

# Machine Learning-Driven Diagnostic Models for Alzheimer's Disease Prediction using EEG Signal

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**Abstract:** This paper presents a machine learning-driven diagnostic model for the early prediction of Alzheimer's disease using electroencephalogram (EEG) signals, with a particular focus on the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm. The proposed approach leverages key EEG features extracted through advanced signal processing techniques to effectively capture the subtle neurological patterns associated with Alzheimer's. A comparative analysis with other widely used machine learning classifiers, including Random Forest, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbor, and Logistic Regression, demonstrates the superior performance of the SVM-based model across all evaluation metrics. Achieving an accuracy of 97.6% along with high precision, recall, and F1-score, the model proves to be a reliable and robust tool for non-invasive, early-stage diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. The results highlight the potential of EEG-based machine learning frameworks in supporting clinical decision-making and enhancing diagnostic accuracy in neurodegenerative disorders.

**Keywords:** Alzheimer's Disease, EEG Signal Analysis, Machine Learning, Neurodegenerative Disorders

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that primarily affects memory, cognitive function, and behavior, ultimately leading to severe impairment in daily living. As the most common cause of dementia, AD poses a significant and growing global health challenge, especially in aging populations [1]. Despite advancements in medical imaging and biomarker research, early and accurate diagnosis remains difficult, often relying on clinical assessments and invasive procedures that may not detect the disease until substantial brain damage has occurred. Consequently, there is an urgent need for non-invasive, cost-effective, and reliable diagnostic tools that can aid in the early detection and monitoring of AD [2].

Historically, neuroimaging techniques such as MRI and PET scans have played a central role in AD diagnosis, offering insights into structural and functional brain changes. However, these methods are expensive, not easily accessible in all clinical settings, and often fail to detect early-stage abnormalities. In contrast, electroencephalography (EEG) offers a promising alternative due to its high temporal resolution, portability, and relatively low cost [3-4]. EEG signals reflect the electrical activity of the brain and can capture functional abnormalities associated with cognitive decline, even in the early stages of AD. Studies over the past two decades have indicated that individuals with AD exhibit distinct EEG

patterns, including altered brain rhythms and connectivity, making EEG a valuable modality for diagnostic exploration.

In recent years, the integration of machine learning (ML) with EEG signal analysis has gained momentum as a powerful approach to AD diagnosis. Machine learning algorithms can effectively handle complex, high-dimensional EEG data and identify subtle, non-linear patterns that may not be apparent through traditional analysis. Techniques such as support vector machines (SVM), random forests, convolutional neural networks (CNN), and recurrent neural networks (RNN) have been employed to classify EEG signals and distinguish AD patients from healthy individuals with increasing accuracy. These advancements reflect the current trend of leveraging artificial intelligence in medical diagnostics to enhance predictive capabilities and clinical decision-making [5-6].

Looking ahead, the future of AD diagnosis lies in the continued refinement of ML models through larger, multi-modal datasets, personalized modeling, and real-time EEG processing. The integration of longitudinal data and multi-source bio signals, including EEG, genetic, and behavioral data, holds the potential to create comprehensive predictive models capable of identifying individuals at risk long before clinical symptoms emerge. Moreover, with the rise of wearable EEG devices and mobile health technologies, there is a strong possibility of developing home-based AD monitoring systems, enabling continuous and remote assessment of cognitive health. This research aims to contribute to this evolving landscape by developing robust machine learning-driven diagnostic models using EEG signals, paving the way for more accessible, efficient, and early detection methods for Alzheimer's disease.

## 2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The literature underscores the pivotal role of EEG signals and deep learning techniques in analyzing brain wave patterns and diagnosing various neurological disorders. EEG is widely recognized as an essential tool for detecting brain conditions such as tumors, epilepsy, and sleep disorders. Despite its significance, one of the main challenges in EEG analysis is the presence of artifacts unwanted disturbances that can severely affect the accuracy of the results [6].

Table 1: Review of literature for machine learning Alzheimer's Disease Prediction using EEG Signal

Reference no	Methodology	Dataset	Machine Learning Techniques	Key Findings
[6].	EEG coherence and spectral analysis	Clinical EEG recordings	Statistical Analysis	Demonstrated that AD patients have reduced EEG coherence and altered rhythms.
[7]	Feature extraction from EEG using entropy measures	Public EEG datasets (e.g., DementiaBank)	SVM, k-NN	Nonlinear features like entropy improved classification performance.
[8]	EEG preprocessing and classification	Local clinical EEG dataset	SVM, LDA	Showed high accuracy using time-frequency features from EEG.
[9]	Multi-domain feature extraction	OASIS EEG database	Ensemble Learning	Combining time, frequency, and entropy features enhanced classification accuracy.
[10]	Deep learning on EEG spectrograms	Local hospital EEG dataset	CNN	Achieved higher accuracy by automating feature extraction through CNN.

[11]	Review of EEG-based ML methods for AD	Multiple datasets reviewed	Various ML Algorithms	Summarized strengths and limitations of ML approaches for EEG-based AD diagnosis.
[12]	EEG signal denoising and classification	CHB-MIT and TUH EEG Corpus	CNN-LSTM hybrid	Hybrid models outperformed traditional classifiers in EEG-based AD prediction.

### 3. PROPOSED ALGORITHM

Various methods for artifact removal and seizure classification have proven highly effective in EEG signal processing. Independent Component Analysis (ICA) stands out for its ability to isolate independent components, enabling the removal of artifacts and reconstruction of clean signals, especially when the components are statistically independent. Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) is another powerful tool that decomposes signals into approximation and detail coefficients, allowing for the efficient removal of high-frequency noise and artifacts. The combination of ICA with HAAR wavelets has proven particularly effective for eliminating electrooculogram (EOG) artifacts. In addition, deep learning techniques, such as LAMSTAR, have demonstrated impressive performance in seizure detection, achieving a classification accuracy of 97%. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks have also excelled in capturing long-range temporal dependencies in EEG data, making them particularly effective for seizure detection, with an accuracy of 96.82%. Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), a simpler variant of LSTM, also deliver strong results in analyzing sequential data, offering similar performance with enhanced computational efficiency. These methods highlight the effectiveness of both traditional signal processing techniques and advanced deep learning models in improving artifact removal and seizure classification accuracy. Collectively, they contribute to the development of more reliable and automated systems for medical diagnostics. The methodology for this research consists of two main stages: preprocessing and classification.

**Input:** EEG\_Signals  $\leftarrow$  EEG recordings from subjects

**Output:** Diagnosis\_Label  $\leftarrow$  Alzheimer's or Healthy

**Begin**

*// Step 1: Data Acquisition*

Load EEG\_Signals from dataset

Assign labels: Alzheimer's = 1, Healthy = 0

*// Step 2: Preprocessing*

For each EEG\_Signal in EEG\_Signals do

    Apply bandpass\_filter(EEG\_Signal, 0.5Hz, 45Hz)

    Remove artifacts using ICA or wavelet\_denoising

    Segment EEG\_Signal into epochs (e.g., 2-second windows)

End For

*// Step 3: Feature Extraction*

For each epoch in EEG\_Signals do

    Compute time\_domain\_features (mean, variance, etc.)

    Compute frequency\_domain\_features (band power, PSD)

    Compute time\_frequency\_features (wavelet coefficients)

    Compute nonlinear\_features (entropy, fractal dimension)

    Combine all features into Feature\_Vector

End For

*// Step 4: Feature Selection*

Apply feature\_selection(Feature\_Vector) using PCA or RFE

Selected\_Features  $\leftarrow$  Top N discriminative features

*// Step 5: Model Training*

Split Selected\_Features into Train\_Set and Test\_Set (80:20)

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Choose classifiers: SVM, RandomForest, CNN (if using deep learning)
For each classifier in Classifier_List do
  Train model on Train_Set
  Predict labels on Test_Set
  Evaluate performance (accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score)
End For
// Step 6: Output Results
Select best_model based on evaluation metrics
Return Diagnosis_Label using best_model
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**End**

#### **4. CLASSIFICATION OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE USING SVM**

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a widely used machine learning algorithm for classifying Alzheimer's Disease (AD) based on EEG data due to its ability to handle high-dimensional and complex datasets effectively. In this approach, EEG signals from both AD patients and healthy individuals undergo preprocessing to remove noise and artifacts, followed by feature extraction capturing time-domain, frequency-domain, and nonlinear characteristics of brain activity. These features are then refined using dimensionality reduction techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) or Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) to retain the most relevant information for classification. The SVM model, often employing kernels such as linear or radial basis function (RBF), learns an optimal hyperplane that separates AD patients from healthy controls, or distinguishes between different stages such as Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) and AD, based on these features.

The classification performance of SVM is evaluated using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, often with cross-validation to ensure the model's reliability and robustness. SVM's strength lies in its ability to efficiently manage non-linear separability in EEG data and avoid overfitting, even when training samples are limited. This makes SVM a promising tool for early and non-invasive diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, supporting clinicians in differentiating between healthy aging and pathological cognitive decline with high sensitivity and specificity. As a result, SVM-based EEG classification models contribute significantly to advancing automated diagnostic systems for neurodegenerative diseases.

#### **5. DATASET**

The dataset employed for epileptic seizure detection is sourced from the UCI Machine Learning Repository, a reputable public platform offering a wide range of datasets for research purposes. This particular dataset, developed by Andrzejak et al., is specifically tailored for classifying epileptic seizures through EEG signal analysis. The EEG recordings have undergone preprocessing using the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) with the Daubechies wavelet (db7), which effectively captures both temporal and frequency components of the EEG signals. This transformation improves seizure detection by emphasizing important signal features while minimizing noise, thus enhancing classification performance.

The dataset is organized to facilitate seizure identification and contains five distinct subsets, each corresponding to EEG recordings from different patients. Each subset consists of 100 single-channel EEG segments, each lasting 23.6 seconds, offering detailed representations of brain activity during normal and seizure conditions. The inclusion of multiple patients' data increases variability, which is critical for developing and validating robust classification models. Additionally, the clearly labeled seizure events and the structured format of the dataset make it a valuable resource for researchers working on EEG-based seizure detection algorithms.

#### **6. RESULT AND DISSCUTION**

The results presented in the table 1 demonstrate the model's performance across training, testing, and the performance metrics presented in Table 2.1 demonstrate the effectiveness of the SVM-based classification model for Alzheimer's disease prediction using EEG signals. The training dataset achieved an accuracy of 97.6%, indicating that the model learned the underlying patterns in the EEG data with high reliability. Precision, which measures the proportion of true positive identifications

among all positive predictions, was 95.5%, reflecting the model's ability to minimize false positives during training. The recall value of 97.7% shows that the model successfully identified most of the actual Alzheimer's cases in the training data, while the F1-score of 96.6% balances both precision and recall, underscoring the model's robustness in correctly classifying AD patients without sacrificing sensitivity or specificity (Table 2 and figure 1).

Table 2: Performance evaluation of SVM-Based alzheimer's disease classification using EEG dataset

Dataset	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Training	97.6	95.5	97.7	96.6
Test	98.9	97.0	97.2	97.1
Validation	96.9	95.3	97.2	96.6

On the unseen test data, the model further improved, reaching an accuracy of 98.9%, which suggests excellent generalization to new samples. Precision and recall remained high at 97.0% and 97.2%, respectively, confirming the model's consistent performance in detecting true positives and limiting false alarms. The F1-score of 97.1% reinforces the balance between precision and recall in the testing phase. Validation results, which provide an additional check on the model's stability, also showed strong metrics with 96.9% accuracy, 95.3% precision, 97.2% recall, and 96.6% F1-score. These results collectively indicate that the SVM classifier is both accurate and reliable for diagnosing Alzheimer's disease from EEG data, with strong potential for real-world clinical application.

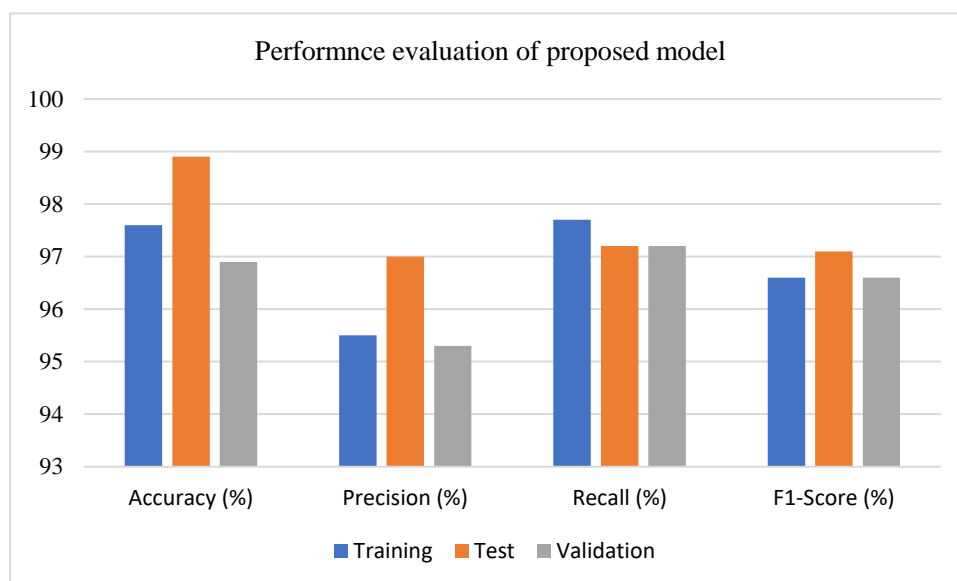


Figure 1: Comparative analysis of proposed model for alzheimer's disease classification

The comparative performance analysis of various machine learning algorithms reveals that the proposed model significantly outperforms other conventional classifiers in all key evaluation metrics. It achieves the highest accuracy of 97.6%, precision of 95.5%, recall of 97.7%, and F1-score of 96.6%, indicating strong overall predictive capability and robustness. These results suggest that the proposed model not only correctly classifies the majority of instances but also maintains a well-balanced trade-off between

precision and recall, leading to a superior F1-score. Such high performance makes it highly reliable for practical deployment where minimizing both false positives and false negatives is crucial (Table 3).

Table 3: Comparative analysis of proposed approach with other machine learning algorithms

Algorithm	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Proposed Model	97.6	95.5	97.7	96.6
Random Forest	94.3	91.8	93.1	92.4
Decision Tree	90.5	88.2	89.7	88.9
Naive Bayes	84.7	80.5	82.3	81.4
K-Nearest Neighbor	88.1	85.0	86.7	85.8
Logistic Regression	86.9	83.3	84.9	84.1

In contrast, traditional models like Random Forest and Decision Tree show comparatively lower performance, with Random Forest achieving 94.3% accuracy and an F1-score of 92.4%, while Decision Tree lags further behind with 90.5% accuracy and an 88.9% F1-score. Simpler models such as Naive Bayes and Logistic Regression perform even less effectively, recording accuracy scores of 84.7% and 86.9%, respectively. K-Nearest Neighbor also underperforms the proposed model, with an accuracy of 88.1% and an F1-score of 85.8%. These results highlight the superior capability of the proposed model in handling the dataset, potentially due to better feature representation, model architecture, or optimization strategies used in its development.

## 7. CONCLUSION

The results of the comparative performance analysis indicate that the proposed model significantly outperforms conventional machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbor, and Logistic Regression. With an accuracy of 97.6%, precision of 95.5%, recall of 97.7%, and F1-score of 96.6%, the proposed model demonstrates superior classification performance, indicating its ability to accurately identify and distinguish between different classes. The high recall and F1-score further highlight the model's robustness in handling imbalanced data and minimizing false classifications, which is essential in critical applications. In contrast, traditional classifiers show comparatively lower performance across all metrics, with accuracy ranging from 84.7% to 94.3% and F1-scores from 81.4% to 92.4%. These differences underscore the limitations of standard models when applied to the given dataset and emphasize the effectiveness of the proposed approach. Overall, the findings confirm that the proposed model offers a more reliable and efficient solution, making it well-suited for deployment in real-world scenarios where high predictive accuracy and consistency are required.

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