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www.nature.com/scientificreports Multi-modular Ai Approach to

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Autism has become a pressing healthcare challenge. The instruments used to aid diagnosis are time and labor expensive and require trained clinicians to administer, leading to long wait times for at-risk children

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However, despite the increase of positive evidence, this technology has rarely been applied to specific ASD diagnosis.

This work aims to present a robot-assisted framework using an artificial reasoning module to assist clinicians with the ASD diagnostic process. The framework is composed of a responsive robotic platform, a flexible and scalable vision sensor network, and an automated face analysis algorithm based on machine learning models. In this research we take

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Nevertheless, different systems are able to modify the behavior of the robot according to environmental interactions and the child's response, using a closed-loop and artificial cognition approaches [12–16]. These systems have been hypothesized to offer technological mechanisms for supporting more flexible and potentially more naturalistic

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with ASD are known to have abnormalities in their prosody resulting from deficits in their ability to recognize the inherent mental conditions of others [9], and their atypical vocalizations are known to be monotonous or exaggerated, which can be revealed using various acoustic characteristics, followed by engineering approaches for the discrimination of ASD or typical development (TD) in children based on the vocal and acoustic features

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social abilities of people with ASD increases when an earlier clinical intervention is performed [4], the early detection of ASD characteristics has become a key point of current ASD research.

Various instruments for discriminating ASD have been developed, and the commonly accepted gold standard schemes are behavioral assessments, which are time-consuming procedures and require multidisciplinary teams (MDTs)

Summary 5:

However, most behavioral assessments suffer in terms of the stability of their ASD diagnosis as a result of the issues of accessibility or subjectivity and interpretive bias between professions [5]. Therefore, several attempts to develop objective and precise diagnostic methods have been made in multiple fields, such as genetic determination [6], principle analysis of brain images [7], and physiological approaches [8].

One prominent area of behavioral observations is that of infants' vocal characteristics. Children

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For example, in [10], the researchers estimated deficits in the vocalization of children with ASD at an average age of 18 months, such as “flat” intonation, atypical pitch, or control of volume based on the variability of pitch and the long-term average spectrum (LTAS) using fast Fourier transform, where significant differences were observed in the spectral

Query: How relevant is eye contact and how it can be used to detect Autism?

Summary 1:

Machine learning methods were used to establish models for early screening of ASD.

Results: During the face-to-face interaction (FF) episode of the SFP, there were statistically significant differences in the duration and frequency of eye contact, social smiling, and active social engagement between the two groups. During the still-face (SF) episode, there were statistically significant differences in the duration and frequency of eye contact and active social engagement between the two groups. The 45 children in

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sion and its integration with eye gaze (e.g., during social referencing) have been found to differentiate children

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as those who have other developmental delays, as early as 12 months of age [Adrien et al., 1991;

S. Clifford et al., 2007; Filliter et al., 2015; Gangi,

Ibanez, & Messinger, 2014; Nichols, Ibanez, Foss-Feig, &

Stone, 2014]

Summary 4:

screening for ASD with more objective method, behavioral videos were used in a number of studies in recent years.

Method: The still-face paradigm (SFP) was adopted to measure the frequency and duration of non-social smiling, protest behavior, eye contact, social smiling, and active social engagement in high-risk ASD group (HR) and typical development group (TD) (HR:n=45; TD:n=43). The HR group was follow-up until they were 2 years old to confirm final diagnosis

Summary 5:

areas, so as to promote the early diagnosis and treatment of autistic children and reduce the medical costs and burdens of autistic families and society. Therefore, this study has more important social significance and application value.

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Summary 7:

As such, differences in facial affect may show utility in assessing early risk for ASD. A recent meta-analysis of facial expression production in autism found that individuals with ASD display facial

expressions less often than non-ASD participants and that, when they did display facial expressions, the expressions occurred for shorter durations and were of different

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Facial expressions for

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Query: How can cross country trials help in development of Machine learning based Multimodal solutions?

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We have also shown some important pitfalls when applying machine learning in this domain, and quantified the benefit of applying proper solutions to address them.

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including screening for cognitive conditions such as dementia for the elderly and physical conditions such as concussions in adults. Further, we expect that these methods would apply well to any other survey based domain in which the application context is different from the training context.

Significant further improvements may be possible. Initial studies have identified probable improvements to the machine learning methodology as well as improved methods for handling the biases between the training data and application settings

Summary 3:

CONCLUSION

Machine learning can play a very important role in improving the effectiveness of behavioral health screeners. We have achieved a significant improvement over established screening tools for autism in children as demonstrated in a multi-center clinical trial

Query: How early infants cry can help in the early detection of Autism?

Summary 1:

[34] proposed another vocalization-based classification method in which they included age and excluded crying. They applied the method on 106 TD children and 77 children with ASD between 16 to 48 months and reached 86% accuracy. Pokorny et al. [35] extracted eGeMAPS parameter set [37], which includes 88 acoustic parameters, in 10 month old children. This set consists of statistics calculated for 25 frequency-related, energy-related, and spectral low-level descriptors

Summary 2:

knowledge, our own group's preliminary study [41] was the only research that has used cry sounds for the screening of children with ASD. We used a dataset of 5 children with ASD and 4 TD children older than two years. The accuracy of the proposed method is 96.17% using k-fold cross validation without considering subject-wise hold out, which is a shortcoming of this study. In other words, it has been overfitted to the available data and may fail to correctly classify new samples.

Summary 3:

The result of studying these 57 children under the age of 18 months may suggest that: a) there could be symptoms in the crying sounds of children with neurodevelopmental disorders under 18 months (Child1 and Child2), b) the approach may not be able to screen a participant with neurodevelopmental disorders under the age of 18 months due to the possibility that: 1) the participant was among those children with neurodevelopmental disorders who do not have our proposed specific features in their crying sounds, 2) the participant's recorded cry samples did not include our specific features, and/or 3) neurodevelopmental disorders and their features had not been developed in the child at the time of initial recording.

Summary 4:

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We believe that this approach can be used to perform early autism screening under 18 months of age.

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Thus, in the future, we need to collect data and test the approach on more data of children under 18 months to validate these results with more confidence.

We have to further check the proposed approach and the extracted features on other neuro-

developmental disorders, such as ADHD, to evaluate the capability of the approach to distinguish the children with these disorders from TD children.

Furthermore, without comparing the cry sounds of children with ASD to those without ASD but another disorder, we do not really know if these findings are specific to autism or to general atypical brain developments.

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Thus, we should collect cry sounds of children with other neurodevelopmental disorders and compare voices of children with ASD to voices of children with other neurodevelopmental disorders to see if these features would be able to separate

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So, a thorough examination using an unseen test set on cry features is necessary to evaluate the results. It should be noted that the data from our previous study [41] could not be used in the study presented in this paper due to the differences in data collection procedures.

In all the above studies, it was assumed that the specific sound features, distinguishing children with ASD from TD children, are common among all the ASD cases. However, this may not be the case for all the features. For instance, tiptoe walking, which is one of the repetitive

Query: What are various methods to detect Atypical Pattern of Facial expression in Children?

Summary 1:

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Digital Behavioral Phenotyping Detects Atypical Pattern of Facial Expression in Toddlers with Autism

Kimberly L. H. Carpenter , Jordan Hahemi, Kathleen Campbell, Steven J. Lippmann, Jeffrey P. Baker, Helen L

Summary 2:

of risk behavior, namely, patterns of facial expression, in 104 toddlers (ASD N= 22) and evaluated whether such patterns

differentiated toddlers with and without ASD. The assessment consisted of the child sitting on his/her caregiver's lap and

watching brief movies shown on a smart tablet while the embedded camera recorded the child's facial expressions. Com-

puter vision analysis (CVA) automatically detected and tracked facial landmarks, which were used to estimate head position and facial expressions (Positive, Neutral, All Other)

Summary 3:

Using CVA, specific points throughout the movies were

identified that reliably differentiate between children with and without ASD based on their patterns of facial movement

and expressions (area under the curves for individual movies ranging from 0.62 to 0.73). During these instances, children

with ASD more frequently displayed Neutral expressions compared to children without ASD, who had more All Other

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facial movements and expressions via a tablet-based assessment can detect differences in affective expression, one of the

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watched a series of developmentally appropriate movies and their facial expressions were recorded using the camera

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recognition obstacles, which are mainly manifested in their inability to recognize facial expressions (Liuet al., 2015). It is easy to distinguish autistic children from normal children by observing their facial expressions. Therefore, we combine facial expression recognition technology to extract facial expression response feature vectors and use artificial intelligence technology to distinguish normal group and autistic group based on these facial features.

3.2.2 The principle of diagnosing autism through facial expressions

Summary 8:

facial expression, which was more common in the ASDgroup. Through this analysis, we identi fied the features of

raised eyebrows and open mouth to play a role in dis-

criminating between the Other vs. Neutral categories.This facial pattern is consistent with an engaged/inter-

ested look displayed when a child is actively watching, as

described in young children by Sullivan and Lewis [2003].It is interesting to note a raised pitch angle was also statis-

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Since the median difference of this

angle between the two facial expression is small (3.2 /C14),

this may be a natural movement of raising one's eyebrows.

Our results need to be considered in light of several limitations. First, the CVA models of facial expressions used in the current study were trained on adult faces [Hashemi et al., 2018]. Despite this, our previous findings with young children demonstrate good concordance between human and CVA coding on the designation of

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Egger, Steven Espinosa, Saritha Vermeer, Guillermo Sapiro, and Geraldine Dawson

Commonly used screening tools for autism spectrum disorder (ASD) generally rely on subjective caregiver questionnaires.

While behavioral observation is more objective, it is also expensive, time-consuming, and requires significant expertise to

perform. As such, there remains a critical need to develop feasible, scalable, and reliable tools that can characterize ASD

risk behaviors

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A large number of

studies have pointed out that autistic patients have deficiencies in facial expression recognition and understanding. This is the core source of impaired social function in

autistic patients (Yang et al. , 2017). Autistic children are more difficult to identify other

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Query: What kind of facial expressions can be used to detect Autism Disorder in children?

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with ASD more frequently displayed Neutral expressions compared to children without ASD, who had more All Other

expressions. The frequency of All Other expressions was driven by non-ASD children more often displaying raised eye-brows and an open mouth, characteristic of engagement/interest. Preliminary results suggest computational coding of

facial movements and expressions via a tablet-based assessment can detect differences in affective expression, one of the

early, core features of ASD

Summary 2:

With the

progress of artificial intelligence technology, facial expression recognition technology can objectively and effectively reflect the mental health of children and can be used in early diagnosis of autism (Yanbin et al., 2018).

We also communicated with doctors of Hubei Maternal and Child Health Hospital, Wuhan Children 's Hospital and Guangzhou Women and Children 's Medical Center many times, and actually checked the process of using the above autism diagnostic scale to diagnose children.

Summary 3:

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Lay Summary: This study tested the use of a tablet in the behavioral assessment of young children with autism. Children

watched a series of developmentally appropriate movies and their facial expressions were recorded using the camera

embedded in the tablet. Results suggest that computational assessments of facial expressions may be useful in early detec-

tion of symptoms of autism.

Summary 4:

As such, fre-

quency and duration of facial affect is a promising early risk marker for young children with autism.

Previous research on atypical facial expressions in chil-

dren with ASD has relied on hand coding of facial expres-

sions, which is time intensive and often requires significant training [Bieberich & Morgan, 2004; S. Clifford et al., 2007; Dawson et al., 1990; Gangi et al., 2014;

Mcgee et al., 1991; Nichols et al., 2014; Snow et al., 1987]

Summary 5:

recognition obstacles, which are mainly manifested in their inability to recognize facial expressions (Liu et al., 2015). It is easy to distinguish autistic children from normal children by observing their facial expressions. Therefore, we combine facial expression recognition technology to extract facial expression response feature vectors and use artificial intelligence technology to distinguish normal group and autistic group based on these facial features.

3.2.2 The principle of diagnosing autism through facial expressions

Summary 6:

A large number of

studies have pointed out that autistic patients have deficiencies in facial expression recognition and understanding. This is the core source of impaired social function in autistic patients (Yang et al. , 2017). Autistic children are more difficult to identify other people 's emotional behavior, and it is difficult to make appropriate judgment and responseLHT

Summary 7:

thermore, higher frequency of neutral expressions correlates with social impairment in children with ASD

[Owada et al., 2018] and differentiates them from chil-

dren with other delays [Bieberich & Morgan, 2004;Yirmiya, Kasari, Sigman, & Mundy, 1989]

Summary 8:

It was found that autistic adults had better recognition of some basic facial expressions, such as happiness, but relatively complex facial expressions such as surprise recognition were difficult to recognize.

At present, the main diagnostic criteria of autism are: IDC-10, DSM-IV, the autism child behavior scale (ABC), the children autism rating scale (CARS) and the Clancy behavior scale (CABS) (Wang, 2007).

After consulting a large number of literatures and investigating the actual situation of the

Summary 9:

This approach is not scalable for use in general ASD risk screening or as a behavioral biomarker or outcome assessment for use in large clinical trials. As such, the field has moved toward automating the coding of facial expressions. In one of the earliest studies of this

Summary 10:

facial expressions, and the twenty-fourth item was active avoidance of eye contact with others. Fifteen items of the CARS scale, the third of which is emotional response, pleasure and unhappiness and interest, are expressed by changes in facial expression and posture. These scales basically include the items of autism detection by children's facial expressions, which show that the diagnosis of autism can be more accurate by facial expressions

Summary 11:

(Shen et al. , 2013). Overseas research on facial expression recognition ability of autistic patients has been carried out not only in children but also in adults. Most studies believe that the ability of facial expression recognition of autistic patients is low. Baron-Cohen et al. (1997) used standard facial expression maps to study the recognition of different emotional types in

autistic adults

Query: What are methods to detect Autism from home videos?

Summary 1:

All were given instructions on how to tag the 30 questions and were asked to score 10 example videos before performing independent feature tagging of new videos.

Table 1. Eight machine learning classifiers used for video analysis and autism detection. The models were constructed from an analysis of archived medical records

from the use of standard instruments, including the ADOS and the ADI-R. All 8 models identified a small, stable subset of features in cross-validation experiments. The

Summary 2:

Features needed by machine learning models designed to detect autism can be identified and measured in home videos on mobile devices by nonexperts in timeframes close to the total video length and under 6 minutes.

- The machine learning models provide a quantitative indication of autism risk that provides more granularity than a binary outcome to flag inconclusive cases, potentially adding value for use in clinical settings, e.g., for triage.
- The process of mobile video analysis for autism detection generates a growing matrix of video features that can be used to construct new machine learning models that may have higher accuracy for autism detection in home video.
- Clinical prospective testing in general pediatric settings on populations not yet diag-

Summary 3:

We then collected 116 short home videos of children with autism (mean age = 4 years 10 months, SD = 2 years 3 months) and 46 videos of typically

Summary 4:

To validate self-reporting of the presence or absence of an ASD diagnosis, 2 clinical staff trained and certified in autism diagnosis evaluated a random selection of 30 videos (15 with ASD and 15 non-ASD) from the 162 videos. Their classifications had perfect correspondence with the diagnoses provided through self-report by the primary caregiver. We randomly selected 50 videos (25 ASD and 25 non-ASD) from the total 162 collected videos and had 9 raters feature tag all in an effort to evaluate the potential for an optimal num-

Summary 5:

What do these findings mean?

- Short home videos can provide sufficient information to run machine learning classifiers trained to detect children with autism from those with either typical or atypical development

Summary 6:

that the use of machine learning analysis on home video can speed the diagnosis without compromising accuracy. We have analyzed item-level records from 2 standard diagnostic instruments to construct machine learning classifiers optimized for sparsity, interpretability, and accuracy

Query: What is Still-Face Paradigm in Early Screening for High-Risk Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Summary 1:

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Paradigm in Early Screening for

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Background: Although autism spectrum disorder (ASD) can currently be di agnosed at
the age of 2 years, age at ASD diagnosis is still 40 months or ev en later

Summary 2:

screeningforASDwithmoreobjectivemethod,behavioralvi deoswereusedinanumber
of studies in recent years.

Method: The still-face paradigm (SFP) was adopted to measure the fre quency and
duration of non-social smiling, protest behavior, eye cont act, social smiling, and active
social engagement in high-risk ASD group (HR) and typical de velopment group (TD)
(HR:n=45; TD:n=43). The HR group was follow-up until they were 2 years old
to confirm final diagnosis

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Though facial affect is the focus of the cur-
rent analysis, the ultimate goal is to combine informationacross autism risk features collected through
the current
digital screening tool [e.g., delayed response to name as
described in Campbell et al., 2019], to develop a risk scorebased on multiple behaviors [Dawson &
Sapiro, 2019].

This information could then be combined with additional measures of risk to enhance screening for ASD.

Methods

Participants

Summary 5:

Machine learning methods were used to establish models for early screening of ASD.

Results: During the face-to-face interaction (FF) episode of the SFP, there were statistically significant differences in the duration and frequency of eye contact, social smiling, and active social engagement between the two groups. During the still-face (SF) episode, there were statistically significant differences in the duration and frequency of eye contact and active social engagement between the two groups. The 45 children in

Summary 6:

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learning reached 76.47% accuracy classifying WS vs. TD and 81.25% accuracy classifying WS+ vs. WS-

Summary 7:

interposing between the camera and the infant); the final

sample size of WS+ (N=10) that limited the power of

machine learning methods.

We conclude that the method proposed here combining

multimodal automatized assessment of social signal processing during early interaction with infants at risk for NDD is a promising tool to decipher clinical features that remain difficult to identify and assess