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A Scalable Framework for Closed-Loop Neuromodulation with
Deep Learning

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1 **Abstract**

2 Closed-loop neuromodulation measures dynamic neural or physiological activity to optimize
3 interventions for clinical and nonclinical behavioral, cognitive, wellness, attentional, or general
4 task performance enhancement. Conventional closed-loop stimulation approaches can contain
5 biased biomarker detection (decoders and error-based triggering) and stimulation-type
6 application. We present and verify a novel deep learning framework for designing and deploying
7 flexible, data-driven, automated closed-loop neuromodulation that is scalable using diverse
8 datasets, agnostic to stimulation technology (supporting multi-modal stimulation: tACS, tDCS,
9 tFUS, TMS), and without the need for personalized ground-truth performance data. Our approach
10 is based on identified periods of responsiveness – detected states that result in a change in
11 performance when stimulation is applied compared to no stimulation. To demonstrate our
12 framework, we acquire, analyze, and apply a data-driven approach to our open sourced GX
13 dataset, which includes concurrent physiological (ECG, EOG) and neuronal (EEG) measures,
14 paired with continuous vigilance/attention-fatigue tracking, and High-Definition transcranial
15 electrical stimulation (HD-tES). Our framework's decision process for intervention application
16 identified 88.26% of trials as correct applications, showed potential improvement with varying
17 stimulation types, or missed opportunities to stimulate, whereas 11.25% of trials were predicted
18 to stimulate at inopportune times. With emerging datasets and stimulation technologies, our
19 unifying and integrative framework; leveraging deep learning (Convolutional Neural Networks -
20 CNNs); demonstrates the adaptability and feasibility of automated multimodal neuromodulation
21 for both clinical and nonclinical applications.

22 **Background**

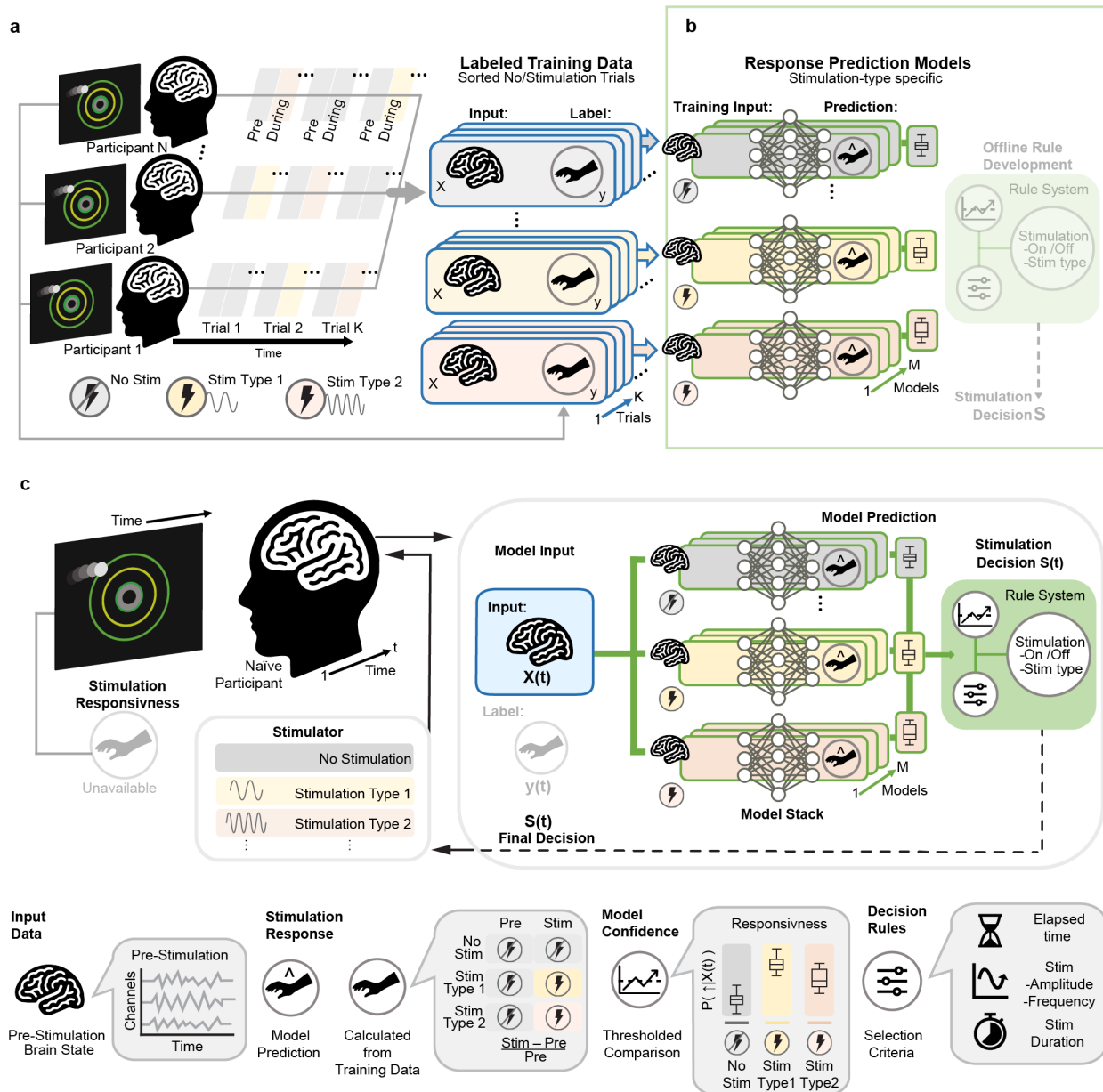
23 Closed-loop neuromodulation encompasses types of brain machine interfaces (BMIs) or
24 human machine interfaces (HMIs) that monitor dynamic neuronal and physiological signals to
25 optimize the timing and dosage of brain stimulation, as well as to tailor the stimulation parameters
26 to a particular individual¹⁻³. Closed-loop systems can be applied in clinical settings for several
27 neurological disorders including age-related cognitive disorders or electrochemical disorders like
28 drug resistant epilepsy. Nonclinical applications of such systems extend to health and wellness
29 applications including attentional, behavioral, cognitive, or general performance enhancement.
30 There are optimal and suboptimal times (“windows of opportunity”) for stimulation application,
31 which derive from the dynamic nature of physiological/disease/performance states⁴⁻¹¹.
32 Conventional closed-loop approaches: 1) monitor a state (e.g., tremor, fatigue) or decode it from
33 measured signals; 2) compare this current state to a desired target-state, producing an error
34 signal which; 3) gates stimulation based on I/O models (of stimulation biophysics). Success of
35 these approaches depends on the error signal reflecting optimal stimulation times and on
36 stimulation-technology specific I/O models. Moreover, the tuning of such systems may integrate
37 biases toward particular signal characteristics (e.g. triggered by signal amplitude at a given
38 frequency) and selection of one stimulation type and may require ongoing feedback of outcomes
39 which may not always be accessible.

40 Notwithstanding examples of such closed-loop approaches¹²⁻²⁰, their generalization is
41 limited by experiment-specific (subject-tuned) training, and specific assumptions on both
42 meaningful error signals and stimulation mechanism of action. Many brain stimulation studies and
43 clinical applications remain open-loop or minimally adaptive with single modality application,
44 potentially applying stimulation interventions at suboptimal times relative to variations in targeted
45 regions²¹; including most applications of transcranial electrical stimulation (tES). A preferred
46 closed-loop algorithm - one that encourages deployment, development, and adoption - would

47 minimize invasiveness and unnecessary stimulation; operate with any timescale suited to the
48 targeted physiological/disease/performance state; and once programmed, would not require
49 tuning with each participant's ground-truth performance. Moreover, an extensively integrative,
50 scalable, and generalizable system²² would employ data-driven optimization that can be
51 incrementally trained from diverse data and any (multiple) stimulation modality (e.g., transcranial
52 Direct Current Stimulation - tDCS, transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation - tACS,
53 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation - TMS, transcranial Focused Ultrasound Stimulation - tFUS) -
54 amassing and integrating more datasets/modalities, as they become available, to enhance a
55 convergent system's capability. Such a system could be integrated into wearables for health and
56 wellness technologies²³ (attentional, cognitive, or performance enhancement etc.²⁴⁻²⁶) as well as
57 expanded to clinical wearable neuromodulation technologies that facilitate and improve at-home
58 treatment with primary neuromodulation interventions (i.e. chronic pain, fibromyalgia, multiple
59 sclerosis, long COVID, drug resistant epilepsy etc.²⁷⁻³³) or used as a pharmacological treatment
60 complement (i.e. neurovascular modulation of the blood brain barrier³⁴).

61 We present a flexible framework for designing and implementing closed-loop
62 neuromodulation systems that utilize both deep learning techniques³⁵⁻³⁷ and workflows that avoid
63 explicit state-decoding of stimulation modality (I/O model), and that gate stimulation based on a
64 principle of responsiveness. Responsiveness depends on identifying epochs where a given
65 stimulation modality will improve defined behavioral or physiological performance outcomes
66 compared to not stimulating. These comparisons during training can be done with open-loop data
67 while adapting ideas from causal inference such as potential outcomes comparisons³⁸⁻⁴⁰. To
68 demonstrate and verify our framework we acquire and apply our analysis to the open-sourced GX
69 dataset with convolutional neural networks (CNNs^{35,41,42}) under data-driven optimization⁴³.
70 Leveraging electroencephalographic (EEG) and electrocardiographic (ECG) inputs, models
71 identify periods of responsiveness, either positive or negative and map it to specific intervention
72 types, which are then directly compared. We generate a framework-based decision process and

73 demonstrate the identification of responsiveness with recommendations on intervention
 74 application (whether to apply stimulation or no stimulation) with given stimulation modalities
 75 (which specific stimulation type to apply). We explain how, provided datasets and a stimulation
 76 approach satisfying certain elements, our integrative approach allows for scalability and tunability
 77 across varied clinical and nonclinical neuromodulation applications.



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 79 **Figure 1.** Novel framework for scalable closed-loop neuromodulation with deep learning. (a)
 80 Open-loop training data collection consists of multiple trials (*Trial*) across a cohort (*Participants*)

81 where single trials record performance changes by stimulation (yellow and pink periods) as
82 compared with no stimulation (gray). Note each stimulation intervention (e.g., Type 1: yellow,
83 Type 2: pink periods) is preceded with a period of no stimulation (gray) where biomarkers (brain
84 state) are collected. Training data can be arranged into biomarkers pre intervention (training *Input*
85 *X*) and stimulation response (*Labels y*). **(b)** Multiple varying model architectures (spanning model
86 space *M*) ingest multi-channel and multi-sample input data. Note, each set of model ensembles
87 are trained on different intervention types, which allows for interchanging intervention types as
88 needed. Next, the independent selection of stimulation decision (*S*) rules allows for the
89 incorporation of extraneous factors such as stimulation cost. **(c)** In a closed-loop deployment,
90 biomarker measurements (*X(t)*) from a novel participant are passed to each ensemble (e.g. No
91 Stimulation, Stimulation Type 1, Stimulation Type 2) of the *Model Stack*. Each ensemble yields a
92 performance prediction with *Model Confidences* for the condition it was trained for, which are then
93 compared together to support specific stimulation *Decisions Rules*. The stimulation decision (*S(t)*)
94 selects among the stimulation candidates or no stimulation, is delivered to the participant, and the
95 loop continues. Note, in deployment, ground truth (*y(t)*) data are not required, and models can be
96 independently updated as more training data becomes available. The implementation of a
97 stackable ensembled workflow lends advantages of scalability, agnosticism to (multiple)
98 stimulation modalities (e.g., TMS, tFUS), without explicit biomarker decoding or I/O models, or
99 need for personalized ground-truth performance. See bottom key for definition of symbols.

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103 **Results**

104 **Scalable Closed-loop Neuromodulation Framework Architecture**

105 The novel closed-loop framework is crafted from several aspects that make up the input
106 (X(t)) to stimulation decision (S(t)) pipeline (**Figure 1c**). Input data (X(t)) is passed to a *Model*
107 *Stack*, composed of an ensemble of independent models (numbered 1-M), each trained on a
108 unique stimulation condition (in this case *No Stimulation*, *Stimulation Type 1*, and *Stimulation*
109 *Type 2*; **Figure 1c**). Each ensemble predicts a *response* (i.e., class labels of an increase or
110 decrease in behavioral or physiological outcomes) per its stimulation condition. These model
111 outputs and confidences are compared under user-defined rules to produce stimulation decisions
112 (*Stimulation Decision S(t)*). Importantly, the decision is based on responsiveness, namely an
113 improvement in predicted performance (the potential outcome) with stimulation compared to
114 predicted performance with no stimulation. A final stimulation decision (S(t)) is made where the
115 stimulation type is applied, and the loop continues.

116 At the point of training, application of our framework for data-driven closed-loop
117 neuromodulation using deep learning starts with designing an appropriate open-loop stimulation
118 experiment (**Figure 1a**) and selecting appropriate deep learning model architectures (**Figure 1b**).
119 The outcomes of these stages serve to verify the feasibility of the given implementation (described
120 below) and ultimately (with additional data collection / training) drive a closed-loop implementation
121 (**Figure 1c**).

122 The behavioral task used in training sessions determines the performance target for the
123 closed-loop system. The stimulation modalities used in training are the options available to the
124 closed-loop intervention, based on biomarkers used within the training data. A simple way to
125 design open-loop trials is with a continuous performance metric, measuring acute changes in
126 performance in response to stimulation, and with biomarkers collected prior to the stimulation

127 (and in the absence of stimulation) in order to compose a causal structure for the stimulation
128 intervention to predict responsiveness.

129 Our framework does not require that a biomarker predict (decode) performance before or
130 in response to stimulation. Further, whereas conventional closed-loop systems compared
131 decoded brain state/performance against a desired level in order to trigger stimulation; here we
132 require only that the biomarker-derived features indicate a brain state where stimulation is likely
133 to improve outcome. For example, if a closed-loop algorithm that inadvertently resorts to detecting
134 sleep in EEG and uses that as an indicator of task performance, then this is far from ideal; since
135 in this case the algorithm would chose to stimulate only when sleep is detected, continue to do
136 so if the participant stays asleep, and not necessarily stimulate when stimulation would benefit
137 the participant to change the outcome measure. In contrast, stimulation responsiveness identifies
138 brain states suggesting both poor performance without stimulation and improved performance
139 with stimulation, similar to potential outcomes frameworks.

140 At the point of implementation (**Figure 1c**) the input data, denoted as $X(t)$, is provided to
141 the models, and the input data labels ($y(t)$) are not needed since models are already trained. The
142 input data can consist of a segment of time series data (such as EEG or ECG), sampled at a
143 particular time (t), that should be a biomarker of responsive brain state (**Figure 1c**). There are
144 several model ensembles which form a *Model Stack*. Each model ensemble is previously trained
145 to precise responses to its designated stimulation type (*Stimulation Type 1, Stimulation Type 2...*)
146 and one ensemble trained to identify response to no stimulation (**Figure 1c, No Stimulation**).
147 Within each model ensemble set, each model (models 1 - M) can have different architectures or
148 compositions to extract different characteristics of input data, however, all models within an
149 ensemble set should be trained on the same stimulation modality and training data. For example,
150 the *No stimulation* model ensemble set can contain multiple convolutional neural network (CNN)
151 models that each have different kernel sizes or different layering architectures.

152 The main advantage of model stacking is that it allows for interchangeability and flexibility
153 between ensemble sets within the *Model Stack* meaning interventions can be added or removed
154 as needed without the need for robust retraining. For example, the *Stimulation Type 1* can be
155 completely removed from the system leaving behind only the *No Stimulation* and *Stimulation Type*
156 *2* stacks. Similarly, a new model ensemble can be added to the *Model Stack* as needed, to include
157 a new stimulation type. This not only reduces training time but allows for utilizing different cohorts
158 for training data (e.g. varied experiment durations, varied number and rates of stimulation, and
159 both open-loop or closed-loop sessions), provided that their input data type and performance
160 metrics match the *Model Stack*.

161 A further aspect of our pipeline involves comparing the outputs from each ensemble of the
162 *Model Stack* to make a stimulation decision ($S(t)$). Importantly, this decision is based on the
163 principle of responsiveness which compares the performance predicted with each stimulation type
164 and no stimulation. For example, if the *No Stimulation* model ensemble predicts that a
165 participant's response will not increase if no stimulation is applied, and the *Stimulation Type 1*
166 ensemble set indicates that the participant's response will improve with this type of stimulation,
167 then this indicates responsiveness to *Stimulation Type 1* and suggests it should be applied. On
168 the other hand, if the *No Stimulation* model ensemble predicts that a participant's response will
169 increase with no stimulation applied, and the *Stimulation Type 1* ensemble predicts a smaller
170 improvement, then this indicates no responsiveness to *Stimulation Type 1* and suggests no
171 stimulation should be applied.

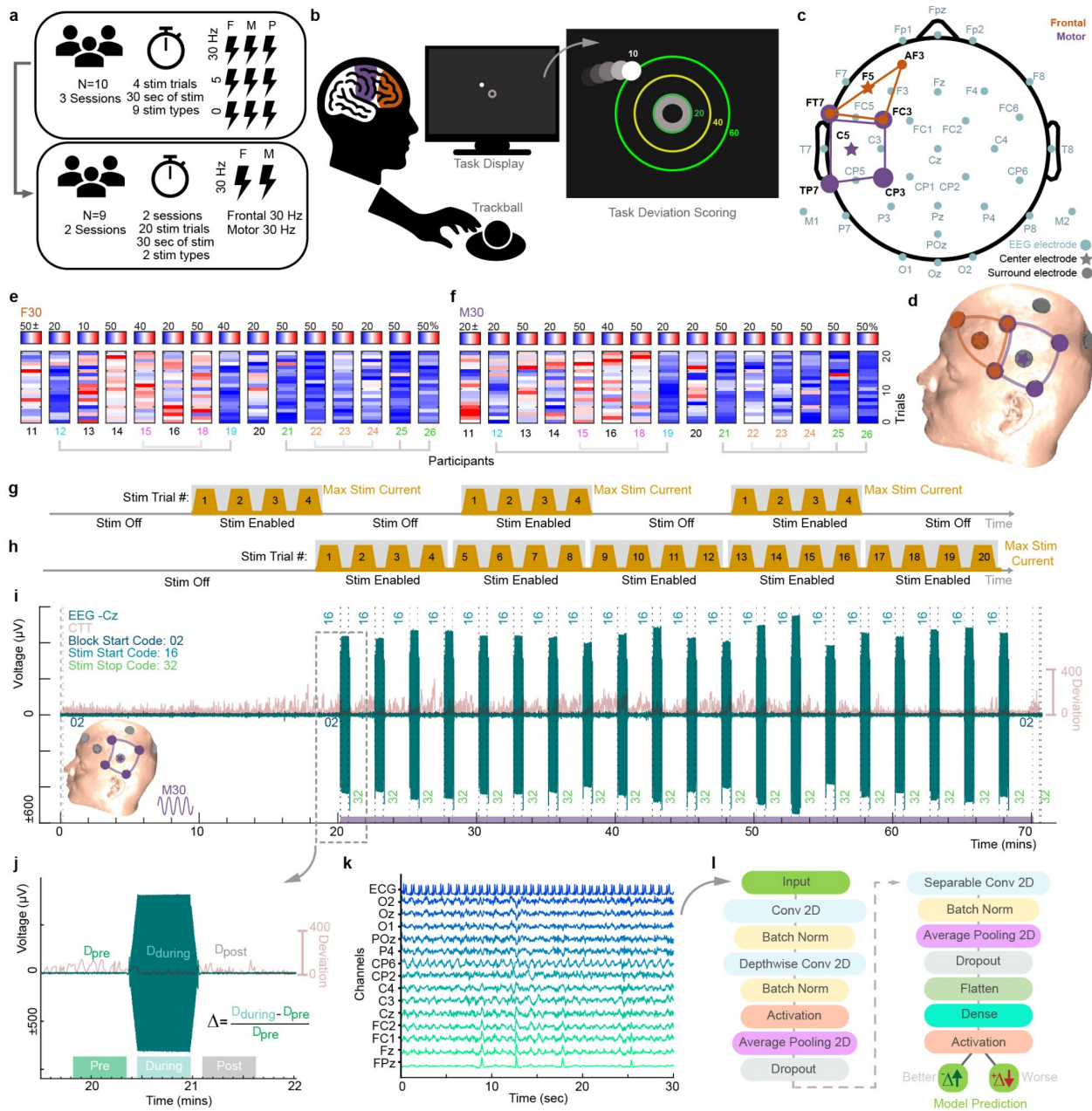
172 Next, the determination of which stimulation type ($S(t)$) to apply based on *Model Stack*
173 outputs, is application specific, and defined by decision rules, which can compare all potential
174 outcomes. One method would be to consider an average or majority vote among each model
175 ensemble set (where predictions can be binary outcomes – improvement or no improvement) as
176 well as some metric of confidence with each prediction (e.g., comparing the prediction probability
177 of improvement across all stimulation types, where prediction probabilities are averaged within

178 each ensemble set). The decision rule, as an independent stage, is application specific. For
179 example, if the *No Stimulation* model ensemble predicts that a participant's response will
180 moderately increase if no stimulation is applied, and the *Stimulation Type 1* ensemble set
181 indicates that the participant's response will significantly improve with this type of stimulation, a
182 decision rule may still limit stimulation based on factors like the cost of stimulation (i.e., tolerability,
183 power consumption, elapsed time since last stimulation bout etc.).

184 In training a closed-loop algorithm (from open-loop data) the notion of responsiveness
185 needs to be stipulated: we are concerned with identifying biomarker-based features that predict
186 when stimulation is likely to produce an improvement in performance compared to no stimulation.
187 A condition where performance would increase or decrease regardless of if stimulation is applied,
188 can be considered neutral from the perspective of the stimulation value. A condition where
189 performance would increase with stimulation and decrease without stimulation application (i.e.,
190 due to vigilance decrements, inattentiveness, or sleepiness), is considered positive from the
191 perspective of the stimulation value. A condition where performance would decrease with
192 stimulation and increase without stimulation application, is considered negative from the
193 perspective of the stimulation value. Responsiveness-based gating supports the preferred system
194 feature of minimized unnecessary stimulation ("light touch").

195 There is no stipulation that datasets have a homogenous format (e.g., duration of
196 experiment or number of test stimuli) supporting scalability, and any distinct stimulation modality
197 can be developed in parallel supporting integration. Predicates for our framework is the existence
198 of (and identifying) at least one fixed stimulation dose that is broadly effective, and the
199 identification of generalized brain/physiological states that track the time of sensitivity to the
200 ascribed dose - together representing responsiveness. We speculate such features are more
201 likely to exist for interventions with limited focality and where targeted performance is dynamic
202 (on the timescale of mins to sec). Use of non-invasive approaches is consistent with our

203 suggestion of a preferred platform for scalable training and deployment - such as tES / EEG
 204 considered in the next section.



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 206 **Figure 2.** Dataset summary and model architecture. (a) The GX dataset was collected in 9
 207 phases or experiments. Experiment 1 consisted of a parameter space exploration where 9
 208 different stimulation conditions were tested. This was followed with Experiment 2 which tested
 209 two parameters (F30 and M30) from Experiment 1 on a different participant cohort with 20 trials

210 of each parameter. **(b)** The behavioral task for the GX dataset consisted of a 70-min
211 compensatory tracking task (CTT) where participants used a trackball to keep a moving circle at
212 the center of the screen. The radial distance or deviation from the center of the screen at each
213 frame determined participant's behavioral performance. **(c)** EEG (light blue) and stimulation sites
214 for frontal (orange), and motor (purple) stimulation. **(d)** MRI-derived head model used to visualize
215 stimulation electrode placement. Trial-wise percent improvement derived from change in
216 deviation for all participants in Experiment 2 for **(e)** F30 and **(f)** M30. Trial-wise implementation of
217 stimulation trials for **(g)** Experiment 1 repeated three times for each participant to cover all 9
218 parameters and **(h)** Experiment 2 repeated two times for each participant to cover 2 selected
219 parameters (F30 and M30). **(i)** EEG and CTT timeseries data for one session for participant 24
220 where M30 was applied. Insets indicate stimulation location. **(j)** Trials were segmented from each
221 session into 30 sec pre, during, and post stimulation. The percent change in CTT deviation (Δ)
222 was calculated from averaged CTT data in the course of the pre and during stimulation periods.
223 See panel **e** for trial-wise and participant-wise results. **(k)** A typical segment of input training data
224 consisted of 15 channels (14 EEG and 1 ECG) X 3000 samples (30 secs). **(l)** A CNN architecture
225 was utilized to as a classifier to predict response indicated by changes in the percent change in
226 deviation (Δ) during the CTT (*Better* or *Worse*).

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229 **Framework Application to Exemplary Dataset**

230 Our framework for closed-loop neuromodulation can be applied to a wide range of
231 applications with use-case specific implementation. We illustrate one application which is based
232 on acquisition and analysis of the open-sourced GX dataset, containing continuous EEG, ECG,
233 EOG and behavioral metrics (**Figure 2b**) in response to High-Definition tES with varied doses
234 (**Figure 2c-d**)⁴⁴.

235 For this implementation biomarkers of response consisted of 32-channel pre-stimulation
236 EEG and ECG, and labels of response included a behavioral compensatory tracking task (CTT)
237 where participants' goal was to use a trackball to keep a dynamic cursor-controlled circle at the
238 center of the screen at all times. Lower radial ball deviation from the center of the screen indicated
239 good task performance (**Figure 2j**). Stimulation conditions included 9 different combinations of
240 stimulation location (Frontal, Motor, Parietal) and frequency (0, 5, 30 Hz), denoted with the first
241 letter of the location and the frequency number (i.e., Frontal stimulation at 30 Hz as F30; **Figure**
242 **2a**). In acquiring the GX dataset, Experiment 1 was used as a parameter space exploration to
243 identify stimulation conditions that produced the largest degree of behavioral improvement and
244 demonstrate an open-loop effect (**Figure 2a**). Experiment 1 served an important function in
245 framework implementation (**Figure 1a**) since a detectable open-loop effect is a prerequisite.
246 Frontal (F30) and Motor (M30) stimulation at 2 mA and 30 Hz, were selected from Experiment 1
247 and reimplemented in Experiment 2 with more trials and a different cohort (**Figure 2g-h**).

248 Once an open-loop stimulation effect on performance is established, models are trained
249 to predict when stimulation would most effectively change performance. In our case, we utilized
250 the data acquired during Experiment 2 as our input training data since we could effectively extract
251 response from individual trials where segments of no stimulation (or pre stimulation) preceded
252 segments of stimulation. We utilized the percent change in average task cursor deviation (Δ) or
253 distance from the center of the screen at each screen frame (~16 Hz), from pre to during
254 stimulation (**Figure 2b and j**) as our response label (see **Figure 2e** for trial-wise and participant-
255 wise results) and the pre-stimulation EEG and ECG (15 channels X 3000 samples) as our
256 predictive brain states to train each of the individual models (**Figure 2k**). For our no stimulation
257 comparisons, data where no stimulation was applied was divided similarly to that of the stimulation
258 portions of data (see **Figure 2i** from 0-20 mins). Each pre-stimulation trial was labeled as *Better*
259 or *Worse*, where class labels were binned identifiers calculated from the percent change in
260 behavioral performance (CTT deviation; **Figure 2j** Δ) during stimulation compared to the pre-

261 stimulation period. A negative percent change in deviation ($-\Delta$, compared to pre stimulation) was
262 classed as *Better*, whereas a positive change in deviation ($+\Delta$, compared to pre stimulation) was
263 classed as *Worse*. In terms of model architecture, a modified CNN (EEGNet architecture⁴²) was
264 used with differing input kernel lengths (**Figure 2I**).

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267 **Framework Verification with Exemplary Dataset**

268 The acquired GX dataset was used to present and verify a proof-of-concept of the
269 application of our framework⁴⁴. Data from Experiment 2 met our framework criteria (for training
270 data) of an open-loop effect of stimulation and CNN models were selected to be applied to the
271 dataset. For our framework verification and proof-of-concept, data from Experiment 2 were
272 selected for further analysis in order to maintain homogeneity with experimental intervention
273 timing and maximize the number of training trials.

274 For each stimulation condition (No Stimulation, F30, M30) two models, each with differing
275 kernel lengths were tasked with producing binary classifications of trials of pre-stimulation input
276 data (14 EEG and 1 ECG channels X 3000 samples). Each of the 6 models produced prediction
277 accuracies of trial-wise binarized change in deviation (*Better*: a CTT deviation less than pre
278 stimulation period, *Worse*: a CTT deviation more than pre stimulation period) above 50%,
279 indicating that models were able to effectively ingest minimally processed input data (EEG and
280 ECG) and that the input data across stimulation conditions contained predictive information on
281 responsiveness (**Figure 3d-f**). Models 1 and 2, for the No Stimulation condition reached
282 respective cohort testing (816 total trials; Better/Worse ratio: 1.0503) accuracy of 73.5% and
283 73.2%, and misclassifications of 26.5% and 26.8% (**Figure 3d**). Similarly, for the F30, both
284 Models 1 and 2 reached cohort testing (120 total trials; Better/Worse ratio:2.6364) accuracy of
285 67.5%, and misclassifications of 32.5% (**Figure 3e**). For M30, Models 1 and 2 reached respective

286 cohort testing (120 total trials; Better/Worse ratio: 3.2857) accuracy of 71.7%, and 69.2%, and
287 misclassifications of 28.3% and 30.8% (**Figure 3f**).

288 Due to the open-loop effect of stimulation across stimulation conditions (**Figure 3a-c**),
289 training and testing data suffered from class imbalances between both classes (*Better* and
290 *Worse*). Weighted (by class frequency) metrics of precision, recall, and F1 were therefore
291 calculated to better reflect model performances (**Figure 3g**). Aforementioned metrics along with
292 the area under the precision-recall curves (PR-AUC; **Figure 3i**) were computed as the mean and
293 standard error of the mean (SEM) across participants and trials (N=6, Stim: 20 and NoStim:136
294 trials for each participant) in the test set. All model metrics are summarized in **Table 1** and **Figure**
295 **3i**.

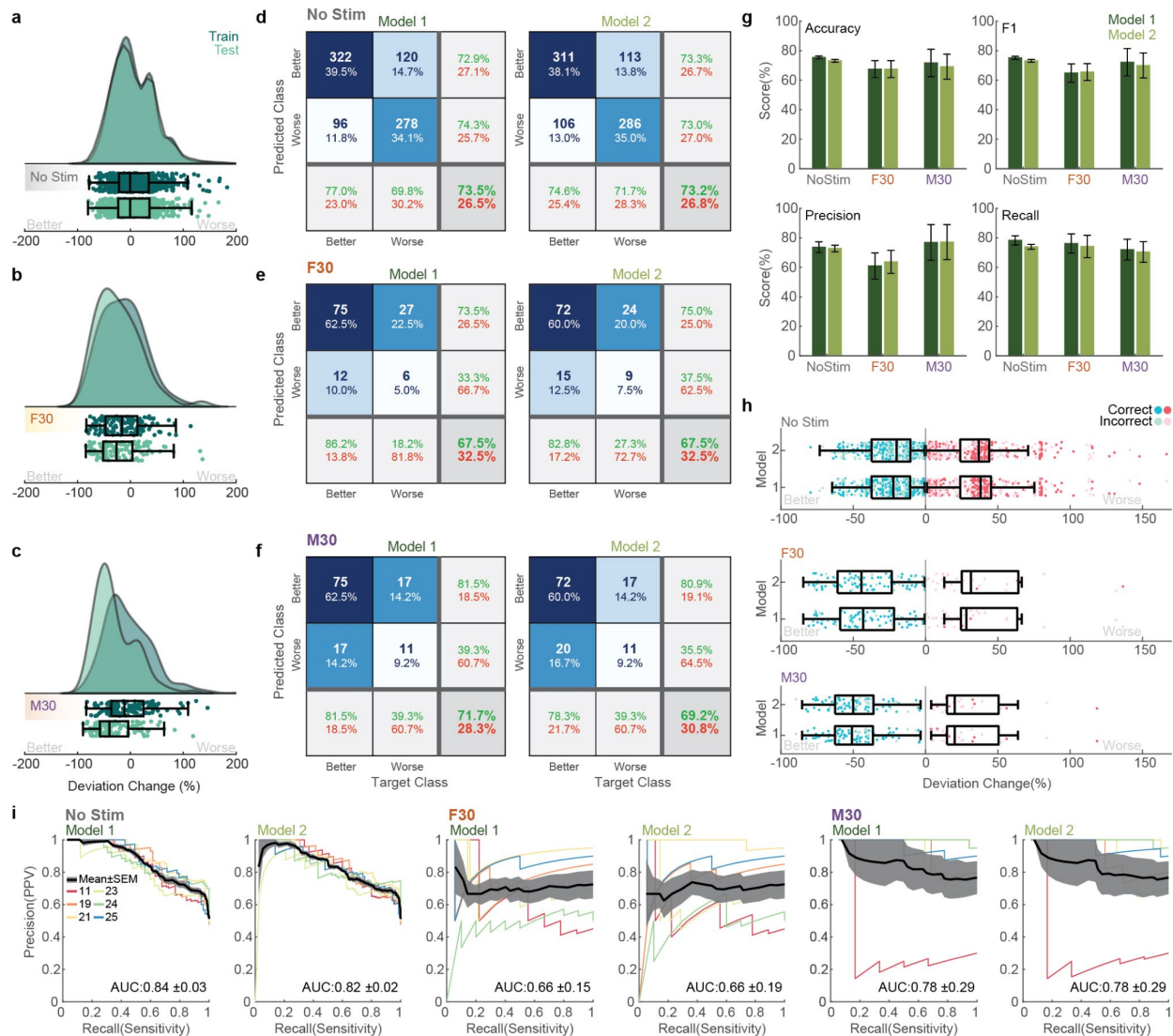
	No Stim		F30		M30	
	<i>Model 1</i>	<i>Model 2</i>	<i>Model 1</i>	<i>Model 2</i>	<i>Model 1</i>	<i>Model 2</i>
Accuracy	75.4±1.0	73.2±1.0	67.5±5.7	67.5±5.7	71.7±9.4	69.2±8.5
F1	75.2±1.1	73.2±1.0	64.9±6.2	65.6±5.7	72.1±9.3	70.0±8.5
Precision	73.6±3.7	72.8±2.	60.9±8.8	63.7±7.8	76.9±12.1	77.1±11.9
Recall	78.3±3.1	73.9±1.6	76.1±6.5	74.2±7.6	72.0±7.1	70.4±7.0
PR-AUC	0.84±0.03	0.82±0.02	0.66±0.15	0.66±0.19	0.78±0.29	0.78±0.29

296 **Table 1:** Summary of model performance metrics (mean±SEM) for each of the two models
 297 for No Stim, F30, and M30.

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 299 Predictions for the No Stimulation condition had a relatively balanced correct classification
 300 between both classes and correct classifications were widely distributed over percent changes in
 301 deviation (**Figure 3h**). For F30 and M30 stimulation conditions, correct predictions were skewed
 302 to the major class (*Better*), where a higher percentage of the major class was correctly predicted
 303 as compared to the minor class (*Worse*).

304 These results indicate that models within ensemble sets (e.g., Model 1 and Model 2 would
 305 be an ensemble for *No Stimulation*) for all stimulation conditions utilized, can effectively identify
 306 out-of-training responsive trials. These predictions (for each stimulation type) can then be

307 compared directly, post-prediction, to determine the appropriate stimulation decision and
 308 stimulation application of each trial (see **Figure 1c** and **Figure 4**).



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 310 **Figure 3.** Data label distribution and model prediction metrics. Distribution of training and testing
 311 data used for (a) No Stimulation, (b) F30, and (c) M30 stimulation conditions. Confusion matrices
 312 for Model 1 and 2 for (d) No Stimulation, (e) F30, and (f) M30. (g) Scores for Models 1 and 2 in
 313 terms of accuracy; and weighted scores for precision, recall, and F1 with SEM. (h) Correct and
 314 incorrect classifications for Models 1 and 2 with their respective percent change in deviation.
 315 Boxplots are indicated for correct classifications only. (i) Precision-recall curves across test data

316 input type and models with the area under the curve (AUC) computed for the average precision
317 recall across participants with SEM.

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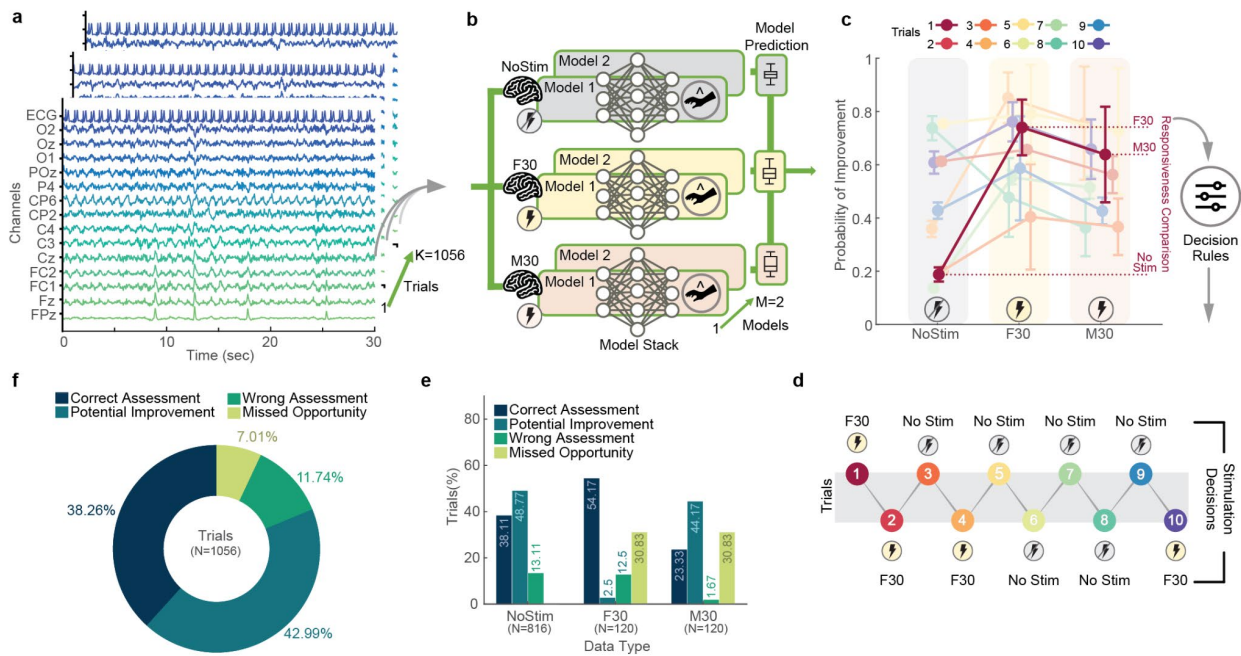
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321 Once trained all models can then be combined to produce responsiveness predictions. To
322 demonstrate responsiveness predictions, comparisons, and stimulation decision making; all test
323 trials were individually passed as inputs to an ensemble of all 6 models (**Figure 4a-c**). Model
324 predictions were aggregated and averaged, and responsiveness comparisons (**Figure 4c**) were
325 made followed by a simple decision rule, where the maximum probability of improvement (or
326 potential outcome) across stimulation intervention types (above a threshold of 0.65) was selected
327 as the stimulation decision. **Figure 4c-d** demonstrates the responsiveness comparisons and
328 stimulation decisions for 10 exemplary trials. In terms of the responsiveness comparisons with
329 our implementation, a decision rule algorithm first considers if the average NoStim probability of
330 improvement is more than 0.65. If yes then the stimulation decision is NoStim, if not then F30 and
331 M30 are compared directly to check that both their probabilities of improvement are more than
332 0.65 and that one average probability is more than the other, leading to either F30 or M30 being
333 chosen as the stimulation decision. If these criteria are not met the stimulation decision reverts to
334 NoStim, inline with our “light touch” approach to stimulation.

335 To assess the responsiveness predictions, stimulation decisions were classified into
336 correct assessments, potential improvements, wrong assessments, or missed opportunities. This
337 was done for each test set data type as well as all test set trials (**Figure 4e-f**). Trials classed as
338 correct assessments were instances where the stimulation decision matched the factual label of
339 the given stimulation intervention that was applied and showed an improvement in behavioral
340 performance. Potential improvements indicated trials where the stimulation decision was an
341 intervention type that could have resulted in a behavioral improvement based on open-loop

342 effects. Wrong assessments were trials where the stimulation decision was an intervention that
 343 was known to produce a given decrement in behavioral performance, given factual trial labels.
 344 Missed opportunities were trials where the stimulation decision was to apply no stimulation, even
 345 though factual trial labels indicated that there would be behavioral improvements with a given
 346 intervention type (i.e., F30 or M30).
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 349 **Figure 4.** Simulation of closed-loop responsiveness predictions. (a) A total of 1056 input test data
 350 trials (15 channels X 3000 samples) were individually passed to all 6 models. (b) The predictions
 351 from all 6 models were aggregated and compared post prediction. (c) Model predictions (with
 352 SEM) for 10 exemplary trials where the probability of improvement (probability of trial classed as
 353 *Better*) is averaged over predictions for each respective model (i.e., predictions from Models 1
 354 and 2 for NoStim, F30, and M30). Using simple decision rules, model predictions are compared.
 355 (d) Stimulation decisions for 10 example trials in c. (e) To assess simulation outcomes, stimulation
 356 decision predictions of test trials where no stimulation, F30, and M30 stimulation were applied

357 were divided into four classes: correct assessment, potential improvement, wrong assessment,
358 and missed opportunities. (f) These four classes were then aggregated across all test data.

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362 **Discussion**

363 This work presents a novel framework for implementing data-driven, integrative, closed-
364 loop stimulation that is scalable in terms of stimulation modalities and training datasets; agnostic
365 to stimulation modalities and dataset format; and omits the need for ground truth performance
366 data in its application stage. Leveraging the acquired and open-sourced GX dataset^{44,45} as base
367 brain stimulation training data and deep learning techniques^{35,41,42}, we demonstrate applicability
368 and a proof-of-concept. We show that with this structured technique, minimally processed neural
369 and physiological input data can be used to effectively identify conditions anticipating stimulation
370 responsiveness. Using responsiveness identification, our framework's flexible decision process
371 for intervention application identified 88.26% of trials as correct applications, showed potential
372 improvement with varying stimulation types, or missed opportunities to stimulate, whereas
373 11.25% of trials were predicted to stimulate at inopportune times. Overall, in a closed-loop system,
374 these identified states of responsiveness, within our framework, combined with mutable decision
375 rules (e.g., causal inference) predict when and which stimulation will optimize
376 performance/outcomes.

377 Our framework leverages tools from prior closed-loop techniques but provides special
378 benefits in overall implementation. Agnosticism to modality allows any stimulation modality (e.g.,
379 electrical^{46,47}, light^{48,49}, sound^{3,50,51}) to be incorporated, moreover using open-loop training data.
380 Although multimodal stimulation is rare, our framework accommodates the use of multi stimulation

381 types and opens both clinical and research avenues of exploration for these types of stimulation
382 applications⁵². As such we avoid an explicit I/O model (hypothesized mechanism). Our framework
383 parallelizes stimulation predictions across modalities allowing integration into a single controller.
384 The expandable training stage is distinct from closed-loop implementation, omitting the need for
385 ground truth performance in the target participant. Together these support scalability. Our
386 approach allows for selecting a timescale for updating predictions, that would be informed by the
387 time-course of the stimulation and performance change.

388 Our framework revolves around the concept of responsiveness. This circumvents the
389 reliance of closed-loop systems to explicitly decode a latent brain state (or performance) to
390 compare a target condition, with the resulting error triggering stimulation (based on a separate
391 I/O model). Rather, responsiveness predicts how a given stimulation modality will change
392 performance, which can be compared to expected performance without stimulation (or with
393 another stimulation modality). Application-specific decision rules can then be implemented, for
394 example based on the confidence of prediction or the costs of stimulation. These decision rule
395 classifications can be adjusted to accommodate stricter (as in our “light touch” to stimulation
396 applied here) or more flexible classifications, leading to potential reductions in outcome variability;
397 and can be contrasted with open-loop stimulation applications (stimulation applied without
398 informed timing or responsiveness), which can have larger outcome variability and probabilities
399 of stimulation application at inopportune times. Once fully defined, our framework can be
400 implemented to make autonomous stimulation decisions upon deployment.

401 As demonstrated here our framework leverages deep learning techniques, namely CNNs,
402 which have been shown to be particularly effective for ingesting and classifying timeseries signals
403 like EEG and ECG; however, our framework is agnostic any one specific deep learning technique
404 and can integrate several different types of models. Inspired by the cytoarchitecture and
405 processing pathways within the visual cortex, CNNs utilize spatial and temporal computations on
406 input data in order to create hierarchical representations. These hierarchical feature

407 representations can be explicitly examined to produce interpretable learned spatial and temporal
408 filters and have exhibited increased performance with smaller models as compared to larger
409 ones⁵³. Similar to other deep learning techniques applied to neural and physiological (EEG, ECG,
410 electromyography - EMG, photoplethysmography - PPG etc.) data classification³⁵, such as
411 recurrent neural networks (RNNs)⁵⁴, generative adversarial networks (GANs)⁵⁵, and Long Short-
412 Term Memory (LSTMs)⁵⁶⁻⁵⁸; CNNs too require large amounts of labeled training data, an issue
413 typically addressed with data augmentation as applied here. Indeed, there currently exists a
414 dearth of large open-sourced neuromodulation datasets, however with advances in data modeling
415 and augmentation⁵⁹ techniques (diffusion models, variational autoencoders – VAEs, GANs etc.⁶⁰⁻
416 ⁶⁴), transfer learning^{65,66}, and improved data integration and sharing infrastructure with data
417 harmonization⁶⁷, these deficits will be addressed.

418 Our framework can be applied to any recording and stimulation approaches, invasive or
419 noninvasive, while adopting a data-driven approach to circumvent biases related to brain state
420 and performance or the mechanisms of action of stimulation. The application of our approach
421 therefore spans existing neuromodulation technologies and emerging interventions such as 1)
422 using wearables²³ to guide invasive stimulation (e.g. spinal cord stimulation for pain⁶⁸ or deep
423 brain stimulation for essential tremor⁶⁹); 2) invasive⁷⁰⁻⁷⁴ and non-invasive^{20,75} closed-loop
424 neuromodulation to enhance memory and cognition 3) invasive⁷⁶⁻⁸⁰ and noninvasive⁸¹⁻⁸³ closed-
425 loop neuromodulation for movement disorders and pain; and 4) EEG^{84,85} or heart rate^{86,87} guided
426 TMS. The implementation here with the GX dataset is exemplary as a demonstration of our
427 proposed framework and validating our approach. With additional experimental datasets and
428 techniques, the performance of our framework becomes expandable with potential increases in
429 predictive performance and wider applicability.

430 **Methods**

431 **Dataset Description**

432 To explore the flexibility of our proposed framework we acquired and utilized the open-
433 sourced GX dataset^{44,45,88-91}. The dataset is one of the largest concurrent tES, EEG, ECG, and
434 behavioral datasets, contains over 68 hours of EEG data recorded during a continuous tracking
435 task developed by Makeig et al^{92,93}. Data used from the GX dataset consisted of a total of 19
436 participants (7 females, 12 males). Participants ranged in age from 19-43 (mean age 29.10±6.75
437 years) and were recruited from the New York Metropolitan area. All experimental procedures were
438 reviewed and approved by the Western Institutional Review Board and all procedures were
439 conducted in accordance with the ethical guidelines set forth by the Declaration of Helsinki in
440 1964 and its later amendments. All participants were financially compensated for their
441 participation. Data collection and procedures are detailed elsewhere⁴⁴ and is briefly detailed
442 below.

443

444 *Experimental Design*

445 The GX dataset was collected in two main phases or experiments. The first experiment
446 was a parameter space mapping experiment that explored different combinations of applying tES
447 at different scalp locations and different stimulation frequencies. In total, Experiment 1 explored
448 9 stimulation conditions, which consisted of 3 scalp locations: Frontal, Motor, and Parietal; and 3
449 stimulation frequencies: 0, 5, 30 Hz (**Figure 2a**). Each stimulation condition was applied across 4
450 trials in each participant, with each bout of stimulation lasting 30 secs with a 5 sec ramp up and
451 5 sec ramp down (**Figure 2g**). In total, data from 10 participants was collected for Experiment 1,
452 where the 9 stimulation conditions were applied across three 70 min sessions (3 conditions per
453 session). At the conclusion of Experiment 1, the stimulation combinations of Frontal 30 Hz (F30)

454 and Motor 30 Hz (M30) were selected as the best candidates to examine in Experiment 2. These
455 were selected based on their open-loop behavioral effect and similar scalp sensation.

456 For Experiment 2, F30 and M30 were applied to each participant over 20 trials, where
457 each trial consisted of 30 sec of stimulation with a 5 sec ramp up and 5 sec ramp down (**Figure**
458 **2h**). The application of these stimulation conditions was broken up across two 70 min sessions,
459 where one stimulation condition was applied per session. In total 9 participants completed
460 Experiment 2 and 4 participants were asked to return either once or twice to repeat both
461 experimental sessions.

462

463 *Behavioral Task*

464 The behavioral task consisted of a continuous compensatory tracking task (CTT)⁹². The
465 goal of the task was to keep a moving circle at the center of the screen at all times (**Figure 2b**).
466 The circle was endowed with oscillatory and dampening forces, allowing it to be responsive and
467 in constant motion. Participants controlled the location of the circle with their dominant hand using
468 a trackball. The radial distance from the center of the screen at each time point (~16 ms) indicated
469 vigilant performance over the task duration. The task was performed continuously over each of
470 the 70 min sessions, in a dark room. Some participants were offered foam earplugs for ambient
471 sound attenuation. During task performance, participants were left undisturbed even if they
472 exhibited hypnagogic states or fell asleep.

473

474 *EEG and Physiology*

475 EEG data were acquired using a 32-channel wired EEG cap (ANT Neuro, Hengelo, The
476 Netherlands) using the 10/10 international system (**Figure 2c**). Within the Waveguard cap, 29
477 plastic holders (Soterix Medical Inc., New York, USA) were interleaved to allow for the application

478 of electrical stimulation. Electrolyte gel (SignaGel, Parker Laboratories Inc., New Jersey, USA)
479 was used between the electrode scalp interface for both EEG acquisition and electrical stimulation
480 and was placed using blunt tip syringes (15-gauge; Cortech Solutions Inc., North Carolina, USA).

481 Signals were grounded at AFz, references to CPz and sampled at 2 kHz. The amplifier
482 voltage range was set to 1 V peak to peak with a bandwidth of 0-520 Hz. EEG electrode
483 impedances were monitored and adjusted to <20 k Ω prior to data acquisition. Lead I ECG and
484 EOG were acquired from bipolar snap electrodes. For ECG electrodes were placed across the
485 chest below participants' left (anode) and right (cathode) clavicles, whereas for EOG electrodes
486 were placed at the left (anode) and right (cathode) outer canthus of participants' eyes.

487

488 *HD-tES*

489 During both Experiments 1 and 2 electrical stimulation was applied for 30 secs with a 5
490 sec ramp-up and ramp-down time. Electrical stimulation was applied through 9 Ag/AgCl sintered
491 ring electrodes (Soterix Medical Inc., New York, USA) at standard EEG 10/10 locations using a
492 current controlled current source (MxN 9-channel high-definition transcranial electrical stimulation
493 stimulator; Soterix Medical Inc., New York, USA). Stimulation electrodes were placed in plastic
494 holders (Soterix Medical Inc., New York, USA), where electrolyte gel (SignaGel, Parker
495 Laboratories Inc., New Jersey, USA) was used to interface between electrodes and scalp⁹⁴.

496 For both experiments, electrodes were placed in an HD-MxN ring configuration where one
497 electrode was placed at the center and between 3-4 were used as outer electrodes. For Frontal
498 stimulation the return electrode was placed at F5, whereas the surrounding electrodes were AF3,
499 FT7, and FC3. For Motor stimulation the return electrode was placed at C5, whereas the
500 surrounding electrodes were placed at FT7, FC3, CP3, and TP7. For Parietal stimulation the
501 return electrode was placed at CP3 whereas the surrounding electrodes were placed at C5, C1,
502 P1 and TP7. Stimulation was only applied at one location per trial.

503 Stimulation waveform frequencies consisted of 0, 5 and 30 Hz. Waveforms were applied
504 as either a monophasic DC (0 Hz) or as biphasic sinusoidal waveforms (for 5 or 30 Hz). With DC
505 stimulation the center electrode was used as the cathode whereas the surrounding electrodes
506 were used at anodes.

507

508 **Data Preparation and Deep Learning Models**

509 *Dataset and Preparation*

510 All data preprocessing was conducted with custom scripts in MATLAB (2019b, Mathworks,
511 Natick, USA) and Python (3.9, Python Software Foundation). Associated toolboxes included the
512 EEGLAB toolbox⁹⁵, ROAST^{96,97}, Raincloud plots⁹⁸, Tensorflow with Keras (version 2.7.0)⁹⁹,
513 Pandas (version 1.3.4)¹⁰⁰, Numpy (version 1.20.3)¹⁰¹, Seaborn (version 0.11.2)¹⁰², Scikit-learn
514 (version 1.0.1)¹⁰³, and SciPy (version 1.7.1)¹⁰⁴.

515 EEG and physiological data were minimally preprocessed prior to utilization. Data were
516 baseline corrected between a 0-25 sec period at the start of each recording (for each 70 min
517 session). Each 70 min session was divided into 30 sec trials. For Experiment 1 and 2, during the
518 stimulation enabled (Stim Enabled) periods data were divided into trials based on stimulation
519 triggers (**Figure 2i-j**). All data were portioned into three 30 sec periods (**Figure 2j**): 30 secs before
520 stimulation was applied (*Pre-Stim.*), 30 secs during stimulation (excluding ramp-up and ramp
521 down intervals; *During Stim.*), and 30 secs after stimulation was applied (*Post Stim.*). Similarly,
522 the stimulation off periods (*Stim Off*) were sequentially divided into trials with a 15 sec overlap
523 between the Pre and Post Stim periods. EEG during stimulation was excluded from further
524 analysis due to nonlinear artifacts that can be introduced due to stimulation application¹⁰⁵⁻¹⁰⁷. All
525 EEG and physiological data used for further analysis were then bandpass filtered with a 6th order
526 Butterworth filter between 0.25-35 Hz, downsampled to 100 Hz, and min-max normalized.

527 Behavioral data (CTT circle deviation) were smoothed with a 5 sec moving average
528 window then averaged for the 30 sec pre (D_{pre}), and during stimulation (D_{during} ; **Figure 2j**). The
529 calculated percent change in deviation between the during stimulation (Δ) and pre stimulation
530 period was used as a marker of response to stimulation, whereas this same calculation for the
531 stimulation off periods was used as marker of response to no stimulation. With this configuration
532 a negative delta ($-\Delta$) indicated that participants' behavioral performance or response increased or
533 got better with the given condition, whereas as a positive delta ($+\Delta$) indicated that participants'
534 behavioral performance or response decreased or got worse with the given condition.

535

536 *Input and Labels*

537 To demonstrate our approach, we framed our deep learning model development as a data
538 classification problem, where, giving input EEG and physiological data, models were tasked with
539 predicting whether participants would increase or decrease their behavioral performance
540 (response) in the following 30 secs, with a given stimulation condition (No Stimulation, F30, M30),
541 as compared to the prior 30 secs (**Figure 2j**). Here, models were developed for each stimulation
542 condition (No Stimulation, F30, M30) then compared post prediction using a set of decisions rules
543 and model confidences resulting in a *responsiveness* comparison.

544 Data from Experiment 2 was exclusively used as model inputs in order to unionize
545 stimulation intervention timing as well as stimulation condition and amplitude distribution.
546 Experiment 2 also consisted of participants who repeated their experimental sessions on different
547 days. These repeated experiments were from participant 12 (repeated participant ID: 19),
548 participant 15 (repeated participant ID: 18), participant 21 (repeated participant ID: 25,26), and
549 participant 22 (repeated participant ID: 23, 24). In this case input data were divided into three
550 main groups: No Stimulation, F30, and M30. This division resulted in 68 trials of no stimulation,
551 20 trials of F30, and 20 trials of M30, for each session (30 sessions total for Experiment 2).

552 The minimally processed EEG and ECG data were used as model inputs whereas the
553 binarized percent change in behavioral performance (CCT deviation, $\pm\Delta$) was used as trial labels.
554 EEG data were further subsampled from 32 to 14 scalp electrodes. These included EEG
555 channels: FPz, Fz, FC1, FC2, Cz, C3, C4, CP2, CP6, P4, POz, O1, Oz, O2 (**Figure 2c-d**). In total
556 15 channels (14 EEG, 1 ECG) over 30 secs (15 channels X 3000 samples) were used as model
557 inputs for each trial (**Figure 2k**). Labels (CCT deviation, $\pm\Delta$) were converted from floating point
558 numbers to integers (0 or 1) and one-hot encoded. Calculated negative delta deviations ($-\Delta$),
559 which indicated an improvement in behavioral performance with a respective condition or an
560 increase in response, was encoded as a 0; whereas positive delta deviations ($+\Delta$), which indicated
561 a decrement in behavioral performance with a respective condition or a decrease in response,
562 was encoded as a 1.

563

564 *Deep Learning Models and Training*

565 We selected the EEGNet model architecture, a convolutional neural network (CNN) model
566 designed to ingest minimally processed, multichannel EEG data⁴². The model architecture utilizes
567 a sequence of 2D convolutional layers, including depthwise and separable convolutional layers
568 with interleaved batch normalization, dropout¹⁰⁸, and average pooling (**Figure 2l**). For each
569 stimulation condition the EEGNet architecture was modified in order to reduce the model's
570 capacity and reduce overfitting⁴¹.

571 Two models were developed for each of the three stimulation conditions (No Stimulation,
572 F30, M30). For the No Stimulation models, the number of temporal filters were set to 8, pointwise
573 filters to 16, batch size to 4, learning rate to 5E-5, dropout rate of 50%, and normalization rate of
574 0.1. The No Stimulation models had kernel sizes of 34 and 64 and were trained for 34 epochs.
575 For the F30 and M30 models, the number of temporal filters were set to 2, pointwise filters to 6,
576 batch size to 30 (100 for M30), learning rate to 5E-3, dropout rate of 80%, and normalization rate

577 of 0.1. Both the F30 and M30 models had kernel sizes of 100 and 105 and were trained for 150
578 epochs. All models utilized the ADAM¹⁰⁹ optimizer with focal loss¹¹⁰ where alpha and gamma
579 parameters were set to 0.2 and 5.0, respectively.

580 The training set consisted of participants 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 26, this gave a total
581 of 952 trials for No Stimulation (**Figure 3a**); and 140 trials for F30 and M30, respectively (**Figure**
582 **3b-c**). The test data consisted of participants 11, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, with 816 trials for No
583 Stimulation (**Figure 3a**); and 120 trials for F30 and M30, respectively (**Figure 3b-c**). Since training
584 data were comparatively small and the distribution of classes was imbalanced (due to the open-
585 loop effect of stimulation); class weighting and data augmentation were utilized. For data
586 augmentation, normally distributed random noise with 0 mean and standard deviations of 0.25,
587 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 were added to the training data, the channels with added noise were then flipped
588 in time, while preserving their channel-wise order⁵⁹.

589 **Data availability**

590 All raw data acquired and used in the text can be accessed directly at:
591 <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3837212>. The dataset is made available in multiple formats across
592 repositories and is compatible across most analysis pipelines including MATLAB and Python. The
593 dataset is additionally formatted to the Brain Imaging Data Structure (BIDS) specifications and can
594 be accessed directly at: <https://doi.org/10.18112/openneuro.ds003670.v1.1.0>. Each stimulation
595 trial within the dataset can be visually inspected in the time and frequency domain directly at
596 <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14810517.v1> for Power Spectral Densities,
597 <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14810442.v1> for time-frequency spectrograms; and
598 <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14810478> for scalp voltage topographies. Additional
599 formatted data is available upon request.

600 **Code availability**

601 The latest version of all accompanying code for this work is available at:
602 https://github.com/ngebodh/GX_DL_Framework. Additional code to parse and extract aspects of
603 the GX dataset can be acquired within this repository:
604 https://github.com/ngebodh/GX_tES_EEG_Physio_Behavior. Additional resources are available
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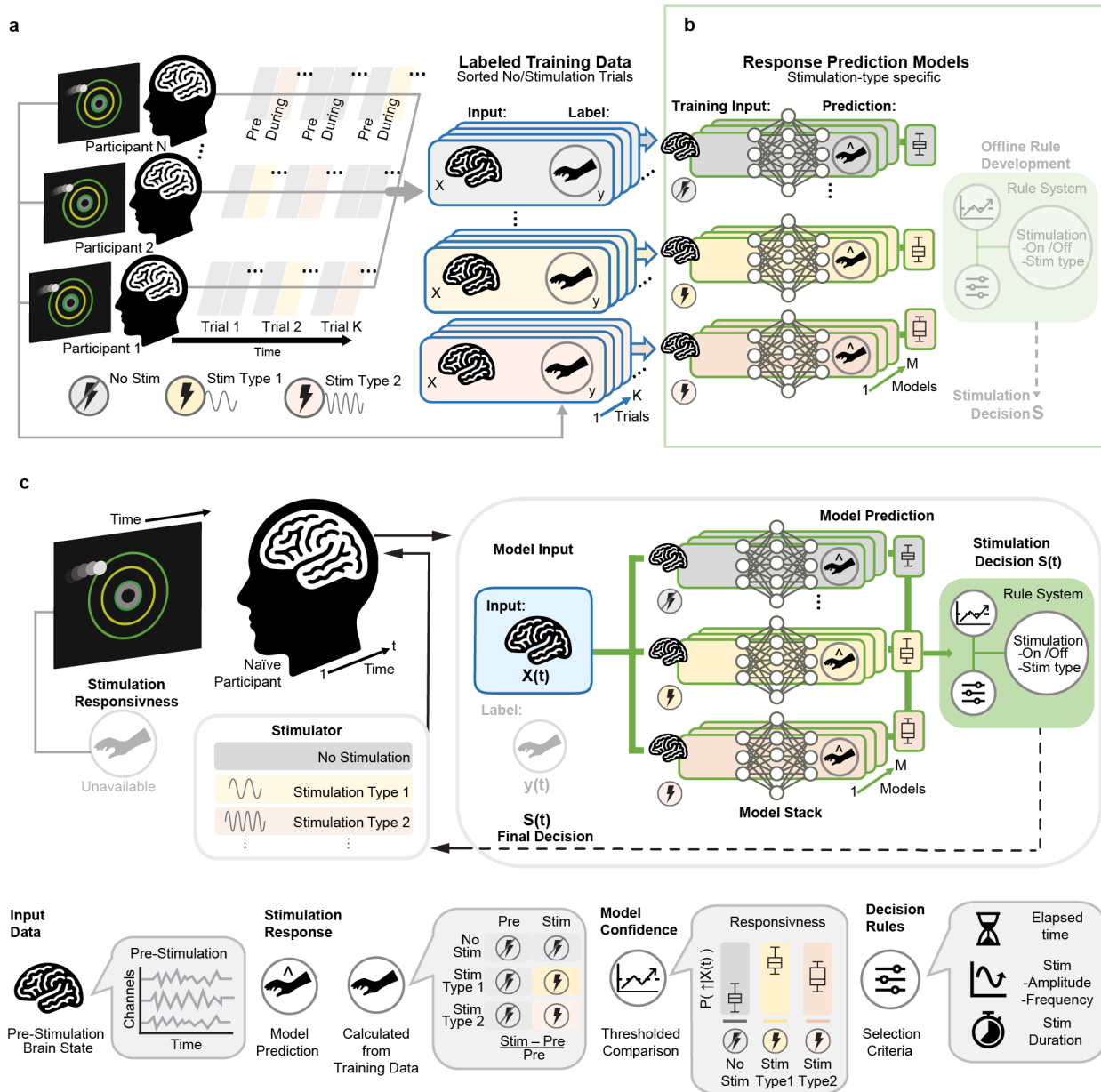
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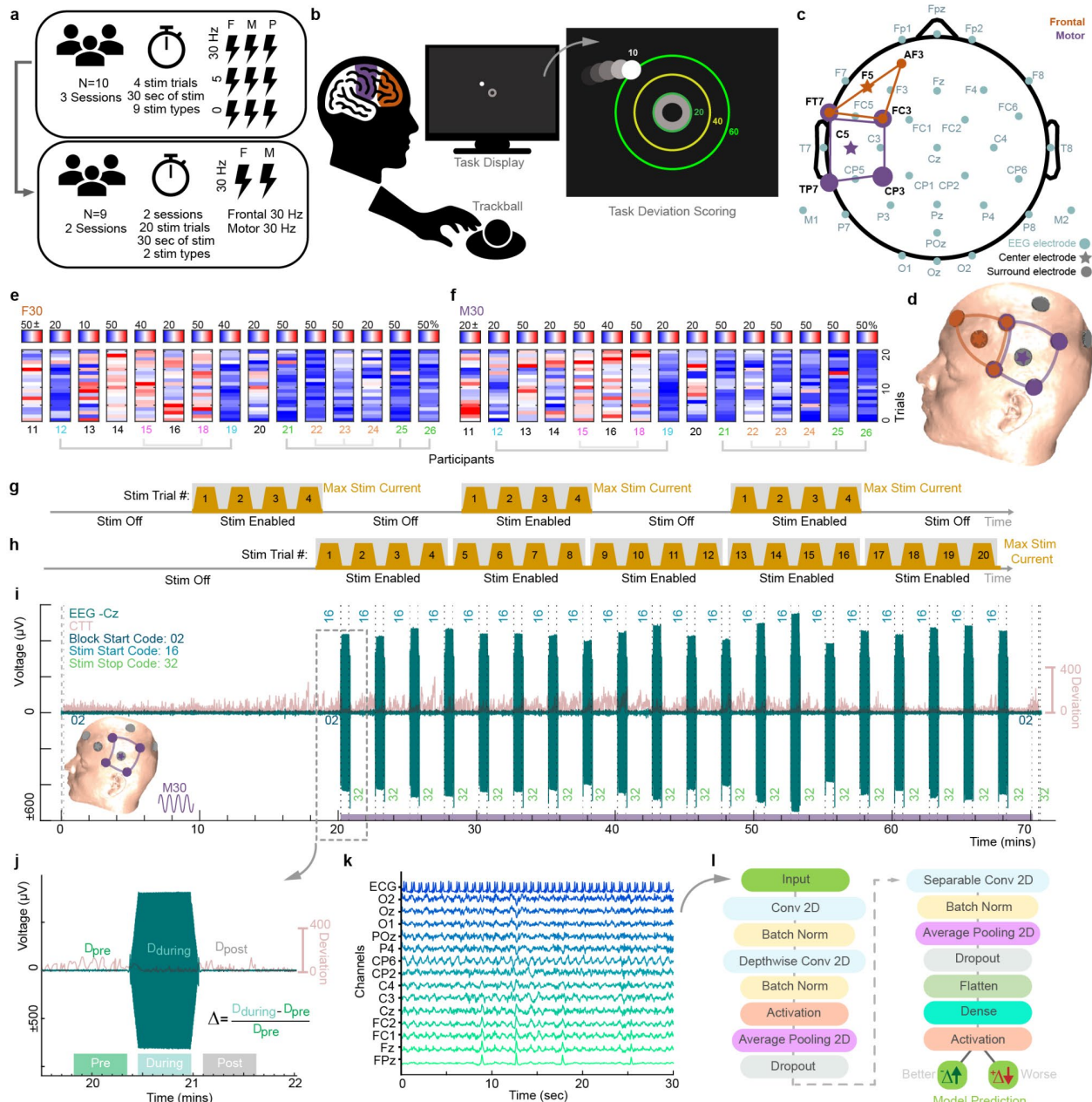
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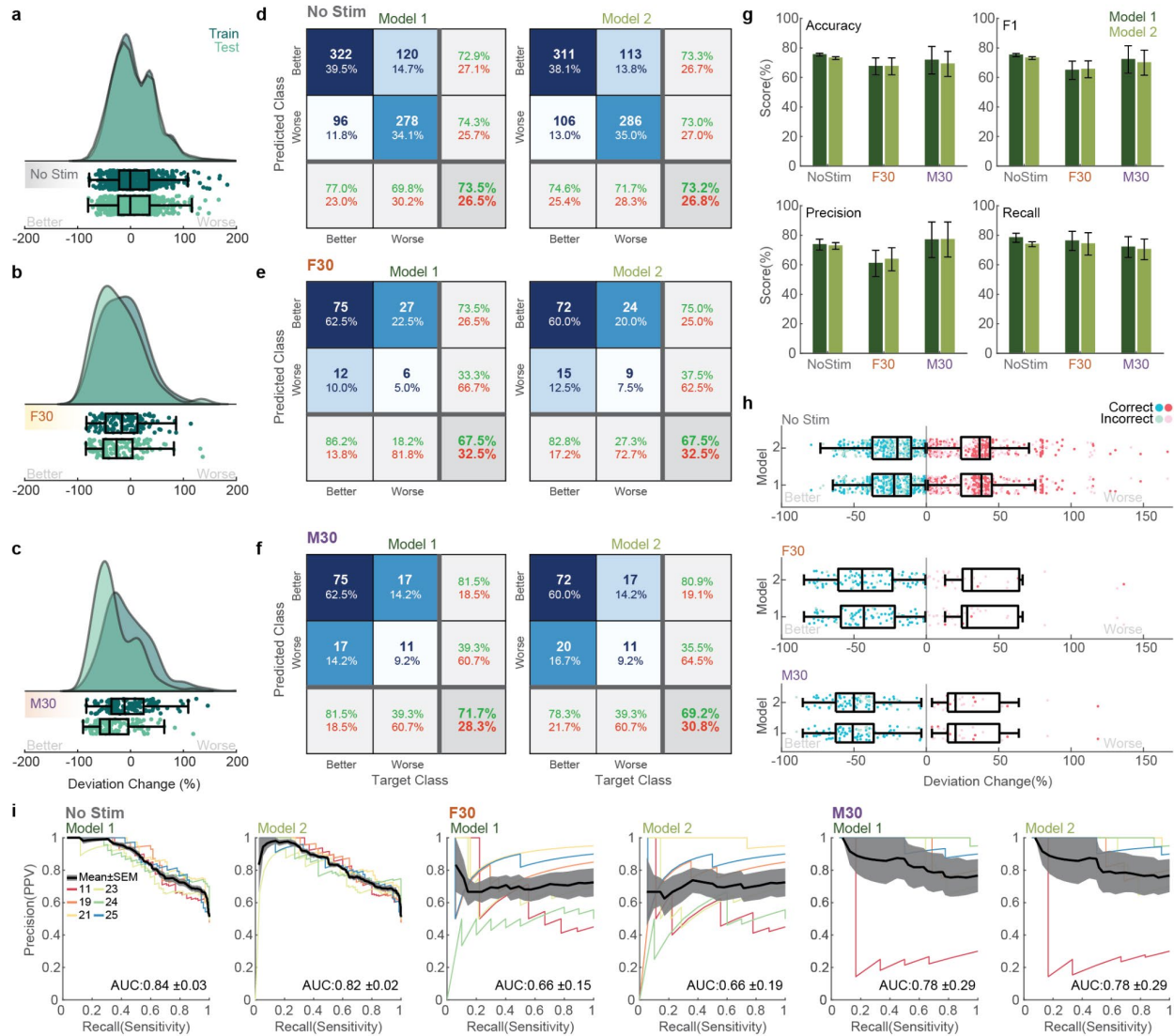
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 934 **Figure 1.** Novel framework for scalable closed-loop neuromodulation with deep learning. (a)
 935 Open-loop training data collection consists of multiple trials (*Trial*) across a cohort (*Participants*)
 936 where single trials record performance changes by stimulation (yellow and pink periods) as
 937 compared with no stimulation (gray). Note each stimulation intervention (e.g., Type 1: yellow,
 938 Type 2: pink periods) is preceded with a period of no stimulation (gray) where biomarkers (brain
 939 state) are collected. Training data can be arranged into biomarkers pre intervention (training *Input*
 940 X) and stimulation response (*Labels* y). (b) Multiple varying model architectures (spanning model
 941 space M) ingest multi-channel and multi-sample input data. Note, each set of model ensembles
 942 are trained on different intervention types, which allows for interchanging intervention types as
 943 needed. Next, the independent selection of stimulation decision (S) rules allows for the

944 incorporation of extraneous factors such as stimulation cost. (c) In a closed-loop deployment,
945 biomarker measurements ($X(t)$) from a novel participant are passed to each ensemble (e.g. No
946 Stimulation, Stimulation Type 1, Stimulation Type 2) of the *Model Stack*. Each ensemble yields a
947 performance prediction with *Model Confidences* for the condition it was trained for, which are then
948 compared together to support specific stimulation *Decisions Rules*. The stimulation decision ($S(t)$)
949 selects among the stimulation candidates or no stimulation, is delivered to the participant, and the
950 loop continues. Note, in deployment, ground truth ($y(t)$) data are not required, and models can be
951 independently updated as more training data becomes available. The implementation of a
952 stackable ensembled workflow lends advantages of scalability, agnosticism to (multiple)
953 stimulation modalities (e.g., TMS, tFUS), without explicit biomarker decoding or I/O models, or
954 need for personalized ground-truth performance. See bottom key for definition of symbols.



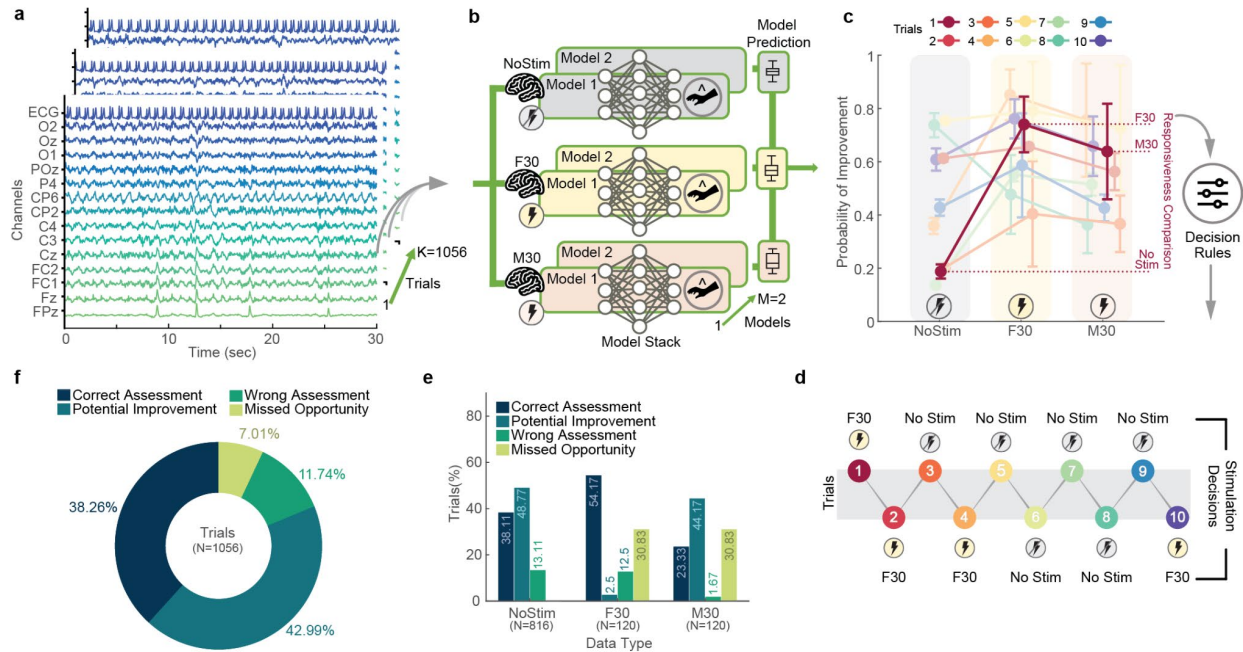
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 956 **Figure 2.** Dataset summary and model architecture. (a) The GX dataset was collected in two
 957 phases or experiments. Experiment 1 consisted of a parameter space exploration where 9
 958 different stimulation conditions were tested. This was followed with Experiment 2 which tested
 959 two parameters (F30 and M30) from Experiment 1 on a different participant cohort with 20 trials
 960 of each parameter. (b) The behavioral task for the GX dataset consisted of a 70-min
 961 compensatory tracking task (CTT) where participants used a trackball to keep a moving circle at
 962 the center of the screen. The radial distance or deviation from the center of the screen at each
 963 frame determined participant's behavioral performance. (c) EEG (light blue) and stimulation sites
 964 for frontal (orange), and motor (purple) stimulation. (d) MRI-derived head model used to visualize
 965 stimulation electrode placement. Trial-wise percent improvement derived from change in
 966 deviation for all participants in Experiment 2 for (e) F30 and (f) M30. Trial-wise implementation of

967 stimulation trials for **(g)** Experiment 1 repeated three times for each participant to cover all 9
968 parameters and **(h)** Experiment 2 repeated two times for each participant to cover 2 selected
969 parameters (F30 and M30). **(i)** EEG and CTT timeseries data for one session for participant 24
970 where M30 was applied. Insets indicate stimulation location. **(j)** Trials were segmented from each
971 session into 30 sec pre, during, and post stimulation. The percent change in CTT deviation (Δ)
972 was calculated from averaged CTT data in the course of the pre and during stimulation periods.
973 See panel **e** for trial-wise and participant-wise results. **(k)** A typical segment of input training data
974 consisted of 15 channels (14 EEG and 1 ECG) X 3000 samples (30 secs). **(l)** A modified EEGNet
975 architecture was utilized to as a classifier to predict response indicated by changes in the percent
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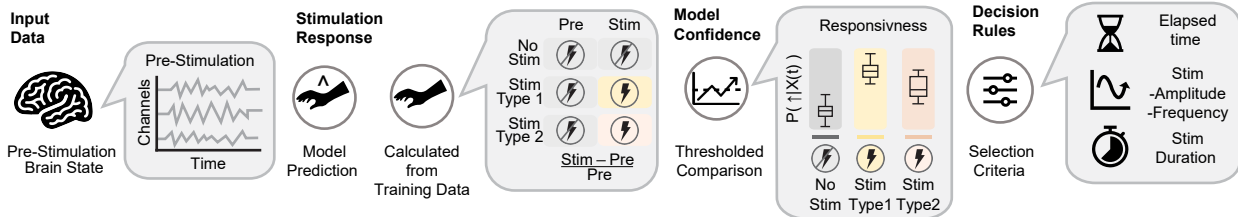
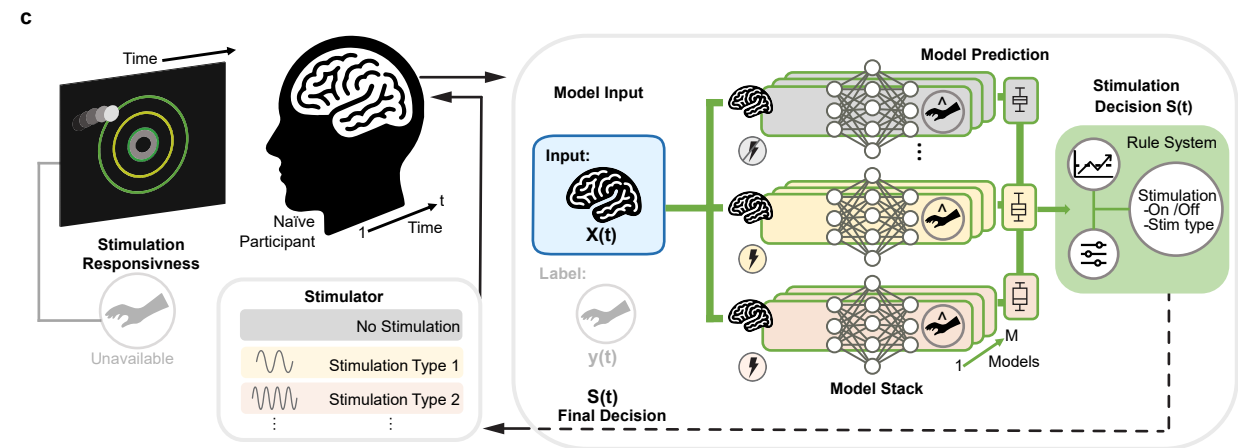
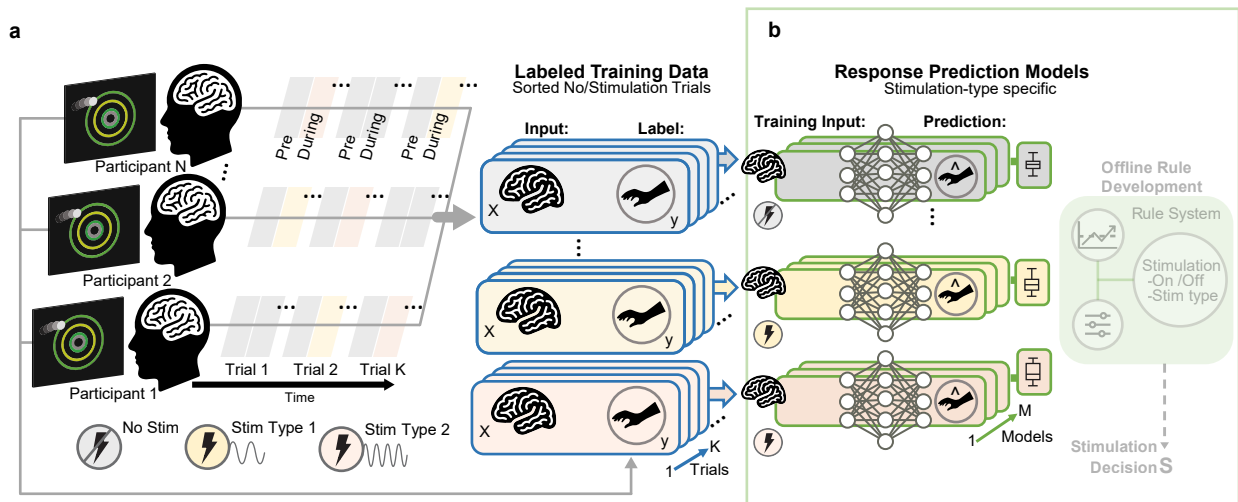


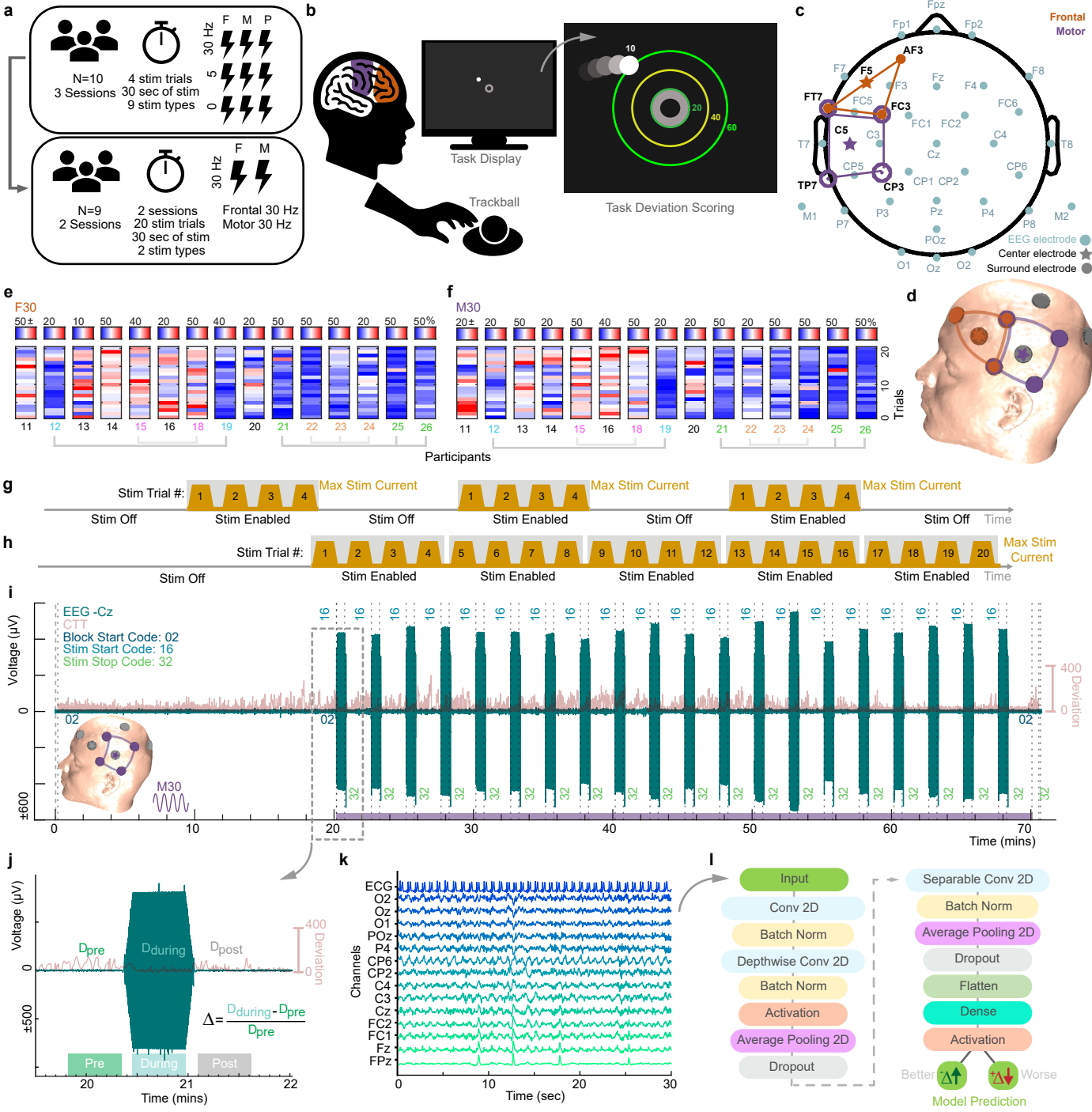
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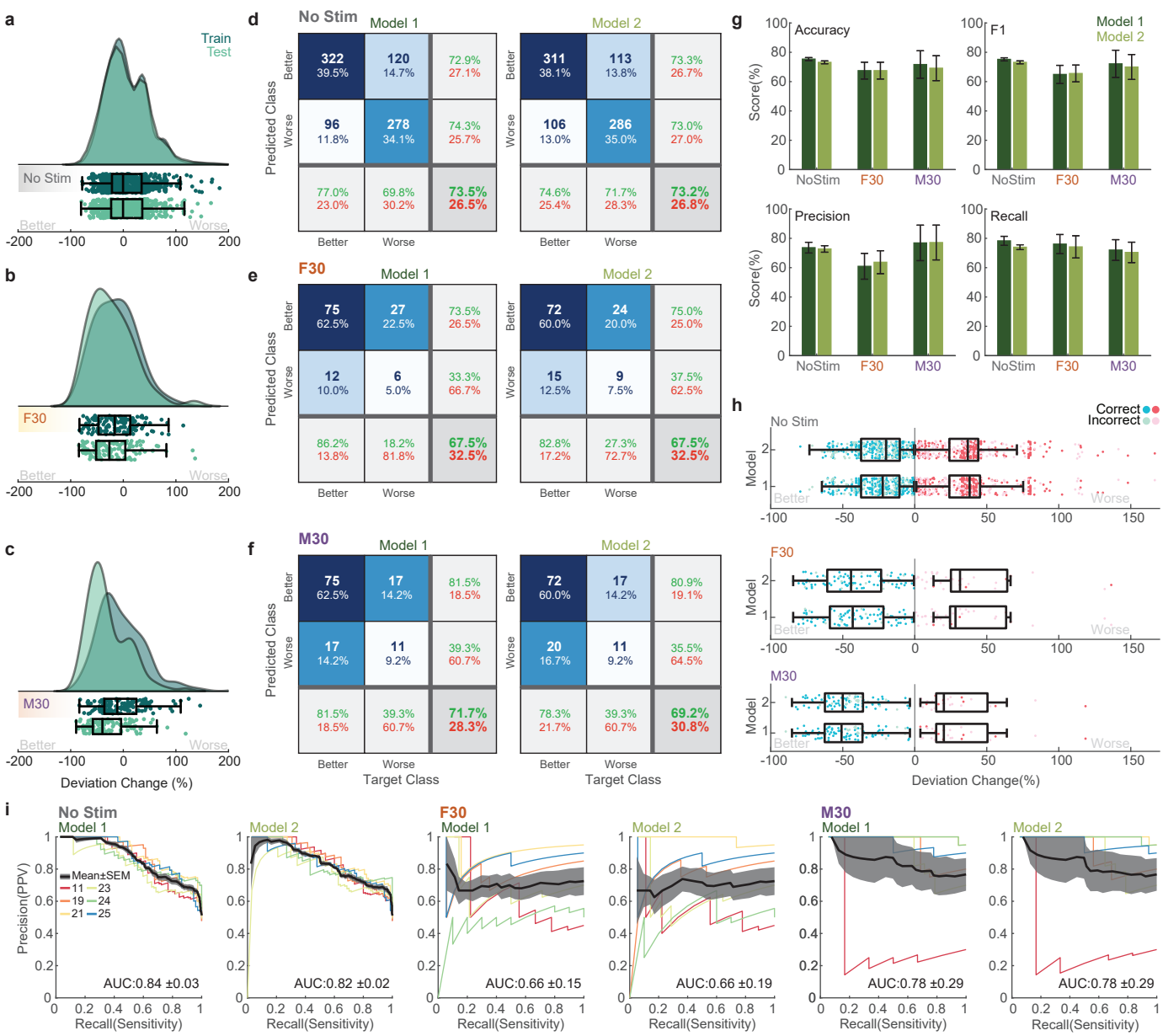
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 981 terms of accuracy; and weighted scores for precision, recall, and F1 with SEM. (h) Correct and
 982 incorrect classifications for Models 1 and 2 with their respective percent change in deviation.
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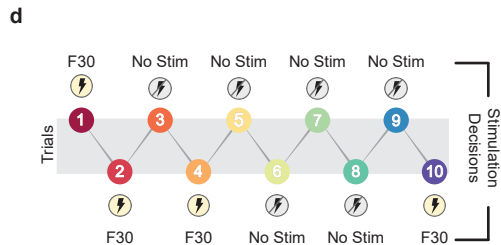
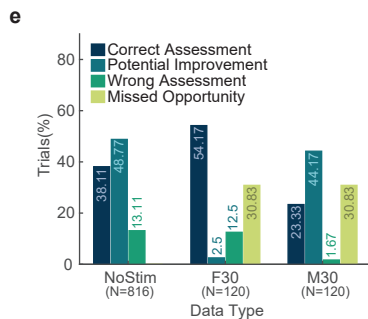
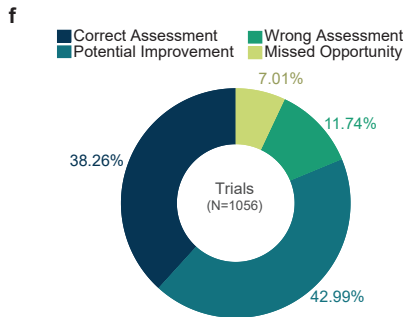
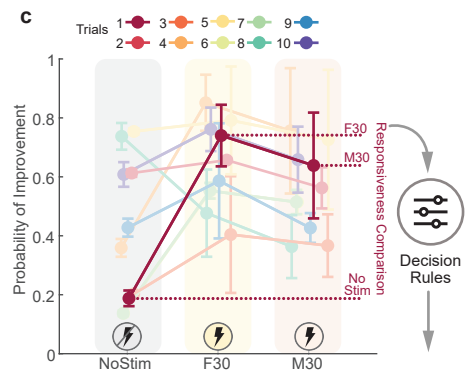
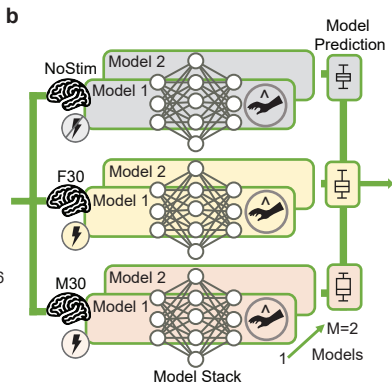
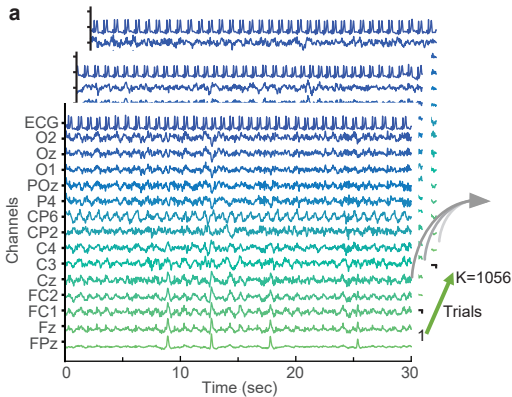


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 987 **Figure 4.** Simulation of closed-loop responsiveness predictions. (a) A total of 1056 input test data
 988 trials (15 channels X 3000 samples) were individually passed to all 6 models. (b) The predictions
 989 from all 6 models were aggregated and compared post prediction. (c) Model predictions (with
 990 SEM) for 10 exemplary trials where the probability of improvement (probability of trial classed as
 991 *Better*) is averaged over predictions for each respective model (i.e., predictions from Models 1
 992 and 2 for NoStim, F30, and M30). Using simple decision rules, model predictions are compared.
 993 (d) Stimulation decisions for 10 example trials in c. (e) To assess simulation outcomes, stimulation
 994 decision predictions of test trials where no stimulation, F30, and M30 stimulation were applied
 995 were divided into four classes: correct assessment, potential improvement, wrong assessment,
 996 and missed opportunities. (f) These four classes were then aggregated across all test data.

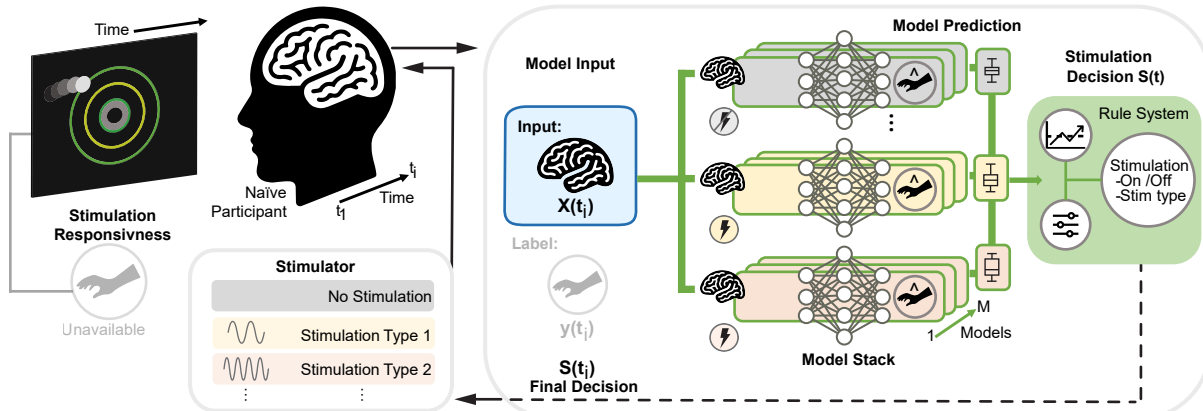






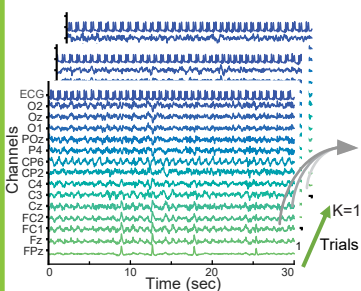


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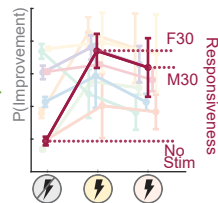
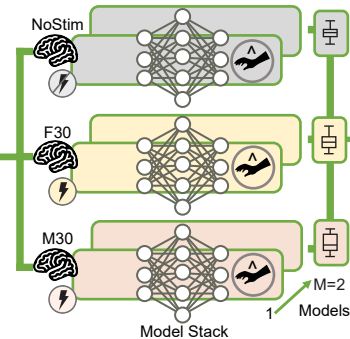


Framework Validation

Input Data (EEG + ECG)



Responsiveness Prediction & Comparison



Stimulation Decisions

