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# Enhancing Motor-Imagery-Based Brain Computer Interface (BCI) Classification Performance Based on Common Spatial Pattern (CSP) Techniques

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Abstract

This study develops an optimized Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture integrated with the Common Spatial Pattern (CSP) method to enhance the classification performance of motor-imagery-based brain–computer interface (BCI) systems. Motor-imagery BCIs utilize brain activity to enable communication and control of external devices and have demonstrated encouraging potential as assistive technologies for individuals with motor limitations. However, the non-stationary and complex characteristics of electroencephalography (EEG) signals make the extraction of pertinent discriminative information challenging, thereby limiting classification accuracy and overall system performance. To address this limitation, the proposed approach combines the CSP algorithm, which effectively extracts discriminative spatial features from multichannel EEG signals, with an optimized CNN framework designed to make improved use of the learned spatial filters. The methodology comprises preprocessing of the acquired EEG signals, application of CSP for extraction of relevant spatial features, and subsequent training and classification using the optimized CNN architecture. The performance of the proposed CSP–CNN strategy was evaluated using publicly accessible benchmark datasets and compared with an existing state-of-the-art deep neural network approach based on DNN-FBCSP. The proposed architecture achieved a classification accuracy of 98.80%, compared with 88.10% obtained using the existing DNN-FBCSP approach, demonstrating a substantial improvement in motor-imagery classification performance. In addition to improved classification accuracy, the developed framework is intended to reduce computational complexity and enhance the practical usability of motor-imagery-based BCI systems. These improvements demonstrate the potential of the optimized CSP–CNN framework to support the development of efficient and reliable assistive technologies for individuals with motor disorders.

Keywords

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## INTRODUCTION

Motor imagery-based brain computer interfaces (BCIs) are a promising technology that allows persons with movement impairments to use their brain activity to engage with their surroundings. When performing motor imagery tasks such as visualizing left- or right-handed motions, these BCIs use scalp-captured electroencephalography (EEG) signals to decode the user's intents. These signals can be used by machine learning algorithms to classify the planned activities and translate them into commands that operate external devices. However, it is challenging to accomplish accurate and trustworthy categorization due to the high complexity, unpredictability, and noise of EEG signals (Thomas, et al. 2017).

Feature extraction is a crucial step in motor imagery-based BCI systems, which extracts relevant information from the EEG, signals to differentiate between different mental tasks. The Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern (CSP) algorithm is one of the many feature extraction techniques that have been put forth; it has produced promising results. CSP extracts frequency domain spatial filters to enhance the discriminative information in EEG data related to motor imagery. The ensuing classification step usually depends on traditional machine learning models, which might not fully capture complicated spatial and temporal relationships, even though deep learning methods are better at doing so (Abdulkader, 2015).

Since brain impulses are used as inputs for brain-computer interfaces, many non-invasive and invasive approaches have been developed. Both non-invasive techniques like electroencephalography (EEG), magnetoencephalography (MEG), functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), and local field potentials (LFP) are available, as well as invasive techniques like functional near-infrared spectroscopy (FNIRS), grid recordings from the cortex (ECoG), and multi-unit activities (S. Zhang, 2019). Of all the methods discussed, EEG-based systems have been extensively studied and put into practice because of their properties that allow for portability, flexibility, and non-intrusiveness. Motor imagery is a prominent use of EEG-based BCI systems, in which the device uses the motor cortex's activity while the user imagines moving their limbs. Machine learning algorithms are widely employed to model high-definition datasets and generate predictions on data regarded as an experience in order to record and interpret this movement related brain activity.

Much progress has been made in the last few years in using BCI in biological systems, including the identification and diagnosis of cancers and neurological conditions (Thomas, et al. 2017).

Feature extraction, categorization, signal preprocessing, and signal acquisition are the parts of a BCI system (Abdulkader, 2015). When a voluntary task is finished, the brain's electrical activity is recorded by signal acquisition. Procedures for acquiring signals usually have two approaches: non-invasive and invasive. As part of the invasive signal acquisition process, which involves surgery, electrodes are placed on the surface of the brain. Obtaining the signal without requiring any surgical procedures is known as non-invasive acquisition.

As a communication strategy, motor imagery (MI) has been extensively used in non-invasive BCI (Mengxi Dai et al. 2018). The power of EEG signals in certain frequency bands changes when one imagines moving hands, feet, or the tongue, according to (J. Mellinger, 2010), the Brain Sensors and Signals. An increase in the EEG signal's power within a certain frequency band is known as an event-related synchronization (ERS). On the other hand, a drop in EEG signal strength is referred to as an Event-Related Desynchronization (ERD) (Lotte, et at., 2009). For instance, when a left-hand movement is imagined, the motor cortex's contralateral ERD (i.e., the left motor cortex for hand movements on the right) is activated in the μ (about 8-12) and β (about 16-24) bands during movement imagination, and this results in an ERS in the β band shortly after the movement imagination concludes. A novel MI pattern classification based on the direction of both hands' movement was recently proposed by (S. Zhang, 2019). To distinguish between the directions of the hands' movements, they employed a support vector machine (SVM) and the common spatial pattern (CSP) technique for feature extraction. In order to increase the accuracy of EEG MI classification, (S. U. Amin, 2019) suggested combining CNNs with various features and architectures. This technique would enhance the convolutional neural network (CNN) models. These methods, however, either produce poor accuracy results or take a long time for the motor imagery system to mature.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

The term Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) refers to a technology that allows people to communicate with external devices by measuring brain signals and converting them into an interactive application command, (Shuaibu Z. and Li. Q., 2020), despite the fact that motor-imagery-based BCIs have advanced significantly. By granting people suffering from myotropic lateral sclerosis (ALS), paralysis, and muscle impairment an alternative means of communication that converts the way they think into a command for the control of devices around them without doing anything physically, brain-computer interface (BCI) applications seek to lessen their limitations.

Comparing invasive techniques that assess a patient's brain signal via brain surgery, non-invasive electroencephalography (EEG) is by far the most popular method for obtaining the user's brain signal because it carries less risk and is simple to set up for BCI. (Lotte, F. et al., 2022). For the past thirty years, EEG signal processing has been a significant and fascinating topic. According to (Längkvist, M. et al., 2012), it has been applied to a variety of tasks, such as assessing sleep stages and managing mobile robots. It was once employed in clinical neurology for purposes like diagnosing epilepsy, identifying epileptic seizures, and locating epileptic form discharges. (Song, Ye. et al., 2012). If traditional feature extraction methods and machine learning models underutilize the capabilities of deep learning techniques, the effectiveness of motor-imagery-based BCIs may be compromised. On the other hand, one of the most well-liked and effective approaches for machine learning issues including pattern recognition, picture categorization, and object detection is the convolutional neural network (CNN). (Chan K. et al., 2015). (Mahmood A, et al., 2025)

Segmentation-enhanced approach for emotion detection from EEG signals using the fuzzy C-mean and SVM. The purpose of the paper is the demonstration that emotions may be identified using EEG recordings in the hybrid approach based on the differentiated support vector machine (SVM) models with various types of kernel functions, as well as fuzzy C-means. The EEG signal of two subjects was recorded with the help of the Muse headband; the signal data was described as positive, neutral, or negative emotions. A Gauss kernel was the second-best outcome (95.78%), and a linear kernel was the best outcome (97.66%). A multi-atlas guided Convolutional Network (CNN) with new pathway integration in the network was proposed by (Fang *et al.*, 2019) for brain labeling. Additionally, this CNN can be used with other ConvNet techniques such as the Long Short-Term Memory Network (LSTM) and Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) (2016).

After identifying significant temporal markings, (Zhang *et al.*, 2019) proposed sparse filter band common spatial patterns, called FBCSP (Filter Bank Common Spatial Patterns), as a solution to the CSP problem when handling subject-specific frequency ranges. This technique automatically identifies significant temporal markings. After selecting these frequency bands, the original EEG readings are filtered independently using the appropriate band-pass filters and the features are extracted from each filter's output using CSP. Finally, they attained a high degree of accuracy in their prediction of the imagined motor actions by feeding the features into an SVM classifier.

According to research by (Neam *et al.*, 2021) titled "Separability of four-class motor imagery data using independent components analysis," CSP performs better than ICA in the majority of situations when compared to the three independent component analysis methods. Since CSP is only meant to provide a spatial filter that increases the discriminability of two classes, they decided to construct four filters and apply the one-versus-all rule to handle all four classes (which represent their corresponding imagined movements) simultaneously.

Numerous studies have looked into the application of the CSP algorithm for feature extraction in motor-imagery-based BCIs. It has been demonstrated that CSP can extract frequency-domain spatial filters to improve the discriminative power of EEG data. These filters better distinguish between various classes and capture pertinent data pertaining to motor imagery tasks. However, the majority of current works use conventional machine learning algorithms for classification following FBCSP, which might not completely utilize deep learning models.

A new classification system for MI patterns based on the way of both hands' motions was presented by (Zhang et al., 2019). To distinguish between the directions of the hands' movements, they employed a support vector machine (SVM) and the common spatial pattern (CSP) technique for feature extraction.

As to the assessments by (G. Entertainment and M. Outlook, 2017), the video game industry is already quite significant. In the near future, BCI games could be a very interesting field for this technology's application.

According to (Allison et al., 2014), the first person to use BCI technology was a gamer. If BCIs offer practical functionality, then BCI games could be a very promising field for this technology's use in the near future.

The study by (Joseph N. Mak and Jonathan R. Wolpaw 2022) Power consumption is an issue with the BCI that wirelessly transmits the EEG signal from the headband to the controller. Since multichannel systems must transmit their signals over the air and consume a lot of power, they are dependent on multichannel interfaces for EEG measurement. Although the introduction of compression techniques can lower power requirements, they still create a bottleneck in the system because the digitizing block must be introduced before the compression block.

After completing a thorough analysis of mathematical techniques developed over a ten-year period, (Lotte et al., 2020) divided classification algorithms for EEG-based BCI into four fundamental groups. They conducted a thorough analysis of classifier performance and looked at situations with limited data; in these cases, random forest and shrinkage LDA proved to be excellent tricks for BCI. They also offered some suggestions for choosing an appropriate BCI method based on their examination of categorization algorithms.

(Aggarwal and Chugh, 2019) also analyzed other BCI classification research in terms of feature extraction methodology and classification methods. They proposed that CSP is the most advised method for feature extraction, even though it depends on several factors, such frequency classification method. They claimed that SVM is the most popular classifier since it is unaffected by the curse of dimensionality. The shallow convolutional neural network, a deep learning architecture, did, however, come to be recognized and outperformed the traditional classification methods.

Consequently, to boost classification accuracy in motor-imagery-based BCIs, a better technique is needed that effectively blends the benefits of CNNs and the CSP. The main contributions of the proposed method are:

a. Designed CNN framework architecture that integrates the CSP filters.
b. Developed the CNN model that incorporates the CSP.
c. Improved the Common Spatial pattern algorithm (CSP) to extract features from EEG signals
d. Improved the classification metrics for the suggested strategy (CSP-CNN).

## MATERIALS AND METHOD

The suggested methodology is broken down into multiple steps, such as preprocessing the data, utilizing the CSP algorithm to extract features, and training an efficient CNN framework.

This architecture can be visualized as a block diagram or flowchart, with each component clearly defined and connected.

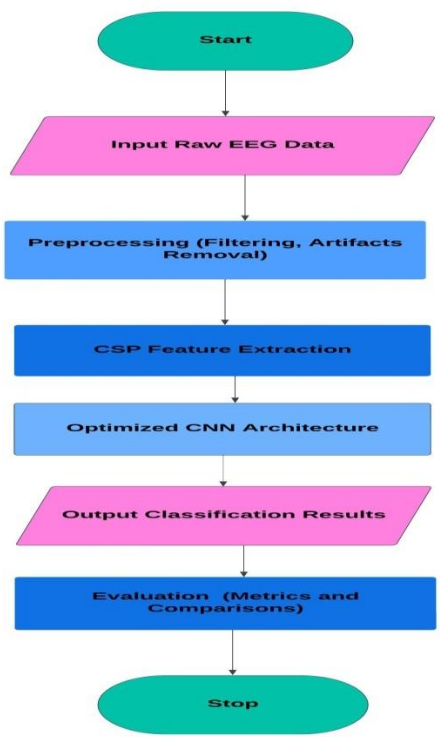


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**Figure 1:** Methodology framework architecture

The steps involved in the methodology are outlined below:

1. Data Preprocessing:
   a. Acquired publicly available benchmark datasets for motor-imagery-based BCIs.
   b. Removed artifacts and noise from the EEG signals using appropriate preprocessing techniques, such as filtering, artifact removal algorithms, and noise reduction methods.
2. Feature Extraction using CSP:
   a. Implementation and optimization of the CSP algorithm to extract frequency-domain spatial filters from preprocessed EEG signals, using the following equation.

$$x = \sum_I w_i x_i = wX \quad (1)$$

   X is a matrix whose $i^{th}$ row is $x_i$, i.e., X is the matrix of EEG signals from all channels, and $x_i$ is the EEG signal from channel i, $w_i$ the weight assigned to that channel in the spatial filter.

   b. Apply the CSP filters to the preprocessed EEG signals to obtain feature matrices using CSP algorithm that capture discriminative information related to motor imagery tasks. The CSP locates spatial filters whose values would differ between classes to the greatest extent possible, resulting in band-pass features that are optimally discriminant. Because their most helpful aspects are band-pass features, CSP is especially helpful for BCI based on motor imagery-based activity.
   Formally, CSP uses the spatial filters to obtain feature matrix from the EEG signals which extremes the following matrix:

   - **KERNEL MATRIX:** This particular kind of filter is used to extract features from input data. It is a matrix that extracts an output in matrix format by applying the dot product function to a portion of the input data. The stride value is used by the kernel to move on the input data. The feature map's size is determined using equation (2).

$$O = [Z - K] + 1 \quad (2)$$

*Where; O = Feature map, Z = Input size, K = Kernel size, O = [5 – 3] + 1 = 3*

   - **STRIDE:** Stride enables the kernel or filter to shift a single pixel from left to right and top to bottom across the input data. The amount that the input data travels once the filter is utilized is measured by the stride. Equation (3) describes how to obtain the feature output using stride.

$$O = ([Z - K]/S) + 1 \quad (3)$$

*Where; O = Feature map, Z = Input size, K = Kernel size, S = Stride*

$$O = ([5 - 3]/2) + 1 = 2$$

   - **PADDING:** This method requires adding pixels to the data's edge in order to address problems with the input data's border. Equation (4) can be used to calculate the feature output's size.

$$O = [(Z - k + 2P)/S] + 1 \quad (4)$$

*O = Feature map, Z = Input size, K = Kernel size, S = Stride size and P = Padding size, O = ([5 – 3 + 2 * 1]/1) + 1 = 5.*

- **POOLING:** In order to do this, the identified features in the feature maps are down-sampled by summarizing their presence in patches. A feature's average presence and most activated existence can be summarized using a variety of pooling methods, two of which are average pooling and maximum pooling, respectively. The goal of pooling is to decrease the quantity of the data while maintaining all of the important characteristics.
  - **Max pooling:** This takes the greatest number of the group's selected elements and eliminates any features that don't fit when a set of data is a 2x2 matrix.
  - **Averages pooling:** If the data set is a 2x2 matrix, the sum of all the numbers in the designated group of matrix components is calculated, and any features that fail to fit into the matrix are eliminated.

3. CNN Framework Design and Implementation:
   a. Design and implement a CNN architecture that integrates the CSP filters.
   b. Define appropriate hyper-parameters, such as network depth, kernel sizes, and activation functions, based on empirical studies and prior knowledge.
   c. Train the CNN using the feature matrixes obtained from the CSP filters, utilizing appropriate training techniques like adaptive optimization algorithms.
      - **FLATTENING MATRIX:** This transforms the featured map matrix into a one-dimensional matrix for picture classification, which is then fed into the neural network for classification.

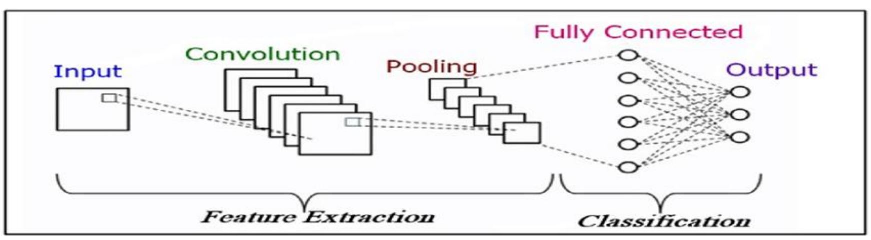


Figure 2: CNN flow diagrams

4. Dataset Preparation and Evaluation:
   a. Split the benchmark datasets into training, validation, and testing sets.
   b. Perform cross-validation and/or train-test splits to ensure unbiased evaluation.
   c. Train the optimized CNN framework using the training set and tune hyper-parameters using the validation set.
   d. Utilizing the testing set, assess the trained CNN framework's classification performance.

5. Performance Comparison and Analysis:
    a. Compare the classification accuracy, computational complexity, and usability of the proposed approach with existing state-of-the-art methods.
    b. Analyze the results, discussing the strengths and limitations of the proposed approach.
    c. Identify potential areas for improvement and future research directions.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### RESULT

Prior to choosing the suggested CSP-CNN, a number of tests were carried out. Classification accuracy and CNN training duration were taken into account while determining the amount of CSP features and CNN hyper parameters. The proposed CNN was trained using a variety of input types, including band-passed raw EEG data, frequency domain EEG data, time-domain EEG data, CSP feature data, and FBCSP feature data. The multiple CNN hyper parameters were used to train each input.

1. The CNN's feature selection is significant for the input data, as my experiment shows that the selected characteristics are helpful for the EEG data and that the network is clearly learning from the EEG data input.

2. Keep in mind that using CNN to raw EEG data is fairly expensive because each EEG is represented by a 403-by-626 matrix. Consequently, only CSP features were subjected to the hyper characteristic selection process, and the CNN characteristics chosen for the suggested CSP-CNN were then applied to the remaining input.

### Comparison of Traditional methods, FBCSP-DNN and proposed CSP-CNN

To validate the CSP-CNN and investigate its function for motor imaging classification, we contrasted it with the conventional techniques (SVM, KNN, LDA, FBCSP-DNN, and CSP-CNN). Table 1 shows that for all EGGs utilizing the identical features input, the average classification accuracy of CSP-CNN performs better than that of classifiers using traditional approaches. This demonstrates how well CSP-CNN represents data compared to more conventional classifier approaches that extract the majority of hierarchical features from CSP characteristics prior to classification.

For all EEGs, CSP-CNN outperforms classifiers using standard methods with an average classification accuracy of 98.80%, compared to 81.12%, 69.50%, 82.53%, and 88.10% for SVM, KNN, LDA, and FBCSP-DNN. The standard deviation of other approaches is also higher than the proposed CSP-CNN. This illustrates how adaptable the suggested technique is to variations that take place in between MI signal recording sessions.

**Table 1: BCI competition dataset BCIIV2 EEGs Classification accuracy % (mean + standard deviation) for SVM, KNN, LDA, FBCSP-DNN, and CSP-CNN**

| EEGs | SVM±SD | KNN±SD | LDA±SD | FBCSP-DNN ±SD | CSP-CNN (Proposed method) ±SD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EEG 1** | 81.12±1.71 | 69.50±2.51 | 82.53±2.37 | 88.10±0.55 | 98.80±0.26 |
| **EEG 2** | 72.71±1.82 | 58.41±7.73 | 72.12±1.74 | 73.94±0.88 | 85.14±0.28 |
| **EEG 3** | 82.64±2.17 | 76.00±2.49 | 82.29±1.78 | 83.42±1.21 | 98.80±0.27 |
| **EEG 4** | 58.29±3.48 | 50.29±3.53 | 58.17±4.00 | 68.50±1.80 | 73.65±0.28 |
| **EEG 5** | 48.88±3.44 | 36.82±1.88 | 49.23±2.32 | 67.90±2.70 | 72.01±1.28 |
| **EEG 6** | 63.17±3.44 | 44.11±2.58 | 63.64±3.34 | 86.56±2.25 | 96.06±1.23 |
| **EEG 7** | 88.82±1.73 | 79.00±2.56 | 87.23±2.35 | 91.98±0.94 | 92.01± 0.28 |
| **EEG 8** | 82.35±3.09 | 72.29±3.91 | 81.88±2.28 | 85.26±0.26 | 86.40± 0.22 |
| **EEG 9** | 71.35± 3.01 | 63.12±4.56 | 71.58±2.79 | 89.22± 0.11 | 93.09± 0.27 |
| **AVERAGE** | **72.37± 2.65** | **61.06± 3.08** | **72.07±2.55** | **81.43±1.18** | **92.43± 0.27** |

**Comparison of Traditional methods, DNN methods, FBCSP-DNN, and CSP-CNN for within EEGs**

We used the CSP-CNN session to session (within-session) and compared the outcomes to compare our work with several relevant studies. Table 2 shows that, for 8 of the 9 EEGs, with the exception of EEG 8, the accuracy of the CSP-CNN is higher than that of related research and conventional approaches. With an average classification accuracy of 81.88%, CSP-CNN performs better than other approaches such; SVM, KNN, LDA, (Schirrmeister et al., 2017), (Sakhavi, C, 2018), (Amin, et al., 2019), and FBCSP-DN (Zayyan S and Li Q, 2020), which have respective accuracy rates of 71.47%, 58.84%, 60.47%, 73.31%, 74.46%, 75.78%, and 78.33%.

The variation in EEG 8 and EEG between sessions is the cause of the poorer accuracy for other approaches. In order to categorize another session, our suggested CSP-CNN system can extract the most discriminative characteristics from one session.

**Table 2: BCI competition IV dataset 2a within-subjects classification accuracy for traditional methods, DNN Methods, FBCSP-DNN, and CSP-CNN**

| EEGs | SVN | KNN | LGA | SCHIRRMEISTER | SAKHAVI | AMIN | FBCSP-DNN | CSP-CNN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EEG1** | 79.00 | 70.48 | 78.65 | 87.50 | 87.50 | 90.21 | 87.70 | 91.58 |
| **EEG2** | 58.30 | 50.18 | 39.93 | 65.28 | 65.28 | 63.40 | 68.20 | 81.01 |
| **EEG3** | 82.05 | 61.90 | 76.19 | 90.28 | 90.28 | 89.35 | 85.60 | 98.88 |
| **EEG4** | 60.09 | 52.63 | 36.40 | 65.61 | 66.67 | 71.16 | 66.70 | 86.40 |
| **EEG5** | 53.99 | 39.13 | 51.81 | 55.19 | 62.82 | 62.82 | 67.00 | 80.93 |
| **EEG6** | 56.14 | 44.19 | 53.02 | 48.47 | 45.49 | 47.66 | 67.40 | 83.76 |
| **EEG7** | 92.50 | 79.42 | 82.31 | 86.07 | 89.58 | 90.86 | 91.00 | 96.09 |
| **EEG8** | 78.23 | 62.73 | 51.66 | 78.41 | 83.33 | 89.72 | 83.80 | 82.85 |
| **EEG9** | 82.95 | 68.88 | 74.24 | 82.95 | 79.51 | 82.82 | 87.60 | 93.65 |
| **AVERAGE** | **71.47** | **58.84** | **60.47** | **73.31** | **74.46** | **75.78** | **78.33** | **81.88** |

**Comparison of Traditional methods and CNN methods for cross-EEGs**

In different investigations (**Schirrmeister, et al., 2017), (Sakhavi C, 2018), (Amin M. et al., 2019) and** FBCSP-DNN (Zayyan S and Li Q, 2020), we trained the CSP-CNN on eight EEGs and tested it on the remaining one EEG. We repeat this process for all nine EEGs. We also do cross-EEG classification and compare the results. Except for EEG 6 and EEG 8, CSP-CNN performs better than these rival techniques for all EEGs. The classification accuracy of the CSP-CNN is 72.08% on average, compared to 65.07%, 55.35%, 43.26%, and 41.13% for the other models.

This rise in cross-EEG classification accuracy is significant for CSP-CNN since it demonstrates a 7.01% increase in average classification accuracy performance over previous research; Table.3 displays the results.

Table 3: Cross Subjects accuracy (%) for each EEGs for the BCI Competition dataset

| EEGs | SCHIRRMEISTER | SAKHAVI | AMIN | FBCSP-DNN | CSP-CNN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EEG1** | 47.60 | 38.17 | 62.07 | 78.60 | 81.40 |
| **EEG2** | 31.22 | 42.08 | 42.44 | 62.50 | 73.02 |
| **EEG3** | 41.02 | 54.33 | 63.12 | 72.50 | 75.09 |
| **EEG4** | 33.19 | 31.07 | 52.09 | 53.90 | 63.11 |
| **EEG5** | 41.57 | 39.82 | 49.96 | 44.20 | 58.23 |
| **EEG6** | 34.71 | 43.09 | 37.16 | 49.30 | 46.98 |
| **EEG7** | 43.09 | 54.18 | 62.54 | 78.40 | 79.89 |
| **EEG8** | 46.01 | 62.22 | 59.32 | 67.90 | 65.09 |
| **EEG9** | 51.78 | 49.00 | 69.43 | 78.40 | 80.40 |
| **AVERAGE** | **41.13** | **43.26** | **55.35** | **65.07** | **72.08** |

## DISCUSSION

As shown in Figure 1, we used the CNN: There are just two layers and the output layer in it; there are 288 hidden nodes in the first layer and 100 hidden nodes in the second. After several testing that yielded precise and quicker results, this configuration was selected. Therefore, it had been used. Using the EEGs, it was shown that this configuration consistently yielded the highest categorization accuracy.

It has not been accepted since, although one of our investigations, which had 10 nodes in the first layer and 5 nodes in the second layer, might provide the same outcome for certain persons, it was inconsistent across all EEGs and could result in poor performance.

The selection of CSP characteristics is based on the initial and final m columns of the CSP predicted data. Seven EEGs have used m=2, with the exception of EEGs 6 and 8, which used m=3 and m=4, respectively. Such feature dimensions were selected because, while evaluating the CNN parameter, they yielded the best results for the EEGs. Therefore, the dimension of the proposed CSP-CNN is as follows: m represents the CSP feature, N1 and N2 are the first- and second-layer node counts, and 4 is the amount of motor imagery classes.

For each EEG, CSP took around 9.62 mere seconds, training took about 12.13 a couple of seconds and testing took about 0.3 seconds. The training time of the CSP-CNN was 21.75 seconds. We merely mixed CSP features from different EEGs for training and the CSP features of targets EEG for testing in order to accomplish transfer learning.

The suggested CSP-CNN was compared to previous studies and conventional classifiers in order to investigate its function. The suggested approach outperformed other approaches in capturing similar characteristics across sessions and EEGs, according to the results. It is noteworthy that some participants who did poorly in other competing approaches showed a advancement in classification accuracy, as seen in Tables 1 and 2. Our data also shows that some EEGs may be able to accurately complete particular motor imagery tasks on specific trials, which could explain low accuracies. As a result, the CSP-CNN technique restricts the number of CNN parameters and EEG samples that lead to lengthy CNN training. Overall, the suggested CNN and CSP feature combination outperformed alternative inputs in terms of training time and classification accuracy.

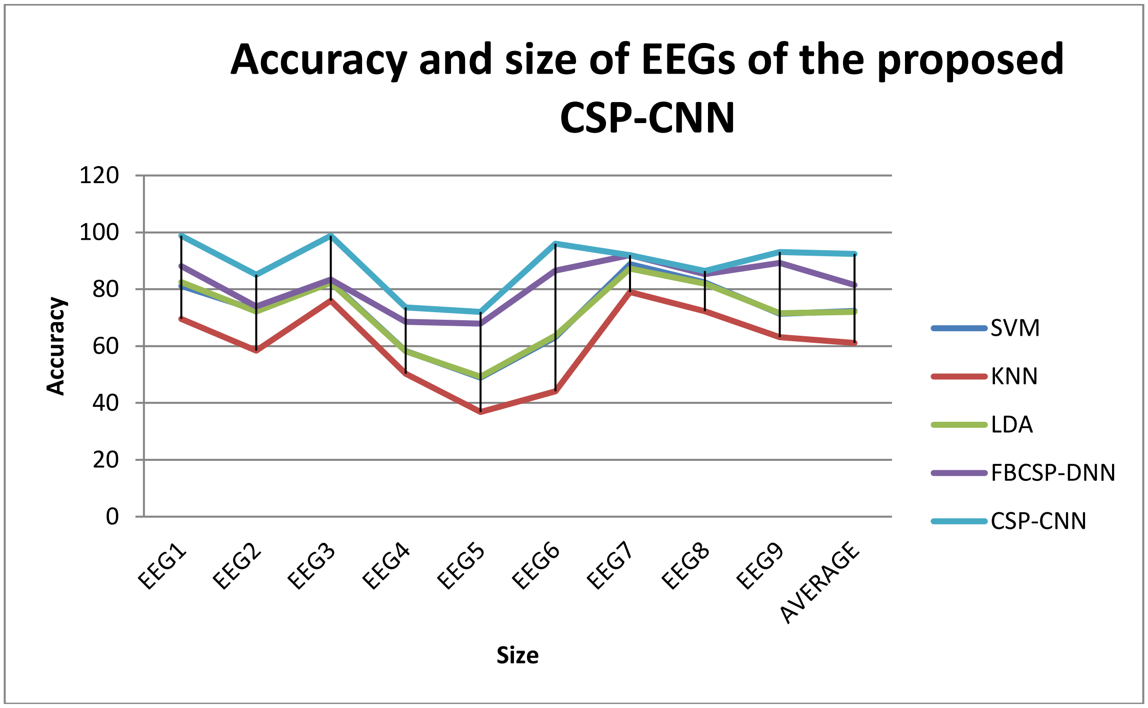


Figure 3: show the accuracy and size of EEGs of the proposed CSP-CNN

**Average accuracy results for all methods using 10 by 10-fold cross-validation**

The suggested model has been evaluated using two approaches that are commonly used by scholars to train BCI dataset systems: one approach divides each EEG data set into a data set for training and a testing set. Some sessions are included in the set used for training and the rest in the set for testing since EEG data is usually acquired throughout a number of sessions. This makes it possible to test the system on sessions that are associated with the same EEG but that it hadn't seen before. Because it yields more accurate results than the other approaches, researchers favor this training approach.

Transferring information from signal to EEG is the second training method. The remaining EEGs are all part of the training set, with one serving as a testing set. As a result, this technique tests the system on a completely new EEG that it has never encountered before. For every user, this process is repeated. Cross-EEG training is a more difficult testing method than others, but the results are more reliable and applicable. We trained and tested our suggested CSP-CNN method using both of these approaches. Every EEG was used to train and test the CNN. 10-fold cross-validation was used to verify each EEG's classification accuracy.

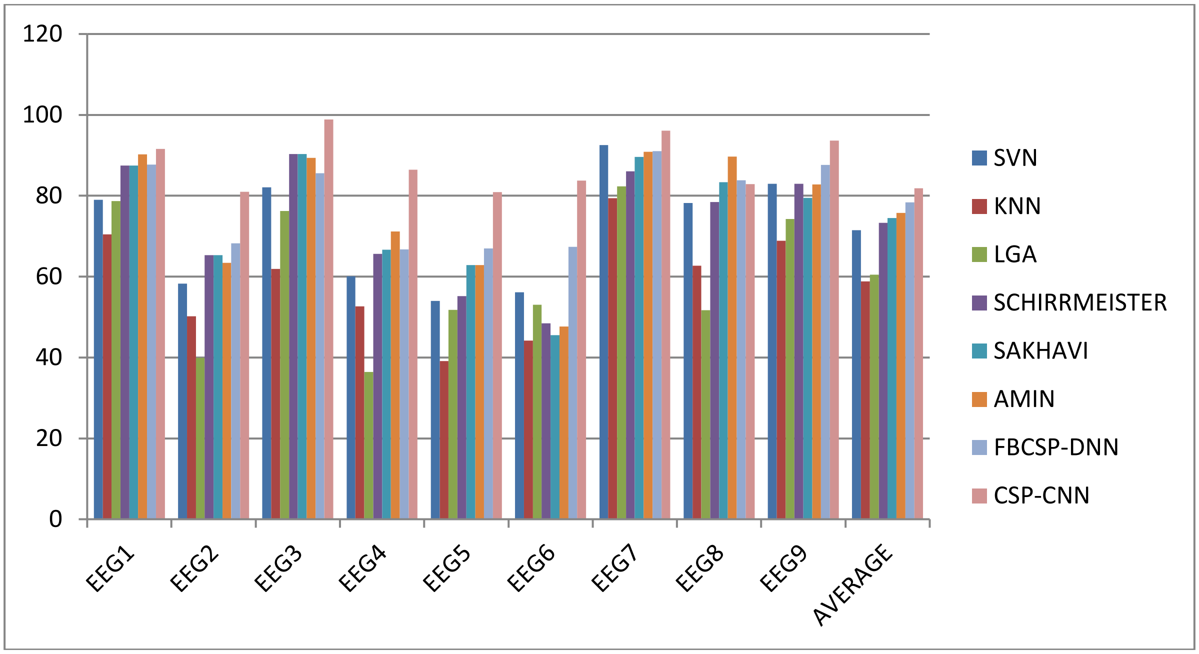


Figure 4: showing average accuracy results for all methods using 10 by 10-fold Cross-validation

A total of 288 trials from the two (2) sessions were randomly assigned to testing and training groups of 7/10 and 3/10, accordingly. The results are shown in Table 2. We also looked at transfer learning between sessions and EEGs. Lastly, we compared the CSP-CNN results to those of other competing methods and traditional classifiers. We can show how much better the proposed framework (CSP-CNN) performed in Tables 1 and 2.

## CONCLUSION

Compared to other cutting-edge DNN techniques, the proposed CSP-CNN combination was shown to be more dependable due to its improved accuracy in classification and computational economy. As a result, the CSCP-CNN approach may be relied upon to create a high-BCI motor imaging application quickly and accurately. Several trials on a wide variety of frameworks with varying parameter values led to the selection of the suggested CSP-CNN. The CSP was able to extract significant characteristics that helped create the perfect CNN model in addition to lowering the high EEG dimension.

## DATA AVAILABILITY

The UNICEF public benchmark dataset, which was stock and worm lawfully to be used solely for this research, and the Institute of Knowledge Discovery's dataset, which is accessible through a link, comprised the motor imagery utilized to assess this study. http://www.bbci.de/competition/iv/ upon application through the mentioned link

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