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The Integration of Artificial Intelligence to the Process of Computer–Assisted Synthesis Planning

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Abstract

Organic chemistry has transformed the incorporation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into Computer-Assisted Synthesis Planning (CASP), which has solved long-standing issues with synthesis route prediction. Machine Learning (ML) algorithms enhance accuracy and efficiency in retrosynthetic analysis, transforming the focus from labor-intensive tasks to creative problem-solving. The potential impact extends to drug discovery, accelerating the process and reducing costs in pharmaceutical research. This study explores and evaluates the integration of AI, specifically using Chaos Chemical Reaction Optimized Adaptive K-Nearest Neighbor (CCRO-AKNN) in CASP. The aim is to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and innovation in organic chemistry through advanced ML algorithms, ultimately contributing to novel compound discovery. The methodology involves collecting a dataset, utilizing Principal Components Analysis (PCA) for feature extraction, and implementing CCRO-AKNN for synthesis planning. PCA reduces dimensionality, aiding AI models in predicting synthetic pathways. CCRO-AKNN, a hybrid approach, combines Chaos Chemical Reaction Optimization (CCRO) and Adaptive K-Nearest Neighbor (AKNN) for effective chemical space exploration. The proposed CCRO-AKNN method demonstrates superior performance in Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score compared to alternative approaches (DCGAN, BCNet). The results highlight the effectiveness of the integrated AI approach in CASP, showcasing its potential to advance chemical synthesis planning. The study concludes that the integration of AI, specifically employing CCRO-AKNN, significantly enhances the capabilities of CASP in organic chemistry. The study improves accuracy and efficiency underscoring the potential for transformative breakthroughs in chemical discovery and drug development.

Keywords: Chemical Space Exploration, Computer-Aided Synthesis Planning (CASP), Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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1. Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a revolutionary force in many disciplines, revolutionizing scientific research and technology breakthroughs in an ever-evolving environment. Organic chemistry is one area that has made great progress, especially in Computer-Assisted Synthesis Planning (CASP). A crucial step in organic chemistry is synthesis planning, which is creating effective pathways for the synthesis of desired compounds. Synthesis planning has always been a laborious and complex process [1]. The history of organic chemists has depended on their proficiency and knowledge to create artificial processes that often maneuver through intricate chain of reactions and chemical metamorphoses. However, there were significant obstacles due to the difficulties in anticipating the best routes, considering large response databases, and dealing with retrosynthetic analytical problems [2]. Chemical synthesis is changing because of AI integration into CASP, which aims to solve these issues by using Machine Learning (ML), and sophisticated algorithms. The main goal of incorporating AI into CASP is to speed up the synthesis

planning process, improve chemical pathways, and make it easier to find new compounds. AI-driven platforms train models that can anticipate feasible synthetic routes by using large databases of chemical processes, historical synthesis paths, and molecule structures [3]. The combination of computing power and data-driven insights enables researchers to make unprecedented precision decisions as they negotiate the complexities of synthesis planning [4]. AI in CASP is further enhanced by ML, which makes it possible to analyze intricate, non-linear correlations that are seen in chemical data [5]. The CASP not only improves retrosynthetic analysis accuracy but also takes into account the complex and varied nature of organic chemistry. Researchers focus on their skills for more creative and intellectually stimulating areas of the scientific process by automating repetitive and time-consuming parts of synthesis planning [6]. This change in emphasis from physical labor to creative problem solving is going to be a catalyst for chemical discovery breakthroughs and create a vibrant, cooperative atmosphere in the scientific community. Moreover, the incorporation of AI into CASP has the potential to expedite the process of discovering new drugs [7]. Organic synthesis is a key component of pharmaceutical research to create novel medicinal molecules, and AI can greatly accelerate the discovery and optimization of drug candidates by streamlining synthesis planning. This might have a significant impact on healthcare by cutting down on the time and costs needed to get new drugs to the market, which would eventually help people around the globe [8]. The use of AI in computer-aided synthesis planning signifies a revolutionary development in the field of organic chemistry. The integration of ML algorithms with the extensive chemical knowledge base ushers in a new age of efficiency, accuracy, and creativity in synthesis planning [9]. Researchers are on the verge of revolutionary breakthroughs that might completely change the chemical discovery landscape and open up new avenues for study as they work to fully realize the promise of AI in CASP. Despite its advancements, AI in computer-assisted synthesis planning faces challenges such as potential biases in training data and the complexity of handling unforeseen reaction scenarios, necessitating ongoing refinement and vigilance [10]. This study aims to explore and evaluate the integration of AI in computer-assisted synthesis planning, seeking to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and innovation in organic chemistry by leveraging advanced ML algorithms. The overarching goal is to accelerate the synthesis planning process, optimize chemical routes, and contribute to the discovery of novel compounds with profound implications for scientific research and drug development.

The study [11] introduced synthesis planning tools developed, with a focus on drug discovery and computer-assisted synthesis planning (CASP). It explores the relationship between computational and experimental scientists, algorithmic developments, and the assimilation of automation and artificial intelligence into chemical processes. The research [12] investigated the use of AI and machine learning in synthetic planning and predictive chemistry. It demonstrates how the MLPDS collaboration, which consists of 13 industry participants and MIT, developed and assessed a data-driven synthesis planning, and program. The article [13] focused on CASP, namely investigating a template-based retrosynthetic planning tool trained on a variety of datasets, such as extracts from the USPTO and internal Electronic Laboratory Notebooks. The research [14] addressed automating chemical development procedures to streamline them. Design, route planning, and execution are examples of features that have been separately optimized in previous research. This work combines robotic execution and expert-refined chemical recipe creation with CASP. The method, which represents a substantial advancement towards autonomous chemical synthesis, uses robots for scalable, repeatable synthesis and AI for route planning. The study [15] examined the growing repertoire of enzymes available for biocatalysts and emphasized the possibility of building effective enzymatic cascades. Current methods fall short of realizing the full promise of biocatalysts, despite advancements in synthetic biology and organic chemistry to computer-aided synthesis planning. The authors present RetroBioCat, an approachable tool that is redefining the design of biocatalytic cascades by combining precisely programmed reaction rules with the discovery. The article [16] focused on chemoenzymatic synthesis, leveraging organic and enzyme chemistry to enhance sustainability in chemical manufacturing. They introduced a multistep retro synthesis search algorithm, combining the synthesis planner with a database of biocatalytic reaction rules to propose chemo-enzymatic routes for various compounds, demonstrating efficiency and offering alternative pathways. The article [17] provided the instruments used in plastic and reconstructive surgery today are labor-intensive and imprecise. Although helpful, the current computer-assisted surgical planning systems are intricate and heavily reliant on human input. With the use of machine learning for risk assessment, treatment planning, and diagnostics, this work presented a large-scale clinical 3D morphable model that exhibits excellent sensitivity and specificity in patient diagnosis as well as precise surgical outcome simulation.

2. Materials and Methods

In this part, this study has suggested AI to the Process of CASP using the Chaos Chemical Reaction Optimized Adaptive K-Nearest Neighbor (CCRO-AKNN) method. A dataset was first collected for study and this study uses the PCA for feature extraction. The CCRO-AKNN method demonstrates the effectiveness in overcoming the difficulties associated with the AI to Process of CASP. The flow of the suggested technique is shown in (Fig.1).

2.1. Data Samples

The study evaluated the top 120 small molecule therapeutics and virtual libraries that will be created in 2022 using the prediction performance of 1630 compounds that came from 39 models trained on various reaction datasets. Models significantly overestimated synthesis feasibility for virtual libraries but underestimated it for top medicines, regardless of the response dataset. Both examples had an average of four synthesis stages, however the duration varied according to the amount of dataset. A smaller search area, and smaller datasets (<6 seconds) facilitated route finding, but bigger datasets presented difficulties for the simplistic design. The model's preference for regularly occurring

reactions made it difficult to work with complicated pharmaceutical compounds that have sophisticated ring systems and structures resembling natural products. Even with these drawbacks, virtual libraries showed better prediction performance than leading medicines, highlighting the importance of commonly used responses in improving model accuracy.

2.2. Feature extraction using Principle Components Analysis (PCA)

PCA is a popular statistical method for pattern detection and dimensionality reduction. PCA is essential for improving the accuracy and efficiency of the synthesis planning process when used in the CASP process inside the AI framework. PCA is a technique that can be used to minimize the number of dimensions that raw feature data are represented in while preserving the highest level of variation in the original data. By eliminating all or some of the fewest principal components and substituting them with a lower-dimensional projection. In this instance, one space is being transformed into another using orthogonal linear projection. An outline of the PCA method can be found.

KY=XC (1)

The objective of CASP is to provide practical and ideal pathways for target chemical synthesis. AI models reduce data complexity while preserving critical information by using PCA to analyze and extract key characteristics from chemical reaction datasets. PCA helps to determine the most important variables and the connections between them by converting the input data into a lower-dimensional space. Including the proposed data matrix Pis the main elements of W with P≤Nis with 〖 Z∈Q〗 ^(S×S). The crucial step 〖 C∈Q〗 ^(N×P)is therefore to locate the projection matrix. This can be done by solving a problem using singular value decomposition (SVD) for W, or by figuring out the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of W.

$$X = U\Sigma V^T \quad (2)$$

In the row and column dimensions of X, the matrices $U \in \mathbb{Q}^{S\times S}$, Where$U \in \mathbb{Q}^{S\times S}$, and $V \in \mathbb{Q}^{S\times S}$are orthogonal, and Σ denotes single values as a diagonal matrix, $\lambda_{m,}$ for equation (3):

$$n = 0,\cdots,N-1 \quad (3)$$

Not layers on the diagonal gradually. Projecting C matrix created from the first P columns of V with equation (4):

$$V = [V_1,\dots,V_N] \quad (4)$$

Besides

C=[C_1,…, 〖 C〗 _P] (5)

The n_th correct specific route of X is denoted as V_n 〖∈ Q 〗 ^(N×1),

c_n=v_n (6)

Synthesis planning is made easier and more efficient by using AI to integrate PCA into CASP. Faster computing and chemical space exploration are made possible by the reduced-dimensional representation, which also helps the AI model to determine the viability of synthetic pathways. Furthermore, by concentrating on the most important characteristics, PCA lessens the negative effects of dimensionality and improves the generalization skills of AI models. All of the distinct values in Σ in (3) represent the dispersion measure of X along the major axes of the area that the rows of C cover. The measure of dispersion over the principal component of Xtprojection is becomesλ_m^2. Considered to be a decent proxy for variation in data is the quantity of information that a component contributes to the overall image. Compute the cumulative variation explained percentage between the primary components, which is one method. It is expected that equation (7):

$$R_{cev} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{p}\lambda_n^2}{\sum_{n=1}^{N}\lambda_n^2} \quad (7)$$

The integration of PCA in AI-driven CASP advances computer-assisted synthesis planning, transforming it into a more capable, clever, and intelligent tool for drug discovery and organic chemistry. The findings indicate that over 90% of X's overall variation or information can be preserved by only a few key components. In the study, they contrast the outcomes that come from various combinations of fundamental components.

2.3. Classification of AI to the Process of Computer–Assisted Synthesis Planning using Chaos Chemical Reaction Optimized Adaptive K-Nearest Neighbor (CCRO-AKNN)

The AI for CASP that combines CCRO and AKNN is known as CCRO-AKNN. This hybrid approach combines chaos-driven optimization with adaptive learning from nearest neighbors to enhance chemical space exploration. Because chaos theory and AI algorithms work well together, CCRO-AKNN is a powerful tool for creative and effective synthesis planning. It provides enhanced exploration skills and flexibility for finding the best synthetic paths across intricate chemical environments.

2.3.1. Adaptive K-Nearest Neighbor (AKNN)

CCRO-AKNN is used by AI in Computer-Assisted Synthesis Planning to improve decision-making. AKNN constantly modifies its learning parameters to accommodate the intricacies of chemical space. When determining an appropriate similarity measure for the frequent trajectories, they planned to use AKNN classification. It is important to take into account the varied lengths of the common trajectories while comparing the similarity of strings even if they are represented as numerical strings. An example of a trajectory in cellular space is W, which can be expressed as $(D_1,\ D2, D_m)$in terms of tactical cells, where n is the number of cells and D_m is the number of times of trajectory crosses the n_{th} cell. An n-dimensional vector accurately depicts the synthesis planning becomes more responsive when AI is

integrated with AKNN, effectively suggesting synthetic pathways based on the AKNN algorithm of adaptability.

$$W = (D_1,\ D2, D_m) \quad (8)$$

Each route in our scenario was represented as a 9-dimensional vector on a CCRO-AKNN with ($n = 9$).

$$W = (D_1, D_2, D_9) \quad (9)$$

In vector space, they represented each of the frequent trajectories, and the similarity between the vectors for classification was determined using cosine similarity. CCRO-AKNN's flexible method enhances the precision and adaptability of AI-powered synthesis planning, making it easier to identify the most advantageous and varied routes for chemical synthesis. Algorithm 1 indicates AKNN procedure. This is the definition of cosine similarity between two frequent trajectories ($W_B$andW_A) expressed as vectors:

$$W_B = (D_{B1}, D_{A2}, \ldots., D_{B9}) \quad (10)$$

$$W_A = (D_{A1}, D_{A2}, \ldots., D_{A9}) \quad (11)$$

$$DT(W_B, W_A) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{9} D_{Aj} D_{Aj}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{9} D_{Bj}^2}\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{9} D_{Aj}^2}} \quad (12)$$

Algorithm 1: AKNN

Input:
$w, l, t\ //\ w$: Instruction sets;k:name; t: exemplar for categorization
To the training data size of j do:
Calculate the distance$c(w_j, t)$
End for
Choose the desired quantityclosest neighbors
Elevate the order of the distances
Among the top k neighbors, count the instances of each label
Output: The most common label$k$, should be assigned to t.

2.3.2. Chaos Chemical Reaction Optimization (CCRO)

A revolutionary method in CASP is the combination of AI with Chaos CCRO. When combined with CCRO, AI uses chaos theory to maximize chemical space exploration for effective route planning. Through the use of chaos-driven algorithms to include stochastic aspects, CCRO-AKNN allows for dynamic and adaptable search tactics, tackling problems such as local optima.

$$y = mx + b \quad (13)$$

The chemical space exploration for efficient route planning has the following equation: y is the dependent variable,x is the independent variable, m is the slope, and b is the y-intercept. The combination improves CASP's performance and provides a solid way to traverse intricate chemical environments. Combining AI and CCRO-AKNN speeds up the process of identifying the best synthesis routes. This gives chemists a state-of-the-art tool for creating new, effective routes for the synthesis of chemical compounds, advancing the field of computer-assisted synthesis planning with creative and flexible optimization techniques. For CASP, this technique combines the concepts of AKNN and CCRO. The components listed above just need to be put together by the pseudo code provided in Algorithm 2 to program CCRO-AKNN. To make it easier to comprehend how the algorithm works. The population size, KE loss rate, molecular characteristics, buffer, starting, tuning parameters (αand β), and goal function (e) are among the important factors. These parameter values, however, depend on the specific issue. The certain parameters to get an ideal set of variables that optimize CCRO-AKNN performance for a given situation is obtained.

Algorithm 2: CCRO-AKNN

Input: The parameter values and the objective function e
Initialization
Choose a pop size, KE Diminished Rate, Molecoll, pause, first KE, α and β
Make the desired amount of molecules, Pop Size.
While not meeting the stopping requirements **do**
Produceaϵ[0,1]
if a $>$ molecoll **then**
choose a molecule at random N_ω
if the disintegration standard (15) is met **then**
Start the decomposition Process
else
Activate upon wallin' an efficient collision
End if
else
choose a molecule at random $N_{\omega 1}$ and $N_{\omega 2}$
If the disintegration standard (16) is met **then**
Synthetic triggers
else
Intermolecular Trigger Ineffective Collision
End if
New minimal solution
End while
The last phase
Provide the goal function value and the best solution that was discovered.

3. Results and discussion

The required procedures were developed in an environment that was compatible with Python 3.11.4. A Windows 11 laptop with an Intel i5 11th Gen CPU and 32 GB of RAM was used to replicate the investigation of the suggested optimization options. CASP accuracy, recall, accuracy, f1-score, and precision are some of the metrics used for the CCRO-AKNN model to evaluate a model's predictive skills. They compared our suggested technique to other existing methods like deep convolutional generative adversarial networks (DCGAN) [18], Bidirectional Collaboration Network (BCNet) [19]. The performance of several approaches in a classification problem is contrasted in (Table 1).

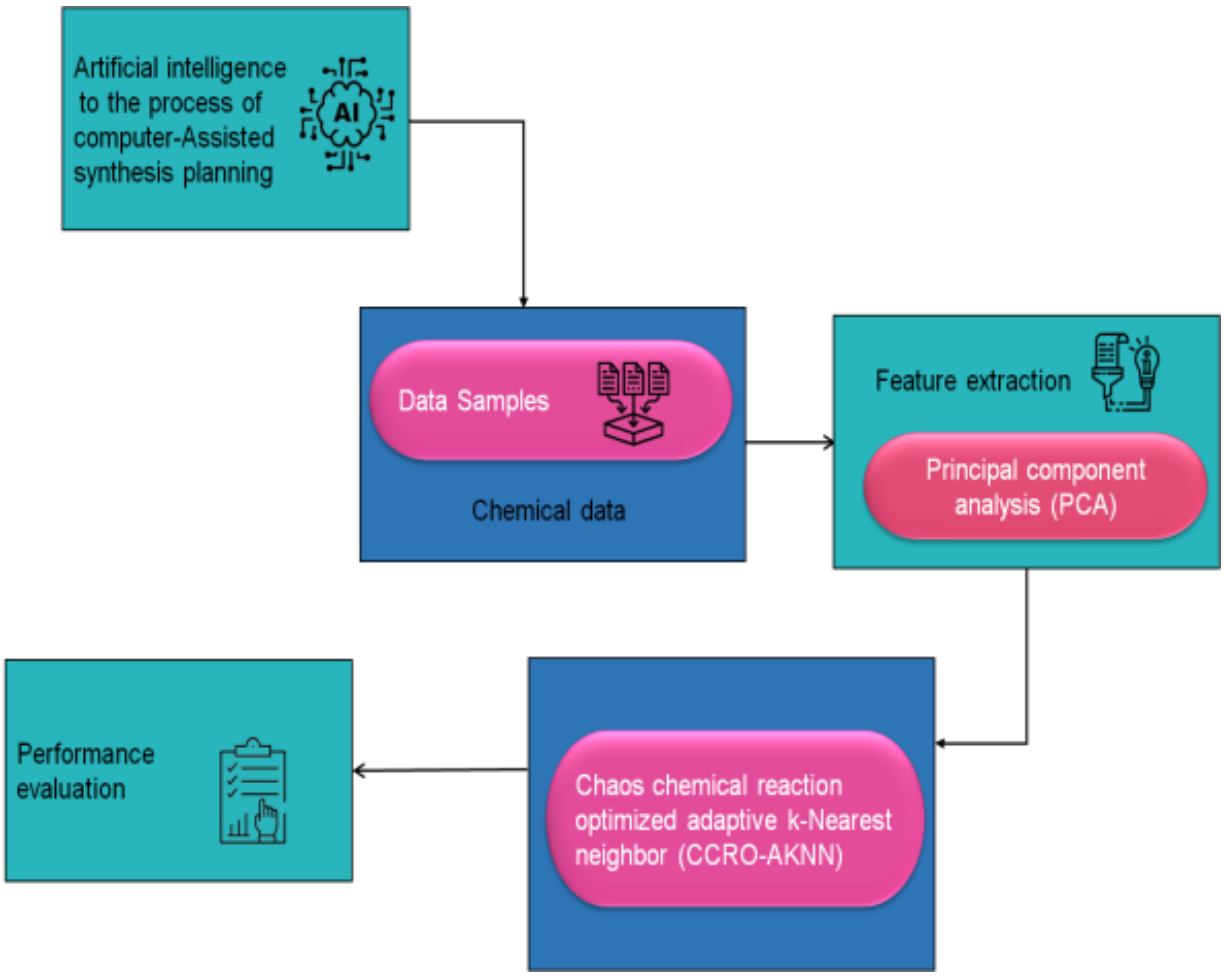


Figure 1. Flow of this study

Table 1. Values for Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1- Score

Methods	Accuracy %	Precision %	Recall %	F1-score %
DCGAN [18]	81.1	82.3	79.3	80.7
BCNet [19]	98.24	95.53	95.21	95.30
CCRO-AKNN [Proposed]	99.02	97.63	96.31	98.42

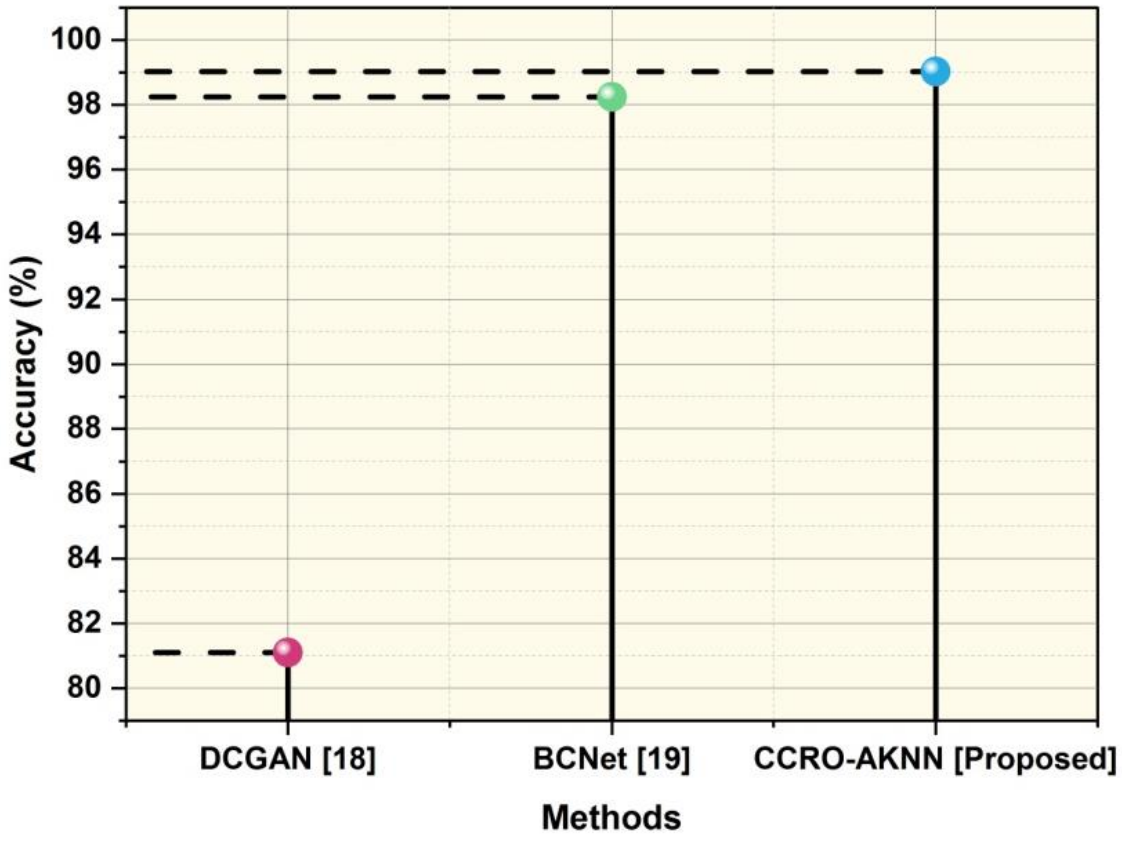
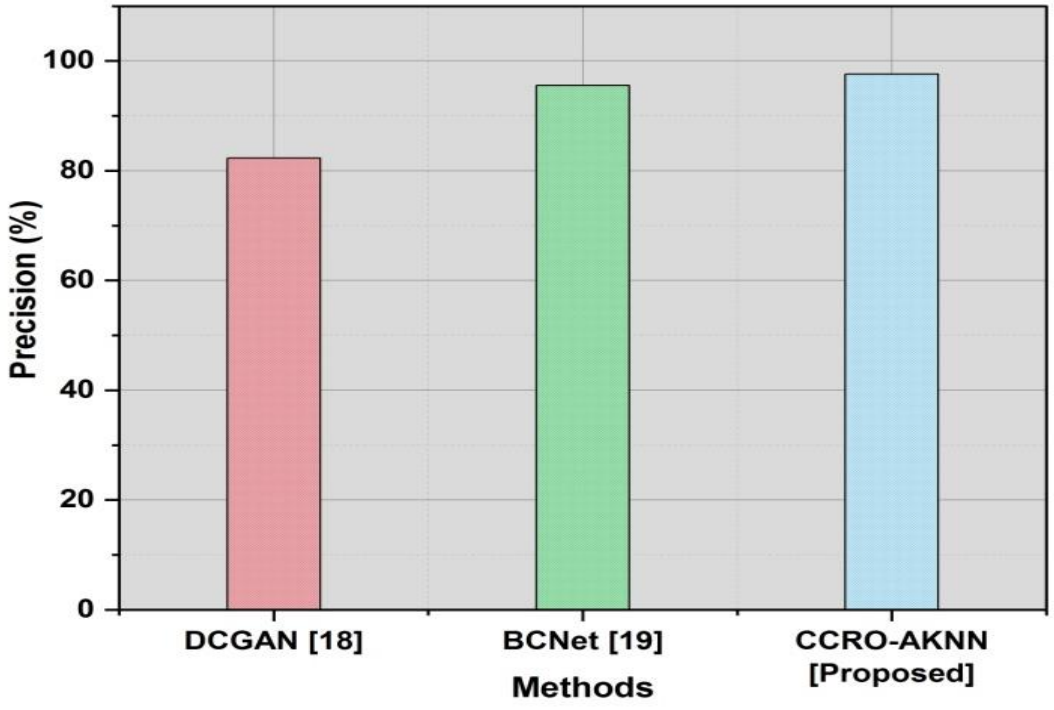


Figure 2. Comparison of Accuracy



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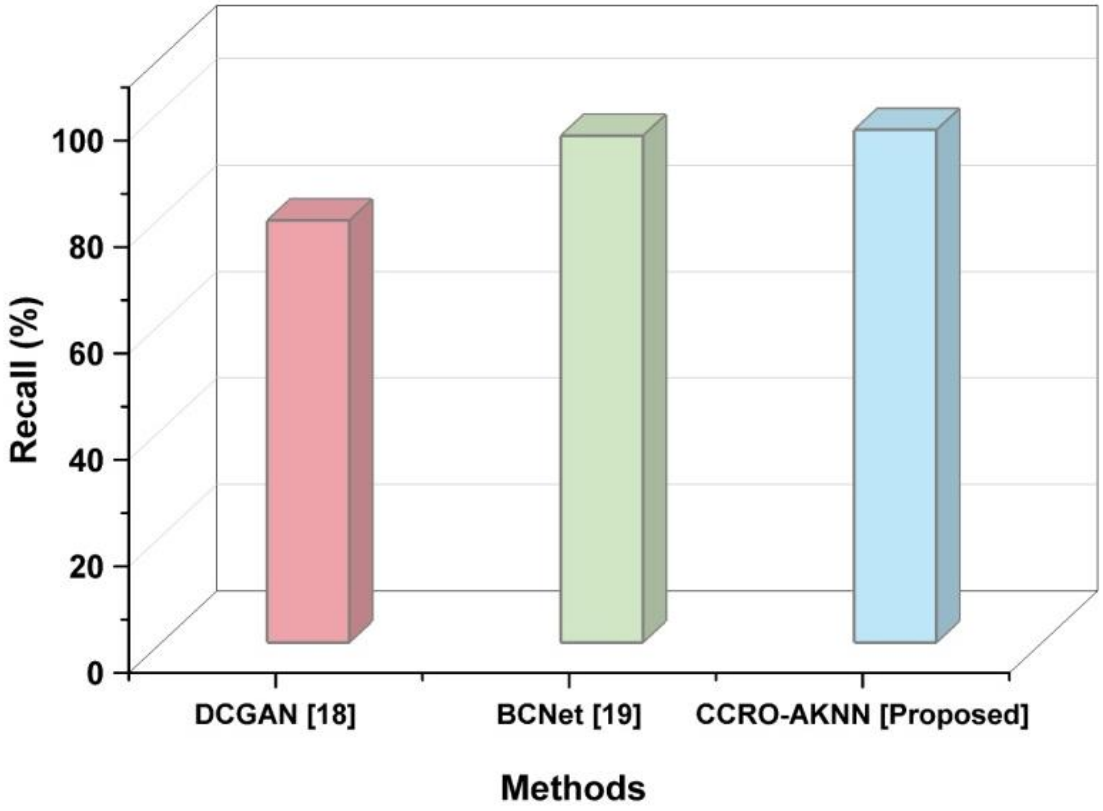

Figure 4. Comparison of Recall

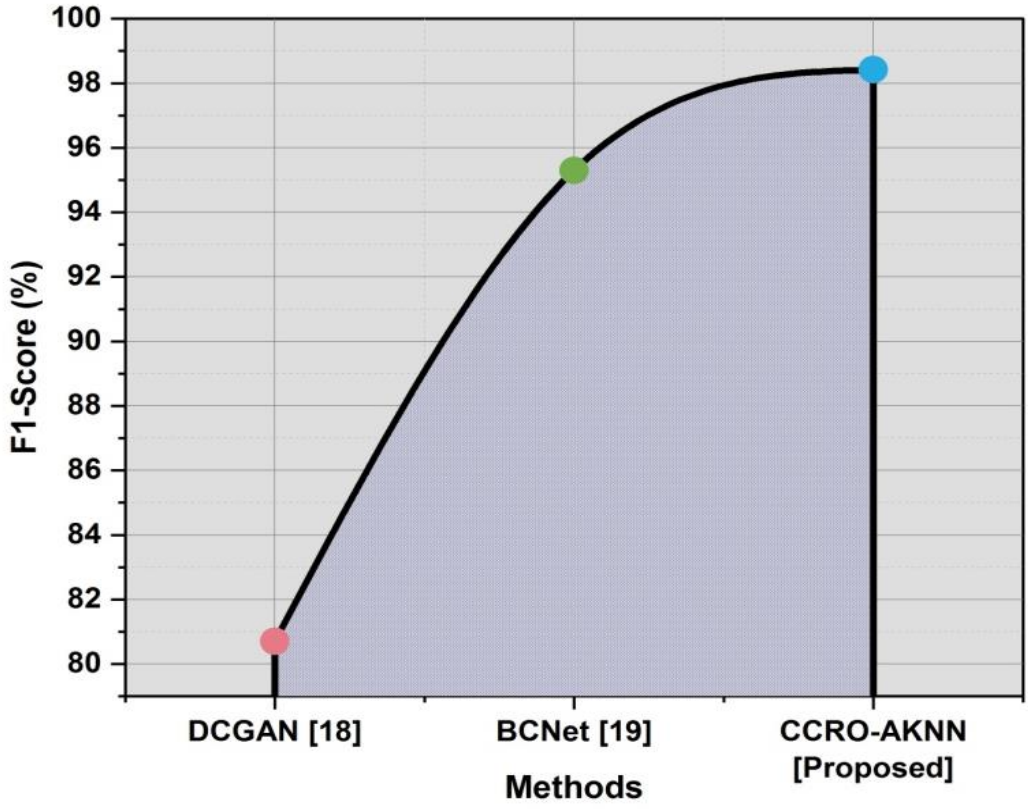

Figure 5. Comparison of F1- Score

3.1. Accuracy

Chemical synthesis route prediction is improved by AI accuracy, which improves CASP. AI models examine reaction databases and suggest effective synthetic paths by using ML techniques and extensive chemical knowledge. This precision guarantees accurate and exact forecasts, saving time and money in organic chemistry and drug development. By using AI in CASP, researchers can create new compounds more quickly, which promotes scientific and medicinal innovation. It also speeds up the synthesis planning process. (Fig.2) show the accuracy of Chemical synthesis with route prediction. Although DCGAN reached 81.1 of accuracy, the BCNet achieved 98.24; nonetheless, the suggested CCRO-AKNN approach produced a better 99.02 accuracy. A specialized task analysis contrasted these strategies.

3.2. Precision

Precise prediction of ideal chemical reactions is a key component of AI precision in computer-aided synthesis planning. The system incorporates extensive chemical expertise, reaction databases, and ML algorithms to suggest effective paths for the synthesis of desired compounds. By reducing the number of experimental rounds and resource consumption, this accuracy guarantees accurate predictions. AI improves synthesis by analyzing a variety of chemical data, which helps chemists create efficient and practical routes for creating intricate molecular structures. The combination of chemical knowledge and computer power allows for the optimization of synthesis planning, which speeds up drug discovery and materials development methodically and effectively. (Fig.3) shows the precision of Chemical synthesis route prediction. When compared to more conventional approaches like DCGAN of 82.3 BCNet of 95.53, the suggested CCRO-AKNN algorithm performed far better for a precision of 97.63.

3.3. Recall

AI recall for CASP entails finding pertinent chemical reactions and information to help with creating synthetic routes for desired compounds. The technology helps chemists organize their synthesis more effectively and efficiently by retrieving prior successful reactions via the analysis of databases and learned patterns. This method uses machine learning to boost productivity and creativity in organic chemistry, making insightful recommendations and quickening the processes of material synthesis and drug development. (Fig.4) shows the Recall of Chemical synthesis route prediction. By overcoming comparable approaches like DCGAN of 79.3, BCNet of 95.21, the suggested CCRO-AKNN achieved a high recall of 96.31 than other existing methods.

3.4. F1-Score

The F1-Score is an important performance statistic in the field of AI computer-assisted synthesis planning. The F1-Score, which is the harmonic mean of these indicators, guarantees a thorough assessment and is especially helpful for traversing the complex terrain of organic chemical processes. This parameter is crucial for maximizing the effectiveness and dependability of AI-driven synthesis planning systems, pointing scientists in the direction of more precise and practical chemical paths as they tackle the challenge of creating new chemicals. (Fig.5) shows the F1-Score of Chemical synthesis route prediction. The suggested CCRO-AKNN model outperformed 98.42 of the F1-score to DCGAN of 80.7, BCNet of 95.30, according to a comparative evaluation of classification techniques.

4. Conclusions

This study explores the integration of AI into Computer-Assisted Synthesis Planning, aiming to enhance the efficiency and precision of chemical route predictions for organic synthesis and drug discovery. The integration of CCRO-AKNN into CASP represents a significant advancement in chemical synthesis prediction. The proposed approach, evaluated against key metrics, demonstrates notable improvements over alternative methods. With an accuracy of 99.02, precision of 97.63, recall of 96.31, and an F1-score of 98.42, CCRO-AKNN outperforms other existing techniques such as DCGAN, BCNet. The precision in predicting chemical reactions, facilitated by AI and PCA-driven feature extraction, showcases the effectiveness of CCRO-AKNN model in navigating complex chemical environments. This study contributes to the evolution of CASP, providing chemists with a sophisticated tool for efficient and innovative route planning. The promising results underscore the potential of AI-driven methodologies, particularly CCRO-AKNN, in advancing the field of chemical synthesis towards greater accuracy and productivity. Potential biases in AI models, difficulties in managing complicated pharmaceutical chemicals, and the need for human involvement in the synthesis planning process despite AI integration are some of the limitations. Future research will focus on improving AI-CASP models for more extensive chemical space exploration, resolving issues with intricate pharmaceutical molecules, and incorporating real-time experimental data to improve synthesis planning's precision and effectiveness.

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