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Artificial intelligence–driven early detection of neurodegenerative diseases using multimodal neuroimaging data

Abstract
Background: Neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease develop gradually, with neuropathological changes often preceding clinical symptoms by years. Early, accurate detection is critical for timely intervention and clinical trial stratification. Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) have enabled the extraction of subtle and multimodal imaging biomarkers that are difficult to discern through conventional radiological assessment.
Objective: This study developed a deep learning–based multimodal fusion framework for the early detection of neurodegenerative diseases using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), functional MRI (fMRI), and positron emission tomography (PET) data.
Methods: Data from 1,020 participants (aged 55–85 years) were sourced from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) and the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI). Each imaging modality underwent standardized preprocessing (bias correction, normalization, co-registration). A convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture with modality-specific feature extractors and an attention-based fusion layer was trained using five-fold cross-validation. Model performance was benchmarked against unimodal CNNs and gradient-boosted ensemble classifiers.
Results: The multimodal AI model achieved an overall accuracy of 93.4%, sensitivity = 91.6%, and specificity = 95.1%, substantially outperforming unimodal MRI (85.8%) and PET (83.2%) networks. Feature saliency analysis highlighted hippocampal and posterior cingulate changes as key determinants in early Alzheimer's detection, whereas basal ganglia connectivity patterns were predictive of prodromal Parkinson's.
Conclusion: The proposed AI-driven multimodal integration framework significantly enhances early diagnostic precision for neurodegenerative diseases by exploiting cross-modal neuroimaging synergies. These findings establish a foundation for clinical translation of deep learning pipelines in precision neurology and risk stratification for early therapeutic interventions.

Introduction
Neurodegenerative diseases represent one of the most pressing global health challenges of the 21st century. Disorders such as Alzheimer's disease (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), frontotemporal dementia (FTD), and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) collectively affect hundreds of millions worldwide, posing an escalating burden on healthcare systems, economies, and families (Johnson et al., 2023; World Health Organization [WHO], 2024). By 2050, the global prevalence of dementia alone is projected to surpass 150 million cases, fueled by population aging and prolonged life expectancy (Livingston

et al., 2020). Beyond the human cost, the economic impact is profound: annual global expenses associated with neurodegenerative conditions are expected to exceed $2 trillion by mid-century (Prince et al., 2022). Despite ongoing advancements in neurobiology and pharmacology, curative therapies remain elusive, underscoring the urgent need for early, reliable, and noninvasive diagnostic strategies that can detect the earliest brain changes before irreversible neuronal loss occurs.

Limitations of Conventional Diagnosis

Traditional diagnostic approaches for neurodegenerative diseases rely primarily on clinical assessment, cognitive testing, and post-hoc confirmation via neuropathology. However, these methods tend to identify disease only after significant cortical and subcortical damage has occurred (Blennow & Zetterberg, 2018). For instance, in Alzheimer's disease, cognitive symptoms typically manifest after decades of silent accumulation of amyloid-β and tau pathology. Such latency hampers timely therapeutic intervention and complicates recruitment for clinical trials targeting the prodromal phase (Jack et al., 2019). Similarly, Parkinson's disease is often diagnosed only after substantial dopaminergic neuronal loss in the substantia nigra, by which time motor and non-motor symptoms are irreversible (Postuma et al., 2019). Biomarker-based methods, including cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) analysis or positron emission tomography (PET), have improved biological specificity but remain invasive, costly, and impractical for large-scale screening (Hansson, 2021). These limitations have spurred interest in imaging-based, computationally enhanced diagnostic models capable of capturing the subtle neuropathological signatures that precede clinical onset.

Emergence of Multimodal Neuroimaging

Neuroimaging plays a pivotal role in characterizing structural, functional, and metabolic changes in the brain across disease trajectories. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) provides high-resolution anatomical detail, quantifying cortical thinning and hippocampal atrophy; functional MRI (fMRI) captures alterations in neural connectivity and hemodynamic coupling; while PET imaging maps metabolic deficits and pathological protein deposition, such as amyloid and tau accumulation (Tetzlaff et al., 2021; Zhou et al., 2022). When analyzed together, these modalities offer a comprehensive, systems-level perspective on neurodegeneration—structural, functional, and molecular. However, traditional single-modality analyses frequently overlook cross-modal relationships that are crucial for understanding disease evolution. For example, hippocampal atrophy observed on MRI may not align temporally with changes in glucose metabolism on FDG-PET or network reorganization detected with resting-state fMRI (Ritter et al., 2020). This temporal and spatial misalignment necessitates **multimodal integration**, wherein data from complementary imaging sources are jointly analyzed to extract convergent biomarkers reflective of underlying pathology.

Over the past decade, multimodal neuroimaging has shown promise for differential diagnosis and disease staging (Nie et al., 2021). Integrative analyses combining MRI and PET have improved the differentiation between mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and early Alzheimer's (Lee et al., 2020), while coupling MRI with fMRI has facilitated modeling of disconnection syndromes in Parkinsonian disorders (Rana et al., 2022). Yet, multimodal data are inherently complex—high-dimensional and heterogeneous in spatial resolution, contrast, and noise characteristics—challenging traditional statistical frameworks. This methodological bottleneck has driven the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and, more specifically, deep learning architectures capable of efficiently learning nonlinear and hierarchical patterns across modalities.

AI and the Next Phase of Early Neurodegenerative Disease Detection

Artificial intelligence has rapidly transformed biomedical analysis, with deep learning models, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and transformers, achieving state-of-the-art performance in medical image recognition (Litjens et al., 2019). In neurodegeneration research, AI can process complex patterns that elude human interpretation, identifying subtle cortical deformations, altered connectivity, and metabolic anomalies before symptom onset (Tanveer et al., 2020). Recent studies have demonstrated that deep CNNs trained on structural MRI can detect prodromal Alzheimer's with accuracies exceeding 85%, outperforming radiologist-based evaluation (Jo et al., 2021). Moreover, multimodal deep-learning frameworks that integrate MRI, fMRI, and PET using feature-level or decision-level fusion outperform unimodal approaches by up to 10–15% in diagnostic accuracy (Zhang et al., 2022; Hu et al., 2023).

Beyond accuracy gains, AI-driven models offer an analytical advantage in feature interpretability and biomarker discovery. Techniques such as saliency mapping and gradient-weighted class activation frequently identify disease-relevant regions—hippocampus, posterior cingulate, basal ganglia—that parallel neuropathological findings (Eitel et al., 2021). Furthermore, recent multimodal fusion architectures employing attention mechanisms or graph neural networks have enabled cross-modality alignment, capturing interactions between structure, function, and metabolism essential for early-stage characterization (Liu et al., 2024). However, despite these advancements, several challenges persist, including limited sample sizes, inter-scanner variability, and lack of standardized fusion strategies, all of which restrict the generalizability of existing AI models to real-world clinical settings (Armanious et al., 2023).

Research Gap

While numerous studies have employed deep learning for unimodal imaging tasks—particularly structural MRI classification—systematic integration of multimodal neuroimaging data remains relatively underexplored. Most existing approaches fuse modalities at a late decision-level, treating each as independent input streams, thereby losing cross-channel interactions vital for early pathophysiological understanding (Huang et al., 2022). Moreover, few frameworks explicitly evaluate early-stage disease, where imaging changes are subtle, and multimodal synergy is most beneficial. Additionally, prior work often emphasizes diagnostic accuracy without sufficient attention to model interpretability or biological plausibility, limiting clinical adoption. Thus, there is a distinct need for a unified, end-to-end AI framework capable of fusing multimodal neuroimaging data to discern early neurodegenerative patterns, validated across heterogeneous datasets.

Objectives and Study Contributions

The objective of this study is to develop and validate an **AI-driven multimodal fusion framework** for early detection of neurodegenerative diseases, leveraging complementary information from structural MRI, functional MRI, and PET imaging. Specifically, the proposed model employs independent CNN-based feature extractors for each imaging modality, coupled through an attention-based fusion network to learn cross-modal dependencies and highlight disease-informative regions. Using large, publicly available datasets from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) and the Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI), the model is evaluated for its ability to classify early-stage pathology and predict clinical progression. Beyond diagnostic classification, the study also investigates model interpretability through saliency and Grad-CAM analyses, linking algorithmic output with known neuroanatomical pathology.

This work contributes to the growing field of computational neurology in several key ways. First, it introduces a robust, data-driven multimodal fusion pipeline demonstrating improved generalization across neurodegenerative phenotypes. Second, it provides a biologically interpretable framework—bridging AI predictions with neuropathological relevance—that enhances clinical transparency. Third, it positions multimodal neuroimaging as a viable foundation for **precision neurology**, moving beyond descriptive diagnostics toward predictive modeling of disease trajectories. In doing so, this study aligns with contemporary efforts to redefine early detection as the cornerstone of neurodegenerative care, where AI serves not as a black box but as a translational instrument linking imaging biomarkers, brain networks, and clinical decision-making.

Literature Review

Neurodegenerative diseases (NDs) such as Alzheimer's disease (AD), Parkinson's disease (PD), and frontotemporal dementia (FTD) represent some of the most complex and debilitating disorders affecting the aging population (Johnson et al., 2023). Their insidious course, long preclinical stages, and overlapping symptomology challenge timely diagnosis and hinder the evaluation of disease-modifying therapies. Despite decades of biomarker development, current clinical practice remains largely reactive rather than predictive. The past decade has seen rapid progress in neuroimaging technologies and artificial intelligence (AI), particularly deep learning, offering unprecedented capabilities for early detection. However, the field remains fragmented. Integrating multimodal neuroimaging with AI has emerged as a promising but still underdeveloped frontier. This review critically synthesizes current research around four key themes: (1) traditional diagnostic methods, (2) neuroimaging approaches, (3) AI in medical imaging, and (4) multimodal data-fusion techniques, highlighting methodological advances, ongoing limitations, and directions for future development.

1. Traditional Diagnostic Methods

Traditional diagnosis of neurodegenerative diseases has relied on clinical evaluation, neuropsychological testing, and neuropathological confirmation post-mortem (Blennow & Zetterberg, 2018). Although these approaches define disease from a symptomatic and functional perspective, they are unable to identify preclinical changes when therapeutic intervention might be most effective. For instance, the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) and Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) serve as screening tools but are influenced by education, linguistic background, and examiner variability, lacking sensitivity to early neuropathology (Tombaugh & McIntyre, 2019). In Alzheimer's disease, biomarkers such as cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) amyloid-β (Aβ), phosphorylated tau (p-tau), and total tau have increased diagnostic confidence (Hansson, 2021). However, lumbar puncture's invasiveness limits repeat testing and patient compliance.

Neurophysiological methods—such as electroencephalography (EEG) and magnetoencephalography (MEG)—have been used for functional profiling but suffer from coarse spatial resolution and susceptibility to artefacts (Vecchio et al., 2020). Collectively, these techniques offer valuable clinical insights yet lack the integrative capability to delineate complex spatiotemporal disease mechanisms. Moreover, disease heterogeneity and overlapping clinical features between NDs result in frequent misdiagnosis, particularly between AD, Lewy body dementia, and vascular dementia (Postuma et al., 2019). Consequently, the pursuit of imaging-based biomarkers that capture structural, functional, and molecular aspects of brain degeneration has gained considerable momentum.

2. Neuroimaging Techniques in Early Diagnosis

Neuroimaging has transformed the evaluation of neurodegenerative disorders, allowing visualization of progressive anatomical and metabolic changes. **Structural MRI** provides high-resolution insights into gray matter atrophy, white matter integrity, and cortical thickness. Longitudinal MRI studies have consistently demonstrated hippocampal shrinkage as an early hallmark of AD (Jack et al., 2019). **Functional MRI**

(fMRI) adds another layer by characterizing altered connectivity patterns within the default mode network and basal ganglia circuits, correlating with cognitive decline and motor impairment (Ritter et al., 2020). Meanwhile, **positron emission tomography (PET)** offers molecular-level information: [^{18}F]-FDG-PET reveals hypometabolism, while amyloid- and tau-PET visualize hallmark pathological aggregates (Zhou et al., 2022).

A growing body of research supports combining multiple neuroimaging modalities to enhance diagnostic accuracy (Tetzlaff et al., 2021). For example, coupling MRI-derived structural loss with PET-based metabolic deficits provides a richer understanding of disease trajectories. Nie et al. (2021) showed that combining MRI and PET improved AD classification accuracy by 12% compared with single modalities. Likewise, Falahati et al. (2023) noted that fMRI measures of local functional connectivity enhanced the interpretation of structural MRI findings in PD. However, practical limitations remain—variability in acquisition protocols, image alignment issues, and the computational burden of high-dimensional data.

Critically, most imaging studies still rely on handcrafted statistical features or region-of-interest (ROI) analyses that assume linear relationships between imaging biomarkers and disease state (Lee et al., 2020). These methods underutilize the enormous complexity encoded in neuroimaging data, motivating a transition toward AI-based systems capable of discovering non-linear, hierarchical patterns associated with early neurodegeneration.

3. Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning in Medical Imaging

Artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, has become indispensable in extracting meaningful patterns from complex medical datasets. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs), autoencoders, and graph-based neural models have achieved substantial success in neuroimaging analysis, outperforming traditional machine-learning methods in classification and prognosis tasks (Litjens et al., 2019; Tanveer et al., 2020). In AD research, Li et al. (2022) trained a 3D CNN on MRI data to distinguish early AD from healthy controls with 89% accuracy—10% higher than a random forest baseline. Similarly, in PD, Gao et al. (2023) applied transfer learning on diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) maps, reaching 87% diagnostic accuracy.

Despite these achievements, a recurrent criticism is that many AI models function as "black boxes," prioritizing accuracy at the cost of interpretability (Eitel et al., 2021). Clinicians require transparent algorithms that provide biologically meaningful insights rather than abstract predictions. Saliency mapping and gradient-weighted class activation mapping (Grad-CAM) have partially addressed this need by highlighting neuroanatomical regions influencing model decisions (Jo et al., 2021). Yet, these visualization tools remain descriptive rather than mechanistic, lacking formal linkage to neuropathology.

Another limitation concerns **data bias and generalizability.** Most deep-learning models rely on well-curated datasets such as the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) or Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI). While these resources are invaluable, they lack ethnic and scanner diversity, constraining cross-population transferability (Armanious et al., 2023). Moreover, preprocessing pipelines differ substantially between studies, complicating comparability. There is also an imbalance between diagnostic categories—datasets often contain more advanced-stage than prodromal cases, distorting model sensitivity for early detection (Liu et al., 2024). Training robust models across institutions thus requires harmonization protocols, federated learning, or domain adaptation strategies that are only beginning to be explored (Wen et al., 2023).

Nonetheless, the strength of AI lies in its potential to handle multimodal, high-dimensional, and longitudinal data—qualities essential for modeling neurodegenerative disease progression. While unimodal AI pipelines have shown competence in distinguishing disease from control, emerging work suggests that cross-modality learning delivers superior predictive power and generalization. This observation has motivated a shift toward multimodal fusion architectures.

4. Multimodal Data-Fusion Approaches

Multimodal neuroimaging fusion integrates complementary information to overcome the limitations of single modalities. Early approaches combined features statistically—concatenating extracted predictors from MRI, fMRI, and PET before conventional classification. Although straightforward, such "early fusion" ignores modality-specific representation learning, often diluting discriminative signals (Huang et al., 2022). In contrast, **intermediate or deep fusion** strategies within neural networks allow parallel encoding of modality-specific features before joint integration. For example, Zhang et al. (2022) employed parallel CNN branches for MRI and PET images merged through attention-weighted layers, achieving 91% accuracy in differentiating mild cognitive impairment from AD. Similarly, Hu et al. (2023) demonstrated that a multi-attention fusion network improved the interpretability of region-to-network associations, linking atrophic and hypometabolic regions to cognitive dysfunction.

Recent research highlights the utility of **graph neural networks (GNNs)** and **transformers** for cross-modal dependency modeling. GNNs treat brain networks as graphs where nodes represent regions and edges encode relationships such as metabolic coupling or functional connectivity. Liu et al. (2024) integrated MRI-based cortical thickness with fMRI connectivity using a cross-modal attention GNN, improving early dementia classification by 14% over CNN baselines. Transformer architectures, leveraging self-attention, have similarly enhanced contextual understanding across modalities (Peng et al., 2021).

However, despite evident progress, inconsistencies and gaps persist. Many fusion models are **overfitted** to homogeneous datasets and fail to generalize to data from different scanners or acquisition parameters (Armanious et al., 2023). Furthermore, few studies validate models prospectively or compare multimodal AI results to established clinical biomarkers such as CSF or plasma assays. Interpretability remains another unresolved challenge; while fusion networks uncover complex interactions, their biological meaning often requires post-hoc rationalization. Moreover, there is a lack of standardized benchmarking across studies—performance metrics vary, impeding reproducibility (Tibshirani et al., 2021).

Critically, multimodal AI research has yet to fully integrate **temporal dynamics**—most models treat cross-sectional images independently rather than capturing longitudinal change, despite longitudinal trajectories being central to ND pathogenesis (Jack et al., 2019). Only a few studies, such as Li et al. (2023), have combined multimodal imaging with recurrent neural networks (RNNs) to predict cognitive decline over time, reporting promising results but small sample sizes.

Finally, **clinical translation** lags behind laboratory demonstrations. While computational frameworks achieve near-perfect performance under controlled conditions, their deployment in real-world settings remains limited. Regulatory hurdles, lack of interpretability standards, and variations in imaging protocols hinder clinical acceptance. Yet, researchers increasingly advocate hybrid frameworks combining explainable AI with traditional statistical modeling to promote clinician trust (Hansson, 2021).

Critical Synthesis and Future Directions

Collectively, the reviewed literature illustrates a paradigmatic transition—from conventional clinical evaluation toward AI-enabled, multimodal neuroimaging for preclinical detection of neurodegeneration. The evidence overwhelmingly supports the **complementarity** of imaging modalities and the **superiority** of AI integration over manual feature engineering. However, methodological heterogeneity and reliance on small, homogeneous datasets limit the field's maturity. Several directions warrant deeper exploration.

First, **data harmonization** across institutions is crucial for external validity. Techniques such as ComBat correction and federated learning can reduce scanner bias while maintaining privacy (Wen et al., 2023). Second, **interpretability** must evolve beyond visualization. Incorporating cognitive neuroscience priors and causal representation learning would enhance biological credibility (Eitel et al., 2021). Third, **longitudinal and multi-cohort validation** should become standard practice, ensuring that AI frameworks capture disease evolution rather than static differentiation. Finally, **multimodal explainable AI**—using hybrid architectures that integrate imaging, genetic, and clinical data—may bridge the gap between computational precision and clinical utility.

In conclusion, while AI-driven multimodal neuroimaging has achieved notable progress, it remains in a translational bottleneck. Interdisciplinary collaboration among neuroscientists, clinicians, data scientists, and ethicists will be essential to move the field toward scalable, transparent, and generalizable diagnostic tools capable of redefining early detection and targeted intervention in neurodegenerative diseases.

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