

Introduction

Healthcare professionals face increasing pressure to navigate complex, emotionally difficult conversations with patients, yet current training methods such as role-play or faculty feedback are subjective, costly, and unable to scale to the demands of modern clinical education. More than **53% of U.S. physicians report burnout** [1], with communication-related stress cited as a major contributor, and **poor communication accounts for 30% of malpractice cases** [2]. Simultaneously, higher perceived clinician empathy significantly improves patient satisfaction and treatment adherence.

Our mission is to create an AI-powered communication coach that delivers fast, objective, and personalized feedback to clinicians, empowering them to strengthen empathy, improve patient trust, and reduce burnout.

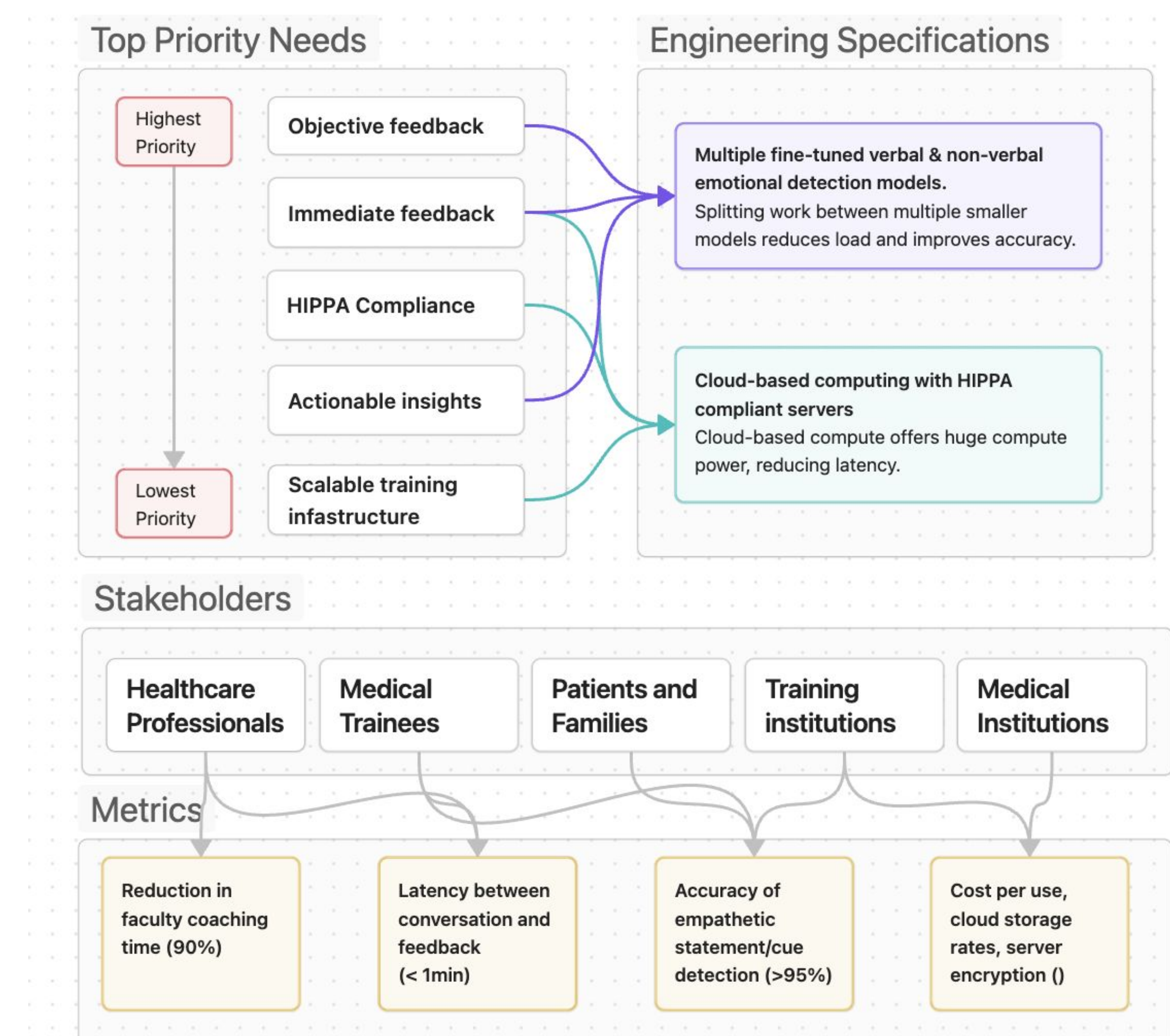
Planning & Design Status

Phase/DT	Task Summary	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-May
Phase 1	Initial Setup & Early Project Documentation					
Phase 2	Project Selection & Planning Documentation					
Phase 3	Ideation & Needs Assessment Documentation					
Phase 4	Concept Development Documentation					
Phase 5	Concept Evaluation & Selection Documentation					
Phase 6	Technical Refinement Documentation					
Phase 7	Regulatory & Specifications Documentation					
Phase 8	Final Comprehensive Documentation					
Future Work	Work Done in BME 490					

Status: Preliminary Architecture

- Achievements:** Pipeline 1 (**Audio Analysis**) is functional. Pipeline 2 (**Feedback Generation**) classifies roles, behaviors, and generates reports.
- Challenge Solved:** Qualitative insights using AI modules and an LLM.

Design Inputs & Metrics



Device Concept and Design

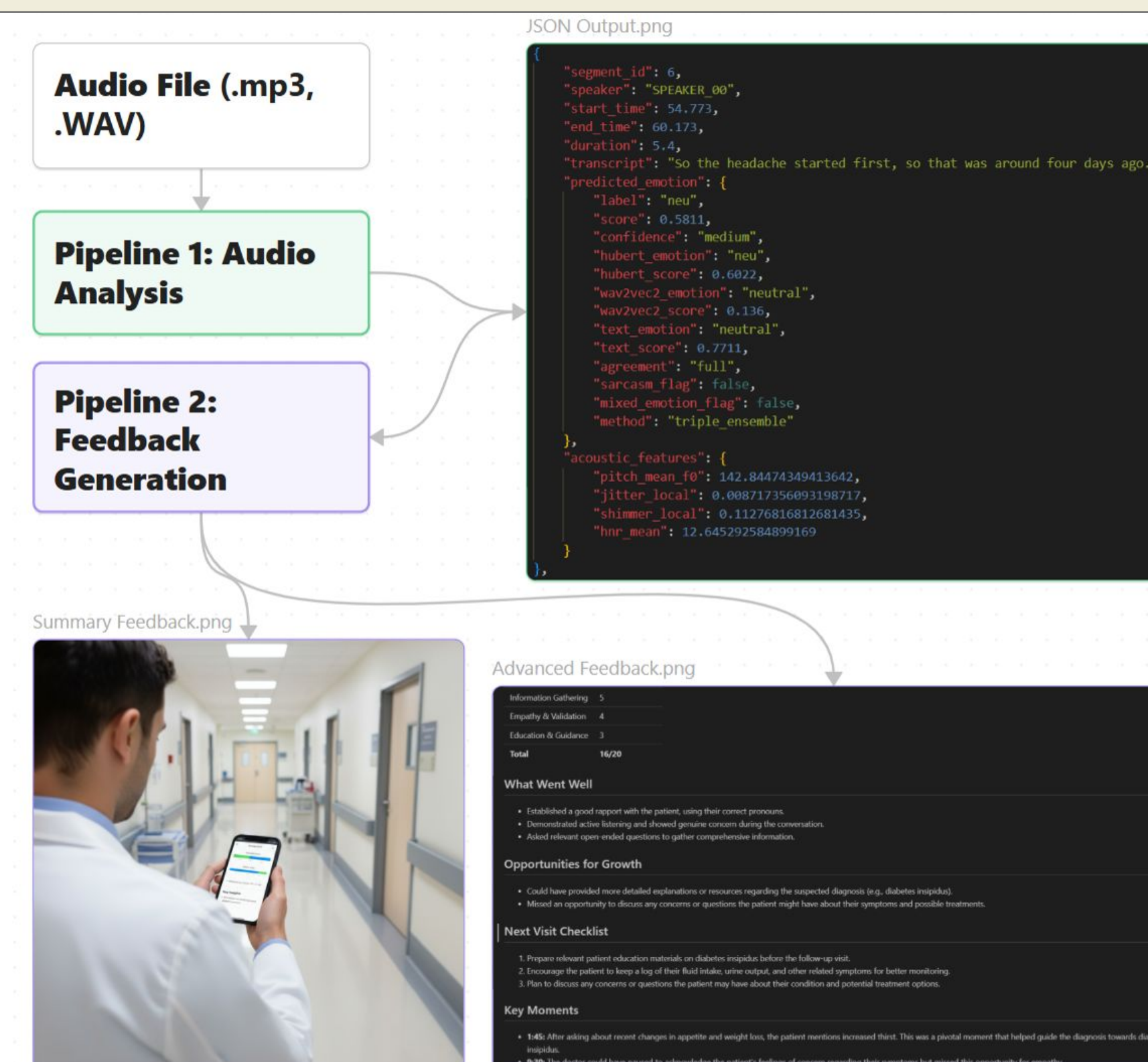
Concept Our tool analyzes clinical conversations—*what* was said and *how*—to generate actionable feedback.

Key Features

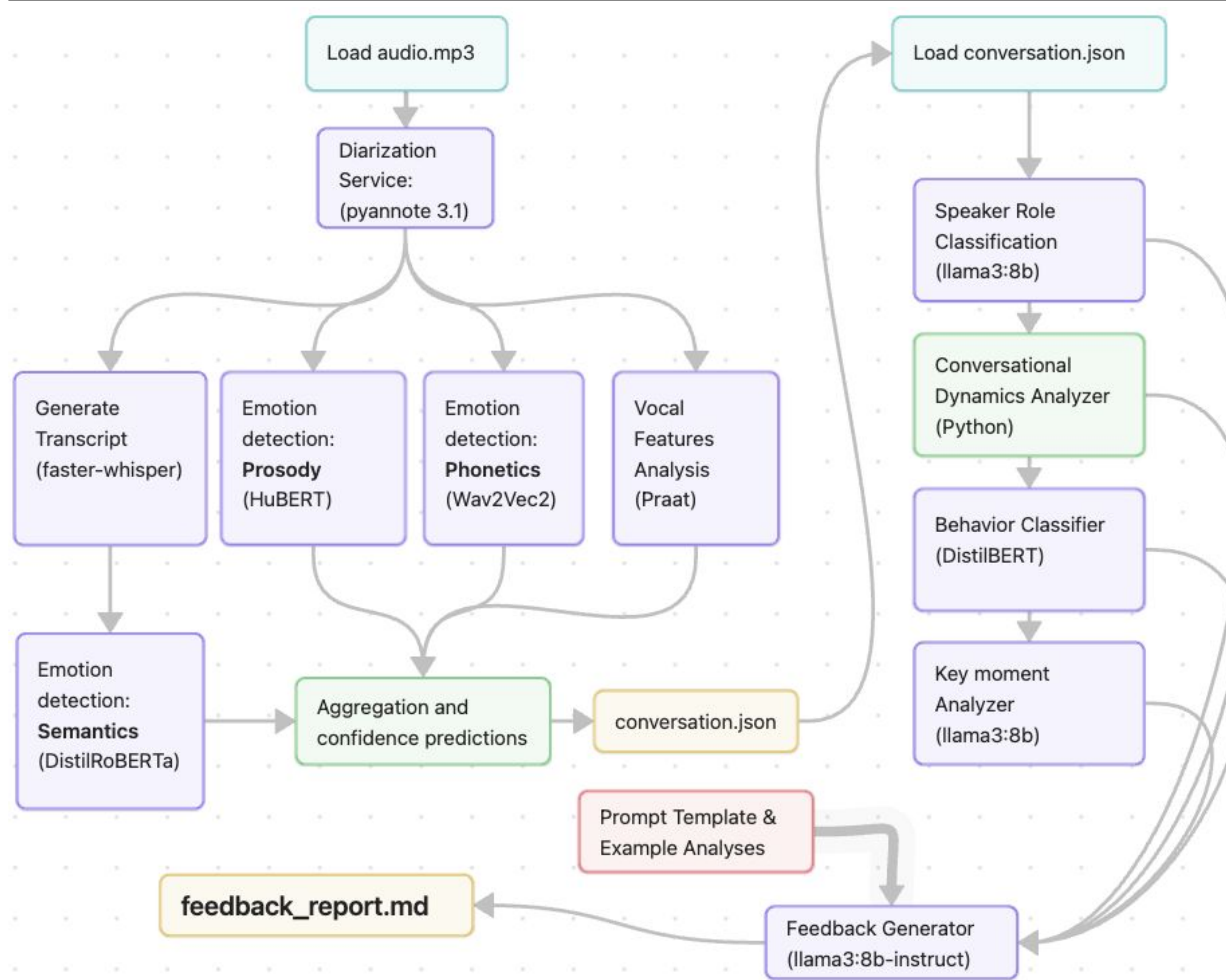
- Audio Analysis:** Extracts transcription + emotion from conversations
- Dual Feedback:** Provides instant summary (text/email) + detailed dashboard

Impact

- Trainees:** Get immediate, actionable feedback.
- Administrators:** Gain a scalable tool to track communication quality and training gaps.
- Patients:** Benefit from improved provider communication.



Product Architecture



Diarization Model

$$DER = \frac{Total_Error_Time}{Total_Duration} = \frac{FA_{Time} + MS_{Time} + SC_{Time}}{Total_Duration\ of_Scored_Speech}$$

Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) Model

$$WER = \frac{Substitutions + Deletions + Insertions}{Total_Words_in_Reference_Transcript}$$

Acoustic Feature Extraction Model

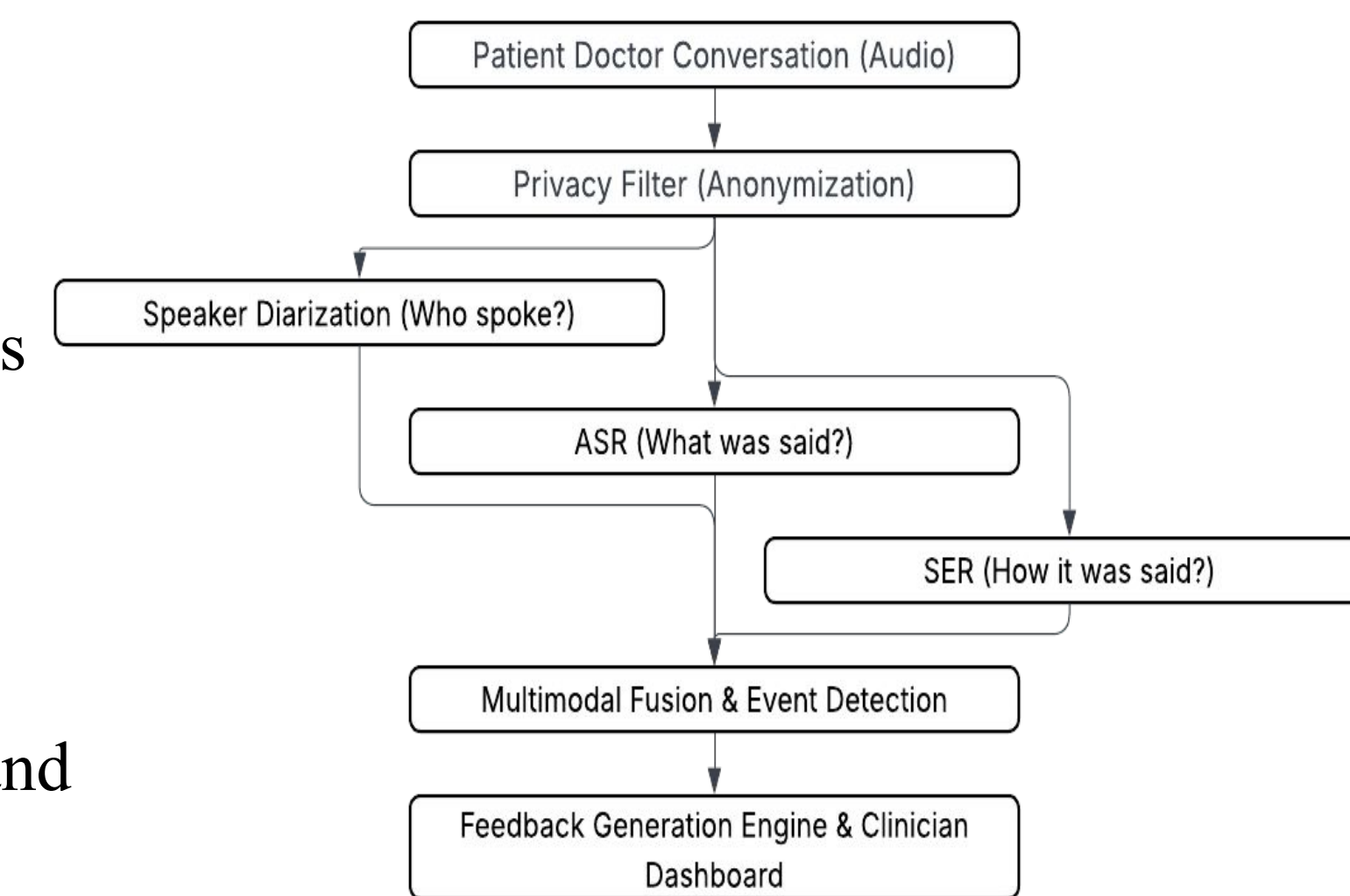
$$R(\tau) = \int x(t) \cdot x(t + \tau) dt$$
$$F0 = \frac{1}{\arg \max_{\tau} R(\tau)} \text{ for } \tau \in [P_{max}, P_{min}]$$

Clinical Feedback & Analytics Model

$$CFQ = U(A, S, T) = w_A A_{pipeline} + w_S S_{feedback} + w_T T_{task}$$
$$A_{pipeline} = (1 - WER) \times (WF1_{Emotion})$$

Design for Manufacturing

- Scalability:** Cloud-based infrastructure usable for an entire hospital.
- Maintainability:** Modular system allows for easy updates
- Deployment & Cost:** Mobile app for easy access. Model optimization will reduce computational costs.
- Compliance:** Privacy filters and secure data handling on HIPAA-compliant servers.



Final Product Specifications

Category	Specification	Linked Customer Need
Feedback Latency	<5 sec	Immediate reflection
Diarization Accuracy	DER ≤ 6.6%	Trustworthy segmentation
ASR Accuracy	WER ≤ 15%	Reliable transcript
SER Accuracy	≥90%	Emotional awareness
Empathy Detection	≥95% precision	Improve empathetic speech
HIPAA Compliance	Full encryption + anonymization	Privacy, trust
Ensemble Architecture	3-model fusion	Deeper communication insight
Acoustic Feature Stability	r ≥ 0.95 correlation	Accurate tone analysis

Future Work

- Refine & Validate:** Retrain models with clinical data; validate feedback against SME evaluations.
- Expand Behavior Library:** Enhance Behavior Classifier for skills like "Active Listening."
- Develop Interactive UI:** Build UI for audio recording, timeline exploration, and feedback review.
- Assess "End-of-Meeting" Analysis:** Optimize pipeline for near-immediate report generation post-meeting.

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