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EEG Based Epilepsy Seizure Analysis and Classification Methods: An Overview

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Abstract: Epilepsy has always baffled humans, in particular, the approach one needs to take for curing or at least subside its severity. Epilepsy is a continual lingering neurological ataxia generated by intermittent, transient, superfluous, wanton and unfounded seizures. Epilepsy never indicates cause of a person's seizures or their severity. Electroencephalogram (EEG) is the tool of choice for analysis and diagnosis of epilepsy along with different automatic and visual inspection techniques. Several researchers have proposed diverse techniques for classification and analysis of epilepsy. Different pre-processing, feature extraction and classification approaches are presented. This paper attempts to catalogue various techniques and algorithms proposed so far for epileptic seizure analysis along with shortcomings thereof to facilitate further research in this complex area. This will help in online seizure detection and timely diagnosis.

Keywords: Epilepsy, Seizure, Electroencephalogram (EEG), Brain, Wavelet, Hilbert-Huang Transform

I. INTRODUCTION

Brain is the most critical organ in our central nervous system. It is the organ for thoughts, emotions, sensations and origin of all control actions for the body movements. Brain is highly complex with millions of neurons wherein chemical processes that generate electrical potential occur. Often, an uncontrolled or abnormal electrical activity occurs resulting in temporary malfunctioning of sensory structure termed *Seizure*. Seizure has three prominent stages: Aura, Ictus and Post–Ictal. Nature of seizure depends on the brain lobe affected [1].

Seizure, per se, is not a disease in itself but merely indicates some abnormal brain condition. However, if seizures occur repeatedly then it is a neurological disorder termed *Epilepsy*. Epilepsy can be categorized as partial or generalized. Partial epilepsy adversely impacts some parts of the brain leading to temporal paralysis. Generalized epilepsy involves electrical discharges that spread all over the brain resulting in loss of consciousness. Seizure classification with their occurrence chances is shown in figure 1.

Fig. 1 Epileptic seizure classification [1]

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As per the published WHO report ("World Health Organization-Fact sheet of Feb., 2017"), around 50 million people suffer from epilepsy worldwide. It is more prevalent in low and middle income countries [2], [3]. Epilepsy can affect all, from neonatal to old person. Brain activity can be recorded using Electroencephalogram (EEG). EEG recording is done by placing 10-20 electrodes on the subject. Seizure manifests as spike or a sharp wave change in recorded EEG data. Epileptic seizure analysis involves following stages: Pre-processing, Extraction of features, Classification and Post processing.

In the Pre-processing stage, EEG signals are normalized and filtered to overcome artifacts of noise, eye blink and other unnoticeable movements. Normalization based on noveltymedian decaying memory technique [4] reduces dataset complexity. Artifacts are removed by selecting proper bandwidth of the filters. Different filters, e.g., Butterworth filter [5], Gabor filter [6], Kalman Filter [7], FIR filter [8], [9], IIR filter [10], Band Pass filter [9], [11], Notch filter [12], Adaptive filter [12] have been used by researchers for artifact removal. After the pre-processing process, EEG signal has to be analyzed by a medical professional visually, which is a time consuming and tedious job. As a result, considerable interest has been generated in automatic analysis of EEG patterns. Visual inspection based qualitative assessment using Numerical analysis is presented in [13] that considers separate EEG epoch for seizure and nonseizure event windows (application of linear EEG dataset analysis). As EEG signals are inherently non-linear and nonstationary, researchers have directed efforts in calculating the features for EEG processing.

Fourier transform [14] is a good technique for data analysis but has certain limitations. It doesn't show sudden changes adequately as it represents data as a sum of sine waves. Continuous oscillating behavior of sine waves is problematic for accurate analysis of signals. So, wavelet transform has been adopted for more precise results. Wavelet is a rapidly decaying wave like oscillation that has zero mean. Wavelet has distinct shapes and sizes; some well-known are: Morlet, Daubechies (db), Coiflets, Biorthogonal, Mexican Hat, Symlets etc. with different decomposition levels. Availability of wide range of wavelet is the key strength of wavelet analysis. Choosing an appropriate wavelet depends on its application.

Many other algorithms can be collaborated with wavelet transform, e.g., Chaos wavelet transform, Dual complex tree wavelet transform, Discrete wavelet transform with Mixture of Experts, etc. that makes feature extraction process more appropriate. However, problem of handling non-linearity persists in wavelet transform along with another disadvantage that it doesn't extract discrete features but only the continuous ones. This problem can be overcome by Hilbert-Huang Transform [15] which is adaptive and applicable to both continuous and discrete signals. In Hilbert-Huang, signal decomposition is done by Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD) to obtain Intrinsic Mode Functions (IMFs). Apart from these, some other techniques that have been used by researchers are: Matching Pursuit [16], Random Forest (RF) [17], Auto Regression (AR) model [18], [19], Lyapunov exponent [20], [21], Hidden Markov Model (HMM) [22] and Recurrent Quantification Analysis (RQA) [23]. Different features such as: Morphological, Time, Frequency, Time-frequency and MFCC (Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients) can be extracted by these techniques.

For increasing classification speed and accuracy, feature set dimension should be reduced after feature extraction. Using input data matrix, dominating features can be extracted using: Principal component Analysis (PCA) [24], Independent component Analysis (ICA) [25], Correlation [26] and Convolution [27]. After the feature selection stage, reduced input matrix set is fed to a classifier for identifying different seizure stages based on target matrix set. For identification, most frequently used techniques are: Support Vector machine (SVM) [14], Artificial Neural Networks [28], [29] and some modified algorithms: Neural Network [30], [26] and Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) [20]. For more accurate classification, Support Vector Machine classifier has been tested with different kernel [31]. Few other prominent classification methods are: Unsupervised fuzzy clustering [32], Linear Discriminate Analysis (LDA) [33] and Probabilistic Neural Network (PNN) [34], [31].

Classification performance can be improved by Postprocessing in which threshold variation and smoothing are used [35]. Performance analysis measures such as Accuracy (Acc.), Sensitivity (Sen.), Specificity (Spec.), FDR (False Detection Rate) and Latency are used to judge the success rate of employed technique. This could lead to development of an automatic brain computer interface device (wearable) for epileptic victims spread worldwide. With the development of this device, epileptic patient can freely move like normal ones and system can be integrated with GPS to acquire and transmit various patient parameters for timely diagnosis [36].

Further, this paper is organized as: Section 2 covering commonly used dataset for Epileptic seizure analysis and Section 3 comprising a detailed historical background of epileptic seizure analysis techniques with their performance measures and limitations. Thereafter, Section 4 contains the discussion part while Section 5 concludes and outlines the future challenges.

II. DATA SET

Most of the researchers have used publically available data set of Bonn University (CHB-MIT) [37] and RG. Andrzejak dataset [38] which is freely available online while paid dataset is available at Freiburg University [39]. Some other self-recorded datasets (at different universities and hospitals) are also available and used by researchers as mentioned in forthcoming tables.

III. REVIEW OF SEIZURE ANALYSIS

Different research approaches for EEG signal analysis are presented in the sub-sections below along with their performance. These can also be analyzed with different image processing techniques like energy computation methods, image segmentation based feature extraction and classification method or pattern matching techniques. But these image processing methods have not been surveyed in this paper. Specifically, Signal processing techniques have been showcased.

III.I Visual Inspection Based

M.J. van der Heyden et al. [13] presented an EEG signal qualitative assessment based on visual investigation where numerical analysis for medically intractable temporal lobe epilepsy has been presented. For visual inspection, different seizure and non-seizure windows are selected for pattern matching using numerical methods. Here, features used for non-linear characterization are: coarse-grain correlation dimension and coarse-grain entropy. Use of High pass filters make epochs stationary before a time scale of 2 sec. Features based on coarse-grain entropy segregate effectively and linear autocorrelation improves classification accuracy. This leads to a conclusion that non-linear analysis provides precise result for differentiating ictal and non-ictal EEG. Two major limitations of this technique are high computational complexity and time consumed.

Visual inspection is inadequate for handling information contained in the signal. Hence, we will now discuss signal processing techniques.

III.II Time Domain Techniques

This domain includes methods which are based on Linear prediction and Component analysis. In Linear prediction, output of the system is analyzed based on input while in Component analysis, unsupervised mapping is used. Here, methods such as PCA, ICA and LDA are used for reducing the dimensionality of dataset. In PCA, orthogonal feature subset is used (Eigen vector) while ICA considers each measured signal as a linear combination of independent signals and decomposes multi-dimensional data linearly to statistical independent components. LDA finds a linear combination of features that can separate two or more classes [24], [25]. Techniques belonging to this domain give linear relationship for prediction purpose but for an in-depth analysis, spectrum analysis is a must. Time-Frequency domain analysis generates spectral information.

III.III Time-Frequency Techniques

III.III.I Fourier Transform Based

The Fourier transform refers to the decomposition of [function](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Function_(mathematics)) of time or signal in to the frequencies that make it up. It also refers to: i) the frequency domain representation and ii) the mathematical operation that associates this representation to a function of time.

Leonardo Duque-Munoz et al. [14] proposed Short Time Fourier Transform (in which small and equal length signals are transformed for fast computation) with Support Vector Machine classifier for class (A,E) having classification accuracy 100%, class (A,D,E) accuracy as 100% and class (A,B,C,D,E) accuracy as 96.58%. With KNN classifier, accuracy for these classes is 99.50%, 98.12% and 95.78%, respectively.

While this approach gives good performance (for analysis, dataset is converted into linear and stationary) but in real time, EEG signals are non-linear and non-stationary. For online seizure detection, its implementation becomes difficult. Hence, wavelet transform came into picture for more precise results.

III.III.II Wavelet Transform Based

The Wavelet transform, despite being similar to Fourier transform; is much more to the windowed Fourier transform. It uses the functions that are localized in: i) Fourier space and ii) Real space. It is an infinite set of many transforms that depends on the merit function used for its computation. That's why this "wavelet transform" is used for different applications and in distinct situations. The two divisions are: i) *Discrete Wavelet Transform*, which uses orthogonal wavelets and is good for signal processing and compression and ii) *Continuous Wavelet Transform*, which uses nonorthogonal wavelets and the data is highly co-related.

Shahidi Zandi et al. [40] used WPT (Wavelet Packet Transform) algorithm for online seizure detection and computed combined seizure index (CSI) for every channel. The approach achieves 90.5% classification accuracy for epileptic seizure detection with small FPR (False Positive Rate) of 0.51 h⁻¹ and median latency of 7 sec. 86% of the seizures are detected 15 sec after electrographic onset and 51% within 5-10 sec. The method detects different states fast but the accuracy is somehow reduced and is required to be improved. It is unable to lateralize and localize the seizure focus in extra temporal area.

Abdulhamit Subasi et al. [41] proposed AR (Auto Regression) model with MLE Pre-processing and wavelet neural network classifier for EEG signal analysis. Logistic Regression, Feed forward error back propagation artificial neural network and Wavelet Neural Network classifiers have been used with Pre-processing technique (AR model with MLE). Performance comparison shows Classification accuracy as 89.3%, 90.6% and 93%; Specificity 89.2%, 91.5% and 92.4%; Sensitivity 89.4%, 89.8% and 93.6% and Area under ROC curve as 0.887, 0.894 and 0.918. WNNs and FEBANNs require large data along with some other parameters for convergence. These parameters have to be provided manually as there is no system that will select these automatically to generate the highest accuracy.

M. Sharanreddy et al. [42], [43] asserted that a Hybrid technique could provide more fruitful results. They proposed a hybrid technique that combines multi-wavelet transform and ANN. Appropriate entropy algorithm has been used (called Improved Approximate entropy) to measure inconsistency and classifies epilepsy seizure with 90% accuracy [42] and also employed for normal, epilepsy and brain tumor classification with accuracies of 98%, 93% and 87%, respectively [43]. Results are verified on 500 EEG signals for seizure, tumor and infection identification and are able to highlight seizure and tumors.

Ling Guo et al. [44] used DWT for feature extraction and K-NN as the classifier. To improve the computational speed and classification accuracy, feature dimensionality should be reduced. For this, GA (Genetic Algorithm) technique is proposed. Main purpose is to target the feature selection that will improve discriminatory performance by reducing feature dimensionality. Overall accuracy of this technique is 93.5%. Genetic Programming based feature extraction is computationally expensive. Increase in original feature dataset size along with number of training data would bring a marginal increase on the computational cost which makes developed method inappropriate for real-time applications.

Anindya Bijoy Das et al. [45] proposed dual tree wavelet transform with SVM classifier and achieved 100% sensitivity and specificity and more than 96% accuracy along with high computational speed. Results are promising; however, they need to be verified with long term data.

SG Dastidar et al. [46] proposed a Wavelet chaos NN with mixed band feature space. L-M BPNN gives higher accuracy of 96.7% for healthy, ictal and inter-ictal conditions.

Sang-Hong Lee et al. [47] extracted Phase Space Representation and Euclidian Distance features with wavelet transform calculated on seizure dataset. Non-overlap area distribution feature selection technique has been used to select 4 features out of 24. Neural network with weighted fuzzy membership function gives accuracy 98.17%, specificity 100% and sensitivity 96.33%.

Yusuf U Khan et al. [48] used skewness and kurtosis features and normalized coefficient of variation (NCOV) wavelet features with simple linear classifier for automatic prediction of onset seizure. This technique gives 100% sensitivity, small quiescence of 3.2 sec. and a mean False Detection Rate (FDR) of 1.1 per hour. Results are promising and timely identified; however, FDR is high and is required to be reduced.

Isa Conradsen et al. [49] developed a non-invasive system for epilepsy detection that uses movement features (based on surface Electromyogram (EMG) and motion sensors) as an energy measure of sub-bands using discrete wavelet transform and wavelet packet transform. These features are classified using SVM and MISA system showing superiority over uni-model in the sense of sensitivity, low latency rate and FDR.

Yong Zhang et al. [50] demonstrated Wavelet Packet Decomposition with $db2$ at $5th$ decomposition levels providing Accuracy of 100% (ApEn + SVM), 99.4% (ApEn + ELM (Extreme Leaning Machine)), 96.3% (SampEn (Sample Entropy) + SVM) and 99.6% with (SampEn + ELM) techniques. Best part of this technique is the reduced training time with good accuracy. Moreover, it is good in order to check different brain states and latency.

Nasser Omer et al. [4] propounded swarm Negative Selection classification algorithm for feature selection and classified by DWT (Discrete Wavelet Transform). It gives accuracy with different Training- Testing values: (40% training - 60% testing) gives accuracy 99.15%; (60 training-40% testing) gives 99.47% and (80 training - 20% testing) gives 99.22% accuracy. The method outperforms many other methods.

Musa Peker et al. [51] proposed somewhat complex classifiers for epilepsy detection. First, features are collected with Dual tree complex wavelet transform which is fed as input vector to a complex-value neural network. Results of applying the present approach with 10-fold cross validation for class (A,D,E), class (ABCD-E), class (ACD-E), class (AB-CD-E) are: Accuracy of 99.30%, 99.15%, 98.37%, 98.28%; Sensitivity 99.40%, 100%, 99.05%, 98.91% and Specificity 98.80%, 97.89%, 96.67%, 98.28%, respectively. This method can be used as an accurate classifier but results need to be verified on a larger dataset.

Few more methods and their details are mentioned in Table 1.

S. No., Ref. No., Year,	Technique/Method	Input variables	Results/Limitation/Future scope	Data set
Publication		/Parameters/Features		
1. [5]	Wavelet $(db4) + 50 Hz$	Wavelet entropy and mean	100% sensitivity	Freiburg,
2012	Butterworth Notch Filter	absolute deviation	Limitation:	Germany
"Journal of Med. Imaging	Normalization		Average prediction time is very high.	
and Health Info., 238-243"	Classifier: Linear			
2. [9]	Wavelet $(db2) + Band$	Morphological,	Average sensitivity rate > 89%	CHB-MIT
2014	Pass Filter	Time, Frequency, Time-	Average specificity rate > 93%	
"Journal of Biomedical	Classifier: CNBC	frequency, Non-linear, MFCC		
Informatics" Journal	(Collective Network)	(Mel Freq. CepstralCoeff.)	Limitation: Scope of Improvement in	
Elsevier	Binary Classifier) with		classification performance.	
	Multi-Dimension Partical			
	Swarm Optimization (MD)			
	PSO)			
3. [24]	DWT (db4) + PCA, ICA,	Mean, Average Power, SD,	Sen. Spec. Acc.	Andrzejak
2010	LDA	Ratio of absolute mean values	PCA 98.75% 99% 98.5%	et al. (2001)
"Expert System With	Classifier: SVM		ICA 99% 100% 99.5%	database
Applications" Elsevier			LDA 100% 100% 100%	
			Limitation: Training time for the	
			classification using LDA feature extraction	
			and SVM classifier is higher than PCA and	
			ICA extraction.	
4. [28]	Feature Extraction:	(1) MAV (Mean Absolute	Accuracy with ANN classifier:	"Sleep Lab.
2005	Wavelet (db2)	values)		Deptt. of

Table 1: Time-Frequency Domain (Wavelet Transform) Based Methods and some Modified Techniques

III.III.III Hilbert-Huang Transform Based

All earlier mentioned methods utilize wavelet transform by variable resolution to resolve the non-stationary problem of FFT; however, these methods consider fixed frames. This limitation can be resolved by Hilbert-Huang Transform. This will automatically take care of non-linear and non-stationary real time signals to decompose using EMD (Empirical Mode Decomposition) method and get the IMFs (Intrinsic Mode Functions). Unlike a theoretical tool, HHT is just like an algorithm and preserves the characteristics of varying frequency. Based on this methodology, researchers have tried to find the performance measures.

Ram Bilas Pachori et al. [67], [68] used EMD method to get IMF and Fourier Bessel expansion for mean frequency feature of IMF. This has been used to differentiate ictal and seizure-free event in EEG signals [67]. Seizure-free and ictal conditions segregate from EEG using second order difference plot. EMD method that has been employed with 95% confidence ellipse area shows that with a 4000-window size group F12, F13, F14, F23, F24, F34 give average classification accuracies of 95.75%, 95.75%, 88.5%, 96.25% and 82.5%, respectively. The results have been obtained with different electrodes position or different brain lobes activity performance but what is required is a comprehensive result applicable to all lobes [68].

Rajeev Sharma et al. [26] proposed Phase space representation (PSR) feature based EEG signal analysis in which EEG signal is decomposed first to get IMF using

EMD. Afterwards, 2D and 3D PSR features are used as inputs to the classifier. Two performance measure values are: 95% confidence ellipse area for 2D and Inter Quartile Range (IQR) of Euclidian distance for 3D PSR shows 98.67% seizure classification accuracy with LS-SVM classifier.

Mohammad Zavid Parvez et al. [69] proposed feature extraction using high frequency component from Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) and IMF. EMD has been used as an input to LS-SVM (Least Square–Support Vector Machine) to classify ictal and inter-ictal EEG signal and gives 96.10% sensitivity. Proposed method does improve sensitivity yet it is infeasible for online prediction.

S. M. Shafiul Alam et al. [70], [71] described EMD chaos approach to discriminate EEG signal into healthy and epileptic events with seizure-free and seizure time interval using features Largest Lyapunov exponent (LLE) and correlation dimension (CD). This approach yields fruitful results in classification of healthy and seizure activities [70]. HOS movements of EMD to classify seizure with ANN classifier provide 100% accuracy, 100% specificity and 100% sensitivity with faster speed. One important benefit with the above mentioned technique is that it is directly applicable to real time EEG signals. This method lacks hardware implementation and for some classes, performance is not too good so need to test for all the seizure classes [71].

Remaining methods and their details are mentioned in table 2.

S. No., Ref. No., Year,	Technique/Method	Input variables	Results/Limitation/Future scope	Data set
Publication		/Parameters/Features		
1. [72]	Time Frequency		With set Z,S acc. 100%, with Z,F,S acc 100% with	Andrzejak
2009	Analysis techniques		Z,F,N,S,O accuracy is 89%	et al.
IEEE Transactions on	with PSD		Limitation: The class Z and O is having high	
Information Tech. in			misclassification rates so results are not as per expectation.	
Biomedicine"	Classifier: ANN		These classes don't have major impact on study because	
			both belong to healthy individuals (with eye open and	
			close).	
2. [73]	EMD	of Instantaneous area	Sen: 90%; Spec: 89.31%; PPV: 89.81%; NPV: 93.71%;	
2013 "Biomed EngLett"		analytic IMF use at 95%	ERD: 24.25%	
Springer		of CTM area used	Limitation : Low signal to noise ratio, hence require noise	
			suppression before applying the technique.	
3. [74]	EMD + Phase Space		1) 95% confidence ellipse area for 2D phase space	Andrzejak
2014	Representation (PSR)		representation.	et al.
"Expert system with	to obtain $IMF + LS$ -		2) Inter Quartile Range (IQR) of Euclidian Distance for 3D	
application"	SVM class. evaluated		Phase Space Representation of IMF of EEG.	
Journal Elsevier	using kernals: RBF,		Limitation: Should be tried on large dataset of EEG	
	Mexican hat and		signals which may consist of signals with longer duration	
	Morlet		(like in hours). The kernel and its parameters are selected	

Table 2: Time-Frequency Domain (Hilbert-Huang Transform) Based Methods and few ModifiedTechnique

III.IV Miscellaneous Techniques/Methods

Some other techniques such as Higher Order Spectrum Analysis (HOS), Recurrence Quantification Analysis (RQA), Correlation Dimension (CD), Largest Lyapunov Exponent (LLE), etc. have also been proposed by researchers and further covered in this section.

N. B. Karayiannis et al. [78] proposed neonatal epileptic seizure identification for short segments of EEG signal using Quantum Neural Network (QNN) and Feed forward neural network (FFNN). Training set accuracy with FFNN for seizure and non-seizure classification is 80.75% and 85.05%; QNN gives accuracy of 81.46% and 84.47%; Testing set classification accuracy (with FFNN) for seizure and non-seizure is 79.39% and 83.84%; with QNN accuracies are 79.82% and 83.56%, respectively.

Alex Van Esbroeck et al. [79] used multi-task learning approach to address the issue of variation in inter-patient and intra-patient seizure morphology and to improve trade-off between latency, sensitivity and FPR. This approach distinguishes seizure and non-seizure events with 83% accuracy and reduces FPR to 70%. Limitation with this approach is that while it reduces FPR, it still does not clear if it is associated with demographic characteristics or patient or the number of seizures.

Soroor Behbahani et al. [80] proposed Heart Rate Variability by localization and lateralization of seizure events that lead to automatic change in functionality of epileptic patients. These effects can be classified using SVM classifier. For classification consistency, LOOCV (Leave one out cross validation) technique is used. Classification accuracy with

this approach is 86.74% and 79.41% for right and left hand side focus seizure respectively. Efforts have been made to find relationship between HRV and brain activity so that online seizure detection device can be developed.

Maria Tito et al. [81] demonstrated EEG signal analysis in an offline mode for seizure prediction. In the proposed technique 2-dimensions: window-based minima of correlation sum and dimension have been used, which shows seizure prediction with K-fold cross validation having 91.84% accuracy, 92.31% sensitivity and 91.67% specificity.

In Weiting Chen et al. [17], EEG signal of a new born with normal, statistical and segmentation features all together are fed to Random Forest (RF) classifier and achieves 92.52% correct rate with high F-1 score of 95.26%. This approach outperforms other 7 classifiers such as SVM with linear and RBF kernels, LDA, ANN, ML, LR, DT. Approach shows sensitivity and specificity as 93.78% and 87.50% with 100% feature set values. Results are far better than previous approach of seizure prediction for neonatal.

L. Murali et al. [23] showed that for seizure identification, improved adaptive filter is considered the best tool for preprocessing as compared to notch and wavelet filter. An efficient tool for low power adaptive filter with recurrence quantification analysis (RQA) is proposed. Major benefit of RQA is that it gives better information about small duration non-linear and non-stationary EEG signals. Adaptive FIR filter with parallel interval sample of direct form is used in filter architecture to reduce power consumption issue. For this, ingenious compressor that utilizes verilog HDL and mapped to 65-nm technology node is used. RQA based recurrence plot shows system sensitivity 97.4% and specificity 93.5% and 10% reduction in power consumption.

Luigi Chisci et al. [7] proposed online seizure prediction with Autoregressive modeling. Least square parameter estimator and SVM (for binary classification) distinguish ictal, pre-ictal and inter-ictal states for online EEG data series. It has significant role in monitoring/control units. It can also monitor the changes when resistant-drug is given to epileptic patient. Method shows 100% sensitivity, and if regularization is done with Kalman filter based SVM classifier, it significantly reduces false alarm rate.

To reduce medical practitioner's efforts for analyzing long duration EEG recording, automatic epileptic seizure detection system is proposed [82]. This system utilizes multistage non-linear pre-processing filters with diagnostic LAMSTAR (Large Memory Storage and Retrieval Neural Network) Artificial Neural Network (ANN). The proposed technique shows accuracy of 97.2% with miss rate of 1.6% that indicates good performance in terms of automatic epileptic seizure detection.

Amal Feltane et al. [83] propounded the detection of seizure automatically in rats using Laplacian EEG and SVM Classifier with Adaptive Boosting and comparison between two dataset performances. Dataset EEG gives average Sensitivity 91.96%, Specificity 89.36% and Accuracy 90.66%; and with other dataset of Andrzejak et al. shows 100%, 98.44% and 99.22% Sensitivity, Selectivity and Accuracy. Results for two datasets give large variation in performance when tested with other datasets.

Emigdio Z-Flores et al. [84] proposed collaboration of Matching Pursuit algorithm with Holderian regularity based features and basic statistical features to create final input feature matrix. Forest Algorithm classifies epileptic and nonepileptic condition with perfect accuracy in most of the cases and 97.6% in difficult cases. Above mentioned method can be used for online seizure detection and diagnosis.

Umut Orhan et al. [85] presented a new approach to extract features using Probability Distribution based Equal Frequency Discretization (EFD). As per the number of data points in each interval, probability densities are calculated. For classes: epileptic seizure and non-epileptic seizure detection, two probability density functions are defined and polynomial curve fitting is used to calculate mean square error (MSE). For these functions, classification accuracy achieved is 96.72% and with MLPNN, the classification accuracy achieved is 99.23%. Proposed method shows that non-linear techniques can easily classify epileptic seizures.

In S. Divya et al. [86], EEG signal analysis with ELM (Extreme Learning Machine) classifier has been proposed

with EMD based features such as Variance, Skewness and Kurtosis to discriminate different classes such as ictal and healthy; ictal and inter-ictal; seizure and non-seizure; healthy, seizure and ictal. Proposed method shows accuracy and sensitivity 100% for class ictal and inter-ictal; seizure and non-seizure; ictal and healthy; healthy, ictal and interictal. This method's performance should be checked with larger EEG dataset.

K.A. Abuhasel et al. [87] proposed a collaboration of techniques: Particle Swarm Optimization and integrated Neural Network with fuzzy membership function to get optimized parameter of training. Proposed method improves accuracy by updating weights of NN utilizing Fuzzy membership function. Experimental results for classifying class (Z-S) with accuracy is 99.5% where optimal parameter α, β are 0.1; for class (ZNF-S) is 97.73% for parameter α, β are 0.1 or 0.2 and for class (ZNFO-S) is 97.64% where α = 0.1 and $β$ is 0.1 or 0.2.

Ashwani Kumar Tiwari et al. [88] proposed EEG signal analysis based on scale invariant feature transform, localization of key points and Linear Binary pattern method for computation of key-point and histogram feature. Extracted features are classified using SVM classifier for seizure, non-seizure and normal events. With the proposed technique classification accuracy of normal-epilepsy (ZO-S) class is 100%, seizure free and epilepsy (NF-S) class is 99.45%, Normal-seizure free and epilepsy (ZO-NF-S) class is 98.80% and Non seizure and epilepsy (ZONF-S) class is 99.31%. Method shows better performance over other existing methods for different class's classification.

Milica Miloševic et al. [89] described differentiated motor seizure to normal nocturnal events in children using accelerometry signals. Features are selected based on filter mRMR and LS-SVM methods in sequence matters to reduce the feature set that diminishes complication and computation cost. LS-SVM method is used in both forward and backward search mode to select best feature set. Performance analysis measure for (tonic-clonic) seizure gives 100% sensitivity and high False Detection Rate as 10.5 h⁻¹. Limitation with this method is that features selected are optimal for ACM measure set-up for the selected population only.

M. Bedeeuzzaman et al. [90], [91] show that the properties of normal EEG are different from statistical properties. To distinguish ictal, inter-ictal and normal conditions, Inter Quartile Range (IQR), a median based measure of statistical diffusion as feature is used with linear classifier. Due to absence of any transform, direct features such as maximum, minimum and SD are fed to the classifier that reduces system complexity and provides 100% classification accuracy [90]. Pre-ictal and inter-ictal EEG recording to find evidence for changes from pre-ictal to seizure conditions has been proposed. Both are differentiated based on the

characteristics for this MAD and IQR features of signal, and extracted and classified using Linear classifier showing 100% and zero FPR in case of a 12-patient recording [91].

Yueming Wang et al. [92] proposed seizure onset detection for a long term EEG signal with higher FDR and face problem of artifacts due to movements and blinks. For this, state space model based on Cauchy Observation Noise (SSMC) encodes continuous change in epileptic seizure signal and rejects drastic changes of artifacts. For 10 patients, EEG data of 367 hours recording shows 100% sensitivity with 0.08 h⁻¹ FDR and 8.10 sec median time delay. Markov model or RNN (Recurrent Neural Network) model can further be used with state model to reduce artifacts of EMG/EOG.

Some methods beside those listed above and their details are mentioned in table 3.

Table 3: Miscellaneous Techniques for Seizure Analysis

Next, we review some other works that proposed hardware implements for wearable device and their performance statistics.

Peng Li et al. [111] proposed Sample and Distribution entropy methods for more precise and timely identification of inter-ictal, ictal and normal conditions for short span EEG signals (5 seconds). Sample entropy method is more sensitive to normal and epilepsy (inter-ictal and ictal) EEG events while Distribution entropy method along with normal and epileptic events successfully identify the inter-ictal and ictal condition of epilepsy. Success rate measured by covered area under the curve for normal and inter-ictal epilepsy is 0.97; normal and ictal is 0.96; while with distribution entropy ictal and inter-ictal is 0.85. The success rate shows that this approach can be implemented for real time seizure detection for portable amplifiers.

M. Anil Kumar et al. [36] demonstrated a wearable device for epileptic patient which is simple, cheap, light weight and portable. With this device, patient's body parameter such as blood pressure, temperature, heartbeat rate etc. can be monitored and if any drastic change is observed, it sends an alarm for immediate intervention. This system can be augmented by adding GPS system to have an eye on patient parameters along with location for timely action in case of any emergency.

Chen Zhang et al. [112] propounded a hardware design based on area and energy efficient closed loop machine learning system, for seizure detection and termination. For long term patient monitoring with limited training set, support vector machine classifier provides relevancy between features such as power, area, latency and specificity. To obtain high sensitivity and specificity, Dualdetector architecture which involves two area-efficient linear support vector machine classifiers along with a weight-andaverage algorithm provides sensitivity of 95.1% and specificity as 96.2% and a small latency of 1 sec. For a seizure length of 4.07 sec, it provides seizure onset and termination detection delay of 2.98 sec and 3.82 sec., respectively. While MLPNN shows excellent classification accuracy, there is difficulty in building effective NN topology due to non-reproducibility and complex hardware implementation that makes it impractical. As a solution, SVM may be most suitable for binary classification of epileptic seizure onset detection.

IV. DISCUSSION

Epilepsy seizure detection has been an active area of research for decades. Statistical data has been widely used to arrive at prominent features for classifying a seizure condition. First attempts at classification were visual inspection based which could not handle complexity and non-linearity of the data and the results were pretty coarse. To reduce data complexity to manageable levels, researchers turned to dimensionality reduction techniques such as PCA, ICA and LDA etc. These provided better results than visual inspection; however these could not provide a deeper look into the seizure conditions.

Time-Frequency domain techniques such as Fourier Transform along with neural networks or support vector machines based classifiers provided much better results as they generated spectral information. Researchers then tried another method such as wavelet-based for better accuracy and it paid off. Researchers combined several techniques such as auto regression, neural networks and wavelets to generate viable online classification and analysis with higher accuracies of almost 100%. However training time and computational complexity posed two serious issues left to be tackled.

To deal with non-linear and non-stationary real time signals, researchers turned to Hilbert-Huang transformation which used EMD to get IMFs. The HHT when used in conjunction with ANNs and SVMs provided faster convergence and very high accuracy.

Lastly, we looked at some scattered attempts e.g. Quantum Neural Networks, Largest Lyapunov Exponent, Recurrent Neural Networks, Particle Swarm Optimization etc. which tried to improve on the speed and accuracy for seizure analysis and classification.

We noticed that there have always been issues with all the algorithms and techniques such as speed of convergence, computational complexity or viability to real world scenario and/or handling non-linearity and non-stationary nature of EEG. As and when new and better algorithms surfaced, researchers have tried to apply them for better analysis and classification of epilepsy seizure. The crux of the matter is that a method that has good performance measure is a prerequisite for online prediction of seizure and identification of seizure in a small time for timely diagnosis. All these techniques will help health care professionals in building an automated and fast detection mechanism for seizures with only EEG as input. Considerable time saved in evaluating an EEG signal could lead to starting a treatment earlier, benefitting the patient.

V. CONCLUSION

Different epileptic seizure detection techniques proposed so far, e.g. visual analysis, automatic epileptic seizure detection techniques, brain computer interfacing devices for online EEG signal analysis and its on-chip hardware implementation have been discussed and results are shown in above tables. Authors have proposed cheap, rugged and simple wearable device that incorporates GPS system for epileptic seizure detection but these techniques are limited in terms of detecting seizure occurrence with superior performance only a few minutes before its occurrence.

Epilepsy can't be cured but seizures can be controlled with meditation, diet or surgery in some individuals. There is dearth of devices that can detect seizure hours ago or at least minutes ago so that timely and proper diagnosis can be done to avert mishap. Although anti-epileptic drugs are available which are really cheap (at the cost of US \$ 5 per year, as per WHO report) [3], still there exist treatment gap because 80% of the epileptic cases are noticed in middle and low income countries and three fourth of the poor strata people do not get timely treatment when needed. More focused research is required to invent affordable, simple and portable device that will timely indicate the situation and medicine availability to protect more human lives. In future, we would like to propose a device based on stable reinforcement learning (RL) [21] to detect seizures.

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