

# Using Machine Learning to Recognize Chronic Rhinosinusitis

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Background

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# Chronic Rhinosinusitis (CRS)



12+ consecutive weeks



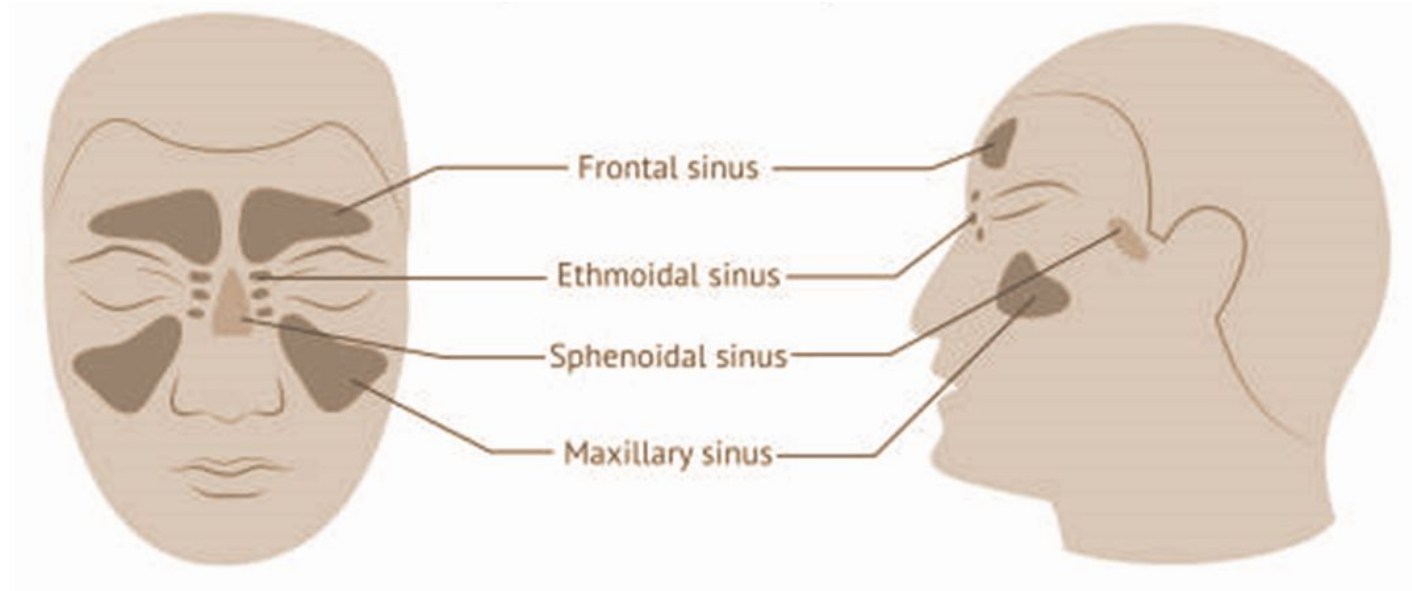
Mucosa + paranasal  
sinuses



Inflammation

- 11.8% to 17.4% of Americans have CRS
- Costs medical system \$22 billion per year

# Paranasal Sinuses + Mucosa



# Diagnosis

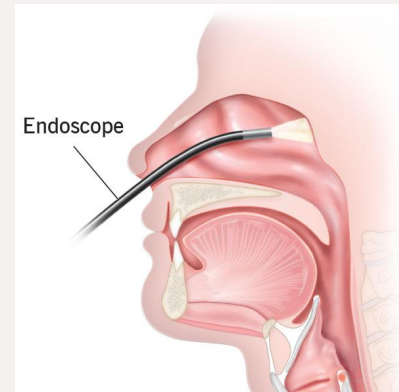


## Symptom Tracking

- Facial and ear pain or pressure
- **Nasal obstruction, congestion, and discharge**
- Decreased sense of smell
- Headaches
- Fevers
- Bad breath
- Fatigue

## Nasal Endoscopy

- Thin, flexible tube with a tiny camera and a light inserted into nose



## Computed Tomography

- Type of x-ray



# Question / Purpose

Do CRS patients speak differently enough that a machine learning algorithm can classify someone as having CRS or not having CRS, based on how they talk?

# Methods

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# Roadmap of Methods

Record test subjects at  
44100 kHz

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Signal process with FFT,  
CWT, and Spectrogram

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Train SVM on feature  
vector

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Snip recorded files

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Take spectrogram data  
and make it into a  
feature vector

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Classification report  
gauges accuracy of the  
SVM

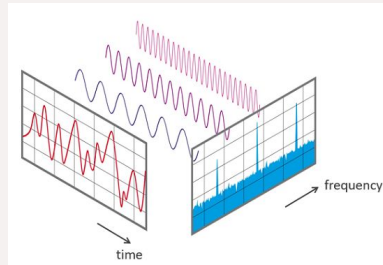


# Signal Processing



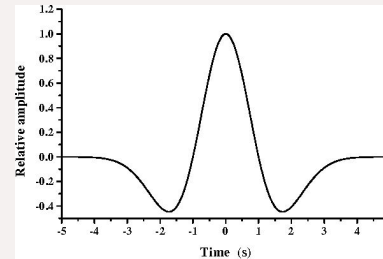
## FFT

- Sampling rate of 44100
- Log scale, cut off at 3000



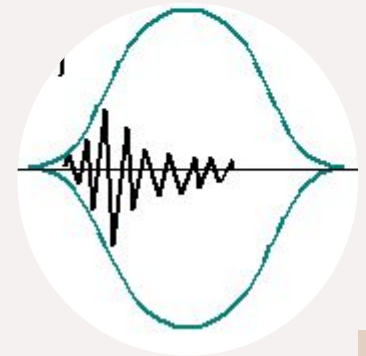
## CWT

- Mexican hat wavelet
- Wavelet scales from 2 to 50 (step size 5)
- Graphed on a power spectral density



## Spectrogram

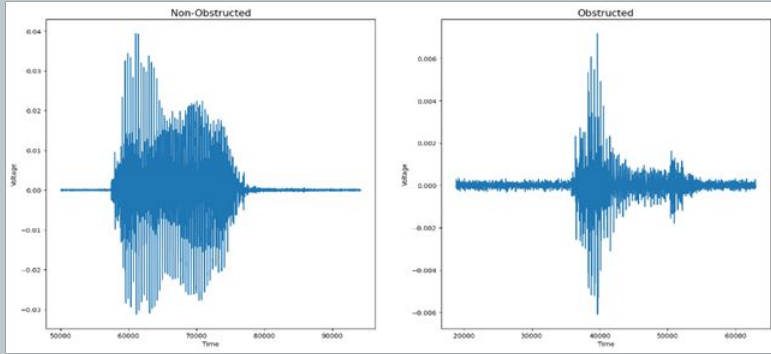
- Hanning window
- 256 sampling points
- Overlap of 128



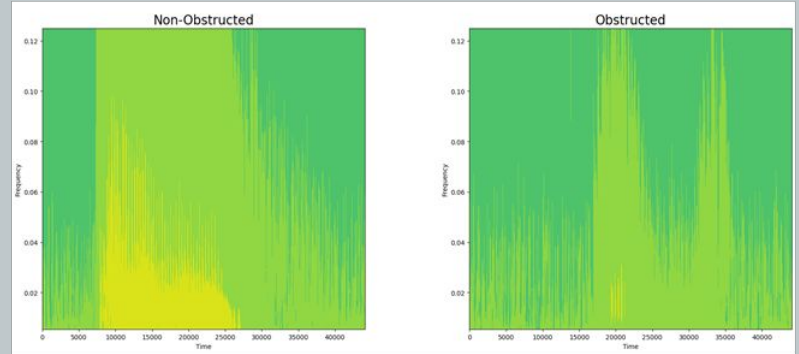
Results

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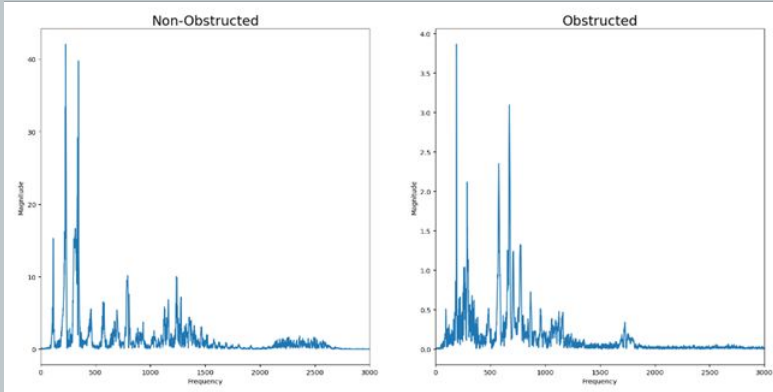
## “ang” Signal



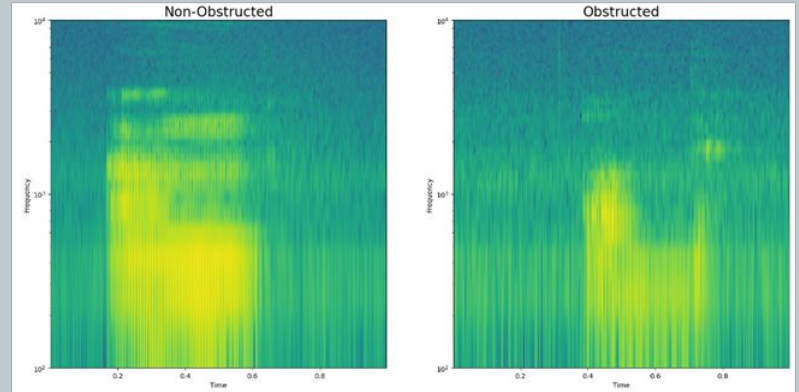
## “ang” Continuous Wavelet Transform



## “ang” FFT



## “ang” Spectrogram



# Parts of a Classification Report

## Precision

Fraction of positives that were true positives

- If the alg. said 5 people had CRS but only 3 of them did, the precision would be 0.6

## Recall

Fraction of true positive values that were found.

- If there were 10 CRS patients and the algorithm found 8 of them, the recall would be 0.8

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
NO	0.64	0.46	0.53	35
0	0.58	0.74	0.65	35
accuracy			0.60	70

# Classification Report

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

(more important in this case!)

Harmonic mean of precision + recall

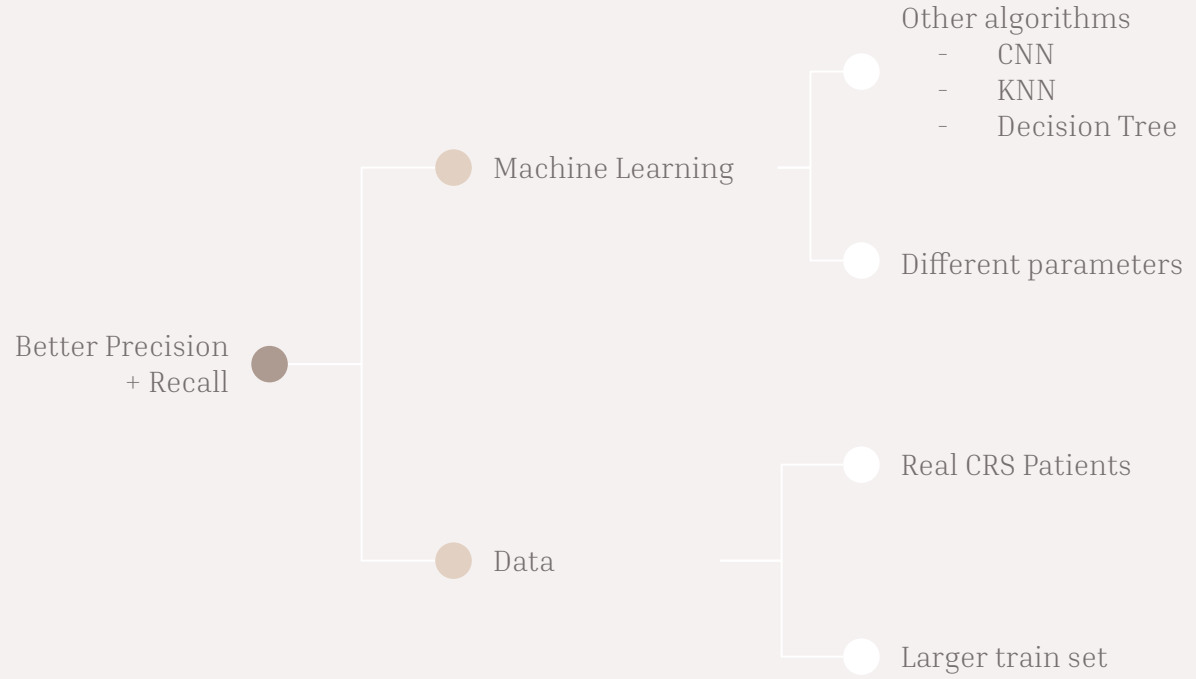
Conclusion

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# Main Idea

SVMs effectively identified speech from obstructed noses,  
a symptom of Chronic Rhinosinusitis.

# Future Work





# Thanks!

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