

Cross-Modal Dynamic Hypergraph Computation via Functional-Structural Brain Network for Brain Disease Diagnosis

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Abstract

Cross-modal brain networks characterize the complex connections between different brain regions from both functional and structural perspectives, which is of significant importance for brain network analysis and the diagnosis of brain diseases. However, existing methods have failed to fully exploit the complementary information between functional and structural brain networks, neglecting the guiding role of topology in the transmission of functional modal information, as well as the potential associations of cross-modal high-order information. To address these challenges, this paper proposes a cross-modal dynamic hypergraph computing (CDHGC) method, which models and learns topology-guided high-order correlations within functional-structural brain networks, thereby achieving high-accuracy brain disease diagnosis. The CDHGC comprises two key modules: the topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation module models high-order correlations within cross-modal brain networks based on topology and dynamically optimizes the hypergraph to discover potential correlations. The cross-modal hypergraph convolution module efficiently aggregates information from functional-structural brain networks through a cross-modal attention mechanism during message-passing, resulting in high-order joint representations. Experiments conducted on the ADNI and ABIDE datasets demonstrate that the proposed method outperforms current state-of-the-art approaches. Interpretability analysis reveals that the proposed method can discover multi-modal biomarkers associated with brain diseases.

1 Introduction

The technology for brain network analysis based on multi-modal neuroimaging data aids in revealing the potential relationships between brain function and structure, which is crucial for brain disease diagnosis. Brain networks can be clas-

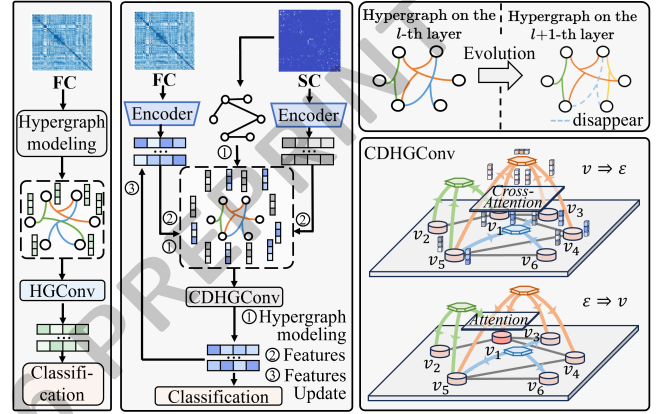


Figure 1: Comparison of the brain disease diagnosis framework based on vanilla unimodal hypergraph convolution and the CDHGC-based framework.

sified into functional brain networks and structural brain networks. The functional brain network is constructed from signals extracted through functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), which reflects the activation patterns of inter-regional connections in the brain during various cognitive and behavioral processes. In contrast, the structural brain network is built from white matter fiber tracts measured by diffusion tensor imaging (DTI) [Katti *et al.*, 2011], describing the physical connections of neural fibers between brain regions.

Existing studies have indicated that there is a coupling relationship between functional brain networks and structural brain networks [Park and Friston, 2013; Fotiadis *et al.*, 2024]. For example, during language tasks, the brain facilitates information processing through synergistic interactions among multiple brain regions, and such functional interaction is based on structural connections [Friston, 2011]. However, how to model and learn the relationship between functional and structural brain networks in order to facilitate in-depth brain network analysis and advance the diagnosis of brain diseases remains a major challenge in current research.

The core of brain disease diagnosis based on brain network analysis lies in modeling and learning the correlations between brain regions. Graph neural networks (GNNs) and hypergraph neural networks (HGNNs) are commonly used

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methods for learning inter-regional correlations within brain networks, and they have attracted considerable attention in the field of neuroscience in recent years. GNNs excel in capturing the structural information contained in feature interactions within the graph domain, demonstrating promising performance in brain disease diagnosis. BrainGNN [Li *et al.*, 2021] is a typical application of graph convolutional networks for functional brain network analysis, achieving commendable performance in brain disease diagnosis tasks. However, GNNs are unable to capture high-order information within brain networks. Hypergraphs, as an extension of graphs, allow hyperedges to connect an arbitrary number of nodes, which offers significant advantages for modeling high-order correlations among multiple brain regions. Existing studies have introduced hypergraph learning methods into brain network analysis [Xiao *et al.*, 2019; Wang *et al.*, 2024]. For instance, DwHGCN [Wang *et al.*, 2023] learns the high-order representations of functional brain networks by adaptively updating hyperedge weights during the training process, improving the accuracy of brain disease diagnosis. However, previous hypergraph-based brain network analysis methods have primarily focused on unimodal brain networks, lacking exploration of high-order correlations across cross-modal brain networks.

Furthermore, existing research has conducted coupling analyses of functional and structural brain networks while utilizing cross-modal information for disease diagnosis. BrainNN [Zhu *et al.*, 2022] treats functional and structural brain networks as multi-view data, extracting features from both types of brain networks through graph neural networks (GNNs) and employing contrastive learning for multi-modal integration, thereby enhancing the accuracy of brain disease diagnosis. However, such methods fail to fully capitalize on the complementary information between the two networks, overlooking the guiding role of structural connectivity in the transmission of cross-modal information and the potential high-order correlations within cross-modal brain networks.

To address these issues, we propose a cross-modal dynamic hypergraph computation method. As illustrated in Figure 1, in contrast to conventional hypergraph-based brain network classification, the proposed method first models the high-order correlations of cross-modal brain networks based on structural connectivity using a topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation approach. During training, the hypergraph structure is iteratively optimized to dynamically learn the hidden complex correlations between cross-modal brain networks. Based on the constructed hypergraph, the cross-modal hypergraph convolution computation method efficiently integrates functional and structural brain network information during the cross-modal node convolution phase through a cross-modal attention mechanism, aggregating this information to hyperedges. In the hyperedge attention convolution phase, an attention mechanism aggregates the hyperedge features back to the nodes, achieving an efficient cross-modal message propagation pattern that merges high-order information from functional and structural brain networks. In summary, this paper presents three main contributions:

- We propose a cross-modal dynamic hypergraph com-

putation method that integrates high-order information from functional and structural brain networks for accurate brain disease diagnosis. Experimental results on the ADNI and ABIDE datasets demonstrate that the proposed method outperforms state-of-the-art approaches.

- We introduce a topology-guided dynamic hypergraph construction method, which models cross-modal high-order correlations in topological space by combining the topology-constrained KNN method and the centroid sampling method. The hypergraph structure is dynamically optimized during training to uncover potential cross-modal high-order correlation patterns.
- We propose a cross-modal hypergraph convolution for integrating functional and structural brain network information. This approach efficiently merges high-order information within functional and structural brain networks through a cross-modal attention mechanism, achieving functional-structural coupling from the perspective of high-order correlations.

2 Related Work

2.1 Graph-based and Hypergraph-based Brain Network Analysis

Graph-based Methods. Graph-based methods establish brain networks by representing brain regions as nodes and functional or structural connections as edges [Li *et al.*, 2021]. GNNs [Kipf and Welling, 2016] are introduced to aggregate node information along edges that have proven potential in brain network analysis [Corso *et al.*, 2024]. [Cui *et al.*, 2022] developed BrainGB, a benchmark that standardizes the construction of brain networks and the design of GNNs. However, graph-based methods concentrate on pairwise relationships and rely on a low-order network structure.

Hypergraph-based Methods. Hypergraph-based methods are designed to capture high-order relationships that extend beyond pairwise correlations and have been introduced for brain network analysis. For example, [Wang *et al.*, 2023] introduced the DwHGCN, which generates hyperedges through sparse representation and adaptively updates the hyperedge weights during training to capture functional connectivity better. [Cai *et al.*, 2023] proposed a brain network-tailored hypergraph neural network to identify the propagation patterns in AD. Although hypergraph-based methods incorporate high-order information, they still face challenges in adapting to heterogeneous, multi-modal brain imaging data.

2.2 Multi-modal Brain Network Analysis

Unimodal methods, which rely on a single type of data source such as fMRI or DTI, offer convenience but cannot fully capture the wide variability of different tissues, cortices, and structures in the brain. To overcome these limitations, multi-modal brain network fusion methods have been proposed for brain network analysis [Xia *et al.*, 2025; Zhou *et al.*, 2024]. The simplest approach involves concatenating cross-modal features and feeding them into classifiers for prediction, such as [Dyrba *et al.*, 2015]. In addition, [Jie

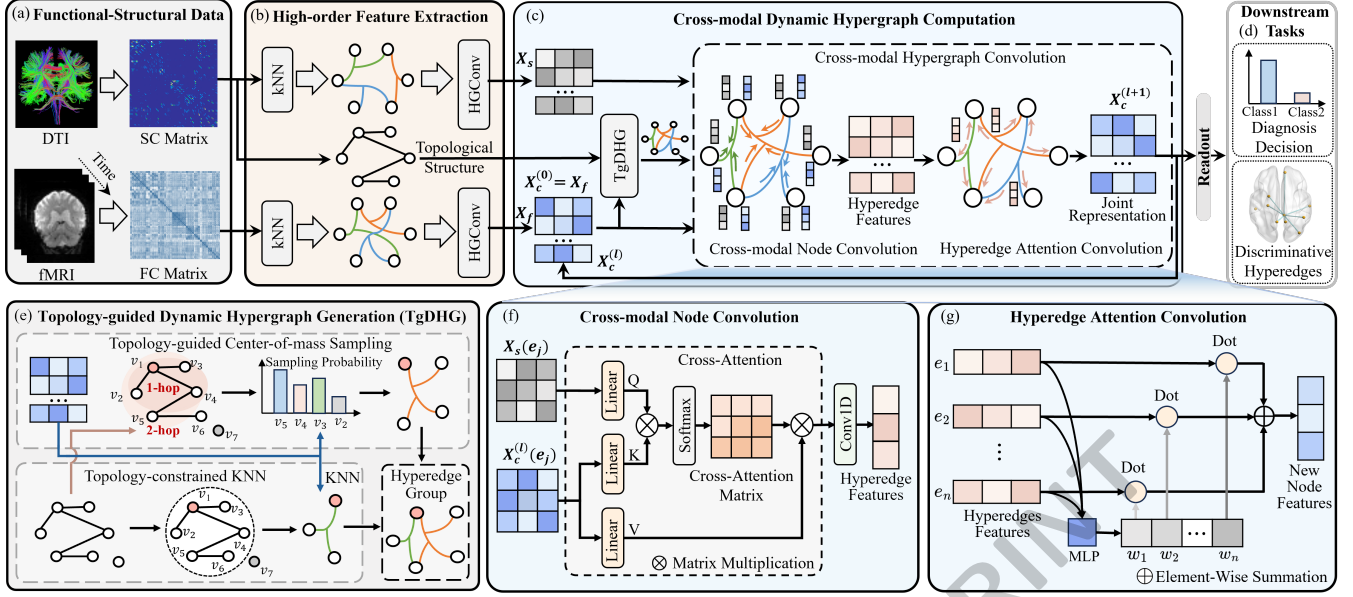


Figure 2: The proposed CDHGC framework. (a) Input. (b) High-order feature extraction. (c) Cross-modal dynamic hypergraph computation. Based on the continuously updated joint representation $\mathbf{X}_c$, the hypergraph structure is dynamically updated, and then cross-modal hypergraph convolution is employed to facilitate high-order message passing across modalities. (d) Downstream tasks. (e) Topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation. Two topology-based methods are combined to construct a hyperedge group. (f) Cross-modal node convolution. The approach efficiently merges cross-modal high-order information by introducing a cross-modal attention mechanism. (g) Hyperedge attention convolution. The hyperedge information is discriminatively aggregated back to the nodes through an attention mechanism.

et al., 2020] proposed an enhanced multi-modal graph convolutional network (MME-GCN) [Liu *et al.*, 2022] that adjusts the edge weights of the functional graph network using features from the structural graph network for disease diagnosis. However, these methods fail to fully leverage the complementary information between modalities and lack the ability to model high-order cross-modal associations.

3 Method

3.1 Preliminaries

This paper employs a hypergraph approach to model the high-order correlations within functional and structural brain networks respectively. Given a hypergraph $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}, \mathbf{W}\}$, $\mathcal{V}$ and $\mathcal{E}$ refer the vertex set and the hyperedge set of the hypergraph structure, respectively. The structure of the hypergraph $\mathcal{H}$ can be represented by an incidence matrix $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{V}| \times |\mathcal{E}|}$, which encodes the binary 0/1 relationships between nodes and hyperedges:

$$\mathbf{H}(v, e) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v \in e \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \quad (1)$$

3.2 High-order Feature Extraction

We employ the hypergraph structure to model high-order correlations among brain regions of functional and structural brain networks.

Functional Modality. Each scanned brain space is parcellated into N brain regions based on the automated anatomical labeling (AAL) atlas. For fMRI images, we extract N time

series from corresponding brain regions, employing these to compute the Pearson correlation coefficients $\mathbf{X}_f$ for quantifying the functional connectivity strength between brain regions. The N brain regions are defined as the set of nodes $\mathcal{V} = \{v_1, \dots, v_N\}$ in the functional hypergraph, the initial node feature being represented by $\mathbf{X}_f$. To capture local similarities within the functional brain network, the K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) is employed to identify $k_1 - 1$ nearest neighbors for each node v_i , thereby forming hyperedges and constructing the functional hypergraph $\mathcal{H}_f$.

Subsequently, the set $\{\mathbf{X}_f, \mathcal{H}_f\}$ is input into the hypergraph convolution [Gao *et al.*, 2022] to facilitate the learning of high-order functional correlations and feature representations $\mathbf{X}_f^l$ in functional brain networks. The hypergraph convolution process is represented as below:

$$\mathbf{X}^{(l+1)} = \sigma(\mathbf{D}_v^{-1/2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_e^{-1} \mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{D}_v^{-1/2} \mathbf{X}^l \Theta^l), \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{D}_v$ and $\mathbf{D}_e$ are the vertex degree matrix and the hyperedge degree matrix, respectively. $\mathbf{W}$ denotes the hyperedge weight matrix, which is typically set to the identity matrix, and Θ^l is a learnable parameter matrix.

Structural Modality. The process of high-order feature extraction for structural brain networks is similar to that for brain functional networks. A structural connectivity (SC) matrix is derived based on DTI data, representing the number of fibers between different brain regions, and is used as the initial node features $\mathbf{X}_s$ for the structural modality. Subsequently, a structural hypergraph $\mathcal{H}_s$ is constructed using the KNN method, and high-order structural correlations among brain regions are preliminarily learned through hypergraph

convolution. In addition, binaryizing the SC matrix yields a topological graph $\mathcal{G}_s$ that reflects the brain’s structural connectivity. This topological graph $\mathcal{G}_s$ will be used to guide the hypergraph construction process in the next section.

Finally, the high-order features of the functional and structural brain networks are initially extracted from each modal network through hypergraph computation.

3.3 Cross-modal Dynamic Hypergraph Computation

As depicted in Figure 2, we propose a cross-modal dynamic hypergraph computation framework to effectively integrate the functional and structural information within each respective modality. The proposed framework comprises a topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation module and a cross-modal hypergraph convolution module. The topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation module updates the hypergraph structure dynamically during training, capturing potential cross-modal high-order correlation patterns. Meanwhile, guided by multi-modal information, the cross-modal hypergraph convolution extracts and integrates high-order functional and structural correlations to obtain a cross-modal joint representation $\mathbf{X}_c^l$. Please note that in the first iteration, $\mathbf{X}_c^0$ is equivalent to $\mathbf{X}_f$.

Topology-guided Dynamic Hypergraph Generation

The topological information of structural brain networks reflects the physical connections between brain regions, and its topological structure can guide the modeling of high-order correlations in cross-modal brain networks. Specifically, the topological connectivity of a structural brain network can be represented as a graph $\mathcal{G}_s$. Given a $\mathcal{G}_s$, the function $\Phi(v_i, v_j)$ represents the shortest topology path between v_i and v_j (i.e., the smallest number of hops) if the two nodes are connected. Otherwise, the output of Φ is set to -1 . The $\Phi(v_i, v_j)$ derived from structural connections represents the relationship between brain regions in the topological space. Based on this, the topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation consists of two hyperedge construction strategies: *topology-constrained KNN* and *topology-guided centroid sampling*.

Topology-constrained KNN Method. The transmission of information in brain networks relies on the topological connectivity of the structural brain network [Honey *et al.*, 2009]. Based on this biological mechanism, the topology-constrained KNN method first determines the topological connectivity between each node and other nodes to filter candidate nodes for each node. For node v_i , v_j is considered as a candidate node with v_i as the central hyperedge only when v_j has a topological direct or indirect connection relationship with it (i.e., $\Phi(v_i, v_j) \neq -1$). This process enables the identification of a candidate node set $\mathcal{D}_{(v_i)}$ for node v_i . The hyperedge centered on v_i is formed by selecting the $k_2 - 1$ nodes with the greatest similarity to the joint representation $\mathbf{X}_{c,i}^l$ of v_i from $\mathcal{D}_{(v_i)}$. For the topology-constrained KNN, the similarity $\mathbf{S}_{i,j}$ between nodes is measured using the reciprocal of the Euclidean distance:

$$\mathbf{S}_{i,j}^l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{p=1}^{d^l} (\mathbf{X}_{c,i}^l[p] - \mathbf{X}_{c,j}^l[p])^2}}, \quad (3)$$

where d^l denotes the feature dimension. The $\mathbf{X}_{c,i}^l[p]$ and $\mathbf{X}_{c,j}^l[p]$ respectively denote the p -th feature value of the joint representation vectors for nodes v_i and v_j in the l -th layer, and the hypergraph structure is optimized as the joint representation embedding $\mathbf{X}_c^l$ changes during training.

Topology-guided Centroid Sampling. To further capture the important role of topology key nodes in information transfer throughout the brain network, we propose a topology-guided centroid sampling for generating hyperedges, which is achieved by selecting highly centrally located nodes throughout the network and biased sampling with these nodes as the center. Specifically, we measure the importance of each brain region in $\mathcal{G}_s$ by calculating its degree of centrality based on the topology of structural connections. We select the k_3 nodes with the highest degree of centrality to form the set of central nodes $\mathcal{N}_{\text{top}k_3}$. For the central node v_i in the $\mathcal{N}_{\text{top}k_3}$, sampling centered on v_i is restricted to the m -hop (i.e., $\Phi(v_i, v_j) \leq m$) range of the topology, focusing on the information of the nearby nodes and reducing the effect of the noise introduced by remote nodes. For the node v_j that satisfies $\Phi(v_i, v_j) \leq m$, its sampling probability can be computed using Eq. (3) based on the joint representation $\mathbf{X}_c^l$. Nodes whose joint representation vectors are more similar to v_i will have a higher probability of being included in the hyperedge centered at v_i , and the node v_i will select the $\text{top}k_4$ nodes with the highest probability within an m -hop range to form a hyperedge.

For node v_i , by combining the hyperedges obtained from each of the two hypergraph generation methods described above, a hyperedge group centered on it can be constructed to model cross-modal high-order correlations in topological space. Since node embeddings change continuously with network depth, the hypergraph is dynamically updated in each iteration to capture potential cross-modal high-order correlations that are not captured by the initial structure.

Cross-modal Hypergraph Convolution

The cross-modal hypergraph convolution efficiently integrates structural and functional brain network information through a cross-modal message-passing scheme to obtain a joint representation. The proposed convolution comprises two phases: cross-modal node convolution and hyperedge attention convolution. During the cross-modal node convolution, information is aggregated to the hyperedge through a cross-modal attention mechanism. In the hyperedge attention convolution phase, features from adjacent hyperedges are integrated into the nodes via an attention mechanism.

Cross-modal Node Convolution. The cross-modal node convolution updates the hyperedge features by aggregating the node features contained in the hyperedge. A cross-modal attention mechanism is introduced to fuse functional and structural modal information during node convolution, guided by joint representation to adjust the importance of nodes in the hyperedge. Compared with previous unimodal information aggregation methods, the cross-modal node convolution can leverage cross-modal complementary information, in which the cross-modal attention mechanism effectively captures the correspondence between structural and

functional brain networks, highlighting the contribution of important node features to hyperedges, thereby optimizing the aggregation of cross-modal information.

Specifically, for any hyperedge e_j , the cross-modal attention integrates structural and functional modality features and learns a transformation matrix $\mathbf{T}^l(e_j)$ based on the joint representations $\mathbf{X}_c^l(e_j)$ and the structural features $\mathbf{X}_s(e_j)$ of the nodes contained in the hyperedge via Eq. (4). This matrix $\mathbf{T}^l(e_j)$ captures the relationship between the cross-modal information of the involved nodes. Following this, the learned transform matrix $\mathbf{T}^l(e_j)$ is multiplied with the input vertex feature matrix to obtain the aligned and weighted functional brain network feature matrix. This process is equivalent to combining the features of the structural modal to guide the information-weighted aggregation of the functional modal features. Finally, the transformed features are compressed using 1-D convolution to obtain the features of hyperedge e_j , denoted as $\mathbf{y}_j^l$. This step aggregates the node information into the hyperedge. The above process can be formalized as follows:

$$\mathbf{T}^l(e_j) = \text{softmax} \left(\frac{\mathbf{W}_Q^l \mathbf{X}_s(e_j) (\mathbf{W}_K^l \mathbf{X}_c^l(e_j))^\top}{\sqrt{d_K^l}} \right), \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_j^l = \text{Conv1D}(\mathbf{T}^l(e_j) \mathbf{W}_V^l \mathbf{X}_c^l(e_j)), \quad (5)$$

where $\mathbf{W}_Q^l, \mathbf{W}_K^l, \mathbf{W}_V^l$ are learnable parameter matrices, and d_K^l is the first dimension of $\mathbf{W}_K^l$.

Hyperedge Attention Convolution. The hyperedge attention convolution is employed to aggregate the feature matrix of hyperedges $\mathbf{Y}^l = \{\mathbf{y}_1^l, \dots, \mathbf{y}_j^l, \dots\}$ obtained by cross-modal node convolution to obtain the updated node joint representation $\mathbf{X}_c^{l+1} = \{\mathbf{x}_1^{l+1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_i^{l+1}, \dots\}$. To highlight important hyperedges, a self-attention mechanism is used. The hyperedge attention convolution uses an multilayer perceptron (MLP) to generate a weighted score for each hyperedge, thus discriminating the importance of multiple hyperedges corresponding to the center node. Ultimately, the output features of the center node are calculated as a weighted sum of the input hyperedge features. This process is formulated as:

$$w_{i,j}^l = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{y}_j^l \mathbf{W}^l + b), \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=0}^{|Adj(v_i)|} w_{i,j}^l \mathbf{y}_j^l, \quad (7)$$

where $w_{i,j}^l$ denotes the attention score of the e_j towards v_i , $\mathbf{W}^l$ is a learnable parameter matrix and $|Adj(v_i)|$ denotes the size of the adjacent hyperedge set of v_i . In general, the cross-modal hypergraph convolution fuses structural and functional features through cross-modal node convolution, resulting in a hyperedge feature matrix $\mathbf{Y}^l$. During hyperedge attention convolution, hyperedge features are aggregated by an attention mechanism to obtain updated joint representation $\mathbf{X}_c^{l+1}$.

3.4 Readout and Classification

After L layers of cross-modal dynamic hypergraph convolution, the obtained representation $\mathbf{X}_c^L$ effectively integrates

cross-modal information. We concatenate the node representations to obtain the hypergraph-level representation $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_c$, which is then fed into an MLP for classification. The whole process is supervised with weighted cross-entropy loss.

4 Experiments

4.1 Dataset and Preprocessing

ADNI. The ADNI dataset [Jack Jr *et al.*, 2008] is a longitudinal, multi-site, multi-modal neuroimaging dataset. This study uses a subset of the ADNI with a total of 468 cases, including 94 alzheimer’s disease (AD) patients, 174 mild cognitive impairment (MCI) patients, and 200 normal controls (NCs). We preprocess the original fMRI by DPARSF, and the original DTI via PANDA.

ABIDE. The ABIDE [Heinsfeld *et al.*, 2018] is collected from 17 international imaging sites. After data selection, only 125 subjects have both fMRI and DTI data, including 69 patients with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and 56 NCs. The data processing procedure for the fMRI and DTI is the same as that for ADNI.

4.2 Experimental Settings

Compared Methods. The compared methods correspond to two categories. The first category refers to unimodal methods based on DTI or fMRI, including BrainGNN [Li *et al.*, 2021], BrainIB [Zheng *et al.*, 2024], HGNN [Feng *et al.*, 2019], FC-HAT [Ji *et al.*, 2022]. The second category refers to multi-modal methods based on DTI and fMRI, including BrainNN [Zhu *et al.*, 2022], MME-GCN [Liu *et al.*, 2022] RH-BrainFS [Ye *et al.*, 2023], Cross-GNN [Yang *et al.*, 2023], SGCN [Zhou *et al.*, 2024] and MS-Inter-GCN [Xia *et al.*, 2025].

Implement. Models are implemented in PyTorch and trained on NVIDIA 4090. Adam optimizer [Kingma, 2014] is used with an initial learning rate of 1×10^{-4} and a weight decay of 1×10^{-4} . The model is trained for 100 epochs. Using grid search, the optimal value of k in the topology-constrained KNN is set to 3 for all classification tasks. In the topology-guided centroid sampling method, the optimal parameters k_3, m , and k_4 are set to 8, 3, and 5 for the AD vs. NC classification task; 9, 3, and 6 for the AD vs. MCI task; 8, 4, and 7 for the MCI vs. NC task; and 10, 4, and 6 for the ASD vs. NC task, respectively. The optimal number of layers L in the cross-modal hypergraph convolution is 2. Five-fold cross-validation is employed on the dataset, and the proposed method is evaluated in terms of four metrics: accuracy (ACC), specificity (SPE), sensitivity (SEN) and area under the curve (AUC).

4.3 Comparison Results and Analysis

Table 1 shows the comparison results of all the methods on the four brain disease tasks. Our proposed CDHGC achieves the best classification performance on all datasets. The hypergraph-based methods achieved higher accuracy in most cases compared to graph-based methods, indicating that hypergraphs can capture high-order correlations that are beneficial for classification. Most multi-modal methods outperform unimodal methods, indicating that combining functional

Datasets (Tasks)		AD vs. NC				AD vs. MCI			
Modality	Method	ACC (%)	SPE (%)	SEN (%)	AUC (%)	ACC (%)	SPE (%)	SEN (%)	AUC (%)
fMRI	BrainGNN	72.11 $\pm$ 3.80	73.50 $\pm$ 5.39	69.11 $\pm$ 4.09	73.98 $\pm$ 4.30	67.66 $\pm$ 2.23	70.27 $\pm$ 5.71	62.75 $\pm$ 5.82	63.00 $\pm$ 6.24
	BrainIB	73.82 $\pm$ 3.57	81.00 $\pm$ 4.64	58.42 $\pm$ 8.22	75.10 $\pm$ 4.74	68.04 $\pm$ 2.08	72.03 $\pm$ 4.31	60.64 $\pm$ 4.08	61.00 $\pm$ 7.14
	HGNN	76.20 $\pm$ 1.73	79.00 $\pm$ 1.22	70.29 $\pm$ 3.74	76.89 $\pm$ 5.00	70.26 $\pm$ 1.55	76.57 $\pm$ 1.14	58.54 $\pm$ 5.91	65.51 $\pm$ 4.72
	FC-HAT	77.22 $\pm$ 2.70	80.00 $\pm$ 2.74	71.34 $\pm$ 3.81	76.89 $\pm$ 4.85	71.00 $\pm$ 1.42	74.28 $\pm$ 4.43	64.85 $\pm$ 10.95	67.98 $\pm$ 9.30
DTI	BrainGNN	70.41 $\pm$ 3.43	72.00 $\pm$ 5.10	67.01 $\pm$ 3.91	73.53 $\pm$ 4.10	64.52 $\pm$ 1.41	67.25 $\pm$ 1.32	59.47 $\pm$ 6.14	59.94 $\pm$ 4.66
	BrainIB	70.41 $\pm$ 3.43	70.50 $\pm$ 5.10	70.16 $\pm$ 4.44	73.16 $\pm$ 3.90	64.90 $\pm$ 1.51	67.25 $\pm$ 1.32	60.53 $\pm$ 6.23	58.06 $\pm$ 3.84
	HGNN	73.80 $\pm$ 3.36	75.00 $\pm$ 5.24	71.22 $\pm$ 3.05	74.43 $\pm$ 3.80	67.92 $\pm$ 2.07	70.72 $\pm$ 3.47	62.75 $\pm$ 0.82	59.05 $\pm$ 4.13
	FC-HAT	74.82 $\pm$ 1.42	77.50 $\pm$ 1.58	69.12 $\pm$ 2.38	75.12 $\pm$ 4.77	69.28 $\pm$ 1.50	74.52 $\pm$ 3.21	59.59 $\pm$ 3.98	62.31 $\pm$ 4.56
fMRI&DTI	BrainNN	76.88 $\pm$ 1.62	79.00 $\pm$ 2.00	72.40 $\pm$ 3.57	75.87 $\pm$ 5.63	71.54 $\pm$ 3.69	72.31 $\pm$ 4.47	70.12 $\pm$ 9.53	70.00 $\pm$ 10.10
	MME-GCN	78.91 $\pm$ 1.71	80.50 $\pm$ 3.32	75.56 $\pm$ 4.06	77.92 $\pm$ 4.74	73.11 $\pm$ 4.40	75.23 $\pm$ 5.37	69.06 $\pm$ 5.70	67.94 $\pm$ 4.77
	RH-BrainFS	77.55 $\pm$ 1.16	80.00 $\pm$ 3.16	72.40 $\pm$ 7.56	75.89 $\pm$ 3.62	72.03 $\pm$ 3.32	73.62 $\pm$ 4.72	69.06 $\pm$ 10.49	71.55 $\pm$ 8.96
	Cross-GNN	79.25 $\pm$ 1.26	81.00 $\pm$ 2.55	75.56 $\pm$ 4.06	77.61 $\pm$ 5.08	73.11 $\pm$ 3.84	74.12 $\pm$ 5.22	71.17 $\pm$ 8.98	70.95 $\pm$ 8.81
	SGCN	77.90 $\pm$ 1.74	81.50 $\pm$ 4.64	70.11 $\pm$ 4.94	75.37 $\pm$ 6.65	72.35 $\pm$ 5.69	76.00 $\pm$ 3.88	65.38 $\pm$ 9.56	68.50 $\pm$ 4.45
	MS-Inter-GCN	77.56 $\pm$ 2.44	80.50 $\pm$ 2.45	71.34 $\pm$ 3.81	77.71 $\pm$ 4.05	71.50 $\pm$ 5.16	73.92 $\pm$ 5.22	66.96 $\pm$ 6.47	66.78 $\pm$ 4.68
	CDHGC	83.32 $\pm$ 2.60	86.00 $\pm$ 2.36	77.66 $\pm$ 2.04	80.25 $\pm$ 5.66	77.23 $\pm$ 2.96	80.47 $\pm$ 2.04	71.23 $\pm$ 5.61	76.32 $\pm$ 4.02
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	BrainIB	61.91 $\pm$ 4.13	58.33 $\pm$ 9.65	66.07 $\pm$ 6.26	60.08 $\pm$ 6.35	65.26 $\pm$ 6.32	61.28 $\pm$ 5.96	70.56 $\pm$ 6.66	74.29 $\pm$ 11.65
	HGNN	63.50 $\pm$ 4.77	64.50 $\pm$ 9.67	62.29 $\pm$ 9.76	57.00 $\pm$ 3.19	66.31 $\pm$ 4.21	65.46 $\pm$ 8.91	67.50 $\pm$ 10.00	71.84 $\pm$ 11.18
	FC-HAT	65.30 $\pm$ 6.12	67.37 $\pm$ 9.12	62.87 $\pm$ 9.06	58.55 $\pm$ 5.55	69.47 $\pm$ 2.10	68.55 $\pm$ 7.08	70.56 $\pm$ 10.33	75.57 $\pm$ 10.53
DTI	BrainGNN	60.58 $\pm$ 2.10	56.33 $\pm$ 7.91	65.49 $\pm$ 6.14	57.63 $\pm$ 4.00	61.05 $\pm$ 4.21	61.09 $\pm$ 6.76	61.11 $\pm$ 8.38	66.70 $\pm$ 4.51
	BrainIB	60.05 $\pm$ 2.18	52.33 $\pm$ 8.79	68.92 $\pm$ 6.85	55.66 $\pm$ 1.75	61.05 $\pm$ 2.58	61.46 $\pm$ 6.02	60.28 $\pm$ 6.55	67.93 $\pm$ 5.18
	HGNN	61.23 $\pm$ 2.80	59.50 $\pm$ 10.05	63.14 $\pm$ 6.66	58.14 $\pm$ 3.72	62.10 $\pm$ 3.94	64.73 $\pm$ 10.82	58.33 $\pm$ 13.18	63.08 $\pm$ 12.97
	FC-HAT	62.58 $\pm$ 4.26	62.50 $\pm$ 11.83	62.62 $\pm$ 5.26	59.13 $\pm$ 5.07	64.21 $\pm$ 5.16	63.64 $\pm$ 9.96	65.00 $\pm$ 9.35	68.52 $\pm$ 10.99
fMRI&DTI	BrainNN	66.64 $\pm$ 4.68	68.87 $\pm$ 5.71	64.02 $\pm$ 7.82	62.79 $\pm$ 3.74	71.58 $\pm$ 4.21	70.00 $\pm$ 6.14	73.61 $\pm$ 5.69	75.62 $\pm$ 7.79
	MME-GCN	66.57 $\pm$ 2.29	69.50 $\pm$ 5.57	63.14 $\pm$ 7.36	64.80 $\pm$ 4.45	75.79 $\pm$ 5.37	73.27 $\pm$ 8.88	79.45 $\pm$ 11.05	79.59 $\pm$ 9.63
	RH-BrainFS	66.84 $\pm$ 2.04	71.50 $\pm$ 3.00	61.43 $\pm$ 6.88	65.70 $\pm$ 3.69	71.58 $\pm$ 4.21	73.82 $\pm$ 10.47	68.89 $\pm$ 10.15	73.97 $\pm$ 10.48
	Cross-GNN	67.12 $\pm$ 2.78	74.00 $\pm$ 9.82	59.17 $\pm$ 8.05	66.95 $\pm$ 2.70	74.73 $\pm$ 6.14	72.00 $\pm$ 9.68	78.89 $\pm$ 11.19	75.42 $\pm$ 8.14
	SGCN	67.04 $\pm$ 3.68	70.37 $\pm$ 5.91	63.14 $\pm$ 7.58	63.25 $\pm$ 4.06	70.52 $\pm$ 9.76	72.55 $\pm$ 13.23	68.06 $\pm$ 8.70	76.64 $\pm$ 12.39
	MS-Inter-GCN	67.57 $\pm$ 3.16	72.37 $\pm$ 3.07	62.00 $\pm$ 7.54	63.29 $\pm$ 4.06	69.47 $\pm$ 2.10	70.37 $\pm$ 3.53	68.06 $\pm$ 6.86	77.11 $\pm$ 8.77
	CDHGC	72.47 $\pm$ 3.92	75.50 $\pm$ 4.85	68.99 $\pm$ 4.02	72.44 $\pm$ 3.64	81.05 $\pm$ 2.58	84.00 $\pm$ 4.90	77.78 $\pm$ 7.03	83.54 $\pm$ 2.53

Table 1: Comparative Experiments of Classification Tasks on Different Datasets.

and structural brain networks provides more comprehensive information for analyzing disease-related abnormal connectivity. In the MCI vs. NC classification task, our method increases the accuracy by more than 7.17% compared to unimodal approaches and by more than 4.90% compared to multi-modal methods. Similar improvements are observed in the other classification tasks. The key lies in the fact that the brain topology information guides the proposed method, dynamically optimizes the cross-modal hypergraph during training, and captures cross-modal high-order complementary information through the cross-modal hypergraph convolution based on the dynamic hypergraph.

4.4 Ablation Study

To validate the effectiveness of the topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation (TDHG) and the cross-modal hypergraph convolution (CHGConv) modules, we conduct ablation experiments, with results shown in Table 2. When the entire TDHG module is replaced with the static functional hypergraph structure, the model classification performance deteriorates. This demonstrates that TDHG can dynamically optimize the hypergraph structure to uncover potential correlations. When TDHG generates hyperedges using only the

topology-constrained KNN method (T-KNN) or topology-guided centroid sampling (TCS), it results in a decrease in accuracy. This indicates that the TDHG method leverages both strengths. When the CHGConv module is replaced with an unimodal self-attention method based on FC, the accuracy decreases by more than 4.24% across the four classification tasks. This demonstrates that our method can better capture the cross-modal complementary information in the functional-structural brain network, improving the accuracy of brain disease diagnosis.

4.5 Quantitative Analysis

Discriminative Brain Regions Analysis. To identify the brain regions that contribute most to the classification, we measure the significance of nodes using the independent t-test and visualize the top 10 most discriminative brain regions with the smallest p -values for each task, as shown in Figure 3. For AD vs. NC, the parahippocampal gyrus (PHG), thalamus (THA), and hippocampus (HIP) show discriminative characteristics. For AD vs. MCI, regions such as the inferior parietal lobule (IPL), inferior temporal gyrus (ITG), and PHG are consistently significant, suggesting that they serve as common neural substrates affected as MCI progresses to

TDHG		CHGConv		ADNI (AD vs. NC)		ADNI (AD vs. MCI)		ADNI (MCI vs. NC)		ABIDE (ASD vs. NC)	
T-KNN	TCS	unimodal	cross-modal	ACC(%)	AUC(%)	ACC(%)	AUC(%)	ACC(%)	AUC(%)	ACC(%)	AUC(%)
			✓	79.24 $\pm$ 3.69	76.21 $\pm$ 2.67	71.98 $\pm$ 5.06	71.25 $\pm$ 5.07	68.20 $\pm$ 5.18	68.78 $\pm$ 3.49	75.79 $\pm$ 5.37	76.89 $\pm$ 4.69
✓			✓	81.96 $\pm$ 3.20	78.72 $\pm$ 4.60	75.75 $\pm$ 3.01	74.37 $\pm$ 3.09	70.87 $\pm$ 4.31	71.03 $\pm$ 2.56	78.94 $\pm$ 3.33	80.36 $\pm$ 3.35
	✓		✓	77.20 $\pm$ 5.00	75.42 $\pm$ 3.35	71.24 $\pm$ 4.07	69.89 $\pm$ 4.98	66.59 $\pm$ 3.34	66.99 $\pm$ 2.51	73.68 $\pm$ 3.33	72.35 $\pm$ 3.99
✓	✓	✓		78.22 $\pm$ 4.51	76.18 $\pm$ 3.97	72.99 $\pm$ 5.50	72.62 $\pm$ 3.68	67.66 $\pm$ 2.71	68.44 $\pm$ 3.94	74.73 $\pm$ 6.14	73.12 $\pm$ 5.68
✓	✓		✓	83.32 $\pm$ 2.60	80.25 $\pm$ 2.36	77.23 $\pm$ 2.96	76.32 $\pm$ 4.02	72.47 $\pm$ 3.92	72.44 $\pm$ 3.64	81.05 $\pm$ 2.58	83.54 $\pm$ 2.53

Table 2: Ablation Study Results on Different Datasets.

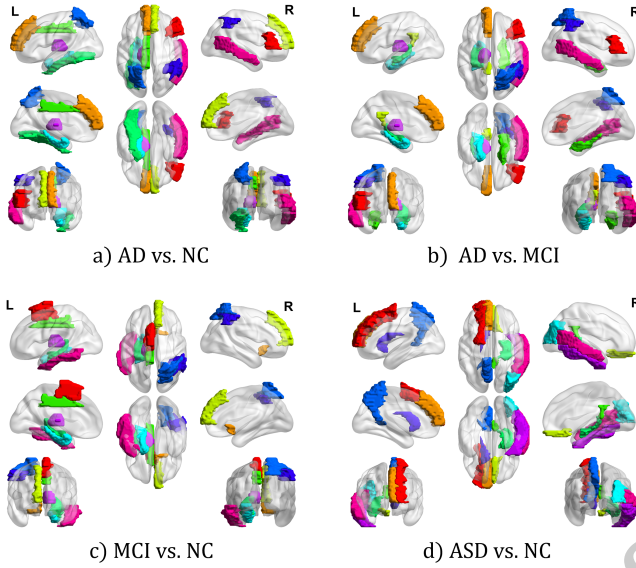


Figure 3: Visualization of the 10 most discriminative brain regions in four classification tasks.

AD [Jack *et al.*, 2010]. For MCI vs. NC, CDHGC identifies the important regions such as superior parietal gyrus (SPG), PHG, IPL, etc. In addition to cognitive decline in MCI patients, [Mitchell *et al.*, 2002] and [Van Hoesen *et al.*, 2000] reported that the volume structure of the PHG is reduced in MCI patients compared to NCs, which can be an important morphological indicator. For ASD vs. NC, the precuneus (PCUN), middle temporal gyrus (MTG) and HIP are highlighted in cross-modal brain networks. As mentioned in [Kana *et al.*, 2015], when ASD patients infer their own or others’ mental states, the activation of PCUN decreases.

Discriminative Hyperedge Analysis. We analyze the discriminative connectivity of cross-modal brain networks in diseased and normal groups for each classification task, from a high-order correlation perspective. By performing a independent *t*-test on the hyperedge features, we identify significant hyperedges, which are visualized in Figure 4. For AD vs. NC, the centroid of the discriminative hyperedge is HIP.R. AD patients have fewer connections with PHG.L and left olfactory cortex (OLF.L) compared to normal brains. Also, the connection between HIP and the amygdala (AMYG) weakens, indicating reduced memory and cognitive functions. Conversely, HIP gains a connection to right superior temporal

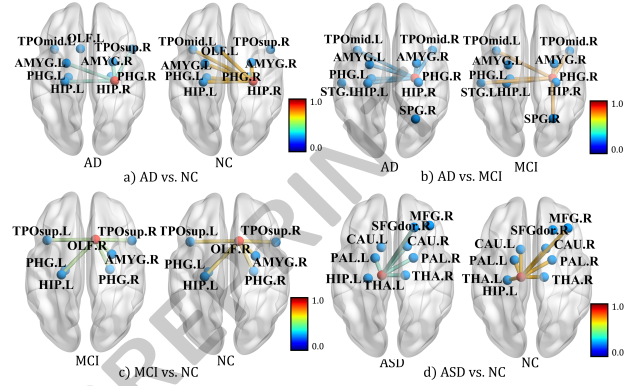


Figure 4: Visualization of the most discriminative hyperedges in four classification tasks.

gyrus (TPOsup.R), which might be a compensatory mechanism for semantic memory impairment [Pievani *et al.*, 2011]. For ASD vs. NC, the centroid of the discriminative hyperedge is THA.L. Compared to NCs, THA.L in ASD patients loses connections with HIP.L and MFG.R, with overall reduced connection strength. This suggests that cross-modal connectivity between the THA, HIP, and frontal regions is weakened, reflecting sensory and social cognition abnormalities in ASD patients, where the THA.L-MFG.R disconnection may be related to attention deficits [Monk *et al.*, 2009]. Please see the appendix for details.

5 Conclusion

In this study, we introduce a cross-modal dynamic hypergraph computation to achieve accurate brain disease diagnosis by integrating information from functional and structural brain networks. The proposed CDHGC framework comprises two key modules: the topology-guided dynamic hypergraph generation models high-order correlations within the cross-modal brain networks based on topological structure and dynamically optimizes the hypergraph structure to mine potential correlations during training. The cross-modal hypergraph convolution aggregates functional-structural brain network information through a cross-modal attention mechanism in message passing to obtain high-order joint representations. Experimental results on two datasets demonstrate the superior performance of the proposed method.

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