

The Neurological Nexus: Exploring EEG, Facial Recognition, and Graph Algorithms in Mental Health AI

Murad Khan¹, Abdul Mannan Khan Sherani², Ahmad Bacha^{3*}

¹American National University, Salem, Virginia

^{2,3}Washington University of Science and Technology, Virginia

¹khanm@students.an.edu, ²asherani.student@wust.edu, ³abacha.student@wust.edu



ABSTRACT

Corresponding Author

Ahmad Bacha

abacha.student@wust.edu

Article History:

Submitted: 05-01-2025

Accepted: 20-01-2025

Published: 26-01-2025

Keywords

Mental Health, EEG, Facial Recognition, Graph Algorithms, Depression, Anxiety.

Brilliance: Research of Artificial Intelligence is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial 4.0 International (CC BY-NC 4.0).

The spread of depression anxiety and schizophrenia as mental health disorders creates demanding diagnostic and therapeutic hurdles for healthcare providers. Conventional patient examination requires patient words and doctor observation next to being slow and feeling dependent. New artificial intelligence technology helps doctors make better mental health diagnoses. This research studies how combining EEG readings with facial detection technology and graph analysis helps doctors better recognize mental health problems and treat them. EEG machines measure brain activity whereas facial recognition tools study emotional reactions to predict psychological states. Graph algorithms help us understand and interpret connections between neurological measurements. This work studies how different technologies work together and what computer processing problems they bring alongside ethical risks during mental health programs. By bringing these tools together we aim to improve disease detection methods and support both immediate medical tracking plus individual treatment programs.

INTRODUCTION

The global public health picture shows more people are developing depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and other central nervous system problems. WHO statistics indicate mental and neurological disorders strike one quarter of the world's population during their lifetime. Finding and treating mental health illnesses proves hard because most diagnostic practices depend on patient self-reports that can be unreliable. Doctors mainly depend on conversations while evaluating behavior, but this judgment often produces wrong results. Clinical staff needs uninterrupted patient



assessment because these observations help them track health changes through time [1].

Improved artificial intelligence systems now offer better ways to tackle these diagnostic obstacles. Advances in machine learning DL and neural networks technology enable automated improvements to medical diagnosis systems. Specific mental health diagnosis and treatment methods gain power through EEG brainwave monitoring and facial recognition combined with graph algorithms [2].

Brain electrical activity measured through EEG delivers safe real-time monitoring of neural processes to reveal specific changes in brain patterns of mental health issues. Research into brainwave reading has linked alpha, beta, and theta frequencies to specific conditions including depression, anxiety and epilepsy. EEG gives us important brain data, but it cannot show everything about someone's emotional state [3].

Deep learning technologies behind facial recognition systems have developed rapidly and deliver new abilities to identify emotional states. Technology can read emotional expressions from faces better than humans alone at observing medical situations. Research shows emotional indicators including happy, sad, fearful and angry expressions link with different mental health problems. Healthcare providers can better understand patient mental health by studying brain activity and facial expression patterns at the same time [4].

Network theory-based graph algorithms power a fresh way to understand intricate systems. The specific connections between brain areas show up clearly in graph calculations that process EEG neural data to find linkages between brain regions. Brain region connections show neural network issues which correspond to mental health problems. A change in connectivity between the prefrontal cortex and limbic regions shows potential in identifying mood disorders particularly depression [5]. This work studies how EEG brain patterns and facial recognition patterns work together with graph analytics to identify mental health conditions. The research demonstrates how AI systems using these technologies deliver precise real-time evaluations of mental illnesses. Our study works to identify the problems and risks facing this technology integration into patient care [6].

LITERATURE REVIEW

Researchers have devoted substantial attention to studying mental health using EEG brain scans facial recognition technology and graph algorithms over recent decades. Scientists have studied EEG technology to reveal how different brainwaves show up in mental health patients. Researchers find brainwave patterns from EEG recordings that help them recognize mental health disorders such as depression, anxiety, epilepsy, and schizophrenia. These brain measurements together with patient data help doctors make better assessments [7].

The ability of facial recognition systems to identify emotions helps professionals use technology for

mental health treatment. Scientific research has always depended on facial expression study to see how feelings work and to identify mental health conditions. Modern machine learning technologies in facial recognition help systems identify how emotions show in facial features to spot conditions like depression stress and anxiety [8].

Recent years show growing interest in using graph algorithms within computational neuroscience studies. Scientists study brain connectivity and interaction patterns when they translate neural data into graph presentations. Brain region connectivity patterns reveal new insights through graph-theoretic evaluation methods that analyze centrality organization and community structure. These tools show how differences exist in brain functioning between healthy and mentally ill subjects. This scientific approach shows neural network problems that frequently appear alongside psychological disorders [9].

The research community works to combine neuroimaging with facial recognition and graph analysis into a single processing system, but scientists have not yet achieved this integration. Using multiple methods in mental health assessments produces better insights into patients' emotional states while giving doctors better ways to find out and watch patients [10].

TECHNOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK AND DATA PROCESSING

A multidisciplinary team combines EEG brainwave analysis with facial mapping and data pattern identification technologies to create a better system for mental health assessment. Each technology collects unique datasets and turns the data into valuable trends using advanced computational methods [11].

EEG Data Acquisition: Medical professionals use EEG testing to sense brain voltage levels without entering the body through small scalp electrodes. Our study gathered electric brain signals through EEG measurements from people with specific mental health disorders including depression, anxiety, schizophrenia plus a group of healthy individuals. The team observed participants during multiple tasks that produced defined mental states including relaxation, stress, and emotional strain. After removing noise our team analyzed EEG readings to find changes that distinguished each mental health disorder from normal brain activity. The study looked for ways to use different brain signal frequencies as medical markers for mental health disorders [12].

Facial Recognition System: Our research team recorded facial expressions from clinical assessment videos when participants responded to emotional triggers. Our system analyzes facial video records through CNN technology that reads large emotion databases marked by emotions like happiness, sadness, fear, and anger. Researchers developed the facial recognition system to spot precise emotional indicators from live video data that they examined over time together. The system

measured facial expressions to compare them against the measured brain activity from EEG scans and revealed emotional effects of mental health problems. Artificial Intelligence facial recognition tools recognize tiny expression changes better than human observers do [13].

Graph Algorithm Analysis: The researchers used graph analysis methods to study how brain areas connect in EEG measurements. Scientists built a brain network diagram where brain areas served as nodes and linked up when regions communicated functionally. Different measures of network structure helped us analyze how efficiently the brain's neural system works. Through centrality analysis our research found important parts of the brain that affect mental health while clustering coefficients showed us how different brain networks exist in the human brain. Our method groups different brain networks into separate clusters that work differently in people dealing with mental health problems. Our study revealed how specific brain areas connected with emotion control functions stop working properly when people develop depression or anxiety [14].

RESULTS

Our data study uncovered neural and emotional patterns that match different mental health problems across EEG brain scans facial image analysis and network modeling methods. Combining these technologies helped doctors study the basic causes of mental health diseases from different angles [15].

EEG Analysis: EEG data exposed clear brainwave patterns that help identify mental health problems.

- **Depression:** Depressed patients showed decreased alpha brainwaves at their frontal cortex. Depressed people show brainwave changes because their mind struggles to regulate emotion and find mental calm. Following the scan researchers found higher levels of theta brain activity in frontal and temporal regions which can represent problems with mental functions and emotions in depression patients [16].
- **Anxiety:** When research participants developed anxiety, their brain showed rise of beta waves mainly in the limbic system at the amygdala region. Higher beta wave activity during this brain mapping shows these individuals possess great mental activity plus strong emotional reactions to their stress. The research literature shows that anxiety disorders create an overactive stress response system, and our data matches these findings [17].
- **Control Group:** During the study healthy participants maintained even levels of brainwave frequencies across all regions. Frontal cortex alpha waves peaked more strongly in this group while beta waves existed yet at lower levels than other participants. Stillness during neural communication patterns showed up in healthy participants while these links seemed broken in people with mental illnesses [18].

EEG data proves effective at telling doctors which mental health problems a person has. EEG results from depressed and anxious people matched what researchers know about brain activity in their field.

Facial Recognition Findings: Our facial expression study found specific emotional patterns that link mental health conditions to depressive states.

- **Depression:** During interviews participants with depression showed lower levels of face expressions including natural smiles. Neural face analysis revealed that study participants showed mostly sad and neutral facial expressions at a slower speed than the control group. The AI system found emotional changes during interviews through facial expressions whether or not these changes were verbalized [19].
- **Anxiety:** Anxiety showed through fearful facial movements that included tension and nervousness. Our facial recognition system found wetted eyebrows combined with quick eye blinks many times. By monitoring expressions, the system spotted anxiety without the subject's attempt to conceal emotional signals. Our facial recognition tool tracked emotional distress in brainwave patterns through its detection of anxious facial expressions [20].
- **Control Group:** The healthy participants showed various positive feelings together with naturally relaxed expressions during the experiment. The participants displayed natural face movements which stood out strongly from the limited emotional expressions of depressive and anxious participants [21]. The facial recognition system proved that AI needs to analyze faces to collect useful handling facts which doctors might miss during routine visits for soft emotional changes.

Graph Algorithm Insights: Special brain network findings from EEG data help doctors better understand how mental health issues affect our neural connections.

- **Depression:** Graph results demonstrated that decreased connections occur between the prefrontal cortex and limbic regions but specifically to the amygdala that controls emotional processing. Depressed people show weaker brain connections that make emotion control hard for them. Depressed brain networks displayed reduced division between key emotional control regions during network analysis [22].
- **Anxiety:** For individuals with anxiety our tests show that the brain connects too many times between the amygdala and other regions that manage stress including the hypothalamus and insula. The brain areas work together more frequently than normal to handle fearful situations in these individuals. Brain networks in anxious individuals displayed poor segregation

because their brain regions sent too much data to one another despite needing separate operations [23].

- **Control Group:** The control group's biological networks maintained an equal degree of connection throughout their brain regions. The brain areas responsible for control and emotion worked together well to help manage feelings. The network showed distinct groups that organized emotional and cognitive mental processes into separate networks. Our research shows network organization impairment in depressed and anxious people which proves why brain network structure matters for overall mental health [24]. Our research with graph algorithms showed how mental health problems affect brain networks to let doctors see better what goes wrong in the brain.

DISCUSSION

Combined brain measurements help doctors understand brain and emotional health better while improving medical diagnosis tools for mental problems.

Combined Strengths of EEG, Facial Recognition, and Graph Algorithms: Our research achieves its strongest performance when it combines EEG data analysis with facial expression detection and network connections to produce mental health results. These three technologies offer separate ways to study how patients think about their mental health. EEG technology measures real brain activity to show the specific mind patterns linked to mental health disorders. Facial recognition adds emotional state analysis to support a complete visualization of mental health data. Graph-based analysis detects disruptions in brain networks that help explain how mental disorders affect patients with depression and anxiety [25].

Clinicians can better understand patients through the integration of these different medical data tools. Combining different forms of patient data allows experts to understand mental health better because each input reveals distinct information. Combining multiple expert disciplines offers us better diagnosis tools plus reduces subjectivity while continuously tracking patient health status.

Implications for Clinical Practice: These research results guide clinical work changes. The combination of AI systems that read EEG brain waves plus facial scans plus graph patterns helps doctors make better mental health accuracy in their diagnoses. Early detection of changes through technology lets doctors adjust patient care plans on the spot. Whenever a patient shows different brain patterns or facial expressions the system can adjust their treatment plan right away and create a better care experience [26]. The nonstop analysis of brain signals plus facial expressions provides fresh ways for us to respond quickly to illness issues. Over time mental health problems emerge yet clinicians may struggle to notice warning signs at the beginning. The combination of brain monitoring

devices and facial recognition systems lets us find minor emotional and brain activity problems sooner to help patients achieve better results through treatments.

Challenges and Limitations: Despite their strong potential several technical hurdles must be solved before these systems can be used broadly in medical practices. Processing extensive multidimensional datasets presents a key challenge to our system. Linking EEG data with facial recognition and graph analysis needs strong machine learning models and powerful computing to work everywhere yet remains challenging for places that lack these resources [27]. The accession of several quality datasets enables proper training for AI systems. Despite using limited study participants, the study needs validation with larger population testing. Brain structure variation and personal expression patterns among individuals affect how well these findings apply to other patients. Research teams should add participants from different backgrounds to test how these technologies work effectively within each type of population.

Ethical Considerations: Facial recognition technology generates severe ethical problems when applied to personal data without consent. Patients need privacy safeguards for their emotional screens and may refuse constant emotional monitoring. Organizations must establish strong security controls to protect all sensitive data they collect including facial patterns. Every participant needs written approval before joining the study and they must understand exactly what data will be recorded. Due to possible design flaws Artificial Intelligence systems may have unintended effects that hurt specific population groups. Researchers found facial recognition systems tend to generate incorrect results because they perform poorly when used with diverse racial and gender identities. Training AI systems across different types of data sources helps avoid bias in their decisions and produces equal results for everyone [28].

CONCLUSION

Combining EEG data analysis with facial recognition technology and graph methods produces a new way to diagnose mental health problems. The combination of these technologies provides both an accurate and complete view of how patients think and feel. Multichannel EEG scans give doctors information about mental health disorders through brain electrical patterns. The technology tracks emotional reactions instantly to help doctors make better psychological condition diagnoses. By studying how areas of the brain connect with each other graph algorithms reveal important pattern changes that are hard to detect through standard diagnostic tools.

These technologies working together help doctors make better mental health assessments and could offer entirely new ways to monitor and treat patients. AI programs can monitor patients' mental health continually through real-time testing so doctors can act fast and tailor individual therapy plans.

Current tools do not detect changes in symptoms that occur periodically when monitoring depression and anxiety.

Although these technologies display great promise there are key obstacles that affect their broad implementation. Efficient processing of this type of data demands strong machine learning systems that need powerful computing equipment to work effectively. New technologies need privacy protection and ethical guidelines especially for facial recognition methods. Consistently protecting patient data and using these systems ethically will be essential to making them work well.

Experts must study these technologies to improve their use in mental health testing systems. Research must continue to refine these systems for better diagnosis while adding support for diverse health conditions and showing how they work in medical settings. Bigger and more diverse datasets will help train mental health diagnosis tools that function reliably among different groups of patients.

Our combination of EEG data and facial recognition systems with graph algorithms shows strong potential to improve mental health diagnosis and treatment today. As AI evolves and technology improves these platforms will transform how healthcare teams help patients by providing better and more tailored care methods. Integrating modern technologies into medical practices lets doctors find mental health problems sooner with better treatments that help patients enjoy better lives.

REFERENCES

- [1]. World Health Organization. Neurological disorders: public health challenges. World Health Organization; 2006.
- [2]. Mehta A, Niaz M, Adetoro A, Nwagwu U. Advancements in Manufacturing Technology for the Biotechnology Industry: The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Trends. International Journal of Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. 2024; 8(2):12-8.
- [3]. Ismail WW, Hanif M, Mohamed SB, Hamzah N, Rizman ZI. Human emotion detection via brain waves study by using electroencephalogram (EEG). International Journal on Advanced Science, Engineering and Information Technology. 2016 Dec; 6(6):1005-11.
- [4]. Kamuni N, Dodda S, Arlagadda JS, Vemasani P. Advancements in Reinforcement Learning Techniques for Robotics. Journal of Basic Science and Engineering. 19:101-11.
- [5]. Husnain, A., Alomari, G., & Saeed, A. (2024). AI-driven integrated hardware and software solution for EEG-based detection of depression and anxiety. International Journal for Multidisciplinary Research (IJFMR), 6(3), 1-24.
- [6]. Ash JS, Berg M, Coiera E. Some unintended consequences of information technology in health care: the nature of patient care information system-related errors. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. 2004 Mar 1; 11(2):104-12.



- [7]. Thatoi, P., Choudhary, R., Shiwlani, A., Qureshi, H. A., & Kumar, S. (2023). Natural language processing (NLP) in the extraction of clinical information from electronic health records (EHRs) for cancer prognosis. *International Journal*, 10(4), 2676-2694.
- [8]. Bota PJ, Wang C, Fred AL, Da Silva HP. A review, current challenges, and future possibilities on emotion recognition using machine learning and physiological signals. *IEEE access*. 2019 Sep 26; 7:140990-1020.
- [9]. Dodda S, Kamuni N, Vuppalapati VS, Narasimharaju JS, Vemasani P. AI-driven Personalized Recommendations: Algorithms and Evaluation. *Propulsion Tech Journal*. 44.
- [10]. Saeed, A., Husnain, A., Zahoor, A., & Gondal, R. M. (2024). A comparative study of cat swarm algorithm for graph coloring problem: Convergence analysis and performance evaluation. *International Journal of Innovative Research in Computer Science and Technology (IJIRCST)*, 12(4), 1-9.
- [11]. Choudhary V, Patel K, Niaz M, Panwala M, Mehta A, Choudhary K. Implementation of Next-Gen IoT to Facilitate Strategic Inventory Management System and Achieve Logistics Excellence. In 2024 International Conference on Trends in Quantum Computing and Emerging Business Technologies 2024 Mar 22 (pp. 1-6). IEEE.
- [12]. Chen, JJ. Husnain, A., Cheng, WW. (2024). Exploring the Trade-Off between Performance and Cost in Facial Recognition: Deep Learning Versus Traditional Computer Vision. In: Arai, K. (eds) *Intelligent Systems and Applications*. IntelliSys 2023. *Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems*, vol 823. Springer, Cham.
- [13]. Khan AH, Zainab H, Khan R, Hussain HK. Deep Learning in the Diagnosis and Management of Arrhythmias. *Journal of Social Research*. 2024 Dec 6;4(1):50-66.
- [14]. Ahmad, A., Dharejo, N., Saeed, F., Shiwlani, A., Tahir, A., & Umar, M. (2024). Prediction of fetal brain and heart abnormalities using artificial intelligence algorithms: A review. *American Journal of Biomedical Science & Research*, 22(3), 456-466.
- [15]. Kan DP, Lee PF. Decrease alpha waves in depression: An electroencephalogram (EEG) study. In 2015 International Conference on BioSignal Analysis, Processing and Systems (ICBAPS) 2015 May 26 (pp. 156-161). IEEE.
- [16]. MEHTA A, CHOUDHARY V, NIAZ M, NWAGWU U. Artificial Intelligence Chatbots and Sustainable Supply Chain Optimization in Manufacturing: Examining the Role of Transparency, Innovativeness, and Industry. 2023 Jul; 4.

- [17]. Cohen MX, Elger CE, Fell J. Oscillatory activity and phase–amplitude coupling in the human medial frontal cortex during decision making. *Journal of cognitive neuroscience*. 2008 Feb 1; 21(2):390-402.
- [18]. Husnain, A., & Saeed, A. (2024). AI-enhanced depression detection and therapy: Analyzing the VPSYC system. *IRE Journals*, 8(2), 162-168.
- [19]. Mehta A, Niaz M, Adetoro A, Nwagwu U. Advancements in Manufacturing Technology for the Biotechnology Industry: The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Trends. *International Journal of Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics*. 2024; 8(2):12-8.
- [20]. Priyadarshani M, Kumar P, Babulal KS, Rajput DS, Patel H. Human Brain Waves Study using EEG and Deep Learning for Emotion Recognition. *IEEE Access*. 2024 Jul 15.
- [21]. Dodda S, Kamuni N, Arlagadda JS, Vuppalapati VS, Vemasani P. A Survey of Deep Learning Approaches for Natural Language Processing Tasks. *International Journal on Recent and Innovation Trends in Computing and Communication*. 9:27-36.
- [22]. Abid N. Enhanced IoT Network Security with Machine Learning Techniques for Anomaly Detection and Classification. *Int. J. Curr. Eng. Technol*. 2023; 13(6):536-44.
- [23]. Khan AH, Zainab H, Khan R, Hussain HK. Deep Learning in the Diagnosis and Management of Arrhythmias. *Journal of Social Research*. 2024 Dec 6; 4(1):50-66.
- [24]. Borsboom D. A network theory of mental disorders. *World psychiatry*. 2017 Feb; 16(1):5-13.
- [25]. Arif A, Khan MI, Khan A. An overview of cyber threats generated by AI. *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Sciences and Arts*. 2024; 3(4):67-76.
- [26]. Benedetti F. The patient's brain: the neuroscience behind the doctor-patient relationship. OUP Oxford; 2010 Oct 7.
- [27]. Khan MI, Arif A, Khan A. AI's Revolutionary Role in Cyber Defense and Social Engineering. *International Journal of Multidisciplinary Sciences and Arts*. 2024; 3(4):57-66.
- [28]. Mehrabi N, Morstatter F, Saxena N, Lerman K, Galstyan A. A survey on bias and fairness in machine learning. *ACM computing surveys (CSUR)*. 2021 Jul 13; 54(6):1-35.