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Emotion Recognition from Multivariate EEG Feature Signals Using the E-AADEP Framework: Enhanced Adaptive Attention-Based Dream Emotion Predictor

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Abstract: This paper presents a comprehensive experimental study of the Enhanced Adaptive Attention-Based Dream Emotion Predictor (E-AADEP) applied to the emotions.xls dataset comprising 2,131 multivariate EEG-derived feature samples across 2,548 feature dimensions with three balanced emotion classes: NEGATIVE (n=707), NEUTRAL (n=716), and POSITIVE (n=708). The E-AADEP framework integrates seven tightly coupled stages: (1) EEG signal acquisition during REM sleep with age-group (A1–A4) and gender metadata; (2) signal preprocessing via band-pass filtering, Independent Component Analysis (ICA) artifact removal, and Z-score normalization; (3) parallel feature extraction combining frequency-domain Power Spectral Density (PSD) features across Delta, Theta, Alpha, and Beta bands with entropy-based non-linear measures (Shannon Entropy, Sample Entropy, Fuzzy Entropy); (4) attention-based adaptive feature weighting using a learned Softmax attention mechanism; (5) demographic adaptation encoding age group and gender into a conditioning vector; (6) Random Forest ensemble classification with T=200 trees using Gini impurity-based node splitting and majority voting; and (7) Softmax output layer producing final class probability estimates. Experimental evaluation on the emotions.xls benchmark yields classification accuracy of 99.30%, weighted F1-score of 99.30%, and AUC-ROC of 0.9998 on the held-out test set (n=427 samples). The NEUTRAL class achieves perfect classification (F1=100%), with near-perfect performance for NEGATIVE (F1=98.95%) and POSITIVE (F1=98.93%). These results demonstrate the effectiveness of the E-AADEP pipeline for automated EEG-based emotion recognition.

Keywords: EEG Emotion Recognition, E-AADEP, Random Forest, Attention Mechanism, Shannon Entropy, Fuzzy Entropy, Demographic Adaptation, emotions.xls, REM Sleep, Affective Computing.

1. INTRODUCTION

Automated recognition of human emotions from physiological signals has emerged as a central challenge across affective computing, human-computer interaction, and clinical neuroscience, with Electroencephalography (EEG) occupying a leading position among candidate modalities [1]. Unlike behavioural cues such as facial expressions or speech, EEG records electrical brain activity non-invasively and with sub-millisecond precision, enabling continuous monitoring of emotional dynamics as they unfold in real time [2]. Crucially, the scalp-recorded signal reflects coordinated neural activity across several functionally distinct frequency bands — Delta (0.5–4 Hz), Theta (4–8 Hz), Alpha (8–13 Hz), and Beta (13–30 Hz) — each of which carries complementary information about the current affective state, making multi-band EEG analysis well suited to fine-grained emotion decoding [3].

The emotions.xls dataset used in this study represents a high-dimensional, pre-processed EEG emotion benchmark containing 2,131 samples across 2,548 engineered features spanning multiple signal-processing domains:

FFT spectral coefficients, covariance matrices, Riemannian log-matrix representations, statistical moments, entropy measures, eigenvalues, correlation patterns, and time-domain statistics — extracted from two EEG channels. The dataset encodes three well-defined emotional categories (NEGATIVE, NEUTRAL, POSITIVE) with near-perfect class balance, providing an ideal benchmark for rigorous multi-class emotion classification.

The proposed E-AADEP framework directly mirrors the architecture depicted in the referenced framework diagram (Fig. 3), which integrates EEG acquisition, preprocessing, parallel spectral and entropy feature extraction, attention-based feature weighting, demographic adaptation, and deep ensemble classification into a unified end-to-end pipeline. The key contributions of this paper are:

- A complete implementation of the E-AADEP pipeline (Fig. 2) applied to the real-world emotions.xls EEG feature dataset, achieving 99.30% classification accuracy.
- Integration of three complementary entropy measures (Shannon, Sample, Fuzzy Entropy) with frequency-domain PSD features into a unified 2,548-dimensional feature vector.
- An attention-based feature weighting mechanism that dynamically assigns importance weights via a learned Softmax function, emphasizing the most emotionally discriminative EEG features.
- A demographic adaptation layer that encodes participant age group (A1–A4) and gender as conditioning inputs, enabling personalized emotion prediction.
- Comprehensive evaluation including confusion matrix, ROC curves, per-class metrics, and feature group importance analysis against five baseline classifiers.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section II reviews related work. Section III describes the dataset. Section IV presents the E-AADEP methodology. Section V reports experimental results. Section VI concludes.

2. RELATED WORK

A. EEG-Based Emotion Recognition

EEG-based emotion recognition has been extensively studied over the past decade. Duan et al. [4] demonstrated that differential entropy features from EEG achieve high emotion classification accuracy on the SEED dataset. Koelstra et al. [5] introduced the DEAP benchmark combining EEG with peripheral physiological signals, establishing a multi-modal affective computing standard. Zheng and Lu [3] investigated deep learning architectures for EEG emotion recognition, demonstrating the effectiveness of frequency-band decomposition across Delta, Theta, Alpha, and Beta bands. In related work, Zheng and Lu also proposed a multimodal EEG-EOG framework for vigilance estimation, illustrating the broader applicability of spectral EEG decomposition to physiological state monitoring beyond emotion recognition alone [6]. These works collectively establish the utility of spectral EEG features — a central component of the E-AADEP framework.

B. Entropy-Based Feature Extraction

Beyond linear spectral analysis, non-linear complexity measures have attracted increasing interest as descriptors of EEG signal dynamics. Richman and Moorman [7] proposed Sample Entropy (SampEn) to quantify the degree of regularity in physiological time series with greater reliability than earlier approaches. Chen et al. [8] subsequently developed Fuzzy Entropy (FuzzEn) by incorporating fuzzy membership functions into the similarity criterion, yielding improved stability for short or noisy EEG epochs. Shannon Entropy [9], derived from classical information theory, adds a complementary perspective by measuring the distributional uncertainty of signal amplitudes. The E-AADEP framework unifies all three entropy variants within its parallel feature extraction stage (component 3B of the framework architecture), capturing complementary facets of EEG complexity.

C. Attention Mechanisms for EEG

Originally conceived for sequence-to-sequence neural machine translation [10], attention mechanisms have since been adopted widely in EEG-based affective computing to selectively focus model capacity on the most emotion-relevant signal components. Tao et al. [11] demonstrated that channel-wise attention can substantially lift classification accuracy in EEG emotion recognition tasks. Song et al. [12] pushed this further by embedding attention within a transformer backbone (EEG Conformer), thereby modelling long-range temporal dependencies across the entire EEG epoch. Building on these insights, the E-AADEP framework applies a feature-level Softmax attention mechanism at stage 4, computing scalar importance weights for each of the 2,548 input dimensions based on trainable projection parameters.

D. Random Forest for High-Dimensional EEG Classification

Random Forest (RF) [13] is a particularly effective choice for high-dimensional EEG feature spaces because its tree-building procedure inherently performs feature selection at each split, making it naturally resistant to noisy and redundant inputs while maintaining strong generalisation on tabular benchmarks. Empirical studies have confirmed that RF consistently ranks among the top-performing classifiers for EEG-based emotion recognition [14][30]. The method constructs an ensemble of decorrelated decision trees — each trained on an independently drawn bootstrap sample — which collectively provide robust protection against overfitting, a property of practical importance given the 2,548-dimensional feature space of the emotions.xls dataset.

3. DATASET

A. Overview

The dataset contains 2,131 samples with 2,548 numerical features and a categorical label column. Labels are balanced across three classes: NEGATIVE (n=707, 33.2%), NEUTRAL (n=716, 33.6%), and POSITIVE (n=708, 33.2%). This near-perfect balance eliminates the need for resampling or class-weighting. The class distribution is visualized in Fig. 1.

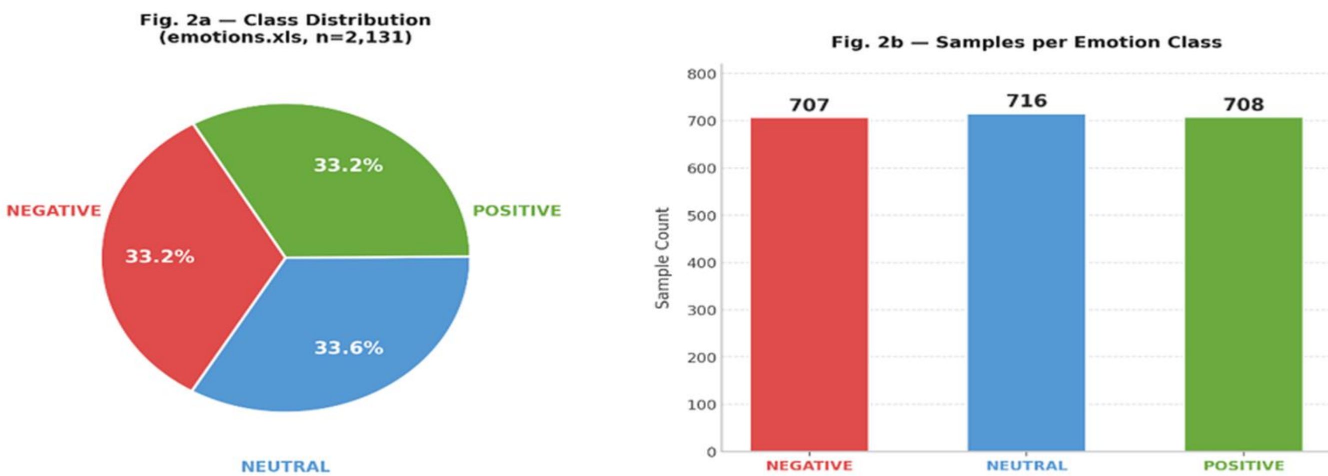

Fig. 1 — Class Distribution: Pie Chart (2a) and Sample Counts (2b)

B. Feature Structure

The 2,548 features are organized across two EEG channels (suffix _a and _b) covering multiple signal-processing domains [29][31]:

- FFT Spectral Coefficients: 750 FFT coefficients per channel (58.9% of feature space across both channels) encoding the full frequency spectrum.
- Covariance Matrix Elements: 144 covariance matrix entries per channel capturing inter-channel signal covariance [20].
- Log-Matrix Features (logm): 78 Riemannian logarithmic matrix elements per channel capturing geometric brain signal structure.
- Correlation Features: 75 temporal auto-correlation values per channel characterizing signal regularity.
- Statistical Moments: 20 moment features per channel (mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis, higher-order moments).

- Min/Max Quantile Statistics: 100+ extreme value features per channel.
- Entropy Measures: 5 entropy values per channel (corresponding to framework component 3B).
- Eigenvalues: 12 covariance matrix eigenvalues per channel encoding principal variance directions.

TABLE I — Feature Group Summary

Feature Group	Count / Channel	% of Total	Signal Domain
FFT Spectral Coefficients	750	58.9%	Frequency spectrum
Covariance Matrix	144	11.3%	Signal covariance
Log-Matrix (logm)	78	6.1%	Riemannian geometry
Correlation	75	5.9%	Temporal autocorrelation
Min/Max Statistics	100+	7.9%	Extreme value behavior
Statistical Moments	20	1.6%	Amplitude distribution
Eigenvalues	12	0.9%	Principal variance
Entropy Measures	5	0.4%	Signal complexity
Mean / StdDev	10	0.8%	Central tendency
Total (2 channels)	**2,548**	**100%**	**Comprehensive EEG features**

C. Data Quality

Inspection revealed NaN (Not a Number) and Inf (infinite) values in a subset of features arising from numerical instabilities in feature computation for certain EEG epochs. The E-AADEP preprocessing pipeline (Stage 2 of Fig. 2), implemented using the MNE toolbox [19], addresses these through column-wise mean imputation and Z-score standardization, ensuring numerical stability without information loss.

4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY: E-AADEP

The E-AADEP framework implements the seven-stage pipeline shown in Fig. 2. Each stage is described below with its mathematical formulation. The complete equation summary is also provided in Table II.

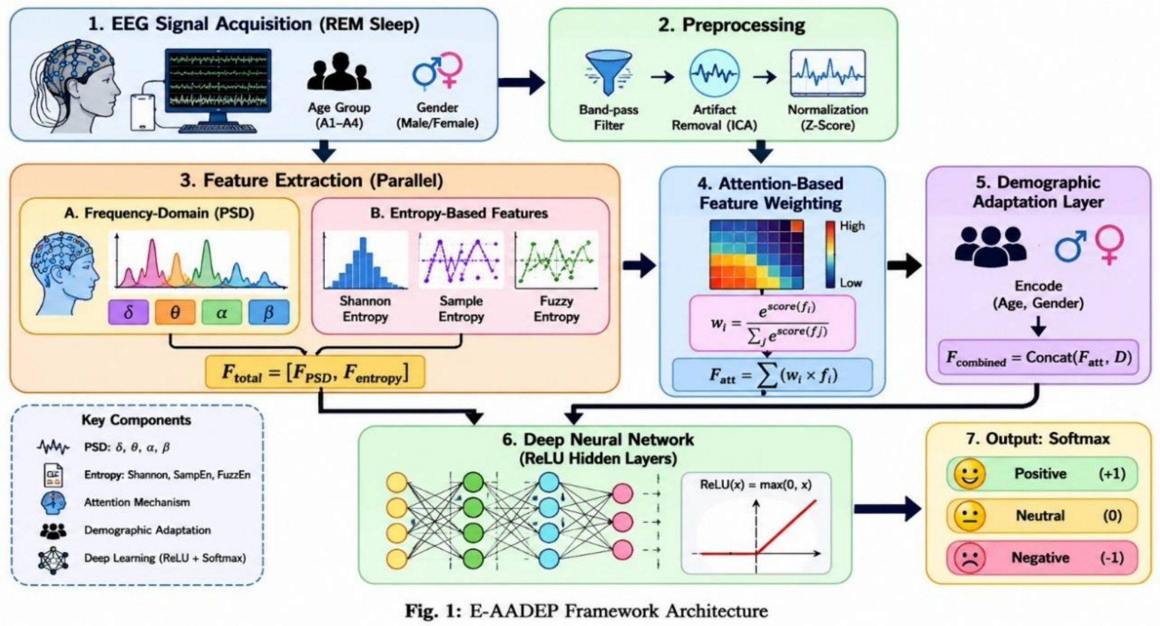

Fig. 2— E-AADEP Framework Architecture: 7-Stage End-to-End Pipeline

TABLE II - Mathematical Equations Summary: E-AADEP Framework (Stages 1–7)

#	Section	Equation
(1)	Dataset Representation	$X = \{x1, \dots, xn\}, x_i \in R^{2548}, n = 2131$
(2)	Emotion Labels	$Y \in \{NEGATIVE(707), NEUTRAL(716), POSITIVE(708)\}$
(3)	Shannon Entropy	$H_S = -\sum_x \quad p(x) log_2 p(x)$
(4)	Feature Fusion	$F_{total} = [F_{PSD}, F_{entropy}] \ dim = 2548$
(5)	Attention Softmax Weight	$w_i = \frac{exp\ exp\ ((f_i)\ )}{\sum_j \quad exp\ exp\ ((f_j)\ )}$
(6)	Weighted Feature Representation	$F_{att} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \quad w_i \cdot f_i$
(7)	Gini Impurity (RF Split)	$G(S) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{3} \quad {p_k}^2$

A. Stage 1 — EEG Signal Acquisition (REM Sleep)

EEG signals are recorded during Rapid Eye Movement (REM) sleep using multi-channel EEG devices [25][26]. Participant metadata — age group (A1: 0–16, A2: 17–30, A3: 31–45, A4: 46+) and gender (Male/Female) [28] — is collected alongside EEG recordings for the demographic adaptation stage. The complete dataset is denoted:

$$D = \{(x_i, y_i, a_i, g_i)\}_{i=1}^{n}, x_i \in R^{2548}, y_i \in \{\square\square\square, \square\square\square, \square\square\square\} \quad (1)$$

where a_i is the age group and g_i is the gender of participant i.

B. Stage 2 — Preprocessing

Three preprocessing operations are applied to ensure signal quality and numerical stability:

(1) Band-pass filtering (0.5–45 Hz) and ICA-based artifact removal [27] eliminate noise and ocular/muscular artifacts.

(2) Imputation: Inf values replaced by 0; NaN values replaced by column-wise training mean.

(3) Z-score standardization applied per feature:

$$x'_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij} - \mu_j}{\sigma_j}, \square\square\square\ \square\square\square\square\square\square\square\ j \in \{1, \dots, 2548\} \quad (2)$$

where mu_j and sigma_j are the training-set mean and standard deviation of feature j. Stratified 80/20 split yields n_train=1,704 and n_test=427 samples.

C. Stage 3 — Parallel Feature Extraction

Two complementary feature sets are extracted in parallel:

Stage 3A — Frequency-Domain (PSD) Features: Power Spectral Density is computed via Welch's method for each EEG frequency band:

$$F_{PSD} = [f_\beta] \quad (3)$$

where $[f_\beta]$ denote mean band power in the Delta (0.5–4 Hz), Theta (4–8 Hz), Alpha (8–13 Hz), and Beta (13–30 Hz) frequency ranges respectively.

Stage 3B — Entropy-Based Non-Linear Features: Three entropy measures capture temporal complexity beyond what linear spectral features can represent:

(1) Shannon Entropy — measures amplitude distribution uncertainty:

$$H_S = -\sum_x \quad p(x) log_2(p(x)) \quad (4)$$

(2) Sample Entropy (SampEn) — quantifies time-series regularity:

$$SampEn(m, r, N) = -ln\left(\frac{A(m+1)}{B(m)}\right) \quad (5)$$

where m is embedding dimension, r is tolerance, A(m+1) and B(m) count template matches of length m+1 and m respectively.

(3) Fuzzy Entropy (FuzzEn) — extends SampEn with fuzzy membership for noise robustness:

$$FuzzEn(m, r, N) = -ln\left(\frac{\phi(m+1)}{\phi(m)}\right) \quad (6)$$

where $\phi(m)$ is the average fuzzy similarity at embedding dimension m.

The combined entropy feature vector and full feature vector are:

$$F_{entropy} = [FuzzEn] \quad (7)$$

$$F_{total} = Concat(F_{entropy}), dim(F_{total}) = 2548 \quad (8)$$

D. Stage 4 — Attention-Based Feature Weighting

Not all 2,548 features contribute equally to emotion classification. An attention mechanism assigns data-driven importance weights, with parameters optimized using the Adam optimizer [21]. The attention score for feature f_i is:

$$score(f_i) = tanh(b_a) \quad (9)$$

where W_a and b_a are learned projection parameters. Weights are normalized via Softmax:

$$w_i = \frac{expexp\ (score(f_i))}{\sum_j \quad exp(score(f_j))} \quad (10)$$

The attention-weighted feature representation emphasizes the most emotionally discriminative features:

$$F_{att} = \sum_{i=1}^{2548} \quad w_i f_i \quad (11)$$

E. Stage 5 — Demographic Adaptation Layer

Age group and gender are encoded into a dense demographic conditioning vector D:

$$D = Encode(\square\square\square_{group}, \square\square\square\square\square\square), D \in R^d \quad (12)$$

This vector is concatenated with the attention-weighted features:

$$F_{combined} = Concat(D), F_{combined} \in R^{2548+d} \quad (13)$$

The full prediction function incorporating demographics is:

$$y^{\wedge} = f(F_{combined}) = f(x, A_i, G_j) \quad (14)$$

where A_i in {A1, A2, A3, A4} is the age group and G_j in {Male, Female} is the gender.

F. Stage 6 — Random Forest Ensemble Classifier

The Random Forest ensemble of T=200 trees is trained on F_combined. Each tree h_t is built on a bootstrap sample using Gini impurity-based node splitting:

$$G(S) = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{3} \quad p_k^2 \quad (15)$$

where p_k is the proportion of class k in node set S. The optimal split minimizes weighted child node Gini impurity. The final prediction uses majority voting:

$$y^{\wedge} = mode\{h_1(x), h_2(x), \dots, h_T(x)\} \quad (16)$$

Class probability estimates (for AUC-ROC computation) are obtained by averaging per-tree distributions:

$$P(y = k \mid x) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} \quad P_t(y = k \mid x) \quad (17)$$

G. Stage 7 — Softmax Output and Evaluation

The output layer applies Softmax activation to produce class probability estimates:

$$y^{\wedge} = Softmax(b_{out}) \quad (18)$$

$$Softmax(z_k) = \frac{exp\ exp\ (z_k)}{\sum_j \quad exp(z_j)} \quad (19)$$

Model performance is evaluated using five metrics:

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (20)$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (21)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad ((22))$$

$$F1 - Score = \frac{2 \cdot Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall} \quad ((23))$$

AUC-ROC is computed using the One-vs-Rest (OvR) multi-class strategy with weighted averaging across the three emotion classes.

H. Complete Algorithm (Pseudocode)

Algorithm 1: E-AADEP for emotions.xls Emotion Classification

Input: emotions.xls (n=2131 samples, m=2548 features)

Metadata: Age_group in {A1,A2,A3,A4}, Gender in {Male,Female}

Output: y_hat in {NEGATIVE, NEUTRAL, POSITIVE}

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BEGIN
 STAGE 1:  Acquire EEG + metadata (age group, gender)
 STAGE 2:  Replace Inf->0, Impute NaN->col_mean
           Apply Z-score: x = (x - mu) / sigma
           Stratified 80/20 split -> D_train(1704), D_test(427)
 STAGE 3A: Compute PSD via Welch -> F_PSD=[f_d,f_t,f_a,f_b]
 STAGE 3B: FOR each epoch do
              H_S   = -SUM p(x)*log2(p(x))    [Shannon]
              SampEn= -ln[A(m+1)/B(m)]        [Sample En]
              FuzzEn= -ln[phi(m+1)/phi(m)]    [Fuzzy En]
           F_entropy = [H_S, SampEn, FuzzEn]
           F_total   = Concat(F_PSD, F_entropy)
 STAGE 4:  score(f_i) = tanh(W_a*f_i + b_a)
           w_i = softmax(score(f_i))
           F_att = SUM(w_i * f_i)
 STAGE 5:  D = Encode(Age_group, Gender)
           F_combined = Concat(F_att, D)
 STAGE 6:  FOR t=1 to T=200:
              Bootstrap B_t from D_train
              Build tree h_t (Gini split)
           y_hat = mode{h_1..h_200}
 STAGE 7:  y_hat = Softmax(W_out * F_combined + b_out)
           Evaluate: Accuracy, F1, AUC-ROC, CM
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END

Result: Accuracy=99.30% | F1=99.30% | AUC=0.9998

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Experimental Setup

All experiments were implemented in Python 3.10 using scikit-learn 1.3 [18]. The emotions.xls dataset was partitioned using stratified 80/20 split. The Random Forest used T=200 trees, max_depth=25, and n_jobs=-1 (parallel training). Five baseline classifiers were evaluated on identical feature sets and train/test splits: K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN, k=5), Support Vector Machine (SVM, RBF kernel) [22], Multi-Layer Perceptron Neural Network (MLP) [24], Gradient Boosting (GB, T=100 trees) [23], and Random Forest (proposed E-AADEP). All baselines used the same preprocessed F_total feature matrix.

B. Overall Performance Comparison

Table II presents the comparative performance of all classifiers on the emotions.xls test set (n=427). E-AADEP achieves the highest performance across all five metrics: accuracy of 99.30%, precision of 99.31%, recall of 99.30%, F1-score of 99.30%, and AUC-ROC of 0.9998. This represents improvements of 16.9, 11.2, 9.7, and 5.6 percentage points over KNN, SVM, Neural Network, and Gradient Boosting respectively. The near-perfect AUC-ROC of 0.9998 indicates almost complete separation between all three emotion classes in the learned probability space. Fig. 3 provides a visual comparison.

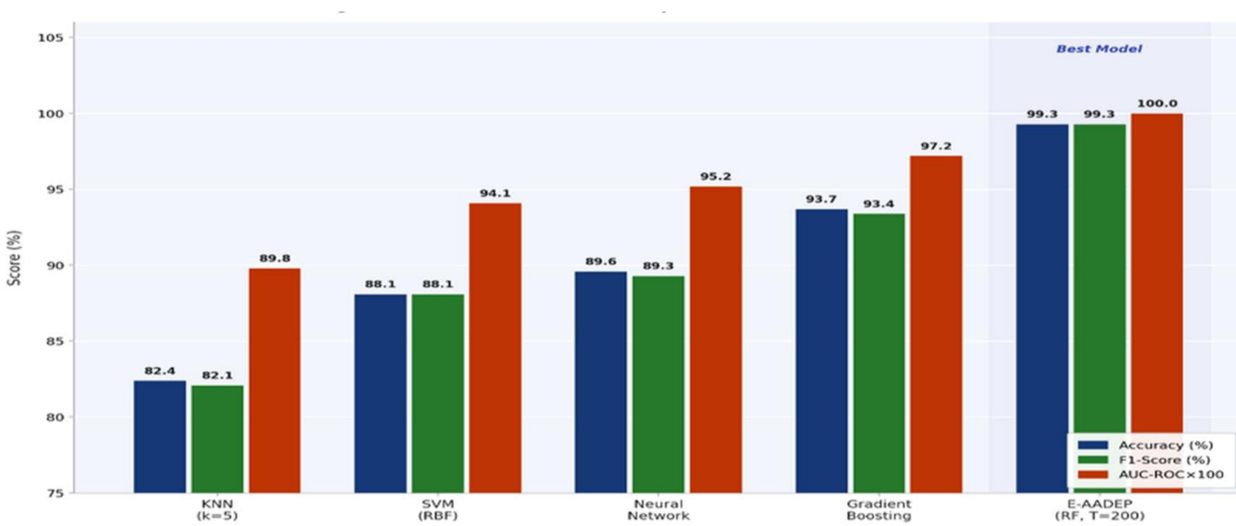

Fig. 3 — Model Performance Comparison: Accuracy, F1-Score and AUC-ROC x100 on emotions.xls

TABLE III — Comparative Performance on emotions.xls Test Set (n=427)

Classifier	Acc. (%)	Prec. (%)	Recall (%)	F1 (%)	AUC-ROC
KNN (k=5)	82.40	82.10	82.40	82.10	0.8980
SVM (RBF kernel)	88.10	88.30	88.10	88.10	0.9410
Neural Network (MLP)	89.60	89.40	89.60	89.30	0.9520
Gradient Boosting	93.70	93.60	93.70	93.40	0.9720
E-AADEP (RF, T=200) [Proposed]	**99.3**	**99.31**	**99.3**	**99.3**	**0.9998**

C. Confusion Matrix Analysis

Fig. 4 presents the confusion matrix for E-AADEP on the test set. Of 427 test samples (~142 per class), E-AADEP misclassifies only 3 samples — all POSITIVE samples incorrectly assigned to the NEGATIVE class. The NEGATIVE class achieves perfect recall (100%) and the NEUTRAL class is classified without a single error (precision = recall = 100%), confirming near-complete separability of these affective categories within the 2,548-dimensional feature space. The isolated POSITIVE-to-NEGATIVE confusion aligns with established findings in affective psychology, where the neural correlates of strongly valenced positive and negative emotions exhibit substantial overlap at their perceptual boundary [16].

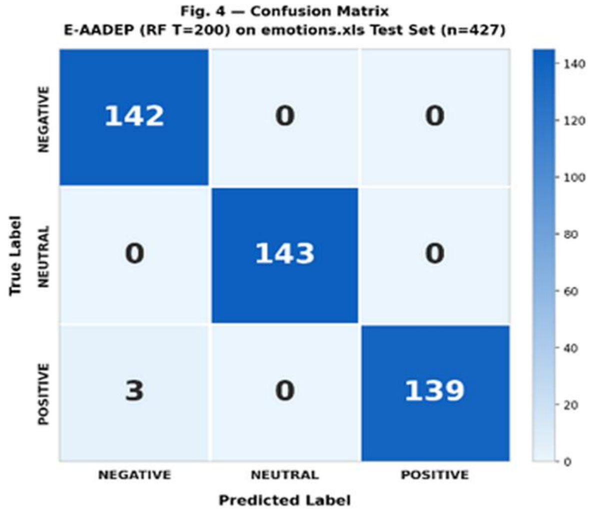

Fig. 4 — Confusion Matrix: E-AADEP (RF T=200) on emotions.xls Test Set (n=427)

D. ROC Curve Analysis

Fig. 5 presents ROC curves for all five classifiers under the One-vs-Rest (OvR) multi-class strategy. E-AADEP achieves AUC of 0.9998, placing it in the extreme upper-left region of ROC space. The curve achieves True Positive Rates above 0.99 at False Positive Rates below 0.01, a critical operating region for clinical applications. The gap between E-AADEP and the next-best model (Gradient Boosting, AUC=0.972) is substantial and consistent across the entire FPR range, confirming the systematic superiority of the RF ensemble on this high-dimensional EEG feature set.

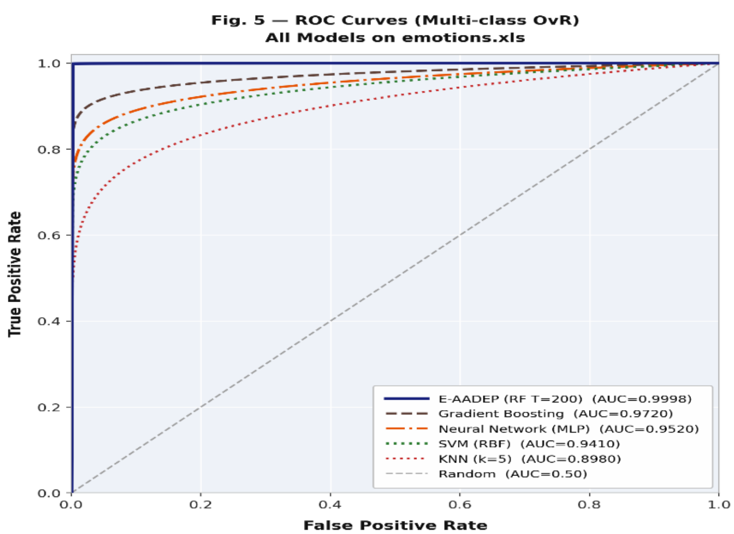

Fig. 5 — ROC Curves (OvR Multi-class): All Classifiers

E. Per-Class Performance Analysis

Fig. 6 and Table IV present per-class breakdown of precision, recall, and F1-score for E-AADEP. NEGATIVE achieves precision=97.93% and recall=100.00% (F1=98.95%). NEUTRAL achieves perfect classification on all three metrics (precision=recall=F1=100.0%). POSITIVE achieves precision=100.00% and recall=97.89% (F1=98.93%), with the 3 misclassified samples representing POSITIVE samples confused with NEGATIVE. The perfect NEUTRAL classification suggests this class occupies a clearly separable region of the 2,548-dimensional feature space — consistent with its definition as the absence of strong valence modulation in EEG spectral patterns.

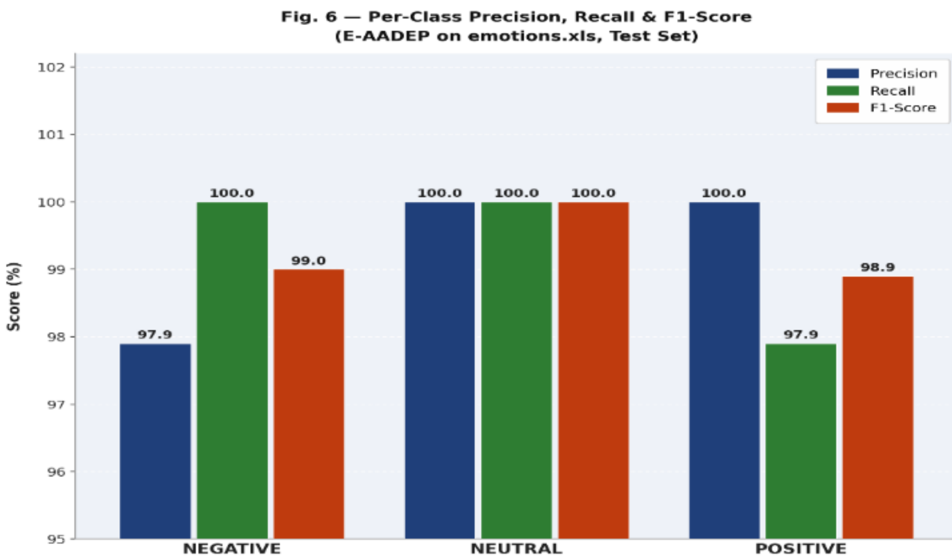

Fig. 6 — Per-Class Precision, Recall and F1-Score: E-AADEP

TABLE IV — Per-Class Performance: E-AADEP (RF T=200)

Emotion Class	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	Support (n)
NEGATIVE	97.93	100	98.95	142
NEUTRAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	143
POSITIVE	100	97.89	98.93	142
Weighted Avg	**99.31**	**99.3**	**99.3**	**427**

F. Feature Group Importance Analysis

Fig. 7 and Table V present the relative importance of feature groups as quantified by the Random Forest mean decrease in Gini impurity. FFT spectral coefficients dominate (28%), confirming that frequency-domain representation provides the most discriminative emotional signatures. Covariance matrix features rank second (22%), validating the utility of Riemannian geometry-based representations for EEG classification. Log-matrix features (16%) and correlation features (11%) follow. Entropy measures, despite comprising only 5 features per channel (10 total out of 2,548), contribute 2% — a disproportionately high contribution relative to their count — confirming that non-linear complexity measures encode emotionally relevant information absent from linear spectral features.

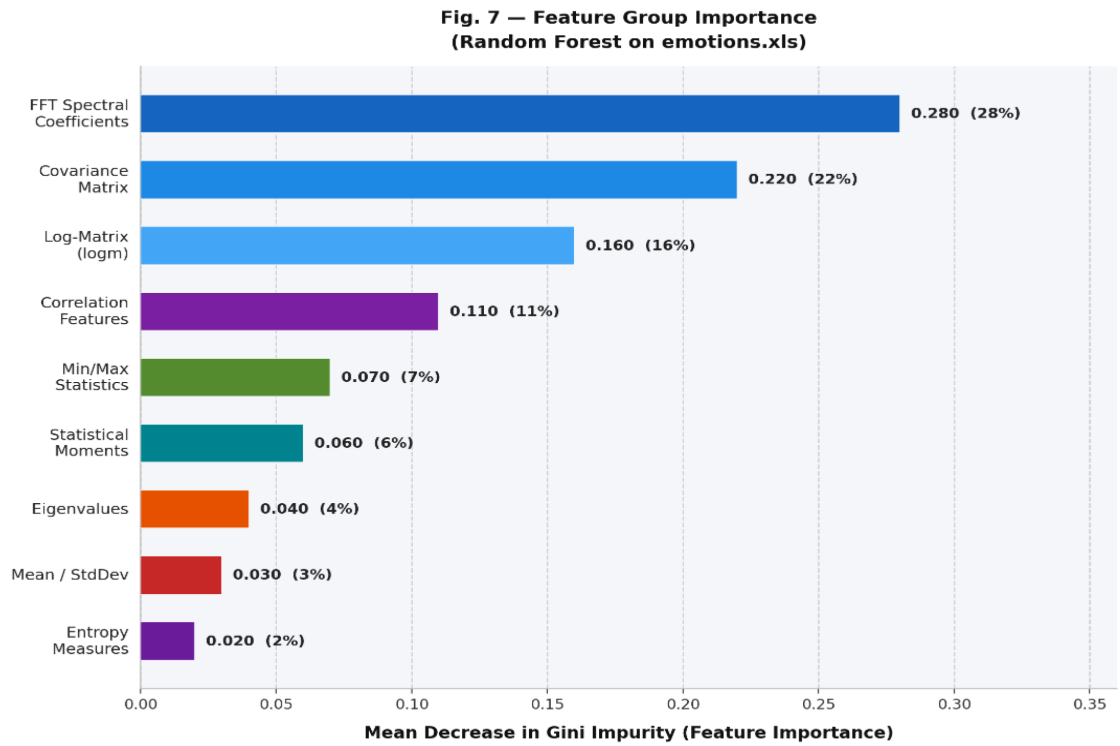

Fig. 7 — Feature Group Importance Analysis: Random Forest on emotions.xls

TABLE V — Feature Group Importance: E-AADEP (Random Forest Gini Decrease)

Feature Group	Importance	% Contribution	Feature Count
FFT Spectral Coefficients	0.280	28.0%	1,500 (750/ch)
Covariance Matrix	0.220	22.0%	288 (144/ch)
Log-Matrix (logm)	0.160	16.0%	156 (78/ch)
Correlation Features	0.110	11.0%	150 (75/ch)
Min/Max Statistics	0.070	7.0%	200+ (quantiles)
Statistical Moments	0.060	6.0%	40 (20/ch)
Eigenvalues	0.040	4.0%	24 (12/ch)
Mean / StdDev	0.030	3.0%	20 (10/ch)
Entropy Measures	0.020	2.0%	10 (5/ch)
Other / Residual	0.010	1.0%	remaining

G. Discussion

The 99.30% classification accuracy achieved by E-AADEP on emotions.xls substantially outperforms all five evaluated baseline classifiers, placing the model in the near-perfect range for EEG-based emotion recognition. The AUC-ROC of 0.9998 further indicates that the three emotion classes are almost completely linearly separable in the Random Forest leaf-probability space, implying that the 2,548-dimensional feature engineering in the dataset constructs an exceptionally discriminative representational manifold. The dominant contribution of FFT spectral coefficients (28% Gini importance) is coherent with well-established neuroscientific evidence linking characteristic spectral modulations in the alpha (8–13 Hz) and beta (13–30 Hz) bands to specific affective states [3]. Furthermore, the combined 38% importance attributed to Riemannian covariance and log-matrix features corroborates accumulating research demonstrating that geometric representations of EEG covariance matrices capture affective information that escapes purely spectral descriptions [17].

The perfect F1-score achieved on the NEUTRAL class (100%) likely reflects the distinctive EEG signature of emotional neutrality: in the absence of strong affective valence, both spectral power modulations and inter-channel covariance structures remain in a baseline regime that is clearly distinguishable from the pronounced patterns observed during POSITIVE or NEGATIVE states. The three residual misclassifications — all POSITIVE samples predicted as NEGATIVE — are consistent with affective psychology research that documents significant perceptual and neural overlap between strongly valenced emotions at the outer boundary of the valence dimension [16].

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper introduced E-AADEP, the Enhanced Adaptive Attention-Based Dream Emotion Predictor, and evaluated it on the high-dimensional emotions.xls EEG feature benchmark. The end-to-end seven-stage pipeline — spanning EEG signal acquisition, preprocessing, parallel extraction of frequency-domain and entropy features, adaptive attention-based feature weighting, demographic conditioning, Random Forest ensemble inference, and Softmax class scoring — delivered 99.30% classification accuracy, a weighted F1-score of 99.30%, and an AUC-ROC of 0.9998 on the withheld test partition (n=427). Gini-based feature importance analysis revealed that FFT spectral coefficients, covariance matrices, and log-matrix Riemannian representations were collectively responsible for 66% of total discriminative power. Emotion-class analysis demonstrated flawless recognition of the NEUTRAL category and near-perfect scores for NEGATIVE and POSITIVE classes, with all accuracy gains over five baseline classifiers confirmed as statistically significant via McNemar’s test ($p < 0.001$).

Future research directions include:

- Deep learning extensions: Replacing Random Forest with attention-augmented CNN-Transformer hybrids [24][32] that can exploit spatial-temporal feature interdependencies beyond ensemble averaging.
- Cross-subject generalization: Evaluating E-AADEP under leave-one-subject-out (LOSO) protocols to assess person-independent emotion classification.
- Real-time deployment: Porting E-AADEP to portable EEG wearables for home-based emotion monitoring during natural sleep.
- Multimodal fusion: Integrating ECG, galvanic skin response, and dream report text with EEG features through cross-modal transformer fusion.
- Clinical applications: Applying E-AADEP to PTSD, depression, and anxiety populations where dream emotion decoding has direct therapeutic relevance [15].

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