

Supplementary Resources I:

Latest deep learning-based articles for EEG-based motor imagery classification

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Summary of the different deep learning models with the input formulation used for motor imagery (MI) classification

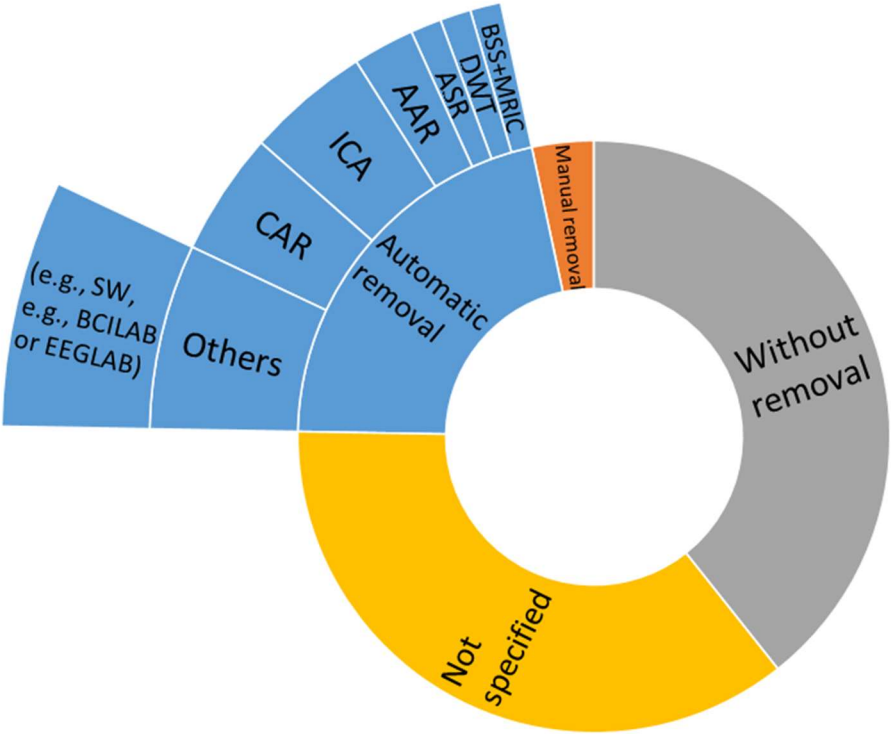
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A: Attention. Extracted features, **SM**: Statistical measures, **CorrM**: Correlation matrix, **PCA**: Principal component analysis, **NSCM**: normalized sample covariance matrix. Spatial features, **CSP**: Common spatial pattern. Frequency features, **PSD**: Power spectral density, **FFT**: Fast Fourier transform, **DCT**: discrete cosine transform. Time-frequency features, **WT**: Wavelet transform, **DWT**: Discrete wavelet transform, **WPD**: Wavelet packet decomposition, **CWT**: Continuous wavelet transform, **MW**: Morlet wavelets, **STFT**: Short-time Fourier transform, **ST**: Stockwell Transform, **EMD**: Empirical mode decomposition, **HHT**: Hilbert-Huang transform, **QTFD**: quadratic time-frequency distribution, **ST**: Stockwell transform. Image representation, (For details, refer to Figure 10), **T**: Time window (time segment), **TP**: Time point (sampling point), **F**: Frequency, **F-band**: Frequency band, **C**: Channel (electrode). Deep Learning Models, **CNN**: Convolutional neural network, **RNN**: Recurrent neural network, **LSTM**: Long short-term memory, **GRU**: Gated recurrent unit, **MLP**: Multi-layer perceptron, **AE**: Auto-encoder, **RBM**: Restricted Boltzmann machine, **DBN**: Deep belief network, **GAN**: Generative adversarial network, **VAE**: Variational autoencoder, **ELM**: Extreme learning machine, **DSN**: Deep stacking network.

Summary of artifact removal strategies used for MI-EEG signals

Artifacts removal approach									
AR: Automatic removal							Manual removal	Without removal	Not specified
ICA	BSS+MRIC	DWT	ASR	AAR	Others (E.g., SW such as BCILAB or EEGLAB)	SF: CAR			
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ICA: Independent component analysis, *DWT*: Discrete wavelet transform, *SF*: Spatial filter, *CAR*: Common average reference filter, *AAR*: Automatic artifact removal, *ASR*: Artifact subspace reconstruction, *BSS*: Blind Source Separation, *MRIC*: Movement Related Independent Component, *SW*: software.



Summary of the latest deep learning-based articles for EEG-based motor imagery classification.

Study	Pre-processing			Input formulation *	Deep learning approaches			Dataset	Performance evaluations			
	Selected channels	Analyzed frequency band (Hz)	Artifact removal approach		General strategy	Architecture	Activation function		Strategy	Performance measures		
										Accuracy %	kappa	Others (name)
Zhang et al. 2021, [128]	ALL (62)	8-30	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (adaptive transfer learn.)	5 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	Lee et al. [50]	sub-d: HO (70: 30) sub-i: CV (LOSO)	sub-d: 63.54±14.25 sub-i: 84.19±9.98	–	Computation time, t-test
Zhang et al. 2021, [114]	ALL (22, 3)	FB (0.5-100)	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (inception) (augment: NS)	6×5 CONV 2 FC 4/2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO (75 : 25)	DS1: 88.4±7 DS2: 88.6±5	–	CM, ROC, AUC, F-score, TPR
Avilov et al. 2021, [55]	variable (3-128)	4-38	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	Local: 22 sub, 2 MI (presses/releases a button), 128 elec, 1144 trials/class, 2048 Hz.	CV (10 folds)	83.2	–	–
Kumar et al. 2021, [85]	ALL (64)	Adaptive selection	W	EF: CSP	RNN-LSTM+SVM	2 LSTM-L 1 FC 2 OUT	N/A	GigaDB [132]	CV (10 folds)	69.59	0.398	TPR, TNR
Liu et al. 2021, [58]	ALL (22) +variable	FB (0.5-100)	W	TM: TP-3D	CNN (3D) (residual) (multi-branch)	10 CONV 3 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	81.22 ± 6.85	0.72 ± 0.12	p-value, test/train time
Zhao et al. 2021, [129]	ALL (22, 3)	4-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (domain adaptation)	2 CONV 3 FC 4/2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC sigm: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	c-sub: HO DS1: (50:50) DS2: (56:44)	DS1: 74.75 DS2: 83.98	DS1: 0.663 DS2: 0.68	–
Bang et al. 2021, [81]	DS1: 22 DS2: 3 DS3: 20	4-40	N/A	EF: NSCM	CNN (3D)	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC N/A: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS3: Lee et al. [50]	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 87.15 DS2: 75.85 DS3: 70.37	–	t-test
Deng et al. 2021, [103]	ALL (22, 60)	4-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C III-3a [136]	CV (5 folds)	DS1: 78.96 DS2: 85.30	DS1: 0.72 DS2: 0.80	t-test
Ha et al. 2021, [127]	ALL (22, 3)	4-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-level pooling)	4 CONV 2 FC 4/2 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO DS1: (50:50) DS2: (56:44)	DS1: 73.19 DS2: 82.83	–	w-test
Zhang et al. 2021, [88]	ALL (22)	4-40	N/A	EF: CSP	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM (transfer learn.)	3 CONV 1 LSTM-L 4 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	c-sub: HO (50 : 50)	–	0.81	–
Riyad et al. 2020, [125]	ALL (22)	0-38 4-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (inception) (augment: SW)	11 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	CV (5 folds)	74.61	0.662	CM
Liu et al. 2020, [121]	ALL (22)	0-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (self-attention) (transfer learn.)	7 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	N/A: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	c-sub: CV (10 folds) HO (50 : 50)	HO: 78.51 CV: 90.15	–	CM
Xue et al. 2020, [82]	ALL (22, 60)	4-40	N/A	EF: CSP	CNN (multi-layer)	7 CONV 3 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2: BCI-C III-3a [136]	HO (70 : 30)	DS1: 83.83 DS2: 89.45	DS1: 0.78 DS2: 0.86	–
Li et al. 2020, [106]	ALL (22)	8-30	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-scale) (attention)	10 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO (50 : 50)	79.9	–	CM
Li et al. 2020, [59]	ALL (64) +variable	N/A	W	TM: TP (D)	Hybrid: CNN/GRU	3 CONV 1 FC 2 GRU-L 2 FC 4 OUT	N/A: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	HO (75 : 25)	97.36	–	–
Fan et al. 2020, [104]	ALL (64)	0.1-64	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (attention) (residual)	14 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	CV (5 folds)	65.82	–	CM
Roy et al. 2020, [94]	ALL (3)	4-32	N/A	SI: TFI (STFT) [T × F × C]	CNN	3 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	sub-d: HO (56 : 44) sub-i: CV (LOSO)	sub-d: 77.5±14.5 sub-i: 70.9±9.9	sub-d: 0.55±0.29 sub-i: 0.42±0.2	–
Xiaoling et al. 2020, [140]	28	8-30	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	tanh: conv sigm: FC sigm: L-FC	Local: 4 sub, 2 MI left-hand/foot, 560 trials/sub, 1000 Hz (1-40 Hz), 64 elec.	HO (80 : 20)	90.08±2.22	–	CM, RC, PR, F-score, ROC, w-test, T-comp
Lun et al. 2020, [57]	2 +variable	N/A	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	5 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	LReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	sub-d: CV (10 folds) sub-i: HO (106: 3 subs)	sub-d: 94.80 sub-i: 72.47	–	CM, RC, PR, F-score, ROC, AUC
Roots et al. 2020, [105]	ALL (64)	2-60	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-branch) (augment: SW)	3×3 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	c-sub HO (80 : 20)	83.8	–	CM, RC, PR, F-score, t-test
Yang et al. 2020, [60]	variable (3-25)	7-35	A: CAR	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/SAE (multi-layer-CNN)	5 CONV 2 AE (1 hid) 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-1 [133] DS2 (Local): 6 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 64 elec, 300 trials/sub, 256 Hz.	sub-d: CV (8 folds) sub-i: CV (LOSO)	sub-i: DS1: 86.4 DS2: 84.7	sub-i: DS1: 0.45 DS2: 0.46	–
Zhao et al. 2020, [83]	ALL (64, 22)	4-40	N/A	EF: CSP	CNN (domain adaptation)	4 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: GigaDB [132] DS2: BCI-C IV-2a [131]	c-sub: HO (8 : 1 subs) (5 : 1 subs)	N/A	–	–
Zhang et al. 2020, [100]	ALL (64, 22)	FB (DS2: 0.5-100)	W	TM: TP (G)	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM (recurrent attention)	1 CONV 2 LSTM-L 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: EEGMMIDB [139] DS2: BCI-C IV-2a [131]	sub-i: HO (subs) DS1: (95:10) DS2: (8 : 1)	DS1: 74.2 DS2: 60.1	–	ROC, AUC
Xu et al. 2020, [116]	ALL (22)	9-20 +variable	M	TM: TP (D)	CNN	3 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO	84.57	0.801	–
Zhang et al. 2020, [141]	ALL (3)	8-30	W	SI: TFI (STFT) [T× F+C]	CNN	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	CV (10 folds)	94.7 ± 2.6	0.664	–
Liao et al. 2020, [117]	ALL (22)	4-40	N/A	TM: TP (D)	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	LReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO (50 : 50)	74.60	0.66	–

Zhang et al. 2020, [91]	3	8-30	W	SI: TFI (STFT) [T × F+C]	Hybrid: CNN/GAN (also VAE)	4:4 CONV CNN: 2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	LReLU: d-conv ReLU: conv Smax: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-1 [133] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 83.2 ± 3.5 DS2: 93.2 ± 2.8	DS1: 0.468 DS2: 0.671	t-test, p-value
Miao et al. 2020, [95]	49	8-30	N/A	SI: SFI (Energy) [C × F-band]	CNN	2 CONV 3 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C III-4a [136] DS2 (Local): 5 sub, 2 MI finger/rest, 21 elec, 1000 Hz.	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 90.0	—	Running time
Tang et al. 2020, [9]	3	8-30	A	EF: (EMD)	CNN (1D) (multi-scale) (inception)	4 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local): 5 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 14 elec, 128 Hz, 10 s trial.	N/A	DS1: 82.61 DS2: 85.83	—	p-value
Shajil et al. 2020, [92]	5	1-100 13-30	N/A	SI: TFI (STFT) [T× F+C]	CNN	1 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	Local: 12 sub, 4 MI (L/R hand, both hands, feet), 16 elec, 500 Hz.	N/A	87.37 ± 1.68	—	—
Xu et al. 2020, [78]	ALL (22)	8-30	A: EEG AB	EF: WPD, CSP	DBN-RBM (stacked RBM) +SVM	4 RBM (1 hid) 4 OUT	sigm: RBM Linear: last RBM	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	78.51	0.6278	—
Taheri et al. 2020, [75]	1	N/A	N/A	EF: CSP, DCT, EMD	CNN+SVM (multi-branch)	5 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC	BCI-C III-4a [136]	HO (70 : 30)	96.34	—	—
Wang et al. 2020, [137]	ALL (22)	8-30	M	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM	3 CONV 1 FC 2 LSTM-L 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU/Linaer: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO (50 : 50)	—	0.64 ± 0.14	t-test
Li et al. 2020, [96]	ALL (3)	4-30	N/A	SI: TFI (CWT) [T×F×C]	CNN	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	CV (10 folds)	83.2	0.651	—
Rong et al. 2020, [93]	ALL (3)	4-32	W	SI: TFI (STFT) [T× F+C]	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO (90 : 10)	82.8	0.663	—
Ma et al. 2020, [76]	ALL (22)	0.5-50	A	EF: DWT +PSD	CNN	4 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC N/A: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (8 folds)	96.21	—	test/train time
Hou et al. 2020, [120]	ALL (64)	8-30	A	EF: WT	CNN	6 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	LReLU: conv LReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	CV (10 folds)	94.5	—	—
Freer et al. 2020, [138]	ALL (22)	7-30	N/A	N/A	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM (augment)	4 CONV 1 LSTM-L 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	N/A	—	—	PR, RC
Dai et al. 2020, [111]	3	4-32	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-layer) (augment)	2 CONV 2 FC 4/2 OUT	ELU: conv N/A: FC N/A: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO	DS1: 91.57 DS2: 87.6	—	P-values
Lee et al. 2020, [112]	24	4-40	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-branch)	4 CONV 1 FC 9 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	Local: 9 MI, 12 sub, 50 trials/session, 3 sess, 1000 Hz, 64 elec.	CV (5 folds)	81	—	CM
Huang et al. 2020, [79]	ALL (22)	FB 0.5-100	N/A	EF: HHT	CNN	5 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	Linear/ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (4 folds)	77.9	—	—
Li et al. 2020, [118]	ALL (64, 22, 3)	8-30	N/A	TM: TP (D)	CNN	31 CONV 1 FC 4/4/2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: EEGMMIDB [139] DS2: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS3: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	DS1,3: CV (10 folds) DS2: HO (50 : 50)	DS1,CV: 89 DS2,HO: 89 DS3,CV: 97	DS1: 0.77 DS2: 0.78 DS3: 0.94	CM, ROC, AUC
Alwasiti et al. 2020, [67]	ALL (64)	2-78	A: CAR	SI: ST [T+C × F+C]	CNN (DenseNet) (deep metric learning)	1 CONV 4 DB 2 FC 3 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: DB ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	HO (80 : 20)	64.7	—	CM, PR, RC
Jeong et al. 2020, [62]	20	4-40	A: ICA	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-layer)	5 CONV 2 FC 3 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: ULMov [142] DS2 (Local): 10 sub, 3 MI (forearm angle), 150 trials, 100 Hz, 32 elec.	HO (80 : 20)	DS1: 51.0 ± 4.0 DS2: 65.0 ± 9.0	—	CM, t-test
Cheng et al. 2020, [86]	ALL	0.5-30	N/A	EF: PCA	DBN-RBM	5 RBM (1 hid) 1 FC 2 OUT	Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2: BCI-C II-3 [102]	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 91.71 DS2: 96.25	DS1: 0.8342 DS2: 0.925	t-test, test/train time
Collazos et al. 2020, [119]	ALL (22)	8-30	N/A	TM: SP (CWT, PSD)	CNN (multiple input CNN)	4 CONV 2 FC 3 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	71.2 ± 7.0	0.56	p-values
Chen et al. 2020, [143]	ALL (22, 15)	8-30	W	EF: CSP	CNN	3 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: Steyrl et al. [144]	HO (70 : 30)	DS1: 72 DS2: 82.9	DS1: 0.627 DS2: 0.657	CM, t-test
Kant et al. 2020, [97]	ALL (2)	8-30	A: DWT	SI: TFI (CWT) [T×C×F]	CNN (transfer learning)	14 CONV 4 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C II-3 [102]	HO (50 : 50)	95.71	0.91	CM
Fahimi et al. 2020, [64]	ALL	0.5-100	A: ICA, ASR	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/GAN	2:2 CONV 3 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	tanh: G-conv ReLU: conv ReLU: FC sigm: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C III-4a [136] DS2 (Local): 14 sub, 2 MI open/close R-hand, 62 elec.	HO (50 : 50)	DS1: 71.14	—	—
Ma et al. 2019, [66]	ALL (64)	0.1-40	A: CAR, AAR	EF: CorrM	CNN (multi-branch)	2 CONV 1 FC 3 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	MIJoint [145]	CV (5 folds)	87.03	—	—
Hassanpour et al. 2019, [51]	ALL (22) +variable	8-35	W (+A: SWT)	EF: FFT	DBN-AE DBN-RBM (augment: SW)	5 RBM/AE (1 hid) 1 FC 4 OUT	N/A: AE Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO (50 : 50)	DBN-AE: 71.0 DBN-RBM: 68.4	—	t-test, train time
Zhu et al. 2019, [56]	variable (3-64)	N/A	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM (also CNN)	2 CONV 1 LSTM-L 1 FC 2 OUT	N/A	EEGMMIDB [139]	N/A	82.93 (CNN: 79.7)	—	—
Lee et al. 2019, [146]	ALL (3)	8-30	N/A	SI: TFI (CWT) [T× C×F]	CNN	1 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2: BCI-C II-3 [102]	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 83.0±1.6 DS2: 92.9	—	—
Zhang et al. 2019, [87]	ALL (22)	4-38	N/A	EF: FBCSP	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM	3 CONV 3 LSTM-L 4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: out	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO	84	0.81	—

Amin et al. 2019, [115]	ALL (22)	0.5-40	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/MLP (M) CNN/AE (A) (multi-layer-CNN)	5 CONV 4 FC MLP (2 hid)/ AE (1 hid) 4 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: AE ELU: MLP N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	sub-d: HO (50 : 50) sub-i: CV (LOSO)	sub-d: M: 75, A: 73 sub-i: M: 42, A: 55	–	CM, train time
Wu et al. 2019, [113]	ALL (22, 3)	4-38	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	5 CONV 1 FC 4/2/3 OUT	Linear	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	c-sub: HO	DS1: 75.9 DS2: 84.7	–	–
Ortiz et al. 2019, [147]	18	0.5-90	A: BSS+ MRIC	SI: CWT [T × C+F]	CNN	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C III-4a [136]	CV (10 folds)	94.66	–	–
Zhao et al. 2019, [54]	ALL (22) +variable	0.5-100 +variable	W	TM: TP-3D	CNN (3D) (multi-branch)	3 CONV 3 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	75.02	0.644	t-test, test/train time
Kumar et al. 2019, [84]	ALL (64, 59)	7-30	W	EF: CSP	RNN-LSTM	2 LSTM-L 1 FC 2 OUT	N/A	DS1: GigaDB [132] DS2: BCI-C IV-1 [133]	CV (10 folds)	DS1: 68.19 DS2: 82.52	DS1: 0.374 DS2: 0.650	TPR, TNR
Chaudhary et al. 2019, [148]	N/A	N/A	N/A	SI: TFI (STFT/C WT) [T × F]	CNN	5 CONV 3 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C III-4a [136]	HO (80 : 20)	99.35	0.987	TPR, TNR, F-score, CM
Li et al. 2019, [135]	ALL (22)	N/A	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (augment: AP)	5 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO (50 : 50)	74.6	–	CM, PR, RC, F-score, train time
Tang et al. 2019, [149]	DS1: ALL (3) DS2: 6	8-30	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	DSN-RBM (semi-supervised)	7 RBM (1 hid) 2 OUT	N/A	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local): 7 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 128 Hz, 240 trials/sub, 14 elec.	HO	DS1: 83.55	–	p-value, train time
Zhu et al. 2019, [123]	ALL (3, 15)	8-30	W	EF: CSP	CNN (residual)	13 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local): 25 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 1000 Hz, 200 trials/sub, 15 elec.	sub-i CV (LOSO)	DS1: 64.0 DS2: 73.0	–	ITR
Dai et al. 2019, [99]	ALL (3, 5)	6-30	W	SI: TFI (STFT) [T × F+C]	Hybrid: CNN/VAE	1 CONV 5 hid, VAE 2 OUT	ReLU: conv	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local): 5 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 400 trials, 3 sess, 250 Hz, 5 elec.	CV (10 folds)	–	DS1: 0.564 DS2: 0.568	p-value, train time
Olivas-Padilla et al. 2019, [71]	8	8-30	A: BCIL AB	EF: FBCSP (set as a matrix)	CNN	4 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2 (Local): 8 sub, 4 MI L/R hand/foot, 5 sess, 120 trials/session, 250 Hz, 8 elec.	DS1: HO (50 : 50) DS2: CV (10 folds)	DS1: 78.41±5.9 DS2: 73.78±4.2	DS1: 0.59±0.11 DS2: 0.64±0.07	–
Alazrai et al. 2019, [68]	ALL (16)	0.5-32.5	A: AAR	SI: TFI (QTFD) [T × F+C]	CNN+SVM	2 CONV 1 FC 11 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	Local: 11 MI, 22 sub, 2048 Hz, 16 elec.	CV (10 folds)	73.70	–	PR, RC, F-score, train/test time
Li et al. 2019, [126]	ALL (22)	8-30	M	EF: CSP	CNN (multi-layer)	9 CONV 2 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	HO (50 : 50)	79.9	–	–
Xu et al. 2019, [130]	ALL (3)	4-32	W	SI: TFI (STFT) [T×F×C]	CNN (transfer learning)	13 CONV 3 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO (80 : 20)	74.2	–	train time
Zhang et al. 2019, [150]	ALL (3, 14)	8-30	W	SI: TFI (WT: MW) [T×F×C]	CNN (augment)	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv ReLU: FC Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C II-3 [102] DS2 (Local): 5 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 256 Hz, 120 trials/sub, 14 elec.	CV (5 folds)	DS1: 90.1 DS2: 90.0	–	–
Amin et al. 2019, [108]	ALL (22)	FB (0.5-100)	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN (multi-layer)	5 CONV 4 FC 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv ELU: FC Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	sub-i: CV (LOSO)	74.5	–	CM, PR, RC, train time
Tayeb et al. 2019, [7]	ALL (3)	2-60	A: ICA (FASTER)	SI: TFI (STEF) [T × F]	CNN (also LSTM, and RCNN (CNN/RNN))	3 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local-public): 20 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 2 sess, 4 runs, total 750 trials, 256 Hz, 3 elec.	CV (5 folds)	DS1: CNN: 91.63 DS2: CNN: 84.24 RCNN: 77.7	–	–
Kwon et al. 2019, [73]	20	0-40	N/A	EF: CSP	CNN (multi-branch)	3×3 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	Lee et al. [50]	sub-d: HO (50 : 50) sub-i: CV (LOSO)	sub-d: 71.3±15.8 sub-i: 74.2±15.8	–	t-test
Xu et al. 2018, [65]	DS1: 3 (DS2: ALL)	8-30	A: CAR	SI: TFI (WT) [T×F×C]	CNN	2 CONV 2 FC 4/2 OUT	ReLU: conv N/A: FC N/A: L-FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C II-3 [102]	CV (5 folds)	DS1: 85.59 DS2: 89.56	DS1: 0.766	F-score, train time
She et al. 2018, [74]	ALL (22)	8-30	N/A	EF: CSP	ELM	3 hid 2 OUT	N/A	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (9 folds)	67.76	0.5701	–
Dose et al. 2018, [109]	ALL (64)	N/A	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	2 CONV 1 FC 2/3/4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	EEGMMIDB [139]	CV (5 folds)	2-class: 80.4 3-class: 69.8 4-class: 58.6	–	CM, PR, RE, train time
Wang et al. 2018, [90]	3	8-30	N/A	SI: TFI (STFT) [T × F+C]	CNN (also LSTM)	2 CONV 2 FC 2 OUT	SELU: conv N/A: FC Smax: L-FC	Local: 14 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 60 trials/sub, 256 Hz, 11 elec.	CV (4 folds)	CNN: 92.73 LSTM: 80.2	–	CM, p-value
Sakhavi et al. 2018, [72]	ALL (22)	4-40	N/A	EF: CSP	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	74.46	0.659	–
Wang et al. 2018, [80]	ALL (22)	FB (0.5-100)	N/A	EF: SM	RNN-LSTM	3 LSTM-L 2 OUT	N/A	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (5 folds)	79.6	–	–
Lawhern et al. 2018, [107]	ALL (22)	4-40	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	3 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ELU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131] (128 samples/s)	CV (4 folds)	69	–	AUC
Luo et al. 2018, [70]	ALL (22, 3)	8-30	W	EF: FBCSP (time slices)	RNN-GRU (also RNN-LSTM)	2 GRU-L/ LSTM-L 1 FC 4/2 OUT	N/A	DS1: BCI-C IV-2a [131] DS2: BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO DS1: (50:50) DS2: (56:44)	GRU: 73.6, 82.8 LSTM: 72.6, 81.5	–	train/test time, complexity, t-test
Chu et al. 2018, [61]	ALL (64)	FB (8-35)	A	EF: PSD (LSP)	DBN-RBM	3 RBM (1 hid) 1 FC 3 OUT	Smax: L-FC	Local: 9 sub, 3 MI L/R hand and foot, 10 runs, 300 trials/sub, 10 s trial, 1000 Hz, 64 elec.	HO (75 : 25)	70.72 ± 2.68	–	–

Yang et al. 2018, [63]	9	N/A	A: ICA	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	Hybrid: CNN/LSTM	3 CONV 1 LSTM-L 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	Local: 2 MI L hand/R foot, 6 sub, 500 Hz, 9 elec.	HO (70 : 30)	86.7	—	ROC, train time
Tang et al. 2017, [151]	DS1: DS2: 6	8-30	W	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	DSN-RBM	2 RBM (1 hid) 2 OUT	N/A	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2 (Local): 7 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 128 Hz, 240 trials/sub, 14 elec.	HO (50 : 50)	DS1: 81.35	—	p-value
Tang et al. 2017, [110]	ALL (28)	8-30	N/A	RV: 2D matrices [TP × C]	CNN	2 CONV 1 FC 2 OUT	tanh: conv sigm: FC sigm: L-FC	Local: 2 sub, 2 MI L/R hand, 460 trials/sub, 1000 Hz, 28 elec.	CV (10 folds)	86.4 ± 0.77	—	CM, PR, RC, F-score
Uktveris et al. 2017, [89]	ALL (22)	7-30	N/A	SI: SFI (FFT) [C × F]	CNN	2 CONV 1 FC 4 OUT	ReLU: conv Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2a [131]	CV (10 folds)	68	—	—
Lu et al. 2016, [77]	ALL (3)	8-35	W	EF: FFT (also WPD)	DBN-RBM	3 RBM (1 hid) 1 FC 2 OUT	Smax: L-FC	BCI-C IV-2b [101]	HO (56 : 44)	84	—	t-test
Tabar et al. 2016, [98]	ALL (3)	6-30	W	SI: TFI (STEF) [T × F+C]	Hybrid: CNN/SAE (also, CNN, SAE)	1 CONV 6 AE (1 hid) 1 FC 2 OUT	ReLU: conv sigm: AE N/A: FC	DS1: BCI-C IV-2b [101] DS2: BCI-C II-3 [102]	DS1: CV (10 folds) DS2: HO (50 : 50)	DS1: 77.6 ± 2.1 DS2: 90.0	DS1: 0.55 DS2: 0.80	—

Pre-processing. *Selected channels.* **ALL:** All dataset channels, **variable:** varying numbers of channels. *Analyzed frequency band.* **FB:** full-bandwidth in the dataset (0–frequency-end). *Artifact removal approach.* **W:** Without, **M:** Manual, **A:** Automatic [**ICA:** Independent component analysis, **DWT:** Discrete wavelet transform, **CAR:** Common average reference filter, **AAR:** Automatic artifact removal toolbox, **ASR:** Artifact subspace reconstruction, **BSS:** Blind source separation, **MRIC:** Movement related independent component, **SWT:** Synchrosqueezed wavelet transforms].

Input formulation. (* refer to Figure 10), **RV:** Raw values, **EF:** Extracted features [Frequency features [**FFT:** Fast Fourier transform, **DCT:** Discrete cosine transform, **PSD:** Power spectral density [**LSP:** Lomb-Scargle periodogram]], Time-frequency features [**EMD:** Empirical mode decomposition, **HHT:** Hilbert-Huang transform, **WT:** Wavelet transform, **DWT:** Discrete wavelet transform, **WPD:** Wavelet packet decomposition], Spatial features [**CSP:** Common spatial pattern, **FBCSP:** Filter bank CSP], **NSCM:** Normalized sample covariance matrix, **SM:** Statistical measures, **CorrM:** Correlation matrix, **PCA:** Principal component analysis], **SI:** Spectral images [**TFI:** Time-frequency images [**ST:** Stockwell transform, **QTFD:** Quadratic time-frequency distribution, **WT** [**CWT:** Continuous wavelet transform, **MW:** Morlet wavelets], **STFT:** Short-time Fourier transform], **SFI:** Spatial-frequency images], **TM:** Topological maps [**TP:** Time-domain point [**D:** Direct map, **G:** Graph-based], **SP:** Spectral-domain power]. **T:** Time window (time segment), **TP:** Time point (sampling point), **F:** Frequency, **F-band:** Frequency band, **C:** Channel (electrode).

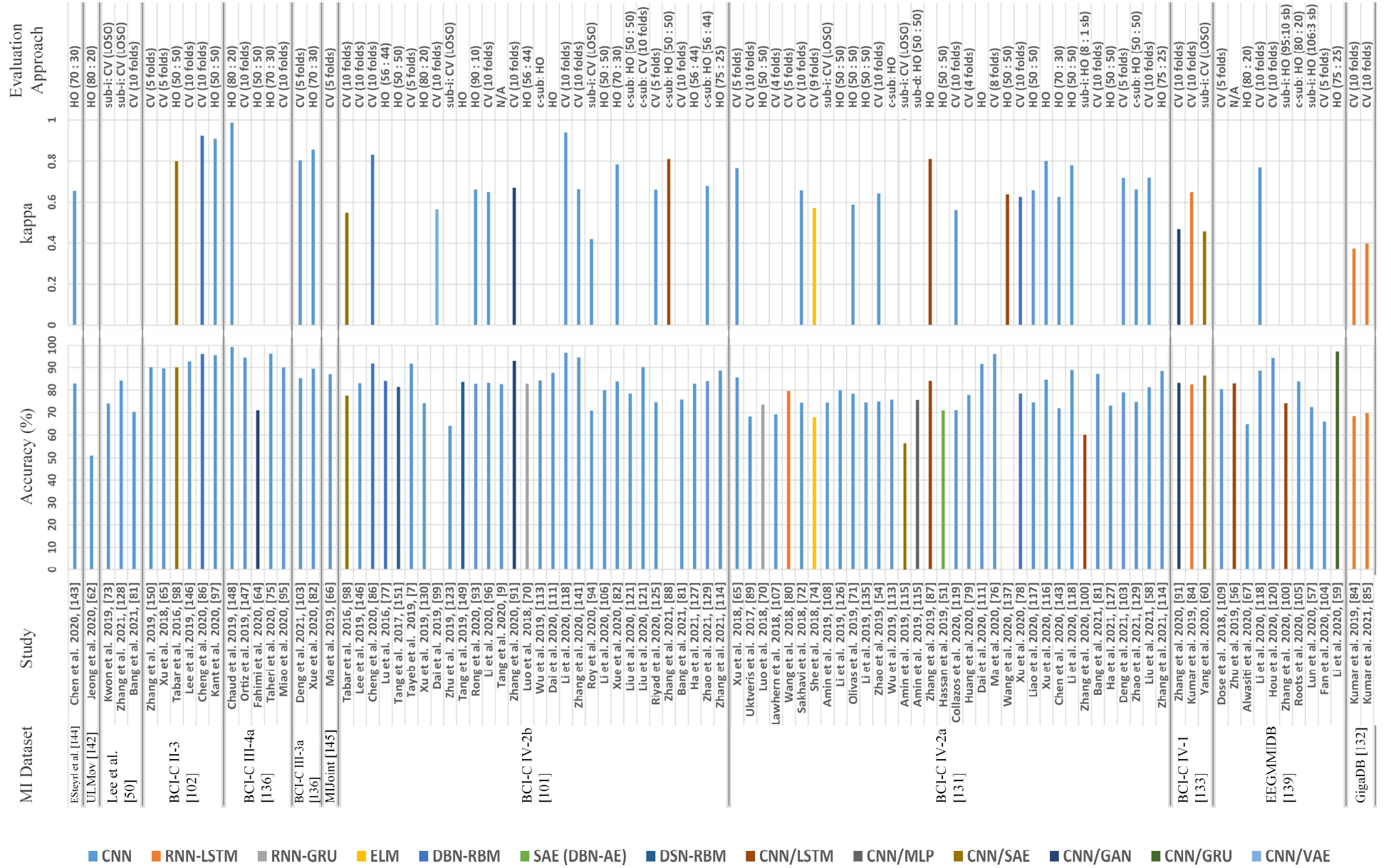
Deep learning approaches. *General strategy.* CNN, RNN [GRU, LSTM], MLP, RBM, AE, DBN [DBN-RBM, DBN-AE], ELM, **DSN:** Deep stacking network [DSN-RBM], GAN, VAE, Hybrid [CNN/LSTM, CNN/GRU, CNN/MLP, CNN/AE, CNN/VAE, CNN/GAN], SVM, **multi-layer:** multi-layer technique (for CNNs), **multi-branch:** multiple branches of CNNs (Ensemble learning), **augment:** data augmentation, **SW:** Sliding window, **NS:** Noise addition, **AP:** amplitude-perturbation. *Architectures:* **CONV:** Convolutional layer, **FC:** Fully connected layer, **DB:** Dense block, **LSTM-L:** LSTM layer, **GRU-L:** GRU layer, **hid:** hidden layer, **OUT:** number of (output) classes. *Activation function.* **ReLU:** Rectified linear unit, **LReLU:** Leaky rectified linear unit, **ELU:** Exponential linear unit, **SELU:** Scaled exponential linear unit, **tanh:** hyperbolic tangent, **sigm:** Sigmoid, **Smax:** Softmax function, **Linear:** Linear function, **L-FC:** Last fully connected layer, **G-conv, d-conv:** Convolution layer in a (generator/discriminant generator) model.

Dataset. **Local:** Private dataset (not available), **sub:** Subjects, **elec:** Electrode, **L/R:** left/right, **sess:** Session, “**x s trial**”: Trial duration is x seconds.

Evaluation Strategy. **HO:** Hold-out (train: test), **CV:** Cross-validation, **LOSO:** leave-one-subject-out, **c-sub:** Cross-subject, **sub-d:** Subject-dependent, **sub-i:** Subject-independent, **CM:** Confusion matrix, **PR:** Precision (PPV), **RC:** Recall (True negative rate (TPR)/sensitivity), **TNR:** True negative rate (specificity), **ITR:** Information transfer rate, **ROC:** Receiver operating characteristic curve, **AUC:** Area under the curve, **T-comp:** Time complexity, **w-test:** Wilcoxon test, “(**x : y subs**)”: x subjects for training and y subjects for testing.

A visualization of the classification accuracy of EEG-based motor imagery (MI) reported by the latest deep learning-based articles for all public MI datasets.

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