



# Towards a unified framework for the validation of EEG-based seizure detection algorithms





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## ■ Dataset

- CHB-MIT Scalp EEG Database

## ■ Cross-Validation



- **Personalized model:** **random** cross-validation
- **Generalized model:** Leave-one-**subject**-out

## ■ Performance metrics

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- Training: SeizelT1
- Testing: SeizelT2

## ■ Cross-Validation

- **Independent** dataset

## ■ Performance metrics

- **Event-based** to measure sensitivity
- **Sample-based** to measure False Alarm rate

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# It is **difficult** to compare papers

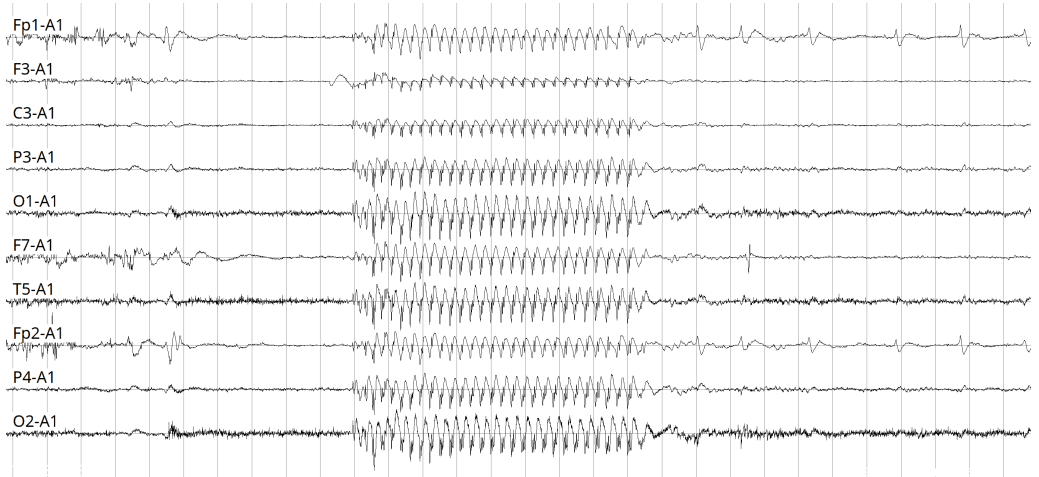
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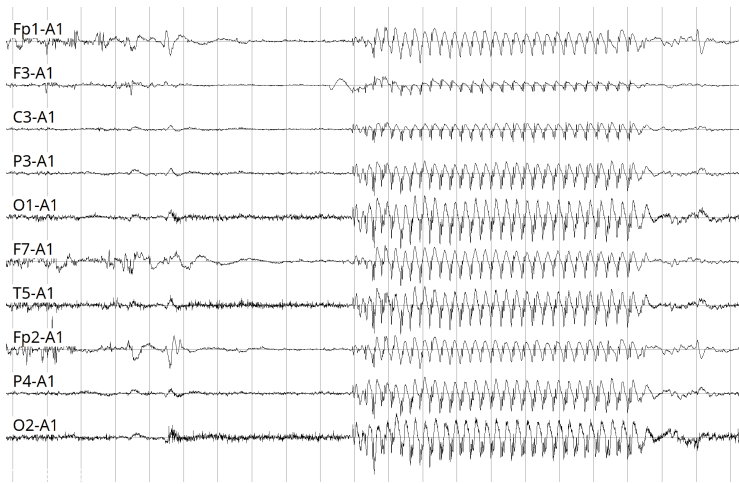
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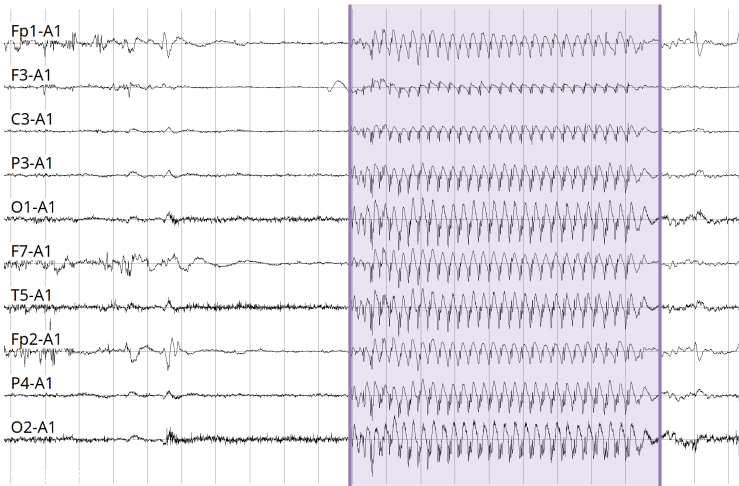
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➔ **Input Data**  
10-20 scalp EEG

⚙️ **Task**  
Segment **seizures**

➔ **Output**

```
start, end
10      , 18
```

# Framework overview

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# Publicly available, annotated, scalp EEG datasets of people with **epilepsy**

Dataset	# subjects	duration [h]	# seizures
CHB-MIT	24	982	198
TUH EEG Sz Corpus	675	1476	4029
Siena Scalp EEG	14	128	47
SeizelT1	42	4211	182





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# Datasets use **different EEG** formats

<b>Sampling frequency [Hz]</b>	250, 256, 512, 1000
<b>Channels</b>	17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 45, 49, 128
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# Datasets use **different annotation** formats

## CHB-MIT

Text file

- start time
- stop time

## TUH

Table (. csv)

- start time
- stop time
- seizure type
- channel

## Siena

Text file

- start time
- stop time

## SeizelT1

Table (. tsv)

- start time
- stop time
- seizure type
- comments

# Standardized annotation format

A table (.csv) stores annotations in a standardized format

```
subject      AXXYB24
session      S1
recording    R1
dateTime     2023-07-24 13:58:32
duration     1800
event        sz-gen
startTime    20
endTime      132
confidence   1
channels     all
filepath     path/to/file-s1.edf
```

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AXXYB24	S1	.	sz-gen	20	132	.
AXXYB24	S1	.	sz-gen	840	902	.
AXXYB24	S2	.	bckg	0	7200	.
AXXYB24	S3	.	sz-gen	490	546	.







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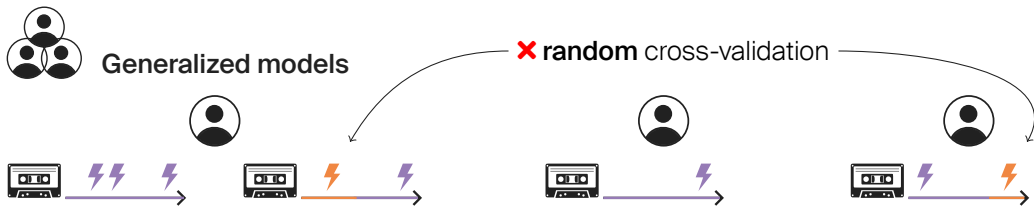
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## Personalized models

■ Pale, U., et al. “Importance of methodological choices in data manipulation for validating epileptic seizure detection models”. *Proceedings of the 45th IEEE EMBC*, 2023.

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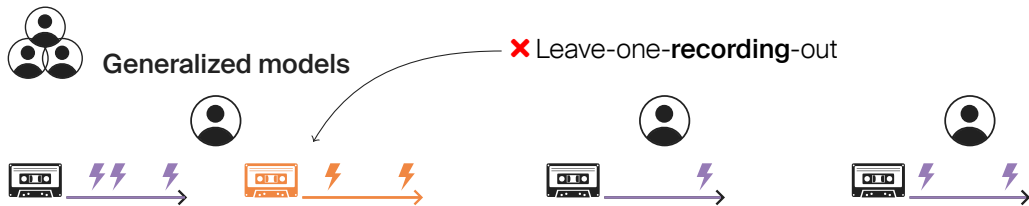
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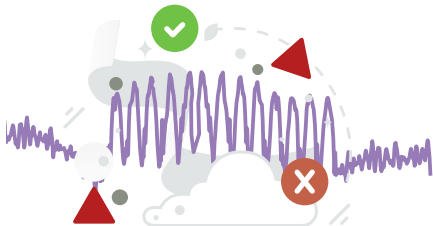
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Personalized models

✓ Respect **chronology**





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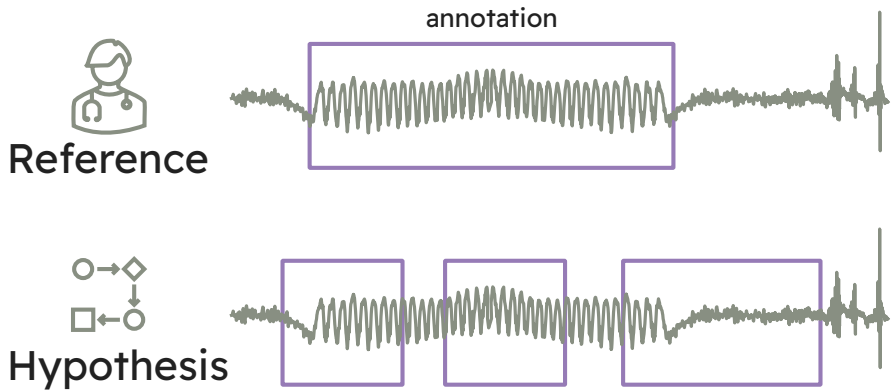
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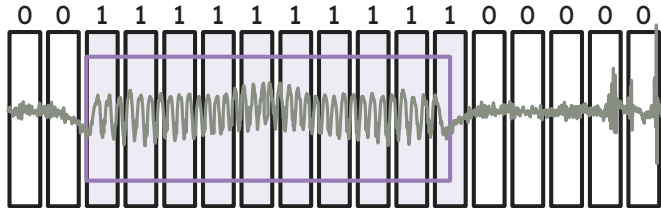
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# Counting detections and errors is **not universal**



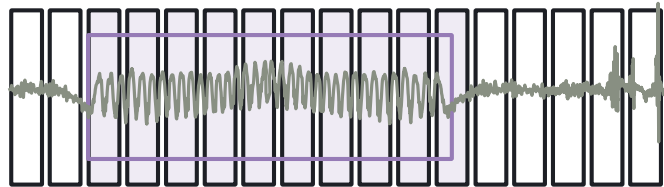
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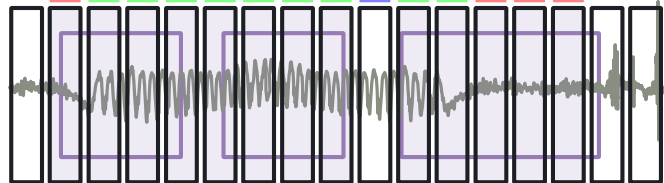


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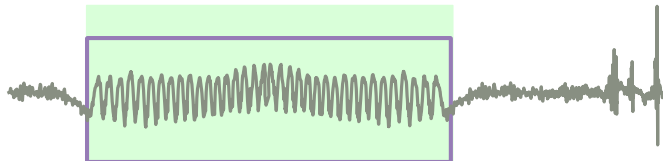


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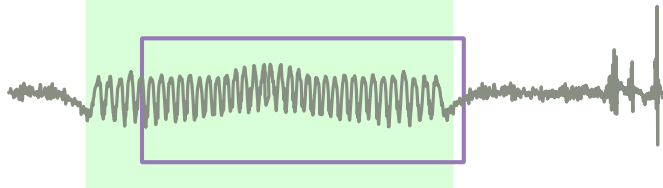


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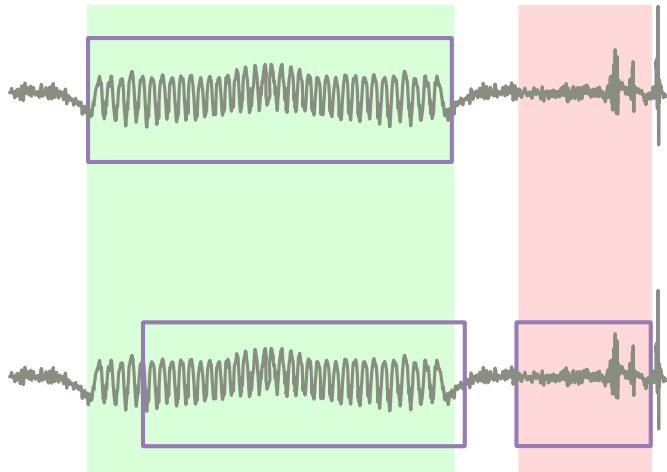
  
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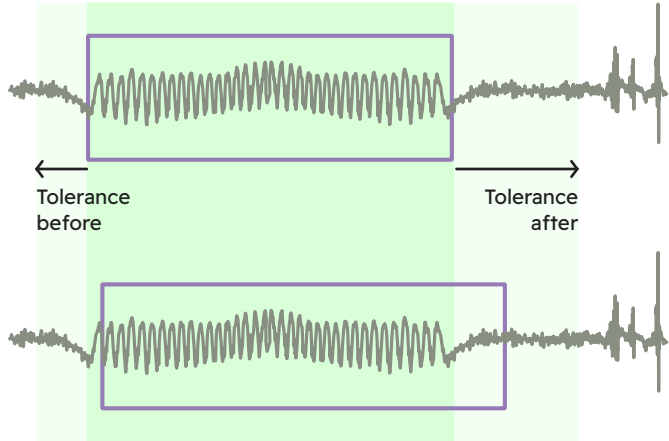
  
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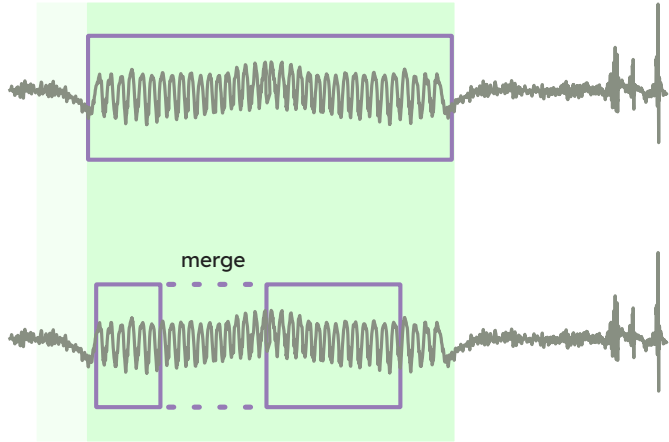
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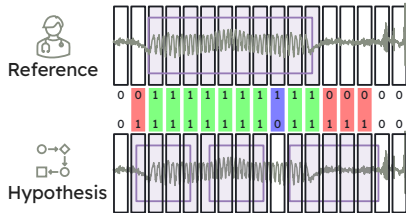
  
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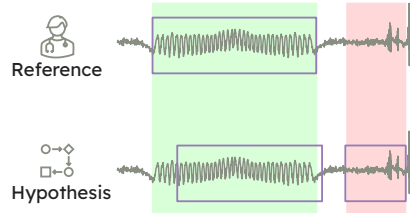


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■ True Positives     
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### F1-score

$$\frac{2}{\text{sensitivity}^{-1} + \text{precision}^{-1}}$$

### False Alarm rate

$$\text{FP} / 24 \text{ hours}$$

# Online platform





<https://eslweb.epfl.ch/epilepsybenchmarks/>

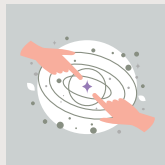
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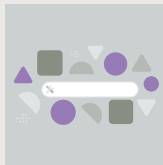
## Epilepsy benchmarks

This website provides a framework for the validation of EEG based automated seizure detection algorithms:



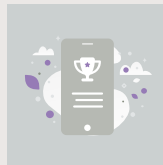
### Framework

Here you can find a description of the framework for validation of seizure detection algorithms.



### Tools

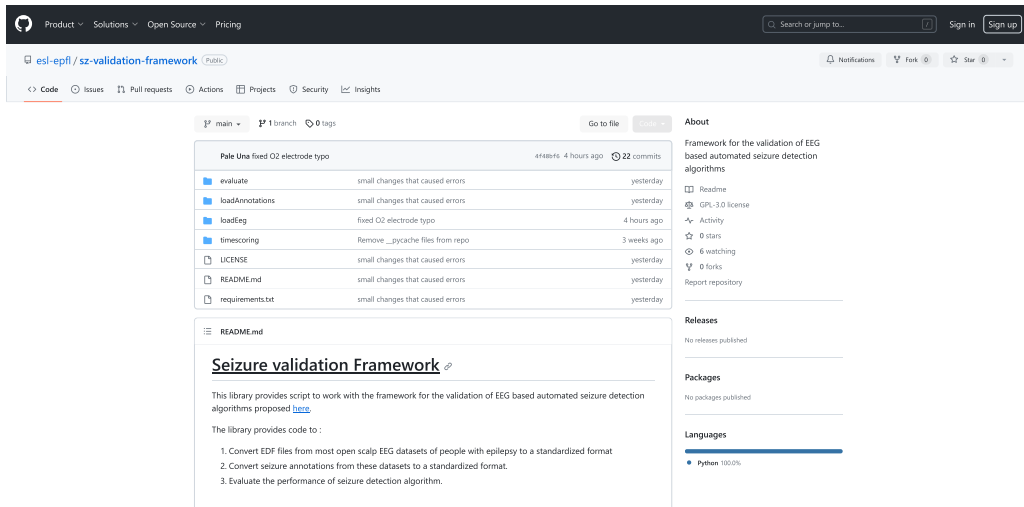
We provide tools to streamline the processing of EEG for the task of automated seizure detection.



### Benchmark

The framework for validation of seizure detection algorithms is used to benchmark algorithms.

<https://github.com/esl-epfl/sz-validation-framework>



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `esl-epfl/sz-validation-framework`. The repository is public and has 22 commits, 0 forks, and 0 stars. The main branch is selected. The repository description is: "Framework for the validation of EEG based automated seizure detection algorithms".

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- `requirements.txt`: small changes that caused errors (yesterday)

The `README.md` file content is as follows:

## Seizure validation Framework

This library provides script to work with the framework for the validation of EEG based automated seizure detection algorithms proposed [here](#).

The library provides code to :

1. Convert EDF files from most open scalp EEG datasets of people with epilepsy to a standardized format
2. Convert seizure annotations from these datasets to a standardized format.
3. Evaluate the performance of seizure detection algorithm.

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## Subject-independent models

Name	Training Data	Date	CHB-MIT F1-score Event	TUH F1-score Event	Siena F1-score Event	SeizeIT F1-score Event
ESL_RF...	CHB-MIT	06/10/2023	55.3			
ESL_RF...	Siena	06/10/2023			33.9	
ESL_Tr...	TUH	11/10/2023		63.2	32.2	
ESL_Tr...	Siena	11/10/2023			22.8	

# Invitation to **contribute**

<https://eslweb.epfl.ch/epilepsybenchmarks/>

-  Comment and **discuss** on the framework
-  Contribute **code** to the software libraries
-  Submit **results** on the benchmark platform
-  Provide open **datasets** to the community

The future could be wearable, intracranial, forecasting, multi-modal, ...



We will be contacting you soon!

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