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**SST-EmotionNet: Spatial-Spectral-Temporal based  
Attention 3D Dense Network  
for EEG Emotion Recognition**





# Introduction

## *Emotion:*

Related to many mental diseases, such as autism and depression<sup>[1, 2]</sup>;  
Used as a reference for assessing patients' mental disorders<sup>[3]</sup>.

## *Emotion Recognition based on EEG:*

EEG signals can objectively reflect different emotions and become a reliable way to identify real emotions in comparison with other external appearance clues like facial expression and gesture<sup>[4]</sup>.

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[3] Zhong, et al. (2020). EEG-Based Emotion Recognition Using Regularized Graph Neural Networks. *IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing*.

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# Related Work

- *Frequency Features:*

- ◆ DE [5, 6], PSD [7, 8], DASM [9], RASM [10], DCAU [4], etc.

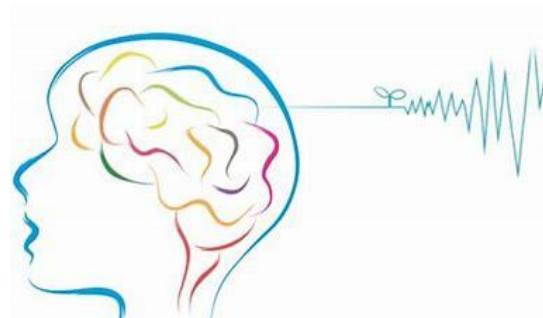
- *Temporal Features:*

- ◆ LSTM [11], MMResLSTM [12], etc.

- *Spatial Features:*

- ◆ CNN [13, 14], GCN [15, 16], etc.

- ◆ Most existing emotion recognition methods only consider a single feature or a combination of two features.





# Introduction

## *Spatial-Spectral-Temporal features of EEG in different emotion states:*

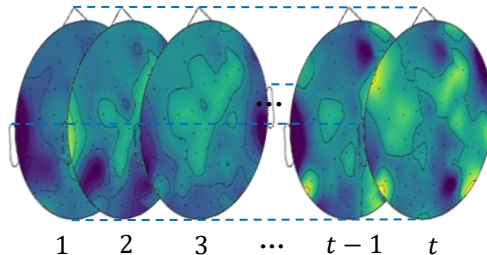
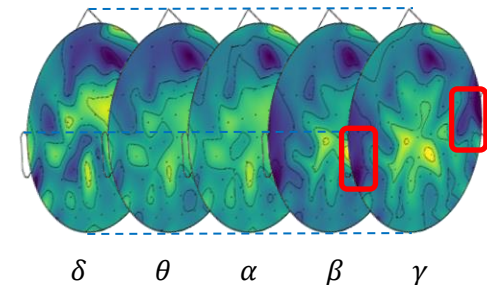
**Dimension**

**spatial-  
spectral  
(a)**

**band**  $\delta$   $\theta$   $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$

**spatial-  
temporal  
(b)**

**time** 1 2 3 ...  $t-1$   $t$



**Emotion State**

**NEGATIVE**

**POSITIVE**



# Challenges

***C1:*** Existing methods ignore the complementarity among the spatial-spectral-temporal features.

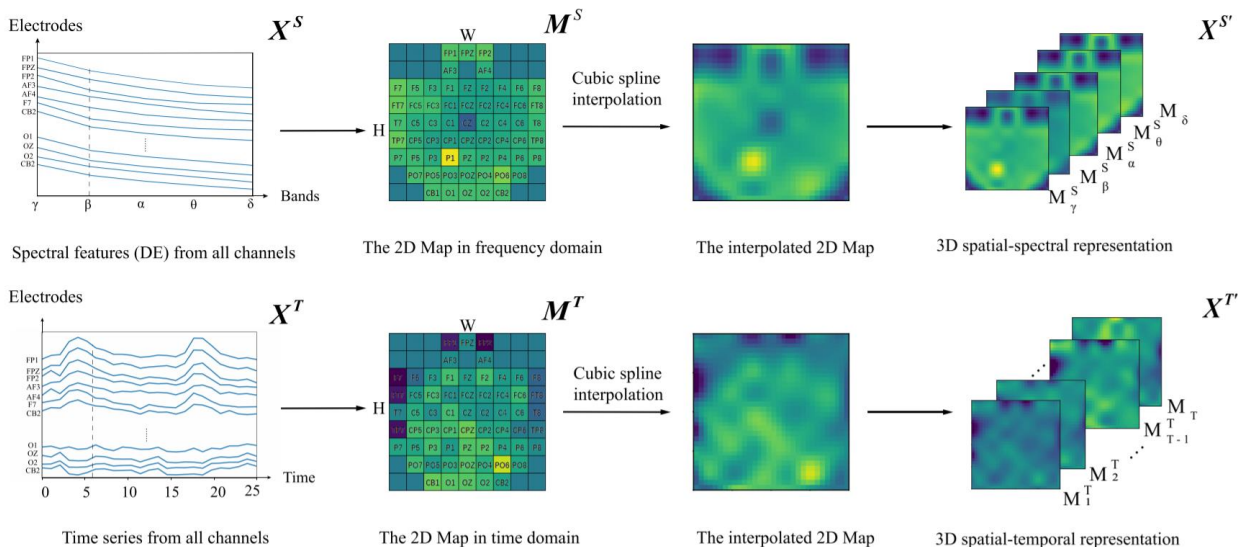
***C2:*** How to capture local patterns in spatial-spectral-temporal features for emotion recognition.



# Methods

**C1:** How to utilize the complementarity among different features?

**S1.1:** Constructed 3D spatial-spectral-temporal EEG representation.

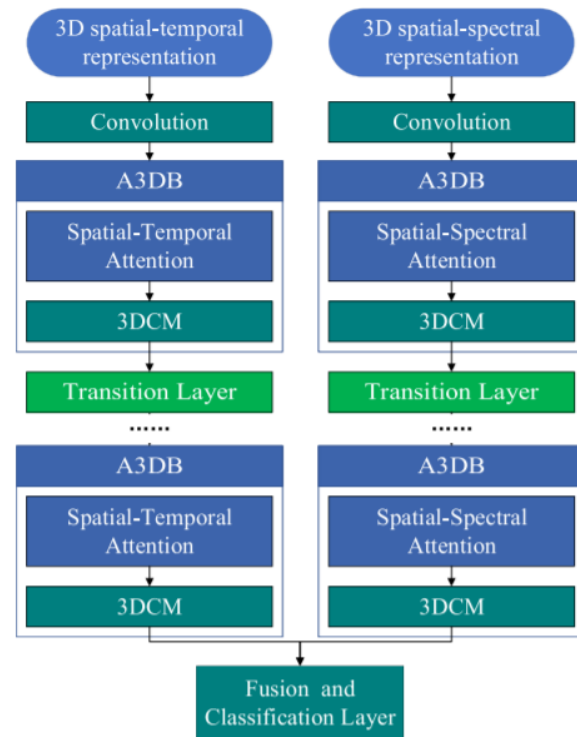




# Methods

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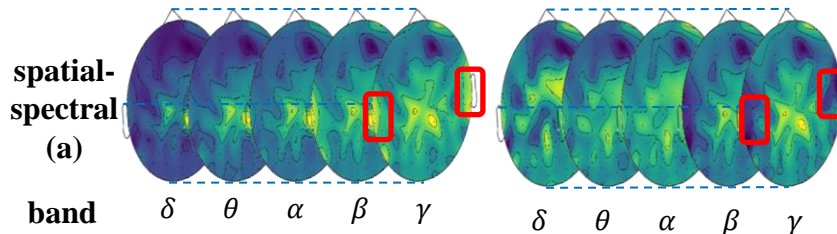
**S1.2:** We propose a two-stream 3D Dense network, which fuses the spatial-spectral-temporal information of EEG signals in a unified network framework based on the constructed 3D EEG representation.



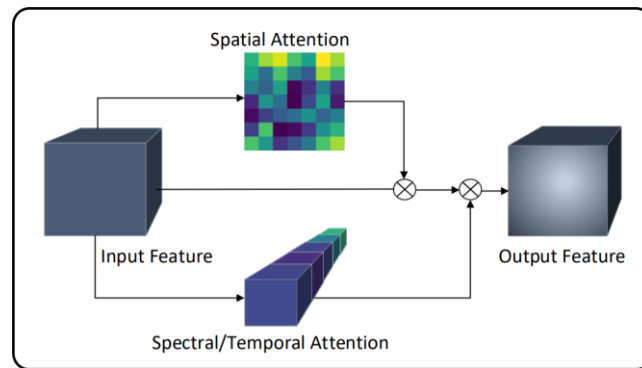


# Methods

**C2:** How to capture local patterns in spatial-spectral-temporal features for emotion recognition?



**S2:** Develop a parallel Spatial-Spectral/Temporal attention mechanism to adaptively capture discriminative patterns in brain regions, frequency bands and time stamps.







# Experiments

## *Comparison with the state-of-the-art models:*

**Table 1: The performance comparison of the state-of-the-art models on the SEED and SEED-IV dataset**

Model	SEED		SEED-IV	
	ACC (%)	STD (%)	ACC (%)	STD (%)
SVM [26]	83.99	9.72	56.61	20.05
GSCCA [33]	82.96	9.95	69.08	16.66
DBN [31]	86.08	8.34	66.77	7.38
DGCNN [25]	90.40	8.49	69.88	16.29
BiDANN [17]	92.38	7.04	70.29	12.63
BiHDM [19]	93.12	6.06	74.35	14.09
R2G-STNN [18]	93.38	5.96	-	-
RGNN [34]	94.24	5.95	79.37	10.54
SST-EmotionNet	<b>96.02</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>84.92</b>	<b>6.66</b>



# Conclusion

## *Contribution:*

- ◆ We propose a two-stream 3D Dense network, which fuses the spatial-spectral-temporal information of EEG signals in a unified network framework based on the constructed 3D EEG representation.
- ◆ We develop a parallel Spatial-Spectral/Temporal attention mechanism to adaptively capture discriminative patterns in brain regions, frequency bands and time stamps.
- ◆ We conduct extensive experiments on two benchmark datasets and the experimental results show that our SST-EmotionNet consistently outperforms all state-of-the-art models.



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