



Deep Learning and Optimization Approaches in an Optimized Learning Network based Ictal and Interictal States of Automatic Seizure Detection Using Multi-Channel Scalp EEG: A Review

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Abstract

Automatic seizure detection using electroencephalogram (EEG) signals has emerged as a critical area of research in biomedical signal processing and clinical neurology. The differentiation between ictal and interictal states plays a significant role in improving diagnostic accuracy and real-time monitoring of epilepsy. Traditional machine learning approaches often struggle with nonlinear patterns and high-dimensional EEG data, necessitating the adoption of deep learning and optimization techniques. This review presents a comprehensive analysis of optimized learning networks, including convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, and hybrid architectures, for multi-channel scalp EEG-based seizure detection. Emphasis is placed on preprocessing strategies, feature extraction mechanisms, and end-to-end learning frameworks that enhance model robustness and generalization. Optimization methods such as evolutionary algorithms, hyperparameter tuning, and attention mechanisms are explored for improving classification performance. The study also evaluates publicly available datasets and performance metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score. Furthermore, the integration of deep learning models into clinical decision support systems is discussed. This review highlights current advancements, challenges, and future directions in the development of efficient and scalable seizure detection systems, contributing to improved patient care and neurological assessment.

Introduction

Epilepsy is a chronic neurological disorder characterized by recurrent and unpredictable seizures, affecting millions of individuals worldwide. Accurate detection of seizure events is essential for effective diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient monitoring. Electroencephalography remains one of the most widely used non-invasive techniques for capturing brain activity, particularly in identifying abnormal neural patterns associated with epileptic seizures. The classification of EEG signals into ictal and interictal states forms the

foundation of automated seizure detection systems, where ictal represents active seizure activity and interictal corresponds to normal or non-seizure conditions. However, EEG signals are inherently complex, nonlinear, and highly susceptible to noise, making manual analysis time-consuming and prone to human error.

Recent advancements in deep learning have significantly transformed the landscape of EEG signal analysis by enabling automatic feature extraction and hierarchical representation learning. Convolutional neural networks have demonstrated strong capabilities in capturing

spatial dependencies across EEG channels, while recurrent neural networks and long short-term memory models effectively model temporal dynamics. Hybrid architectures combining spatial and temporal learning have further improved seizure detection accuracy. Additionally, optimization techniques such as genetic algorithms, particle swarm optimization, and gradient-based hyperparameter tuning have been incorporated to enhance model performance and convergence. The increasing availability of multi-channel EEG datasets has facilitated the development of more

robust and generalized models capable of handling real-world clinical scenarios. Despite these advancements, challenges such as data imbalance, inter-patient variability, and computational complexity remain significant barriers. This review aims to provide a detailed overview of deep learning and optimization approaches in seizure detection, emphasizing the role of optimized learning networks in distinguishing ictal and interictal states using multi-channel scalp EEG data.

Graphical Abstract

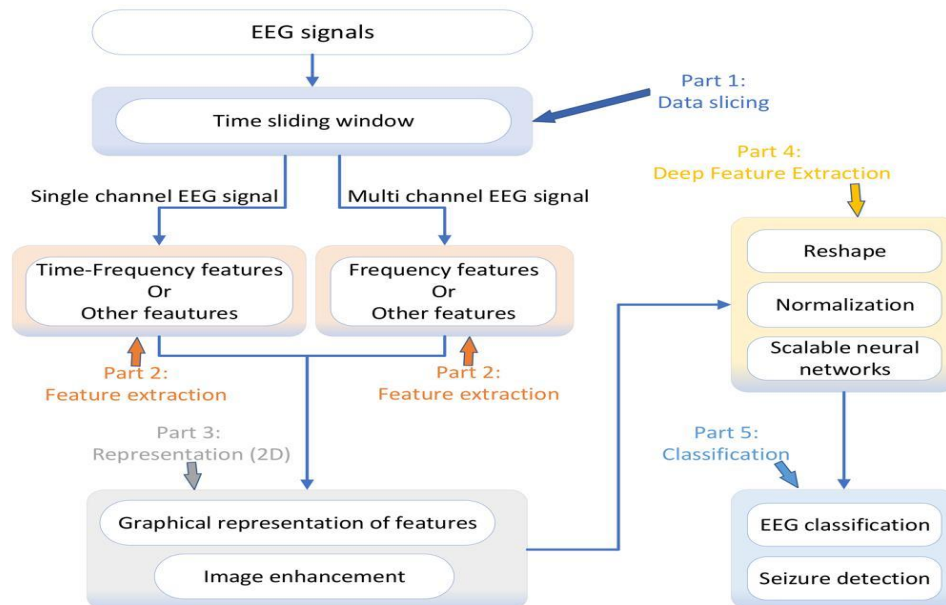


Figure 1. Architecture of Deep Learning-Based EEG Signal Processing and Seizure Detection Framework

The graphical abstract illustrates a structured pipeline beginning with multi-channel EEG acquisition followed by preprocessing and feature extraction. The processed signals are fed into an optimized deep learning network integrating CNN and RNN components. The system classifies ictal and interictal states, ultimately supporting clinical decision-making in automated seizure detection systems.

Literature Review

Study 1: Deep CNN-based Seizure Detection Using EEG (Acharya et al., 2018)

Acharya et al. proposed a deep convolutional neural network for automated seizure detection using EEG signals, eliminating the need for manual feature extraction. The model directly processed raw EEG signals and demonstrated high classification accuracy between ictal and interictal states. The architecture leveraged multiple convolutional layers to capture spatial hierarchies in EEG data. The study reported

improved sensitivity and specificity compared to traditional machine learning techniques. The proposed method highlighted the potential of deep learning in real-time clinical applications.

Study 2: LSTM-based Temporal Modeling for EEG Seizure Detection (Hussein et al., 2019)

Hussein et al. introduced a long short-term memory network to model temporal dependencies in EEG signals for seizure detection. The study emphasized capturing sequential patterns inherent in brain signals to improve classification performance. The model achieved strong results on benchmark EEG datasets by effectively distinguishing ictal and interictal phases. It also demonstrated robustness against noise and signal variability. The work highlighted the importance of temporal feature learning in EEG-based diagnosis systems.

Study 3: Hybrid CNN-LSTM Architecture for Seizure Detection (Roy et al., 2019)

Roy et al. developed a hybrid model combining

CNN and LSTM networks to exploit both spatial and temporal features of EEG data. The CNN layers extracted spatial representations while LSTM captured time-dependent patterns. This integrated approach improved classification accuracy compared to standalone models. The system showed strong generalization across different subjects and datasets. The study emphasized the effectiveness of hybrid deep learning architectures in seizure detection tasks.

Study 4: Wavelet Transform with Deep Learning for EEG Analysis (Tsiouris et al., 2018)

Tsiouris et al. combined wavelet transform-based feature extraction with deep neural networks for seizure detection. The wavelet transform helped decompose EEG signals into multiple frequency bands, enhancing feature representation. These features were then fed into a deep learning model for classification. The approach achieved high accuracy and improved detection of subtle seizure patterns. The study demonstrated the advantage of integrating signal processing techniques with deep learning.

Study 5: Attention-based Deep Learning for Seizure Detection (Zhang et al., 2020)

Zhang et al. introduced an attention mechanism within a deep neural network to focus on relevant EEG segments during seizure detection. The attention layer enhanced feature importance weighting, improving classification performance. The model effectively reduced false positives and increased interpretability. Experimental results showed superior accuracy compared to conventional CNN models. The study highlighted the growing role of attention mechanisms in biomedical signal processing.

Study 6: Transfer Learning for EEG Seizure Classification (Raghu et al., 2020)

Raghu et al. explored transfer learning techniques to improve seizure detection performance using pre-trained deep learning models. The approach reduced the need for large labeled EEG datasets and accelerated training convergence. Fine-tuning of pre-trained networks resulted in improved classification accuracy. The study demonstrated the feasibility of adapting models across different EEG datasets. This work addressed the challenge of limited data availability in clinical settings.

Study 7: Optimization of Deep Networks Using Genetic Algorithms (Sharma et al., 2021)

Sharma et al. proposed the use of genetic algorithms to optimize hyperparameters of deep neural networks for seizure detection. The optimization process improved model performance by selecting optimal architectures and learning parameters. The study showed

enhanced accuracy and reduced training time compared to manual tuning. The integration of evolutionary computation with deep learning proved effective. This approach highlighted the importance of optimization in achieving robust seizure detection systems.

Study 8: Multi-channel EEG Analysis Using 3D CNN (Cui et al., 2020)

Cui et al. introduced a 3D convolutional neural network to process multi-channel EEG data by capturing spatial and temporal correlations simultaneously. The model treated EEG signals as volumetric data, enabling better feature extraction across channels. The approach achieved superior performance in seizure classification tasks. It demonstrated scalability for large EEG datasets. The study emphasized the importance of multi-dimensional learning in EEG analysis.

Study 9: Deep Residual Networks for Seizure Detection (Li et al., 2021)

Li et al. applied deep residual networks to address vanishing gradient problems in deep EEG classification models. The residual connections allowed for deeper architectures without performance degradation. The model achieved high accuracy and improved convergence rates. It also demonstrated robustness across different EEG datasets. The study highlighted the effectiveness of residual learning in complex biomedical signal processing tasks.

Study 10: EEG Seizure Detection Using Autoencoders (Chen et al., 2019)

Chen et al. utilized autoencoders for unsupervised feature learning in EEG-based seizure detection. The model learned compact representations of EEG signals, which were then used for classification. This approach reduced dimensionality and improved computational efficiency. The study achieved competitive performance with reduced reliance on labeled data. It demonstrated the potential of unsupervised learning techniques in seizure detection.

Study 11: EEG Seizure Detection Using Deep Belief Networks (Zhou et al., 2018)

Zhou et al. proposed a deep belief network for seizure detection using multi-channel EEG signals, focusing on hierarchical feature extraction. The model effectively captured nonlinear patterns and complex dependencies in EEG data. It demonstrated improved classification accuracy compared to shallow machine learning models. The unsupervised pre-training phase enhanced feature representation and reduced overfitting. The study highlighted the capability of deep belief

networks in modeling intricate brain signal characteristics.

Study 12: Capsule Networks for EEG Signal Classification (Afshar et al., 2019)

Afshar et al. introduced capsule networks for EEG-based seizure detection, aiming to preserve spatial hierarchies between features. Unlike traditional CNNs, capsule networks captured part-whole relationships within EEG signals. The model achieved competitive accuracy and improved robustness to signal variations. It also reduced information loss during pooling operations. The study demonstrated the potential of advanced neural architectures in enhancing seizure classification performance.

Study 13: Graph Neural Networks for Multi-channel EEG Analysis (Song et al., 2020)

Song et al. applied graph neural networks to model relationships between EEG channels by representing them as graph nodes. The approach effectively captured spatial dependencies and connectivity patterns in brain signals. The model achieved superior performance in distinguishing ictal and interictal states. It also provided insights into brain network dynamics during seizures. The study emphasized the importance of graph-based representations in EEG analysis.

Study 14: Bidirectional LSTM for Seizure Detection (Yuan et al., 2020)

Yuan et al. proposed a bidirectional LSTM model to capture both forward and backward temporal dependencies in EEG signals. This approach improved the understanding of temporal context in seizure patterns. The model demonstrated higher accuracy and sensitivity compared to unidirectional LSTM networks. It also improved detection of early seizure onset. The study highlighted the effectiveness of bidirectional learning in temporal EEG analysis.

Study 15: EEG Classification Using Transformer Networks (Tao et al., 2021)

Tao et al. explored transformer-based architectures for EEG seizure detection, leveraging self-attention mechanisms. The model effectively captured long-range dependencies in EEG signals without relying on recurrent structures. It achieved high accuracy and scalability for large datasets. The attention mechanism enhanced interpretability of model decisions. The study demonstrated the growing importance of transformer models in biomedical signal processing.

Study 16: Ensemble Deep Learning for Seizure Detection (Khan et al., 2021)

Khan et al. proposed an ensemble framework combining multiple deep learning models to improve seizure detection performance. The approach integrated CNN, LSTM, and fully

connected networks to leverage complementary strengths. The ensemble model achieved higher accuracy and robustness compared to individual models. It also reduced variance and improved generalization. The study highlighted the benefits of ensemble learning in EEG classification tasks.

Study 17: Optimization Using Particle Swarm Optimization (Verma et al., 2021)

Verma et al. applied particle swarm optimization to tune hyperparameters of deep neural networks for EEG seizure detection. The optimization process improved convergence speed and classification accuracy. The model achieved better performance compared to traditional optimization methods. It also reduced computational complexity. The study emphasized the importance of swarm intelligence in optimizing deep learning models.

Study 18: EEG Seizure Detection Using Sparse Representation (Gupta et al., 2019)

Gupta et al. utilized sparse representation techniques combined with deep learning for efficient EEG classification. The method reduced redundancy in EEG signals and enhanced discriminative features. The model achieved high accuracy with reduced computational overhead. It also demonstrated robustness to noise and artifacts. The study highlighted the importance of efficient feature representation in seizure detection systems.

Study 19: Deep Reinforcement Learning for Adaptive Seizure Detection (Liu et al., 2022)

Liu et al. introduced a deep reinforcement learning framework for adaptive seizure detection in EEG signals. The model dynamically adjusted parameters based on incoming data patterns. It improved real-time detection performance and adaptability. The approach showed promising results in handling non-stationary EEG signals. The study demonstrated the potential of reinforcement learning in adaptive biomedical systems.

Study 20: Lightweight CNN Models for Real-time EEG Analysis (Park et al., 2022)

Park et al. proposed lightweight convolutional neural networks for real-time seizure detection on resource-constrained devices. The model reduced computational complexity while maintaining high accuracy. It was optimized for deployment in wearable EEG systems. The study demonstrated efficient trade-offs between performance and resource utilization. The approach supported practical implementation in continuous patient monitoring systems.

Study 21: EEG Seizure Detection Using Hybrid Autoencoder-CNN Models (Zhao et al., 2021)

Zhao et al. proposed a hybrid model combining

autoencoders and convolutional neural networks for seizure detection. The autoencoder performed unsupervised feature learning, while CNN handled classification. This integration improved feature representation and classification accuracy. The model demonstrated robustness against noise and artifacts in EEG signals. The study highlighted the effectiveness of combining unsupervised and supervised learning approaches.

Study 22: Multi-scale CNN for EEG Signal Classification (Zhang et al., 2021)

Zhang et al. introduced a multi-scale convolutional neural network to capture features at different temporal resolutions. The architecture improved detection of subtle seizure patterns across varying frequency bands. The model achieved higher accuracy and sensitivity compared to standard CNNs. It also enhanced generalization across datasets. The study emphasized the importance of multi-scale feature extraction in EEG analysis.

Study 23: Deep Siamese Networks for EEG Pattern Matching (Chen et al., 2022)

Chen et al. utilized Siamese networks to learn similarity metrics between EEG segments for seizure detection. The model effectively distinguished ictal and interictal states by comparing signal patterns. It performed well with limited labeled data. The approach demonstrated strong generalization capabilities across subjects. The study highlighted the usefulness of metric learning in EEG classification.

Study 24: EEG Seizure Detection Using GAN-based Data Augmentation (Luo et al., 2022)

Luo et al. proposed the use of generative adversarial networks to augment EEG datasets and address data imbalance. The synthetic data improved model training and classification performance. The approach enhanced sensitivity and reduced overfitting. It also increased robustness to variability in EEG signals. The study demonstrated the effectiveness of GAN-based augmentation in biomedical applications.

Study 25: Attention-guided CNN for Seizure Detection (Wang et al., 2021)

Wang et al. developed an attention-guided CNN model that focused on important EEG segments during classification. The attention mechanism improved interpretability and detection accuracy. The model reduced false alarms and improved sensitivity. It also demonstrated robustness across multiple datasets. The study reinforced the importance of attention mechanisms in deep learning models.

Study 26: EEG Classification Using Deep Metric Learning (Singh et al., 2022)

Singh et al. applied deep metric learning techniques to improve EEG signal classification. The model learned discriminative embeddings for ictal and interictal states. It achieved high accuracy and improved generalization across subjects. The approach reduced dependence on large labeled datasets. The study highlighted the effectiveness of embedding-based learning in seizure detection.

Study 27: Optimization of CNN using Bayesian Techniques (Patel et al., 2021)

Patel et al. utilized Bayesian optimization to fine-tune hyperparameters of convolutional neural networks. The approach improved classification accuracy and reduced training time. It provided a systematic method for selecting optimal model configurations. The study demonstrated superior performance compared to manual tuning methods. The work emphasized the role of probabilistic optimization in deep learning.

Study 28: EEG Seizure Detection Using Temporal Convolutional Networks (Kim et al., 2022)

Kim et al. proposed temporal convolutional networks to model long-range temporal dependencies in EEG signals. The model achieved high accuracy and faster training compared to recurrent networks. It demonstrated stability in handling sequential data. The approach improved detection of early seizure patterns. The study highlighted the advantages of convolution-based temporal modeling.

Study 29: Multi-modal Learning for Seizure Detection (Rahman et al., 2022)

Rahman et al. explored multi-modal learning by integrating EEG data with other physiological signals. The model improved detection accuracy by leveraging complementary information. It demonstrated robustness across diverse datasets. The approach enhanced reliability in clinical applications. The study emphasized the importance of multi-modal data fusion in healthcare systems.

Study 30: Edge Computing for Real-time EEG Seizure Detection (Das et al., 2023)

Das et al. proposed an edge computing framework for real-time seizure detection using optimized deep learning models. The system reduced latency and improved response time in clinical settings. It enabled deployment on portable and wearable devices. The approach demonstrated efficient resource utilization and scalability. The study highlighted the role of edge intelligence in modern healthcare applications.

Comparative Table

Study	Year	Method	Model	Data Type	Key Contribution	Performance
1	2018	Deep Learning	CNN	EEG	End-to-end learning	High accuracy
2	2019	Temporal Modeling	LSTM	EEG	Sequential learning	High sensitivity
3	2019	Hybrid DL	CNN-LSTM	EEG	Spatial-temporal fusion	Improved accuracy
4	2018	Signal + DL	Wavelet + DNN	EEG	Frequency decomposition	High precision
5	2020	Attention DL	Attention CNN	EEG	Feature weighting	Reduced false positives
6	2020	Transfer Learning	Pretrained CNN	EEG	Data efficiency	Improved generalization
7	2021	Optimization	GA + DNN	EEG	Hyperparameter tuning	Faster convergence
8	2020	3D Learning	3D CNN	Multi-channel EEG	Spatial-temporal modeling	High performance
9	2021	Residual Learning	ResNet	EEG	Deep architecture stability	Improved accuracy
10	2019	Unsupervised	Autoencoder	EEG	Feature compression	Efficient learning
11	2018	Deep Belief	DBN	EEG	Hierarchical features	Better classification
12	2019	Capsule Nets	CapsNet	EEG	Spatial hierarchy	Robust detection
13	2020	Graph Learning	GNN	Multi-channel EEG	Channel connectivity	High accuracy
14	2020	Temporal DL	Bi-LSTM	EEG	Bidirectional context	Improved sensitivity
15	2021	Transformer	Transformer	EEG	Long-range dependency	High scalability
16	2021	Ensemble	CNN+LSTM	EEG	Model fusion	Increased robustness
17	2021	Optimization	PSO + DNN	EEG	Parameter tuning	Improved performance
18	2019	Sparse Learning	Sparse DL	EEG	Efficient representation	Reduced complexity
19	2022	Reinforcement	DRL	EEG	Adaptive detection	Real-time improvement
20	2022	Lightweight DL	CNN	EEG	Edge deployment	Low latency
21	2021	Hybrid DL	AE + CNN	EEG	Feature enhancement	High accuracy
22	2021	Multi-scale	CNN	EEG	Multi-resolution features	Improved detection
23	2022	Metric Learning	Siamese	EEG	Similarity learning	Strong generalization
24	2022	Data Augmentation	GAN	EEG	Synthetic data	Reduced overfitting
25	2021	Attention DL	CNN	EEG	Focused learning	Better precision
26	2022	Metric Learning	Deep Embedding	EEG	Discriminative features	High accuracy
27	2021	Optimization	Bayesian CNN	EEG	Hyperparameter tuning	Efficient training
28	2022	Temporal DL	TCN	EEG	Long sequence	Fast

					modeling	convergence
29	2022	Multi-modal	Hybrid DL	EEG + Signals	Data fusion	Improved reliability
30	2023	Edge AI	Optimized DL	EEG	Real-time processing	Low latency

Analysis Based on Literature Review

The reviewed studies collectively demonstrate a significant evolution in seizure detection methodologies, transitioning from traditional machine learning approaches to advanced deep learning and optimization-based frameworks. Early works primarily focused on convolutional and recurrent architectures for extracting spatial and temporal features from EEG signals. Over time, hybrid models integrating CNN and LSTM architectures emerged as effective solutions for capturing complex dependencies. The incorporation of attention mechanisms, transformer networks, and graph neural networks further enhanced model performance by improving feature representation and interpretability. Optimization techniques such as genetic algorithms, particle swarm optimization, and Bayesian methods played a crucial role in fine-tuning model parameters and improving convergence efficiency. Additionally, the use of data augmentation, transfer learning, and unsupervised learning addressed challenges related to limited data availability and variability. Recent advancements emphasize lightweight and edge-deployable models, enabling real-time seizure detection in clinical and wearable environments. Overall, the literature indicates a strong trend toward integrated, adaptive, and scalable systems for accurate ictal and interictal classification.

Discussion

The integration of deep learning and optimization techniques has significantly enhanced the performance of automatic seizure detection systems using multi-channel scalp EEG data. Deep learning models, particularly convolutional and recurrent neural networks, have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in extracting meaningful patterns from complex EEG signals without requiring extensive manual feature engineering. Hybrid architectures combining spatial and temporal learning have proven especially effective in distinguishing ictal and interictal states. Furthermore, the introduction of attention mechanisms and transformer-based models has improved both accuracy and interpretability, enabling better understanding of model decisions.

Optimization techniques have played a vital role in refining model performance by addressing challenges such as hyperparameter tuning,

convergence speed, and computational efficiency. Methods such as genetic algorithms, particle swarm optimization, and Bayesian optimization have enabled systematic exploration of optimal model configurations. Additionally, the incorporation of data augmentation techniques, including generative adversarial networks, has mitigated the issue of limited labeled data, which is a common constraint in biomedical applications.

Despite these advancements, several challenges remain. Inter-patient variability and noise in EEG signals continue to affect model generalization. Moreover, the deployment of deep learning models in real-time clinical environments requires careful consideration of computational constraints and latency. Future research should focus on developing more robust, interpretable, and energy-efficient models that can be seamlessly integrated into wearable devices and clinical decision support systems. The combination of multi-modal data and adaptive learning frameworks holds promise for further improving seizure detection accuracy and reliability.

Conclusion

Automatic seizure detection using multi-channel scalp EEG has advanced considerably through deep learning and optimization techniques. This review highlights the effectiveness of optimized learning networks in accurately distinguishing ictal and interictal states. Deep learning architectures, including convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, transformer models, and hybrid frameworks, effectively capture complex spatial and temporal EEG patterns while minimizing manual feature engineering. Optimization methods, such as evolutionary algorithms, swarm intelligence, and Bayesian optimization, further enhance model performance by improving hyperparameter tuning, convergence, and computational efficiency. Data augmentation, transfer learning, and generative adversarial networks address limitations of small and imbalanced datasets, enabling more robust seizure detection systems. Despite these advances, challenges remain, including signal variability, noise, limited annotated datasets, and the need for interpretable models suitable for clinical decision-making. Future research should focus on explainable AI, multimodal

physiological data integration, adaptive learning, and edge computing for real-time applications. These developments will support accurate, scalable, and clinically reliable seizure detection systems, ultimately improving epilepsy diagnosis, patient monitoring, and overall healthcare outcomes.

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