

Advancements and Challenges in Brain Tumor Detection via Federated Learning: A Comprehensive Review

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Abstract—Brain tumors, whether malignant or benign, can significantly impact an individual’s neurological functions, leading to a range of cognitive, sensory, and motor impairments. The imperative for accurate and early detection arises from the potential severity of these consequences, underscoring the need for advanced diagnostic tools and methodologies. The detection of brain tumors holds paramount significance in contemporary healthcare due to the critical implications associated with timely diagnosis and intervention. This review paper meticulously examines the recent strides in brain tumor detection facilitated by federated learning, a decentralized machine learning paradigm. With an escalating demand for accurate and privacy-aware diagnostic tools, the integration of federated learning in medical imaging emerges as a promising avenue. This comprehensive review aims to distill the evolving landscape, methodologies, challenges, and future prospects in this interdisciplinary domain.

Index Terms—Brain Tumor, Federated Learning, Medical images, Classification

I. INTRODUCTION

The imperative for advancing brain tumor detection methodologies, particularly through the lens of federated learning, is grounded in the profound clinical significance of early and accurate diagnosis. Brain tumors, heterogeneous in nature, pose a formidable challenge to healthcare practitioners due to their potential to disrupt vital neurological functions. A nuanced exploration of the need for improved brain tumor detection methodologies reveals multifaceted dimensions, ranging from the intricacies of clinical importance to the transformative potential of technological innovations.

The objective of this review is to comprehensively explore and evaluate the role of federated learning in advancing brain tumor detection. By delving into the clinical significance, challenges in traditional diagnostic approaches, and the potential impact on patient outcomes, we aim to provide a thorough

understanding of why the evolution of brain tumor detection methodologies, particularly incorporating federated learning, is crucial in contemporary healthcare settings.

A. Clinical Importance

The clinical landscape underscores the critical impact of timely brain tumor detection on patient outcomes. The brain’s intricate structure and its orchestration of essential functions make it susceptible to the diverse manifestations of tumors. Whether benign or malignant, the presence of a brain tumor can precipitate a cascade of neurological impairments, ranging from subtle cognitive changes to severe motor deficits. Therefore, accurate and early detection becomes the linchpin for initiating timely interventions, optimizing treatment strategies, and mitigating the progression of neurological complications.

B. Challenges in Diagnosis

Conventional diagnostic methods, primarily reliant on manual interpretation of medical imaging modalities like magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT), confront inherent limitations. The subjective nature of human interpretation, coupled with the exponential growth in the volume and complexity of medical imaging data, accentuates the challenges in achieving consistent and timely diagnoses. Overcoming these challenges requires innovative solutions that leverage cutting-edge technologies to enhance diagnostic accuracy, efficiency, and reproducibility.

C. Impact on Patient Outcomes

The overarching objective of refining brain tumor detection methodologies is to positively impact patient outcomes. Early detection not only informs the choice of appropriate treatment modalities but also enables the formulation of targeted

and personalized interventions. From surgical resection to chemotherapy and radiation therapy, the effectiveness of these treatments is contingent on accurate diagnosis. Beyond immediate therapeutic considerations, early detection contributes to minimizing the risk of complications, optimizing resource utilization, and ultimately improving the overall quality of life for individuals affected by brain tumors.

D. Role of Federated Learning

Against this backdrop, federated learning emerges as a pioneering paradigm with the potential to revolutionize brain tumor detection. The collaborative nature of federated learning allows for the aggregation of knowledge from diverse medical institutions without compromising data privacy. By decentralizing model training across disparate datasets, federated learning addresses the challenges of data heterogeneity, ensuring that the resulting models are robust, generalizable, and reflective of the broader population. Thus, the integration of federated learning into brain tumor detection methodologies holds promise in not only enhancing diagnostic accuracy but also fostering a collaborative ecosystem for continual improvement.

The remaining sections of our paper are organized as follows: Section II presents overviews of the datasets utilized in diverse papers. Section III, titled methodology, encompasses data preprocessing and methodology. In Section IV, we elucidate the details and descriptions of the result analysis. Section V, under the heading of discussion, incorporates methodology, result comparisons, common findings, and unique contributions. Sections VI and VII encapsulate all limitations and future works. Finally, Section VIII concludes the paper and outlines.

II. DATASETS

The federated learning algorithm's effectiveness in classifying medical images is demonstrated using the T1-weighted CE-MRI brain dataset in [1], which includes 3064 slices acquired from 233 patients with meningiomas, gliomas, and pituitary tumors.

The dataset for [2], sourced from [6], [7] includes 22 brain tumor patients' MRI images for surgical planning. The images are 256×256 in-plane resolutions, accompanied by clinical data, unique MRI IDs, treatment dates, and notes. Pathological findings like tumor location, grey, white, CSF estimates, and volumes, along with patient demographics and clinical scores, are part of the dataset.

The experimental results in this study [3] are conducted on two publicly accessible MRI datasets for brain tumor categorization: BT-small-2c and BT-large-3c. BT-small-2c comprises 253 brain images, with 155 images depicting brain tumors and 98 representing healthy brain tissue. On the other hand, BT-large-3c includes 3,264 brain MRI slices, featuring meningioma, pituitary, glioma tumors, and normal slices. A subpart of BT-large-3c is specifically selected, consisting of 937 meningioma tumor images and 500 normal images.

This study [4] employs a commonly used dataset, specifically the BRATS [8] dataset, comprising MRI scans of brain tumors. The BRATS dataset includes four modalities for each MRI scan, namely T1-weighted, T1-weighted contrast-enhanced, T2-weighted, and FLAIR [9]. This dataset offers a substantial and varied collection of brain tumor images for both training and testing deep learning models

In this study [5], the proposed system's classification accuracy is evaluated using two distinct MRI brain tumor datasets: BT-large-1c and BT-large-2c. The BT-large-1c dataset, sourced from the Kaggle website, comprises a total of 3000 images, evenly distributed between 1500 normal and 1500 abnormal cases. The BT-large-2c dataset, also obtained from Kaggle, consists of 3264 images, with 2764 representing abnormal cases and the remaining 500 being normal. Both datasets are provided in JPG format and exhibit three-dimensional (RGB) characteristics with varying resolutions. The experiments leverage these datasets to assess the efficacy of the proposed federated environment for brain tumor classification, considering the diversity of cases present in the two datasets.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset Pre-Processing Comparison

To simulate real-world isolated data scenarios, the initial dataset in [1] underwent an 8:2 split ratio to create train and test sets. The training set included three brain tumor types: meningioma, glioma, and pituitary tumor, which were distributed randomly among 10 independent clients. To address statistical heterogeneity challenges, the dataset was further distributed to clients in a non-independently and non-identically distributed version (Non-IID) by sorting the labels of medical images, deviating from a sequence of naive randomness.

The data pre-processing for the MRI dataset in [2] study involved several key steps. Initially, 3D NIfTI files were converted to 2D slices using the nibabel library. The pixel range of the RGB images was adjusted, and data were labeled as "Yes_Tumor" or "No_Tumor" based on tumor presence. The dataset, consisting of 2309 Axial T2 and Coronal images, was divided into 70% training and 30% validation data to mitigate overfitting. Normalization was performed using the min-max scaling, rescaling pixel values to a range of 0 to 1. This meticulous pre-processing ensured the dataset's suitability for training and validation in subsequent model endeavors.

The preprocessing phase in the proposed model [3] focuses on enhancing the quality of brain MRI datasets for more accurate brain tumor detection. Unwanted spaces and regions in the images are removed through a cropping method involving extreme point calculations. The process includes converting raw MRI images to grayscale, applying Gaussian blur, thresholding to produce binary images, and using dilation and erosion to reduce noise. The largest contour in the threshold images is identified, and its extreme points (top, bottom, right, left) are calculated. These extreme points are then used to crop the image. Bicubic interpolation is applied for resizing the cropped tumor images. To address the small size of the MRI dataset, image augmentation techniques such as rotation and horizontal

flipping are employed. The augmented dataset is then resized to (224x224) pixels.

In this [4] study, before deep learning model training, MRI images underwent preprocessing for enhanced data quality. Steps included skull stripping using FMRIB Software Library, intensity normalization through the z-score method, image registration with Advanced Normalization Tools, and diverse data augmentation methods like random rotations and elastic deformations to prevent overfitting.

B. Proposed Model Comparison

In [1] study, Federated Averaging (FedAvg) is employed to train a brain tumor classification system, emphasizing decentralized data processing without centralizing data samples. The primary contributions involve distributing the dataset to ten clients, simulating industry data organization, fine-tuning the FedAvg algorithm for optimal hyperparameters, and integrating cutting-edge deep learning models (VGG16, ResNet50, ConvNeXt, and MaxViT) to enhance classification accuracy.

The classification framework incorporates key elements: the classifier model for image categorization and the aggregation algorithm synthesizing the best global model parameter from local information. FedAvg, a Google-proposed federated learning technique, is adapted to aggregate valuable information for the central classifier model, optimizing local models based on a given batch size and several epochs during each communication round. The resulting study framework demonstrates the integration of FedAvg and cutting-edge models for effective brain tumor classification.

The study in [2] employs Federated Learning (FL) to address privacy concerns linked to centralized data collection in medical institutions. The methodology includes the utilization of Federated Learning (FL) for the identification of brain tumors in MRI images. Multiple Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models were trained, and the FL model was constructed through ensemble architecture as part of the process. The author executed various tasks such as data preprocessing, collection, augmentation, creation of a validation set, development of an average CNN model, application of the voting ensemble method, and preparation of a Federated Learning (FL) model suitable for clinical use. Initially, six CNN model architectures (VGG16, VGG19, Inception V3, ResNet50, DenseNet121, and Xception) were tested using Axial T2 and Coronal slices of MRI images. The selection of the three best models (DenseNet121, VGG19, and Inception V3) was based on a comparative analysis. The top three performers form diverse variants of ensemble classifiers. Subsequently, the FL model is constructed using this ensemble architecture, training on model weights from local models without sharing client MRI images. This methodology is validated on a slightly larger dataset, demonstrating the scalability of the FL approach.

The study [3] combines deep learning techniques, particularly CNNs, with federated learning to create an effective and privacy-preserving system for brain tumor diagnosis. The

preprocessing phase ensures the quality of the MRI datasets, and the federated learning environment addresses privacy concerns in the medical data domain. The model shows promising classification accuracy on brain tumor datasets, providing a reliable tool for clinical decision-making.

The proposed model employs Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for brain tumor classification. CNNs use convolutional layers to filter inputs and learn spatial and temporal features. The architecture includes convolutional layers for feature extraction, max-pooling layers for subsampling, and fully connected layers for classification. The weight-sharing approach is used to minimize the number of parameters in the convolutional layers. The model utilizes a federated learning (FL) environment for collaborative machine learning. FL is chosen to address privacy concerns by allowing model training on decentralized data without sharing the data itself. Instead of sharing data, FL shares models. This approach enables local model training on client devices while maintaining privacy. The FL model uses a decentralized training platform to achieve a high-performance global model while keeping clients' data private locally. The proposed model is evaluated using cross-validation techniques on two different standard datasets (BT-small-2c and BT-large-3c), resulting in classification accuracies of 0.82 and 0.96, respectively.

The adopted Federated Learning (FL) framework in the study [4] employs a server-client architecture to facilitate the training of a deep learning model for brain tumor segmentation while preserving data privacy. In this architecture, the server manages the global model and aggregates model weights from clients through secure communication protocols. Clients train their local models on distributed data, ensuring data privacy by not sharing it with the server or other clients. The base architecture selected for this task is U-Net, known for its efficacy in medical imaging applications. Adaptations include adding skip connections, using multimodal input, batch normalization, dropout layers, and a SoftMax output for pixel-wise predictions. The model's performance is evaluated using the dice coefficient, sensitivity, and specificity. Model aggregation is achieved through Federated Averaging, where the server combines model updates from clients based on a weighted average. The complete model architecture is tailored for brain tumor segmentation, addressing privacy concerns in a collaborative learning setting.

The proposed model in the mentioned study [5] integrates three key components: a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for image feature extraction, Federated Learning (FL) for collaborative machine learning while preserving user privacy, and a novel Optimize Weight-Sharing approach tailored for heterogeneous environments. The CNN architecture consists of convolutional, pooling, and fully connected layers for comprehensive image analysis. Federated Learning enables decentralized model training on local data, addressing privacy concerns and network restrictions. The Optimize Weight-Sharing method departs from traditional weight averaging, introducing a robust approach that considers the percentage of each weight and accommodates data size variations in

heterogeneous environments. The algorithmic steps involve initializing a global CNN model on the server, deploying it to multiple clients, and iteratively updating weights based on client contributions, resulting in an efficient and adaptable brain tumor classification model for federated environments.

IV. RESULT ANALYSIS

The experimental outcomes presented in [1] aimed to enhance the accuracy of the brain tumor classification system. The results are obtained through a series of experiments that specifically focused on adjusting hyperparameters and evaluating different classifier models. Utilizing the Federated Averaging (FedAvg) algorithm without relying on federated learning frameworks, the study initially showcased improved performance with VGG16 as the classifier, emphasizing the positive correlation between increased clients in each round and enhanced results. Subsequent experiments delved into the influence of key hyperparameters, such as batch size and the number of epochs, on both IID and Non-IID data. Notably, it achieved high accuracy in classifying three types of brain tumors, with ConvNeXt reaching 98.69% accuracy on IID data and VGG16 achieving 93.30% accuracy on Non-IID data.

Author in [2] analyzed the accuracy of the FL approach for brain tumor identification to the base ensemble model. Experimental results reveal a slight performance decline in the FL approach, achieving 91.05% accuracy compared to the 96.68% accuracy of the base ensemble model. This methodology is robustly validated on another dataset, affirming the method's effectiveness across different datasets. The study concludes that FL can achieve privacy-protected tumor classification from MRI images without compromising accuracy when compared to traditional deep learning methods.

The authors of this study [3] conduct experiments using two deep learning models, namely a Convolutional Neuron Network (CNN) and pre-training visual geometry group (VGG-16), for both centralized and federated learning (FL) scenarios in the diagnosis of brain tumors (BT). The experiments involve utilizing the Adam optimizer with a local learning rate of 0.001, a batch size of 32, and 45 training epochs. The federated learning (FL) model achieves 97% accuracy on the training data and 96% accuracy on the validation dataset (BT-large-3c), with a loss of 0.24% on the training data and 0.29% on the validation data. The proposed CNN model in FL shows competitive performance compared to centralized learning models (CNN and VGG-16). The comparison between data-sharing and FL over the training dataset BT-large-3c indicates that the FL approach can achieve higher classification results without exchanging data with other clients,

In the experiments and results section of the paper [4], the performance of the Federated Learning (FL) model for brain tumor segmentation is meticulously evaluated, revealing exceptional scores across key metrics. The FL model achieves a remarkable dice coefficient of 0.87, indicating a high level of accuracy in segmenting brain tumors. Sensitivity, measuring the effectiveness in predicting non-tumorous cases, attains a commendable score of 0.90, showcasing the model's ability to

reliably identify non-tumorous instances. Specificity, gauging the accuracy in identifying tumorous cases, records an impressive 0.95, indicating a robust 95 percent confidence in tumor detection. These outstanding performance scores underscore the FL model's effectiveness in accurately segmenting brain tumors while leveraging the advantages of distributed data and preserving data privacy. Comparisons with traditional and other deep learning models, such as U-Net, CNN, RNN, and other neural networks, consistently demonstrate the FL model's superiority, affirming its potential to advance medical imaging practices. Descriptive statistics and a one-way ANOVA test further support the conclusion that the FL model achieves a higher level of accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity, showcasing its potential for enhancing medical imaging by ensuring accurate segmentation while maintaining data privacy and security.

In the results and analysis section of this study [5], the proposed model's performance is evaluated on two MRI brain tumor datasets, BT-large-1c and BT-large-2c, using metrics such as classification accuracy, F-score, recall, and precision. The experiments involve comparing the proposed ranking weights percentage approach in Federated Learning (FL) with other techniques, including average weight FL and traditional models like VGG-16 and VGG-16 combined with SVM. The proposed model demonstrates promising outcomes, achieving 95.77% and 96% accuracy on BT-large-1c and 96.73% and 96% accuracy on BT-large-2c, showcasing the effectiveness of the ranking weights percentage method. Additionally, FL with the proposed crossover for training parameters aggregation achieves the highest accuracy percentages of 98% and 97.14% on BT-large-1c and BT-large-2c, respectively. The precision, recall, and F1-score values further support the superiority of the proposed FL approach. Confusion matrices and comparison graphs provide visual insights into the class-wise performance and the superiority of the ranking weights percentage approach over other techniques. Overall, the proposed model demonstrates robust performance in brain tumor classification in a federated environment.

V. DISCUSSIONS

A. Methodology Comparison:

Viet et al. [1] extensively compared brain tumor classification using the Federated Averaging (FedAvg) algorithm with various deep learning frameworks. They distributed the dataset to ten clients and fine-tuned the federated learning algorithm for optimal hyperparameters. The integration of advanced architectures (VGG16, ResNet50, ConvNeXt, and MaxViT) enriched and systematically evaluated the classification framework.

Islam1 et al. [2] utilize Federated Learning (FL) to tackle medical data privacy issues, preserving local data privacy while creating an unbiased global model. The study initially trains multiple CNN models on MRI data, selecting the top three to construct ensemble classifiers, and later applies FL to build a model while ensuring client data privacy.

In [1], the study employs Federated Averaging (FedAvg) for brain tumor classification, distributing the dataset to ten clients and fine-tuning the algorithm for optimal hyperparameters. The integration of cutting-edge models like VGG16, ResNet50, ConvNeXt, and MaxViT enhances classification accuracy. [2] focuses on privacy concerns using Federated Learning (FL) for brain tumor identification, testing six CNN models and constructing an FL model through ensemble architecture. The FL model is trained on local models without sharing client MRI images, demonstrating scalability. [3] combines CNNs and federated learning for a privacy-preserving brain tumor diagnosis system, achieving promising classification accuracy. [4] adopts an FL framework for brain tumor segmentation with a server–client architecture, using U-Net and addressing privacy concerns through model aggregation with Federated Averaging. [5] integrates CNN, FL, and a novel Optimize Weight-Sharing approach for brain tumor classification, addressing privacy and adaptability in heterogeneous environments. The model involves decentralized training, considering data size variations and achieving efficiency in federated environments.

B. Results Comparison:

Viet et al. [1], optimized brain tumor classification accuracy through a detailed intra-comparison, focusing on hyperparameter tuning and classifier model selection. ConvNeXt emerged as the top performer with 98.69% accuracy on IID data, while VGG16 peaked at 93.30% accuracy on Non-IID data, providing valuable insights into the effectiveness of different configurations in the federated learning framework for brain tumor classification. Islam et al. [2], experimental results revealed a slight decline in FL performance (91.05% accuracy) compared to the base ensemble model (96.68%). The approach was validated on a larger dataset, demonstrating scalability and achieving privacy-protected tumor classification without significant accuracy compromise.

C. Common Findings:

- **Privacy Concerns:** The studies emphasize privacy preservation by adopting federated learning or similar approaches. They aim to enable model training on decentralized data without sharing raw data, thus addressing privacy concerns in medical data.
- **Deep Learning Models:** VGG16, ResNet50, and other cutting-edge deep learning models are common across multiple studies, showcasing a consensus on leveraging established architectures for improved classification performance.
- **Data Distribution:** The studies involve the distribution of data to multiple clients, simulating industry data organization, and training models collaboratively in a federated learning setting.
- **Objective:** All five studies focus on the application of machine learning, particularly deep learning, to address brain tumor classification or segmentation in medical imaging data.

D. Unique Contributions:

1) Federated Learning Techniques:

- [1] and [3] use Federated Averaging (FedAvg) for model aggregation, while [2], [4], and [5] employ Federated Learning (FL) more broadly without specifying the aggregation method.

2) Model Training Approach:

- [1] uses FedAvg to optimize local models based on a given batch size and several epochs during each communication round.
- [2] employs an ensemble architecture with multiple CNN models for FL model construction.
- [3] uses CNNs in a federated learning environment with weight-sharing to minimize parameters in convolutional layers.
- [4] focuses on brain tumor segmentation using a U-Net architecture with Federated Averaging for model aggregation.
- [5] integrates FL with a novel Optimize Weight-Sharing approach, departing from traditional weight averaging.

3) Model Evaluation:

- [1] and [3] evaluate the proposed models based on classification accuracy on brain tumor datasets.
- [2] uses a voting ensemble method and demonstrates scalability on a slightly larger dataset.
- [4] evaluates the model's performance using the dice coefficient, sensitivity, and specificity for brain tumor segmentation.
- [5] evaluates the model using cross-validation techniques on two different datasets, demonstrating classification accuracies.

4) Model Adaptations:

- [4] adapts the U-Net architecture with skip connections, multimodal input, batch normalization, dropout layers, and SoftMax output for pixel-wise predictions.

5) Weight Aggregation:

- [4] uses Federated Averaging for model aggregation, while [5] introduces a novel Optimize Weight-Sharing approach to consider the percentage of each weight and accommodate data size variations in heterogeneous environments.

VI. LIMITATIONS

The study in [1], acknowledges challenges related to statistical heterogeneity, particularly in handling nonindependent and indivisible data. The current approach has not fully resolved these difficulties, resulting in an unstable convergence process that is susceptible to "unseen" data. Addressing the issues associated with non-independently and Identically Distributed (Non-IID) data remains a limitation in the current federated learning system.

The study in [2] demonstrates promising outcomes, however, it identifies limitations such as unaddressed class distribution imbalance, potential privacy concerns with the weighted

average, and the need for larger datasets, improved image formatting, diverse feature extraction techniques, and advanced FL aggregation algorithms for enhanced accuracy.

While the study [3] demonstrates promising results, some limitations should be acknowledged. The model's performance might be influenced by the specific datasets used, and generalization to diverse datasets needs validation. Additionally, the effectiveness of the proposed approach may vary based on the nature and characteristics of brain tumors, and further investigation on a broader range of tumor types is warranted.

In summary, the study [4] acknowledges several limitations in the current approach to federated learning (FL) for brain tumor segmentation in medical imaging. Firstly, the computational and communication overhead of FL is pronounced, especially with larger datasets or more participating clients, necessitating the development of more efficient model aggregation and communication protocols. Secondly, the effectiveness of FL is contingent on the quality and diversity of data from participating clients, prompting the need for research into methods ensuring data quality and diversity in FL-based medical imaging. Lastly, the assumption of trustworthiness in participating clients may not always hold, requiring further research into detecting and mitigating the risk of malicious clients in FL-based medical imaging applications. Despite FL's potential for enhancing accuracy and privacy in brain tumor segmentation, the study emphasizes the importance of addressing these limitations through additional research for the development of more efficient and effective FL-based medical imaging applications.

VII. FUTURE RESEARCH

To enhance the federated learning system, [1] future work should focus on more effectively addressing the challenges posed by Non-IID data. Research efforts could explore advanced techniques or modifications to the algorithm to improve stability during convergence and reduce susceptibility to unforeseen data patterns. Additionally, investigating novel approaches specifically designed for handling nonindependent and indivisible datasets would contribute to the continued development and refinement of federated learning systems.

The researchers in [2], plan to address class distribution imbalance, enhance model robustness with larger datasets, improve image formatting for poor-quality images, explore alternative feature extraction techniques, employ advanced FL aggregation algorithms for increased accuracy, and extend the study to include DNA images for investigating genetic mutations in brain cancers.

Future research of this study [3] could explore expanding the dataset for a more comprehensive evaluation, experimenting with different CNN architectures to optimize performance, addressing potential challenges related to varying image quality, and investigating the practical implementation of federated learning in clinical settings. Additionally, future work might delve into aspects of privacy and security in federated learning for medical data to ensure compliance with healthcare standards and regulations.

Addressing issues such as dataset inconsistencies, communication overhead, privacy concerns, and device heterogeneity is crucial for realizing the full potential of FL. Future research on this study [4] could focus on optimizing FL algorithms for medical imaging applications, with an emphasis on more efficient model aggregation and communication protocols. Additionally, exploring methods to ensure data quality and diversity in FL-based medical imaging, investigating FL's applicability to other medical imaging tasks beyond brain tumor segmentation, and studying the integration of FL with emerging technologies like blockchain for enhanced data privacy and security are areas that warrant further exploration. The overarching goal is to unlock the significant potential of FL in improving the accuracy and privacy of medical imaging applications while fostering innovation in algorithmic efficiency and data quality assurance.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The synthesis of current literature reveals the multifaceted nature of federated learning applications in brain tumor detection. From federated model training strategies addressing the challenges of heterogeneous data sources to federated transfer learning techniques enhancing model generalization, a nuanced understanding of the field is presented. The review also dissects the impact of federated learning on addressing issues like data imbalance, model interpretability, and scalability in healthcare settings.

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