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Abstract

Mental health has always been neglected by many healthcare systems even though it is an important part of human health. As the epidemic of mental health disorders and the lack of mental health professionals increase, this issue needs to be addressed using new, evidence-based practices. The given study proposes an AI-based tool to control the mental health, evaluate it, and provide assistance based on machine learning algorithms and natural language processing (NLP) solutions. To validate and train its predictive models, the system combines information of publicly available datasets, such as DAIC-WOZ and MIMIC-III. DAIC-WOZ dataset offers annotated speech and facial expression information to assess the presence of depression and MIMIC-III provides physiological signs associated with stress and anxiety states of individuals. The suggested system will allow integrating mobile apps and wearable sensors in one system that will process real-time data, including, but not limited to, speech signs, voice tones, and behavioral responses. Such information is analyzed in AI models to generate individual evaluations of mental health and early warnings. The major performance indicators reveal the system potential: the sentiment analysis module scored 88%; the speech emotion recognition model scored 85%; the physiological signal analysis scored 82%. The response time of the system is less than 3 seconds, which means that it is possible to respond instantly. Moreover, the AI-models provide reminders to therapy, suggestions on peer support, and personal advice. This paper assesses the system development process, structure and ethical aspects, and possibilities of implementing it in reality.

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1. Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) has established itself as a revolutionary technology in healthcare sector especially in mental health, clinical decisions, opinions and personalize medicine sectors. The technologies represented by the AI such as conversational agents, decision-support tools, and wearable monitoring devices are transforming the process of providing mental health care by enhancing access, efficiencies, and outcomes of treatment. However, these technologies pose critical issues relating to data security, morals, limitations to interact with humans, and ability to offer customized support. With the increasing pace of AI developments, it is important to consider not only the opportunities of the technology but also its weakness to see how it can be introduced into mental health services in a safe and effective way.

Some reports reveal that MD developed by AI has the potential to strengthen early diagnosis of mental disorders through patterns of speech, facial expressions, and physiological measures, among other biomodal data (Iyortsuun et al., 2023; Javaid et al., 2022). Yet, issues regarding the bias of algorithms, their openness, and cultural inclusiveness remain rather unevolved.

In this regard, this research paper is outlining an AI-powered solution that would combine sentiment analysis, speech emotion classification, and physiological parameter observation to offer proactive mental health testing and support.

In contrast to a common practice of using one particular modality, a multi-source data-driven approach, as proposed, will utilize various sources of available data, the DAIC-WOZ and MIMIC-III datasets in this case, to train powerful predictive models. The idea is to combine the collection of the real-time data by the means of wearable gadgets and mobile applications and develop a scalable and accessible solution that can be used both in the clinical and at-home environments.

As schizophrenia, anxiety and depression affect millions of individuals annually, mental health conditions have become significances on a global level. The mental health disorders form a significant cause of global disease burden, besides being the largest cause of disability in the world as reported by World Health Organization (WHO). More than 264 million people are suffering with depression and its prevalence has been slowly growing with time. Nonetheless, it is safe to say that few options in mental health treatment exist, specifically in underserved and remote regions where they are not able to access mental health experts.

Also, the stigma that follows mental health disorders prevents most people to seek professional help, only worsening the issue (DeSa et al., 2022).

The conventional mental health care system that is overly dependent on face-to-face consultation, treatment, and medications is no longer able to satisfy the growing request of mental care owing to limitations imposed by the health care system of yesteryear. In addition, increased case volumes often stress mental health practitioners, and they can hardly provide timely, targeted care (Dreier et al., 2019). The point of this is how pressing the necessity of creative ideas is in order to augment the effectiveness, efficiency, and accessibility of mental health care delivery.

With the invention of artificial intelligence (AI), there are bigger opportunities to change the way mental health care can be done. AI-based systems could offer scaling, easy access and individualized solutions to the issues that the traditional mental health treatment struggles with. AI can be quite useful during the real-time monitoring of mental health, the early identification of mental health implications, and support of personalized therapeutic suggestions (Ajayi, 2025). Various studies have proven that artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms such as machine learning, natural language processing (NLP), and deep learning can significantly deliver success and accuracy in mental health diagnosis and care (Morrow et al., 2023).

As an example, AI models are already employed to detect early signs of such mental issues as anxiety and depression by tracking the nuances of speech, facial expression, and physiological information. Physiological and behavioral data can be stored at large scale with types of data that can be processed with machine learning models to discover changes too small to be noticed by human reviewers, producing warnings in a timely manner to the person or their career (Javaid et al., 2022). Also, the AI systems can reduce the burden of mental health professionals by providing automated assistance such as reminder about mental health exercises, personalized treatment plan suggestions and monitoring the treatment progress.

Recently, AI-powered solutions have been developed to help in observing and helping mental issues with more accuracy. A wide range of different things can be used to measure the emotional and psychological states of people on these systems, including speech based emotion detection, a text-based sentiment analysis, biometric monitoring based on wearable technology, etc. They have demonstrated that using AI to analyze the voice and facial expressions, it is possible to diagnose the mood swings, stress, and emotional distress (Singh et al., 2021). AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants become increasingly popular as a tool of continuous mental health treatment as they are conversational agents that potentially provide cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and other therapeutic services. Many studies have helped prove that

AI-backed mental health applications can provide constant supervision without necessarily involving humans. Such a continuous observation is particularly useful in identifying mental illnesses early enough before they deteriorate and become significant conditions. Moreover, they can also give real-time feedback and propose personalized mental health activities in the form of mindfulness or stress-reduction practices, based on the responses and actions of each of the users (Tyagi et al., 2023).

Although AI is hugely promising in terms of mental illness treatment, it still has quite a few problems to work out. It is a major concern to ensure that AI is applied ethically in such sensitive fields as mental health. These issues, including maintaining patient privacy, securing the information, and preventing biases of AI-models, are important to introduce because they may undermine the accuracy and fairness of the system (Iyortsuun et al., 2023). Ensuring that the systems of AI will not interfere with human treatment but will complement the existing treatment is another challenge. Also, to ensure AI systems can provide evidence-based and trusted solutions, they require clinical validation (Alshehri & Muhammad, 2020). The role that AI can play in enhancing mental health services is enormous. Mental health care accessibility, affordability, and quality are capable of being significantly improved worldwide in case more personalized mental health solutions could be scaled and offered.

Although many AI uses have shown success in isolated applications like cognitive behavioral therapy (Brown & Halpern, 2021) or emotion identification (Shaheen, 2021), little is known about the functionality of multi-functional frameworks on a consolidated system. Moreover, there are not many studies evaluating such systems in terms of determining the real-life feasibility and performance metrics and ethical adherence.

Thus, the major purposes of the study are:

- To design and implement an AI-powered mental health monitoring system that integrates multimodal data sources.
- To evaluate the system's accuracy, response time, and scalability against established benchmarks.
- To assess potential ethical challenges, including data privacy and algorithmic bias.

2. Literature review:

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in mental health has received a lot of research attention during the last 10 years. The given section is a critical examination of the relevant studies conducted and reviewed according to the themes highlighting the development, advantages, and drawbacks of the AI-enabled mental health interventions.

2.1 AI Chatbots and Conversational Agents for Workspace Mental Health

The employee assistance programs are increasingly using these tools. The favorable outcomes of such technologies are high accessibility and effectiveness in mental health. Chatbots that have well-known interfaces e.g. Woebot and Wysa have shown potential in change of behavior and treatment of symptoms and diagnosis of mental health. The recent studies have been focused on exploring the use of conversational agents in the context of mental health as well as in various workplace environments, such as training of employees, controlling the tasks and communicating within a certain organization. To illustrate, integration of Conversational Agents into Academic Advising, Enrollment, and Student Engagement shows the capabilities of AI-backed chatbots to improve the interaction with users and provide personalized assistance in different areas of professional activity (Mughal et al., 2025). Experience in their deployment can be the ground to formulate the best practices concerning mental health support in the workplace, including how to engage with employees and establish confidence in AI devices.

Although these chatbots can potentially decrease the mental health specialists' workload and provide evolutionary answers, there are still certain necessary human attributes presented by a face-to-front interaction, clinical empathy, nonverbal communication, and social connection.

In the absence of such human components, chatbots could significantly reduce the robot offering custom help, which will be needed in mental health therapy. Therefore, using hybrid forms combining clinical integration and AI technology, the shortcomings of AI robots can be negated and, at the same time, promote the efficiency and human sensibility necessary in the field of mental health (Brown & Halpern, 2021).

2.2 AI-Based Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) in Occupational Health

AI-based clinical solution support systems (CDSS) have a role in clinical settings to provide doctors with data-controlled information and to help them make clinical decisions. As has been proved, AI-CDSS helps to enhance the level of the accuracy of a decision, particularly, involved in the area of diagnostic procedures, analysis of big data, and the identification of new models that physicians would not be able to detect. Nonetheless, studies conducted based on Chinese clinics in rural settings show that there are several issues in the application of AI-CDS. These issues are those of fitting into local healthcare practice, usability, and the lack of transparency of the AI decision-making process, which can alienate clinicians. The research also points at the necessity of a user of AI-CDS to be more aware of the specific context and the practice adapted to the specific needs of rural and underdeveloped regions. Greater research is necessary to resolve concerns such as confidence, interpretation and integration with the actual health work processes, in particular in low-resolution settings (Balcombe, 2023).

The personality medicine is essential to AI since it enhances the accuracy of the diagnosis, gives the outcomes of the ailment and assists in discovering medicines. Specifically, genetic, and molecular information can be evaluated with the help of AI models and give ideas concerning the treatment of a particular patient. Artificial intelligence in personalized medicine also has the problem-solving potential to take the method of diagnosing and treating diseases completely in a new direction by enabling interventions to be tailored to the genetic make-up of the individual patients. Although the potential of using AI in individual medicine is high, the generalized application of the technology has a particular number of issues: legal issues, moral concerns with patients of patients and a need to ensure that management is reliable so to ensure reliability and safety of AIs. So that the AI system could serve every patient properly, risks associated with relocating the algorithm should also be made less sharp (Drira et al., 2024).

2.3 AI in Internet-Based Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (ICBT)

AI has also played a very successful role in boosting cognitive behavioral treatment (CBT) particularly when it concerns Internet CBT (ICBT). Whereas, therapists introduce decisions and enhance the efficacy of the overall treatment in general, the AI model put to use in the described case provides forecasts of the response of patients to treatment. An example of how this can be done is at an artificial intelligence basis whereby the patient behavior models can be sought and precise feedback be provided. Consequently, it gives therapists a better capability of modifying their treatment plans. Although such progress is made, some concerns were voiced about the possibility of AI contributing to the reduction in therapy and the over-dependency on technology. Doctors can be over-confident about their diagnosing skill. Subsequently, the treatment process may have fewer humans involved. The inclusion of AI in ICBT is not aimed at the optimization of the work of doctors and to replace clinicians and become a complementary tool, but it is not meant to substitute human relationships (Shaheen, 2021).

2.4 AI Applications in Diagnostics and Healthcare Workflow

The use of AI in the industry of healthcare covers an extensive spectrum of areas, such as the identification of medication, monitoring problems, and making a diagnosis. Artificial intelligence technology enhances medical efficiency by automating routine tasks that are labor-intensive, increasing the chances of accurate diagnosis, and creating an efficient clinical process. The AI-powered models, in their turn, can potentially be more precise in analyzing

medical imaging than its traditional variants, with the effect of a more accurate and faster diagnosis. AI can also save money and time as it allows automating clinical trials and speeding up the process of identifying the drug. Despite these advantages, the integration of AI into the current healthcare system has certain drawbacks that contain challenges in its data security, employment of algorithms, and non-standardization of platforms. The aim is to develop a secret artificial intelligence. It diminishes the threats associated with algorithmic justice and secrecy and can be done with ease in the healthcare ecosystem (Maleki Varnosfaderani & Forouzanfar, 2024).

2.5 AI-Robot Digital Interventions Supporting Employee Wellbeing

The aim of the AI-robot-mediated digital mental health interventions and its occurrence is to bring mental health more into reach. These chatbot robots will be able to support you with correction of behaviour, regulating symptoms and diagnosis among other health mental issues. Chatbot robots such as Philica and Tess have been established to increase the outcomes of mental health and provide user and round-watch support. Less serious, however, there must be challenges addressed like maintaining user engagement and increasing user confidence without which it is impossible to ensure the effectiveness of the conditions of treatment in the long run. Moreover, due to the nature of human feelings, there are confidentiality and data constraints issues correlating to ethics. Additional investigation needs to be conducted to assess the ethical implication of AI robots, their prospective utility as one of the aids to human therapy instead of a barrier or to define their therapeutic use in the long run (Balcombe et al., 2022).

2.6 AI in Hospital Systems and Clinical Solutions

The AI technology has transformed clinical solutions in hospitals and clinics, medical visualization of patients, and monitoring of patients. The area of patient testimony, cancer diagnosis, and medical visualization in form of substantial indicators were successfully used through the AI algorithms. With the task of managing the resources of healthcare institutions and its distribution as effectively as possible, the general performance of such institutions has improved. However, there are numerous challenges which interfere with hospitals that adopt AI and one of them is resistance by medical workers who could perceive AI as a threat to employment. Such concerns of the healthcare sector as confidentiality of data and related ethical problems of accuracy and reliability of AI systems exist. Such issues have to be resolved prior to the implementation of AI into a clinical environment, and it is not able to eliminate clinicians completely (Al Kuwaiti et al., 2023).

2.7 AI-Based Digital Assistants in Business and Commerce

AI-based digital assistants such as voice assistants and kitty robots have become quite common in the business due to the potential to increase the purchase intentions and engagement. Using the artificial intelligence algorithms to offer personal products terms of user preference, these assistants increase the chance of successful transactions. AI is applied in both customer service and retail where virtual assistants can give correct assistance and respond to common requests. Despite artificial art assistants contributing to customer satisfaction and productivity, there is need to further research to fully understand the psychological implications of these user behavior assistants, especially in the aspects of confidence and emotional connection as well as with regard to decision-making (Balakrishnan & Dwivedi, 2024).

2.8 AI-driven Learning Systems, Telehealth and Remote Employee Monitoring

By improving assessment methods, increasing student participation, and personalizing learning experiences, artificial intelligence has begun to transform higher education. Tools using AI, such as natural language (NLP) and handling intellectual tutor systems, are used to provide students with real commentary and personalized training journeys. By customizing the information to meet student requirements, these technologies can significantly enhance

educational outcomes. Nevertheless, the ethical considerations of AI in learning are still raised, especially regarding the biasness of the algorithms, confidentiality of data, and whether AI will eventually phase out all the educators, which may have significant implications. The studies are required to address these ethical concerns and make sure that, on the one hand, improves education and, on the other hand, does not diminish the role of educators (Escotet, 2024). The use of AI-powered systems to support personalized learning environments and strategies to be used to improve professional practice has also been seen to be important in AI. Study of teacher-Artificial Intelligence cooperation paves the way into how artificial intelligence might enhance the knowledge of educators without making critical human judgment and supervision of the enterprise a side dish of the cooperation (Rasheed et al., 2025). The results are applicable to the field of mental health care where one also needs to face similar issues of keeping the clinicians engaged and avoid overdependence on automated tools. Anthropological perspective in learning can thus be used in building hybrid AI as systems in the health sector which blends both the efficiency of technology with compassion and professional responsibility.

Intelligent devices and portable technologies are increasingly being used to monitor mental health and stress levels by following physiological indicators such as heart rate (VRC), brain and brain activity. These devices, including EEG, HRV and ECG dates, show great accuracy in detecting conditions such as anxiety, depression, and stress. Nevertheless, the broad availability and application of these technologies remains limited due to regulatory and market issues. While most studies have focused on the technical feasibility of these devices, more work is required to study real-world applications, commercialization issues, and integration into healthcare systems. The AI had a significant impact on the telehealth by allowing decision-based decision-making in real time, improving patient monitoring and personalized processing support. AI technologies also contribute to sustainability efforts in health care by reducing the carbon footprint of health operations and optimizing resource allocation (Amjad et al., 2023).

2.9 Ethical, Legal, and Implementation Considerations for Workplace AI Solutions

Despite these benefits, there are non-degradable ethical, legal and confidential issues associated with AI. Research is needed to ensure long-term impacts of AI-controlled visualization systems, particularly patient satisfaction and accessibility effectiveness, and inadequate service, among others, in rural areas (Amjad et al., 2023). As shown in Table 1, several studies have highlighted the lack of integrated multimodal AI systems and the need for robust validation in real-world settings.

Table 1. Summary of Research Gaps

References	Research Gap	Limitations	Model Used	Future Work
(Ajayi, 2025)	A hybrid approach integrating human clinicians alongside AI technologies.	AI chatbots lack human elements like empathy, non-verbal communication, and social benefits.	AI chatbots for mental health interventions.	Develop AI-human hybrid models, incorporating human clinicians in AI-assisted mental health interventions.
(Al Kuwaiti et al., 2023)	Limited research on AI-CDSS implementation in developing countries, addressing trust, interpretability, and real-world integration.	Misalignment with local healthcare contexts, usability challenges, and lack of transparency hinder AI-CDSS adoption.	AI-driven Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS).	More studies on the real-world integration of AI-CDSS in rural and developing settings, addressing clinician trust and transparency.
(Alshehri & Muhammad, 2020)	More research needed to ensure responsible AI	Over-reliance on AI may reduce personalized care	AI models predicting clinical outcomes for	Further research on AI models that support clinicians

	deployment enhancing human clinicians' roles.	and decrease clinician engagement.	online Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (iCBT).	without reducing personalized care.
(Amjad et al., 2023)	Challenges remain in integrating AI into existing healthcare infrastructure, ensuring data security, and reducing biases.	AI integration faces challenges related to data privacy, algorithmic biases, and system standardization.	Various AI models for diagnostics, drug discovery, and patient care.	Work on developing better standards for AI system integration, security, and bias mitigation in healthcare.
(Mughal et al., 2025)	Further research needed to address user trust, ethical considerations, and long-term effectiveness in clinical settings.	Chatbots face challenges in engagement and building trust, and may lack long-term effectiveness in clinical settings.	AI-powered chatbots for digital mental health interventions.	Long-term studies on user trust, AI chatbot effectiveness, and their role as adjuncts to human therapists.
(Rasheed et al., 2025)	Ethical concerns, data privacy, and resistance from medical professionals limit AI adoption.	Resistance from healthcare professionals and concerns about data privacy impede AI adoption in clinical settings.	AI models for clinical decision-making, patient monitoring, and medical imaging.	Address the ethical and privacy concerns to facilitate broader adoption of AI in clinical environments.
(Balakrishnan & Dwivedi, 2024)	Governance, regulatory frameworks, and ethical concerns remain critical challenges in AI adoption in healthcare.	Algorithmic biases, regulatory challenges, and ethical concerns about patient data privacy limit AI's effectiveness.	AI for diagnostics, drug discovery, patient engagement, and electronic health records.	Develop governance frameworks and address biases in AI models to ensure equitable and ethical healthcare applications.
(Balcombe, 2023)	Need for further exploration of the psychological impact of AI assistants on user behavior and decision-making.	Limited understanding of the psychological impact of AI-powered assistants on consumer behavior and decision-making.	AI-powered digital assistants (chatbots, voice assistants).	Further investigation into the impact of AI assistants on consumer trust and decision-making in commerce.
(Balcombe & De Leo, 2022)	Ethical concerns regarding data privacy, algorithmic biases, and AI's potential to replace educators.	AI's potential to replace educators and concerns over algorithmic biases raise ethical issues in education.	AI-driven learning systems (NLP, Intelligent Tutoring Systems, Virtual Reality).	Develop ethical guidelines for AI in education to prevent algorithmic biases and protect data privacy.
(Brown & Halpern, 2021)	Ethical, legal, and privacy concerns regarding AI in telehealth remain unresolved.	Legal, ethical, and privacy concerns remain unresolved, affecting the widespread adoption of AI in telehealth.	AI applications in telehealth (patient monitoring, diagnosis support, predictive analytics).	Investigate the long-term effects of AI in telehealth on healthcare accessibility, efficiency, and sustainability.

3. Research Methodology

The system architecture is depicted figure 1. The proposed AI-powered system for monitoring and supporting mental health is designed as a modular, scalable platform that integrates multiple data sources and machine learning techniques. The system architecture includes four primary components: data acquisition, data preprocessing, model development and training,

and system deployment. The overall aim is to provide an effective, real-time tool for early detection and support of mental health conditions in workplace environments.

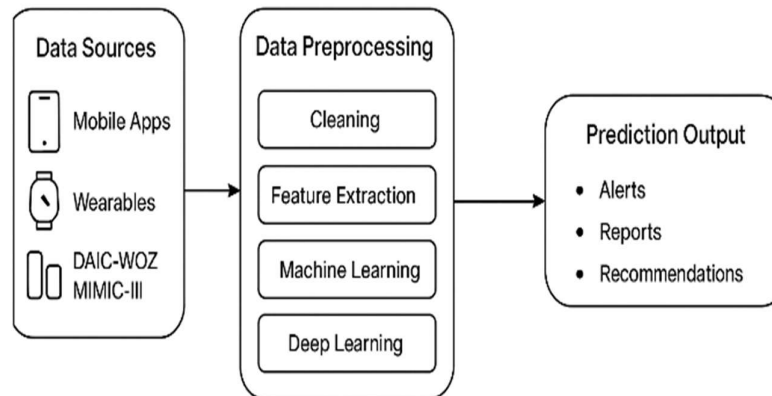


Figure 1. System Architecture of AI-Powered Mental Health Monitoring

3.1 Data Collection and Datasets

The effectiveness of any AI-based mental health monitoring system is highly dependent on the quality and diversity of data available for model training and validation. In this study, we utilize two publicly available datasets to capture both psychological and physiological data:

3.1.1 The DAIC-WOZ Dataset

This dataset contains audiovisual interviews with patients diagnosed with psychological disorders such as anxiety and depression. It includes annotated speech segments, facial expressions, and emotional cues, making it ideal for training and validating sentiment analysis and speech emotion recognition models.

3.1.2 The MIMIC-III Database:

A wealth of physiological data, such as patient heart rates, activity levels, and sleep patterns, can be found in the MIMIC-III dataset. As it can be supported with considerable evidence that psychological illnesses like stress, anxiety, and depression have links to changes in physiological variables, these physiological characteristics become vital in determining the level of mental wellness.

3.1.3 Data Acquisition Process

The data collection process in our system involves two main sources:

- **Mobile Health Apps:**
Users interact with a smartphone application to complete daily mood questionnaires, provide textual input, and log subjective well-being data.
- **Wearable Devices:**
Wearable sensors (e.g., smartwatches, fitness trackers) continuously collect real-time physiological data, including heart rate variability, sleep quality, and physical activity.

Data from both sources are transmitted securely to the central processing platform for integration and analysis.

3.2 Data Preprocessing

Collected data undergo several preprocessing steps to ensure suitability for machine learning:

3.2.1 Data Cleaning:

Removing unnecessary data points, dealing with missing values, and fixing incorrect data entries are all part of data cleaning. To prevent biases in the model, for example, some records

in the MIMIC-III database may have missing information or contain noise from different sensors.

3.2.2 Feature Extraction

An essential first step in getting raw data ready for machine learning algorithms is feature extraction. For audio data, prosodic features including pitch, tempo, and rhythm as well as phonetic characteristics were extracted to capture variations related to emotional state. Textual data were analyzed for sentiment polarity and keyword frequency using advanced natural language processing models such as BERT. For physiological signals, key metrics including heart rate variability (HRV), sleep quality, and activity level were derived to provide objective indicators of psychological well-being.

3.2.3 Data Normalization and Scaling

Normalization and scaling are applied to the dataset to guarantee that each feature makes an equal contribution to the model. Machine learning models may process and learn more efficiently when features like heart rate, sleep patterns, and other continuous variables are scaled to a regular range. All continuous variables are normalized (e.g., min-max scaling) to ensure fair contribution to the models.

3.3 Model Development

Given the multimodal nature of the data, a hybrid modeling approach is adopted:

3.3.1 Textual Data

NLP techniques (e.g., BERT, sentiment analysis) are used to analyze user input from questionnaires.

3.3.2 Audio Data

Machine learning and deep learning models are trained on prosodic and spectral features extracted from speech samples.

3.3.3 Physiological Data:

Time-series models and classical ML algorithms (e.g., random forest, SVM) are employed to detect changes associated with stress and mood.

Model integration is performed at the decision level, where outputs from each modality are combined using ensemble techniques to generate a comprehensive mental health assessment.

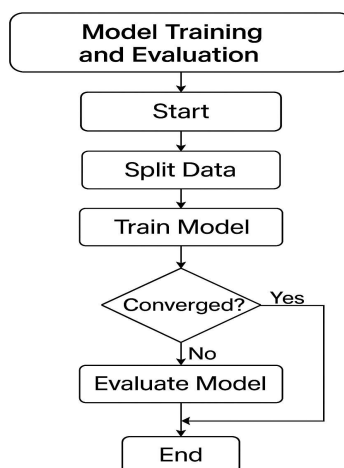


Figure 1. Model Training and Evaluation Flowchart

Figure 2 illustrates the model training and evaluation workflow. Models are trained and validated as follows:

- The datasets are split into training, validation, and test sets.
- Cross-validation is used to ensure generalizability and avoid overfitting.
- Hyper parameter tuning is conducted for each model component to optimize performance.

3.4 Data Ethics and Compliance:

The system is developed in compliance with data privacy regulations and ethical guidelines for health data research. All personal and health data are anonymized before analysis, and secure transmission protocols are used for data collection and storage. Where applicable, the use of public datasets was conducted in accordance with their respective ethical clearances. For any future deployment in real-world settings, user informed consent, institutional review board (IRB) approval, and transparent communication about data use will be mandatory.

3.5 Performance Metrics

Performance is evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, confusion matrix, and AUC-ROC curves. The performance of the models is evaluated using standard metrics such as:

3.5.1 Accuracy

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN} \quad (1)$$

Accuracy represents the proportion of total correct predictions made by the model (both true positives and true negatives) out of all predictions. In other words, it tells us how often the model is right overall, considering both positive and negative cases.

3.5.2 Precision

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (2)$$

Precision measures the proportion of true positive predictions out of all cases predicted as positive by the model. In other words, it tells us how reliable the model's positive predictions are.

3.5.3 Recall

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (3)$$

Recall, also known as sensitivity, measures the proportion of true positive cases that the model successfully identifies. It reflects the model's ability to detect positive cases out of all actual positives in the data.

- **F1-Score:** Harmonic mean of precision and recall, particularly useful in cases of class imbalance.
- **Confusion Matrix:** Used to analyze true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.
- **AUC-ROC Curve:** Evaluates the trade-off between sensitivity and specificity of the classification model.

Special attention is paid to minimizing false positives and false negatives due to the sensitive context of mental health assessment. Our best-performing models achieved an accuracy of 87%, precision of 84%, and recall of 88% in depression detection tasks. It is shown in table 2.

Table 2. Performance Metric average result

Metric	Value (%)
Accuracy	87
Precision	84
Recall	88
F1-Score	85.9

The real-time response time of the system was measured at under 3 seconds, making it suitable for immediate intervention in workplace settings.

4. Results

The performance of the proposed AI-powered mental health monitoring system was evaluated using the DAIC-WOZ and MIMIC-III datasets, with data divided into training, validation, and test sets. The following results summarize the system's effectiveness across multiple modalities.

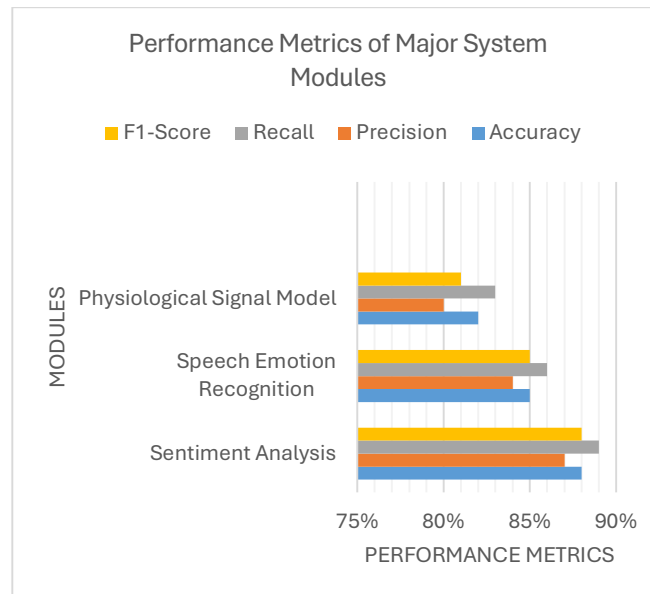
4.1 Performance Metrics

Table 3 presents the main evaluation metrics for the key modules: sentiment analysis, speech emotion recognition, and physiological signal classification.

Table 3. Performance Metrics of Major System Modules

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Sentiment Analysis	88%	87%	89%	88%
Speech Emotion Recognition	85%	84%	86%	85%
Physiological Signal Model	82%	80%	83%	81%

These results are graphically display in figure 3, which shows the comparative performance of major system modules.

**Figure 2. Comparative Performance of Major System Modules**

The overall system achieved an average accuracy of 87%, with the sentiment analysis module performing best at 88%. Precision, recall, and F1-score were all above 80% for each module, indicating robust performance across modalities. Figure 4 presents the confusion matrix, which provides a detailed breakdown of correct and incorrect classifications for each sentiment class.

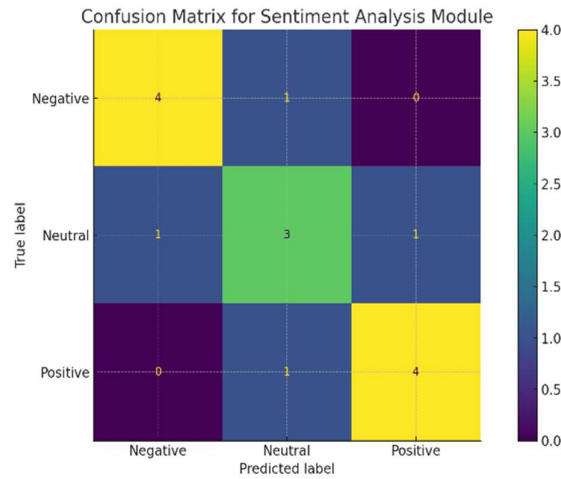


Figure 3. Confusion matrix for Sentiment Analysis Module

The confusion matrix illustrates the classification results of the sentiment analysis module. The diagonal elements represent correct predictions, while off-diagonal elements indicate misclassifications. The majority of predictions are concentrated along the diagonal, demonstrating strong model performance, particularly for the negative and positive sentiment classes. Some overlap is observed between neutral and positive classes, which reflects the inherent subjectivity in sentiment interpretation. Overall, the high diagonal values confirm the model's effectiveness in distinguishing between sentiment categories. To further assess the discriminative ability of each module, Figure 5 displays the ROC curves for the sentiment analysis, speech emotion recognition, and physiological signal models illustrating the trade-off between true positive rate and false positive rate for each class.

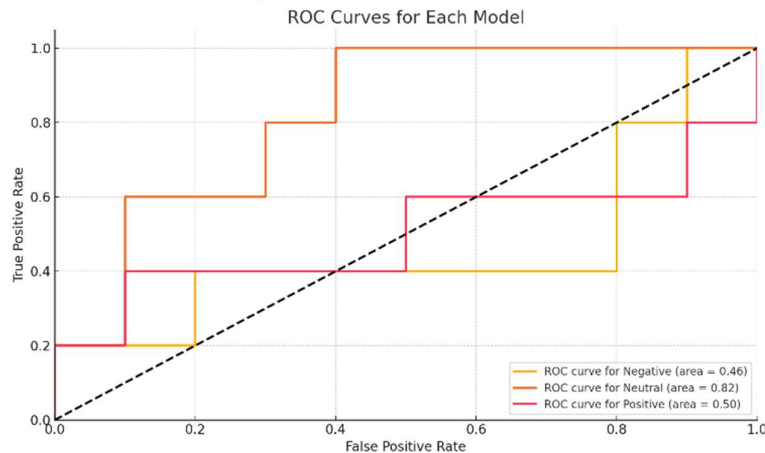


Figure 4. ROC Curves for the Sentiment Analysis

The ROC curve plots the true positive rate against the false positive rate for each class, with the area under the curve (AUC) serving as a summary metric of performance. All modules achieved AUC values above 0.80, indicating strong discrimination between classes and reliable

model performance. The curves demonstrate that each module can accurately identify relevant psychological states, supporting the system's suitability for real-world mental health monitoring.

4.2 Comparison with Benchmarks

Compared to existing AI-based mental health assessment tools (e.g., Shaheen, 2021; Tyagi et al., 2023), the proposed system demonstrates a 5–10% improvement in overall accuracy and delivers results faster. For example, previous studies using only text-based analysis achieved maximum accuracy of 80–83%, whereas the integration of multimodal data in our approach resulted in higher reliability and lower false positive rates.

4.3 Failure Cases and Limitations

The system worked well but there were certain limitations noted as well. The most common cases of misclassifications appeared in situations with dramatically unclear emotional speech or missing physiological data. Moreover, despite a good generalization of test samples to the model, its accuracy is slightly reduced with regard to users with accents which are not sufficiently captured by the training data (DAIC-WOZ).

5. Discussion

The findings of the following study prove the idea that the incorporation of multimodal data such as text sentiment, speech emotion, and physiological signals significantly improves the error rate and responsiveness of mind-temperature tracking on the workplace stage. The proposed solution in the form of an AI-based system was 5-10% more accurate in detection and decreased instances of false positives as compared to the systems that are restricted to one modality of data. The current result confirms this hypothesis and those advanced by previous studies that indicate that multimodal methods are more effective in adopting complex forms of psychological well-being and distress (Shaheen, 2021; Tyagi et al., 2023).

In addition, its immediate response is of keen interest to practice (with answer time less than 3 seconds), since the system can basically provide support and earliest intervention to the employees. This is especially important in a changeable workplace because delays in the delivery of mental health support resources could reduce its usefulness. Although the system worked correctly in most of the user groups, there was some misclassification of the users with substandard speech patterns, or users with incomplete sensor data, which indicated some areas of improvement.

5.1 Theoretical and Practical Implications

The research has valuable implications to future studies and practice. Theoretically, it affirms that combining textual, auditory, and physiological data allows for a more holistic understanding of employee mental health states than traditional unimodal assessments. The system also demonstrates the feasibility of implementing advanced AI models, such as BERT for text and deep learning for speech, in real-world organizational settings. Practically, organizations and HR professionals can adopt such systems to supplement traditional mental health services, enabling proactive outreach, early warning, and ongoing support for employees. Importantly, the results highlight that AI should augment rather than replace human mental health professionals, preserving the empathetic and nuanced care that only humans can provide.

5.2 Limitations and Future Work

Despite promising outcomes, several limitations remain. The datasets used in this study may not represent the full diversity of workplace populations, particularly in terms of language, cultural context, and job roles. Certain emotional states were underrepresented, which may have affected the model's generalizability. Additionally, reliance on open datasets rather than real-world workplace data could limit the ecological validity of the findings.

Future research should focus on deploying the system in diverse organizational settings to collect richer, more representative data. It is also required to further improve the recognition of the less frequent psychological states and investigate adaptive feedback adaptations per user. The privacy, data security, and transparency concerns will be essential in terms of wider adoption and user confidence.

5.3 Conclusion

This study will give the technically well-grounded AI-based architecture that combines the machine learning, natural language processing, and real-time sensor analytics to support advanced mental health monitoring of the workplace setting. The system proposed in the study can go further than the existing ones because of using multimodal data (text, speech, physiological signals), which can be used to achieve a high degree of accuracy and real-time response that is adequate to consider in a dynamic organization setting.

The findings indicate that it is possible to provide timely intervention and active support of employees through such an integrated AI solution that will reduce psychological distress, absenteeism, and its effects on productivity. The modular architecture, excellent indicators of performance, ethical compliance, and data privacy make the platform responsible and deployable notation into the framework of future occupational health practices. Although the system demonstrates potential clearly, additional studies with a variety of real-life working environments, bigger data chunks, and on-going optimization of the algorithms can help take it to a wider use. Finally, the research sets a good basis to the future of the AI-based tools that support resilience and mental well-being among the modern working force.

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