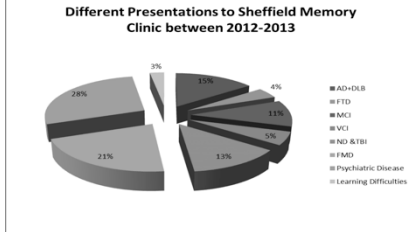
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Differential diagnosis of patients with memory complaints



Different Presentations to Sheffield Memory Clinic between 2012-2013

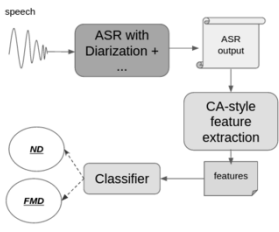
Legend:
 ■ AD+DLB
 ■ FTD
 ■ MCI
 ■ VCI
 ■ ND & IBI
 ■ FMD
 ■ Psychiatric Disease
 ■ Learning Difficulties

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Overview

Proposed solution: Automated screening / diagnostic stratification



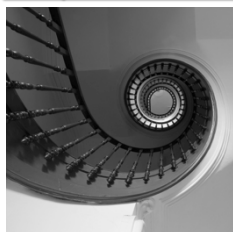
speech → ASR with Diarization + ... → ASR output → CA-style feature extraction → features → Classifier → ND / FMD

Legend:
 - ASR: Automatic Speech Recognition
 - ND: Neurodegenerative Memory Disorder
 - FMD: Functional Memory Disorder

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making Overview

Development of an automated diagnostic decision aid



1. CA study of "natural" memory clinic interactions.
2. CA-inspired automatic analysis of manually produced transcripts of "natural" interactions.
3. CA study of "natural" clinic versus Intelligent Virtual Agent (IVA) interactions
4. CA-inspired automatic analysis of automatically produced transcripts.
5. Optimisation of CA-inspired automatic analysis by combination with other diagnostic methods.

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 1. CA study of "natural" memory clinic interactions

Aim and methods

- **Aim:**
 - To identify features in patients' talk which could help distinguish between neurodegenerative and functional memory disorders.
- **Method:**
 - Audio- / video recording of new appointments in the memory clinic (n=105).
 - Medical "gold standard diagnoses"
 - Description of conversational profiles of NDD (n=15) and FMD (n=15).
 - Blinded multirater prospective testing of diagnostic potential conversational profiles (n=10).

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Results

Quantitative findings (15 FMD vs 15 ND patients)

Item	Description	A: Typical of ND	B: Typical of FMD	No. ND Cases Categorized A/B (n=15)	No. FMD Cases Categorized A/B (n=15)	Difference ND vs. FMD (P)
1	Is the patient accompanied?	Yes	No	141	609	0.003
2	Who is most concerned?	Others	Patient themselves	621	809	0.0008
3	Specific example of memory failure	No or partial/incomplete answer or often a generalising problem	Detailed and specific response about a recent occurrence	110	171	<0.0001
4	Ability to recall recent episodic memory during interaction	Patient unable to recall earlier talk (like I said)	Patient able to recall earlier talk (like I said)	115	88	0.001
5	Responding to compound questions	Unable to attend to different parts of compound questions	Can attend to different parts of compound questions	71	37	0.02
6	Persistence of "I don't know" verbal responses	Indicates recall-based problem	Response to unexpected questions	111	114	<0.0001
7	Elaboration and length of turns	Short, "stereotyped" answers	Long responses, that provide extra detail	96	471	0.002
8	Repetition	Most frequent	Less frequent	107	171	0.001
9	Production of talk	Struggle to reply to questions, communication difficulties	Able to provide answers when asked	72	173	0.001

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Results

Quantitative findings in accompanied patients (6 FMD vs 14 ND patients)

Item	Description	A: Typical of ND	B: Typical of FMD	No. ND Cases Categorized A/B (n=14)	No. FMD Cases Categorized A/B (n=6)	Difference ND vs. FMD (P)
10	Main interactional contribution/role of the AP	AP acts as patient's representative or spokesperson	AP's role limited to confirmation checks and second opinions	91	175 (n=6)	0.008
11	Presence of head-turning sign (excluding verbal "I don't know" replies)	Patient differs answering to AP by turning to them	AP's role limited to confirmation checks and second opinions	104	373	NS
12	Disagreements between patient and AP	Present	Not present	131	24	NS
13	Word searches	Displays "word search" difficulties during conversation, AP provides "leading" information	Report "word search" difficulties in the past but does not display "leading" information	31	373	NS
14	Responding to personal questions	Evidence of difficulties answering these questions	Can answer these questions relatively easily	67	86	NS

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Differential diagnostic findings

- 15+5 patients with neurodegenerative memory disorder, 15+5 patients with functional memory disorder
- Phase 1: Evaluation of Diagnostic Scoring Aid (15+15)
- Phase 2: Prospective pilot trial of DSA (5+5 patients, 2 raters)
- Phase 1: Median DSA score NMD +5, FMD -5 ($p < 0.001$), optimal diagnostic cutoff: +1, sensitivity 86.7%, specificity 100%, interrater agreement: Kappa 0.8.
- Phase 2: Rater 1: correct 10/10, rater 2: 9/10

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 2. Automatic CA of manually produced transcripts

Aim and methods

- **Aim:**
 - To explore whether a range of acoustic, syntactic, semantic and visual features inspired by CA findings can be defined in a computer-readable format, extracted automatically from transcripts and fed into an automatic classifier to automate the differentiation of conversational patterns typical of ND and FMD.
- **Method:**
 - 30 audio-recordings and manual transcripts of new appointments in the memory clinic (15 patients with FMD, 15 with ND).
 - Medical "gold standard diagnoses".
 - Computer readable feature definition inspired by CA findings.
 - Automatic classification with range of classifiers (leave-one-out method).

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"Translation" of CA findings into computer-readable features

Diagnostic profile characteristics (Elvey et al.)	Response, automatic (features)
F1) Accompanying person (role of)	number of turns (1.PatNoOfTurns*, 2.PatNoOfTurns*, average length of turn (ec1) (3.APAVTurnLength*, 4.PatAVTurnLength*), average unique words in a turn (5.APAVUniqueWords*, 6.PatAVUniqueWords*)
F2) Responding to neurologist's questions about memory problems	patient answered "no" (7.PatMeForWhoConcerns*)
F3) Patient recall of recent memory failure	number of empty words (8.PatFailureExampleEmptyWords*), average length of pauses (9.PatFailureExampleAVPauses*), used all the time (10.PatFailureExampleAllTime*)
F4) Responding to compound questions	patient replies "stares for the expectation question (11.PatDemandForExpectations*)", how many times "stares" in combination with "stares to" (12.PatNoOfStares*), average number of shaking head (13.PatAVNoOfShakeHead*), average number of filler words (14.PatAVFillers*), average number of empty words (15.PatAVEmptyWords*), average number of low-frequency words (16.PatAVAllWords*)
F5) Inability to answer	average number of repeated questions (17.AVNoOfRepeatedQuestions*)
F6) Patient's elaborations and length of turn	patients average unique words in a turn (8.PatAVUniqueWords*, 4.PatAVTurnLength*)
Features not in Elvey et al. but relating to neurologist role	number of turns (18.NeuNoOfTurns*), length of turns (ec1) (19.NeuAVTurnLength*), average number of unique words (20.NeuAVUniqueWords*), average number of topics discussed (21.AVNoOfTopicsChanged*), average length of pauses by patient (22.PatAVPauses*)

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Computer-readable feature types

Type	Features
Acoustic	APsNoOfTurns PatNoOfTurns NeuNoOfTurns APAVTurnLength PatAVTurnLength NeuAVTurnLength PatAVPauses
Lexical	PatAVUniqueWords NeuAVUniqueWords APAVUniqueWords PatAVAllWords
Semantic	PatMeForWhoConcerns PatFailureExampleEmptyWords PatFailureExampleAllTime PatDontKnowForExpectation PatAVFillers PatAVEmptyWords AVNoOfRepeatedQuestions AVNoOfTopicsChanged PatAVNoOfShakeHead PatAVNoOfDontKnow
Visual-conceptual	

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"Translation" of CA transcripts into computer-readable XML files

a) Manual CA	
	056 (dementia, accompanied)
1 Neu	How's er reading, writing, spelling?
2 Pat	Errm(.) <reading>(. I read an awful lot(.) however, I have-and the only way I've noticed it is, well we've got a three year old grandson and I=
3	=Oh yeah.
4 AP	

b) Transcript file
(0:12:21.3) Neu: How's er reading, writing, spelling?
(0:12:28.1) Pat: Um, reading, I read an awful lot, however, I have, and the only way I've noticed it is, well we've got a (laughs) three year old grandson and I.
Gts: Oh yeah.

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"Translation" of CA transcripts into computer-readable XML files

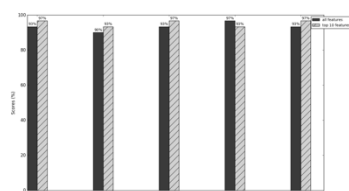
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c) XML file
1<?xml version="1.0" ?>
2<conversations>
3
4  <turn starttime="741.30" endtime="748.10"
5    speaker="NEUR06">
6    <phrase type="verbal">How's er reading,
7      writing, spelling?</phrase>
8    </turn>
9    <turn starttime="748.10" endtime="759.50"
10     speaker="PAT006">
11     <phrase type="verbal">Oh, reading, I
12       read an awful lot, however, I have,
13       and the only way I've noticed it
14       is, well we've got a</phrase>
15     <phrase type="other">value=LARGE06/>
16     <phrase type="verbal">three year old
17       grandson and I.</phrase>
18   </turn>
19   <turn starttime="759.50" endtime="759.50"
20     speaker="AP016">
21     <phrase type="verbal">Oh, yeah.</phrase>
22   </turn>
23 </conversations>
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Findings: Automatic classification accuracy ND versus FMD



Classifiers from Scikit-learn library:

- Support Vector Machine (SVM) with linear kernel
- Random Forest
- Adaptive Boost (Adaboost)
- Perceptron
- Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD, linear classification)

Mean classification accuracy: 93%

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Top 10 features used by different classifiers

Rank	Feature Name
1	NeuAVUniqueWords
2	APsNoOfTurns
3	PatAVUniqueWords
4	PatAVTurnLength
5	AVNoOfRepeatedQuestions
6	PatFailureExampleEmptyWords
7	PatAVFillers
8	PatAVAllWords
9	PatMeForWhoConcerns
10	PatAVPauses

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 3. CA analysis: doctor-patient vs. IVA-patient interactions

Aim and methods

- **Aim:**
 - To explore whether patients with memory complaints are able to interact with an intelligent virtual agent (IVA) and that IVA-patient interactions continue to demonstrate differences between ND and FMD interactions.
- **Method:**
 - Video/audio-recordings and manual transcripts of new appointments in the memory clinic & IVA-patient interactions.
 - Medical "gold standard diagnoses".
 - Conversation analytic examination and comparison of both types of interactions.
 - 12 Memory clinic vs 10 avatar interactions (11 patients with FMD, 11 with ND).

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Intelligent Virtual Agent (IVA, early version)



Prototype avatar (using <https://www.bottibre.com>).

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Interaction with IVA ("digital doctor")



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IVA script

"Hello I am a computerised doctor and I will be asking you questions today. I will ask you the sort of questions doctors ask in the memory clinic. Thank you for talking to me. I will start to ask you questions shortly.

1. Where have you come from today, and what are you hoping to find out?"
2. Tell me what problems you have noticed with your memory recently
3. Who is most worried about your memory, you or somebody else?

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IVA script

4. What did you do over last weekend, giving as much detail as you can?
5. What has been in the news recently?
6. Tell me about the school you went to and how old were when you left.
7. Tell me about your last job? Give as much detail as you can.
8. Who manages your finances? you or somebody else? Has this changed recently?

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 3. CA analysis: doctor-patient vs. IVA-patient interactions

Findings: Doctor's questions are much more variable than IVA's

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(1) 056: DR-ND
1 → Neu: okay ((pause)) and- (.) could you give me an example of the
2         last time your memory let you down
3         (1.0)
4 Pat: no (1.0) no (1.0) can you ((turns to partner))

(2) 036: DR-FMD
1 → Neu: um (1.4) when: (0.4) can you give me an example of the last
2         time your memory let you sa- let you down
3         (1.0)
4 Pat: .hhhhh i- m- erm:: (0.5) I was on the telephone (0.8) making an
5         appointment for someone at work .hh and we send appointment
6         cards out to 'em .hh and I picked the appointment card up and I
7         said to the- (.) customer .hh right I will send you a and I
8         couldn't think (0.9) of the word appointment ca(h)rd
9         ((laughs))=
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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 3. CA analysis: doctor-patient vs. IVA-patient interactions

Findings: Doctor's questions are much more variable than IVA's

(3) 083: DR-ND

1 → Neu: and cn- can you tell: m:e=give me examples of how your memory
2 has let you down
3 (2,3)
4 Pat: I find it- I find it very easy to forget things these days

(4) 043: DR-ND

1 → Neu: okay. And are there any kind of specific things that you can
2 think of that- th'kind of (.) typical memory problems that you
3 were having at that time
4 (0,4)
5 Oth: I don't know (now)=
6 Pat: I can't remember ((la[ughs]))

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Findings: Patients' responses to IVA similar to responses to doctor

IVA: "Tell me, what problems have you had with your memory."

(9) P03: IVA-FMD

1 Pat: ah various problems (1,2) with my memory .hhhhh erm: m-s- a
2 lot of the time I don't remember (0,3) what- .hhhhh (0,3) I've
3 got up to do: hhhhh erm .hhhhh go shonewhere: (0,6) get there:
4 don't know what I've gone for (1,7) erm (1,0) can't remember
5 words (1,0) can usually remember the er (0,5) the letter they
6 start with .hhhhh (0,4) but not the words
7 I minute 19 seconds omitted, giving additional examples
but yeah it happens a lot

(10) P13: IVA-ND

1 Pat: um (2,6) a loss of um (2,8) remembering things at times (0,4)
2 words (.) different places (10,2) words and different places
3 just re- just remembering (1,5) remembering things at time
4 (0,4) not easy

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 3. CA analysis: doctor-patient vs. IVA-patient interactions

Findings: Start of IVA interaction (FMD, second IVA interaction)

1 Q2: (5 seconds) Yeah, this is recording now. (2 seconds) This is recording, there we
2 go. This one, and press enter to start.
3 Q1: Why have you come in today (1,0) and what (0,5) are your expectations
4 (0,7)
5 Pat: .hh I came in for a review one year after having er (.) problems with my
6 confidence due to stress (0,6) coming in: I was expecting that as all seemed
7 OK: I would probably be discharged
8 Q1: Tell me (0,7) what problems (0,6) have you had (0,7) with your memory
9 Pat: (2,3) My problems weren't actually with memory it was my confidence (.) and I
10 was making assumptions: when I was right (0,4) that in fact (.) I had made
11 mistakes I had forgotten to do something (0,5) er so I was misidentifying it
12 as memory.

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 3. CA analysis: doctor-patient vs. IVA-patient interactions

Findings: Start of avatar interaction (ND)

1 Q2: OK (0,4) Like I said (0,5) talk to the screen
2 Pat: Right.
3 Q2: (0,5) Forward (0,7) repeat (1,1) you may now begin
4 Pat: (0,3) Right. (2,7) That's I press that, don't it
5 Q2: (0,2) Mm hm [raising]
6 Q1: (0,5) ((click)) Why have you come in today (1,0) and what (0,5)
7 Pat: [Why:]
8 Q1: [are your expectations
9 Pat: [why have I come in today
10 Pat: ((click)) (0,6) Right. (3,2) I've forgot now (0,2) (laughs) I've come in
11 (0,8) to do er: (0,8) to be a volunteer for research (2,8) Press this (0,2)
12 repeat. one now?
13 Q2: Mm hm
14 Q1: (1,0) ((click)) Why have you come in today (1,0) and what (0,5) are your
15 expectations
16 Pat: (2,0) I've come in today: (1,4) to help do a research programme (1,3) and my
17 expectations are: (0,7) to find out what's really wrong with me, if anything.
18 (1,8) Go to forward now
19 Q2: (0,9) Mm hm
20 Q1: (1,2) ((click)) Tell me (0,7) what problems (0,6) have you had
21 Pat: (2,0) Um (2,6) a loss of um (2,8) remembering things at times (0,4) words (.)
22 different places (10,2) words and different places (quietly) just re- just
23 remembering (1,5) remembering things at times (0,4) not easy (1,7) This one
24 again? (1,8) Is it this one again, repeat one

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 4. Automatic analysis of automatically produced transcripts

Aim and methods

• Aim:

- To provide proof-of-principle that interactions between and IVA and patients with memory problems can be transcribed using automatic diarisation and speech recognition (ASR), analysed by automated diagnostic features extraction and classified into ND and FMD groups.

• Method:

- Video/audio-recordings and automatic transcripts of IVA-patient interactions (plus 30 recordings / manual transcripts of doctor-patient interactions).
- Medical "gold standard diagnoses".
- Automatic diarisation, feature extraction and classification.
- Classification of 12 avatar interactions (6 patients with FMD, 6 with ND).

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 4. Automatic analysis of automatically produced transcripts

Automatically extracted diagnostic features

Category	Feature
CA	number of turns (APNoOfTurns, PatNoOfTurns, NeuNoOfTurns); average length of turn (APAVTurnLength, PatAVTurnLength, NeuAVTurnLength); number of unique words in a turn (APAVUniqueWords, PatAVUniqueWords, NeuAVUniqueWords); patient answers "me" for question "who's most concerned" (PatMeForWhoConcerns); patient recalls memory failure features (PatFailureExampleEmptyWords, PatFailureExampleAVPhrases, PatFailureExampleAllTime); patient replies "same" for the expectation question (PatDunnoForExpectations); average number of filler, empty, unique and low-frequency words (PatAVFillers, PatAVEmptyWords, PatAVUniqueWords, PatAVABWords); average number of repeated questions (AVNoOfRepeatedQuestions); average number of topics discussed (AVNoOfTopics)
Lexical (Part of speech)	average number of verbs, nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, wh, words (e.g. who), determiner, conjunctions, cardinals, existential (e.g., there is), prepositions etc (PatAVVerb, PatAVNoun, PatAVAdjective, PatAVAdverb, PatAVPronoun, PatAVWh, word, PatAVDeterminer, PatAVConjunction, PatAVCardinal, PatAVExistential, PatAVPreposition, PatAVOtherPOS)
Acoustic	average overall intonation, pitch, duration and silence (PatAVIntonation, PatAVPitch, PatAVDuration, PatAVSBI); difference between the first harmonic and the harmonic close to the first, second and third formants (PatAVH1-A1, PatAVH1-A2, PatAVH1-A3); difference between the two first harmonics (PatAVH1-H2); local jitter and shimmer (PatAVGitterLocal, PatAVShimmerLocal); harmonics-to-noise and noise-to-harmonics ratios (PatAVMeanHNR, PatAVMeanNHR)

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 4. Automatic analysis of automatically produced transcripts

Findings: Automatically Speech Recognition accuracy

System	Train	Test	WER
Baseline_HUM	HUM	HUM	55.7%
Baseline_AVA	AVA	AVA	77.0%
Cross domain	HUM	AVA	65.0%
MAP adaptation	Map on HUM	AVA	58.7%
Combining data	HUM+AVA	AVA	46.2%

(WER: Word Error Rate)

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 4. Automatic analysis of automatically produced transcripts

Findings: Automatic classification accuracy ND versus FMD

Train/Test	CA	AC	LX	ALL	T10
HUM_man/	96.7%	83.3%	66.7%	76.7%	100%
HUM_man					
HUM/ HUM	76.7%	60.0%	50.0%	76.7%	90.0%
AVA_man+	58.3%	66.7%	83.3%	66.7%	75.0%
HUM_man/AVA_man					
AVA_man+	72.7%	63.6%	63.6%	81.8%	72.7%
HUM_man/AVA					
AVA+	63.6%	54.5%	63.6%	90.9%	72.7%
HUM_man/AVA					

('_man': using gold-standard transcript instead of ASR-produced transcripts; 'CA': Ca-style features; 'AC': acoustic features; 'LX': lexical features; 'T10': top 10 informative features.)

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 5. Optimisation of automatic diagnostic procedure

Combination of method improvement and additional tools

- **Improvement of current method:**
 - Better training of ASR using a much bigger data of situationally relevant data.
 - Improvement of syntactic / semantic analysis by better automatic textual analysis (e.g. word vector representations such as 'w2vec' and 'GloVe' instead of 'bag of words' approach).
 - Broader validation with other important diagnostic groups (depressed / healthy).
- **Additional tools:**
 - Integration of previously standardised neuropsychological tests.
 - Automatic acoustic analysis.
 - Automatic video-analysis (eg. blinking / gaze / head turning behaviour).

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Automated CA & diagnostic decision making 5. Optimisation of automatic diagnostic procedure

Extension of IVA script

- Please name as many animals as you can. You can name any type of animal. You will have one minute- please start after you hear the buzzer.
- Please name as many words as you can that begin with the letter P. It can be any word beginning with P except for names or people such as Peter or names of countries such as Portugal. Please start answering after you hear the buzzer.
- Tell me everything you see going on in this picture? Please describe it in as much detail as you can. When you have finished press FORWARD.

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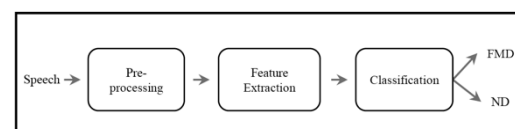
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Method: Classification based on acoustic features



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Features	Type	Number of features
Fundamental frequency (F0) related measures (median, mean, STD, min and max)	Phonation and voice quality	5
Harmonic-to-noise ratio (HNR)	Phonation and voice quality	1
Number of pulses	Phonation and voice quality	1
Number, mean and STD of periods	Phonation and voice quality	3
Noise-to-harmonic ratio (NHR)	Phonation and voice quality	1
Shimmer scales	Phonation and voice quality	6
Jitter scales	Phonation and voice quality	5
Autocorrelation	Phonation and voice quality	1
Fraction of locally unvoiced frames	Phonation and voice quality	1
Number of voice breaks	Phonation and voice quality	1
Degree of voice breaks	Phonation and voice quality	1
Number of turns	Phonation and voice quality	1
Average time of turns (include pauses)	Phonation and voice quality	1
Mid frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCC)	Spectral features: 12 features (extended to 306)	12
Filter bank energy coefficient (Fbank)	Spectral features: 26 features (extended to 224)	26
Mid frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCC)	Spectral features: 26 features (extended to 224)	26
Total		812

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Preliminary findings: Classification based on aucooustic features

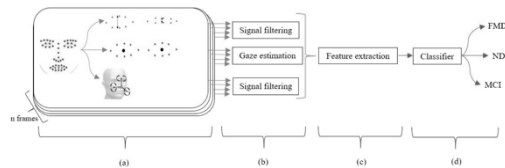
Classifier	All features (812) SVM wrapper (5)	Top(7) features based on Pearson's Filter	Top (24) features based
Linear SVM	86.7 %	96.7 %	96.7 %
Random forest	73.30 %	93.3%	86.6%
Adaboost	86.6 %	96.7%	96.7%
MLP	70.00 %	96.7%	93.3%
Linear via SGD	76.7 %	96.7 %	93.3%
Mean	78.6 %	96.0 %	93.3%

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Method: Classification based on visual features



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Preliminary findings: Classification based on visual features

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
77.77	72.22	72.22	72.22	61.11	66.66	88.88	77.77

Table 1: Classification results for MCI vs NDvs FMD subjects using eye blink features

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
94.444	77.77	61.11	66.66	66.66	55.55	94.44	77.77

Table 2: Classification results for MCI vs NDvs FMD subjects using Head turning features

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
77.77	55.55	72.22	72.22	72.22	55.55	94.44	66.66

Table 3: Classification results for MCI vs NDvs FMD subjects using eye gaze features

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