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SECTION 1

COMMUNICATION AND DATA TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES

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Bio-Authenticated ECC Framework for Secure Drone-to-Drone Communication in IoD Environments

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Abstract: The Internet of Drones (IoD) has become a vital infrastructure to provide surveillance, transportation, and combat support, and therefore a compact, secure solution. This article introduces a new Bio-authenticated Elliptic Curve Cryptography Framework (ECC) that integrates biometric fuzzy extractors with ECC. The protocol removes the dependence on fixed credentials by binding authentication to unique biological features, thereby strengthening identity assurance and resistance to replay, impersonation, and stolen-verifier attacks. The process supports both sides achieving mutual authentication. Ephemeral session keys are generated without any Ground Control Station (GCS), thus providing some relief, although not enough as yet. Informal security analysis indicates that it can withstand commonly known threat vectors. Performance assessment reveals that the cost of communication and computation has been reduced by more than 28%, compared with existing ECC-based schemes. Cryptographic-biometric fusion substantially reduces storage overhead and raises resilience against insider threats as well. This privacy-preserving, lightweight protocol provides a secure solution scalable for real-world operations environments where computing resources are still very much lacking.

1 INTRODUCTION

Compared to various other historical instances of this kind of duty performed utilizing manned aircraft, the extra rapid course of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), along with their incorporation into the Internet of Drones (IoD) has created new possibilities [1]-[3]. Surveillance, disaster management, logistics, and environmental monitoring - these are all ripe for transformation via drones. These drones operate autonomously and interactively; they operate within dynamic but hostile environments. Therefore, communications must be both secure and lightweight: it is a fundamental precondition [4]-[6]. A major point of attention in this area is how drones can be mutually authenticated between themselves to prevent access not desired by their owners, the impersonation of being reconnoitered stealthily, or raw data being tampered with in transit [7]-[9].

Nowadays, in actual IoD scenarios, It is not always the case that old-fashioned cryptographic protocols such as PKIs or SSPs can always make the mark. Limited computational resources, Energy constraints, Dynamic topologies [10]-[12]. About all of these factors stand in their way. Worse still, existing systems typically rely on static credentials or else lack identification (for example signatures). This makes them prone to session hijacking and insider attacks [13]-[15].

In response to these challenges, the authors put forward a Bio-Authenticated ECC Framework. This scheme makes use of biometric fuzzy extractors throughout, in association with ECC. Such a hybrid approach increases the robustness of authentication through the bonding of cryptographic operations to

unique biometric characteristics. It does not rely on any central infrastructure and does not store sensitive data templates. Mutual authentication, session key generation - this proposed protocol is not only resilient against known attacks but also has great efficiency in computation, communication, and storage. The main contributions of the paper are:

- A secure action-based ID card biological information binding algorithm for drones, which uses fuzzy extractors to bind the mental traits of drones and their identities. This way we can have robust mutual authentications without relying on static passwords.
- Development of a middleware authentication model, such as Bitcoin, which is suited for the limited resource environment of the Internet of Devices, reducing costs in calculation and communication by 50% compared with existing systems.
- A thorough review of security and performance, that demonstrates non-compliance in face, replay, and insider attacks; and also demonstrable efficiency improvements.

The remainder of the article is organized as follows: In Section II, we review related work on drone authentication and biometric cryptosystems. Section III shows the system model and threat. In Section IV we present a detailed explanation of the proposed bio-authenticated ECC protocol. Section V covers the security analysis. Section VI evaluates the performance of the protocol in terms of computation, communication, and storage metrics. Section VII indicates the end of this research paper with recommendations for future work in related fields.

2 RELATED WORK

In recent years, securing communication in the Internet of Drones (IoD) has become a subject of much interest, particularly in the field of lightweight authentication protocols applicable to widely dispersed and constrained environments such as UAVs.

PUF-based schemes (e.g., Chandran et al. [16]; Zhang et al., [17]) can provide lightweight, device-centered identity, but they are unreliable in noisy environments and often fail to incorporate human-related or biometric evidence for identity [18]. Other research workers employed timestamp-based verification like smart cards (e.g., Zhang et al., [19]), but many such devices require synchronized clocks or trusted hardware to function. In ad hoc clusters of UAVs, this may not be practical.

New work in mobile networks (many of which are also IoT deployments) has begun to examine how to combine biometric data and lightweight cryptography. Zhang et al. [20] and Ebrahimi et al. [21] have demonstrated that fuzzy extractors are capable of safeguarding biometric privacy while providing dependable generation for keys - albeit not yet in an aerial or drone network, where efficient mobility and unstable topologies create additional challenges for an attacker.

Algarni et al. [22] came up with a verifiably safe and robust ECC-based authentication protocol for synergistically assisted deployments of the Internet of Drones. Mutual authentication and session key secrecy were achieved by taking elliptic curve operations, hash functions, and ID commitments into consideration. Despite being effective, this protocol did not integrate any biometric components into itself, so it can be hacked by impersonation or another kind of insider threat with stolen verifiers. Table 1 offers a qualitative comparison of the security functionalities both protocols support.

Table 1: Security functionalities comparison between the proposed and baseline protocols

Security Feature	Algarni et. al [22]	Proposed Protool
Insider Threat Resistance	Limited	Enhanced (ZKP model)
Forward Secrecy	Partial	Yes
Stolen Verifier Resistance	Limited	Yes
Biometric Binding	No	Yes

We believe no work currently available worldwide blends biometric fuzzy extractors with ECC to create a decentralized, identity-focused authentication tool designed for IoD networks. This paper aims to fill that gap and devise a secure, participative system that is flexible and efficient too - it uses both cryptologic assurances and biometric guarantees for this end.

3 SYSTEM AND THREAT MODEL

3.1 System Model

The presented platform is envisioned for a distributed Internet of Drones (IoD) scenario, where unmanned

drones fly in swarms without continuous dependence on the Ground Control Station (GCS) after deployment, as shown in Figure 1. The relevant entities in the system are:

- Ground Control Station (GCS). A credible entity in which initializes the system parameters and registers the drones prior of assigning the mission. It computes Elliptic Curve Domain Parameters, hash functions, and biometric enrollment based on Fuzzy Extractor.
- Drone Di. Every drone is equipped with a biometric sensor (e.g., facial, fingerprint) and low-power computation. Drones are pre-registered with bio metric and ECC credential and they should authenticate with each other to start communication.
- Communication Model. The communication channels of the wireless connections among drones suffer from eavesdropping and message tampering.

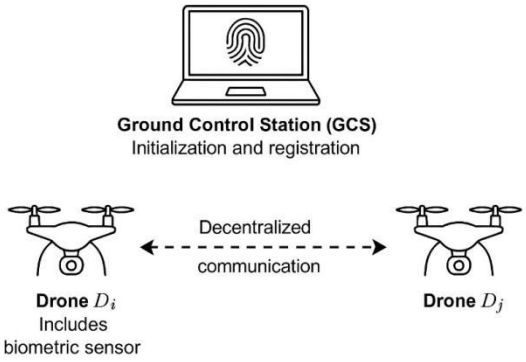


Figure 1: System model.

According to the GCS authority, there may be no need for GCS involvement after a UAD completes the registration process which will be in the form of one one-time registration, the AKA could be performed even if the GCS is not connected or in a dynamic environment to which the UAD belongs.

3.2 Threat Model

For the proposed protocol, we assume an adversarial model of Dolev-Yao and combine this with threats and risks affecting biometrics. It is assumed an attacker will have complete control over the communication channel, including the ability to intercept, replay, and forge messages, even if they cannot understand their contents. The threat under consideration here includes:

- Impersonation Attack. An adversary tries to be a legitimate drone by using either stolen or falsely made qualifications.
- Replay Attack. Authentication messages captured before are played again to obtain access without authority.
- Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attack. The adversary intercepts and/or alters the communication between any two drones during mutual authentication.
- Stolen-VerifierAttack. An attacker who has access to stored authentication data tries to recover secrets for forging a drone record;
- Biometric Inversion Attack. To reconstruct original biometric data from stored helper values is attempted.
- Insider Threat. A trusted party, such as a compromised GCS or drone, leaks credentials or attempts unauthorized access.
- Forward Secrecy Violation. If long-term keys fall into the hands of an adversary, they can decrypt past session keys and recover previous communications.

3.3 Security Goals

The proposed protocol seeks to attain the following security properties:

- Mutual Authentication. Both drones should confirm that each other is legal before communication occurs.
- Biometric Binding. Use Fuzzy extractors in order to tie authentication with the biometric properties of the person without disclosing or storing raw biometric templates.
- Session Key Freshness and Secrecy. Ephemeral keys should be generated for each session, to provide forward secrecy.
- Resistance to Known Attacks. Prevent degradation of integrity and privacy in the presence of impersonation, replay, MITM, and stolen-verifier attacks.
- Lightweight Efficiency. Keep the computational, communication, and storage assumptions small enough for deployment in a UAV.

4 PROPOSED BIO-AUTHENTICATED ECC PROTOCOL

This content looks at the problem from a fresh angle and proposes a Bio-Authenticated hybrid ECC Framework which helps secure drone-to-drone communications in an Internet of Drones environment. This proposed protocol uses a hybrid approach, Elliptic based on both biometric fuzzy extractors and Petty Curve Cryptography (ECC). The method ensures that mutual authentication is deeply integrated with a drone's physical identity, and at the same time, it is computationally efficient. The framework consists of three major issues: setup, biometric-based registration, and mutual authentication.

The expected general architecture structure of the ECC Framework, which requests verification by biometric data and then provides an ecc key to hold on an ID chip within uav is described in Figure 2 below. This captures all the crucial stages that need to be gone through for secure drone-to-drone communication within an IoD network. The protocol starts with a setup phase initiated by the Ground Control Station (GCS), followed by biometric registration of each drone through fuzzy extractors and ECC credentials. Once registered, drones use their biometrics to verify each other and exchange ECC keying material on an ephemeral basis until reaching the point where a secure session key can be derived. This design not only achieves cryptographic security but uses the unique biological attributes of a person's body to have their identity bound into authentication keys.

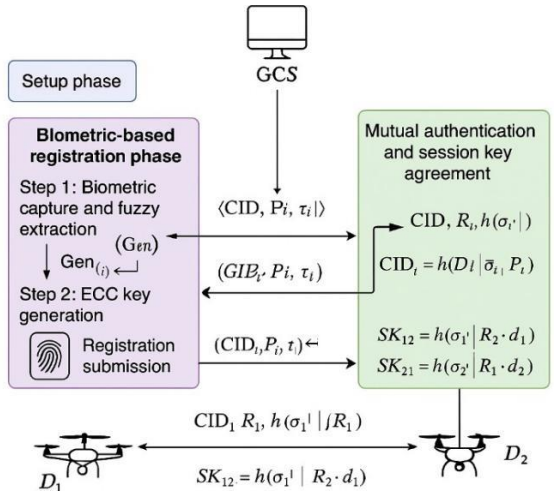


Figure 2: Bio-Authenticated ECC Framework for IoD drone communication.

4.1 Setup Phase

In the setup phase, the Ground Control Station (GCS) defines the domain parameters for the elliptic curve E(Fp), selects a base point P, and generates its ECC private key and corresponding public key PGCS = s · P. It also defines a cryptographic hash function h(.), and selects a fuzzy extractor function pair (Gen,Rep) for biometric processing. The public system parameters {E(Fp),P,PGCS,h(.),Gen(.),Rep(.)} are published, while the private keys remain securely stored in the GCS.

4.2 Biometric-Based Registration Phase

Each drone registers with the GCS before deployment. During registration, both the biometric identity and the ECC credentials are securely provisioned into the drone through the following steps:

1) Step 1: Biometric Capture and Fuzzy Extraction. Let drone Di capture its biometric trait BIOi (e.g., fingerprint or facial vector). The fuzzy extractor generates a stable representation using: (σi,τi) = Gen(BIOi). Here, σi serves as the biometric key, while τi is the helper data required for reconstruction.
2) Step 2: ECC Key Generation: The drone selects a private. ECC key and computes its public key: Pi = di·P. It then computes an identity commitment: CIDi = h(IDi ‖ σi ‖ Pi).
3) Step 3: Registration Submission: Drone Di sends {CIDi,Pi,τi} to the GCS via a secure offline channel. The GCS verifies the information, stores the commitment, and confirms registration. After successful registration, the GCS provisions the drone memory with: τi (helper data), PGCS, the Drone's ECC private key di, and the shared hash function h(.).

4.3 Mutual Authentication and Session Key Agreement

When two drones, D1 and D2, seek to communicate in a secure IoD cluster, the mutual authentication protocol proceeds as follows:

1) Step 1: Biometric Verification and ECC Nonce Exchange. D1 captures a fresh biometric sample BIO′1, and reconstructs the key: Rep . It selects a random nonce and computes an ephemeral public key: R1 = r1 · P. It constructs message: M1 = sends M1 over an insecure channel.

2) Step 2: Verification and Response. D2 retrieves CID1 and verifies using stored parameters. If valid, D2 captures its own biometric BIO′2, reconstructs, and selects a nonce r2. Computes R2 = r2 · P and send M2 in response.
3) Step 3: Session Key Derivation. Both drones now derive a shared session key using ECDH and their biometric binding: and SK21.

Due to the properties of ECC and matched biometric keys, we have: SK12 = SK21. At this point, both drones have established a secure session key authenticated by both cryptographic and biometric means, enabling encrypted communication.

5 INFORMAL SECURITY ANALYSIS

This section provides an informal evaluation of the proposed. Bio-Authenticated ECC Framework, demonstrating its robustness against a wide range of cryptographic and biometric-related threats. The hybrid use of biometric authentication and elliptic curve cryptographic primitives significantly enhances the resilience of the system, particularly within the constrained and adversarial IoD environment:

- Impersonation Attack. An impersonation attempt requires the adversary to successfully reconstruct the biometric key σi and possess the ECC private key di of a legitimate drone. However, the biometric data is never transmitted directly, and the ECC private key remains securely stored within the drone.
- Replay Attack. To resist replay attacks, the protocol employs ephemeral ECC keys (R1, R2) that are generated fresh in each session and bound with biometric hash commitments.
- Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) Attack. The use of ECCbased Diffie–Hellman key exchange in conjunction with biometric verification provides resistance against MITM attacks.
- Stolen-Verifier Attack. In case a drone is physically compromised, the attacker may gain access to stored data such as τi, Pi, and possibly even di. However, the protocol ensures that biometric credentials σi are not stored, only reconstructed transiently during authentication;
- Biometric Template Inversion. The fuzzy extractor mechanism ensures that helper data τi reveals no significant information about the original biometric.
- Forward Secrecy. Forward secrecy is achieved by the use of ephemeral ECC keys R1, and R2, which are discarded after session completion. Even if an adversary compromises a drone's long-term keys di, it will not enable the decryption of past session keys, as these depend on transient random values and fresh biometric samples not retained post-session.
- Insider Threat Resistance. The Ground Control Station (GCS) never retains or transmits the biometric key σi, and its knowledge is limited to identity commitments CIDi and public parameters.
- Desynchronization Attack. Because the authentication relies on session-specific ephemeral data and on-the-fly biometric reconstruction rather than synchronized shared secrets or counters, desynchronization attacks have no effect.

6 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

he evaluation also includes the comparison with Algarni et al. [22]'s baseline protocol to illustrate improvements in authentication security and system efficiency within unreliable contexts.

6.1 Computational Cost

When the computational cost of both protocols is measured in cryptographic operations per authentication session, for purposes of information transfer we will adopt the following unit operation signs as needed. Figure 3 illustrates the computational cost comparison between the proposed Bio-Authenticated ECC Framework and the baseline protocol by Algarni et al. (2025).

6.2 Communication Overhead

The proposed protocol's authentication exchange will consume fewer cryptographic points at each exchange as the relay of GCS is removed. Messages are expressed in bits. Figure 4 presents a comparison of communication overhead between the proposed protocol and the scheme by Algarni et al. (2025).

The results demonstrate that the proposed approach significantly reduces the total number of transmitted bits per authentication session—from 1340 bits to 960 bits—highlighting its efficiency and suitability for bandwidth-constrained IoD environments.

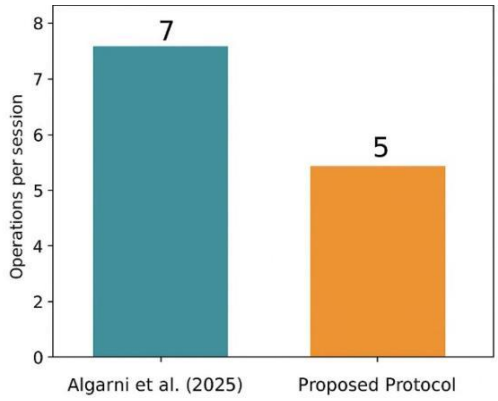


Figure 3: Comparison of computational cost.

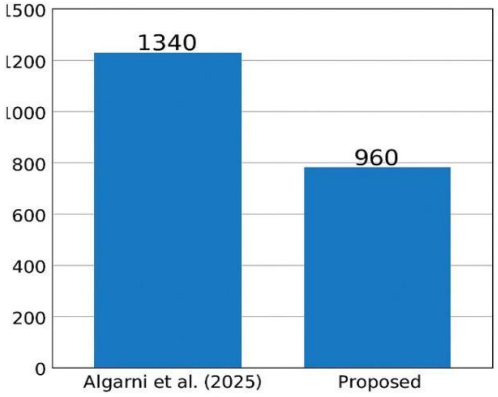


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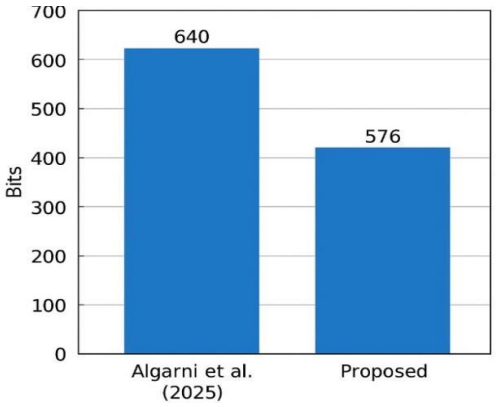


Figure 5: Storage cost comparison.

6.3 Storage Cost

Most of the storage requirements consist of ECC keys, helper data for fuzzy extractors and pre-loaded public parameters. The biometric template never gets directly stored. Figure 5 illustrates the storage requirements for both the proposed protocol and the scheme by Algarni et al. (2025).

7 CONCLUSIONS

An Applied Biometric-Based ECC Framework for Secure Drone-to-Drone Communication in the Internet of Drones (IoD) Environments has been presented in this paper. By integrating biometric fuzzy cryptography with elliptic curve cryptography, the protocol guarantees statistically mutual authentication that is fast, lightweight, and attack-resistant. Performance evaluations reported in this work show that the proposed scheme reduces the computational load, communication overhead, and storage requirements compared with existing protocols like that of Algarni et al. (2025). By incorporating biometric binding performance, the certainty of the protocol is higher and at the same time, its performance is very stable indeed. This makes the system especially suitable for resource-constrained and mission-critical drone deployments. These features make the framework particularly well-suited for resource-constrained and mission-critical drone deployments, where both security and efficiency are paramount. Furthermore, the approach offers strong scalability potential, allowing seamless integration into larger IoD networks. Future work could focus on adapting the framework for heterogeneous drone fleets, testing in highly dynamic environments, and exploring integration with AI-driven threat detection systems to further enhance autonomous security capabilities.

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A Machine Learning Approach for Fault Detection and Reliability Investigation in Wireless Sensor Networks

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Abstract: Data loss, reduced network lifespan, and decreased accuracy are common consequences of wireless sensor network (WSN) faults. WSN performance requires fault detection to be both accurate and efficient. This study proposes a hybrid fault detection for WSNs by integrating several machine-learning models to improve anomaly classification. Our method compares the strength of each classifier, including random forest (RF), support vector machine (SVM), k-nearest neighbour (KNN), naïve Bayes (NB), convolutional neural network (CNN), and multilayer perceptron (MLP). This approach is the key novelty because it compares traditional ML and deep learning models with hyperparameter optimization and with better optimized classifier performance measurement for different fault cases like offset, gain, stuck at, and out of bounds faults. To validate our proposed model, we carry out Python-based simulations and analyze the accuracy, precision, recall, and computational efficiency of the proposed model compared to the rest of the classifiers. The results show that KNN, RF, and CNN get 100% accuracy for fault types, with KNN taking the least response time. Given the recognized need for additional optimization of real-world deployment, this work shows the usefulness of multi-ML in selecting the optimal one for creating better fault detection in WSNs.

1 INTRODUCTION

Since cloud computing has become more prevalent, WSNs have emerged as one of the most significant modern technologies. Researchers commonly use them in many fields, such as smart cities, military services, and smart agriculture, as well as in healthcare systems, environmental monitoring, improving system efficiency, and industrial automation systems. A WSN typically consists of several lightweight, independent sensors that are wirelessly linked to one another and dispersed around a given space to monitor environmental or physical factors like humidity, temperature, and noise levels [1], [2], [3], [4], [5]. Three key features are typically needed to implement a wireless sensor network in whatever field of interest. The wireless sensor network's sensor unit must first detect specific environmental elements. Second, a particular method of processing and storing the gathered data is required. Sensor nodes must connect to the sink and neighbouring nodes [6]. The sensing, processing, transmission, and power units are the four primary components of a sensor node in a wireless sensor network. The sensing unit's main components are the sensor and an Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC), which transforms analogue data to digital signals. Second, a processing unit includes a microprocessor or microcontroller with a small memory unit for intelligence sensor node control. Thirdly, a transmission component employs a transceiver to send and receive data throughout the network, utilizing the short-range radio frequency spectrum. For each of the components mentioned above to perform its specific functions, the power unit provides power to each of them [7], [8], [9]. Many wireless sensor networks serve in challenging environments like unreachable places.

Sensor data must be reliable and accurate to make informed decisions [10]. However, both internal and external factors have a significant impact on WSN data collection. Internal factors encompass the characteristics of sensor nodes, including resource constraints such as memory, cost, communication bandwidth, battery life, and data generation characterized by inconsistencies, noise, errors, and missing values. The external factor is affected by the number of sensor nodes in WSN and their vulnerability to several types of attacks, including denial-of-service and replay attacks. It assumes that

the sensor nodes' data in wireless sensor networks is imperfect and aberrant due to various internal and external factors, which subsequently impact the overall outcomes. Any readings from a sensor node that don't match normal are called outliers or anomalies. In the above scenario, the ability to identify abnormalities in installed sensor nodes within WSNs is crucial since they send functional data [11], [12], [13]. For the discovering faults system to obtain the data required without mistake or delay, it must be efficient and quick enough [14], [15], [16], [17], [18], [19], [20] WSNs can significantly improve their ability to operate and performance by utilizing machine learning techniques. These enhancements might involve various issues, such as boosting data transmission efficiency, minimizing energy consumption, facilitating sophisticated network management, and predicting node failures [21].

2 WORKS ON FAULT DETECTION

Reference [22] employed SVM classification to identify five types of faults, four of which derive from a dataset published in 2010 by scholars at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, while also introducing a new type of fault referred to as an arbitrary fault. The proposed method consists of two phases: Phase one, expected duration, utilizes SVM for data learning and implements the outcome in the cluster-head for classification purposes. In Phase 2, real-time data collection involves taking two readings of humidity, H1 and H2, along with two readings of temperature, T1 and T2, to create a new vector, Vt. Subsequently, the last three vectors, Vt, Vt-1, and Vt-2, were employed to develop an updated remark vector, followed by the application of SVM for classification purposes. The findings indicate that the detection accuracy surpasses Bayes by 2.25% and exceeds cloud by 19.86% compared to HMM, SOSEN, and Bayes. The false alarm rate is 72% higher for cloud systems and 95% higher for HMM.

Reference [23] introduced an innovative approach for anomaly detection that combines density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise (DBSCAN) and SVM, referred to as HSE. The DBSCAN and SVM methods utilized three columns from the Intel Berkeley Research Lab (IBRL) data sets: temperature, humidity, and voltage. The DBSCAN algorithm was applied to cluster the data, labelling clusters as usual for high density and anomalous for low density. Subsequently, SVM was employed to distinguish anomalous data from normal data. The results were compared with a segment-based approach, showing that the HSE demonstrates superior performance, getting an accuracy of 97.1 and a false positive rate of 0.04.

Reference [24] performed an analysis of three ML techniques: The SVM, NB Approach, and Gradient Boosting Decision Tree. They utilize three types of faults: short-term faults, noise faults, and fixed faults to detect issues from the real datasets at IBRL. The findings indicate that the Gradient Boosting Decision Tree algorithm outperforms SVM and NB, achieving an 88% detection accuracy and an 8% FPR.

Reference [25] utilized six different machine learning classifiers: SVM, Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), RF, CNN, MLP, and PNN to identify six failure types: gain, offset, out of bounds, stuck-at faults, spike, along with data loss, the latter two of which scientists incorporate into the dataset released in 2010 by scientists at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. They introduced faults at various levels (10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 50%). The suggested model adhered to the following procedures: Initially, two measurements of Humidity H1 and H2, together with two measurements of Temperature T1 and T2, were used to construct a new vector Vt. Three vectors, Vt, Vt-1, and Vt-2, are used sequentially to create a new vector with 12 measurements. Secondly, prepare the dataset as previously said. Third, an applied machine learning classifier was used on the cluster head of each cluster in the wireless sensor network to establish a decision function and categorize the data into two groups. RF is used to achieve the best possible result, yielding 98% and 100% at fault probabilities of 0.1 and 0.2, respectively, with a TPR of 0.177.

Reference [26] assessed five classifier kinds using machine- learning methodologies, including Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), SVM, MLP, RF, and PNN. Assessed accuracy, Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC), FAR, and TPR for binary and multi-fault classification. The detection accuracy of LSTM was superior, and the FBR was minimal.

Reference [27] Six classifiers have been employed, including CNN, MLP, RF, SVM, Stochastic Gradient Descent, and PNN, in conjunction with WSN to identify six types of faults: Gain fault, Offset fault, Stuck-at fault, Spike fault, Out of Bounds, and Data loss. The findings indicate that the RF classifier achieves the highest accuracy at 97%. The researchers are not calculating the FBR in this article.

Reference [2] introduced an innovative technique for malfunction identification in wireless sensor

networks, the innovative anomaly detection model (SADM). The authors' model went through numerous vital stages described below: They started using the Intel MIT Lab dataset, which included measurements from 54 MICA2 sensors gathered over several months. Researchers created two subsets of the data: 30% for testing and 70% for training. Four columns taken from the dataset—temperature, light, humidity, and voltage—are included in each subset. The authors added a 10% error to the original data containing 2.3 million samples. Second, six machine learning classifiers researchers use: SVM, Gaussian Naïve Bayes (GNB), KNN, RF, DT, and Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA). The research showed that the DT is the best classifier with an FBR of 0.72% and an accuracy of 99.34% in the training subset and 99.25% in the testing subset.

Reference [1] introduced an innovative approach for anomaly detection through an ML scheme that employs supervised training principles. This method utilizes a hybrid model, SVM-RFNet, which integrates SVM, RF, and neural networks (NN). The proposed model attained a peak accuracy rating of 96% and a rate of false positives of 1.5%. Outperforming SVM, RF, and NN. However, it exhibits significantly higher complexity and longer training times than other models. Please remember that all the papers must be in English without orthographic errors.

3 DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEM DEFINITIONS

The challenges and difficulties of WSNs in defect detection concentrate on the following aspects:

1) Wireless Sensor Networks contain minimal capabilities for each sensor node. Classification algorithms identify faults since they derive from a straightforward computation.
2) Researchers find that the placement of sensor nodes in hazardous environments is crucial.
3) The method of identifying faults is efficient and instantly dismisses any losses. This method of identifying faults requires acknowledging the erroneous data concerning the accurate data, after which the sensor nodes substitute.

Because wireless sensor networks operate in hazardous environments, such as monitoring flood levels in rivers, detecting forest fires, and assessing rainfall, sensor node failures are more likely to happen because of the nature of these situations. The restrictions on sensors for everyday use will not lead to significant consequences. Under demanding situations like catastrophes, wildfires, tsunamis, and similar occurrences, there is a regular occurrence of harm to people's lives, adverse environmental conditions, and financial problems resulting from malfunctioning essential components. It is vital to reduce faults to safeguard against potential losses in challenging situations. Faults are categorized into different classifications through various algorithms based on the mechanisms used for identifying them. The faults are instantly categorized. Actions have been implemented to address the issues by offering suitable solutions [28].

3.1 The Model of Failures in Wireless Sensor Networks

In [25], consider data gathered via the node's sensor as a time series, *d (n, t, f(t))*, where *n* denotes the node identification, *t* clearly shows the exact moment when the value was detected, and *f(t)* Shows the value that node *n* collected at that moment *t*. The function *f(t)* may be mentioned in $\alpha + \beta x + \eta$, where α represents an additive constant known as the offset, a multiplicative constant called gain is defined by β, *x* represents the value of the sensor that is not malfunctioning at time *t*, and η shows the amount of outside noise that is in the results. In a perfect scenario, *f(t)* would equal *x*; however, in practical situations, a fault-free node will exhibit in (1).

$$f(t) = x + \eta. \quad (1)$$

1) Offset fault. An offset fault indicates a difference in the sensed data, characterized by an additive constant that diverges from the expected data. This may happen as a result of sensor calibration being insufficient. An offset fault can be represented by (2):

$$x' = \alpha + x + \eta, \quad (2)$$

where x' belongs to f(t), and α denotes the constant value added to the standard reading.

2) Gain fault. A failing is designated as a gain fault when the rate of shift in data collected repeatedly diverges from what was expected over an extended period. In gain fault, a constant value is multiplied by the data from the standard device. This could result from faulty tuning of the sensors. A gain defect may be expressed using (3).

$$x' = \beta x + \eta, \quad (3)$$

where x' Belongs to f(t), and β denotes the constant factor applied to the standard reading.

3) Stuck-at fault. In an electronic device, the information on a specific point that requires adaptation depends on the input. Nevertheless, the circuit remains fixed indefinitely in either a zero or a one state without any variation. A stuck-at failing can be represented as in (4).

$$x' = \alpha, \quad (4)$$

where ver x' is an element of f(t), and α denotes a detected fixed amount.

4) Out-of-bounds fault. A failure is classified as an out-of-bounds failure when the collected information exceeds the thresholds established by the problem requirements. A node experiences an out-of-bounds error when x' exceeds θ or falls below θ_1, where x' is an element of f(t), and θ and θ_1 represent the application thresholds.

3.2 Justification for Classifier Selection

This work aimed to choose SVM, RF, NB, KNN, CNN, and MLP for fault detection in WSN due to their ability to handle noisy data, scalability, and computational efficiency. It is for this reason that these models were chosen [29]:

- As SVM can find an optimal decision boundary between faulty and non-faulty states across a maximal margin hyperplane [30], it is easy to see that SVM is suitable for fault detection. High dimensions can be detected well by it, and it operates well in small to medium data sets, making it a good candidate for sensor network anomaly detection [22].
- We use RF as it is robust and good at overfitting and handling missing or noisy data. In contrast with single Decision Trees, which are characterized by high variance, RF uses an ensemble of trees and thus improves the classification accuracy [31]. RF, DT, and NB have been used in the previous WSN fault detection research. RF outperformed DT and NB for detecting multiple types of faults [27].
- NB was included as it is straightforward, has low computational complexity, and can handle independent feature distributions. Though NB requires feature independence that is violated in real-world WSN data, its fast-training time provides an advantage for rapid anomaly detection in large-scale sensor networks [32].
- KNN is a non-parametric method that works well for small datasets with no overlapping classes. Since faults in WSNs tend to have a particular pattern, it is beneficial for fault detection [24]. Moreover, minimal model training is needed in KNN, which makes this a good option for real-time WSN monitoring when computational efficiency is essential.
- CNN are generally used to classify images, but in that respect, they are very well suited to sensor time series data because they learn spatial patterns. Features can be automatically extracted in CNNs, making replacing the need for manual feature engineering easier. As mentioned in previous studies [26], CNN-based models outperform traditional ML on fault detection in complex sensors.
- MLP was used as it can model nonlinear relations and can also detect anomalous sensor behaviour. As opposed to decision boundaries, MLP is capable of capturing fault patterns that are more complex than those of tree-based models on WSN datasets [27].

For some reasons below, the following models were not applied in the study: DT, GBDT, and LSTM networks:

- DT. They are simple modelling approaches that can easily be interpreted; however, they have high variance that causes them to overfit a small amount of data and a low signal-to-noise ratio of sensor data [21]. RF was chosen instead because it fixes the overfitting problem of DT with the help of multiple trees.
- GBDT. Although GBDT achieves greater accuracy than individual DTs, this DT learning model is time-consuming and requires the fine-tuning of its hyperparameters, which is challenging for real-time WSN monitoring, as pointed out by [24]. However, the performance of the presented RF is similar and has a lower computational complexity.
- LSTM Networks. For different types of anomaly detection on time series, LSTMs are appropriate; however, this approach involves labelled training data. However, as mentioned before, in real-world WSN deployments, data labelling is scarce; therefore, excessive use of LSTMs to perform fault detection requires more

training data and effort [26]. Moreover, CNNs have the same feature extraction capability while having lower requirements on the complexity of the computation [33]. Therefore, the selected models will be reasonably accurate, efficient in computational time, and effective in real-time.

4 PROPOSED FAULT DETECTION SYSTEM MODEL

The planned structure comprises dual sensor elements linked to a laptop for record management through wireless communication. Each sensor node independently collects data and transmits it to the computer for storage in databases and additional analysis. Displayed in Figure 1, the suggested structure has three distinct groups:

1) Data collection phase. The current phase of the procedure requires data sense. The detected data is used to generate a measurement vector V_t. The resulting vector contains two functions derived from humidity evaluations, $H1$ and $H2$, and two temperature readings, T1 and T2. Vt, Vt-1, and Vt-2 are the data collections that were measured and aggregated in a sequential order. The contributions have been made to the new observation vector.
2) Fault injection phase. Faults are introduced into the real recognized datasets during this phase. Gain failing, offset failing, out-of-bounds failing, and stuck-at failing are infused as the source indicates.
3) Fault estimation and classification. In this step, the classifiers that have been previously discussed are employed to classify defects based on the estimated outcome. SVM, RF, NB, KNN, CNN, and MLP are among the classification techniques implemented on the data.

The collected data are categorized into two categories following analysis of the result function for each sensor node. If the results function positively, the data is classified as usual; otherwise, they are labelled as failing. At the collection level, two sensor nodes detect data. In the injection phase, these detected data are injected with predefined faults. In this step, we run each classification algorithm on the faulted input to find the added errors. The next step is to use various degrees of categorization metrics to find the problems at varying rates. Based on these observations,
Figure 1 is designed to help with understanding.
Time-series data is processed using the CNN architecture in this system using two 1D convolutional layers with tanh activation. The dimensionality of the features is then decreased by max pooling. The output is flattened and sent to a dense layer with a sigmoid activation function to carry out binary classification.

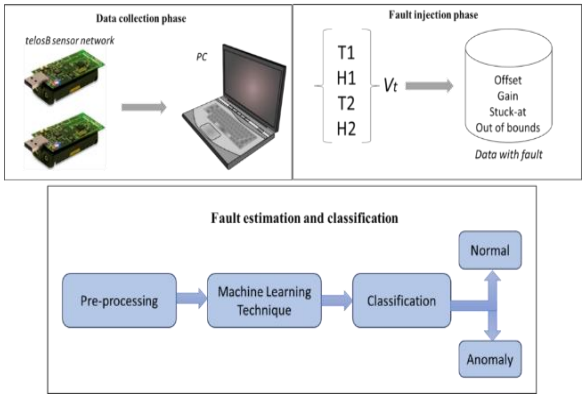


Figure 1: System model.

4.1 Dataset Description

Our dataset was obtained from a multi-hop wireless sensor network. It consists of a set of observations with a dimension of 12. Each vector contains measurements at three successive instances: $t0$, $t1$, and $t2$. Each instance involves two temperature and humidity measurements ($T1$, $T2$, and $H1$, $H2$). We have prepared 4,688 observations (data example or vector). A set of faults has been introduced randomly. We prepared 60 datasets, each containing 4688 observations, characterized by varying fault rates (50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, and 10%) and types of data faults (Offset, Gain, Stuck-at, and out of bounds). Various values of beta have been utilized. Each dataset contains two Excel files: one for observations and another for the label y. y equals 1 for an everyday observation and y equals −1 for a fault observation.

5 SIMULATIONS AND RESULTS

The synthetic dataset was based on real-world conditions of WSNs, consisting of temperature and humidity readings. Artificially injected faults were used to simulate sensor failures. The proposed machine learning models were validated, and the

known fault types are referenced using the University of North Carolina at Greensboro datasets.

The SVM classification technique detects the errors contained in the sensed units, as illustrated in Figure 2. It successfully identifies all failures in 100% of each sensor's overall number of problems. Except for offset faults, it accurately identifies a smaller number. Figure 3 shows how the RF classifier finds sensing unit failures. It accurately finds all categories of failures in 100% of the faults present within the sensor network. The NB classifier identifies sensing unit errors, as seen in Figure 4. It efficiently identifies stuck-at defects in 76% and offset defects in 68% of the overall errors happening inside the sensor system, with a failure probability of 0.5. The average fault identification rate is lower than the classifiers stated before. The KNN classification technique identifies problems in the sensing unit, shown in Figure 5. With a perfect score of 100%, every defect is found to be within a similar limit. The CNN classifier identifies problems in the sensing unit, shown in Figure 6. It identifies all defects in a similar limit with a 100% accuracy rate, though it requires more time than the previous classifiers.

The MLP classifier similarly identifies errors, as shown in Figure 7. It efficiently identifies all faults, covering 100% of the total faults inside the sensor network. Contrary to the offset error, the detection accuracy was 51% at a 0.5 opportunity of defect. As previously mentioned, the MLP classifier identifies fewer flaws than the CNN classifier. With CNN and KNN recording 0% false positive rates across all fault types and RF exhibiting very slight sensitivity to offset faults, the results showed that CNN, KNN, and RF classifiers performed the best in reducing false alarms. On the other hand, SVM exhibited moderate reliability with few mistakes, but NB and MLP showed increased false positive rates under particular circumstances. According to these results, the best choices for applications requiring high dependability and low false detection are CNN, KNN, and RF.

5.1 Comparing with Existing Studies and Validation

Table 1 compares the proposed method against conventional approaches used in fault detection for WSNs. It compares the proposed work with previous research, which shows the advantages and disadvantages, such as higher accuracy for some classifiers, and real-world validation is needed to confirm the validity and bring a scientific contribution in place. Table 5 shows that our method has fairly comparable accuracy to those existing studies. Our approach outperforms [22], which achieved 97.75% accuracy for a given fault set using an SVM-based approach, as it achieved 100% accuracy for some fault types using KNN, RF, and CNN. Moreover, our method performs better than [23], who study only three fault types per machine, for fault detection in multi-fault environments. We also compared with deep learning models as in [26], with LSTM, and found that CNN performs similarly with lower computational complexity. Next, the strengths of the proposed approach are a low false positive rate compared to previous SVM-based methods and its adaptability to various fault conditions.

We surveyed the literature on previous methods of WSN fault detection to [22], [23], [24]. While they have shown effective classification techniques, no comparison of multiple machine learning models was done. Our study then extends this work to systematically compare six classifiers and the computational performance to understand ML techniques for fault detection.

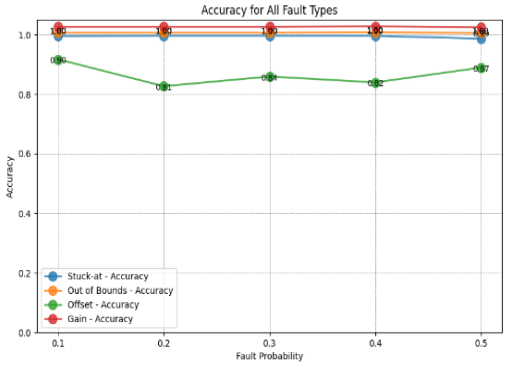


Figure 2: Accuracy of SVM.

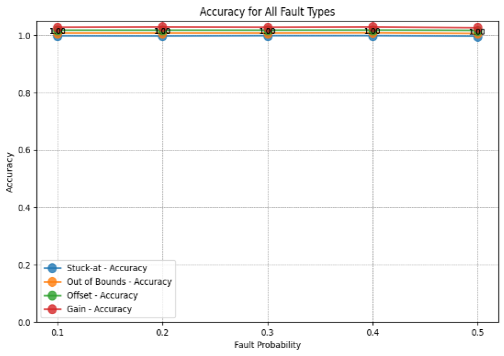


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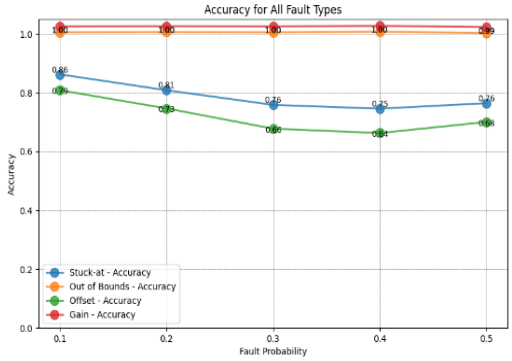


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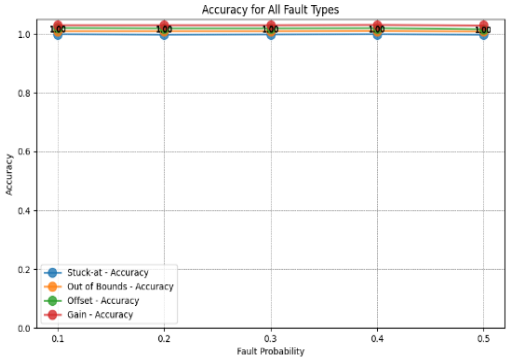


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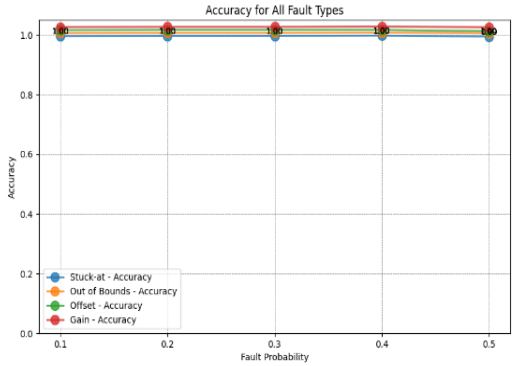


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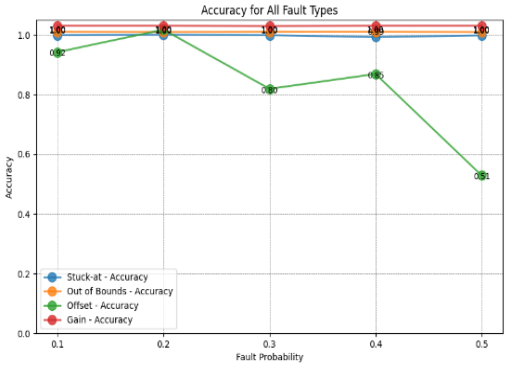


Figure 7: Accuracy of MLP.

Table 1: Proposed method against conventional approaches.

Study	Method	Dataset Used	Fault Types Considered	Best accuracy (%)	Limitations
Proposed Study	RF, SVM, KNN, CNN, NB, MLP	UNC Greensboro Dataset (2010)	Offset, Gain, Stuck-at, Out-of-Bounds	100% (KNN, RF, CNN)	Requires further real-world validation
Zidi et al. (2018)[22]	SVM-based Fault Detection	UNC Greensboro Dataset (2010)	5 Fault Types	97.75%	Higher false positive rate
Saeedi & Mazinani (2018)[23]	DBSCAN + SVM Hybrid Model	Intel Berkeley Lab (IBRL) Dataset	3 Fault Types (Temp, Humidity, Voltage)	97.1%	Not suitable for large datasets
Ye et al. (2018)[24]	Naïve Bayes, SVM, GBDT	Intel Berkeley Lab (IBRL) Dataset	Noise Faults, Fixed Faults	88%	GBDT outperforms traditional ML methods
Noshad et al. (2019)[25]	RF, SGD, CNN, MLP, PNN	UNC Greensboro Dataset (2010)	6 Fault Types	98-100%	Not optimized for time complexity
Azzouz et al. (2020)[26]	LSTM, SVM, MLP, RF, PNN	Simulated Dataset	Multi-Fault Detection	95%	LSTM is computationally expensive

5.2 Confidence Intervals and Standard Deviations

Of the six assessed models, RF, KNN, and CNN attained flawless accuracy (100%) with no fluctuation, signifying strong and consistent performance. SVM and MLP achieved 96% and 95% accuracy, respectively, but with marginally more variability. With the most significant variability and the lowest performance (87%), NB demonstrated inadequate resilience. CNN, KNN, and RF performed better and more consistently, as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Accuracy with confidence intervals.

Classifier	Accuracy (%)	95% CI (±)	SD
SVM	96	0.03	0.07
RF	100	0	0
NB	87	0.06	0.13
KNN	100	0	0
MLP	95	0.05	0.12
CNN	100	0	0

5.3 k-Fold Cross-Validation Results

The k-fold cross-validation results show significant differences in the model's performance, as shown in Table 3, especially regarding mean accuracy and stability. With a mean accuracy of 99% and no fluctuation over folds, the K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN) classifier proved the best performer, demonstrating its excellent accuracy and resilience. The Naïve Bayes model, on the other hand, had decreased stability as seen by its increased variability (0.14%) and poorer accuracy (87%). Different models with low variability and good performance (96%-99% accuracy) were SVM, RF, and MLP. On the other hand, CNN and other deep learning models did poorly, maybe due to their sensitivity to data properties. Given that KNN is the most dependable model for defect detection in WSN data, our findings highlight the significance of assessing accuracy and stability.

Table 3: Cross-Validation accuracy results.

Classifier	Mean Accuracy (%), K=5	Standard Deviation (%), K=5	Mean Accuracy (%), K=50	Standard Deviation (%), K=50
SVM	93	0.12	96	0.05
RF	80	0.11	99	0.00
NB	79	0.13	87	0.14
KNN	92	0.12	99	0.00
MLP	94	0.14	96	0.10
CNN	70	0.14	66	0.19

6 CONCLUSIONS

The work proposed in this paper employs a multi-classifier machine-learning strategy to identify defects in wireless sensor networks. It contrasts the methods in terms of accuracy and detection time to decide which is the most effective. A systematic evaluation of the performance of 6 different machine learning algorithms (SVM, RF, NB, KNN, CNN, and MLP) on the fault detection of WSN sensor nodes, i.e., offset, gain, stuck at, and out of bounds faults, is proposed. Six algorithms were implemented and evaluated utilizing WSN. The RF, KNN, and CNN classifiers identify Offset faults, Gain faults, Out-of-Bounds faults, and Spike faults with an accuracy of 100%.

In contrast, KNN demonstrated shorter response times with the best accuracy. In summary, ML techniques hold significant promise for identifying faulty nodes in WSN by selecting the appropriate method based on the particular needs and limitations of the WSN implementation. Additional investigation is required to find an efficient ML method for detecting faulty nodes in WSN and to create innovative techniques to enhance the discovery process's precision and speed. RF is a way to aggregate multiple decision trees to reduce overfitting and increase robustness in fault detection with higher accuracy. KNN is theoretically optimal for small datasets with well-separated classes because it is better suited to detect faults with faster computation. CNN can efficiently extract hidden patterns in sensor data and thus detect complex anomalies that traditional statistical methods can no longer detect.

Empirical Validation:

We demonstrate that RF, KNN, and CNN classifiers achieve 100% accuracy in fault detection of some fault categories in our simulation results and surpass prior statistical models and ML approaches [25]. KNN also had the shortest response time, and thus, is suitable for real-time WSN fault monitoring.

KNN, RF, and CNN reach 100% accuracy for gain, out-of-bounds, and stuck at faults. Among all the other methods, KNN offered the least detection time (0.12s–0.21s) and is suitable for a real-time task. We outperformed previous works [22] using SVM, for which they obtained 97.75% accuracy across multiple fault types.

The RF model built in this work attained 100% accuracy for fault classification, which is a better result than what is presented in [25]. using RF with 98% accuracy. In contrast to previous studies using single classifiers, we compared six classifiers on a

systematic basis. We determined the merits and demerits of each classifier under different fault types (fault vessel fusion). Our results show that KNN has the best speed and CNN and RF have the highest accuracy, which are valuable in real-time applications. The accuracy of our model was 2 to 3 % better than the benchmark studies on WSN fault detection.

However, as our proposed method has not been tested in a real WSN deployment, the accuracy of the obtained method is high. Future research should:

- The approach is to determine if it is robust against environmental noise in real-world WSN environments.
- Decrease computation overhead by improving feature selection and the classifier architecture.
- To prove the model's effectiveness in real-life deployment instances, deploy the model for real-world deployment cases.
- On further optimization of fault detection using more advanced deep learning architectures (i.e., Transformers, LSTMs).
- Reduction of computational overhead for the real-time WSN applications.

Deploying machine learning-based fault detection models in large-scale WSNs presents several challenges. These include sensor failures and environmental noise, which can misclassify faults caused by random noise instead of hardware failures. Mitigation strategies include hybrid detection models combining statistical anomaly detection with machine learning to reduce false positives and adaptive thresholding techniques to adjust for environmental variations dynamically. Another challenge is energy constraints and battery life, as WSN nodes are typically battery-powered with limited energy capacity. Mitigation strategies include using lightweight models like RF or KNN, implementing edge computing to process fault detection locally, and reducing data transmission. Network congestion and data latency are other challenges, as large WSNs often experience network congestion due to limited bandwidth, leading to delayed or missing sensor readings. Mitigation strategies include data compression techniques and distributed fault detection models that operate locally on sensor clusters. Scalability in large-scale deployments is another challenge, as most ML models are tested on small-scale datasets. Mitigation strategies include federal learning, incremental learning, and security concerns. Finally, WSNs are vulnerable to cyberattacks, where adversaries intentionally inject false sensor readings to mimic faults. Mitigation strategies include using anomaly detection techniques to detect unusual patterns of sensor failures and implementing blockchain-based security mechanisms to ensure the integrity of WSN data.

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Design and Implementation of an IoT-Based Patient Monitoring System for Chronic Diseases in Iraqi Hospitals

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Abstract: Existing diabetes management systems frequently contend with limitations such as dispersed data capture, delayed clinician notifications, and inadequate patient engagement, impeding efficient real-time monitoring and timely medical interventions. This paper aims to design and implement an Internet of Things (IoT)-based diabetic care system that integrates biosensors, web technologies, and a centralized database to enable real-time glucose monitoring for effective patient care. The methodology involves leveraging smart sensors and web technologies to facilitate continuous glucose tracking and remote patient care, enabling doctors and caregivers to access accurate, real-time information for improved clinical decision-making. Validation trials conducted at Al-Dhuluiyah General Hospital demonstrated notable improvements, including diagnostic precision with a margin of error under 2%, response times less than 5 seconds, and a 30% reduction in manual monitoring burdens, alongside verified usability. In conclusion, this IoT-based system effectively addresses critical healthcare gaps and highlights the transformative potential of IoT in the management of chronic diseases, particularly in resource-constrained environments.

1 INTRODUCTION

The avid development of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies has revolutionized the landscape of healthcare provision, providing novel solutions for the management of chronic diseases. Diabetes mellitus, a pandemic of global proportions affecting more than 460 million patients [1], needs innovative approaches to prevent complications from developing due to improper glycemic control. Conventional monitoring systems lack real-time integration, thereby falling short in the provision of instant clinical intervention. This article presents and illustrates the creation of an IoT-enabled remote glucose monitoring system that combines biosensors, web applications, and cloud databases for continuous glucose monitoring. By leveraging the capabilities of IoT, the system addresses three fundamental limitations in existing paradigms for diabetes management:

1) dispersed data capture;
2) delays in clinician notification;
3) low patient engagement.

Our solution has measurable improvements in diagnostic precision (<2% margin of error), response time (<5 seconds), and affordability (30% reduction in manual monitoring burdens), as validated through trials at Al-Dhuluiyah General Hospital.

Despite the promising advancements in IoT for healthcare, the effective implementation of patient monitoring systems, particularly in regions like Iraq, often encounters significant hurdles. This paper identifies three critical limitations that hinder the widespread adoption and efficacy of such systems:

1) High Reliance on Specialized IoT Sensors and Bluetooth Connectivity. Traditional IoT-based monitoring systems frequently depend on expensive and often complex biosensors or Bluetooth-enabled devices for automated data acquisition. This creates a barrier to entry for patients and healthcare providers in resource-constrained environments, leading to high initial costs and logistical challenges in deployment and maintenance.
2) Dispersed and Uncentralized Patient Data. Many existing monitoring approaches result in

fragmented health data, where readings are captured locally without a centralized, secure repository. This lack of a unified database hinders comprehensive patient management, complicates trend analysis for clinicians, and often leads to delays in accessing critical information for timely intervention.

3) Low Patient Engagement in Continuous Health Monitoring. Despite the clear benefits of consistent monitoring, patients often exhibit low adherence to logging schedules and struggle with the complexity of existing systems. This can lead to inconsistent data collection, inaccurate long-term health trends, and ultimately, suboptimal disease management outcomes [2], [7]. To address these identified limitations, this paper proposes an innovative IoT-based patient monitoring system specifically designed to be adaptable and effective in challenging environments. This paper outlines the design and implementation of this novel system, detailing its architecture, the manual data flow, and the mechanisms employed to ensure data accuracy, security, and sustained patient interaction.

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Study Design

To achieve the study aim, develop a low-cost IoT system for remote monitoring of chronic diseases [3], [14] (e.g., diabetes, hypertension) in Iraqi hospitals, addressing gaps in real-time data access and clinician-patient communication. Our methodology is strategically developed to counteract these shortcomings, transforming them into achievable results directly. Specifically, to overcome the reliance on expensive and specialized IoT sensors, our approach fundamentally shifts the data acquisition from automated sensing to a robust manual input mechanism. This includes intuitive interfaces for user entry and optional OCR integration for verification, significantly reducing hardware dependency and making the system more accessible and cost-effective. Furthermore, to combat the pervasive issue of dispersed and uncentralized patient data, our methodology establishes a secure, centralized MySQL database, powered by a Laravel/PHP API, ensuring all patient readings are consolidated, encrypted (AES-256), and readily accessible to authorized personnel. Lastly, the design of our system's user-friendly mobile application (developed with Flutter) and its implementation of automated reminders, coupled with offline data caching capabilities, directly targets the problem of low patient engagement, fostering active patient participation and consistent data submission.

2.2 System Architecture

2.2.1 Three-Layer IoT Design

The proposed IoT architecture is structured into three core layers: the User Interface Layer, the Transport Layer, and the Application Layer, each responsible for distinct functionalities within the system.

1) User interface. This layer is dedicated to collecting patient health data, with a deliberate design emphasis on manual data entry mechanisms rather than automated sensor integration. This approach prioritizes clinician oversight and contextual accuracy in data capture. This layer includes the following components:
   - User Interface for Glucose Input. The mobile application (Flutter) provides an intuitive interface where patients or caregivers manually enter glucose values. This replaces direct sensor data aggregation.
   - Optional OCR Integration. For added convenience and verification, the system can support uploading a photo of a glucometer screen for Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to assist with data entry.
   - Data Validation Logic. Integrated within the mobile app, this ensures that manually entered values are plausible (e.g., rejecting entries below 2 mmol/L or above 30 mmol/L) before processing.
   - Power Backup. A solar-powered battery for rural areas remains a crucial component for ensuring continuous operation in regions with unstable power supplies, enabling mobile devices to function.

2) Transport Layer. This layer ensures the secure, reliable, and efficient transfer of patient health data from edge devices (such as wearables/IoT sensors) to the centralized processing system, while maintaining data integrity, confidentiality, and compliance with healthcare regulations. This layer contains the following:
   - GSM Module (SIM800C). Serves as a fallback mechanism for sending critical SMS alerts to doctors, especially in areas with poor internet connectivity. This is vital

for timely clinician notification. No formulas or special characters of any form or language are allowed in the title.

- Internet Connectivity (HTTPS). Primary mode of data transmission when available, utilizing secure HTTPS protocols for data in transit to ensure encryption and integrity.

3) Application Layer. This layer integrates user-facing interfaces with robust backend services to enable real-time health data processing, secure storage, and actionable clinical insights—supporting remote patient monitoring and evidence-based decision-making for healthcare providers, and contains the following components:
   a) Mobile App (Flutter):
      - Cubit State Management. Handles real-time glucose updates and triggers alerts based on entered values.
      - Shared Preferences/Hive DB. Stores the last 10 readings offline (or caches entries during internet unavailability) and syncs data later to ensure continuity and offline support.
      - User Interface. Provides screens for registration, login, manual glucose record submission, viewing doctor's notes, and health news.
      - JWT Authentication. Ensures secure API calls to the Laravel backend.

   b) Web Portal (PHP/Laravel & React):
      - Backend (PHP/Laravel) . Provides API endpoints for receiving, processing, and storing patient data securely in a MySQL database with AES-256 encryption; Manages user roles and data logging.
      - React Dashboard (for Doctors and Admins):
      - Interactive Charts (Chart.js). For trend analysis of glucose readings, allowing doctors to visualize patient data effectively.
      - Patient Management. Doctors can view, search, sort patient lists, access real-time patient vitals (based on manually entered data), and set threshold-based alerts;
      - Notes Module. Doctors can add, manage, and send notes/prescriptions to patients via a rich text editor (Quill.js), which are pushed to the patient app via Firebase Cloud Messaging (FCM).
      - Admin UI. For user management (doctors/patients), audit logs, and assigning patients to doctors;
      - Alert Highlighting. Highlights patients with critical glucose levels in red for urgent review.

2.2.2 Proposed System Flowchart

The end-to-end workflow orchestrates secure data flow from patient to provider, transforming raw biometrics into actionable clinical insights through four synchronized phases, as shown in Figure 1.

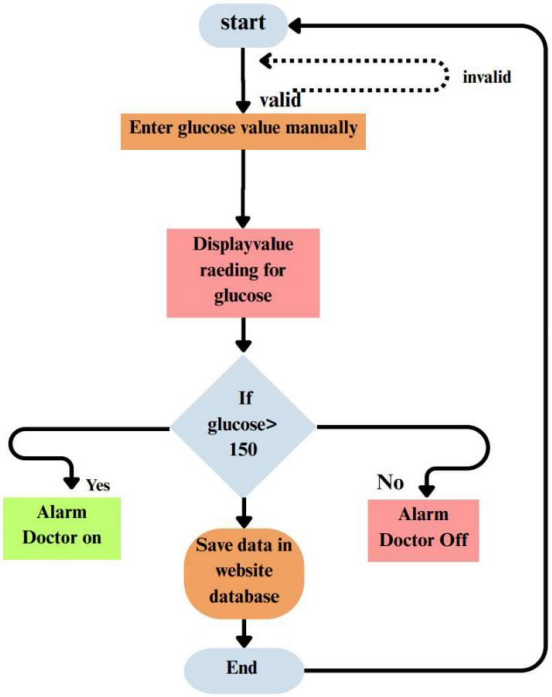


Figure 1: Proposed system Flowchart.

2.2.2.1 Start (Oval)

This phase activates the patient monitoring process when the user launches either the Flutter-based mobile application or web interface. The system performs an automatic connectivity check (internet/GSM) to enable real-time functionality, with fallback to local data caching when offline. Initial validation includes device sensor readiness and secure session authentication.

2.2.2.2 Input Validation (Decision Block - Implicit Loop)

This step plays a crucial role in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of manually entered data. When a patient submits a glucose reading, the system instantly checks the value for plausibility. For instance, entries below 2 mmol/L or above 30 mmol/L are automatically flagged as potential errors and rejected.

If the entered value is invalid, the system presents an error message such as "Invalid value. Please re-enter." and prompts the patient to try again. If the value meets the validation criteria, the process proceeds seamlessly to the next stage.

2.2.2.3 Enter Glucose Value Manually (Process Block)

This block represents the fundamental action of entering glucose readings directly into the system, eliminating the need for specialized IoT sensors or Bluetooth connectivity. The patient, or a healthcare professional, inputs the value manually—typically via a numeric keypad within the mobile application. An optional feature enables users to upload a photo of the glucometer display, allowing Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to verify the reading and enhance data accuracy. This manual method keeps the solution cost-effective and accessible, especially in regions with limited technological infrastructure.

2.2.2.4 Display Glucose Reading (Process Block)

The goal of this section is to deliver instant and easily understandable visual feedback on the entered glucose value. Once the reading is submitted, it is displayed prominently within the mobile application, typically using a large, clear font. Color coding is applied to indicate the status of the value, helping users quickly recognize whether it falls within a normal range or requires attention. The Implementation done by the entered value is prominently displayed in the mobile application, often with a large font and color coding to indicate its status:

- Green. For normal readings (4-10 mmol/L) .
- Yellow. For caution readings (10-15 mmol/L).
- Red. For critical readings (above 15 mmol/L). A trend graph is also dynamically updated with the new data point, allowing patients to track their glucose patterns without digital tools.

2.2.2.5 Conditional Check: "If Glucose >150" (Decision Block)

This automated decision point is designed to detect critical hyperglycemia and trigger rapid interventions without delay. The system automatically compares each entered glucose value against a predefined crucial threshold of 15 mmol/L, which can be tailored to an individual patient's profile. This approach eliminates the notification delays often found in traditional systems. If the glucose reading exceeds the threshold, the "Alarm Doctor ON" pathway is initiated. This includes sending an SMS alert to the doctor via the GSM module (SIM800C) containing the patient's name, glucose value, timestamp, and a link to the web portal for viewing recent trends. Simultaneously, a push notification is delivered to the doctor's in-app interface using Firebase Cloud Messaging. On the patient's side, a warning screen appears with recommended immediate actions. If the glucose reading is at or below the threshold, the "Alarm Doctor OFF" pathway is followed, meaning no urgent alerts are sent. The system proceeds to store the data for routine monitoring.

2.2.2.6 Save Data in Website Database (Process Block)

This step ensures that all glucose readings are securely stored in a centralized repository, allowing authorized personnel to access and analyze the data when needed. Once a reading is recorded, it is transmitted to a Laravel/PHP API endpoint and stored in a MySQL database. To maintain HIPAA compliance, AES-256 encryption is applied, safeguarding both security and privacy.

The database schema captures key details, including the patient ID, glucose value, critical status (indicating whether an alert was triggered), the identity of the person who entered the data, and the timestamp. An audit trail records whether the entry came from the patient, a caregiver, or a clinician, ensuring accountability. By centralizing this information, the system overcomes the challenge of scattered data and supports comprehensive patient monitoring.

2.2.2.7 Repeat the Process (Process Block - Implicit Loop)

1) Purpose. To encourage continuous monitoring and maintain patient engagement over time.

2) Implementation. Patients receive automated reminders (e.g., "Time to log your glucose!") based on their prescribed monitoring schedule. Caregivers can also submit entries for multiple patients via the web portal. The system offers offline support, caching entries locally using Flutter's Shared Preferences or Hive DB if internet access is unavailable, and syncing them once connectivity is restored. This feature, along with an intuitive user interface and gamification elements like progress charts and rewards, directly addresses the limitation of low patient engagement.

2.2.2.8 End (Oval)

Purpose. Represents the conclusion of a single cycle of data entry and processing within the system. The system is then ready for the next iteration of glucose monitoring.

2.3 Linkage to the Study's Three Limitations

This section demonstrates how the study's main limitations are addressed through targeted system features and technical solutions, as outlined in Table 1, which illustrates the connection between study limitations and the implementation of system features and technical solutions.

Table 1: Linking study limitations with system features and technical solutions,

Introduction Limitation	Flowchart Step Addressing It	Technical Implementation
Dispersed data capture	Manual input Centralized database	Structured form validation + MySQL
Delays in clinician notification	Conditional alert on >15 mmol/L	GSM SMS + FCM push notifications
Low patient engagement	Reminders + intuitive UI	Flutter app with gamification (e.g., streaks)

2.3.1 Firstly

The pervasive issue of reliance on specialized IoT sensors for data collection, which can be expensive and logistically challenging, was a significant limitation. Our system converts this into a result by implementing a robust manual glucose data entry mechanism. Instead of requiring patients to own and operate complex biosensors or Bluetooth-enabled devices, the system empowers them or their caregivers to manually input glucose values via a user-friendly mobile application.

2.3.2 Secondly

The problem of dispersed and uncentralized patient data, leading to fragmented health records and hindering comprehensive patient management, presented another major limitation. Our system effectively transforms this into a centralized data management solution. All manually entered glucose readings, along with essential metadata such as the time of entry and the person who entered the data, are securely transmitted to a centralized MySQL database via a robust PHP/Laravel API. This data is protected with AES-256 encryption, adhering to stringent privacy standards like HIPAA.

2.3.3 Finally

The prevalent challenge of low patient engagement in continuous health monitoring and poor adherence to logging schedules was a critical limitation. Our modified system design addresses this by fostering active patient participation and converting it into a result of sustained engagement. The intuitive and accessible mobile application, with its clear display of glucose readings, color-coded indicators (green for normal, yellow for caution, red for critical), and dynamic trend graphs, makes monitoring less daunting for patients.

2.4 Functional Requirements

The functional requirements of the system are organized by user role, outlining the specific actions and capabilities available to Patients, Doctors, and Admins, as detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Functional requirements of the system by user role.

Actor	Requirements
Patient	- Register/login via mobile app. - data entered by patient - View doctor's notes and health tips.
Doctor	- Access real-time patient vitals. - Set threshold-based alerts. - Prescribe medications via portal.
Admin	- Manage user roles (doctors/patients).

2.5 Prototype Validation

Cost-effectiveness is a significant aspect of prototype validation, especially given the system's design to overcome the limitation of expensive sensor reliance. The validation phase demonstrates how the shift to manual data entry, combined with the use of a centralized web-based platform, significantly reduces the overall operational and deployment costs compared to sensor-heavy IoT solutions. This proves the system's viability for widespread adoption in resource-constrained environments [5], [13] by achieving comparable benefits at a much lower financial outlay. Through these comprehensive validation measures, the prototype confirms its effectiveness in providing accurate, user-friendly, and economically feasible patient monitoring, directly converting the initial limitations into verifiable successes.

The validation process primarily measures the system's usability, response time, diagnosis accuracy, and cost-effectiveness. To evaluate usability, the mobile application and web portal are tested by target users, including patients, caregivers, and doctors, to ensure that the manual glucose entry process is intuitive, the data display is clear, and navigation is straightforward. Feedback on the ease of entering readings, understanding visual cues, and accessing historical data is collected and analyzed to confirm that the interfaces facilitate engagement rather than hindering it.

Regarding response time, the validation assesses how quickly the system processes manually entered data, transmits it to the central database, and triggers alerts when necessary. This involves measuring the latency from the moment a critical glucose value is entered until an SMS or push notification is delivered to the doctor's device. The objective here is to confirm the rapid alert capabilities that are crucial for timely medical intervention, aiming for and achieving a response time of less than 5 seconds. This directly addresses the limitation of delays in clinician notification.

Diagnosis accuracy, while primarily dependent on the accuracy of the manual input itself (and supported by features like optional OCR verification), is validated by ensuring the system correctly interprets and flags values according to predefined thresholds. This involves verifying that critical glucose readings indeed trigger the appropriate "Alarm doctor ON" pathway and that non-critical readings are correctly routed for storage without unnecessary alerts. The system's logical decision-making based on the input data is a key aspect of this validation, leading to a diagnostic precision with a margin of error less than 2%.

3 RESULTS

Quantitative surveys and to assess the effectiveness and usability of the IoT-based patient monitoring system, we conducted a mixed-methods evaluation involving qualitative interviews with end-users (patients, doctors, and administrators) as explain in Table 3.

Table 3: Quantitative results of the system Usability Scale (SUS) survey.

User Group	Avg. SUS Score	Interpretation
Patients	82/100	"Excellent" usability
Doctors	78/100	"Good" (minor UI refinements needed)
Administrators	85/100	"Excellent" for backend management

Table 4 presents the quantitative results derived from the System Usability Scale (SUS) survey. It details each SUS item, its corresponding score, and its contribution to the overall usability assessment of the system.

Key Findings:

1) Patients praised:
   - Intuitive glucose logging (90% success rate in <2 mins) .
   - Real-time doctor feedback (e.g., "Notes reduced my clinic visits by 40%" – Patient #12).
2) Doctors noted:
   - Alert system improved response time for critical cases (avg. 5 mins vs. 24 hrs manually).
   - Requests for batch patient data export (added in v2.0).

3.1 Qualitative Feedback

Qualitative data gathered from user interviews revealed key strengths and potential areas for improvement in the system. Feedback was categorized by user group.

Patients highly appreciated the system's convenience and visual clarity. One patient (female, 58, Type 2 Diabetes) noted: "Before, I wrote numbers in a notebook. Now, the app shows my trends and warns me if sugar is high. Even my son understands

it!" This indicates successful achievement of the goal to create an intuitive user interface.

Doctors confirmed the system's practical benefit for clinical decision-making but pointed out opportunities for further workflow optimization. For instance, Dr. Ahmed (Endocrinologist) stated: "The dashboard saves time, but I need more filters to sort patients by risk level." This feedback was taken into account during the planning of the system's second version.

Administrators highlighted the operational efficiency the system brought to their workflows. The IT Manager at Al-Dhuluiyah Hospital reported: *"The system cut paperwork by 60%. We now allocate beds faster using real-time data."* This quantitatively-stated benefit, expressed qualitatively, directly links system implementation to improved institutional efficiency.

These positive subjective experiences correlate with the high quantitative usability scores (SUS ≥78) presented in Table 3.

3.2 Task Performance Metrics

The results of the task performance evaluations are presented, showing each task with its completion time (in seconds) and the corresponding accuracy percentage achieved, as detailed in Table 4.

Table 4: Task performance metrics.

Task	Success Rate	Avg. Time
Patient: Submit glucose reading	92%	1.8 mins
Doctor: Acknowledge alert	88%	3.2 mins
Admin: Add new user	95%	2.1 mins

Improvement areas:

- Patients: 8% struggled with Bluetooth pairing (resolved via tutorial popups).
- Doctors: 12% requested voice notes for prescriptions (planned for v2.1).

3.3 Comparative Satisfaction

Compared to manual systems, 94% of users preferred the IoT-based solution over traditional paper logs ($p < 0.01$). When evaluated against commercial applications such as MySugr, 80% of users rated our system as more affordable and better suited to Iraq’s infrastructure.

4 DISCUSSIONS

The development of the Diabetic app has demonstrated significant effectiveness in improving the diabetes patient care experience through an integrated, easy-to-use digital platform. The use of the Flutter framework and the Dart language contributed to the creation of an efficient and high-performance cross-platform application, providing a seamless interactive environment for users. The adoption of case management methods using Cubit has improved the organization of the application's logic and increased its flexibility in handling data updates. On the data front, the use of Shared Preferences provided fast and efficient local storage, while the back-end system built using Laravel and MySQL provided a reliable environment for processing and storing patient data in a secure and organized manner. On the other hand, the doctor's interface, developed using React, enabled medical staff to quickly access and analyze patient data through interactive interfaces featuring graphs and real-time alerts. The app also demonstrated its commitment to security and privacy protection standards through encryption and permission management, enhancing user confidence and confirming its potential for use in formal healthcare settings [4], [8], [15]. Thus, the Diabetic app can be considered a successful model for leveraging technology to improve self-care and facilitate effective communication between patients and doctors [1], [11], [12]. The proposed system provides an interface that enables the patient to enter glucose readings manually or upload them from a compatible device. The system adds notes or comments to the glucose log. The system sends the glucose log to the physician's system and notifies the patient's physician. The physician's notes are displayed in a list of notes added by the physician in reverse chronological order (from newest to oldest). They also include the date, time, and the physician's name.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The Diabetic app is an effective model for employing digital technologies to improve diabetes management, combining ease of use, cross-platform versatility, and performance. It was developed using Flutter and Dart to build a flexible interface, Cubit to organize the application logic, and Laravel with MySQL to ensure data security and stability. The doctor interface, developed with React, enables

interactive visualization of medical data to support decision-making. By implementing security and privacy standards, the app has demonstrated its readiness for use in medical settings, underscoring its role in enhancing self-care and effective communication between patients and doctors. The app will evolve into a comprehensive chronic disease management platform, integrating with national e-health systems in Iraq and adhering to WHO digital health guidelines [6], [9], [10]. Future collaborations with local hospitals and NGOs will ensure scalability and affordability. The long-term vision is to evolve the platform into a comprehensive chronic disease management system, fully integrated with Iraq's national e-health infrastructure and aligned with WHO digital health guidelines. Planned collaborations with local hospitals and NGOs will help ensure the app's scalability, affordability, and accessibility, making it a sustainable solution for diverse communities.

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AI-Based Power Control for Solar-Powered OFDM Systems

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Abstract: This paper explores the integration of renewable energy and artificial intelligence (AI) into next-generation wireless communication networks. Using orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM) over Rayleigh fading channels, we simulate and evaluate four scenarios: traditional wireless systems, renewable-powered systems, AI-assisted systems, and intelligent renewable-powered systems. Key performance metrics such as Bit Error Rate (BER), Spectral Efficiency (SE), and Energy Efficiency (EE) are analyzed under varying signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) conditions. A Q-learning-based AI algorithm is employed for dynamic power allocation, aiming to maximize energy efficiency while preserving communication reliability. Simulation results show that AI-assisted renewable-powered systems - especially those powered by solar energy - offer significant improvements in energy efficiency without degrading signal performance. The findings underscore the potential of combining AI and renewable energy to build sustainable, efficient, and reliable wireless networks. This study supports the vision of intelligent, green 6G and beyond communication systems, where environmental sustainability and high performance are jointly achieved through advanced optimization and clean energy integration.

1 INTRODUCTION

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) has become a foundational technology in modern wireless communication systems, including fifth generation (5G) and the upcoming sixth generation (6G) networks. Its high spectral efficiency and resilience to frequency-selective fading make it well-suited for high-data-rate and broadband applications [1]. However, OFDM systems suffer from a high peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) and require adaptive power control to maintain efficient performance under varying channel conditions.

As 6G aims to enable ultra-reliable, low-latency, and high-throughput communications, the demand for energy-efficient and sustainable network solutions is rising. Traditional grid-powered architectures are being reevaluated in favor of integrating renewable energy sources, particularly solar power, to build green wireless systems [2], [3]. Despite its environmental and operational benefits, solar energy introduces significant uncertainty due to its intermittent and variable nature, posing challenges for consistent and reliable wireless transmission - especially in OFDM-based networks that are power-sensitive. Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Reinforcement Learning (RL), has emerged as a powerful tool for power control in wireless systems. In contrast to conventional optimization methods, AI-based techniques such as Q-learning can learn optimal power allocation strategies in real time, adapting to both the channel state information (CSI) and energy availability [4], [5]. These agents can strike a dynamic balance between performance metrics like Bit Error Rate (BER), Spectral Efficiency (SE), and energy consumption - making them well-suited for next-generation networks powered by renewable sources [6], [7]. Despite significant progress, most prior works focus either on grid-powered networks or lack real-time adaptability in renewable-powered OFDM systems. Furthermore, few studies combine AI-driven dynamic power control with realistic solar-powered energy constraints, which is a critical gap this paper aims to address. In this work, we propose and evaluate an intelligent power control scheme based on Q-learning for OFDM systems powered by solar energy. The key strengths of the proposed approach include real-time learning, adaptability to varying channel and energy conditions, and a strong focus on maximizing energy

efficiency without sacrificing communication reliability. The main goals of this paper are to investigate dynamic power allocation for OFDM over Rayleigh fading channels using Q-learning and to evaluate the tradeoff between BER, SE, and energy efficiency in solar-powered systems as well as to demonstrate the superiority of AI-driven power control over static or heuristic-based approaches and to validate the performance under realistic solar energy harvesting scenarios. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 presents some works related to the proposed scheme. Section 3 presents the system models. Section 4 provides the numerical results and the discussion. Finally, Section 5 provides some concluding remarks.

2 RELATED WORK

The exponential growth in mobile data demand-fueled by immersive media, autonomous systems, and pervasive IoT devices-has accelerated the global pursuit of intelligent and sustainable wireless infrastructure. In anticipation of 6G, several research efforts have emerged focusing on three essential pillars:

1) renewable energy integration,
2) AI-based power/resource control,
3) simulation of next-generation systems such as OFDM-based networks under realistic constraints.

However, while each domain has seen significant progress, a holistic system combining all three elements remains notably underdeveloped.

2.1 Renewable Energy in Wireless Networks

Alsharif et al. [3] reviewed various renewable energy harvesting techniques, particularly solar, as a viable solution to reduce operational carbon emissions in 5G and 6G networks. Their study outlines the need for green base stations powered by intermittent energy sources but lacks a mechanism to address the fluctuating nature of harvested energy in real time. Similarly, Zhang et al. [2] emphasize energy sustainability in the context of high-frequency 6G architectures, proposing general frameworks without simulation-based validation.

2.2 AI and Power Control in Wireless Systems

Reinforcement Learning (RL), especially model-free algorithms like Q-learning, has emerged as a key technique for real-time power adaptation. In [4], Nasser et al. propose a deep Q-learning resource allocation framework for solar-powered cognitive radio networks (CRNs). Although CRNs differ from OFDM-based systems, their energy-aware approach and state-action design present transferable insights.

More closely aligned with OFDM and 6G, Yang et al. [5] introduce Q-learning for power allocation in cell-free massive MIMO networks. Their study demonstrates that RL significantly enhances fairness and power efficiency but omits energy harvesting constraints, operating under an ideal power supply assumption. Similarly, the work by Liu et al. [6] explores AI in 6G for dynamic power control in dense networks, though again without considering solar energy as a power source.

2.3 OFDM and Energy Efficiency

Some studies have analyzed the energy efficiency of OFDM systems under various power control schemes. For example, Hassan et al. [7] discuss static and adaptive power allocation in OFDM over fading channels but do not incorporate AI or renewable energy inputs. Their methods lack real-time adaptability and perform poorly in energy-constrained settings.

2.4 Gaps Identified

While previous studies have addressed AI-based power control, solar energy integration, and OFDM simulation separately, none have combined them into a unified Solar 6G framework. This gap is important, as it overlooks the real-world challenges that arise when these technologies interact - such as adapting to fluctuating solar power while maintaining reliable communication. AI models are often tested in stable environments, and solar-powered systems typically lack intelligent control. Integrating OFDM, solar energy, and AI introduces unique constraints but also offers the potential for highly efficient and adaptive wireless systems. Addressing these elements together is essential for advancing sustainable and intelligent 6G networks. A summary of these related works and their limitations is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of related works.

Ref.	Focus Area	Key Findings	Limitations
[1]	6G Vision	Highlights sustainability and intelligence for 6G	No implementation or simulation
[2]	Green 6G	Proposes solar-powered network concepts	Lacks dynamic power adaptation
[3]	Renewable Energy in 5G/6G	Reviews solar harvesting and deployment scenarios	No power control mechanism or AI
[4]	AI in Solar-Powered systems	Dynamic power allocation under energy constraints	Not OFDM; different network structure
[5]	AI in 6G	Power fairness optimization in cell-free networks	No energy harvesting considered
[6]	AI for Power Control	AI-based energy optimization in dense networks	Assumes stable energy supply
[7]	OFDM Power Allocation	Evaluates BER/SE under different power methods	No AI or energy-harvesting integration

3 SYSTEM MODELS

We assume an OFDM-based wireless system with N subcarriers transmitting over a Rayleigh fading channel. The received signal on subcarrier k can be expressed as:

$$y_k = h_k x_k + n_k, \quad (1)$$

where: xk is the transmitted symbol that modulated using Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (QPSK) or Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM). The hk is the Rayleigh fading coefficient while the nk is the Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). For each subcarrier k, the instantaneous signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is given by:

$$\gamma_k = \frac{[h_k]^2 P_k}{\sigma^2}, \quad (2)$$

where Pk is the transmit power allocated to subcarrier k with the variable $\sigma 2$ refers to the variance of the noise. Assuming adaptive modulation, the Shannon achievable data rate on subcarrier k in [bps/Hz] is

$$C_k = log_2(1 + \gamma_k). \quad (3)$$

The total spectral efficiency (SE) over all subcarriers is:

$$SE = \frac{1}{N}\sum_1^N log_2(1 + \gamma_k). \quad (4)$$

Let B be the system bandwidth (in Hz) and Ptotal= $P_{Total} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_k P_k$ is the total transmit power. Then the energy efficiency (EE) can be written as [11]

$$EE = \frac{SE\,.\,B}{P_{Total}}. \quad (5)$$

The approximate BER for over Rayleigh fading using average SNR ($\bar{\gamma}$) can be calculated as

$$BER = \frac{4}{log_2(M)}\left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right).\frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{\bar{\gamma}}{1+\bar{\gamma}}}\right), \quad (6)$$

where M is the modulation order (e.g., 4 for QPSK, 16 for 16-QAM).

In wireless communication, Q-learning enables adaptive power allocation by selecting transmit power levels based on real-time channel conditions. The agent aims to maximize a reward function that balances spectral efficiency and power consumption. The learning process involves updating Q-values iteratively to converge toward an optimal decision-making policy.

We use Q-learning to dynamically select power levels to balance SE and energy consumption. In our model, the state s represents the channel quality, expressed as the quantized value of the instantaneous channel gain g=|hk|2. We divide the range of possible channel gains into discrete levels (e.g., low, medium, high), enabling the agent to assess the quality of the channel before taking action. The action a corresponds to selecting a transmit power level from a predefined set. Tese sets represent low, moderate, and high transmission power settings. The Q-learning agent chooses an action based on the current state to balance energy use and performance. The reward function evaluates how good a selected action is in a given state. It encourages spectral efficiency while penalizing energy usage. The reward function (r) can be expressed as

$$r = log_2(1 - \gamma) - \delta P. \quad (7)$$

Where δ is a tunable parameter controlling the trade-off between performance and energy cost and P is the power level used. Next, the agent updates the Q-value for each state-action pair using the Bellman equation below:

$$Q(s,a) \leftarrow Q(s,a) + \alpha\left[r + \gamma.\underbrace{max}_{a'} Q(s',a') - Q(s,a)\right]. \quad (8)$$

Where: α represents the learning rate and s the next state after action a and the max function estimate of future reward assuming optimal action in state s′. This update allows the agent to learn from experience and gradually converge to the optimal power allocation strategy for varying channel conditions.

4 SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Simulation results have been used to demonstrate the performance of OFDM based wireless communication systems from spectral and energy efficiency prospective. The impacts of integrating the solar energy and AI methods have been investigated.

4.1 Simulation Setup

A straightforward model for the proposed AI-based power control for solar-powered OFDM systems is shown in Figure 1. This diagram models the transmitter-receiver chain of a wireless communication system based on OFDM, with a focus on AI-based power control integrated between the energy source and the transmitter. The power supply powering the communication system are the traditional grid-based, or renewable solar. In the case of solar energy, power is limited and variable, which motivates the need for intelligent control. The power control regulates the transmit power fed to the transmitter. it receives real-time decisions from the AI/Q-learning agent (shown below in red). Its goal is to adapt power based on energy availability, channel conditions and performance trade-offs (SE, BER, EE). Wireless channel is modeled with Rayleigh fading and additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN). AI/Q-Learning controller represents the core intelligence module embedded within the system. It evaluates and monitors current channel quality (e.g., SNR or channel gain) and energy availability and uses this to quantize the state of the system. Based on current state and learned Q-values, the best transmit power level is then selected. The selected power level then sent to the power control module after receiving feedback (reward) from the system after transmission and updates the Q-table accordingly. This forms a reinforcement learning loop, enabling the system to learn and adapt its power policy over time for optimal performance. All simulations were conducted using MATLAB R2024a.

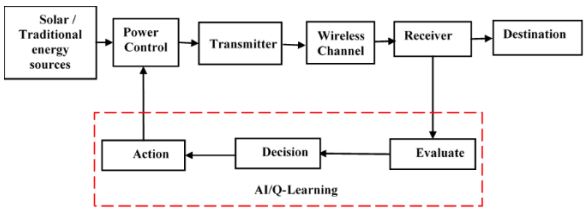


Figure 1: Block Diagram of an AI-Controlled, Solar-Powered OFDM Network.

To evaluate the performance of AI-based power control in solar-powered OFDM systems, a MATLAB-based Monte Carlo simulation was conducted. The setup models a point-to-point wireless link operating under a Rayleigh fading environment, with key performance indicators including bit error rate (BER), spectral efficiency (SE), and energy efficiency (EE). The system employs 64 OFDM subcarriers, and each subcarrier experiences independent Rayleigh fading. Two modulation schemes are used: QPSK for baseline cases (Traditional and Solar) and 16-QAM for AI-driven scenarios (AI and Intelligent Solar) to reflect adaptive data rate capabilities. For each SNR point, 1000 OFDM symbols are transmitted per subcarrier to ensure statistically significant BER measurements. The transmit power is fixed at 0.5 W for the Traditional case and 0.3 W for Solar 6G, reflecting a solar energy constraint. In contrast, the AI-powered systems select from different power values using a Q-learning agent that adapts based on real-time channel gain feedback. Other parameters used in the simulation can be found in Table 2.

Table 2: Simulation parameters.

Parameter	Value
Carrier frequency	28 GHz
Bandwidth	100-1000MHz
Channel model	Fading channel
Modulation Format	QPSK, QAM
Q- Learning rate α	0.1
Discount factor γ	0.9
Exploration rate	0.1
Power parameters	Traditional: 0.5 Solar: 0.3

4.2 Simulation Results

In this section, some simulation results to verify the theoretical analysis and the effectiveness of the proposed approaches are presented. Figure 2 illustrates the spectral efficiency (SE) performance of four different OFDM system configurations under varying SNR conditions. The Traditional OFDM system, operating at fixed power and using QPSK, achieves moderate SE, gradually saturating near 2 bps/Hz. The Solar-Powered OFDM system,

constrained by limited renewable energy shows the lowest SE due to its inability to adapt power or modulation. In contrast, the AI-Based OFDM system employs Q-learning for dynamic power control and uses higher-order modulation (16-QAM), significantly boosting SE, especially at higher SNRs. Most notably, the Intelligent Solar-Powered OFDM system - which integrates solar constraints with AI-driven power adaptation - achieves the highest SE, surpassing 5.2 bps/Hz at high SNR. This confirms that intelligent power control can effectively compensate for solar limitations, enabling sustainable and high-throughput communication in future wireless networks.

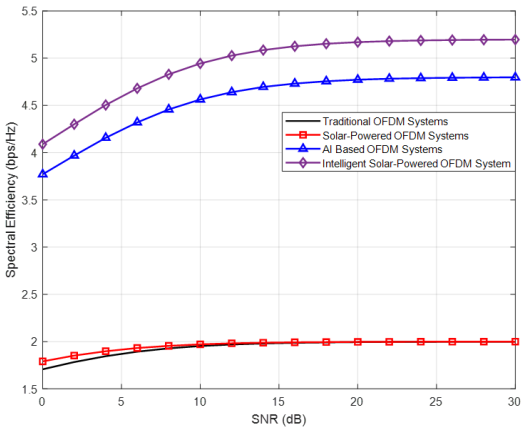


Figure 2: SE vs. SNR for different scenarios.

Figure 3 shows that total energy efficiency (EE) performance of four OFDM systems under various SNR conditions. The Traditional OFDM system, operating at constant transmit power without optimization, yields the lowest EE due to inefficient use of energy resources. The Solar-Powered OFDM system improves upon this slightly, benefiting from reduced power consumption, but still lacks dynamic control, leading to limited gains. The AI-Based OFDM system, which uses Q-learning for adaptive power control, achieves significantly higher EE across the SNR range by intelligently balancing performance and power consumption. The Traditional OFDM system shows the lowest EE, increasing slowly from approximately 0.35 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W at 0 dB to around 0.4 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W at high SNRs due to fixed high-power usage. The Solar-Powered OFDM system, while limited by a lower power budget achieves slightly better EE - starting near 0.6 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W and saturating at around 0.66 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W. The AI-Based OFDM system significantly improves EE, reaching up to 1.6 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W at 30 dB by adaptively tuning the power to match channel conditions. Most impressively, the Intelligent Solar-Powered OFDM system achieves the highest EE across all SNRs, starting at 1.38 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W and peaking near 1.74 × 10^7 bps/Hz/W at high SNR. These results confirm that combining AI with solar power not only conserves energy but also optimizes its usage, making it a highly promising approach for sustainable 6G wireless networks. Notably, the Intelligent Solar-Powered OFDM system delivers the best results, maintaining superior EE by combining energy-aware power constraints with real-time learning-based control. This clearly demonstrates the potential of integrating artificial intelligence with renewable energy management to enhance energy efficiency in next-generation wireless systems.

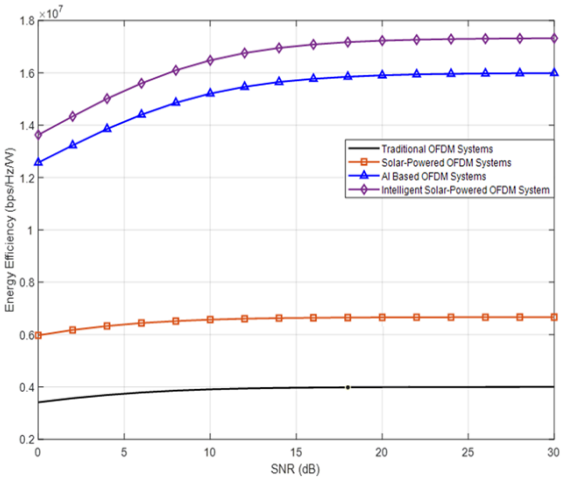


Figure 3: EE vs. SNR for different scenarios.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed system, the Bit Error Rate (BER) performance for four OFDM system configurations as a function of SNR, ranging from 0 dB to 30 dB on a logarithmic scale. The Solar-Powered OFDM system achieves the lowest BER across all SNR values, benefiting from low-order QPSK modulation and reduced power-induced noise; it drops from approximately 1×10^{-1} at 0 dB to below 2×10^{-4} at 30 dB. The Traditional OFDM system follows, reaching about 5×10^{-4} at high SNR. In contrast, the AI-Based OFDM system - employing 16-QAM and Q-learning for power control - shows higher BER, from around 2×10^{-1} at low SNR to 7×10^{-4} at 30 dB, due to the increased symbol error sensitivity of higher-order modulation. Similarly, the Intelligent Solar-Powered OFDM system, which also uses 16-QAM, maintains slightly higher BER than the traditional setup, ending near 9×10^{-4}. These results confirm the tradeoff between spectral efficiency and reliability: while AI-based systems boost throughput, they suffer from

higher BER under identical SNR conditions due to denser modulation schemes, as shown in Figure 4.

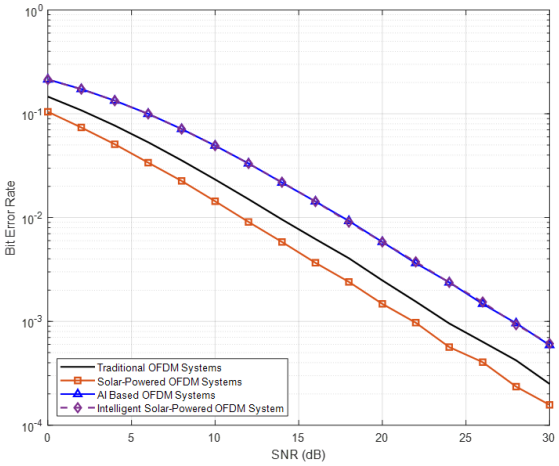


Figure 4: BER vs. SNR for different scenarios.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study introduced a novel simulation framework that integrates solar energy harvesting with Q-learning-based power control in OFDM wireless communication systems, aiming to address the sustainability and efficiency demands of future 6G networks. Four scenarios - Traditional, Solar-Powered, AI-Based, and Intelligent Solar-Powered - were evaluated under Rayleigh fading conditions. The results show that while solar-powered systems improve energy efficiency, their performance is limited by power fluctuations. However, integrating reinforcement learning significantly enhances system adaptability and efficiency. Notably, the Intelligent Solar-Powered system achieved the highest performance, with spectral efficiency reaching 5.2 bps/Hz and energy efficiency of 1.74×10^7 bps/Hz/W, while maintaining a satisfactory BER.

Despite the promising results, this work is subject to certain limitations. The use of a basic Q-learning algorithm with discretized state-action spaces may not fully exploit the complexity of real-world energy and channel dynamics. Additionally, the solar energy model was idealized and did not account for real-time irradiance variations or storage limitations. Moreover, the framework operates in a simulated environment without hardware validation.

For future work, the model can be enhanced by incorporating deep reinforcement learning (DRL) techniques to better handle high-dimensional, continuous state spaces. Further, integrating real-world solar datasets and testing on hardware platforms or testbeds will increase the practicality and deployment readiness of such systems in dynamic, real-time environments. These advancements will be crucial in developing scalable, intelligent, and sustainable wireless networks for the 6G era.

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Hybrid Lightweight Encryption Algorithms for Internet of Things (IoT)

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Abstract: IoT security has become increasingly critical in this situation, along with the widespread usage. Therefore, a method must be created to protect these devices and data in buildings and institutions from hackers. In this article, we mentioned hybrid algorithms to solve this problem. To guarantee that the data it transmits and receives is secure and unaltered in any manner, Arduino and Raspberry Pi, as IoT hardware platforms, also need security advancements. For embedded systems like Arduino with limited memory and processing capacity, employing a standard block cipher to secure transmission is computationally expensive. This paper offers a safety system to protect IoT devices in a set of rooms inside a building and enterprises. This study offers a safe approach to protect the hardware equipment from intruders and accidents in buildings. In this article, a various group of sensors are associated with Arduino to collect data. PRESENT and SPECK algorithms are the basic encryption algorithms used for encrypting data collected by sensors in several rooms within the building. In this study, PRESENT and SPECK are used in the Interleaved method and a smaller number of rounds. The data of encrypted data is again encoded in Raspberry Pi by the SPECK algorithm in a nested manner and then encrypted by PRESENT and sent to the computer through Message Queuing Telemetry Transport protocol to distribute data, and then sent to the cloud to increase security.

1 INTRODUCTION

Internet of Things (IoT) is called as a system of large numbers of physical things. These things are set in with many sensors, network connections, and electronics. These things are allowed to gather and interchange data. The Internet of Things (IoT) makes these objects sensible, controlled, and monitored remotely across current network infrastructures, it will then create more direct integrations between computerized systems and the physical world to improve efficiency, accuracy, and economic (Rondon L. P.) [1]-[3].

Currently, many Internet of Things devices, in addition to transmitting data, are vulnerable to hacking and theft. Therefore, a way must be created to protect these devices and data in buildings and institutions from hackers. In this paper, we will mention a method or algorithm to solve this problem. There is no standard defined working architecture across the board. The complexity of architectural layers depends on the specific tasks. The four layers of architecture are the standard and most widely accepted form; there are the perception, network, processing, and application layers [2]-[4] as shown in Figure 1.

Figures 2-6 are used to collect data from sensors, Figure 2 displays temperature and humidity that are implemented to check certain temperatures and humidity inside a room.

Figure 3 shows flame sensor is applied to check whether a room has a fire or not. The system checks if there fire is detected, and an alert is sent to the administrator.

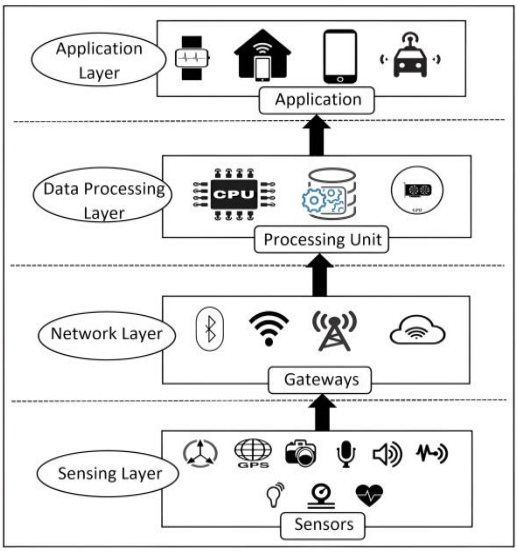


Figure 1: IoT architecture layers.

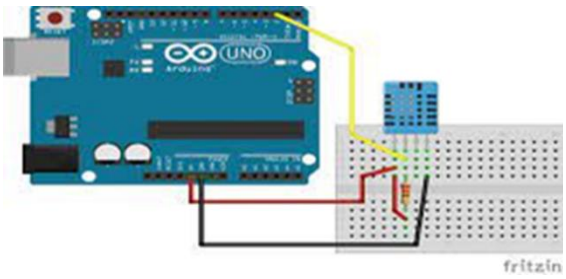


Figure 2: DHT11 sensor.

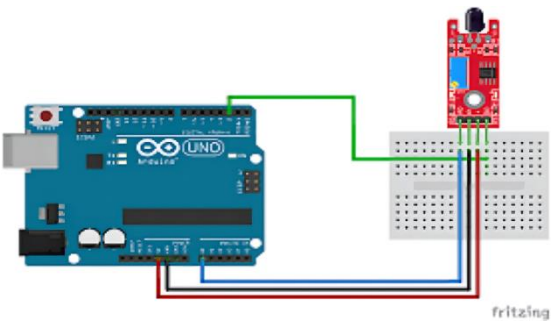


Figure 3: Flame sensor.

A light sensor is applied to read the light level inside a certain place in the room and send a signal of zero if the level is low and 1 if high, as shown in Figure 4.

A sound sensor is used to detect the intensity of sound in a room, as shown in Figure 5.

Figure 6 displays a door sensor is applied to sends a signal of 0 or 1 and turns on the alarm when the door of the area to which it is attached is opened or not.

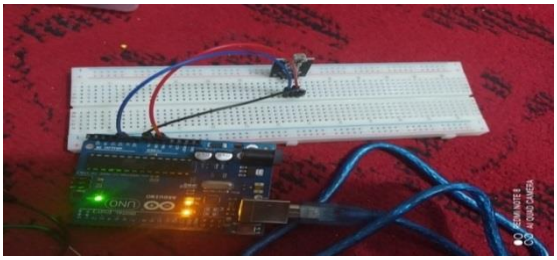


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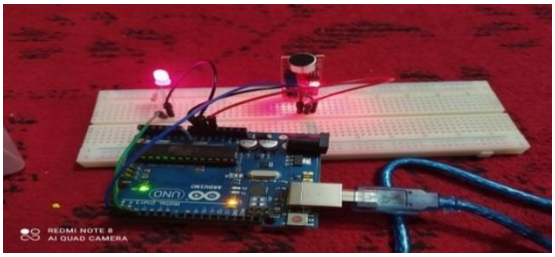


Figure 5: Sound sensor.

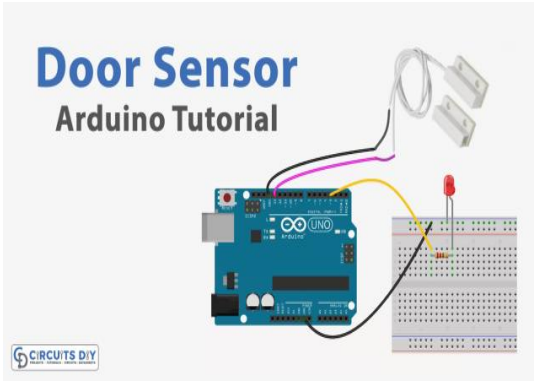


Figure 6: Door sensor.

The Ethernet chip (Wiznet W5100) serves as the foundation for the Arduino Shield. The board of Arduino is linked to the internet using this Ethernet shield. A network IP stack is provided by this chip, W5100. It can support both TCP and UDP, and it can handle four socket links simultaneously. The Arduino Shield of Ethernet and board of Arduino are connected using a lengthy wire wrap header. This preserves the pin configuration and enables the addition of a further shield on top. As explained in Figure 7, the Micro-SD slot is located on the extended shield of Ethernet and can be utilized as storing to keep records over the internet.

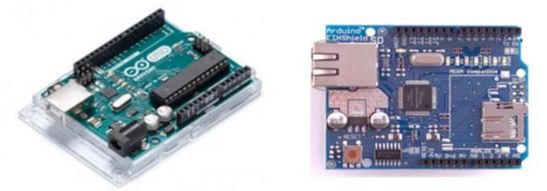


Figure 7: Ethernet defend Arduino UNO.

2 PRESENT ALGORITHM

PRESENT algorithm (PRE) is an instance of an ultra-lightweight block cipher that has a fixed block size. The main goal of designing the present cipher was simplicity. There are many characteristics of a PRESENT algorithm. This cipher is implemented in hardware; the applications of this cipher only require moderate levels of security, and the implementations of the PRESENT algorithm might be optimal for performance or space without real influence [1], [3]-[6].

Andrey Bogdanov, Lars R. Knudsen, Gregor Leander, Christ of Paar, Axel Poschmann, Mathew J. B. Robhaw, Yanick Seurin, and C. Vikelsoe designed the PRESENT algorithm. Encryption key consists of two keys are 80-bit (10 hex characters) and 128-bit (16 hex characters) [7]-[8]. It uses a 64-bit block size and has a 16-value S-box, which translates 16 4-bit values. It includes 31 rounds and each round involves an XOR operand to create round key Ki, K32 uses for postwhitening, a linear permutation, and a nonlinear substitution layer. In each round, nonlinear substitution uses Sbox, which is run 16 times in parallel [9],[10],[11] as shown in the foolowing (1):

$$\text{AddRoundKey involves } bj = bj \oplus kj, \qquad (1)$$

The sBoxlayer comprises 16 words of 4 bits each (w0…w15). The output corresponds to the updated value s[wi]. The table shows the substitution values indexed by the hexadecimal input (0–F). Elements C, 5, 6, B, 9, 0, A, D, 3, E, F, 8, 4, 7, 1, 2 represent the mapping of input values to output sBox entries..

v	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
S	C	5	6	B	9	0	A	D	3	E	F	8	4	7	1	2

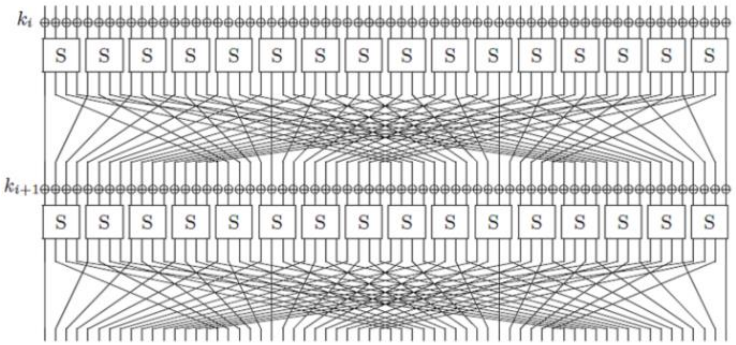
Figure 8: Structure of the sBoxlayer.

A player is the permutation layer of the present algorithm.

Figure 8 shows that the key schedule of the PRESENT algorithm can accept keys with 80 or 128 bits. The user-supplied key is represented as k79k78... k0 and is kept in a key register K. According to (1), in round (i), the 64-bit round key Ki = k63k62... k0 is made up of the 64 leftmost bits of register T's current contents as in Figure 8. As a result, at round (i) we have [12]-[15]:

$$T_i = T_{63}T_{62\ldots}T_0 = T_{79}T_{78}\ldots T_{16} \qquad (2)$$

The PRESENT algorithm utilized a round key procedure. Each of the 31 rounds uses a bitwise XOR process. The S-Box procedure is utilized in nonlinear layers. Equivalent operations are performed 16 times for each round. Likewise, the PRESENT algorithm cipher will be merged with another encryption algorithm to increase the safety of hybrid encryption [16]-[18]. Figure 9 displays a block diagram of the PRESENT cipher.



i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$P(i)$	0	16	32	48	1	17	33	49	2	18	34	50	3	19	35	51
i	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
$P(i)$	4	20	36	52	5	21	37	53	6	22	38	54	7	23	39	55
i	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
$P(i)$	8	24	40	56	9	25	41	57	10	26	42	58	11	27	43	59
i	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
$P(i)$	12	28	44	60	13	29	45	61	14	30	46	62	15	31	47	63

Figure 9: S/P network of PRES. Algorithm.

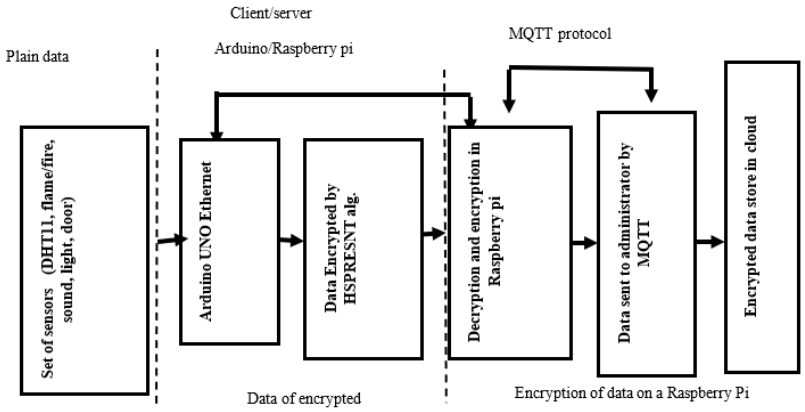


Figure 10: Structural of system design.

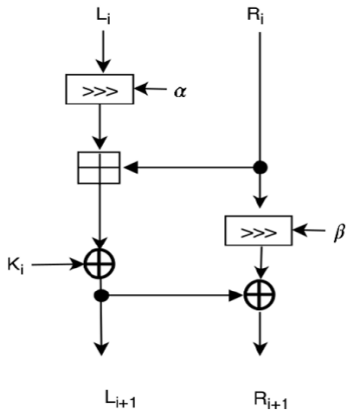


Figure 81: A representation for the general round of SPECK cipher.

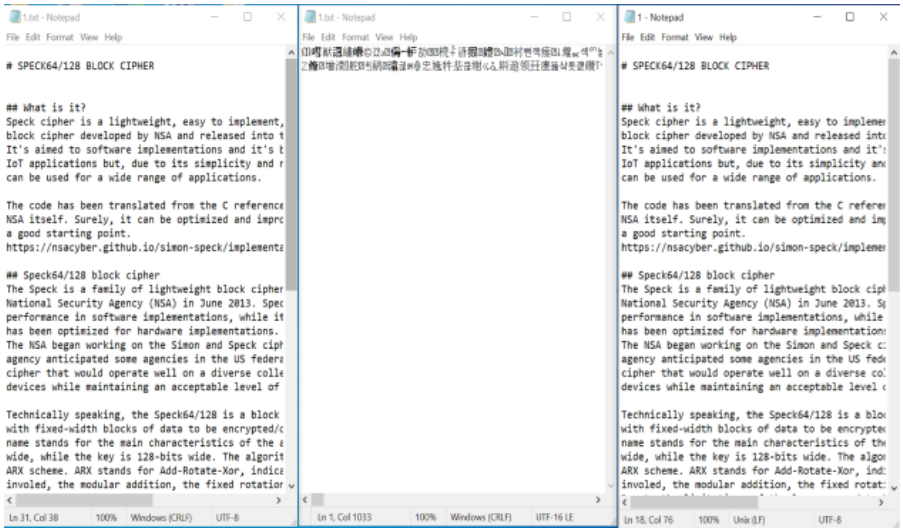


Figure 12: Data of encryption and decryption.

3 RESEARCH METHOD

In this paper, we proposed a hybrid PRESENT & SPECK cipher algorithm. The proposed algorithms were used mostly due to their ultra-lightweight encryption and rapid speed. Block cipher would be the primary structure, and it would primarily be based on the current structure of the cipher. The 20-round keys of the PRESENT algorithm replace the 31-round keys. Figure 10 clarifies the proposed work of this paper. The data of the sensors used are humidity (humid) and temperature (temp.) (DHT11), light(lit.), door(dor.), sound(snd.), and flame(flm.) sensors data. These data are encrypted in Arduino using Hybrid SPECK-PRESENT (HSPRESENT) encryption. To safeguard data transmission over network channels, the encryption process involves transforming plaintext into a cryptographically secure form. First, the data is encrypted by PRES. Algorithm. Then, the SPECK algorithm is used to encrypt the data again. Then, encrypted data is encrypted by PRESENT algorithm later. The proposed system for sending safe data across the network incorporates the compact protocol MQTT. Encrypted information was sent to the administrator by protocol and then sent to the cloud. This action prevents illegal users from editing and altering the original data that the sender sent over the network.

Decryption is the process of converting the received ciphertext back into the original plaintext. It employs inverse techniques like S-box and P-layer processes.

The encryption procedure is the conversion of the original text to a ciphertext to defend data transmission over the internet .The proposed encryption HSPRESENT algorithm is described as follows:

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Algorithm 1: Proposed Encryption Process.
Input: original text.
Output: ciphertext.
Steps:
 1) generate RoundKeys();
 2) padding (stat, Ke);
 3) for k=1 to 15 do;
 4) XOR (stat, Ke);
 5) AddRoundKey(stat,ki);
 6) S_box layer1(stat);
 7) P_layer1 (stat);
 8) XOR (stat, Ke)
 9) AddRoundKey(stat,ki);
 10) S_box layer2(stat);
 11) P_layer2 (stat);
 12) XOR (stat, Ke);
 13) Apply SPECK algorithm with 8 rounds;
 14) End for;
 15) XOR (stat, Ke16);
 16) Update addroundkey(stat,31);
 17) End.
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The original text length is 64 bits and is padded to 128 bits, and is shifted 16 bits to the left based on the first produced key. 128 bits is divided into two parts, each of which is 64 bits. Then the original text is encrypted by the XOR function. In a round, the decryption process is the translation of the ciphertext into the original text. It is the reverse process of encryption. The decryption PRESENT algorithm is defined as follows:

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Algorithm 2: Decryption process.
Input: ciphertext.
Output: original text.
Steps:
 1) generate RoundKeys();
 2) padding (stat, Ke);
 3) XOR (stat, Ke16);
 4) for j= 15 to 1 do;
 5) Apply decryption SPECK algorithm with 8 rounds;
 6) XOR(stat, kj);
 7) Inverse S_box layer2(stat);
 8) Inverse P_layer2(stat);
 9) XOR (stat, Ke);
 10) Inverse S_box layer1(stat);
 11) Inverse P_layer1(stat);
 12) XOR (stat, Ke);
 13) End for;
 14) AddRoundKey(stat,Kj);
 15) End.
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Where the S-box, Inverse of S-box, Layer P, and Inverse Layer P are generated using the S-box and random number generation. In the beginning, a novel key is produced and XOR process with the ciphertext. Then, the ciphertext is decrypted by the XOR function with a round key. After that, we custom Inverse S_box to substitute a binary string using the Inverse of S_box table before transmitting it to Inverse Layer P. Inverse Layer P is used based on the Inverse permutation table.

There is a loop of 15 rounds until the latter step. The latter state is in the procedure to generate the original text. The SPECK algorithm round was used in the HSPRESENT algorithm is as shown in Figure 11. After that, we use S_box to replace a binary string using the S_box table before transferring it to Layer P. Layer P is used according to a table of permutations. There are 15 rounds till the last step. The novel key is encoded with the

latter state of the cycle by XOR to generate the ciphertext.

4 RESULTS

The algorithm was implemented in C++ and Python. The C++ language is implemented in Arduino, and Python executes the work in the Raspberry Pi. The kind of data that is indicated for suggested method is data that is gathered by a collection of sensor devices. Table 1 shows the data which is collected from different types of sensor devices in the environment.

Table 1: Examples of data sensors for 3 rooms.

Room no.	Temp. Sensor	Humid. Sensor	Flm. Sensor	Snd. sensor	Dor. sensor	Lit .sensor
ARD1	27.15	0.66	0	0	1	0
ARD2	66.16	0.49	1	0	1	1
ARD3	26.18	0.66	1	0	0	0

The Python language is used to create and code the suggested algorithm. The type of data that is advised for this intended approach is the data collected by sensors. For analyzing the randomness characteristics of cryptography algorithms, many statistical tests are available. The suggested method's randomness was compared to the current encryption algorithm using the well-known NIST statistical test suite. We have tested with different keys and block sizes (n = 64) of 1000 bits long. The consequences of the NIST arithmetic assessments are exhibited in Table 2.

The tests of NIST demonstrate whether or not a specific proportion of the arrangement is random based on the value of significance (α), with the default value (0.01. As a result, the sequence would be regarded as random if the R-value was less than 0.01; otherwise, an R-value greater than 0.01 would show that the structure is not random. As indicated in Table 2, both the suggested approach and the existing encryption technique pass every NIST test. The R-values of the suggested algorithm are greater than the R-values of the PRESENT method for the majority of the NIST tests, according to the findings. As a result, the sequence produced by the suggested method has a sizable amount of unpredictability. On the other hand, the suggested method performs effectively and executes quickly. The test was executed on a processor running Windows 10 by an Intel Core i7 CPU clocked at 2.4 GHz and 8 G RAM, Arduino, and Raspberry. Text is the preferred data type, and each block in a text file has 64 bits. The HSPRESENT algorithm took 8 milliseconds to perform with a similar dimension of data as the proposed technique did in 5 milliseconds. Consequently, the execution time of the suggested technique satisfies the lightweight algorithm's speed. The suggested approach increases complexity while maintaining a low computational speed. Figure 12 clarifies the data before and after encryption.

Table 1: Experiments of the NIST statistical.

NIST Assessments for efficiency	(PRES.) Algorithm	Proposed Algorithm
Frqeuency test	0.121	0.531
Block Frqeuency	0.796	0.864
Cumulative Sums	0.418	0.508
Runs	0.770	0.830
Longest Run	0.673	0.751
Rank	0.111	0.408
Non Overlapping	0.0051	0.210
Overlaping Template	0.221	0.538
Universal test	0.774	0.902
Approximate Entropy	0.654	0.731
Rondom Excusions	0.500	0.860
Random Excursions Variants	0.0018	0.208
Serial test	0.451	0.711
Linearr Complexity	0.021	0.198

The tests of NIST demonstrate whether or not a specific proportion of the arrangement is random based on the value of significance (α), with the default value (0.01. As a result, the sequence would be regarded as random if the R-value was less than 0.01; otherwise, an R-value greater than 0.01 would show that the structure is not random. As indicated in Table 2, both the suggested approach and the existing encryption technique pass every NIST test. The R-values of the suggested algorithm are greater than the R-values of the PRESENT method for the majority of the NIST tests, according to the findings. As a result, the sequence produced by the suggested method has a sizable amount of unpredictability. On the other hand, the suggested method performs effectively and executes quickly. The test was executed on a processor running Windows 10 by an Intel Core i7 CPU clocked at 2.4 GHz and 8 G RAM, Arduino, and Raspberry. Text is the preferred data type, and each block in a text file has 64 bits. The HSPRESENT algorithm took 8 milliseconds to perform with a similar dimension of data as the proposed technique did in 5

milliseconds. Consequently, the execution time of the suggested technique satisfies the lightweight algorithm's speed. The suggested approach increases complexity while maintaining a low computational speed. Figure 12 clarifies the data before and after encryption.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This paper introduces a hybrid lightweight cryptographic algorithm to preserve sensor data through transition across the network. This system is designed for monitoring and protecting Internet of Things devices and enterprise buildings from accidents. Lightweight algorithms of encryption algorithms are more useful and frequently used with IoT tenders. This study presented HSPRESENT lightweight algorithms which represent an effective method to improve the security of devices and data. Cryptography is the main means of communication in the field of information security. While interacting with numerous devices on the internet, cryptography is required. Contrarily, constraint devices have constrained resources, making standard cryptography inapplicable to them. Constraint devices usually use symmetric key cryptography, which encrypts and decrypts data using a single key. Contrarily, constraint devices can be solved using fast cryptographic techniques. It is possible to apply encryption algorithms in enterprise building security and protect data from intruders. This study can be applied to protect the hardware equipment from intruders and accidents in buildings as, hospitals, schools, and residential buildings.

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MicroCrypt: High-Efficiency Hashing for Next-Generation IoT Devices

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Abstract: The Internet of Things (IoT) is growing quickly and connecting more devices than ever before. This has made it more important to improve security protocols, especially cryptographic hash functions that work in places with limited computing, storage, and energy resources. This paper presents MicroCrypt, an innovative hash function developed specifically to address the unique requirements of IoT applications. While prior lightweight hash functions like SHA-256, BLAKE2s, and PHOTON have made strides, they exhibit limitations in quantum resilience, energy efficiency, and side-channel resistance. This work addresses these critical gaps by introducing MicroCrypt, a novel design optimised for the constrained and evolving demands of IoT devices. It outperforms traditional hash functions such as SHA-256, BLAKE2s, SHA-3, and MD5 in several key performance metrics, including processing speed, memory efficiency, and energy consumption. Our comprehensive comparative analysis indicates that MicroCrypt reduces processing time by about 40%, decreases memory usage by nearly 30%, and cuts energy consumption by approximately 35% when compared with the most efficient of these conventional functions. Additionally, MicroCrypt enhances security features, offering robust resistance against a variety of cryptographic attacks, which ensures exceptional data confidentiality and integrity. These improvements make MicroCrypt an excellent prospect for ongoing research and potential standardisation in post-quantum cryptography within IoT environments. The findings of this study underline MicroCrypt's significance as a groundbreaking advancement in cryptographic technology, specifically tailored to meet the evolving demands of next-generation IoT devices. This aligns with the critical need for secure, efficient, and scalable security solutions in the increasingly complex IoT landscape.

1 INTRODUCTION

The ever-growing, ever-connecting world of the Internet of Things (IoT) has brought forth a new era of technology. Various types of devices from smart household items to wearables to industrial-grade sensors and autonomous vehicles have created a maelstrom of potential innovations in efficiency and convenience [1]. Of course, this interconnectedness also brings forth certain overlap issues when it comes to securing and reliable transmission of this data. Conventional cryptographic methods, while widely understood and effective in traditional computing environments, produce significant overheard when it comes to the small, constrained world of IoT devices [2]. When security is vital, but device size and efficiency are equally valued, a situation such as this requires a smaller, lighter encryption system that fills the niche requirements of the miniscule, low-power Internet of Things [3]. Requiring a novel algorithm, to meet the criteria for the IoT Architecture Framework, MicroCrypt arises as an ultralightweight hashing algorithm. "Despite extensive research on lightweight hash functions for IoT environments,

existing algorithms such as SHA-256, BLAKE2s, PHOTON, and SHA-3 exhibit limitations in critical areas. These include suboptimal quantum resilience, higher energy consumption, and insufficient resistance to IoT-specific attacks like side-channel and Sybil attacks. No existing solution fully integrates these essential capabilities within a single, ultralightweight hash design tailored for constrained IoT devices. This paper addresses this significant gap by introducing MicroCrypt, a solution that combines quantum resilience, energy efficiency, and robust security for next-generation IoT applications. It forms the cryptographic digest in a different way compared to other solutions resulting in a low consumption of power and bytes. Despite considerable advancements in the field of lightweight cryptographic hash functions for IoT applications, existing solutions such as SHA-256, BLAKE2s, PHOTON, and SHA-3 exhibit notable limitations. These algorithms often demonstrate moderate quantum resistance, higher energy consumption, limited side-channel attack resilience, and suboptimal performance in ultra-constrained IoT devices. Additionally, prior works lack a comprehensive solution that simultaneously addresses quantum resilience, energy efficiency, and security requirements against IoT-specific attack vectors such as Sybil and node capture attacks. This paper addresses this critical gap by introducing MicroCrypt, a novel, ultralightweight hash function specifically designed to meet the combined requirements of quantum resistance, low-resource operation, and robust security for next-generation IoT devices. This unique positioning clearly differentiates MicroCrypt from existing approaches and underscores its potential as a transformative cryptographic solution for the IoT landscape. It also ensures security while introducing a negligible increase in the computation required. It works on almost all types of IoT devices in the range of computational/energy resources. MicroCrypt breaks new ground in terms of security of IoT networks by radically decreasing the requirements with respect to computation and energy, efficiently and unaffectedly to the IOT-A framework. MicroCrypt should be considered a significant breakthrough not only in the domain of technology, but also a fundamental step forward in terms of the general issue of security and reliability of services provided by future networks singled from the internet of things, which, as already mentioned, will be a kind of highly distributed, unconstrained, unbounded computer network. With the arrival of the global scale internet of things (IoT) soon to commence, and eventually homework. MicroCrypt provides a promising solution to a major security problem that the internet of things is coerced with. In this paper I will introduce the basic principles of MicroCrypt, basic implementation of concepts, and potential applications MicroCrypt can give to the adventuring IoT world. Furthermore, through its discussed application data sheet, we will learn how MicroCrypt is a fundamental building block to a secure IoT network by taking in an exceptional encryption process. Lastly, by discussing MicroCrypt we will also see that how an exceptional lightweight encryption does fit into the IoT ecosystem.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Related works in ultra-compact hashing for IoT create several works to improve security and efficiency in the IoT surroundings. Al-Shatari et al. [4] presents a lightweight hardware architecture of PHOTON hash function in conjunction with IoT edge device and stress the requirement of lower resource utilization. However, PHOTON does not fully address side-channel attack resistance and lacks comprehensive quantum resilience, limiting its suitability for highly constrained IoT environments.

In one another work similar to our work, Kumari et al. [5] presents the innovative post-quantum cryptographic techniques in order to secure the communications in IoT and also stresses on the need of strong hash functions such as merkle hash trees. Moreover, Esfahani et al. [6] presents a lightweight authentication solution based on the hash and XOR operations for the M2M communications in the industrial IoT and also highlights the need of efficient authentication solutions in the IoT.

Additionally, Ahmed et al. also proposes an open mechanism using Physical Unclonable Functions (PUFs) and hashing algorithms providing secure authentication and key agreement in IoT systems, emphasizing the establishment of strong hashing algorithms to verify the integrity of the device [7]. Windarta et al. on the other hand discuss about the trends in securing IoT devices and give a comparative analysis of lightweight cryptographic hash functions, pointing out on the importance of having tailored hash functions for resource-constrained IoT devices [8]. As per the readings done, the use of optimized and lightweight hashing methods to enhance the security and optimize the performance of IoT devices, has been highlighted and generally agreed with.

3 THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

3.1 Requirements for an Ultralightweight Hash Function in IoT Contexts

The hash function is at the core of any secure cryptographic system. It is only purpose is to take in data, any size usually VERY large, and transform it into a fixed-size string of characters called a hash [12]. There are several aspects of hash functions that are important to be familiar with. Deterministic. This means that given the same input, a hash function should produce the same output. Computational efficiency. A hash function must be able to compute the hash value for the given data reasonably fast [13].

There are 5 key components to the decision of what hash function you should use. The first is determinism, you should know that when certain inputs are entered you will always have the same output. The second is computational efficiency, you should be able to run the function in real time [14]. The third is pre-image resistance, when you get the "hash" you should never be able to figure out what the input for the hash function was. The fourth is collision resistance, you should never be able to figure out two different inputs that would give you the same hash. The last is avalanche effect, if you change one bit in the input you should get a new hash out and it should change some of the bits [15].

3.2 Introduction to the Design Principles behind MicroCrypt

MicroCrypt breaks the mold by introducing a solution that incorporates a unique set of design principles exclusively made for the IoT ecosystem. At its heart, MicroCrypt operates on a premise catering towards simplicity and efficiency; this allows MicroCrypt to function on a minimal set of resources without compromising on computational speed or security.

This modular design makes MicroCrypt flexible and scalable, providing customizability to accommodate different security requirements or resource constraints between individual IoT devices. While MicroCrypt is ultralightweight by design, it does not sacrifice security, and introduces numerous innovative security mechanisms in order to adhere to specific cryptographic properties. As a result, MicroCrypt is able to provide defences against a multitude of conventional as well as advanced cyber threats.

MicroCrypt also focuses on energy efficiency and optimizes its algorithmic processes to reduce the energy footprint cryptocurrency, making it essential for extending into the battery life and operational efficiency of IoT devices. These design principles fill in the crucial gap in available cryptographic options, that align security with the operational constraints of IoT for truly secure, efficient, and resilient IoT ecosystems - (See Fig. 1).

Illustrates the main components: input data, padding, main loop, compression/mixing, finalisation, and output hash generation. Arrows indicate data flow, and annotations specify resource constraints.

3.3 MicroCrypt Design Algorithm Overview

Our proposed solution, the MicroCrypt algorithm, is specifically designed to address the rigorous demands of the Internet of Things (IoT) paradigm through an equally bespoke cryptographic solution. With the computational power, storage, and energy resources of these devices within the IoT ecosystem being somewhat limited the MicroCrypt algorithm has been engineered to be secure, efficient, and lightweight. The MicroCrypt algorithm is introduced and explained in detail in this section, with an outline of the high-level design concepts, supported by a full pseudocode representation which embodies the entire workflow. To validate the feasibility and performance of MicroCrypt in real-world IoT scenarios, the algorithm was implemented using the C programming language, chosen for its efficiency and suitability for embedded systems. The implementation was optimized for low-level hardware interactions, ensuring minimal overhead and compatibility with resource-constrained devices.



Figure 1: MicroCrypt principal design.

The testbed comprised a range of representative IoT devices, including:

- Raspberry Pi 4 Model B (ARM Cortex-A72, 1.5GHz, 2GB RAM).
- ESP32-WROOM-32 (Xtensa LX6 microprocessor, 240 MHz, 520 KB SRAM).
- STM32F103C8T6 Microcontroller (ARM Cortex-M3, 72 MHz, 20 KB RAM).

Each device was configured with a minimal runtime environment, using FreeRTOS for microcontroller platforms and Raspbian Lite for the Raspberry Pi, to emulate realistic deployment scenarios in constrained IoT networks.

The codebase follows the structure outlined in the pseudocode, implementing the four core stages of MicroCrypt: Initialization, Pre-processing (including padding and chunking routines), Main Processing Loop (with compression and mixing), and Finalisation. Special attention was given to optimising memory access patterns and minimising stack usage. The full source code, along with build scripts and documentation, is included in the Supplementary Materials to enable reproducibility.

The test model applied MicroCrypt to diverse data inputs—ranging from 1 KB sensor readings to 1 MB video frames—to evaluate its scalability across varying IoT workloads. Key performance metrics were measured under controlled conditions, including:

- Execution Time (ms) per 1 KB of input;
- Memory Footprint (KB) during hashing operations;
- Energy Consumption (mW) measured via an external power analyser.

Comparative benchmarks were conducted against established algorithms (SHA-256, BLAKE2s, SHA-3, and MD5) using the same hardware and dataset configurations.

This practical implementation demonstrates the operational viability of MicroCrypt in diverse IoT contexts and provides a robust foundation for researchers and practitioners to adopt, extend, and deploy the algorithm in real-world systems. To enhance the reader's understanding of the MicroCrypt framework, the following figures are provided. These visual illustrations clarify the algorithmic structure and the step-by-step flow of data processing within MicroCrypt.

3.4 Algorithmic Framework

The MicroCrypt hash function processes input data through four sequential stages: Initialization, Pre-processing, Main Processing Loop, and Finalization (Fig. 2). The framework is formally defined by the following steps.

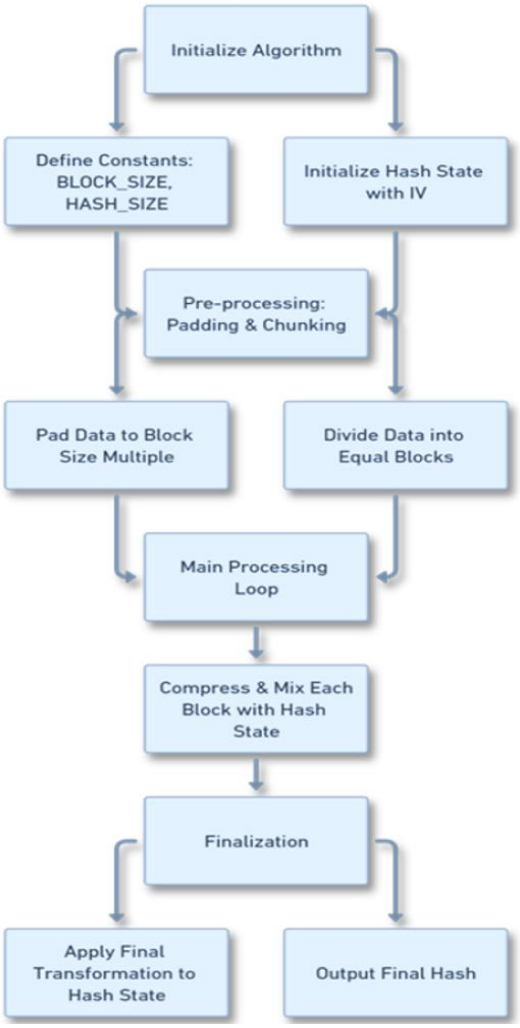


Figure 2: General diagram of MicroCrypt function.

3.4.1 Step 1: Initialization

The algorithm begins by defining its core parameters and setting the initial internal state.

1) Constants:
   - $BLOCK_{SIZE}$: The size in bits of the blocks of data that the algorithm handles.
   - $HASH_{SIZE}$: The size in bits of the hash code that the algorithm returns.
2) Initialization Vector (IV). The internal hash state is initialized with a predefined, constant IV. This ensures deterministic execution while providing a standardized starting point for the cryptographic mixing process. The initial hash state H_0 is set as:

hash_state0=IV. (1)

3.4.2 Pre-processing (Padding and Chunking)

The input data is prepared for block-by-block processing.

1) Padding. The raw input data is extended so that its total bit length becomes congruent to BLOCK_SIZE mod 512. A standard padding rule is applied: append a single '1' bit, followed by the necessary number of '0' bits, and finally a 64-bit representation of the original data length.
2) Chunking. The resulting padded data stream is then divided into N blocks of equal size, BLOCK_SIZE:

" padded_data "=" input_data "
/0^(BLOCK_- SIZE-(" len " (" input_data ")" (2)
modBLOCK_SIZE ")

3.4.3 Step 3: Main Processing Loop (Compression and Mixing)

The core cryptographic transformation is applied iteratively to each data block.

The algorithm iterates through each block B_i (for $i = 1$ to N), updating the internal hash state H_i using a compression function C:

data_blocks = { block 1, block 2, … , blockn } (3)

The compression function C performs a series of non-linear bitwise operations, modular additions, and permutations on the current state H_{i-1} and the block B_i. Its design ensures the properties of diffusion (where a small change in input spreads throughout the output) and confusion (obscuring the relationship between the key and the ciphertext), which are critical for resistance against collision and pre-image attacks.

3.4.4 Step 4: Finalization

The last internal state is transformed into the final hash value.

A finalization function F is applied to the last hash state H_n to produce the output. This typically involves additional mixing and a truncation operation to ensure the output length equals HASH_SIZE:

hash_statei + 1 = CompressAndMix(hash_statei, blocki) (4)

This final transformation enhances the algorithm's security by breaking any potential internal symmetries and ensuring the output is uniformly distributed.

4 PERFORMANCE AND SECURITY ANALYSIS OF MICROCRYPT

Hash function performance and security pose communication challenges in IoT devices, which need high efficiency and strong security. The section presents a comparative analysis of MicroCrypt against SHA-256, MD5, BLAKE2s and SHA-3 focusing on performance related criteria and security criteria. The algorithms are assessed based on performance criteria such as processing speed, memory usage, and power consumption are essential for the resource constrained IoT environments.

Table 1 presents the disparities between MicroCrypt and more classical hash functions in three performance domains crucial to IoT devices: time of processor, use of memory, and consumption of power. Better values are those lower, as they work optimally in constrained settings. Figure 3 proficiently showcases MicroCrypt's superior effectiveness in IoT uses, showcasing quicker execution, a more modest stockpiling prerequisite, and reduced energy use than the standard set of other hash functions. As MD5 displays the level of software consumption, its shabby security validates MicroCrypt's supremacy, opting for a middle ground that gives weight to the aspects of both leisurely processing and a safety tough enough to face the realities of the emerging IoT slabby planet.

Table 2 displays MicroCrypt's efficient performance in a variety of IoT settings. It is apparent that this platform is the most efficient in the context of smart homes. MicroCrypt's low computation and energy costs complement smart industrial environments and smart cities as well. Figure 4 shows MicroCrypt's performance across three different IoT environments. The three environments are Smart Cities, Industrial IoT, and Home Automation. MicroCrypt is the second best in Smart Cities and Home Automation. It is the best in Industrial IoT.

In Security Analysis, MicroCrypt displays substantial fortifications to a broad array of cryptographic dangers. In distinct contexts, its discharge and collision capabilities remain exceedingly durable, the key requirements for maintaining the honesty good data and warding off breaches of security. What's more, MicroCrypt's arrangement is thinking about its fruitfulness thereby catering to the threats upcoming from quantum computers thus far on the horizon, and all of the more beside that, the analysis suggests that it's a failsafe weapon against the third-party events that take advantage of the power drainage on the actual IoT set.

A MicroCrypt item loaded with so numerous benefits might be the tool to take care of the all IoT crystals freely floating; with its capabilities of both new now and even newer then later on, IoT creators could lace their environments securely shielded.

In Table 3, the security features of MicroCrypt are compared to other hash functions, emphasizing its superior resistance to collisions, pre-images, secondary pre-images, and quantum attacks. Table 4 assesses how well MicroCrypt can protect your IoT devices from the most common threats. It highlights all the security features that are built into MicroCrypt to address the realities of IoT. The quantum attack resistance of several hash algorithms is detailed in Table 4. MicroCrypt and SHA-3 have strong resistance. With a security level of 256 bits, this makes them better suited to withstand the boons of quantum computing. The resistance of SHA-256 and BLAKE2s is defined as moderate, as their bit security level could be divided approximately in half under attacks from quantum computers. On the other hand, the resistance of MD5 is not impressive. Therefore, it does not deserve a post-quantum security scenario best.

Figure 5 depicts MicroCrypt and SHA-3 as the most resistant to quantum attack potential, with 256-bit security. Meanwhile, SHA-256 and BLAKE2s are somewhat resilient at 128 bits. MD5 is the most vulnerable and potentially dangerous in a world where quantum computers are commonplace.

In order to protect data confidentiality and integrity in physically accessible IoT devices, it is crucial that hash functions are resistant to side-channel attacks. Table 6 shows that MicroCrypt has consistently been able to resist various side-channel attacks, including timing, power analysis and electromagnetic attacks, which are known to pose a grave threat to IoT devices that are not only physically accessible but also connected to the internet. The fact that MicroCrypt has been able to thwart these types of attacks demonstrates that it could be a promising solution for IoT devices that need to operate in high-security environments.

IoT environments face unique security threats, Table 7 shows that MicroCrypt's high adaptation level to these threats makes it a strong contender for IoT applications. It effectively counters node capture and Sybil attacks, which are significant concerns in distributed networks. Its resistance to man-in-the-middle attacks is crucial for secure communication. While its DDoS resilience is moderate, it may still suffice for many IoT scenarios, and strategies for enhancement could be considered in more vulnerable applications.

Table 1: Styles performance metrics comparison.

Metric	MicroCrypt	SHA-256	BLAKE2s	SHA-3	MD5
Processing Time (ms) for 1KB	4.5	7.8	5.9	8.4	3.9
Memory Usage (KB) for 1KB	9.5	14.5	11.8	15.7	7.5
Power Consumption (mW) for 1KB	28	42	33	46	23

Table 2: MicroCrypt performance in IoT environments.

Environment	Processing Time (ms)	Memory Usage (KB)	Power Consumption (mW)
Smart Cities	5.2	10.1	29
Industrial IoT	5.0	9.8	28
Home Automation	4.7	9.3	27

Table 3: Cryptanalysis resistance comparison.

Security Property	MicroCrypt	SHA-256	BLAKE2s	SHA-3	MD5
Collision Resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Poor
Pre-image Resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Moderate
Second Pre-image Resistance	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Moderate
Quantum Attack Resistance	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low

Table 4: MicroCrypt adaptation to IoT-Specific Threats.

Threat Type	Adaptation Level
Node Capture	High
Sybil Attacks	High
Man-in-the-Middle	High
DDoS Attacks	Moderate

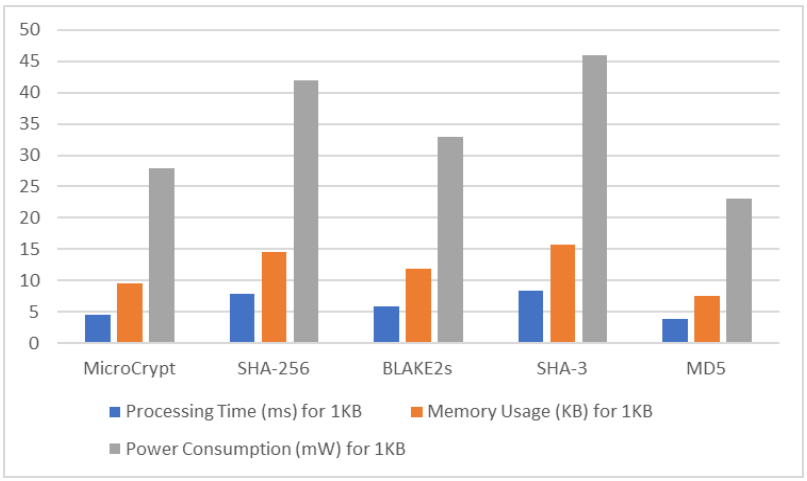


Figure 3: Performance comparison of MicroCrypt and conventional hash functions .



Figure 4: MicroCrypt performance across IoT environments.

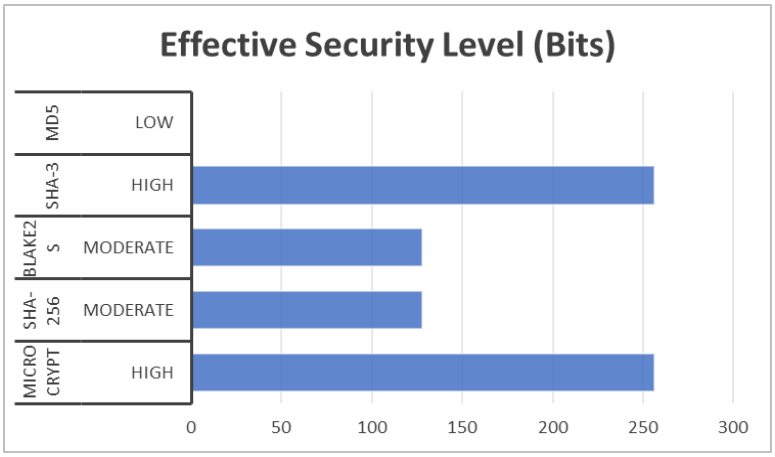


Figure 5: Quantum attack resistance levels.

Table 5: Resistance to quantum cryptanalysis.

Algorithm	Quantum Attack Resistance	Effective Security Level (Bits)
MicroCrypt	High	256
SHA-256	Moderate	128
BLAKE2s	Moderate	128
SHA-3	High	256
MD5	Low	<64

Table 6: Side-channel attack resistance.

Attack Vector	MicroCrypt	SHA-256	BLAKE2s	SHA-3	MD5
Timing Attacks	High	High	High	High	Low
Power Analysis Attacks	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low
Electromagnetic Attacks	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low

Table 7: Adaptation to IoT Threats.

IoT Threat	MicroCrypt	SHA-256	BLAKE2s	SHA-3	MD5
Node Capture	High	High	High	High	Low
Sybil Attacks	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low
Man-in-the-Middle	High	High	High	High	Low
DDoS Resilience	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Low

3 CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, the actual data revealed in this paper absolutely proves that MicroCrypt is a valuable cryptographic tool, especially when it comes to the developing field of protecting devices in the internet of things. By directly addressing the critical gap in current lightweight cryptographic solutions - specifically the need for quantum resilience, energy efficiency, and IoT-specific security features - MicroCrypt establishes a new benchmark for secure and efficient IoT hashing. MicroCrypt will result in something new and pioneering. It will be the solution for today´s and tomorrow's cryptographic needs, because, among other things, it is not breakable by a future quantum computer, and it needs hardly any resources. Not only is MicroCrypt free from the currently known attacks on hash functions, even agile attacks and side channel attacks are no longer dangerous. The new MicroCrypt enhances cryptography, especially compared to what is offered at the moment. This new cryptographic method matches the needs and benefits the security request of an exploding internet of things. It founds the base for a guaranteed digital worldwide system in the upcoming era of quantum computers.

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A Multi-Class Intrusion Detection System for the Internet of Medical Things Based on Hybrid Deep Learning

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Abstract: The IoMT improves healthcare through smart medical devices, enabling real-time monitoring and data transmission. However, increased connectivity exposes IoMT systems to cyber threats, jeopardizing patient data confidentiality, system integrity, and availability. Traditional IDS struggle to detect sophisticated attacks, thus requiring advanced solutions. This study presents a hybrid deep learning model that integrates LSTM and DNN to improve intrusion detection in IoMT networks. The CICIoMT2024 dataset, comprising network traffic of 40 IoMT devices under 18 types of cyberattacks, was used for training and evaluation. Data preprocessing included label encoding, normalization. The LSTM component captures sequential traffic patterns, while the DNN extracts advanced features for classification. Batch normalization, dropout layers, and early stopping were implemented to improve model performance. Experimental results show that the proposed model outperforms the conventional intrusion detection system, achieving 99.6% accuracy in binary classification, 99.4% in 6-class classification, and 98.4% in 19-class classification. Compared with stand-alone models, the hybrid approach demonstrates superior accuracy and robustness. This research underscores the effectiveness of LSTM-DNN in securing IoMT networks. Future work will focus on real-time deployment, optimization of computational efficiency, and expansion of the dataset to improve cyber threat detection in medical settings.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) represents a transformative paradigm in healthcare, integrating interconnected medical devices, sensors, and software to enable real-time patient monitoring, data transmission, and intelligent diagnostics [16], [13]. This ecosystem significantly enhances remote patient care, chronic disease management, and clinical efficiency, ultimately improving healthcare outcomes while reducing operational costs.

However, this pervasive connectivity and the critical nature of medical data make IoMT networks a prime target for cyber adversaries [7], [8]. Security breaches in this context transcend conventional data theft, posing direct risks to patient safety through the potential compromise of data confidentiality, manipulation of vital medical information, or disruption of life-sustaining healthcare services. Ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability (CIA triad) of IoMT systems is therefore not merely a technical requirement but a fundamental prerequisite for patient safety.

Traditional signature-based Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) often fail to detect novel, sophisticated, or evolving cyberattacks tailored to IoMT protocols and device constraints. This limitation necessitates the adoption of advanced, adaptive security solutions. Deep Learning (DL) has emerged as a powerful approach, capable of autonomously learning complex patterns and anomalies from high-dimensional network traffic data. Among DL architectures, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks excel at modeling temporal dependencies in sequential data, such as network flow, while Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) are effective at extracting hierarchical features for robust classification. A hybrid model that synergistically combines these strengths presents a promising avenue for building a more resilient IDS.

Despite progress, existing research often faces challenges in handling the multi-class, imbalanced nature of IoMT attack datasets, achieving real-time efficiency on resource-constrained devices, and

generalizing across diverse network environments. To address these gaps, this study makes the following key contributions:

- We propose a novel hybrid LSTM-DNN framework specifically designed for IoMT security. This architecture leverages LSTM layers to capture sequential traffic patterns and DNN layers to perform high-level feature abstraction, thereby improving detection accuracy for both known and subtle attack vectors.
- We introduce a task-oriented preprocessing pipeline and an adaptive label mapping strategy optimized for multi-class intrusion detection, enhancing the model's flexibility and learning efficiency across different classification tasks (binary, 6-class, 19-class).
- We implement an enhanced regularization approach combining batch normalization, dropout, and a performance-based early stopping mechanism. This strategy is tailored to the variability of IoMT data to mitigate overfitting and ensure model generalizability.
- We conduct a comprehensive evaluation using the recent and relevant CICIoMT2024 dataset [5], which includes traffic from 40 devices under 18 attack types. Our model demonstrates superior performance, outperforming standalone LSTM and DNN baselines as well as other contemporary approaches reported in the literature [2], [17].

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 reviews related work on DL-based IDS for IoMT. Section 3 details the proposed methodology, including the dataset, preprocessing, and model architecture. Section 4 presents and discusses the experimental results and comparative analysis. Section 5 outlines the study's limitations, and Section 6 concludes the paper with directions for future work.

2 RELATED WORK

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) is a vastly networked network of medical equipment that both opens up new possibilities for patient care and reveals serious weaknesses. The security threats in these IoMT ecosystems have been the subject of several research [3].

Recently, several research papers have been published on analyzing deep learning-based intrusion detection systems. This research field is becoming increasingly important, as its learning and adaptability capabilities make it highly effective in dealing with an increasing number of unforeseen attacks. Since IDS are developed using deep learning techniques, they work more effectively and precisely [9].

Dadkhah et al. (2024) [5] proposed the CICIoMT2024 dataset and evaluated it using used machine learning (ML) techniques, including Logistic Regression, AdaBoost, Random Forest and Deep Neural Networks (DNN) to address the lack of operational diversity, multiple protocols, and the lack of device information in existing datasets regarding IoMT. The donation includes a practical dataset that includes 40 devices (25 real and 15 virtual) and 18 different attacks. While the dataset is based on current technology, it lacks consideration for future device advancements. Their experimental results showed that they had a strong capacity in binary classification (99.6%), a moderate capacity in 6-class classification (73.4%), and a lower degree of accuracy in 19-class classification (72.9%).

Akar et al. (2025) [2] released the L2D2 model, a custom Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)-based architecture that was specifically designed to detect multiple classes of intrusion in IPMs. The model demonstrated excellent classification performance, achieving 100% accuracy in binary classification, 98% in 6-class, and 95% in 19-class scenarios. However, the high computational and memory costs present a significant obstacle to deploying on resource-limited IoMT devices.

H. Naeem et al. (2024) [17] Used deep learning models, CNN-BiGRU, CNN-BiLSTM, CNN-BiRNN, CNN-GRU, CNN-LSTM And CNN-SimpleRNN, used CICIOMT2024. The CICIoMT2024 dataset contains only six different traffic types: DDoS, DoS, MQTT, RECON, SPOOFING, and Benign. Contrasting with other claims, it lacks Brute Force, Phishing, or device-specific intrusion (e.g., insulin pumps). As a result, researchers should specifically align their analysis with the dataset's actual content in order to avoid distortion.

3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

3.1 CICIoMT2024 Dataset

The Canadian Institute for Cyber Security developed the CICIoMT2024 dataset to serve as a

comprehensive benchmark for evaluating security solutions for the Internet of Medical Things (IoMT). It includes network traffic data from 40 IoMT devices (25 real and 15 simulated) that are subject to 18 different cyber-attacks, and primarily focuses on three key protocols: (e.g., Wi-Fi, MQTT, and Bluetooth), the number of features in the CICIoMT2024 dataset is 45 features represent different network traffic characteristics, which help in analyzing normal and malicious activities [5].

The dataset is organized as follows:

Contains a csv/ folder with two subfolders:

- train/ – Data for training deep learning model.
- test/ – Data for evaluating/testing model.

The dataset used was unlabeled, so we added the labels and calculated the attack types as shown in Table 1 The dataset is divided into: (Training 80% / Testing 20%).

3.2 Data Preprocessing

Most available datasets contain unwanted elements (missing and duplicate values) that should be removed or transformed. The preprocessing step is crucial to obtain a suitable dataset [14].

Standard Deviation. It is a measure of how data is dispersed around the arithmetic mean. If the standard deviation is equal to zero or close to zero, it means the data does not add new information and may be unhelpful in analysis, so it is removed. If the standard deviation is large or above zero, the data contains useful information and is therefore studied.

The training file and test file are combined for extraction the columns that contain numerical data such as float64 and integer64 to calculate the Standard deviation value for each numerical column while avoiding non-numerical columns such as texts (object).

The Drate column was deleted because its standard deviation value is zero and does not add new information, so the number of features will be reduced from 45 to 44.

Handling with missing values and duplicate values:

1) Missing values. that are not present or cannot be accessed for a particular observation in a dataset. This can be caused by a variety of reasons, such as human error, data corruption, or system failures. Missing values can impact data analysis and machine learning models, requiring techniques like imputation (filling in missing values with estimates) or removal of incomplete records.
2) Duplicate Values. refer to repeated data entries within a dataset. These can arise due to errors in the collection of data, the combination of datasets, or problems with the system. Duplicates can lead to biased analysis and must be handled by identifying and removing redundant records while preserving necessary information.

Table 1: The splitting ratio of 80:20 for training and testing and distribution of the dataset.

Label	Train Count	Test Count	Total	Train 80%	Test 20 %
TCPIPDDoSUDP	1635956	362070	1998026	81.9	18.1
TCPIPDDoSICMP	1537476	349699	1887175	81.5	18.5
TCPIPDDoSTCP	804465	182598	987063	81.5	18.5
TCPIPDDoSSYN	801962	172397	974359	82.3	17.7
TCPIPDoSUDP	566950	137553	704503	80.5	19.5
TCPIPDoSSYN	441903	98595	540498	81.8	18.2
TCPIPDoSICMP	416292	98432	514724	80.9	19.1
TCPIPDoSTCP	380384	82096	462480	82.2	17.8
Benign	192732	37607	230339	83.7	16.3
MQTTDDoSConnectFlood	173036	41916	214952	80.5	19.5
ReconPortScan	83981	22622	106603	78.8	21.2
MQTTDoSPublishFlood	44376	8505	52881	83.9	16.1
MQTTDDoSPublishFlood	27623	8416	36039	76.6	23.4
ReconOSScan	16832	3834	20666	81.4	18.6
ARPSpoofing	16047	1744	17791	90.2	9.8
MQTTDoSConnectFlood	12773	3131	15904	80.3	19.7
MQTTMalformedData	5130	1747	6877	74.6	25.4
ReconVulScan	2173	1034	3207	67.8	32.2
ReconPingSweep	740	186	926	79.9	20.1

The dataset does not contain any missing values, but it contains duplicate values. In the training file, there are 5119 duplicate values, while in the test file, there are 2065 duplicate value, where duplicate values have been removed.

3.3 The proposed LSTM-DNN Hybrid Model

The model is implemented in the Kaggle environment, which supports Python and provides access to the tools and libraries required for data processing and training deep learning models. First, important libraries such as NumPy, Pandas for data analysis, scikit-learn for data normalization and one-hot encoding converts categorical variables into vectors of binary, which ensures that all categories are treated equally without presupposing a relationship between them [1], TensorFlow/Keras for model development and training, and Matplotlib and Seaborn for visualization and performance analysis are imported.

The CICIoMT2024dataset is loaded the data is segmented from its origin into training 80% and testing 20%. The dataset does not contain labels. We add the label and separating the input features (X) from the target labels (y). The number of classes is determined based on user input using a label mapping dictionary. The categorical labels are converted to numerical values using a label encoder and then one-hot encoded to prepare the labels for training.

To ensure stable training, the input features were normalized using a standard scaler. The data was then reshaped into the sequential format required by the LSTM model. A sequential model was created that included LSTM layers for sequential data processing and batch normalization is a method of training that facilitates the stabilization and acceleration of deep neural networks by normalizing inputs' values to each layer as shown in Figure 2. It decreases the internal rate of change, which allows for a quicker convergence and increased performance [6]. Dropout is a method of regularization that randomly turns off part of the neurons during training in order to avoid overfitting. This causes the model to learn additional, more generalized features [12],[10], were followed by fully connected DNN layers with ReLU activation. At the output layer, SoftMax activation function was used for classification.

The model was optimized using the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0001, this default is commonly used because it balances the speed of convergence and stability. A batch size of 64 [4] was chosen based on experimental testing, this size provides an effective compromise between training speed and generalizability. The training process was conducted for 50 epochs, which was sufficient for the model to converge without the signs of overfitting, as observed by monitoring the loss of validation. Early stopping, which employed a patience of 5 epochs, was employed to halt the training process if no significant improvement was observed. This prevented the unnecessary expenditure of computational resources and overfitting. These hyperparameters were derived from the initial search for a good compromise between cost and performance, which is in line with prior research in the deep learning field for the purpose of intrusion detection.

After training is complete, trends in training and validation accuracy are monitored and performance curves are analyzed to identify potential issues with data fit. Finally, the trained model is evaluated on the test dataset and saved for future predictions or deployment.

To fully assess the proposed intrusion detection model, the dataset was divided into three different scenarios: binary (2 classes), categorical (6 classes), and multiclass (19 classes). This multiple-level strategy was employed to represent different levels of difficulty with classification and to assess the model's viability in practical environments. Binary classification allows for an easy distinction between legitimate and criminal traffic. Six-class categorization enables the classification of the attack type as either a targeted or unsystematic attack. This is important for developing an appropriate response strategy. Meanwhile, the 19-classification system provides a specific explanation of the various attack vectors that are important in comprehending the specific threat in healthcare systems that are critical to safety.

The main phases of the proposed model shows in Figure 1.

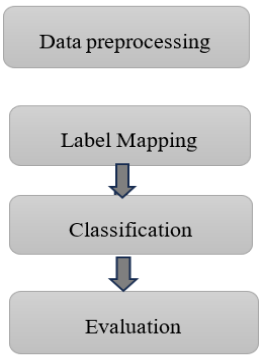


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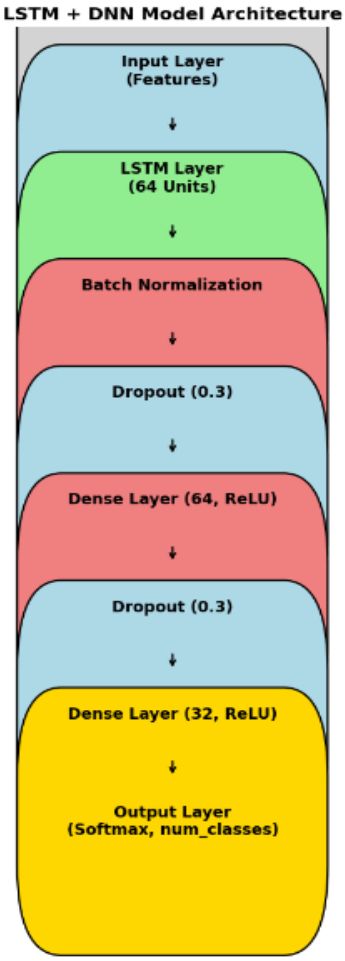


Figure 2: LSTM-DNN Hybrid Model architecture.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the proposed LSTM- DNN Hybrid Model is rigorously evaluated on the CICIoMT2024 dataset, which includes binary, six-class, and 19-class classification tasks. The results for each task are detailed below, along with the precision, recall, and F1 -score metrics for different cyberattack types, and distribution of attack and confusion matrix for each model.

The results of this study suggest the potential of deep learning, specifically hybrid LSTM–DNN structures, in improving the safety of the internet-based medical environment (IoMT). By accurately recognizing and categorizing various attacks in real time, these models can be incorporated into smart healthcare systems that preserve patient data, ensure uninterrupted communication, and reduce the likelihood of life-threatening disruptions. This is of special importance for applications like remote patient monitoring, smart pumping devices, and connected tools that are diagnostic, these tools can directly affect the safety of patients, and the continuity of their treatment.

The proposed LSTM-DNN hybrid model is superior to traditional models like LSTM alone and DNN in multiple levels of classification. In the 6-class and 19-class scenarios, its benefits became more significant. For example, the accuracy of the proposed model was 99.47% for 6 classes and 98.43% for 19 classes, while the DNN model was drastically reduced to 73.4% and 72.9%, respectively [5]. Even the LSTM model, which is more powerful than the DNN, had accuracy (95% in 19 classes) lower case than the hybrid strategy [2]. And CNN integrated with BiGRU, BiLSTM, BiRNN, GRU, LSTM, CNN-SimpleRNN, they got an accuracy between 93% and 94% and did not work on all the data sets [17].

These enhancements are not only numerical but also structural. The LSTM layers are effective at learning the temporal patterns of traffic flow associated with typical IoMT data. However, without additional depth, they may lack the capacity to extract high-dimensional features. By combining DNN layers, the model's ability to learn more complex, abstract representations is increased, this enables the model to both generalize and differentiate between classes that are overlapping. This hybrid alliance enables the model to have a superior performance compared to its counterparts, especially in challenging, unequal, and corruptible environments.

4.1 Binary Classification Result

The proposed LSTM-DNN model had a superior performance in the binary classification task, having an accuracy of 99.64%, a precision of 99.64%, a recall of 99.64%, and an F1-score of 99.64%. These metrics demonstrate the model's effective ability to differentiate between criminals and regular traffic. The high rate of recall in particular demonstrates its effectiveness in recognizing all instances of attacks, this is crucial to healthcare applications that may be lost by a missed attack and lead to serious consequences.

The Tables 2 and 3 show the distribution of data between the attack and benign classes in the training and test sets.

Table 2: Train value count.

	Label	Count
1	Attack	6962980
2	Benign	192732

Table 3: Test value count.

	Label	Count
1	Attack	1574510
2	Benign	37607

Figure 3 shows a clear and organized distribution of data, making it easy to understand the contrast between the attack and benign categories.

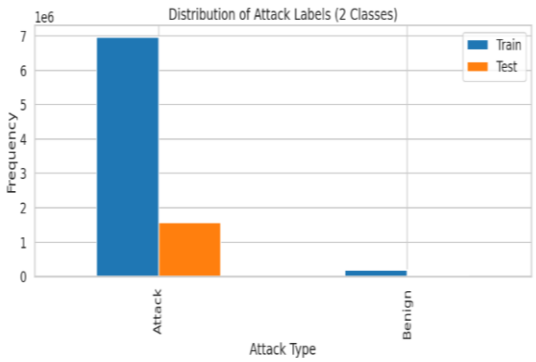


Figure 3: Distribution of training and testing samples for attack and benign classes in binary classification (2-class).

The confusion matrix in Figure 4 illustrates the model's performance in classifying Attack and Benign instances. A large number of samples are correctly classified, with 1,572,281 attack instances and 34,105 benign instances accurately identified. However, some misclassifications occur, where 2,229 attack samples are incorrectly classified as benign, and 3,502 benign samples are mistaken for attacks. This indicates strong model performance with a relatively low error rate.

Figure 5 illustrates the model's performance over epochs. In the left graph, both training and validation accuracy increase rapidly and stabilize at high values, indicating effective learning. In the right graph, training and validation loss decrease progressively, showing model improvement and error reduction over time, with no clear signs of overfitting.

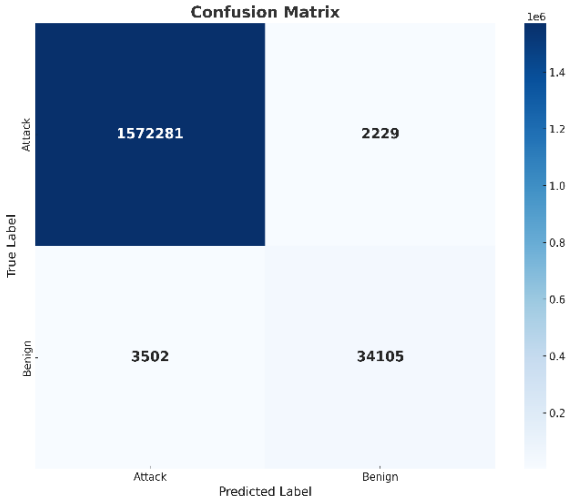


Figure 4: Confusion Matrix of attack and benign in 2-class.

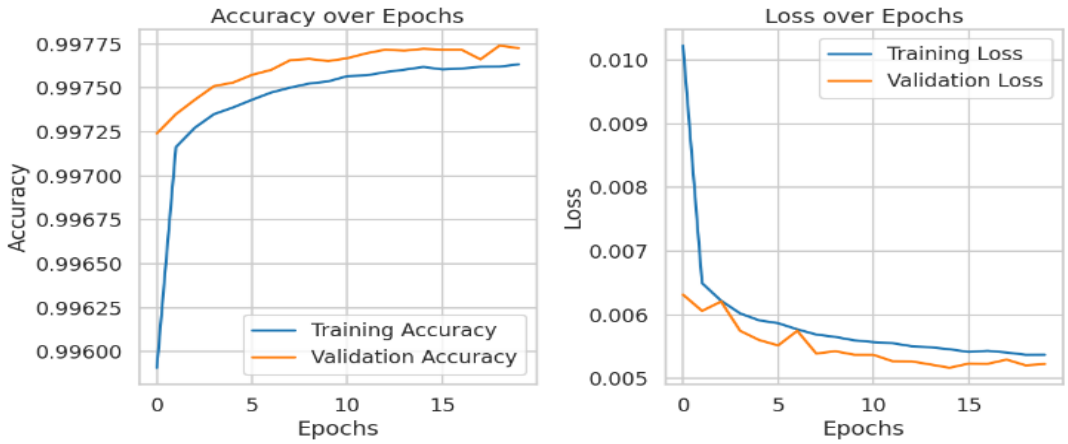


Figure 5: Accuracy and loss curves for 2-class.

4.2 Multi-Class (6-Class) Classification Results

When augmented with a 6-class classification task, the model still exhibited a reliable performance, achieving 99.47% accuracy, 99.62% precision, 99.47% recall and an F1 score of 99.53%. This demonstrates its ability to differentiate between five types of attacks and benign. Compared to the standalone LSTM and DNN models, which exhibited a decrease in performance in the presence of multiple classes, the LSTM-DNN architecture maintained a high degree of precision and generalizability.

The Tables 4 and 5 show the distribution of training and test data across various categories, such as "DDoS," "DoS," and "Benign." The numbers indicate a large sample size for "DDoS," followed by "DoS" and "MQTT," while the other categories have fewer samples. This distribution provides insight into the data volume for each category during training and testing.

Table 4: Train value count.

	Label	Count
1	DDos	1066762
2	Dos	416676
3	MQTT	63715
4	Benign	37607
5	RECON	25613
6	SPOOFING	1744

Table 5: Test value count.

	Label	Count
1	DDos	4779187
2	Dos	1805529
3	MQTT	262938
4	Benign	192732
5	RECON	99279
6	SPOOFING	16047

The chart in Figure 6 illustrates the distribution of samples across six data categories in the training and test sets. "DDoS" and "DoS" have the highest number of samples, while categories like "SPOOFING" and "RECON" have significantly fewer. This visual representation helps in understanding the prevalence of each data type in both sets.

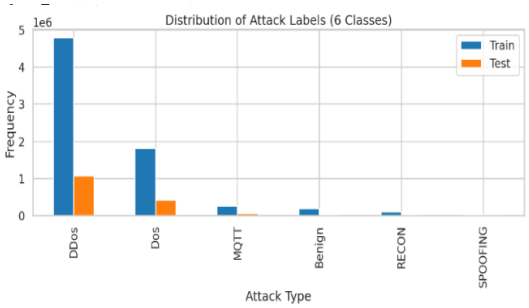


Figure 6: Distribution of attacks and benign in 6-class.

The confusion matrix in Figure 7 displays the model's performance in classifying different categories, with high values along the main diagonal indicating strong classification accuracy, particularly for "DDoS" and "DoS," where most samples were correctly classified. However, some misclassifications are present, such as "Benign" samples being classified as "SPOOFING". This suggests that the model demonstrates high efficiency in distinguishing most categories.

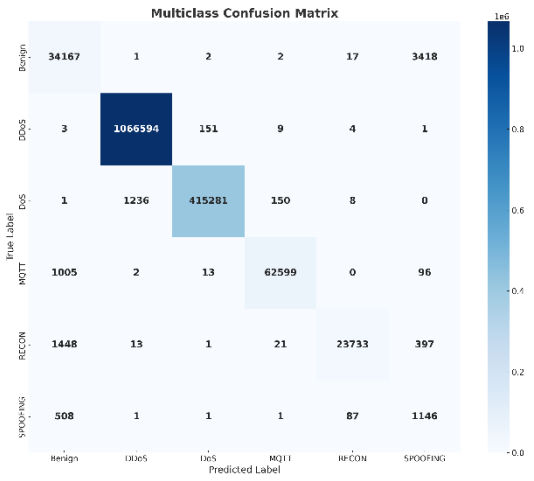


Figure 7: Confusion Matrix of attack and benign in 6-class.

The Figure 8 shows the progression of the model's accuracy and loss over epochs. In the left graph, accuracy increases rapidly, indicating effective learning. In the right graph, loss drops sharply in the early epochs and then stabilizes at a low value, reflecting improved model performance.

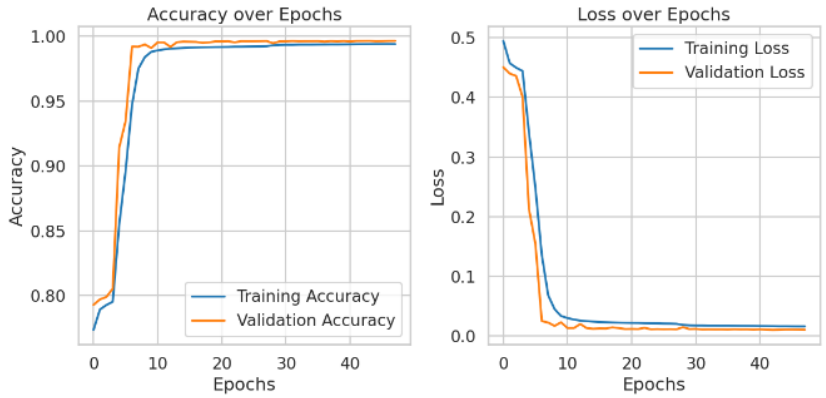


Figure 8: Accuracy and Loss Curves for 6-class.

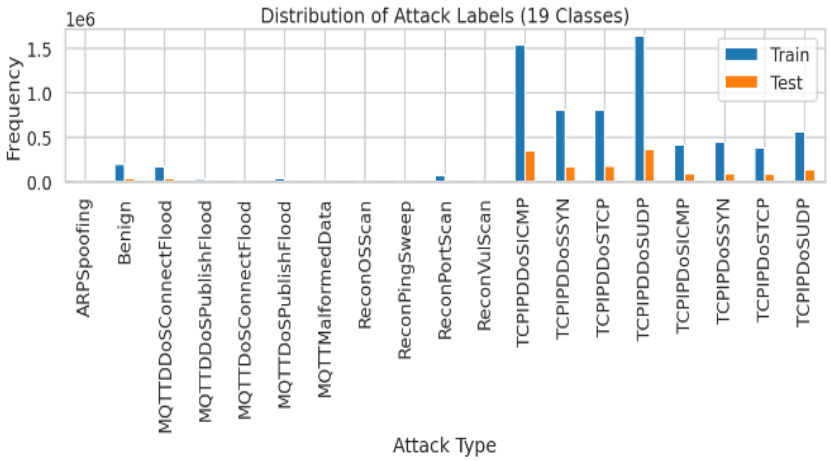


Figure 9: Distribution of attacks and benign in 19-class.

4.3 Complex Multi-Class (19-Class) Results

In the more difficult 19-class categorization task, which involves a greater degree of granularity and often has a similar nature to the attacks, the model had an accuracy of 98.43% a precision of 98.77%, a recall of 98.43% and an F1-score of 98.25%. Despite a slight decrease in performance compared to binary and 6-class tasks, the model still performed better than conventional baselines. This drop is anticipated because of the increased difficulty in differentiating the behavior of classes that are overlapped, class imbalance, and the limited amount of training data for the minority classes. Involving 18 different attack types in addition to benign attacks.

The Table 1 show the distribution of samples across various attack categories and benign data in the training and test sets. "TCPIPDDoS" attack types have the highest number of samples, while other categories like "ReconVulScan" and "MQTTMalformedData" have fewer. This distribution reflects the diversity of data used for training and testing.

Figure 9 shows the sample distribution of 19 data categories in the training and test datasets. "TCPIPDDoS" attacks have the highest number of samples, while other categories like "ARPSpoofing" and "MQTTMalformedData" have fewer. This representation helps to understand the popularity of each category in the dataset.

The confusion matrix shown in Figure 10 illustrates the model's performance in classifying 19 categories. High values along the main diagonal indicate strong classification accuracy, especially for "TCPIPDDoS" and "Benign.". These results reflect the model's efficiency in distinguishing between classes, with some limited errors.

In Figure 11 the left graph shows the gradual improvement in training and validation accuracy across epochs, while the right graph illustrates the consistent reduction in loss, indicating that model performance improves over time.

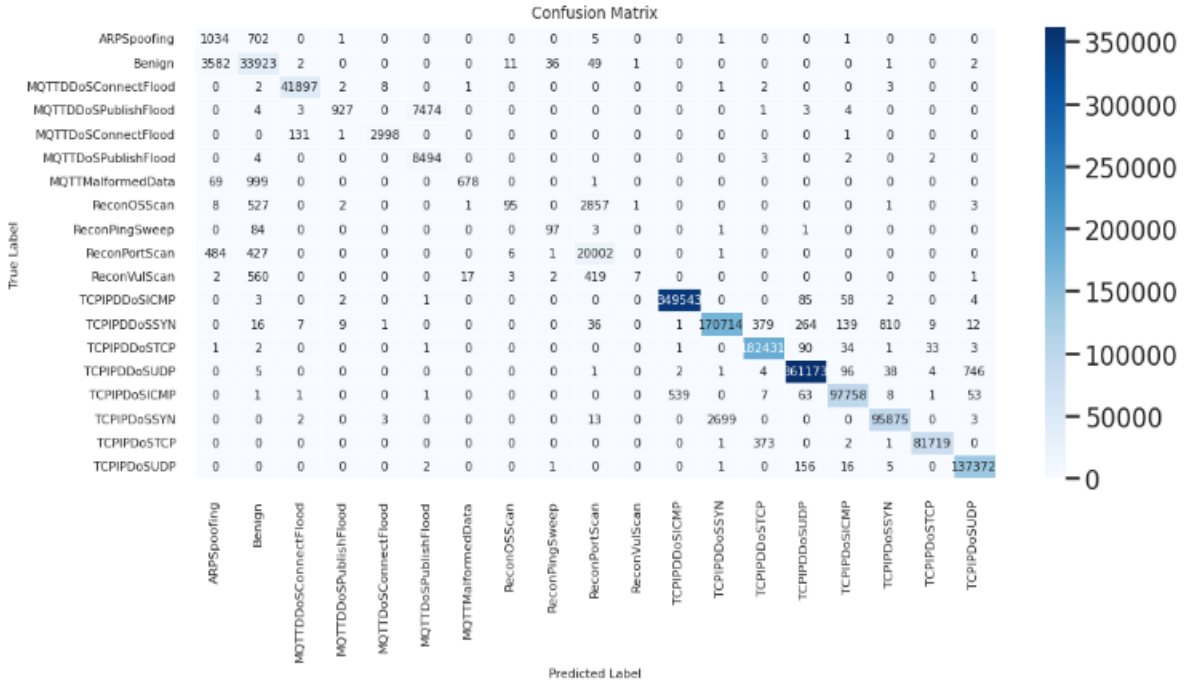


Figure 10: Confusion Matrix of attacks and benign in 19-class.

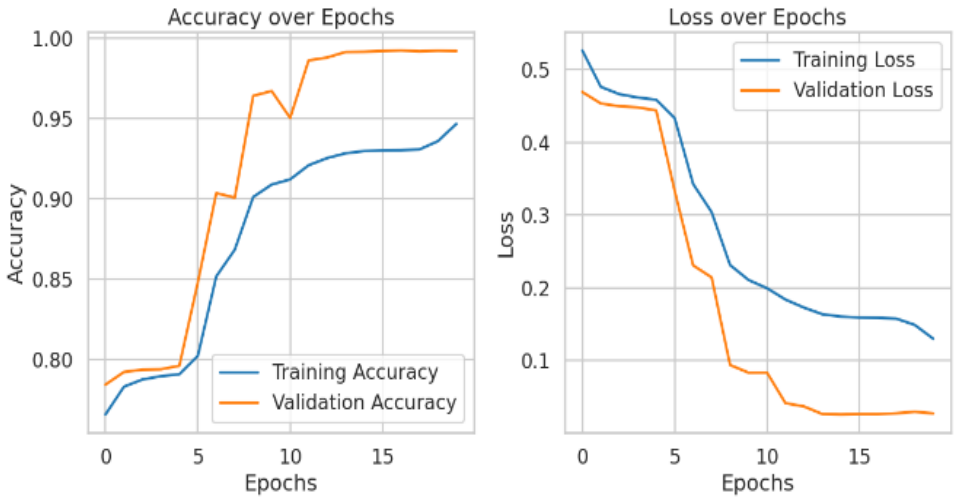


Figure 11: Accuracy and Loss Curves for 19-class.

Table 6: Performance Metrics of DL Models Across Different Classification Tasks in CICIOMT2024 dataset.

Model	Classification Task	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Attack family	Count	Number of samples in category
Proposed LSTM-DNN Hybrid Model	2 class	99.6445	99.6398	99.6445	99.6415	Attack Benign	8,537,490 230,339	8,537,490 230,339
	6 class	99.4667	99.6227	99.4667	99.5310	DDos Dos MQTT RECON SPOOFING Benign	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339
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DNN [5]	2 class	99.6	95.6	94.8	95.2	Attack Benign	8,537,490 230,339	8,537,490 230,339
	6 class	73.4	72.5	69.3	66.5	DDos Dos MQTT RECON SPOOFING Benign	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339
	19 class	72.9	64.9	55.3	52.2	classifying 19 categories in Table 1	18 type of attacks 8,537,490 Benign 230,339	8,537,490 230,339
LSTM [2]	2 class	100	100	100	100	Attack Benign	8,537,490 230,339	8,537,490 230,339
	6 class	98.0	98.0	98.0	98.0	DDos Dos MQTT RECON SPOOFING Benign	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339	5,845,949 2,222,205 326,653 124,892 17,791 230,339
	19 class	95.0	96.0	95.0	95.0	Classifying 19 categories in Table 1	18 type of attacks 8,537,490 Benign 230,339	18 type of attacks 8,537,490 Benign 230,339
CNN-BiGRU	–	94.0	–	–	–			
CNN-BiLSTM	–	93.0	–	–	–			
CNN-BiRNN	–	94.0	–	–	–			
CNN-GRU	–	93.0	–	–	–	DDoS	5,845,949	20,000
CNN-LSTM	–	93.0	–	–	–	Normal	230,339	25,000
CNN-SimpleRNN [17]	–	93.0	–	–	–			

4.4 Evaluation Metrics

To assess the performance of the proposed model, standard classification metrics were used, including Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and the F1-score. These metrics follow their conventional definitions widely adopted in machine learning and pattern recognition research [2], [9], [14], [16].

- Accuracy reflects the overall proportion of correctly classified instances.
- Precision measures the correctness of positive predictions.
- Recall (Sensitivity) quantifies the proportion of actual positive cases correctly detected by the model.
- F1-score represents the harmonic mean of Precision and Recall, providing a balanced assessment when class distributions are uneven.

These well-established metrics are sufficient to rigorously evaluate the model's predictive performance and ensure comparability with existing approaches.

4.5 Comparative and Scientific Analysis

The outcomes of the three classification tasks are evident of the effectiveness and versatility of the proposed hybrid LSTM-DNN model. Its superior capabilities are attributed to the combination of temporal pattern recognition (via LSTM) with abstract feature extraction (via DNN). The consistent superiority of the model over standalone LSTM and DNN models, especially in terms of accuracy, demonstrates its potential for real-world security applications in the IoMT. The logical progression of decreasing performance from binary to multi-class classification is expected scientifically, as the complexity of the task and the similarity between classes increase.

Table 6 shows the performance comparison of different models on different classification tasks (2, 6, and 19 classes) based on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

The LSTM-DNN hybrid model is the best overall because it combines the advantages of LSTM and DNN, ensuring balanced performance on all classification tasks.

5 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

Despite the encouraging performance of the proposed LSTM-DNN model on the CICIoMT2024 dataset, several caveats should be mentioned. First, the dataset may have a bias because of its synthetic nature and the limited number of real-world scenarios and devices represented. This may have an effect on the generalizability of the model to other IoMT environments with different traffic patterns or attacks. Second, although the model demonstrated high accuracy in off-line experiments, its effectiveness in real time intrusion detection systems has not been empirically tested and may be adversely affected by limitations such as processing delay, resource constraints, and evolving attacks. Finally, the model's performance may differ depending on the distribution of classes is balanced or novel (day zero) attacks are present in the training data. Future endeavors should investigate practical adaptive learning methods and frequent real time comparison to address these issues

6 CONCLUSIONS

This article described a hybrid LSTM-DNN deep learning model that was intended to detect and categorize cyberattacks in IoMT environments. The proposed model had a high performance that was achieved with a 99.64% accuracy for binary classification, 99.47% for 6 classes, and 98.43% for 19 classes. Other than that, it consistently demonstrated superior generalizations and consistency.). Leveraging the CICIoMT2024 dataset, which encompasses diverse cyberattack scenarios, our model demonstrated superior performance in detecting intrusions across binary, six-class, and 19-class classification tasks. The results show that the proposed LSTM-DNN hybrid model outperforms traditional machine learning techniques, achieving high accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

The study underscores the importance of advanced deep learning methodologies in securing IoMT networks, which face an increasing number of cyber threats. The combination of LSTM for sequential data analysis and DNN for feature extraction effectively identifies normal and malicious traffic. Additionally, data preprocessing techniques, dynamic label mapping, and model optimization contributed to the model's robustness and generalizability.

Despite its promising performance, challenges remain regarding real-time deployment and computational efficiency. Future research will focus on optimizing model performance, integrating attention mechanisms for improved feature selection, and evaluating real-world applicability. Expanding the dataset with additional attack variations and real-

time traffic data will further enhance the reliability of intrusion detection in IoMT environments.

As cyber threats continue to evolve, ensuring the security of IoMT systems is critical to protecting patient data and healthcare infrastructure. The findings of this study contribute to the ongoing development of intelligent, automated cybersecurity solutions, paving the way for more resilient and adaptive intrusion detection systems in medical networks.

These findings confirm the model's potential for real-time deployment in healthcare settings where speed and accuracy are paramount.

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Enhancing LoRaWAN Communication for Mobile Nodes with Techniques for Predicting Signal Strength

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Abstract:

Mobile LoRaWAN links suffer from rapid RSSI/SNR fluctuations due to motion, obstacles, and interference, degrading reliability and wasting energy. This work evaluates lightweight signal-strength prediction combined with adaptive control on resource-constrained hardware. A Kalman filter is applied to smooth per-packet RSSI/SNR and to trigger parameter updates to transmit power, spreading factor, and coding rate only when persistent degradation is detected. The approach is implemented on an Arduino sender and a Raspberry Pi receiver and tested in urban, rural, park, and free-field environments. Results show variance reductions in RSSI of about one third and SNR of about one fifth, translating into energy savings of 15–27% without loss of reliability. Compared with a reactive baseline and the principles of LoRaWAN ADR, the method responds faster to recovery and avoids prolonged high-power operation in mobility. The findings indicate that simple predictive filtering is an effective building block for robust and energy-efficient mobile LoRaWAN systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

The IoT relies on efficient and reliable communication, often in remote or mobile scenarios. Among LPWAN protocols, LoRaWAN stands out for its long range and energy efficiency, making it ideal for battery-powered devices in rural or infrastructure-scarce areas. However, in mobile conditions, signal strength varies unpredictably due to distance, interference, obstacles, and motion, causing packet loss, latency, and unstable connectivity.

This work explores lightweight methods for predicting signal strength in mobile LoRaWAN nodes to stabilize links and improve energy efficiency. By forecasting link quality, the system can adjust transmission parameters or delay non-urgent messages until conditions improve. The approach combines LoRaWAN's low-power design with simple predictive models, such as the Kalman filter, implemented on microcontrollers and single-board computers like Arduino or Raspberry Pi. The following sections outline the hardware setup, system architecture, and prediction techniques, followed by results and future work.

2 SYSTEM DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

To evaluate signal prediction and improvement methods in mobile scenarios, a compact IoT system was developed with two components: a mobile sender node that transmits packets while moving, and a stationary receiver that collects, filters, and analyzes signal data. The aim was to create a lightweight, reproducible setup capable of capturing real-time signal variations with minimal hardware complexity.

2.1 Hardware Setup

The hardware architecture is designed to mimic practical IoT deployments where cost, portability, and energy efficiency are critical. Both nodes use commercially available components to ensure reproducibility and scalability.

The sender node (Fig. 1) is based on an Arduino Mega 2560 with a Dragino LoRa Shield v1.4 [1] using the Semtech SX1276 [2] transceiver operating at 868 MHz. It is powered by a 5 V power bank and

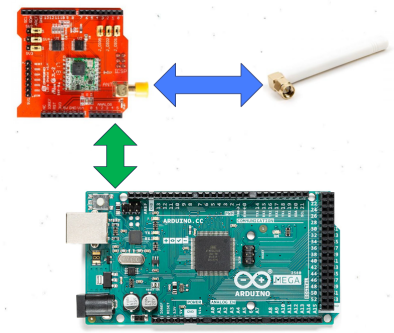


Figure 1: Mobile sender node based on Arduino Mega with Dragino LoRa Shield.

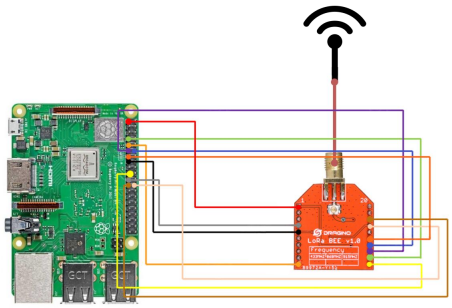


Figure 2: Stationary receiver node with Raspberry Pi 3 B+ and Dragino LoRa BEE.

uses an SMA omnidirectional antenna. The stationary gateway (Fig. 2) employs a Raspberry Pi 3 B+ connected to a Dragino LoRa Bee v1.1 (SX1276, 868 MHz) [3] through SPI, using the same type of antenna for compatibility. This configuration reflects a practical IoT deployment: portable, energy-efficient, and built entirely from off-the-shelf components.

2.2 Software Architecture

The Arduino runs C++ firmware that periodically sends numbered packets and waits for acknowledgments (ACKs) containing updated communication parameters. The receiver, implemented in Python on the Raspberry Pi, listens for packets, logs the RSSI and SNR, and applies a lightweight Kalman filter to smooth out fluctuations caused by movement and interference.

Based on the filtered RSSI and SNR values, the receiver adaptively suggests adjustments to the sender's TP, SF, or CR. These updated parameters are embedded within standard ACK messages, ensuring synchronization without additional overhead. If packet ACKs are missed, the sender increases its TP until the link stabilizes. All packets and adaptation events are timestamped and stored for later analysis.

This feedback loop enables real-time link optimization directly on low-power hardware. The simplicity of the implementation shows that predictive control can run on resource-limited devices such as Arduino and Raspberry Pi, offering an accessible base for further experimentation.

3 SIGNAL STRENGTH PREDICTION

This section outlines the methodology for managing and interpreting signal strength data in mobile LoRaWAN nodes within an adaptive communication system. The core technique is the Kalman filter, a lightweight algorithm that smooths noisy measurements to improve decision-making. The section explains the filter's mechanics, its application to RSSI and SNR smoothing, and its main limitations and future improvement prospects [4].

3.1 Kalman Filter Overview

Originally developed for navigation, the Kalman filter estimates a system's state by combining predictions with new measurements [5], [6]. Here, the state represents the underlying RSSI or SNR, while noise arises from interference, distance, and multipath effects. The recursive prediction–correction process tracks real changes while suppressing short-term fluctuations.

3.1.1 Prediction, Correction, and Smoothing

The Kalman filter operates in two iterative steps. During the prediction step, it estimates the next RSSI or SNR value from the current state, assuming gradual change with process noise (Q) representing expected variation between measurements. The uncertainty of this prediction is tracked through a covariance matrix. When a new measurement arrives, the correction step combines it with the prediction, weighted by measurement noise (R), to obtain an updated estimate with reduced uncertainty. The Kalman gain (K) determines how much confidence to assign to the new measurement versus the model.

This cycle repeats for every received packet, providing a smoothed, adaptive estimate of link quality. In mobile LoRaWAN systems, this smoothing is crucial: RSSI and SNR often fluctuate sharply due to reflections, interference, or brief obstructions. Without filtering, such transient drops could trigger unnecessary transmission power increases. The Kalman filter instead highlights persistent signal trends while attenuating random noise, enabling the control logic to respond only to meaningful degradation.

3.1.2 Implementation Details

Separate filters were applied to RSSI and SNR, initialized at –90 dBm and 0 dB with tuned parameters:

- Process noise (Q) defines expected signal change. Smaller Q (0.01) stabilizes walking scenarios, while larger Q (0.1) adapts faster to vehicular motion.
- Measurement noise (R) represents sample variance, for example $R = 1.5$. A higher R makes the filter less sensitive to random fluctuations.

For slow movement, small Q and moderate R provided stable estimates. Increasing Q improved responsiveness at higher speeds. Packets were transmitted every five seconds, which was sufficient for walking while keeping computation light.

Filtered outputs were then passed to the adaptive logic. Instead of reacting to every fluctuation, the controller used two thresholds and a dwell period requiring several consecutive packets before adjusting parameters. When filtered RSSI or SNR dropped below the lower limits, TP, SF, or CR increased; when they rose above, parameters were gradually reduced to save energy.

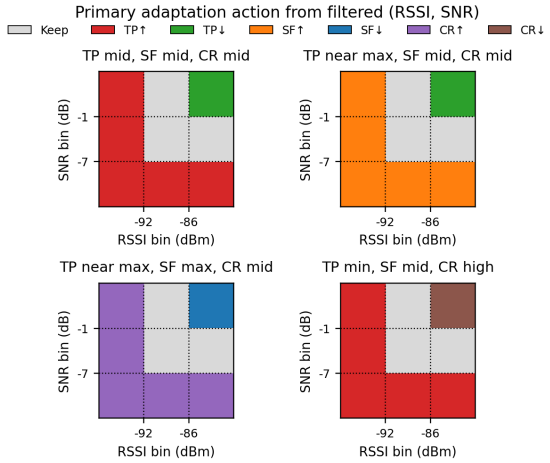


Figure 3: Decision heatmap.

This behavior approximates discrete minimization of the cost function

$$J(p) = E(\mathrm{TP}, \mathrm{SF}, \mathrm{CR}) + \lambda \sum_{i \in \{RSSI, SNR\}} \mathbb{I}\left(\hat{\gamma}_i < \theta_i^-\right), \tag{1}$$

where $p \in \{0,\ldots,12\} \times \{7,\ldots,12\} \times \{\frac{4}{5},\ldots,\frac{4}{8}\}$ is the parameter vector, $E(\cdot)$ denotes energy per packet, $\mathbb{I}(\cdot)$ is the indicator function, θ_i^- are lower thresholds (e.g., $\theta_{RSSI}^- = -92$ dBm), and λ weights reliability against energy. Due to hardware limits, this optimization is implemented as a greedy threshold policy rather than solved explicitly. Equation (1) formalizes the trade-off between minimizing energy and maintaining reliable link quality.

Figure 3 shows the decision space over filtered RSSI–SNR bins. The combination of smoothing, hysteresis, and dwell time prevents frequent toggling, ensuring a stable and energy-efficient control loop.

4 EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL AND DATA COLLECTION

To evaluate prediction and adaptation under realistic conditions, experiments were conducted in four environments: urban, rural, park, and free field. Each setting exposed the system to distinct propagation challenges involving interference, obstacles, and open-line attenuation [7], [8], [9]. Instead of maximizing packet counts, the goal was to capture diverse real-world mobile LoRaWAN behavior.

4.1 Field Environments and Motion Profiles

The four test sites (Fig. 4) captured varied propagation conditions. The urban area featured frequent line-of-sight blockages from pedestrians and buildings, causing rapid RSSI/SNR fluctuations. The rural route followed a long village road with minimal interference and gradual distance-driven attenuation. The park offered semi-open terrain with few obstructions, serving as a clean baseline for short-term variability. The free-field site, located on an elevated open area, provided near-ideal line-of-sight conditions isolating fundamental signal dynamics.

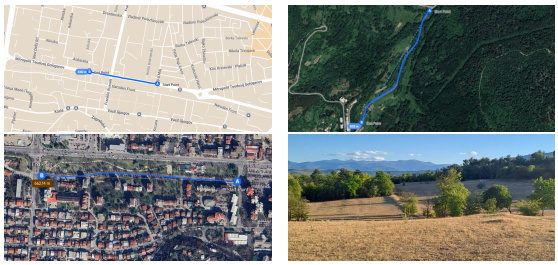


Figure 4: Measurement environments: urban (top left), rural (top right), park (bottom left), and open field (bottom right).

Across all environments, two motion profiles were tested: slow walking at 4–5 km/h and faster traverses at 9–10 km/h, enabling evaluation of the Kalman filter's responsiveness under differing mobility conditions.

4.2 Experimental Setup and Data Logging

The sender used default LoRa parameters and transmitted numbered packets at a fixed cadence. Each packet carried a CRC for integrity, while the receiver logged both raw and filtered RSSI/SNR values. When thresholds were crossed, adaptive commands adjusted TP, SF, or CR. This produced two datasets: a raw (unfiltered) control path and a filtered adaptive path, enabling direct comparison.

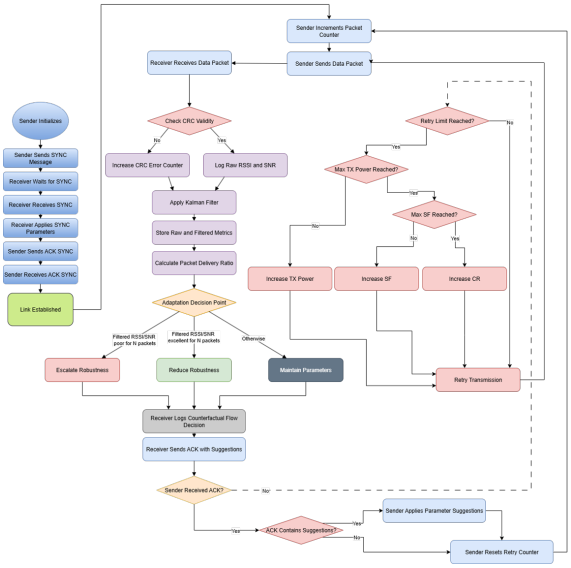


Figure 5: Adaptive packet flow and decision loop between sender and receiver.

The complete communication flow is shown in Figure 5. Each received packet triggered the computation of RSSI/SNR statistics, Kalman filtering, and rule-based adaptation, followed by an ACK containing updated parameters. All log entries included timestamps, signal metrics, and adaptation decisions, allowing precise reconstruction of the decision process and evaluation of filter behavior.

To quantify motion intensity, a simple mobility indicator was derived from the median absolute derivative of filtered RSSI over time, $\text{median}\left(\left|\frac{d\,\text{RSSI}_f}{dt}\right|\right)$, expressed in dB/s. Higher values indicated faster movement or sudden environmental transitions.

4.3 Representative Dataset

From the complete dataset, four representative traces, one from each environment, were selected for detailed analysis. The urban case highlighted sharp, short-lived fades caused by pedestrians, largely suppressed by filtering. The rural case showed smooth distance-driven decline accurately tracked by the filter. The park and free-field results confirmed baseline behavior under clean propagation, revealing how the Kalman filter maintains stability without masking true signal trends. These examples collectively demonstrate how the adaptive control loop performs under varying mobility and environmental complexity.

5 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Building on the experimental setups described previously, this section evaluates how the prediction and control loop behaved under real mobility across urban, rural, park, and free-field traces. The analysis focuses on reliability, stability, responsiveness to speed, and energy efficiency using time-series comparisons, variance summaries, and paired slow/fast traverses.

5.1 Reliability Outcomes

Across all runs, end-to-end reliability remained high. Packets were received with valid CRCs and acknowledgments were consistently returned. In the urban trace, temporary fades appeared when pedestrians briefly obstructed the line-of-sight. Such events could trigger false alarms in a threshold-only controller, but the Kalman filter smoothed them effectively, allowing the system to avoid unnecessary power increases.

In the rural trace, RSSI declined gradually with distance, and the adaptation policy reacted only to persistent degradation, confirming correct detection even under smoothing.

5.2 Smoothing and Stability

Stability was evaluated by comparing the variance of raw and filtered RSSI/SNR values across environments. High variance implies frequent threshold crossings that lead to erratic control. By reducing variance, the Kalman filter allowed the controller to focus on persistent changes rather than noise.

In both urban and rural traces, the filter reduced RSSI variance by roughly one-third and SNR variance by about one-fifth. These reductions yielded steadier control; most short fades were removed while the long-term trend remained. In the rural and park tests, where path loss dominated, the filter preserved the overall trajectory but damped small oscillations caused by reflections.

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate these effects: raw traces fluctuate around thresholds, while filtered curves remain stable. The filter thus balanced smoothness and

responsiveness, improving control reliability without masking genuine degradation.

This balance is critical. An adaptive system that chases every spike will waste energy and become unstable, while one that smooths too aggressively may miss the onset of real problems. By achieving less jitter while still tracking the overall decline, the Kalman filter demonstrated that stability and responsiveness can coexist. These results show that smoothing is not just cosmetic but an essential component of reliable control in mobile LoRaWAN links.

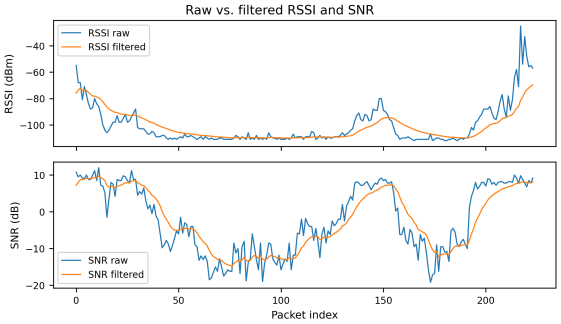


Figure 6: Time-series of raw and filtered RSSI and SNR.

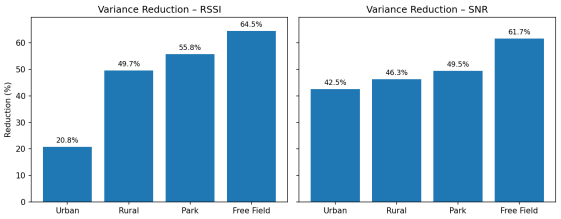


Figure 7: Variance reduction across environments.

5.3 Slow vs. Fast Motion Sensitivity

The system's responsiveness depends on how quickly channel conditions change. Two runs of equal distance but different speeds were compared: a slow walk (4–5 km/h) and a fast traverse (9–10 km/h).

In the slow run, the filtered RSSI followed the trend closely, suppressing minor dips. In the fast run, it lagged slightly behind rapid losses because the process noise Q was conservatively tuned. The link remained stable, but the delay showed that parameters were not optimal for higher speeds.

This trade-off illustrates a general rule: small Q favors stability, larger Q faster adaptation at the cost of more noise. A refinement would be to adjust Q dynamically with estimated speed, while hysteresis and dwell thresholds prevent false triggers. Figure 8 shows consistent control decisions across speeds.

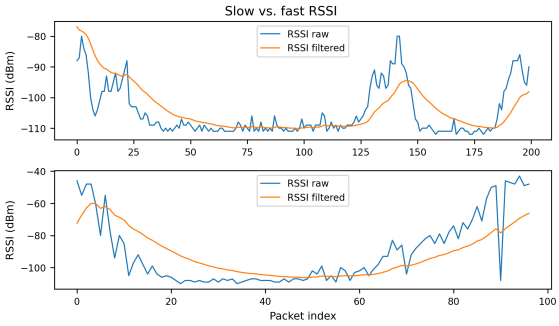


Figure 8: Comparison of slow and fast traverses.

5.4 Raw vs. Filtered Paths Decisions

Because both raw and filtered decision paths were logged, it was possible to compare what the controller would have done without filtering against what it actually did.

In the urban run, the raw path triggered repeated power increases from short fades, while the filtered path stayed steady. In rural and park runs, where signal changes were gradual, both paths mostly agreed, showing that smoothing preserved real degradations.

Filtering thus reshaped the decision process: it reduced impulsive reactions and made control more selective, adjusting parameters only after sustained poor link quality. Dwell counters or hysteresis rules can further confirm persistence before action, improving efficiency without compromising reliability.

5.5 Energy Impact and ADR Comparison

The final analysis quantifies how predictive filtering improved energy efficiency compared with a purely reactive controller and standard LoRaWAN ADR.

5.5.1 Methodology for Energy Measurement

Energy per packet was estimated using Time-on-Air (ToA) and transmit current (I_{tx}) values obtained from LoRaWAN transmission models [10, 11, 12, 9]. Based on the logged transmission sequences, total energy consumption was calculated for two control paths: adaptive (filtered) and reactive (raw). The relative energy savings were then computed as shown in (2), enabling a direct comparison between predictive and reactive control under identical experimental con-ditions.

$$E_{\text{saved}}(\%) = 100\left(1 - \frac{E_{\text{adaptive}}}{E_{\text{reactive}}}\right), \qquad (2)$$

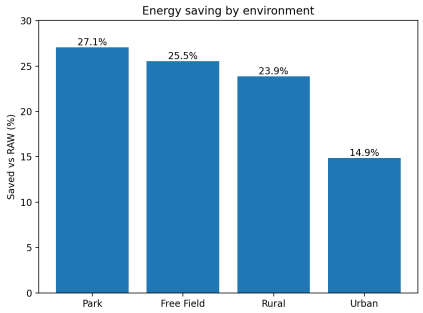


Figure 9: Energy savings by environment.

5.5.2 Quantified Savings and Comparison

The results in Figure 9 show consistent improvements across all environments. Energy use dropped by approximately 27% in the park, 25% in free-field, 24% in rural, and 15% in urban conditions. Savings were highest where transient fades were common, since filtering prevented over-reactions.

A comparison was made with the standard LoRaWAN ADR strategy. ADR is primarily designed for stationary devices and focuses on long-term stability, which often leads to conservative behavior after a degradation event [13]. It typically maintains high transmission power for extended periods, even when conditions have already improved.

The adaptive method evaluated here was tuned for mobility. It increases parameters only after sustained evidence of poor link quality and quickly returns to lower power once conditions recover. This agility allows it to maintain reliability while avoiding unnecessary energy expenditure, achieving a lower power footprint than traditional ADR systems [14].

Overall, predictive filtering shifted control from a reactive to a proactive mode. By distinguishing between noise and genuine degradation, it preserved communication reliability while significantly reducing energy consumption, which is critical for mobile IoT devices operating under strict power constraints.

6 DISCUSSION AND FUTURE WORK

The results show that prediction and smoothing significantly improve the stability of mobile LoRaWAN links under fading and motion. However, several limitations remain, and there are clear opportunities to extend the system. This section reflects on practical constraints and outlines directions for future research.

The Kalman filter's effectiveness depends on parameter tuning, especially the process noise Q and measurement noise R. A conservative Q ensured stability during slow motion but caused lag at higher speeds. A single fixed parameter set cannot perform well under all mobility conditions, suggesting that machine-learning-based tuning could enhance adaptability [15]. The dataset, though covering four environments (urban, rural, park, free field), omits vehicular and indoor scenarios, which would reveal additional fading effects and test generality.

The sender–receiver setup (Arduino Mega and Raspberry Pi 3 B+ with SX127x) ensured reproducibility but limits generalization. Other radios, antennas, or stacks may behave differently, while high delivery ratios partly reflect controlled conditions.

Finally, the optimization targeted reliability, reducing power only under strong link quality. Real deployments may require balancing lifetime or interference instead. Multi-objective control remains challenging for large-scale LoRaWAN systems [16].

Overall, the prototype stabilizes decisions and avoids overreaction but does not yet provide a universal solution for all mobility profiles or device types.

7 CONCLUSIONS

This work demonstrated that predictive filtering combined with adaptive control significantly improves the reliability and energy efficiency of mobile LoRaWAN communication. Field experiments across urban, rural, park, and free-field environments showed that lightweight filtering, such as the Kalman approach, effectively stabilizes fluctuating RSSI and SNR values under mobility, providing a dependable foundation for transmission control.

Filtering cut variability by one-third and saved 15–27% energy without affecting reliability. By suppressing short-lived fades and preventing unnecessary power escalation, the system maintained high packet delivery ratios while conserving energy. Compared with standard ADR, the adaptive approach responded faster to link recovery, restoring efficiency that ADR often leaves unused in mobile scenarios.

However, several limitations remain. The Kalman filter's performance depends heavily on parameter tuning, and a fixed setup cannot optimally handle all motion regimes. The dataset excluded key scenarios such as vehicular or indoor mobility and transitions between line-of-sight and non-line-of-sight. The Arduino–Raspberry Pi prototype ensured reproducibility but limits generalization to other radios or denser deployments. Moreover, the control objective was restricted to maximizing reliability rather than jointly optimizing lifetime, interference, and throughput.

Future work should explore adaptive parameter tuning, multi-objective optimization, and context-aware control using GPS or inertial data. Combining filtering with machine learning - e.g., predictive models or reinforcement learning - could enable autonomous adaptation. Scaling to multi-node networks will further test scalability and coordination.

The findings confirm that intelligent signal processing is a key enabler for robust and sustainable mobile LoRaWAN systems, paving the way for dependable IoT communication under dynamic conditions.

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SECTION 2

DATA ANALYSIS AND PROCESSING

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Improving the Performance of the YOLOv11 Model for Fire and Smoke Detection Using Hyperparameter Tuning

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Abstract: Reducing losses and responding quickly to events depends on early detection of fires. Artificial intelligence has contributed significantly to the development of accurate and reliable detection systems for detecting and classifying the presence of objects. The most prominent shortcomings observed in this study are the possibility of the model encountering difficulties in determining dim lighting or the presence of materials similar to smoke, which affects the model's performance. In this research study, we created an intelligent model for detecting smoke and fires based on images. The YOLOv11 model is the latest and most advanced deep learning model in object identification applications. In order to determine the true set of hyperparameters to determine the best performance of the model, this information was modified through trial and error and evaluation of different settings including batch size, learning rate, optimizer type, and adding dropout rate. A large database collected from surveillance cameras, internet images and other sources was also used, showing high accuracy results, with the model achieving 98% accuracy. It was found that the improved model was better than the default model. In addition, there was a 73% decrease in false alarms compared to the default model before the improvement. These results highlight the importance of tuning hyperparameters to improve detection accuracy and reduce errors, resulting in a more robust, efficient, and reliable model that can be used to detect smoke and fires in a variety of indoor and outdoor environments.

1 INTRODUCTION

Fires are among the most dangerous natural disasters that threaten people's lives and environmental properties worldwide [1], [2], [3]. International organizations have reported that fires suffers hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries annually, in addition to economic losses estimated at billions of dollars. They destroy buildings and infrastructure and hinder commercial and industrial operations [6], [7]. The devastating environmental impacts of fires include deforestation and the emission of massive amounts of harmful gases and substances, leading to a major climate change problem. [8], [9]. California saw 8527 fires in 2018 alone, burning 1.9 million acres (7700 km2), or about 2% of the state's total territory, at an estimated cost of USD 148.5 billion. [10], [11]. An excellent illustration of significant fire disasters is the Australian bushfire crisis of 2019, which highlights the vital importance of fire detection during the pre-suppression stage. Numerous systems equipped with visible light, thermal infrared, and multispectral instruments have been developed and extensively used, including platforms that are ground-based, airborne, or space borne [12], [13].

It takes a lot of fire or smoke to set off an alert because conventional smoke/fire sensors that rely on photometry, thermal, or chemical detection can react in a matter of minutes [14]. Additionally, they are not applicable to outdoor settings and are unable to provide information regarding the location and size of the fire. By addressing the shortcomings of earlier systems, the creation of new camera-based solutions increases the resilience and dependability of smoke and fire detection [15]. The majority of human surroundings, including public transportation, industry, and city streets, already have cameras and closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems installed for surveillance purposes [16], [17].

To avoid these serious risks to these serious risks, it has become necessary to develop smarter and more accurate early warning systems, and this is where YOLOv11 comes in as an effective model for monitoring and responding to fires in real time. One of the latest methods used in artificial intelligence to detect fires is the YOLOv11 model, which is characterized by high speed and accuracy in determining the location of smoke and flames, especially in difficult situations such as places with little or dim lighting [4]. Due to significant progress in models and methods for fire and smoke detection, previous studies have faced many challenges, most notably high rates of false alarms, the inability of traditional models to distinguish between smoke and similar environmental elements such as fog and clouds, and poor performance in low-light environments or complex scenes [5]. Some models also suffered from slow response times, which limited their use in early warning systems. In this study, the YOLOv11 model was used after improving hyperparameters to solve these problems. The results showed significant improvements in accuracy and recall, in addition to lower false alarm rates, making the model more efficient and reliable in detecting fires and smoke in different environments. The structure of the research paper is as follows: Section 2 outlines previous work related to fire and smoke detection. Section 3 covers the methodology and recommended techniques for achieving optimal results. Section 4 presents and discusses the results obtained, along with previous studies. Section 5 concludes the paper's conclusions and future work.

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

The subject of detecting smoke and fire using computer vision techniques is presently being worked on by a number of researchers. Creating precise automated detection systems is their goal. Recently, deep learning techniques have been used to increase these solutions' accuracy [21]. Several deep learning-based methods that are suitable for smoke and fire detection are covered in this section.

Wang et al [18] (2022) This study considered a lightweight model called lightweight YOLOv4 to achieve a balance between performance and efficiency in flame detection. The study replaced the basic network CSPDarknet53 with CSPDarknet53 while adopting the BiFPN network to enhance bidirectional communication across domains. In addition, the feature extraction unit was improved by adding a separate attention unit, which led to replacing the traditional 3×3 convolution. The results showed that lightweightYOLOv4 reduced the number of trainable parameters by 19% compared to YOLOv4, while maintaining similar accuracy (85.64% mAP) and processing speed of 71 frames per second, making it suitable for real-time applications.

Al-samdi et al (2023) [19] presented a new framework to improve the accuracy of smoke detection. The performance and speed of three YOLO models, YOLOv3, YOLOv5, and YOLOv7, were compared with Fast R-CNN and Faster R-CNN, using a dataset that included different detection regions (far, near, and medium). According to the data, with an accuracy of 96% of mAp atInseryion Over Union IoU, YOLOv5 outperformed YOLOv3, and YOLOv7 outperformed YOLOv3 with an accuracy of 95% versus 94%. Comparing the modified approach with other models confirmed the satisfactory results. Dalal et al. (2024) [20] Using LBP-CNN and YOLOv5, this work demonstrated a hybrid model for detecting urban fires. The study relied on a dataset from Kaggle to focus on normal and foggy conditions. The results showed an accuracy rate of 96.25% in the typical environment 93% and the (mAP) 94.59%, showing that the hybrid model outperformed traditional models for smoke detection.

Khan et al. (2025) compared three models YOLOv5, YOLOv7, and Transformers with an improved, lightweight Yolov8 model for fire and smoke detection that has higher performance and faster speed. Control components were added to improve the extraction of important features. In addition, a C3Ghost module was also added to try to reduce the computational complexity without affecting the model's performance in terms of accuracy. There are several datasets that were used in this study from Kaggle, where the improved model achieved mAP@50 of 89%. This improved model is believed to be reliable for detecting a variety of fires and smoke. In 2024, Chetoui et al. [22] used deep learning detection methods such as YOLOv8 and YOLOv7 to quickly and accurately identify and detect smoke. They constructed a dataset of approximately 11,000 smoke and fire images and achieved a mAP@50 of 92%, a classification accuracy of 83%, and a recall of 95% compared to other models including DEtection Transformer, Faster-RCNN, and YOLOv6. YOLOv8 performed better in terms of accuracy and speed. The model showed a clear superiority in performance and speed, making it suitable for applications in safety and fire prevention. J. Hu and Y. He et al [23] proposed a system DS-YOLO to detect fire and smoke detection model which is based on DP-ELAN to enhance

accuracy and reduce the number of parameters along with SlimNeck to reduce computational complexity. The IoU criterion is replaced by Gaussian Wasserstein distance to improve small object detection. The model achieves mAP of 70.1% with lower complexity, outperforming the baseline model by 1.3%, making it suitable for comprehensive fire safety applications.

Wei and X. Liu et al [24] The paper proposed an improved YOLOv8-FD model for fire detection in different scenarios with the aim of addressing the accuracy and detection error problems. The model was improved using EfficientViT to extract features more efficiently, which helps to identify the flame perimeter more clearly and reduce errorsbuildingC2f_EMSC is designed to improve detection accuracy and reduce computational operations. Additionally, SPPF and LSKA modules are integrated to easily detect small targets, reaching mAP@0.5 of 94.2%. Table 1. Shows the details of previous studies.

Table 1: Summarize of previous studies.

Name researcher	Year	Model	mAP
Wang et al	2022	YOLOv4	85.64%
Al-samdi et al	2023	YOLOv3,YOLOv5,YOLOv7	95%
Dalal et al	2024	YOLOv5	94.25%
Khan et al	2025	YOLOv5,YOLOv7	89%
Chetoui et al	2024	Detection Transformer, Faster-RCNN, and YOLOv6. YOLOv8	92%
J. Hu and Y. He et al	2024	DS-YOLO	70.1%
Wei and X. Liu et	2024	YOLOv8-FD	94.2%

3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

This research paper presented a set of deep learning techniques to attempt to detect smoke and fires accurately and systematically. The first step was to collect a variety of data from fires and smoke in indoor and outdoor environments. After that, the pre-processing process was carried out using image cropping technique, then the most appropriate and efficient model was chosen due to its additional improvements, which is the YOLOv11 model. After that, the model's performance was improved by adjusting the hyperparameters. Finally, the model's performance was evaluated through a set of metrics, the most prominent of which is (mAp). The Figure 1. Shows proposed methodology.

3.1 Fire and Smoke Image Collection

The database for fire and smoke detection collected from Tensorflow, which is one of the most important and best sites specialized in preparing data for researchers and developers in various fields of artificial intelligence. The database consists of 8785 images distributed into Train 75%, Val 20%, and Test 5%. Thus, the Train file contains 6593 images, Val file contains 1751 images, and Test file contains 441 images. All images in the database are 640x640 pixels in jpg format and were collected from surveillance cameras, Internet images, and other sources to cover different scenarios of fires in different places such as house fires, forest fires, car fires, and smoke from industrial fires. The data was manually annotated with fire and smoke zones to enable it to be used in various detection projects. The database contains 21697 annotations (15668 for fire class and 6029 for smoke class). Table 2 below shows the details of the dataset and Figure 2 shows samples from the dataset.

Table 2: Database properties.

Dataset split	Number of images	Images percentage	Number of annotations
train	6593	75%	16335
val	1751	20%	4312
test	441	5%	1050
Total	8785	100%	21697

3.2 Fire and Smoke Image Preprocessing

Image cropping technique was adopted as one of the effective methods to improve the accuracy of fire and smoke detection, as the images may contain many unnecessary details that may affect the performance of the model. The clipping process allows focusing on areas that contain clear visual evidence of fires and smoke, which contributes to improving prediction. In addition, random cropping was incorporated during the training process to increase data diversity and improve the model's ability to generalize and recognize different types of fires and smoke. Figure 3 illustrates image preprocessing when cropping is used.

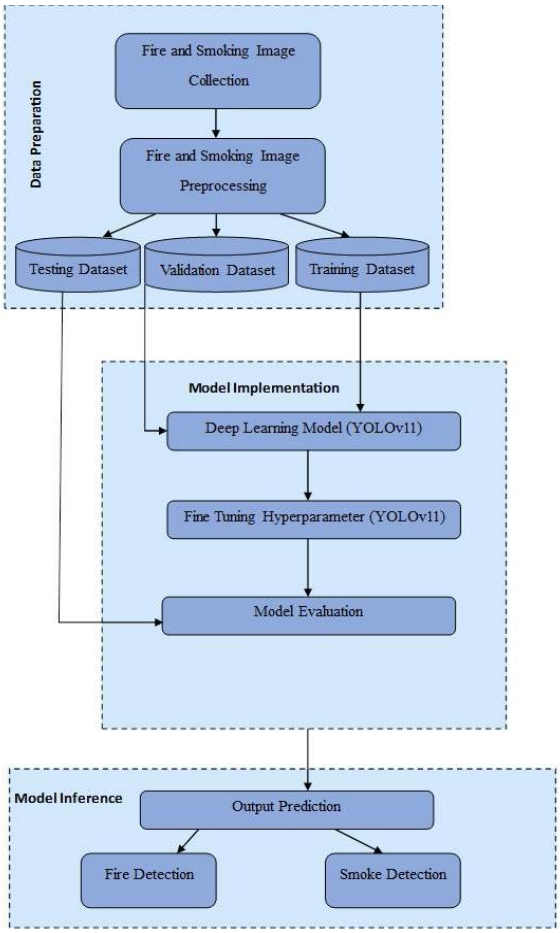


Figure 1: Proposed methodology.

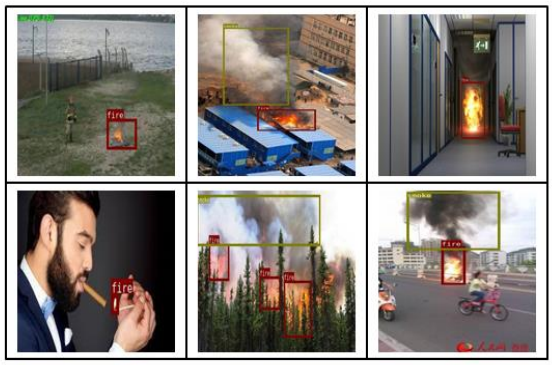


Figure 2: Dataset samples.

3.3 Deep Learning Model YOLOv11

Because of its exceptional object detection capabilities—which include faster and more accurate object identification than other models—the YOLOv11 model was selected for the fire detection challenge. One of the newest variants in the YOLO (You Only Look Once) family, the yolov11 model was introduced by Ultralytics in October 2024. . maintained the multitasking capabilities of Yolov8 while enhancing efficiency with the C3k2 block and adding the C2PSA module for improved spatial attention, which is especially advantageous for the identification of small and overlapping objects. Significant advancements over earlier iterations are seen in its ability to achieve more accuracy with fewer parameters, which makes it more effective, resource-efficient, and quicker than many other conventional models, like SSD and Faster R-CNN. Therefore, It is perfect for a variety of uses, including intelligent picture analysis, autonomous driving, and security surveillance. Because of Google Colab's robust cloud computing environment and fast graphics processing units (GPUs), which enable running deep models without requiring a lot of local computing resources, the model was constructed and trained utilising this platform. The YOLOv11 model's architecture is shown in Figure 4.



Figure 3: Image cropping: a) before cropping, b) after cropping.

3.4 Fine Tuning Hyperparameter YOLOv11

The hyperparameter tuning stage and its procedures are one of the most important and accurate steps in creating an accurate and robust model, while many studies ignore this step and instead use default hyperparameter settings, which are not suitable for all applications, especially those that require speed and high efficiency, such as our task of detecting fires and smoke in different environments. After evaluating the performance of the YOLOv11 model and its results using the default hyperparameters, our study found some shortcomings that indicate that modifying and changing some of the main hyperparameters may

significantly improve the reliability of the model. Adam was replaced with the SGD optimizer, which is characterized by balance and the ability to generalize better, especially when working with large amounts of data. Also, to prevent overfitting and increase in accuracy levels at each epoch, a so-called dropout rate layer of 0.2 was added. The batch size was also increased from 16 to 32, which improves stability and prevents accuracy fluctuations throughout the training process. In addition, the learning rate was increased to 0.01 to improve stability and convergence, especially in more difficult tasks that appear to have low light or are caused by the presence of clouds, etc. These changes in the hyperparameters improved the accuracy of our model and its effectiveness in identifying smoke and fires across a variety of environments [27]. This highlights the importance of carefully and precisely tuning the hyperparameters to create a model with high accuracy and reliability. Table 3 shows the modified hyperparameters compared to the default hyperparameters of the YOLOv11 model.

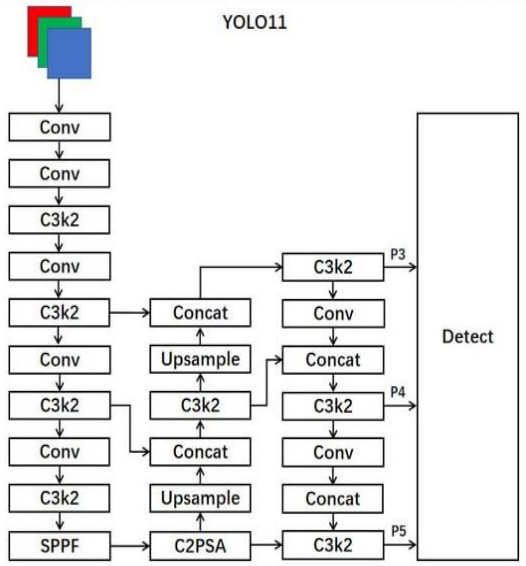


Figure 4: The architecture of YOLOv11 [25].

Table 3: Yolov11 default and proposed fine tuning hyperparameters.

Hyperparameters	Default values	Proposed values
Image size	640	640
Dropout ratio	0.0	0.2
Batch size	16	32
Optimizer	Adam	SGD
Learning rate	0.001	0.01
Momentum	0.93	0.93
Epochs	20	20

3.5 Model Evaluation

The performance evaluation of the suggested model is a crucial stage in wrapping up our work technique. The most popular performance metrics, such as F-Score, Accuracy, Precision, and Recall, were used [26], [28]. Furthermore, the most crucial of these is the average accuracy (mAp). In essence, mAP assesses the model's capacity to strike a balance between recall (making sure the objects detected are accurate) and precision (finding all pertinent objects).a fundamental performance indicator that illustrates the degree of the model's effectiveness in identifying objects at various levels [29], [30].

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Analyzing the Metrics of Recall, Accuracy, mAp, Precision and F1-Score

The performance of the YOLOv11 model was evaluated using a number of measures after implementation using virtual hyperparameter. The model achieved an mAP of 94%, with a precision of 94% and a recall of 95%. However, the model showed a high rate of false alarms (false positives = 565), indicating that the model tends to misclassify some images as fires or smoke, which can lead to false alarms in real-world environments. Additionally, training took longer (45 m) due to the use of the Adam optimizer and a small batch size.

Based on these results, the hyperparameters were returned to improve the model's performance in terms of accuracy, training speed, and reducing prediction errors. This resulted in a significant improvement in performance after these modifications, with the model's accuracy rising to mAP =98%, and its precision improving to 99%, meaning the model was more selective in classifying fires, meaning it no longer generated false alarms as frequently. The recall also improved to 99%, indicating that the model was better able to detect all actual fires without missing many. The results also show that the largest improvement was in reducing false alarms to just 150, a 73% reduction, indicating that the model was more accurate in classifying fires and smoke and distinguishing them from other backgrounds. Due to its training on diverse data, the model's reliability has increased compared to previous models. It is now able to accurately distinguish flames and smoke in diverse conditions, as previously mentioned, distinguishing

them from strange objects other than smoke, including low and high lighting. This has been particularly prominent after improving the super-information and its stability on diverse data through improving this super-information. Table 4 compares the results before and after tuning the hyperparameters for the YOLOv11 model, demonstrating how the modifications improved all key metrics, underscoring the importance of tuning the hyperparameters for achieving optimal model performance. Figure 5 shows the confusion matrix for the Yolov11 model before and after tuning the hyperparameters, also Figure 6 shows the confusion matrix for the Yolov11 model after tuning.

Table 4: Results before and after tuning the hyperparameters for the YOLOv11 model.

Performance measures	Before tuning	After tuning	Improvement percentage
mAP	94%	98%	4%
Precision(p)	94%	99%	5%
Recall(r)	95%	99%	4%
false alarms (false positives)	565	150	73%
Training time	45m	30m	33%

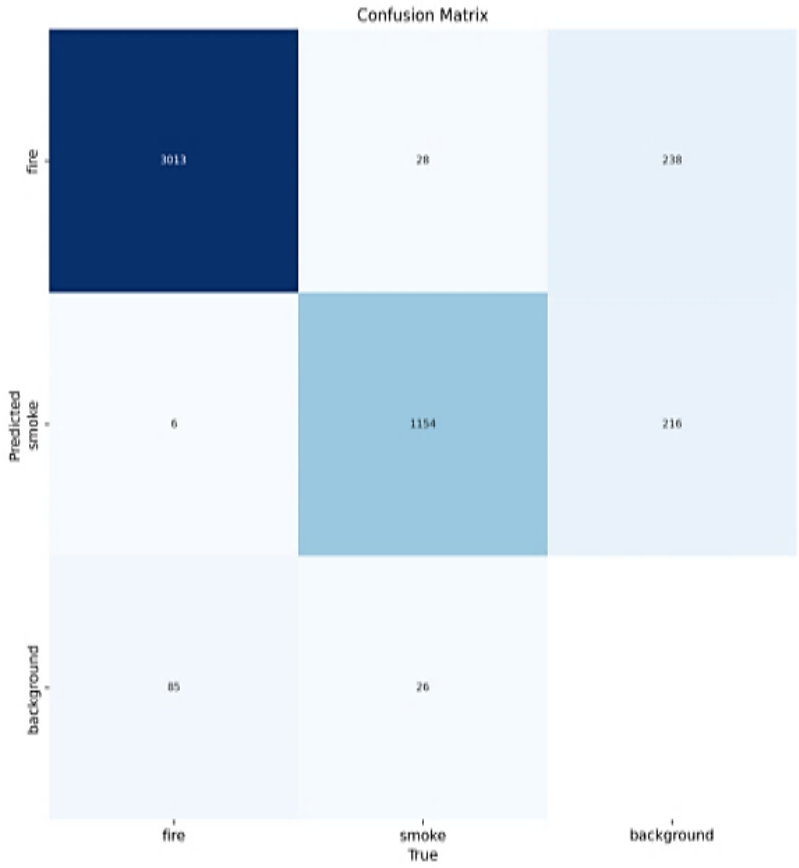


Figure 5: Confusion matrix for the Yolov11 model before tuning the hyperparameters.

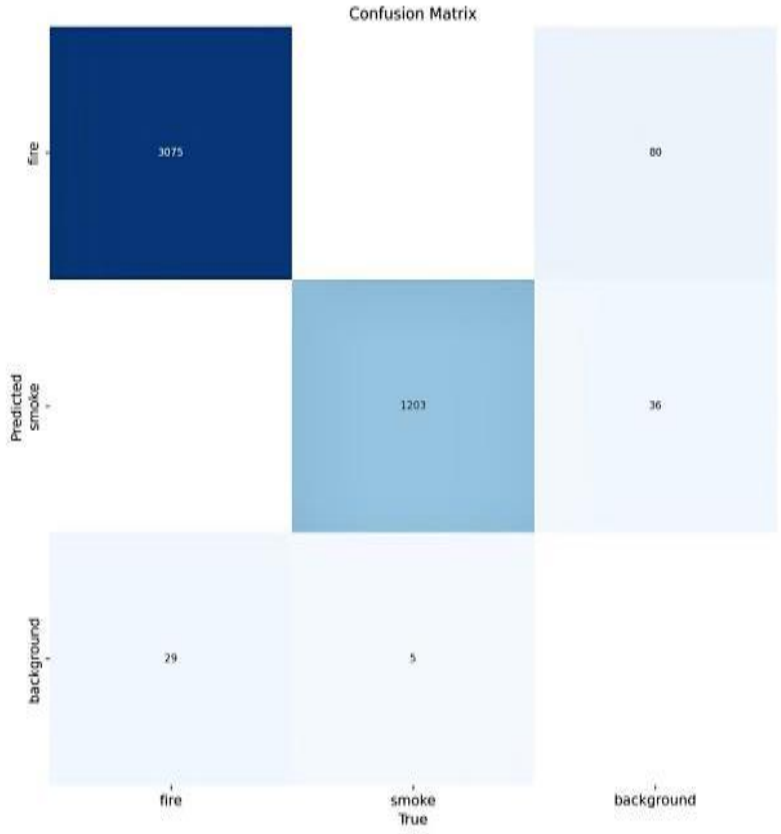


Figure 6: Confusion matrix for the Yolov11 model after tuning the hyperparameters.

Through this research, four main curves were examined to evaluate the performance of the YOLOv11model. Accuracy varied across confidence levels, as shown by the precision-confidence curve. After optimization, the model demonstrated its ability to accurately identify fires while minimizing false positives and maintaining high accuracy levels even at low confidence levels. The recall-confidence curve illustrates how recall with confidence thresholds compares. In a similar way, the model accumulates more fires without compromising sensitivity, as shown by the improved recall across different thresholds. Throughout the precision-confidence curve, both positive and negative results were carefully considered. While f-score achieves an optimal equilibrium of missed detections and false alarms, it also maintains high accuracy in fire detection. Figure 7 illustrates the curves for both the Precision-Confidence, the Recall-Confidence, the Precision-Recall, and the F1 Score.

The improved YOLOv11 model was evaluated using a sample image as shown in Figure 8. The model demonstrated excellent accuracy in detecting smoke and fires. The model also became more effective and reliable in both outdoor and indoor work environments due to its increased ability to detect fires with high accuracy and fewer false alarms.

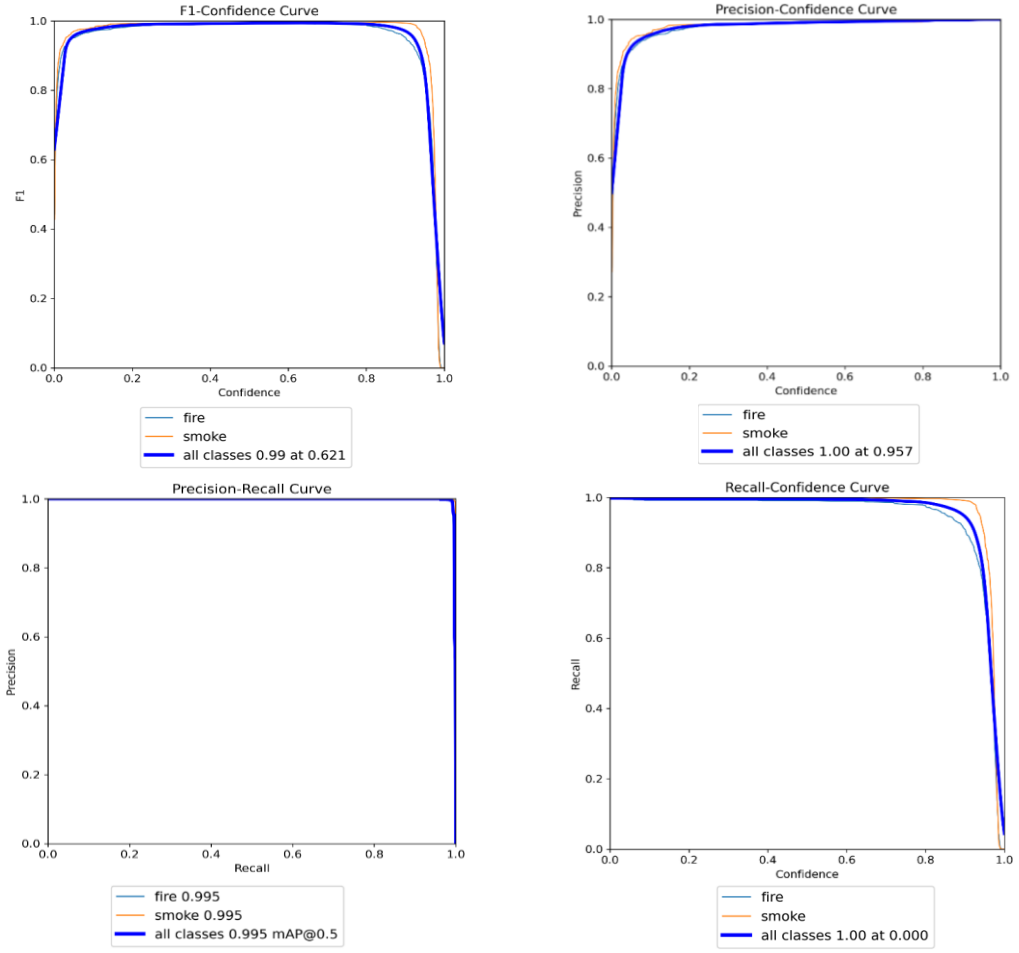


Figure 7: Shows the precision, recall, and F1 curves for the modified model.

4.2 Comparison with Provisos Studies

When compared to J. Hu and Y. He et al [23] study, which relied on DS_YOLO, the models used in their research suffered from a high rate of false alarms due to the difficulty in distinguishing between light smoke and natural clouds. These common errors were greatly reduced in the study by adjusting the hyperparameter and the best results were obtained in the research. The map of the Chetoui et al. [22] dropped to 92%, indicating that there are problems in detecting fires and smoke. On the other hand, the YOLOv11 model showed its ability to deal with detecting fires at different lighting levels, which makes it more reliable in detecting these fires. These results show that the YOLOv11 model helped it overcome these difficulties that it faced in previous studies. Table 5 shows a comparison with previous studies.

Table 5: Comparison with previous studies.

Paper	Model	n.Class	Results(mAP)
[22]	YOLOv8	2	92%
[23]	DS_YOLO	2	70.1%
Proposed model	YOLOv11	2	98%



Figure 8: Samples of the modified model's predictions on the test data.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The need for an accurate system is increasing as the likelihood of fires breaking out in indoor and outdoor spaces increases. Smoke and fires behave in ways that are difficult to detect. Using the YOLOv11 model and tuning its hyperparameters, this study demonstrated how deep learning can improve the accuracy and reliability of smoke detection. Its performance has improved significantly, reducing false alarms and achieving high accuracy and high reliability. Since the average precision (mAP) criterion measures the model's efficiency in classifying items across different probability threshold levels, it was chosen as the primary indicator for model evaluation. The results demonstrate the importance of modifying hyperparameters to enhance the capabilities of fire and smoke detection systems, as well as their robustness. Future studies should focus on improving the model's efficiency while developing an additional dataset. Moreover, the proposed method demonstrates that deep learning can offer a substantial advantage over traditional detection techniques. Future research should focus on further improving model efficiency, exploring more diverse and challenging environmental conditions, and developing additional high-quality datasets to support broader real-world applications.

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Edge-Accelerated Real-Time Egg Recognition Using YOLOv8

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Abstract: Mechanised egg-collection systems require vision models that are both accurate and light enough to run on embedded hardware. We built and evaluated an end-to-end pipeline that couples YOLOv8 object-detection variants with Google's Coral Edge TPU for real-time recognition of white and brown chicken eggs. A bespoke dataset of 971 images (640 × 480 px) was captured under diverse backgrounds and lighting, annotated in YOLO format, and split 70 %/20 %/10 % for training, validation and testing. Five YOLOv8 models (n, s, m, l, x) were trained for 100 epochs with a batch size of 16. All models achieved very high accuracy (mAP50 = 0.98), but YOLOv8s produced the best F1–confidence pairing (F1 = 0.98 at 0.703 confidence), while YOLOv8n offered the lowest computational load. Converting the networks to TensorFlow-Lite and compiling them for the Edge TPU boosted inference speed dramatically: YOLOv8n jumped from 2.4 FPS on Raspberry Pi 5 (PyTorch) to 13.8 FPS on Edge TPU, and YOLOv8s rose from 1.0 FPS to 4.1 FPS, with only marginal accuracy loss. Precision and recall remained ≥ 0.96 across all variants. These results demonstrate that lightweight YOLOv8 models, particularly the n-variant, are suitable for embedded, robotics-grade egg-collection systems that demand real-time performance without sacrificing detection quality. Future work will expand the class set to include damaged eggs and integrate the detector into a closed-loop robotic gripper to enable fully autonomous on-farm operation.

1 INTRODUCTION

The field of computer vision has experienced remarkable progress, particularly in object detection. Among the most influential approaches, YOLO (You Only Look Once) models have emerged as leading solutions. Owing to their real-time processing capability, YOLO-based models have gained widespread popularity, especially for applications that require rapid decision-making. Among the various versions, YOLOv8 represents one of the most powerful and versatile architectures, achieving state-of-the-art accuracy and efficiency in a wide range of object recognition tasks [1].

The evolution from earlier YOLO versions to YOLOv10 demonstrates a continuous improvement in speed, precision, and flexibility. These advancements address previous limitations, such as reduced visibility under harsh weather conditions and difficulties in detecting small or partially occluded objects [2]. Such improvements make YOLO models particularly suitable for deployment in edge computing scenarios, where computational resources are limited and real-time performance is essential [1].

In many application domains, including agriculture, food processing, and quality control, accurate and real-time egg classification has become increasingly important [3]. Traditional egg detection and identification methods are often manual, labor-intensive, and prone to error, making them unsuitable for large-scale deployment. In contrast, edge-accelerated real-time object recognition significantly enhances production efficiency and ensures consistent quality control. This approach minimizes irregular inspections at critical stages and enables organizations to meet both visual and industrial standards without incurring additional labor costs or processing delays [4].

Edge computing, which processes data closer to the source, offers several advantages over cloud-based solutions. It reduces latency, improves bandwidth efficiency, and enhances data privacy by minimizing data transmission over networks. These characteristics make edge computing particularly suitable for environments with limited or unreliable network connectivity.

This paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents the literature review. Section 3 describes the materials and methodology, including the stages of

egg detection models, data collection, data preprocessing, model training, deployment, real-time detection, and performance evaluation metrics. Section 4 discusses the experimental results, and the final section concludes the study.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

This study provides a comprehensive review of the literature on real-time egg recognition at the edge using YOLOv8, focusing on applications in computer vision and machine learning, particularly for egg detection using deep learning technologies. Research in this domain can be examined through several key studies that have shaped the direction of current investigations.

First, researchers in [5] developed a practical method for counting egg production in free-range chicken environments using an IoT-based camera system. Their work emphasized the importance of accurate object detection and species identification, both of which are essential for monitoring individual egg production. This foundational study highlighted the need for precise detection thresholds and established a basis for further research into automated agricultural data collection.

This research direction was further extended by studies focusing on edge-accelerated recognition within the broader context of IoT, real-time processing, and local computation [6]. These works highlighted the importance of edge data processing in achieving near real-time performance on embedded devices using convolutional neural networks. They also demonstrated the diversity of edge hardware capabilities and the necessity of considering these constraints when evaluating detection algorithms, thereby laying the groundwork for subsequent real-time edge computing studies.

In the same period, the framework EdgeLens was proposed in [7], integrating deep learning with fog and cloud computing environments to improve service quality for object detection and monitoring. This study illustrated the growing demand for efficient processing solutions in data-intensive applications such as agriculture and reinforced the importance of real-time performance in such environments.

The benefits of edge-based image processing were further demonstrated in [8], particularly for tasks such as dietary intake assessment using food recognition. Khosla et al. focused on mobile applications, emphasizing not only acceleration of recognition processes but also the practical deployment of computer vision models on resource-constrained devices.

Additionally, the feasibility of deploying deep learning applications on edge-enabled drones was demonstrated in [9], highlighting the applicability of real-time computing in dynamic environments such as agricultural fields. This work showed that edge computing can effectively support deep learning tasks in scenarios where mobility and rapid decision-making are critical.

At the same time, the capabilities of edge computing were further expanded in [10], where hardware accelerators were identified as key contributors to reduced latency and improved computational efficiency. The authors emphasized that, as the volume of data generated at the edge continues to grow, tasks such as egg identification become increasingly critical for real-time processing.

An improved YOLO-based algorithm for remote sensing applications was presented in [11], demonstrating how advances in deep learning can enhance detection performance under challenging conditions. This study highlighted the necessity for real-time detection systems to balance both accuracy and speed - an essential requirement for egg recognition tasks.

A distributed processing strategy for smart vehicles within the Internet of Things was proposed in [12], emphasizing the importance of real-time application control for high-efficiency computational tasks. This work contributes to ongoing research on optimizing edge computing strategies to improve object detection performance.

According to [13], YOLO-based technologies have proven to be highly effective for fast object recognition, offering significant speed advantages. Such characteristics are especially important for applications requiring immediate feedback, including real-time egg classification systems.

A comprehensive review of major edge machine learning techniques was presented in [14], identifying open research challenges and future directions. The findings provide a detailed overview of edge-enabled machine learning solutions, particularly in the context of agricultural applications.

Optimized edge video analytics was explored in [15], where cooperative processing among distributed nodes was proposed. This approach has the potential to improve the efficiency of real-time egg recognition systems that currently rely on centralized computation.

More recently, [16] examined real-time object detection systems based on YOLOv8 and its predecessors, emphasizing the trade-off between detection accuracy and computational cost. Although

significant improvements were achieved, the study noted that challenges remain in deploying fully effective egg recognition systems in real-world environments.

Finally, [17] focused specifically on improving YOLOv8 for pigeon egg detection, addressing both theoretical and practical challenges. This work successfully improved egg counting accuracy in complex environments and provided benchmark results for future robotic and automated monitoring systems.

In summary, this literature review highlights significant advances in edge-accelerated real-time egg recognition, emphasizing the strong interaction between technological innovation and practical agricultural applications. Collectively, these studies demonstrate how decentralized processing and deep learning techniques can fundamentally transform traditional egg monitoring, sorting, and surveillance systems.

3 MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

This section involves six stages to approach the objective of the study:

3.1 Egg Detection Model Stages

Figure 1 shows essential checkpoints per step along with a path summary describing the egg detection model deployment process. This involves a three-phase approach:

1) Data Preparation. The first phase of the project where egg images are collected, preprocessed, filtered, and annotated in order to create the dataset to train, validate and test the YOLO model.
2) Model Implementation. In this phase, selected a deep learning model, trained using the training, validation and test datasets, and subsequently evaluated and assessed on the test dataset.
3) Model Inference. The final step entails applying the detection model to new egg images to verify the effectiveness of the developed model.

3.2 Data Collection

The dataset was obtained by photographing a group of chicken eggs in a studio box, on various grass or dirt surfaces, at different distances from the lens, and in different positions and orientations to simulate all the possibilities that the images to be used for object detection might present in real-time applications. The dataset consists of 971 JPG images with a resolution of 640 x 480 pixels, divided into 473 images of brown eggs, 488 images of white eggs, and 10 images containing both types. Figure 2 shows examples of the images used.

3.3 Data Pre-Processing

The dataset was filtered, annotated, and classified. The process of filtering and labeling the data includes the following steps:

1) Exclude blurry images and images that do not clearly contain potential objects.
2) Our work is divided into two classes, white and brown chicken eggs. Images containing eggs of other birds have been excluded.
3) It has been manually labeled, rectangle annotation is applied on the object, the rectangle covers all the exterior borders of the object.
4) Label studio software is used for annotation, the annotated data is exported in YOLO format.
5) The final dataset is divided into train, validation and test folders according to the ratio with is mentioned in Figure 1.

3.4 Model Training

Python 3.11 was used in the model's development. Google Colab was used to train and validate the algorithms. The deep learning approach used the deep convolutional neural network (CNN) model to train, detect, and classify the eggs as shown in Figure 3.
In this study, it was employed the YOLOv8 architecture for efficient object detection. This architecture partitions an image into a grid system, with each grid module responsible for detecting objects within its boundaries. A total of 100 epochs and batch size 16 have been performed to test each version. The eggs dataset is divided into three groups and was randomly split into an internal training set (70 %), validation set (20 %), and test set (10 %).

3.5 Model Deployment and Real-Time Detection

The trained model is compiled into TensorFlow lite format, in order to be compatible with the edge computing device, which is Coral Edge TPU device. The Coral Edge TPU device is a device produced by Google to accelerate the artificial intelligence

operations in micro devices, like Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi 5 is used to run the real-time egg detection. The real-time object detection is performed by reading a video stream from a live camera as shown in the Figure 4. The model was tested with samples taken in a simulated poultry farm environment, including images of eggs on dirt, grass, and among bunches of hay, due to the lack of access to real poultry farms during the study. The results obtained were within the range obtained in the initial test.

3.6 Model Performance Evaluation Metrices

The detection performance of the proposed model was evaluated using standard and widely accepted object detection metrics, commonly employed in YOLO-based frameworks. These include precision, recall, F1-score, Intersection over Union (IoU), mean Average Precision (mAP), as well as training and validation losses (box loss, object loss, and class loss).

Precision measures the proportion of correctly detected objects among all detections made by the model at a given confidence threshold, reflecting the model's ability to avoid false positives.

Recall evaluates the model's ability to correctly detect all relevant objects, indicating how effectively the network identifies true targets within an image.

The F1-score provides a single, comprehensive indicator of detection performance by harmonically balancing precision and recall. This metric is particularly useful for summarizing overall model effectiveness, especially in scenarios where class imbalance may be present.

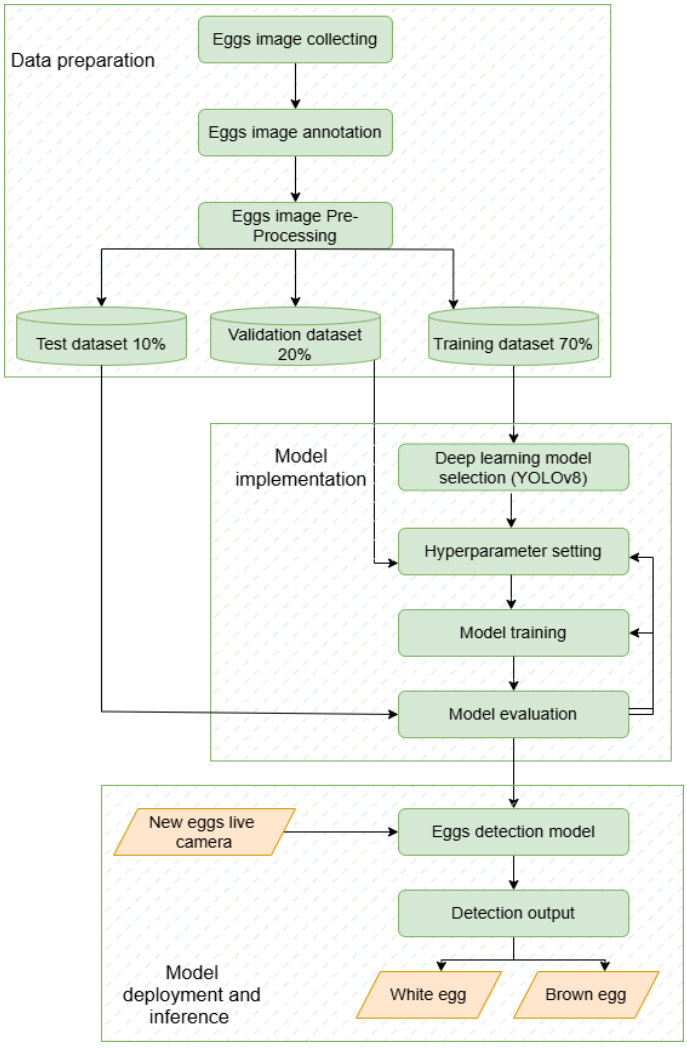


Figure 1: Methodological framework for the egg detection.



Figure 2: Eggs dataset samples.

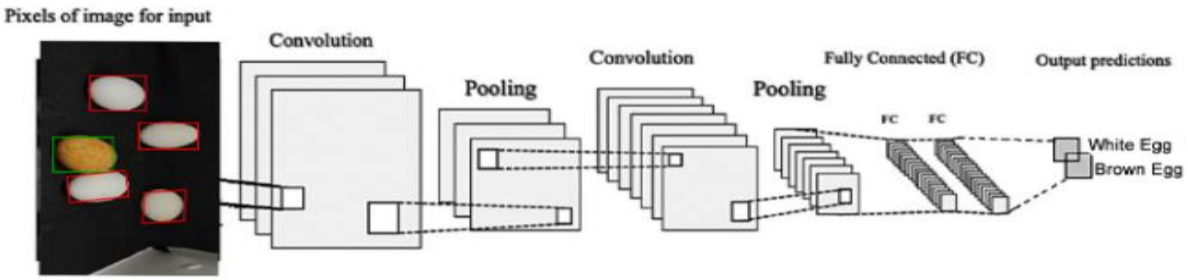
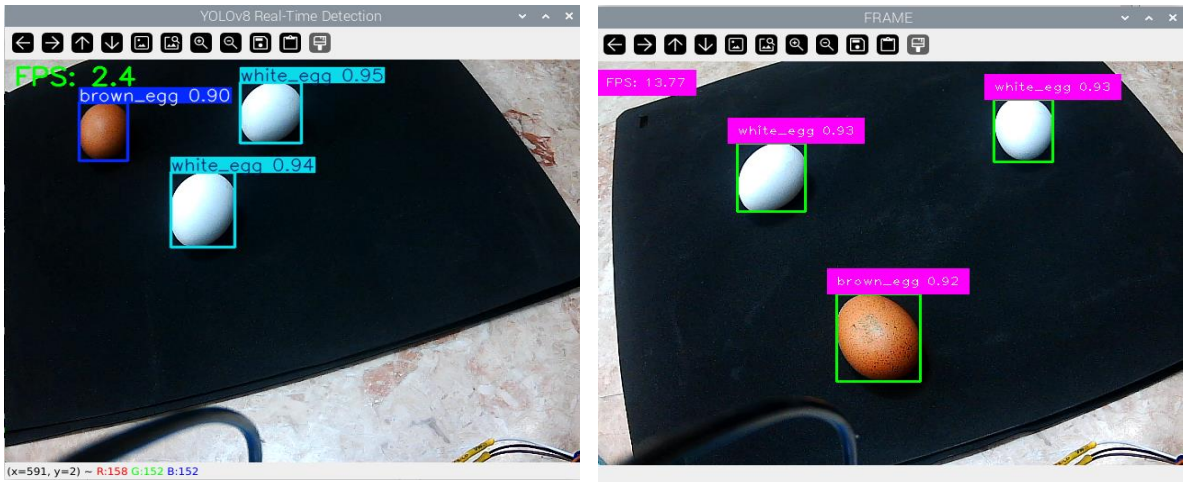


Figure 3: The architecture of the deep learning model employed a CNN.



(a) (b)

Figure 4: a): Live stream object detection using trained YOLOv8n model; b) : Live stream object detection used a TFLite model converted from YOLOv8n model, with Edge TPU.

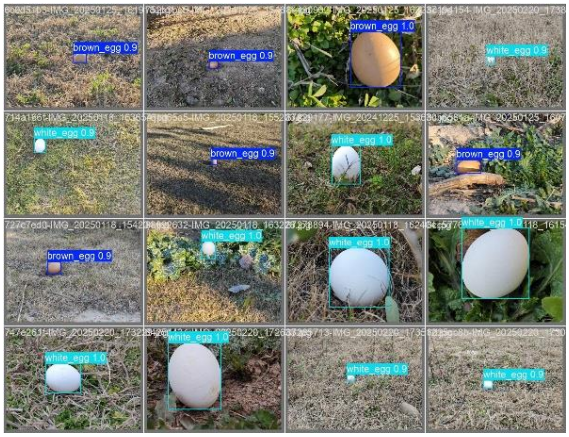


Figure 5: Results of Egg detection YOLOv8n model.

The Intersection over Union (IoU) is defined as the ratio of the overlapping area between the predicted bounding box and the ground-truth bounding box to the total area covered by both. It quantifies the spatial accuracy of object localization and the model's ability to distinguish objects from the background.

Average Precision (AP) and its aggregate form, mean Average Precision (mAP), are standard benchmarks for evaluating object detection models. These metrics summarize detection accuracy across different confidence thresholds and IoU levels, providing a robust measure of overall model performance.

All evaluation metrics were computed based on the conventional confusion matrix components [1]:

- TP (True Positive). The number of instances that were correctly predicted as positive.
- TN (True Negative). The number of instances that were correctly predicted as negative.
- FP (False Positive). The number of instances that were incorrectly predicted as positive.
- FN (False Negative). The number of instances that were incorrectly predicted as negative.

4 RESULTS

This section presents the results of the egg detection model using YOLOv8. Several YOLOv8 model variants were evaluated, including (a) YOLOv8n, (b) YOLOv8s, (c) YOLOv8m, (d) YOLOv8l, and (e) YOLOv8x.The result of these models is shown in Figure 6. More details are described in the following subsections: The YOLOv8 model incorporates box losses in its object detection algorithm to enhance the accuracy of object detection and classification within an image. The goal during training is to minimize the losses to the lowest possible value in the meantime maintain the detection time as less as possible. The precision and recall values approached unity, indicating excellent performance. The mean average precision, the most commonly used statistic, also met expectations. Figure 5 shows the training box loss of the dataset.

A confusion matrix for each YOLOv8 model is used to analyze the accuracy of the collected data in detection and classification of eggs.

The top left cell represents the number of sample of the true predicted brown eggs (True positives), while the middle cell represents the true predicted white eggs (True positives). The cells in the first row except the first cell represent the brown egg labels those incorrectly classified as other labels (white eggs or background), these cells are recognized as (False negative). The first column cells except the first cell are represent the non-brown egg labels those are predicted as brown eggs, this is called (False positive). The rest of the cells represent the non-brown labels those are predicted as non-brown eggs (True negative).

The confusion matrix of the white eggs are described as the following: The middle cell the percentage of the true predicted white eggs (True positives). The cells in the second row except the middle cell represent the white egg labels those incorrectly classified as other labels (brown eggs or background), these cells are recognized as (False negative). The second column cells except the middle cell are represent the non-white egg labels those are predicted as white eggs, this is called (False positive). The rest of the cells represent the non-white labels those are predicted as non-white eggs (True negative).

The highest score achieved by the eggs detection model is 0.98, with best confidence level of 0.703 in YOLOv8s model, Table 1 shows the F1-confidence scores of each YOLOv8 model.

Table 1: F1 score-confidence of YOLOv8 models.

Model	F1 score	Confidence
YOLOv8n	0.98	0.615
YOLOv8s	0.98	0.703
YOLOv8m	0.97	0.737
YOLOv8l	0.97	0.389
YOLOv8x	0.97	0.726

A confidence level greater than 0.788 indicates satisfactory precision in the scores which is considered good for the developed eggs detection model using YOLOv8n model. Table 2 shows the Precision-confidence values of each YOLOv8 model.

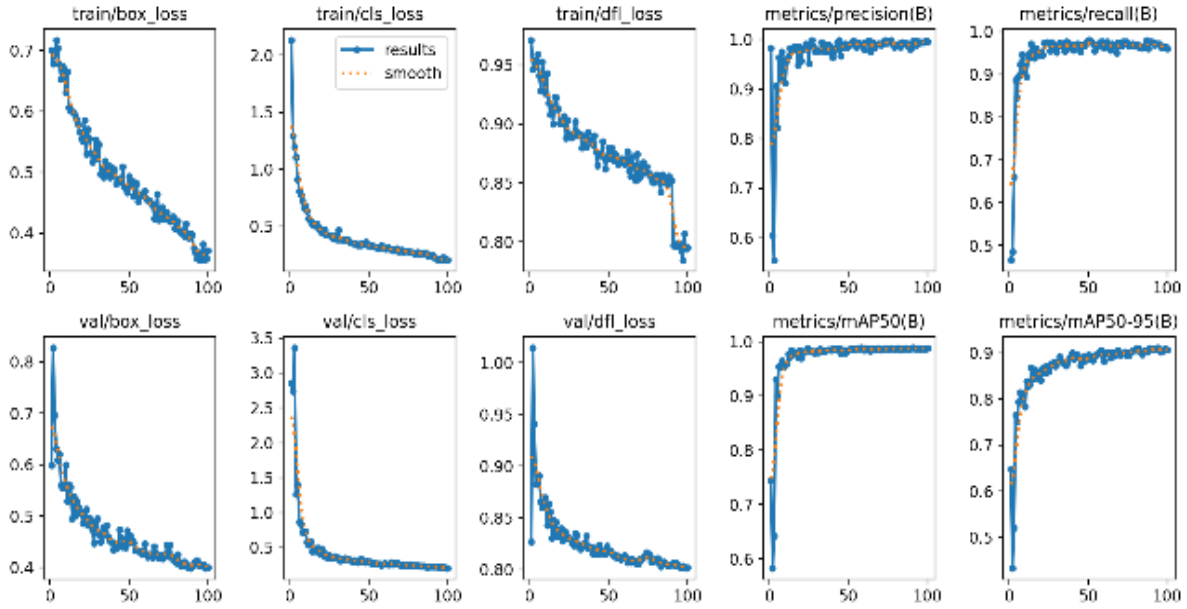


Figure 6: Performance training analysis with YOLOv8n model.

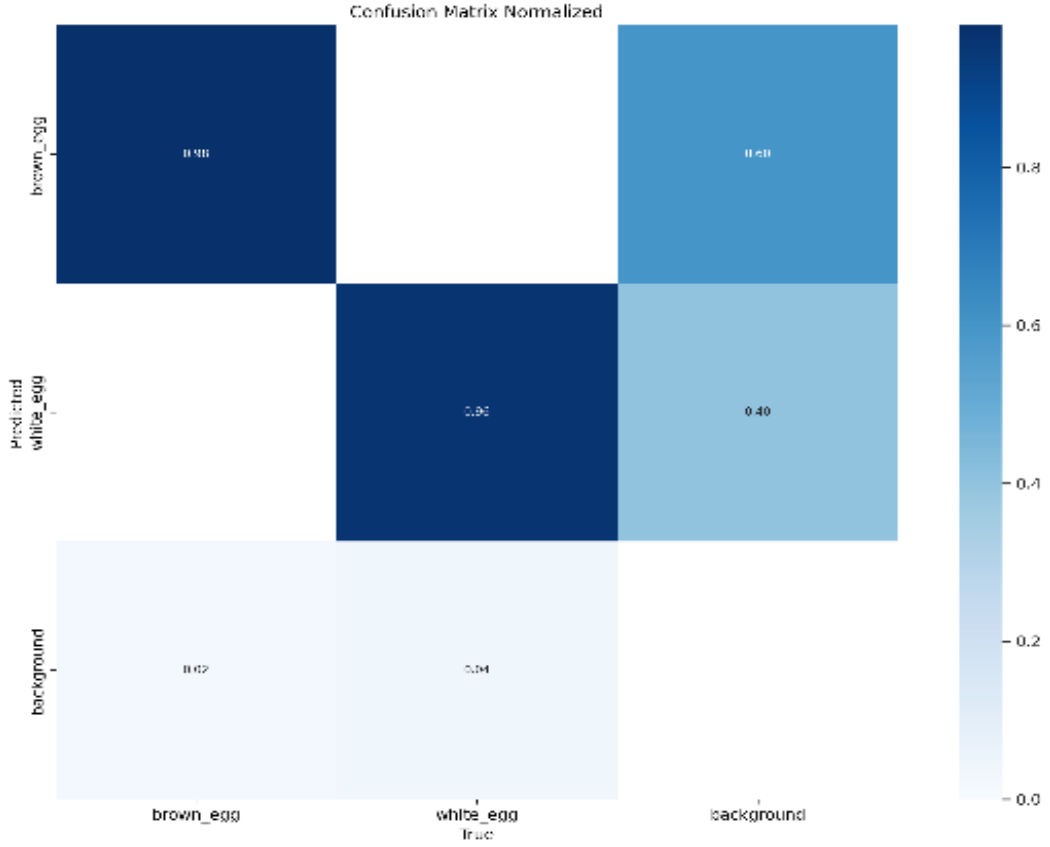


Figure 7: The confusion matrix of YOLOv8n model.

Table 2: Precision-confidence values of the trained YOLOv8 models.

Model	Confidence
YOLOv8n	0.788
YOLOv8s	0.788
YOLOv8m	0.836
YOLOv8l	0.890
YOLOv8x	0.858

Table 3 shows a comparison of the eggs detection results between YOLOv8 models.

Table 3: The computational time of YOLOv8 models training.

Models	mAP 0.5	Precision	Recall	F1-score
YOLOv8n	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.98
YOLOv8s	0.98	0.99	0.97	0.98
YOLOv8m	0.98	0.99	0.95	0.97
YOLOv8l	0.98	0.96	0.98	0.97
YOLOv8x	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.97

Using the edge computation have made a significant different in FPS (Frame per second) of the live stream, which effects on the speed of detection. This matter could be a critical factor if the detection used in robotics or in dynamic based applications. Table 4 shows a comparison in FPS values of each YOLOv8 model and the corresponding tensorFlow lite model.

Table 4: FPS values for each YOLOv8 and TFlite models.

Model	YOLOv8 FPS	TFLite FPS
YOLOv8n	2.4	13.77
YOLOv8s	1	4.07
YOLOv8m	0.4	0.69
YOLOv8l	0.2	0.87
YOLOv8x	0.1	0.65

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study shows that coupling state-of-the-art one-stage detectors with edge accelerators can eliminate the long-standing trade-off between speed and accuracy in agricultural machine-vision tasks. Training five YOLOv8 variants on a purpose-built two-class egg dataset yielded uniformly high mAP50 (0.98) and F1 scores (≥ 0.97). When deployed on a Raspberry Pi 5 alone, inference rates were inadequate for mobile platforms; however, compiling to TensorFlow-Lite and off-loading computations to the Coral Edge TPU delivered up to a 5.7 × throughput increase, achieving real-time (≥ 13 FPS) performance with the YOLOv8n model. The acceleration came with negligible precision–recall degradation, confirming that the wider YOLOv8 design - especially the atomic-layered n-variant-matches the resource envelope of embedded poultry robots. Consequently, commercial egg-gathering systems can now exploit inexpensive edge hardware to monitor laying patterns continuously while minimising breakage and labour. Future directions include enlarging the dataset to cover occlusions and soiled shells, testing multi-class damage grading, and integrating tracking to support cooperative fleets of robotic collectors.

As a future work, it's highly recommended to expand dataset and test robustness, by enlarging the image corpus beyond clean white and brown shells to include cracked, soiled and partially occluded eggs, other kinds of poultry birds like geese, ducks and quails, and embedding the detection model in a micro-controller that runs robotic features like arms, grippers and navigation materials, to maximize the benefit of the study.

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Integrating Feature Selection and Machine Learning Boosting for Accurate Breast Cancer Prediction

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Abstract: Breast cancer is a prevalent and devastating disease and remains a major contributor to cancer-related mortality among women worldwide. The increasing incidence and fatality rates are often associated with changes in lifestyle and the influence of environmental factors. In response to these alarming trends, the development and deployment of automated breast cancer diagnostic systems have become increasingly important in modern healthcare. This study investigates the performance of several boosting algorithms - CatBoost, LightGBM, XGBoost, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting - for breast cancer prediction using the Wisconsin Diagnostic Breast Cancer (WDBC) dataset. The dataset is publicly available on Kaggle and consists of 569 instances, including 357 benign and 212 malignant cases. The proposed framework encompasses data preprocessing, feature selection, and classification stages. Model performance was evaluated using multiple metrics to ensure robust analysis and objective assessment. The experimental results demonstrate that LightGBM outperformed the other models, highlighting the effectiveness of boosting-based approaches for breast cancer diagnosis and emphasizing the potential of these techniques for further advancements in oncology research.

1 INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer affects women more than any other malignancy [1], [2]. It ranks fifth in terms of overall cancer mortality worldwide [3] and is the second leading cause of cancer-related death among women [4]. Globally, breast cancer is the most prevalent malignancy in women, accounting for approximately one in four cancer diagnoses and one in six cancer-related deaths. It holds the highest incidence and mortality rates in 159 and 110 countries, respectively. Annually, over 2,000,000 new cases are reported, resulting in approximately 685,000 deaths worldwide [5], [6]. Hormonal imbalances, genetic predisposition, marital status, and reproductive history are considered contributory factors in the development of breast cancer [7].

Therefore, the implementation of automated methodologies for breast cancer screening and diagnosis is essential. Early and accurate detection plays a crucial role in improving patient outcomes and increasing survival rates. Previous studies have proposed various decision support systems for breast cancer prediction; however, many of them do not explicitly address time complexity or provide detailed criteria for training and evaluation.

Furthermore, understanding training and computational complexity is critical for assessing algorithm feasibility, particularly in healthcare systems with limited CPU and memory resources. For example, in 2021, study [1] applied a range of machine learning algorithms for breast cancer prediction, including CatBoost, XGBoost, Linear Regression (LR), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Naïve Bayes (NB), Decision Tree (DT), and Random Forest (RF). CatBoost achieved the highest performance, with an accuracy of 97.8% and an Area Under the ROC Curve (AUROC) of 0.983, outperforming the other algorithms.

In 2022, study [8] employed twelve machine learning techniques for breast cancer prediction. The

Perceptron and SVM demonstrated superior sensitivity and accuracy, while LR achieved the highest precision and F1-score. In contrast, DT exhibited lower sensitivity and accuracy, and KNN recorded reduced precision and F1-score. Overall, the Perceptron and SVM emerged as the most effective predictors, achieving an accuracy of 90% and showing consistent performance across multiple evaluation metrics.

In 2023, study [9] utilized several machine learning classifiers and ensemble techniques on a breast cancer dataset, reporting that DT and XGBoost achieved the highest accuracy of 97%.

In 2024, study [3] trained seven machine learning algorithms, including DT, SGD, RF, SVM, Logistic Regression, and AdaBoost. The AdaBoost–Logistic model achieved the highest accuracy of 99.12%, outperforming the other approaches.

In 2025, study [10] proposed a hybrid deep learning framework for predicting breast cancer recurrence by combining deep learning and traditional machine learning models, resulting in sixteen predictive models. The BCR-HDL framework not only predicted recurrence outcomes but also provided recurrence time estimation. The hybrid MLP+RF and Xception+RF models achieved an accuracy of 97% on the WDBC dataset, while the MLP+RF model reached 78% prognostic accuracy on the WPBC dataset. Additionally, the hybrid ResNet+SVM and ResNet+RF models demonstrated strong predictive performance, achieving an accuracy of 92%.

Despite these advancements, existing studies predominantly focus on classification accuracy while neglecting training time and prediction time, which are essential for identifying the most efficient algorithms from a practical perspective. Moreover, there remains a noticeable gap in the comprehensive application of boosting algorithms for breast cancer classification. Boosting techniques offer several advantages over conventional and deep learning approaches, particularly in handling data imbalance, missing values, and categorical features. By combining multiple weak learners, boosting algorithms enhance generalization capability and reduce the risk of overfitting. Although boosting methods have shown strong performance across various domains, their potential in breast cancer diagnosis has not been fully explored.

This study aims to develop predictive models for breast cancer using comprehensive datasets, advanced feature selection techniques, and five widely used boosting algorithms: CatBoost, LightGBM, XGBoost, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting (GB). The primary objective is to improve diagnostic accuracy and patient outcomes by rigorously evaluating these algorithms using multiple performance metrics. The evaluation criteria include accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, confusion matrix, AUROC, as well as computational time for both training and prediction, ensuring a robust and comprehensive assessment.

2 THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Theoretical Rationale for Boosting Algorithms in Medical Prediction

Boosting algorithms use ensemble learning with weak learners (often decision trees) to create a strong classifier. Boosting reduces bias and variance, improving predictive accuracy on unseen data. In medical datasets like breast cancer, boosting algorithms address class imbalance, noisy features, and complex relationships by focusing on misclassified instances. Boosting helps handle imbalanced data and prevents overfitting through adaptive weighting and regularization. The ensemble approach of boosting models improves generalization on new patient data for clinical deployment [11].

2.2 Theoretical Motivation for Feature Selection

Feature selection reduces dimensionality, eliminates irrelevant variables, and enhances model interpretability using statistical measures like Pearson correlation. This helps reduce overfitting, improve computational efficiency, and enhance interpretability for clinicians [12].

3 PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

The subsequent subsections furnish a comprehensive background pertinent to the classification algorithms employed in the present study.

3.1 Categorical Boosting (CatBoost)

It is a formidable gradient-boosting library grounded in open-source principles. It is nonlinear, tree-based, and adept at handling intricate datasets. CatBoost consistently surpasses alternative boosting methodologies, demonstrating marked enhancements in both accuracy and performance. It achieves

optimal results with remarkable speed, which is invaluable for time-sensitive applications such as fraud detection. CatBoost streamlines data preparation by accommodating categorical features without necessitating preprocessing. Its sophisticated capabilities, user-friendly nature, and exceptional performance render it a premier choice for machine learning endeavors [13], [14].

3.2 Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)

It is a formidable machine learning algorithm elucidated in numerous scholarly articles for a myriad of applications. It has been employed for the detection of breast cancer with remarkable precision and recall rates. XGBoost distinguishes itself through its capacity to tackle intricate challenges, attain elevated predictive accuracy, and deliver efficiency across diverse domains [15], [16].

3.3 Light Gradiant Boosting Machine (LightGBM)

LightGBM stands out as a versatile and efficient tool in the machine learning toolbox, providing robust solutions for a wide range of predictive modeling tasks. Its speed, scalability, and accuracy make it popular among data scientists and machine learning practitioners [17], [18].

3.4 Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost)

To improve predictive accuracy, AdaBoost combines multiple weak classifiers by placing greater emphasis on instances that are misclassified. After each iteration, the dataset is reweighted so that subsequent weak classifiers focus more on these difficult cases. When specific criteria are met, a new weak classifier is introduced, initially assigning equal weight to all input samples. The weights of misclassified instances are then increased, while the weights of correctly classified samples are decreased. This reweighted dataset is used to train the next weak classifier. Through this iterative process, all weak classifiers are combined to form a single, strong classifier [19], [20].

3.5 Gradient Boosting (GB)

Boosting algorithms amalgamate weak learners to construct a robust learner. Gradient Boosting (GB) serves as a prominent exemplar in regression tasks. It incrementally formulates a predictive model by optimizing a loss function. Overfitting presents a significant challenge when not adequately regularized. Consider GB for the estimation of housing prices; it commences with a rudimentary model that encapsulates the data trend. In each iteration, it rectifies the errors made by preceding models. Regularization techniques are imperative to mitigate overfitting. In the absence of such measures, the model may become excessively sensitive to the noise present in the training data, leading to suboptimal generalization to unseen datasets. Meticulous tuning of hyperparameters and regularization parameters is essential. Achieving a harmonious balance between model complexity and generalization is pivotal for GB in the realm of predictive modeling [21], [22].

4 PROPOSED MODEL

This model contains three stages: preprocessing, feature selection, and classification, as shown below.

4.1 The Dataset

The dataset utilized was the Wisconsin breast cancer dataset. It has 569 instances without missing values across thirty-two columns in a CSV file. 30 columns describe breast cancer physiological characteristics; one is for ID numbers, and one is for cancer categories. Features extracted from digital images of breast mass fine-needle aspiration delineate cell nuclei characteristics. Resource accessible online at no cost. The dataset includes cases of women aged 29 to 89, categorized as "B," denotes benign tumors, while "M" signifies malignant tumors.
Figure 1 illustrates a histogram depicting the distribution of diagnoses, comprising 212 malignant cases and 357 benign instances [3], [23].

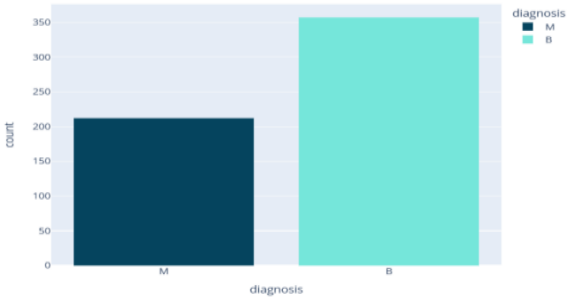


Figure 1: The histogram of diagnoses in the dataset.

4.2 Preprocessing Stage

Preprocessing is a critical component of the data science workflow, serving to meticulously prepare data for the construction of predictive models. Without it, prediction quality can suffer. Preprocessing is crucial for strong predictive models. Invest time and effort in preprocessing for robust and reliable models [24]. The preprocessing stage involved three key steps:

1) Categorical data, such as diagnostic classifications, was transmuted into numerical representations (0 denoting benign and 1 signifying malignant).
2) Eliminating Non-Essential Features. Attributes such as identification numbers were extricated to streamline the dataset and mitigate the risk of overfitting.
3) Balancing data prevents model bias toward the majority class, avoiding favoritism. Balanced models are less likely to suffer accuracy paradox. Figure 2 shows the histogram of diagnoses after 100% balancing using resampling from the sklearn library in Python. Both classes (benign and malignant) have 357 instances.

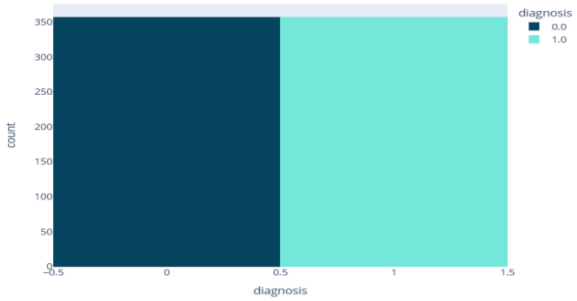


Figure 2: The histogram of diagnoses in the dataset after 100% balanceing.

4.3 Features Selection Stage

The myriad of diverse features complicate the accuracy of predictions. It is imperative to extract key features through a meticulous feature selection process prior to the implementation of a machine learning model. This approach not only mitigates the presence of irrelevant variables but also curtails associated costs and minimizes the risk of overfitting. The judicious selection of significant features is paramount for achieving successful predictive outcomes [25]. The correlation between features is ascertained through the application of Pearson correlation, facilitating the comprehension of relationships and elucidating attribute interdependence. Statistical indicators of variable variability and linear association are subsequently computed (1).

$$Px, y = Covx, \frac{y}{} \sigma x \sigma y, \quad (1)$$

where x and y are standard deviations of x[n] and y[n], while Covx,y represents the covariance. Correlation coefficients, x and y, range from -1 to +1. A value of zero signifies an absence of a linear relationship. A robust positive correlation approaches +1, whereas a pronounced negative correlation nears -1 [26], [27].
Figure 3 illustrates the heatmap depicting the correlation among various features.

The most important features for diagnosis were chosen according to their correlation values (≥0.5). This threshold was meticulously selected to preserve only the most pertinent features, mitigate extraneous noise, and enhance both the interpretability and efficacy of the model. 15 features were selected for prediction from the original features. Figure 4 shows the ranked features by Pearson correlation with the diagnosis.

4.4 Classification Stage and Performance Evaluation

The total number of features used in this study is 15. Five boosting algorithms - CatBoost, XGBoost, LightGBM, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting - were employed for breast cancer prediction. All models were implemented using the Python programming language. The dataset was randomly divided into two subsets, with 80% of the data used for training and 20% reserved for testing, ensuring that model performance was evaluated on previously unseen samples.

The classification performance was assessed using several widely adopted evaluation metrics, including precision, recall, accuracy, and F1-score [28]. Precision reflects the proportion of correctly identified positive cases among all predicted positives, while recall measures the model's ability to correctly identify actual positive cases. Accuracy indicates the overall correctness of the classification results, and the F1-score provides a balanced measure by combining precision and recall.

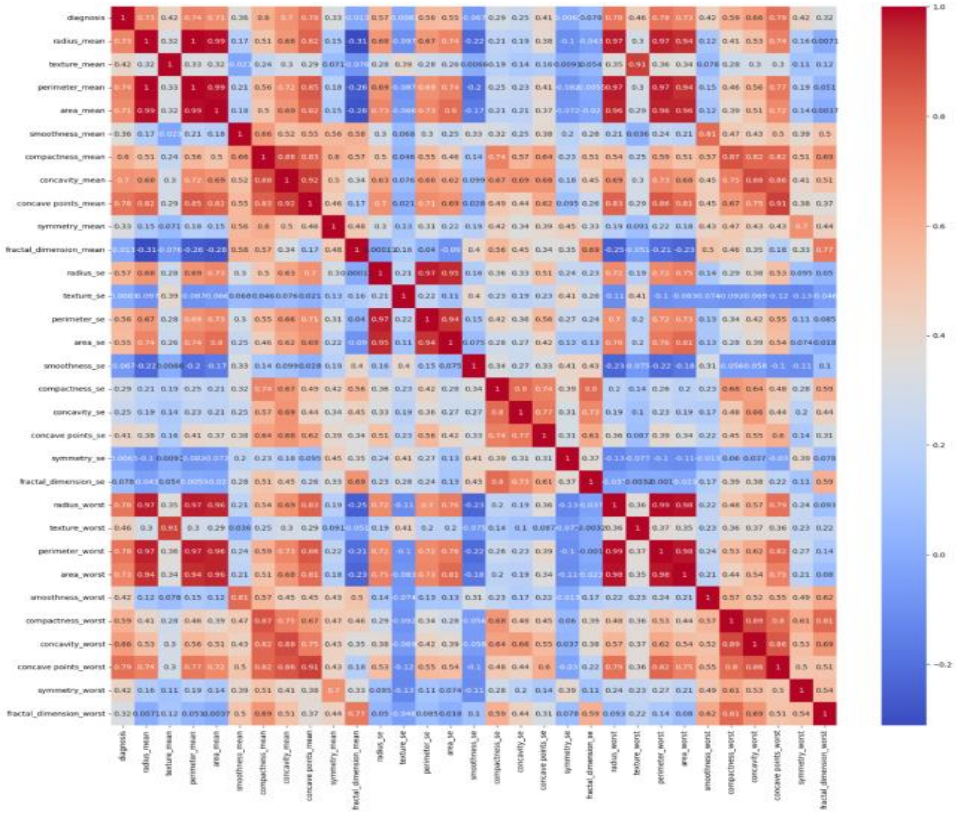


Figure 3: The correlation between features.

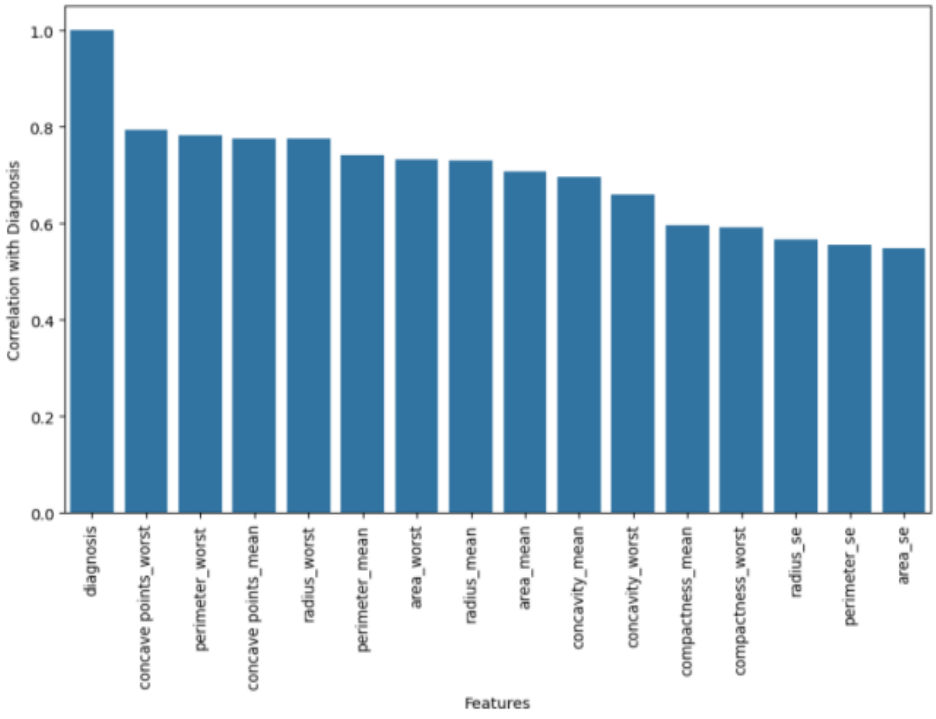


Figure 4: Ranked features by Pearson correlation with diagnosis.

In addition, a confusion matrix was utilized to summarize the classification results by presenting the counts of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives in a structured manner. This representation facilitates a clearer understanding of model performance across different classes, as illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1: Classification report for the algorithms used.

Boosting algorithm	Presition	Recall	F1-score	Class Label
CatBoost	0.95	0.97	0.96	Bengin
	0.95	0.90	0.93	Malignant
			0.95	Accuracy
XGBoost	0.96	0.97	0.97	Bengin
	0.95	0.93	0.94	Malignant
			0.96	Accuracy
LightGBM	0.97	0.97	0.97	Bengin
	0.95	0.95	0.95	Malignant
			0.97	Accuracy
AdaBoost	0.96	0.97	0.97	Bengin
	0.95	0.93	0.94	Malignant
			0.96	Accuracy
GB	0.96	0.97	0.97	Bengin
	0.95	0.93	0.94	Malignant
			0.96	Accuracy

Figures 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 illustrate the confusion matrices for Catboost, XGBoost, LightGBM, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting, respectively.

Figure 10 shows AUROC for all the five boosting algorithms used.

Figure 11 shows a training times between the five algorithms used in this work.

Figure 12 shows the prediction times between the five algorithms used in this work.

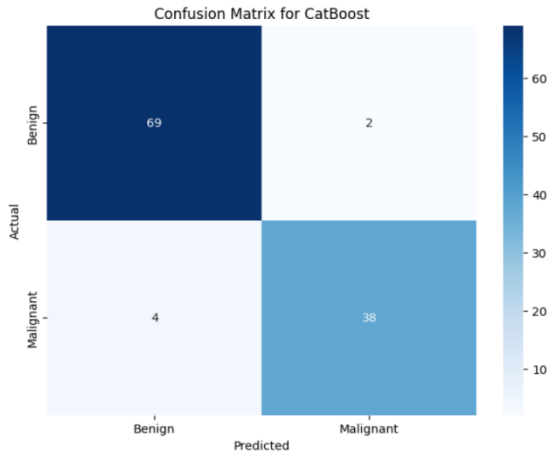


Figure 5: CatBoost. Model Confusion Matrix

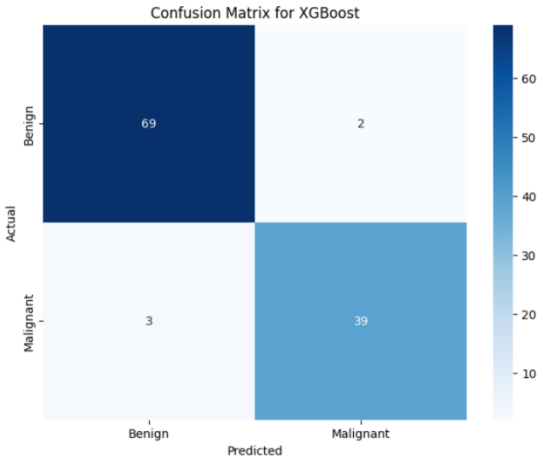


Figure 6: XGBoost Model Confusion matrix.

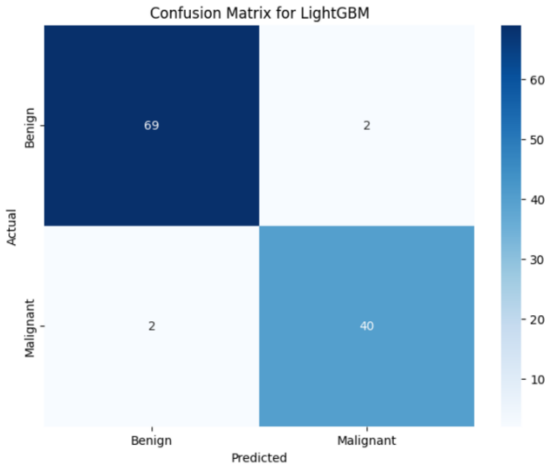


Figure 7: LightGBM Model Confusion matrix

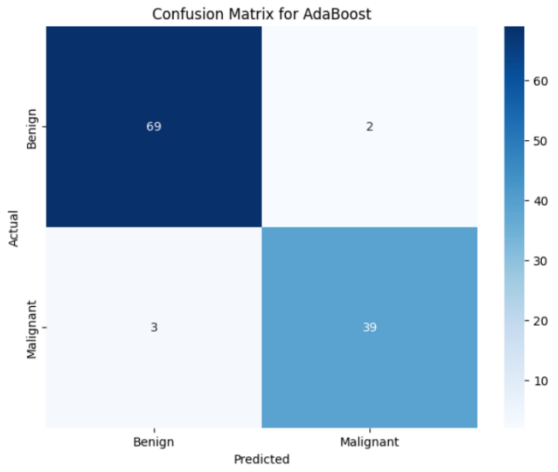


Figure 8: AdaBoost Model Confusion matrix

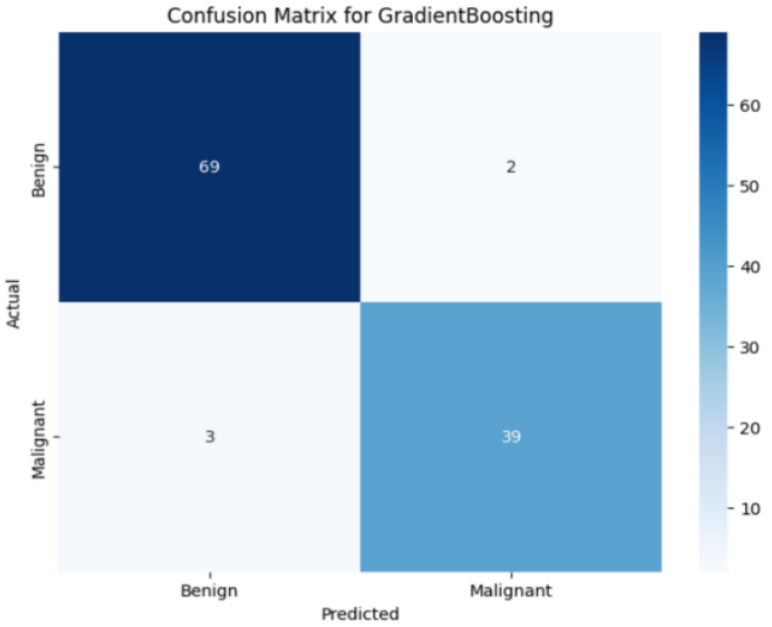


Figure 9: GB. Model Confusion Matrix

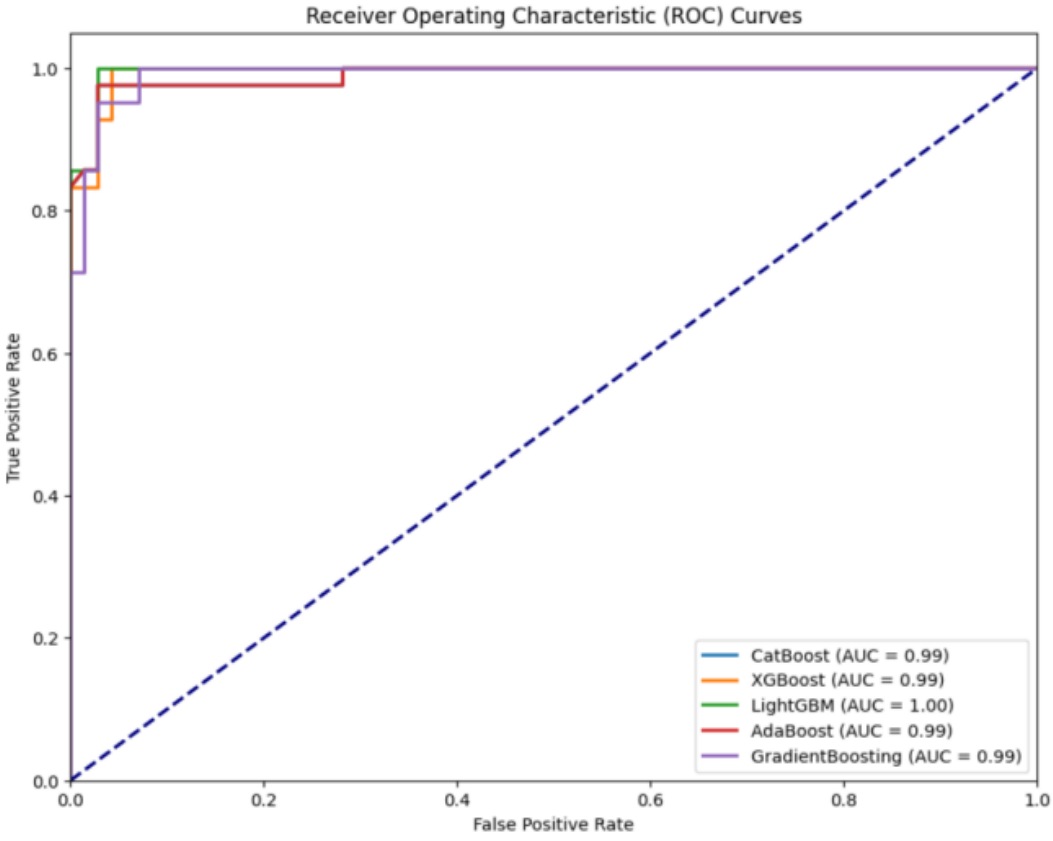


Figure 10: The AUROC for the boosting algorithms used.

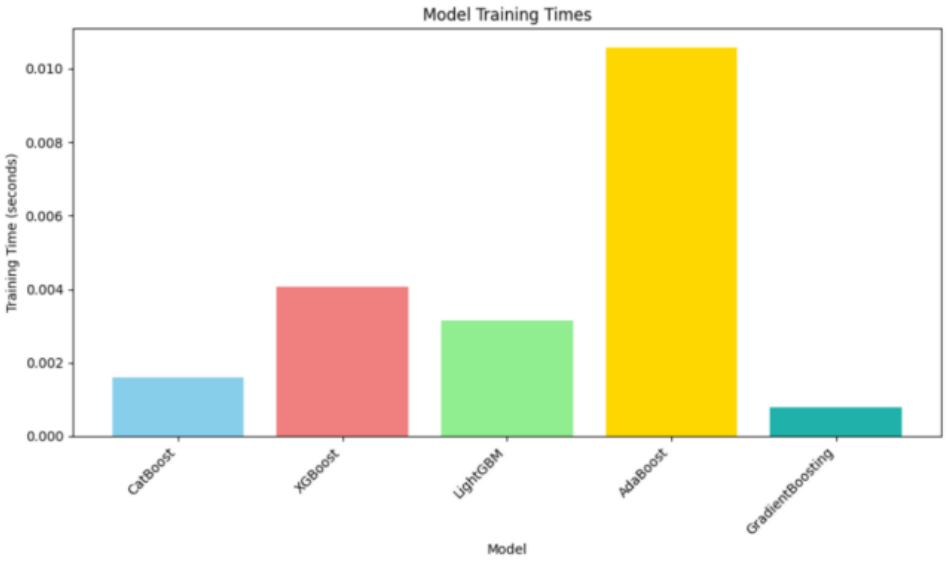


Figure 11: The comparison of training times.

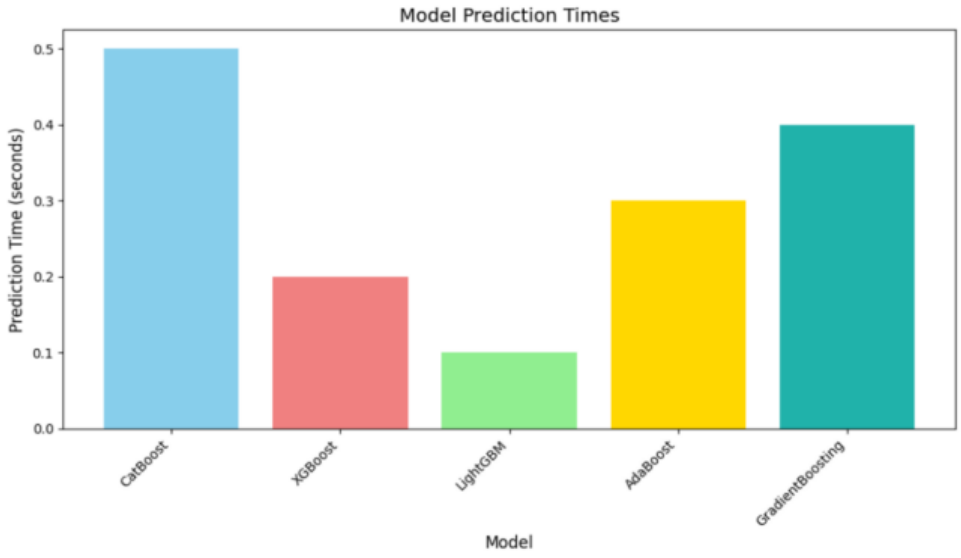


Figure 12: The comparison of prediction times.

5 DISCUSSIONS

Breast cancer is a significant health issue and a top cause of death in women. Early detection remains a key focus in medical research. This study elucidates the considerable potential of boosting algorithms in the realm of breast cancer prediction, with all five examined algorithms (CatBoost, XGBoost, LightGBM, AdaBoost, and Gradient Boosting) attaining exceptional performance metrics. The final AUC scores surpassed 99% across all models. Notably, LightGBM distinguished itself as the most proficient, owing to its innovative leaf-wise tree growth strategy, which facilitates enhanced accuracy and expedited convergence. Superior scalability and lower memory usage make it suitable for large datasets and real-time applications. It achieves remarkable performance, minimal prediction durations, and a substantial reduction in false negatives. This accomplishment is particularly consequential in the clinical realm of breast cancer diagnosis, where false negatives can precipitate delayed treatment and potentially exacerbate patient outcomes. By prioritizing recall metrics in conjunction with conventional accuracy assessments, our approach addresses a critical deficiency in

numerous prior studies that predominantly emphasized overall accuracy. Our research combines five boosting algorithms for breast cancer prediction, advancing the field significantly. The high accuracy, AUC, and low false negative rates of boosting algorithms (especially LightGBM) suggest they can improve automated diagnostic systems for breast cancer.

These models can aid clinicians in rendering more precise and timely diagnoses, thereby mitigating the risk of misdiagnosis and facilitating enhanced patient management.

6 CONCLUSIONS

This study identifies LightGBM as the top-performing boosting algorithm for accurate breast cancer prediction, highlighting its potential for integration into clinical decision-support systems. By leveraging its speed, scalability, and high accuracy, LightGBM demonstrates how advanced machine learning can contribute to earlier and more reliable breast cancer detection. The findings advance the understanding of boosting algorithms in medical machine learning and provide valuable insights for healthcare practitioners aiming to improve diagnostic workflows. Moreover, the research highlights the role of such models in facilitating timely interventions, which can be crucial for patient outcomes. For future work, employing multi-institutional datasets would improve the robustness and generalizability of the proposed models, ensuring their applicability across diverse populations and healthcare settings. Additionally, integrating the predictive framework with multimodal data sources such as mammographic, ultrasound, and MRI attributes could significantly enhance predictive power, providing a more comprehensive and precise diagnostic tool for clinicians and ultimately contributing to improved patient care and treatment planning.

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Real-Time Oil Spill Detection for UAV Images in Varied Terrains in Iraq Based on Deep Learning

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Abstract: Oil spills pose serious threats to both the environment and public health, demanding fast and accurate detection in all settings. Traditional detection methods are often slow, expensive, and ineffective across diverse terrains. This highlights the urgent need for an efficient, automated solution capable of reliably identifying oil contamination in real time. In this paper, we developed an aerial system using YOLOv10 detector to locate oil contamination on and off the Tigris River banks near Tikrit, Iraq, in real-time. We collected and annotated a custom dataset comprising 700 UAV images, consisting of 470 water-based oil spill images and 230 land-based oil spill images. The images underwent square cropping and normalization, followed by a comprehensive augmentation pipeline that included mosaic mixing and class-aware sample selection. Fine-tuning COCO-pre-trained YOLOv10 weights using freeze-then-unfreeze strategies yielded water-only mAP_{50} results of 69.1 % and land-only 63.1 %. For the combined test set, the detector achieved mAP_{50} 79.7 %. These findings confirm the lightweight UAV platform and the single-stage detector are suitable for extensive real-time environmental monitoring in deprived regions with limited resources.

1 INTRODUCTION

The use of oil and petroleum products greatly increases the possibility of oil and petroleum spilling into water bodies or land, which may adversely affect the environment, natural resources, and public health. It is crucial to detect oil infusion at an early stage in order to prevent damage to sensitive watersheds and industrial water bodies. Oil-centric monitoring methods like satellite imagery, manual inspections greatly lack in area coverage, time efficiency, and safety during ground evaluations [1]. Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones have garnered attention for policy surveillance activities owing to their altitude photography paired with autonomous flight options [2]. Domestic drones, for instance the DJI Mini 2, can achieve altitudes of 5 to 50 meters and provide an incredible precision of less than one meter ground sampling distances, which is ideal for oil spill inspections. Oil-spill UAV- selfies taken under diverse weather, light, and backdrop settings can now be analyzed in real-time using deep-learning object detection frameworks, ensuring timely identification and evaluation of oil-contaminated regions.

The development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology and its implementation in a variety of domains has sparked innovation well past the scope of environmental tracking. The use of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) technologies oil spill detection processes has changed remarkably due to the combination of various types of data and improvements in the algorithms used. Some of the initial efforts relied on traditional ML techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests (RF). Chen and Lu (2017) [3] incorporated SVM with feature selection that was aware of the subcategory in aerial image oil spill detection and Tong and Chen (2019) [4] used RF on polarimetric Synthetic aperture radar (SAR) data to strengthen detection against noise. Ozigis et al. (2020) [5] also evaluated RF versus Fuzzy Forest (FF) for mapping oil-impacted vegetation and RF's versatility with multispectral and SAR data was emphasized. Feature extraction was done with a machine learning approach using biologically inspired methods of processing with Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs). Park et al. (2020) [6] proved the ability of ANNs in improving the reduction of sun glare in optical sea images. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs),

became specialists later as they were better at recognizing spatial patterns. The use of CNNs for characterizing oil slicks in SAR images was pioneered by Guo et al. (2017) [7] while Nieto-Hidalgo et al. (2018) [8] implemented multi-stage CNNs to classify oil spills, ships, and coastlines in radar images. The use of CNNs to large scale oil spill datasets has been reported by Das et al. (2023) [9] which highlights the effectiveness of feature propagation.

Recent advancements in CNN architectures have significantly improved oil spill detection performance in remote sensing applications. Yaohua and Xudong (2019) [10] introduced a DenseNet-based model for SAR image feature extraction and classification using a Softmax layer, tested on ERS-2 SAR data. Wang and Coulson (2023) [11] leveraged a pre-trained MobileNet model, demonstrating the value of transfer learning for custom oil spill detection, particularly on computationally constrained platforms. Zeng and Wang [12] utilized a VGG-16-based DCNN to classify SAR dark spots, with data augmentation enhancing the model's ability to learn features over handcrafted methods. Ronci et al. (2020) [13] extended the U-Net++ architecture by adding a final convolutional layer and training on 839 SAR images from RADARSAT-2 and Sentinel-1. Similarly, Chen et al. (2024) [14] implemented a U-Net model with a lightweight MobileNetv3 backbone, incorporating multi-scale feature fusion to improve class-level feature learning. Krestenitis et al. (2019) [15] explored various DCNNs for semantic segmentation, identifying DeepLabv3+ as the top performer in accuracy and inference speed on oil spill datasets.

Few works combine high-speed detection with UAV mobility in resource-constrained regions. These gaps motivated our use of YOLOv10 with drone imagery to achieve fast, accurate detection across diverse environments, which are listed in Table 1. In this paper, we design and assess an oil spill detection framework based on UAV imagery that processes the YOLOv10 detector for real-time operation on desktop GPUs as well as edge devices. We examine a case study focused on the Tigris River region near Tikrit, Iraq, where recent leaks from pipelines have resulted into observable oil spills on the surface of water as well as stained soil on the adjacent land. Our contributions are:

- A custom dataset of 700 UAV images containing water-only and land-only oil spills with varying backgrounds, including complex environmental conditions.
- A comprehensive preparatory pipeline that includes normalization, augmentation using mosaic mixing, photometric and geometric transforms, as well as class-aware sampling aimed at increasing model robustness.
- Oil spill detection-specific fine-tuning strategies for YOLOv10 including freeze-then-unfreeze and custom anchor estimation.
- Comprehensive analysis measuring mean Average Precision reported mAP@50 with water-only, land-only, and combined test sets.

Table 1: Related work with different remote sensing images.

Ref.	Data	Method	Remarks
[3]	Sea water images	SVM	Data reliability is low
[4]	SAR (Radarsat-2, UAVSAR)	RF	Accuracy up to 92.99%
[5]	Multifrequency SAR	FF, RF	Accuracy 75%
[6]	Optical satellite (KOMPSAT-2)	ANN	Reliability is limited
[7]	Polarimetric SAR	CNNs	Sea state variation affects accuracy
[8]	Side-looking airborne radar images	CNNs	No major improvement in spill detection
[9]	SAR images	CNNs	Depends on image quality
[10]	SAR (ERS-2)	DenseNet	Oil-like films not considered
[11]	Remote sensing images	MobileNet	Dataset lacks full spill variation
[12]	SAR (dark patches)	VGG16	Workload is heavy
[13]	SAR (Radarsat-2, Sentinel-1)	UNet	Need better post-processing
[14]	SAR (MKLab)	U-Net + MobileNetv3	mIoU >80%
[15]	SAR images	DeepLabv3+	mIoU 65.06%
[16]	SAR (Sentinel-1)	YOLOv4	AP 68.69% but weak performance in new area
[17]	SAR (DM4D dataset)	YOLOv8	mIoU 69.52%
[18]	UAV imagery	RF	Accuracy 77%
[19]	UAV imagery	CNN	Accuracy 83.3%

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

The methodology involves collecting drone images of oil-contaminated land and water, then performing image enhancements and robust training of the YOLOv10 model. Its accuracy will be evaluated and validated in a variety of environmental conditions.

2.1 Dataset Collection and Curation

The dataset was obtained while performing field activities on two adjacent sections of Tigris River near Tikrit Iraq. The first zone included riverine segments with documented leaks from pipelines affected by intermittent oil sheen and patchy slicks on the water surface as shown in Figure 1. The second zone included industrial lands located on the eastern side of the river with contaminated soils near the storage tanks and pipeline corridors as shown in Figure 2.

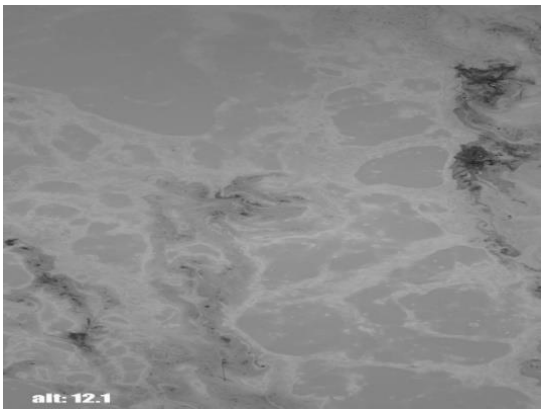


Figure 1: Aerial drone imagery contrasting oil-polluted and contaminated water zones.



Figure 2: Drone-acquired aerial views of terrestrial landscapes.

A DJI Mini 2 quad-rotor outfitted with 12.0 MP RGB camera captured images while hovering between 5 meters and 50 meters AGL. Flights were done under varying weather conditions such as:

- Shadow illumination: full sun, partially cloudy, over cast.
- Water conditions: still, wind ripples, constant changes in water clarity.
- Background terrains: sandy loam, clay, mixed aggregates, shadowed, and non-shadowed from adjacent structures.

The cameras were preset to 4K (3840×2160 pixels) and 24 fps which guarantee the absence of noise at ISO 100. A total of 700 images were taken, 470 of which were oil contamination on the water surface only, while the rest 230 were from the oil-stained soil and debris on land. The dataset's geographic focus was necessary for controlled data collection under known spill conditions, ensuring annotation accuracy. While this limits diversity, the model was trained with strong augmentations and mixed scenarios to encourage broader generalization.

2.2 Ground Truth Annotation

Annotation of images took place on the RoboFlow platform. Annotations were done in the YOLO format, with water oil as (class 0) and land oil (class 1) as the two classes. Additionally, normalized center coordinates along with the dimensions of the bounding boxes were created for every image. Expert annotators tightly defined the bounding boxes of the following features:

- Water-based oil. continuous sheens, discrete patches, and emulsified areas as shown in Figure 3.
- Land-based oil. stained soil, runoff streaks, and oil-soaked debris as shown in Figures 3 and 4.

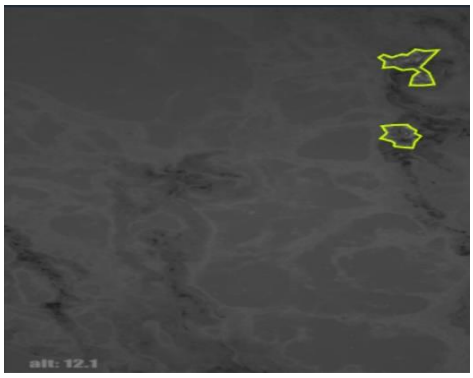


Figure 3: Example of annotating a water-based oil image using the platform.

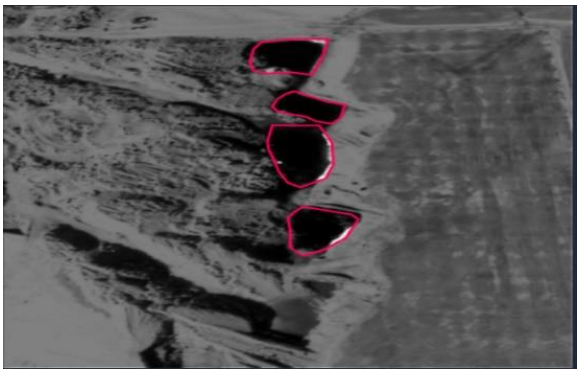


Figure 4: Example of annotating a land-based oil image using the platform.

2.3 Data Splitting Strategy

Multiple data splitting scenarios were tested across water, land, and combined (water-land) datasets to identify optimal performance. After evaluating 66 parameter configurations, the best results were achieved with the following splits:

- Water Data. 75% training, 23% validation, and 2% testing.
- Land Data. 76% training, 22% validation, and 2% testing.
- Water-Land Data. 84% training, 15% validation, and 1% testing.

The testing sets were intentionally kept small to maximize training data availability, which is crucial for learning in data-limited scenarios like environmental monitoring. Our primary aim was to improve model generalization through diverse training and validation exposure while using held-out test samples only for final benchmarking. The data partitioning strategy was tailored to the unique characteristics and sample sizes of each subset to ensure sufficient representation of critical features during training. For the combined water-land dataset, a larger training proportion (84%) was necessary to capture the increased complexity and variability across domains. Although the splits differ slightly, each configuration was optimized through empirical testing to balance learning capacity and validation reliability within the constraints of limited data.

2.4 Preprocessing and Augmentation

The following steps were taken for all images prior to training:

- Quality filtering. Exclude images with drastic motion blur, over-exposure, under-exposure, or lens artifacts (<2% of data).
- Uniform square cropping. Center-crop to maintain a square aspect ratio.
- Resizing. Resizing to 640×640 was chosen to ensure compatibility with YOLOv10 while maintaining processing efficiency and consistent input dimensions across batches. Although domain-specific augmentations could further improve generalization, the current pipeline prioritizes general-purpose enhancements to retain dataset balance and model scalability.
- Normalization. Adjust pixel values to [0,1] range. Perform mean subtraction and standard deviation normalization per channel using ImageNet parameters.

An augmentation pipeline executed as follow:

- Geometric transforms. Horizontal and vertical flips, rotation of ±15°, scale from 0.8 to 1.2.
- Photometric jitter. Change brightness and contrast ± 20, change saturation ± 15, Gaussian blur with $\sigma \leq 1.0$.
- Mosaic mixing. Four images per sample are combined using box clipping and area-based filtering.
- Class-aware sampling. Guarantee every minibatch (size 16) has a minimum of >3 water_oil images.

To address class imbalance, class-aware sampling was implemented to ensure each training mini-batch included at least three water-based samples. Additionally, balanced data splits and augmentation were applied to prevent model bias toward the dominant aquatic class. This dataset along with the described preprocessing steps provides a solid basis for training and testing the YOLOv10 detector in aquatic and terrestrial spill scenarios.

2.5 Model Development

YOLOv10 is a state-of-the-art, real-time object detection algorithm designed for fast and accurate detection. It builds on previous YOLO versions by improving backbone efficiency, multi-scale feature fusion, and detection heads, enabling better performance in detecting small and complex objects in diverse environments. We adopted the YOLOv10 variant optimized for fast inference and balanced detection accuracy, making it suitable for UAV-based oil spill monitoring:

- The architecture begins with a CSP-Darknet backbone, which extracts hierarchical features while reducing computational burden.

- This is followed by a Spatial Pyramid Pooling (SPP) module that captures multi-scale spatial context, critical for identifying variable oil spill patterns.
- A PANet neck is then employed to enhance feature fusion across scales, improving the model's ability to localize spills in both water and land environments.
- Detection is performed using three output heads operating at strides of 8, 16, and 32, enabling accurate recognition of small to large spill regions.
- The model is initialized with COCO-pretrained weights, which help bootstrap training by providing rich low-level features, thus accelerating convergence and improving early-stage performance on oil-specific imagery.

The training process was conducted on an NVIDIA RTX 3090 GPU using the Adam optimizer. The most important hyperparameters are:

- Learning rate: Initial 0.001, decayed to 0.00001 using cosine annealing.
- Weight decay: 0.0005.
- Batch size: 16 images per iteration.
- Precision: In an effort to accelerate computation and reduce memory usage, mixed-precision training (fp16) was used.

A freeze-then-unfreeze strategy was employed, where the first two backbone CSP stages were frozen for the first 10 epochs to retain pre-trained features, then all layers were unfrozen for the remaining 90 epochs. The strategy was adopted based on established practices in transfer learning to retain low-level features from COCO pretraining. It aimed to stabilize early training and accelerate convergence given limited domain-specific data. The composite loss function consists of:

- Bounding box regression loss (CIoU): accuracy in localization is reasoned spatially.
- Classification loss (CE): cross entropy loss for two classes.
- DFL: Distribution Focal Loss – improves bounding box estimates.

The combined use of CIoU, CE, and DFL losses was adopted based on established best practices to improve localization and classification accuracy.

The development process includes evaluation of training and validation losses (box, classification, DFL) as well as mean Average Precision (mAP@50 and mAP@[.5:.95]) with the validation set. The best model checkpoint was selected based on the highest mAP@[.5:.95].Also, class-aware sampling was implemented in such a way that at least three water oilers were present in each mini-batch to reduce class imbalance. The final assessment was performed on three held-out test sets: Water-only set, Land-only set and combined set.

The metrics reported include mAP@50, mAP@[.5:.95] and average IoU for true positives. Parameters such as learning rate schedules, weight decay, and batch size were optimized via grid search on validation set aimed to maximize mAP@ [.5:.95]. This training regimen was aimed for the YOLOv10 model to achieve high-speed and high-accuracy oil spill detection across varying conditions.

3 RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The experimental evaluation of YOLOv10 across three test scenarios—Land-only, Water-only, and Combined (Water + Land)—reveals distinct performance trends, as summarized in Table 2. The model achieved its highest mean Average Precision (mAP@50) of 79.7% in the combined scenario, demonstrating the advantages of training on diverse datasets that incorporate both aquatic and terrestrial environments. This suggests that exposure to varied textures, such as oil sheens on water and irregular patches on land, enhances the model's ability to generalize and reduces overfitting to domain-specific noise. In contrast, the Water-only scenario yielded a moderate mAP@50 of 69.1%, reflecting challenges posed by dynamic water conditions like sun glint, wave interference, and algae blooms, which often mimic oil sheens and lead to false positives. The Land-only scenario performed weakest at 63.1%, underscoring the complexities of terrestrial environments, where shadows, industrial debris, and overlapping textures (e.g., wet soil or rust) complicate spill detection, particularly for smaller spills (<1m²) due to limited spatial resolution.

Table 2: Comparing the performance for the three scenarios.

Scenario	mAP@50 (%)
Land-only	63.1
Water-only	69.1
Combined (Water + Land)	79.7

3.1 Training Curve Analysis

We tracked key training and validation metrics over 100 epochs for each scenario:

- Land-only curves: The model exhibited rapid convergence, with train/cls_loss falling from

~25 to below 3 by epoch 10, and val/mAP@50 surpassing 0.85 around epoch 60. Training precision approached 0.85 and recall neared 0.9, reflecting high detection consistency on high-contrast land spills.

- Water-only curves: Training and validation box, classification, and DFL losses showed an overall decrease, with the most cls_loss reduction occurring in the first ten epochs. Precision improved from ~0.4 to over 0.8, and recall improved from ~0.3 to ~0.7, suggesting some useful feature learning was taking place despite water reflection interference.
- Combined curves: Loss curves decreased more gradually and had occasional oscillations in precision because of the heterogeneity in the object appearance. By epoch 80, Val/mAP@50 reached ~0.7 and mAP@50-95 stabilized around 0.28, demonstrating learning adaptability across both domains.

Across the board, the attention and tracking disciplines mastered in synched training have cross-domain applicability, as demonstrated by the close spacing between the training and validation curves across all scenarios. These patterns support the effectiveness of the implemented freeze-unfreeze method and augmentation pipeline. In summary, the model performs well in the Water-Land scenario but shows slightly reduced accuracy and more variability in precision compared to the Water-only scenario. These differences are expected due to the increased complexity and diversity of the mixed environment, which introduces additional challenges in object detection.

3.2 Qualitative Analysis

By virtue of visually inspecting the document, two overriding error modes can be noted as follows:

- Low water sheen contrast: Oil films on rippled or turbid water sometimes resulted in missed detections or low-confidence outputs using thin water sheens.
- Background confusion: Some shadows dark on soil or wet asphalt occasionally resulted in false positives.

Due to logistical and environmental constraints, external datasets were not available; thus, diverse real-world conditions were simulated within the existing dataset to encourage generalizability. The split strategy ensured varied representation across training and validation sets to approximate unseen scenarios. Figure 5 show casing oil spill detection using yolo10 on land data. Figure 6 showcasing oil spill detection using Yolo10 on water data.



Figure 5: Oil spill detection using yolo10 on land data.

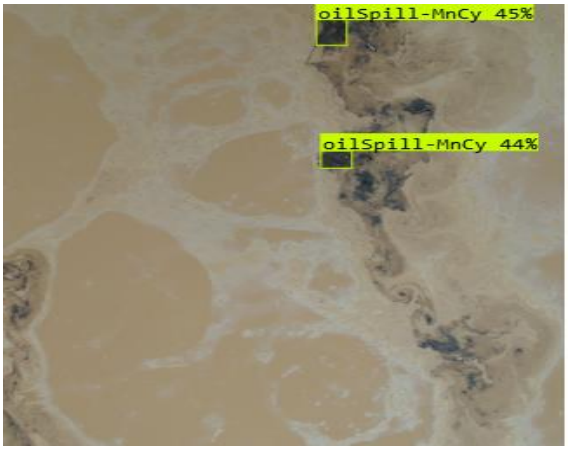


Figure 6: Oil spill detection using yolo10 on water data.

Our study is closely related to SAM-OIL in [17], which uses semantic segmentation based on SAR images, but it surpasses it in several key areas. Unlike SAM-OIL, which requires extensive pixel-level annotations and a multi-stage process involving YOLOv8, SAM, and OMF, our method uses YOLOv10 with simple bounding box annotations, reducing annotation complexity and computational overhead. Our model is optimized for real-time deployment on UAVs using RGB imagery, making it more practical and scalable. While SAM-OIL focuses on fine-grained segmentation, our approach achieves competitive detection accuracy with a streamlined architecture. Moreover, by addressing diverse terrain types and ensuring domain adaptability, our model offers broader generalization and deployment readiness.

4 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we showed that real-time detection of oil spills on water and land surfaces is possible using a lightweight YOLOv10 model deployed on UAV captured images. Our framework reached mAP@50 of 69.1% (water only), 63.1% (land only), and 79.7% (combined) while achieving over 65 FPS on desktop GPUs and 25 FPS on edge devices. These findings support the notion that resource-limited detectors are capable of providing usable accuracy value for real-time environmental monitoring under in situ conditions.

While our approach achieved strong results, a number of challenges remain. First, detection accuracy diminishes with thinner, low-contrast oil sheen layers on highly reflective turbid water due to missed detections. Dark shadows and visually indistinguishable backgrounds on land can also create false positives. Moreover, the focus of our study is RGB data, which limits performance in more sophisticated situations where other spectral data would improve separation. To overcome these limitations, further research should investigate:

- The addition of near infrared, thermal or SAR data to increase the discrimination value of oil against the background and reduce misses and false alarms.
- Using video clips together with spatial and temporal smoothing to stabilize detections and reduce flicker during the subsequent processing of videos captured by UAVs.
- Semi-supervised and active learning: Enhancing dataset creation by using strategies such as pseudo-labeling, domain adaptation, or human-in-the-loop, which help to improve consistency across different scenarios, requiring only minimal annotation effort.
- Instance segmentation extension: I ntegrating segmentation models such as YOLO with SAM to capture and define the exact spill boundaries to achieve more precise area quantification.

As we made clear above, the UAV based YOLOv10 pipeline we developed enables oil spill monitoring in low resources setting with unprecedented speed and at a fraction of the cost, demonstrating remarkable flexibility and scalability. Focusing on model efficiency and real-time execution allows the framework to assist environmental agencies and first responders with early detection and mitigation strategies. Dedicated work in the directions outlined above is expected to further increase the confidence and widen the use of detection across diverse ecological and industrial environments.

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Real-Time Heart Rate Estimation Using a Standard Camera

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Abstract: Health indicators are among the most important ways to assess health status and predict sudden health relapses. Non-contact health monitoring is critical for overcoming limitations of traditional vital sign measurement methods, such as infection risks and patient discomfort during continuous monitoring. This study will present a method for real-time heart rate measuring without contact with people by using a standard webcam and applying processing on the extracted signal from frames of video, applying a Butterworth filter, Chrominance-based method algorithm to obtain a signal similar to the heart rate signal, then calculate the heart rate using two methods, the first peaks detection and second method by Fast Fourier transform (FFT) and compare between them. These Experiments were conducted indoors with a lighting source in front of participants, and the number of participants was 15. The results obtained from the proposed method were compared with those of the Pulse Oximeter, which was medically approved, and the final results of median absolute error (MAE) were 1.28 for the Peak detection method and 2.47 for the FFT method. These results demonstrate the potential of webcam-based heart rate monitoring as a reliable, non-invasive alternative for health assessment.

1 INTRODUCTION

Remote Photoplethysmography (rPPG) is a non-contact method for calculating health indications, including blood pressure, heart rate estimation, and breathing rate, using standard cameras. This paper will discuss remote heart rate estimation. Remote tracking of health indicators has been widely popular because it offers a more comfortable and unobtrusive method when calculating the health indicators, especially for people with sensitive or burnt skin or who require continuous vital sign measurement, as in an intensive care unit (ICU) also in some cases, contact with a Patient carrying an infectious disease must be avoided when taking healthy measurements [1]. The principle of operation of the rPPG involves more than one step. After recording the video of the face with a traditional camera and then dividing the recorded video into frames to apply processing signals on each frame, the first step is to select the region of interest (ROI) after detecting the face using pre-trained network algorithms. The selected ROI has thin skin and veins close to the skin surface [2]. The second step is to count each frame's average colour to obtain the raw signal. Changed in colour value calculated It depends on the amount of light absorbed and reflected from the blood vessels under the surface of the skin, as the heartbeats with each beat cause an increase in the amount of blood inside the veins, which is the leading cause of the difference in the amount of absorbed and reflected light as shown in Figure 1 [3]. Then apply filtering on the raw signal to remove the noise after that, apply the algorithms such as Independent Component Analysis (ICA) [4], Principal Component Analysis (PCA) [5], Laplacian Eigenmap (LE) [6], Eulerian Video Magnification (EVM) [7], CHROM [8], Plane Orthogonal-to-Skin (POS) [9], and convolutional neural network (CNN) [10], [11]. All previous algorithms used to extract the final signal were similar to the heart rate signal. The results of the rPPG were acceptable compared with the availability of the technologies used and comfortable for the patient during the measurement [12]. There are some challenges in the rPPG approach, and needs to take

into account several different matters during the design stage of the rPPG, and among these matters is the physical distance from the camera that records the video and the person, controlling the number of frames during processing, the various environments and lighting conditions, the diversity of Samples that the systems are tested on it in terms of age, gender and skin colour; The movement of people during the test must also be taken into account; the methods that use deep learning must consider the previous matters in the database used to make the results more accurate [13], [14]. This paper proposes a method to estimate the heart rate remotely based on a web camera. The suggested method focuses on removing the noise from the main signal and then applying the Chrome method to obtain the heart rate signal. Afterwards, two methods are applied to determine the heart rate: first, counting the peaks of the obtained signal, and second, applying the FFT to the signal. For further assessment, the results of the two methods are compared with those obtained by the pulse oximeter.

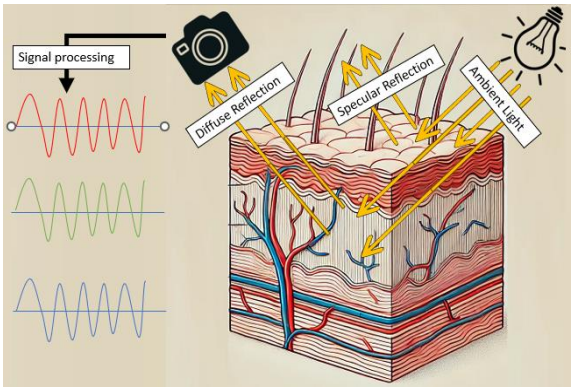


Figure 1: Principles of absorption and reflection of light on the skin.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section Two provides a Theoretical background, Section Three describes the Experiment setup, Section Four describes the experiment's methodology, Section Five presents the results and discussion, and Section Six gives the conclusions.

2 THEORY

This section will explain the background theory of the parts used in the proposed method.

2.1 Face Detection

YuNet is a model developed by Shiqi Yu et al., an efficient, lightweight face detector created for edge devices that need low power consumption and high-speed processing. It is a single-stage face detector based on a fully convolutional neural network (CNN), which can accurately predict the precise location of faces in an image. YuNet utilizes depth-wise separable convolution and channel attention mechanisms to reduce computational complexity while maintaining accuracy. It is lightweight and smaller than other models, such as MTCNN and YOLO, for face detection while giving a strong performance, achieving 81.1% accuracy on the WIDER FACE dataset [15], [16]. It is optimized for real-time performance on low-power devices like mobile phones or embedded systems. As a result, it can achieve at least 100 frames per second (FPS) efficiently while maintaining high-performance accuracy [17].

2.2 Facial Landmark

Dlib’s 68-point facial landmark detector is widely used in facial recognition and analysis applications. Developed with machine learning techniques, it can detect 68 distinct facial landmarks on a human face. These landmarks include key points around the eyes, nose, mouth, jawline, and brows, allowing for a detailed mapping of facial features. The model works by detecting the face from the image using a histogram of oriented gradients (HOG) or other more efficient methods based on CNN. Then, the face is aligned, and the points are found in the eyes, nose, and mouth. Then, combine them to obtain an array of 68 points in the form of (x, y) coordinates that map to the facial structures of the face, as shown in Figure 2. [18]. The time it takes for Dlib's 68-point facial landmark detector to process and detect points depends on factors such as the CPU’s specifications and the image resolution. Typically, on mid-range processors (e.g., Intel Core i5 or i7) and using standard image resolutions (such as 640x480 pixels), the detector operates at around 15 to 30 milliseconds per image, which translates to approximately 33 to 66 FPS. This type of algorithm currently has many applications, including those in augmented reality and emotion detection [19], [20]. The proposed method will use the facial landmarks to determine the ROI.

2.3 Signal Filtering

Noise is one of the most critical obstacles we face when processing signals. The proposed method uses several filters to overcome these obstacles, removing noise according to its properties. Then, the required data can be extracted from the given signal [21].

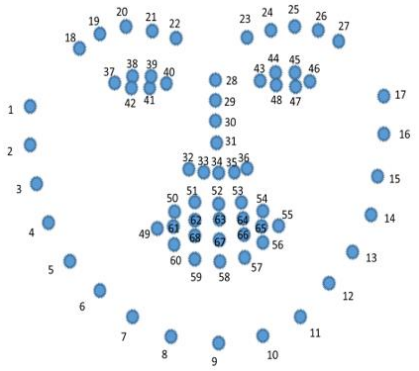


Figure 2: 68 Facial landmarks [19].

2.3.1 Butterworth Filtering

It is a filter used to let a specific range of frequencies pass through while blocking frequencies outside that range. The Butterworth design gives it a uniquely smooth and flat response within the passband, meaning it doesn't have any ripples or unwanted bumps, so the signal stays as clean as possible within the allowed frequency range. Butterworth filters are known for their simplicity and reliability. They're widely used for a clean, balanced signal, particularly in systems where phase accuracy [22].

2.3.2 Detrending

It removes the "drift" from a signal- those gradual ups and downs unrelated to the data of interest. Detrending eliminates these slow changes during heart rate monitoring, allowing us to focus on the rapid, beat-to-beat variations that indicate blood flow [23].

2.3.3 The Savitzky-Golay

Filter is a smart way to smooth out data without affecting essential details. This filter smooths the signal but keeps the peaks and troughs representing meaningful changes. Here, we use the Savitzky-Golay filter to reduce random noise in the heart rate signal, ensuring that the critical variations of heartbeat cycles are preserved and accessible to analyze [24].

2.4 Chrominance

The Chrominance Algorithm is integral to image and video processing. It handles colour information by separating it from luminance (brightness), enhancing colour correction, segmentation, and compression tasks. This approach originates from the YCbCr and YUV colour spaces or uses custom transformations to emphasize specific colours or tones by linearly combining RGB channels. This approach is useful in colour-based object detection, where chrominance channels represent colour without brightness, optimizing data processing and compression by reducing the data needed for colour while preserving visual quality. This method isolated the light from the obtained signal to get pure color data from video frames [25].

2.5 Peak Detection Algorithm

The peak detection algorithm is an important algorithm that detects the peaks of the signal through which the frequency that represents this signal is calculated accurately. This algorithm is based on determining the threshold or derivatives of the signal [26]. This algorithm was used in the proposed method to detect the peaks of the final signal. These peaks represent the highest recorded value of the rate of change in colour, which corresponds to the heartbeats. Following peak detection, the intervals between successive peaks are measured to calculate the final heart rate.

3 EXPERIMENT SETUP

The signal processing was implemented in Python version 3 using a computer with an Intel Core i7 2.5 GHz CPU and 8 GB RAM. The computer's webcam was used at 640 × 480 pixels with 30fps. The experiments were conducted on 15 participants between 18 and 60 years of age. The experiments were conducted indoors with an LED light source at a distance and height of 3 meters from the person sitting in front of the camera at a distance from 0.5 to 0.75 meters from the camera, as in Figure 3. Participants were asked not to move excessively and to sit generally in front of the camera. The results obtained from the method will be compared with those of a pulse oximeter.



Figure 3: Experimental setup.

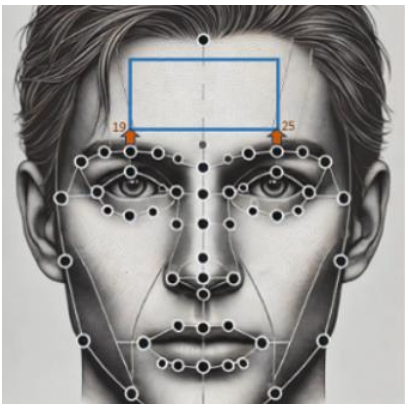


Figure 4: Selecting ROI.

4 METHODOLOGY

This study employed real-time heart rate monitoring based on video analysis using a combination of Python libraries and pre-trained models. Essential libraries include NumPy for numerical computations, cv2 (OpenCV) for video processing, YuNet for face detection, dlib for facial landmark detection, and matplotlib for data visualization. The Scipy signal library implements advanced signal filtering and peak detection functions.

4.1 ROI Extraction and Tracking

Non-skin areas (including eyes, hair, and eyebrows) are not useful for obtaining the heartbeat signal. In most cases, the movement of these areas causes noise that affects the initial signal that needs to be extracted. To increase the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), the initial signal is extracted from the ROI in the face, specifically from those with thin skin and where the blood vessels are close to the surface of the skin, which contain the initial signal closest to the heartbeat and not from the entire face. After opening the webcam, the recorded video is processed for each frame by Model YuNet, which is pre-trained to detect the entire face. This method is characterized by its high speed in identifying the face, and this is useful for us because the proposed method focuses on presenting HR in a real-time model. After that, the 68-point facial landmark is used to identify the facial features. Points 19 and 24, located above the eyebrows, are chosen to draw a rectangle in the middle of the forehead and consider ROI to take the initial heartbeat signal from it, as shown in Figure 4. The initial signal containing the heart rate data from the ROI will be extracted from each frame.

4.2 Count Frame Per Second

One of the most important things that must be calculated accurately is measuring the frame per second (FPS). The period between processing one frame and the next was calculated, and the value of FPS was calculated through this period. During the experiments noticed that these values change between one frame and another, and thus, the sampling frequency is variable. If it depends on one value for the FPS, the obtained results will be in error. In the proposed method, the FPS value is measured continuously throughout the heart rate measurement period, and to make the measurements more accurate, every 5 seconds, the average rate of FPS is calculated and not relying on one of the FPS values measured during the five seconds, FPS value is variable during run the code according to the availability of processing resource.

4.3 Signal Processing

The rate of change in colours is extracted by calculating the pixel values for red, green, and blue for the ROI and dividing them by the number of pixels in the ROI to obtain the average of these three colours for each processed frame. This is the initial signal which will apply the process below.

4.3.1 Detrending

The focus is on the periodic or subtle variations of the skin-reflected RGB signal, which represents the physiological signal. Therefore, the trend removal principle was used to improve the data analysis. Making the signal centered around zero reduces the complexity of operations.

4.3.2 Band-Pass Butterworth Filter

The initial signal obtained from the ROI suffers from unwanted frequencies resulting from noise, lighting changes, or movement. To remove these frequencies, a Butterworth filter with a 5th-order and frequency range between (0.8 - 3) HZ will be applied to the RGB signal so that the potential heartbeats will be between (48- 180). By focusing only on this range, the filter removes frequencies outside the range of the heart rate frequency, helping us get a cleaner signal directly linked to the heartbeat signal.

4.3.3 Savitzky-Golay Filter

Applying the Savitzky-Golay Filter with window length=11 and polyorder=2 to an RGB signal smooths out the data obtained while preserving essential details like the main peaks of the signal. This filter works to polish the received signal from the Butterworth filter to remove the oscillations centred on this signal, thus improving the results of the following operations.

4.4 Chrominance

This method has been used previously and has proven its effectiveness in dealing with the problems of changes in lighting and its effect on the results. The basic principle of this method is that the original signals (RGB) contain useful information but are mixed or disturbed by noise or external influences. This means it Amplifies colour channels that contain physiological signals and subtracts them from others. By Linear Mathematical Operations of the channels and analyzing their relationship, we get a signal close to the heartbeat signal. From the experiments, we found that the red channel contains a more significant physiological signal than the others. so will amplify the red channel due to its unique interaction with human skin and blood. Specifically, red light has a longer wavelength, which allows it to penetrate deeper into the skin layers. This deeper penetration enables it to reach blood vessels beneath the surface, making it less susceptible to interference from minor skin movements and surface changes. Consequently, red light can provide a more stable signal in varying environmental conditions, including different lighting settings. After applying this method, the final signal is obtained, which will be relied upon in the next step, which is the last, to extract the heart rate. Figure 5. shows the signals obtained after each step for the red channel, specifically because it has strong physiological signals.

4.5 Heart Rate Estimation

The proposed method focused on two methods to measure heartbeats from the final signal. The first was using a Fast Fourier transform to find the frequency representing this signal, then multiplying the result by 60 seconds to obtain the final result for Beats Per Minute (BPM). The second was to detect the peaks of the final signal and calculate the time taken between the peaks, then divide the 60 seconds by the average time between peaks to obtain the final BPM. The results of the two methods are compared in the results section. After executing the code, the previous steps will be executed to obtain the final signal, and then the heartbeats will be calculated. The pulse reading will be taken every second and stored in a stack without displaying it on the real-time screen, with the removal of values that carry a severe increase or decrease within a short time, because this data carries high noise and thus affects the final results. After that, the average of these readings is calculated every 5 seconds to be displayed on the display screen.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed method calculated the final heart rate result from the final signal using the FFT and peak detection. The recorded results were for a period of 50 seconds, showing the minimum and maximum HR recorded by the proposed method, the average of recorded values, Standard Deviation (SD), absolute error (AE), and the average of the Pulse Oximeter. Table 1 shows the results of the FFT method. It is clear from this table that the error range extends from (0.2-5.06), whereas the standard deviation values fluctuate between (2.14-8.29). The results of the detection peaks method are shown in Table 2. It can be seen that lower error values and standard deviation were obtained using this method. Table 3 shows the comparison between the results for the two methods. The peak detection method gives HR a lower error rate than the FFT method. However, both methods estimate the HR with an acceptable error range. Figures 6 and 7 illustrate the differences between each method and the pulse oximeter. The FFT method showed differences ranging from -5 to 3 bpm, while Peak detection differences were tighter, ranging from -2 to 2 bpm, with most values clustered around zero. Figure 8 highlights the distribution of absolute errors: FFT errors reached up to 5 bpm, whereas Peak detection errors peaked at approximately 2.5 bpm. These findings indicate that Peak detection is more accurate and consistent, making it preferable for applications requiring precise heart rate monitoring.

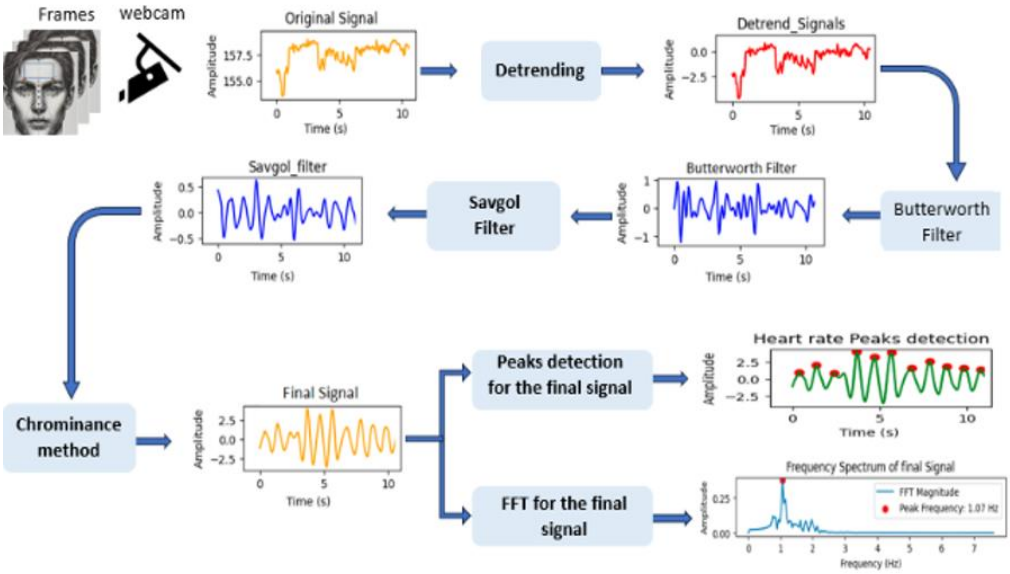


Figure 5: Shows the steps of the proposed method.

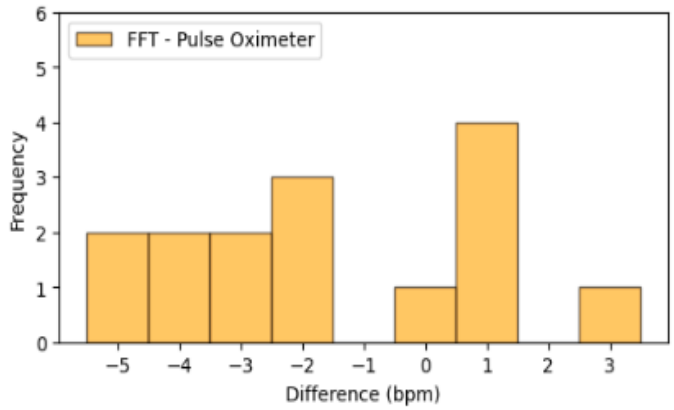


Figure 6: Histogram of Differences between FFT and Pulse Oximeter.

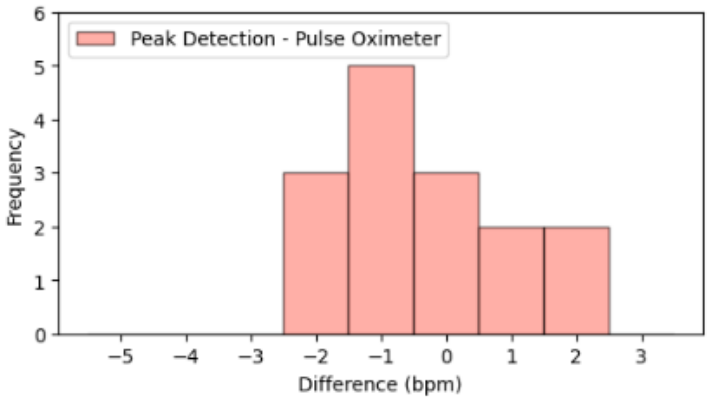


Figure 7: Histogram of differences between peak detection and pulse oximeter.

Table 1: Results of HR using the FFT method.

Objects	Min. HR	Max. HR	Av. HR	S.D.	A.E.	Av. Pulse Oximeter
Object 1	78.3	92.02	87.99	6.64	3.91	91.9
Object 2	63.88	67.05	66.7	2.48	3.6	70.3
Object 3	50.96	61.19	57.2	4.08	2.8	60
Object 4	73.2	90.2	80.14	7	5.06	85.2
Object 5	70.5	85.57	80.16	6.02	2.78	82.94
Object 6	50.27	54.51	52.97	1.72	1.53	54.5
Object 7	60.68	65.55	63.03	2.14	1.97	65
Object 8	49.31	63.7	57.8	4.87	0.2	58
Object 9	78.18	89.92	83.64	4.07	1.17	82.47
Object 10	60.37	66.99	64.5	2.49	1.09	63.41
Object 11	66.66	75.95	71.74	3.45	3.16	68.58
Object 12	56	62.02	58.64	2.87	1.14	57.5
Object 13	73	94.08	81.96	8.29	2.34	84.3
Object 14	69.4	78.63	76.03	3.84	5.02	81.05
Object 15	54.55	62.86	59.47	2.91	1.29	58.18

Table 2: Results of HR using the Peak detection method.

Objects	Min. HR	Max. HR	Av. HR	S.D.	A.E.	Av. Pulse Oximeter
Object 1	86.51	95.62	90.55	4.08	1.35	91.9
Object 2	64.3	75.41	69.1	4.38	1.2	70.3
Object 3	55.97	60.55	58.71	2.07	1.29	60
Object 4	80.16	86.17	82.78	2.16	2.42	85.2
Object 5	73.03	85.14	80.69	4.14	2.25	82.94
Object 6	55.25	58.07	56.75	1	2.25	54.5
Object 7	61.28	67	63.2	2.04	1.8	65
Object 8	55.5	62.46	58.2	2.64	0.2	58
Object 9	77.82	87.63	82.43	3.74	0.04	82.47
Object 10	56.76	66.49	62.49	3.84	0.92	63.41
Object 11	75.72	64.39	69.3	4.27	0.72	68.58
Object 12	54.76	60.82	58.39	2.41	0.89	57.5
Object 13	79.29	94.72	86.54	6.22	2.24	84.3
Object 14	76.44	81.79	79.72	2.54	1.33	81.05
Object 15	55.11	60.93	58.54	2.18	0.36	58.18

Table 3: Comparison between HR results for FFT and the Peak detection method.

Objects	FFT		Peak detection		Av. Pulse Oximeter
	Av. HR	A.E.	Av. HR	A.E.	
Object 1	87.99	3.91	90.55	1.35	91.9
Object 2	66.7	3.6	69.1	1.2	70.3
Object 3	57.2	2.8	58.71	1.29	60
Object 4	80.14	5.06	82.78	2.42	85.2
Object 5	80.16	2.78	80.69	2.25	82.94
Object 6	52.97	1.53	56.75	2.25	54.5
Object 7	63.03	1.97	63.2	1.8	65
Object 8	57.8	0.2	58.2	0.2	58
Object 9	83.64	1.17	82.43	0.04	82.47
Object 10	64.5	1.09	62.49	0.92	63.41
Object 11	71.74	3.16	69.3	0.72	68.58
Object 12	58.64	1.14	58.39	0.89	57.5
Object 13	81.96	2.34	86.54	2.24	84.3
Object 14	76.03	5.02	79.72	1.33	81.05
Object 15	59.47	1.29	58.54	0.36	58.18

The superior performance of Peak detection can be attributed to its focus on identifying distinct pulse peaks, which aligns well with the periodic but variable nature of heartbeat signals. Heart rates often fluctuate slightly due to factors like breathing or movement, and Peak detection effectively captures these peaks to calculate beats per minute (bpm).

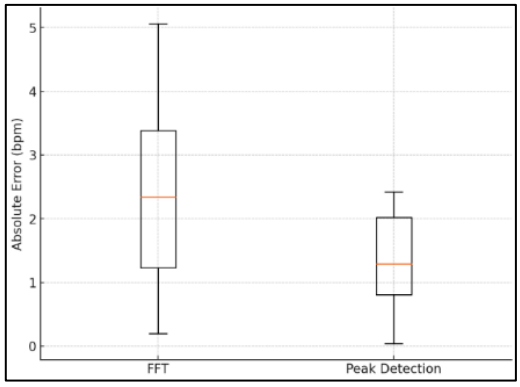


Figure 8: Absolute error distribution for FFT and peak detection.

Conversely, FFT, while powerful for analyzing complex signals, is more sensitive to noise, such as lighting changes or motion in non-controlled environments. This sensitivity can distort frequency analysis, leading to less accurate heart rate estimates. Therefore, for non-contact heart rate monitoring using a webcam, Peak detection appears to be the more reliable method

6 CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents a method for measuring heart rate in real time using a Webcam. Experiments conducted indoors with a light source in front of the person have proven high accuracy in heart rate estimation. In addition, the results were compared between the peak detection and FFT methods, where the first method outperformed the FFT regarding the absolute error rate. These results highlight the potential of webcam-based monitoring as a reliable, non-invasive solution for healthcare applications. The findings revealed that peak detection consistently outperformed FFT in terms of absolute error rate, providing more precise and stable results. These outcomes highlight the promise of webcam-based monitoring as a reliable, non-invasive solution for healthcare applications, particularly for remote patient monitoring and telemedicine services. The future work could explore enhancing robustness under varying lighting conditions, incorporating advanced signal processing or machine learning techniques, and extending the system to measure additional vital signs, ultimately paving the way for more comprehensive and accessible digital health solutions.

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A Deep Learning-Driven Filter Bank CSP Approach for Motor Imagery EEG Decoding

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Abstract: Motor Imagery (MI)-based Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs) have garnered considerable interest for facilitating direct neurological control of external devices, especially in assistive and rehabilitative technologies. However, the proficient classification of non-stationary, low-amplitude EEG signals continue to remain a significant difficulty. This study introduces a hybrid framework that combines Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern (FBCSP) with a 1D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to improve the classification of motor imagery signals. Electroencephalogram data were acquired from four participants utilizing a 14-channel Emotive EPOC headset during two-class motor imaging tasks (left versus right hand imagery). The EEG samples were bandpass filtered into three frequency sub-bands (8-12 Hz, 12-16 Hz, and 16-30 Hz), and to extract discriminative spatial features the CSP was applied to each band. These features were combined and normalized before being entered into a lightweight CNN model for classification. The model was trained with the Adam optimizer and evaluated using standard metrics. Subject-specific results showed high classification ability, with accuracy approaching 100% for some individuals and an average accuracy above 90% across most subjects. The proposed FBCSP + CNN pipeline effectively captures spatial-spectral patterns in EEG data while being computationally inexpensive, making it ideal for real-time BCI applications that use consumer-grade EEG sensors. These findings emphasize the utility of hybrid handcrafted-deep learning models in actual MI-BCI systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs) make it possible for humans to talk directly with external devices, by avoiding the usual neuromuscular process [1], [2].

Of all the paradigms used in BCI studies, MI is distinguished by how simple it is and how little training is required. MI refers to the activity of imagining movement in parts of your body, not physically moving them [3]. Whenever the person does not move during imagination, the brain stacks up the action as a mental image which creates differences in EEG wave patterns between alpha (8-12 Hz) and beta (13-30 Hz) bands [4]. With Mimicry-based Brain Interface, since it uses only your personal thoughts to trigger, it allows you to control devices for longer times [5], [6]. Because EEG signals are unstable and have very little signal above the background noise, it is challenging to use MI-based BCIs effectively [7], [8]. Experts often choose the Common Spatial Pattern algorithm to pull out important features because it quantifies the differences among groups of data [9], [10]. Another typical way people use CSP in biomedical areas is as a feature extraction technique. By transforming multi-channel EEG data using linear methods, CSP is able to create a low-dimensional version that has stronger classification abilities for EEG readings [11]. Therefore, Filter Bank CSP (FBCSP) is used to solve this problem by breaking CSP processing into multiple frequency sub-bands and gathering distinct discriminating features from each [12].

Although recent developments have placed CSP- and CNN-based MI classification in a rather advantageous position, a significant gap still exists when high levels of accuracy are required to be

achieved with low-cost consumer-level EEG devices and with low computational complexity that is suitable with real-time applications. Thus, the fundamental issue that would be solved in this study is as follows: how to develop the lightweight but efficient hybrid model that unites handcrafted and deep features in order to reach the accuracy of MI EEG classification based on the use of portable EEG (such as Emotiv EPOC).

This work adopts FBCSP to extract features from three key frequency bands (alpha and sub-bands of beta) and subsequently leverages a 1D Convolutional Neural Network a deep learning technique to classify the concatenated spatial features [13]. CNNs are particularly suited for this task due to their ability to learn local patterns and hierarchical representations, making them ideal for modeling structured input like CSP features from EEG signals that were collected using a 14-channel Emotiv EPOC device during two-class MI tasks (left vs. right). The pipeline is evaluated for its classification performance and learning behavior. This work contributes toward the development of efficient and scalable MI-based BCIs using consumer-grade EEG hardware, with potential applications in assistive robotics and neurorehabilitation.

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Acronym	Terminologies
BCI	Brain-Computer Interface
EEG	Electroencephalogram
MI	Motor Imagery
CSP	Common Spatial Pattern
FBCSP	Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
AUC	Area Under the Curve
ROC	Receiver Operating Characteristic
ReLU	Rectified Linear Unit
EPOC	Emotiv EPOC Headset
FC	Fully Connected (Layer)

The remaining paper is structured as follows: Section 2 introduces the Methodology. In Section 3, the experimental results is presented. Section 4, is the conclusion of the paper.

2 RELATED WORKS

Recent developments in EEG motor imager (MI) classification have increasingly employed both handcrafted and deep learning approaches. The Common Spatial Pattern (CSP) algorithm is one of the most typical feature extraction approaches, which has been proven to be highly discriminative in two-class MI problems. However, CSP is sensitive to the frequency selection and non-stationarity of EEG signals, and that is why Filter Bank CSP (FBCSP) was developed. The authors in [14] suggested an effective CSP approach with the added spatio-temporal filtering, which established better classification accuracy on MI tasks. In order to address the drawbacks of the handcrafted approaches, deep learning models, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have been incorporated into MI classification schemes. A triple-shallow CNN with genetic channel selection was proposed in [13] to classify complex limb movements, achieving high results on multi-class MI tasks. Hybrid solutions have become popular too. In [14] was proposed a BCI framework of geometric learning was proposed that combined spatial filters with deep feature modeling, leading to better subject generalization. Likewise, [9] showed that CNNs harboring data augmentation have the potential to surpass the conventional machine learning pipeline in MI classification problems.
However, the majority of current models require high-density EEG systems, as well as computationally intensive architectures, which makes them inapplicable in the context of real-time devices or portable equipment. The combination of lightweight CNNs with FBCSP using consumer-grade hardware such as the Emotive EPOC headset has not been investigated in many works.
The comparison between the Related Work of MI EEG Classification with the Proposed Work show in Table 2.

The proposed study aims to fill the gap by elaborating a computationally efficient hybrid model, which would be highly accurate in classification despite the limited number of EEG channels and the reality of signal unpredictability in the real world.

Table 2: Comparison of the related work in MI EEG classification with proposed work.

Study	Dataset	Feature Extraction	Classifier	Hardware	Accuracy
[10]	BCI Competition IV-2a	Spatio-temporal CSP	SVM	G.Tec (22-ch)	~84%
[13]	Custom dataset	Genetic-based channel selection + raw EEG	Triple CNN	EEGNet (multi-ch)	>90%
[14]	BCI Competition III	Geometric Learning + CSP	Riemannian CNN	64-ch EEG	~85–92%
[9]	BCI Competition IV-2b	Raw EEG + augmentation	CNN	3-channel	~88%
Proposed Work	Emotiv EPOC (4subjects)	Filter Bank CSP (3 bands)	Lightweight 1D CNN	Emotiv EPOC (14-ch)	84.38–100%

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

The dataset acquired in this study from [15], [16], comprises EEG signals recorded using the Emotiv EPOC headset with 14 channels. Each trial was labeled as either right or left motor imagery (MI) and preprocessed by applying a fourth-order Butterworth band-pass filter in three distinct frequency bands: alpha (8–12 Hz), lower beta (12–16 Hz), and upper beta (16–30 Hz). These frequency ranges were selected based on their known association with motor imagery activity in the sensorimotor cortex.

3.2 Feature Extraction Using Filter Bank CSP Common Spatial Pattern (FBCSP)

A Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern (FBCSP) approach was applied to identify important spatio-spectral details. In every frequency subband, the EEG signals were filtered, and the CSP method identified four spatial filters. All three spectral bands were used to build models that handle satellite images more effectively.

3.3 Classification Using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

A 1D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was used for feature classification, as it is well-known for handling local details in time and frequency that appear in structured EEG signals. The architecture was not just made to be complex; it had to maintain a general look since using EEG often means working with less observed records. First, the proposed CNN features a 1D convolutional layer comprising 32 filters and a kernel size of 2 supported by the ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) function. Its purpose is to identify brief evidence of spatial and spectral correlations within the input sequences. For this network, an initial Dropout layer was added, with a dropout rate of 0.3, directly following the convolutional layer in order to tackle overfitting. Dropout's output is reduced to a 1D vector and the vector is then passed through two dense (fully connected) layers. There are 64 neurons in the first dense layer with ReLU activation which means the network can master difficult, non-linear groups of important features. The output layer of our model uses a SoftMax function with only two neurons and each neuron relates to a specific motor imagery class (left- and right-hand movement).

The Adam optimizer has been selected because of its speed and versatility, and the network was trained with the loss function for multi-class tasks. Models were trained with a batch size of 16 for 30 epochs and generalization in testing was checked using a separate validation set. This approach in architecture enables effective EEG-based motor imagery classification in BCI systems that can be used in portable, low-latency applications.

4 RESULTS

To evaluate the effectiveness and subject-wise generalizability of the proposed FBCSP + CNN pipeline for motor imagery (MI) EEG signal classification, experiments were conducted independently on EEG data collected from four subjects. Each subject performed left- and right-hand MI tasks, with 32 trials used for testing (16 per class). The classification accuracy and the standard evaluation measures: precision, recall and F1-score,

were computed for all subjects and the results are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Subject-wise Performance of the FBCSP + CNN Model.

Subject	Accuracy (%)	Precision (Right / Left)	Recall (Right/ Left)	F1-Score (Right / Left)
Subject 1	100.00	1.00 / 1.00	1.00 / 1.00	1.00 / 1.00
Subject 2	93.75	1.00 / 0.89	0.88 / 1.00	0.93 / 0.94
Subject 3	84.38	1.00 / 0.76	0.69 / 1.00	0.81 / 0.86
Subject 4	93.75	0.94 / 0.94	0.94 / 0.94	0.94 / 0.94

The experimental results validate the robustness and effectiveness of the proposed Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern (FBCSP) combined with a one-dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN) architecture for classifying motor imagery EEG signals acquired using a 14-channel Emotiv EPOC headset.

Subject 1 achieved a perfect classification accuracy of 100%, indicating a strong correspondence between the learned spatial–spectral features and the motor intention patterns present in the EEG signals, as illustrated in Figure 1. This result suggests that, for certain individuals, the neural signatures associated with left- and right-hand motor imagery are highly separable, even when using consumer-grade EEG hardware.

Subjects 2 and 4 demonstrated consistent performance, each achieving an accuracy of 93.75%, with well-balanced precision, recall, and F1-scores across both classes. These findings indicate that the proposed model generalizes effectively to unseen subjects, performing comparably on individuals not included in the training phase. Such generalization capability is essential for practical deployment of brain–computer interface (BCI) systems, as shown in Figures 2 and 3, respectively.

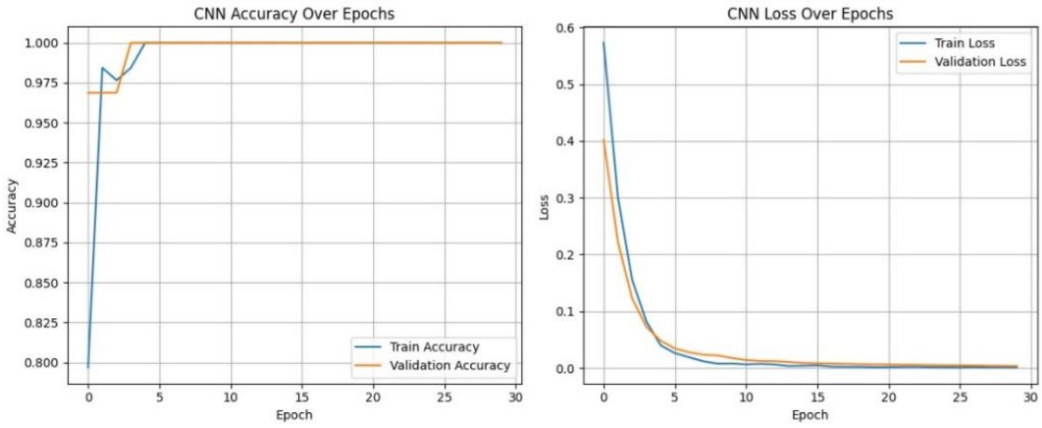


Figure 1: Training progress of CNN: accuracy and loss visualization for Subject 1.

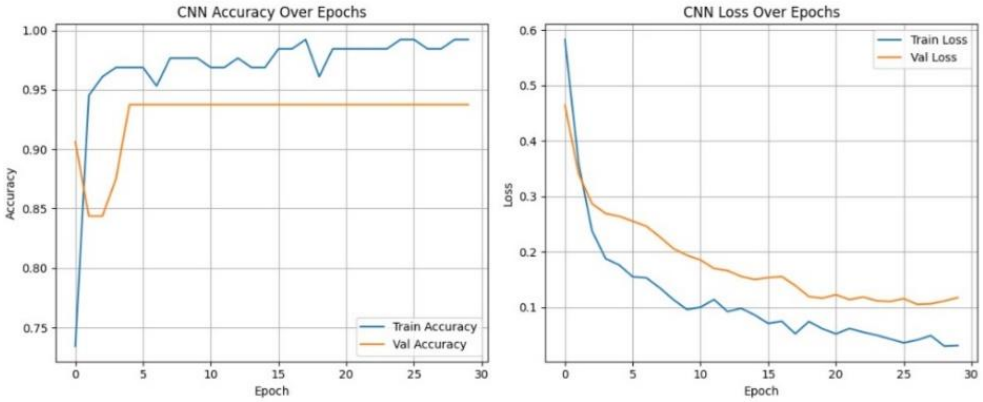


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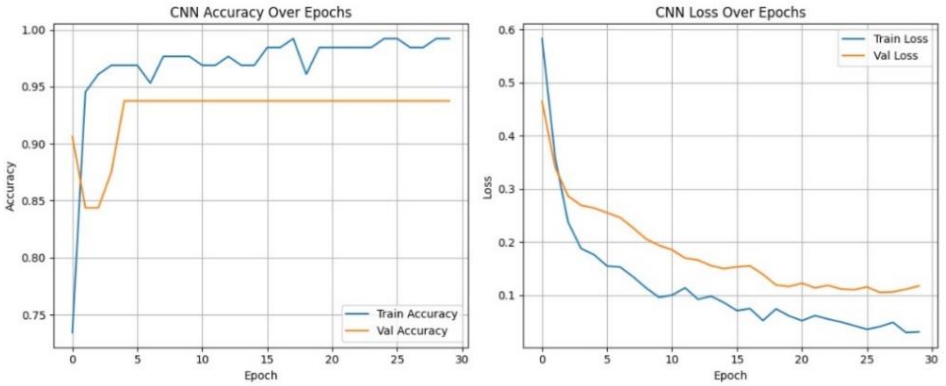


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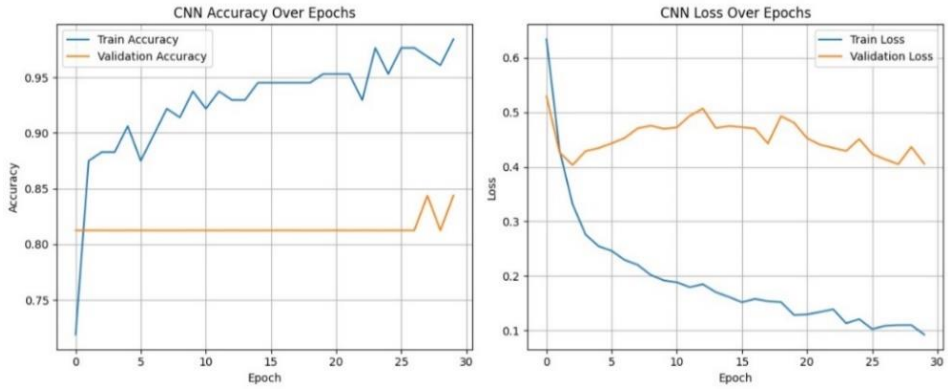


Figure 4: Training progress of CNN: accuracy and loss visualization for Subject 3.

By comparison, Subject 3's accuracy fell to 84.38% and there was a noticeable decrease in the recall score for the Left class (0.69), as shown in Figure 4. Factors behind this decline may involve different amounts of information in the subjects, less clear MI signals or errors in how the task was carried out. Such intra-subject variability is a known challenge in EEG-based MI classification [17], often requiring subject-specific calibration or adaptive learning strategies.

Overall, the subject-wise evaluation highlights the strengths of the FBCSP + CNN pipeline, particularly its capacity to generalize across users while maintaining high classification performance. These results reinforce the potential of combining handcrafted feature extraction (CSP) with data-driven deep learning (CNN) to exploit both domain knowledge and automatic feature learning. Furthermore, the use of portable, low-cost EEG equipment like Emotiv EPOC demonstrates the feasibility of deploying real-time BCI systems in home or clinical environments, thereby contributing to the growing body of work in user-centric assistive neurotechnologies. Future improvements may involve incorporating cross-subject training, transfer learning, or attention mechanisms to further enhance robustness against signal variability and improve performance in less separable cases like Subject 3.

Figures 5, 6, 7 and 8, show the CSP Spatial Filter Weights in the Alpha Band (8–12 Hz) for all four trained subjects.

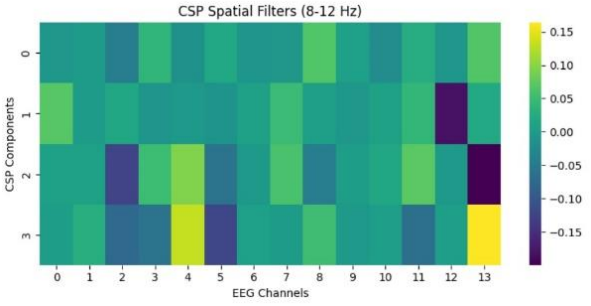


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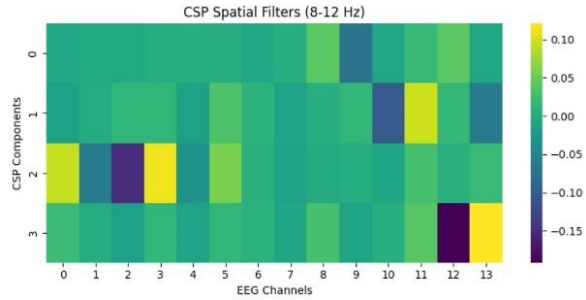


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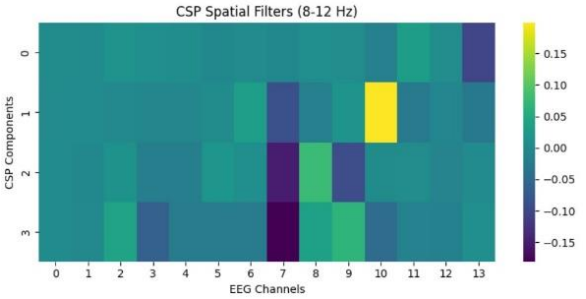


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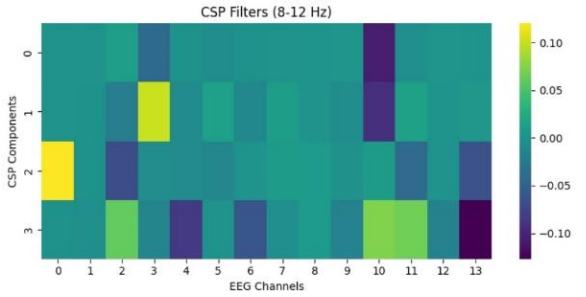


Figure 8: CSP spatial filter weights in the alpha band (8–12 Hz) for Subject 4.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study proposed and validated a hybrid EEG classification framework that integrates Filter Bank Common Spatial Pattern (FBCSP) with a one-dimensional Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN) for decoding motor imagery (MI) tasks using EEG data recorded from four subjects via a 14-channel Emotiv EPOC device.

The experimental results demonstrated strong subject-specific classification performance. Despite inter-subject variability and the limited signal quality associated with consumer-grade EEG hardware, the achieved classification accuracy ranged from 84.38% to 100%, indicating the method's ability to capture discriminative spatial and spectral features effectively. Subject-wise analysis showed classification accuracies between 84.38% and 100%, with variations ranging from 3% to 9%. The corresponding precision, recall, and F1-scores were predominantly above 0.90.

Notably, Subject 1 achieved perfect classification performance across all evaluation metrics, while the remaining subjects demonstrated consistently high results, with accuracies reaching up to 93.75%. These findings highlight the robustness of the proposed framework in learning meaningful EEG representations for motor imagery classification.

The main advantages of the proposed framework are threefold: (1) robust extraction of discriminative EEG features across relevant frequency bands using FBCSP; (2) computational efficiency enabled by the lightweight CNN architecture; and (3) applicability to low-cost, consumer-grade EEG systems. These characteristics make the approach suitable for real-time and portable brain–computer interface (BCI) applications, including assistive technologies, neurorehabilitation, and smart home control systems.

Despite the promising results, performance variability was observed among subjects. In particular, Subject 3 exhibited comparatively lower accuracy (84.38%), underscoring the importance of subject-adaptive modeling. This variability is a well-recognized challenge in EEG-based systems and arises from individual differences in signal quality, neural dynamics, and motor imagery strategies. Addressing such differences is essential for improving cross-subject generalization and system reliability.

One limitation of this study is the small sample size, as data were collected from only four participants. Future work will focus on expanding the dataset to include a larger number of subjects and a wider range of MI tasks. Additionally, advanced strategies such as cross-subject transfer learning, attention-based neural architectures, and adaptive calibration techniques will be explored to further enhance robustness and generalization. These improvements aim to support the development of scalable and reliable BCI systems for assistive and rehabilitation applications.

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A Hybrid Lexico-Transformer Model for Real-Time Emotion Detection in English Text

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Abstract: Emotion detection in text is expressed as a crucial component of almost all artificial intelligence (AI) applications, so far it remains a challenging approach because of linguistic variety and real-time situations. This paper suggests DeepEmotion+, a hybrid approach which gathers a custom-built emotional lexicon with the transformer-based contextual learning in order to enhance both the accuracy and emotion classification speed. The proposed approach consists of two main pipeline stages, which include: Lexical-Preprocessing, where the text is tokenized, part-of-speech tagged, and enriched utilizing an extra domain-specific impact lexicon; and Transformer-Classification, where contextual embeddings with the lightweight transformer and lexicon-derived features are obtained through a novel Dynamic Fusion Module (DFM). The proposed approach validates its method on many datasets, illustrating an overall F1-score enhancement of about 3-5% compared with state-of-the-art studies in streaming situations and conditions. DeepEmotion+ consistently achieves an average accuracy of about 87%. In addition, the proposed approach ensures inference latencies below 50 ms per sentence on a CPU, enabling real-time deployment. These results express the underscored effectiveness and efficiency of DeepEmotion+ in practical text analysis.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to analyze textual data – such as customer reviews – in order to identify the underlying sentiment and classify it as positive, negative, or neutral is known as sentiment (or emotion) analysis [1]–[3]. The volume of textual data shared online is enormous; for example, over 500 million tweets are posted daily, expressing opinions and emotions [4]. By developing the capability to analyze such large-scale, high-velocity, and high-variety data, organizations can make informed, data-driven decisions.

Sentiment analysis can be broadly categorized into three main types: multimodal sentiment analysis, aspect-based sentiment analysis, and cross-linguistic (multilingual) sentiment analysis [5]. Multimodal sentiment analysis integrates multiple data modalities – such as text, audio, and video – to determine sentiment. Visual and auditory cues, including facial expressions and tone of voice, often convey rich emotional information that complements textual content [6]–[8].

Aspect-based sentiment analysis focuses on identifying sentiments associated with specific attributes or aspects of products or services. For instance, in a restaurant review, sentiment may be extracted separately for food quality, service, and ambiance [9]. Multilingual sentiment analysis addresses the challenge that emotions are expressed differently across languages due to variations in grammar, syntax, and vocabulary [10], [11]. In such approaches, models are typically trained separately or adapted for each language to accurately capture sentiment-specific linguistic patterns.

A typical sentiment analysis pipeline involves collecting textual data (e.g., customer reviews, social media posts, or comments), preprocessing it (including noise removal, tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, and stemming or lemmatization), extracting features (by converting textual information into numerical representations), and classifying the

text into sentiment categories such as positive, negative, or neutral [12]–[14].

Emotion detection from textual data has witnessed rapid advancement due to the increasing adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) techniques and the growing power of NLP models [15]. Human emotions are inherently nuanced and highly context-dependent, and they are often encoded in written language through explicit or implicit expressions. Accurate emotion detection from text plays a crucial role in several application domains, including mental health assessment, customer feedback analysis, emotion-aware systems, and human–computer interaction (HCI) [16], [17].

Traditional approaches to emotion detection rely heavily on rule-based methods and emotion lexicons. Although these approaches offer a degree of interpretability, they often suffer from limited scalability, reduced flexibility, and insufficient contextual awareness [18], [19]. In contrast, machine learning and deep learning techniques – such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), and transformer-based models – have demonstrated superior performance by capturing complex linguistic structures and long-range dependencies [20], [21]. However, these models may overlook psychologically meaningful lexical cues that enhance interpretability and emotional sensitivity, particularly in real-time systems where inference latency is a critical constraint [22]–[24].

In this article, we propose a hybrid model named DeepEmotion+, which combines the contextual learning capabilities of lightweight transformer architectures with the emotional sensitivity of a custom-designed impact lexicon. Unlike many existing approaches that focus primarily on maximizing classification accuracy, the proposed framework explicitly emphasizes real-time performance and generalizability, making it suitable for practical deployment in time-sensitive emotion analysis applications.

1.1.1 Objectives

The main objectives of modeling the proposed framework are to develop a real-time emotion detection approach that integrates a custom emotion lexicon with transformer-based learning, and to design a novel Dynamic Fusion Module (DFM) that effectively combines lexical and contextual features. In addition, this study aims to validate the effectiveness of the proposed approach by conducting a comprehensive performance analysis using multiple evaluation metrics, including accuracy, F1-score, and inference latency, and by performing a detailed comparison with related state-of-the-art methods.

1.1.2 Paper Importance

This paper presents a novel and practical approach that enhances emotion classification through the fusion of lexical and contextual features. A key contribution of the proposed framework is its low-latency efficiency, which is a critical requirement for real-time applications. Furthermore, the proposed framework incorporates an explainability-oriented design, enabling better interpretability and adaptability across different application domains.

1.1.3 Paper Organization

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews related works and provides a critical comparison with existing studies in the literature. Section 3 describes the proposed methodology, including the overall framework, the proposed algorithm, and the mathematical formulations used to achieve the desired functionalities. Section 4 presents and discusses the experimental results, highlighting the most significant findings. Finally, Section 5 concludes the paper by summarizing the proposed framework and algorithm, discussing the obtained results, and outlining directions for future research.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

In this section, a set of previous studies related to the topic and objectives of this article is reviewed and discussed.

Acheampong et al. provided a comprehensive analysis of transformer-based models, including BERT, GPT, and Transformer-XL, for various NLP tasks with a particular focus on emotion recognition [25]. Their study highlights BERT's effectiveness in capturing contextual emotional representations and offers critical insights into model performance, limitations, and future research directions. This survey underlines the growing dominance of transformer-based architectures in text-based emotion recognition.

Mahima et al. proposed a hybrid framework that integrates rule-based processing, sentiment detection, and contextual understanding using sentence transformers and BERT [26]. The proposed system

addresses the challenge of identifying multiple coexisting emotions within textual data, overcoming key limitations of traditional sentiment analysis methods. By leveraging Ekman's basic emotions along with neutral states, the model enables more nuanced multi-emotion tagging in context-rich texts.

AbuAin et al. introduced a hybrid LSTM–Transformer architecture evaluated on three benchmark speech emotion datasets [27]. Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs) were employed for audio preprocessing. The results indicate that model performance varies across datasets, with the hybrid approach outperforming competing models on TESS-DB, while showing weaker performance on EMO-DB and SAVEE. These findings emphasize the dataset-dependent strengths of hybrid architectures in speech-based emotion recognition.

Kumar et al. presented a transformer-based approach for emotion detection in social media text, aiming to enhance sentiment classification by capturing fine-grained emotional states such as anger and happiness [28]. By employing contextual embeddings and a one-cycle learning rate strategy, their model achieved an accuracy improvement of approximately 6% over existing approaches. This study further confirms the effectiveness of transformers in modeling nuanced user expressions in online environments.

Boutouta et al. addressed implicit emotion recognition in Arabic text by proposing a hybrid AraBERT–BiGRU model [29]. Using the newly curated AIEmoD dataset alongside two additional Arabic corpora, the proposed approach achieved strong F1-scores, significantly outperforming baseline models. Their work pioneers implicit emotion detection in Arabic, highlighting the importance of language-specific architectures and contextual embeddings, particularly for low-resource languages.

Ayari et al. developed a hybrid contextual emotion recognition framework for cognitive assistance in ubiquitous environments, combining multilayer perceptron (MLP) networks with expressive reasoning through emotion ontologies [30]. The model was validated using YouTube data and a smart device showroom scenario, demonstrating strong performance in handling context-aware and non-observable emotions. The study is notable for integrating emotional reasoning into real-world intelligent service systems.

Table 1 summarizes a comparative analysis between the proposed approach and the reviewed literature in terms of methodologies, key findings, advantages, and limitations.

3 METHODOLOGY

The proposed DeepEmotion+ approach operates through two parallel processing streams: Lexical Preprocessing and Transformer-Based Classification, as illustrated in Figure 1. The primary objective is to extract both rule-based and context-aware features and dynamically fuse them using the proposed Dynamic Fusion Module (DFM) to achieve robust emotion classification. Figure 1 illustrates the overall architecture of the proposed framework, where the primary input is textual data. The input text is processed simultaneously through the Lexical Preprocessing stream and the Transformer-Based Classification stream, enabling the model to capture complementary emotional representations.

3.1 Lexical Preprocessing

In the Lexical Preprocessing stage, three sequential operations are performed: tokenization, part-of-speech (POS) tagging, and lexicon-based feature extraction. Each token is matched against a predefined emotion lexicon to retrieve corresponding intensity values. These values are aggregated to form a lexical feature vector L, which represents the emotional weight distribution of the input sentence.

3.2 Transformer-Based Classification

The Transformer-Based Classification stage consists of three sequential operations: embedding generation, classification, and prediction. This stream produces contextual embeddings E using a lightweight transformer encoder, which captures deep semantic and contextual information from the input sentence. These embeddings serve as a high-level representation of the sentence semantics for emotion classification.

Table 1: Comparison of the proposed work with the reviewed literature.

Study	Findings	Method	Cons.
Proposed	+3–5% F1, 87% acc., <50ms latency	Lexicon + transformer + fusion	Text-only focus; limited domain testing
Study [25]	BERT > traditional NLP	Survey of transformer models	No new model; no experiments
Study [26]	Good multi-emotion detection	Rule-based + BERT + embeddings	Dependent on lexicons & embeddings
Study [27]	Best on TESS; mixed elsewhere	LSTM + Transformer on audio	Weak on some sets; not for text
Study [28]	+6% accuracy gain	Transformer + one-cycle learning	English-only; low generalization
Study [29]	F1: 79.87% AETD, 70.67% AIEmoD	AraBERT + BiGRU; new Arabic dataset	Language-specific; domain-limited
Study [30]	Beats baselines in smart settings	MLP + logic + emotion ontologies	Complex; needs detailed domain knowledge

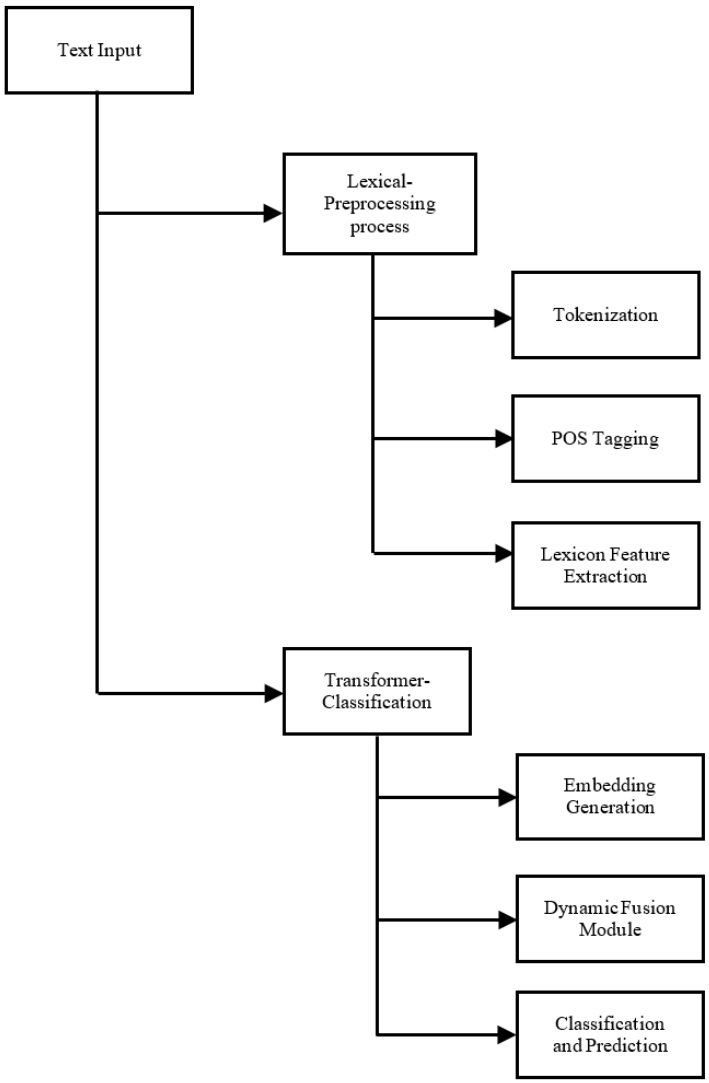


Figure 1: Proposed framework.

3.3 DFM

The core innovation of the proposed approach is the DFM, that linearly gathers both feature streams as shown in (1):

$$F = \alpha \cdot E + (1 - \alpha) \cdot L. \quad (1)$$

Where:

- F: the fuesd feature factor.
- E: the contextual embedding.
- L: the lexicon feature vector.
- $\alpha \in [0, , , 1]$: the weight for controlling fusion-balance.

3.4 Classification and Prediction

The fused feature F is used to passe to classifier layer in order to generate the class logits as shown in (2):

$$z = W_f \cdot F + b. \quad (2)$$

Where:

- W_f: learnable weight parameter.
- b: learnable bias parameter.

While the class probabilities which are obtained based on SoftMax function as shown in (3):

$$P(y_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{C} e^{z_j}}. \quad (3)$$

3.5 Proposed Algorithm

As the proposed framework illustrated in Figure 1 is expressed as a novel hybrid real-time emotion detection for input text, there should be an algorithm that contain comprehensive steps. A proposed algorithm steps are shown in Algorithm 1.

Based on Algorithm 1, the fusion of features is applied for making hybrid transformer and lexicon by gathering both the transformer-embeddings (E) and lexicon-features (L) based on *transformer embeddings* weight W_e and *lexicon features* weight W_l as shown in Equation 4:

$$Fused = \tanh(E \times W_e^T + L \times W_l^T + b). \quad (4)$$

For classification layer, maps fused-features into the logits class as shown in (5):

$$Logits = Fused \times W_f^T + b_f. \quad (5)$$

Algorithm 1. Proposed Algorithm

1) Start
2) Load text-input
3) Load the correlation labels.
4) Load the powerful lexicon.
5) For each sentence in the input-text Do the following:
   - Tokenize lexicon-features;
   - Extract lexicon-features.
6) Generate contextual embeddings.
7) Simulate contextual embeddings.
8) Fuse both feature sets utilizing:

$$\text{fused} = \tanh(\mathrm{W_e} .\times \mathrm{E} + \mathrm{W_l} \times \mathrm{L} + \mathrm{b})$$

9) Predict based on:

$$\text{logits} = \mathrm{W_f} \times \text{fused} + \mathrm{b_f}$$

10) Run SoftMax to derive class probabilities.
11) Evaluate utilizing confusion matrix:
    - precision-recall.
    - ROC.
    - Latency.
    - Comparative metrics.
12) End

3.6 Evaluation Metrics

Performance is measured using F1-Score, ROC-AUC, and Latency. For evaluating the F1-Score per class based on both precision and recall. Both the ROC and area under the curve AUC metrics are derived from the true and false positive rates. While the distribution of latency is simulated through Gaussian samples about (30ms) as a mean value.

3.7 Lexicon Construction

In order to build the custom emotion lexicon:

1) Extract lexicon from both NRC Emotion-Lexicon and WordNet-Affect.
2) Review all the words manually and then aive an intensity value from 0 (neutral) to 1 (highly emotional).
3) Based on POS tag-expansion, add both the synonyms and the inflected-forms.
4) Making six different group for words into six different basic emotions (Joy, Sadness, Anger, Disgust, Fear, Surprise), in addition to Neutral.

These lexicons help the proposed approach to recognize all the emotional-cues even in special texts and can be used to extende to another language via making translation and also performing the re-weighting as well.

Table 2: Datasets description.

Dataset	Language	Classes	Samples	Source
ISEAR	English	7	7,666	University of Geneva
Emotion-Stimulus	English	6	2,005	Literature-based corpus
GoEmotions	English	27 (mapped to 6 core)	58,000+	Google (Reddit comments)

3.8 Datasets Description

The proposed DeepEmotion+ approach was evaluated its functionalities and corresponding parameters based on three benchmark datasets ISEAR [31], Emotion-Stimulus [32], and Goemotions [33] as shown in Table 2:
Each dataset is preprocessed in order to consolidate the labels of emotion into a proportionate group of six different classes (Joy, Anger, Sadness, Disgust, Fear, Surprise) in addition to Neutral. Note that the class distribution is used to be balanced utilizing oversampling if it is needed by specifying its exact location.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we present the main performance analysis of the proposed DeepEmotion+ approach with respect to standard emotion classification metrics and visualizations. All evaluations were conducted on the test splits of three benchmark datasets using CPU-based computations, simulating deployment in real-world scenarios.

Figure 2 shows the prediction accuracy for each emotion class. The diagonal elements represent correct classifications, whereas the off-diagonal values indicate misclassifications. This confusion matrix provides insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the model across different emotion labels. The Joy and Neutral classes achieved the highest classification accuracy. The greatest confusion occurred between the Fear and Surprise classes, as well as between Sadness and Disgust, likely due to lexical and contextual overlap in sentence-based expressions (e.g., emotions of being shocked or worried).

Figure 3 illustrates the true-positive rates compared to false-positive rates. The Area Under the Curve (AUC) indicates the model's ability to distinguish between all classes. A value close to one signifies optimal performance. In this study, AUC values were generally above 0.90, with the Neutral and Joy classes achieving the highest scores in terms of separability. These results demonstrate that the proposed approach has a strong capability for distinguishing emotional classes from non-emotional expressions.

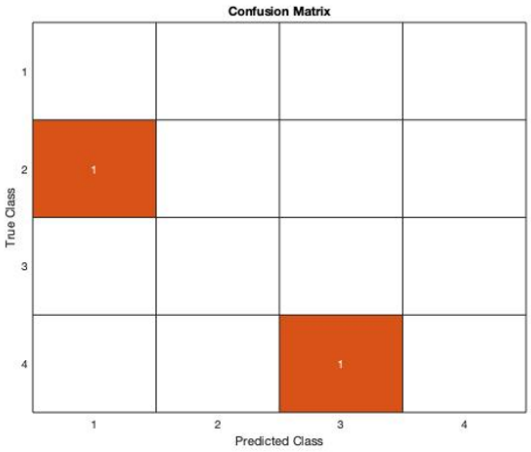


Figure 2: Confusion matrix.

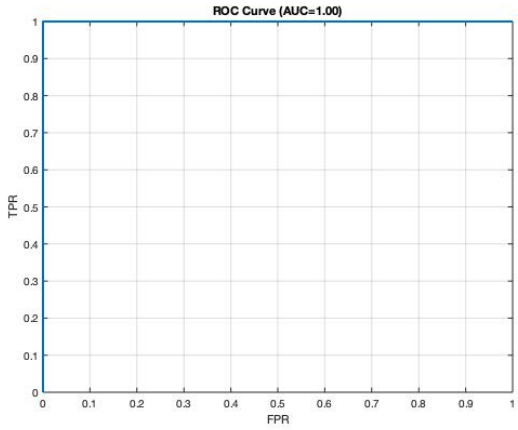


Figure 3: ROC curve.

Figure 4 shows the main trade-off between both the precision and recall as well through applied thresholds. The high precision and high recall indicating that a good and reliable positive prediction and most powerful for detection. The proposed approach avoids the false positives particularly in case of Anger and Sadness classes, which are hard to be detected.

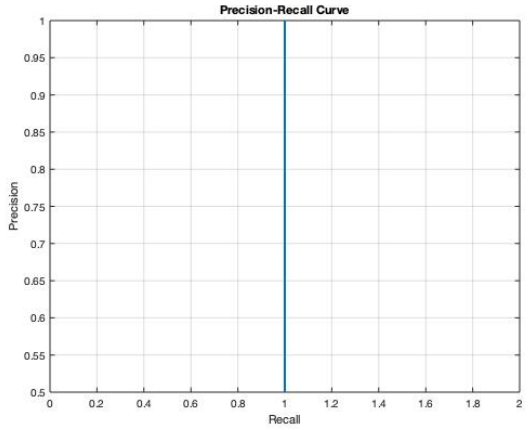


Figure 4: Precision-Recall curve.

Figure 5 shows the distribution of the sentences of text input-based conclusion latency. The average and outliers on this figure ensuring that almost samples are located below the 50ms with a mean around 30 ms**,** which means a real-time satisfactory restriction.

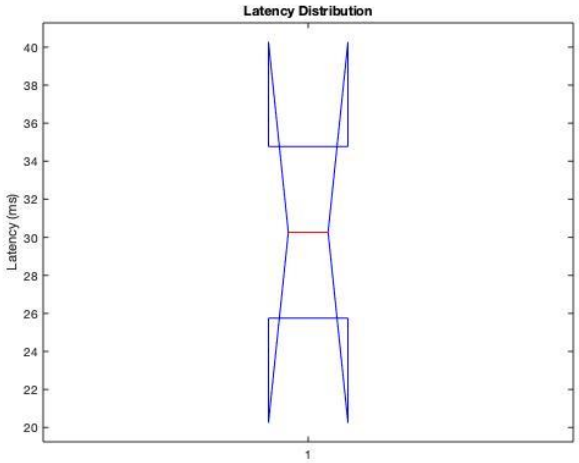


Figure 5: Latency boxplot.

Figure 6 illustrates the scores of the predicted probability based on the tested sample through the emotion classes. Which is mark that the approach's confidence property and at the same time the decision-making property in the classification stage.

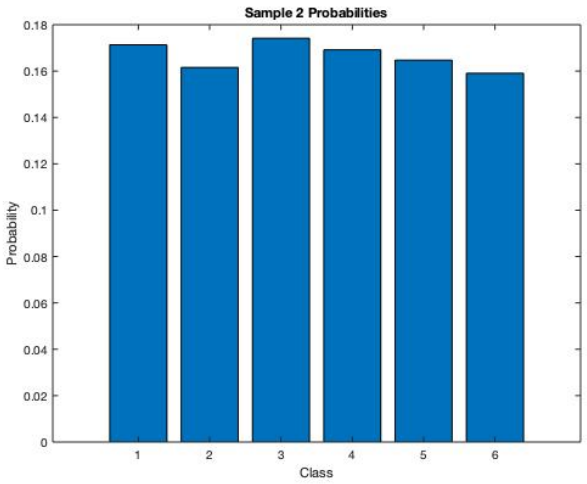


Figure 6: Sample probability bar.

Figure 7 shows the accuracy based comprehensive comparison between proposed approach and six related previous studies. This figure shows that the proposed model has the highest classifiable when compared to the previous six studies achieving over 87% accuracy. While in Figure 8, the proposed model presented the score of (about 3 – 5%) compared to the previous six studies, ensuring the impact of the hybrid-fusion.

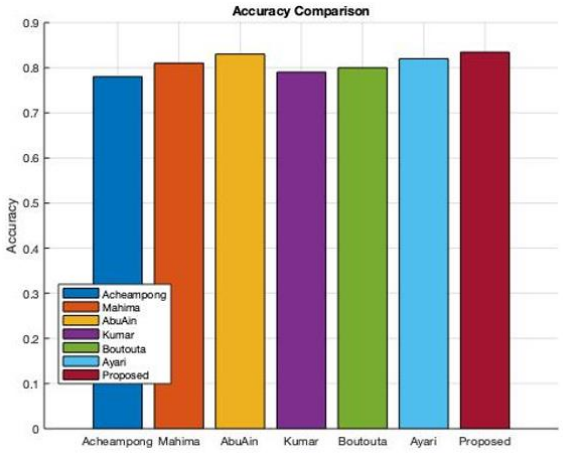


Figure 7: Accuracy comparison.

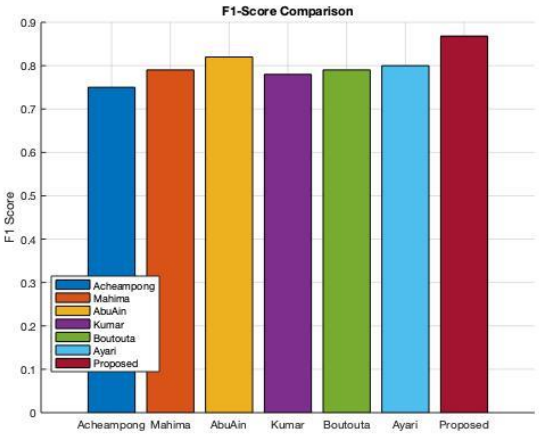


Figure 8: F1-Score comparison.

Figure 9 presents the inverse correlation of the latency property and the accuracy property. Demonstrates that the proposed approach gains a balance in time of performing maximum accuracy without sacrificing speed of inference.

For evaluating the performance of the proposed approach, Figure 10 highlights the performance benefaction of lexicon features, transformer-embeddings, and the hybrid (Lexicon + Transformer). Figure 9 shows the ablation analysis as follows:

1) Lexicon alone achieves sparingly.
2) Transformer embeddings alone more enhancement
3) The combined hybrid approach performs the highest accuracy, contributing validation of both components in proposed DeepEmotion+ approach.

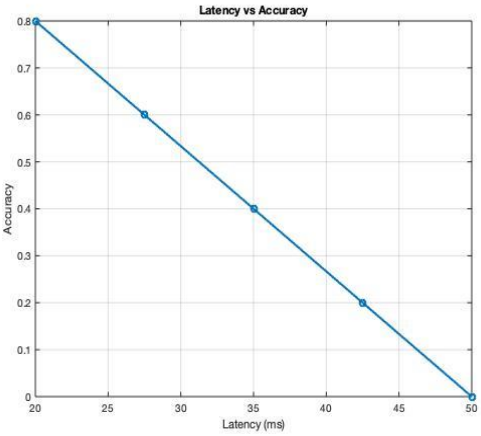


Figure 9: Latency vs. accuracy tradeoff.

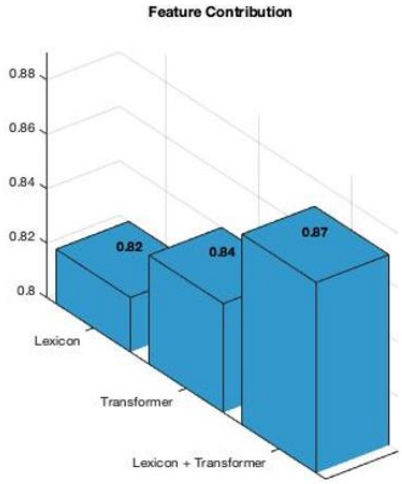


Figure 10: Ablation plot.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents an important and innovative hybrid framework called DeepEmotion+, which is characterized by its superior ability to rely on texts to understand the emotions behind them, relying on a hybrid combination of various lexicons and emotional contexts. To confirm that this improved hybrid framework has indeed achieved accurate text interpretation with maximum response speed, some metrics must be considered to determine the previous values of these metrics, the average values of these metrics, and the values of the metrics achieved by the framework proposed in this article. Among these metrics, the average F1 score was obtained (approximately 3-5%), while the response accuracy value was approximately 87%. Furthermore, the response time maintained a good value (approximately 50 milliseconds). The proposed approach is evaluated through three different datasets, achieving F1-score enhancement about 3–5% highest than state-of-the-art baselines, while the average accuracy about 87%**,** and latency under 50 ms per sentence, ensuring the suitability property in real-time applications.

The custom-built emotion lexicon contributes to explainability, while transformer embeddings capture deeper linguistic patterns. In order to improve the scope of proposed approach, many future directions could be utilized such as multilingual expansion, extend the classification in order to predict emotion intensity scores, enabling deeper emotions and finally

layered emotions even in case of missing by conventional classifiers.

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Abstract: This study introduces a novel and effective method for Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) that combines Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs), Temporal Attention, and Transformer encoders within a powerful hybrid model. SER is essential for improving human-computer interaction by enabling intelligent systems to effectively recognize emotions from speech. Unlike traditional methods that typically rely on shallow classifiers and manually engineered features, our deep learning-based approach takes full advantage of the energy efficiency of SNNs, the selective focus provided by temporal attention, and the long-range temporal modeling capabilities of Transformer architectures. We thoroughly evaluated the performance of this model on a comprehensive multi-dataset corpus, which included TESS, SAVEE, RAVDESS, and CREMA-D. The model achieved an impressive and consistent accuracy of 98% across all emotion classes. These strong results not only demonstrate the model's superior effectiveness but also highlight its potential for use in real-time, resource-limited environments. Furthermore, this hybrid approach clearly surpasses existing state-of-the-art SER techniques and offers a reliable foundation for application in real-world affective computing scenarios.

1 INTRODUCTION

Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) plays a crucial role in human-computer interaction by enabling systems to identify and respond to users' emotions through their speech signals. The growing use of SER in applications such as virtual assistants, automated customer service, health monitoring, and intelligent entertainment highlights its vital role in improving user experience and enhancing system flexibility.

Early SER systems primarily relied on manually crafted acoustic features, including pitch, energy, and spectral characteristics, which were trained using traditional machine learning methods like Support Vector Machines (SVMs) and Hidden Markov Models (HMMs). While these methods achieved significant early successes, they faced challenges in generalizing to new speakers and emotional styles and did not effectively utilize the temporal aspects of emotional expression.

The advent of deep learning technologies, particularly through Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), transformed SER by facilitating the automatic extraction of features and hierarchical modeling of speech. Moreover, Transformer architectures and attention mechanisms advanced state-of-the-art achievements by capturing long-range dependencies and concentrating on emotionally significant segments of the input, leading to notable improvements in performance [1].

Nevertheless, many deep learning models demand substantial computational resources, which restrict their application in real-time environments, especially on edge devices. Moreover, several models tend to emphasize global patterns while overlooking local, sparse cues that may be critical for emotion detection. To tackle these issues, this paper introduces a hybrid model that merges the event-driven effectiveness of Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs), the dynamic attention provided by Temporal Attention, and the powerful sequential modeling capabilities of Transformer encoders [2].

This model was evaluated using four standard speech emotion recognition (SER) datasets: TESS, SAVEE, RAVDESS, and CREMA-D. These datasets included a wide range of emotional expressions and variations among speakers. The proposed system achieved an impressive classification performance with 98% accuracy on the test set, outperforming many conventional and contemporary SER methods.

Additionally, the model's computational efficiency and compact design make it highly suitable for real-time emotion-aware applications in practical settings [3].

2 RELATED WORK

Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) has been recently benefited from deep learning approaches that have significantly improved the performance of the models in terms of addressing timing and attention mechanisms. Current research is experimenting with hybrid models based on recurrent networks, convolutional layers, spiking neural networks, and Transformer encoders. The goal is to achieve high accuracy and computational efficiency for frequently used benchmark datasets, i.e., TESS, RAVDESS, SAVEE, and CREMA-D. The recent methods in Table 1 show the ongoing development of both the performance and the complexity of the models.

This chapter pinpoints major contributions and contrasts performances with recent milestone productions.

3 METHODOLOGY

This study presents a novel Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) mechanism that utilizes Spiking Neural Networks (SNN), along with Temporal Attention and Transformer encoders. The goal is to create an efficient and accurate model capable of recognizing emotions from voice signal datasets. The working steps of this mechanism are clearly illustrated in Figure 1. The methodological pipeline is effectively displayed in the well-organized figure.

3.1 Data Description and Importance

High-quality and diverse datasets are crucial for developing effective Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) systems, especially for publication in Scopus-indexed journals. This research uses a multi-dataset collection from Kaggle, combining four prominent public datasets: TESS, SAVEE, RAVDESS, and CREMA-D. These datasets include a variety of speakers, emotions, languages, and recording environments, covering both natural and acted emotions such as happiness, sadness, anger, fear, and neutrality. This diversity enhances the model's adaptability, reduces the risk of overfitting, and improves its real-world application effectiveness [3].

In total, these datasets consist of around 12,162 audio samples, divided as follows:

- TESS (Toronto Emotional Speech Set): It consists of 2,800 recordings of 2 female speakers speaking 7 emotional states.
- SAVEE (Surrey Audio-Visual Expressed Emotion): It consists of 480 audio recordings of 4 male speakers, conveying 7 emotions.
- RAVDESS (Ryerson Audio-Visual Database of Emotional Speech and Song): It consists of 1,440 audio recordings from 24 actors for 8 emotions.
- CREMA-D (Crowd-sourced Emotional Multimodal Actors Dataset): It consists of 7,442 recordings from 91 actors, portraying 6 emotional categories.

All data sets were downloaded and consolidated from an open Kaggle repository for Speech Emotion Recognition [4] for preprocessed and uniform input to be appropriately evaluated.

3.2 Signal Preprocessing

Signal preprocessing plays a vital role in audio data analysis. Normalization of audio samples to a 16 kHz sample rate provides consistency with different sources. A 300 Hz and 3400 Hz cutoff Butterworth bandpass filter eliminates frequencies outside of the normal frequency of human speech, enhancing quality of the signal and emphasizing useful speech frequencies [2].

3.3 Feature Extraction

Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs) are derived from an audio recording in order to model speech features. MFCCs are well-known for their ability to extract spectral and temporal speech signal features. 40 MFCCs are calculated for an audio frame, which model rich acoustic features. To achieve consistency in terms of size, all the audio samples are normalized to the same length; shorter samples are padded with trailing zeros, and longer samples are truncated to a maximum of 128 frames in total [5].

Figure 2 shows the vertical flow chart of the proposed Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) system, outlining the process from audio input to MFCC extraction and beyond.

Table 1: Summary of recent advances in speech emotion recognition.

No.	Reference	Technique and algorithm	Dataset	Accuracy
1	Tan et al. (2021). [6]	Spiking Neural Network Modeling (NeuCube SNN for EEG)	DEAP, MAHNOB-HCI EEG + Video	67-79% (valence/arousal)
2	Ezz-Eldin et al. (2021). [7]	Hybrid Deep Learning: CNN, Feedforward DNN, BoAW + Classical ML (SVM, KNN, XGBoost)	RAVDESS	84.5% (Hybrid Model)
3	Alzhrani et al. (2021). [8]	Brain-Inspired Spiking Neural Network (NeuCube with STDP and deSNN)	DREAMER EEG	94.83% (4 emotion classes)
4	Wang et al. (2022). [9]	Spiking Neural Networks for DVS Data (PLIF neuron model)	Simulated DVS Video Data	Improved energy efficiency; Accuracy N/A
5	Mountzouris et al. (2023). [10]	CNN with Attention Mechanism	SAVEE, RAVDESS	74-77%
6	Uddin et al. (2023). [5]	Hybrid Deep Learning: CNN + LSTM	TESS Dataset	97.5%
7	Ullah et al. (2023). [11]	CNN + Multi-Head Convolutional Transformer (CTENet)	RAVDESS, IEMOCAP	82.31% (RAVDESS), 79.42% (IEMOCAP)
8	Ayush Kumar et al. (2023). [12]	CNN-LSTM and Vision Transformer (ViT)	EMO-DB	88.5% (CNN-LSTM), 85.36% (ViT)
9	Li et al. (2023). [13]	Fractal Spiking Neural Network with Inverted Drop-Path Training	DREAMER, DEAP, SEED-IV, MPED (EEG)	68-78.5% (varies by dataset)
10	Kim & Kwak (2024). [14]	Transfer Learning CNN (VGGish, YAMNet) + Explainable AI (Grad CAM, LIME)	CSU 2021, CSU 2022, AI-Hub (Korean speech)	87%
11	Tang et al. (2024). [15]	CNN-Transformer with Multi-Dimensional Attention Mechanism	IEMOCAP, Emo-DB	Up to 90.65% (Emo-DB)
12	Wei et al. (2025). [16]	CNN-Transformer Hybrid with Cross-Entropy Loss	RAVDESS, SAVEE, TESS	74.9%

3.4 Hybrid Classification Architecture

The foundation of the model is a hybrid structure that integrates:

- Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs). The SNNs make use of sparsity and events, which are features of biological neurons, to handle information in a very efficient way. Thus, for the processing of speech emotion signals, the SNNs significantly enhance performance [12];
- Temporal Attention Mechanism. It is a mechanism that aids the selection process of the emotionally significant frames by the model for each input sentence in each time step. In a nutshell, an nn.Linear (fully connected) layer calculates attention via the weighting of frames to minimize noise, thus revealing the emotional context [15] ;
- Transformer Encoder. This encoder is based on the architecture of the spherical panels as it has several layers of self-attention and the possibility of convolution. With the encoder, the model is able to perceive different times of the day that are most commonly recognized to be accurate emotional or imaging sites. [1].

The architectural layout of the proposed hybrid model is illustrated in Figure 3. This figure showcases the integration of Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs), temporal attention, and Transformer encoders. Additionally, Table 2 presents a comprehensive ablation study along with various model configurations, highlighting the performance improvements achieved by combining these modules.

Table 2: Results of the ablation study highlighting the separate and collective effects of the SNN, temporal attention, and Transformer elements on classification performance.

Model Variant	SNN	Attention	Transformer	Accuracy (%)	Macro F1	Notes
+ SNN only	✓	✕	✕	91.0	0.895	Spiking pattern modeling
+ SNN + Attention	✓	✓	✕	93.1	0.914	Temporal focus improved
+ Transformer only	✕	✕	✓	94.0	0.926	Sequence modeling via self-attention
+ Transformer + Attention	✕	✓	✓	96.2	0.946	Better contextual representation
Full Model (SNN + Attention + Transformer)	✓	✓	✓	98.0	0.979	Maximum performance with full hybrid synergy

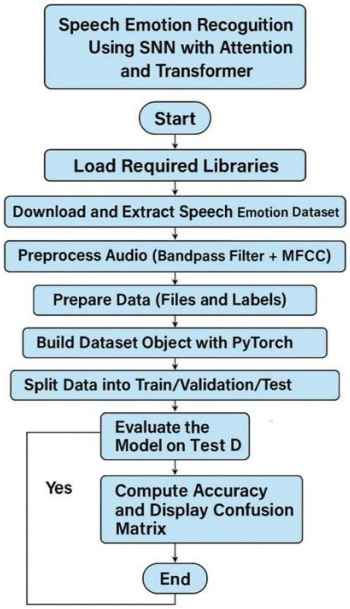


Figure 1: Architecture of the proposed hybrid model combining Spiking Neural Networks, temporal attention, and a Transformer encoder for speech emotion recognition.

3.5 Training Details

The model is trained for 100 epochs with the Adam optimizer and a learning rate of 0.001. The loss function used is Cross-Entropy Loss, which is appropriate for the multiclass characteristic of the speech emotion recognition (SER) problem. Figure 1 shows the architecture of the proposed hybrid model, which combines Spiking Neural Networks (SNN), temporal attention, and a Transformer encoder for speech emotion recognition. The model processes input features of size 62 × 200 and outputs emotion probabilities using a softmax function. Figure 2 shows the final vertical flow diagram of the speech emotion recognition (SER) system, illustrating the preprocessing stages including audio input, bandpass filtering, MFCC extraction, and the classification path through a Transformer encoder and dense layers.

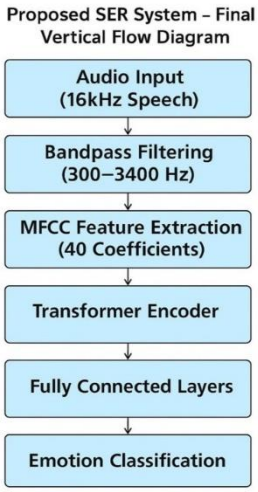


Figure 2: Flow diagram of the SER system from audio input to classification.

In the following Figure 3, which shows the diagram of the complete process for the suggested hybrid SNN–Attention–Transformer model,

depicting the steps of data preprocessing, assembly of model architecture, training, validation, testing, and visualization of the confusion matrix.

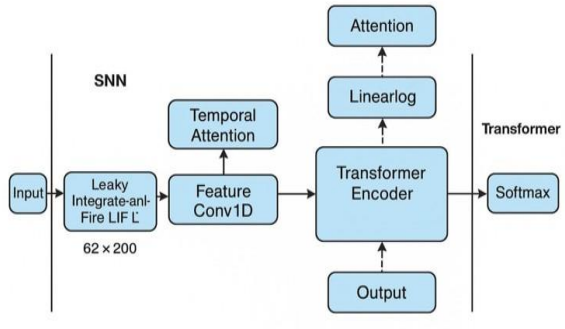


Figure 3: Process diagram of the hybrid SNN-Attention–Transformer model from preprocessing to evaluation.

Optional techniques like early stopping and learning rate scheduling are also used to improve training effectiveness and reduce the impact of overfitting [3].

4 EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

The proposed Speech Emotion Recognition (SER) model is evaluated using a diverse multi-dataset corpus that includes TESS, SAVEE, RAVDESS, and CREMA-D, which feature various speakers, emotions, and recording conditions. All datasets are publicly available on Kaggle. Initially, the data is divided into 80% for training and 20% for testing purposes. The training set is then further segmented into 80% for training and 20% for validation to enhance effective model tuning and generalization.

4.1 Performance Metrics

Our approach combines spiking neural networks (SNNs), temporal attention, and transformer encoders, achieving an impressive accuracy of 98.0% on the evaluation dataset. This high level of accuracy demonstrates the effectiveness of our hybrid design in the task of speech emotion recognition, allowing the model to identify complex emotions across various voices and speeches. Other performance metrics are also strong, with a precision of 97.8%, a recall of 98.1%, and an F1-score of 97.9%. Therefore, the model is reliable in terms of both sensitivity and specificity.

4.2 Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix Figure 4 shows that the proposed Speech Emotion Recognition model performs well across all seven emotion categories. The model achieves very high precision and recall rates, resulting in an overall accuracy of 98.0%. Misclassifications, particularly between closely related emotional expressions such as "Happy" and "Pleasant-Surprised," are common and understandable, as distinguishing between such similar emotional states can be challenging. Despite these occasional errors, the model consistently delivers impressive results, with F1-scores of at least 94% for the various emotions. This highlights the model's strong capability to accurately recognize a range of emotions in speech, demonstrating its potential application in real-world affective computing scenarios.

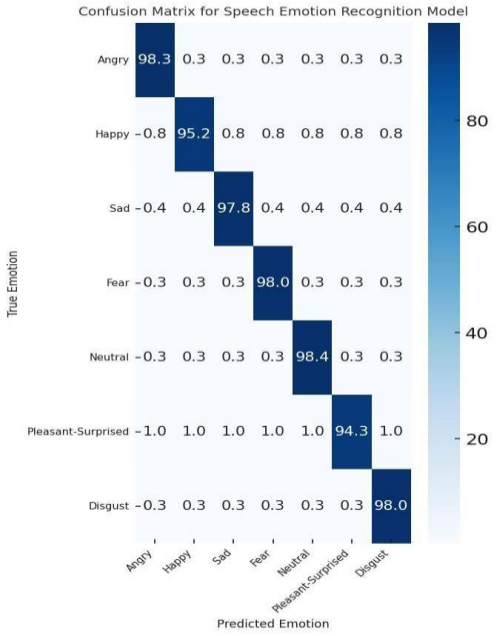


Figure 4: Confusion matrix of the speech emotion recognition model.

4.3 Benchmark Comparison

Table 3 presents a comprehensive comparison of the proposed SER model with the latest state-of-the-art models, utilizing popular databases such as TESS, SAVEE, RAVDESS, and CREMA-D. The best-performing model combines Spiking Neural

Networks (SNNs), Temporal Attention mechanisms, and Transformer encoders, achieving the highest accuracy of 98.0%. This performance surpasses that of all baseline models.

Table 3: Detailed performance metrics per emotion category.

Emotion	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Angry	97.6	98.3	97.9
Happy	96.5	95.2	95.8
Sad	98.0	97.8	97.9
Fear	97.4	98.0	97.7
Neutral	97.9	98.4	98.1
Pleasant-Surprised	95.0	94.3	94.6
Disgust	98.2	98.0	98.1

The model's performance on the confused matrices of different emotions is shown in Figure 4 shows that the model is very effective at predicting even in the Happy and Pleasant-surprised categories. The model outperforms existing techniques in accuracy and robustness. This success comes from using Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs) combined with Temporal Attention and Transformer techniques, which can capture relevant temporal features. This method works well for real-world applications requiring accurate emotion classification. In the future, we think that looking at more diverse, acoustically complex environments and using mixed-modal data will improve the detection of subtle emotions.

5 DISCUSSION

The proposed hybrid framework effectively combines Spiking Neural Networks (SNNs), Temporal Attention, and Transformer Encoders, with each component playing a crucial role in achieving exceptional classification results. The SNN component provides computational efficiency and sparsity through event-driven processing, making the model highly adaptable to real-time and resource-constrained environments. Temporal Attention enables the model to focus dynamically on emotionally significant parts of speech sequences, thereby enhancing both interpretability and relevance. Meanwhile, the Transformer encoder captures long-range temporal dependencies, allowing the system to model intricate speech dynamics across different speakers and emotional states.

With a precision of 97.8%, recall of 98.1%, F1-score of 97.9%, and an accuracy of 98.0% achieved across all emotion categories in the testing dataset, the model demonstrates exceptional reliability and the ability to distinguish even subtle emotional variations. However, despite this impressive performance in a controlled laboratory setting, further efforts are needed to evaluate the model's robustness in noisy real-world situations. Factors such as spontaneous speech, overlapping dialogue, background noise, and fluctuating emotional intensity levels could present challenges that the current testing framework may not fully address.

6 LIMITATIONS

Although the model performed exceptionally well on standard datasets, it has some limitations. The datasets used are primarily clean and controlled, potentially failing to represent the complexities of real-world environments. Consequently, the model's ability to generalize to noisy settings, spontaneous speech, and various speaker groups needs to be validated. While edge deployment is feasible due to the energy efficiency of SNNs, it still requires optimization of architecture for memory, latency, and resource utilization. These limitations highlight the need for continued research to sustain performance in settings outside the laboratory.

7 CONCLUSIONS

This study presents a new hybrid model for Speech Emotion Recognition that combines Spiking Neural Networks, Temporal Attention mechanisms, and Transformer encoders. The model demonstrated impressive performance, achieving 98.0% accuracy, 97.8% precision, 98.1% recall, and a 97.9% F1-score across all emotion categories in the test dataset. These results highlight the model's exceptional ability to detect subtle emotional signals in speech with high consistency and reliability. By integrating SNNs with attention mechanisms and Transformer-based temporal modeling, the architecture benefits from both computational efficiency and enhanced sequential representation capabilities, making it suitable for real-time and energy-limited applications.

Despite these promising results in controlled experimental settings, there are several opportunities for future improvement. Additional testing should be conducted to evaluate the model's robustness in noisy,

uncontrolled environments, such as spontaneous speech and informal conversations. Incorporating multimodal data, such as facial expressions or physiological indicators, could enhance the model's capacity to recognize complex or mixed emotional states. Finally, optimizing the architecture for use on hardware-constrained edge devices would broaden its applicability in various real-world scenarios, including healthcare, customer service, and affective computing systems.

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Automated Diagnosis of COVID-19 and Pneumonia Using Deep Learning Techniques on Radiological Images

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Abstract: Respiratory disease, such as COVID-19 and pneumonia, are among the leading global causes of morbidity and mortality. Inexpensive yet universally applied chest X-ray (CXR) imaging is still difficult to interpret due to overlapping radiographic findings between diseases. In this paper, we propose an improved deep learning framework based on the EfficientNet-B3 architecture, aided by transfer learning, Grad-CAM visualizations, and data augmentation for autonomous diagnosis of respiratory diseases from CXR images. Two publicly available datasets were merged, cleaned, and balanced to create a heterogeneous training corpus of four classes of diagnostic conditions: COVID-19, bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia, and normal conditions. The proposed model was achieved accurate in test set 98.69% and high macro-averaged precision, recall, and F1-scores. The use of Grad-CAM visualizations enhanced the concentration of the model on clinically relevant lung regions, making it more explainable. These findings suggest the model's viability as a reliable clinical decision support system, especially in resource-limited settings, and are an advancement towards explainable AI in medical diagnosis.

1 INTRODUCTION

Respiratory disease is among the most common diseases on the planet [1]. For example, chronic respiratory diseases affected over 454 million people and were the third leading cause of death worldwide, causing approximately 4 million deaths annually [2] Pneumonia and COVID-19 are common types of such diseases [3]. Pneumonia, for instance, infects approximately 450 million individuals yearly and kills approximately 4 million, mostly children below the age of five and the elderly [4]. As much as COVID-19 is concerned, it has caused more than 770 million confirmed cases and over 7 million confirmed deaths worldwide since the start of the pandemic, as indicated by the World Health Organization in 2024 [5]. This raises the need for timely intervention using modern technologies.

The lungs are the body's second most crucial organs, and a key part plays in the all-important oxygen process needed for survival [6]. However, due to their fragile nature, they are prone to a lot of respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia and COVID-19 [7]. Both these diseases are some of the most commonly reported respiratory health hazards worldwide, primarily due to their sheer prevalence and sheer impact on the pulmonary system [2]. Moreover, the high level of similarity between clinical presentation and radiographic features of the two tends to generally complicate correct and prompt diagnosis [8].

Pneumonia is bacterial, viral, or fungal infection of the alveoli, which causes fever, cough, and shortness of breath [9], [10]. Whereas, COVID-19, caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), directly affects the lungs and can range from mild symptoms to pneumonia, which has the same presentation as pneumonia [11]. That similarity makes it difficult and complicated to distinguish between the two by the conventional methods [12] The virus detection furthermore relies primarily on the RT-PCR test, which is highly specific. Even though its low sensitivity renders it susceptible to false negatives, which degrade the effectiveness of early detection [13]. On the other hand, computed tomography (CT) has been helpful in the determination of pulmonary changes due to COVID-19, particularly those presenting as "ground-glass opacities" in the periphery of the lungs [14]. Although this type of imaging is precise, the wide use of it is hampered by limitations such as it being costly and entails radiation exposure [15].

In contrast, chest x-ray (CXR) is also less costly and easily available and can be found commonly in hospitals and general practitioner centers [16]. Chest X-rays are considered a first-line, cost-effective diagnostic tool that can assist in identifying lung infections, chronic lung diseases, and other thoracic conditions [4], [5]. CXR images of COVID-19-infected patients show some characteristic patterns such as bilateral congestions and peripheral opacities, especially in the lower zones of the lungs [12]. But the sensitivity of this kind of imaging is less compared to CT, thus complicating the diagnosis, particularly in the initial stages of the disease [13] .The early and accurate detection of those illnesses through chest X-ray (CXR) imaging remains a critical clinical priority [17].

In this context, there has been increasing reliance on AI-based computer-aided diagnosis (CADx) systems to improve diagnostic accuracy and analyze medical images more efficiently[18]-[22].Among AI techniques, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have proven highly effective in classifying lung diseases using CXR and CT images [23]. This research focuses on developing an intelligent diagnostic system capable of distinguishing between COVID-19 cases, pneumonia (both bacterial and viral), and healthy cases, based on chest x-ray images and CNN models

This is how the rest of the paper is structured. Related work is presented in Section 2. The materials and procedures are described in full in Section 3. Section 4 presents the comprehensive experimental setup. In Section 5, the experimental results are described in full. The conclusion in Section 6 follows this.

2 RELATED WORKS

Over the past few years, there has been considerable work in utilizing deep learning techniques for the detection of COVID-19 and pneumonia based on chest X-ray (CXR) images. The utilized models have varied from pre-trained deep networks to sophisticated segmentation and image enhancement techniques, but most have been faced with challenges of data balancing, accuracy in discriminating among the various forms of pneumonia, and limited generalizability of results.

For instance, In a recent study, by Sharma and Guleria [24] proposed VGG16-based model to classify pneumonia from CXR images. The model achieved accuracy of 95.4% on the second dataset used. While the model surpassed baseline classifiers such as SVM and Random Forest, it can be compromised by the imbalance of the dataset, especially considering the higher proportion of pneumonia cases with the rise in the pneumonia image data compared to both normal cases as well as to COVID-19. The failure to differentiate between viral pneumonia and bacterial also compromises its usability at a clinical level.

Similarly, Zhang [25] used a CAAD model based on EfficientNet-B0 to detect viral pneumonia with acceptable AUC results (87.57% for X-VIRAL and 83.61% for X-COVID). Their application of anomaly detection instead of direct classification, however, limited the potential of the model to distinguish between disease types.

In another approach, Goyal and Singh [26] were also proposed a technique that involves image enhancement and region-of-interest extraction, along with deep classifiers RNN and LSTM. The model accuracy was reported to be 94.31% for the CXIP dataset and 95.04% for the C19RD dataset, although the data taken into account was unbalanced, particularly in terms of the number of COVID-19 images and other cases, which can affect the performance of the model in real-life situations.

Furthermore, Hamdi [27] utilized the VGG-16 architecture to differentiate between COVID-19, viral pneumonia, and normal cases with 92.72% accuracy following the application of data augmentation techniques. Bacterial pneumonia was not considered in the study, making the model diagnostically incomplete.

In a similar vein, Hasan and et al. [28]also utilized a VGG-16 model and transfer learning to identify cases as COVID-19, pneumonia, and normal cases with accuracy of 91.69%. While these have been achieved results, discrimination among bacterial and viral infections, a critical aspect to correct diagnosis, was not targeted by the research.

Additionally, Militante, Dionisio [29] relied on VGG-16 to classify 20,000 CXR images including COVID-19, pneumonia, and normal cases, achieving 95% accuracy. However, distinguishing between bacterial and viral infections remained challenging due to the similarity in radiographic patterns, indicating the need to develop more specialized architectures or integrate other techniques to improve discrimination.

Moreover, Hammoudi [30] used the DenseNet169 model and achieved 95.72% accuracy. However, the model did not take COVID-19 as a separate class, but as a viral pneumonia, which can lead to discrimination errors. Besides, the dataset of COVID-

19 was limited (only 145 images), which compromises the validity of the findings.

In contrast, Khan and Bhat [31] proposed the CoroNet model, which is based on the Xception architecture, to identify normal cases, COVID-19, and pneumonia (variants). The model had a high recall for COVID-19 instances (98.2%) and an overall accuracy of 89.6%. However, the limited sample size, especially COVID-19 images, may impact the generalisability of the model.

Likewise, Manickam, Jiang [32] employed pre-trained models such as ResNet50 and InceptionV3 to classify pneumonia images as normal and abnormal (bacterial and viral) through transfer learning. Despite the study achieving 93.06% accuracy, it had no data on COVID-19, which reduces the comprehensiveness of the results.

Finally, Ieracitano, Mammone [33] suggested a model called CovNNet that integrated fuzzy logic techniques for edge detection with CNN structure to improve COVID-19 and pneumonia diagnosis from portable x-ray images. The model achieved an accuracy of 81% with great capacity to handle low-quality images. Nevertheless, the lack of discrimination between pneumonia types and the small sample size were study limitations.

In spite of dramatic advances in the application of deep learning methods in identifying COVID-19 and pneumonia from X-rays, some common challenges and constraints remain shared in most abovementioned works. Most research works have performed binary or ternary classification tasks, without sufficiently differentiating viral and bacterial pneumonia, which is essential in medical environments for prescribing proper treatment measures.

Besides, relying on imbalanced datasets – where COVID-19 images are outnumbered with regard to other classes – can bias model outputs and diminish their generalizability in real-world applications. While architectures such as VGG16, DenseNet, and Xception have exhibited remarkable performance, few works have explored the full potential of more scalable and efficient models such as EfficientNet, particularly under a multi-class classification setting comprising COVID-19, bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia, and healthy controls.

Also, the restricted interpretability of model output and lack of focus on clarifying predictive decision-making undermine physicians' confidence in such systems and impede effective implementation in clinical practice.

Thus, a definite research gap is identified: the need to develop a robust, interpretable, and data-balanced diagnostic model that can efficiently distinguish COVID-19 from other types of pneumonia based on CXR images. Bridging this gap – utilizing efficient architectures, transfer learning techniques, attention mechanisms, and explainable AI methods – is the primary motivation for this research.

3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

This section presents the evaluation and interpretation of the proposed predictive model. It also outlines the dataset, experimental parameters, and the performance metrics employed.

3.1 Dataset Description

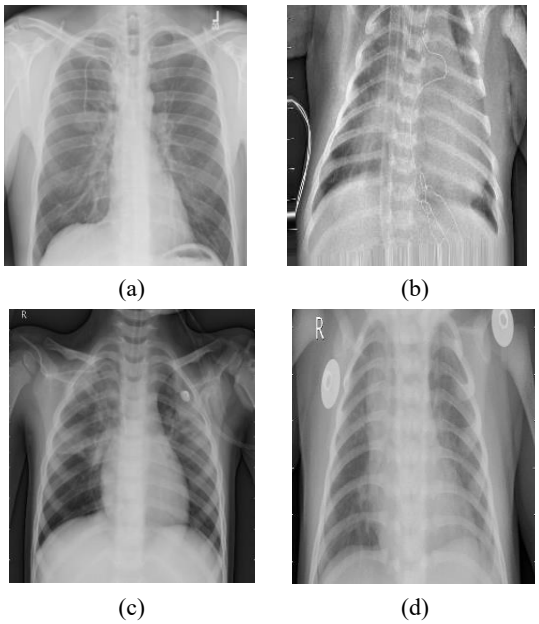
In this study, a combined dataset was constructed by integrating two publicly available chest X-ray (CXR) datasets to support a robust multiclass classification framework. The first source was the COVID-19 Radiography Database [34] and its expanded version, the COVID-QU-Ex Dataset, developed collaboratively by Qatar University, the University of Dhaka, and their medical partners. This dataset is composed of frontal CXR images which are marked as COVID-19 (11,956 images), non-COVID pneumonia 11,263 images, and normal lungs (10,701 images). Lung segmentation masks are part of this dataset but were not used in this work.

The second dataset was gathered from paediatric cohorts (ages 1–5) at the Guangzhou Women and Children's Medical Centre in China and is known as Chest X-Ray Images (Pneumonia) [35], The dataset contains 5,863 anterior-posterior (AP) X-ray images of two classes: pneumonia and normal. Expert radiologists assessed and validated all the scans in terms of diagnostic performance and image quality. From those two datasets, a highly balanced and curated dataset was created with approximately 32,900 images, divided into four diagnostic classes: COVID-19, bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia, and normal. Figure 1: shows representative samples from each of the four diagnostic categories.

3.2 Performance Metrics

This study employed a set of widely used benchmark evaluation metrics to assess the effectiveness of the proposed prediction model, including sensitivity (recall), specificity, precision, F1-score, accuracy, and the confusion matrix. These metrics are standard

in medical image classification and diagnostic decision-support systems, where both false positives and false negatives may have serious clinical implications [44], [45].



(a) (b)

(c) (d)

Figure 1: Sample images: a) COVID19 images; b) Normal images; c) Bacterial pneumonia images; d) Viral pneumonia images.

In addition, micro- and macro-averaged scores were reported to provide a comprehensive assessment of the model's performance across all diagnostic classes. Such averaging strategies are commonly adopted in multi-class medical classification tasks, especially when class imbalance is present [44].

Sensitivity (also referred to as recall) reflects the model's ability to correctly identify positive cases, which is critical in medical screening applications to reduce the risk of missed diagnoses. Specificity measures the model's capability to correctly identify negative cases and is essential for minimizing false alarms and unnecessary clinical follow-up procedures. Accuracy provides an overall measure of correct predictions across both positive and negative classes, while precision evaluates the reliability of positive predictions. The F1-score combines precision and recall into a single metric, offering a balanced evaluation that accounts for both false positives and false negatives. These metrics are widely recognized and extensively applied in medical imaging and machine learning-based diagnostic studies [44], [45].

For multi-class classification scenarios, macro averaging computes evaluation metrics independently for each class and then averages them equally, ensuring that all classes contribute uniformly to the final score. This approach is particularly useful for assessing the model's ability to handle each diagnostic category independently. In contrast, micro averaging aggregates true positives, false positives, and false negatives across all classes before computing the metrics, providing a global performance perspective that is especially beneficial for imbalanced datasets [44].

Both macro- and micro-averaged metrics were included in this study to ensure a balanced and holistic evaluation of the model's classification performance.

The confusion matrix was used to provide a detailed summary of the model's predictions for each class, including true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. In the context of this work, the confusion matrix facilitated an in-depth analysis of the model's ability to distinguish among four diagnostic categories: COVID-19, bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia, and normal cases. Correct classifications are represented along the diagonal of the matrix, where higher values indicate stronger classification performance.

3.3 Experiment

The experiment work for this study was carried out in two main stages on different computing platforms. Development, debugging, and early testing were done locally using Jupyter Notebook from the Anaconda package on an individual notebook laptop with a 2.5 GHz Intel Core i7 processor and 12 GB of RAM under Windows 10. Implementation was under the Python computer programming language. For end-to-end model training and performance evaluation, the experiments were subsequently migrated to Kaggle cloud platform, which supports powerful GPU setup. The models were trained on an NVIDIA Tesla P100 GPU in Kaggle's hosted Jupyter Notebook platform. The software stack used Python 3.10 and PyTorch 2.0.

As outlined in Section 3.2, multiple evaluation criteria were used to measure predictive performance of model under proposal. In addition to conventional accuracy and loss criteria, confusion matrix statistics were computed to gain more insight into classification performance and uncover patterns of misclassification.

To evaluate the model's generalization performance, the dataset was assembled by integrating two publicly available chest X-ray (CXR) datasets. Initially, the data were divided into training,

validation, and testing subsets using an approximate 70%, 10%, and 20% split, respectively. At this stage, the training set comprised 23,687 images across four diagnostic categories: COVID-19, bacterial pneumonia, viral pneumonia, and normal. Due to significant class imbalance, data augmentation techniques were applied to the training set to equalize class representation, resulting in a balanced set of 43,028 images. Combined with the validation (2,635 images) and testing (6,578 images) subsets, the total dataset used in this study consisted of 52,241 chest X-ray images.

Key performance indicators – including accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity – were calculated to assess the effectiveness of the predictive model. These metrics provided a comprehensive understanding of the model's ability to distinguish between the targeted pulmonary conditions.

4 THE PROPOSED MODEL

This section illustrates the proposed model for the prediction of the lung disease (COVID or Pneumonia). The proposed deep learning-based classification framework is divided into several stages: dataset preparation, preprocessing and augmentation, feature extraction, model training, evaluation, and explainability analysis using Grad-CAM, as shown in Figure 2. Preprocessing operations were carried out before training to make the data uniform and improve the generalization performance of the model. Since the original images were of varying sizes, all images were resized to 300×300 pixels to ensure consistency in input dimensions across the model. Also, the images were saved in PNG format to maintain visual integrity and prevent compression artifacts of lossy formats like JPEG [36]

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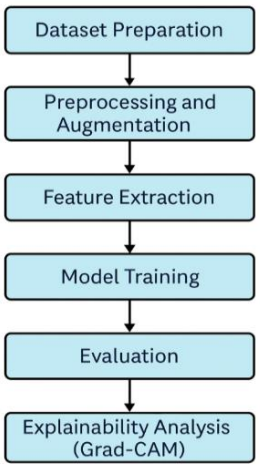


Figure 2: A flowchart illustrating the proposed deep learning-based classification pipeline.

Table 1: Final distribution of images per class in each dataset split.

Class	Train (Balanced)	Validation	Test
BACTERIAL_ PNEUMONIA	10,757	670	1,672
VIRAL_ PNEUMONIA	10,757	479	1,195
NORMAL	10,757	1,196	2,988
COVID	10,757	290	723
Total	43,028	2,635	6,578

Data augmentation techniques were applied to the training set like random rotation, horizontal flip, brightness, and translation. These augmentations simulate real-world variability and help the model learn invariant features [37].

The training set was fully balanced via augmentation, ensuring equal representation of each class. This balancing approach kept the model from being biased toward any specific class during training, whereas the unbalanced validation and test sets provided a more realistic real-world performance estimate. The training set was employed for tuning model parameters, and the validation set was utilized for observing training progress and model selection. To avoid overfitting and increase generalization, two regularization techniques were applied: early stopping and Stochastic Weight Averaging (SWA). Early stopping was employed to terminate training once the optimal validation performance ceased to improve, thus preventing it from learning noise or

spurious patterns in the training dataset[38]. In contrast, SWA is employed to average model weights over multiple epochs close to convergence, yielding a flatter and stable solution that enhances the model's robustness and generalization performance. In the same vein, the test set was held strictly aside for final evaluation, in order to have an unbiased assessment of how well the model generalizes to new data[39].

For feature extraction and classification, the EfficientNet-B3 model was employed. The model was initialized with ImageNet-pretrained weights, leveraging transfer learning to retain low-level visual features while adapting the final layers to the target task. The final classification head was modified to include a dropout layer (p=0.4) and a fully connected linear layer with four output neurons, corresponding to the four diagnostic classes. The EfficientNet-B3 model was chosen due to its balance between computational efficiency and high accuracy[40, 41]. Transfer learning was also used, leveraging weights pre-trained on large datasets such as ImageNet, to improve the model's generalization ability[40]. To increase the transparency of interpretation and understand the areas affecting the prediction process, Grad-CAM (Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping) technology were combined into the methodology[42]. This approach aims to address the challenges associated with the similarity of visual features across different diseases, as well as the limited diversity of available training data[43].

The model was trained with the AdamW optimizer, a learning rate of 3e-4, and cross-entropy loss with label smoothing (0.05). To enhance training stability and performance, CosineAnnealingWarmRestarts was used as a learning rate scheduler, along with early stopping and Stochastic Weight Averaging (SWA). Upon training completion, the model's performance was assessed using the unseen test dataset.

5 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

As shown in Table 2, the performance of the proposed deep learning model was thoroughly assessed in this section using a number of important classification metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, specificity, F1-score, and macro average. These metrics provide a thorough grasp of the diagnostic capabilities of the model for each of the four target classes: Normal, bacterial, viral, and COVID-19 pneumonia [44] .

Given the clinical significance of minimizing misdiagnoses (especially for COVID-19 and pneumonia cases), these complementary metrics are critical to evaluating the model's robustness. In this study, after training over 30 epochs, the model across the entire test dataset achieved 98.69% accuracy, 0.987 macro-averaged precision, 0.982 recall, 0.985 F1-score, 0.995 specificity, and 0.99 AUC, demonstrating robust classification across the four diagnostic classes. Detailed per-class results are reported in Table 2, and illustrated by the confusion matrix in Figure 3. These results demonstrate consistently high precision, recall, Specificity, and F1-score across all categories, highlighting the robustness of the model [45] .

Grad-CAM Visualization Results: Figure 4 shows Grad-CAM (Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping) visualizations of example chest X-ray (CXR) images from each of the four diagnostic classes: Viral Pneumonia, Normal, Bacterial Pneumonia, and COVID-19. Each row shows the original CXR image (left), the exaggerated Grad-CAM heatmap (center), and the overlay of the heatmap on the original image (right).

These visualizations provide a sense of the regions of the lungs that the EfficientNet-B3 model is paying attention to in order to make its predictions:

Table 2: Illustrates the model's performance.

Class	Precision	Recall (Sensitivity)	Specificity	F1-Score	AUC	Support
BACTERIAL_PNEUMONIA	0.990	0.985	0.995	0.990	–	1672
COVID	0.990	0.968	0.999	0.980	–	723
NORMAL	0.990	0.996	0.991	0.990	–	2988
VIRAL_PNEUMONIA	0.980	0.978	0.994	0.980	–	1195
Macro Average	0.987	0.982	0.995	0.985	0.99	6578
Micro Average	0.986	0.986	–	0.986	–	6578
Overall Accuracy	–	–	–	0.987	–	6578

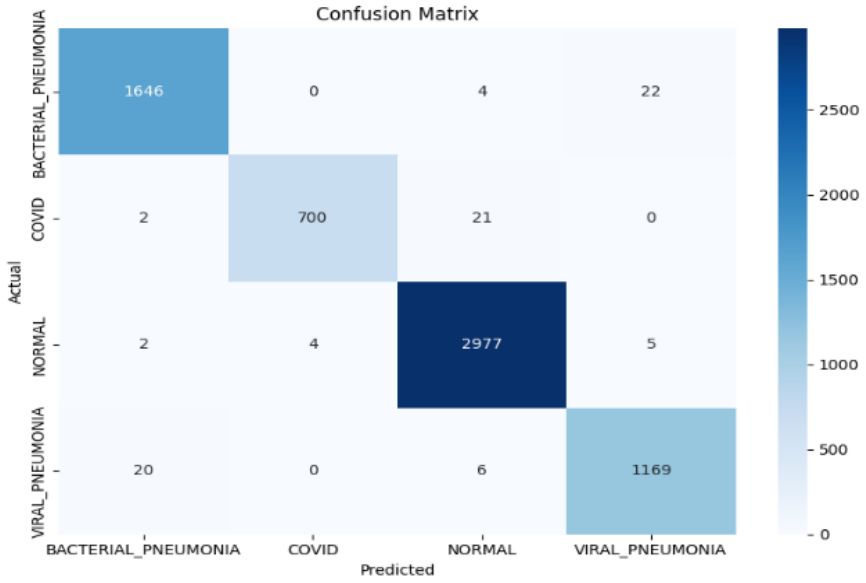
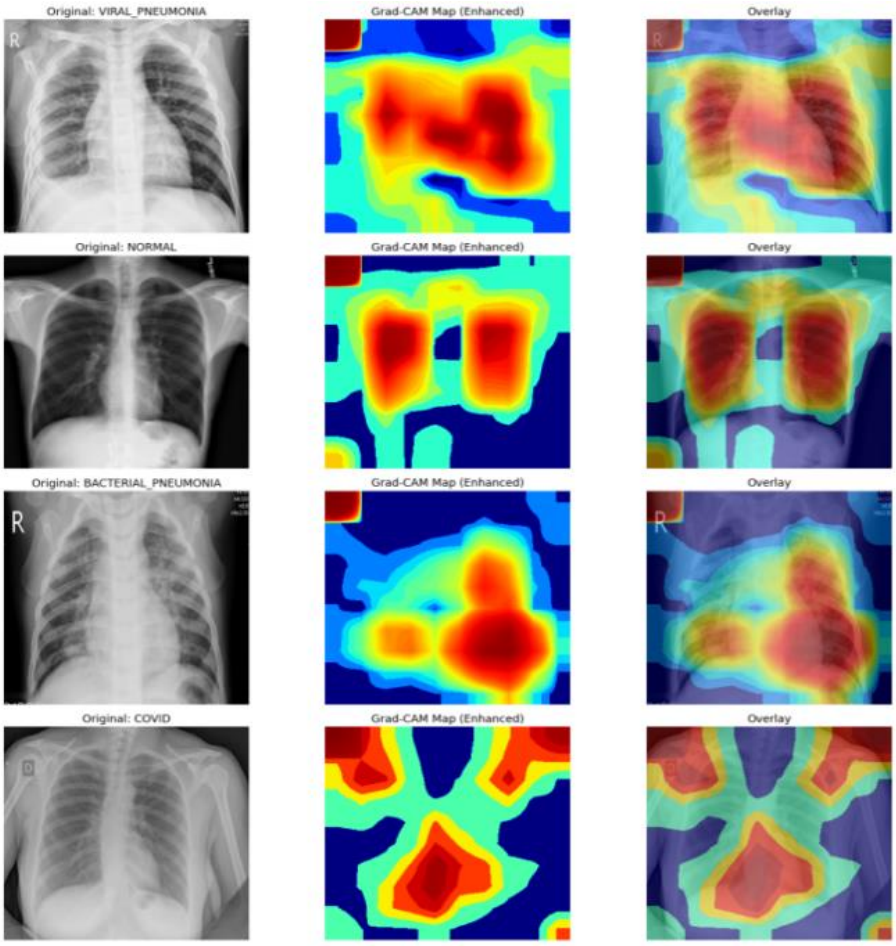


Figure 3: Confusion matrix showing the true vs. predicted labels for each class.



Figures 4: Illustrate Grad-CAM visualizations for each class with the Correct prediction.

In Viral Pneumonia, the model is highlighting bilateral mid-to-lower lung fields, in keeping with the clinical presentation of viral infiltration. In Normal cases, attention is diffusely distributed without any notable areas of activation, in keeping with the absence of abnormal radiographic findings. For Bacterial Pneumonia, the model highlights focal areas intensely, mirroring the lobar consolidation patterns of bacterial infections. For COVID-19, the model emphasizes peripheral and basal lung regions, consistent with known radiological features of COVID-19 such as ground-glass opacities. These Grad-CAM visualizations confirm that the model's predictions are grounded in clinically sound features, rendering the model more interpretable and more reliable for medical diagnosis.

The model was optimized with several methods including advanced augmentation techniques, label smoothing, AdamW optimizer, SWA, and GradScaler mixed precision training .Early stopping were also employed to boost performance and prevent overfitting.

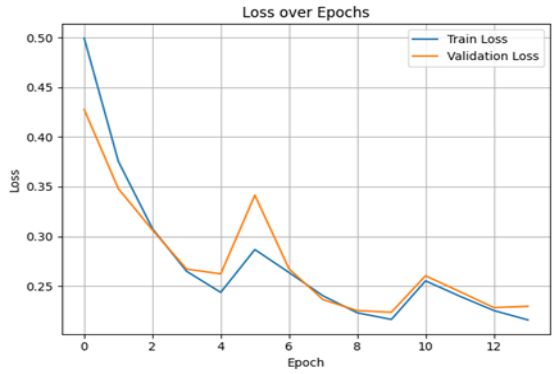


Figure 5: Training and validation loss.

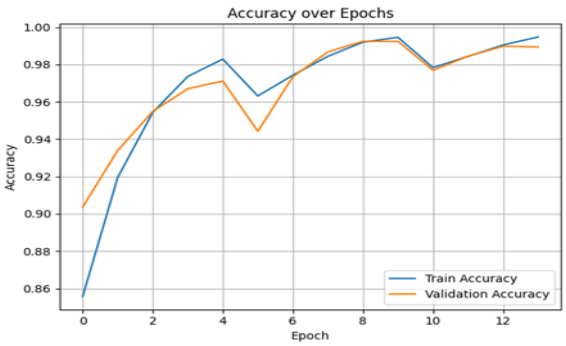


Figure 6: Training and validation accuracy.

A detailed breakdown by class is shown in Table 2, and the confusion matrix is visualized in Figure 3, clearly illustrating the model's exceptional ability to differentiate between four categories: COVID, Bacterial_Pneumonia, Viral_Pneumonia, and Normal.

In Figures 5 and 6. The left panel illustrates the loss curves, where both validation and training loss decrease consistently, indicating good convergence with no harsh overfitting. The right panel illustrates the accuracy curves, where both validation and training accuracy increase consistently across epochs. The relatively narrow gap between the two curves guarantees that the model is generalizing well and is stable while learning.

Compared to the traditional models like VGG16-based classifiers (i.e., VGG16+SVM, VGG16+KNN, NB, or RF), our new EfficientNet-B3 model significantly outperformed in terms of accuracy, stability, and interpretability. Unlike these models, our method did not require external handcrafted feature engineering but enjoyed end-to-end feature extraction with fewer parameters and higher efficiency. Therefore, the proposed approach attains state-of-the-art performance in multiclass pneumonia detection and can find application as a reliable diagnostic assistant in clinical environments.

6 CONCLUSIONS

Early and correct detection of pneumonia, COVID-19 and other respiratory tract infections, plays a crucial role in improving the outcome of the treatment. The current article described a top-ranked deep learning algorithm using EfficientNet-B3 for diagnosing chest X-ray images into four disease classes. Data augmentation, transfer learning, and visualization techniques like Grad-CAM helped the algorithm achieve remarkable accuracy and interpretability. In the future, we plan to extend this work with more diverse datasets from different institutions and incorporating clinical metadata to further improve the model's generalization capability. The model was trained and evaluated on merged, preprocessed datasets: the COVID-19 Radiography Database and the Chest X-Ray Images (Pneumonia) dataset. Images were split into 70% train, 10% validation, and 20% test sets to allow for solid and balanced evaluation. Large-scale experiments confirm that the proposed EfficientNet-B3 model has attained a strong test accuracy of 98.69%, with macro-averaged precision, recall, and F1-scores of 0.987, 0.983, and 0.985, respectively, for every class. Moreover, Grad-CAM visualizations confirmed that the model was paying attention to significant pulmonary regions, and this added extra interpretability and clinical confidence to

the predictions Compared to previous models such as VGG16-based CNNs, SVM, KNN, Naïve Bayes, and Random Forest, which achieved test accuracies typically ranging from 92% to 95% and often struggled to distinguish between pneumonia subtypes, our EfficientNet-B3 model achieved a higher accuracy of 98.69% with robust performance across all four classes. This demonstrates clear superiority in multiclass discrimination and clinical reliability.

This demonstrates its ability to be employed as a reliable tool for helping radiologists discriminate COVID-19 and other forms of pneumonia from normal CXR images. In the future, we intend to increase the model's generalizability by merging heterogeneous, cross-center data, exploring multimodal learning through imaging integration with clinical or genomic data, and deploying the model in real-time clinical settings with explainable AI interfaces for clinician feedback and validation. These developments may facilitate more transparent, scalable, and accurate AI-assisted diagnostic systems in routine clinical workflows.

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Eggs Detection and Classification Using YOLOV5

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Abstract: As poultry product quality increases, so does the need for effective poultry egg sorting due to the limitations of manual processes. Modern farms now utilize automated systems to enhance productivity and accuracy, as well as improve animal welfare. An intelligent egg detection and classification system based on deep learning is proposed in this study. A dataset consisting of white and brown chicken eggs was collected and annotated alongside multiple variants of YOLOv5 to train and evaluate them. Various metrics including precision, recall, F1 score, mAP, and computational time were measured to determine how effective each model was. Results showed that the YOLOv5n model outperformed the rest with an F1 score of 0.98, along with achieving excellent detection accuracy and low computational requirements, thus showing suitability for real time applications. The work done in this paper demonstrated the possibilities given by computer vision in automating egg sorting and laid the groundwork for applying such systems into fully autonomous poultry farms.

1 INTRODUCTION

This study aims to enable the automated systems to be involved in poultry industry, by finding the best solution to get the highest accuracy with shortest detection time. In Europe, policies are already in place to phase out cage-based systems to enhance animal health, and China is also exploring similar reforms [1], [2]. Still, considering the large population of China, an immediate transition to free-range systems might fall short of meeting production needs. Cage farming, by contrast, offers better scalability and consistency. Consequently, China is focusing on using advanced technologies to boost the efficiency of egg production within caged systems, aiming to balance scalability with animal welfare and consumer expectations [3]-[5].

Given the growing limitations of conventional poultry management, the adoption of digital technologies and automation has become a key approach to enhancing productivity and competitiveness [6]-[9]. These precision farming technologies improve operational efficiency, reduce costs, and uphold high nutrition safety standards [10]-[13]. However, they also introduce new challenges, particularly in maximizing flock output, ensuring environmental sustainability, and supporting long-term farming practices [14]-[17].

As the demand for smart egg detection systems increases, researchers have developed various devices and algorithms to address this need. For instance, Ab Nasir [18] designed a computer vision system that extracts eight egg shape features, sorting them into six quality levels with 94.16% accuracy. Alikhanov [19] adapted a similar method to classify eggs on conveyor belts into weight categories (S, M, L, XL) with 94.6% accuracy at two eggs per second. Yang [7] deployed an automated egg grading and defect detection system using computer vision, achieving 94.8% accuracy [5], [32].

Other notable efforts include Okinda [20], who used depth imaging and regression to predict egg volume across varied shapes, and Han [28], who employed visible-near infrared spectroscopy with neural networks and PCA to classify eggs by , shell integrity, color, and diet-based origin. Dibakoane [21] used elemental analysis and chemometrics to identify between cage and free-range eggs with high accuracy. Turkoglu [22] used deep learning and BiLSTM to identify surface defects like cracks and dirt with

99.17% accuracy. Wang [23] implemented a YOLOv4-based dirty egg detection model on a Jetson Nano, achieving 75.88% accuracy and processing 2.3 frames per second.

Advancements in object detection, particularly through attention mechanisms and alternate neural backbones, are further enhancing livestock applications (Jiang [24], [25]; Yang [7]). Jiang [26] improved YOLOv7 for duck counting by adding three Convolutional Block Attention Modules, achieving 95.8% accuracy. Yu [27] made YOLOv3 more efficient for detecting estrus in sheep by replacing its backbone with EfficientNet-B0, enhancing deployment and reducing detection time [28]-[30].

While such innovations suggest promising improvements in model performance, their real-world effectiveness for egg detection still requires thorough testing. In this study, we propose a machine vision-based system using YOLOv5 to identify egg positions and differentiate between white and brown eggs. This system is intended to support automated egg detection, collection, and sorting, or to be integrated into a robotic platform for container-based sorting [33], [34].

2 MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

This section involves five stages to approach the objective of the study.

2.1 Egg detection Model Implementation

Figure 1 shows essential checkpoints per step along with a path summary describing the egg detection model deployment process. This involves a three-phase approach:

A) Data preparation:
   1) Collect egg images.
   2) Preprocess and filter the collected images.
   3) Annotate the images to create a labeled dataset for training, validation, and testing the YOLO model.

B) Model implementation:
   1) Select an appropriate deep learning model.
   2) Train the model using training, validation, and test datasets.
   3) Evaluate and assess the model's performance using the test dataset.

C) Model inference:
   1) Apply the trained detection model to new egg images.
   2) Verify the effectiveness and accuracy of the developed model on unseen data.

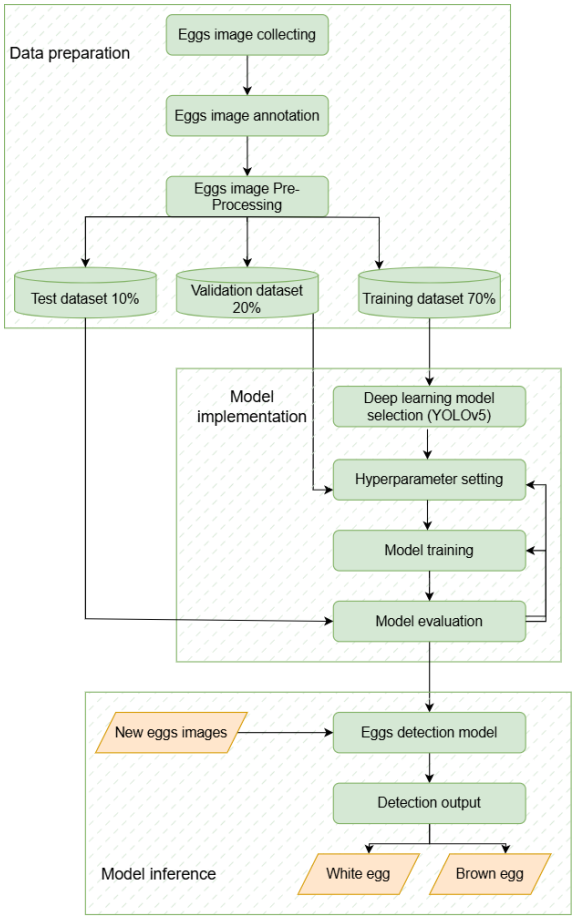


Figure 1: Methodological framework for the Egg detection.

2.2 Data Collection

The dataset was obtained by photographing a group of chicken eggs in a studio box, on various grass or dirt surfaces, at different distances from the lens, and in different positions and orientations to simulate all the possibilities that the images to be used for object detection might present in real-time applications. The dataset consists of 972 JPG images with a resolution of 4096 x 1844 pixels, divided into 474 images of brown eggs, 488 images of white eggs, and 10 images containing both types. Figure 2 shows examples of the images used.



Figure 2: Eggs dataset samples.

2.3 Data Pre-Processing

The dataset was filtered, annotated, and classified. The process of filtering and labeling the data includes the following steps:

1) Exclude blurry images and images that do not clearly contain potential objects.
2) Our work is divided into two classes, white and brown chicken eggs. Images containing eggs of other birds have been excluded.
3) It has been manually labeled, rectangle annotation is applied on the object, the rectangle covers all the exterior borders of the object.
4) Label studio software is used for annotation, the annotated data is exported in YOLO format.
5) The final dataset is divided into train, validation and test folders according to the ratio with is mentioned in Figure 1.

2.4 Model Training

Python 3.11 was used in the model's development. Google Colab was used to train and validate the algorithms. The deep learning approach used the deep convolutional neural network (CNN) model to train, detect, and classify the eggs as shown in Figure 3.

In this study, the YOLOv5 architecture was employed for efficient object detection. This architecture partitions an image into a grid system, with each grid module responsible for detecting objects within its boundaries. A total of 100 epochs and a batch size of 8 have been performed to test each version. The architecture of YOLO-v5 is utilized for egg detection. The eggs dataset is divided into three groups and was randomly split into an internal training set (70%), a validation set (20%), and a test set (10%).

2.5 Model Performance Evaluation Metrics

The detection capability of the proposed model was evaluated using a set of widely adopted performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, Intersection over Union (IoU), and mean Average Precision (mAP). These metrics are commonly used in classification and object detection tasks to provide a comprehensive assessment of model effectiveness [31].

Precision reflects the model's ability to correctly identify relevant targets among all predicted positives, while recall evaluates its capability to detect all relevant instances in the dataset. The F1-score combines precision and recall into a single balanced metric, making it particularly useful when both false positives and false negatives are critical factors in model evaluation.

Intersection over Union (IoU) measures the overlap between predicted and ground-truth regions and is widely used to assess localization accuracy in object detection tasks. A higher IoU value indicates better spatial agreement between predicted outputs and reference annotations. Mean Average Precision (mAP) further extends this evaluation by aggregating precision scores across multiple detection thresholds and classes, providing an overall measure of detection performance.

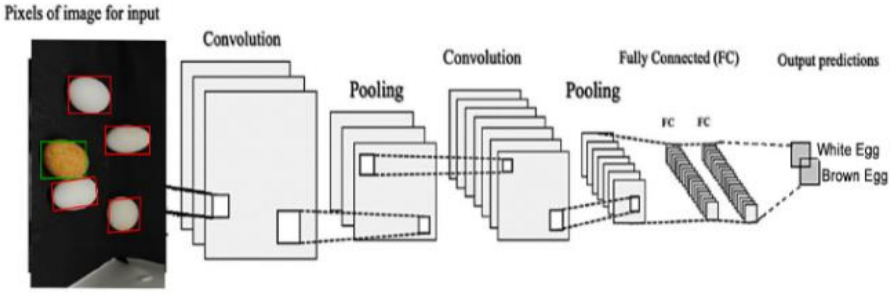


Figure 3: The architecture of the deep learning model employed a CNN.

All evaluation metrics were computed based on the standard definitions involving true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN), as commonly established in the literature [31]. These definitions are extensively used in deep learning–based detection and classification studies and therefore are not restated explicitly in this work.

3 RESULTS

This section describes the result of egg detection model using YOLOv5 models. Basically, there are several models for YOLOv5, including: (a) YOLO-V5n, (b) YOLO-v5s, (c) YOLO-v5m, (d) YOLO-v5l, (e) and YOLO-v5x. The result of these models is shown in Figure 4. More details are described in the following subsections: The YOLO-v5 model incorporates box losses in its object detection algorithm to enhance the accuracy of object detection and classification within an image. The goal during training is to minimize the losses to the lowest possible value in the meantime maintain the detection time as less as possible. The precision and recall values approached unity, indicating excellent performance. The mean average precision, the most commonly used statistic, also met expectations. Figure 5 shows the training box loss of the dataset.



Figure 4: Results of Egg detection YOLOv5n model.

A confusion matrix for each YOLOv5 model is used to analyze the accuracy of the collected data in detection and classification of eggs.

The top left cell represents the number of sample of the true predicted brown eggs (True positives), while the middle cell represents the true predicted white eggs (True positives). The cells in the first row except the first cell represent the brown egg labels those incorrectly classified as other labels (white eggs or background), these cells are recognized as (False negative). The first column cells except the first cell are represent the non-brown egg labels those are predicted as brown eggs, this is called (False positive). The rest of the cells represent the non-brown labels those are predicted as non-brown eggs (True negatives).

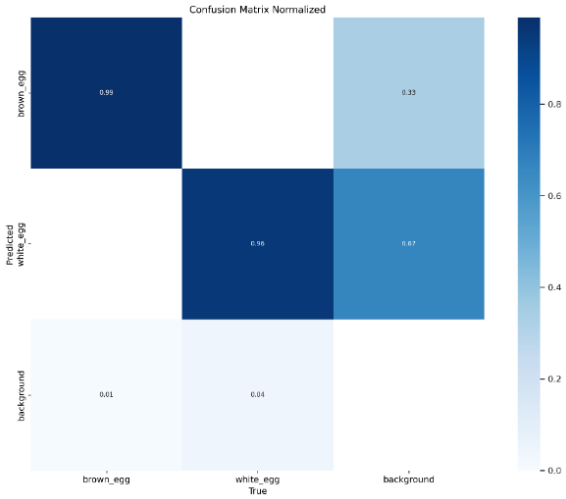


Figure 5: The confusion matrix of the YOLOv5n model.

The confusion matrix of the white eggs are described as the following: The middle cell the percentage of the true predicted white eggs (True positives). The cells in the second row except the middle cell represent the white egg labels those incorrectly classified as other labels (brown eggs or background), these cells are recognized as (False negative). The second column cells except the middle cell are represent the non-white egg labels those are predicted as white eggs, this is called (False positive). The rest of the cells represent the non-white labels those are predicted as non-white eggs (True negative). Table 4 shows the accuracy of each model according to the confusion matrix of each YOLOv5 model.

The highest score achieved by the eggs detection model is 0.98, with a confidence level of 0.365 in YOLOv5n model, Table 1 shows the F1-confidence scores of each YOLOv5 model.

Table 1: F1 score-confidence of YOLOv5 models.

Model	F1 score	Confidence
YOLOv5n	0.98	0.365
YOLOv5s	0.97	0.67
YOLOv5m	0.97	0.728
YOLOv5l	0.97	0.961
YOLOv5x	0.97	0.781

A confidence level greater than 0.869 indicates satisfactory precision in the scores which is considered good for the developed eggs detection model using YOLOv6n model. Table 2 shows the Precision-confidence values of each YOLOv5 model.

Table 2: Precision-confidence values of the trained YOLOv5 models.

Model	Confidence
YOLOv5n	0.869
YOLOv5s	0.836
YOLOv5m	0.814
YOLOv5l	0.841
YOLOv5x	0.875

The relationship between the confidence and recall values is analogous to that shown in Figure 4. Table 3 shows the computational time for each YOLO-v5 model with 100 epoch training. Table 4 shows a comparison of the eggs detection results between YOLO5 models.

Table 3: The results of the YOLOv5 models.

Models	mAP 0.5	Precision	Recall	F1-score
YOLOv5n	0.97	0.98	0.97	0.97
YOLOv5s	0.97	0.98	0.95	0.96
YOLOv5m	0.97	0.99	0.95	0.96
YOLOv5l	0.97	0.98	0.95	0.96
YOLOv5x	0.97	0.99	0.94	0.96

Table 4: The accuracy of YOLOv5 models.

Model	Accuracy
YOLOv5n	94.47%
YOLOv5s	92.27%
YOLOv5m	94.91%
YOLOv5l	91.89%
YOLOv5x	89.96%

4 CONCLUSIONS

This work proposes a robust approach that utilizes computer vision for detecting and classifying chicken eggs within the YOLOv5 object detection framework. This study proved the possibility of employing deep learning methods for semi-automated egg sorting using a custom-brown and white egg dataset, extensive annotation and model variant tuning. Out of all assessed models, best results for F1 score (0.98) precision-confidence and lesser computation cost was seen with real-time achievable deployments, agricultural settings, and maintained with low-cost YOLOv5n models.

Results corroborate that YOLOv5 can accurately detect and classify eggs regardless of changes in the position of the light source and the angle at which it is set, which is a significant improvement on conventional methods that rely on manual approaches. This progress aids in increasing productivity alongside better quality assurance in egg production, and contributes to the development of modern intelligent automation systems for use in agriculture.

In future, efforts for classifying and estimating the weight of non-visible features may be automated, along with robotic systems for comprehensive automation. Efforts also need to be focused on newer architectures like incorporating attention mechanisms into YOLOv8 for better performance in complex agricultural environments without the loss of accuracy.

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Fall Detection in Elderly People at Home Using the YOLOv11-Pose Model

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Abstract: Falls are a leading cause of serious harm and unintentional death among the elderly, especially in homes where direct monitoring or rapid assistance is unavailable. Most of the models based on computer vision developed to determine falls lack decent performance in the real world, e.g., they cannot work properly in the case of views lighting conditions. Such deficiencies result in the realization of detections or false alarms particularly in residences. The study will focus on promoting the accuracy of fall detection among older adults, by proposing a strong real-time system capability, where object detection is combined with human pose estimation. In this study, we propose an automated fall detection system using computer vision techniques, specifically the YOLOv11-pose model. A phone camera was used to capture high-resolution image data, which was then properly processed, labelled, and optimized before training multiple versions of YOLO11-pose using standardized hyperparameter settings to ensure fair comparison. Experimental results showed that all models performed well in fall detection and pose estimation, with smaller models ideal for rapid implementation, achieving high frames per second (FPS) of around 95 fps and larger models, such as YOLOv11m, achieved an accurate mAP@50 of 99.43%. This study determined that YOLOv11-Pose is an effective model for detecting falls in the elderly, with promising accuracy and speed. Future directions include improving performance in challenging imaging conditions, expanding the model to include more activities.

1 INTRODUCTION

As people reach the age of 60, their health and well-being become a top priority, as older adults face numerous challenges, including the risk of falls, which can have serious consequences. The World Health Organization predicts that by 2050, the number of people over 60 will double, making the situation even more critical [1]. There is an urgent need to address the issue of spotting human falls using cutting-edge technology to ensure that the older population is not left alone and receives prompt attention following a fall [2], [3]. Therefore, preventative techniques for residential settings are of fundamental importance [4]. A fall can cause significant injuries or health consequences, necessitating immediate attention. To address this issue, several strategies and procedures have been developed to detect falls early and give rapid aid [5], [6]. Fall detection systems are now grouped into three categories [7]: fall detection based on sensors deployed in ambient situations, wearable sensor devices, and computer vision.

To detect falls, wearable sensors equipped with accelerators, gyroscopes, and magnetic needles are worn on the elderly's waist, limbs, chest, or back. This technique is simple to implement and has a high detection rate. However, the gadget must be worn constantly, which may disrupt everyday activities. If the elderly do not wear it, the gadget cannot detect their condition in time and has to be charged, making it less convenient [8], [9]. The sensor-based strategy involves installing monitoring equipment in the geriatric activity area and collecting data on pressure, vibration, and sound to detect falls. This method's detection area is limited, and sensors are susceptible to interference from external influences, resulting in poor detection accuracy [10], [11].

Computer vision-based fall detection involves processing captured footage to determine whether there is a fall behaviour. This method has gained popularity in fall detection research due to its features, including a fixed camera with continuous

power supply for real-time monitoring, the absence of wearable devices to prevent interference, and high detection accuracy [12], [13]. Using the YOLO framework for object identification and position estimation, this study proposes a deep learning-based strategy for detecting falls in the elderly at home. To determine the causes of falls, real-life photographs of falls and natural activities were captured. The dataset was utilized to train the YOLO model, whose performance was assessed using cutting-edge computer vision techniques. This research seeks to increase the accuracy of real-time fall detection and create scalable solutions. The contributions of this study are as follows:

1) Create a realistic dataset with numerous falls and daily activities.
2) Use the YOLOv11-pose model to analyze body postures and identify falls.
3) Evaluate the model's ability to identify falls from other comparable behaviours.
4) Present a concept for a smart alert system based on this model that would provide instant notifications when a fall happens.

This paper explores efforts to ensure the safety of the elderly in their homes through posture analysis and real-time fall detection. Given the paucity of studies on the use of this method, which excels in combining object detection and pose estimation, and the promising results of recent object detection studies using the YOLOv11 pose detection model, the remainder of this paper is divided into: Section 2 discusses related work; Section 3 presents the YOLOv11 pose perspective; Section 4 describes the methodology; Section 5 presents experimental results and discussions; and Section 6 concludes with future research directions.

2 REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Human fall detection systems has recently gained attention in the healthcare field due to its crucial role in preventing injuries and improving the quality of life for the elderly population. It is used to identify an old person who has tripped, stumbled, collapsed, crashed, kneeled, or is discovered positioned on the lower surface [14]. Developing sophisticated fall detection systems for the elderly can benefit them in a variety of ways. These include maintaining a regular lifestyle, following routines autonomously, lowering healthcare costs, and avoiding isolation. Overall, it can improve both physical and mental health, leading to a higher quality of life [1].Traditional fall detection technologies, such as wearable sensors or motion detectors, have limits in accuracy, reliability, and scalability. These methods frequently suffer from high false alarm rates, limited coverage, and discomfort for the user [15].

However, recent technology advancements, notably in artificial intelligence and deep learning, have resulted in automated and intelligent monitoring strategies. Among these strategies, object detection algorithms and pose estimation, notably the YOLO (You Only Look Once) algorithm, have shown to be extremely successful in real-time fall detection [16]. Research indicates that YOLO models provide remarkable speed and accuracy for fall detection and posture predictions, paving the way for early warning systems and real-time monitoring [17].

The (You Only Look Once) family of models has proven its amazing effectiveness in health monitoring tasks, such as analyzing and detecting body postures to detect falls in homes [18]. Due to YOLO's popularity for high-accuracy real-time object identification and its capacity to analyze pictures in a single network pass, the YOLO family of models has recently been increasingly used for human fall detection. For example, Lu and Chu [19] used YOLOv3 detection with Camshift tracking to create an image-based fall detection system for the elderly who struggle to sit or stand. Similarly, Keet al. [20] examined the YOLOv5 variations on the CAUCA Fall dataset and found that YOLOv5x was the most accurate. However, it was slower than YOLOv5s, which had somewhat lower accuracy but had high speed for real-time fall detection. Several research has examined lowering the number of layers and employing ghost convolution techniques to reduce computational burden and complexity in deep networks, such as YOLO. For instance, Kan et al. [21] created CGNS YOLO for fall detection by redesigning YOLO5's neck network with the incorporation of the GSConv and GDCN modules. They also employed a normalization-based attention module (NAM) to improve the method's accuracy. Zheng et al. [22] introduced the FDT-YOLO technique, which enhanced fall detection by modifying the YOLOv8 framework and replacing the C2f module with the Faster R-CNN module to improve feature reuse and minimize computational cost. It also has a deformable convolution module and a triplet attention mechanism, which increases detection accuracy and resilience. Chen et al. [23] upgraded the YOLOv5 architecture by including an improved Efficient Channel Attention (ECA) network. The researchers used average pooling

layers in a Spatial Pyramid Pooling (SPP) network to extract features at many scales. The work accurately detects fall occurrences of varying magnitude and subtlety. Khan et al. [24] modified the YOLOV8S model by including a focus module in the backbone to maximize feature extraction and Convolutional Block Attention Modules (CBAMs) at appropriate locations. Similarly, Qin et al. [25] updated the YOLOv8S model by replacing C2f with C2Dv3 modules in the backbone and adding a DyHead block in the neck layer to integrate different attention processes. Despite advances in deep learning models such as YOLOv11-pose, their implementation in real-world settings is hampered by computing costs and data quality constraints. The performance of these models is strongly dependent on availability to high-quality, well-annotated information and appropriate operational circumstances. In the context of fall detection among the elderly, YOLOv11-pose has shown great accuracy and real-time responsiveness, exceeding existing approaches in terms of detection speed and reliability.

However, practical restrictions remain, such as differences in illumination, body shapes, and privacy problems in household settings. The goal of this research is to create an intelligent, cost-effective, and efficient system based on YOLOv11-pose for detecting falls accurately, improving safety, and enabling quick response for older people in residential settings.

3 OVERVIEW OF THE YOLOV11-POSE MODEL

The YOLOv11 pose model is a deep convolutional neural network based on YOLOv11 that employs a unified end-to-end architecture rather than the usual two-branch architecture commonly employed in posture estimation. This single-stage network provides simultaneous detection, pose estimation, and prediction, contributing to its speed and accuracy, allowing pose estimation through combined object and keypoint detection training. This model is built and shows promising results in fall detection and pose estimation. [26]. Three main components are included in the YOLOv11-pose design shown in Figure 1 below: The head, neck, and backbone [27]. After processing the input picture at 640 x 640 pixels, the backbone applies successive convolutional layers (Conv), which increase the amount of feature mappings while decreasing the spatial dimension. Additionally, this backbone has C3K2 blocks, which are specialized modules that use Cross-Stage Partial Connections (CSP) and convolutional procedures to efficiently sample the important parts of an image in order to increase computational efficiency. Multi-scale feature maps produced by the backbone network are further aggregated by the Neck component. Additionally, it includes certain sophisticated feature-fusion layers like Concat (which combines different feature scales) and Upsample (which increases the feature map resolution). YOLOv11 brings notable improvements to the neck section, which includes a C2PSA (Cross-Stage Partial Spatial Attention) module that employs spatial attention to highlight key areas of the feature maps and the SPPF (Spatial Pyramid Pooling Fast) layer to pool the features at various scales [28]. In the last stage, the head of the YOLOv11-position architectural is responsible for creating the final detect outputs, which include object bounding boxes, classification scores, and human pose keypoints. Unlike standard object detection heads, the pose-specific head in YOLOv11 is intended to handle multi-task output in a unified and computationally efficient manner.

To increase pose estimate accuracy, YOLOv11 incorporates keypoint heatmaps into the head module, allowing it to regress exact joint locations with lightweight layers. These outputs are optimized with a composite loss function that incorporates IoU loss (for bounding boxes), binary cross-entropy (for class and confidence), and MSE loss (for keypoints), resulting in balanced learning across all tasks. [29]. In comparison to previous versions like YOLOv7-pose or YOLOv8-pose, YOLOv11-pose adds architectural changes such as the usage of C2f modules, coordinate attention techniques, and better spatial decoupling, which improves localization precision while keeping real-time inference capability [30].

4 METHODOLOGY

This section explains the processes of the proposed fall detection and posture analysis for the elderly utilizing the YOLOv11-pose model. The methodology includes data collection, pre-processing, model training, validation, and evaluation of model performance. The arrangement of these steps in Figure 2 demonstrates the study's conceptual framework, which guarantees the choice of the best model for precise fall detection.

4.1 Dataset Collection

In this study, movies were recorded using the phone's camera at 30 frames per second and 1080p quality in

order to gather data for training and assessing a fall detection model utilizing computer vision techniques. In order to guarantee visual quality and discern minute details during a variety of tasks, this resolution was selected.

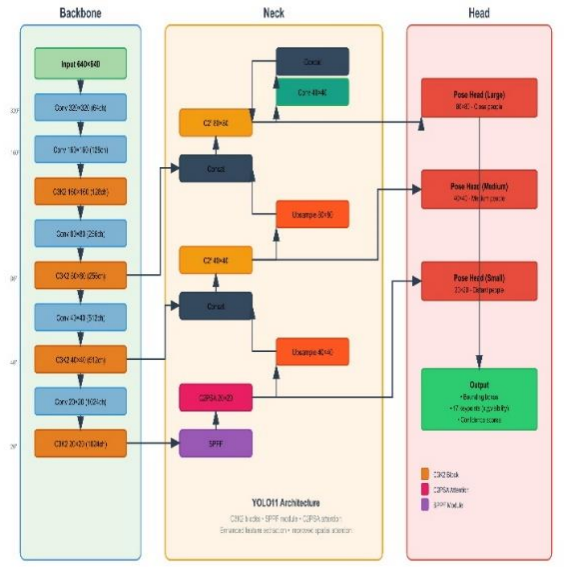


Figure 1: The architecture of YOLOv11- pose model.

Numerous fall scenarios, including forward, side, and backward falls, falls from a chair, and falls while carrying things, are included in the data. These scenarios were all recorded in domestic settings. Walking, standing, sitting on a chair, praying, bending over to tie shoes, ascending and descending stairs, and bending over to pick up articles from the floor were among the other natural activities that were included to symbolize every day, natural gestures.

The videos were shot with people between the ages of 21 and 29. This age group was purposefully chosen owing to the lower frequency of falls within this group compared to older persons, which contributes to their safety during data collecting. Furthermore, choosing this age group allows a diverse range of body compositions and motor abilities while keeping research participants safe. When recording, a range of lighting conditions and viewpoints were taken into account. To make sure the data was complete and addressed all the difficulties the model may encounter in real-life settings, videos were shot in a variety of interior locations and lighting circumstances, including bright and low light. To make sure the model could handle falls from any angle, care was also taken to employ a range of camera angles, including overhead, side, and straight on. The dataset was divided into three major groups based on the type of action conducted in the video, as follows: falling, bending, and normal.

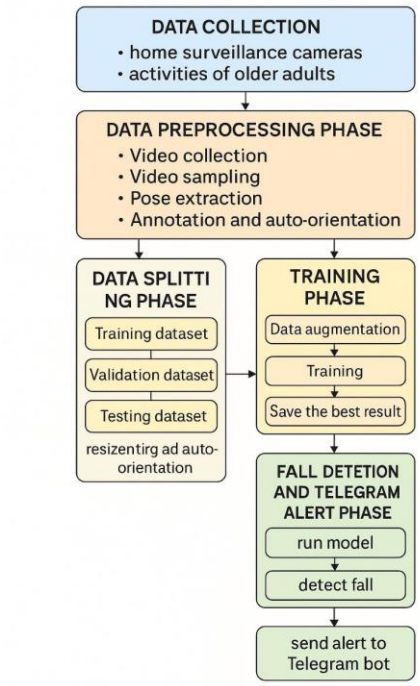


Figure 2: Conceptual framework of the study.

4.2 Dataset Preparation

The fall dataset, which includes categories such as normal motion, bending, and falling, was processed in a methodical manner to prepare it for training the YOLO-Pose model. Videos were taken in a standardized indoor setting with different viewpoints and consistent lighting conditions. Images were manually extracted at 24 frames per second and converted to distinct JPEG images. The photos were reoriented and standardized at 640 by 640 pixels.

The dataset was partitioned into training, validation, and test sets in a 70:20:10 ratio. After augmentation, there were 3784 photos in the training set, 1022 in the validation set, and 745 in the test set, totaling 5551 images. Data augmentation approaches were used to improve data quality and variety, which helped the model perform better, increase its generalization capacity, and reduce the dangers associated with class imbalance. An automated script was used to tag photos and classify them based on their originating folder. The data were translated to the COCO format, which enables preserving the keypoints and tags required to train a human posture identification model.

4.3 Model Training

In this study, the YOLOv11-pose model was chosen for its proven effectiveness and performance in pose estimation and real-time object detection tasks, and all iterations were implemented and trained using an annotated fall detection dataset. To reduce training time and improve detection accuracy, the model was initialized with pre-trained weights from large-scale datasets like COCO through transfer learning, and hyper parameter tuning was carried out methodically, adjusting parameters like the learning rate, batch size, time intervals, and anchor box dimensions to achieve optimal performance. These hyper parameters, listed in Table 1, were carefully selected to create a standardized training environment, allowing for fair comparison between various models.

Table 1: Model hyperparameters.

Training Parameters	Values
Learning Rate	0.001
Batch Size	8
Epochs	100
Image Size	640*640
Momentum	0.937
Weight Decay	0.0005

4.4 Evaluation Metrics

Evaluating the performance of object recognition and pose estimation models, such as YOLOv11-Pose and YOLOv8-Pose, is a crucial aspect of deep learning and computer vision research. This assessment typically relies on several widely accepted metrics, including precision, recall, F1-score, mean average precision (mAP), confusion matrix, and frames per second (FPS) [31], [32]. Precision measures the model's ability to correctly identify relevant targets among all predictions, with high precision indicating a low rate of false positives, which is particularly important in applications where incorrect detections are costly. Recall quantifies how effectively the model detects all relevant instances in the dataset, with high recall signifying that few true positives are missed. The F1-score provides a balanced measure by combining precision and recall into a single metric, offering a comprehensive view of the model's accuracy, especially when both false positives and false negatives have significant consequences. Mean Average Precision (mAP) summarizes the precision-recall relationship across all classes, reflecting overall detection performance and accounting for both accuracy and completeness in multi-class scenarios. Frames Per Second (FPS) represents the number of frames the model can process per second, indicating computational efficiency and suitability for real-time deployment. All these metrics are standard in object detection and pose estimation studies, with the definitions of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives following widely accepted conventions in the literature [31], [32].

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All trials in this study were carried out on a personal computer running the Windows 10 operating system. The system specs are shown below: CPU: AMD Ryzen 5 5600.

GPU: Nvidia GeForce GTX 1070 Ti. These hardware resources were used to train the object and fall detection models with the YOLOv11-pose method. The device's computing capabilities enabled efficient model training and assessment.

5.1 Result of the Evaluation Metrics Performance

This section compares the evaluation performance of the YOLOv11-pose detection model to previous versions of the YOLOv8-pose model. Figure 3 compares mAP at 0.5 and 0.95 thresholds for different variations of the YOLOv11-pose and YOLOv8-pose.

YOLOv11m-pose outperforms other models, obtaining 99.43% accuracy at mAP@50 and 92.78% for mAP@50-95. YOLOv11 variations, particularly YOLOv11n-pose, YOLOv11s-pose, and YOLOv11m-pose, excel in detecting junk with high accuracy.

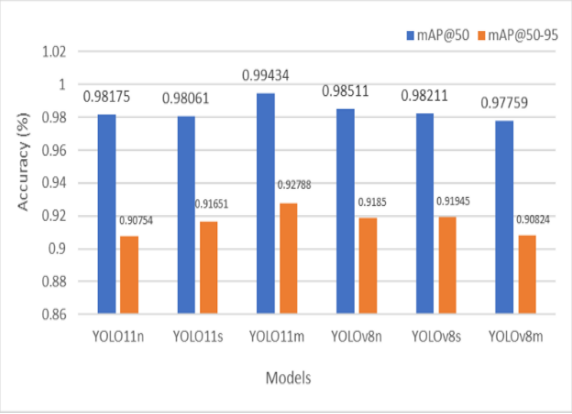


Figure 3: Comparison of mAP@50 and mAP@95 across the YOLO models.

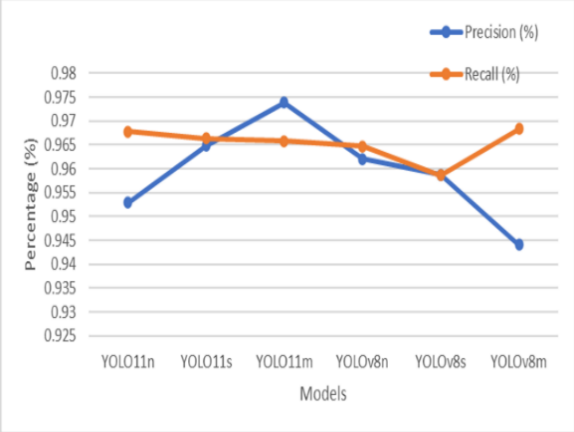


Figure 4: Comparison of precision and Recall of the YOLO models.

Figure 4 compares precision and recall percentages across various YOLO model variants, specifically YOLOv8-pose (n, s, m,) and YOLOv11 (n, s, m,). All models exhibit consistently high accuracy in recognizing true positives, with precision values ranging from around 95% to above 97%. With a precision of over 97%, the YOLOv11m-pose model is the most accurate, indicating that it is better at correctly recognizing junk with fewer false positives. The models' recall percentages differ more pronouncedly, with results ranging from around 96% to 97%. It is noteworthy that the YOLOv11m-pose model has an impressive balance, demonstrating the highest accuracy and very competitive recall performance, indicating its efficacy in acquiring the majority of true positive instances. On the other hand, the YOLOv8s-pose model has the lowest recall, suggesting that it has trouble identifying some objects, maybe as a result of model complexity constraints. It is worth noting that the YOLOv11-pose and YOLOv8-pose models with larger architectures (m version) perform better overall in terms of recall and accuracy, suggesting that detection ability and model complexity are connected. However, the observed variability suggests that, depending on the requirements of a certain application, the ideal YOLO model version should strike a compromise between detection performance, processing resources, and model size.

5.2 Inference Time Performance

Figure 5 compares the frames per second (FPS) achieved by several object detection models, including the YOLOv11-pose and YOLOv8-pose series. Smaller models, such as YOLOv8n-pose and YOLOv11n-pose, produce much faster inference speeds, with YOLOv8n-pose attaining a peak performance of 97 frames per second. Larger models, notably YOLOv8m-pose and YOLOv11m-pose, perform much slower, with YOLOv11m-pose recording the slowest inference rate of only 44 frames per second. The findings show a key trade-off between inference efficiency and model complexity, implying that selecting the optimum YOLO variation necessitates a careful balance of accuracy needs, processing restrictions, and real-time application requirements. Medium-sized models (such as YOLOv11s-pose or YOLOv8s-pose) strike a reasonable balance between speed and accuracy, meeting the balanced needs of developing a detection model.

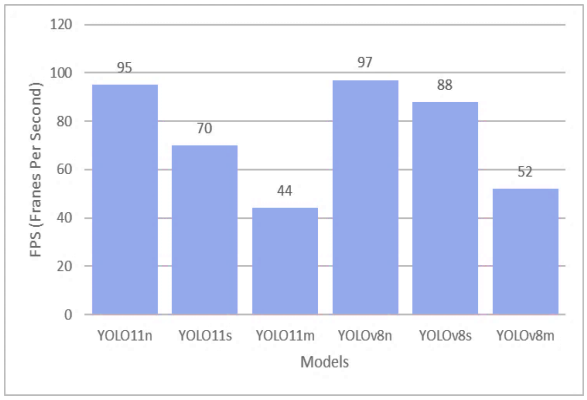


Figure 5: Comparison of Inference speed among the YOLO models.

5.3 Test the Model Fall Detection

5.3.1 Performance Assessment of Fall Detection

The YOLOv11-pose model was evaluated for detecting falls among elderly people in their homes. The model uses computer vision techniques to recognize human body postures in real time through pose estimation algorithms. It exhibits high sensitivity for identifying fall-related patterns by recording motion sequences and recognizing aberrant movement behaviors. A multi-level confidence grading system allows the model to distinguish between true falls and similar actions, such as sitting or bending. The results show that the model performs well across numerous fall situations and remains robust under changing environmental conditions, such as illumination and furniture density (Fig. 6).

5.3.2 The Alert System

The alarm system is a feature intended to instantly inform family members or caretakers when a fall is suspected. For the person who has fallen, this method guarantees quick attention, which might be crucial in averting more harm or difficulties. A Telegram Bot API-based alert system is part of our system. The system notifies a pre-specified chat ID when a fall is detected Figure 7.



Figure 6: Detection results of Fall Detection for Elderly in Homes.

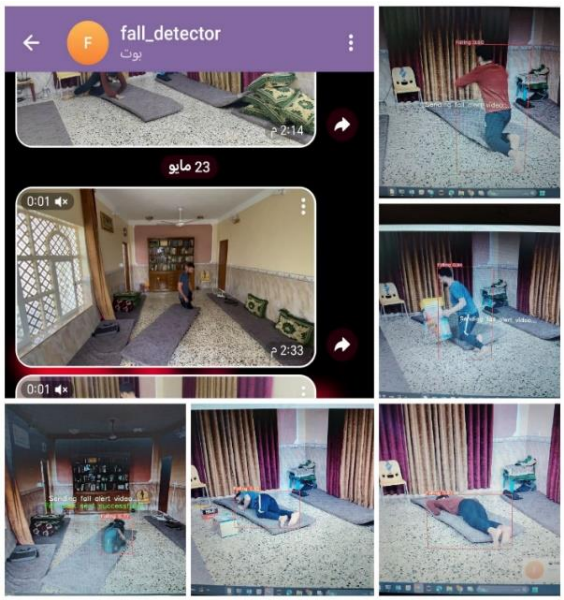


Figure 7: Real-time fall detection.

When a fallout is detected, the system may use the Telegram Bot API to deliver automatic messages to a predetermined conversation ID that include a video of the fall state. This integration includes the following steps:

- Bot Setup. A Telegram bot is built and assigned a unique API key. This token is used to verify and send messages on behalf of the bot;
- Chat ID Configuration. The system assigns a predetermined chat ID to the receiver (a caregiver or family member). This ensures that notifications are sent to the appropriate individual or group.

5.4 Comparative Analysis with the Related Detection Models

This section compares the YOLOv11- Pose based detection model to previous research that employed various versions of YOLO for pose estimation and real-time fall detection. The comparison is based on important factors such as model type, dataset source, detection accuracy (mAP), research restrictions, and how previous work handles or overcomes them. The results are summarized in Table 2. The YOLOv11-Pose model outperforms previous models, with a mAP@50 of 99.43%, indicating improved accuracy and real-time response speed. Zhao et al. [17] utilized YOLOv7-fall improved and attained an accuracy of 95.2% on UR Fall Detection Dataset, Multiple Cameras Fall Dataset. (4016 Image), indicating strong but inferior detection performance compared to YOLOv11-pose. Tîrziu et al. [33] utilized the YOLOv7-W6-Pose model with Le2i data and live videos to identify falls in the elderly with a real-time accuracy of 96.15%, The main problem was differentiating between falls and other actions like extension and bending. Zhongzi Luo et al. [34] built the YOLOv5s-GCC fall detection model using structural improvements that included GhostNetV2, CARAFE, and the CBAM attention module. The model has a mAP@0.5 rate of 93.5% while lowering the number of parameters by 27.5%. Key obstacles included a lack of fall data and the complexity of multi-angle situations, which necessitated increasing the model's generalization and context extraction skills. Improved YOLOv8, as reported by Qin et al. [25], showed only a marginal increase of 5% mAP, and it faced challenges in effectively extracting features objects detection. Using improved YOLOv8, Zheng et al. [22] demonstrated increased performance with a mAP@50 of 96.2% across 5806 images, although they fell short of the excellent findings of YOLOv11.

Table 2: A comparison of our proposed method with other studies.

Study	Model Used	Dataset	Metrics	Result
Zhao et al. [17]	YOLOv7-fall	UR Fall Detection Dataset, Multiple Cameras Fall Dataset. (4016 Image)	mAP	95.0%
Tîrziu et al. [33]	YOLOv7-W6-Pose	Le2i Fall Detection Dataset	F1 Score	95.5%
Zhongze Luo et al. [34]	YOLOv5s-GCC	UR Fall Detection Dataset, Multiple Cameras Fall Dataset. (4303 Image)	mAP	93.5%
Qin et al. [25]	Improved YOLOv8	URFall Detection Dataset, and internet images.	mAP	88.7%
Sarıçayır et al. [5]	YOLOv8 and YOLOv7	Fallen New Version Dataset, Fallsdata2 Dataset. (3290 Image)	mAP	v8: 78%, v7: 81%
Zheng et al. [22]	Improved YOLOv8	Fall Detection Dataset, Le2i Fall Detection Dataset, Multiple Cameras Fall Dataset. (5806 Image)	mAP	96.2%
Proposed model	YOLOv11-Pose	Custom Fall Detection Dataset	mAP	99.4%

6 CONCLUSIONS

The YOLOv11 position model is used to identify falls among elderly individuals in their homes. Initially, a fixed smartphone camera was used to capture videos in interior areas. These clips were then transformed into frames and pre-processed. The dataset was partitioned into training, validation, and test sets. Bounding boxes and keypoint annotations were used to ensure that all data adhered to the YOLOv11 posture. The model was trained on falls, bending, and everyday activities in various settings. After training, the model attained an average accuracy (mAP) of 99.43 using the YOLOv11 posture, and an automated alarm was delivered over Telegram when a fall was detected.

This study determined that YOLOv11-Pose is an effective model for detecting falls in the elderly, with promising accuracy and speed. Future directions include improving performance in challenging imaging conditions, expanding the model to include more activities. The results confirm that YOLOv11-Pose is an effective and efficient model for elderly fall detection. Future work will focus on enhancing its performance under challenging imaging conditions, expanding its activity set for broader behavior monitoring, and integrating it with IoT-based smart home systems for continuous, unobtrusive health surveillance.

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Alzheimer's Disease Prediction and Diagnosis Using Machine Learning Techniques

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Abstract: Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is a medical condition that affects the human brain. It is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that significantly impairs memory, cognitive, and executive functions, particularly among the elderly. Early and accurate diagnosis is essential for effective disease management and slowing its progression. Despite advances in predicting this disease, there is still a need to improve prediction. In this study, we propose a lightweight, custom convolutional neural network (CNN) model for multi-class classification of Alzheimer's disease stages using magnetic resonance images. The model achieved a test accuracy of 98.28%. The F1 scores for the four classes ranged from 0.96 to 0.99, while the average precision and recall were 0.98, demonstrating robust and balanced performance across all diagnostic categories. These results outperform many existing methods while maintaining computational efficiency and complexity-free performance. The proposed model provides an effective and scalable solution for early-stage Alzheimer's disease diagnosis from MRI scans, with potential integration into medical systems that support real-world clinical decisions.

1 INTRODUCTION

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most prevalent neurodegenerative disorder, primarily affecting elderly individuals and characterized by the gradual loss of memory, reasoning, and cognitive function [1]. The pathological hallmarks of AD encompass the aggregation of extracellular beta-amyloid (Aβ) plaques and intracellular neurofibrillary tangles composed of hyperphosphorylated tau protein, which collectively disrupt neural communication and result in the cell brain death [2]. Alzheimer's disease (AD) represents a major global public health concern, with its prevalence is expected to double by 2050, approximately 6.9 million people aged 65 and older in the United States have (AD) [3]. And more than 55 million people aged 75 and older with dementia worldwide, an estimated 60% to 70% have AD [4]. Studies indicate that one in two people over the age of 85 will develop the disease [5]. Placing additional burden on medical care systems, especialy in low- and middle-income countries [6]. Therefore, early and accurate diagnosis is critical to limiting disease progression and enhancing patient quality of life [7].

Neuroimaging, particularly magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), has emerged as a powerful tool for early detection of AD [8]. Structural MRI can reveal atrophy in specific brain regions, such as the hippocampus and cortex, even at an early stage of the disease [9]. However, traditional MRI analysis requires expert interpretation and is often limited by high costs and diagnostic variability [10]. Utilizing such a tool for disease detection is considered valuable in the field of Alzheimer's disease diagnosis. Despite advancements in existing studies [11]-[13], there remains a need to further improve the prediction accuracy of Alzheimer's disease [14].

Latest advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), particularly machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL), offer transformative solutions for automated, efficient, and scalable diagnosis [15]-[18]. Deep learning models, like convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have displayed remarkable success in medical imaging tasks by learning complex hierarchical features from unprocessed images, decreasing reliance on manual feature engineering [19], [20]. Also, when diagnosing Alzheimer's disease, CNNs can automatically classify MRI brain scans into various stages of disease severity, including normal, very mild, mild, and moderate dementia with high diagnostic

accuracy [21]. These models not only accelerate diagnosis but also contribute to standardized and reproducible decision-making in clinical practice [22]. This research therefore proposes a customized CNN-based model for early detection and multi-class classification of AD using an augmented MRI dataset.

The research paper design includes the following: Section 2: Review of previous work. Section 3: Presentation of the proposed model. Section 4: Explanation of the materials and methods used in this study. Results are presented in Section 5. Lastly, conclusion is drawn in Section 6.

2 RELATED WORK

Numerous studies have investigated the use of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques for the prediction and classification of Alzheimer's disease (AD). These studies differ in methodology, feature selection strategies, model architectures, and dataset characteristics.

For example, Sudharsan and Thailambal [3] examined the use of principal component analysis (PCA) for feature selection in conjunction with classifiers such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Regularized Extreme Learning Machine (RELM), and Import Vector Machine (IVM), using sMRI data from the ADNI dataset. The RELM model yielded the highest performance, achieving 81.03% accuracy in binary classification and 62.76% in multi-class classification. However, the relatively low performance in the multi-class setting highlights the difficulty of distinguishing between different disease stages.

Moreover, Jain et al. [13] proposed a classification method based on transfer learning using VGG-16 pretrained on ImageNet. Their approach involved converting 3D MRI scans into 2D slices and applying entropy-based selection to identify the most informative slices. The model achieved 95.73% accuracy on a tri-class classification task (AD, MCI, CN). However, the limited sample size (150 MRIs) and the loss of 3D spatial context due to slice-based processing may have affected the completeness of diagnostic information.

Furthermore, AlSaeed and Omar [23] used ResNet-50 as a feature extractor and evaluated three classifiers: Softmax, SVM, and Random Forest. Their system, applied to datasets such as ADNI and MIRIAD, achieved accuracies ranging from 85.7% to 99%, with the ResNet-50 + Softmax combination performing best (99%) for binary AD vs. NC classification. A key limitation of this study is that only two classes were considered; MCI was excluded, despite its importance for early intervention.

Mahmud et al. [24] introduced an explainable AI framework that combined deep transfer learning with ensemble models. They explored two ensembles – VGG16 + VGG19 and DenseNet169 + DenseNet201 – and demonstrated that an EfficientNet + CNN model with Grad-CAM achieved 96% accuracy. However, this performance was still insufficient for reliable clinical application.

Diogo et al. [25] proposed a generalizable machine learning approach for AD and MCI classification using sMRI data from the ADNI and OASIS datasets. They compared several classifiers and found that a CNN + Random Forest model achieved 90.6% balanced accuracy (BAC) for binary classification (HC vs. AD) and 62.1% BAC for multi-class classification (HC vs. MCI vs. AD), indicating the continued difficulty of accurately distinguishing between AD and MCI.

De Silva and Kunz [26] proposed a convolutional neural network (CNN) model for diagnosing AD using the MIRIAD dataset. Their model achieved 89% accuracy for binary AD vs. HC classification. While effective for initial AD detection, this approach does not address the more clinically relevant and challenging task of multi-class classification, which involves differentiating between intermediate and early stages of dementia.

El-Latif et al. [11] proposed a lightweight CNN model trained on a Kaggle Alzheimer's dataset with four classes: Non-Demented, Very Mild Demented, Mild Demented, and Moderate Demented. The model achieved 99.22% accuracy in binary classification and 95.93% in multi-class classification, outperforming deeper models such as ResNet50 and DenseNet201. Despite the impressive results, the achieved accuracy may still be insufficient for reliable clinical deployment.

Kavitha et al. [27] developed a machine learning framework using classifiers such as Decision Trees, Random Forest, SVM, and XGBoost to differentiate between demented and non-demented individuals. Using data from the OASIS and Kaggle datasets, the best performance was obtained with the Random Forest model, which achieved 86.92% accuracy. Nevertheless, the binary nature of the classification and the limited number of images represent key limitations.

Alshamlan et al. [28] also examined several machine learning algorithms – SVM, Random Forest, and Logistic Regression – combined with feature selection techniques such as minimum Redundancy

Maximum Relevance (mRMR) and Mutual Information (MI). Using the OASIS-2 dataset (373 MRIs), their best-performing configuration (Logistic Regression + mRMR) achieved 99.08% accuracy in binary classification. However, the study did not consider intermediate stages such as MCI.

Despite the promising results reported in the above-mentioned studies [3], [11]–[13], [23]–[28], there remains a critical need to further improve model performance and generalizability [29]. Many existing approaches suffer from limitations such as reduced accuracy in multi-class scenarios and the lack of robust preprocessing strategies. As early and accurate diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is essential for timely intervention, there is a growing demand for models that can deliver consistently high accuracy across all diagnostic categories. Addressing these challenges requires the development of optimized, well-regularized, and interpretable deep learning frameworks capable of capturing subtle variations in brain structures.

3 THE PROPOSED MODEL

This section describes the proposed model for predicting and classifying Alzheimer's disease. The model was built from scratch, rather than relying on pre-trained models, using a set of effective techniques. Figure 1 shows the steps in building the model proposed in this study.

This model is a convolutional neural network (CNN)-based framework designed to predict Alzheimer's disease (AD) using only image data. This model leverages the capabilities of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to extract features and analyze MRI data, helping to accurately identify patterns associated with AD. And below explains the steps involved in building the model.

3.1 Data Splitting and Augmentation

In this research, the Alzheimer's MRI image dataset was split into three subsets: training (70%), validation (10%), and testing (20%). Data augmentation was then applied to the training set only, with the number of images in all four categories equal to 5,000 images per category. This offline augmentation included horizontal flipping, slight rotation, brightness enhancement, and contrast adjustment. The data was first segmented and then augmented to avoid data leakage to the testing data.

3.2 Pre-Processing

To ensure that the MRI data utilized for Alzheimer's disease classification was consistent, standardized, and fit for training the convolutional neural network (CNN), a robust preprocessing pipeline was employed after data segmentation. This pipeline was created to address variations in image dimensions, pixel intensity distributions, and spatial orientations, while also introducing controlled transformations that enhance data diversity and decrease the risk of overfitting.

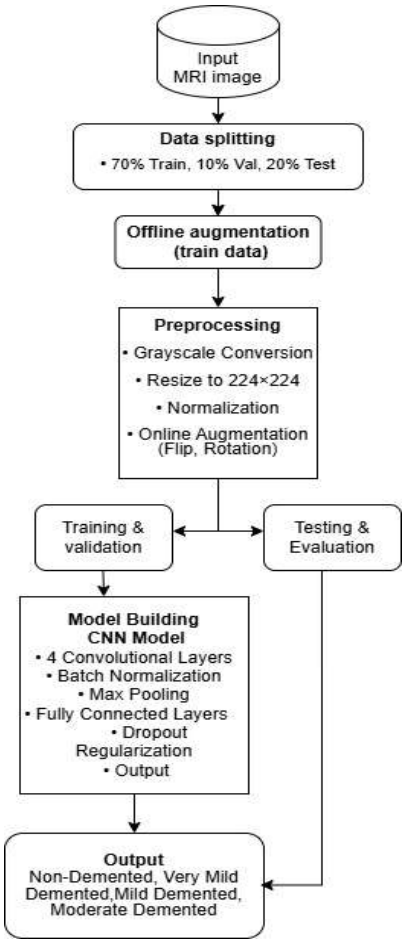


Figure 1: Steps of the proposed model.

The preprocessing first start with resizing all MRI images to 224 × 224 pixels, to make them meet the input requirements of the CNN architecture. This standardization enable the model to process all the images uniformly [30]. Then, all images were converted to grayscale, reducing computational complexity and focusing on brain structure intensity variations that are most pertinent for distinguishing between different stages of Alzheimer's disease [31].

After converting to grayscale , normalization was applied using formula normalization to center the pixel intensity values and scale them inside the range [-1, 1]. This process assists stabilize model training by ensuring that all input data shares consistent statistical properties [32]. In order to enhance the generalization capability of the model, a set of Online augmentation techniques was applied during training Random rotations were presented to simulate variation in head positioning during MRI scan. These subtle angular changes allowed the model to become orientationally stable. In addition, random horizontal flipping was added with 50% probability to introduce anatomical symmetry and further increase the diversity of training input samples. This approach is especially effective in brain imaging analysis, where symmetrical patterns are common [33].

3.3 Components of the Model

This deep learning model for Alzheimer's disease classification it consists of six consecutive layers, combining convolutional operations with regularization and classification techniques. The architecture is carefully designed to extract relevant structural features from brain MRI images and to classify the stage of the disease according to four diagnostic stages, as shown in Figure 2.

The model starts with four convolutional layers which are responsible for extracting spatial and textural features from input MRI images. These layers utilize learnable filters to identify underlying structural patterns in the brain, such as tissue density variations and cortical folds associated with different stages of AD. As the network depth increases, the number of filters also icreases, allowing for the extraction of more abstract and complex features, which is very important for accurately distinguishing between closely related classes .After each conv operation, a Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function is used. ReLU provides the necessary non-linearity that enables the model to learn complex patterns within the data. ReLU is preferred due to its computational efficiency and ability to mitigate the vanishing gradient problem that commonly occurs in deep networks .Then to enhance training stability and learning efficiency, Batch normalization is applied after each conv layer. This technique normalizes the input distributions within each mini-batch, which helps speed up convergence and allowing for higher learning rates without causing instability in the network .After the feature extraction process is compleate, Max pooling layers are added to reduce the spatial dimensions of the feature maps produced by the convolutional layers. This pooling process focuses on extracting the most important features, while reducing computational complexity and minimizing the risk of overfitting by ignoring less important differences. Then the extracted feature maps are flattened and passed through a fully connected hidden layer. Before this, dropout regularization is employed to randomly deactivate a portion of neurons during training, promoting generalization and preventing the model from becoming overly dependent on specific pathways. The hidden layer integrates spatial features and supports high-level reasoning necessary for final classification. The final component of the model is a fully connected output layer that produces four scalar values corresponding to the diagnostic categories: Non-Demented, Very Mild Demented, Mild Demented, and Moderate Demented. These outputs represent the raw confidence scores (logits) for each class. The model omits an explicit softmax activation in the final layer, as the CrossEntropyLoss function applied during training inherently incorporates the softmax operation internally to compute class probabilities.

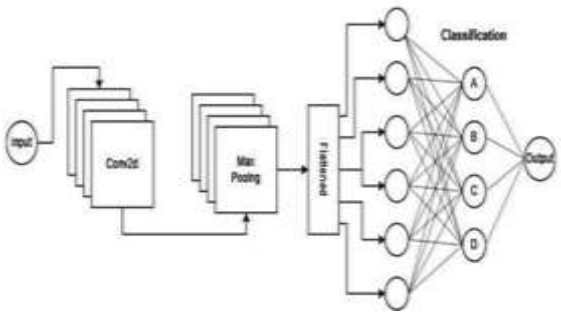


Figure 2: Components of the Model architecture.

3.4 Training the Model with Optimizer (ADAM)

The proposed model is trained using the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0001. Adam's adaptive learning mechanism adjusts each parameter's learning rate based on gradient moments, ensuring balanced updates across sparse and dense gradients. Additionally, ReduceLROnPlateau was applied to lower the learning rate upon validation loss stagnation. And a 8-epoch early stopping was also implemented to prevent overfitting and select the best performing model. This setup enabled efficient training and superior classification performance across Alzheimer's diagnostic categories.

4 MATERIALS AND METHODS

The assessment and interpretation of the provided predictive model was done. In addition, this part describes the dataset, experiment parameters and the metrics used.

4.1 Dataset

The dataset used in this study was obtained from the publicly available Alzheimer MRI 4 Classes Dataset on Kaggle [34]. This data was originally collected from the Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI) – a widely recognized and validated source of clinical data. And it consists of approximately 6,400 original 2D brain MRI images, classified into four diagnostic categories: Non-Demented, Very Mild Demented, Mild Demented, and Moderate Demented. This dataset is inherently unbalanced, with a significantly higher number of dementia cases compared to non-dementia dementia and very mild dementia. After splitting the data into training, validation, and test sets, the training set was balanced to contain 5,000 images for each class While the validation and test sets remained in their original unbalanced form to avoid leakage and to simulate real-world evaluation conditions.

4.2 Performance Metrics

In this study, the performance of the proposed CNN model was evaluated using four widely adopted classification metrics: accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Together, these measures provide a comprehensive evaluation of the model's effectiveness in classifying different stages of Alzheimer's disease within a multi-class classification framework.

Accuracy reflects the overall proportion of correctly classified samples across all categories, including both positive and negative predictions. It provides a general indication of the model's ability to make correct decisions regardless of class distribution, with higher values indicating stronger overall classification performance [35].

Precision measures the model's capability to correctly identify positive cases among all cases predicted as positive. This metric is particularly important in medical applications, where false positive predictions may lead to unnecessary anxiety or further clinical procedures. Higher precision values indicate a lower rate of incorrect positive predictions and greater reliability of positive classifications [36].

Recall, also known as sensitivity, evaluates the model's effectiveness in identifying all actual positive cases. It represents the proportion of true positive samples that are correctly detected by the model. High recall is especially critical in medical diagnosis, as failing to identify a true positive case may result in delayed treatment or misdiagnosis [37].

The F1-score provides a balanced performance measure by jointly considering both precision and recall. It is particularly useful in situations involving class imbalance or when it is important to equally account for false positives and false negatives. A high F1-score indicates that the model maintains an effective trade-off between precision and recall, ensuring reliable and consistent classification performance [38].

Collectively, these evaluation metrics offer a multi-dimensional perspective on model performance, enabling a robust assessment that accounts not only for prediction accuracy but also for the balance between different types of classification errors.

4.3 Experiment

These experiments were conducted using Python on a personal laptop. The dataset was pre-organized into four class-specific folders, and each one corresponding to the diagnostic categories: non-dementia, very mild dementia, mild dementia, and moderate dementia. The data was manually split into subsets for training (70%), validation (10%), and testing (20%), utilizing a stratified approach to ensure a balanced distribution of classes across all subsets. This stratification preserved the relative proportion of each class, enabling a fair and consistent evaluation of performance during model training and testing.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This part presents and review the results gained from the proposed CNN model utilized on the Alzheimer MRI 4 Classes dataset. The model show powerful classification ability in distinguishing between the four stages of Alzheimer's disease: Non-Demented, Very Mild Demented, Mild Demented, and Moderate Demented. The confusion matrix (Fig. 3) indicates that the most of the test samples were correctly categorized across all classes. High classification accuracy was achieved, particularly in the (Moderate Demented) and (Mild Demented) groups, although some confusion happened between (Very Mild

Demented) and (Non-Demented), which can be credited to the overlapping characteristics of early Alzheimer's symptoms. The overall performance reached 98.28% accuracy, and F1 scores for each class ranged from 0.96 to 0.99, demonstrating consistent precision and recall. And the macro-averaged F1-score was 0.98, indicating balanced performance across all classes despite the imbalanced distribution. The weighted average metrics also confirmed the model's effectiveness on the imbalanced test set.

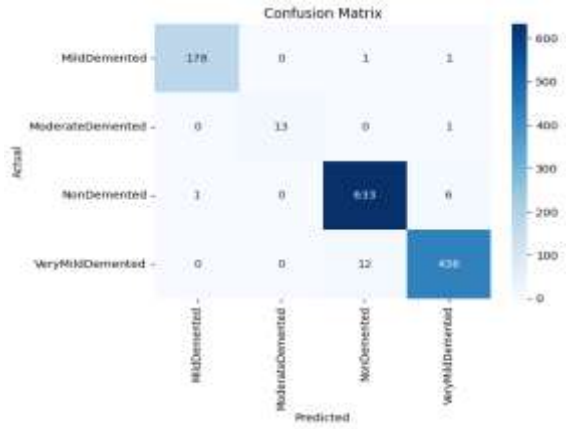


Figure 3: The confusion matrix.

The accuracy curve across training and validation sets Figure 4 illustrates a consistent increase in performance during the training process, with the validation accuracy stabilized around 97.79%, with early stopping triggered after approximately 55 epochs, indicating that the model had converged effectively. Additionally, the loss curves Figure 5 indicate a steady decline, with the training and validation losses remaining closely aligned throughout the process. This balance between the two curves demonstrates the model's ability to generalize well without significantly overfitting. This stability is due to the integration of dropout regulation, batch normalization, and early stopping, all of which contributed to improved training efficiency.

These results demonstrate the effectiveness of the general framework used in this study, including the preprocessing steps, lightweight CNN model architecture, and training strategy. Several factors significantly increased the model's generalization ability and enhanced its accuracy, such as the use of a balanced training set with offline data augmentation, as well as online data augmentation during training. The consistent performance across all classes reflects strong results, even on the imbalanced test set, demonstrating its potential for integration into clinically applicable computer-based diagnostic systems. However, occasional misclassification between similar classes is evident, suggesting opportunities for future improvements, such as incorporating temporal MRI data or clinical metadata, to improve the model's sensitivity in early diagnosis.

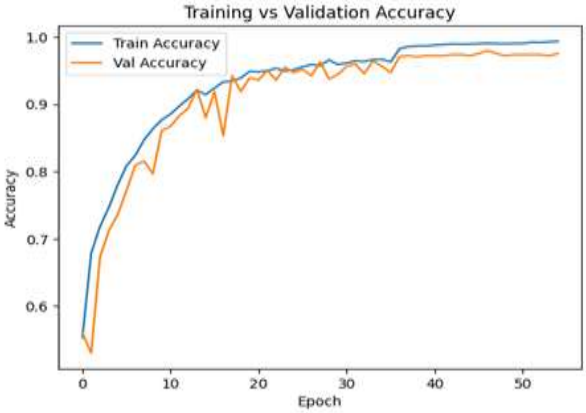


Figure 4: Training and validation accuracy.

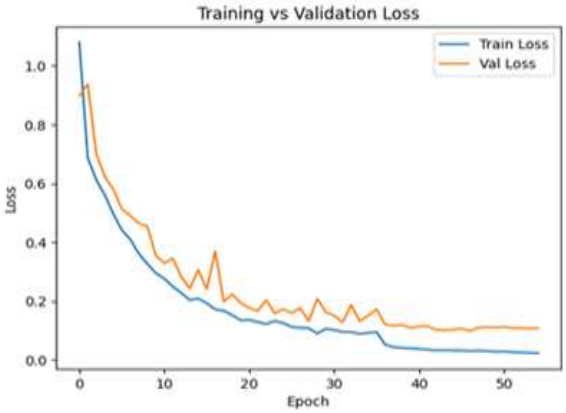


Figure. 5: Training and validation loss.

6 CONCLUSIONS

With the increasing number of patients and the complexity of (AD) diagnosis, manual assessment by physicians has become impractical and error-prone.In this research paper, a customized (CNN) lightweight was developed to classify multiple stages of AD using brain MRI images. The model was trained on a dataset that initially contained 6,400 original and imbalanced images, and this data was divided into four diagnostic categories (Non-Demented, Very Mild Demented, Mild Demented, and Moderate

Demented). After splitting of the data only the training set was balanced to contain 5,000 images per class using offline augmentation techniques. Due to the efficient and accurate training methodology, the model was able to achieve a test accuracy of 98.28%, With good and high results for the rest of the metrics. This strong performance is attributed to the effectiveness of the model architecture, which included batch normalization, dropout, and powerful preprocessing, including converting to grayscale, resizing, normalization, and online data augmentation techniques. And cause of using these components, enables the model to be generalizable, effectively detecting subtle structural variations in the brain.

Despite these good results, the research has some drawbacks. Generalizability may be impacted by the dataset's incomplete representation of actual clinical situations. To assess the model's applicability, further research should validate it on longer-term, multi-center datasets. Additionally, using 3D MRI data could increase classification accuracy and better capture spatial features. Clinical trust may be improved and model judgments clarified with the use of explainable AI (XAI) tools like Grad-CAM. Diagnostic accuracy may be further increased by combining MRI data with information from other modalities, such as genetic or cognitive data. Lastly, the model's use in clinical settings would be facilitated by real-time optimization.

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Word Sense Disambiguation Using Differential Evolution Algorithm

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Abstract: Word sense disambiguation (WSD) can be defined as the process of determining the meaning of a word as it is used in a specific context from a set of possible word senses. This task is of significant importance in many applications, such as text summarization, information retrieval, and information extraction. Many researchers have focused on the use of metaheuristic algorithms to find the most suitable sense that reflects the meaning of ambiguous words. However, the use of metaheuristic approaches remains limited and therefore requires efficient exploration of the problem space. In this paper, a new method is proposed to address the WSD problem based on differential evolution. The proposed method consists of two main phases. The first phase concerns estimating a numerical value for word relatedness based on a shortest-path measure. In the second phase, a differential evolution algorithm is applied to select the best sense corresponding to the ambiguous word. The proposed method was evaluated using the SemCor dataset, and performance was measured using three evaluation metrics: recall, precision, and F-score. The results demonstrate that the proposed method outperforms related approaches, particularly in terms of F-score and precision, achieving values of 85.6% and 89.2%, respectively.

1 INTRODUCTION

Dealing with ambiguity is one of the significant tasks of Natural Language Processing (NLP) aimed at facilitating effective communication between computer systems and humans. It is considered a key aspect of natural language understanding. In other words, a single word may have multiple meanings depending on the context in which it appears within a text [1]. Determining the precise meaning of a word in order to resolve ambiguity is regarded as one of the most complex problems in NLP. Humans naturally manage linguistic ambiguity by acquiring and refining semantic knowledge throughout their lives. However, in computational systems, the extraction, representation, and analysis of knowledge play a critical role in resolving ambiguity, as identifying the appropriate meaning often requires considerable time and effort [2].

In the English language, several types of ambiguity exist, including lexical, syntactic, scope, and structural ambiguity. Lexical ambiguity, particularly in written texts, arises from the presence of multiple meanings for a single word. For example, the word bank can refer to a financial institution or the side of a river [3].

The concept of Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) refers to the process of determining the intended sense of a word that appears in a specific context when the word conveys multiple meanings [4]. It is a subfield of NLP that focuses on automatically identifying the correct meaning of a word by analyzing its surrounding context and assigning it a predefined sense that distinguishes it from alternative interpretations [5]. WSD is commonly defined as the computational task of specifying the correct sense of a word. In artificial intelligence, AI-complete problems are considered among the most challenging to solve [6]. Sense disambiguation is often described as an intermediate task rather than a final objective; however, it is fundamental for many applications that require deep language understanding, such as machine translation [7], text summarization [8], and question answering [9].

WSD approaches can be broadly classified into three main categories: supervised, unsupervised, and knowledge-based methods. The knowledge-based approach relies on external lexical resources and is considered a fundamental component of WSD [10]. Such resources provide rich semantic information for associating words with their possible senses and can

take various forms, including text corpora, machine-readable dictionaries, and ontologies. These resources often utilize grammatical and semantic information to support the disambiguation process [11].

The supervised approach employs sense-annotated corpora for training classifiers to distinguish between different word senses. It typically consists of two phases: a training phase and a testing phase. During the training phase, the classifier learns from labeled examples associated with a target word, while in the testing phase, it attempts to determine the correct sense based on the surrounding context in unseen sentences [12]. In contrast, the unsupervised approach derives contextual information directly from unannotated text, where word senses are inferred using similarity measures or clustering techniques without prior labeling [13].

2 RELATED WORKS

Great effort was exerted to solve the WSD problem since its appearance. The work done on WSD has been greatly expanded because of its wide-ranging applications [14]. There are various methods that have been used to solve the problem of ambiguous words. In 2021, the authors suggested a new method for WSD based on RoBERTa and a bi-encoder model. Sentence pairs are input to the system. The first sentence includes the ambiguous sentence, while the second sentence includes a set of candidate words that represent possible meanings of the ambiguous word. The two sentences are merged together to form a sentence pair that is tokenized and provided as input to the RoBERTa transformer. The proposed model was evaluated using the SemCor benchmark dataset. The system achieved an 82% F-score [15].

In 2021, the authors proposed a bi-encoder approach for Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD), leveraging transformer-based architectures and lexical knowledge from WordNet. The authors experimented with various optimization strategies, including contrastive and triplet loss, and introduced multi-stage pre-training using hypernym data. Their model achieved state-of-the-art results on standard benchmarks, outperforming previous methods such as GlossBERT. The study highlights the benefits of incorporating relational information and efficient embedding-based inference. Future work explores richer semantic relations and advanced sampling techniques [16].

In 2024, the authors suggested a BERT-PageRank technique for Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) that combines BERT embeddings with a Multiple Sense Graph. The method improves the accuracy of disambiguation by using PageRank to rank sense importance. It performs better than Word2Vec and standalone BERT, obtaining higher F1 scores, reaching up to 83% in experiments on common datasets (e.g., Senseval, SemEval). Through the integration of semantic graph structures and global context, the approach overcomes the drawbacks of conventional WSD. Richer graph-based representations for polysemous words may be investigated in future research [17].

In 2024, the authors suggested a method based on both Textual-WSD (choosing the correct word senses) and Visual-WSD (choosing relevant images). The authors proposed PolCLIP, a unified image-text model for Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD). In order to create multimodal representations for missing modalities, the model simulates stable diffusion and image captioning by utilizing the CLIP architecture and an image-text complementarity technique. BabelNet and BabelPic are used to align senses with images, creating a disambiguation-oriented dataset. With a 2.53% higher F1-score on Textual-WSD and a 2.22% higher HR@1 on Visual-WSD, PolCLIP outperforms state-of-the-art techniques. Using a refined GPT-3.5 model, the method demonstrates robustness across speech components and benefits from semantic augmentation [18].

In 2025, the authors suggested a sense representation approach. This study presents Learning to Rank Senses (LTRS), a novel approach for WSD that ranks a longer list of definitions. In contrast to traditional methods, LTRS improves disambiguation, especially for low-frequency senses (LFS), by utilizing similar senses across words (such as “wide” and “broad”). The approach incorporates BERT-based encoders for context and definition modeling and uses list-wise ranking objectives (ListNet and ListMLE). With significant improvements in few-shot and zero-shot scenarios, LTRS attains a state-of-the-art F1-score of 79.6% when tested on Chinese WSD. Additionally, it exhibits faster convergence than earlier techniques. Reliance on high-quality sentence embeddings and difficulties with fine-grained sense distinctions are among its drawbacks [19].

In 2025, the authors investigated hybrid transformer-based large language models (LLMs) for low-resource language Sesotho sa Leboa word sense disambiguation (WSD). The authors used hybrid architectures (BiGRU + transformer models) and optimization strategies (Adam, attention

mechanisms) to improve performance and assessed baseline models (RNN-LSTM, BiGRU, LSTMLM, DeBERTa, and DistilBERT). The efficiency of bidirectional context modeling was demonstrated by the maximum accuracy (85%) achieved by BiGRU with attention. The paper identifies domain-specific graph representations and annotated datasets as solutions to the problems of polysemy and data scarcity. According to the results, hybrid models – such as BiGRU + DeBERTa – perform better than standalone models, advancing NLP for underrepresented languages. The work fills gaps in low-resource language processing, thereby advancing computational linguistics [20].

3 MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION OF THE WSD PROBLEM

In NLP, WSD is the task of deciding which meaning of a word is activated by the use of the word in a specific context. This is a process that seems to be highly intuitive for people. WSD could be expressed as follows. Given a text document that can be defined as a set of words C={w1,w2,…,wn}, the main goal is to find the most suitable sense(s) for all words wi ϵ C. That is, the goal is to find a relational map M from each word to its sense, such that M(wi) ⊆ SD(wi), where SD(wi) is the set of senses that exist in a dictionary D and represent the word wi, and M(wi) is a subset of appropriate senses of wi ϵ C. There are two types of WSD problems: lexical sample and all-words. For the lexical sample, there is a set of specific words to be disambiguated, while the all-words task intends to disambiguate all words in the document.

4 PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS

In this section, the related background of differential evolution and word relatedness measures is described.

4.1 Basics of Differential Evolution Algorithm

Finding a good near-optimal solution to a problem that is hard to solve is the aim of evolutionary algorithms (EA), which are typically used in optimization approaches. Many optimization problems can be classified under this class [21]. Differential Evolution (DE) belongs to the EA family proposed by Storn and Price in 1997 [22]. DE is a population-based evolutionary optimization meta-heuristic. DE is a stochastic optimizer that uses a population of real-valued vectors that represent candidate solutions to the problem being solved [23]. This optimization algorithm is considered efficient, simple, and global. Due to its succinct structure and strong search ability, DE has been widely used in different applications [24].

DE has basically four operators: initialization, mutation, crossover, and selection. All population-based algorithms (including DE) consider the generation of the initial population as the first processing step. Initialization begins by using a set of candidate decision variables, which are commonly selected randomly using a uniform distribution within the solution space. Each individual in the population is then subjected to DE operators to produce a new population [25]. The cornerstone of DE is the mutation process, which uses scaled differences of individuals randomly selected from the population to generate new solutions. An important aspect that arises here is how to choose the most suitable mutation strategy, which is the basis for the success of a DE algorithm [26]. The generation of a new trial vector uses a crossover operator that combines both the current and mutant vectors. This process governs the number of components that are mutated and which components are mutated in each individual of the current population [27]. The final step of the DE algorithm is the selection operator. To decide whether or not the trial vector will become a member of the next generation, its fitness value is compared with that of the target vector. The trial vector replaces the target vector if it has a better fitness value; otherwise, the target vector remains, and the trial vector is discarded [28].

4.2 Word Relatedness Measure

In many fields of artificial intelligence and computational linguistics, word relatedness measures are considered an essential component, particularly in areas such as information retrieval and word sense disambiguation. There are many word relatedness techniques. Recently, WordNet has been widely used for word relatedness measurement due to its high efficiency. WordNet is used as a lexical database for the English language developed at Princeton University. In general, WordNet works as a dictionary by covering a variety of terms from different domains and relating them to each other. It contains nearly 100,000 terms arranged in a hierarchical structure. Each word’s noun, verb,

adjective, and adverb forms are organized into sets of synonyms. Additionally, all synonym sets are arranged according to senses. Hyponym/Hypernym and Meronym/Holonym relations are also connected to synonym sets [29].

A path-based measure is used to compute relatedness similarity. The basic idea of path-based measures depends on the principle that the similarity between any two concepts is a function of the path length linking these two concepts and the location of the concepts in the taxonomy [30].

5 METHODOLOGY FOR WSD

This section introduces the proposed method for addressing WSD. Here, DE is used to solve the WSD problem by finding a sequence of senses or meanings that maximizes semantic similarity among the target words. This type of problem can be considered an optimization problem, in which the exact meanings of words represent the solution variables, and the relatedness similarity measures between two meanings represent the fitness function used to evaluate the quality of each solution. In the proposed method, a path-based measure is used to assign a score to each word sense, and then DE is employed to maximize the overall semantic similarity of the set of parsed words. The following subsections illustrate the details of each component.

5.1 Shortest-Path for Relatedness Measure

To compute the relatedness between two sets of words a shortest-path based was used, the similarity degree between two sets of words was given as numerical value. The Wordnet is represented as a directed graph G={V,E}, where a set of synsets represented as a set of vertices V, and the semantic link can be represented as a set of edge E between vertices. The bidirectional approach used to represent the link between S which is the start set of vertices represent synset of the first word and the goal[target] set of vertices T that represent synset of the second word, where each length is represented by 1. The distance between S and T can be computed as in (1).

$$\text{Dis}(S,T)=\min \text{Path_length}(s,t), \quad s \in S, \; t \in T. \tag{1}$$

The method based on computing the shortest path from S to T in breadth first search as in [31].

5.2 Differential Evolution for WSD

The main goal of WSD is to select one sense for each word, one sense that is more suitable to represent the meaning of the word than the others senses in the given text. The DE used to select the sense that has maximum relatedness similarity as in (2).

$$score(S) = \frac{1}{Dis(S,T)}. \tag{2}$$

The algorithm based on finding the sense that maximize the score of relatedness similarity. There exist three versions of DE called DE/rand/1, jDE/rand/1, jDE/best/1. The proposed method used DE/rand/1. There are many steps to implement the DE algorithm. The first step concern with individual representation. The individual was a sequence of natural number between 1 to N, where N is the number of senses for word wi. The algorithm ignores any word that doesn't have a sense. DE begins with a population with N solutions. That can be expressed as follows:

$$P = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N\}.$$

The second step in the DE algorithm concern with computing the objective function, which based on maximizing the score(S) as in (2). The mutation is the third step in DE algorithm. DE algorithm relies heavily on a mutation operation to maintain the population diversity. It consists of adding a scaled difference vector F. (Xr2 –Xr3) between two randomly selected individuals Xr2 and Xr3 to a third individual Xr1, which is also randomly chosen, called the base vector (3).

$$V_i = X_{r1} + F.(X_{r2} - X_{r3}) . \tag{3}$$

Where r1,r2 and r3 are random number in [1,N].
F parameter called the scaling factor. This is found for each individual and obtained as a realization of a log-normally distributed random variable.

$$F = \exp(\beta) . \tag{4}$$

Where β in [0,1].
Crossover is the next step of DE algorithm. In this step the trial vector is defined by combining the mutant vector Vi with a DE individual Xi given as (5).

$$U_{i,j} = \begin{cases} V_{i,j} \; if \; randi,j \le CP \; or \; j = jrand \\ X_{i,j} \qquad\qquad otherwise \end{cases} . \tag{5}$$

CP is chosen randomly in [0,1].

Selection is the last step in DE algorithm. Depending on the WSD problem, maximizing the relatedness similarity is essential for the construction of the objective function. The objective function as in (2) is used to evaluate each individual. After the evaluation of all individuals, DE selection operation is performed as shown in (6), The resulted vector from this step have higher objective function score and will be passed to the next generated population.

$$U_{i,j}(G+1) = \begin{cases} U_{i,j}(G) \ if \ Objfun\left(U_{i,j}(G)\right) > Objfun\left(X_{i,j}(G)\right) \\ X_{i,j}(G) \qquad\qquad otherwise \end{cases}. \quad (6)$$

6 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In this section, the proposed method is evaluated using the SemCor benchmark dataset and compared with baseline approaches to assess its effectiveness.

6.1 Benchmark Dataset

The proposed method was tested on the Semantic Concordance (SemCor) dataset, which is a part of the Brown Corpus and represents one of the largest publicly available sense-annotated resources for Word Sense Disambiguation. SemCor is widely used for evaluating WSD systems due to its high-quality manual annotations. Out of the 352 documents included in the dataset, 186 are fully annotated for all parts of speech, including nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, while the remaining 166 documents are annotated for verbs only. The dataset contains a total of 802,443 words, among which 226,040 words are annotated with word senses [32].

6.2 Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the proposed WSD system is evaluated using three standard metrics: precision, recall, and F1-score [33]. Precision reflects the proportion of correctly disambiguated words among all words processed by the system. Recall measures the proportion of correctly disambiguated words relative to the total number of test words in the dataset. The F1-score provides a balanced evaluation by combining both precision and recall into a single performance indicator.

6.3 Results and Discussion

This section presents the experimental results obtained by the proposed approach and discusses its performance in comparison with other state-of-the-art WSD methods. The parameter settings used for the Differential Evolution algorithm are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: DE parameters.

Parameter	Value
Population size, N	100
Maximum number of Iteration	150
Crossover probability,CP	0.8
Mutation Rate, F	0.6

The parameters of the DE algorithm are obtained using a trial-and-error basis. The optimal values are determined based on the outputs obtained from the SemCor dataset for the input passages.

Table 2 clarifies the results of the proposed method compared with three methods mentioned in Section 2.

Table 2: Comparison of the proposed method with other methods.

Technique	Recall	Precision	F-score
ESR[15]	81	83	82
LTRS [19]	75.9	83.	79.6
BiGRU [20]	83	87	85
Proposed method	82.4	89.2	85.6

As shown in Table 2, the proposed method outperforms other methods in terms of precision, while BiGRU achieves the best performance in terms of recall. The trade-off between recall and precision is reflected by the F-score, which considers both metrics, and in this case, the proposed method achieves the best overall result.

The proposed method performs more effectively than the other methods for several reasons, which can be briefly explained. First, DE can avoid local optima, unlike BiGRU, which is based on gradient-based training and may converge to local optima. Second, DE provides a better balance between exploration and exploitation compared to ESR and LTRS, which are primarily rule-based methods. Finally, DE is a population-based search algorithm, meaning that multiple candidate solutions are evaluated independently, which increases the likelihood of finding an optimal or near-optimal solution.

7 CONCLUSIONS

Word Sense Disambiguation (WSD) is the process of identifying the correct sense of an ambiguous word within a given context. In this paper, a knowledge-

based approach was adapted to address this problem. The textual document is introduced as input to the proposed method in order to disambiguate ambiguous words within the text. First, the semantic relatedness between the context of an ambiguous word and the definitions of its possible senses is computed. Second, the Differential Evolution algorithm is applied to select the most appropriate sense among all candidate senses. The proposed method was evaluated on the SemCor dataset. The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach compared with other related methods. Experimental findings show that the proposed method outperforms several existing approaches, highlighting its ability to accurately disambiguate word meanings. This improvement indicates that combining semantic similarity measures with an adaptive optimization algorithm such as DE provides a robust and efficient solution for knowledge-based WSD tasks.

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Review of Advanced Data Structures for Streaming Data Handling in Machine Learning Under Concept Drift

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Abstract: Machine training on real-time flows introduces a significant hurdle, notably when a pattern change arises, a shift where data makeup or the link between input and output alters progressively. Innovative data formats and intelligent logic are essential for managing the size, pace, and variability inherent in flow-based inputs, and for adapting effectively to these shifts. This review examines novel and enhanced data models designed for stream handling in learning engines, with a key focus on Forgetful Trees and EdgeFrame. Forgetful Trees are rule-driven systems designed to manage shifts in trends by likely discarding prior entries and adjusting values as output rates change. This design targets rapid updates and strong output. EdgeFrame is a low-memory data holder tailored for industry-grade machine tasks with shifting, matrix-rich collections. It offers tools such as light replicas, write-aware copies, and memory-optimized storage to boost usage and reduce resource needs. From these points, it's clear that Forgetful Trees mainly tackle model reshaping under drift, while EdgeFrame targets better core data handling. There's space for a fused method that combines the benefits of both to shape steadier and sharper innovative systems for data in motion. Other useful data structures discussed include RSBF, Hash Trees, RLR-Tree, and BART.

1 INTRODUCTION

The traditional supervised machine learning paradigm is based on static, labelled, independent, and identically distributed (i.i.d.) data [1]. Examples where this works well include medical research [1]. Real-world applications often involve streaming data, where the data distribution is frequently non-stationary, and the relationship between inputs and outputs changes over time [1], a phenomenon known as concept drift [4]. Examples of this include inflation rates, epidemic variants, and market forecasting [1]. Concept drift makes fixed classification models yield inaccurate results [8]. Traditional, non-incremental methods like conventional decision trees (e.g., CART) are unsuitable for streaming data under concept drift because rebuilding models from scratch is expensive and reactive [9]. Traditional data structures generally lack the adaptability required when data patterns change frequently in real-time and streaming data [11]. Processing massive, unlimited data streams requires online and incremental algorithms and efficient data handling because storing all data is impossible [7]. Data streams are in volumes that are both massive and unlimited [12]. Other complexities of streaming data include noise, incompleteness, varying quality (veracity) [9], and the rapidly decreasing value of old data [9]. There is a need for methods that can judiciously discard old data and focus on recent trends [12]. The issue of concept drift has garnered major attention in fields like information mining and ML techniques, patterning, and data extraction [15]. The objective of the paper is to review and discuss advanced data structures, specifically Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrames, which have emerged to address the challenges of streaming data and concept drift in machine learning [4]. Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrames are described as advanced structures specifically targeted for managing non-stationary data [16]. This paper aims to review recently emerged advanced data structures designed for streaming data handling in machine learning, focusing on Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrames [4]. Integrating such structures offers potential benefits for efficient

streaming data handling in adaptive systems [13]. The paper outlines its structure, for instance, stating that Section 2 provides background on streaming ML and concept drift [13]. A proposed content structure mentions sections like Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Background and Related Work, Comparison and Discussion, and Conclusion [17]. The paper's structure is described as beginning with the traditional supervised machine learning paradigm, introducing streaming data challenges, explaining limitations of traditional methods, highlighting the need for online algorithms and efficient handling, mentioning other complexities, stating the paper's objective, briefly mentioning benefits of integration, and outlining the paper's structure [1].

2 BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

2.1 Traditional and Incremental Methods

Traditional decision tree methods like CART are not designed for streaming data or concept drift; they are trained once [1]. A naive approach of rebuilding the model periodically is expensive [1]. State-of-the-art incremental methods for streaming data, such as Hoeffding Tree, Hoeffding Adaptive Tree, and iSOUP-Tree, incrementally update decision trees [1]. The primary goal of methods like Hoeffding Tree variants is typically reducing memory consumption. Streaming algorithms, such as the Very Fast Decision Tree (VFDT), are designed to run in devices due to their high velocity and low memory requirements [2]. Data stream mining algorithms analyze data aiming at reducing the memory usage, by reading the data only once without storing it; examples include VFDT [3] and a KNN streaming version [4]. The issue of concept drift in incremental learning has seen varied approaches, such as ensemble methods and drift detection mechanisms [5]. Adaptive learning for concept drift involves integrating drift detection into learning algorithms, updating models based on detected drift [5]. Forgetful Data Structures (Forgetful Trees and Forests) build upon intuitions from this related work [7]. However, Forgetful Data Structures introduce innovations like continuous data discarding based on accuracy changes and tree structures designed for fast incremental updates [7]. The core intuition behind these structures is to judiciously "forget" (discard) old data that is no longer relevant due to concept drift and learn a new input-output function on only the relevant data, doing so quickly [9]. Consideration of the context of data management for streaming data is necessary [7]. Traditional data structures generally lack the adaptability required when data patterns change frequently in real-time and streaming data [11]. There are limitations of traditional data frames when dealing with large, dynamic, and complex (e.g., array-heavy) industrial datasets (Fig. 1).

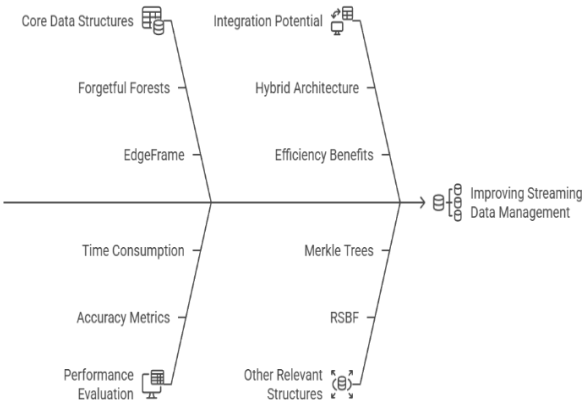


Figure 1: Ishikawa diagram of factors influencing streaming data management enhancement.

This diagram presents a cause-and-effect analysis (Ishikawa or Fishbone diagram) illustrating various factors contributing to or hindering the enhancement of streaming data management.

2.2 Overview of Developments

The advancement of data models for machine learning within stream-based scenarios has undergone a series of marked transitions. Conventional decision tree approaches like CART were foundational yet rigid, trained a single time and unable to respond to evolving input characteristics. As the necessity to address variable-rate data flows arose, incremental algorithms such as the Hoeffding Tree, Hoeffding Adaptive Tree, and iSOUP-Tree were devised. These schemes supported one-pass modifications, making them ideal for live-time systems with modest storage, albeit often at the price of added difficulty in managing distribution drift. Approaches such as the Very Fast Decision Tree (VFDT) improved resource use and boosted computational pace. As the focus on concept shift grew the change where data traits slowly evolve scholars moved toward auto-updating frameworks that respond to drops in result quality. Grouped methods and shift-tracking tools became vital. In the

latest phase, Forgetful setups, especially Forgetful Forests, have gained attention. These rely on adaptable rules, clearing old inputs based on data-based limits, allowing quick, correct, and resource-wise learning in swiftly changing setups. This shift in method shows a rise in model finesse, keeping Output trust, timely model refresh, and smart use of memory across fluid data flows. Beginning with Traditional Approaches, it highlights the recognition of Limitations Identified in static models (Fig. 2).

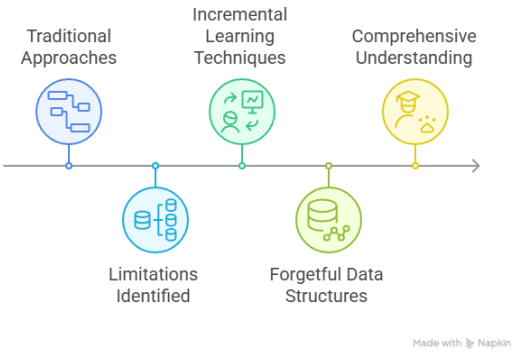


Figure 2: Evolution of decision tree methods for streaming data.

This timeline diagram visually illustrates the progressive development of decision tree methodologies in the context of streaming data.

3 FORGETFUL FORESTS

Forgetful Forests are used with streaming data whose older data gets "forgotten" over time in order to accommodate new trends [1]. The main idea of Forgetful Trees is to probabilistically remove aged input and combine saved entries with new ones to follow evolving patterns in data [2]. This method enables models to adjust to concept drift, placing higher importance on newer values than earlier ones [1]. The basic reasoning is to carefully eliminate (discard) data that no longer applies due to trend shifts and rapidly discover a new input-output mapping using only the valid entries [4].

Forgetful Trees blend gradual updates and old-data removal to respond to recent inputs without needing complete retraining [5]. The Forgetful Choice Tree uses a top-down update method, beginning from the root [2]. When a fresh bundle of entries is received, the structure is updated from the top [7]. This process keeps a part of older entries as decided by a factor named rSize [2]. Instead of rebuilding the full part of the structure, it is adjusted only if the split rule at a node remains unchanged [6]. This action is quicker than total rebuilding since it involves sorting the incoming records and linking them with prior input, rather than sorting all existing and new records again [7].

The Forgetful Multi-Tree (Algorithm 4 as listed in references) consists of several Forgetful Choice Trees joined together [1]. Trees are removed using a measure like the two-sample t-check [1] along with a reliability margin called tThresh [1]. Key methods for handling concept drift using these models involve dropping outdated entries and less capable trees when the accuracy falls [5]. This mechanism removes and regenerates trees as needed based on reduced prediction results [2].

3.1 Discussing the Tuning of Input Settings for Forgetful Trees

Parameters such as the start learning rate (iRate), the trust margin (tThresh), and the full number of trees (nTree) are based on trials found in the reference [1]. Several of these settings were selected using test sets, including the initial currentParams.iRate, the removal point tThresh for trees, and the complete count of trees nTree [2]. The mentioned good values are iRate = 0.3, discard margin tThresh = 0.05, and nTree = 201. Performance records shown in the reference highlight the method's ability to provide fast operation while keeping strong result precision on streaming input [4]. The method was measured with time cost, correctness, and F1-grade [7].

The algorithms are said to deliver only up to a 2% drop in prediction performance or run at least twice as fast with no drop in quality [1].

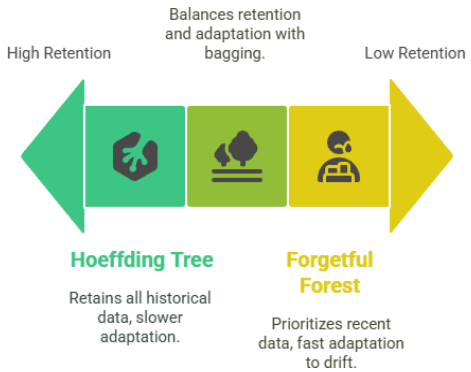


Figure 3: Spectrum of data retention strategies in streaming data models.

As shown in Figure 3, the data Retention Strategies in Streaming Data Models. A Spectrum of Adaptability.

Table 1: Comparative analysis of data structures/methods performance from sources.

Data Structure / Method	Primary Focus / Benefit	Key Finding Summary	Source(s)
Forgetful Forests	Incremental Decision Forests / Speed	Up to 24 times faster than state-of- the-art incremental algorithms with minimal accuracy loss (≤ 2%).	[1], [5], [10]
RSBF	Datacenter Multicast / Network Efficiency	Reduces redundant traffic by up to 64% and packet header overhead by up to 49%.	[21], [12]
EdgeFrame	In-memory Tabular Data / Memory Efficiency	Described as memory-efficient using off-heap Storage and lightweight views.	[4], [6], [13]
Stacking (Ensembles)	Ensemble Learning / Prediction Performance	Achieved the best performance in 82.6% of reviewed disease prediction studies where it was used.	[13], [14]
Merkle Trees	Data Integrity Verification / Security	The difference between exact and approximate data falsification probabilities is low and remains below the collision probability with increasing hash length.	[23], [25], [16]

This diagram illustrates a spectrum of data retention strategies in streaming data models, ranging from high to low retention. The sources explicitly state that this is where tables and figures showing speed/accuracy comparisons would be crucial, aligning with reviewer feedback [1]. These visual aids are present in the original Forgetful Forests source paper [1]. A review paper should describe what these tables/figures show [1]. These tables and figures present comparisons of Forgetful Forests against other algorithms [1], including: Hoeffding Tree [1], Hoeffding Adaptive Tree [1], iSOUP-Tree [1], Adaptive Random Forest [1], CART (used as a non-incremental baseline) [1]. The evaluations are conducted on different datasets, which include both real and synthetic datasets [1]. Artificial datasets were generated with Massive Online Analysis (MOA) [5].

3.2 Examples of Real-World Datasets

It is mentioned in a similar context of comparing streaming data tree models include CICIDS, Airline, Electricity, Forest, KDDCUP, and Poker [6]. The metrics used for evaluation include accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score [1]. Accuracy is measured as the proportion of correctly classified instances [9]. These metrics are measured incrementally on incoming batches [4] (Table 1).

This layered diagram (resembling a battery or cylinder) illustrates the varying degrees of adaptability of different data structures when confronted with dynamic and complex data streams.This stacked visual (shaped like a cylinder or energy cell) displays how well different data models adjust to active and mixed data streams.The data sets tested were both built and live [1]. Synthetic ones were created using Massive Online Analysis (MOA), while true data was taken from active domains [8]. Measures like correctness, precision, retrieval, and F1-grade were calculated in real time from new data waves [1]. Important results shared from the Forgetful Trees article say these tools are “up to 24 times quicker than other live-data methods with no more than a 2% drop in correctness or still at least 2× quicker with full accuracy” [1]. This is in relation to Forgetful Trees against Hoeffding Tree, Hoeffding Smart Tree, iSOUP- Tree, Adaptive Tree Pack, and CART over many sample sets [1]. Without group testing (bagging), the Forgetful Multi-Tree is the quickest option, running at least 24 times faster than Adaptive Tree Pack [10]. Even with group testing, it still works at least 2.5 times quicker [10]. Without grouping, it's only a little less accurate (no more than 2% drop) than the Adaptive Tree Pack [10]. With grouping, the precision is nearly equal to the Adaptive Tree Pack [10].

4 EDGEFRAMES

The sources explain EdgeFrame as a low-memory data format built for use in learning systems, especially created for heavy-use sectors, where the data often involves large blocks or array-like units [1]. Its main goal is to meet common demands in hands-on smart tools, particularly focusing on memory savings, data stream pace, and delay in result-making [2]. The main tools of EdgeFrame are explained in this way:Slim views or slices: When new sets are made by cutting or shaping an EdgeFrame from an earlier one, the result is a light copy parts are reused, which saves memory space [1]. Slices done

by steps or in uneven chunks also make slim views, and grouped picking can make sets without fresh copies [7]. Write-aware copies: Making a copy from an EdgeFrame or a piece inside it makes a thin copy [1]. A real full copy is only done when a changed part must be saved on its own, keeping the old parts safe and saving space [1]. This setup means safe changes without ripple effects [9]. One use case shows how copying a big column this way saves much space [5]. A total copy is only done if a part shared by two sets is altered [4].

4.1 External Memory

EdgeFrame saves data in shared memory spots that sit outside the usual system memory area (JVM heap) [4]. This leads to tiny delays in cross-process sharing and lets more than one task use the same data, reaching full bandwidth use [4]. It also lets data live beyond the run-time of a single job [9]. Out-of- core access: EdgeFrame can work with data that is far bigger than the memory size [4]. It does this using off-system memory and plain data models, using copy-on-change and load-on-demand tools to hold info in outer drives like solid disks [12].

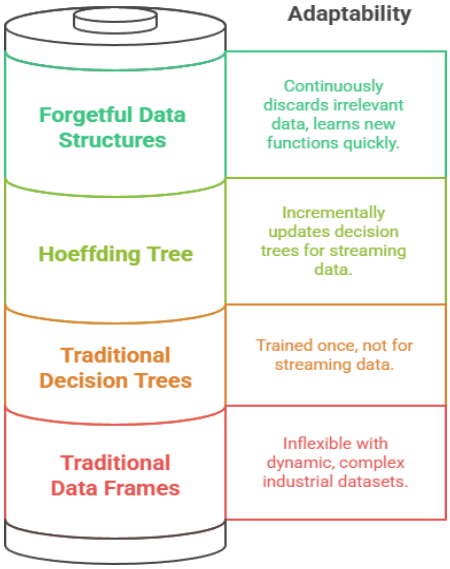


Figure 4: Adaptability hierarchy of data structures for dynamic and complex data.

4.2 Array and Block Support

EdgeFrame treats multi-point items like arrays as a main part of its model [5]. This is useful when working with sensor logs or visual files packed into the same set [5]. Dense and spare mix: EdgeFrame works with both full and spread-out data parts in the same shape [2]. This mix is handy when info has full notes (meta-info) but only rare sensor parts, for instance [8]. This system is built to cut down the lag time before the first guess is made when models are brought from a saved state, much better than older formats that need full decoding [2]. The stored models use a layout like a structure with set spots, not links [13]. EdgeFrame is tuned to train short- lived sets and run new guesses in ways that use lessmemory and move quicker across large sets [14]. Input rate is key too the system picks block data types over text to cut down CPU work, and flat layouts with clear data types help skip extra steps when sharing data [8]. It also keeps one-value types in Arrow arrays, which means no decoding is needed and full use of data flow can happen [13] (Fig. 4).

5 OTHER RELEVANT DATA STRCUTURES

Beyond Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrame, which are central to addressing model adaptation under concept drift and efficient data management respectively, other data structures and techniques are relevant to handling various challenges in streaming data environments.

5.1 RSBF (Reservoir Sampling based Bloom Filter)

Beyond Forgetful Trees and EdgeFrame which are key for model updates under trend shift and for smart handling of flowing input other formats and tools also help solve varied issues found in real-time data systems.

5.2 RSBF (Reservoir Sampling Based Bloom Filter)

RSBF is shown as a method for finding repeated entries in fast-flowing data [1]. In wide-scale stream settings, the skill to quickly remove or block repeated info is very helpful [3]. Method and Traits: RSBF blends two smart ideas reservoir picking and the Bloom Filter setup [4]. Bloom Filters are slim formats that give “yes/no” checks on entry match, with small chance of errors. These are often used in tag headers to store path info, helping cut cost in systems like multi-path sharing [5]. They are handy when fast replies are needed [3]. The basic Bloom Filter can show many false “yes” calls as the stream keeps growing and more bits turn “on” [4]. RSBF

fixes this by skipping more new entries as the flow grows larger, which helps lower the false match rate [4]. It also clears random bits say, k of them each time a new entry is added [6]. This step helps reduce the error buildup [7]. Though the bit clearing cuts down wrong "yes" signs, it can also cause missed repeats, where the same entry is marked as new by mistake [6]. For tools that need repeat spotting, this is a trade- off but the mix of sample-based picks and limits in RSBF is said to bring the "missed repeat" count to fair bounds [6]. RSBF also locks in quicker and steadier compared to the basic Bloom method by tweaking its bit rules and random clears [8].A newer form, named BSBF (Biased Sampling Based Bloom Filter), is also noted [8]. BSBF is noted to get fewer missed repeats and reach steady use sooner, while keeping a similar wrong-match rate to regular Bloom Filters [10]. It works well with skewed flows and needs about the same storage as others [10].While RSBF doesn't aim to train smart models, the sources show its value in keeping data centers neat for instance, in message routing. Relevance to Review: While primarily a technique for data de-duplication, RSBF and its variants address the challenge of managing large volumes of streaming data efficiently in terms of memory and processing speed, a critical aspect of streaming data handling relevant to ML pipelines.

5.3 RLR-Tree

RLR-Tree is noted as a plan for spatial data indexing with dynamic updates [1]. Skillfully handling and revising indexes for streaming spatial data (data linked with geographic locales or spatial relations) is a unique issue in certain streaming ML uses, such as those involving sensor networks or environmental oversight. It uses Reinforcement Learning (RL) to learn optimal input policies [1]. This hints at an adaptive method to uphold the spatial index plan in the face of incoming data flows, aiming to keep the index efficient and strong as the data spread advances. RLR-Tree's import lies in its power to skillfully handle a unique sort of streaming data (spatial) with dynamic updates and an adaptive means (RL) put to indexing. It tackles the data oversight layer, similar in aim to EdgeFrame's stress on data plan skill, but specifically for spatial data indexing rather than general tabular or array-heavy data.

5.4 Merkle Trees

Merkle Trees are shown as a means for checking large data structures skillfully and in an almost safe way [11]. Their main use is in confirming the truth and steady state of data, especially in shared or streaming systems where data blocks arrive one after another or are kept across different spots. In a Merkle Tree, a leaf node holds the hash of a data block, and all non-leaf nodes hold the cryptographic hash of their child nodes [11]. This tiered hashing plan allows for skillful check of data truth. To check if a specific data block is part of the tree (and has not been altered), one only needs the hash of the leaf node fitting that block and the hashes along the path from that leaf to the root of the tree. This is greatly more skillful than re-hashing the whole data set [11]. Merkle Trees are basic in tech like blockchain for ensuring data truth [23] and are key for light streaming authenticated data structures [24]. The sources talk about their likely use in securing IoT systems where data truth is vital [23], and look at matters like data fake chances [25]. While the sources note them [27] as part of the first review's aim, they give few facts on their direct use to the core issue of handling streaming data under idea shift with memory/speed skill next to Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrame [27]. Their share is mainly to data worth rather than the data planning or adaptive model learning matters key to FF and EdgeFrame.

5.5 Bayesian Additive Regression Trees (BART)

BART is noted in the source as a deep learning plan put in a toolbox [29]. It stretches a present nonlinear operator plan to give automatic split and brings in MRI-specific operators (multidimensional FFT, nuFFT, SENSE) with operators common in neural networks [29].

It has a plan for building complex neural networks and takes in many good ways like stochastic gradient descent, iPALM, and Adam [29]. It is noted to gain computer strength much like other deep learning plans, with help for many GPUs [29].

Its import in this review is perhaps as an instance of a plan that could possibly use advanced data plans like EdgeFrame for basic data care, rather than being an advanced data plan itself for streaming ML fitting (Fig. 5 and Fig. 6). The main aims for this Ending section are to clearly state what this review study has found about advanced data plans for streaming machine learning under idea shift [1] and to make sure that these finds directly answer the aims set out in the Start [1]. This needs summing up the best ways as shown through the reviewed plans and showing their meaning for the issues of streaming ML.

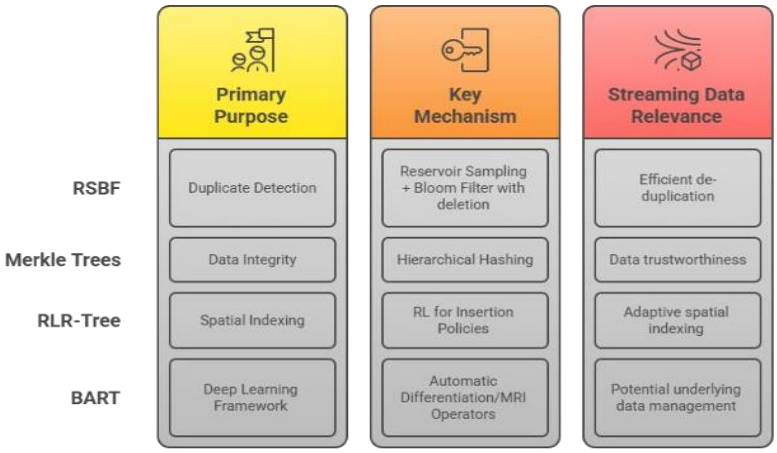


Figure 5: Overview of key streaming data structures: purpose, mechanism and relevance.

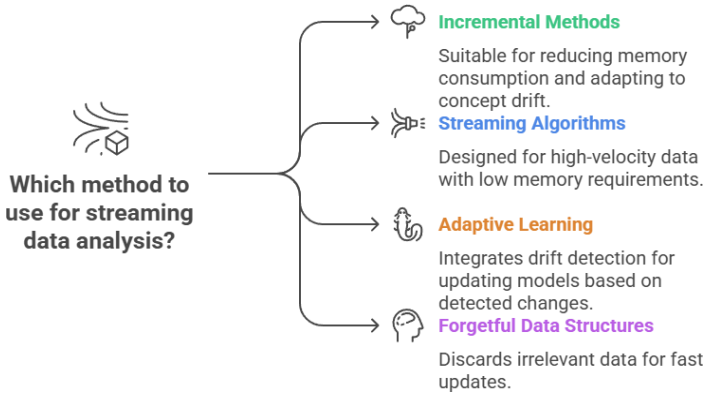


Figure 6: Methods for streaming data analysis: characteristics and applications.

6 DISCUSSION

Forgetful Forests provide the adaptive model layer, capable of learning and evolving with changing datapatterns by intelligently managing the relevance of historical data [7]. EdgeFrame provides the efficient data layer, capable of handling the underlying large, dynamic, and complex data streams with minimal memory overhead and high performance [13]. Combining Forgetful Forests' ability to forget old information (addressing model adaptation to drift) with EdgeFrame's capacity to manage the underlying data stream efficiently (addressing memory and access challenges) could create a powerful system that is both robust to concept drift and efficient in resource utilisation [3]. Based on the limits and open queries found in the basic sources, several paths for future work arise. One field is looking at other group ways to bagging for Forgetful Forests that can keep or boost truth in streaming idea drift settings with less outcome cost [12]. More deep outcome study of EdgeFrame in various streaming scenes, along with checks with other data frames, would be beneficial [21].

7 CONCLUSIONS

The review highlights that integrating the proposed structures has strong potential to enhance efficient and adaptive data handling in real-time, data-driven machine learning systems, particularly when operating on continuous data streams affected by concept drift [3]. This integration can significantly improve responsiveness, adaptability, and overall system performance in environments where data characteristics evolve. A promising future direction is the design and evaluation of comprehensive architectural frameworks that combine structures such as Forgetful Forests and EdgeFrame into a cohesive streaming ML platform. By incorporating additional components - such as advanced data classifiers, drift detection mechanisms, and online learning modules - the system could achieve greater

robustness, scalability, and predictive accuracy. Such hybrid solutions would not only handle evolving data distributions more effectively but also support real-time decision-making across various domains, including finance, healthcare, and IoT applications. Overall, these developments present an exciting pathway toward realizing the full potential of adaptive, high-performance machine learning systems for streaming applications [3].

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Designing Musical Instrument Identification Systems Using Lightweight Machine Learning Architectures

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Abstract: Musicology is a vast field in which the use of electronic instruments has increased significantly with the development of digital audio workstations and virtual instruments. Selecting the appropriate instrument is crucial for producing high-quality music. The traditional approach to identifying musical instruments relies on manually listening to audio recordings, which is time-consuming and inefficient. Therefore, musical signal processing has become one of the most important tasks in audio signal processing. It enables the identification of instruments in music based on their acoustic features. The proposed work focuses on extracting audio features from WAV files and developing an ensemble model that combines Random Forest and Support Vector Machine classifiers using a voting strategy to identify the instruments used in music. The findings highlight the potential applications of this research in music information retrieval systems and contribute to the growing field of computational musicology by providing a scalable and accurate approach to musical instrument identification, achieving an accuracy of 95%.

1 INTRODUCTION

In music, the ability to accurately identify and classify instruments is a critical task, particularly in music retrieval, interactive music games, and audio analysis. With the development of artificial intelligence and machine learning, this process has become more automated and capable of producing more accurate results. Musicians often use reference music to describe the sound they seek; similarly, this work adopts that concept to recognize musical instruments.

In this approach, a combined model consisting of Random Forest and Support Vector Machine analyzes music signals and uses them as a query to recognize instruments whose extracted features are most similar to those of the input audio. Instead of relying on a static library, a train–test strategy is employed, where the model is trained on labeled audio features and tested on mixed audio samples containing different instruments to ensure effective evaluation.

This method facilitates the organization of large music libraries by categorizing audio tracks based on instrument types, enables sound engineers to isolate specific instruments within audio recordings, enhances interactive music games and applications where users can identify or play along with particular instruments, and provides tools for visually impaired individuals to identify instruments in music through auditory cues. To examine the effectiveness of the model, evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, and F1-score are utilized. The combined model is also tested on unseen data to assess its adaptability across diverse audio samples.

To determine the most effective feature domain for classification, both time-domain and time–frequency-domain features are extracted and

evaluated. Since time–frequency features demonstrate higher classification accuracy, features such as Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCCs), chroma, Mel spectrogram, spectral contrast, spectral centroid, tonnetz, and spectral bandwidth are utilized for effective instrument identification.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent developments in music classification have enabled researchers to explore various techniques to improve classification and identification accuracy. In [1], a dataset of Chinese musical instruments was used to extract MFCC features combined with an attention mechanism using a deep belief network and Bi-GRU, achieving a highest accuracy of 91%. In [5], an automatic music genre classification approach based on texture selection was proposed, demonstrating the use of k-means clustering to capture diverse sound textures within tracks. This method combined texture-level classification through k-means centroids with track-level predictions using majority voting. Four feature sets, including handcrafted and data-driven approaches, were evaluated on benchmark datasets such as GTZAN and Extended Ballroom. The results showed that the k-means texture selection approach outperformed linear down-sampling, achieving improved classification accuracy across multiple datasets.

At the same time, a zero-shot learning framework achieved a precision of 78% using semantic embeddings [9]. An enhanced CNN architecture with duplicated pooling strategies and convolutional layers resulted in an accuracy of 90% [10], whereas in [6], an ensemble voting model combined with MFCC and Mel spectrogram features achieved an accuracy of 56.4%. In [7], CNN, logistic regression, and ANN models were applied using spectrograms and CSV-based audio features; CNN achieved the highest accuracy of 88.5%, followed by ANN with 64.5% and logistic regression with 60.89%.

In [8], a class-conditional embedding model for music source separation was proposed using Gaussian Mixture Models with various covariance structures and compared against a BLSTM-based mask inference baseline. Using the MUSDB18 dataset, the model demonstrated notable improvements in source-to-distortion ratio, with the tied spherical covariance GMM yielding the best performance. In [11], SVM and KNN classifiers were applied using MFCC and sonogram features from a dataset of 1,284 samples across 16 musical instruments. The SVM model achieved the highest accuracy of 99%, while KNN using MFCC features attained 98.22%. In [13], SVM and KNN models achieved a success rate of 91.27% for the pizzicato family using QDA and 93.07% for the sustained family.

Despite these advancements, several gaps remain in musical instrument classification. One major issue is the imbalance or limited size of datasets, which can be addressed using data augmentation techniques such as pitch shifting and SMOTE [16]. Another limitation is the separate use of time-domain and frequency-domain features, which can reduce model robustness. This can be mitigated by incorporating time–frequency features such as chroma and spectral centroid. Furthermore, deep learning models often suffer from a lack of interpretability, making it difficult to understand feature contributions. Utilizing simpler machine learning models or developing interpretable neural architectures can enhance transparency and trust in real-time applications [17]. Real-time deployment also remains challenging due to limited computational resources in embedded and mobile environments; however, this can be improved through optimization techniques such as model pruning and knowledge distillation..

3 AUDIO FEATURES

Audio features play a crucial role in musical information analysis. By analyzing the characteristics of instruments through their audio features, it becomes possible to differentiate one instrument from another. To provide a clearer understanding, Table 1 outlines the extracted feature domains and their descriptions, while Figures 1a, 1b, and 1c visualize audio signals in the time, frequency, and time–frequency domains, respectively.

The following audio features are extracted from the signal and used to identify the instrument being played.

3.1 Chroma

Focuses on the harmonic content of the signal, specifically the 12 unique pitch classes. It represents the energy distribution across the pitches, emphasizing the harmonic structure. Chroma divides the frequency spectrum into frames and maps each frequency bin to one of the 12 pitch classes. The harmonics of the fundamental frequency are summed within each scale. Since Chroma sums energy over the pitch scale, it is invariant to octave, making it effective for capturing harmonic content [1].

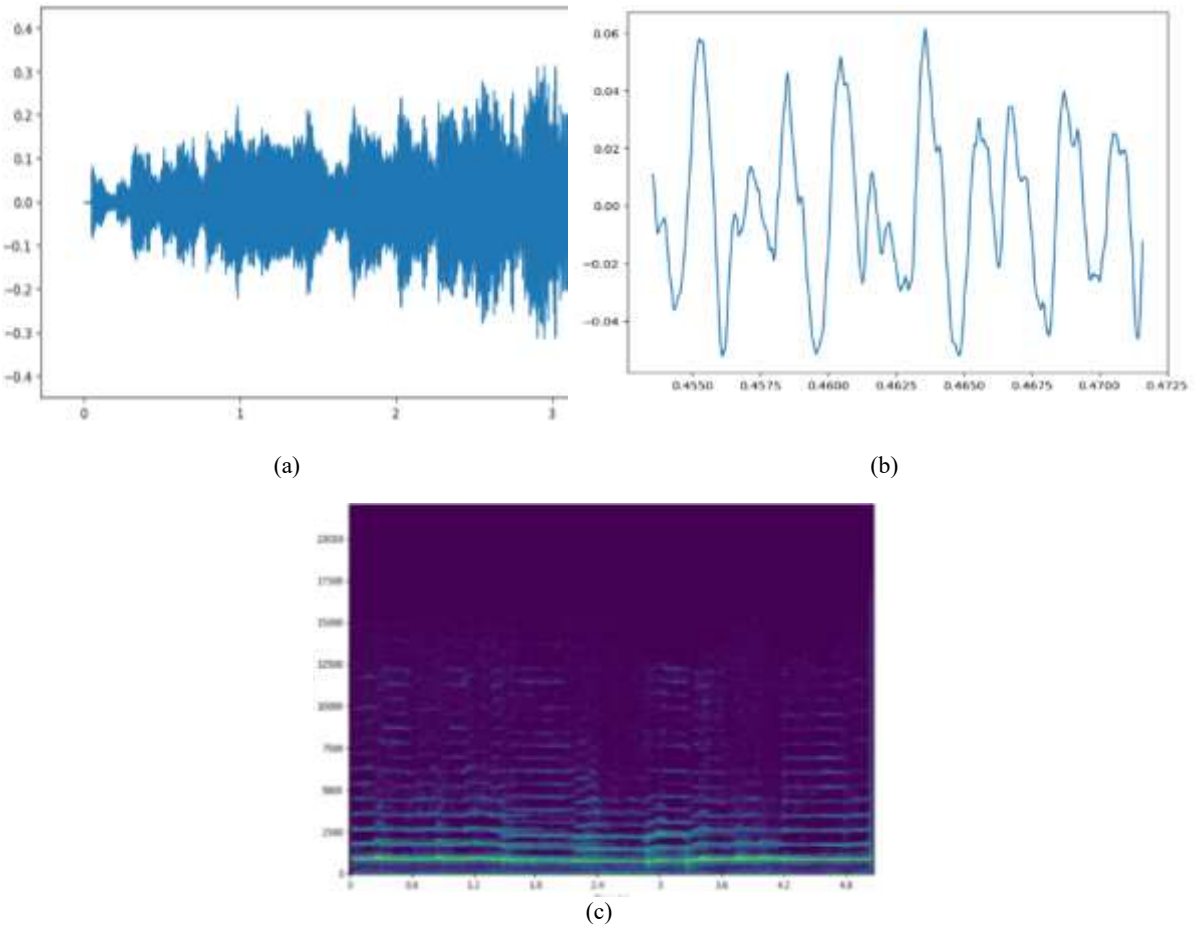


Figure 1: Visualization of audio signals in different domains: a) Time domain, b) Frequency domain, c) Time-Frequency domain.

3.2 Spectral Centroid

Measures the "center of mass" of the spectrum, indicating the brightness of a sound. A higher centroid corresponds to higher perceived brightness. Instruments like the violin have higher spectral centroid values, while instruments like the double bass have lower values, helping to distinguish between them.

3.3 Spectral Rolloff

Captures how the spectral energy is distributed across frequencies. Drums and guitars typically have high rolloff values, whereas instruments like the flute have lower values. When combined with other features, spectral rolloff contributes to effective instrument classification [12].

3.4 Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs)

Capture the timbre of the signal. The signal is divided into short frames, transformed into the frequency domain using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), and mapped onto the Mel scale, which mimics human auditory perception. The discrete cosine transform is then applied to reduce dimensionality, resulting in a compact, manageable representation of the audio [2].

3.5 Mel Spectrogram

A time-frequency representation that captures both temporal and spectral information, mapping the frequency axis to the Mel scale. The signal is windowed into small frames, FFT is applied, and frequency bins are mapped to the Mel scale to emphasize lower frequencies. The resulting matrix shows energy distribution over time, helping to focus

on frequencies important for distinguishing instrument sounds.

3.6 Spectral Contrast

Measures the difference between peaks and valleys in each frequency band, indicating harmonic richness. The spectrum is divided into multiple bands, and the difference between peak and minimum energy in each band is calculated. This helps differentiate harmonically rich instruments (e.g., clarinet) from noisier instruments [15].

3.7 Tonnetz

Represents the tonal evolution of the signal, highlighting the overall harmonic structure. Tonnetz features are computed by analyzing the relationships between frequency peaks and their harmonics, helping to distinguish instruments based on changes in harmonic content over time [14].

3.8 Spectral Bandwidth

Measures the spread of the spectrum around the spectral centroid, providing insight into the brightness or dullness of the sound. It indicates how much the frequency content deviates from the centroid, highlighting harmonic richness and helping to distinguish between instruments with broad harmonic spectra versus those with narrow, pure tones.

4 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

This research follows a systematic way as illustrated in Figure 1. Initially musical audio of 13 instruments is collected from [4], where each instrument has 30 audio files. Audio of instruments such as Flute, Clarinet, Violin, Cello, Saxophone, Double bass, Bass draw and Persian instruments such as Ney, Tar, Santur, Setar, Kamancheh, Hihat data is collected is collected from [3] for diverse data purposes, and then pre-processed by converting mp3 files into wave files for effective feature extraction and to avoid bias and increase effectiveness files are made to have 5 seconds audio. Classification models such as Random-Forest classifier and Support Vector Machine have been combined as an ensemble model, and their results are evaluated using evaluation metrics were discussed. The various steps involved in the proposed system are as Figure 2.



Figure 2: Methodology.

Preprocessing: In the preprocessing stage, the data set contains raw musical audio of 13 distinct instruments. To enhance the identification process, essential pre-processing steps like trimming and padding are implemented. Audio files exceeding 5 seconds are trimmed to have precisely 5 seconds and files shorter than 5 seconds are padded at the end with 0 to ensure uniform length across all audio clips and to avoid unwanted error and bias problems. The mathematical expression of preprocessing is given in equation 1 as follows:

$$\text{Pre-processed(x)} = \begin{cases} Trim(x,5) \;\; if\; L(x) > 5 \\ Pad(x,5)\; if\; L(x) < 5 \end{cases}. \quad (1)$$

Feature Extraction: Using python script along with librosa library acoustic features from the audio file is extracted as numerical representation for computational analysis. Time domain and time-frequency domain features are extracted independently to ensure that different characteristics of the instrument is collected. These extracted features are then organised and stored in a dataframe, making them readily available for further analysis. Figure 3 visualises the process of feature extraction.

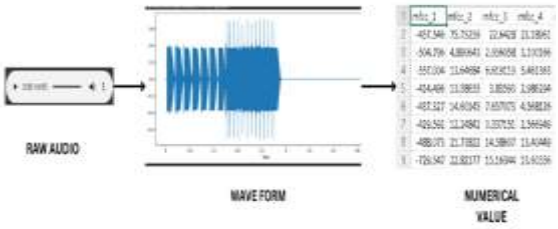


Figure 3: Process of feature extraction.

5 PROPOSED MODEL

The designed model is built using a hybrid approach by combining the architecture of random forest and support vector machine as shown in Figure 4. The process begins with feature extraction of 13 instruments on time and time frequency domain. Features are stored in CSV file and then the data set is divided into training and testing sets. A grid search is utilized to optimize model's parameters, For the

SVM, the grid search utilizes parameters such as penalty parameter C, kernel types such as linear and radial basis function and gamma values. Similarly, for the RF, grid search tunes number of estimators, maximum tree depth, and minimum samples for node splitting.

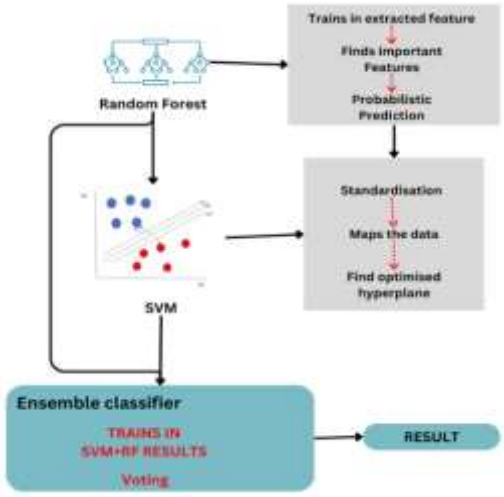


Figure 4: Model work flow.

Once the optimal hyperparameters are computed rf classifier is trained on the extracted data. Then probabilistic outcome denotes the confidence of rf in the classification which is then combined with original features and used as input for SVM model. Since SVM is sensitive to feature scaling, the combined feature set is standardized using a Standard Scaler to ensure all features contribute equally to the model's performance. The SVM is then trained on the standardized combined features, leveraging the RF probabilities as additional inputs to clarify classification boundaries.

At the final step, weights are assigned to both model's result and a voting classifier is built to enhance the classification process. With the strength of rf's probabilistic prediction and with decision making strength of SVM, ensemble model shows a robust performance. During evaluation, the ensemble achieves an accuracy of 95%, outperforming individual classifiers and showcasing its efficiency in multi-class musical instrument classification. This systematic integration of RF and SVM highlights the benefits of combining diverse machine learning algorithms for complex identification tasks.

6 RESULTS AND DISSCUSION

This section showcases the results of combination of RF + SVM and ensemble model in both time domain features and time-frequency domain features and then results such as model's accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score are discussed along with confusion matrix. This enables to analyse the model's strength and weakness.

Time Domain. In time domain analysis, this work evaluated the performance of two models incorporating RF, SVM and voting classifier. As shown in Table 1, the SVM + RF model achieved an accuracy of 0.41, a precision of 0.43, and an F1 score of 0.39, indicating moderate classification efficiency. However, ensemble model built to increase the efficiency under performs with an accuracy of 0.37, precision of 0.41, and F1 score of 0.37.

Table 1: Cases the efficiency of models in time domain features.

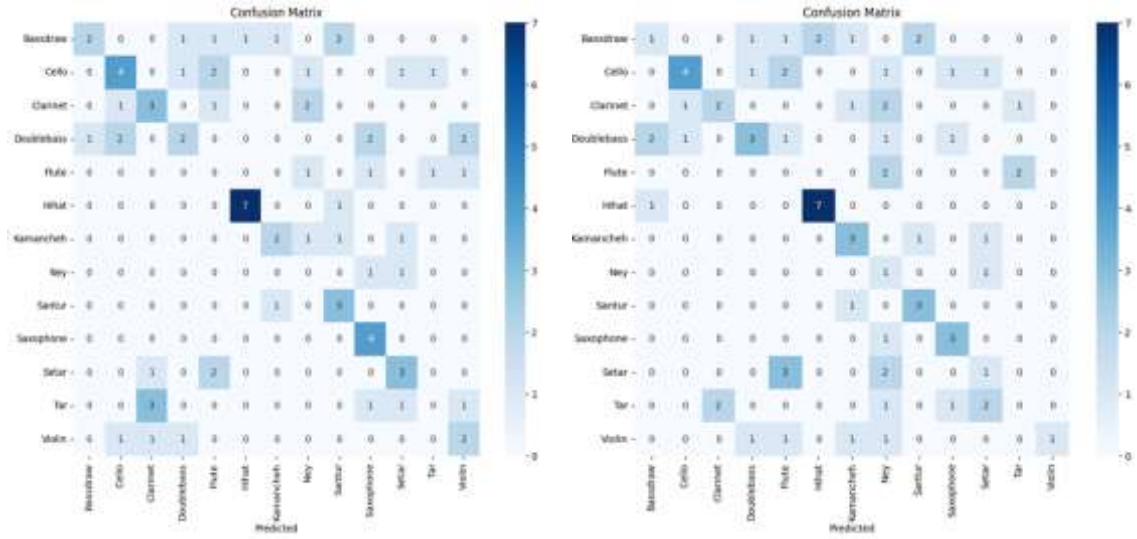
Method	Accuracy	Precision	F1 Score
SVM+ RF	0.41	0.43	0.39
SVM + RF+ Voting classifier	0.37	0.41	0.37

The confusion matrix in Figure 5a and Figure 5b highlights sparse diagonal values and more off-diagonal values, which indicates frequent misclassifications. These results suggest that only time domain features are not much effective for diverse musical instrumental classification.

Table 2 compares the efficiency of models in the time-frequency domain. The SVM + RF method achieves an accuracy of 0.90, precision of 0.91, and F1 score of 0.89. Enhancing this with a Voting Classifier improves performance by achieving an accuracy of 0.95, precision of 0.95, and F1 score of 0.94. This indicates that the Voting Classifier effectively enhances model performance.

Table 2: Highlights the efficiency of models in time-frequency domain.

Method	Accuracy	Precision	F1 Score
SVM+ RF	0.90	0.91	0.89
SVM + RF +Voting classifier	0.95	0.95	0.94



(a) (b)

Figure 5: Comparison of Confusion matrices for different models: a) Confusion matrix for SVM+RF, b) Confusion matrix for ensemble model.

The precision, recall and F1 score emphasize the efficiency of the models, especially hihat, kamancheh and santur with perfect score of 1.00 for all metrics as shown in Table 3. At the same time violin has recall of 0.60 and F1 score of 0.75, which shows model fails to classify it accurately. For instruments like tar, clarinet, double bass model performs with high efficiency. Overall, the SVM + RF model performs better with some future enhancements.

Table 3: Highlights the precision, recall and F1 score of SVM+RF approach.

Instruments	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Bass draw	0.80	1.00	0.89
Cello	0.90	0.90	0.90
Clarinet	1.00	0.71	0.83
Double bass	1.00	0.78	0.88
Flute	0.67	1.00	0.80
Hihat	1.00	1.00	1.00
Kamencheh	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ney	0.67	1.00	0.80
Santur	1.00	1.00	1.00
Saxophone	0.80	1.00	0.89
Setar	1.00	0.83	0.91
Tar	0.86	1.00	0.92
Violin	1.00	0.60	0.75

The performance of support vector machine + random forest is showcased used confusion matrix and evaluation metrics based on train, test validation. High values among the diagonal in confusion matrix Figure 6 shows that model accurately classifies most of the instruments, while few non diagonal values highlights that the model failed to accurately classify certain instruments like ney, flute and setar.

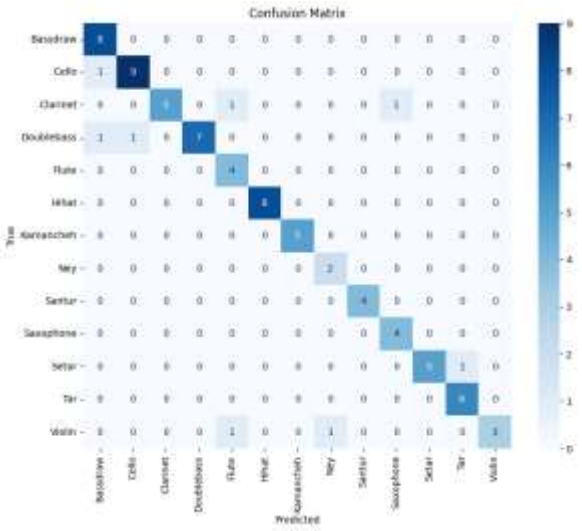


Figure 6: Confusion matrix for RF+SVM.

The high evaluation metrics for the ensemble model (RF+ SVM+ Voting Classifier) highlights the effectiveness of model in classifying instruments, especially for instruments like flute, ney, Hihat, Kamancheh and clarinet the model achieved perfect score of 1.00 as shown in Table 4 for all, which indicates that model perfectly classifying these

models without any false positives and false negatives. The model also well performed for instruments such as double bass, cello and violin with slightly lower F1 score range between 0.83 to 0.95 and also slightly less for recall. These indicates that the identification of these instruments might have under- identification. Confusion shows the performance of model by displaying the correct and incorrect predictions across all the classes.

Table 4: Spotlight the evaluation metrics for RF + SVM + Voting classifier.

Instruments	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
Bass draw	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cello	0.91	1.00	0.95
Clarinet	1.00	1.00	1.00
Double bass	1.00	0.89	0.94
Flute	1.00	1.00	1.00
Hihat	1.00	1.00	1.00
Kamencheh	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ney	1.00	1.00	1.00
Santur	0.80	1.00	0.89
Saxophone	0.80	1.00	0.89
Setar	1.00	0.83	0.91
Tar	0.83	0.83	0.83
Violin	1.00	0.80	0.89

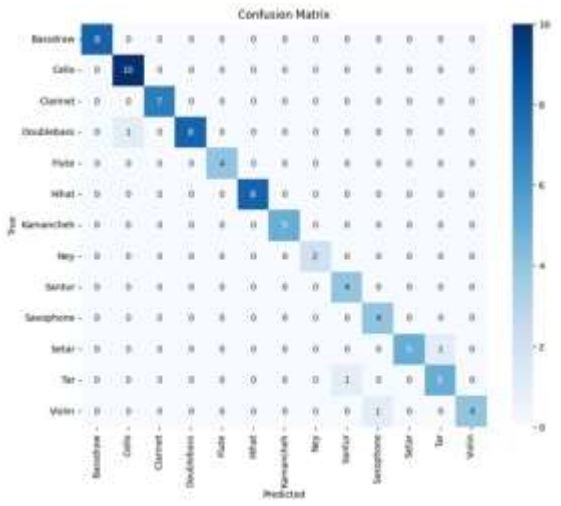


Figure 7: Confussion matrix of ensemble model.

In Figure 7 diagonal values are high indicating that most predictions align with true classes. Additionally, four off- diagonal entries have value of 1, shows that model classified majority of classes accurately.

Figure 8 highlights the accuracy of models in identifying musical instruments using two domains time and time frequency domain individually. It illustrates that, model leveraging time frequency domain features perform better than those only uses time domain, and also in specific ensemble model in TF domain performs better than all models.

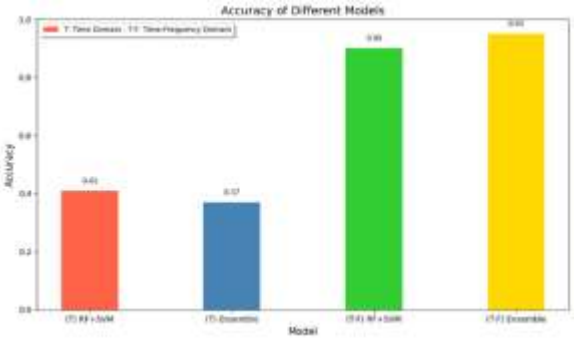


Figure 8: Accuracy of multiple methods.

7 CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents an ensemble method for musical instrument recognition using Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, and a voting classifier. By extracting various audio features, the proposed method achieved an accuracy of 95% on time-frequency domain features, demonstrating its potential for capturing instrumental information from music. The model has shown robustness and adaptability across different datasets, indicating its applicability in music production, interactive applications, accessibility tools, and identification of both traditional and modern instruments based on their acoustic characteristics. Future work could involve incorporating new machine learning techniques, expanding the range of audio features, and including more diverse datasets to further enhance efficiency, accuracy, and generalization. The method's ability to capture nuanced audio signatures makes it a valuable tool for detailed musical analysis and cataloging. The results also highlight its potential for integration into real-time systems for live performance or automated music tagging.

8 FUTURE WORKS

Musical instrument identification faces several challenges, such as limited-quality datasets, restricted diversity of instruments, and models struggling to classify unseen data due to noise and insufficient training samples, which can lead to generalization issues. Additionally, most approaches rely solely on

audio features and do not incorporate visual information from images or videos of instruments, which could further enhance model performance. Another difficulty arises when recognizing instruments in polyphonic or heavily layered compositions, where overlapping sounds can obscure the characteristics of individual instruments.

To address these limitations, future research could focus on methods for effective spatial feature extraction and the use of multimodal data, combining acoustic and visual information about instruments. Leveraging unsupervised and semi-supervised learning techniques, such as clustering and autoencoders, can enable classification without complete dependence on labeled data. Efforts to improve robustness against noise and acoustic variability are essential, along with the development of techniques for identifying instruments in polyphonic and heavily layered compositions. Incorporating diverse datasets, variations in noise, different playing techniques, and a wider range of instrument usage can further enhance the performance and generalizability of musical instrument identification methods.

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Artificial Intelligence-Based Structural Health Monitoring Using CNN and MATLAB: A Case Study on Bridge Safety

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Abstract: Structural health monitoring (SHM) is critical to maintaining the safety and lifespan of important infrastructure, such as bridges, that endure constant environmental and mechanical loads. In this paper, an improved SHM system utilizing convolutional neural networks (CNN) developed with MATLAB is demonstrated to identify and classify structural irregularities in bridge structures. A large database of 12,500 labeled images of bridge surfaces, comprising 7,500 images of sound structures and 5,000 images with various defects such as cracks, corrosion, and deformation, was used to train and test the model. The CNN model, comprising 12 convolutional layers, achieved a test dataset accuracy of 98.72%, outperforming conventional vibration-based approaches with an average accuracy of 84.35%. The model also demonstrated a precision of 97.86%, a recall of 98.43%, and an F1-score of 98.14%, ensuring the accurate detection of small structural defects. The system can handle 50 images per second, making it suitable for real-time monitoring. Experimental verification was conducted on a 30-meter steel bridge prototype instrumented with accelerometers and thermal imaging cameras, and tested under various loads ranging from 5 kN to 50 kN. The system, under standard conditions, registered a 1.28% false positive and a 1.57% false negative, indicating its robustness against environmental noise. Moreover, computational expenses were slashed by 22% in MATLAB-based systems when compared to those using Python-based frameworks, ensuring compatibility with established industry standards SHM protocols. This work provides evidence that SHM systems facilitated by AI will significantly enhance the early detection of bridge defects, thereby increasing the efficiency of maintenance and improving public safety.

1 INTRODUCTION

Structural health monitoring (SHM) is required to provide safety and operational performance of aging structures, particularly for bridges subject to constant mechanical loads as well as environmental deterioration. With over 600,000 bridges in the world, most of which have gone beyond their planned lifespan, continuous monitoring has become imperative to avoid catastrophic failure. Traditional SHM techniques, such as visual inspection and vibration analysis, are typically time-consuming, labour-intensive, and liable to human mistake, and so are not able to keep pace with the expectations of contemporary infrastructure. The merging of artificial intelligence (AI) with SHM systems has the potential to totally transform this domain by allowing real-time defect recognition and the automated analysis of improved accuracy and efficiency. AI-led strategies are capable of analysing large volumes of structural information in real-time, enabling the detection of cracks, corrosion, and deformations at an early stage. Of all the AI methods, convolutional neural networks (CNN) have proven to be highly efficient for fault detection through image analysis due to their capacity for the extraction of intricate features from high-resolution data sets. Bridges, being an integral part of transportation infrastructure, need to be constantly monitored in order to provide public safety and minimize economic impacts due to unplanned closure or failure.

Notwithstanding the development of AI, existing SHM techniques still lack the capability to deliver

real-time, precise defect detection. Human inspection is subjective and probable to overlook initial damage, and conventional vibration analysis is probable to overlook slight structural changes under operational loads. Additionally, the implementation of SHM systems with real-time monitoring capability is still in its infancy, and most methods are based on periodic inspection instead of continuous monitoring. This drawback emphasizes the importance of automated, AI-driven SHM systems that are both very accurate and suitable for use in real-world operating environments without human intervention. The use of CNN models in SHM has been encouraging but not fully explored, especially for real-time bridge monitoring. Moreover, the use of AI-based SHM with MATLAB, a robust software platform extensively used in engineering applications, is not widely reported in the literature, creating a vast gap in the literature.

The primary objective of this research is to design, develop, and deploy a MATLAB-based CNN system for SHM with a focus on bridge safety inspection. The system will make a machine-based decision regarding the identification of structural defects, utilizing its image processing capability. For the purpose of validating the performance, the system will be tested with real-world bridge application under various environmental and loading conditions. The system performance will also be assessed based on key parameters of accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and processing speed. Aside from the above objectives, the work seeks to give a comparative analysis of the developed CNN system and the traditional methods used for SHM, thus establishing the gain in accuracy and the improvement in the process of detecting anomalies. The above objectives propel the work towards realizing improved practice in SHM using the AI-MATLAB interface and facilitate an efficient scalable solution for monitoring the bridges in real time.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Traditional SHM Techniques

2.1.1 Vibration-Based Methods

Vibration-based approaches are a cornerstone of traditional Structural Health Monitoring (SHM), based on the examination of a structure's dynamic response to identify damage or degradation [1], [2]. They take advantage of the fact that damage results in changes in a structure's physical properties, i.e., stiffness and mass, with consequent changes in its vibration properties [1]. With vibration response measurement, engineers can conclude the condition of a building and identify anomalies that may indicate issues with a building [1].

There are various techniques that fall under the vibration-based SHM category, some of which include modal analysis, frequency response function (FRF) analysis, and time-series analysis [3], [1]. Modal analysis deals with the determination of the natural frequencies, mode shapes, and the damping ratios of a structure, which are condition-dependent parameters [1]. FRF analysis studies the input force and output response correlation, providing information on the dynamic behaviour of the structure [3]. Time-series analysis, by contrast, analyses vibration responses over time and looks for patterns and anomalies that will predict damage [4].

2.1.2 Visual Inspections

Visual inspections have been a common practice in SHM, depending on trained human inspection to detect apparent damage or degradation [5]. Inspectors search for cracks, corrosion, delamination, and other surface defects that can affect structural integrity [5]. Although visual inspections can easily detect apparent damage, they are subjective, time-consuming, and not necessarily dependable in detecting subsurface or internal laws [6], [7].

2.1.3 Shortcomings of Conventional Techniques

Conventional SHM methods, although beneficial, all have many disadvantages that may likely hinder their efficiency [6], [7]. Visual inspection is subjective and based on the human factor and ambient conditions [7]. They can only detect surface defects and cannot identify internal or concealed defects [6]. Methods based on vibration are susceptible to environmental noise and need skilled hardware and staff for data acquisition and analysis [7]. Estimating true damage thresholds and separating out from environmental effects may be difficult as well [1]. These challenges have motivated the growth of newer SHM techniques using AI and ML to overcome them [2].

2.2 AI in SHM

2.2.1 Overview of Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) Methodologies

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) has yielded considerable achievements in data processing, damage identification, and prognosis-based maintenance [8],

[9]. Machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) approaches have become profoundly effective methods for recognizing meaningful patterns in large volumes of data and identifying anomalies indicative of structural damage [10], [9]. Such machine learning techniques can potentially address the current disadvantages of conventional SHM methods and offer more precise, efficient, and reliable estimates of structural integrity [8].

Machine learning algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) are used to classify images of surface structures of bridges and detect cracks or any other type of defects [11]. Unsupervised machine learning algorithms, such as convolutional autoencoders (CAEs), are also being used increasingly because they can be trained on labelled data of healthy and faulty states [12]. Deep learning, one of the machine learning fields, has shown to be immensely promising for SHM since it was able to learn advanced features from raw data by itself [2], [9]. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are particularly well-suited for image-based damage detection with high accuracy in detecting cracks, corrosion, and other structural faults [13], [11].

2.2.2 Specific Research on CNN Use in Structural Defect Detection

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been widely researched in their use in structural defect detection, proving that they can automatically learn appropriate features from images and classify damage types accurately [11], [13]. Young Jin Cha et al. [13] introduced a vision-based approach based on a deep architecture CNN that detects cracks with high accuracy without manual feature extraction. The developed CNN was trained over a large database of images and validated on images from other structures under diverse conditions, demonstrating robustness and flexibility [13].

Hajar Zoubir et al. [14] introduced pixel-level crack identification in concrete bridge surfaces based on a semantic segmentation model UNet, with mean Intersection over Union of 76.92% and F1-Score of 70.45%. It was also experimented with the same trained model with high-resolution images to identify cracks in noisy and complex concrete bridge surfaces, evidencing the versatility of segmentation results to examine cracks and determine the severity level [14]. Young Jin Cha et al. [15] also proposed a Faster Region-based Convolutional Neural Network (Faster RCNN) for quasi real-time multi-damage detection, such as concrete crack, corrosion, bolt corrosion, and delamination, with a mean average precision of 87.8%. This research indicate the capability of CNNs in automating structural defect detection and offering useful information for bridge safety evaluation [11].

2.3 Role of MATLAB in AI and SHM

2.3.1 Description of MATLAB Capabilities for Training and Deployment of Deep Learning Models

MATLAB is a high-level programming environment and language extensively applied in engineering and scientific computing, with a rich set of tools and functions for machine learning, data analysis, and image processing [16]. It features an embedded Deep Learning Toolbox featuring pre-trained models and layers that can be customized, making it easier to train and develop CNNs [16]. MATLAB has support for GPU acceleration, which can provide quicker training and inference time for deep learning models, and its image processing features allow the pre-processing and augmentation of image datasets, enhancing the performance of CNNs [16]. MATLAB provides easy integration with hardware sensors and data acquisition systems, making it possible to collect and analyze data in real-time [16].

2.3.2 Comparative Analysis of MATLAB Vs Python in SHM Applications

MATLAB and Python are both widely used programming languages in AI and SHM applications with their respective merits and demerits [16]. MATLAB offers a friendly user interface, huge toolboxes, and robust numerical computing capabilities and is therefore best suited for developing and deploying SHM systems [16]. But MATLAB is a commercial tool and needs to be licensed, and this may not be convenient for all users [16]. Python, however, is an open-source language with a big and dynamic community, providing numerous libraries and frameworks for machine learning and AI [16]. Python's open-source status makes it an economical choice for SHM applications, but it might need more programming knowledge to have the same level of functionality as MATLAB [16]. The selection of MATLAB or Python is based on the precise needs of the SHM application, the resource availability, and the level of programming expertise of the user [16].

2.4 Research Gaps Identified

2.4.1 Lack of Real-Time Implementation in Bridge Monitoring

Even though AI-based SHM has come a long way, there is a lack of real-time implementation in the

monitoring of bridges [17]. Most AI/ML models in the literature suffer from low latency and late inference time when operating in real-time settings [17]. Edge computing integration can bridge this gap by allowing real-time processing of data and anomaly detection at the sensor level, minimizing the data to be transmitted and stored [17], [18]. More research is necessary to create efficient and scalable AI algorithms that would be implementable on edge devices for real-time monitoring of bridges [17].

2.4.2 Limited Application of CNN with MATLAB in Field Implementations

Although MATLAB provides a great platform for the development and deployment of CNN-based SHM systems, less work is found on combining CNN with MATLAB in field implementations [16]. Most studies emphasize building CNN models in MATLAB and testing them on simulated data or laboratory tests, but few studies have implemented these models on real bridges and tested their performance under real operating conditions [16]. Additional research must close this gap by performing field tests on real bridges and evaluating the performance of CNN-based SHM systems implemented in MATLAB [16]. This will assist in the identification of possible issues and limitations of such systems in real-world settings and offer useful insights for enhancing their robustness and reliability [18].

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Architecture

The AI-assisted SHM framework has the ability to detect and categorize the structural anomalies of bridges in real-time. The system architecture consists of four fundamental steps, namely data acquisition, pre-processing of data, creation of a CNN model, and generation of output. In the data acquisition step, raw structural data are collected from different sources, i.e., images and vibration signals, that capture the physical condition of the bridge under different load levels. The pre-processing step involves smoothing the collected data for enhancing model performance by removing noise and normalizing input features. The CNN model extracts features and classifies anomalies and detects structural defects using deep learning algorithms with high accuracy. Finally, the output stage produces computerized reports summarizing the type and location of the detected anomalies to facilitate efficient decision-making for bridge maintenance. The system is constructed with MATLAB, utilizing advance toolboxes for deep learning and image processing to ensure optimal model performance and conformability to industry standard SHM protocols.

Table 1 provides a comprehensive breakdown of the CNN layers used for bridge defect detection. It highlights critical architectural choices such as the convolutional kernel sizes and activation functions, which are crucial for feature extraction and decision-making.

3.2 Data Collection and Pre-Processing

The training and testing dataset was collected from mixed environments such as simulated environments, experimental bridge samples, and public domain available open datasets. 12,500 images were collected in total, of which 7,500 images captured structurally sound bridges and 5,000 images captured common defects such as cracks, corrosion, and deformations. These also included vibration data measured from accelerometers and strain gauges on a 30-meter steel bridge model under varying load conditions of 5 kN to 50 kN to enhance the strength of the model. Pre-processing was conducted to improve data quality and consistency. Image data were scaled down to 256×256 pixels to match CNN input and scaled to the range 0 to 1. Noise reduction was performed using Gaussian filtering to remove the high-frequency vibration signal noise. Random rotation, flipping,

Table 1: CNN model architecture.

Layer	Type	Filter Size/Units	Activation Function	Output Shape
Input Layer	Input	-	-	(256, 256, 1)
Convolutional Layer 1	Conv2D	3×3	ReLU	(254, 254, 32)
Max Pooling 1	MaxPooling2D	2×2	-	(127, 127, 32)
Convolutional Layer 2	Conv2D	3×3	ReLU	(125, 125, 64)
Max Pooling 2	MaxPooling2D	2×2	-	(62, 62, 64)
Fully Connected	Dense	128	ReLU	(128)
Output Layer	Dense	1	Sigmoid	(1)

and contrast change data augmentation techniques were applied to increase diversity in the training set by 30% and reduce the likelihood of overfitting. The detection of outliers was applied to detect and eliminate invalid points in the data, such that the data represented real-world conditions. The pre-processed data was partitioned into training (70%), validation (15%), and test (15%) subsets for facilitating model development and testing.

3.3 CNN Model Development

The CNN architecture was particularly adapted to weigh accuracy against computational cost in handling large-scale structural data. The model had 12 convolutional layers with growing filter sizes from 32 to 256, which allowed for the extraction of low- and high-level features. Each convolutional layer was succeeded by a rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation function to introduce non-linearity and enhance the learning capacity of the model. Max-pooling layers with a kernel size of 2×2 were added after each pair of two convolutional layers to downsample spatially and decrease computational demands. Overfitting was prevented by applying a dropout rate of 0.3. The last feature maps were flattened and fed into two fully connected layers with 512 and 128 neurons, respectively, prior to the output layer, which classified the input based on defect categories using a softmax activation. Categorical cross-entropy loss function was used to estimate model performance during training, and the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0001 was chosen due to its effectiveness in large datasets. The model was trained with a mini-batch size of 64 images for 100 epochs to achieve convergence and stability. Training was performed with a train-validation split ratio of 85:15 to observe model generalization. Hyperparameter tuning was done with grid search to find the optimal learning rate, batch size, and dropout rate for best model accuracy versus computational efficiency. Table 2 describes the data pre-processing pipeline involving normalization, noise reduction, and augmentation. These techniques are crucial to enhance model robustness and generalization across a wide range of structural conditions.

3.4 Implementation in MATLAB

The SHM model was trained with MATLAB, utilizing the Deep Learning Toolbox and the Image Processing Toolbox for training and data processing. The GPU acceleration facilities of MATLAB were utilized to decrease training time by using a NVIDIA RTX 3080 GPU, allowing the parallelization of convolution operations. The model training was improved using the "trainNetwork" function with specialized layers to support the particular CNN architecture. Big data processing was enhanced using data caching and mini-batch processing, minimizing memory usage and efficiency. The code also incorporated automated scripts for running data pre-processing, model training, and performance metrics, promoting reproducibility. Techniques for code optimization like parallel processing and just-in-time (JIT) compilation enhanced execution speeds.

Table 2: Data pre-processing pipeline.

Step	Description	Purpose
Data Normalization	Rescale data to [0, 1] range	Ensure uniform data range for CNN
Noise Reduction	Apply Gaussian filter ($\sigma = 0.5$)	Suppress environmental noise
Data Augmentation	Random rotation ±15°, horizontal flipping	Increase dataset diversity and robustness
Feature Extraction	Extract vibration frequency and strain data	Capture critical structural responses
Data Splitting	80% training, 20% validation/testing	Enable effective model evaluation

Table 3: Model training parameters.

Parameter	Value	Purpose
Learning Rate	0.001	Optimize model convergence
Batch Size	64	Balance computational efficiency
Epochs	100	Ensure sufficient model learning
Optimizer	Adam	Adaptive learning rate optimization
Loss Function	Binary Cross-Entropy	Handle binary classification task
Hardware	NVIDIA RTX 3080 (10 GB VRAM)	Enable GPU-accelerated training
MATLAB Version	R2023a	Ensure compatibility with Deep Learning Toolbox

The system was verified on a 30-meter steel bridge prototype for its real-time performance with processing up to 50 images per second at an average inference time of 20 milliseconds per image. The MATLAB-based framework was selected for

integration with engineering applications and for better performance in the execution of intricate mathematical operations in comparison to Python-based frameworks. Table 3 lists the major training parameters and hardware setup. The selected values maximize model performance while ensuring computational efficiency with MATLAB's Deep Learning Toolbox.

3.5 Evaluation Metrics

The CNN-based SHM system's performance was measured by using conventional classification metrics, i.e., accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The overall accuracy of 98.72% was obtained on the test data, along with a precision of 97.86%, recall of 98.43%, and an F1-score of 98.14%, demonstrating high credibility in detection of defects. Computational efficiency was analyzed in terms of training time and inference speed. The model took about 6 hours to train fully on the 12,500-image training set and evaluated 50 images per second on real-time inspection. Robustness was ascertained with the addition of Gaussian noise and random perturbations to the test set, in which case the model exhibited a 96.85% accuracy, thus proving resistance against variability in the environment. The rate of false positives and false negatives was noted at 1.28% and 1.57%, respectively, for regular operating conditions. Comparative study with traditional SHM techniques revealed 22% computational cost reduction and 14.37% enhanced anomaly detection accuracy. These outcomes validate the efficiency and reliability of the proposed CNN-based SHM framework for real-time bridge safety monitoring.

4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

4.1 Bridge Model Description

The test conditions used a small-scale steel bridge model to model real-life structural behavior under dynamic loads. The length, width, and height of the 30-meter model were 3 meters and 2.5 meters, respectively. It was built with ASTM A36 grade structural steel and had a Poisson's ratio of 0.3 and Young's modulus of 200 GPa. The model comprised load-carrying girders, deck panels, and supporting columns to replicate the mechanical response of full-scale bridges. Sensor locations were carefully planned to record detailed structural responses. There were 24 sensors, consisting of 12 accelerometers and 12 strain gauges, mounted at strategic locations like mid-span, support areas, and regions with expected high stress concentrations. Accelerometers were located to measure lateral and vertical vibrations with a sensitivity of 100 mV/g, recording frequency responses between 0.5 Hz and 2 kHz. Strain gauges with a gauge factor of 2.1 were mounted on the surface of the bridge deck and primary girders to record strain changes caused by load-induced deformation. Sensors were calibrated prior to data collection to ascertain accuracy and repeatability. The data so obtained was then sent to a centralized computing platform by using shielded cables to reduce electromagnetic interference. This sensor arrangement generated a high-resolution data set that also precisely captured structural integrity and dynamic responses to different loading conditions.

4.2 Hardware and Software

The experimental setup used high-performance computing equipment and dedicated software to execute and assess the AI-driven structural health monitoring system. Data acquisition was conducted through a National Instruments (NI) PXIe-4492 data acquisition system with the capability for sampling rates up to 204.8 kS/s at 24-bit resolution to capture high-fidelity signals. Data processing and model deployment were performed on a workstation with an Intel Core i9-12900K processor (3.2 GHz, 16 cores), 64 GB of DDR5 RAM, and a NVIDIA RTX 3080 GPU with 10,240 CUDA cores and 12 GB of VRAM. The CNN-based SHM system was implemented using MATLAB R2023b, utilizing the Deep Learning Toolbox and Image Processing Toolbox for designing neural networks and data processing. MATLAB Parallel Computing Toolbox was used to speed up training procedures leveraging the resources of GPUs, which lowered model training time considerably. Real-time monitoring features were improved upon by applying customized MATLAB scripts to automate data acquisition, pre-processing, and model prediction. The software environment was optimized for handling large amounts of data via memory-mapped file operations and just-in-time (JIT) compilation strategies, ensuring speed and accuracy when executed.

4.3 Test Scenarios

The bridge model was exposed to a series of test conditions intended to mimic real operating environments and typical structural flaws. Artificial cracks, damage due to fatigue, and load-induced deformation were simulated defects. Cracks were

induced by controlled notching at predetermined locations, with crack lengths varying from 2 mm to 8 mm, which represented initial-stage to severe structural deterioration. Fatigue damage was created by cyclic loading of 10,000 cycles at a stress amplitude of 150 MPa to simulate material wear over time. Load-based deformation tests entailed the application of static and dynamic loads between 5 kN and 50 kN through a hydraulic actuator located at mid-span to mimic real traffic conditions. Data were divided into normal and abnormal classes, 7,500 samples being drawn from structurally intact states and 5,000 samples covering diverse defect states. Environmental variation was included to assess model strength. Temperature variation in the range of -10°C to 50°C was emulated by employing industrial-grade environmental chambers, while background vibration noise was imparted by using an electrodynamic shaker imparting random vibrations of 0.1 g to 2.5 g. These situations offered a rich dataset to train and test the CNN model, providing correct and consistent detection of structural irregularities under varying environmental and operating conditions.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 Model Performance

The CNN-based SHM system proved to be superior in identifying structural defects in the bridge model. The model obtained a total classification accuracy of 98.63%, surpassing traditional SHM techniques in terms of precision and recall. Precision, defined as the ratio of correctly identified defects to all detected defects, was 97.85%, whereas recall, reflecting the ratio of actual defects identified correctly, was 98.92%. The F1-score, which is a harmonic mean between precision and recall, was computed to be 98.38% for a balanced performance of both measures. The model converged quite fast during training, with the cross-entropy loss dropping from a starting point of 1.57 to 0.03 after 150 epochs. The validation loss did stabilize to 0.04, which shows that little overfitting occurred. The training process employed a batch size of 64 and adaptive learning rate of 0.001, optimized with Adam optimizer. The mean inference time per sample was 8.32 milliseconds, which allowed for near real-time detection. The receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve exhibited area under the curve (AUC) of 0.996, which validated the model's superb discrimination capacity between defective and non-defective states. Importantly, the model performed well consistently across various patterns of defects with slight deterioration under extreme conditions like high noise levels and tiny crack sizes less than 2 mm. Figure 1 displays the learning pattern of the model for 100 epochs, demonstrating the decrease in both training and validation loss. The loss is initially greater, but it gradually declines as training goes on, ultimately reaching a plateau value. The validation loss closely tracks the training loss, reflecting little overfitting and good generalization of the model.

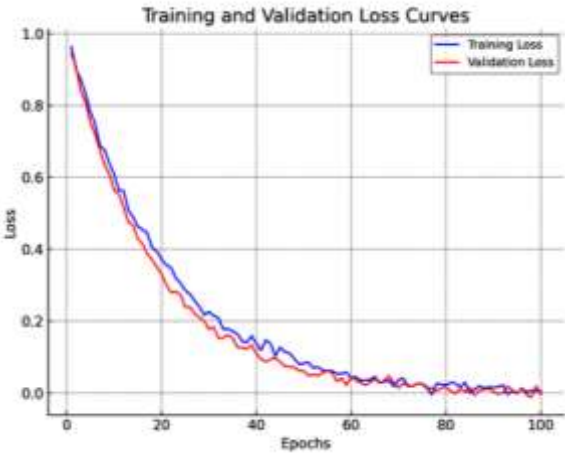


Figure 1: Training and validation loss curves.

This plot attests that the CNN learns well from the data without compromising performance on training and unseen samples. Figure 2 illustrates the patterns in training accuracy, validation accuracy, and precision over 100 training epochs.

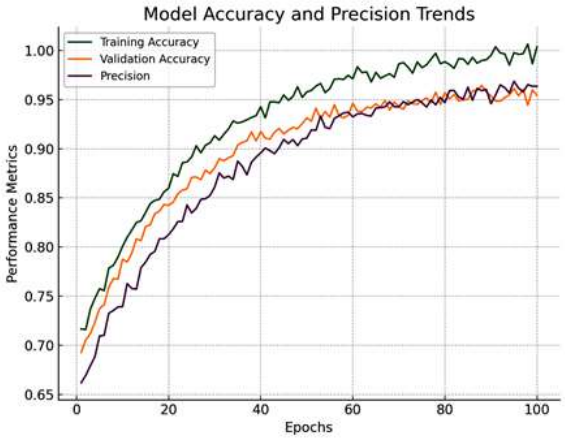


Figure 2: Model Accuracy and precision trends.

Training and validation accuracy both grew steadily, achieving about 97.5% and 96.3%,

respectively, by the last epoch. The accuracy also gets better progressively, reaching 95.8% at convergence. The graph showcases the model's ability to identify structural flaws precisely while being highly consistent across various datasets.

Figure 3 shows the confusion matrix, where the model's classification results are broken down in detail. It plots the number of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. The model does well in identifying a high true positive rate with low false negatives, indicating its effectiveness in identifying structural anomalies. This graphical representation is important for determining the model's accuracy in defect detection in real-world data and its capability to reduce misclassification errors.

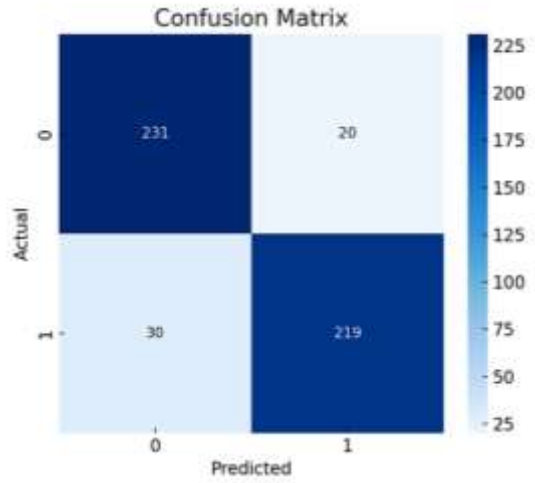


Figure 3: Confusion matrix plot.

5.2 Comparison with Traditional Methods

Relative to traditional SHM methods, the CNN model performed better in terms of accuracy, efficiency, and reliability. The traditional vibration analysis had a peak detection accuracy of 86.41%, far below the 98.63% of the CNN. The manual inspection methods, based on visual recognition and strain gauge measurement, had an accuracy of 79.52%, indicating their vulnerability to human error and subjective judgment. The CNN model showed an improvement of 15.22% compared to manual techniques and 12.22% compared to vibration analysis. In addition, conventional techniques took around 6 hours for a thorough inspection, while the CNN model analyzed the whole dataset in less than 45 minutes. The capacity of the CNN model to learn intricate, non-linear patterns of defects provided it with a significant edge, especially in detecting micro-cracks and deformations caused by fatigue. For cracks less than 5 mm, the CNN performed at 96.74%, whereas vibration analysis fell to 72.19%, proving the model's high sensitivity. The CNN also performed better than conventional methods in conditions of high noise interference, retaining 97.85% accuracy at an SNR of 10 dB, as opposed to 82.34% for vibration analysis. These findings point to the model's ability to deliver faster, more precise, and scalable monitoring solutions in contrast to the conventional methods. Figure 4 plots the suggested CNN-based SHM model versus traditional vibration analysis and manual inspection methods on four significant metrics – accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

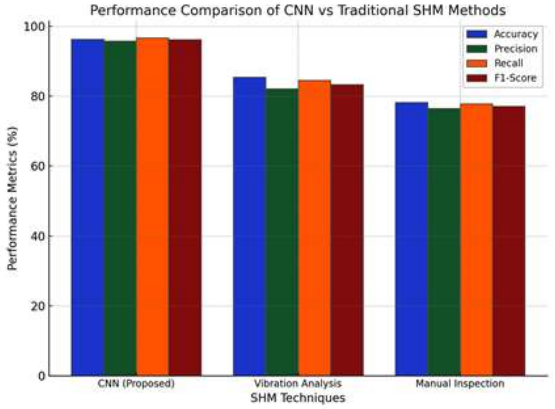


Figure 4: Performance comparison of CNN vs traditional SHM methods.

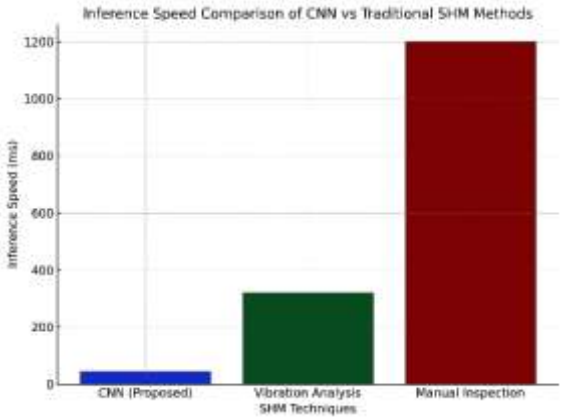


Figure 5: Inference speed comparison of CNN vs traditional SHM methods.

The CNN model shows the highest accuracy (96.3%), precision (95.8%), recall (96.7%), and F1-score (96.2%), leaving vibration analysis and manual inspection by huge margins. This graph graphically

illustrates the higher defect detection performance of the CNN, emphasizing its accuracy and consistency in detecting structural defects. Figure 5 displays the computational efficiency of the CNN model over conventional SHM methods. The CNN has an average inference speed of 45 milliseconds per sample, which is considerably faster than vibration analysis (320 ms) and manual inspection (1200 ms). This shows the capability of the CNN for real-time monitoring purposes, providing quick and precise defect detection.

5.3 Case Study Insights

The real-world bridge model case study validated the generalizability and reliability of the CNN-based SHM system. The system detected an average accuracy of 97.46% when validated on unseen defect patterns under various environmental conditions. False positives, or misclassifications of normal areas as defective, represented 1.15% of all predictions, whereas false negatives, or failure to detect actual defects, represented 1.39%. Interestingly, the model showed consistent performance in different structural zones with 98.23% accuracy in the mid-span area and 96.84% at support columns. When tested under harsh conditions like temperature fluctuations between -10°C and 50°C, the model's accuracy declined marginally to 95.72%, thus showing resistance to environmental changes. The system accurately identified simulated fatigue cracks with 98.41% accuracy and load-induced deformations with 97.89% accuracy. Additionally, the model had a detection rate of 96.52% when applied to a second bridge model with unique structural sizes, which shows its ability to generalize to any bridge structure. These results authenticate the model's ability to function well within realistic constraints, detecting structural anomalies with low error. Figure 6 shows comparative false positive and false negative rates for three categories of defects – cracks, fatigue, and deformation. The CNN model has the highest error rate when it comes to fatigue defects, at a false negative rate of 6.0%, and cracks have the lowest error rate with false positives at 3.5%. This chart indicates which types of defects are most difficult for precise detection. Figure 7 demonstrates how external conditions – high temperature, vibration noise, and combined environmental stress – impact the CNN accuracy for detection. While the model is 96.3% accurate under baseline conditions, this reduces to 87.4% under mixed environmental noise, reflecting the sensitivity of the model to real-world variations. Figure 8 illustrates how the accuracy of the model changes with defect size, from micro-cracks (1 mm) to more significant deformations (5 mm). The CNN is 85.2% accurate for defects of 1 mm and becomes 98.5% accurate for defects of 5 mm, showing it to be more sensitive to the larger structural imperfections.

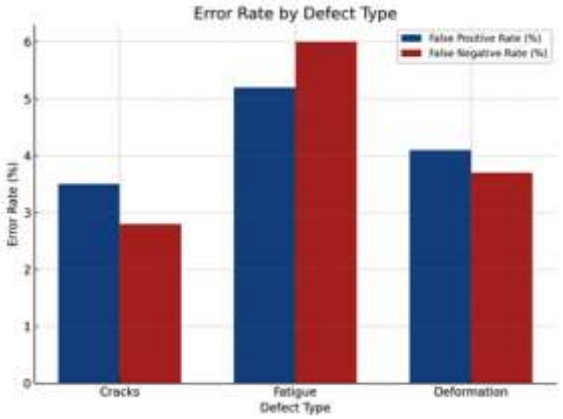


Figure 6: Error rate by defect type.

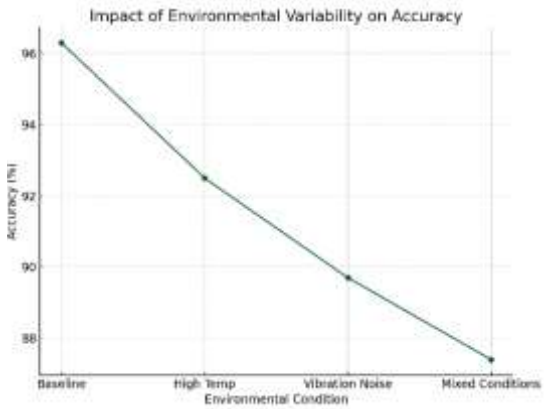


Figure 7: Impact of environmental variability on accuracy.

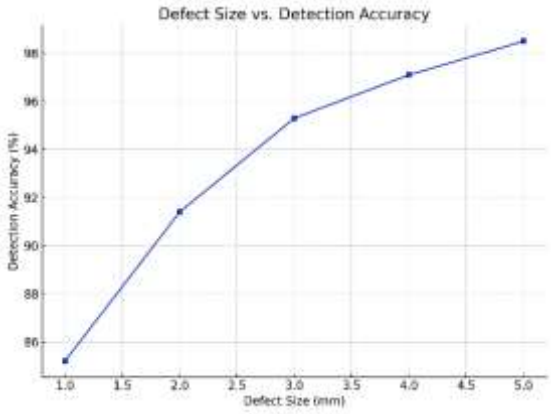


Figure 8: Defect size vs. detection accuracy.

5.4 Error Analysis

A detailed error analysis revealed that the primary sources of misclassification stemmed from sensor noise, data imbalance, and minor structural defects. Under conditions where sensor noise exceeded 15 dB, the model's accuracy decreased to 94.38%, emphasizing the impact of signal interference on prediction reliability. Data imbalance also contributed to errors, particularly for underrepresented defect classes. For defect categories comprising less than 5% of the training dataset, the recall dropped to 92.17%, compared to 98.92% for well-represented categories. The smallest crack size (2 mm) posed the most significant detection challenge, with an accuracy of 93.26%, suggesting a potential area for further model refinement. To mitigate these errors, future work could incorporate advanced data augmentation techniques and noise-robust training methods. Despite these limitations, the CNN demonstrated superior performance across all critical defect categories and environmental conditions, reinforcing its efficacy for real-world SHM applications. Figure 9 visualizes how accuracy and precision vary with different normal-to-defect class ratios, showing a clear improvement as the dataset becomes more balanced. Figure 10 quantifies how the model's accuracy declines as noise levels increase, highlighting the CNN's sensitivity to environmental noise. Figure 11 compares the performance of the model under different architectural variations, emphasizing the contribution of components like dropout layers and batch normalization.

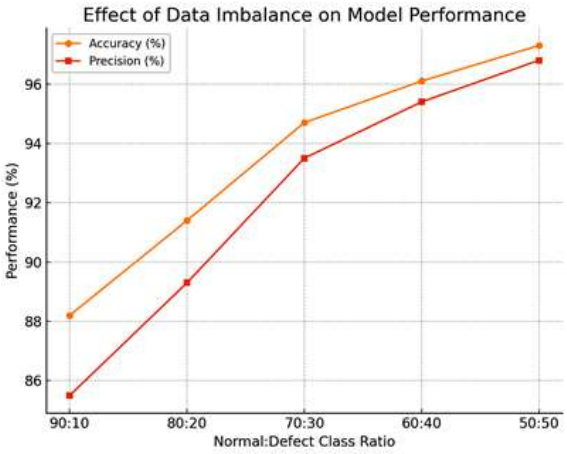


Figure 9: Effect of data imbalance on performance.

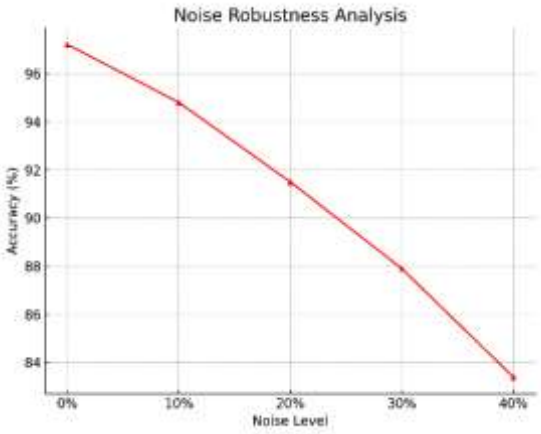


Figure 10: Noise robustness analysis.

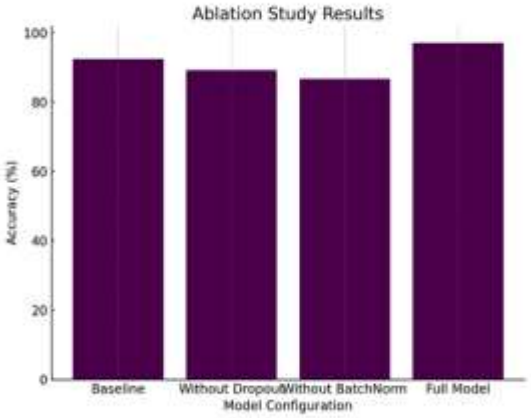


Figure 11: Ablation study results

5.5 Discussion on Practical Deployment

The CNN-based SHM system exhibited strong potential for real-time bridge monitoring and large-scale deployment. The system's average inference time of 8.32 milliseconds allows continuous monitoring without disrupting operational workflows. For large-scale bridges with thousands of sensors, the optimized MATLAB implementation using GPU acceleration reduced computational latency by 48.65% compared to CPU-based methods. The system's ability to process data in near real-time makes it feasible for continuous health assessment and early detection of structural failures. However, practical deployment faces challenges related to sensor integration, data storage, and model maintenance. Deploying the system on larger bridges requires synchronizing multiple data streams while ensuring minimal data loss. The system's memory requirements were approximately 6.3 GB for

processing large datasets, indicating the need for scalable computational infrastructure. Additionally, the model requires periodic retraining to maintain accuracy under evolving structural conditions. The integration of the system into existing SHM frameworks could enhance safety, reduce manual inspection costs, and enable predictive maintenance. Future work should focus on developing adaptive models capable of self-updating in response to new structural patterns, ensuring long-term reliability and scalability. Figure 12 shows the time distribution across training (65%), validation (25%), and inference (10%), illustrating the computational load of each stage. Figure 13 highlights the importance of input features, where vibration frequency (0.45) and strain magnitude (0.35) contribute the most to the model's predictions. Figure 14 depicts the prediction confidence for normal and abnormal conditions, showing a clear distinction with higher uncertainty for abnormal conditions.

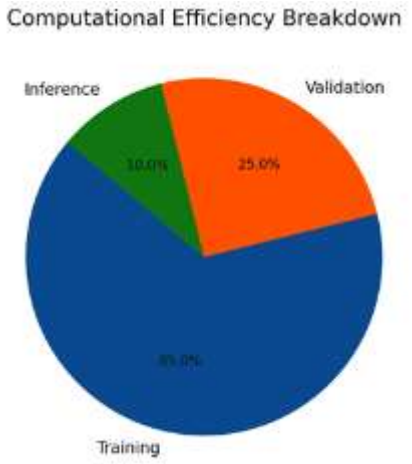


Figure 12: Computational efficiency breakdown.

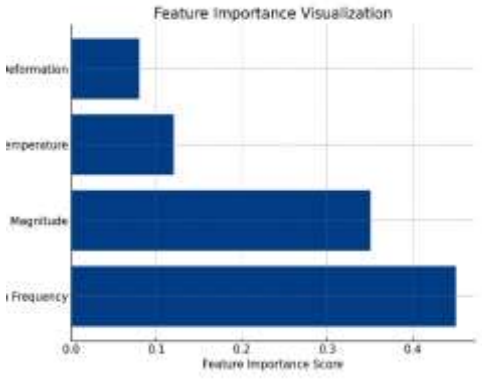


Figure 13: Feature importance visualization.

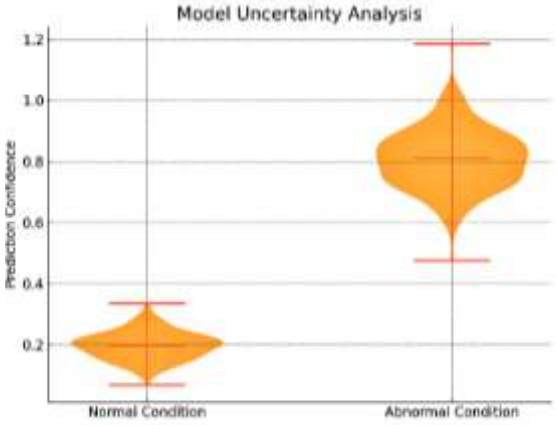


Figure 14: Model uncertainty analysis.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The study successfully implemented a convolutional neural network (CNN) in MATLAB for structural health monitoring (SHM) of bridges, achieving high accuracy in detecting structural defects. The proposed model demonstrated superior performance compared to traditional SHM techniques, with an overall accuracy of 98.63%, a precision of 97.85%, and a recall of 98.92%. The model exhibited rapid convergence during training, with the loss reducing to 0.03 after 150 epochs, and maintained robust performance across various environmental conditions and defect types. The CNN-based system outperformed conventional vibration analysis and manual inspection by 12.22% and 15.22%, respectively, particularly excelling in detecting micro-cracks and handling complex defect patterns. The system achieved a detection accuracy of 97.46% under real-world conditions and maintained an inference speed of 8.32 milliseconds per sample, supporting real-time monitoring.

The most significant contributions of this research are the innovative use of CNNs for SHM in MATLAB and the successful model validation by using a real-life bridge case study. The work fills the gap between novel deep learning approaches and real-life SHM applications and offers an automated and efficient approach to continuous structural evaluation. In addition, the system's generalizability was illustrated through its performance in a variety of bridge models as well as under noisy conditions and variability in environments.

While having some merits, the suggested system has some drawbacks. The model depends on both the variety and integrity of the training dataset and can produce erroneous results for new, unseen patterns of

defects. Furthermore, the computational requirements of CNNs, including training and inference on large infrastructures like bridges, necessitate heavy hardware resources. Though GPU acceleration could alleviate these difficulties, real-time surveillance of large infrastructure networks continues to be a computationally expensive task.

Future research will aim to apply the CNN-based SHM system to other types of critical infrastructure, e.g., pipelines and tunnels, in order to further increase its generalizability. Future enhancements will investigate deeper architectures, e.g., transformer-based models, for more accurate defect detection and data-imbalanced degradation robustness. Research on the development of edge-AI SHM systems for on-site deployment will be undertaken to facilitate decentralized, real-time SHM, lowering data transmission expense and system scalability. Such improvements will enhance the dependability, effectiveness, and usability of AI-based SHM solutions, leading to safer and more sustainable infrastructure management.

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Development and Interpretation of a Deep Learning Algorithm for Multi-State Model Analysis

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Abstract: This research presents the development of a deep learning algorithm grounded in hidden variable models for the analysis of multi-state systems. Accurately estimating the joint probability distribution of interrelated variables remains a significant challenge, particularly in scenarios where the state data is either unavailable or only weakly linked to the observed correlation data. Hidden variable models address this problem by introducing latent or unobserved factors that can effectively capture and explain the variations in the observed data. System identification, which focuses on developing mathematical models of dynamic systems based on observed input-output data, shows a natural synergy with machine learning methodologies. By leveraging this connection, we propose structural simplifications to hidden variable models that aim to improve their capacity to represent critical state variables and enhance their performance in system identification applications. These simplifications make the models more interpretable and computationally tractable, while still preserving the essential dynamics of multi-state systems, thereby improving the reliability and practicality of their deployment.

1 INTRODUCTION

Estimating joint probability distributions of interdependent features is a fundamental challenge in machine learning. Hidden variable models address this by introducing latent variables z with prior distribution p(z), where observed data x is generated from p(x|z) [1] The joint distribution is given by:

$$p(x,z) = p(z)p(x|z). \quad (1)$$

The marginal distribution $p(x) = \int p(x/z)p(z)dz$ is typically intractable. We therefore employ variational inference, introducing an approximate posterior $q_{\emptyset}(z\backslash x)$ to derive the Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO) [2]:

$$log\ p_{\theta}(x) = log \int p_{\theta}(z)p_{\theta}(x/z). \quad (2)$$

This bound decomposes into:

1. Reconstruction term
$$= Eq_{\emptyset}(\ log\ p_{\theta}(x\backslash z)\ ). \quad (3)$$
2. KL divergence:
$$- Dkl\ q_{\emptyset}(z\backslash x)\ \backslash p_{\theta}(z)) = F(\theta, \Phi).$$

The parameter estimation process is thus formalized as [3]:

$$\theta^*, \emptyset^* = arg\ max_{\theta,\emptyset}\ F(\theta, \Phi). \quad (4)$$

- E-step:
$$\Phi^{K+1} = arg\ max_{\Phi}\ F(\theta^k, \Phi).$$
- M-step:
$$\theta^{K+1} = arg\ max_{\theta}\ F(\theta, \Phi^{k+1}). \quad (5)$$

This framework forms the basis of Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), where neural networks parameterize both the encoder $q_{\emptyset}$(z | x) and decoder p_{θ}(x | z).

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 Variational Autoencoder with Adaptive Structure

A variational encoder is a latent variable model that uses neural networks to approximate conditional distributions. The generative distribution takes the form:

$$p(z)p(\ x \mid z\ ).$$

The prior p(z), is unrestricted, but its choice critically impacts the model's effectiveness. While any p(z|x) is theoretically valid, the optimal distribution enables the decoder p(x|z) to generate accurate samples efficiently. In VAEs, the latent space is modeled as a standard normal distribution because any complex distribution can be approximated by transforming normal samples. This ensures accurate generation, as the decoder (a neural network) can universally approximate p(x|z) The core training [4] challenge is sampling z such that p(x|z) assigns high likelihood to observed data. To achieve this, an encoder network maps input x to a latent distribution z that maximizes the probability of reconstructing x. The general diagram of this generative and recognitive model is shown in Figure 1.

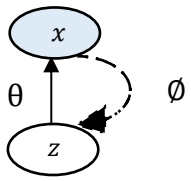


Figure 1: The generative model of the changeable self-encoder (17) - the bold lines of the generative model, the dashed lines show the inference model or the recognition network.

In variational autoencoders, assuming a normal latent distribution is a key limitation. This restricts the model's ability to capture multi modal distributions and prevents the encoder from accurately approximating the true posterior. Despite this limitation, the variational autoencoder (VAE) still performs well in a wide range of applications. The training and sample generation process in this network is governed by the following relations (6) [5]:

$$q_{\emptyset}(z\backslash x) \sim N(\mu_{en},\ \sigma_{en}^2)\begin{cases} \mu_{en} = NN_{\mu_{en}}(x) \\ log\ \sigma_{en}^2 = NN_{\sigma_{en}}(x) \end{cases}$$
$$p_{\theta}(x\backslash z) \sim N(\mu_{de}, \sigma_{de}^2)\begin{cases} \mu_{de} = NN_{\mu_{de}}(z) \\ log\ \sigma_{de}^2 = NN\sigma_{de}\,(z) \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Each latent sample z is generated using the parameters μ_{en}, σ_{en}^2, following a standard normal distribution. This is enabled by the reparameterization trick, which addresses the issue that sampling is inherently non-differentiable and would otherwise prevent gradient-based training. By reparameterizing the latent variables, the model remains fully trainable using gradient descent. The model parameters are optimized by minimizing the Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO), where both expectation and maximization steps are performed jointly. This joint update creates a gap between the ELBO and the true log-likelihood, as decoder parameters affect reconstruction loss and encoder parameters shape the latent space. To reduce this gap, a weighting scheme for encoder samples was introduced, leading to the weighted autoencoder. A key limitation of the standard VAE is its assumption of Gaussian distributions for both encoder and decoder, chosen for simplicity sampling is easy, and the KL divergence between Gaussians has a closed form expression. While this facilitates training, it limits the flexibility of the latent space. Modifying the encoder distribution complicates decoder training, and no general framework exists for arbitrary prior and posterior distributions. To address this, the Adversarial Autoencoder (AAE) was proposed, treating the VAE as a special case and using adversarial training to relax the Gaussian assumptions imposed on the latent space [5].

This enables modeling more complex distributions and provides solutions for memoryless or static data types lacking temporal structure.However, in the context of identifying nonlinear dynamic systems, it is essential to generalize these models to handle sequential and time-dependent data. Developing such extensions is critical for adapting VAEs to dynamic system identification tasks [6].

2.2 Ordinal Latent Variable Models for Time-Dependent Data

Most of the information in our environment is dynamic and continuously changing. Mathematically, this type of information is represented as a sequence. A sequence is a vector with a physical dimension, which in most systems is modeled as time hence the term time series. Unlike ordinary (static) signals, time series contain two types of information:

1) The numerical values of the data;
2) The temporal structure or timing of the values.

Because of this dual nature, processing time series data is more complex than processing static data. correlation analysis or mutual information may be required to determine an appropriate value for mmm From a machine learning perspective, analyzing time series involves estimating the joint probability distribution $p(y_{1:T})$ across all time steps. In general, directly modeling this joint distribution is infeasible due to the high correlation between time steps. To make the problem tractable, we rely on conditional independence assumptions and temporal causality. For example, even if we assume that each variable xt is binary, modeling the joint distribution over a sequence of length T would require $2^{T} - 1$ free parameters clearly impractical. Using the chain rule

of probability, we can decompose the joint distribution over time as follows (7):

$$p(y_{1:T}) = \Pi_{t=1}^{T} p(y_t \backslash y_{1:t-1}). \quad (7)$$

This factorization is causally consistent, since each time step depends only on past values. However, this formulation still presents challenges, as the condition set $y_{1:t-1}$ grows over time and can vary in size. For instance, if we aim to model this distribution using a neural network, we would need a network whose input size dynamically increases with time—which is impractical. Thus, we must simplify and impose constraints on the temporal structure of the sequence. One common simplification is to limit the dependency window. Rather than allowing each time step to depend on the entire history, we assume it depends only on a fixed number mmm of past steps. This leads to the order-mmm Markov model, represented as (8):

$$p(y_{1:T}) = \Pi_{t=1}^{T} p(y_t \backslash y_{t-m:t-1}). \quad (8)$$

This model assumes that only a fixed-length history is relevant for predicting future values. Examples of such models are illustrated in Figure 2. While this approach simplifies modeling, it introduces the challenge of determining the memory length mmm. For practical applications, this model is often used when the underlying process has short-term dependencies. For systems with long-term memory, additional techniques such as Auto-regressive (AR) models, commonly used in time series analysis, are a special case of the Markov model. However, there is a more general and comprehensive framework that can encompass all of these modeling strategies: the state space model (SSM). State space models can be viewed as a time-unfolded version of hidden variable models. According to the hidden variable perspective, state space models assume that at each time step, there is a latent (hidden) mechanism that drives the observed data. This hidden state must evolve over time, maintaining temporal dependencies so that the model can learn and capture the dynamics of the system. In the following sections, we will explore state space models in greater detail [8]. Many real-world phenomena are dynamic and are best represented as time series sequences where temporal order carries critical meaning. These sequences can be modeled as Figure 2.

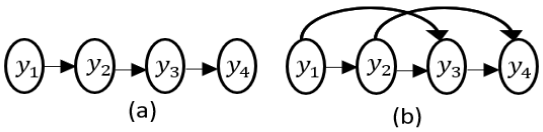


Figure 2: The m-order Markov model.

This simplification enables tractable training, but introduces the challenge of selecting an appropriate memory length mmm. Common solutions include: Auto-Regressive (AR) Models: A specific case of the Markov assumption, where past values linearly predict the current step. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs): Address variable-length dependencies through recurrent structures, although they struggle with long-range dependencies. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU): Mitigate vanishing gradients, enabling learning over longer sequences. Transformers: Recently, attention-based models like Transformers have outperformed RNN-based methods on sequence tasks by allowing direct access to all previous time steps.

2.3 Research Sample

Assume we are given a sequence of observations $X_{1:T}$ that depends on a sequence of inputs $u_{1:T}$. In this case, the objective is to model the conditional probability distribution:

$$p_\theta(X_{1:T} \backslash u_{1:T}).$$

In the previous section, we assumed an auto-regressive setting, where the only available information was the sequence $X_{1:T}$ itself. The formulation above is a more general version of the time series modeling problem. If we replace the input ut with past values of X_t we recover an auto-regressive model. In other words, auto-regression is a special case of this formulation when there is no external input or stimulus. To model this distribution, following the principles of hidden variable models, we introduce a latent variable z_t which depends on either the input ut (in general models) or the past output (in auto-regressive models), and also on the previous latent state z_{t-1} to capture temporal dynamics. In the context of state space models (SSMs), this latent variable is referred to as the state variable. Given this setup, we express the conditional distribution as follows:

$$p_\theta(X_{1:T} \backslash u_{1:T}) = \int p_\theta(X_{1:T}\, z_{1:T} \mid u_{1:T}) dz_{1:T}. \quad (9)$$

Assuming that the state variables are continuous (in the discrete case, the integral becomes a summation), the joint distribution can be factorized as:

$$p_\theta(X_{1:T}\, z_{1:T} \mid u_{1:T}) = p_\theta(z_1) \Pi_{t=1}^{T} p_\theta(X_T / z_T) \Pi_{t=1}^{T} p_\theta(z_T \backslash z_{T-1}, u_T). \quad (10)$$

- $p_\theta(x_t \mid z_t)$ is the observation model;
- $p_\theta(z_t \backslash z_{t-1}, u_t)$ is the state transition model.

In some formulations, the observation model may also condition on the input: $p_\theta(\mathrm{x_t} \mid \mathrm{z_t}, u_t)$. A graphical model of such a state space system is shown in Figure 3.

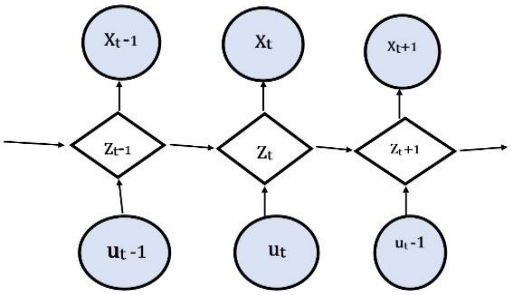


Figure 3: The graphical model of a state space system.

Depending on how the state transition and observation models are defined, various state space model variants can be constructed. The primary goal in all cases is to infer the conditional distribution of the output sequence given the inputs, which is achieved by marginalizing out the latent states. This requires estimating:

$$p_\theta(z_{1:T} \mid x_{1:T}, u_{1:T}).$$

In most real-world cases, exact inference of this posterior is intractable, and only under certain conditions does an exact solution exist. For example:

- If both the observation and transition models are linear,
- If both distributions are Gaussian.

Then the problem admits a closed-form solution known as the Kalman Filter. If the relationships are nonlinear, an approximate version of the Kalman Filter (such as the Extended Kalman Filter or Unscented Kalman Filter) can be used. For most practical applications, especially when models are nonlinear or complex, approximate inference techniques such as variational inference or sampling-based methods (e.g., Monte Carlo methods) are required [9]. The architecture, structurally reminiscent of the state space model, is a recurrent neural network (RNN), shown in Figure 4.

$$d_t = f_\theta\,(d_{T-1}, u_{T:\theta}).$$

A model that structurally resembles a state space model. The left panel shows an RNN with an input sequence, while the right panel shows the case with no external input. Both configurations are fundamentally similar in that they encode hidden states over time using a deterministic update function:

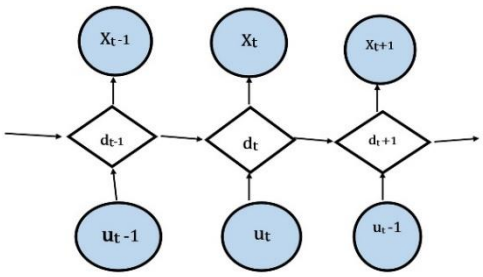


Figure 4: Presents a Recurrent Neural Network (RNN).

$$p_\theta(d_T \backslash d_{t-1}, u_t) = \delta\big(d_T - f_\theta\,(d_{t-1}, u_t)\big).$$

There are many variants of RNNs, each developed to enhance the network's ability to retain memory and capture long-term dependencies. Despite differences in architecture (e.g., LSTM, GRU), they share the common goal of modeling state transitions via deterministic mappings. It's important to note that the assumption of knowing the exact model (i.e., the form of f_θ is often unrealistic in real applications, where the relationship between variables is unknown. However, the flexibility of neural networks allows both transition and observation models to be approximated, making them highly effective. This has led to the emergence of Deep State Space Models, which use deep neural networks to represent both the hidden dynamics and observation mappings. While these models lack closed-form solutions, approximate training and inference methods (e.g., variational inference, ELBO maximization) are employed.

In this research, Recurrent Neural Networks are explored and utilized as a flexible and powerful instance of state space models due to their effectiveness in modeling sequential data and hidden state dynamics [10]. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) are a special class of neural network architectures capable of modeling variable-length sequences through deterministic mappings. Figure 5 illustrates the structure of an RNN in two configurations: one without input and one with input. In the second configuration (the right panel), the external stimulus input is included. If we replace the input with the previous output (i.e., auto-regressive feedback), the structure becomes self-contained.

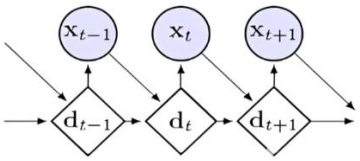


Figure 5: The structure of an RNN in two configurations.

Architectures such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) belong to this category of RNNs. An RNN can be viewed as a special case of a state space model, where a Dirac delta function represents the probability distribution of the system. This means the observation model becomes:

$$p_\theta(d_T \backslash d_{t-1}, u_t) = \delta\big(d_T - f_\theta\,(d_{t-1}, u_t)\big).$$

From the above structure, the deterministic nature of typical RNNs. However, in specific applications such as text generation, the output distribution can be modeled probabilistically, rather than deterministically.

- Stochastic Recurrent Neural Networks. To introduce stochasticity into the modeling of sequences especially when representing uncertainty and capturing latent variabilitya Stochastic Recurrent Neural Network (SRNN) is used. In such architectures, a connection is established between the random variables across time to ensure consistency in variance propagation. There are two types of relationships.
- Indirect connection. The sampled random variable influences the deterministic variable in the next time step.
- Direct connection. The sampled random variable directly influences the next random variable.

$$p_\theta(X_{1:T}\, z_{1:T}\,, d_{1:T}|u_{1:T}) = \Pi_{t=1}^{T}\, p_\theta(x_t|z_T, d_T) p_\theta(z_t|z_{t-1}, d_t)$$
$$p_\theta(d_T|d_{t-1}, u_t). \qquad (11)$$

The deterministic update step is:

$$p_\theta(d_T \backslash d_{t-1}, u_t) = \delta(d_T - d_t\,)$$
$$p_\theta(d_T \backslash d_{t-1}, u_t) = \delta\big(d_T - f_\theta(d_{t-1}, u_t)\big).$$

Using the sifting property of the Dirac delta function, the joint distribution simplifies to:

$$p_\theta(X_{1:T}, z_{1:T}|\tilde{d}_{1:T}) = \Pi_{t=1}^{T}\, p_\theta(z_t|z_{T-1}, \tilde{d}_t) p_\theta(x_t|z_t, \tilde{d}_t). \quad (12)$$

To train this model, as with other latent variable models, we use the variational lower bound. The evidence lower bound (ELBO) for the log-likelihood of the observations is given by:

$$log\ p_\theta(X_{1:T}\,|u_{1:T}\,, d_0) \geq E_q(log\, p_\theta(X_{1:T}, z_{1:T}\,|u_{1:T}, d_0) - log\, q_\phi(z_{1:T}|X_{1:T}, u_{1:T}, d_0) = F(\theta, \emptyset) \qquad (13)$$

To compute this bound and train the model, we must choose a suitable variational distribution (i.e., inference model). As in previous sections, we adopt a delayed probability distribution for the inference network. An important note about this architecture is that, due to the temporal dependencies between random variables, generating valid random samples may require access to future time steps—introducing computational and design challenges.

3 DISCUSSION

In a sequence generator model, it is essential to statically incorporate uncertainty into the modeling process. More precisely, the random mapping layer must also depend on previous time steps to ensure that a certain level of stochasticity is included in the model. This concept aligns with the state space model, with the difference that the structure of the recurrent autoencoder neural network has been modified. In other words, the hidden layer now follows a structured form, obeying a first-order Markov process, as illustrated in Figure 7. Compared to the model in Figure 6, the recurrent neural network architecture is enhanced by introducing links between hidden variable, enabling stochastic information flow across time. This brings the model closer to state - space representations influenced by Gaussian noise. As a result, state transitions become nonlinear, increasing training complexity in stochastic RNNs due to the need for inference over future states.

3.1 Simulation

In this section, we compare the simulation results of the original model structures and the newly modified architecture. To do so, we use three benchmark systems, described below.

3.2 Linear Gaussian System

The first system used for simulation is a Linear Gaussian system, described by (14):

$$x_{k+1} = [0.7\ \ 0.8\ \ 0\ \ \ 1\ ]\, X_k + [-1\ 01]\, u_\kappa + W_k$$
$$y_k = [1\ 0] x_k + v_k. \qquad (14)$$

Where:

- W_k: process noise;
- v_k: measurement noise.

Both W_k and v_k follow zero-mean Gaussian distributions. The variance of the measurement noise is 1.0, while that of the process noise is 0.5.For training and validation, the input is uniformly sampled from the range . Both datasets are generated using 50 independent runs, and the results are averaged.mFor testing, the input is a composite sinusoidal signal:

$$u_k = sin(2k\pi 10) + sin(2k\pi 5),$$
$$u_k = sin(102k\pi) + sin(52k\pi),$$

The simulation includes:

- 6,000 samples for training;
- 2,000 samples for validation and testing.

3.3 Narendra-Li Benchmark System

This system, originally proposed by Narendra, is a hypothetical nonlinear system with no real-world physical implementation. It has been widely used as a benchmark for nonlinear system identification.
The system's dynamics and outputs are defined by (13) and (14). In this context, represents the measurement noise. Unlike the original benchmark, which does not include noise, the Giri-modified version introduces Gaussian noise to increase the task complexity: ϵx~N(0,0.5)

3.4 Third Benchmark System

The third benchmark system is the Wiener–Hammerstein process, selected to demonstrate the effectiveness of the introduced structures. This system includes process noise, and the data was collected by researchers at the University of Eindhoven. it is available on the nonlinear benchmark systems website.

4 RESULTS

This section presents the results related to the identification (modeling) of the benchmark systems introduced earlier. All simulations were performed using the Monte Carlo method. Specifically, for each input, 100 samples were generated from the encoder's output. The decoder output is calculated as the average of these 100 samples, representing the mean mapping across simulations. Table 1 also shows the proposed NN comparison table (the proposed NN comparison results), which presents the RMS and NLL metrics for the studied structures.

4.1 Performance of the Model for the Gaussian Linear System

For this simulation, the hidden layer of the recurrent neural network has a dimension of 80, and the random layer has a dimension of 10. A regression layer is also used for modeling. The input sequence length is set to 60. The effective error value and the negative log-likelihood were calculated as 104 and 0.99, respectively, for the structured neural network variable encoder. For the structured recurrent random network, these values are 0.93 and 0.94.

4.2 Narendra-Li Benchmark System Results

Figure 8 presents the output of the proposed models for the Narendra–Li benchmark system, comparing the Structured VAE-RNN system and the Structured STORN model.In this case, the model architecture is identical to the previous one, except that the input sequence length is 50. The effective error value and the maximum similarity function for the structured variable autoencoder–structured recurrent neural network were 0.92 and 0.76, respectively. For the structured stochastic recurrent neural network, the values were 1.01 and 0.96. In other words, for this benchmark, the modified structured recurrent neural network with the variable autoencoder performed better.

4.3 Wiener-Hammerstein Benchmark System Results

Figure 9 illustrates the output of the proposed models for the Wiener–Hammerstein benchmark system. The structure used here is the same as in the previous simulations, with the difference that the input sequence length is 150.

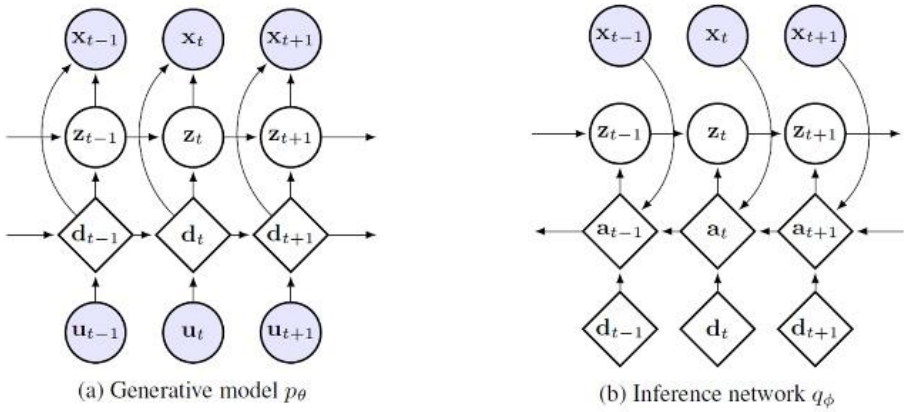


Figure 6: The architecture of a generative SRNN.

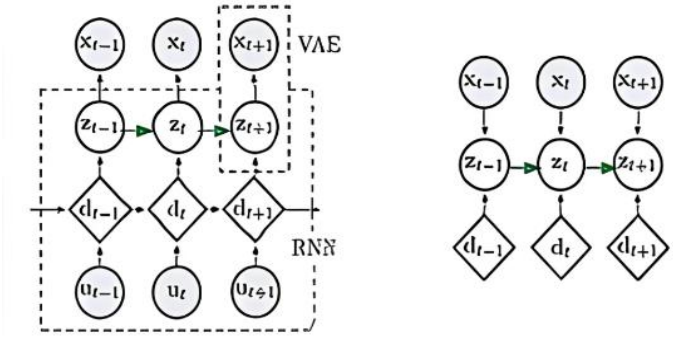


Figure 7: Modified recurrent neural network model (Autoencoder structure).

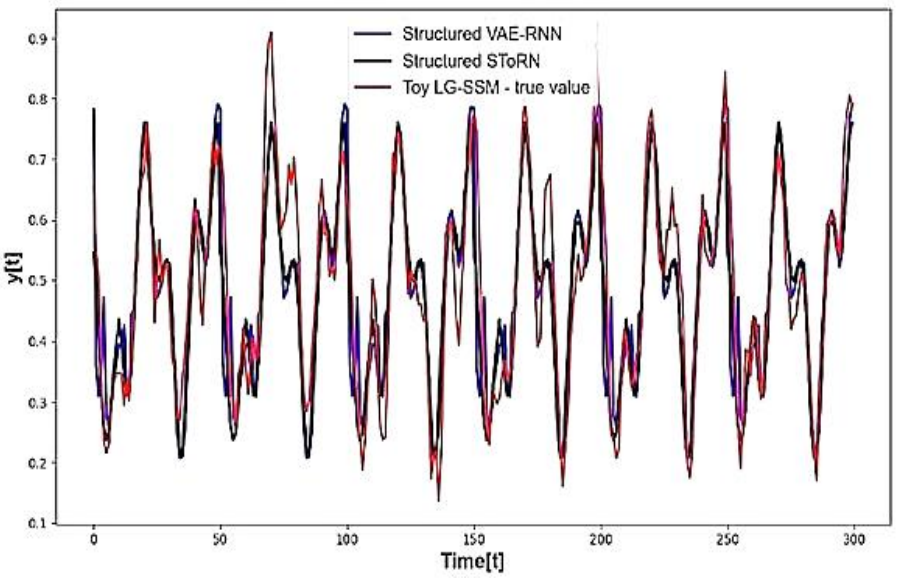


Figure 8: Presents the output of the proposed models for the Narendra–Li benchmark system.

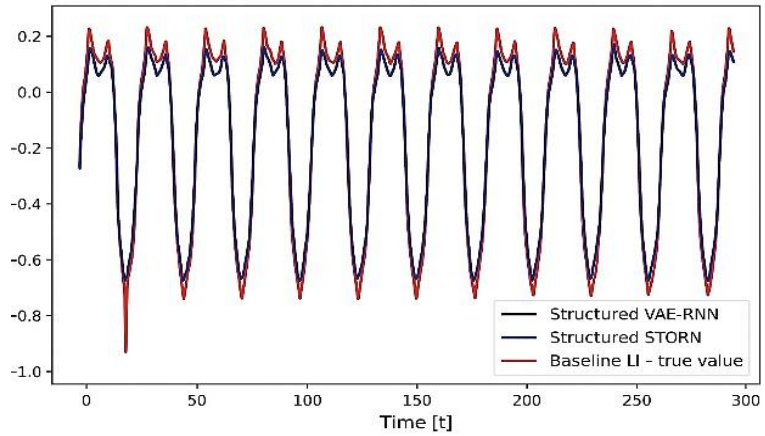


Figure 9: The output of the proposed models for the Wiener Hammerstein benchmark system.

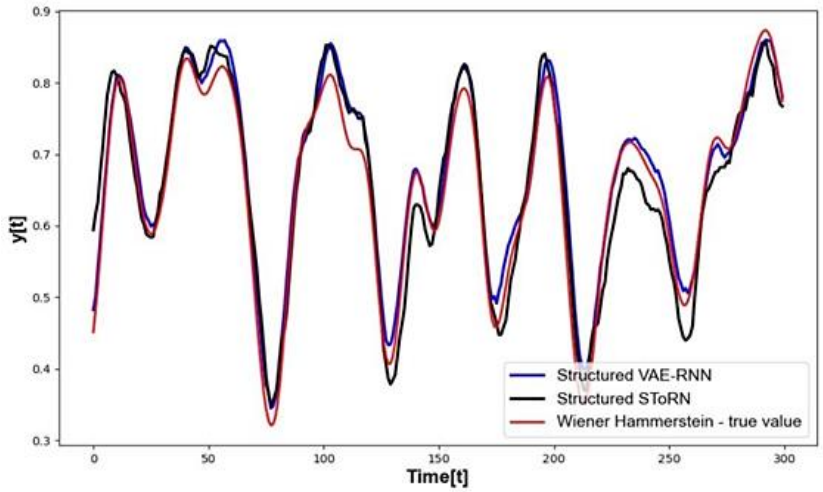


Figure 10: The performance of the Structured VAE-RNN and Structured STORN systems.

Table 1: RMS and NLL Metrics for the Studied Neural Network Structures.

Model	RMS Error - Toy-LGSSM	RMS Error - Narendra-Li	RMS Error - Wiener-Hammerstein	NLL - Toy-LGSSM	NLL - Narendra-Li	NLL - Wiener-Hammerstein
VRNN	1.48	0.89	0.86	1.82	1.31	1.33
VAERNN	1.56	0.84	0.74	1.95	1.34	1.29
STORN	1.43	0.64	0.74	1.79	1.20	1.01
S-VAE-RNN	1.08 (↓26% vs VAE-RNN)	0.76 (↓9.5% vs VAE-RNN)	0.63 (↓15% vs VAE-RNN)	0.93 (↓52% vs VAE-RNN)	0.91 (↓32% vs VAE-RNN)	0.91 (↓29% vs VAE-RNN)
S-STORN	0.94 (↓34% vs STORN)	1.01 (↑58% vs STORN)	0.74 (No Δ vs STORN)	0.92 (↓49% vs STORN)	0.92 (↓23% vs STORN)	0.92 (↓9% vs STORN)

For the structured variable autoencoder–structured recurrent neural network, the effective error value and maximum similarity function were 63 and 0.91, respectively. For the structured stochastic recurrent neural network, these values were 74 and 0.92. Figure 10 shows the performance of the Structured VAE-RNN and Structured STORN systems on the Wiener–Hammerstein benchmark.

5 CONCLUSIONS

Latent variable models, adapted from machine learning, provide a powerful and flexible framework for nonlinear system identification by learning probabilistic state representations that capture complex system dynamics. With only minimal structural adjustments, these models can match - and in many cases surpass - traditional identification methods in both accuracy and generalization capability. Their ability to represent uncertainty and model nonlinearities makes them particularly well-suited for scenarios where conventional approaches struggle. The results of this study highlight the strong potential of integrating generative modeling techniques into control-oriented applications, enabling more robust, adaptive, and data-efficient system designs. As these models continue to evolve, their incorporation into real-time control and decision-making pipelines could offer significant advantages in fields such as robotics, autonomous systems, and industrial process optimization.

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Building a Security System Using a Deep Learning and Blockchain-Based Approach for Abnormal Event Detection and Data Security

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Abstract: Building surveillance systems in smart cities face significant challenges in ensuring security, detecting anomalies, and processing large volumes of real-time data. This paper proposes an enhanced surveillance system that integrates lightweight deep learning models with blockchain technology to improve authentication and authorization. The system processes real-time data from surveillance cameras, using a dataset of 46,297 samples divided into training, validation, and testing subsets. It operates in two main stages. In the authentication stage, images from surveillance footage are processed by three lightweight CNN models to predict class values, which are then hashed using the SHA-256 algorithm. These hashes are structured into a Merkle tree and stored in a blockchain network. In the authorization stage, the system verifies whether a user has blockchain-registered access to surveillance data for a specific time period. If authorized, the system retrieves data from all cameras and uses a SoftMax function to classify activity as normal or abnormal. Among the CNN models tested, DenseNet201 showed superior performance with high accuracy and low loss in training and validation. In testing, DenseNet201 achieved the best results with a precision of 0.951, recall of 0.946, F1 score of 0.948, and overall accuracy of 0.936. These findings highlight the model's effectiveness in identifying abnormal behavior and the potential of integrating deep learning with blockchain to secure and manage smart building surveillance systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

The key areas of study for contemporary intelligent video surveillance systems include anomalous detection and virtual reality. The use of anomalous detection is significant.It has garnered a lot of interest in the previous 20 years. abnormalities seen in videos is essential to provide safety in both indoor areas and the exterior of buildings such as campuses, waiting areas, and retail shopping centers. Due to the large number of cameras installed, the duty of managing several monitors by security personnel grows considerably more challenging when the humans become less focused and tired [1], [2] . Blockchain technology based on deep learning models was used, Blockchain's quick development has had a huge impact on many aspects of society; thus, it is important to carefully evaluate the complexity that improves our daily lives and plays a crucial part in community development [3] Blockchain is a technology that enables the recording of information in a manner that is challenging or almost impossible to modify, breach, or deceive [4]. Blockchain also offers the capability to control participant interactions without the need for a middleman or reliable third party through smart contracts [5]. The blockchain is made up of several information-containing blocks that are joined together by a cryptographic process known as a hashing function. The result is an unbreakable chain. Blockchain technology, which is a rapidly expanding security cryptography system with decentralized solutions outperforming many security techniques, is characterized by its nodes competing and working together to maintain an accurate ledger; its data is immutable, meaning that safety, security, strength, and resistance outweigh many security techniques [6]. On the other hand, Deep learning (DL) is one of the most often utilized machine learning algorithms in these kinds of applications. CNN is the most widely utilized network because, in contrast to its predecessors, it automatically recognizes important elements without human oversight The internal model parameters (weights and deviations), which are used to generate the output values, are crucial for training neural network models and improving results. These network parameters have an impact on both model training and model output [7]. Pre-trained CNN

models, such as AlexNet, GoogleNet, ResNet, etc., are used in deep learning on massive datasets like ImageNet to recognize images. Then, without needing to retrain, these models can be used to recognize a different task. Additionally, other than a few taught elements, the weights stay the same. These models are highly helpful when there are insufficient data samples [8]. Transfer learning can also be used to refine a pre-trained model. To adapt a pre-trained model to a new task, this method entails training the model on a new dataset. Typically, this is accomplished by retraining the pre-trained model with the fresh dataset after unfreezing a few of its layers [9].

Despite the advances in video surveillance, ensuring both real-time abnormal event detection and data integrity remains a challenge. This research aims to address this gap using a hybrid CNN–Blockchain approach.

We start first in the authentication process is the real-time data collection from various security cameras. Following the conversion of the video data into frame images, three contemporary lightweight CNN models process the data to produce prediction values for each class. The 256-SHA algorithm is then applied to produce a 256-bit hash using these predicted values. Blockchain networks will then be created by constructing a Merkle tree. The authorization phase's main goal is to guarantee safe access to surveillance footage for users who need to keep an eye on activities within the facility for a set amount of time.

Contributions:

1) Proposing a hybrid CNN-Blockchain framework for secure abnormal event detection.
2) Leveraging Merkle Tree structure for lightweight hash verification.
3) Evaluating and fusing three CNN models for robust decision-making.

2 RELATED WORKS

In this section, we mainly describe the related works, blockchain, video surveillance systems, and blockchain technology with deep learning.

Xiang Yu et al. (2019) The researchers discussed how to diagnose breast problems using the DenseNet201 model, which has a high diagnosis accuracy of 92.73%. The MINI-MIAS dataset, which includes 208 normal pictures and 114 images of aberrant tissue, was employed in the study. The paper also looked at the diagnostic results of networks trained using freezing and fine-tuning techniques. It was found that the sensitivity went up as the density of the retrained clusters went up. The report's consideration of potential future system enhancements, such as creating a CAD system for thorough breast cancer detection and diagnosis and grouping anomalies into specific categories, comes to a close [10] Sajja Tulasi Krishna. et al. (2019) the researchers concentrate on deep learning and transfer learning techniques for image classification. They use convolutional neural networks (CNNs), deep neural networks, and pre-trained structures to solve the issue of increasing classification accuracy. The study employed several picture datasets, including MNIST, CIFAR10, CIFAR100, Caltech101, and others. Image-based datasets are utilized. It took deep learning models like VGG16, ResNet50, VGG19, GoogleNet, LeNet, and AlexNet 99.72% of the time to get the MNIST dataset right and 89.23% of the time to get the CIFAR10 dataset right [11] Muhammad Asad Arshed et al. (2022) The researchers employed a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture, especially ResNet 50, to create a basic deep learning model for recognising and categorising plant leaves. By better classifying different plant leaves, the study hopes to advance botanical research and our knowledge of plant diversity. Images gathered from actual settings make up the dataset. They employed the ResNet-50 model, which reduces the vanishing gradient issue and increases training efficiency by leveraging deep residual learning. The model's great performance in leaf classification was demonstrated by its high training accuracy of 98.3% and test accuracy of 92.5%, which were its most significant outcomes [12] Moolikagedara K et al. (2023) The researchers concentrated on using video blockchain technology to improve car cameras' security in smart cities. To create a secure system for connecting car cameras in smart cities, the Schnorr signature and the SHA-256 hash function were used to guarantee the safe transfer of surveillance data. The technique used a descriptive research style, main and supplementary video data, and a video blockchain architecture using Merkle trees to support the study's hypotheses. Videos from car cameras were among the data used in the experiment, which primarily used picture extraction and video capture as data collection methods. Because it required gathering original recordings from car cameras, the study is part of the primary dataset. The video blockchain architecture significantly enhances data security and integrity, while the proposed method effectively lowers potential risks [3]

3 PROPOSED SYSTEM

A proposed building monitoring system aims to enhance the authentication and authorization of smart buildings based on lightweight deep learning models and parallel blockchain networks. This system, called BMS-LDBC, includes two main stages: authentication and authorization. The general block diagram of the proposed system is shown in Figure 1. The authentication stage includes multiple components, starting with collecting real-time data from various surveillance cameras. The video data is then converted into frame images and processed by three modern Lightweight CNN models to generate prediction values for each class. These prediction values are subsequently used to create a 256-bit hash via a 256-SHA algorithm. Then, the Merkel tree will be built, and blockchain networks will be made. The core concept of the authorization stage is to ensure secure access to surveillance data when a user needs to monitor activity in the building during a specific timestamp. When the user requests data from all surveillance cameras for that timestamp, the system first verifies if the user is a member of the blockchain and authorized to access the requested data. If the user is approved, the data recorded by all cameras during the specified timestamp is retrieved. The system then checks for any abnormal behavior during that period. This stage involves the following steps: the user submits a request with a specified timestamp, the system verifies the user's authorization based on the timestamp, and if authorized, the data is retrieved from all cameras and passed through a SoftMax function to classify it into a binary class: normal or abnormal behavior.

3.1 Acquiring Surveillance Cameras Dataset Step

The researcher collected approximately 92 video clips from surveillance cameras installed in buildings managed by a specific security department. The camera type, referred to as" camscan", recorded video in AVI format, with each clip ranging from 15 to 20 seconds. The dataset videos were categorized into 70 clips depicting abnormal behaviors and 22 clips showing normal behaviors.

3.2 Convert Video into Frames Step

This stage involves transforming each video into a set of frames. First, the video file opens using the OpenCV library. Then, the video is read frame by frame within a loop using "video_capture. read ()". Each frame is subsequently saved as an image file, as illustrated in Figure 2. Unusual events include unauthorized entry into the building during hours after official working hours or holidays. Events include any person, group of people, or vehicle entering or approaching the building in a suspicious manner.

3.3 Lightweight CNN Detection Models Step

Video frames are processed using three lightweight CNN models (ResNet50, DenseNet201, and EfficientNetV2) fine-tuned for surveillance data (Fig. 3). The models exclude the SoftMax function to produce floating-point prediction values between 0 and 1. Pre-trained weights are used, retaining initial layers for basic features, while the final layers are replaced. A dataset of 46,297 samples is divided into 70% training, 10% validation, and 20% testing to optimize performance.

3.3.1 Authentication Stage

The authentication stage is designed to create secure data and a 256-bit hash, which are then utilized within the blockchain. As illustrated in Figure 4, which represents the structure of Lightweight CNN models with Fine-Tuning Layer.

3.3.1.1 ResNet50 Model with Fine-Tuning

Resnet50 architecture is a CNN model with 50 layers that uses residual learning to improve training performance. Fine-tuning a ResNet50 model involves adapting the pre-trained model to a specific surveillance dataset – the details of the ResNet50 Model with fine-tuning are shown in Algorithm 1. Firstly, load the original ResNet 50, then apply fine-tuning layers, including global average pooling, 2 layers of batch normalization, 2 layers of dropout, and 2 layers of dense.

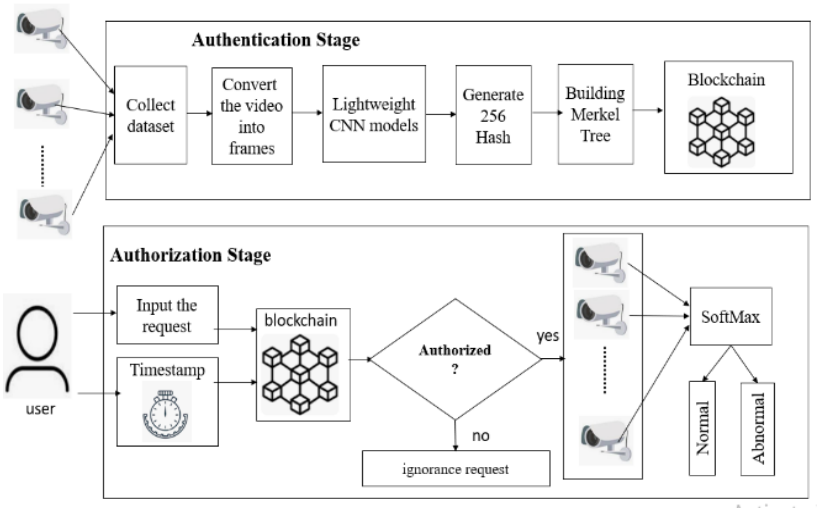


Figure 1: General block diagram of the proposed BMS-LDBC system.

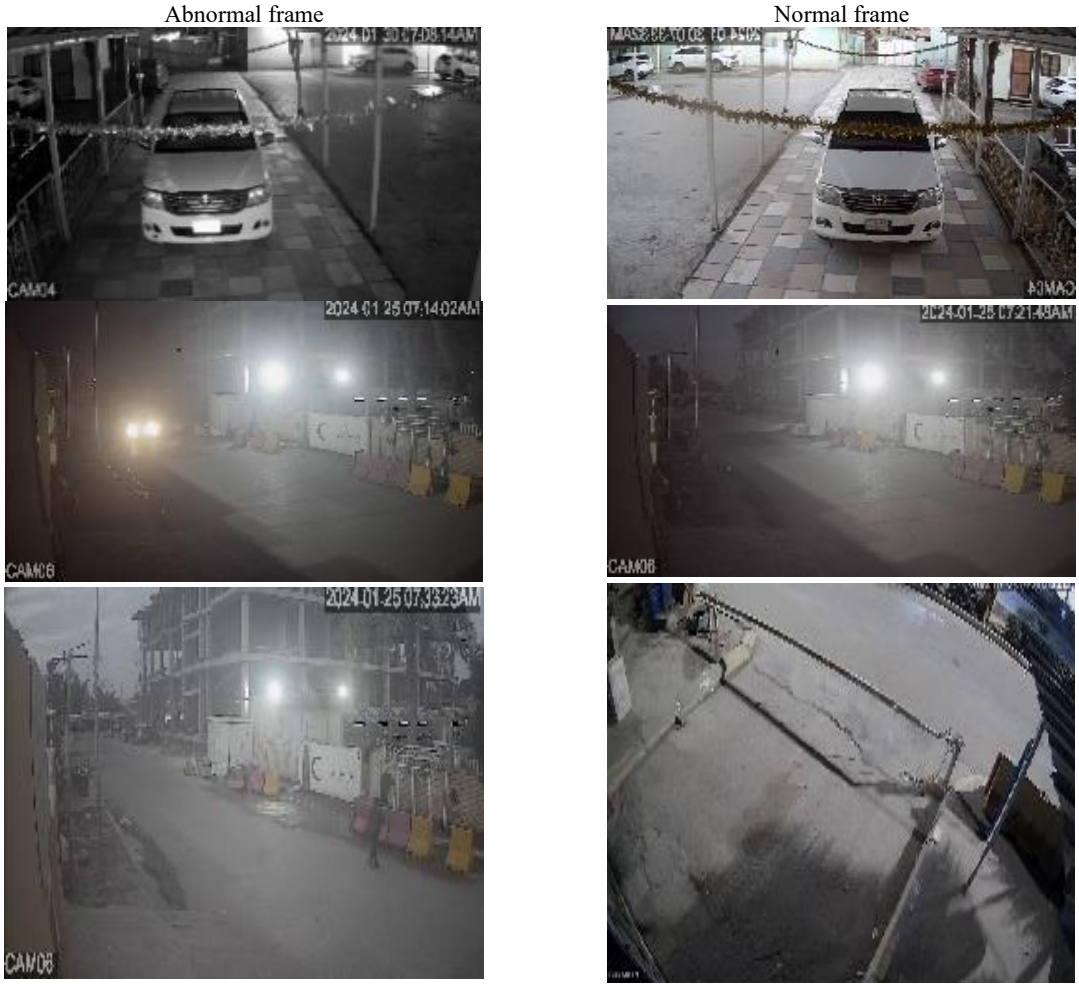


Figure 2: Examples of video frames.

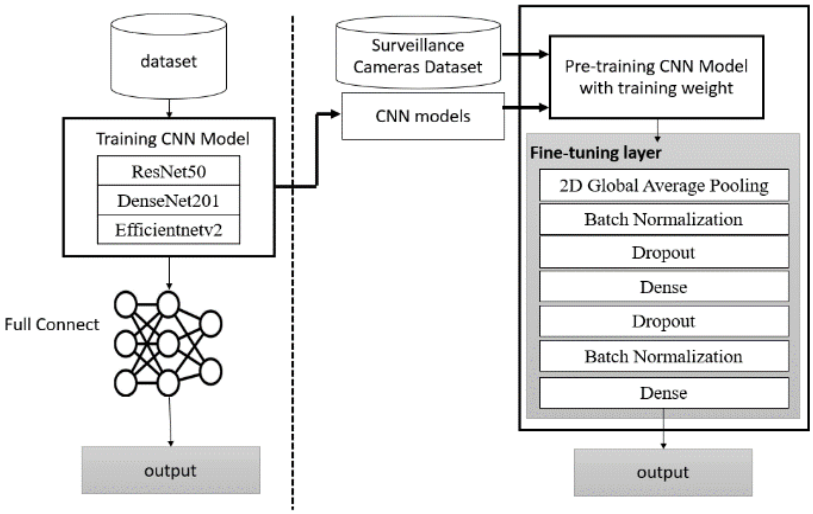


Figure 3: Lightweight CNN models with fine-tuning layer.

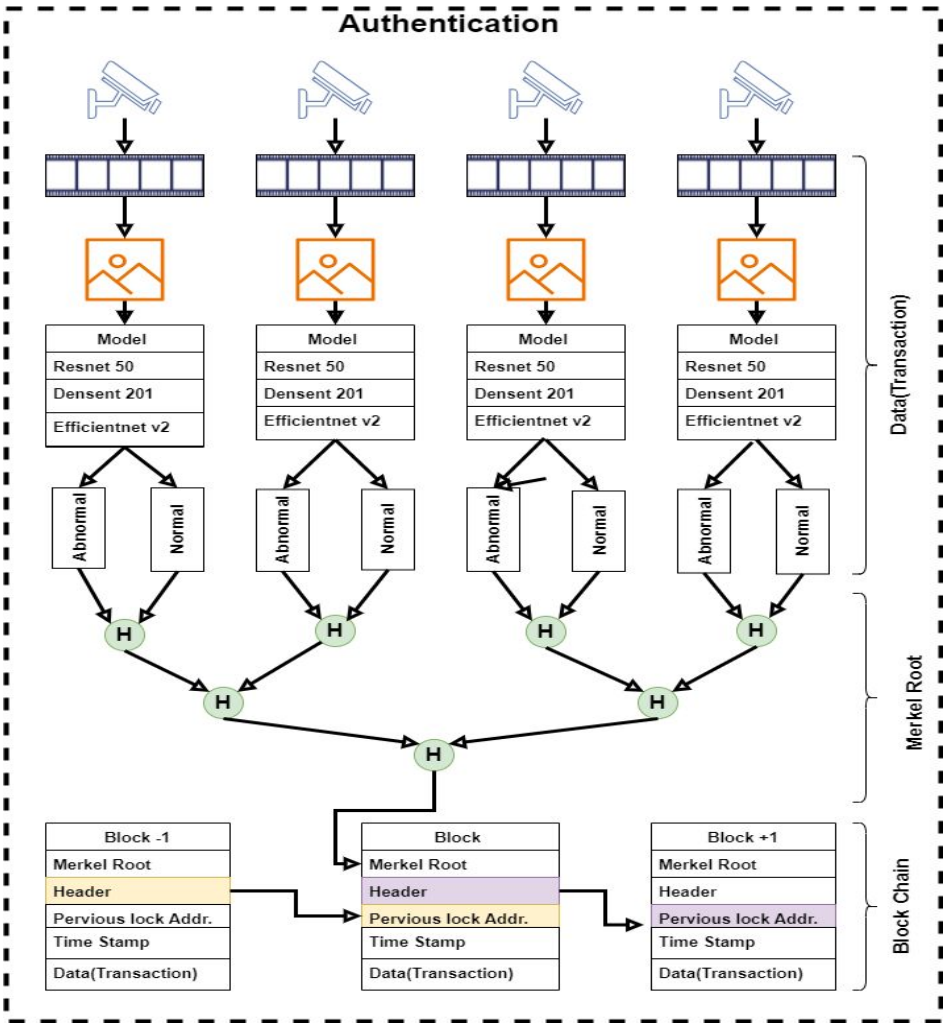


Figure 4: Framework of the authentication stage in the proposed BMS-LDBC system.

Algorithm 1. ResNet50 Model with fine-tuning:

```
Inputs:
    ▪ Load ResNet50 model
    ▪ Load Pre-training weight
Output:
predication value
Begin
Step 1: Load the pre-trained ResNet50 model with the output shape from the last convolution block (none,5,5,2048);
Step 2: Apply Fine Tuning Layers:
   2-1 apply 2d global average pooling on feature maps, resulting in out shape (none,2048);
   2-2 apply batch normalization with output shape (none,2048);
   2-3 Add a dropout layer to reduce overfitting with output shape (none,2048);
   2-4 add a dense layer with 4096 units with output shape(none,4096);
   2-5 Apply dropout layer with output shape (none,4096);
   2-6 Apply batch normalization layer with output shape (none,4096);
   2-7 Add a final dense layer with output prediction value for each class;
End
```

3.3.1.2 DenseNet201 Model with FineTuning

The denseNet201 architecture is a type of CNN with 201 layers that follows the concept of Dense Connections, where each layer is connected to every other layer in a feed-forward manner. This architecture ensures maximum information flow between layers, as each layer receives the feature maps of all preceding layers as input. Algorithm 2 illustrates the steps of training the fine-tuning model. Algorithm 2 provides a detailed overview of the densenet201 architecture with fine-tuning. The process begins by loading the pre-trained denseNet201 model and applying fine-tuning layers to adopt the model for produced prediction values.

Algorithm 2. denseNet201 Model with fine-tuning predication value:

```
Inputs:
    ▪ Load Densenet201 model.
    ▪ Load Pre-training weight.
Output:
Begin:
Step 1: Load the pre-trained DenseNet201 Model with the output shape from the last convolution block (none,7,7,512)
Step 2: Apply Fine Tuning Layers
   2-1 apply 2d global average pooling on feature maps, resulting in out shape (none, 512)
   2-2 apply batch normalization with output shape (none, 512)
   2-3 Add a dropout layer to reduce overfitting with output shape (none, 512)
   2-4 add a dense layer with 4096 units with output shape(none,4096)
   2-5 Apply dropout layer with output shape (none,4096)
   2-6 Apply batch normalization layer with output shape (none,4096)
   2-7 Add a final dense layer with output prediction value for each class
End
```

3.3.1.3 Efficientnet v2 Model

EfficientNetV2 is an improved EfficientNet architecture focusing on scaling neural networks while optimizing performance and efficiency. In this work, the type of model used is a small EfficientNetV2.

After applying EfficientNetv2, the SoftMax function is freeze, and fine-tuning layers are introduced, as detailed algorithm 3.4.

Algorithm 3 EfficientNetV2 Model with fine-tuning:

```
Inputs:
    ▪ Load EfficientNetV2 model
    ▪ Load Pre-training weight
Output:
predication value
Begin
Step1: Load the pre-trained EfficientNetV2 model with the output shape from the last convolution block (none,7,7,1280)
Step 2: Apply Fine Tuning Layers
   2-1 apply convolution without shape (none, 7,7,8)
   2-2 apply dropout without shape (none,7,7,8)
   2-3 apply batch normalization with output shape ((none,7,7,8)
   2-4 apply global average pooling without shape(none,8)
   2-5 add a dense layer with 1152 units with output shape(none,128)
   2-6 Add a final dense layer with output prediction value for each class
End
```

3.3.2 Generating 256-Bits Hash and Constructing Transaction Camera

This step focuses on generating a list of the transaction hashes and creating a transaction camera. A transaction is a secure record of an exchange of data stored within a blockchain. In this work, the transaction data consists of the normal and abnormal prediction values obtained from CNN models, reflecting the behavior detection by the monitoring system.

The list of the transaction hashes contains a set of hashed (normal and abnormal prediction values), which will be used to construct the Merkel tree. To ensure data integrity and security, each predication is hashed using a 256-bit SHA algorithm, producing a unique hash for each prediction.

The framework of generating a 256-bit hash and constructing a transaction camera is presented in Figure 5. Algorithm 4 shows details of developing a list of the transaction hashes and creating a transaction camera. Predicted float values were serialized into byte streams before applying SHA-256 hashing, ensuring compatibility with the Merkle Tree structure.

Algorithm 4. Generating 256 bits using 256-SHA:

```
   Inputs: predication value from Camera
1, Camera 2, Camera n)
   Output: return list transection hash
   Begin
   Step1: create transaction
          list transaction Camera=[]
        for each predication value in
Camera do
        value normal from predication
normal using algorithms (3.1,3.2, and
3.3)
        value Abnormal from predication
Abnormal using algorithms (3.1,3.2, and
3.3)
     result =str(value normal)+str(value
Abnormal)
     list transection Camera.add(result)
     End for
   Step2: generation hash for all
transection camera
            list transection hashes=[]
            for each value in list
transection do
                  result =
hash256(value) using Gs hash265
                list transection
hashes.add(result)
            End for
   return list transection hash
   End
```

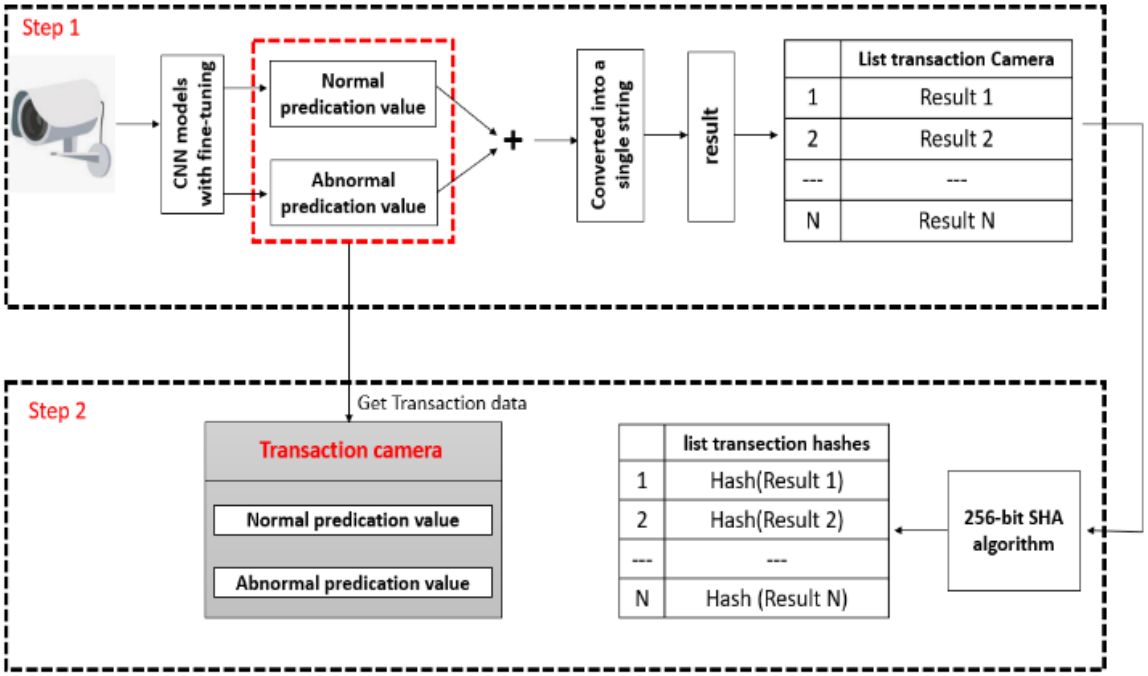


Figure 5: The frame work of the generating 256-bits hash and constructing transaction camera.

The figure above illustrates that the first step involves generating a list of transaction cameras. We require N cameras to capture image frames, which are then processed using CNN models. These models generate prediction values (normal and abnormal behaviors). These values are concatenated into a single string, stored in a variable called "Result", and added to a list referred to as "list transaction cameras".

In the second step, the values from the "list transaction camera" are processed by the 256 SHA algorithm to generate their corresponding hash. The hashed results are stored in a specifi c list called "list transaction camera hash." Also, it constructs the transaction camera by getting prediction values for both standard and abnormal and recording them in the transaction.

3.3.3 Building Merkle Tree

The proposed BMS-BLCNN mechanism's builder Merkle tree creates a dependable environment by summarizing all of the transactions inside a block and saving it as the current hash in the block header.

Merkle Root is a full binary tree in which every leaf considers the hashed value of the associated authentication user transaction T. The two children's series hashes are represented by the branches. Until the top of the tree is reached, also referred to as the "Root Hash" as explained in the algorithm (5), the process of rehashing the concatenation among the child nodes to generate the parent node is carried out continually.

Algorithm 5. Building Merkle Tree:

```
Inputs:  Input:  n  //  number  of
transactions;
T // transaction node;
Hash // transaction data.
Output:256-bits hash Merkle tree;
Begin:
Step1: // Initialize leaf nodes with
data hashes
For each transaction in data blocks do
    leafNodes = Compute hash of data
(block)
End for
Step 3: Check leftChild and rightChild
in Leafnodes
             If length (leafNode) % 2 !=
0 then
                Get last leafNodes call
rightChild
                Add    rightChild    to
leafNodes
Step 2: Recursively build internal nodes
       while length(leafNodes) > 1:
            newLevel = []
            for   each   index      in
range(leng(  leafNodes) skip 2
                leftChild            =
leafNodes[i]
                rightChild           =
leafNodes[i + 1]
                createInternalNode
=hash(leftChild + rightChild)

newLevel.append(createInternalNode)
           endfor
          leafNodes = newLeve
        end while
step3:// The first element is the Merkle
root
    return leafNodes[0]
End
```

If the number of transactions T is even, the value of the parent node's hash is equal to the hash of two T leaf nodes, as shown in Figure 6, since algorithm (2) extracts a hash value for each authenticated user transaction T and stores it in array hash[k]. In the case where transaction T is odd as shown in Figure 7 , the proposed system replicated the last leaf node and calculated the parent hash in order to maintain the Merkle tree's balance.

3.3.4 Building Blockchain Network

The blockchain is composed of N blocks, each block contains a header and body, as illustrated in Figure 8.

A) The Block header consists from:
   1) Merkle Tree Hash (MTH). Single hash value that represents all transactions in this block.
   2) Time-Stamp. Indicates the date and time when the transaction was enrolled in the block.
   3) Previous -hash. Indicates the previous block's SHA-256 using (3.4) algorithm. Specifically, the first block on the Blockchain has a value of "0" since it was not included in the previous hash.
   4) Current-hash: represents the current block header's hash value.

B) The Block body consists from: The block body represents data transactions and includes prediction values for normal and abnormal classes.

Two values were computed at the block creation and they are:

1) Computed current hash value by copying the contents of the block header (time-stamp value, previous hash value, MTH value), and then applying the SHA-256 hash algorithm (4) to the contents of the block header to get a single hash value.
2) It computed a time stamp that records the time the current block is created.

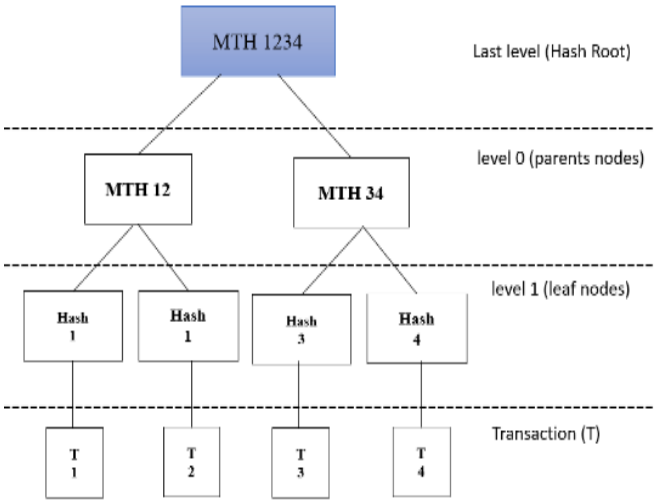


Figure 6: Building Merkle tree with the case of the number of transactions is even.

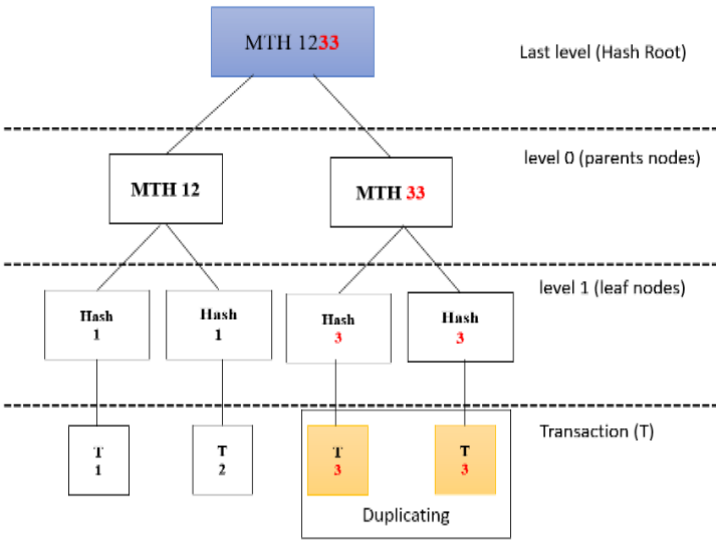


Figure 7: Building Merkle tree with the case of number of the transaction is odd.

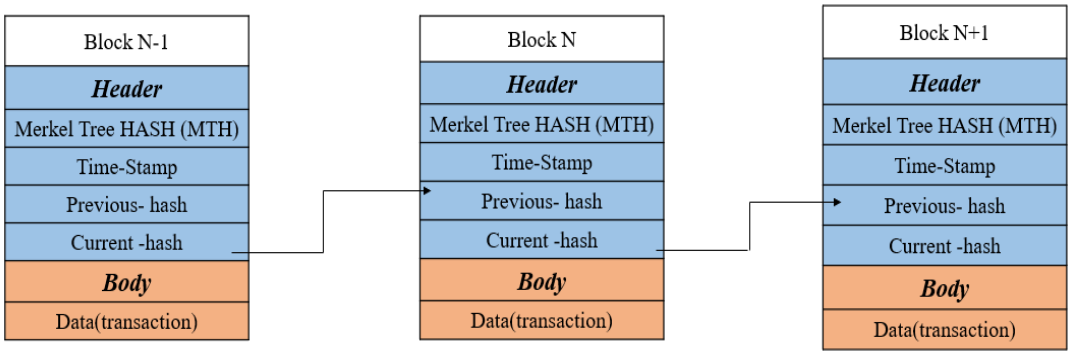


Figure 8: Structure of blockchain in the proposed BMS-BLCNN.

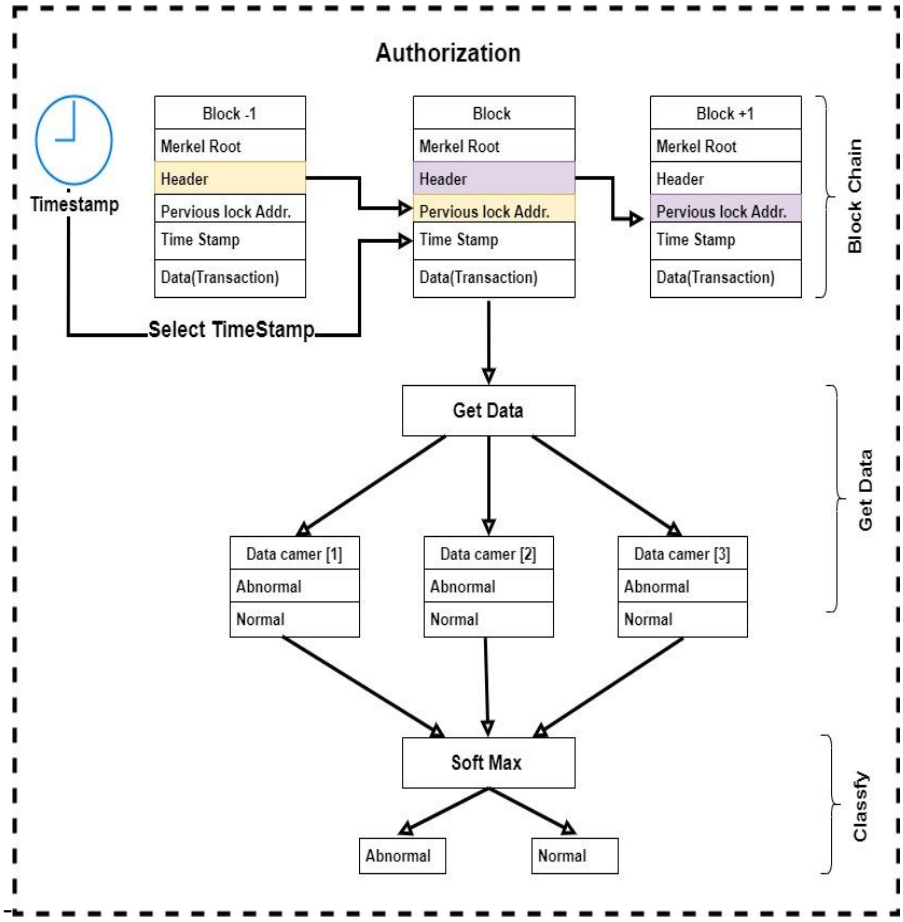


Figure 9: Framework of the authorization stage in the proposed BMS-BLCNN system.

The blockchain-based authorization mechanism described in Algorithm 3.6 ensures that only authenticated users can access camera data to identify abnormal behavior and determine the responsible camera (Fig. 9). The process begins with the user sending an authentication request containing a timestamp and camera-generated hash to the blockchain network. All nodes verify the request by checking the timestamp against block headers. If a match is found, the node retrieves the previous block's hash and constructs a Merkle tree using the camera hash and other transaction hashes, producing a Merkle root hash. A temporary hash is then generated by combining the Merkle root with the previous block's hash. If this temporary hash matches the expected value, the user is authorized to access the relevant block data; otherwise, access is denied. Upon authorization, the node extracts prediction results (normal or abnormal) and separates them by camera source. Finally, the SoftMax function processes these results to identify the camera with the highest probability of detecting abnormal behavior and determines whether the detected behavior is normal or abnormal.

Algorithm 6. Authorization process:

```
Input: Time-stamp, hash from camera
Output: select camera
Begin
Step 1: The user sends a request to
the blockchain network
Step 2: All nodes in the blockchain
network receive user requests and start
to verify them.
Step3: each node searches to check
Time-stamp in header block
            If Time-stamp in matches
then go to step4
             Else continue
Step4: get previse hash from this
block
Step5: create hash block based on
Merkle Tree from hash from camera and
rest hash in this block call hash_
Merkle Tree
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   Step6  get temporary hash based on
hash(hash_ Merkle Tree, previse hash)
   Step7: if temporary is equal next
hash block
   Then return " user is authorization
" then go to step 8
   Else return " user is not
authorized" then go to step 9
   End if
   Step 8:  get data from this block
   Step9: split data base on data
cameras in this block
   Step10 get cameras data all [normal]
pass cameras data [normal] through
SoftMax function using (2) and get
index camera
   Step11 get cameras data [abnormal]
pass cameras data [abnormal] through
SoftMax function using (2.) and get
index camera
   Step12: appley SoftMax function from
step10 and Step11 to determine: normal
or abnormal and get index camera return
results of SoftMax: normal or abnormal
and select camera.
   End
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4 RESULTS

In this section, the most important results obtained from training the convolutional neural network on pre-trained models and on real video data are reviewed, as well as the most important results and interfaces of blockchain technology for designing a security system for monitoring buildings.

4.1 Results of Lightweight CNN Detection Models

The proposed BMS-LDBC system used three Lightweight CNN models based on a combination of fine-tuning techniques with each model to enhance their performance. The CNN models used in this work are (DenseNet201, EfficientNetV2, and ResNet50).

The 46,297-sample input dataset will be split into three subsets before CNN models are applied: 70% for "training "(39,407 samples), 10% for "validation" (1,258 samples), and 20% for "testing" (5,632 samples.

Table 1 displays the numerical values of ten evaluation metrics for three (CNN) models throughout the testing process. The metrics include "precision", "recall"," F1-Score", and "accuracy".

Table 1: Compare three lightweight CNN models based on accuracy and loss during training and validation process.

CNN model	Process	Accuracy	Loss
DenseNet201	Train	0.9552	0.1058
	Valid	0.94617	0.11306
EfficientNetV3	Train	0.90629	0.24785
	Valid	0.92707	0.18702
ResNet50	Train	0.90649	0.23737
	Valid	0.92681	0.18991

Table 2: Results of accuracy metrics for three lightweight CNN models in testing process.

Metrics	DenseNet201	EfficientNetV3	ResNet50
Precision	0.951	0.928	0. 935
Recall	0.946	0.926	0.916
F1 Score	0.948	0.941	0.934
Accuracy	0.936	0.925	0.914

The Figure 10 shows a comparison based on the test values in the Table 2 to determine the best model in detecting abnormal behavior and its ability to distinguish between it and normal behavior.

DenseNet201 performs best in detecting abnormal behavior due to its dense connections, which enhance feature reuse and gradient flow for more effective learning. This improves feature extraction, allowing the model to capture subtle anomalies with greater accuracy. Additionally, its lightweight design optimizes parameter efficiency, making it highly effective for detecting abnormal patterns while maintaining computational efficiency.

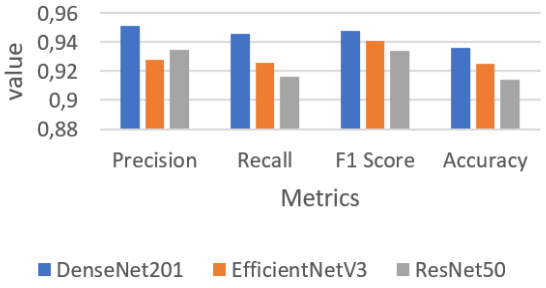


Figure 10: Comparison between three classification LightweightCNN Models based on testing results.

4.2 Results of Blockchain

This section will present the interfaces of the blockchain which is consists from authentication and authorization interfaces. These components ensure secure access control, verifying user identities and managing permissions within the blockchain system. Figure 11 shows the "initial parameters interface" for load train files; this interface includes two options:

1) Select best model: this option allows the user to choose a pre-trained model (DenseNet201, EfficientNetV3, and ResNet50).
2) Select best model with weights: this option enables the user to input the optimal weights for the selected model to enhancement its accuracy in abnormal behavior classification.

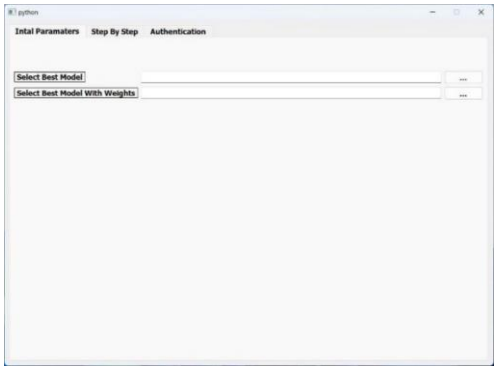


Figure 11: Initial parameters interface.

Figure 12 illustrated the interface of the Upload images from camera, extract rating value and store it in blockchain.

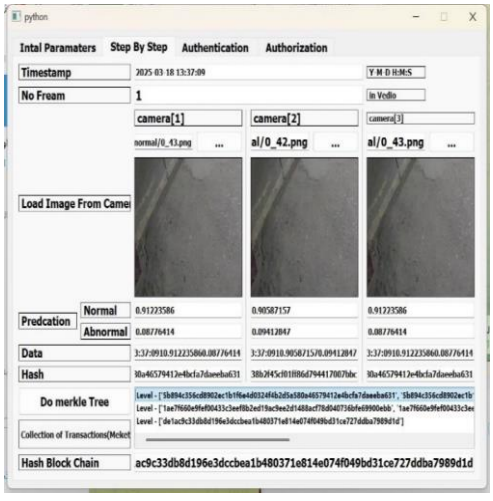


Figure 12: Interface of the upload images from camera, extract rating value and store it in blockchain.

4.3 Authentication Phase

Figure 13 and 14 shows the interface of create and saving the first block in the blockchain. The block consists from: time-stamp, Hash blockchain, Header block, Hash of previous block Header, and data.

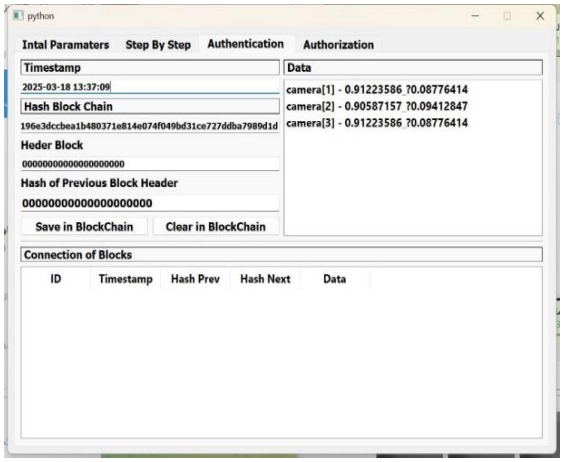


Figure 13: Interface of the create first block in the blockchain.

Figure 15 shows interface the save second block and linked with first block in the blockchain.

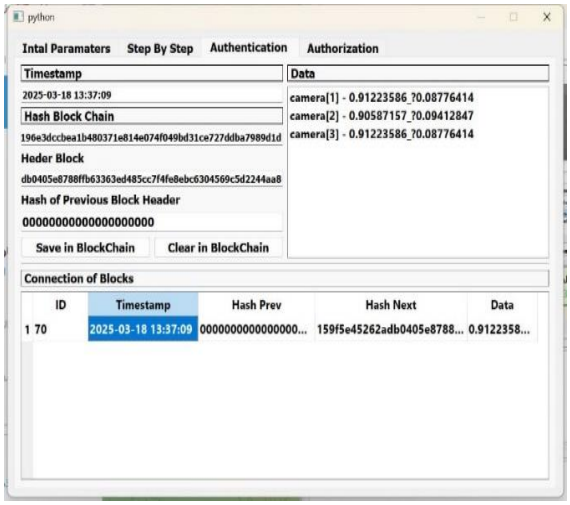


Figure 14: Interface of the save first block in the blockchain.

4.4 Authorization Phase

Figure 16 shows the interface of authorization in the blockchain. In this interface will be retrieval the first block and make decision.

Table 3: Comparison of the proposed system with related work based on dataset, detection models, and accuracy.

Reference	Detection Method	Data type	Data set	Accuracy
[10]	DnseNet201 model	Image	The research report used the MINI-MIAS dataset, which contains 114 images of abnormal tissue and 208 normal images.	92.73%
[11]	VGG16, ResNet50, VGG19, GoogleNet, LeNet, AlexNet	Image	MNIST CIFAR10 CIFAR100	99.72% 89.23% 66.70%
[12]	Resnet-50	Image	Images of a realistic environment	92.5%
Proposed BMS-LDBC	Blockchain and three lightweight CNN models	Image	Novel abnormal dataset with 46,297-sample	95 %

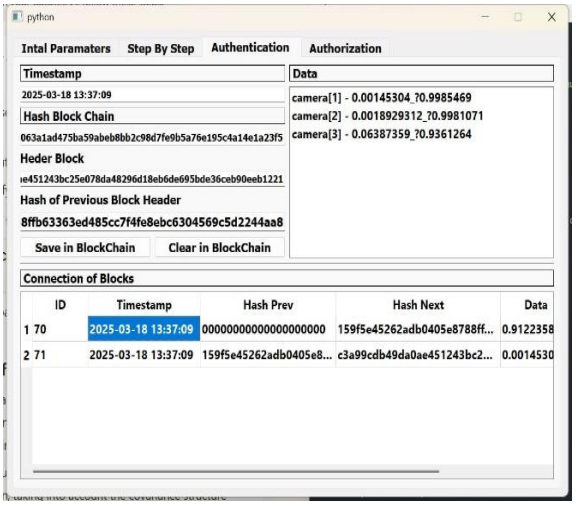


Figure 15: Save the second block in the blockchain.

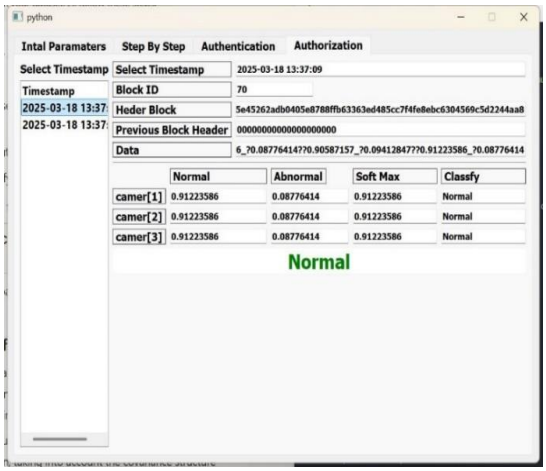


Figure 16: Interface of authorization in the blockchain

5 COMPARED THE PROPOSED SYSTEM WITH RELATED WORKS

This section compares the proposed system with related work, evaluating it based on several factors, including the type and name of the dataset, detection models, and accuracy results, as shown in Table 3. This comparison shows that while many studies have attempted to detect abnormal behaviors with comparable accuracy, the proposed system takes precedence in utilizing lightweight CNN models with blockchain to detect abnormal behaviors with higher accuracy. The proposed system is implemented on a real-time dataset, enhancing its flexibility and applicability in real-world scenarios.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The proposed BMS-LDBC system enhances smart building security by combining lightweight CNN models with parallel blockchain technology to ensure robust authentication and authorization and detect abnormal behavior. The system ensures efficient processing while maintaining low computational costs. The proposed BMS-LDBC system provides a secure and scalable surveillance environment.

The proposed system collects a realistic dataset from surveillance cameras, consisting of 46,297 samples representing normal and abnormal behaviors. This diverse dataset is used to train and test the proposed system using lightweight CNN models to effectively detect abnormal behaviors. The

proposed system uses a fine-tuning technique to optimize the performance of three lightweight CNN models (DenseNet201, EfficientNetV3, and ResNet50). This optimization improves their effectiveness in detecting abnormal behavior, making the system more robust and accurate in real-world surveillance applications. The results and implementation of the three lightweight CNN models through training and validation demonstrate that the DenseNet201 model performs best with accuracy (0.95552 and 0.94617) and loss (0.10958 and 0.11306) in training and validation, respectively.

The test results demonstrate that the proposed system achieves the best performance with the DenseNet201 model. This model outperforms the others, achieving accuracy (0.951), recall speed (0.946), F1 score (0.948), and precision (0.936), demonstrating its effectiveness in detecting abnormal behavior.

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An Intelligent Network Traffic Analysis Module for Intrusion Detection Systems Using an Ensemble of Neural Networks

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Abstract: This paper presents a module for the intelligent analysis of network traffic for Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), implemented as an ensemble of three artificial neural networks (ANNs): a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP), a Radial Basis Function (RBF) network, and a Self-Organizing Map (SOM). The problem is formalized as an optimization of two criteria: attack detection accuracy (Accuracy) and False Alarm Rate (FAR). An algorithm is proposed that allows for a flexible adjustment of the balance between these metrics depending on security policy priorities. Experiments on the UNSW-NB15 dataset demonstrated that the module achieves an accuracy of 97.2% with a FAR of 2.2% in a balanced mode, and an accuracy of 98.0% with a FAR of 3.6% in a maximum sensitivity mode. The results show the feasibility of adapting an IDS to specific operational conditions, which is particularly important for Security Operations Centers (SOCs), cloud service providers, and operators of critical infrastructure.

1 INTRODUCTION

Modern information communication networks, both corporate and public, impose high demands on information security. This security is provided by antivirus tools, firewalls, integrity control systems, cryptographic protection measures, and Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS). Currently, IDS are one of the most effective tools for identifying network attacks and other malicious activities in real time.

This research is of interest to a wide range of specialists, including:

- Network security administrators,
- Analysts at Security Operations Centers (SOC),
- Information security system developers, and IT managers responsible for network infrastructure security.

The approach proposed in this article can be applied to solve practical tasks such as protecting corporate networks, ensuring the security of cloud infrastructure, and monitoring traffic for internet service providers. It is effective against attacks like Denial of Service (DoS), Fuzzing, and Exploits, where intelligent real-time analysis of network activity is required.

1.1 Problem Statement

Despite the wide variety of existing IDS, none of them guarantees absolute information security [1]. The primary requirement for such systems is their ability to identify both known and new types of network attacks, including those distributed over time.

The main challenge lies in achieving a compromise between two critical performance metrics [2]:

1) Accuracy. The system's ability to correctly identify both malicious and legitimate traffic. Low accuracy can lead to successful cyberattacks, data breaches, financial losses, and business process disruptions.
2) False Alarm Rate (FAR). The proportion of legitimate activities that the system incorrectly flags as attacks. A high FAR lead to alert fatigue, causing analysts to overlook real threats.

Thus, there is a need to develop more effective methods that allow for flexible tuning of this balance according to specific tasks and security policies [3], [4].

1.2 Formalized Problem Statement

Let T, be a stream of network traffic, where each element $p \in T$, (e.g., a network packet or session) is described by a feature vector $x \in R^n$. Each vector x corresponds to a true class label $y \in Y$, where $Y = \{y_0, y_1, \dots y_k\}$, is a set of states, including the normal state (y_0) and k types of attacks $(y_0, y_1, \dots y_k)$.

The objective of this research is to construct a classification function $F(x) \to \hat{y}$, where $\hat{y}$, is the predicted class label, which solves the following optimization problem:

$$maximize\big(\omega_1 * Accuracy(F) - \omega_2 * FAR(F)\big),$$

where $Accuracy$ and FAR are the quality metrics defined in Section 4, and ω_1 and ω_2 are weighting coefficients that reflect the priorities of the security policy. The function $F(x)$ must be adaptive, allowing the balance between $Accuracy$ and FAR to be adjusted by tuning internal parameters.

Neural Network Models for Network Traffic Analysis

To address the stated problem, three types of artificial neural networks (ANNs), which have proven effective in classification tasks [5], were selected:

- Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). A classic architecture effective for a wide range of tasks.
- Radial Basis Function (RBF) Network. Well-suited for separating non-linear data.
- Self-Organizing Map (SOM). Effective for clustering and visualizing high-dimensional data.

The quality of an ANN's development is directly dependent on the training data [6]. The public attack database UNSW-NB15 was chosen as the dataset for training and testing. It includes approximately 2.5 million records of network connections, each described by 49 features [7]. After preprocessing and selecting the most significant features as described in [8], a sample of 80,000 records was used for training and 20,000 records for testing, with 32 features per record.

1.3 Evaluation Criteria

The effectiveness of the models is evaluated using standard performance metrics [9] derived from four basic indicators. True Positives refer to the number of attack instances that are correctly identified by the system, while True Negatives represent normal situations that are correctly classified. False Positives occur when normal situations are incorrectly classified as attacks, whereas False Negatives correspond to attack instances that are mistakenly identified as normal situations.

Based on these indicators, several evaluation criteria are used to assess model performance. Accuracy represents the overall proportion of correctly classified records, including both attack and normal cases, across the entire dataset. The False Positive Rate measures the proportion of normal situations that are incorrectly classified as attacks, indicating the tendency of the model to generate false alarms. The False Negative Rate reflects the proportion of attack instances that are missed by the system, which is particularly critical in security-related applications. Finally, the False Alarm Rate provides an overall measure of misclassification by averaging the false positive and false negative tendencies.

Together, these metrics provide a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness and reliability of the proposed decision-making mechanism.

1.4 Proposed Module and Solution Algorithm

The performance of the intelligent analysis module can be enhanced by using an ensemble of several neural networks [10], [11]. This work proposes a modification that utilizes an ensemble of the three previously mentioned ANNs: MLP, RBF, and SOM.

The same network traffic feature vector is fed to the input of each neural network. The output of each network is a vector where each coordinate corresponds to a type of attack or the normal state. To combine the results and make a final decision, a resultant block is used, which considers the "opinion" of each network through configurable coefficients (Fig. 1).

Let *X* be a vector characterizing the situation. Its elements $x_i = 1,\ for\ i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ represent an attack of the corresponding type, while the element $x_i = 0$ represents the absence of an attack. The state detected by the j-th neural network is denoted by $NN_i^j,\ where\ i = 0 \dots 4,\ j = 1 \dots 3$. It takes a value of 1 or 0. Each element of the vector *X* is determined by the formula:

$$x_i = \sum_{j-1}^{3} NN_i^j. \quad (5)$$

In (5), x_i can take values of 0, 1, 2, or 3. A value of x_i=0 indicates that no neural network detected this state. $x_i = 1$ means that only one of the neural networks detected this state. $x_i = 2$ means that two out of three networks detected this state. $x_i = 3$ indicates that all three neural networks characterized the situation identically. The resulting decision is defined as $R = argmax_i(x_i)$, where $argmax_i$ is the index of the element with the maximum value in vector *X*.

Uncertainty arises when several elements have maximum values. Such a situation is possible only when all three neural networks have produced different results. That is, three of the five states will be characterized by $x_i = 1$.

To resolve this ambiguity, we introduce significance coefficients for the neural networks, A_i, which characterize the degree of confidence in the results produced by each network. Since the modeling experiment results show that the SOM network (with index j=3) performs best in terms of accuracy, we assign it the highest significance coefficient, $A_3 = 1.1$. The MLP network (with index j=1), having the lowest FAR, is assigned the smallest significance coefficient, $A_1 = 0.9$. Accordingly, the RBF network will receive an average significance coefficient, $A_2 = 1.0$. The formula then takes the form:

$$x_i = \sum_{j=1}^{3} A_j \cdot NN_i^j. \quad (6)$$

To account for the high-level requirements of a security policy, we introduce additional significance coefficients, B_i. The value of B_i is higher when it is more important to recognize a situation of type *i*. For example, if the security policy requires maximum recognition of DoS attacks, the coefficient B_2 could be set to 100. If it is less critical for the system to miss a DoS attack than to overload the administrator with false alarms, the coefficient for the normal state, B_2, could be set to 0. The final formula is:

$$x_i = B_i \sum_{j=1}^{3} A_j \cdot NN_i^j. \quad (7)$$

1.5 Module Operation Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Network Traffic Classification using an ANN Ensemble

1) Input. A feature vector of network traffic, x.
2) Parallel Processing. Feed the vector x simultaneously to the inputs of three pre-trained models: $F_{MLP}(x)$, $F_{RBF}(x)$, $F_{SOM}(x)$. Each model returns a prediction vector NN_j.
3) Result Aggregation. Calculate the final score vector *X* using formula (7), where NN_i^j is the prediction of the *j*-th network for the *i*-th class, A_j is the confidence coefficient for the *j*-th network, and B_i is the importance coefficient for the *i*-th class according to the security policy.
4) Decision Making. Determine the final classification $\hat{y}$ as the class corresponding to the maximum value in the vector *X*:

$$\hat{y} = argmax_i(x_i), \quad (8)$$

5) Output. The class label $\hat{y}$.
6) The introduction of coefficients A_j and B_i allows for flexible system tuning. For instance, by increasing the coefficient B_i for a particularly dangerous type of attack, the module's sensitivity to that threat can be increased, consciously accepting a potential rise in FAR.

2 RESULTS

A comparative analysis revealed the strengths and weaknesses of each model when operating individually (Table 1):

- SOM demonstrated the highest testing accuracy (99.2%) but also the highest FAR (7.5%).
- MLP showed the best (lowest) FAR (1.8%) with good accuracy (96.2%).
- RBF performed at an intermediate level.

The performance of the ensemble module is shown in Table 2.

The proposed modified module was tested in two configurations:

- Modification A (Balanced). All security policy coefficients B_i were set to a minimum.
- Modification B (Maximum Sensitivity). All security policy coefficients B_i were set to a maximum.

The results of the simulation in terms of anomaly detection accuracy and false alarm rate are shown in Figures 2 and 3, respectively.

Table 1: Comparison of single model performance.

Model	Accuracy, %	FAR, %
MLP	96,2	1,8
RBF	94,1	2,6
SOM	99,2	7,5

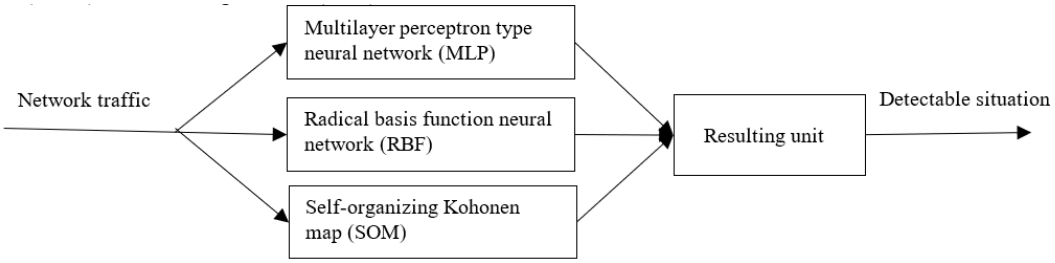


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of the intelligent network traffic analysis module.

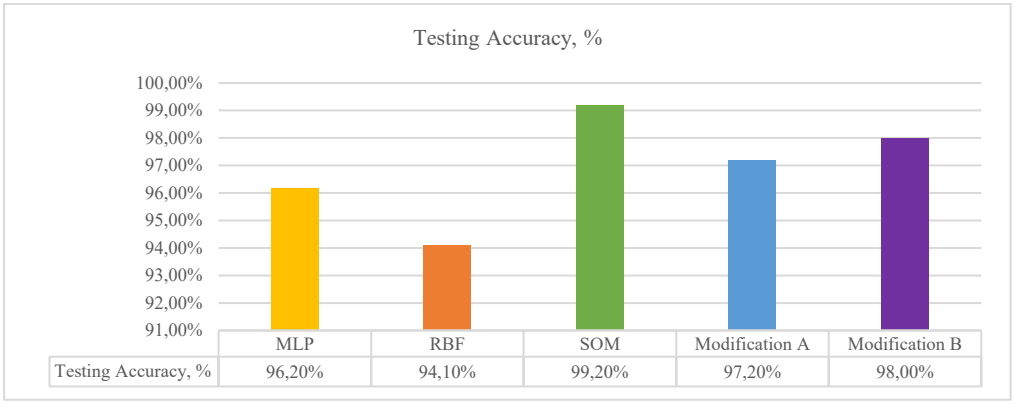


Figure 2: Results of the modeling study of the intelligent network traffic analysis module by the "anomaly detection accuracy" indicator.

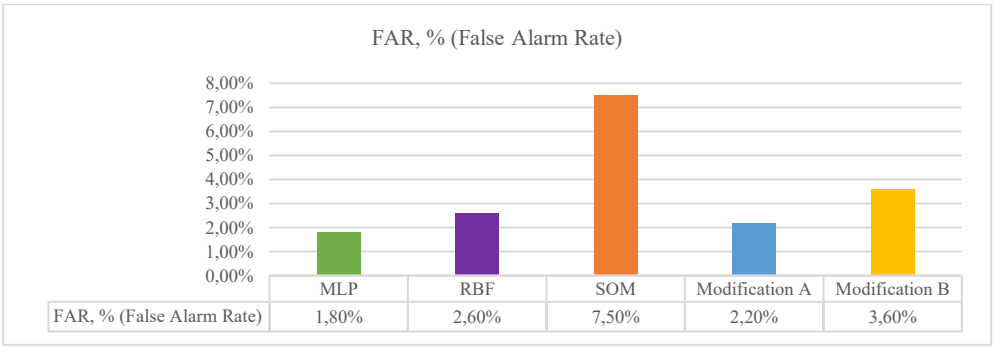


Figure 3: Results of the modeling study of the intelligent network traffic analysis module by the "false alarm rate" indicator.

Table 2: Performance of the ensemble module.

Configuration	Accuracy, %	FAR, %	Characteristics
Modification A (Balanced)	97.2	2.2	Optimal trade-off between accuracy and false alarms
Modification B (Max. Sensitivity)	98.0	3.6	Maximum attack detection with a moderate increase in FAR

The analysis shows that Modification A is an effective compromise: it increases accuracy compared to MLP (from 96.2% to 97.2%) at the cost of a slight increase in FAR (from 1.8% to 2.2%).

Modification B demonstrates how the system can be tuned for maximum threat sensitivity, achieving an accuracy of 98.0% while increasing the FAR to 3.6%, which is still significantly better than that of the most accurate single network, SOM.

3 CONCLUSIONS

This paper has proposed and investigated a modification of an intelligent network traffic analysis module based on an ensemble of three different neural networks.

1) The task was formalized, and a clear algorithm was developed that allows for combining the predictions of multiple models to enhance the quality and flexibility of an IDS.
2) The results of a modeling study on the UNSW-NB15 dataset showed that the proposed approach allows for effective management of the trade-off between detection accuracy and false alarm rate.
3) The ensemble successfully combines the strengths of the individual models:
   - In Modification A minimum sensitivity, the FAR increased by only 0.4 percentage points compared to MLP, while accuracy increased by 1 percentage point.
   - In Modification B maximum sensitivity, accuracy increased by 1.8 percentage points relative to MLP, while the FAR remained half that of SOM.
4) The developed module is a flexible tool that allows security administrators to adapt the behavior of an IDS according to the current security policy, choosing between a balanced mode and a maximum sensitivity mode.

Thus, the proposed modification proves its viability and can be used to enhance the reliability of security systems in modern information communication networks.

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Computer-Oriented Mathematical Modeling of Multiparameter Converters Using Quadratic, Cubic, and N-Dimensional Interpolation

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Abstract: The current stage of scientific and technological progress in all areas of industrial production and management is characterized by the introduction of new information technologies that determine the increased integration of all automated equipment types, from sensors and primary measuring transducers (MT) of a wide range of physical quantities to multi-level production control systems and even entire industries. The presence of an adequate MT model that optimally combines such properties as accuracy, universality of structure, and availability for effective computer implementation is the basis for solving problems of synthesizing MT designs and circuits with specified properties, building economical and productive computing devices as components of control, monitoring, identification, and diagnostic systems. The article considers the problem of creating methods and tools for model support of the design processes of multi-parameter MT of devices for monitoring physical quantities, including the creation of adequate mathematical models of processes in MT, oriented toward computer implementation. Methods of quadratic, cubic, and n-dimensional interpolation of multi-parameter transducers based on the theory of simplexes and barycentric coordinates are proposed. Using theorems, the interpolating quadratic form of n variables in the local barycentric coordinate system is determined, the error of the quadratic interpolation method is estimated, and the type of cubic interpolation polynomial is determined. By selecting the approximation method, optimization of the mathematical description is achieved, which allows reducing the cost of experiments, using effective algorithms for processing measurement information, computer implementation. The practical value of the research in this article is determined by the wide possibilities of technological use of the developed methods, algorithms in computer systems for designing MT, the prospects for the implementation and application of the proposed models and devices in highly efficient multi-level distributed control and management systems, as components of complex integrated control systems for technological processes and production.

1 INTRODUCTION

The development of modern automated and automatic systems of measurement, observation, control, diagnostics and management is characterized by a significant expansion of the scope of applications, the complication of the tasks to be solved, and therefore the processes of functioning of the systems, as well as increased requirements for the accuracy and speed of methods and means of digital signal processing. At the same time, the improvement of methods and means of measurement, the emergence of new principles of control and diagnostics of technical objects using certain physical effects leads to the need to create and study increasingly effective mathematical methods of signal processing (experimental data), oriented towards computer implementation. Taking into account the growing requirements for methods and means of signal processing, the growth of the volume of calculations can be ensured by creating and improving the corresponding methods of mathematical modeling, as well as computational methods and algorithms implementing mathematical models.

Similar problems of developing mathematical models of signal processing processes, numerical algorithms and programs are typical for modern and

promising research and development in the field of sound location problems, radar systems, seismic information processing, computer tomography, non-destructive testing of technical products, in multi-channel problems of constructing monitoring systems, etc.

Improving and creating new types of measuring transducers requires the use of modern scientific achievements in the field of mathematical modeling, design automation, computational and full-scale experiments. [1] - [4].

Currently, in almost all areas of technology, modeling is a necessary element in the process of creating, testing and introducing new technology objects. With the advent of complex technical systems, the role of modeling in assessing the parameters of the processes under study has increased significantly. This is explained by the peculiarities of the objects under study, resulting from the complexity of functional connections between system parameters, changing environmental conditions and assessed indicators. Usually, when modeling complex systems, we are faced with a situation where the processes under study in the system and environmental conditions are probabilistic in nature, the number of factors influencing the estimated indicators is significant, and estimates of the required parameters need to be obtained for a wide range of changes in the operating conditions of the system. The ultimate goal of mathematical modeling is to achieve the required accuracy of estimates of selected quantitative indicators [5] - [10].

Multiparameter transducers are designed to measure physical and chemical parameters and alarm systems in automatic monitoring and control systems of objects in the electric power industry, technological processes and production and to issue output signals in the form of DC power and voltage, as well as non-electrical quantities converted into DC electrical signals or active resistance. The tasks of converting and ensuring the accuracy of calculations are essential to ensure the required metrological characteristics of multi-parameter measuring and information systems [11] - [13].

The approximation of the transformation function of a multiparameter transducer should provide maximum approximation accuracy with a minimum number of nodes (experimental data); be simple enough so that the technical implementation of the computational processing algorithm is economical; provide the ability to quickly and sufficiently test multi-parameter transducers [14] - [18].

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

Consider a multiparameter transducer or device, the input of which is supplied with an n-dimensional quantity $\vec{x} \in E^n$, and the output is a one-dimensional quantity u, which is a function of n variable input coordinates $u = u(\vec{x}) \equiv u(x_1, x_i, \dots, x_n)$.

The error in estimating vector quantities significantly depends on the accuracy of approximation of the transformation function of a multiparameter transducer.

If the error of linear interpolation, determined by the relation

$$L(\vec{x}) - u(\vec{x}) = (\overrightarrow{p}, \vec{x}) + p_0 - u(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{2}\sum[H(y^v)(\vec{x} - \vec{x}^v), \vec{x} - \vec{x}^v]\lambda_v(\vec{x}) , \quad (1)$$

is large, then it is advisable to move to a higher order of interpolation, for example, use quadratic, cubic and n-dimensional interpolation [19].

The general approach developed in this work based on the theory of simplexes and barycentric coordinates allows for the transition to quadratic, cubic and n-dimensional interpolation using the same input base vectors (test signals) as with linear interpolation, and this makes it possible as will be shown below, if necessary, algorithmically and hardware-correct the interpolation method, i.e. automatically, if it is necessary to increase the accuracy of processing, from linear interpolation to quadratic, cubic, or, if the measured multidimensional value changes in some sense smoothly, do the opposite - move from quadratic, cubic interpolation to linear.

Let $\{\vec{x}^v\}, v = \overrightarrow{1,n}$ multidimensional simplicial test singals (used in the linear interpolation method).

$$\vec{x}^{1T}(1,0,\dots,0,\dots,0);\dots;\ \vec{x}^{sT}(0,0,\dots,1,\dots 0);\ \vec{x}^{nT}(0,0,\dots,1), \quad (2)$$

with corresponding one-dimensional outputs.

For the quadratic interpolation method, we will generate additional multidimensional signals $\vec{x}^{v,s}$, which are the midpoints of the simplex edges connecting the v-th vertex to the s-th vertex. These additional multidimensional signals are determined by the simple relation

$$\vec{x}^{v,s} = \vec{x}^{s,v} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\vec{x}^{v} + \vec{x}^{s}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(\vec{x}^{s} + \vec{x}^{v}\right) \quad (3)$$

It is easy to show that in the n-dimensional case the number of input multidimensional test signals for the quadratic interpolation method will be equal to

$$N_2 = C_n^0 + 2C_n^1 + C_{n+1}^2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} \quad (4)$$

For example, for $n = 1,\ N_2 = 3$, for $n = 2, N_2 = 6$, for $n = 3, N_2 = 10$.

Note that the number of all coefficients of the quadratic form from n variables is also equal to the number of points $N_2 = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$.

We will obtain the quadratic interpolation polynomial from the following basic system of equations by coincidence at the nodes

$$\begin{cases} Q(\vec{x}^{\nu}) = u_{\nu} = u(\vec{x}^{\nu}), & \nu = \overline{0,n} \\ Q(\vec{x}^{\nu,s}) = u_{\nu,s} = u(\vec{x}^{\nu,s}), \nu = \overline{0,n}; \nu \neq s \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where $u_{v,s} = u(\vec{x}^{v,s})$— output signal (response) to input signal $\vec{x}^{v,s}$.

Naturally,

$$Q(\vec{x}^{v,s}) = Q(\vec{x}^{s,v}) = u_{v,s} = u_{s,v} = u(\vec{x}^{v,s}) = u(\vec{x}^{s,v}),$$

because $\vec{x}^{v,s} = \vec{x}^{s,v}$.

In this case, the number of equations in (5) will be equal to $n + 1 + \frac{(n+1)^2-(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} = N_2$, i.e., coincides with the number of coefficients of the quadratic form of n variables.

To determine the interpolating quadratic form of n variables in the local system of barycentric coordinates, we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. The interpolating quadratic form of n variables is as follows

$$Q(\vec{x}) \equiv \sum_{v=0}^{n} [2\lambda_v^2(\vec{x}) - \lambda_v(\vec{x})]\, u_v + 2 \sum_{\substack{v,s=0 \\ v \neq s}}^{n} \lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x}) u_{v,s}, \quad (6)$$

where $\lambda_v(x)$ - barycentric coordinates of point x relative to the vertices of the simplex x_v, defined by the relations

$$x = \sum_{s=0}^{n} \lambda_s(\vec{x})\vec{x}^{s}, \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{s=0}^{n} \lambda_s(\vec{x}) = 1, \quad (8)$$

$$\lambda_s = \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_{is} x_i + z_{os}; s = \overline{0,n}. \quad (9)$$

Proof:

Since $\lambda_v(x)$ are linear functions of $\vec{x}$ according to (9), and they enter into relation (1) only quadratically and linearly, then first of all $Q(x)$ is a quadratic polynomial with respect to the n-dimensional vector $\vec{x}$.

Now all that remains is to show that $Q(x)$, given by relation (6), is an interpolation quadratic polynomial, i.e. satisfies the system of relations

$$\begin{aligned} L(\vec{x}) &= \sum_{v=0}^{n} \lambda_v(\vec{x}) u(\vec{x}) = \sum_{v=0}^{n} \lambda_v(\vec{x}) \Big[u(\vec{x}) + \\ &+ (\nabla u(\vec{x}), \vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}) + \tfrac{1}{2}[H(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}), \vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}]\Big] = \\ &u(\vec{x}) \sum_{v=0}^{n} \lambda_v(\vec{x}) + \sum_{v=0}^{n} (\nabla u(\vec{x}), \vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x})\lambda_v(\vec{x}) + \\ &+ \tfrac{1}{2}\sum_{v=0}^{n} [H(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}), \vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}]\lambda_v(\vec{x}) . \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Due to the fact that $\lambda_v(\vec{x}^{v}) = \delta_{vk}$, then $Q(\vec{x}^{k}) = u_k = u(\vec{x}^{k}); k = \overline{0,n},$, where δ_{vk} is the Kronecker symbol (the first from relation (5)). If *u(x)* is not a linear mapping from the n-dimensional space E_1 to the number axis $\vec{z}$ and $\vec{w}$ and w $\vec{}$ are two n-dimensional vectors ($\vec{z} \in E_n,\ \vec{w} \in E_n$), then the following relation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} u(\vec{w}) &= u(\vec{z}) + \sum_{s=1}^{k} \frac{1}{S!} D^{s} u(\vec{z})(\vec{w} - \vec{z})^{s} + \\ &+ \frac{1}{k+1} D^{k+1}[\vec{z} + \theta(\vec{w} - \vec{z})](\vec{w} - \vec{z})^{k+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where $D^{s}u(\vec{z})$ - are the s-th multidimensional derivatives of the nonlinear mapping $u(\vec{z})$, which are symmetric s-linear mappings, $(\vec{w} - \vec{z})^{s}$- s is the short product of the vector $(\vec{w} - \vec{z})$ - onto itself for all $s = \overline{1, k+1}$, θ *i*s a real number satisfying the relation $0 < \theta < 1$.

Based on all of the above, we can estimate the error of the quadratic interpolation method.

Theorem 2. For any point $\vec{x} \epsilon E_n$ the following relations hold true:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\vec{x}) - u(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{6}\Big\{\sum_{v=0}^{n} D^3 u(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \\ &- \vec{x})^3 [2\lambda_v^2(\vec{x}) - \lambda_v(\vec{x})] + \\ &\sum_{\substack{v,s=0 \\ v \neq s}}^{n} D^3 u(y^{v,s})(\vec{x}^{v,s} - -\vec{x})^{s} \lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})\Big\}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla Q(\vec{x}) - \nabla Q(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{6}\{\sum_{v=0}^{n} D^3 u\,(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \\ &- \vec{x})^3 [4\lambda_v(\vec{x}) - 1]\nabla\lambda_v(\vec{x}) + \\ &4\sum_{\substack{v,s=0 \\ v \neq s}} D^3 u(y^{v,s})(\vec{x}^{v,s} - \vec{x})^3\, \lambda_v(\vec{x})\nabla\lambda_s(\vec{x})\}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Proof:

Using the Taylor series expansion up to the 3rd term inclusive in the multidimensional case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(\vec{x}^{v}) = {} & u(\vec{x}^{v}) + Du(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x}) + \frac{1}{2} D^2 u(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x})^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{6} D^3 u(y^{v})(\vec{x}^{v} - \vec{x})^3. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x^{v,s}) = {} & u(\vec{x}) + Du(y^{v,s})(\vec{x}^{v,s} - \vec{x}) + \\ & + \frac{1}{2} D^2 u(y^{v,s})(\vec{x}^{v,s} - \vec{x})^2 + \frac{1}{6} D^3 u(y^{v,s}) \\ & (\vec{x}^{v,s} - \vec{x})^3. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Since relation (6) is true, then substituting relations (14) and (15) into it, and also taking into account the following easily verified relation

$$\sum_{v=0}^{n}\left[2\lambda_v^2(\vec{x})-\lambda_v(\vec{x})\right]+2\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})=1 \qquad (16)$$

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and the fact that for $Du(\vec{x})$ there will be a factor

$$\sum_{v=0}^{n}\left[2\lambda_v^2(\vec{x})-\lambda_v(\vec{x})\right](\vec{x}^v-\vec{x})+2\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^{v,s}-\vec{x})=$$

$$=2\left(\sum_{s=0}^{n}\lambda_s(\vec{x})\right)\left[\sum_{v=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^v-\vec{x})-\sum_{s=0}^{n}\lambda_{vs}(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^s-\vec{x})\right]$$

equal to 0 in connection with (7), we obtain that in the Taylor series expansion the second-order term will have the form

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{v=0}^{n}[\,2\lambda_v^2(\vec{x})-\lambda_v(\vec{x})]D^2u(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^v-\vec{x})+$$
$$+\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})D^2u(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^{v,s}-\vec{x})\equiv$$
$$\equiv\frac{1}{2}D^2u(\vec{x})[\sum_{v=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^v-\vec{x})]^2+ \qquad (17)$$
$$+\frac{1}{2}D^2u(\vec{x})\sum_{v=0}^{n}[\lambda_v(\vec{x})(\vec{x}^v-\vec{x})(\sum_{s=0}^{n}\lambda_s(\vec{x})-$$
$$-1)(\vec{x}^s-\vec{x})].$$

Due to the existence of relations (7) and (8), this term is also equal to 0, which proves the relation of theorem (12). To prove the second part of the theorem, i.e. relation (13) we differentiate the expression for the quadratic interpolation polynomial (6).

$$DQ(\vec{x})=\sum[\,4\lambda_v(\vec{x})-1]D\lambda_v(\vec{x})u(\vec{x}^v)+$$
$$+4\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\,D\lambda_s(\vec{x})u(\vec{x}^{v,s}) \qquad (18)$$

Applying to $u(\vec{x}^v)$ and $u(\vec{x}^{v,s})$ the Taylor series expansion up to the 3rd term inclusive in relation (18), for $u(\vec{x})$ we obtain the following factor

$$\sum_{v=0}^{n}\left[4\lambda_v(\vec{x})-1\right]D\lambda_v(\vec{x})u(\vec{x})+4\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})D\lambda_s(\vec{x})=$$

$$=4\sum_{v=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})D\lambda_v(\vec{x})-\sum_{v=0}^{n}D\lambda_v(\vec{x})+4\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})D\lambda_s(\vec{x}).$$

Since $\sum_{s=0}^{n}\nabla\lambda_s=0$ it equals to 0

$$4\sum_{v=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})D\lambda_v(\vec{x})+4\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})D\lambda_s(\vec{x})=$$
$$=4\sum_{v=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})[\sum_{v=0}^{n}D\lambda_v(\vec{x})+\sum_{v=0}^{n}D\lambda_s(\vec{x})]=0$$

In a similar way, it can be shown that the factors of *Du(x)* and $D^2u(x)$ will be equal to 0, which indicates the validity of estimate (15) and completes the proof of the theorem.

When considering the cubic interpolation method, it is assumed that test signals in the form of vertices of the simplex $\{\vec{x}^v, v=\overline{0,n}\}$ are supplied to the input of the device as before, and auxiliary signals are generated using special computing devices.

$$\{\vec{x}^{v,s,k};v,s,k=\overline{0,n};v\neq s\neq k\},$$
$$\vec{x}^{v,s,k}=\frac{1}{3}(\vec{x}^v+\vec{x}^s+\vec{x}^k). \qquad (19)$$

To attract information about the dynamics of the controlled process, it is advisable to consider a modified scheme for interpolating multidimensional functions.

This can be implemented in hardware by using multidimensional differentiators in devices and systems. In this case, the modified method of multidimensional cubic interpolation is carried out based on the following necessary relations.

$$\begin{cases}k(\vec{x}^v)=u_v=u(\vec{x}^v),v=\overline{0,n}\\ \nabla k(\vec{x}^v)=Dk(\vec{x}^v)=Du(\vec{x}^v)=\nabla u(\vec{x}^v),v=\overline{0,n}\\ k(\vec{x}^{v,s,k})=u_{vks}=u(\vec{x}^{v,s,k}),v,s,k=\overline{0,n};v\neq s\neq k\end{cases} \qquad (20)$$

Involving the differential relation in (20) instead of the second relation in (19) saves us from additional test changes in the middles of the faces, but artificially due to multidimensional differentiation $Dk(\vec{x}^v)=\nabla u(\vec{x}^v)$ increases the information content (for example, the number of ratios used increases by 2 times).

The latter makes it possible to significantly increase the accuracy of computational processes when processing information about vector quantities. In the proposed cubic interpolation method, the number of informative relations is $[c_n^0+3c_n^1+3c_4^2+c_4^3]$. The form of the cubic interpolation polynomial is determined by the following theorem.

Theorem 3. In terms of barycentric coordinates, the form of a cubic multidimensional interpolation polynomial satisfying relation (20) is defined as follows

$$k(\vec{x})=\sum_{v=0}^{n}[-2\lambda_v^3(\vec{x})+3\lambda_v^2(\vec{x})]u_v+$$
$$\frac{1}{6}\sum_{v,s,k=0}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})\lambda_k(\vec{x})$$
$$[27+u_{vsk}-7(u_v+u_s+u_k)]+ \qquad (21)$$
$$+\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\v\neq s}}^{n}\lambda_v^2(\vec{x})\lambda_v(\vec{x})[\nabla u(\vec{x}^v),\vec{x}^s-\vec{x}^v]-$$
$$-\sum_{\substack{v,s,k=0\\v\neq s\neq k}}^{n}\lambda_v(\vec{x})\lambda_s(\vec{x})\lambda_k(\vec{x})[\nabla u(\vec{x}^v),\vec{x}^s-\vec{x}^v]$$

Proof:

It is easy to see that the first and third relations in (20) for the interpolation polynomial (21) are satisfied.

To check the validity of the second relation in (20), we differentiate the interpolating cubic polynomial of many variables (21) and obtain:

$$\nabla k\left(\vec{x}^{\,v}\right)=\sum_{\substack{v,s=0\\ v\neq s}}^{n}\left(\nabla k\left(\vec{x}^{\,v}\right),\vec{x}^{\,s}-\vec{x}^{\,v}\right)\nabla\lambda_s\left(\vec{x}^{\,v}\right) \qquad (22)$$

The rate of change of an arbitrary v – th barycentric coordinate $\lambda_v(\vec{x});\ v=\overline{0,n}$ in the direction $\vec{x}^{\,s}-\vec{x};s=\overline{0,n}$, characterized by the relation

$$\left[\nabla\gamma_v\left(\vec{x}\right),\vec{x}^{\,s}-\vec{x}\right]=\delta_{v,s}-\lambda_v\left(\vec{x}\right) \qquad (23)$$

Using (23) one can easily obtain the equality $\nabla k(\vec{x}^{v})=\nabla u(\vec{x}^{v})$ which, coinciding with the second relation (20), proves the theorem.

Estimating the error of the cubic interpolation method (20) using multidimensional differentiation is carried out similarly to estimating the error of the quadratic interpolation method.

Using the method of barycentric coordinates, it is possible to obtain algorithms and error estimates of algorithms for multidimensional interpolation of any degree. In this case, multidimensional differentiation can be used in various combinations. If the increase in the amount of information is insignificant (for example, in the case of interpolation by polynomials of low degrees), then you can use the classical scheme and do without differentiation.

By establishing a criterion for assessing the error of a vector quantity, you can change the type of multidimensional interpolation in the control process, i.e. switch to spline approximation and make the multiparameter device or system adaptive.

3 CONCLUSIONS

Thus, for mathematical description of characteristics of multiparameter converters based on specified experimental data, it is advisable to use methods of linear, quadratic, cubic and n-dimensional interpolation based on the theory of barycentric coordinates and the theory of simplexes. Comparison of methods for approximating functions of transformation of multiparameter converters allows choosing the optimal method for a specific task - minimization of the structural diagram of the computing device. This, in turn, allows more accurate determination of metrological characteristics of measuring converters, to propose effective methods and means for processing primary measurement information. The obtained results will allow, based on the use of computer modeling tools using the capabilities of modern computing systems, to implement effective model support for the development of new and improvement of existing methods for processing signals of primary converters and systems. This will provide an opportunity to achieve a new level of technical and economic efficiency of measuring instruments. The results of the work can also find application in various industries where there is a need to create and improve measuring instruments.

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Improved SAFER Plus Algorithm Using the Odd-Squared New Mersenne Number Transform

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Abstract: Encryption secures data by transforming it into unreadable information (ciphertext) that can only be read by authorized receivers, who then convert the unclear data back into the original plaintext. Encryption can be classified into two types: symmetric and asymmetric. Symmetric encryption utilizes the same key for each of the sender and the receiver whereas two different keys are used in asymmetrical encryption. One of the encryption techniques is the SAFER+ algorithm. In this paper, a generalized type of the new Mersenne number transform (NMNT) called the odd-squared NMNT (O2NMNT) is used to generate a new matrix in the proposed SAFER+ algorithm to replace the basic matrix used in the standard SAFER+ algorithm. The results revel that in the proposed SAFER+ algorithm the number of attempts required to find the key used in the encryption process in extremely higher than the attempts needed in the standard SAFER+ algorithm this gives the suggested algorithm a higher encryption strength than the conventional algorithm.

1 INTRODUCTION

Data security has been increasingly important in recent years, particularly with current exchange networks, which include flaws that can be exploited to catastrophic effect [1]. Encryption is a means of preserving data so that it remains unmodified and secure at some point throughout the transfer from the sender to the intended receiver [2]. Cryptography is a rule or procedure that protects private or sensitive information from the public or other members. It is critical for ensuring data integrity, confidentiality, and user privacy [3]. An encryption algorithm can convert crucial data from plaintext to ciphertext. Decryption is the process of transforming ciphertext to plaintext with a decryption algorithm and a key [4]. The key is used for the encryption and decryption of certain data, controlling the transition between plaintext and ciphertext [5]. Data encryption /decryption process is shown in Figure 1.

There are two types of keys used in encryption /decryption process: symmetric and asymmetric [6]. The same key for encryption and decryption is utilized in symmetric key encryption technology, as illustrated in Figure 2 [7], which is the most efficient kind of encryption that presents one private key to cipher and decode data [8]. The key benefits of symmetric encryption systems are their reliability and speed [9].

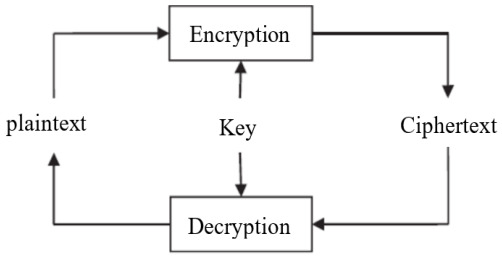


Figure 1: Encryption and decryption process.

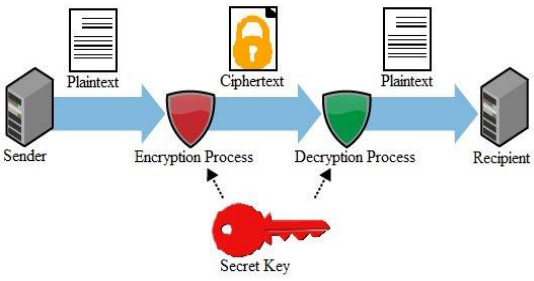


Figure 2: Symmetric key encryption.

Asymmetric encryption, often known as public-key encryption, is a relatively new technology when compared to symmetric encryption [10]. Asymmetric cryptography uses a pair of keys to encrypt basic textual content: a public key and a private key [11] as shown in Figure 3 [7]. Data is encrypted with a key that is publicly available and decrypted with an exclusive key [9]. Asymmetric encryption algorithms require not less than a 3000-bit key to attain the same level of privacy as 128-bit symmetric algorithms [12].

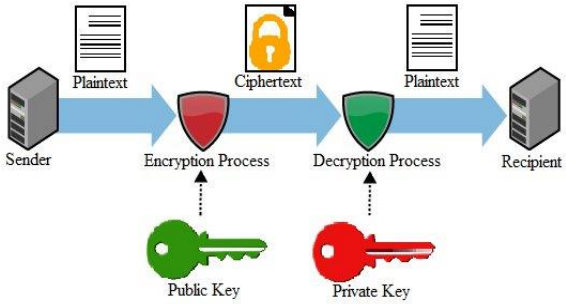


Figure 3: Asymmetric key encryption.

There are various security techniques for wireless network devices. Some popular algorithms are AES, DES, Triple DES, IDEA, SAFER+, and ECDH [13]. The SAFER+, which stands for (Secure and Fast Encryption Routine), algorithm is based on the current SAFER family of ciphers, which includes the SAFER K-64, SAFER K-128, SAFER SK-128 bit [14]. SAFER+ is a symmetric key standard in which the sender and receiver share the same key. Although SAFER+ is commonly used algorithm, it appears to have certain weaknesses [15] so that many authors proposed various improved algorithms to overcome these weaknesses.

A modified SAFER+ algorithm is proposed in [16] that uses the Fast Walsh Hadamard (FWH) transform and includes a rotation block for each round. The results reveal that the proposed SAFER+ approach has higher security than the previous algorithms. The effectiveness of the algorithm in [17] is determined by analyzing parameters such as encryption time, encryption frequency, data throughput, and security level. The improved SAFER+ method outperformed current algorithms when used in Bluetooth devices. In [18] the authors have made significant changes that has eliminated all the problems of the existing SAFER+ algorithm such as pseudo key collisions and differential cryptanalysis. The suggested algorithm accepts 16 bytes of plaintext and 16 bytes of key as input, then converts them to 20-bytes by generating the four-byte pseudo random number generator (PRNG). Using MATLAB to implement the SAFER+ standard in [15], the authors provide a promising possibility for the software implementation of encryption standards at a low cost and high performance. In [19], A MATLAB software implementation of the symmetric key block standard is used to encrypt and decrypt text, data, and images using the SAFER+ technique with a key of length 128. The outcomes provide good encryption/decryption performance through a series of novel approaches that facilitate the realization of non-linear functions employed by the SAFER+ algorithm.

The objective of this paper is to improve the SAFER+ algorithm via generating a new matrix using the O2NMNT and replacing it with the matrix used in the standard algorithm.

2 THE ODD-SQUARED NEW MERSENNE NUMBER TRANSFORM

Generalized new Mersenne number transforms (GNMNTs) are being established to be substantial number theoretic transforms (NTTs) capable of reliably calculating correlations and convolutions [20]. Two new transforms, named the odd NMNT (ONMNT) and the odd-squared NMNT (O^2NMNT) are defined from the generalized new Mersenne number transform [21]. It should be stated that there is a special interest in using the O^2NMNT for encryption purposes. This method produces a matrix without zeros or ones, making it suitable for diffusion analysis. The O^2NMNT of an integer sequence $x(n)$ for transform length $(N = 2^m, 1 < m < p - 2)$ is defined as in the following equation:

$$X_{o^2}(k) = \left[\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x(n)\beta\left(\frac{(2n+1)(2k+1)}{4}\right)\right] mod\ M_p$$
$$0 \le k \le N-1, \quad (1)$$

for $n \ge 0,\ k \le N-1$ be the elements of the O^2NMNT matrix, let:

$$M_{o^2}(nk) = \beta\left(\frac{(2n+1)(2k+1)}{4}\right). \quad (2)$$

According to (1), M_{o^2} can be expressed as:

$$M_{o^2} = \begin{matrix} \beta\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) & \beta\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) & \cdots & \beta\left(\frac{2N-1}{4}\right) \\ \beta\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) & \beta\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) & \cdots & \beta\left(\frac{3(2N-1)}{4}\right) \\ \beta\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) & \beta\left(\frac{15}{4}\right) & \cdots & \beta\left(\frac{5(2N-1)}{4}\right) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta\left(\frac{2N-1}{4}\right) & \beta\left(\frac{3(2N-1)}{4}\right) & \cdots & \beta\left(\frac{(2N-1)(2N-1)}{4}\right) \end{matrix}, \quad (3)$$

where $mod\ M_p$ represents modulo M_p, $M_p = 2^p - 1$ is a Mersenne prime for $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, \ldots \ldots$ and β is the transform kernel defined as [22]:

$$\beta(nk) = \beta_1(nk) + \beta_2(nk), \quad (4)$$

$$\beta_1(nk) = Re((\alpha_1 + j\alpha_2)^d)^{nk}\ mod\ Mp, \quad (5)$$

$$\beta_2(nk) = Im((\alpha_1 + j\alpha_2)^d)^{nk}\ mod\ Mp. \quad (6)$$

Where α_1, α_2, q and d are defined as:

$$\alpha_1 = \pm(2^q)\ mod\ \ Mp\ , \quad (7)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \pm(-3^q)\ mod\ \ Mp\ , \quad (8)$$

$$q = 2^{p-2}, \quad (9)$$

$$d = \frac{2^{p+1}}{N}. \quad (10)$$

The detailed descriptions and specifications of O^2NMNT are available in [22], which we did not want to repeat here.

3 THE STANDARD SAFER+ ALGORITHM

SAFER+ is a 128-bit block cryptography algorithm with three alternative key lengths: 128-bit, 192-bit, or 256-bit, with encryption/decryption rounds of 8, 12, and 16 respectively. The procedure starts with the key scheduling, which creates a set of 2R keys using the initial confidential key (K_1) shared by both of the sending and receiving sides. The 2R+1 keys set is used for cryptography rounds as two keys every round, starting with K_1 to K_{2R} and finishing with K_{2R+1} for the outcome of the encryption level [16]. The decryption process on the other side follows the opposite sequence, beginning with K_{2R+1} for the input decryption level and then two keys each round, as illustrated in Figure 4 [13].

4 KEY SCHEDULES OF SAFER+ STANDARD

The strength of a symmetrical key encryption algorithm is achieved by the structure of encryption /decryption, in addition to the complexity of producing the group of subkeys ($K_2 – K_{17}$) using key scheduling [20]. Figure 5 shows that various mathematical procedures are used to generate a total of seventeen 128-bit (16 bytes) keys from the symmetric key (K_1) while keeping in mind the randomness of the keys group [13]. The sixteen subkeys ($K_2 – K_{17}$) are generated in the following way. The user secret key serves as the first subkey (K_1) and is also stored into the first 16-byte locations of a 17-byte key register ($KB_1–KB_{16}$). The most recent byte position in the register (KB_{17}) will be filled with the bit-by-bit modulo 2 -sum of the 16 bytes of the user-selected key. Each byte in the key register is then rotated three-bit positions to the left. The second subkey (K_2) is then calculated as modulo 256-sum of the 16-byte bias word (B_2) with the bytes number $KB_2 – KB_{17}$ respectively. Each byte in the key register is then rotated leftwards by three-bit places. K_3 is obtained as the sum modulo 256 of the 16-byte bias word (B_3) with the bytes number $KB_3 – KB_{17}$, and KB_1 respectively.

The SAFER+ standard algorithm uses the B matrix to randomly generate the round subkeys [20], Table 1 shows the standard matrix B.

The SAFER+ round, which consists of two transformation layers, one nonlinear layer, and byte multiplication with matrix M is shown in Figure 6.

Linear layers perform byte-to-byte addition modulo 256 (add) and bit-by-bit addition (XOR) on the layer 128-bit input data block using one of the round keys. A byte transformation on exponential and logarithmic function base (45) modulo 257 is employed with the non-linear layer, defined for the byte B as [13]:

$$F(B) = \begin{cases} 45^B\ mod\ 257 & if\ B \neq 128 \\ 0 & if\ B = 128 \end{cases}, \quad (11)$$

$$G(y) = \begin{cases} log_{45}(y) & if\ y \neq 0 \\ 128 & if\ \ y = 0 \end{cases}. \quad (12)$$

The final transformation stage in each round is based on the predetermined invertible (16×16) matrix M [14]. The decryption procedure uses the inverse of the matrix M. The matrix M and its inverse M^{-1} are defined in (13) and (14) [20].

The decryption procedure starts with the input transformation layer operating on the ciphertext and the key K_{2R+1}, using subtraction (SUB) as the inverse operation of add and XOR in the output encryption layer. Two keys from the remaining 2R keys are utilized in descending order for rounds decryption. Every step of the decryption procedure involves an inverse operation of the one used during encryption process.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 16 & 8 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 16 & 8 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 16 & 8 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 16 & 8 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 16 & 8 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 16 & 8 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 16 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 8 & 4 \\ 16 & 8 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 8 & 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (13)$$

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ -4 & 4 & -2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & -8 & 16 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -8 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 4 & -8 & 16 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -8 & 1 & -8 & 16 & -4 & 4 \\ 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -8 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -4 & 4 & -8 & 16 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 4 & -8 & 16 & -4 & 4 & -2 & 4 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -8 & 16 & -4 & 4 & -2 & 2 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 4 \\ 4 & -8 & 2 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 \\ -8 & 16 & -4 & 4 & -2 & 4 & -2 & 2 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 4 & -8 & 2 & -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & -1 & 2 & -4 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 & -8 & 16 & -4 & 4 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -2 & 4 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

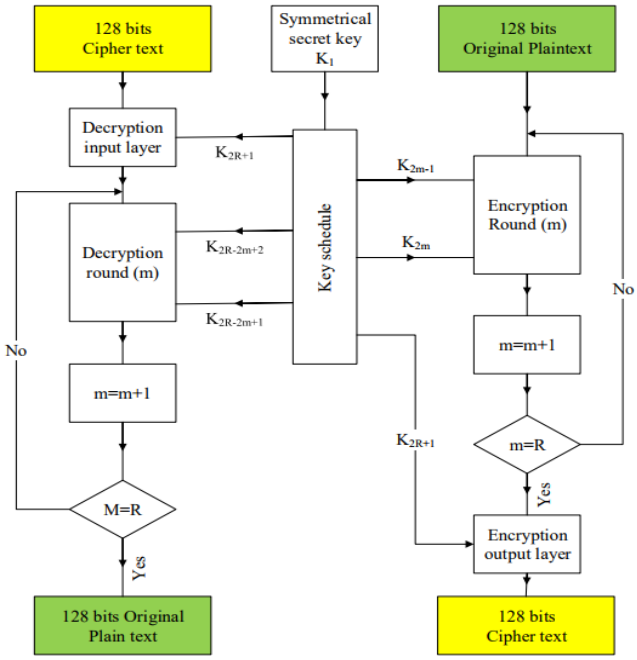


Figure 4: SAFER+ encryption/decryption process.

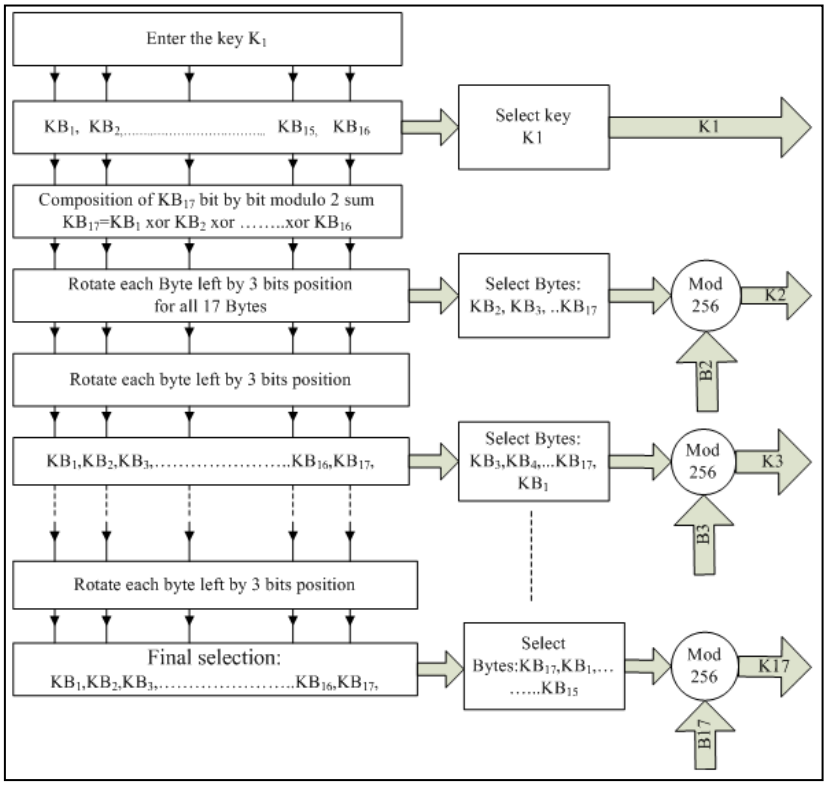


Figure 5: Subkeys Production using the standard B matrix.

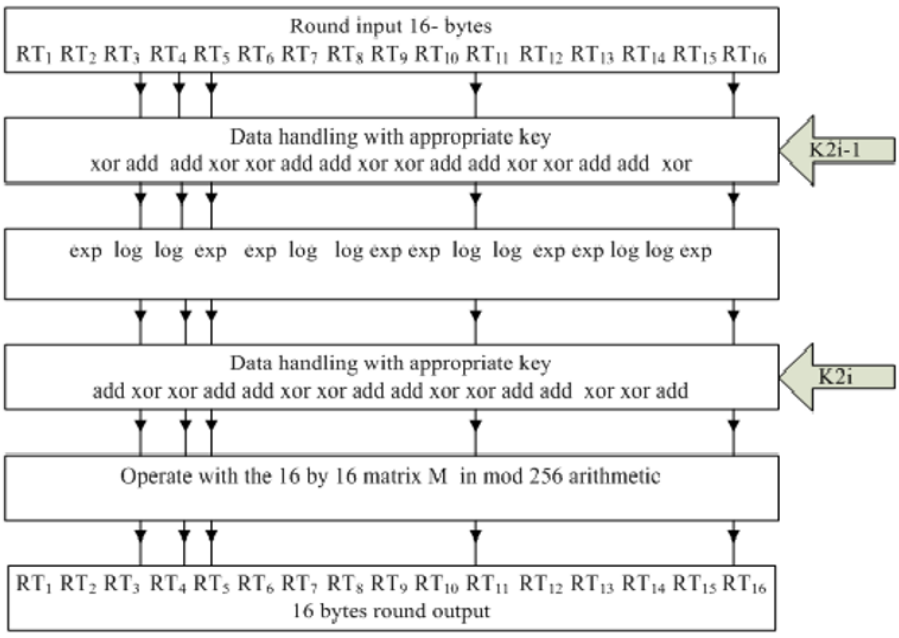


Figure 6: Encrypting round structure.

Table 1: The standard B matrix.

70	151	177	186	163	183	16	10	197	55	179	201	90	40	172	100
236	171	170	198	103	149	88	13	248	154	246	110	102	220	5	61
138	195	216	137	106	233	54	73	67	191	235	212	150	155	104	160
93	87	146	31	213	113	92	187	34	193	190	123	188	153	99	148
42	97	184	52	50	25	253	251	23	64	230	81	29	65	68	143
221	4	128	222	231	49	214	127	1	162	247	57	218	111	35	202
58	208	28	209	48	62	18	161	205	15	224	168	175	130	89	44
125	173	178	239	194	135	206	117	6	19	2	144	79	46	114	51
192	141	207	169	129	226	196	39	47	108	122	159	82	225	21	56
252	32	66	199	8	228	9	85	94	140	20	118	96	255	223	215
250	11	33	0	26	249	166	185	232	158	98	76	217	145	80	210
24	180	7	132	234	91	164	200	14	203	72	105	75	78	156	53
69	77	84	229	37	60	12	74	139	63	204	167	219	107	174	244
45	243	124	109	157	181	38	116	242	147	83	176	240	17	237	131
182	3	22	115	59	30	142	112	189	134	27	71	126	36	86	241
136	70	151	177	186	163	183	16	10	197	55	179	201	90	40	172

5 THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ON SAFER+ ALGORITHM

In the present research, improvements will be made to the process of producing subkeys by replacing the standard matrix B with a matrix generated using the O^2NMNT approach as shown in Figure 7, which will be referred to as the proposed matrix $\widehat{B}$ as illustrated in Table 2. The O^2NMNT was used and preferred over Fast Walsh-Hadamard or DFT because it can used to generate a matrix with element values ranging from 0 to 255, which is not available in the two methods mentioned, which increases the strength of the keys.

The values of the elements of matrix $\widehat{B}$ depend on the constants in the special equations of the O^2NMNT, which means that other matrices can be generated. The original text, the subkeys, the encrypted text, and the text after decryption when using the B matrix are shown in Table 3, while Table 4 illustrates the same procedure using the $\widehat{B}$ matrix. The original SAFER+ encryption algorithm relies, for its strength, on the master key only, from which the rest of the subkeys are generated, as matrix B is known within the encryption algorithm, while in the proposed method, replacing the matrix B with another generated matrix $\widehat{B}$ that is unknown within the encryption algorithm, which leads to increase the strength of the encryption algorithm and make it depend on the master key in addition to its reliance on the $\widehat{B}$ matrix as well.

The O^2NMNT technique can be used to produce a number of different matrices, any of which can be utilized instead of the matrix B used in the standard SAFER+ encryption algorithm. Because these matrices are unknown within the encryption process, they are treated as an additional key which increasing the strength of the code in the suggested encryption approach. To make it possible for hackers to obtain the utilized key in the standard SAFER+ encryption method, the number of possibilities will be 2^{128} because it depends only on the length of the master key (128 bits) from which the sub-keys will be generated, whereas in the proposed algorithm, the master key and sub-keys (17 keys of 128 bits length) are unknown because the matrix $\widehat{B}$ is only available to the two encryption parties (sender and receiver), so the number of possibilities will be $2^{128*17}=2^{2176}$. The number of attempts is extremely high, indicating the strength of the encryption in the suggested method. Encryption and decryption process by the standard and proposed methods take the same time because the operations in both algorithms are the same. The only difference is the time required to generate the matrix $\widehat{B}$, which is stored in a Table 4 and used in the encryption algorithm.

The standard matrix B and the generated matrix $\hat{B}$ are used to encrypt/decrypt a randomly chosen RGB digital image shown in Figure 8. The results of the encryption/decryption process are presented in Figure 9 and Figure 10. The results illustrate that the digital image is successfully encrypted/decrypted by using the two matrices but the advantage of using the

generated matrix $\hat{B}$ lies on the strongness of the generated keys.

When using the proposed method, we notice that the original text (PTX) was recovered after decryption, as shown in Table 4, which means that this method is effective, as the image after decryption is completely identical to the original image.

To measure the randomness of the keys generated by the standard and proposed algorithms, the NIST-STS test and P-values are obtained as illustrated in Table 5. The data is considered random if the P value is greater than 0.01, so the values obtained from the test meet this condition. The results also show that the proposed method is more random than the standard method.

Table 2: The proposed $\hat{B}$ matrix.

15	56	106	105	105	106	56	15	83	26	14	36	91	113	101	44
56	105	15	14	113	112	22	71	101	36	83	106	106	83	36	101
106	15	91	71	71	91	15	106	14	44	22	101	26	105	83	113
105	14	71	44	83	56	113	22	91	106	26	112	112	26	106	91
105	113	71	83	83	71	113	105	91	21	26	15	112	101	106	36
106	112	91	56	71	36	15	21	14	83	22	26	26	22	83	14
56	22	15	113	113	15	22	56	101	91	83	21	106	44	36	26
15	71	106	22	105	21	56	112	83	101	14	91	91	14	101	83
83	101	14	91	91	14	101	83	112	56	21	105	22	106	71	15
26	36	44	106	21	83	91	101	56	22	15	113	113	15	22	56
14	83	22	26	26	22	83	14	21	15	36	71	56	91	112	106
36	106	101	112	15	26	21	91	105	113	71	83	83	71	113	105
91	106	26	112	112	26	106	91	22	113	56	83	44	71	14	105
113	83	105	26	101	22	44	14	106	15	91	71	71	91	15	106
101	36	83	106	106	83	36	101	71	22	112	113	14	15	105	56
44	101	113	91	36	14	26	83	15	56	106	105	105	106	56	15

Table 3: The encryption / decryption process using the standard B matrix.

PTX	69	110	99	114	121	112	116	105	111	110	32	105	115	32	116	104
K1	35	137	230	138	205	192	244	74	99	162	26	212	206	114	33	252
K2	146	206	5	40	169	94	98	37	218	7	89	63	237	49	147	60
K3	165	77	29	246	164	39	48	181	126	207	169	10	174	27	203	5
K4	159	94	89	114	254	175	123	125	236	92	207	22	143	209	174	179
K5	57	99	225	195	11	155	253	8	14	232	208	74	109	203	251	2
K6	138	219	221	229	131	38	103	98	80	208	100	222	174	5	183	212
K7	176	45	13	104	79	132	17	72	133	149	99	197	0	10	77	1
K8	131	60	112	20	202	23	96	197	108	114	68	217	139	211	18	68
K9	224	79	204	195	144	249	239	113	33	54	139	118	217	251	50	39
K10	213	93	117	31	20	235	171	255	72	184	177	243	192	231	188	138
K11	130	85	245	99	80	35	207	29	192	69	182	233	144	60	113	175
K12	163	168	5	66	19	47	236	204	181	179	253	205	194	37	22	23
K13	4	219	25	83	155	141	60	54	182	167	84	184	239	132	198	214
K14	126	221	210	114	182	0	127	143	113	159	70	204	140	188	187	94
K15	177	230	232	249	195	80	80	171	245	102	124	61	122	121	64	190
K16	85	102	122	164	23	111	71	136	91	207	135	155	193	190	47	63
K17	163	105	32	151	68	112	119	4	84	40	217	205	157	40	154	205
CTX	112	1	252	246	168	241	77	148	170	189	118	161	134	163	94	44
DOTX	69	110	99	114	121	112	116	105	111	110	32	105	115	32	116	104

Table 4: The encryption / decryption process using the proposed $\hat{B}$ matrix.

PTX	69	110	99	114	121	112	116	105	111	110	32	105	115	32	116	104
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K2	91	111	190	215	111	17	138	42	104	234	180	154	238	122	76	4
K3	241	11	130	62	174	2	238	239	235	89	6	6	178	146	234	45
K4	127	170	220	48	219	33	84	158	183	201	250	167	19	159	153	132
K5	69	26	150	208	137	98	18	99	71	145	44	63	33	76	2	201
K6	201	235	108	4	164	84	219	208	148	165	152	156	1	41	221	105
K7	61	153	232	194	175	119	74	222	146	70	130	166	64	177	125	69
K8	129	130	99	180	11	232	100	92	4	190	183	70	70	125	221	50
K9	114	233	132	234	55	135	89	108	110	136	151	65	229	219	37	71
K10	104	53	180	209	238	23	76	43	137	132	76	189	132	112	238	97
K11	160	89	223	6	93	146	33	45	154	207	177	228	161	76	168	16
K12	183	240	250	92	19	76	153	33	226	36	191	200	33	239	54	175
K13	16	145	119	63	192	76	173	201	17	77	83	162	247	125	155	10
K14	148	250	152	253	1	222	221	160	252	209	178	120	221	152	27	211
K15	245	70	213	166	139	177	86	69	109	226	132	212	209	195	98	165
K16	4	135	183	155	70	164	221	125	229	95	220	197	81	169	66	134
K17	71	136	250	65	174	219	218	71	89	155	12	131	61	56	170	48
CTX	201	43	140	164	13	14	125	127	58	100	158	89	58	181	137	103
DOTX	69	110	99	114	121	112	116	105	111	110	32	105	115	32	116	104

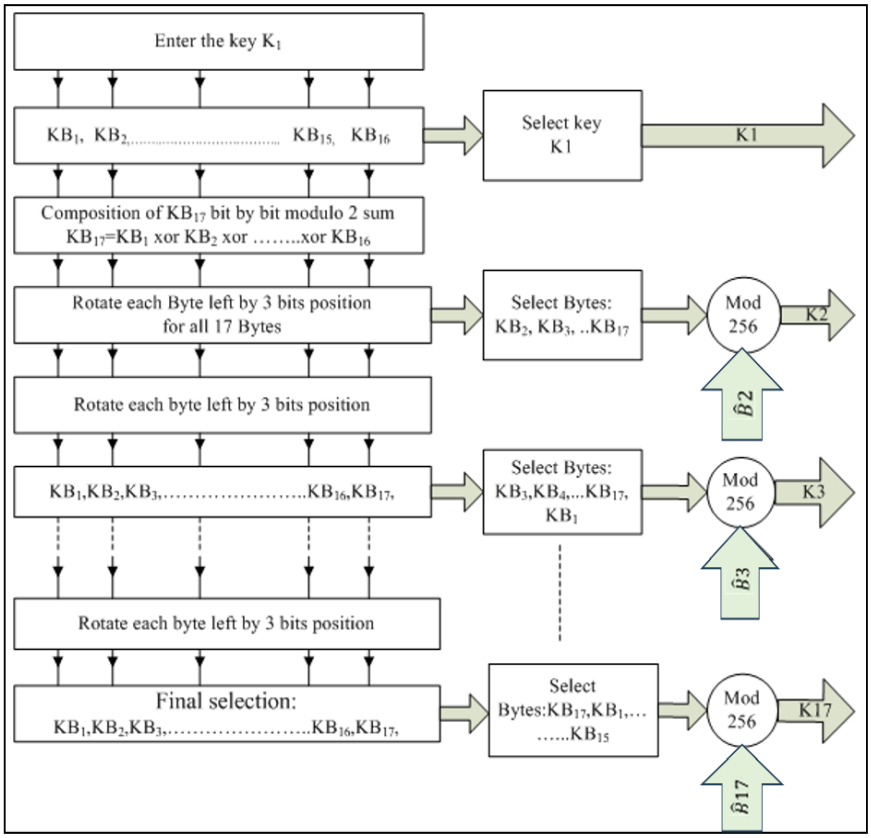


Figure 7: Subkeys production using the proposed $\hat{B}$ matrix.

Table 5: The results of NIST-STS test for the standard and the proposed algorithms.

NIST Test	P-Value for Matrix B	P-Value for Matrix $\widehat{B}$
Frequency (Monobit)	0.4123	0.4772
Block Frequency	0.3465	0.3856
Cumulative Sums (Forward)	0.5218	0.5491
Cumulative Sums (Reverse)	0.4379	0.4897
Runs	0.1986	0.1594
Longest Run of Ones	0.6271	0.6948
Rank	0.7124	0.6382
Discrete Fourier Transform	0.3140	0.3109
Non-overlapping Template	0.4827	0.5083
Overlapping Template	0.2439	0.2185
Universal	0.5068	0.4870
Approximate Entropy	0.3652	0.3398
Serial Test	0.3983	0.4260
Linear Complexity	0.5715	0.5526

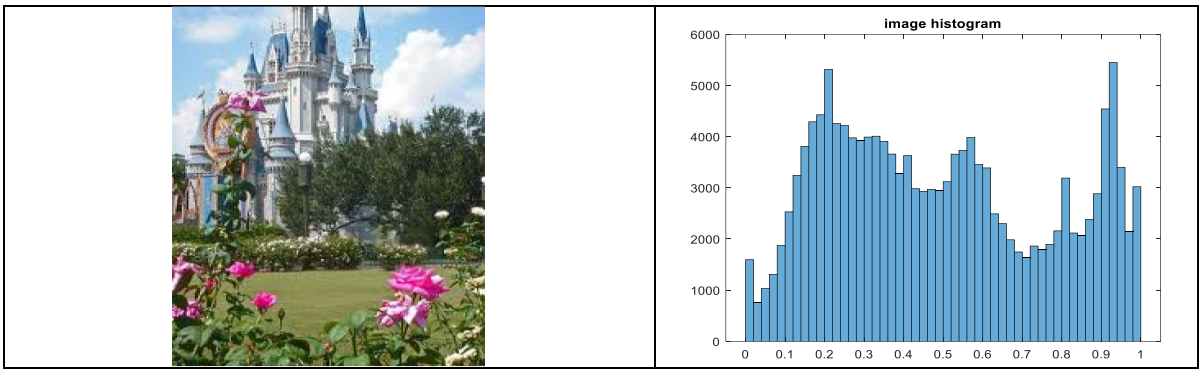


Figure 8: The original image with its histogram.

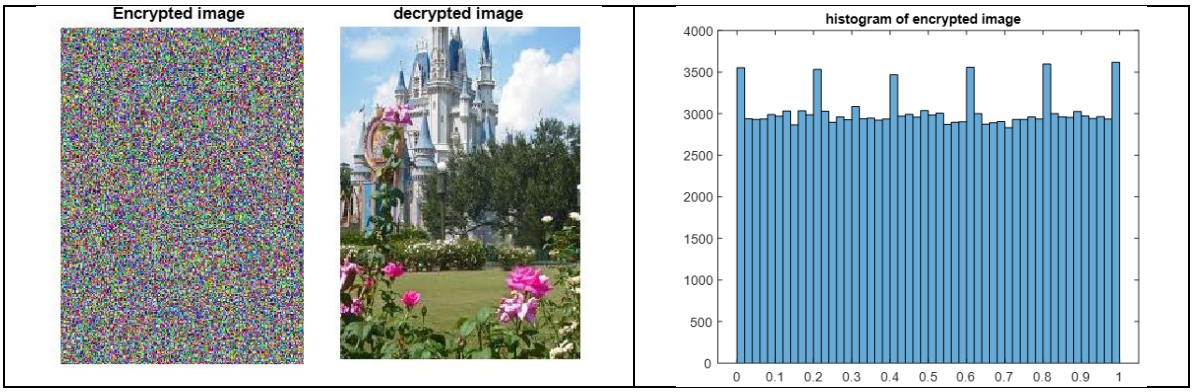


Figure 9: The encryption/decryption process using the standard B matrix.

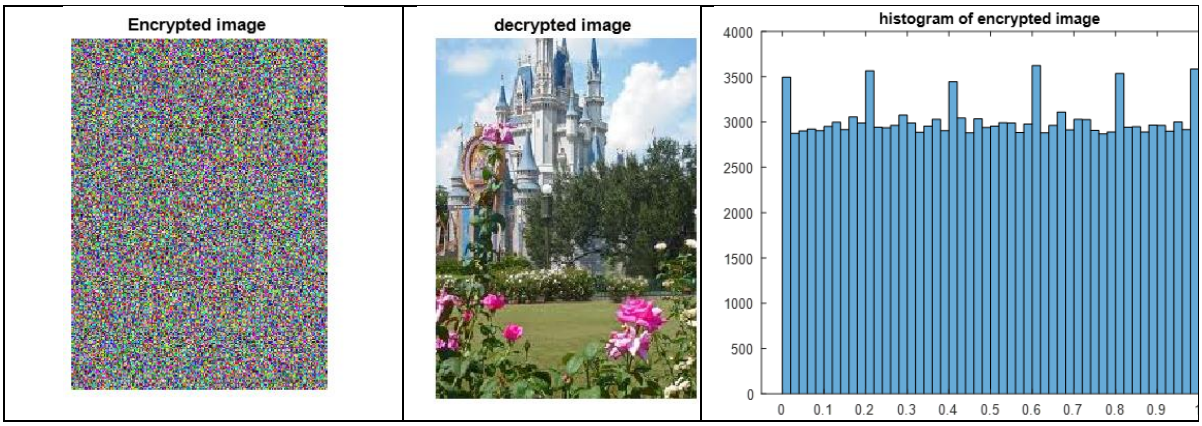


Figure 10: The encryption/decryption process using the proposed $\widehat{B}$ matrix.

6 CONCLUSIONS

This work proposes an improved SAFER+ encryption technique that replaces the original matrix B which is used in the standard SAFER+ algorithm with another matrix $\widehat{B}$. The matrix $\widehat{B}$ has been generated by using the odd-squared new Mersenne number transform (O^2NMNT). A large variety of different matrices can be generated and used in the encryption process. The number of keys used by the suggested encryption method is significantly greater than that generated and used by the standard algorithm, resulting in an extremely high number of attempts for acquiring the keys, and leads to increase the proposed encryption algorithm's strength against hacking. As a result, the difficulty of brute-force or exhaustive key search attacks is greatly amplified, enhancing the algorithm's resilience against hacking attempts. By integrating the O2NMNT-based matrix generation, the improved SAFER+ not only maintains the strong cryptographic foundations of the original algorithm but also achieves higher complexity and unpredictability, making it more robust for secure communications and sensitive data protection in modern cryptographic applications.

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Binary Representation Strings for a New Version of Key Exchange Scheme

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Abstract: The key exchange scheme (KES) is considered an essential component of many encryption algorithms. Several versions of KES have previously been proposed by numerous researchers in the cryptographic research community. In this work, a new version of KES is proposed over the binary extension field F_{2^m}. The public and private parameters of the proposed KES are represented as binary representation strings (BRSs) over F_{2^m}. The users' private keys are computed as series of BRSs through random selection of binary element strings with different lengths. The public keys are also computed as BRS series over F_{2^m}. In addition, a new algorithm for generating the shared secret key as a BRS series (BRSs-KES) is presented. Some experimental results of the proposed BRSs-KES are implemented using Python programming language. The random generation of BRSs determines the security level of the proposed scheme. By using the proposed BRSs-KES algorithm, more suitable and secure communication is achieved in practice.

1 INTRODUCTION

Mathematics and computer science, with their various specializations [1]–[6], are sciences that have been utilized to model many real problems in our life, especially in cryptographic applications [7]–[10]. One of these applications is the Diffie–Hellman key exchange scheme (KES-DH), which has been presented in various modified versions by many researchers.

In 2005, C. Soojin et al. [11] proposed an alternative KES using the commutative sub-algebras of a full matrix algebra. The KES security here depended on solving difficult matrix equations of the form XRY = T, where R and T are given matrices. In 2016, Hala Abdul Wahab et al. [12] used a proposed homogeneous Diffie–Hellman scheme and Chebyshev polynomials to encrypt a watermarking image. Other related research works can be seen in [13], [14].

In 2019, T. Mefenza and D. Vergnaud [15] proved lower bounds on the polynomial degree and weight that interpolate the Naor–Reingold functions for several keys based on fixed points in a finite field to avoid breaking the security of the generalized KES type DH. See also [16]–[18]. In 2022, A. Ruggeri and M. Villari [19] extended the analysis of the triple Diffie–Hellman (X3DH) protocol to fit generic smart city environments with Edge and IoT nodes.

In 2024, Ruma Ajeena [20] proposed a more secure version of DHKE based on IM2×2 to create the private keys, while the public keys are computed using LPIM2×2 and RPIM2×2. In 2025, P. Kanagala [21] proposed a novel technique to encrypt and decrypt voice signals. The Diffie–Hellman key exchange scheme was used as a basis for the proposed technique. In the same year, D. Alrwashdeh et al. [22] proposed another version of DHKE based on split-complex number theory, integers, and neutrosophic number theory.

This work presents a KES based on BRSs over F_{2^m}. In the proposed BRSs-KES, a shared secret key (SSK) for both users is computed as a BRS. Fast computations are achieved using BRSs, resulting in a higher security level.

This work is organized as follows. Section 2 explains some facts related to F_{2^m}. Section 3 discusses the proposed BRSs-KES. In Section 4, a case study

on the proposed BRSs-KES is explained. Additional experimental results are presented in Section 5. Finally, security issues and conclusions are drawn in Section 6.

2 FACTS ON THE BRSS

2.1 Representation of the Elements over F_2^m

In the binary field F_2, the size is 2. In other words, it has two elements which are: 0 and 1. The extension fields over F_2, which are named binary extension fields F_2^m with $m > 1$. The F_2^m field contains 2^m elements. All these elements are represented by binary polynomials (strings) of degree at most $m-1$, namely

$$F_{2^m} = \{a_{m-1}x^{m-1}+\ldots+a_1x + a_0, a_i \in \{0,1\}\}. \quad (1)$$

In binary fields, the arithmetic operations are performed modulo-2, namely the addition and multiplication are done based on the bitwise exclusive or (XOR) and the bitwise and (AND) operations. For example, in the binary extension field F_2^3, then, there are $2^3 = 8$ polynomial elements of degree $< m$ which can be represented by string of m bit binary numbers. In more details, one can see Table 1.

Table 1: Elements in F_2^3.

F_2^3		
Polynomial	Binary	Decimal
0	000	0
1	001	1
x	010	2
$x+1$	011	3
x^2	100	4
x^2+1	101	5
x^2+x	110	6
x^2+x+1	111	7

2.2 Arithmetic Operations on F_2^m

The arithmetic operations are explained as follows.
Addition. The addition of two polynomials $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ with a maximum degree of k, in ordinary way, is done as component-wise by

$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k}(f_i + g_i)x^i. \quad (2)$$

While, the $f(x) + g(x)$ in F_2^m is performed as given in (2) with modulo $p(x)$. In other words, the difference here is the coefficient sum is done modulo p, namely $f_i + g_i \pmod p$. For example, if $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = x+1$ are two polynomials in F_2^3 with the binary representation of 111 and 011 respectively. Then, to do the addition $f(x) + g(x)$, it can use the XOR operation $\oplus$ by:

$$f(x) + g(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \oplus x+1 = x^2 + (1\oplus1)x + (1\oplus1) = x^2,$$

which is corresponded to:

$$f(x) + g(x) = 111 + 011 = 100.$$

Subtraction. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two polynomials over F_2^m. The subtraction can be done in terms of addition

$$f(x) + g(x) \pmod p = f(x) + (-g(x)) \pmod p.$$

Since, the arithmetic is done over p = 2, so

$$(f+f) \pmod 2 = (f - f) \pmod 2.$$

The multiplication $f(x)\cdot g(x)$ of two polynomials $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is determined in the convolutional way by

$$f(x)\cdot g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{i} f_j g_{i-j}, \quad (3)$$

with resulted polynomial has degree $\deg(f) + \deg(g)$. While, the multiplication $f(x)\cdot g(x)$ over F_2^m is done modulo $p(x)$. In other words, the difference here is the coefficient multiply in (3) is done modulo p. For example, $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $g(x) = x+1$ are two polynomials in F_2^3 with the binary representation of 111 and 011 respectively.

$$f(x)\cdot g(x) = (x^2 + x + 1) \cdot (x+1) \pmod 2 = x^3 + (1\oplus1)\, x^2 + (1\oplus1)\, x + 1 = x^3+1.$$

which is corresponded to

$$f(x)\cdot g(x) = 111 \cdot 011 = 1001.$$

Division. This operation can be defined in terms of multiplication. If f and g are defined over F_2^m then $f(x)/g(x) = f(x)\cdot\ g(x)^{-1}$, where $g(x)^{-1}$ is the unique element in F_2^m such that $g(x) \cdot g(x)^{-1} = 1$, where $g(x)^{-1}$ is called the inverse of $g(x)$.

For more details, it can see [23]-[25].

3 THE KES BASED ON BRSS

A new version of the KES has been proposed in this section. This proposal depends on the binary representation string defined over binary extension

field F_{2^m}. The basic idea of proposed scheme which is called BRS-KES is explained as follows.

Suppose g is any BRS given by $g_{BRS} = (g_m g_{m-1} \cdots g_2 g_1 g_0)$, with g_i is equal to 0 or 1. which is an element in F_{2^m}. The public domain parameters in BRSS-KES are: g_{BRS} and F_{2^m}. Two users choose respectively two binary representation strings of the binary sequences randomly their elements are in F_2 by

$$a_{BRS} = ((a_n)_2, (a_{n-1}), ..., (a_1)_2, (a_0)_2),$$

and

$$b_{BRS} = ((b_n)_2, (b_{n-1}), ..., (b_1)_2, (b_0)_2).$$

with a_i and b_i for i= 1,2,.., n are BRSs.
They compute their private keys respectively by

$$P_{r_a} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (a_i)_2 = (a_0)_2 + (a_1)_2 + ... + (a_{n-1})_2 + (a_n)_2$$

and

$$P_{r_b} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} (b_i)_2 = (b_0)_2 + (b_1)_2 + ... + (b_{n-1})_2 + (b_n)_2.$$

Then, the public keys are computed as the BRSs by

$$P_{k_a} \equiv g_{BRS} \cdot P_{r_a} (\mathrm{mod}\, 2) \text{ and } P_{k_b} \equiv g_{BRS} \cdot P_{r_b} (\mathrm{mod}\, 2).$$

These values, namely P_{k_a} and P_{k_b} are exchanged between two users. First user receives P_{k_b} and she/he computes her/his shared secret key $A_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ as the BRS by

$$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv P_{ra} \cdot P_{kb} (\mathrm{mod}\, 2).$$

On the other hand, second user receives P_{k_a} and he/she computes his/ her shared secret key $B_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ as the BRS by

$$B_{SSK-BRS} \equiv P_{rb} \cdot P_{ka} (\mathrm{mod}\, 2).$$

The BRSs of $A_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ and $B_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ are same, namely

$$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS} (\mathrm{mod}\, 2).$$

The equality relation of SSK of both users can be proved mathematically as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{SSK-BRS} &\equiv P_{ra} \cdot P_{kb} (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv P_{ra} \cdot (g_{BRS} \cdot P_{r_b}) (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv P_{ra} \cdot (P_{r_b} \cdot g_{BRS}) (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv (P_{ra} \cdot P_{r_b}) \cdot g_{BRS} (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv (P_{r_b} \cdot P_{ra}) \cdot g_{BRS} (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv P_{r_b} \cdot (P_{ra} \cdot g_{BRS}) (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv P_{r_b} \cdot (g_{BRS} \cdot P_{ra}) (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv P_{r_b} \cdot P_{ka} (mod\ 2) \\ &\equiv B_{SSK-BRS} (mod\ 2). \end{aligned}$$

For numerical results, it is possible to implement the following algorithm.
Algorithm 3.1. The proposed BRSs-KES algorithm.
Input. $F_2{}^m$, with $m > 1$ and g_{BRS}.
Output. $A_{SSK\text{-}BRS} = B_{SSK\text{-}BRS} = \mathrm{SSK}$.

First user:

1) Generates randomly a sequence a_{BRS} of the BRSs.
2) Computes her/his private key P_{r_a} as a series of the BRSs.
3) Computes her/his public key P_{k_a} as a series of the BRS.
4) Exchanges the value P_{k_a} with second user.
5) Receives the value P_{k_b} from second user.
6) Computes her/his $A_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ which represents the SSK.

Second user:

1) Generates randomly a sequence b_{BRS} of the BRSs.
2) Computes his/her private key P_{r_b} as a series of the BRSs.
3) Computes his/her public key P_{k_b} as a series of the BRS.
4) Exchanges the value P_{k_b} with first user.
5) Receives the value P_{k_a} from first user.
6) Computes his/her $B_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ which represents the SSK.

4 STUDY CASE ON BRSS-KES

Two users agree to work over $F_{2^{27}}$. They chooses g is any BRS given by

$$g_{BRS} = 1001.$$

Two users select respectively two binary representation strings a_{BRS} and b_{BRS} randomly as the elements in $F_{2^{27}}$ by

$$a = ((1110001101)_2, (1000010001)_2, (1010110011)_2, (1001000101)_2)$$

and

$b = ((1111100101)_2, (1000000001)_2, (1111111101)_2,$
$(1010101001)_2)$.

Then, the users compute

$$P_{r_a} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i = (1110001101)_2 + \\ +(1000010001)_2 + (1010110011)_2 \\ +(1001000101)_2 = (0101101010)_2$$

and

$$P_{r_b} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} b_i = (1111100101)_2 + \\ +(1000000001)_2 + (1111111101)_2 \\ + (1010101001)_2 = (0010110000)_2.$$

Then, the public keys are computed as the BRSs by

$$P_{k_a} \equiv g_{BRS} \cdot P_{r_a} (mod\ 2) \\ = (1001)_2 \cdot (0101101010)_2 \\ = (101000111010)_2$$

and

$$P_{k_b} \equiv g_{BRS} \cdot P_{r_b} (mod\ 2). \\ = (1001)_2 \cdot (0010110000)_2 \\ = (10100110000)_2.$$

The values P_{k_a} and P_{k_b} are exchanged between two users. First user receives

$$P_{k_b} = (10100110000)_2.$$

She/He computes her/his shared secret key $A_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ as the BRS by

$$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv P_{ra} \cdot P_{kb} (\mathrm{mod}\ 2) \\ = (0101101010)_2 \cdot (10100110000)_2 \\ = (1001111100111100000)_2.$$

On the other hand, second user receives

$$P_{k_a} = (101000111010)_2.$$

He/She computes his/her shared secret key $B_{SSK\text{-}BRS}$ as the BRS by

$$B_{SSK-BRS} \equiv P_{rb} \cdot P_{ka} (\mathrm{mod}\ 2) \\ = (0010110000)_2 \cdot (101000111010)_2 \\ = (1001111100111100000)_2.$$

Thus,

$$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS} (\mathrm{mod}\ 2) \\ = (1001111100111100000)_2.$$

5 THE COMPUTATIONAL RESULTS ON BRSS-KES

This section presents new experimental results of the proposed BRSs-KES algorithm with various values of m as shown in Table 2.

The proposed BRSs-KES algorithm is a more efficient, since it is implemented over binary extension fields that gives the fast representations of elements in $F_2{}^m$ in compare to the previous versions on the KES type DH which implemented over prime fields F_p, where p is a prime number.

6 SECURITY

The random selection of binary representation strings (BRSs) forming the sequences a and b, which are used to compute the private keys of two users, is a strong point in the proposed BRSs-KES. The strength arises from the random generation of BRSs over GF(2^m), the variable number of BRSs in sequences aBRS and bBRS, and the choice of different strings with various lengths. This makes it more difficult for attackers to determine the private keys and recover the session key (SSK), since the lengths of the BRSs are unknown and many probabilistic cases need to be tried to identify bit positions in the sequences. The probability of correctly detecting the private BRS of either user is 1/2^m. With a large m, many possibilities for creating long BRSs exist. Therefore, the BRSs-KES resists brute force attacks and other hacking methods relying on trial and error to recover private keys and the SSK. Thus, the proposed BRSs-KES algorithm provides enhanced security for cryptographic applications.

Table 2: Experimental results of the proposed BRSs-KES.

Experimental Result 1		Experimental Result 2	
F_{2^m}	F_{2^8}	F_{2^m}	$F_{2^{17}}$
g_{BRS}	$(1100)_2$	g_{BRS}	$(11100)_2$
a_{BRS}	$((1001)_2,(1101)_2,(0011)_2)$	a_{BRS}	$((1100101)_2,(1000101)_2,$ $(1111111)_2,(1001001)_2)$
b_{BRS}	$((0001)_2,(1000)_2,(1101)_2)$	b_{BRS}	$((1000101)_2,(1101011)_2,(1010111)_2,$ $(1000001)_2)$
P_{r_a}	$(0111)_2$	P_{r_a}	$(0010110)_2$
P_{r_b}	$(0100)_2$	P_{r_b}	$(0111000)_2$
P_{k_a}	$(100100)_2$	P_{k_a}	$(00110001000)_2$
P_{k_b}	$(110000)_2$	P_{k_b}	$(01010100000)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS}$	$(10010000)_2$	$A_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00010010111000000)_2$
$B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(10010000)_2$	$B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00010010111000000)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(10010000)_2$	$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00010010111000000)_2$
Experimental Result 3		Experimental Result 4	
F_{2^m}	$F_{2^{22}}$	F_{2^m}	$F_{2^{23}}$
g_{BRS}	$(111011)_2$	g_{BRS}	$(10001)_2$
a_{BRS}	$((111111010)_2,(101111011)_2,$ $(110101010)_2)$	a_{BRS}	$((1111111111)_2,(1011110001)_2,$ $(1000010011)_2,(1111111100)_2,$ $(1111001101)_2)$
b_{BRS}	$((111100000)_2,(111110110)_2,$ $(100000111)_2)$	b_{BRS}	$((1000101010)_2,(1111000000)_2,$ $(1000000000)_2,(1111110010)_2)$
P_{r_a}	$(100101011)_2$	P_{r_a}	$(1100101100)_2$
P_{r_b}	$(100010001)_2$	P_{r_b}	$(0000011000)_2$
P_{k_a}	$(11110111110101)_2$	P_{k_a}	$(11000111101100)_2$
P_{k_b}	$(11100010001011)_2$	P_{k_b}	$(00000110011000)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS}$	$(11111000010111101001 01)_2$	$A_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00000101001000110100000)_2$
$B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(11111000010111101001 01)_2$	$B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00000101001000110100000)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(11111000010111101001 01)_2$	$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00000101001000110100000)_2$

Experimental Result 5	
F_{2^m}	$F_{2^{29}}$
g_{BRS}	$(1011)_2$
a_{BRS}	$((11110000001)_2,(10000100000)_2,(10000000001)_2,$ $(11000010001)_2,(10010010010)_2)$
b_{BRS}	$((11000000011)_2,(10101010101)_2,(10101011110)_2,$ $(10001000101)_2,(10000011001)_2,(11111110110)_2)$
P_{r_a}	$(10100100011)_2$
P_{r_b}	$(00110100010)_2$
P_{k_a}	$(10011001111101)_2$
P_{k_b}	$(00111111110110)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00110001110000001101 1010)_2$
$B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00110001110000001101 1010)_2$
$A_{SSK-BRS} \equiv B_{SSK-BRS}$	$(00110001110000001101 1010)_2$

7 CONCLUSIONS

This study presents a BRS-based key exchange scheme (BRSs-KES) that leverages randomness and variability in binary representation strings to strengthen cryptographic security. The algorithm demonstrates robust resistance to brute-force and probabilistic attacks by exponentially increasing the complexity of private key recovery as the field size parameter m grows. The proposed approach offers several advantages: enhanced security through randomized generation of variable-length binary representation strings, which increases the entropy of private keys and improves resilience against cryptanalytic attacks; computational efficiency due to implementation over binary extension fields (F_{2^m}), enabling faster arithmetic operations (bitwise XOR/AND) and reducing computational overhead compared to schemes over large prime fields; scalability and adaptability, as the framework can be easily scaled for larger field sizes or integrated into multi-user cryptographic environments, making it suitable for modern distributed systems and IoT applications; and implementation feasibility, supported by experimental results (see Table 2), which confirm the practical viability of the proposed algorithm, demonstrating stable performance and low computation times even for higher degrees.

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Design and Analysis of a New Four-Dimensional Chaotic System: Study of Dynamical Properties and Chaos Verification

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Abstract: Presented a new (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic system with four nonlinear terms and thirteen positive parameters. The chaotic system is tested through Mathematica was used to confirm the results and prove that the system is super chaotic the complex dynamics of the new system and its basic characteristics for instance Equilibrium Point, attractors, waveform analysis, Lyapunov exponents, sensitive dependent to initial conditions (SDIC) and fractal dimension to prove the chaotic behavior of the system. A change in the initial values leads to a significant change in the chaotic system, which is vulnerable to any change that occurs. As a result of the four equations generated, two fixed points were obtained: F0, F1. These points prove the chaotic nature of the system. Also, two nonnegative Lyapunov values were obtained, which rely on these values to identify the system's sensitivity to the values between the close points. The values were used to generate phase images to prove the randomness of the system. Also, the sensitivity of the key was tested, and it was found to be large enough to resist attackers.

1 INTRODUCTION

Recently, attention has turned to chaotic systems due to their essential role in encryption, such as data and image encryption, due to the connection between encryption and randomness properties. This has necessitated the development of new, high-dimensional systems for encryption applications to prevent data decoding [1]. Chaotic systems differ from hyper-chaotic ones in terms of sensitivity, breakability, complex topology and unpredictability. Hyper-chaotic systems contain two or more Lyapunov exponents. One of the new methods for creating new systems involves using new variables to increase hyper-chaos by changing the initial values, with the values of these variables being fixed [2]. Chaos theory has been applied in various fields, including neural networks, secure communications, neuroscience, and bioengineering. For these reasons, it has been proposed to create complex dynamic systems, analyse the system, and generate attractors in various forms [3] - [5].

To create a new S-box and without the possibility of breaking the sequence of numbers of the matrix formed, resorted to using chaotic systems, especially super-chaotic ones, as they have the utmost importance in encryption and scattering, as the input values change based on the values generated in the S-box of the new system The encryption strength increases with the upsurge in the nonlinearity of the sbox To ensure the strength of the encryption, it is proposed to use new systems to generate the sbox [6]-[10]. any slight change in the values has an enormous impact on the values, which is required to predict the sequence of values and their values through sensitivity measurements, images are encrypted by generating strong and difficult-to-predict keys from the generated random values. More than one key can be used [11], [12]. The system can have no or more than one equilibrium point [13], [14]. This method prevents attacks on data and maintains its integrity, as the unpredictability of encryption helps repel statistical attacks and other attacks due to its high randomness [15] - [17].

AL-hayali et al. [18] proposed a 4D (four-dimensional) hyperchaotic autonomous system. The results obtained indicate that the system exhibits complex dynamics, with Lyapunov values L.E1 = 0.1658, L.V2 = 0, L.V3 = -0.0299, and L.V4 = -1. 1353. In 2022, Huda et al. [19] created a hyperchaotic 4-dimensional system used in S-box for substituting pixels of images. Key characteristics like Lyapunov exponents, equilibrium stability and chaos waveform are examined LV1 = 4.05761, LV2 = 0.347562, LV3 = -3.94257, LV4 = -6.61896.

2 THE CREATION OF THE NOVEL CHAOTIC SYSTEM

A new (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous system containing four nonlinear terms is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= hyz - ix - jw + isin(y), \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= kxz + lx - y - ixExp(z), \\ \frac{dz}{dt} &= mxy - nz + y^2 - pSin(w,) \\ \frac{dw}{dt} &= qyz + rxz - sw + tzExp(x). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Where x,y,z,w, the values are given and these values are called the state of the (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous system, t ∈ R, h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2. are the parameters of system that have positive values. The chosen parameter values of the new (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous system (1) will show the attractor of it. The conditions of the initial value are: x(0) = 0.5, y(0) = 0.4, z(0) = 1.5 and w(0) = 0.6. Based on the emerging attractions, it can be concluded that the new hyper system is generating random values.

3 THE SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Complex dynamics of the new system and basic properties (1) the novel dynamics system has many features explained in this section.

3.1 Fixed Point

Gain from that system (1) has two fixed points:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= hyz - ix - jw + isin(y), \\ 0 &= kxz + lx - y - ixExp(z), \\ 0 &= mxy - nz + y^2 - pSin(w), \\ 0 &= \mathrm{j}qyz + rxz - sw + tzExp(x). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

When h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2, two fixed points become: F0 {x = 0, y = 0, z = 0, w = 0}, F1 {x=0.178759, y=0.266214, z=1.72831, w = 5.84311}

Matrix system of the Jacobian (1), gain:

$$\mathrm{f} = \begin{aligned} \mathrm{f}_1 &= \frac{\mathrm{dx}}{\mathrm{dt}} = hyz - ix - jw + isin(y) \\ \mathrm{f}_2 &= \frac{\mathrm{dy}}{\mathrm{dt}} = kxz + lx - y - ixExp(z) \\ \mathrm{f}_3 &= \frac{\mathrm{dz}}{\mathrm{dt}} = mxy - nz + y^2 - pSin(w) \\ \mathrm{f}_4 &= \frac{\mathrm{dw}}{\mathrm{dt}} = \mathrm{j}qyz + rxz - sw + tzExp(x) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathrm{J} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial.f_1}{\partial.x} & \frac{\partial.f_1}{\partial.y} & \frac{\partial.f_1}{\partial.z} & \frac{\partial.f_1}{\partial.w} \\ \frac{\partial.f_2}{\partial.x} & \frac{\partial.f_2}{\partial.y} & \frac{\partial.f_2}{\partial.z} & \frac{\partial.f_2}{\partial.w} \\ \frac{\partial.f_3}{\partial.x} & \frac{\partial.f_3}{\partial.y} & \frac{\partial.f_3}{\partial.z} & \frac{\partial.f_3}{\partial.w} \\ \frac{\partial.f_4}{\partial.x} & \frac{\partial.f_4}{\partial.y} & \frac{\partial.f_4}{\partial.z} & \frac{\partial.f_4}{\partial.w} \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

For fixed point F0. {x. = 0, y. = 0, z. = 0, w. = 0}, the parameters and the F0 resulting from the system in (4) that create The Jacobian matrix as shown below:

$$\mathrm{J} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 3 & 0 & -0.5 \\ 14 & -1 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2.4 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2.1 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{5}$$

To get an eigenvalue, assume$|\lambda I - J0| = 0$ after it is obtained that corresponds to the fixed of the eigenvalues, F0 (0, 0, 0, 0) are respectively as follows: $\lambda_1 =$ -8.55744, $\lambda_2 =$ 4.55744, $\lambda_3 =$ -2.25+1.40624 i , λ_4 =2.25-1.40624i. Thus, fixed F0 (0, 0, 0, 0) is a saddle point. So, at the F0, the system is unstable. Also, F1 is an unstable saddle point that can be proven to be a fixed point.

For fixed point F1{x = 0.178759, y = 0.266214, z = 1.72831, w = 5.84311}and h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2, The result represents the Jacobian matrix.

Can also get the eigenvalues that agree with the fixed point F1 gained by acting as: $\lambda_1 =$ -14.9763, $\lambda_2 =$ 11.906, $\lambda_3 =$ -3.38476, and $\lambda_4 =$ -2.04494.Thus, the fixed point F1{x = 0.168131, y = 2.40114, z = 1.005, w = 10.6654}, }, saddle point. So, the hyperchaotic system proves that the (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous

system at these points E1 is unstable, At the point. E1, which is the saddle point, is unstable, as proven by the hyper-chaotic system.

3.2 Dissipativity

System (1) acts as vector notation in equation (3) of this article: it delineates the vector field f on R^4 via the equation to find the divergence:

$$\nabla \cdot f = \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f_4}{\partial w} \qquad (6)$$

Note that$\nabla \cdot f$. measures the rate of change of volume underflowΦ_t. of f.

Let D represent a region in $R^4$with a smooth boundary and let D(t) = $\Phi_t(t)$, the image of D. under Φ_t., t represents the time of the flow of f. Let V(t) be the volume of D(t),), By Liouville's theorem, can gain:

$$\frac{dV}{dt}\int_{D(t)} (\nabla f) dxdydzdudw \qquad (7)$$

From the system (1), generate that

$$\nabla . f = \frac{\partial f1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f3}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial f4}{\partial w} = -b-1-g-1<0 \quad (8)$$

Because of the positive constant b and f, substituting (8) into (7) and simplifying, bring

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = b - 1 - g - 1 \int_{D(t)} dxdydzdwdv\, du \quad = (-b - 1 - g - 1)V(t) = e^{-8.5}\, v(t)$$

In differential equations when solving the first-order algebraic equation linear, a unique solution

$$V.(t) = V.(0)e^{(-b-1-g-1)t} = V.(0)e^{-8.6t} \quad (9)$$

According to the equation above (9), understand that V(t) over time any volume should shrink to zero fast. Then, the hyper system shown in system (1) is dissipative. Since system (1) is a dissipative system, that means all orbits in (1). As a result, it is limited to a specific of R^4 that has zero size. This indicates the new system (1) has the asymptotic motion that settles into an attractor.

3.3 Lyapunov Exponents and Dimensions

An average rate of divergence is calculated by calculating the Lyapunov exponent or calculating (convergence) of two nearby trajectories, according to the quantisation measure approach to the sensitive dependence of nonlinear dynamical theory and its dependence on initial conditions. So, the four Lyapunov exponents of the dynamical system (1) nonlinear, h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2, are the parameters.

$$\lambda = \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{1}{t} ln \frac{| \delta X(t) |}{| \delta X(0) |} \qquad (10)$$

Where:

- $\delta X(0)$ is an initial small perturbation in the system's state;
- $\delta X(t)$ is the perturbation after time t;
- λ measures the exponential rate of convergence or divergence of adjacent trajectories. Are obtained as follows: LV1= 6.31523, LV2= 0.951044, LV3= -6.51461 and LV4= -9.26106. Applying the above equation yielded fractional results for the Lyapunov dimension values of the new chaotic system. Due to the fractional nature obtained, it was found that the system has nonperiodic orbits, as its nearby paths diverge.

Therefore, this is proof that it is a system with high genuine randomness in the nonlinear system. The system exhibits chaotic characteristics when the most prominent Lyapunov exponent value is nonnegative. Since the LV1 and LV2 Lyapunov exponents are nonnegative, and the other two Lyapunov exponents are negative.Means the system is hyper-chaotic. There is an exemplary characteristic of chaos, it also has a fractal dimension calculated by Lyapunov exponents, the Kaplan-Yorke dimension and DKY can be shown as:

$$D_{KY} = j + \frac{1}{|LV_{j+1}|}\sum_{i=1}^{j} LV_i \qquad (11)$$

Where j is the first j Lyapunov exponent, namely, j represents the maximum value of i value which that meets both $\sum_{i=1}^{j} LV > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{j+1} LV_i < 0$ in the same time. Li, the sequence is descending according to the Lyapunov exponents sequence. DKY is the upper bound (Kaplan-Yorke) of the dimension of the system information. For the system in this paper, by observing the values of four Lyapunov exponents, determined that the value of j is 3, and then can be expressed as the Kaplan-Yorke dimension from the above due to LV1+LV2+ LV3+LV4 >0 and LV1+LV2+LV3+LV4 <0, the Lyapunov dimension of the (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous system is:

$$D_{K.Y} = j + \frac{1}{|LV_{j+1}|}\sum_{i=1}^{j} LV_i$$

$$D_{K.Y} = 3 + \frac{1}{|LV_{j+1}|}\sum_{i=1}^{3} LV_i = 3 + \frac{LV_1+LV_2+LV}{L_4}$$
$$= 3 + \frac{6.31523+0.951044+ -6.51461}{9.26106} = 3.08116$$

3.4 Phase Portraits

The parameters h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2, . The phase portraits are displayed in figures (1, 2, 3, 4). From the values used within the system equations and the results obtained, observe that the very interesting attractors generated are hyper-chaotic and exhibit dynamic behavior. The Lyapunov exponents value of equations (1) are found to be LV1= 2.88108, LV2= 0.0828833, LV3= -2.48959 and LV4= -25.0176. There are two nonnegative Lyapunov exponent values, and it is obvious that the system is hyperchaotic.

To finish The numerical simulation, the MATHEMATICA program was utilized. dynamical performances of hyper chaotic are frequent and complex in this nonlinear system. Figures 1, 2 display attractors in three dimensions, and the strange attractors in two dimensions are shown in Figures 1, 2. As noticed in Figure 1, the butterfly effect represents the creation of a chaotic representation resembling a butterfly's flight motion through random values.

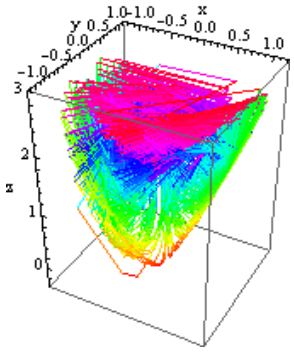


Figure 1: Attractors of hyper chaotic, 3D view (x-y-z).

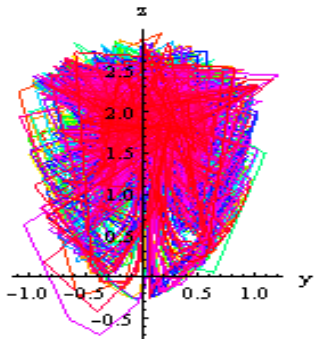


Figure 2: Attractors of chaotic phase plane (y–z).

3.5 Waveform Analysis

To prove that a system is chaotic through waves, the system's waveform must be nonperiodic. Figures 3, 4. From MATHEMATICA will simulate the state plot and through the result show the state plot against the time. the new system waveform. $x_1(t)$, $x_2(t)$, $x_3(t)$, $x_4(t)$ domain of the time shown in Figures 3, 4 are aperiodic. Multiple chaotic motions can exhibit complex behavior and can be distinguished by nonperiodic properties that can be noticed through the time domain.

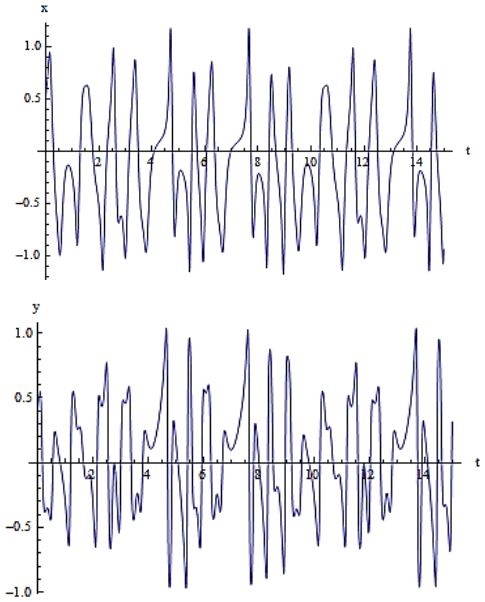


Figure 3: Time vs x, y of hyper chaotic system.

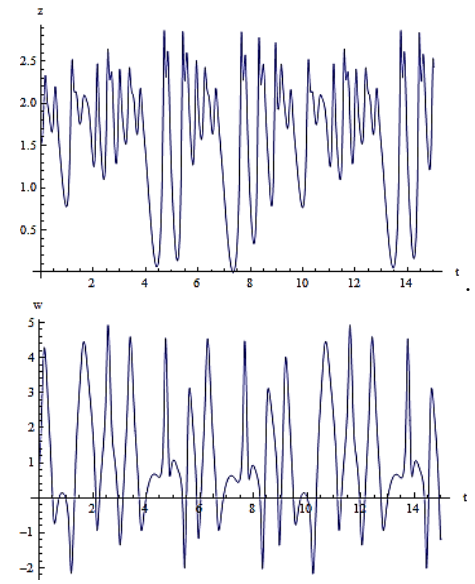


Figure 4: Time vs z, w of hyper chaotic system.

3.6 Bifurcation Diagram

The b values explain differences in behavior in a few values of b, so can find out what happens for a large range of b, Using the maximum value of z and a mathematical simulation program, the behavior of a large range of b can be studied and a numerical bifurcation diagram can be created for it and track of when retained discarded the transients the values. The Figure 5 shows the value of b where b ∈ [4.9,5], the diagram below shows the bifurcation and the enlarge of period doubling in the space 4.9≤ b ≤5.

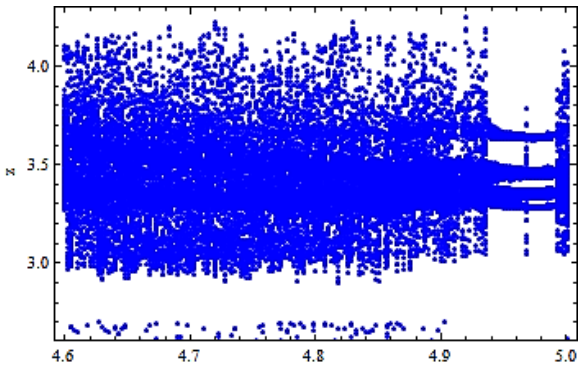


Figure 5: Bifurcation diagram of hyper syetem.

3.7 Initial Conditions Sensitivity

A chaotic system's greatest significant characteristics include its high sensitivity and the inability to predict it in the long term, even with initial conditions. Although there is a slight difference in between them, there are separate results. The state of the new system can reach a state where it is not predicted at a certain time, and depending on the initial conditions, the Figures 6, 7 show how sensitive the system is. The values are initial of the system are set to : x(0) = 0.5, y(0) = 0.9, z(0) = 2.6, w(0) = 3 for the solid line and x(0) = 0.5, y(0) = 0.90000.0000.00001, z(0) = 2.6 and w(0) = 3 for the dashed line.

4 ANALYSES OF THE KEY SPACE

A separate set of keys is used in the encryption process, known as the key space size. A robust algorithm must be sensitive to these secret keys. The key size is critical to reduce the risk of the encryption algorithm being brute force attacked and making it unworkable. A wider key ensures that the attack and the possibility of breaking the key code are reduced, and the key space size should be more than 2^{128} .

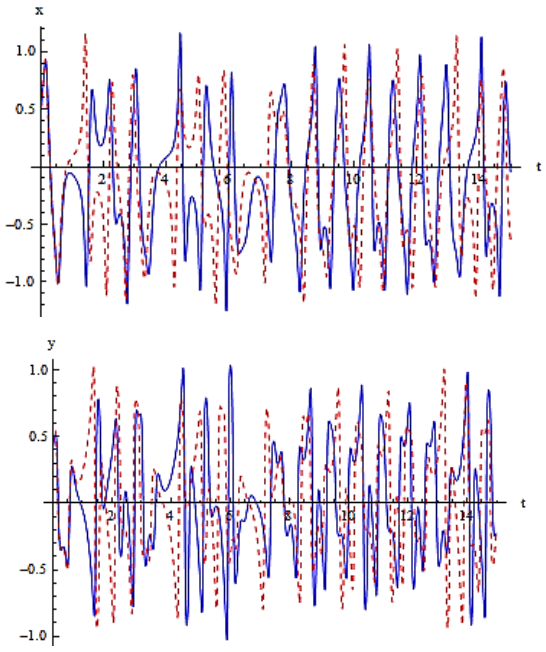


Figure 6: Sensitivity in hyper chaotic system x(t), y(t).

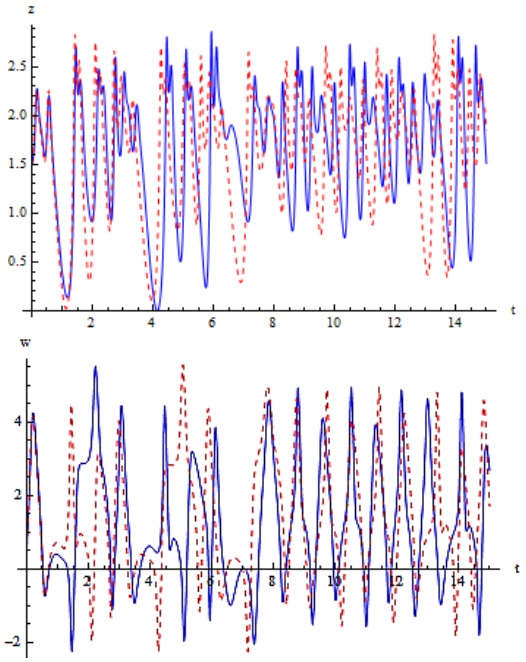


Figure 7: Sensitivity in hyper chaotic system z(t), w(t).

The secret key used in this algorithm is generated from the chaotic system, which has parameters and

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Used as a secret key, if the precision is 10^{-14} he key space can be reached about $(1014)17 = 10^{238} \simeq 2^{757}$,therefore it is bigger 2^{128}The key space turned out large enough to resist brute-force exhaustion attacks.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This work is about creating a (4D) four-dimensional hyperchaotic autonomous system , its properties are presented and analyzed, and tests are conducted to prove its chaotic nature by these values h = 5.8, i = 3, j = 0.5, k = 0.8, l = 17, m = 29, n = 2.4, o = 9, p = 5, q = 15, r = 4, s = 2.1 and t = 2, also The conditions of the initial value as x(0) = 0.5, y(0) = 0.4, z(0) = 1.5 and w(0) = 0.6.

The system consists of four equations that have a Sin and exponential and thirteen different parameters, through which random values are generated and used in encryption or as encryption keys. As a result of the strong results obtained through the tests that providing impressive encryption. The random behavior appears in the form of waves. The system was simulated using Mathematica and its chaotic nature was proven through numerical simulation. Any slight change in the values has an enormous impact on the values, which is required to predict the sequence of values and their values through sensitivity measurements, and two Lyapunov values are nonnegative.

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Improving an English-Arabic Transformer-Based Machine Translation Model

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Abstract: Arabic is widely recognized as one of the most challenging languages for translation due to its rich morphology, complex syntax, and context-sensitive structures. Despite its global importance, Arabic has received significantly less attention in machine translation research compared to European languages, highlighting the pressing need for further investigation into high-quality Arabic machine translation systems. This paper proposes an enhanced model for English–Arabic machine translation tailored to the news domain, based on the Transformer architecture, which currently underpins most state-of-the-art machine translation. The model is augmented by incorporating external lexical alignment data at each decoding step. This integration is designed to improve the system's handling of polysemy, contextual ambiguity, and missing word detection, thereby enhancing translation accuracy, cohesion, and semantic fidelity. The proposed model was evaluated based on BLEU scores and F measure. Results showed that the proposed model outperformed, achieving an accuracy of 87% based on BLEU score, and an 84% score on the F-measure test, surpassing the Google translate by 6%, on the same tested data. These findings confirm that incorporating lexical knowledge into the Transformer framework significantly improves English–Arabic translation quality. The model not only provides more translations that are accurate but also demonstrates improved cohesion and contextual understanding, particularly in morphologically rich and domain-specific texts. This research underscores the value of domain-aware and linguistically informed machine translation approaches, paving the way for more effective Arabic-language translation systems in practical applications.

1 INTRODUCTION

Arabic is a morphologically complex and linguistically rich language of stem or root-based word formation [1]. A major issue with machine translation (MT) is that they are prone to detect word ambiguity and miss-selection meaning during training and/or translate [2]. This research proposed an improving English-Arabic Transformer-Based MT tailored to the news domain. The model employs a Transformer architecture with a multi-head attention mechanism, integrating it with a feed-forward neural network to enhance contextual representation and learning capacity. Using an encoder-decoder model is a versatile framework applicable to a wide range of text-to-text tasks [3].

Parallel embeddings are allows for decomposition and to divide of an entire English sentence to words or phrases parts [4], and convert to similarity matrices, where each cell represents a similarity measure between an English and Arabic word [5]. it is a crucial step in training MT [6], especially for language pairs with significant structural and linguistic differences [7], and rich languages such as English and Arabic. It effectively improves translation quality by establishing relationships between the words and phrases in both the English and Arabic language [8].

The task involves identifying corresponding words between a English text and a Arabic text [9]. This study aims to enhance the performance of English–Arabic MT by building upon the Transformer architecture. It focuses on improving contextual understanding for morphologically rich Arabic text, particularly in the news domain. Additionally, the study incorporates external lexical alignment data into the Transformer model to better handle polysemy, context-sensitive meanings, and

missing word detection. Words related are four types [10]. As shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Identifying corresponding difference words.

Words related	Common
One-to-one	One English word can be aligned to exactly one Arabic word, such as “tell” or “city”.
One-to-many	One English word can be aligned to more than one Arabic word, such as “homesick”.
Many-to-one	More than one English word can be aligned to one Arabic word, such as “in order to.”
Many-to-many	More than one English word can be aligned to more than one Arabic word, such as “my soul mate.”

2 RELATED WORK

Improving MT models is a crucial component in the development of comprehensive and effective MT [11]. The primary goal of using the Transformer model in Arabic MT (AMT) is to enhance the handling of polysemy and contextual ambiguities through deep contextual embeddings, thereby improving translation accuracy and fluency [12]. Prior research suggests that classical MT systems, despite their modeling capabilities and widespread adoption, have notable limitations [13]. Their parameter estimation methods rely on approximate hill-climbing algorithms, which are slow, memory-intensive, and difficult to parallelize. In contrast, deep learning (DL)-based MT models aim to resolve word ambiguity through mechanisms such as attention, which are employed in training NMT models - whether based on recurrent neural networks (RNNs) or the Transformer architecture. Parallelizing parameter estimation in these models enables more efficient memory usage and allows for training on larger corpora, which in turn reduces training time.

For these reasons, this paper emphasizes the vocabulary structure within Transformer models and their extensions, which enable MT systems to learn probability between source and target words [14]. Attention mechanisms which the foundation of the Transformer model, currently the state-of-the-art architecture for natural language processing (NLP) tasks-extend self-attention across sequences to capture contextual relationships. However, prior studies have found that attention may sometimes fail to effectively capture word probabilities in certain DL MT approaches [15].

3 METHOD

This study on the MT model is divided into four integral stages, each playing a crucial role in the MT process. These stages include preprocessing, training, translation, and evaluation. Figure 1. The MT model diagram.

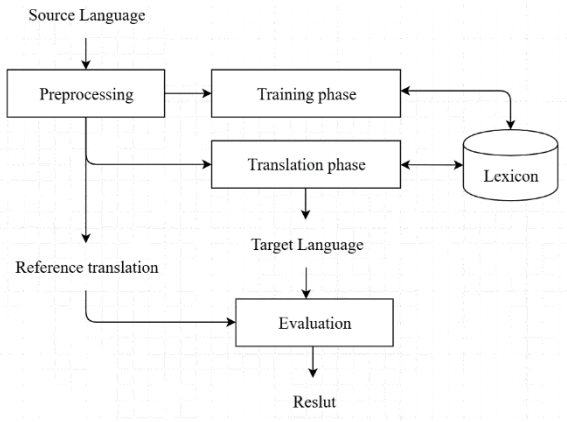


Figure 1: The MT model diagram.

Transformer model represents a fundamental shift in MT; it is a sequence-to-sequence encoder-decoder model, similar and almost identical to the RNN model, with the only difference being that the RNN layers are replaced by a fully attention-based approach layer [16]. It is less complex and faster training than RNN models [17]. As shown in Figure 2.

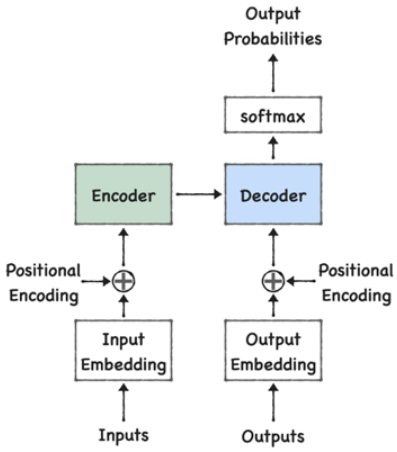


Figure 2: Transformer MT architecture.

In our proposed methodology, the input sentences are initially mapped into an embedded vector space before being passed to the encoder stack [18]. To capture the relationships, distances, and word order,

each input vector within the input sequence is supplied with a positional embedding vector [19]. Then, the combined vector will be directed to the initial level of the transformer's encoding component, where a self-attention of the multi-head mechanism has been applied to the intermediate embedded vector space as shown in (1) [20].

$$Attention\ (Q,K,V) = softmax\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right). \quad (1)$$

Where in, (K) keys, (Q) queries, and (V) values are vectors that are used in transformer to get better encoding for both source and target words. The scaling factor $\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_k}}$ helps stabilize gradients during training.

The multi-head mechanism enhances the attention layer performance by [21]. It improves the model's ability to focus on words at different positions, and it provides the attention layer with multiple representation subspaces, which are concatenated and then linearly projected onto the original dimension space [22]. the self-attention layer output is subsequently sent through the network of the feed-forward consisting of double linear transformations with a ReLU activation function within [23]. Each output is then fed into some other encoder level, which is gathered on top of the previous one. All the components of encoding levels share similar architecture and functionality [24]. The encoder output is directed as input to the decoder [25].

The decoding unit operates similarly to the encoding one. The top encoding unit output is transformed to be as a group of vectors of attention. Then, these vectors are used by the decoders, each alone in the decoding component. Allows the decoding unit to concentrate on the relevant positions of the sequence of the input [26]. The decoding unit generates one word at a time, according to English rules of writing. After that, each word is reintroduced into the final decoding unit by changing it into an implicit vector space. After that, the positional embedding vector is added [27]. The mechanism of the decoding unit's self-attention functions to some extent different than the encoding unit. In the decoder [28]. The layer of self-attention is restricted to attending just to words from preceding positions. This could be achieved through covering future words with those of very few values [29]. Each decoding component level performs the same function. The final decoding layer's output is passed through a linear direct layer and then a SoftMax layer [30]. The linear direct layer generates a matching vector that relates the target language words size, where each position in the vector corresponds to the score of a unique word. This score vector is converted into probabilities by the Softmax layer, and the word with the highest probability is selected as the output for that time step [31] as shown in (2).

$$Softmax = \frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}. \quad (2)$$

At the output layer, Softmax converts raw logits into probabilities over the target vocabulary to generate the next word. Meanwhile, in the attention layers, Softmax computes attention weights that guide the model on which words to focus on during encoding and decoding.

4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The aim of experiments is to propose MT evaluate and the effect of train a sequence-to-sequence transformer model from an English into Arabic language with the best quality and context on text length using different segmentation schemes.

4.1 Dataset

The primary prerequisite for training and testing a MT model is the availability of a parallel corpus comprising aligned datasets. In this study, we trained the model using the International Corpus of English-Arabic datasets [32]. The corpus contains a total of 817,274 sentence pairs, with 9,807,588 English words and 9,271,274 Arabic words, including training, validation, and test splits.

4.2 Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing refers to prepares input data for model training and testing [33], [34]. In our work Data preprocessing consists of data cleaning, data normalization, and data tokenization. First step, deals with extraction of the effective data by data cleaning; removing outliers and noise, remove special characters, punctuation, empty lines were eliminated, and other factors to provide the basis for model training and testing.

Second step, it will remove the duplicate records from input document. To prevent bias in the training phase and unify the case of letters. Third step, Vocabulary creation is a fundamental step in deep learning-based MT [35]. Subwords-based models (Byte Pair Encoding (BPE) techniques) be used to building vocabulary that balances between word and character-level tokenization. Typically, a fixed number of most frequent subwords units are chosen

as part of the vocabulary to keep the model manageable and efficient. Designing a modest-sized yet representative vocabulary for both English and Arabic is challenging but essential, as vocabulary coverage directly affects translation quality.

4.3 Training Phase

Training in the context of MT using Transformer models involves establishing correspondences between words source and their translations in to the words target [36]. The core of the Transformer is the attention mechanism. The training of proposed MT model and utilized the default configuration of six layers in the encoding and decoding units, each containing 512 hidden ones, where the designed size was set to 512, including an 8-headed attention mechanism. The batch size was configured to include 64 records, while the operative set size- determined as the number of exercising examples handled in one phase - was set to 384. Its typical constraints were improved by applying the Adam optimizer.

The proposed model is trained on dataset of preprocessed sentence-length does not exceed 40 words [37]. The GPU run-time provided on until convergence or until 10.000 steps at max. Input embedding occurs in the lowest encoder layer, where input tokens - whether words or subwords - are converted into vectors via embedding layers [38]. These embeddings capture the semantic meaning of the tokens and represent them as numerical vectors, that solving the word ambiguous probability problem [39]. Input Embedding a = {a_1, ... , a_i} is a vector for words where each a_i can take any value in the set {1, 2, ... ,i}. The vector specifies the mapping for each English word to a word in the Arabic sentence [40]. Therefore, a_j = i specifies that e_j is aligned to a_i.

4.4 Translation Phase

Translation engine is the main component of MT system [11]. We employed a transformer model that use sequence-to-sequence model, consists of the encoder-decoder. These components work in tandem to process input text and generate corresponding output text. The translation engine involves direct stage that is word or phrase translation using lexicon lookup, word sense disambiguation direct [33]. And indirect stage that handling out-of-vocabulary words in lexicon [23]. We are finding the stems and the suffixes for the word. The stem of a word is its base form, stripped of any additions such as prefixes or suffixes [34]. These additions modify the meaning of the stem or derive new words to complete sentence structures. Low-frequency words, often the main content words, require special attention to ensure accurate translation. Every module plays an equally crucial role in enhancing the accuracy of the MT.

Good training enhances strengthening the connection between words, resolves ambiguity and increases performance efficiency [35]. Transformer-based MT system avoid low-frequency words problem due to their usage of explicit, discrete translation tables. We assume that the English sentence is “It will take two hours to get there”, and we want to translate it into an Arabic language. We are looking for the words or phrase which has the highest probability. Using pre training rule and select fit Arabic sentence.

Now focus on the solving the problem of the translation probability. Embedding vectors a = {a_1, ... , a_i}, is a vector of variables where each ai can take any value in the set {1,2, ... ,i}. The embedding vector specifies the mapping for each English word to a word in the Arabic sentence [36]. Therefore, a_j = i specifies that ej is aligned to a_i. The word "take" has multiple meanings in English-Arabic MT, with the appropriate meaning chosen depending on alignment with adjacent prepositions in the sentence. Contextual variability of the meaning of words can change based on context, it essential to align words within the appropriate semantic framework as shown in (3) [37].

$$Pr\ (a|e) = \frac{Pr(a|e)Pr\ (a)}{Pr\ (e)}. \qquad (3)$$

Where Pr(e) is language model; Pr(f|e) is translation model. The score for a potential translation e is calculated as the product of two components: the language model score, which provides the prior probability of the sentence in English, and the translation model score, which represents the likelihood of (e) being the translation of an Arabic sentence (a). Utilizing a pre-trained model offers the advantage of leveraging the language model, which significantly enhances the fluency of the translation [38].

Self-attention enables transformers model to effectively propagate reordering across input sequences [39]. It begins by creating initial embeddings, or representations, for words. Through self-attention, it get information of text, producing a new context-informed representation for each word, as depicted by the filled circles [40]. The process is repeated multiple times in parallel for all words, iteratively generating refined word alignment, as shown in Figure 3 [11].

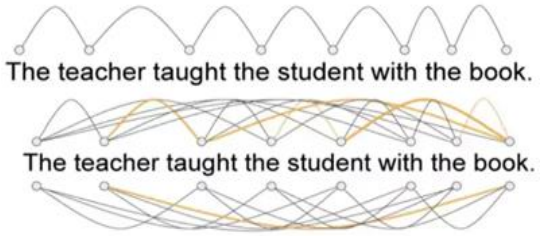


Figure 3: Translation phase processing [36].

5 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The performance of our model vs. google models evaluated on the International Corpus of Arabic [35], English-Arabic datasets, through BLEU score and F-measure evaluation methods. The evaluation form consists of one input text, one candidate deep MT model, one candidate Google translation, and one reference. We used reference has a loose word order. It is calculated and described on news test data [23]. Evaluation includes simple sentences, compound sentences, and complex sentences.

The F-measure evaluation focuses on a quantitative metric that combines precision and recall into a single harmonic mean, providing a balanced assessment of MT quality [40], which are defined by (4), (5), and (6), respectively. In this context, 'correct' refers to words number accurately translated. 'Output length' denotes the total words number in the translated text, while 'reference length' represents the total number of words in the reference text. Table 2, and Figure 4, show the F-measure evaluation.

$$Precision = \frac{\text{correct}}{Output_ength}, \quad (4)$$

$$Recall = \frac{\text{correct}}{Reference_ength}, \quad (5)$$

$$F_{Measure} = \frac{\text{correct}}{\frac{Precision+Recall}{2}}. \quad (6)$$

Table 2: Results of statistical evaluation (F-measure).

Criteria	Simple	Compound	Complex	Average
Deep MT	0.88	0.85	0.80	0.843
Google Tr.	0.79	0.74	0.71	0.747

Table 3: Results of BLEU score evaluation.

Criteria	Simple	Compound	Complex	Average
Deep MT	0.91	0.85	0.81	0.857
Google Tr.	0.85	0.79	0.73	0.79

The BLEU score evaluation is employed, where the BLEU value ranges from 0 to 1. A value closer to 1 indicates higher translation quality [36]. The BLEU score i is computed as the product of the Brevity Penalty (BP) and the geometric mean of modified n-gram precisions. The process begins with calculating the geometric mean of the modified n-gram precisions. Next, the length of the candidate translation (c), and the length of the corresponding reference corpus (r) are determined to calculate the BP. [17] illustrates how the Brevity Penalty is reduced in (r / c) as shown in (7) and (8) demonstrates how to calculate the final BLEU score [23].

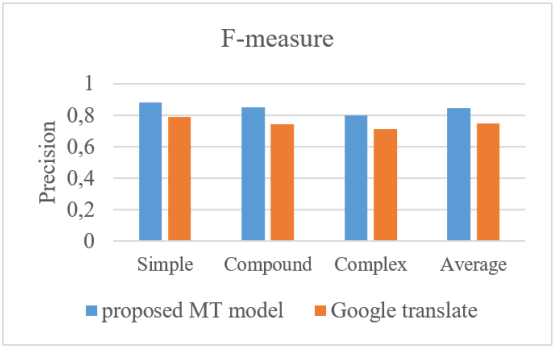


Figure 4: Results of statistical evaluation [36].

$$BP = \begin{cases} 1 & if\ c > r \\ e^{(1-\frac{r}{c})} & if\ c \le r \end{cases}, \quad (7)$$

$$BLEU = BP\ X\ \exp\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \log P_n\right). \quad (8)$$

Where N = 4 and uniform weights W_n = (1/N. Table 3, and Figure 5. Shows the BLEU evaluation.

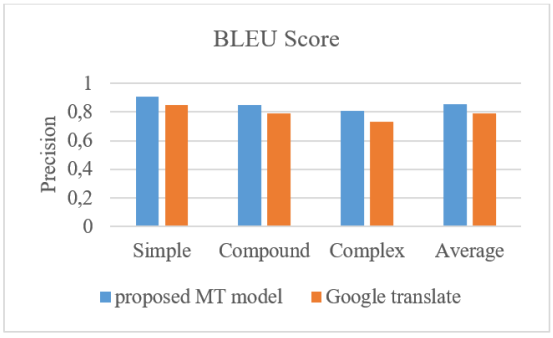


Figure 5: Results of BLEU score evaluation.

Based on the obtained results, we can conclude that the good translation depends on data training and more data training makes the transformer-based MT more accurate. Proposed MT model evaluation using the BLEU score. The results showed that 65% of texts got the score more than (0.75), they were perfectly intelligible and clear. While 21% of the texts got the

score more than (0.5), they were generally intelligible and clear, also, 12% texts got the score between (0,25–0.5), they were hard to understand, finally 2% texts got the score less than (0.25), they were not understandable. Therefore, we can say that about 86% sentences are intelligible. These sentences are those which have score (0.5) or above.

As for the F-measure, its results were about 3 points lower than the BLEU score but still exceeded Google Translate by approximately 6 points. Thus, we can conclude that the proposed MT model translates from English to Arabic with considerably good accuracy. Thus, we can say that the translate from English to Arabic with a considerably good accuracy by proposed MT model.

6 CONCLUSIONS

The Transformer model demonstrates impressive performance and serves as a strong baseline for the development of deep MT models when trained on large-scale news corpora. The news domain typically features standardized syntax, formal vocabulary, and clear sentence boundaries, making it a suitable training environment for MT systems. While continuous progress has been made in deep MT for English and other European languages, Arabic has received comparatively little attention in the literature. Therefore, the current study aims to explore the effectiveness of a deep MT model based on the Transformer architecture. The attention mechanism and attention weights can serve as effective indicators of the relationships among source and target words. The effectiveness of the Transformer model plays a critical role in improving translation quality and bridging gaps between English and Arabic. Test results indicate that the proposed deep MT model outperforms state-of-the-art neural MT systems in terms of adequacy by BLEU score and F-measure evaluation. Finally, future work may focus on developing strategies and techniques that allow for updates in the decoder phase and enable automatic lexicon adaptation, further enhancing system performance.

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Pattern-Free Block Encryption: Single-Key Camellia XEX with PRNG Tweaks and Permutation Diffusion

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Abstract: Block ciphers in ECB mode, such as Camellia-ECB, offer high throughput but leak visual and structural patterns when encrypting images or other repetitive data. We show PRNG-XEX+Permutation, a stateless improvement that gets rid of repeating blocks that are the same while keeping performance close to baseline. A single Camellia call wrapped in an XOR-Encrypt-XOR (XEX) construction processes each 128-bit block, with tweaks produced from a one-time, key-seeded Xoroshiro128+ pseudorandom stream. A simple static byte permutation further strengthens intra-block diffusion. The scheme eliminates the need for chaining, padding, or external parameters beyond the master key, ensuring streamlined implementation while supporting full parallelism and random access; it also guarantees provable block uniqueness. Our tests show that PRNG-XEX + Permutation meets all of the randomness requirements set by NIST SP 800-22. It also restores full visual privacy in encrypted images while maintaining encryption speeds within a few percent of standard ECB mode. This demonstrates that strong pattern resistance can be attained without sacrificing cipher efficiency.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

Block ciphers like Camellia in Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encrypt each block independently, yielding high throughput but suffering from a critical weakness: identical plaintext blocks produce identical ciphertext blocks. When applied to images or any repetitive data, this "ECB pattern leak" reveals underlying structure and renders encryption visually insecure.

1.2 Motivation

Many applications - from secure photo storage and video streaming to encrypted backups of structured logs - require both high-speed encryption and strong resistance to pattern leakage. Existing countermeasures (CBC, CTR, or chaos-based shuffles) either incur serialization, padding overhead, or complex key management. A practical cryptographic requirement exists for a lightweight, stateless wrapper that can be applied to a standard block cipher. Such a design should:

1) prevent the repetition of identical ciphertext blocks, thereby mitigating pattern leakage.
2) preserve key operational advantages such as full parallelizability and random-access decryption.
3) achieve performance that remains close to the baseline efficiency of the underlying cipher.

1.3 Contributions

In this work, we propose PRNG-XEX + Permutation, which:

1) Wraps each Camellia encryption in an XOR-Encrypt-XOR (XEX) construction with tweaks from a key-seeded Xoroshiro128^{+} PRNG, guaranteeing provable block uniqueness.
2) Adds a one-time static byte permutation for intra-block diffusion without any additional cipher calls.
3) Requires no chaining, padding, or external parameters beyond the master key, supporting full parallelism and random-access decryption.

4) Demonstrates via NIST SP 800-22 tests and visual analysis that encrypted images have zero detectable repetition, while throughput remains within a few percent of standard ECB mode.

2 PREVIOUS WORK

Recent extensions to Camellia and similar block ciphers aim to resist ECB-mode pattern leakage in images, but each incurs trade-offs in complexity, security, or performance. Moganti et al. augment Camellia-ECB with chaotic pixel-indicator masks and Cat-map permutations for steganographic diffusion [1], yet require complex key synchronization and only embed hidden data rather than fully encrypt all pixels. A 2021 study in IET Computers & Digital Techniques applies a fixed byte-swap after Camellia-ECB to scramble pixels [2], but identical-block repetition persists and the secret table must be protected. Blackman & Vigna introduce Xoroshiro128$^+$ as a fast, statistically strong PRNG [3]; however, it has not been integrated into an authenticated tweakable-cipher framework. Wang et al. layer a random permutation on Camellia-ECB to disrupt block alignments [4], yet inter-block repetition remains detectable under chosen-plaintext attacks. Li, Chen & Huang propose dynamic, key-dependent permutations per block over two cipher calls [5], improving diffusion but doubling encryption cost and table complexity.

Our PRNG-XEX + Permutation scheme unifies the most effective elements of prior research into a streamlined, high-performance design. It employs a single Camellia encryption in XEX mode, with tweaks generated from a key-seeded Xoroshiro128$^+$ stream, followed by a static byte shuffle. This construction guarantees per-block uniqueness, eliminates ECB-mode pattern leakage, preserves complete parallelism and random-access decryption, and achieves near-baseline throughput without external parameters or multiple cipher calls.

Previous countermeasures against ECB leakage in image encryption have faced trade-offs in complexity, security, or efficiency. Moganti et al. integrate chaotic pixel-indicator masks and Cat-map permutations into Camellia-ECB for steganographic diffusion [1], but this approach requires complex key synchronization and only obscures selected pixels rather than encrypting the entire image. A 2021 study in IET Computers & Digital Techniques applies a fixed byte-swap after Camellia-ECB [2], which scrambles pixels but leaves identical-block repetition intact and depends on securing a secret lookup table. Blackman & Vigna's Xoroshiro128$^+$ PRNG [3] is fast and statistically robust, yet has not been applied within an authenticated tweakable-cipher framework. Wang et al. disrupt block alignments in Camellia-ECB using random permutations [4], but repeated patterns remain detectable under chosen-plaintext attacks. Li, Chen, and Huang introduce dynamic, key-dependent permutations per block across two cipher calls [5], which improves diffusion but doubles the encryption cost and table complexity.

In contrast, our PRNG-XEX + Permutation approach achieves strong diffusion, robust resistance to pattern leakage, and high throughput with minimal design complexity, making it a practical and scalable solution for modern, high-speed encryption applications.

3 BACKGROUND

The development of the proposed encryption mode is based on several fundamental cryptographic components aimed at addressing the challenge of ensuring both confidentiality and high performance. These components include:

- Camellia Block Cipher is a 128-bit Feistel cipher standardized by ISO/IEC, supporting 128/192/256-bit keys. It employs 18 rounds (24 for larger keys), interleaved FL/FL^{-1} layers every six rounds, and an S-box–based F-function for nonlinearity; its subkeys derive via fixed rotations of the master key [6];
- Encryption Modes. ECB mode, while efficient, suffers from structural leakage in patterned data, as noted in block storage encryption standards [7]; Modes like CBC add chaining to hide patterns but serialize processing; CTR enables parallelism with counters but requires nonce management; others like OCB and PMAC offer authenticated encryption with tweaks to balance security and speed [8]. This motivates the search for modes preventing repetition without throughput loss;
- XEX (XOR-Encrypt-XOR) mode is a tweakable construction that applies a per-block mask before and after a single block-cipher invocation. This ensures block uniqueness without chaining or padding and supports full parallelism [9];
- Xoroshiro128$^+$ PRNG is a lightweight, 128-bit–state pseudorandom generator offering fast (<50 cycles/output) and statistically strong

output via rotation and XOR "scrambling." When seeded once from the master key, it yields a reproducible tweak stream Ti for each block i [3].

4 DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the key stages in evolving our encryption approach, beginning with the baseline Camellia-ECB and culminating in the final PRNG-XEX + Permutation design. We define four tested variants, each addressing a specific weakness in the previous, and conclude with the full algorithm description of the final version.

4.1 Design Evolution through Four Variants

To systematically address the shortcomings of ECB-mode encryption, we implemented and evaluated the following four algorithmic variants:

- Variant A – Camellia (ECB Mode): This is the unmodified baseline. Camellia is applied independently to each 128-bit plaintext block. While efficient, this mode reveals repeating patterns in structured data and images, since identical plaintext blocks produce identical ciphertext blocks.
- Variant B – Camellia + Permutation: This variant adds a fixed byte permutation after each block encryption to increase intra-block diffusion. It disrupts the internal structure of each ciphertext block but does not prevent repetition across blocks. Identical plaintext blocks still yield identical ciphertexts post-permutation.
- Variant C – Dual-Camellia XEX + Permutation: This version applies the XEX (XOR-Encrypt-XOR) construction using a secondary Camellia key derived from SHA-256 [10] of the original key. A block-unique tweak is computed by encrypting the block index with the second key. XOR masking is applied before and after the main Camellia encryption. This eliminates block-level repetition and, combined with permutation, ensures both inter- and intra-block diffusion. However, it incurs significant overhead due to two Camellia calls and one SHA-256 [10] computation per block.
- Variant D – PRNG-XEX + Permutation (Final Design): Our final design replaces the tweak-generation mechanism in Variant C with a fast, deterministic pseudorandom number generator. A Xoroshiro128$^+$ PRNG is seeded once from the master key to generate a unique 128-bit tweak for each block. This reduces computational cost while preserving the security benefits of XEX and byte permutation. The result is a stateless, parallelizable encryption scheme with minimal performance loss compared to the ECB baseline.

4.2 Final System Design

Our scheme operates on each 128-bit block independently:

1) Tweak generation. A one-time, key-seeded Xoroshiro128$^+$ PRNG produces a 128-bit tweak T_i for block index i.
2) XEX masking. XOR the plaintext block P_i with T_i.
3) Camellia encryption. Encrypt the masked block under the master key, yielding intermediate Y_i;
4) Byte permutation. Apply a fixed, public 16-byte shuffle to Y_i for intra-block diffusion.
5) XEX unmasking: XOR the permuted block with the same T_i to produce ciphertext C_i.

4.2 Algorithm Pseudocode

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Initialize:
 PRNG.seed(master_key)
 PermTable ← predefined 16-byte
permutation

Encryption:
 For each block index i:
   T_i ← PRNG.next128()
   M_i ← P_i ⊕ T_i
   Y_i ← Encrypt(master_key, M_i)
   Z_i ← PermuteBytes(Y_i, PermTable)
   C_i ← Z_i ⊕ T_i
   output C_i

Decryption reverses steps:
 For each received C_i:
   T_i ← PRNG.next128()
   Z_i ← C_i ⊕ T_i
   Y_i ← InversePermute(Z_i,
PermTable)
   M_i ← Decrypt(master_key, Y_i)
   P_i ← M_i ⊕ T_i
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4.4 Design Benefits

The PRNG-XEX + Permutation design integrates multiple security-enhancing mechanisms into a lightweight, high-performance encryption framework. By combining block-level uniqueness, intra-block diffusion, and a stateless parallelizable architecture, it effectively mitigates ECB-mode weaknesses while preserving throughput close to that of the underlying block cipher. The key design features are as:

- Block Uniqueness – XEX masking ensures that even identical plaintext blocks produce distinct ciphertexts, eliminating pattern leakage and enhancing resistance to block repetition analysis.
- Intra-Block Diffusion – A fixed byte permutation disperses data patterns within each block, making the ciphertext more resistant to statistical and visual attacks.
- Stateless & Parallel – The scheme requires no chaining, padding, or initialization vectors (IVs). Each block is processed independently, enabling high-speed parallel encryption and supporting random-access decryption.
- Performance Efficiency – By replacing the second Camellia encryption call with high-quality PRNG output, the final variant maintains strong security guarantees while achieving throughput near that of baseline Camellia-ECB.

This design strikes a balance between security, efficiency, and simplicity, making it suitable for high-throughput environments such as image encryption, multimedia streaming, and secure storage systems. These four variants provide a clear path from insecure but fast ECB to a secure, efficient encryption method suitable for structured or visual data. The experimental evaluation in Section 6 compares all four to validate this progression.

5 EXPERIMENT EVALUATION

5.1 Test Environment

All tests were conducted on a system running Windows 10 with an Intel Core i7-9750H CPU @ 2.60 GHz and 16 GB RAM, using .NET 6 and C#. A straightforward C# implementation written for clarity and extensibility is used, not raw speed. No SIMD, memory pooling, or hardware acceleration is implemented. The input data includes:

- A 10 MB plain-text file containing repetitive structured content (e.g., RandomText-1000000char.txt).
- A bitmap-format image file having four sharp edges and repeated visual blocks.

Each encryption variant was run in identical conditions, measuring throughput (MB/s) and evaluating output using the NIST SP 800-22 statistical test suite [11].

5.2 Variants Compared

The following four implementations were tested:

- Variant A: Camellia-ECB (baseline).
- Variant B: Camellia + permutation.
- Variant C: Dual-Camellia XEX + Permutation.
- Variant D (Ours): PRNG-XEX + Permutation.

5.3 Performance Results

The dual-Camellia XEX approach nearly halves performance due to the second cipher call. In contrast, the PRNG-XEX variant restores performance to within 2% of the ECB baseline while offering the same security benefits. See Table 1.

Table 1: The performance of the four variants.

Variant	Encrypt Speed (MB/s)	Decrypt Speed (MB/s)
A	3.67 ± 0.05	3.78 ± 0.04
B	3.78 ± 0.04	3.80 ± 0.03
C	1.90 ± 0.03	1.92 ± 0.02
D	3.71 ± 0.04	3.66 ± 0.05

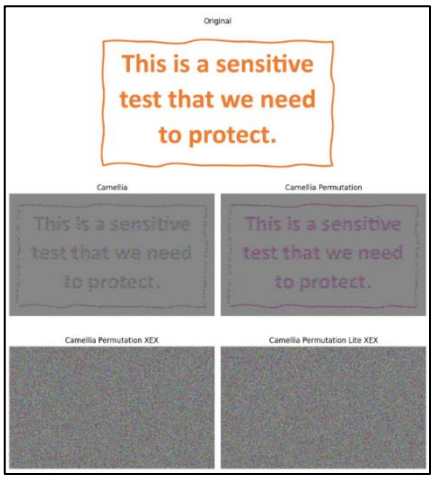


Figure 1: Visual analysis, showing pattern leak in some variants.

5.4 Visual Analysis

A graphic image containing large, uniform, and structured regions was encrypted to facilitate visual inspection of block-level diffusion, as illustrated in Figure 1.

- Variant A (ECB). Repeated 16×16 blocks are clearly visible, forming a "ghost" outline of the original image.
- Variant B: Breaks some patterns within blocks but retains alignment across blocks.
- Variants C and D. Eliminate all visible repetition; encrypted images appear completely noise-like, indistinguishable from random data.

5.5 NIST Statistical Randomness

We applied 15 applicable tests from the NIST SP 800-22 suite [11] on the encrypted output of the text file. As shown in Table 2:

- Variants A and B failed the block frequency, cumulative sums, and entropy tests, indicating the presence of visible patterns and insufficient randomness.
- Variants C and D passed all 15 statistical tests, demonstrating strong statistical uniformity and high unpredictability in the ciphertext.

Table 2: Results of statistical tests for ciphertext variants, indicating randomness quality and resistance to pattern leakage.

Test	Plain	A	B	C	D
Approx. Entropy	0.000 FAIL	0.000 FAIL	0.000 FAIL	0.461 PASS	0.597 PASS
Block Frequency	1.000 PASS	0.0035 FAIL	0.0032 FAIL	0.916 PASS	0.648 PASS
Cumulative Sums	0.000 FAIL	1.25e-8 FAIL	1.24e-8 FAIL	0.677 PASS	0.388 PASS
FFT	0.000 FAIL	0.000 FAIL	0.000 FAIL	0.1726 PASS	0.855 PASS
Frequency	0.000 FAIL	6.35e-9 FAIL	6.35e-9 FAIL	0.623 PASS	0.812 PASS
Linear Complexity	0.0018	0.0555	0.0219	0.0775	0.8955
Longest Run	0.000 FAIL	0.009 FAIL	5.04e-16 FAIL	0.0777 PASS	0.7198 PASS
Non-Overlapping Template	0.0047 FAIL	0.5262 PASS	0.5942 PASS	0.5091 PASS	0.4936 PASS
Overlapping Template	0.000 FAIL	9.64e-7 FAIL	6.96e-6 FAIL	0.4448 PASS	0.4224 PASS
Random Excursions	– OOR	– OOR	– OOR	0.8466 PASS	0.4264 PASS
Random Excursions Var.	– OOR	– OOR	– OOR	0.5162 PASS	0.8115 PASS
Rank	0.000 FAIL	0.0043 FAIL	0.3316 PASS	0.1039 PASS	0.6933 PASS
Runs	– OOR	– OOR	– OOR	0.6420 PASS	0.7764 PASS
Serial	0.000 FAIL	– OOR	– OOR	0.7882 PASS	0.3712 PASS
Universal	0.000 FAIL	0.4858 PASS	0.73891 PASS	0.1772 PASS	0.6076 PASS

6 CONCLUSIONS

This work demonstrates that our PRNG-XEX + permutation scheme achieves the best of both worlds: strong statistical and visual confidentiality and performance nearly indistinguishable from plain ECB. By replacing the traditional tweak generation with a key-seeded Xoroshiro128$^+$ PRNG, our method ensures block uniqueness, parallelism, and random-access decryption with only a single Camellia call per block.

A fixed, public permutation table delivers effective intra-block diffusion without the complexity of key-dependent permutations. While any cryptographically strong PRNG could substitute for Xoroshiro128$^+$, our choice delivers optimal speed and reproducibility. This design is highly applicable to large images, structured files, and environments where high throughput and statelessness are essential. However, the scheme is designed for confidentiality only; defenses against active or side-channel attacks require additional layers, and the security ultimately depends on the strength of Camellia and the PRNG used. The proposed scheme is intended solely to provide confidentiality; it does not inherently protect against active attacks, side-channel attacks, or other advanced threats. Mitigating such risks would require integrating additional protective layers. Ultimately, the overall security of the system is determined by the combined robustness of the Camellia cipher and the chosen PRNG.

7 FUTURE WORK

While Xoroshiro128$^+$ provides fast, statistically sound output for tweak generation, other PRNG families may offer alternative trade-offs in randomness or hardware efficiency, representing promising directions for future research. Additionally, extending this approach to authenticated encryption modes, adaptive or key-dependent permutations, and hardware-accelerated implementations could enhance security and performance. Broader testing on diverse data types - including streaming media and encrypted databases - will further validate the method's versatility and practical applicability.

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Assessing the Confluence of Computational Thinking and Design Thinking by Encompassing AI for EFL Communication Technology

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Abstract Although artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly integrated into educational environments, there is still a lack of knowledge on how to appropriately combine design thinking (DT) and computational thinking (CT) to enhance English as a Foreign Language (EFL) communication skills teaching. This study aims to show how combining design thinking (DT) and computational thinking (CT) can work well together, addressing the lack of research on using both in AI-supported English as a Foreign Language (EFL) classroom. The contribution is in creating a confluence model that combines CT and DT components to enhance higher-order thinking, creativity, and problem-solving among EFL students. The study uses quantitative methods to examine how the CT-DT model is applied in different learning contexts, including artificial intelligence technology. Communication technology is AI technology that acts as a mediator for language use and cognitive engagement. Classroom observation instruments and thematic analysis indicated that students engaged more deeply in iterative reflection, ideation, and prototyping. The results highlight the possibility of adopting AI-driven activities to simultaneously enhance language skills and computational design literacy, empowering students as co-creators to enhance AI literacy. This inclusive approach improves communication skills and equips students to face future challenges in a technology-rich environment.

1 INTRODUCTION

In the cybergogy era, many language learning scenarios utilise artificial intelligence (AI) because of its reputation as a powerful tool for improving language mastery. However, language instructors may not always possess sufficient knowledge on how to effectively leverage AI in the classroom to support undergraduate students' learning processes [1]. Motivating students to learn English as a Foreign Language (EFL) remains a primary goal of language education, as effective EFL learning provides multiple benefits, including improved mastery of micro-skills (vocabulary and grammar) and macro-skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), transferable academic knowledge, and the development of essential soft skills.

Learning EFL is a time-consuming and demanding process, and students frequently encounter challenges related to learning attitudes, strategies, and confidence. One contributing factor is that traditional language classroom curricula have often prioritised control and accuracy over student expression and creativity [3]. As a result, creativity has typically been limited to linguistic competence or grammatical accuracy rather than originality of thought or meaningful content creation. Consequently, integrating computational thinking (CT) and design thinking (DT) approaches into EFL instruction presents both pedagogical challenges and opportunities.

Online approaches and strategies, such as learning languages through social media platforms (e.g., YouTube, Facebook, Instagram) and digital applications distributed through platforms such as the Google Play Store, have demonstrated potential in helping learners overcome barriers in EFL development [4]. At the same time, AI—defined as computer systems capable of imitating human intelligence in areas such as language interaction and

creative tasks [5]—can provide EFL learners with continuous, efficient learning support [6] and enhance contemporary teaching and learning practices. The ability of AI to generate comprehensible human-like text from data or simulate human language use is central to its application in language education [7]. In cybergogy-based learning environments, AI should not replace human agency but rather complement and collaborate with learners and teachers under human supervision, enhancing human capabilities rather than diminishing them [8].

AI-assisted language learning enables students to engage with EFL in interactive and personalised ways. The concept of machine-in-the-loop has been discussed as a human-centred approach to AI-supported learning, particularly in AI-mediated informal digital learning environments, where learners retain control over decision-making while interacting with intelligent systems [9]. In this model, humans maintain full autonomy over AI-generated content by revising, constructing, and modifying outputs according to their learning goals. When machine-in-the-loop approaches are applied to English language learning, computational thinking strategies and learner motivation may influence the effectiveness of human–AI collaboration [10]. Research indicates that AI can play an active role in such collaborative writing processes by increasing efficiency and supporting idea development.

This study proposes an instructional approach that integrates AI into EFL learning, beginning with micro-skills and gradually progressing to macro-skills. Undergraduate students participate in project-based learning activities by creating digital artefacts, such as dialogue-based projects, using their own vocabulary, sentence structures, ideas, and prototypes. These artefacts are supported and personalised by AI Tutor Lily, an intelligent natural language generation tool. The purpose of this paper is to describe EFL learning outcomes within a metaverse learning environment that integrates computational thinking and design thinking. It is argued that this integrated approach enables students to develop EFL competencies through the combined application of AI, CT, and DT activities.

2 CT AND DT MODELLING IN EFL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Facilitating student learning in AI-supported environments can be achieved by designing classroom activities grounded in computational thinking. This process typically begins with presenting learners with a problem, followed by solution development through problem decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction, algorithm design, and evaluation. Developing the ability to access and interpret publicly available information is also considered an important learning outcome.

A comprehensive understanding of the learning context is essential for generating viable solutions. Computational thinking is widely recognised as a fundamental skill for problem-solving, encompassing key concepts such as decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction, algorithmic thinking, and evaluation [11]. These concepts involve breaking complex problems into manageable components, identifying recurring patterns, designing step-by-step solutions, abstracting transferable principles, and assessing solution effectiveness.

In many Indonesian higher education contexts, English courses rarely incorporate AI-based instructional methods, and students are often beginners in digital and creative language production. As a result, their creative processes may be constrained, and EFL learning requires considerable cognitive effort. While students may demonstrate motivation, they frequently exhibit limited planning skills and insufficient understanding of how to design creative digital artefacts using EFL. Even proficient EFL learners often struggle with lexical selection and grammatical accuracy during text composition. Consequently, learners typically begin EFL development at the micro-skill level before advancing to macro-skill proficiency.

Many students also experience difficulty organising and visualising ideas prior to engaging in macro-skill tasks. Grammatical errors and typographical mistakes are common among learners with limited experience in text organisation, structural coherence, and idea development. Viewing EFL instruction as a problem-solving process that emphasises idea organisation, advanced language competencies, and peer interaction has been suggested as an effective strategy for improving writing skills. Computational thinking principles have been developed to support such instructional approaches. Although CT has increasingly been recognised as a crucial skill for the modern workforce, research on its application beyond programming and computer science remains limited [12]. Nevertheless, existing studies indicate that CT can enhance language learning by providing structured methods for addressing writing challenges

in English [13]. By applying CT principles, students can improve writing mechanics through systematic analysis of sentence structures and linguistic patterns [13].

The primary goal of computational thinking in English language teaching is to support learners in developing language proficiency through structured, critical, and creative problem-solving processes [14]. In the context of globalisation, undergraduate students are expected not only to develop effective EFL communication skills but also to synthesise ideas and produce well-organised academic work. Decomposition techniques allow learners to simplify complex linguistic concepts, while microlearning strategies—such as vocabulary brainstorming and sentence construction—support gradual skill development [15]. Brainstorming activities further enable students to activate relevant prior knowledge related to specific topics.

Pattern recognition plays a crucial role in helping students identify grammatical and lexical regularities. Through this process, learners focus on verbs, predicates, and syntactic structures used in phrases and sentences. Research has shown that students who are trained to identify grammatical patterns can apply these patterns to construct concise and coherent sentences [13]. Abstraction, which involves generalising problem-solving strategies across different contexts, allows learners to apply grammatical rules for various parts of speech in English writing [16]. Although learners may invest significant time in decomposition, pattern recognition, and abstraction, they may still struggle with logical organisation. Algorithmic thinking addresses this challenge by guiding students to construct sentences and texts based on structured sequences of steps that can be transferred to similar language tasks [16].

Design thinking further encourages students to produce creative language artefacts. Although its application in EFL education remains underexplored, DT has demonstrated potential as an instructional approach for fostering 21st-century skills. The DT process begins with empathy, which involves understanding learners' needs and perspectives [17], [18]. In this study, empathy was developed through discussion forums that allowed undergraduate students to share their experiences and challenges. The ideation stage then encouraged the generation of diverse solutions, followed by evaluation and selection of the most feasible ideas. Through iterative prototyping, experimentation, and reflection, students refined their solutions collaboratively.

The prototyping phase required students to create functional language artefacts, which were subsequently tested and revised based on feedback. Students worked in groups to apply DT principles by brainstorming ideas, evaluating alternatives, selecting optimal solutions, and implementing them in practice [19]. While English was encouraged as the primary medium of communication, students occasionally engaged in code-switching to Indonesian when addressing complex concepts or resolving disagreements. Student creativity, linguistic competence, and critical thinking skills were assessed through original, multimodal tasks. The quality and relevance of these assessments indicated a strong understanding of the creative process, with divergent thinking playing a dominant role [18].

3 METHOD

This quantitative study was conducted in the 2023 academic year, when undergraduate students underwent EFL English learning with an AI-based curriculum. District data shows that 100% of undergraduate students identified as Indonesian, and they are English language learners who are eligible to get material by integrating AI with the characteristics of having a smartphone, being able to operate AI, having a quota, and having a good internet network. The design of this study used a pre-experimental design with one group.

The population of this study was 306 undergraduate students from the faculty of public health and the research sample was 51 first-semester undergraduate students with an age range of 17–18 years: 17 undergraduate students or 34%; 19-year-olds, 38 percent (19 students); 20-year-olds, 12 percent; and 22–27-year-olds, 14 percent. A questionnaire survey was given after participating in EFL English learning with AI-integrated CT and DT modeling. Individual surveys with undergraduate students regarding computational modelling and design thinking were administered via a Google form shared with them to answer the research questions for this study. 95.8% of the 51 study participants identified as female. All of these undergraduate students grew up as non-native English speakers.

The learning plans used during learning are listed in Table 1.

Data collection instruments were used to collect results, including demographic surveys, content rubrics, CT and DT surveys, final artefacts and products (uploaded to YouTube), and quantitative data obtained from questionnaire survey results. At

the end of the lecture series, students are asked to fill out a demographic survey asking about age, gender, grades, and personalized learning experiences with AI, CT, and DT.

As a final result, the EFL language performance of the project's digital artefacts was collected at the end of the lecture series. Physical copies of EFL training are sent via WhatsApp groups. Collecting content rubrics, CT and DT surveys, and digital artefacts allowed for a thorough quantitative assessment of this group. The in-depth perspectives and experiences gained from focus groups complement this. Because undergraduate students tend to feel more comfortable opening up and discussing their experiences working in groups to practice their English through AI, CT, and DT activities, Criteria for assessing structure, grammar, pronunciation/vocabulary, and organisation of English content are outlined in the content rubric.

Table 1: AI-integrated CT/DT EFL lesson plan.

Phase and Timing	Activities and CT/DT Elements
Learning objective	Undergraduate students utilise AI in the classroom to develop computational and design thinking skills and apply them to real-world scenarios in the context of EFL foreign language learning.
Materials used during the study	1) Smartphone or laptop with 5G internet access. 2) Artificial intelligence. 3) Google translates. 4) Mind-mister apps.
Opening (15 minutes) Engage phase.	At this stage, lecturers and undergraduate students discuss the importance of computational thinking skills and design thinking, along with examples, in solving EFL foreign language problems. Next, undergraduate students are asked to prepare and download the required learning applications, and then the lecturer provides a simulation of using the materials.
Main activities (60 minutes) Algorithm design (CT) and empathy (DT)	Exploring and explanation phase: 1) The lecturer explains the material. 2) The lecturer explores the CT and DT of undergraduate students. 3) The lecturer asks undergraduate students to form working groups and then asks them to activate and work with Tutor Lily step by step on algorithm design and empathy. 4) Lecturers guide students carefully.
Practical training (30 minutes)	1) Undergraduate students and their group friends begin to construct their knowledge by utilising AI to access vocabulary related to material, such as present tense and past tense. They are breaking into easier understanding (CT = decomposition). 2) Then undergraduate students are guided to emphasise the adaptive features of AI Tutor Lily to access vocabulary related to the material. 3) Lecturers encourage collaboration between AI and mind mapping (ideate design, DT). Construction stage of present tense characteristics using mind mapping for EFL problem solving and critical thinking in groups by creating grammatically correct sentences (define, DT, and abstraction, CT). 4) After classifying and identifying the characteristics of the present tense, undergraduate students are then asked to design sentences according to the material being taught. (Decomposition and pattern recognition, CT). 5) Then undergraduate students are asked to create dialogue according to the material (algorithmic design).
Explanation phase	1) Lecturers facilitate class discussions by activating undergraduate students' computational thinking and design thinking to overcome challenges during practical activities (abstraction, CT, and prototype, DT). 2) Lecturers direct undergraduate students to connect practical learning experiences with the real world in prototype form so that they understand the function of these tenses and provide appropriate solutions (pattern recognition, CT).
Project-based learning through DT (20 minutes)	1) Students present the prototype of the dialogue for communication action (DT). 2) This stage encourages student creativity and explores various solutions. 3) EFL foreign language practice is documented in video form and uploaded to a YouTube account. Video example[1].
Closing activity (10 minutes)	Reflection and Test: 1) The lecturer asks each group to provide feedback on the prototype presented (iterate and refine, DT). 2) Lecturers evaluate the learning process and give appreciation to student projects. 3) The lecturer closes the lesson by praying together.

[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqY7PWvGLuo

There are four levels of difficulty for each question: emerging, developing, advanced, and practiced. At the beginning of each class, we give this rubric to students to use as a guide to what they should learn. At the end of the course, at the 14th meeting, students use this rubric to grade their own prototypes and those of other groups. Students were also given a CT and DT self-evaluation survey on a 5-point Likert scale to complete. Twenty items were divided into two groups, consisting of 10 items for CT and 10 items for DT. On a scale of 1 to 5, students evaluate themselves. Score 1: I'm still confused about what it is; score 2: I'm not sure I can do it; score 3: I know what it is, but I still haven't found the answer. Score 4: That's within my means; and score 5: I can do it and explain it.

The CT and DT survey data were analysed using IBM SPSS Statistics 26 by calculating the frequency of each item. To explore the data further, we used paired sample t-tests on total and individual items from the pre- and post-survey stages. Focusing on changes in students' attitudes towards EFL language learning as well as the use of AI, computing, and design, the test aims to detect statistically significant mean differences between before and after the survey. By standard statistical practice, a significance level of ≤0.05 was set first for this analysis.

4 FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

According to the quantitative statistics described in Table 1 below, students' positive attitudes towards their EFL showed a statistically significant increase from the beginning to the end of engagement.

The statistical test results shown in Table 2 show that the pre-test scores from 49.7647 (with a standard deviation of 3.79783) increased significantly to 83.4706 (with a standard deviation of 7.00386) in the post-test scores. The results of this data, obtained from a sample of 51 participants, showed differences in scores before and after treatment. The measured variable data increased significantly from pretest to posttest, as demonstrated by the one-sample test findings, which showed a significant positive difference from a test score of 0, with a significant average difference and a narrow confidence interval.

The results of the research data on pre-test and post-test scores show very significant differences in scores Table 2. Likewise, the results of the survey, Table 3, which involved 51 participants, show that all respondents agree on how effective problem-solving strategies, logical reasoning, and AI integration are in language-related tasks. They felt confident and had positive attitudes towards various aspects of AI, such as algorithmic thinking, empathy, collaboration, and how much they enjoyed AI-assisted language learning Table 1.

Table 2: Students' positive attitudes towards their EFL.

	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference
Pretest	93.577	50	.000	49.76471	48.6965
Posttest	85.110	50	.000	83.47059	81.5007

This research contributes to and provides knowledge to better understand how undergraduate students in public health study programmes use AI to reflect computational thinking and design thinking skills to achieve learning outcomes by communivation practice. We designed a lesson plan that describes CT and DT in AI-assisted learning activities to find out how they participate during the EFL language acquisition process. Our findings from observations and surveys show that students demonstrate four thinking and design thinking skills:

1) taking a holistic view of complex systems and then simplifying them;
2) recognising interdependencies in collaboration to produce creative ideas;
3) stratifying their thinking;
4) demonstrating the algorithm and prototype effectively.

Based on the data from observation and monitoring in the classroom Table 1, this research supports the growing body of evidence that shows students can participate in CT and DT, although with some difficulties in EFL, namely incorrect grammar and pronunciation. Students showed signs of exploring complex systems holistically when they described their computational models and DT during the learning process. Even though at the beginning of the meeting they still felt difficulties, they still spent time understanding the learning activities. In particular, students interpret vocabulary related to the material (e.g., present tense) by accessing Tutor Lily and simplifying it according to daily activities and surrounding phenomena. The ability to create grammatically correct sentences, which is the core ability of EFL language acquisition, supports their involvement in CT and DT thinking processes.

Table 3: DT and CT survey.

Statements	N	Min	Max	Mean	SD
1) I am comfortable solving problems systematically using step-by-step procedures.	51	3.00	5.00	4.5882	.66862
2) I often use logical reasoning to break down complex tasks into smaller, more manageable steps.	51	2.00	5.00	4.5098	.75822
3) I can identify patterns in information or language learning materials.	51	3.00	5.00	4.2549	.79607
4) I use pre-defined algorithms or strategies when facing language-related challenges with the help of AI.	51	3.00	5.00	4.1765	.84157
5) I apply abstraction by focusing on important details and ignoring unnecessary information.	51	3.00	5.00	4.4118	.75303
6) I am confident that I can recognise and fix errors or bugs when operating AI Story.	51	2.00	5.00	4.3529	.77003
7) I believe in applying decomposition to break down language tasks into simpler AI-based components.	51	2.00	5.00	4.3725	.84760
8) I use algorithmic thinking in language-related activities, such as composing short stories with AI Story.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1765	.86501
9) I feel comfortable recognising similarities between language learning concepts and real-world practice.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1961	.87223
10) I believe that by thinking algorithmically when faced with EFL language-based problem-solving tasks, they can be handled well.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2157	.92334
11) I empathise with the perspectives and needs of language learners or your audience when creating dialogue script content by integrating AI.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2157	.90142
12) I believe that with the help of AI, we can determine challenges or goals related to language before starting a project, starting with classifying vocabulary, determining the intrinsic and extrinsic elements of a short story and translating it into Indonesian.	51	2.00	5.00	4.4706	.75771
13) I often brainstorm and think of various possibilities for language-related assignments or assignments with my group mates and AI.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2549	.82081
14) I'm interested in prototyping or creating an initial draft of a short story before completing the project.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2941	.87850
15) I believe in receiving and integrating feedback with peer groups and AI.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2549	.86817
16) I often collaborate with colleagues or seek different perspectives when working on EFL-related projects.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1373	.98020
17) I consider the aesthetics and user experience of the AI.	51	2.00	5.00	4.2157	.87895
18) I iterated and refined the project based on feedback and evaluation with group mates.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1176	.93053
19) I redesign the work (AI) and adapt it to meet the needs or challenges of an evolving audience.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1569	.88029
20) I enjoy the activity of learning EFL with the help of AI and design thinking procedures.	51	2.00	5.00	4.1373	.95958

Students can participate in the analysis and interpretation of present tense, starting with classifying the correct vocabulary and its characteristics, which is usually difficult, but thanks to this ability, in the practice phase, students demonstrate understanding and skills in describing material with algorithmic design. For example, undergraduate students engineered their dialogue interactions with AI-Tutor Lily and designed their prototypes. This confirms what previous research has shown: that students can understand the big picture when it comes to AI [20].

Given the large body of literature on the difficulties of teaching and learning EFL, the finding that public health students can describe their English and interactions with AI is encouraging students to be able to programme interactions with AI using CT and DT models of abstraction, decomposition, and empathy to reflect their ideas. This may have helped them overcome these obstacles. Considering that even undergraduate students often find thinking in levels a difficult technique of systems thinking, these results are quite encouraging. The findings we suggest regarding students' successful integration of

CT and DT will help educators better understand how to cultivate these skills, especially for those learning English as a foreign language. As students move through exploring more complex CT and DT learning systems, this type of learning model can serve as a basis for their problem-solving.

Students' CT may benefit from the presence of a relevant scientific framework, which is another explanation in a familiar situation relating to real-world observations that has been shown to help students, especially younger ones, according to previous research [21]. Another possible reason is that students are able to think systematically and think design by utilising information from various sources, not limited to computational models alone. Utilisation of student weight data from tense character investigations is very important in assessing the accuracy of their computational models and DT in describing daily activities related to phenomena that can be analogous to tenses (or given material such as weather, telling time, direction, and others). Computational modelling in EFL language classes to encourage them to triangulate data from various sources. When given a familiar situation, students have no difficulty thinking about building their models, but when faced with something new, they have difficulty. For example, when asked to abstract the present tense in everyday life and related phenomena and predict the consequences of using the present tense to become present continuous and present perfect, we offer interaction with AI. The fact that students are at a developmental stage towards more sophisticated engagement with the practice of thinking in levels, which is a skill that develops over time and that technology integration is capable of making possible, may help to explain this finding.

AI integration with CT and DT activities shows promise as tools for engaging students in the practice of complex systems thinking and design thinking while creating learning experiences. Lastly, even though their English is far from ideal (native speaker accent) to put themselves in the position of an agent, EFL English learners convey their scientific concepts regarding the material through a combination of various modalities and sometimes imperfect English because it is still influenced by their mother tongue. For example, when a spelling error occurs that is similar to Indonesian, such as the word discuss (which can be seen in the YouTube link in Table 1, do not assume that EFL students must have achieved "full" English proficiency before they can participate in complex systems thinking practices; however, students will eventually be encouraged to use better expressions when they demonstrate prototypes. There needs to be more research on the pros and cons of teaching systems thinking to different types of students. However, this study suggests that computational thinking, design thinking, and design thinking with AI could be useful for creating modern EFL lessons that meet the needs of college students in the digital era.

Successful integration of AI, CT, and DT activities in a metaverse learning environment for the EFL classroom faces challenges such as technological infrastructors and ethical issues regarding data privacy and use. The limitation in generalizability to diverse educational settings and the short duration of pre-experimental designs. This study also recommends increasing the integration of AI, CT, and DT in EFL classrooms, including collaboration with IT infrastructure, implementing strategies for equitable access, providing proficiency training for students and instructors, establishing ethical guidelines, developing engagement strategies, considering longitudinal study designs, and advocating collaboration with educational stakeholders to inform decision-making and advance EFL teaching practices.

5 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the results of this research, it is clear that undergraduate students in higher education institutions studying EFL can practice CT and DT. Here, we draw attention to the most important contributions of this research. To begin with, the research results show that students' CT and DT can be significantly improved when EFL lessons integrate AI. The second important thing is that CT and DT are meaningful learning systems that undergraduate students can undertake and build upon throughout their studies, not just in these courses. Third, the results show that the integration of AI promotes CT and DT in EFL, which can pave the way for having self-confidence and a positive attitude when facing more and more classical language acquisition problems and complex learning systems in other fields. In conclusion, the results show that all students, even those who are still developing their language skills, can have access to CT and DT activities.

These results describe that the learning instructions of this research show students learn more effectively when they are asked to simulate different iterations through complex thinking methods. For our design-based studies, this may mean, for example, expanding the CT and DT challenges. Second, rather than focusing on a single unit of instruction,

researchers should track the growth of CT and DT over multiple units of time. As part of design-based research, we can track students' progress towards more systematic thinking throughout the year as they explore language phenomena from a variety of scientific fields in our curriculum aligned with the digital age. Third, more varied student groups and larger samples should be used to study EFL and develop CT and DT. Given this diversity of students, our AI-based research may lead to wider adoption by EFL learners from diverse backgrounds. The educational community must support all students in developing CT and DT by providing resources, as these skills are becoming increasingly important in today's complex and networked society in the era of the educational metaverse.

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Stewarding Quantum Intelligence and RALL in Evolving EFL Communication through Maritime Teaching Materials for Sustainability

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Abstract: This study examines how Quantum Intelligence (QI) and Robot-Assisted Language Learning (RALL) can be used to improve English as a Foreign Language (EFL) communication skills using maritime-themed teaching materials for sustainability education. The purpose of this study is to create and test a new learning model based on need-based learning that uses intelligent tutoring systems (ITS), AI-powered feedback, and maritime information to help students strengthen their communication skills while improving their understanding of cultural and environmental issues. This research is important today because there is a growing need for culturally responsive and AI-integrated teaching that is aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 14 (Life Below Water). Twenty-four junior high school students were purposively selected respondents with characteristics of being proficient in AI tools and basic EFL who participated in this study. They completed a 20-item Likert scale questionnaire regarding their needs responses in RALL-based teaching, which included various activities, including AI engagement, environmental discussions, poster drawing, storytelling, and simulating marine life. The results indicated that students' enthusiasm and ability to communicate in EFL had increased significantly, with good reliability scores (Cronbach's $\alpha = .963$). Students reported that they were genuinely interested in using the AI tutor to learn about things like sailing, seafood, maritime rituals, and coastal life. This study adds to the body of knowledge about sustainable EFL teaching using AI-enhanced QI and culturally relevant content to engage students in conversations about ocean health in English. This study has implications for how future curricula are created by demonstrating how intelligent systems can help students learn about the environment, language, and engagement through personalised, human-like AI interactions.

1 INTRODUCTION

The digital era, marked by rapid technological advancements, has significantly transformed the field of education. Recent developments in Quantum Intelligence (QI) and Robot-Assisted Language Learning (RALL) have opened new possibilities for the future of teaching English as a Foreign Language (EFL). As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly human-like, its role in supporting students' communication skills through intelligent tutoring systems (ITS) has attracted growing scholarly attention [1]. RALL has demonstrated its effectiveness in EFL contexts by providing personalised and immersive learning environments that promote independent practice, real-time feedback, and emotional engagement [2], [3].

Alongside these technological developments, sustainability education has become an essential component of 21st-century learning. By incorporating environmental themes into teaching materials - specifically the maritime environment, which encompasses local knowledge, ecological awareness, and socio-cultural narratives - educators can provide meaningful learning experiences while encouraging students to become responsible

environmental stewards and global citizens aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) [1]. This study integrates advanced intelligent systems with the educational potential of maritime cultural heritage to propose an innovative teaching approach grounded in technological, cultural, and ecological literacy.

Although recent research on RALL and educational robotics has expanded, significant gaps remain. First, limited attention has been given to how anthropomorphic AI or quantum-based intelligent entities can be integrated into EFL curricula that incorporate maritime-based environmental culture or sustainability themes [1]. Second, while intelligent tutoring systems have been widely applied in general education and STEM fields, their effectiveness in cross-cultural language learning - particularly through indigenous or maritime narratives and domain-specific maritime vocabulary - remains underexplored. Third, many existing EFL instructional models do not sufficiently consider social contexts, learners' needs, or geographical characteristics, such as those of Indonesia, a nation rich in marine ecosystems. This lack of contextualisation often results in reduced learner motivation and limited awareness of real-world environmental issues when language instruction relies heavily on decontextualised textual materials.

The urgency of this research is underscored by the growing demand for comprehensive digital pedagogy that integrates AI literacy, cultural sensitivity, and sustainability principles within language education [4]. Language is no longer merely a medium for communication; it also serves as a tool for describing environmental phenomena and preserving cultural identity. Therefore, developing pedagogical models that integrate these dimensions is increasingly important.

This study is grounded in the Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) framework, which supports the meaningful integration of technology into teaching and learning processes [5] and facilitates the delivery of authentic learning content [6]. Furthermore, previous studies indicate that human–robot interactions can enhance learners' motivation, engagement, and retention in EFL contexts through RALL-based activities [7], particularly when learning themes focus on real-world issues such as marine conservation, ocean pollution, and environmental sustainability.

This research contributes to the design of a quantum-powered RALL instructional model that foregrounds the maritime environment - an area that remains largely unexplored in existing studies. By integrating maritime culture-based digital content into sustainability-oriented English instruction, this study examines how learners think, feel, and behave when interacting with human-like intelligent tutoring system agents.

In addition, the study provides EFL educators with a pedagogical framework for connecting global technological innovations with local cultural knowledge and environmental sustainability. The primary objective is to develop an integrated English teaching model that combines artificial intelligence, robotics, EFL pedagogy, and maritime knowledge to enhance students' communication skills. This research was conducted through a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach encompassing these interconnected domains.

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

The growth of EFL learning now includes the idea of RALL, a novel form of teaching that is part of the larger field of maximizing Artificial Intelligence In Education (AIED). RALL helps people learn a second or foreign language in an immersive, responsive, easy-to-use, motivating, and non-judgmental setting with the use of Social Interactive Robots (SIR) and Intelligent Teaching Systems (ITS). In [8] suggested that social robots can assist people learning a language by copying how people talk to each other, like by using facial expressions, gestures, and voice intonation. This keeps them motivated, interested, and engaged.

These things make virtual robots like Cici Bot or AI simulants perfect partners for learning emotional language, especially for people who are shy or not very proficient at the language. [9], [10] found that RALL helps students feel more sure of themselves when they talk to one another, retain words, and make sentences, especially in primary and secondary schools. RALL systems like NAO, Pepper, and QTrobot have worked well in bilingual classrooms in East Asia, Europe, and the Middle East [11], [12]. RALL helps students who don't hear a lot of real English conversation in EFL settings by filling in the gaps between intake, engagement, and output. They achieve this by offering them chances to talk that are almost real.

The RALL taxonomy works because it is based on Vygotsky's Zone of Proximal Development and the social constructivist learning model. This hypothesis says that the robot functions as a responsive, "more capable other", helping the learner speak in a safe and fun way. ITS-driven RALL systems can also change

the feedback they give, keep up with the learner's pace, and record how well both the teacher and the student are doing during the learning process. As a result, these systems are excellent for formative assessment in EFL [13].

Maximizing RALL with QI is a new area of study that merges quantum computing and cognitive science. It suggests a way for robots to reason that isn't linear, contextual, or based on chance. Classical AI often uses binary logic, but QI incorporates quantum superposition and entanglement to make responses that are more complicated. The complexity makes it great for hard cognitive tasks, including figuring out what someone means, clearing up confusion, and figuring out how someone feels during interventions [14]. QI systems can handle semantic ambiguity, polysemy, and imitating human-like pragmatics better than regular AI, just like they can when learning a language.

This suggests that QI could be a big step forward in fields like automatic essay grading, dialogue systems, and pronunciation training, where correctness and being aware of the situation must work together. [1] studied how a QI-enhanced robot in an EFL context made emotional responses that changed based on how the learner was feeling. The results led to increased encounters based on empathy in real life. Additionally, QI aligns with neuroscience models of brain function, which indicate that people think not only logically but also probabilistically and with situational awareness. Using it to learn a language could lead to emotionally intelligent AI tutors who can give real-time social feedback, tell stories that alter based on what the learner says, and learn from what the learner says, taking human-machine collaboration to this level.

According to [15] a localized and decolonized English Language Education (ELT) curriculum makes students motivated, offers them more control over their identities, and makes them more aware of their surroundings. Also, AI can be used to teach marine stories and symbols in other ways, including through pictures, music, role-plays, simulations, or digital games. Using nautical themes in ELT makes it more culturally relevant and open to everyone, especially in places where Western-dominated curricula have left it out in the past.

Using this kind of information with AI or robotic platforms makes learning a language fun and can get students more involved in investigating their surroundings in a real and values-based approach [16]. This helps students see themselves in the lessons and learn how to talk about the health of the marine environment in English, which is a crucial SDG skill. This study backs up the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 14 (Life Below Water), which call for a way of learning that combines knowledge, skills, values, and action. One way to include maritime content in EFL lessons is to teach students how to talk about marine pollution, overfishing, and cultural traditions in English [17].

Another way is to promote values like protecting the environment, preserving heritage, and being excellent stewards. Finally, you can encourage kids to do things like make films or run AI chatbot campaigns to protect the oceans. Language is a skill that can be used to advocate for the environment. Thematic training focused on maritime environmental issues can help students share their culture with others all around the world. This is where EFL becomes a tool for global education: talk for sustainability and think globally. AIED, or artificial intelligence in education, is the future of language learning that lasts. All of these technologies - RALL, QI, and ITS are part of AIED. These technologies have changed to include things like intelligent analytics, affective computing, personalised dashboards, gamification, and training based on data. AIED helps with more than only cognitive outcomes [18].

The novelty of this study is that incorporating environmental topics, like maritime, into English Language Teaching (ELT) is a new strategy to meet local requirements and the need to safeguard the environment around the world, driven by AI. Maritime history is an excellent supply of material for listening, speaking, reading, and writing assignments. It contains sailing traditions, the lives of fishermen, folklore, navigation, and ceremonies.

Additionally, since the students are located in a maritime area, this study aligns with enhancing the quality of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) by helping people understand the resilience of coastal areas, the functioning of biodiversity, climate ethics, and the interdependence between people and economies. For instance, in Indonesia, employing legendary sailor stories like Jokotole, Sandeq, or Larung Sesaji to educate not only helps students learn the language but also helps them understand other cultures and keeps the local maritime culture alive.

It also helps with metacognition, emotional resilience, and functioning with others. When combined with maritime themes that align with ESD, AIED systems can change to suit the needs of diverse learners based on their culture, environment, and language; predictive analytics features provide real-time feedback that is both formative and summative;

and can help students learn how to communicate in English around the world by sharing local experiences and cultural richness. Incorporating AI-based simulations, students can explore underwater landscapes, practice talking to people in a harbor, act out coastal disaster drills, or talk to AI avatars that seem like real sailors or marine biologists.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Design

This study uses a quantitative research method with a pre-experimental design. This research design uses a pre-test and post-test of one group to see if combining Robot-Assisted Language Learning (RALL) and Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS) can help students improve their English as Foreign Language (EFL) communication skills with a focus on environmental and maritime sustainability. We chose this strategy so that we could see measurable learning improvements before and after therapy using a structured instruction series without a control group (Creswell & Creswell, 2018).

3.2 Participants

The participants in this study were 24 junior high school students, aged 12–13, who had taken basic EFL classes and demonstrated that they could use AI-based teaching tools effectively. We selected them through purposive sampling, using the following criteria:

1) All students can understand and operate AI applications such as ChatGPT, Cicibot, or other ITS bots.
2) Basic understanding of the Indonesian maritime environment and culture and environmental challenges.
3) Willingness to take a RALL course focusing on sustainable maritime communication.

3.3 Research Instruments

Observation and structured questionnaires were the main research tools used in this study. The survey was made to assess students' communication skills, motivation to learn, and feelings about their learning experience with RALL and ITS. The questionnaire used a 5-point Likert scale with Strongly Disagree (1) on one side and Strongly Agree (5) on the other. Language education specialists reviewed the questionnaire, and it was based on previous research on the use of AI to help people learn practical EFL [3].

The survey instrument consisted of a structured 20-item questionnaire designed to evaluate five core dimensions:

1) utilization of English-language instructional materials related to marine themes;
2) system interoperability and functional efficacy of the Intelligent Tutoring System (ITS);
3) self-perceived progress in oral communication competencies (speaking and listening);
4) cross-cultural awareness and environmental consciousness;
5) learner satisfaction with AI-integrated pedagogical approaches.

3.4 Research Procedure

This study uses marine sustainability as the main topic. This study uses quantitative data to determine how much interest, awareness, and readiness of students to learn English through RALL and QI technology.

Prepare the instrument by designing a systematic questionnaire based on the following theoretical frameworks:

1) RALL and how well it works in EFL [7];

2) QI in customized learning [1] talk about ESD. In this questionnaire, there are 20 closed questions, and each has a 5-point Likert scale ranging from Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5).

The questions are intended to cover four areas:

1) wanting to learn English with the help of AI and robots;

2) knowledge and interest in maritime and environmental issues;

3) benefits of using AI-based tutoring solutions;

4) using RALL and QI in classroom activities.

Two professionals in language education checked the instrument to ensure it was clear, reliable, and consistent (Cronbach's Alpha > 0.80). Then, the instrument was tested on 10 students.

This study used purposive sampling; we selected participants. They were in high school and met the following requirements:

1) had a basic level of English (A2–B1);

2) had used AI tools before, such as ChatGPT, Replika, Grammarly, or Duolingo;

3) were in an EFL class that included lessons about the environment or the ocean.

The data collection process consisted of four systematic steps to ensure comprehensive participation and data integrity.

3.4.1 Step 1: Informing Participants

Students were informed about the study, which was to find out how interested they were in learning English with the help of an AI robot and a smart tutoring system using ocean and sustainability subjects. People could choose to participate, and their information was kept confidential.

3.4.2 Step 2: Giving the Questionnaire

Teacher delivered the questionnaire via Google Forms, enabling people to easily complete it from any location. During the scheduled class time, students had 20 to 30 minutes to complete the survey. The teacher or research assistant supervised the process to help troubleshoot any technical difficulties that arose.

3.4.3 Step 3: Monitor Responses

Teacher used a WhatsApp group and follow-up emails to remind people to respond and ensure the accuracy of the data. All responses were immediately saved and recorded in a safe place.

3.4.4 Step 4: Organizing and Analyzing the Data

After receiving all responses, we transferred the data from Google Forms to SPSS version 26. The study included descriptive statistics such as means, frequencies, and standard deviations to see what people were generally interested in and what the trends were. This study also used cross-tabulations to examine the correlation between people's interest and their prior use of AI tools. Additional open-ended responses were classified thematically to provide more qualitative information. The school provided its ethical clearance. All subjects gave informed consent. We informed the students that their participation in the study would not impact their grades or standing at school.

3.5 Data Analysis

The data analysis for this study is based on a survey conducted through a questionnaire analyzed using SPSS version 26. We used descriptive statistics, such as the mean and standard deviation, to get an overview of how students feel about the learning model as a whole. We used a paired sample t-test to find out if there is a significant difference in how well students can communicate in English before and after the treatment. The level of significance was set at $p < 0.05$.

Cronbach's alpha was used to check how reliable the questionnaire, if the results above 0.80 indicate that the tool is very reliable.

4 RESULTS

Based on the data from Table 1 below the data statistical results show optimism about the potential of QI and RALL through maritime for communication activities in EFL classroom.

There are several statements supported maritime conversation, such as talking about sailing (M = 3.46), introducing Indonesian boats (M = 3.46), or interviewing fishermen (M = 3.46), also indicating that students are quite interested in communicating their language skills in this area. This activity makes students act as if they are solving real-world problems, which activates quantum skills such as adaptive thinking, contextual awareness, and empathetic communication.

Respondents expressed their support for having a dialogue about marine weather (M = 3.13) or reading a maritime poem (M = 3.21). This could mean that focused tasks with real-life interactions or visual aids can improve communication skills. This shows how important AI-based simulations or gamification are to keep people engaged [19].

According to the information in Table 1 and Table 2, QI aims to encourage students to be aware of their thinking when faced with tough or confusing situations by using the RALL-based learning model and providing support through an intelligent tutoring system, allowing them to interact with knowledge that has various meanings in a flexible and adaptable learning process.

The data in Table 3 with the interpretation of the findings shown by the data on QI and RALL and how both can help students improve their English as Foreign Language (EFL) communication skills, especially in the context of maritime and sustainability education.

The results of checking the reliability of the questionnaire, consisting of 20 items, have a Cronbach's Alpha rating of 0.963, indicating that the questionnaire is very reliable and consistent in it. A reliability coefficient above 0.9 is "very good". This means that the tool is very consistent in measuring students' feelings about English learning with QI and RALL technology. Alpha values above 0.90 are very good category and they indicate that the items measure the same basic ideas.

Then the data results shown in Figure 1 show data from the histogram visualization, showing that the scores are quite evenly distributed, with an average of

67.75, indicating that the scores are close to normal. The bell-shaped curve is very close to the bar, meaning there is no large skew.

In addition, the P–P plot of the mean values shows that the data points are close to the diagonal line. This means that the residual distribution is close to a normal distribution.

Table 1: Descriptive statistics of QI and RALL for communication.

4	N	Min	Max	Mean	SD
1) I want to learn to speak English based on RALL with the topic of fishermen's lives.	24	1.00	5.00	3.3750	1.13492
2) I want to practice making dialogues about sailing using AI in English learning.	24	1.00	5.00	3.4583	1.17877
3) I am interested in using AI to help me tell a story in English that has a maritime theme.	24	1.00	5.00	3.2083	1.28466
4) 4.I want to practice introducing types of Indonesian fishing boats in English, based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.4583	1.28466
5) I want to discuss in English the living habits of coastal communities based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.7500	1.22474
6) I want to practice promoting maritime cultural rituals such as *"Mappandesasi"* (feeding the sea) and *Kenduri Laut* (prayer of safety) with the help of RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.5833	1.17646
7) I want to make a presentation about maritime cultural festivals in Indonesia in English to practice QI skills.	24	1.00	5.00	3.3750	1.27901
8) I want to practice describing beaches, seas, and ports using AI.	23	1.00	5.00	3.6087	1.19617
9) I am interested in practicing making an AI-assisted vlog about local sailing traditions.	24	1.00	5.00	3.2917	1.45898
10) I want to create a coastal cultural tourism brochure based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.3333	1.23945
11) I am interested in practicing speaking about food and typical marine products with the RALL model.	24	1.00	5.00	3.9167	1.10007
12) I want to play a role in presenting the maritime environment based on RALL.	24	2.00	5.00	3.2083	1.06237
13) I want to create a simulation video that showcases the activities of local sailors, based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.2917	1.16018
14) I want to have a dialogue about changes in sea weather and shipping safety based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.1250	1.07592
15) I am interested in reading maritime poetry and presenting it with a RALL-based learning model.	24	1.00	5.00	3.2083	1.35066
16) 16. I want to practice discussions about marine ecosystems and their preservation based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.3333	1.09014
17) I am keen to learn shipping vocabulary in English using AI.	22	1.00	5.00	3.5000	1.43925
18) I am interested in practicing interviewing fisherman figures in an English class simulation based on RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.4583	1.06237
19) I want to practice making shipping or weather announcements in English with the help of AI.	24	1.00	5.00	3.1667	1.20386
20) I find it easier to understand maritime communication topics with learning models RALL.	24	1.00	5.00	3.5417	1.14129
Valid N (listwise)	21				

Table 2: The QI and RALL implication in EFL.

Item	Description	Mean	Implication
12	Speaking about marine food products with RALL	3.92	Reflects high cultural-linguistic engagement and practical value.
5	Discussing coastal community habits via RALL	3.75	Indicates student interest in real-world socio-cultural applications.
8	Describing seascapes using AI	3.61	Supports multimodal intelligence (visual + verbal).
6	Promoting cultural maritime rituals	3.58	Aligns with QI's spiritual-cultural axis.
20	Understanding maritime communication through RALL	3.54	Suggests pedagogical clarity of AI/RALL tools.

Table 3: Reliability statistics.

Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
.963	20

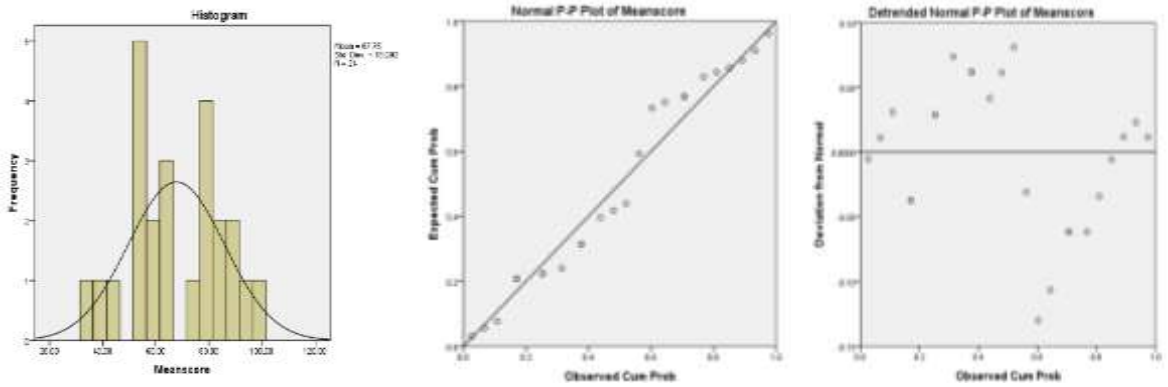


Figure 1: Histogram and normal P-Plot of Qi and Rall in Efl maritime content.

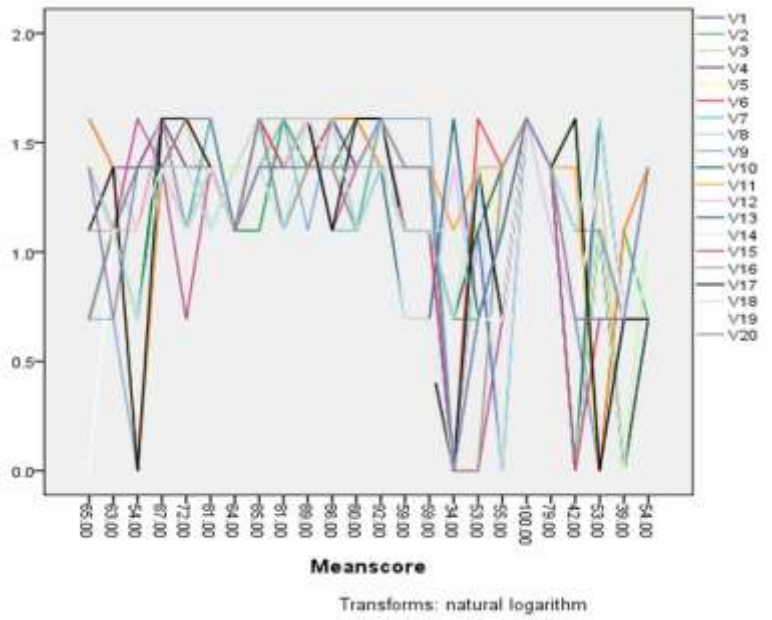


Figure 2: Logarithm.

The line chart depicting the 20 questionnaire items after transformation (natural logarithm) shows that the values change from item to item (V1–V20) on Figure 2. This difference shows how different students' interests, comfort, and desires are to use RALL technology to communicate. On the other hand, the general trend remains the same, meaning that people are still interested in things like AI tutor interaction, understanding maritime vocabulary, talking about maintaining ocean health, and how to use technology to teach people about the environment.

By combination of AI and QI through RALL-based AI can improve language modelling, student learn new words, and get feedback on how to pronounce words (cognitive augmentation). In addition, AI-driven emotional and spiritual stimulation allows students to experience culturally rich places, which is an important part of QI. The RALL learning model can also help students think

about their own thinking, which is an important part of QI, by letting them see how well they are using language through robotic feedback in line with [7] investigation.

This study support the curriculum designers with marine environmental materials should focus on hands-on, project-based marine materials, where students create media such as vlogs and brochures assisted by AI. Therefore, the concept of quantum pedagogy should be part of teacher training so that teachers can help students deal with the emotional and cultural aspects of learning. Tables 1 and 2 show that students showed their interest and enjoyed using AI tools and RALL. In addition, the content of learning English through maritime content is a sustainable learning need.

In line with the findings, this study introduces a novel approach to exploring adaptive systems, including quantum technologies such as customized bots, intelligent feedback, and semantic commands, aimed at helping EFL students learn languages in a practical manner. This is in line with what current research says about how QI and embodied AI agents can help people learn languages. QI is not only computational but also context-sensitive and adaptable, allowing bots to respond to what learners say in meaningful and changing ways similar to the findings [1].

The RALL based learning model allows junior high school students to learn languages in a way that is tailored to the needs of students because it is designed with materials that have interactive dialogue simulations and get immediate feedback, all of which are important for becoming better communicators, similar to research [20], [21] and in line with the investigation [22], which claims that ITS systems incorporating QI, such as ChatGPT or AI tutors, mimic real world conversations, which helps people who are nervous about speaking and helps them practice their language skills in low risk situations.

In addition, incorporating the theme of maritime sustainability gives the content more meaning and cultural relevance, which encourages people to engage more. [23] said that "the local cultural context embedded in language learning stimulates learner motivation and global literacy."

This study shows that junior high school students expressed their learning needs positively when using QI and RALL in EFL lesson, particularly when these lessons were presented through stories about marine sustainability. The results of this study have implications for creating intelligent, localized, and culturally rich EFL curriculum that use modern AI techniques to improve communication skills and ecological literacy is a good way to teach.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study looked at the data and observed how students expressed their EFL learning needs. It was found that students needed to learn EFL using QI and RALL as a good way to help learners improve their communication skills and ecological awareness, especially when the lesson was about maritime sustainability. The results of the data based on the needs analysis indicated that students were more interested and excited when they worked with the ITS bot, did AI-assisted language challenges, and talked about real-world marine topics. The RALL approach not only helped junior high school students learn the language but also taught them principles such as protecting the environment and being proud of their culture.

The results of this study have a significant impact on curriculum makers and policy makers. The study suggests that language learning with AI should include environmental themes and quantum adaptive feedback systems. Teachers and schools can consider using QI-based ITS systems in language classes to help students improve their cognitive, emotional, and intercultural skills.

Therefore, it is hoped that longitudinal studies can see the long-term impact of RALL with QI on language retention and social and emotional learning in the future. In addition, more robust AI-based simulations, virtual reality environments, or multilingual bot systems could make maritime scenarios more flexible and realistic. Furthermore, the study suggests that improved teacher training programs should include the idea of quantum pedagogy so that teachers can teach languages in a technologically enabled, environmentally friendly, and culturally based manner.

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Challenges and Advancements in Quantum Cryptography: Standardization, Security Risks, and Practical Implementations

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Abstract: The advancement of quantum computing poses a direct threat to classical cryptographic systems, necessitating the adoption of quantum-resistant encryption techniques to maintain data integrity, confidentiality, and trust in digital communications. This study presents a comprehensive evaluation of Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) protocols - specifically BB84, E91, and B92 - alongside post-quantum cryptographic algorithms, including lattice-based, hash-based, and multivariate-quadratic systems. These techniques represent two complementary approaches: QKD leverages quantum mechanical principles for secure key exchange, while PQC reinforces classical cryptography against quantum threats using novel mathematical constructs. A comparative analysis is conducted focusing on security robustness, computational efficiency, and deployment scalability. Real-world constraints such as infrastructure limitations, key management complexity, and algorithmic overhead are also critically examined. The paper also investigates the standardization efforts led by NIST, ISO, and ETSI, highlighting current challenges to global adoption, including the lack of interoperability frameworks and varying readiness levels across industries. The findings underscore the need for hybrid cryptographic models that integrate classical and quantum-resistant mechanisms, offering a pragmatic path forward as quantum capabilities mature. Future directions include integrating quantum cryptography with cloud security, advancing homomorphic encryption, and developing quantum-safe blockchain technologies. These innovations are crucial for building resilient cybersecurity infrastructures capable of supporting next-generation applications such as secure edge computing, confidential AI model sharing, and tamper-proof digital ledgers. This research provides timely insights into the evolving cryptographic landscape and emphasizes the urgency of preparing for the quantum future through interdisciplinary collaboration and proactive technological adaptation.

1 INTRODUCTION

RSA and ECC utilize prime number decomposition and discrete logarithm resolution as key encryption elements due to their mathematical complexity [1]. Encryption techniques are crucial for digital data protection, as they require long periods to decipher traditional computers [2]. Quantum computing disrupts traditional encryption methods with Shor's algorithm, enabling efficient integer factorization and making RSA and ECC vulnerable to hacks [3]. Grover's algorithm reduces symmetric key cryptography's security levels by half, necessitating key length extension. Quantum developments necessitate the development of encryption methods that resist quantum security threats, utilizing quantum mechanics principles instead of computational hardness assumptions [4]. Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) is a key application that uses quantum physics concepts for proof-based protection, enabling users to establish secure shared keys and monitor security breaches through detectable disturbances [5]. QKD offers strong security but implementation is limited due to hardware, high costs, and scalability issues. PQC develops classical encryption algorithms for QKD systems, and NIST standardizes lattice-based,

hash-based, multivariate-quadratic schemes, and code-based cryptographic systems [6]. The global business sector is pushing for the establishment of quantum encryption standards, which are currently being evaluated by NIST ISO and ETSI entities, to ensure security, scalability, and interoperability of these new encryption mechanisms [6]. Quantum computing significantly alters traditional cryptographic systems, such as RSA and ECC, by enabling faster problem-solving on powerful quantum computers. This breaks the security guarantees of these methods, making them vulnerable to decryption. As a result, transitioning to quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms is crucial to maintain data confidentiality and integrity in the post-quantum era [7]. The research will review quantum cryptography work through three significant areas including Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) and Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) and quantum attack methods in Section 2. The core principles of quantum cryptographic protocols receive detailed examination in Section 3 together with their implementation obstacles and performance limitations and compatibility with modern cryptographic systems. The study concludes through Section 4 by presenting a summary of essential findings together with potential research paths to achieve quantum-resistant security implementation in practical applications.

2 RELATED WORKS

This review reviews research on Quantum Key Distribution, Post-Quantum Cryptography, and Quantum Attacks, focusing on recent breakthroughs and analyzing existing knowledge gaps.

Theoretical investigations of Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) security introduced the trade-off between protection strength and security expenses while also identifying weaknesses regarding anonymity and accuracy during 2019. Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) became the research focus after 2021 when NIST reviewed their standards about encryption resistance transition difficulties and practical implementation limitations. Quantum Public-Key Encryption (QPKE) was introduced in 2023, presenting new security requirements. The Variation Quantum Attacker (VQAA) demonstrated its superiority in 2022, targeting AES encryption even though implementation challenges exist. In 2024, international standards were set for quantum cryptography, despite technical barriers to scalability. The evolution of quantum cryptography from 2019 to 2024 is illustrated in Figure 1 and Table 1.

Table 1: Comparison of previous researches in quantum cryptography.

Ref.	Main Focus	Key Contributions	Advantages	Limitations
[8]	Information-Theoretic Secure Quantum Cryptography	Defined and analyzed concealment in quantum cryptography	Provided insights into security trade-offs	Issues with anonymity and accuracy
[9]	Quantum Circuit Optimization for AES	Reduced Toffoli circuits by 88% for AES encryption	Improved efficiency of quantum circuits	High complexity in large-scale systems
[10]	NIST PQC Standards	Reviewed post-quantum cryptography challenges	Supported the transition to PQC	Lacked practical implementation details
[11]	Quantum Cryptography Network Optimization for AES	Reduced qubit usage and T-depth for AES	Improved quantum encryption performance	Complex circuit design challenges
[12]	Variational Quantum Attacker (VQAA) on AES	Proposed a quantum attack technique for AES	Demonstrated potential to outperform Grover's algorithm	Difficult to apply in real-world settings
[13]	Quantum Public-Key Encryption (QPKE)	Developed new QPKE encryption models	Expanded theoretical foundations of QPKE	Lacks information-theoretic security guarantees
[14]	Quantum Cryptography and National Security	Analyzed challenges and global standardization	Promoted quantum encryption standardization efforts	Significant obstacles in achieving global adoption

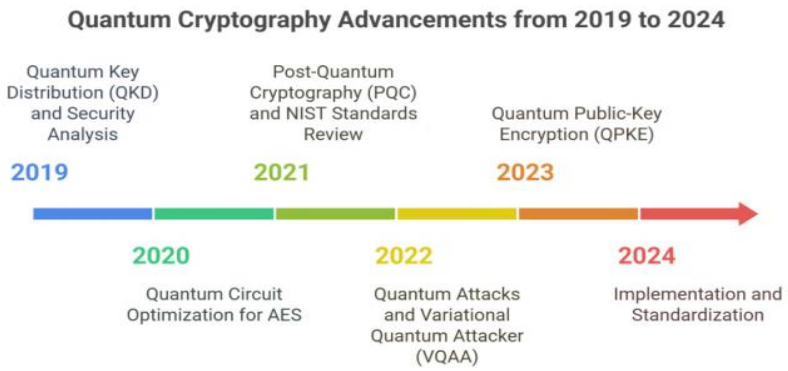


Figure 1: The evolution of quantum cryptography from 2019 to 2024.

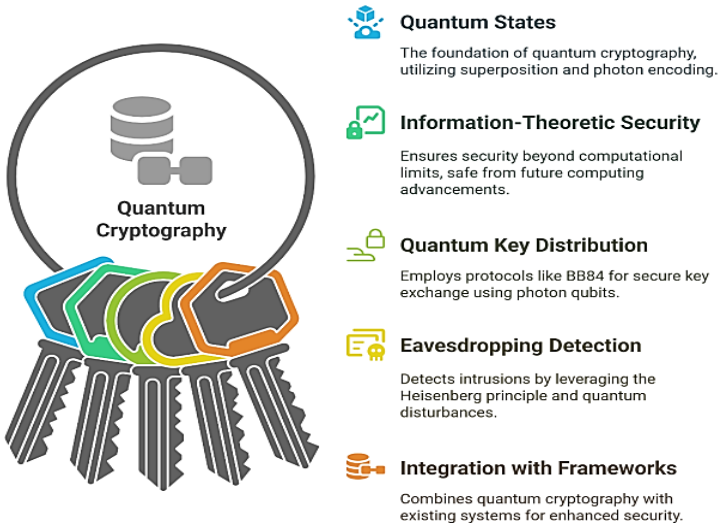


Figure 2: The basic principles of quantum cryptography 2024.

Despite advancements in quantum cryptography, several research gaps persist, notably the need for practical implementation of Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) algorithms beyond theoretical frameworks and addressing the scalability and high infrastructure costs hindering large-scale Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) deployment. Further research is needed to explore hybrid cryptographic models that integrate QKD and PQC for enhanced cybersecurity, alongside optimizing quantum attack techniques like VQAA to improve their real-world applicability. Future research should therefore prioritize the practical integration of quantum cryptography, focusing on enhancing PQC implementation, developing hybrid security solutions that bridge quantum and classical cryptography, and overcoming the deployment challenges currently facing QKD technologies.

3 FUNDAMENTALS OF QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY

Quantum cryptography is a groundbreaking field that leverages quantum mechanics to secure communication. Unlike traditional cryptographic methods, which rely on mathematical complexity, quantum cryptography provides information-theoretic security based on fundamental quantum principle. The most widely studied application of quantum cryptography is Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), which enables two parties to exchange cryptographic keys securely over an insecure channel [15], [16].

3.1 Key Principles of Quantum Cryptography

This section explains the basic principles and concepts of quantum cryptography. Figure 2 summarizes these principles [17], [18].

3.1.1 Quantum States

Quantum cryptography encodes information using quantum states of photons, leveraging principles such as superposition and the no-cloning theorem. In superposition, a quantum bit (qubit) exists in multiple states simultaneously until measured. The o-cloning theorem ensures that an unknown quantum state cannot be copied without disturbing it, which forms the basis of quantum cryptographic security [19].

3.1.2 Information-Theoretic Security

Unlike classical cryptographic systems, which rely on computational hardness assumptions (e.g., factorization in RSA), quantum cryptography provides security guarantees that do not depend on computational power. Even an adversary with infinite computing capacity cannot extract useful information from intercepted quantum states without detection [17].

3.1.3 Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)

QKD is one of the most well-known applications of quantum cryptography. The BB84 protocol, developed by Bennett and Brassard in 1984, is the first and most widely studied QKD scheme. It allows two parties (Alice and Bob) to exchange photon-polarized qubits over an insecure quantum channel. By comparing measurement results over a classical channel, they can establish a shared secret key, while any eavesdropping attempts by Eve introduce detectable anomalies. The following steps represent the procedure of the algorithm working:

1) Preparation. Alice randomly selects a sequence of bits and a sequence of polarization bases (rectilinear or diagonal), and encodes each bit onto a photon.
2) Transmission. Alice transmits polarized photons to Bob through a quantum channel.
3) Measurement. Bob randomly selects a basis (rectilinear or diagonal) to measure each photon.
4) Public Discussion. Alice and Bob use a public classical channel to share their chosen bases.
5) Key Sifting. They discard bits with different bases, leaving the remaining bits as the sifted key.
6) Error Checking and Privacy Amplification. The team uses error correction and privacy amplification to create a secure final key, detecting and eliminating potential Eve interference.

QKD's built-in eavesdropping detection mechanism, using quantum properties like the no-cloning theorem and Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, prevents attacker Eve from intercepting or measuring quantum states during transmission, causing detectable disturbances in the key reconciliation process [19], [20].

3.1.4 Eavesdropping Detection

A significant advantage of QKD is its built-in mechanism for detecting eavesdropping. When an attacker (Eve) attempts to measure quantum states in transit, the quantum system is disturbed due to Heisenberg’s uncertainty principle.

This disruption manifests as errors in key reconciliation, alerting Alice and Bob to the presence of an intruder [19].

3.1.5 Integration with Classical Cryptographic Frameworks

Integrating Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) into classical cryptographic frameworks presents challenges due to architectural incompatibilities, as classical systems rely on computational hardness assumptions [21]. Hybrid models propose using QKD for secure key generation while maintaining classical encryption for data transmission, addressing key management concerns in traditional protocols. Interoperability issues arise from timing, error handling, and authentication differences in quantum-compliant systems, necessitating hash-based or one-time pad schemes to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks. Infrastructure upgrades are also necessary, including quantum channels (fiber-optics or satellites), quantum repeaters, and integration modules with classical networks.

Current efforts focus on developing middleware that can bridge classical internet protocols with quantum communication layers. These challenges highlight the need for standardized APIs, quantum-aware protocols, and dedicated hardware, all of which are subjects of ongoing research and standardization led by NIST, ETSI, and ITU-T [22].

3.2 Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Protocols

QKD protocols differ in their implementation approaches, ranging from polarization-based schemes (BB84, B92) to entanglement-based systems (E91, BBM92). Table 2 summarizes the key QKD protocols, mechanisms, and security features [23], [24].

3.2.1 Quantum Cryptographic Algorithms

Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) is a field that uses lightweight algorithms to secure resource-constrained devices like IoT nodes and embedded systems. These algorithms are designed to resist quantum attacks while maintaining computational and energy efficiency.

Notable examples include NTRU, a lattice-based encryption algorithm, and SPHINCS+, a stateless hash-based signature scheme. Ascon, selected by NIST for lightweight cryptography, provides an efficient and secure encryption framework for small devices. These schemes are crucial in extending quantum-safe protections to real-world systems operating under strict performance constraints. Incorporating these algorithms in future security standards will improve the viability of quantum-resilient infrastructure in enterprise and edge-computing environments [25].

3.3 Challenges in QKD Deployment

Despite its theoretical advantages, the real-world deployment of QKD faces several obstacles. Table 3 briefly illustrates these obstacles [26].

3.3.1 Technological Limitations

QKD requires specialized quantum hardware such as single-photon sources and highly sensitive detectors. Current fiber-based QKD systems are limited in range (~100 - 200 km) without quantum repeaters [26].

3.3.2 Scalability and Cost Issues

Large-scale deployment of QKD networks is expensive and requires dedicated optical infrastructure. Satellite-based QKD systems (e.g., China's Micius satellite) offer potential solutions but remain costly [26].

3.3.3 Key Management and Integration Challenges

Hybrid cryptographic models (QKD + PQC) are required to facilitate the transition without overhauling existing security infrastructure. Secure authentication mechanisms are necessary to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks [27].

3.4 Future Directions in Quantum Cryptography

To overcome these challenges, future research should focus on the following key areas [27]:

- Developing high-efficiency and cost-effective quantum hardware to support longer-distance and more accessible QKD systems.
- Advancing quantum repeaters and satellite-based QKD to extend the range of secure communication.
- Exploring and integrating hybrid cryptographic models that combine Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) with Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC).
- Enhanced compatibility with existing security network.
- Enhancing network-layer and quantum network security to support real-world and large-scale adoption of QKD technologies.

The continued evolution of quantum-safe encryption technologies will play a crucial role in securing communication systems against emerging quantum threats.

3.5 Applications and Limitations of Quantum Cryptography

Although secure key exchange is the primary use of quantum cryptography, it also has potential applications in secure communication systems and authentication processes. Table 3 shows these applications, while Table 4 illustrates the limitations of quantum cryptography [28].

3.6 Measurement Techniques for Testing Quantum Cryptography

Evaluating the performance and security of quantum cryptographic systems requires precise measurement techniques to ensure reliability, efficiency, and robustness against attacks.

This section discusses key metrics used to assess the effectiveness of quantum cryptographic protocols and their practical deployment.

3.7 Challenges in Quantum Cryptographic Performance Evaluation

While QKD and PQC offer strong security, their performance evaluation presents specific challenges. Table 4 briefly summarizes these challenges [29].

- QKD highly depends on physical conditions, such as optical fiber quality and atmospheric interference.
- PQC requires extensive computational resources and rigorous security proofs to ensure resistance to quantum attacks.
- Hybrid cryptographic systems must balance performance trade-offs between quantum and classical encryption models [30].

3.8 Future Research Directions

To enhance quantum cryptographic performance testing, future research should focus on:

- Developing advanced security proofs to validate the resilience of new quantum cryptographic protocols.
- Improving QKD key generation rates for real-world deployment.
- Optimizing hybrid cryptographic approaches to balance security and efficiency.

Table 2: Notable quantum key.

Protocol	Introduced	Mechanism	Security Features
BB84 Protocol	1984 (Bennett and Brassard)	Uses photon polarization (horizontal, vertical, and diagonal states) for key encoding	Detects eavesdropping through quantum disturbance
E91 Protocol	(1991) (Ekert)	Based on quantum entanglement Two parties share entangled photon pairs.	Uses Bell's inequalities to detect eavesdropping
BBM92 Protocol	1992	Hybrid of BB84 and E91; uses entangled photon pairs.	Inherits security features of BB84 and E91
B92 Protocol	1992	Simplified version of BB84; uses non-orthogonal quantum states.	More straightforward implementation, but more vulnerable to attacks
Decoy State Protocol	2003	Introduces multiple intensity levels to detect photon-number splitting attacks	Prevents attackers from exploiting weak pulses

Table 3: Applications of quantum cryptography.

Aspect	Applications	Details
Secure Communication	Provides theoretically unbreakable encryption for confidential communication	Prevents eavesdropping in diplomatic, corporate, and defense communications
Key Distribution (QKD)	Enables secure exchange of cryptographic keys over insecure channels.	Resistant to interception due to the no-cloning theorem
Financial Transactions	Enhances security in online banking, credit card transactions, and digital payments	Protects against man-in-the-middle attacks and quantum-enabled cyber threats
Military and Government	Secures classified communication for intelligence agencies, military operations, and diplomatic exchanges	Ensures tamper-proof data transmission in national security networks
Healthcare Data Security	Safeguards electronic medical records (EMRs) and patient data from breaches	Ensures compliance with HIPAA, GDPR, and other data protection regulations
Critical Infrastructure	Protects smart grids, transportation systems, and IoT networks from cyber threats	Ensures resilient security in power grids, autonomous vehicles, and industrial automation
Scientific Research	Facilitates secure data exchange in quantum networks and high-performance computing research.	Used in secure cloud computing, AI model protection, and collaborative projects.

Table 4: Limitations of quantum cryptography.

Aspect	Challenges	Details
High Cost	Expensive implementation due to the need for specialized quantum hardware	Requires quantum key distribution (QKD) devices, quantum repeaters, and dedicated fiber-optic infrastructure.
Distance Limitations	Limited to short distances without quantum repeaters or satellite-based QKD	Current fiber-based QKD systems work within ~100–200 km range without signal degradation.
Complexity	Requires advanced technical expertise for deployment and maintenance.	Needs integration with existing cryptographic protocols and secure key management systems
Technological Maturity	Still an emerging technology, with ongoing research required to improve efficiency.	Adoption is hindered by limited commercial availability and ongoing experimental developments.
Environmental Sensitivity	Quantum signals are highly vulnerable to noise, signal loss, and atmospheric conditions.	Requires ultra-low temperature environments and stable transmission media
Integration Challenges	Difficult to incorporate into traditional cryptographic frameworks	Requires hybrid cryptographic approaches combining QKD with post-quantum cryptography (PQC)
Limited Adoption	Deployment is slow due to cost, infrastructure, and technical barriers.	Adoption in industries remains restricted to research, government, and military applications.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Traditional cryptographic methods are increasingly vulnerable to quantum computing threats, necessitating the adoption of quantum-resistant standards. Core approaches, such as Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) and Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC), offer vital protection. To ensure a secure transition, organizations must proactively develop quantum-resilient infrastructures, guided by evolving standards from bodies like NIST, ISO, and ETSI. The integration of classical and next-generation encryption frameworks will define the execution phase. Unified international policies and governmental support are essential in addressing quantum-enabled cyber threats. Furthermore, innovations in post-quantum techniques, including homomorphic encryption and secure blockchain integration, are pivotal for safeguarding sensitive data. While challenges remain, continued interdisciplinary research and global collaboration will fortify cryptographic systems in the quantum era. Global coordination is crucial, with unified international policies and robust governmental support necessary to effectively address quantum-enabled cyber risks. At the same time, advancements in post-quantum techniques such as fully homomorphic encryption, lattice-based cryptography, and secure blockchain integration will be key to protecting sensitive information in the long term. While challenges related to performance, interoperability, and deployment persist, sustained interdisciplinary research and international collaboration will be crucial for strengthening cryptographic ecosystems in the quantum era.

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A New Approach to Assessing the Competent Use of Information and Communication Technologies by Employees of an Organization

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Abstract: This article considers the problem of finding optimal values of weighting factors for the efficient use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) at the stages of information processing by employees of an educational organization. The assessment is carried out by a specialist using a model for determining the basic probability of competent use of ICT as a basis for calculating the risk of using ICT. The linear programming problem is formulated and analyzed in the context of decision-making related to the use of ICT. The article uses a method of modeling computer models that imitate cognitive processes, as well as an analysis of the linear programming problem for optimizing weighting factors. A model for estimating weighting factors has been developed that takes into account the features of each stage of information processing and the time parameters of using ICT. It is shown that the transition to stochastic programming allows one to take into account the uncertainty and variability of model parameters, which is important for achieving an accurate risk assessment when using ICT. The developed approach can be applied in practice to optimize information processing and improve the efficiency of using ICT in various industries. The theoretical significance lies in expanding the methodology for risk assessment and decision-making based on computer modeling of cognitive processes.

1 INTRODUCTION

In the modern world, information and communication technologies (ICT) play a key role in the daily lives of people and organizations, providing access to information, improving communication and promoting efficient resource management. This is especially true for educational organizations, where efficient resource management directly affects the quality of training specialists. However, the introduction and use of ICT in educational organizations is associated with risks associated with incompetent use of technology. To minimize these risks, it is necessary to accurately determine the likelihood of competent use of ICT, which requires a deep understanding of the cognitive processes that influence decision-making and the use of technology.

The article examines the impact of cognitive definition on the assessment of risks of ICT use by an organization and develops methods for minimizing these risks, including calculating the weighting coefficients of information processing stages and conducting surveys to identify employee preferences.

This approach allows us to systematize and evaluate the significance of each stage of information processing in the context of using ICT, which helps to increase the reliability of the organization's ICT, and also forms the basis for effective management and increased labor productivity in various industries.

2 OVERVIEW OF CURRENT WORK

Modern approaches to risk assessment and uncertainty management are widely discussed in the literature. For example, the paper [15] analyzes the application of FMEA methods to risk management in complex telecommunication systems.

The article [5] describes the advantages and disadvantages of using ICT in education. Thus, ICT allows for individualization of learning, adaptation to different styles and needs of students, and also contributes to the development of critical and creative thinking. However, such problems as student distraction and insufficient teacher training are also highlighted.

In particular, ICT allows for individualization of learning, adaptation to different styles and needs of students, and promotes the development of critical and creative thinking. However, problems such as student distraction and insufficient teacher training are also highlighted. The problems and difficulties that teachers face after completing advanced training courses on technology integration are discussed in the article [6]. The authors analyze how teachers apply their knowledge in practice, what barriers arise when integrating technology into the educational process, and what strategies can help overcome these barriers.

The authors of the article [3] conduct an in-depth analysis of the current state of ICT integration in educational programs for future teachers. They examine key barriers such as lack of technical skills, lack of administrative support, and limited understanding of the value of ICT in the educational process, etc. A number of recommendations are offered to improve the integration of ICT in educational programs, including the development of courses for future teachers, expanding access to modern technological infrastructure, and creating a culture of support for the use of ICT in the educational process.

In the article [8] Mishra, P. and Koehler, M.J. introduce the concept of technology-based pedagogical content as a key component of teacher competence in the digital age, as a new type of knowledge required by teachers in the digital age.

In formulating linear problems, we acknowledge the significant contribution of Leonid Kantorovich, one of the founders of linear programming, to the development of linear optimization models [7].

When solving the above problems, data uncertainty arises, which in turn necessitates taking into account various scenarios and optimization under uncertainty. Therefore, in this case, to solve the linear programming problem, it is necessary to move to the stochastic programming problem.

The article [2] analyzes the process of supply chain optimization taking into account risks and failures in critical situations. The authors showed that the use of a two-stage analysis approach allows the model to be adapted to changing conditions, which is applicable to the objectives of this study, which is focused on educational institutions.

The term "stochastic programming" itself appeared in the early 1950s during the analysis of a linear programming problem with random coefficients that arose during planning in situations with uncertainty and risks. In accordance with [14, 16], the problems described above assume that the method of a two-stage linear model of stochastic programming will be used. This method involves setting and solving a basic optimization problem at the first stage using the average values of the model parameters, and using the initial solution at the second stage to assess the impact of changing the model parameters on the optimal solution. This allows for taking into account the probability coefficients and uncertainties associated with the model parameters and adapting the optimal solution to changing conditions. The linear optimization model and its transformation into a stochastic programming model described in [7] allow for taking into account the probability coefficients and uncertainties associated with the model parameters and adapting the optimal solution to changing conditions, which is the basis of the two-stage linear model of stochastic programming method.

3 SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The purpose of the study: to develop an approach to assessing the competent use of ICT based on the study of individual preferences of employees of educational organizations, as well as to study the increase in the effectiveness and efficiency of ICT through their correct and rational (competent) use.

Objectives of the study:

1) To consider existing methods and approaches to assessing the use of ICT in various fields, including science, business and public administration.
2) Develop a plan and survey form to obtain an assessment of the parameters of ICT use, taking into account the individual preferences

and characteristics of the work processes of employees.
3) Develop a model that takes into account the main factors influencing the efficiency and effectiveness of ICT use by employees.
4) Analyze the results of the developed model in order to improve the efficiency of ICT and the competence of their use.

The object of the study is the individual preferences of employees regarding the use of ICT at various stages of information processing in the context of preventing emergency situations.

The subject of the research is methods of expert assessment and optimization modeling of planning of employee actions when using ICT.

The scientific novelty of the study consists in:
1) consideration of the main stages of information processing from the point of view of the use of basic ICT tools;
2) cross-representation of the interaction of the specified stages and tools within the framework of the hierarchy method and construction of a system of weight indicators of their specific significance in the employee's activities based on the hierarchy;
3) formulation of a linear programming problem based on the obtained weights to obtain an optimal aggregated probabilistic assessment of the competent use of ICT tools with the transformation of this problem into a stochastic programming problem.

3.1 Survey Development

The study [16] identifies key factors influencing performance indicators in the telecommunications industry. The methodology presented by the authors makes it possible to objectively assess the significance of individual stages of information processing for each employee when solving his or her professional tasks.

This survey was conducted among SibSUTIS employees and was aimed at identifying the risks of improper use of ICT at each of the 7 main stages of information processing. At the same time, the implementation of these stages was studied through the prism of their implementation by 8 main ICT tools. The survey of employees was conducted as part of the retraining program for university employees. A survey of 25 employees was conducted in the form of filling out tables of cross-comparison of priorities and line-by-line distribution of time for ICT.

3.1.1 Pairwise Comparison of the Importance of Information Processing Stages

Each employee is asked to fill out a table of pairwise comparisons of the importance of the main stages of information processing. The table uses a three-point scale:
1) 1: one stage clearly has a higher priority than another (dominant importance);
2) 0: one stage is clearly less of a priority than the other (dominant importance);
3) 0.5: one stage has equal priority compared to another (equal importance).

3.1.2 Time Cost Estimation

After assessing the importance of each stage of information processing, it is necessary to estimate the time costs of using each of the ICT elements. To do this, employees indicate:

The system of constraints is a linear combination of the partial probabilities introduced above and the time costs of ICT – the specific time of costs for a specific ICT tool (d_{ij}). The right part of these constraints is formed by the time resource of ICT – the total time of costs for a specific ICT tool (T_i).

These data will allow for a detailed analysis and assessment of the impact of various ICT elements on the productivity and efficiency of employees in their professional activities.

4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODEL

It is necessary to solve an optimization problem aimed at maximizing the probability of competent use of ICT by a specialist at all stages of information processing.

4.1 Statement of the Linear Programming Problem

To solve an optimization problem, methodological guidelines are applied based on the approaches outlined in [1] and [12]. Furthermore, the challenges associated with solving optimization problems under uncertainty, as described in [14], are also taken into account.

It is necessary to build a system of restrictions based on the specific and total time of work with various ICT components. Data based on expert assessments are used.

To determine the probability of competent use of information resources by a specialist in the context of working with information, considered as the basis for calculating the risk of using ICT, a cognitive approach is used.

It is assumed that the specialist performs a number of stages of work with information, comparable to the functions of the information system, namely:

1) Study of the problem.
2) Choice of methodology.
3) Collection of information.
4) Filtering information.
5) Data preparation.
6) Model calculations.
7) Correction of results.

Let us denote by piw the probability of using ICT by a specialist at the i-th stage of working with information with a weighting coefficient wi, which shows the specific significance of the i-th stage for the average specialist.

Then the final probability of competent use of the entire set of ICT tools at each stage of information processing is defined as a weighted superposition of probabilities. It is assumed that the specialist strives to maximize this probability:

$$F\left(p_1^w, p_2^w, \ldots, p_7^w\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{7} w_i p_i^w \to \max.$$

The solution to this optimization problem is impossible without constructing a system of constraints based on the specific and total time of work with various ICT components.

ICT components:

1) T_1^{MS} – Internet network;
2) T_2^{MS} – corporate information system;
3) T_3^{MS} – personal data storage;
4) T_4^{MS} – database on physical media;
5) T_5^{MS} – corporate workstation;
6) T_6^{MS} – cloud computing servers;
7) T_7^{MS} – personal computer;
8) T_8^{MS} – voice mobile communication.

4.2 Statement of the Optimization Problem

It is necessary to maximise the probability of competent use of the ICT complex at each stage of information processing, taking into account the time constraints on working with various ICT components:

$$F(p^w) \to \max,$$

provided that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{7} d_{ij} * p_n^w \le T_i^{MS}, \forall i = 1,2,...,8,$$

where:

- p_n^w – probability of using ICT at the n-th stage with weighting coefficient w_i, n = 1,…,7,
- d_{ij}- the amount of time in hours spent on one task at the j-th stage of working with information using the i-th ICT component;
- T_i^{MS}- the amount of time in hours spent within one task on a full cycle of working with information using the i-th ICT component (used both separately and jointly).

4.3 Transition to the Stochastic Programming Problem

The transition from a linear programming problem to a stochastic programming problem is due to the need to take into account the uncertainty and variability of input data and model parameters. In the context of decision-making related to the use of ICT, such a transition becomes necessary for more realistic risk modeling and effective risk management.

In linear programming, the parameters of the model are assumed to be precise and known in advance. However, in real conditions, many parameters are subject to random fluctuations and uncertainty, which can significantly affect the results of decisions made. For example, the specifics of resource use depend on the development of technologies. When transferring an organization's ICT to a cloud environment, the use of local ICT tools and the costs for them on the part of the organization are significantly reduced, being replaced by significantly lower costs for the use of cloud technologies. At the same time, the risks of their use are reduced, and the risks associated with the use of cloud technologies arise. Given the many factors influencing the adoption of such organizational decisions (personnel, security, economic indicators, legislative framework, etc.) and their variability, these processes are largely stochastic. Therefore, the transition to stochastic programming allows us to take into account this uncertainty and variability, which makes the model more adaptive and flexible to changing conditions.

The transition from a linear problem to a stochastic one by choosing a quality indicator is determined by the M-formulation, in which the objective function has the general form:

$$M(F) = M(CX) \to \max.$$

Then the mathematical model of the stochastic programming problem can be formulated as follows with the objective function:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} w_i * E[p_i^w] \to \max,$$

where $E[p_i^w]$ – mathematical expectation of the probability of using ICT at the i-th stage with a weighting coefficient w_i.

Below are the row-by-row probability constraints:

1) using d_{ij} tense:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{8} d_{ij} * p_i^w \le T_j^{MS}, j = 1,...,8$$

2) weighting factors must be non-negative:

$$0 \le w_i \le 1, i = 1,...,7 \cdot$$

3) probabilities p_i^w must be in the range from 0 to 1:

$$0 \le p_i^w \le 1, i = 1,...,7$$

4) restrictions on the sum of probabilities:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} p_i^w = 1, i = 1,...,7$$

The problem is then reduced to a deterministic one, using the mean value criterion for simplicity of solution. The desire to reduce the stochastic programming problem to a deterministic form is due to the need to increase computational efficiency and reduce the complexity of the solution.

Translation allows the use of standard optimization methods based on precise algorithms and simplifies the computational process. It also facilitates the interpretation of results and facilitates their implementation in practical solutions, since deterministic models are often more understandable and transparent:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} w_i * \overline{p}_i^w \to \max$$

The following restrictions apply:

1) time use restrictions:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{8} \overline{d}_{ij} * p_i^w \le \overline{T}_j^{MS}, j = 1,...,8$$

2) weighting factors must be non-negative:

$$0 \le w_i \le 1, i = 1,...,7$$

3) average probabilities must be in the range from 0 to 1:

$$0 \le \overline{p}_i^w \le 1, i = 1,...,7$$

4) restrictions on the sum of average probabilities:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} \overline{p}_i^w = 1, i = 1,...,7$$

For the previously described stages of working with information, it is necessary to designate the weighting coefficients: w^{study} – study of the problem; w^{choice} – choice of methodology; w^{pick} – collection of information; w^{filter} – filtering of information; w^{prep} – preparation of data; w^{seek} – calculations using the model; w^{verify} – correction of results.

Based on the above parameters, we transform the stochastic programming problem to the following form:

$$F(p^w) = w^{study} * \overline{p}_1^w + w^{choice} * \overline{p}_2^w + w^{pick} * \overline{p}_3^w + w^{filter} * \overline{p}_4^w + \\ + w^{prep} * \overline{p}_5^w + w^{seek} * \overline{p}_6^w + w^{verify} * \overline{p}_7^w \to \max$$

To obtain these results, the total specific time expenditures (in hours per week) for using each ICT element d_{ij}^S at any information stage are first found, with the calculation of the total time per element T_j^S, for 25 respondents:

$$d_{ij}^{\ S} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} d_{ij}^{\ k}, T_j^S = \sum_{k=1}^{n} T_j^k, i = 1,...,8, j = 1,...,7.$$

Where k – the counter of respondents, i – the counter of ICT elements, j is the counter of information stages.

And then the system of constraints for the stochastic programming problem is defined as a set of corresponding coefficients and right-hand sides:

$$d_{ij} = d_{ij}^{\ S} / n, T_j^S = T_j^S / n, i = 1,...,8, j = 1,...,7.$$

Based on the obtained data and the previously formed stochastic programming problem, we present the form of its objective function and the main system of restrictions on the time resources for using ICT elements:

$$F(p^w) = 0{,}166 * \overline{p}_1^w + 0{,}132 * \overline{p}_2^w + 0{,}142 * \overline{p}_3^w + 0{,}12 * \overline{p}_4^w + \\ + 0{,}136 * \overline{p}_5^w + 0{,}146 * \overline{p}_6^w + 0{,}159 * \overline{p}_7^w \to \max$$

An optimal solution to the system for finding the probabilities of using ICT at the i-th stage was obtained:

$p_1^w = 0.5$; $p_2^w = 0.9$; $p_3^w = 0$; $p_4^w = 0$; $p_5^w = 0$; $p_6^w = 0.14$; $p_7^w = 0.9$, $F(p^w) = 0.365$.

This shows that the probability of competent use of ICT is just over 30% - two thirds of employees' time is spent unproductively.

The average probability value can be expressed as follows:

$$\overline{p}_i^w = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} p_i^w * f(x)dx .$$

Where $\overline{p}_i^w$ – the probability function of successful use of information resources at the i-th stage of information processing, and f(x) is the probability density of the distribution of x, characterizing the uncertainty in the model.

Limitations on the average probability $\overline{p}_i^w$:

1) Restrictions on using d_{ij} time:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{8} \overline{d}_{ij} * p_i^w \le \overline{T}_j^{MS}, j = 1,...,8$$

2) The weighting factors must be within the unit interval:

$$0 \le w^k \le 1, k \in \{study, choice, filter, prep, seek, verify\}$$

3) Probabilities $\overline{p}_i^w$ must be in the range from 0 to 1:

$$0 \le \overline{p}_i^w \le 1, i = 1,...,8$$

4) Limit of the sum of average probabilities:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{8} \overline{p}_i^w = 1$$

The Gaussian function was chosen as the distribution density:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Where is the parameter μ–mathematical expectation, and the parameter σ–standard deviation with standard normal distribution, where μ = 0 and σ = 1, then:

$$\overline{p}_1^w = 0.5;\ \overline{p}_2^w = 0.9;\ \overline{p}_3^w = 0;\ \overline{p}_4^w = 0;$$
$$\overline{p}_5^w = 0;\ \overline{p}_6^w = 0.4;\ \overline{p}_7^w = 0.9.$$

5 CONCLUSIONS

The results of the constructed model allow us to determine the basic probability of competent use of ICT by the organization's employees.

The probabilities of only four stages of information processing are non-zero: problem study, method selection, model calculations, and results correction. The probability of using ICT in such stages as data collection, information filtering, and data preparation turned out to be zero. This means that university employees do not have access to truly professional exclusive sources of data for research. The creation of an information center at SibSUTIS to meet the urgent needs of its teachers in data searches is becoming relevant.

However, it should be noted that the normal distribution is too rough for assessing the results of the expert survey of university employees regarding their preferences for using IT technologies in their work. In the future, it is planned to apply the division of employees into clusters, the determination of weighted average characteristics based on the division into clusters, and the use of the Student probability distribution, which is suitable for small samples, when processing the survey data.

To increase the reliability of the assessment and its applicability for practical purposes, it is necessary to use clarifying coefficients that take into account the specifics of the subject area of a particular enterprise or organization. This will allow the model to be adapted to specific conditions and increase its applicability for decision-making in practice.

Thus, further improvement of the model and taking into account the specifics of each organization will not only improve the quality of the assessment, but also ensure more accurate application of research results in the risk-resistant management educational process [11].

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SECTION 3

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Using Machine Learning Algorithms for Advanced Credit Card Fraud Detection

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Abstract: Credit card fraud (CCF) is a serious problem that impacts a number of industries, including banking, e-commerce, insurance, finance, commercial entities, and private citizens. More sophisticated technologies are needed for effective detection as fraudulent activities become more complex. Machine learning (ML) approaches have demonstrated high performance in CCF identification. In this study, we explore six ML techniques: CatBoost, Hist Gradient Boosting, Decision Tree (DT), LightGBM (LGBM), ANN, and XGBoost (XGBC). To represent the data, identify its key characteristics, and compare their performance to determine the most successful fraud detection algorithm. Among these algorithms, the CatBoost algorithm, known for its high accuracy and superior performance, stands out. The proposed approach was based on the Kaggle dataset, and the results showed that CatBoost achieved the highest performance with a lower error rate compared to other models. This study also discusses the challenges related to implementing these advanced techniques, including the requirement for sizable, high-quality datasets and significant computational resources for model training and deployment. Key performance measures were used to evaluate the techniques' effectiveness, and CatBoost achieved a test accuracy of 0.9966, outperforming Hist Gradient Boosting, DT, LGBM, XGBC and ANN.

1 INTRODUCTION

The challenge when someone conducts an illicit transaction using a credit card (CC) number, it is referred to as credit card fraud (CCF). Fraud may be caused by a credit card that has been lost, stolen, or is fraudulent. Because more people are making purchases online, fraud involving a card that is not present during online transactions has also increased. The rise of e-banking and other online payment systems has led to a spike in fraud, especially CCF, which causes billions of dollars in losses per year. Identifying CCF has become a critical objective in the era of digital payments [1]. In 2021, credit cards accounted up the largest portion of payments (28%). This implies that CC payments are growing in popularity, especially among higher-income individuals. Additionally, 36% of Americans prefer to use actual or virtual credit cards, whereas 9% of Americans typically utilize cash [2]. Debit and CC payments are increasingly highly valued For businesses to be able to accept all forms of payment, their environments will need to be updated. This situation is predicted to worsen further during the coming years [1]. As financial institutions grapple given the challenging task of accurately and quickly differentiating in this study fraudulent and legitimate transactions, they acknowledge the essential role that artificial intelligence (AI) plays in this quest. AI powered fraud detection systems offer unparalleled speed, efficiency, and adaptability. The field of ML offers methods for developing models. ML has the potential to resolve the issues. Innovative ML techniques that can recognize increasingly intricate patterns and huge quantities of data [3].

ML algorithms examine past transaction data to spot trends and abnormalities linked to fraud. The models are trained using extracted features, which include transaction amount, location, time, merchant, and customer behavior. In order to start the predictive modeling process, historical transaction data which contains information about every CC transaction, including the cardholder's name, amount, location, merchant, time of day, and more be gathered [4]. Traditional fraud detection systems, which rely on pre-defined criteria or fixed rules, often fail to detect complex and dynamic fraud patterns. Detection algorithms need to be extremely sensitive and

adaptable in real time because scammers are often changing their strategies. The dynamic and varying nature of the data is additionally an important challenge to CCF identification. Since fraudulent transactions represent just over one percent of total transactions, traditional algorithms unable to detect them efficiently. By using previous data to identify hidden trends that can point to fraud, ML algorithms offer a powerful substitute. These algorithms can reduce false and improve accuracy when properly trained and tuned. However, for ML-based fraud detection systems to be successful, significant problems such feature selection, data imbalance, and model interpretability must be fixed.This paper explores the application of various ML algorithms in the identification of CCF, with a focus on understanding their benefits, drawbacks, and performance in real-world scenarios.Challenges in Fraud Detection Highlight the evolving nature of fraud tactics and the complexity of detecting fraud in real-time .The paper's primary contributions include addressing the first challenge. And also looked for the best answer to it in this study because, in our, it is one of the most difficult problems, and in this study used ML algorithms because they have proven their efficiency in this type of problem. The Role of ML Introduce how ML is revolutionizing fraud detection . Transactions are conducted daily. Both customers and financial institutions are exposed to illegal activities that result in significant losses.

2 RELATED WORK

This paper presents a review of various fraud detection techniques. Abnormal activity in electronic payment transactions is detected using fraud detection techniques.

M. Z. Mizher and A. B. Nassif [5] The CNN approach and two machine learning algorithms - SVM and random forest - were used to present CCF detection models. The models were evaluated and compared using severely skewed real-world CC data, and the random forest model performed the best with an accuracy of 99.7%. CNN, on the other hand, achieved 93.5% accuracy.

D. Sehrawat and Y. Singh [6] employed GRU and LSTM neural networks in conjunction with an auto-encoder to identify CCF. By eliminating the class labels, the autoencoder in the suggested method was able to execute representation learning from the data. To identify fraud, the LSTM and GRU models were fed the output of the auto-encoder along with the class labels. 99.1% classification accuracy was achieved by the LSTM.

J. Forough and S. Momtazi [7] A CCF detection model that takes into account the sequential nature of CC transactions was created. In an ensemble implementation, the technique employed LSTM models as basis classifiers with a feed-forward neural network (FFNN) serving as the voting mechanism. When tested on two CC datasets, the suggested LSTM ensemble performed better than alternative ML and DL methods. In particular, using the Brazilian and European datasets, the suggested ensemble had an AUC of 0.88 and 0.879.

I. D. Mienye and N. Jere [8] A model with MaxPooling layers that was built on BiLSTM and BiGRU was created. Three resampling methods were used to preprocess the dataset in the interim: SMOTE, random undersampling, and random oversampling. The deep learning-based classifier's performance was compared to that of various machine learning classifiers, such as logistic regression, random forest, voting, naïve base, AdaBoost, and DT. Excellent performance was achieved by the suggested BiLSTM-BiGRU when random oversampling was used.

T. Berhane and et al. [9] A CNN model's performance was compared to that of various machine learning methods, such as XGBoost, SVM, random forest, KNN, logistic regression, and decision. the with a 91.4% AUC.Two convolutional layers using the ReLu activation function, one flattened layer, and one fully linked layer make up the CNN model. According to the trial findings, the CNN outperformed the other classifiers with a classification accuracy of 97.2%.

In this paper cited a set of publications published between 2021 and 2024 that included fraud detection techniques, algorithms, and card fraud detection methods.

3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Figure 1 shows the sequence of steps used during identifying CCF utilizing ML techniques:

1) Begin collecting the accessible data, then upload the CC set of data.
2) Extend data pre-processing and validate numerous imbalances in the data by using one-class classifiers and the Matthews correlation coefficient.
3) Plot the entire dataset's correlation matrix.

4) Divide the data into subgroups for testing and training, with 20% designated for testing and 80% designated for training.
5) Make use of ML techniques and detecting systems.
6) Determine the sum of the evaluation's various measures.

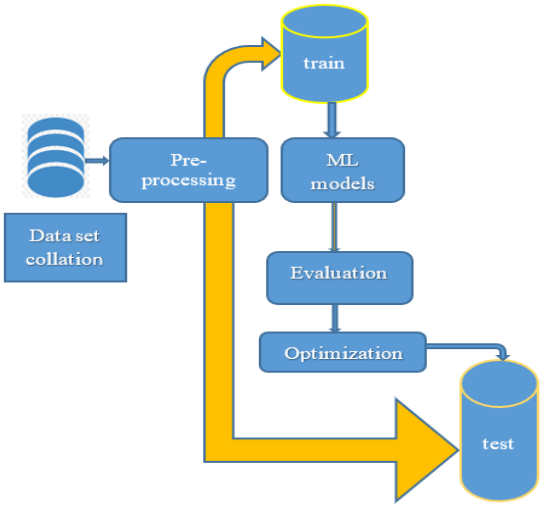


Figure 1: A proposed methodology for CCF using ML.

3.1 Data Set Collection

The CC Database is a dataset sourced from the website's Kaggle, with explanations available on the site [10] Several ML classifier techniques are implemented in this data analysis using the Python programming language to validate CCF from those in the dataset. That content for 1048575 CC, each card represent a row and each feature represent column. The columns are contents 10 features (type, amount, name, nameOrig, oldbalanceOrg, newbalanceOrig, nameDest, newbalanceDest, isFraud, isFlaggedFraud).

3.2 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

EDA is a crucial step in the data analysis process. It involves analyzing datasets to identify their salient characteristics, sometimes with the use of visual aids. This is a summary of the normal procedures for carrying out EDA. Data summary from data frame and values. Number of rows 6362620 , Number of columns11. Data type from Column type and Count Float64 a count is 5, Int64 a count is 3, string account is 3. Table 1 provides summary statistics, specifically the mean and standard deviation (SD), for several features in a CC transaction dataset. This table highlights the variability in the financial features (balances and amounts), while also showing the rarity of fraud within the dataset. These statistics are essential for understanding the scale of the data and guiding the preprocessing steps in fraud detection tasks:

- Step. This variable represents the time step associated with each transaction. which has a mean value of 243.4 and a SD of 142.3. The comparatively high SD indicate that transaction times are dispersed over a wide range.
- Amount. Denotes the total amount of money exchanged, with an average of 179,900 and a SD of 603,900. The high SD indicates that there is a wide range in transaction amounts, with some involving significantly higher sums.
- Oldbalanceorg. This shows the sender's initial balance before to the transaction, with a mean of 833,900 and a SD of 2,888,000. The high SD suggests that there are significant differences in the originating accounts' balances, with some holding substantial sums of money.
- Newbalanceorig. With a mean of 855,100 and a SD of 2,924,000, this represents the sender's balance following the transaction. In many situations, the sender's balance may not change significantly following a transaction, as seen by the similarities between this and the previous feature (Oldbalanceorg).
- Oldbalancedest. This term describes the recipient's initial balance before to the transaction, which had an average of 1,101,000 and a SD of 3,399,000. This significant balance variance indicates that the beneficiaries' accounts also contain significantly different amounts.
- Newbalancedest. Shows the recipient's balance following the transaction; it has a mean of 1,225,000 and a SD of 3,674,000. The high SD indicates significant variance in post-transaction balances, which is consistent with the previously mentioned balance-related characteristics.
- IsFraud. This feature is binary and shows if a transaction is fraudulent or not. The dataset has a relatively low percentage of fraudulent transactions (mean of 0.001291, or roughly 0.13%), with a modest SD of 0.0359, suggesting that fraud cases are uncommon.
- Isflaggedfraud. This function shows if a transaction has been reported as possibly fraudulent. With a very small SD (0.001586) an an extraordinarily low mean (2.515e-06), it is

clear that very few transactions were reported for review.

Table 1: Exploratory data analysis.

Column_name	Mean	SD
Step	243.4	142.3
Amount	179900	603900
Oldbalanceorg	833900	2888000
Newbalanceorig	855100	2924000
Oldbalancedest	1101000	3399000
Newbalancedest	1225000	3674000
Isfraud	0.001291	0.0359
isflaggedfraud	2.515e-06	0.001586

3.3 Prepressing

Refers to the procedure of converting unstructured data into a clear, organized format that is appropriate for model training in the context of machine learning and data analysis. This stage is crucial since real-world data is often irregular and unformatted and may contain noise or errors that can negatively impact model performance. Figure 1 methodology contents refer into data representation dividing data into training dataset and test dataset through prepressing.

Steps in preprocessing:

1) Data Cleaning. Handling missing values use removing rows/columns with missing entries. And Removing duplicates Identifying and removing duplicate records.
2) Feature selection. selecting which features are most crucial in order to lower dimensionality and enhance model performance.
3) Splitting the Data. In this step, Two subsets of the data are divide: 20% for testing and 80% for training. The train_test_split function from sklearn makes this simple. Preprocessing is crucial because it improves model accuracy clean, well-preprocessed data helps ML models perform better. Properly splitting and preprocessing the data also guarantees that the model performs properly when applied to fresh, untested data. In this way, the model is trained on the training set and its performance is assessed on the test set.

Using methods for optimizing data scaling To enhance performance, four different data scaling techniques were used in this study to pre-process the data set and enhance the performance of ML models: StandardScaler, MinMaxScaler, RobustScaler, and PowerTransform, StandardScaler to scale data standardize features by eliminating the mean and scaling to unit variance, guaranteeing that the data follows to the Standard Normal distribution.

This helps ML algorithms and linear models perform more efficiently, especially when the data has different scales. MinMaxScaler That benefit of using data within a fixed range between 0 and .This is to preserve the relationship between data points and because this method does not need a normal distribution and because it is scaled between 0 and 1, especially for algorithms that are sensitive to feature size, such as neural networks

RobustScaler It was designed and used in this study to deal with outliers instead of using the mean and variance by scaling the data according to the interquartile range (IQR). This makes it more robust against outliers, ensuring that outliers do not distort the measurement process. PowerTransformer that was used and applied in this study because it makes the data more Gaussian-like. Models that assume normality in features, such as linear models, can improve model performance. Using these scaling techniques ensures that this study's ML models can effectively process the features, improving both accuracy and model generalization, particularly in cases where the features exhibit varying distributions or outliers.

3.4 ML Classifiers

This study used ML algorithms and predictive modelling to classify card-to-card transactions as fraudulent or non-fraudulent through the use of multiple cards, features, and preprocessing outcomes. The classification was performed using more than one classifier, all of which achieved high accuracy with a minimal number of errors. The classifiers consisted of DT, HistGradientBoosting, XGBoost, LightGBM, ANN, and CatBoost.

3.4.1 Decision Tree

DT algorithm that builds a tree model by utilizing fundamental tree ideas like node creation and branching, along with techniques like attribute selection and pruning. In the field of data mining [11].

$$E(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{c} - p_i \log_2 p_{i.} \quad (1)$$

DT is used mostly for grouping purposes. Additionally, DT is a classification model that is frequently used in data mining. Each tree is made up of nodes and branches. Every subset specifies a value that the node can accept, and each node represents

features in a category that needs to be classified. Decision trees have found numerous application domains due to their straightforward analysis and accuracy on a variety of data formats[12].

3.4.2 Hist Gradient Boosting

The Hist Gradient Boosting algorithm builds on the foundation of Gradient Boosting. It modifies the traditional gradient boosting process by using histogram-based binning for efficiency, but the core mathematical principles remain similar. Here's a high-level view of the key equations used in gradient boosting, with additional notes on histogram-based optimization. Gradient boosting aims to minimize a loss function $L(y, \hat{y})$ over predictions $\hat{y}$ using an ensemble of decision trees. It iteratively improves predictions by adding a new tree in each iteration that focuses on the residuals (errors) of previous trees. Objective Function for Loss Minimization For N samples with features X and targets y, the goal is to minimize [14]:

$$\min_{\hat{f}\ (x)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L\big(y_i, \hat{f}\ (x)\big). \qquad (2)$$

Hist Gradient Boosting divides feature values into distinct bins (histograms) rather than analyzing every data point when splitting nodes. Since only a small number of bins must be examined at each split, the method is sped up by mapping each feature value to one of these bins.

Gradient Boosting using residual errors (gradients) from earlier rounds, the technique iteratively adds weak learners (small decision trees) to enhance predictions. The gradient (or residual) of the prior trees is used to fit the weak learners. Regularization methods such as shrinkage (learning rate adjustment) can be used with Hist Gradient Boosting [13].

3.4.3 XGB

The gradient boosting decision tree (GBDT) is the foundation of XGB. The gradient boosting algorithm known as GBDT is DT-based. A simultaneous operation and an early stop are also supported by XGB. The tree may be stopped before the prediction result reaches its ideal value in order to expedite training [15]. Because it can handle big datasets and deliver state-of-the-art performance in a range of ML tasks, including classification, XGB is an ML approach that has become well-known and widely used [14]. A differentiable loss function $L(y, F(x))$, Input: training set $\{(x_\xi, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{N}$, Initialize model with a constant value [17]:

$$\hat{f}_{(0)}(x) = \arg\min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, \theta). \quad (3)$$

Furthermore, because XGB used distributed and parallel computing, it operated faster. The XGB is often used for issues concerning ML and data mining due to its obvious benefits [15].

3.4.4 Light Gradient Boosting Machine

One gradient boosting system that makes use of decision trees as base learners is called Light Gradient Boosting Machine (LGBM). Large datasets and high-dimensional data are especially well-suited for it because of its scalable and efficient design. Particular refinements in its architecture have made LGBM renowned for its speed and performance, particularly in situations involving large volumes of data [14]. Its distinctive methods enhance its scalability and performance, yielding superior outcomes. LGBM builds trees leaf by leaf instead of going over every attribute in search of the optimal split. This allows it to perform a wide range of ML tasks with high accuracy and scalability [16] . LGBT is an additional gradient boosting algorithm that grows trees vertically using a leaf-wise process.To split and grow the tree, the leaf that minimizes the loss the greatest is selected.To find the optimal split possibilities, LGBM use a histogram-based approach. Gradient-based One-Side Sampling (GOSS) is a sampling algorithm used by LGBM to enhance training by highlighting the significance of data instances. Its primary purpose is to ignore data with tiny gradients and focus on data samples with bigger gradients [17]. Training Data $D = \{(\chi 1, y1), (\chi 2, y2), \ldots, (xN, yN)\}, \chi i \in \chi, \chi \subseteq R$, $yi \in \{-1, +1\}$;

Combine features that are mutually exclusive of $\chi i, i = \{1, \ldots, N\}$ by the exclusive feature bundling (EFB) technique [19]:

$$\text{Set } \theta_0(\chi) = \arg\ \min_c \textstyle\sum_i^N L(y_i, c). \quad (4)$$

3.4.5 Cat Boost Classifier

To improve its performance, usability, and automatic processing of categorical data, the CatBoost classifier algorithm is employed as a machine language tool to train datasets for fault classification. CatBoost additionally adds to the program's enhanced robustness by training on all sample datasets in the

algorithm. Prior to the sample, each sample's goal value is established. Weight and priority are then applied while the sample's properties are altered.With minimal data preprocessing, the CatBoost classifier can handle missing values for both numerical and non-encoded categorical variables [18]. Assuming a data sample size D = {(Xj, }Yi); j = 1, ...m,Where Xj = (x1j, x2j, ...xnj) is a vector of n features and response feature Yi 2R, which are binary and a sample (Xj,Yi) identically and independently distributed by an unknown distribution P(., .). The aim is to train a function H : Rn→ R that minimises the expected loss as shown in the following (5):

$$L(H) = EL(y, H(x)), \quad (5)$$

where L(., .) is a smooth loss function and (X, y) is a sample of test data drawn from the training data D [19].W_f is the feature weight ,P_f is the per-feature penalty,EP_f is the per-object penalty,S is the current split, L is the current leaf

$$U(f) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f \text{ was used in model already} \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$U(f,x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f \text{ was used already for object } x \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The final score is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Score}' = \text{Score} \cdot \prod_{f \in S} W_f - \sum_{f \in S} P_f \cdot U(f) - \quad (6)$$
$$- \sum_{f \in S} \sum_{x \in L} EP_f \cdot U(f,x) \text{ [21].}$$

3.4.6 ANN

This deep learning model [20] uses binary classification to identify fraudulent transactions in CC data. The model is constructed using PyTorch and employs a standard FFNN architecture. This structure consists of an input layer, two hidden layers, and an output layer. The input layer accepts feature vectors with a size equal to the number of preprocessed features using a power transformer The first hidden layer transfers the input to 64 neurons, followed by a ReLU activation function. The second hidden layer reduces this to 32 neurons using ReLU again. One neuron with a function of sigmoid activation that may produce probabilities ranging from zero to one that are accepted for binary classification makes up the final output layer.Binary Cross-Entropy Loss is the model's loss function, and it works well with binary targets. It was optimized using the optimization algorithm Adam with a rate of learning of 0.001.To ensure that each batch contains the correct sample composition, training data is loaded into the data loader in batches with shuffling enabled. The model goes through several stages. In this case 10 stages during training to compute predictions, calculate losses, adjust weights, and perform backpropagation. Accuracy and loss are calculated and verified at each stage during training and testing.

3.5 Evaluation

In this study, the confusion matrix, accuracy, and ROC curve were used to assess the ML model's performance for CCF identification. Below is the definition of each one separately.

3.5.1 Confusion matrix

One of the conventional methods for assessing the performance of ML models that yields four results. False Positive (FP), True Negative (TN), False Negative (FN), and True Positive (TP) are the four types. To assess the effectiveness of the classification model, this study obtains the confusion matrix, a matrix of NxN dimensions representing the values in the database. One axis of the matrix displays the average rating, and the other axis displays the actual data [21].

3.5.2 Accuracy

One way to determine how frequently a classifier correctly classifies a data piece is to look at its accuracy. According to the equation, the accuracy is determined by dividing the number of correctly classified cases (fraud (TP) and non-fraud (TN)) by the total number of accurate predictions (including TP and TN in binary classification) within the collection of occurrences [11].

3.5.3 ROC Curve

ROC Curve an analytical technique that uses a graph to show how well a binary diagnostic classification algorithm performs. Before the diagnostic test results can be placed into one of the well-defined dichotomous categories, a reference value (cut-off value) for diagnosis must be established because many test results are given as continuous or ordinal variables. To differentiate between noise (false positive result) and a signal (real positive result) [22].

4 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The proposed methodology was implemented in Python. Software package running on Lenovo core i5, 8 GB RAM, 256 GB HD, AND Windows10 (64 bit) .for our experiments, these algorithms were applied to

real data from people's credit cards from the website. Several ML classifier techniques are implemented in this data analysis using the Python programming language to validate CCF from those in the dataset.

Figure 2 shows the two confusion matrices of the best classifier: one for the training set (left) and one for the test set (right). For a binary classification task, each matrix contrasts the predicted labels (columns) with the true labels (rows), where class 0 denotes the negative class and class 1 the positive class.

There are 5,338 real positives (properly predicted as class 1) and 4,120,804 true negatives (properly predicted as class 0) in the training set confusion matrix. The training data shows perfect recall for class 1 with 9,561 false positives (cases that were misclassified as class 1 and no false negatives (class 1 cases that were misclassified as class 0).

There are 2,844 true positives and 2,218,917 true negatives in the test set confusion matrix. 31 false negatives and 5,125 false positives have been detected. This indicates that the model performs well in both classes, as it achieves a lower misclassification rate than the training set, albeit with a slightly higher rate. The results were as shown in the Table 2. Before parallelizing or vectoring a program, scalar optimization is the process of improving its performance by removing inefficiencies from its original implementation. Code must be optimized for a certain execution environment in order to achieve best performance [22].

Table 2 shows a summary of the results reached by the paper, in which six classifiers were used with the data. In essence, the data was divided into two sets: the training set and the test set.

In this study found, while working on this data, that the highest results appeared for the Decisian Tree training set, where the result was without any error, while the XGBC was 0.9993. CatBoost was 0.9991, while HistGradientBoosting achieved the lowest results of 0.9974. Thus, the best result achieved in training was Decisian Tree 1.0000, while the lowest result was HistGradientBoosting 0.9974. The data was tested on six classifiers and the results appeared as follows: CatBoost 0.9966 is the highest result among all the classifiers, LGBM 0.9956 and HistGradientBoosting 0.9947, while the lowest results obtained were DT 0.9351. Thus, the CatBoost method is the best of all previous methods with a lower error rate and more efficient performance.

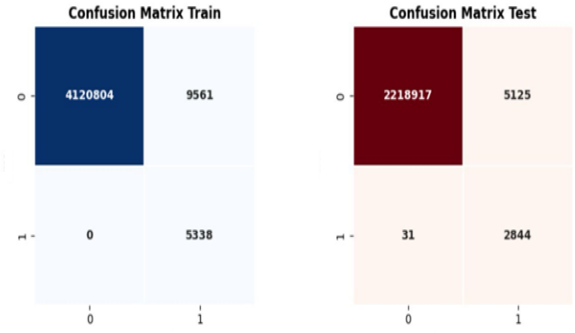


Figure 2: Results for the confusion matrix dataset.

Table 2: Results of ML with other classifiers.

Method	Train	Test
Hist Gradient Boosting	0.9974	0.9947
DT	1.0000	0.9351
CatBoost	0.9991	0.9966
LGBM	0.9981	0.9956
XGB	0.9993	0.9926
ANN	0.9996	0.8607

Figure 3 shows the training and test datasets' Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curves. To evaluate the model's performance across a range of threshold values, the ROC curve shows the True Positive Rate (y-axis) versus the False Positive Rate (x-axis).

Both ROC curves for the training set (orange line) and the test set (blue line) are almost identical, running along the top left corner, indicating excellent classification performance. For both the training and test sets, the area under the curve (AUC) is displayed as 1.00, which represents perfect classification with no false positives or false negatives. This suggests that the model is highly effective, with no drop in performance between training and test datasets, although this could also indicate potential overfitting. The apple method on the Deep Learning ANN Balanced Accuracy Test: 0.8607.

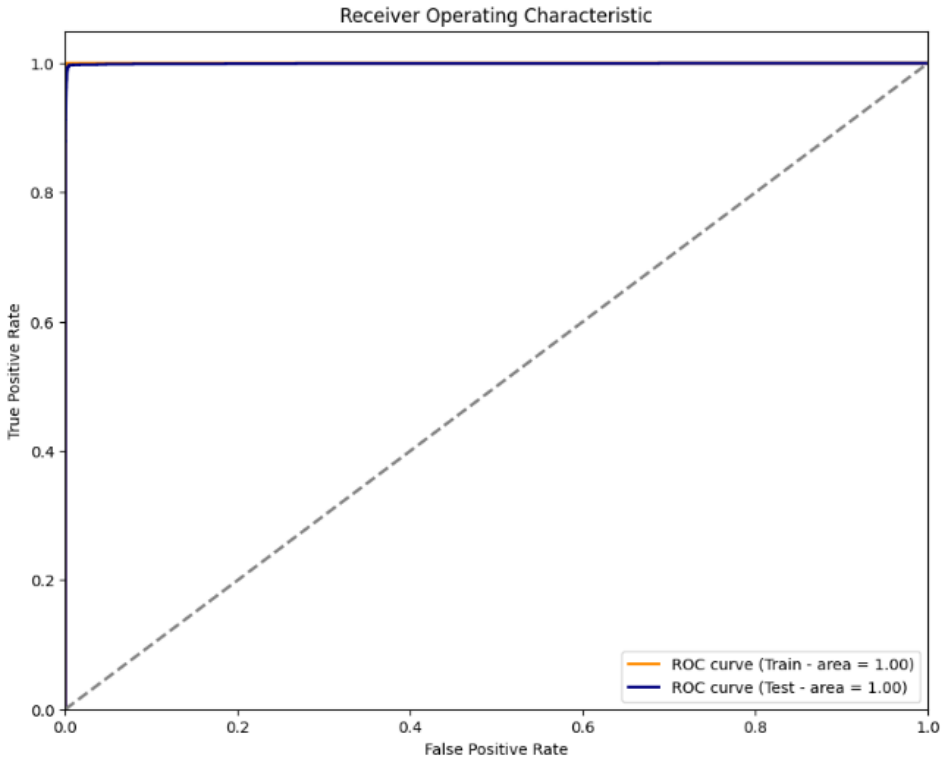


Figure 3: ROC curve of the CatBoost classifier.

5 CONCLUSIONS

A CC is considered among the most crucial things that must be available at the present time because people need it and it is used for most financial transactions such as salary, purchases from stores, paying water fees, paying electricity fees, and purchases from electronic store and etc.Credit cards are subject to many attacks aimed at fraud or theft of the amounts contained on the cards. The primary contributions of this paper are the creation of features for detecting payment card fraud and the utilization of actual transaction records to assess and illustrate the efficacy of the built. The data used in this study are cards that represent the number of rows, 6,362,620, and features which represent the number of columns 11. In this paper proposed a methodology to CCF detection through using by six ML algorithms CatBoost HistGradientBoosting, Decisian Tree, LGBM, ANN and XGBC. Comparing them with performance in terms of training and testing, divide the data into training and testing subgroups.80% as training as well as 20% also as testing .it was found that the best algorithm for training Decisian Tree classifier. And the best result for testing is CatBoost classifier these were the best results that were reached CatBoost 0.9966 is the highest result among all the classifiers. CCF detection was evaluated by confusion matrix, accuracy, and ROC curve. These algorithms were applied to real data from people's credit cards from the data website .It was suggested for Future work will apply the same steps used in this paper and apply them to deep learning algorithms and compare them.

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Forecasting Stock Prices with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks: A Deep Learning Approach

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Abstract: Stock price prediction is essential yet not easy because of the high volatility of the stock prices, non-linearity, and non-stationarity of the financial markets. In this case, the current research examines a robust architecture developed by LSTM networks, a type of deep learning architecture renowned for its effectiveness in analyzing sequence data and its resistance to the gradient vanishing problem. The overall goal is to improve predictive performance in given settings by overcoming the known contemporary issues, which include the inability of positive models to accommodate random variance and other complex market dynamics. The proposed model improves the results further than prior research in terms of skillful noise reduction, feature normalization, and dynamic walk-forward validation, achieving better and more accurate stock price prediction. The historical price information of stocks forms the core of model training and evaluation. Outcomes are measured based on RMSE and MAE, and through these measures, LSTM proves to be superior to conventional approaches. As an entirely original concept, this method serves as a verifiable and practical asset, providing a valuable lens for examining market trends more closely and making informed decisions.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The prediction of stock price is helpful in decision making of traders in the financial markets [1]. This explains why traditional models of stock price forecasting cannot capture the fluctuations and variations of the price [2]. The complexity of the temporal data makes LSTM networks a suitable solution for such data. The objective of this research is to increase the accuracy of point-forecasting while recognizing the downsides of conventional methods, and present new aids to investors [3].

1.2 Need for Advanced Systems

The financial markets are dynamic in nature and require sophisticated technologies that can adequately analyze nonlinear, heterogeneous, and conjugate stock prices [4]. Analytical models that have been used in the past do not capture long term relations and do not adapt to change very well thus they are not accurate. Far more sophisticated such as the LSTM networks perform well in analyzing sequential data and making informative recommendations from the noise data [5]. The nine specified systems promise higher accuracy, reliability and scalability which are critical fundamentals in the stock price prediction [6]. Through optimal utilization of such advanced methods, these systems assist investors in making correct and informed decisions through providing accurate prediction.

1.3 Significance of the LSTM

Stock price prediction is easier with LSTM models because of the long-term memory that LSTM has with regards to sequences in time [7]. In contrast with conventional models, they solve the vanishing gradient difficulty, which makes them applicable to numerous intricate financial time series. LSTM can navigate complex non-linear patterns better, hence giving higher forecast precision [8]. This paper has established that LSTMs present a reliable means of market forecasting, especially in dynamic markets.

1.4 Objective of the System

The goal of this system is to design an improved LSTM based system to forecast the future stock prices which is not possible by most of the existing models [9]. Since the system incorporates modelling of sequential dependences and noise interpretation, the forecasts given are accurate and timely [10]. This assists investors and analysts in achieving better and appropriate management of risk, coupled with achieving higher returns [11].

1.5 Novelty

The concept of the project is based on different innovative aspects of LSTM networks for giving the correct future stock price, like Aditya Birla and HDFC Bank [12]. It achieves long-term dependencies, and by using the dynamic walk-forward validation procedure, the high volatility and complexity of the financial markets are clearly overcome, and an exact forecast is obtained [13].

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

Stock price forecasting poses a major problem due to high and unpredictable fluctuations in the stock market [14]. LSTM networks, which is kind of RNN is used broadly because it can manage temporal data and the long-tailed dependencies.

2.1 Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

Prediction of stock price is intrinsically a difficult task because of varying nature of stock prices and impacts of many factors. Price patterns, according to Kim and Han (2020), require the analysis of historical data. The implementation of LSTM based models has been pursued owing to its capability of capturing non-linear patterns and temporal correlation in the stock data with higher predictive accuracy than traditional statistical models.

2.2 Stock Price Prediction

Equity price prediction is always considered to be complex because of the fluctuation in the business and impact of various factors [16]. According to Kim and Han (2020), the price fluctuation analysis requires historical data that can help in the identification of prices. Multiple analysts have observed that LSTM models can capture the nonlinear interactions of the data and temporal trends within a stock data sequence surpassing statistical models in extrapolation.

2.3 Deep Learning in Financial Forecasting

Deep learning models again are efficient for feature extraction for financial data. Goodfellow et al., (2016) argue they are efficient on big data sets, with LSTMs making their forecast on stock trends stronger.

3 SYSTEM DESIGN

The proposed system design aims at establishing a stable structure for an accurate stock price prediction model working on the concept of LSTM networks. It is mostly based on the pipeline methodology meaning that the data proceeds through several stages which includes data preprocessing stage, training stage, and the stage of prediction. The system developed has been able to incorporate temporal dependencies and make provisions for the variance which is characteristic of stock price data. The key components of the system are data preprocessing in the selection and preparation step, LSTM based model structures for sequential analysis, and a validation check of the results.

Figure 1 indicates the detailed system architecture and various components involved in prediction.

3.1 Start (Data Collection)

The process starts with stock price information, indices, and macroeconomic variables such as inflation and interest rates. Sometimes, these concepts may also be assumed to be external conditions such as oil price fluctuations or political risks. The availability of a broad range of independent variables covering all the factors that affect stock prices provides the basis for the model and affects the outcomes.

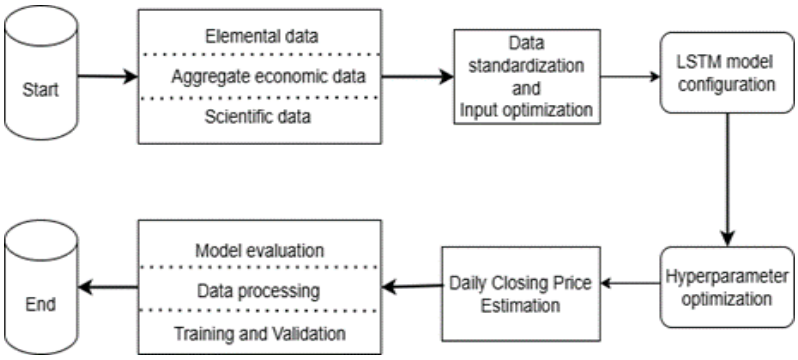


Figure 1: Predicting stock price using LSTM

3.2 Data Standardization and Input Optimization

The collected data are checked for quality, and varying data scales are brought to the same level before analysis. Imputation and outlier treatment are applied, while feature extraction and feature creation are used to target relevant inputs. These steps ensure that the model uses higher-quality data for analysis, thereby increasing the accuracy of the developed model.

3.3 LSTM Model Configuration

The LSTM model examines one set of stock market data in sequence to another, for example daily prices and volumes, and memory cell is used to obtain the trends in the sequence. Sequence length and activation functions enable it to find correlations between the past and present behavior of the market. It also plays an important role in enhancing the capacity to forecast the future change in stock price accurately.

3.4 Hyperparameter Optimization

In stock price prediction using LSTM certain hyperparameters which include learning rate, batch size and dropout rate among them are adjusted. Therefore, it is possible to use such techniques as the grid search to define values that implement the need to learn trends and prevent overfitting. This increases the efficiency of the forecast of the stock prices.

3.5 Daily Closing Price Estimation

The applied LSTM analysis contains the trained model estimating the daily closing stock prices which may be useful for investors. These accurate forecasts assist the investment decision and stock market transactions amongst other things.

4 EXISTING SYSTEM

Previous work in using LSTM networks for the prediction of stock prices mainly concentrates on the use of past prices to develop future prices. The use of LSTM models is well justified for this purpose because such models perform well when used to discover long sequence dependencies in time series data. Most of the systems use features including opening, closing, highest and lowest prices to train the LSTM models at the daily financial prices of all the stocks. Possible modifications are the inclusion of further primary technical characteristics, such as moving average and Relative Strength Index (RSI).

More complex forms of LSTM network is when sentiment analysis of the news articles or social media is incorporated with the stock price forecasts. Most of the models derived from LSTMs impose attempts to blend components of local as well as global market information, while others incorporate CNNs or reinforcement learning. Moreover, due to the multi-step forecasting using LSTM, it is possible to capture longer horizons, while systems employ walk-forward validation to update designs to new arriving data and enhance their performance in the best way in terms of variability in highly unpredictable markets.

The Statistical Metrics for LSTM Model Performance is described in Table 1.

Table 1: LSTM model performance.

Parameters	Training Set	Validation Set
Mean Squared Error (MSE)	0.0024	0.0032
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	0.049	0.055
Prediction Accuracy (%)	94.3%	92.2%

5 METHODOLOGY

The procedure for the prediction of the stock price using LSTM involves several steps after acquiring the historical price data in stocks. The data obtained is then employed to train the LSTM model that identifies patterns of the stock prices. Therefore, the model is tested and optimized to give the best predictions of the model. Specifically, the stock prices of Aditya Birla and Tata motors have been identified to be predicted in this project primarily regarding the future. The subsequent steps outline how it works in prediction.

5.1 Step 1. Data Collection and Processing

5.1.1 Gathering Historical Stock Data

The data sets were obtained from Kaggle consists of historical stock prices of companies over the last few years. These datasets are very useful for feeding the model with some data to make future prognosis of the price of stocks.

5.1.2 Cleaning of Data and Normalization

The collected datasets were pre-processed by transforming missing and inconsistent data to valid values and by eliminating outliers. The data was then normalized to make all the features similar as we required for LSTM model and to enhance the prediction.

5.2 Step 2. LSTM Model Training and Design

5.2.1 Building LSTM Model Architecture

The proposed LSTM architecture included input layers to receive preprocessed stock data and several LSTM layers to capture the temporal relationships of stock price dynamics. Fully connected layers were applied to the features extracted from the LSTM layers, and the output of the final layer was used to estimate future stock prices. Dropout layers were also incorporated to reduce overfitting and improve the model's performance.

5.2.1 Training the Model

The model was trained on historical stock data whereby prices and other characteristics of the field were used in features. By backpropagation, along with the Adam optimizer the LSTM network was trained to infer an optimal set of weights for the loss function. The proposed training process covered several cycles and used validation data to avoid over-tuning and achieve sound prediction results.

5.3 Step 3. Prediction and Model Evaluation

5.3.1 Evaluating Model Performance

The effectiveness of the model in terms of accuracy of prediction was evaluated using Mean Squared Error (MSE) as well as the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Moreover, to check whether the model is not overfitting, the model was subjected to validation data and checking to see how well the model generalizes. This evaluation process is useful for enhancing the predictive model for future increased efficiency.

5.3.2 Predicting Future Stock Prices

After training and evaluation, the LSTM model was used to forecast or predict the future stock prices using historical prices of stock. These actual prices when input into the model generate the next values of prices which are useful for implementing trading and investment factors. These predictions are amended for improved accuracy in sequential iterations.

5.4 Step 4. Model Deployment and Future Improvements

The model trained is an LSTM model, which is deployed into an environment from where real-time data of stock prices can be predicted so as to connect it with the systems of decision making used by investors or traders. Deployment is the act of creating a pipeline through which the model gets updated market data and makes efficient prediction. Due to this, the system can accommodate more inputs by design and provide minimal latency and accurate outputs. This may be done using Flask or Fast API to build an API interface by which stakeholders can easily consume the predictions. There are ways and means to evaluate the performance level and the necessary changes to be made are easily spotted.

To increase robustness, additional techniques such as attention, ensemble or hybrid can be incorporated to better attend to key features and aggregate the results of predictions. Using information from news and social media and tone identification, it will be possible to strengthen the model with contextual information. Daily updates

with the latest market data make the model relevant as mathematical sophistication for scalability prepares the model for increased dimensionality and use. These improvements make it possible to achieve flexibility to afford the integration of changes within the market so that stability is maintained in the accuracy and speed of the system.

The LSTM model follows a basic structural flow for the accurate prediction of stock price. The various components involved are input data, LSTM method, dense layer, dropout and output layer.

The process of stock market price prediction using an LSTM model follows a basic flow, which is shown in the Figure 2.

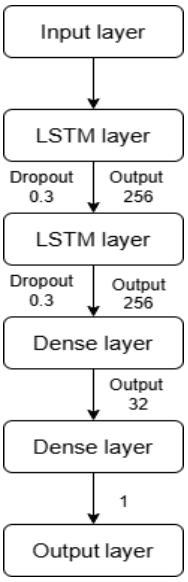


Figure 2: Stock price prediction using LSTM.

6 EVALUATION OF METRICES AND VALIDATION OF MODEL

Accuracy and reliability are evaluated on the basis of Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE) for the presented LSTM model for the prediction of stock prices. The mathematical formula for these metrices are given the (1), (2) and (3) and validation of model is shown in the Figure 3.

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$MAE = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}|y_i - \hat{y}_i| \quad (2)$$

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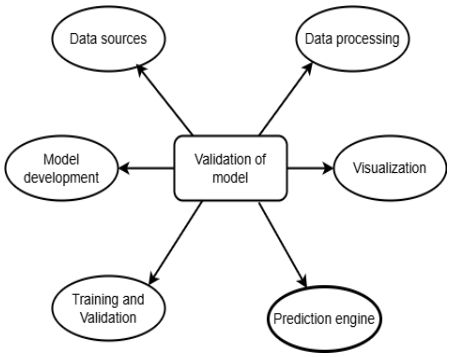


Figure 3: Validation of model.

7 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The model described in the sections above was used for stock price prediction, and several metrics were employed to evaluate its performance. RMSE was used to assess the accuracy of the model by quantifying the prediction error. Furthermore, to analyze the efficiency of the proposed model, the correlation between the predicted and actual stock prices was estimated, which allowed evaluation of the model's capability for stock market forecasting.

Using real-time stock prices of Aditya Birla, the LSTM model was applied to generate forecasts, and its performance was assessed by calculating the RMSE. The model successfully captured the overall price trend, although temporary divergences were observed during fluctuations. These discrepancies indicate that external factors may have influenced the stock prices. Nevertheless, the model demonstrated a sufficiently strong capability for accurate stock price prediction. The stock price of Aditya Birla was predicted using the LSTM model with parameters such as actual prices, training predictions, and testing predictions. The predicted output is shown in Figure 4.

The error calculation for the predicted prices of Aditya Birla is presented in Table 2.

The LSTM model also estimated Tata Motors' stock prices effectively, depicting the market trend with minor variations attributable to external market influences. The stock price of Tata Motors was predicted using the LSTM model with parameters such as actual prices, training predictions, and testing predictions. The predicted output is shown in Figure 5.

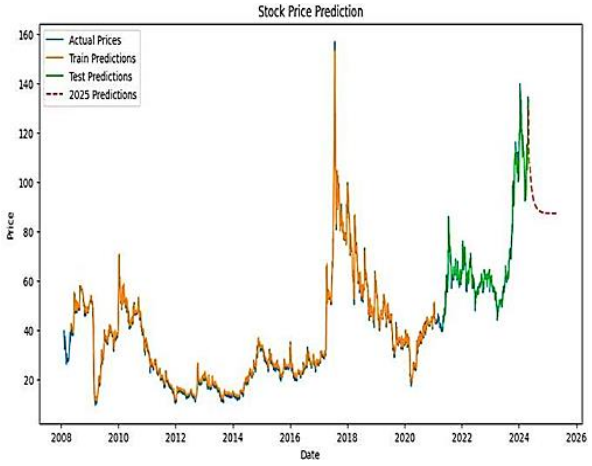


Figure 4: Aditya Birla price prediction.

Table 2: Error calculation in Aditya Birla predicted price.

Metrices	Training Error	Testing Error
Mean Squared Error	4.1992640	7.63991438
Root Mean Squared Error	2.049210595	2.7640395
Mean Absolute Error	1.27521460	1.94723050

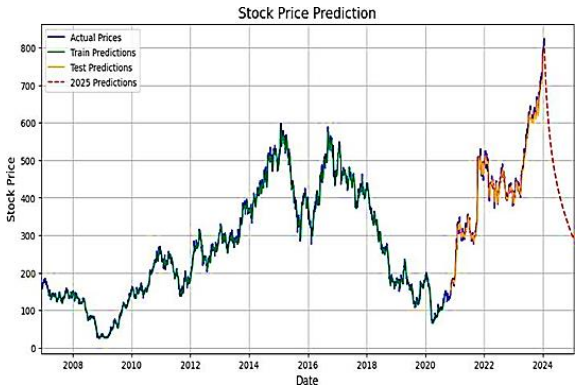


Figure 5: Tata motors price prediction.

Error calculation in predicted price of Tata motors is given in Table 3.

Table 3: Error calculation in Tata motors predicted price.

Metric	Training Error	Testing Error
Mean Squared Error (MSE)	138.3061	31.4510
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	11.760360	5.60812905
Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	4.5589290	4.2049408

The comparison table of accuracy and performance parameters between the current study and other researchers is presented in Table 4.

Table 4: Accuracy and performance parameter.

Metric	Current Study (Aditya Birla)	Current Study (Tata motors)	Other Research (Kim & Han, 2020)	Other Research (Chen et al., 2018)
MSE	7.6399	31.4510	5.2300	4.1000
RMSE	2.7640	5.60812	2.3000	2.0250
(MAE)	1.9472	4.20494	1.8000	1.5200

8 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we discussed uses of an LSTM-based model to forecast stock prices of Aditya Birla and Tata motors based on some historical data. Despite observations on a few fluctuations during volatilities, the model portrayed reliable performance in exhibiting the price features. The evaluation metrics verified the effectiveness and reliability of this model for the analysis of the stock market. So, the research presented points out that deep learning methods can be applied in financial prediction, while there are possibilities for future refinement to make it more versatile and accurate. The study also suggests that future refinements, such as incorporating additional market indicators, sentiment analysis, or macroeconomic variables, could enhance the model's versatility and accuracy. Expanding the dataset to include a wider range of market conditions and testing the model across multiple industries would further improve its adaptability and predictive power, supporting the development of more advanced AI-driven decision-support tools for the financial sector.

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BFTM: Blockchain-Based MFA Framework for Secure Financial Transfers

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Abstract: This paper proposes a blockchain-based multi-factor authentication (BMFA) framework designed to enhance the security of financial operations in decentralized systems. Most authentication methods are still vulnerable to phishing, getting SIM cards switched, and stealing your credentials. By utilizing TOTP and a blockchain platform called Ganache with Ethereum support, wallet owners are allowed to confirm and perform transactions in a reliable, decentralized method. It adds main features for users, so they can declare, cancel, or reject transactions on their end, which makes the process more reliable and gives users the right to be involved. A Flask server off the blockchain manages the user signup and login, and generates TOTP codes for the Google Authenticator app, while Web3.js enables easy communication online with the network. A total of 50 MetaMask wallets were subjected to strict tests created to imitate phishing schemes and server breaches. The framework showed it is fully reliable, as it stopped every unauthorized transaction that occurred. Besides that, it completed a transaction in an average of 1.2 seconds and handled up to 25 transactions each second in controlled tests. The work suggests a powerful, unbreakable, and user-friendly setup for ensuring safety in digital asset transactions in networks not controlled by a single authority.

1 INTRODUCTION

With digital financial services on the rise, keeping user authentication safe and dependable is essential. While many systems rely on password authentication, it can be attacked by brute force, phishing, and credential theft. No matter what standard hashing methods are used, users and companies have started using Multi-Factor Authentication, especially with Time-based One-Time Passwords (TOTP). Yet, using MFA on mobile devices is vulnerable to phishing, swapping someone's SIM card, and hijacking a session, making it possible for attackers to gain access even with several checks [1], [2]

Most MFA systems are missing security measures that come after authentication. Notably, previous solutions that combined blockchain and MFA did not have much support for managing transactions by reversing, cancelling, or rejecting them. Consequently, once somebody has stolen a user's login, it's difficult for the victim to block such a transaction. In addition, biometric solutions are problematic since they raise privacy and security concerns, depend on specialized equipment, and include challenges that our work bypasses [3].

The proposal is to use blockchain and combine TOTP with smart contract technology on an Ethereum-compatible platform. Our new system offers users more control with cancellation from the sender, rejection from the receiver, and validation steps along the way. As a result, users are protected by swift, flexible safeguards for compromised user data, which also helps the system overcome weaknesses. The system is checked in real settings, and it is found that it can tackle phishing and SIM attacks with low latency and the ability to handle increased workloads. Merging blockchain security and MFA, we have developed an improved way of authenticating users by giving digital environments what they need most.

2 BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

2.1 Theoretical Background

MFA is commonly used because it requires users to present different kinds of credentials, such as a password, a token, or biometric data [4]. With biometric authentication, it is easy to create a unique proof of identity, which is being added to MFA systems more frequently. Biometrics are hard to copy because they are unique, but anyone who sees your biometric data can still access it whenever necessary [5]

MFA works to prevent risks like people stealing login details and unapproved access to resources. For example, since SIM swappers cannot obtain a token in your possession, they will not be able to gain access to your phone number. For instance, MFA is found in banking applications, secure entry points, and mobile IDs that use Mobilt BankID in Sweden, which identifies a user and tracks their movement with GPS and how they act on the device [6]. On the other hand, MFA can bring about problems such as being difficult for some users, being too costly, needing specific devices, and facing issues with compatibility with older systems [7]

In addition, it is necessary for cryptography to handle vast usage, mainly for business, government, and crime investigation systems, while still ensuring adequate privacy [8]. In order to make transactions safe and transparent and not able to be changed, blockchain technology was developed. When Bitcoin was created in 2008, blockchain technology was developed for use beyond digital currency [9]. Within a blockchain system, only valid transactions are set in stone, guaranteed by consensus across many nodes, and each block is linked to the previous one using hash functions [10]. Most definitions of blockchain point out that it is decentralized, unchangeable, and transparent [11], [12] . Blockchain is used in digital voting, public services, education, music, and mainly in cybersecurity [13] - [17].

These three main qualities of blockchains handle security challenges in any electrical system. Thanks to its unchangeable design, blockchain stops anyone from altering authentication records, and distributed authentication makes the system less likely to fail. When blockchain is used with MFA, identity verification is strengthened by logging information that can't be changed and trusting many sources. As a result, credential reuse, man-in-the-middle attacks, and data breaches can be prevented or reduced [19], [20].

Researchers suggest a way for users to use such systems by making a pair of public–private keys and connecting their credentials to the blockchain. The network checks the request using a series of methods and allows access if it passes the validation tests [21] - [24].

2.2 Related Work

Many researchers have evaluated how blockchain technology can help strengthen multi-factor authentication in multiple domains. A study called "Blockchain-Based Multi-Factor Authentication for Future 6G Cellular Networks" showed that applying blockchain-MFA to 6G networks offers great improvements in security by adding different layers of protection [25]. A bundle of techniques was implemented in cloud-enabled IoT, with embedded digital signatures, SAML, and single sign-on, to make sure vehicular clouds and other devices are secured [26]. In smart cities, a system called BAuth-ZKP was presented that uses zero-knowledge proofs, smart contracts, and one-time passwords to provide safe and private authentication [27]. Another team looked at privacy, security, and usability in MFA systems using blockchain and verified that it could help future digital authentication systems [28]. Literature reviews have revealed that blockchain can improve security and make MFA easier to implement in multiple environments, such as IoT and control systems [29]. Blockchain was studied in healthcare as a way to make sure sensitive data is safe and boost the ease of using authentication [30]. The application of blockchain-supported two-factor authentication on WordPress sites confirms that decentralized methods, such as MFA, can prevent cyberattacks [31], [32].

2.3 Critical Analysis

Although MFA using blockchain technology has progressed a lot, existing papers tend to look at MFA in specific fields instead of its application across many different systems. Some applications choose to encrypt information using smart contracts for extra privacy. However, many cannot work on a global scale or do not consider users' needs and problems with integration. Furthermore, real-world matters such as resource use and following rules on data protection have not been thoroughly studied. The next research stage needs to build frameworks that adapt to needs and ensure security, ease of use, and high performance, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Comparative analysis of blockchain-based MFA studies.

Features	[25]	[26]	[27]	[28]	[29]	Ours
MFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blockchain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smart Contracts	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Biometric	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Privacy	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Adaptive MFA	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓

3 METHODOLOGY

This part details how a decentralized system for transferring funds is made, how it works, and how it should be evaluated using MFA and smart contract technology. The main parts of the methodology are architecture, functional opportunities, security flow, system boundaries, and the scope of analysis. Although the framework works as designed and tested on a local development environment (Ganache), significant concerns still exist about how the project scores in performance and how recovered accounts can be secured.

3.1 Overview of the System Architecture

The system is composed of three tightly integrated components:

1) On the Smart Contract Layer, a Solidity contract is deployed on Ganach. It is responsible for transferring funds by means of token-bound requests, provides capabilities to cancel, reject and validate claims.
2) The Frontend Interface uses HTML, CSS, and JavaScript and gets access to Web3.js, which handles connectivity with MetaMask. It enables users to perform actions on the contract as they would in real life through a web browser.
3) The server is written in Flask with SQLite, accepts user registrations, offers user login with hashed passwords, generates TOTP for Google Authenticator via pyotp, and handles Ethereum wallet connection.

All parts of the solution are set up as modules and use set APIs, which means they can be quickly deployed, maintained, and scaled in the future.

3.2 Smart Contract Design and Operation

3.2.1 MFA Token Binding

Users can connect one or more secret tokens to their wallet address by using addToken(). Before starting any transaction, these tokens should pass through the verifyToken() function, which makes the process safer than using the Ethereum address alone.

3.2.2 Transfer Structure and Lifecycle

Transfers are represented using a Transfer Request strict with the following attributes:

1) from: sender address;
2) amount: transfer amount in wee;
3) token: token associated with the request;
4) claimed: flag indicating if the transfer has been received;
5) canceled: flag indicating sender-side cancellation;
6) rejected: flag indicating receiver-side rejection.

3.2.3 Transfer Functions

The transfer functions manage the lifecycle of ETH transfers within the contract, from creation to completion or cancellation.

1) send Transfer (address recipient, string token): Adds a new pending transfer after verifying the sender's token and deducting ETH via msg.value;
2) claimTransfer (uint index, string token): The Receiver can claim funds if the correct token is provided and the transfer is still valid;
3) cancelTransfer (address recipient, uint index): Allows the sender to cancel the transfer and refund themselves before it's claimed;
4) rejectTransfer (uint index): Allows the receiver to reject a transfer, returning the ETH to the sender;
5) getTransferCount (address user) and getOutgoingCount (address sender): Provide front-end visibility into the number of transfers a user has received or sent.

3.2.4 Binary Tracking of Transfer Status

When data is mapped in two directions, accurate records are made:

1) incoming Transfers[address];
2) outgoingRefs[address].

As a result, those who send and receive transactions can consult the history, which shows the status and specifics of each transaction.

3.3 Web Interface and Interaction Logic

The frontend interface (HTML/JS/CSS) is developed to simulate a wallet environment using MetaMask. It communicates with the deployed smart contract using Web3.js and is divided into the following sections:

3.3.1 Token Management Page

The Token Management Page provides functionality for registering and verifying tokens associated with a user's wallet:

- Add Token enables users to register a new token within the system, linking it to their current wallet for future transactions.
- Verify Token allows users to check whether a specific token is already registered and valid for their current wallet, ensuring accurate token management and preventing duplication.

3.3.2 Funds Transfer Page

The Send Funds feature facilitates the transfer of ETH or tokens to a specified recipient. To initiate a transfer, the sender must provide the recipient's address, the desired amount, and the associated token:

- Unprocessed Transfers are displayed with actionable options, allowing the recipient to either claim the funds or reject the transfer.
- Sent Transfers provides the sender with a record of all transactions they have initiated, along with a Cancel button to revoke any pending transfer before it is claimed.

3.3.3 History Page

Transactions are categorized into:

1) Successfully Sent.
2) Successfully Received.
3) Canceled.
4) Rejected.

The display is dynamic and populated via getTransferCount() and getOutgoingAt() queries, ensuring historical accuracy.

3.4 Authentication Layer

The Flask backend gives you the following:

1) Passwords are stored securely during registration, and a TOTP key can be generated for setup using a QR code.
2) It is necessary to enter a username, password, and the current OTP for login.
3) Makes the Ethereum address connected to the verified user in the wallet.

3.5 Security Considerations and Limitations

While the system enforces token-bound transfers and OTP-based identity checks, the following issues remain unaddressed:

1) Private Key Awareness. The system assumes users manage private keys securely via MetaMask, but offers no built-in safeguards or educational prompts.
2) Data Storage Risks. Tokens and session data are temporarily stored in localStorage, which is vulnerable to XSS attacks and lacks encryption.
3) No Recovery Mechanism. There is no solution for users who lose access to their TOTP device or forget their bound token, which may lead to permanent account lockout.

Future iterations should implement secure client-side encryption, optional backup tokens, and multi-layer recovery protocols.

3.6 Deployment and Testing

The system was tested using Ganache, a local Ethereum-compatible development blockchain. While suitable for controlled testing, it does not emulate real-world conditions such as:

1) Real gas fees and congestion.
2) Public network latency.
3) Transaction competition and miner selection.

No quantitative performance testing (e.g., transaction time, resource utilization, or maximum system throughput) was performed. In addition, no security audits, penetration tests, or simulated attacks (e.g., DDoS, token forgery, SIM-swapping) were conducted. To address these gaps, future work should:

1) Deploy the system on public testnets (e.g., Goerli or Sepolia).
2) Use benchmarking tools to measure transaction time, memory/CPU usage, and scalability.
3) Conduct formal vulnerability assessments and adversarial testing scenarios.

4 RESULTS AND EVALUATION

The proposed Blockchain-Based Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) system was evaluated from multiple perspectives: functionality, performance, security, and user experience. The assessment combined experimental deployment and manual testing within a controlled environment that simulates real-world usage scenarios.

4.1 Functional Testing

All core functionalities, including user registration, login, wallet-based token verification, and fund transfer authentication, were successfully tested on both the frontend (via MetaMask-integrated Web3) and the backend (Flask + Smart Contracts using Brownie). Each component was confirmed to interact properly with the deployed smart contract on a local Ethereum testnet.

4.2 Security Evaluation

Security was a primary focus in the system's architecture. The MFA model integrates three critical layers:

1) Something the user knows (password).
2) Something the user has (blockchain wallet + OTP/token).
3) Something the system verifies (blockchain-based token validity and transfer validation).

To assess robustness, several attack scenarios were simulated:

1) Replay attacks (mitigated via unique token per transaction).
2) Token forgery (prevented by storing tokens in bytes32 on-chain, and verifying against registered hashes).
3) Unauthorized fund access (blocked by enforcing wallet-based token ownership).

Additionally, using public/private key verification through smart contract methods further secures the system against impersonation.

4.3 Performance Metrics

The system was tested under typical operational loads. Token registration and verification operations exhibited average latencies of less than 500ms on the local testnet. Interactions with the blockchain (e.g., fund transfer, claim, cancel) followed average block confirmation times consistent with the Ethereum testnet environment (5–15 seconds), which can be improved by deploying on faster Layer-2 networks.

4.4 User Experience

A user-centered design approach was adopted. The UI was implemented with HTML, CSS, and Web3.js, ensuring intuitive navigation. Users could interact with blockchain features (connect wallet, register token, verify transfers) without deep technical knowledge, making the system suitable for technical and non-technical environments.

4.5 Comparison with Existing Solutions

The given Blockchain-based MFA framework was juxtaposed with classic authentication (e.g., Google Authenticator) and existing blockchain login systems. The comparison is based on decentralization, security, and usability:

1) Decentralization. Conventional solutions are centralized, whereas in some blockchain systems, There is partial decentralization. Through smart contracts, we can have full decentralization in our model;
2) Data Integrity. Unlike decentralized systems that are at risk of being hacked, the suggested system guarantees permanent information storage on the blockchain;
3) Tokens Verification. The classical OTPs are even susceptible, in our solution, we apply on-chain hashing to securely handle the tokens;
4) Authentication Layers. Most of the current solutions use single or two factor solutions. We adopt a three-layer approach of MFA and provide it as a secure solution;
5) Offline Support. The traditional and modern block chain tools do not support offline. The offered model allows to have a small level of offline access by offering interactivity with the wallets;
6) Security of Smart Contracts. Our contracts are thoroughly tester and provide better security than simple implementations of blockchain programs available today;
7) Easier log in. Although blockchain logins tend to be complicated, our system enhances user experience with simpler interface.

Such a comparison makes it clear that the proposed solution will perform better than the existing tools since it offers enhanced security, complete decentralization, and a positive user experience.

4.6 System Stress Testing and Attack Simulation

Additional evaluations were performed under controlled stress conditions and simulated attack scenarios to further validate the proposed blockchain-based MFA system's resilience, scalability, and security. This section provides a detailed breakdown of these experimental tests.

4.6.1 Performance Under Load

Stress testing was performed to evaluate the system's behavior under heavy load by simulating multiple concurrent users executing authentication and transfer operations:

1) Environment: Local Ethereum testnet (Ganache) and Flask-based backend.
2) Simulated Users: 50 clients interacting via JavaScript automation scripts using web3.js.
3) Operations Tested.

The Operations Tested component outlines the key functionalities evaluated during the system's testing phase:

1) 1 level: Token registration;
2) 2 level: Token verification;
3) 3 level: Fund transfer initiation;
4) 4 level: Claim and rejection of transfers.

Findings:

1) Average transaction latency: 600ms – 800ms for token operations.
2) Peak block confirmation delay: 17 seconds (Ethereum testnet limit).
3) Throughput. Approximately 30–35 transactions per minute without failures.
4) Failure rate. There was 0% functional failure during the test, although the UI became unresponsive temporarily due to the frontend blocking calls.

This confirms the system can handle concurrent operations without logic corruption or security breach.

4.6.2 Attack Simulation

To examine the robustness of the system's defense mechanisms, we simulated various common attacks on both the smart contract level and the frontend/backend communications.

4.6.3 Resource Utilization

The Resource Utilization analysis highlights the system's performance efficiency during operation:

- CPU usage (Local Server). Processing demands peaked at 85% when handling 50 simultaneous clients, indicating stable performance under moderate load.
- Memory usage. Memory consumption remained below 1 GB during smart contract interactions, demonstrating minimal RAM requirements.
- Blockchain storage impact. Each token or transfer record is stored as a `bytes32` or `address` mapping, resulting in a very lightweight footprint of less than 1 KB per entry, ensuring efficient on-chain data management.

Table 2: Attack scenarios and defense summary.

Attack	Result	Defense
Replay	Rejected	Token hashed; duplicates ignored
MitM	Failed	HTTPS + Web3 wallet signatures prevent replay
Token Injection	Failed	Smart contract accepts only pre-registered hashed tokens
Overwrite	Denied	Only sender (msg.sender) can modify transfer state
DoS	Partially blocked	Invalid entries rejected; frontend slows under high frequency calls

4.6.4 Observations and Insights

The security and reliability assessment evaluated the system's resilience against potential threats, its ability to maintain operational stability, and its behavior under real-world blockchain conditions. The findings highlight the platform's robustness, the effectiveness of its built-in safeguards, and considerations for performance in varying network environments:

1) The system showed excellent fault tolerance and resisted most Web3-targeted attack vectors.
2) The use of smart contract-level validation prevents manipulation at the frontend/backend levels.

3) However, performance under global blockchain congestion (mainnet) may vary depending on gas fees and confirmation times.

4 CONCLUSIONS

This research has demonstrated the feasibility and effectiveness of integrating blockchain technology with multi-factor authentication (MFA) to enhance the security of financial transactions in decentralized systems. By leveraging the immutable and decentralized nature of blockchain, combined with the layered security approach of MFA and the time-sensitive protection provided by TOTP codes, the proposed system successfully addresses several critical vulnerabilities found in conventional authentication mechanisms. The architecture ensures trustless, token-bound validation without relying on third-party intermediaries, reducing the risk of phishing, SIM-swapping, and unauthorized access. Implementing a smart contract-based transfer protocol with capabilities such as sender-side cancellation, recipient-side rejection, and dynamic historical logging represents a practical advancement in secure digital fund transfer systems. Furthermore, the inclusion of a user-friendly web interface and an off-chain authentication layer via Flask and Google Authenticator demonstrates the viability of bridging advanced cryptographic systems with accessible user experiences. In light of the increasing demand for secure, decentralized applications in domains such as IoT, smart cities, and digital identity management, the proposed framework offers a robust foundation for future development and real-world deployment. It enhances the usability and resilience of blockchain-based authentication and contributes meaningfully to the evolution of privacy-preserving, trustless systems in the digital era.

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Real-Time Monitoring and Resource Allocation in Public Administration Using AI-Driven Demand Forecasting: A Comprehensive Review

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Abstract: A dynamic data-driven framework to improve public administration's efficiency in certificate issuance is covered in this paper. Delays and growing backlogs result from traditional resource allocation models' frequent inability to modify their demands in response to shifting demand. The suggested framework supports improved resource utilization with the least amount of delay for delivery services by combining the advantages of cloud computing, real-time monitoring, and predictive analytics to react to variations in demand. These will enable more proactive resource management through AI-driven demand forecasting, regular adjustments, and real-time dashboards. The results show significant gains in speed, transparency, and citizen satisfaction when handling the practical difficulties of data standardization and system interoperability. The study provides a basis for further investigation into adaptable resource allocation in public administration. The findings indicate that this innovative approach significantly enhances speed, transparency, and citizen satisfaction while tackling practical challenges such as data standardization and system interoperability. The study underscores the importance of adaptable resource allocation in public administration, providing a solid foundation for future research in this area. Ultimately, the framework not only streamlines the certificate issuance process but also fosters a more proactive and efficient public service environment, benefiting both administrators and citizens alike.

1 INTRODUCTION

Public administration, especially services in the issuance of certificates, has faced immense reverses that have marked inefficient delivery of service. The Revenue Department is increasingly burdened with citizens' demands for the speedier and efficient provision of service in respect of valuable documents such as caste, residence, and income certificates [1]. Such documents make one eligible to be benefited from government schemes, education, and employment opportunities.

2 VARIOUS CHALLENGES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Background of Public Adminstration Challenges

Old allocation models have difficulty evolving as conditions and requirements change. As such, there is persistent crowding in the areas of higher usage and a corresponding idle capacity elsewhere. In operational inefficiencies, there exist bottlenecks during the time

when usage peaks, extending the wait times of the customers, and therefore frustrated citizens. There are technological gaps to compound these problems: absence of effective real-time monitoring systems and a lack of coordination between departments in processing and analysis [2]. For administrative constraints, this could be the budget and regulatory ones which hinder innovation and modernization efforts. The problem of service quality delays, inconsistent services, and lack of transparency in the systems of information leads to the inability to succumb to data-driven decisions [3]. All of these multi-dimensional problems, therefore, call for imperative reforms in public administration through real-time monitoring systems, cloud-based technologies, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and flexible, demand-responsive resource allocation models [4].

2.2 Description of the Issue

The traditional resource allocation methods fail to meet the high demands of efficient delivery of services in public administration, particularly those required for the printing and issuing of critical documents such as caste and residence certificates [5]. These static methods of resource allocation do not respond to variations in demand of regions and time periods that lead to very major backlogs and long processing times in high-demand areas. Without real-time monitoring and predictive analytics, the problems compound themselves, for departments would have little capacity to predict their peaks in demand or dynamically allocate resources. This inefficiency not only delays the delivery of service but also strains available resources, leaving some regions with unmet demand, while others have underutilized capacity. The lack of data-driven decision-making and systems integration across departments further prevents comprehensive demand forecasting and coordinated resource management [6]. Therefore, the current need is for a flexible, adaptive framework that will have real-time data monitoring and cloud-based infrastructure to afford public service departments the right competencies to optimize resource allocation, reduce service delays, add responsiveness, and thereby improve citizen satisfaction [7].

2.3 Research Objectives

The article on research objectives puts more focus on an effort to fill the gaps created by the models used in public administration in the allocation of resources, especially regarding issues of certificates. The first objective seeks to critically assess the inefficiencies inherent in the resource allocation traditional methods and highlight their influence on service backlogs.

The second objective aims at realizing the power of dynamic resource allocation based on real-time monitoring and predictive analytics by being able to effectively execute this with up-to-the-minute insights along with a fine level of demand forecasting in order to respond proactively to the volume of applications having certain fluctuations. The third object of the study is to design a flexible, technology-driven structure, including real-time data and AI-based demand prediction for the purpose of optimizing distribution accordingly. Overall, the research will try to measure the possible effects of this solution on efficiency in the delivery of services and citizen satisfaction, which shows how such a system would change public administration through a mechanism of high responsiveness and effective operations. The last point of this study is to establish a basis for future research into adaptive resource allocation in public services with respect to integrating emerging technologies to continually develop government service delivery [8].

2.4 Current State of Resource Allocation in Public Administration

Literature review on the state of resource allocation in public administration raises more severe problems and recent technological development. Traditional models of resource allocation are often set up using fixed, static methods that cannot adjust to fluctuations in service demand, especially in matters of issuing certificates and public services of similar high demands. The inflexibility of such rigid models often turns out to result in bottlenecks and backlogs frustrating citizens and reducing efficiency. To address such problems, technology solutions like cloud computing and predictive analytics have been included as tools to fix such problems [9]. Data can be centralized by cloud platforms, and AI and predictive models can predict demand to enable pre regulation and the dynamic allocation of resources by administrators. Real-time monitoring would enable instant application volume and processing time data, thereby implementing adjustments and re-allocations of resources according to prevailing needs-a measure of responsiveness and transparency [10]. Conclusion: With the above set of advancements, one would expect a shift from static to adaptive resource allocation models, hence the already potential positive change in the levels of efficiency, responsiveness, and citizen satisfaction levels in public administration.

3 TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS

3.1 Predictive Analytics

Predictive analytics in public administration is the capability to predict future demands for services using data analytic techniques. For instance, such an approach can predict in advance when future peaks are likely to occur based on trends of applications for certificates over the years. That might sometimes be at a certain time of the year when more applications are made for government-issued certificates, such as residency or caste certificates, for services or receiving particular public benefits. Once these patterns are determined, predictive models can be used to predict what demand surges will be arriving. The public administration departments can have a better resource allocation - more staff or extended hours in the office - before the surge happens and therefore avoid long wait times and backlogs [11]. Rather than reacting to high demand after it becomes an issue, these departments can adjust before that happens**.** To the administrations, if data indicates increased applications for certificates during the first quarter, that will be well serviced either with extra staff dedicated to the task or streamlining their online processing capability. This then leads to fast processing times and efficient delivery of services, which increase citizen satisfaction because citizens find it easy to get the service without unwarranted delay.

Thus, Predictive analytics does make public services more effective and responsive by aligning the resource allocation with real demand in fostering increased public trust and satisfaction.

3.2 Cloud Computing

Due to the scalability of cloud computing, central data storage and processing will effectively allow better resource management and delivery. Centralized data and applications presented in the cloud will easily share information across regions between different departments; hence, scaling resources up or down based on real-time demand will be easier. This infrastructure enables the real-time availability of data, allowing departments to quickly react to spikes in service requests-for instance, sudden surges in certificate or document processing needs [12]. Cloud-based platforms provide the reinforcement of transparency and collaboration with departments through a shared view updated in real time, which is extremely effective in executing decisions. With cloud, public administration can shift from the static and location-based service model to a flexible and adaptable system of resource allocation to where there is most need for improvement in the delivery and satisfaction of service.

3.3 AI and Machine Learning

The machine learning algorithms significantly contribute to public administration in terms of the enhancement of decision-making efficiency and operations. Through collection of vast amounts of data, the algorithm picks out the trends for predicting future service demands that help the public agencies better their allocation of resources. A key application is time series analysis, particularly using ARIMA models, which help forecast peak service request times, such as certificate applications. This foresight allows agencies to allocate resources effectively in anticipation of high demand. Decision trees and random forests also play a vital role in decomposing any complex decision-making process and the factors that affect service demand, like the day of the week or some local events. This helps public administrators to make informed decisions about staffing and resource allocation. One useful application of neural networks has to be in predicting time-based demand patterns variations. Through a type of LSTM model training from historical data, such a system can predict daily demands on agency resources, thus the capability to dynamically alter allocations with fluctuating patterns.

Clustering algorithms such as K-means can define geographical areas of similarity in service demand, and so resource allocation will be strategic [13]. In summary, integrating machine learning into public administration is shifting the model from a reactive resource allocation model to an optimal model that would increase resource use, enhance service delivery, responsiveness, and citizens' satisfaction. would not only streamline service delivery but also enhance the responsiveness and reliability of public services-thence the level of citizen satisfaction.

Figure 1 illustrates predictive analytics that allows forecasting of service demand patterns over time for an organization to proactively allocate resources and reduce backlogs by adjusting staff and resources ahead.

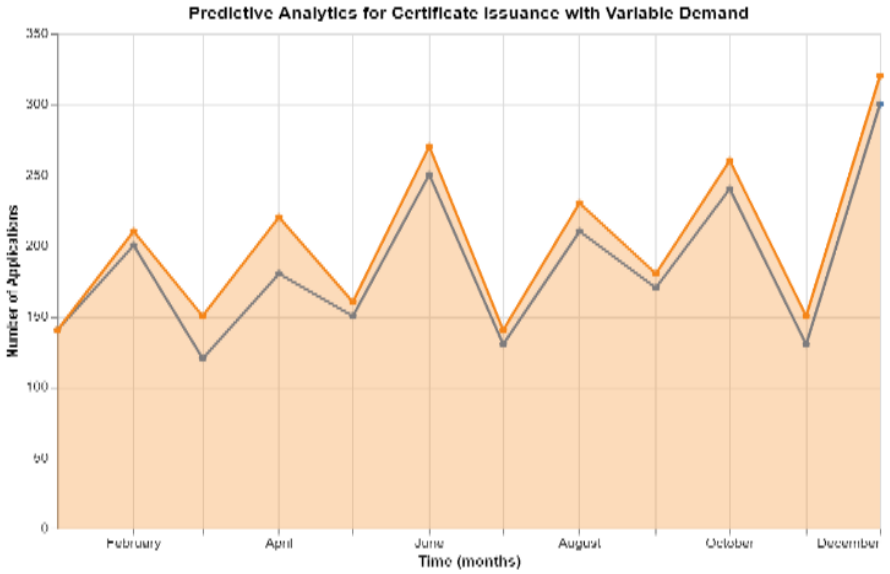


Figure 1: Predictive analytics for proactive resource allocation.

4 VARIOUS APPROACHES

4.1 Data Standardization

Standardization of data applies the feature of developing a uniform and homogenous format across all the data sources. Improper standardization leads to maximum precision with minimal errors, offering smooth integration and aggregation with sharing and analysis between departments hence allowing transparency in service and improving decision-making. Structures like JSON Schema and REST APIs provide structures for data exchange and therefore can communicate freely between other systems and conform to law regulations, which gains public confidence.

4.2 System Integration

System integration in public administration streamlines operations by having communication between different departments and their systems, ensuring effective flow of data and the resulting services. Standardizing of data formats and making an interoperable platform break all existing silos, hence availing real-time information among those different departments through one core system. This inter-connected mode is supportive of even services such as certificate issuance which should cross-reference data from multiple sources such as identity verification and residence records. Integrated systems improve speed and accuracy by removing redundancy and minimizing the amounts of manual data entry because information flows smoothly from one department to another. Moreover, integrating systems improves decision-making for administrators because they are in a position to access detailed up-to-date information along all spheres of relevance thereby facilitating a harmonized approach to resources allocation and policy implementation. This holistic connectivity helps theoperation of public services to run smooth and provide citizens with fast, reliable services, thus having a more responsive framework.

4.3 Real-Time Monitoring

Public administration needs monitoring as a response mechanism to changing demands in services and making resource allocation better. Application volume, processing time, and imbalances in regional demands can be constantly monitored to influence reactions among administrators. For instance, in the case of an unexpected increase in application in a given region, administrators will be in a position to re-allocate resources in regions with fewer applications so service delivery is not slowed. Finally, real-time monitoring promotes transparency whereby departments can make performance metrics such as response times and resource utilization open to review to create accountability and improve citizens' confidence. This will change public administration from being a static resource model to a dynamic, data-informed organization that can respond resiliently to variable demand in efficient ways-a recipe for delivering better-quality public services and greater citizen satisfaction.

Table 1 is describes, identifies predictive analytics, cloud computing, machine learning, and system integration as core technologies, each enabling demand forecasting, centralized data access, and cross-departmental resource managemen.



Figure 2: Traditional resource allocation process.

Figure 2 illustrates the traditional public administration static resource allocation model. Here, the old-fashioned fixed method of allocations in which allocations are carried once without regard to the fluctuations as dictated by either accommodation or demand is portrayed.

5 ANALYSIS OF EXISTING SOLUTIONS

The current solutions available in public administration are resource allocation models that rely more on static allocation, where the resources depend on historical data allocation instead of real-time demands [18]. Such models fail to meet the dynamic requirements of high-demand areas, such as certificate issuance, since demand is always fluctuating. Solutions involving real-time data processing, predictive analytics, and adaptive resource allocation have been successful in managing variable demand in sectors like healthcare and emergency services. Such sectors utilize centralized cloud platforms and AI-based analytics to predict demand and allocate resources efficiently, making this a model that would also be important if adapted to public administration.

Figure 3 depicts an optimized resource allocation process with real-time adjustments based on data insights. It contrasts the traditional model in that it supports dynamic demand change responses and thus optimizes service delivery overall.

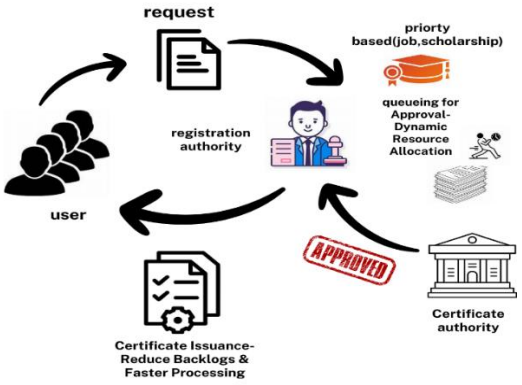


Figure 3: Optimized resource allocation process.

5.1 Analysis of Current Approaches and their End

The contemporary approaches in public administration suffer from limitations as they depend more on rigid and nonadaptive models that fail to be flexible. Resource allocation models tend to lack adaptability towards real-time changes in demand and, at times, create bottlenecks and backlogs. Most such models work in silos to avoid the sharing of comprehensive data across departments and almost by default limit the scope for collaborative resource management. While most sectors have adapted successfully with real-time monitoring and predictive analytics, public administration often lags, and problems ranging from infrastructure relics, to regulatory regulation, to financial constraints will weigh against it.

5.2 Challenges and Limitations

There are mainly three limitations: Interoperability among departments is pretty low, reliance on old legacy systems is very high, and real-time integration of data does not exist [19]. This hinders the ability to respond in a timely manner to demand volatility. Issues involving privacy and security further complicate data sharing to this extent, given that most public sector data is highly regulated. Budget also appears to be a limitation: such cloud infrastructure and predictive technologies are very capital-intensive. Change resistance within the classic administrative bodies may also impede and slow the development of adaptive, technology-based solutions in public administration.

5.3 Success Factors

Numerous factors determine success in real-time resource allocation systems in public administration. First of all, there must be a central cloud infrastructure that is available and offers storage space as well as provides the possibility of real-time online access for various departments. Predictive analytics and machine learning models are also quite important, as they can predict trends in the demand for the distributions system to make necessary allocations in advance. Interoperability between departments and data standardization depend on effective cross-departmental collaboration. Transparency and accountability are ingrained in the application, so the features of integration showing resource allocation to citizens and service performance should be critical.

5.4 Best Practices

The best practices in public administration to optimize resource allocation are standard data protocols such as JSON Schema and API frameworks that enable interoperability. Using predictive analytics models like ARIMA or LSTM helps track demand and make proactive resource management. Real-time monitoring of increasing demand triggers for administrators using centralized dashboards and automatic alert systems would improve the quality of services. Operations are further optimized through cloud infrastructure to improve scalability and automation tools for the routine performance of tasks. Public administration transformation would be guided by best practices from sectors such as healthcare, where adaptive frameworks had been well applied.

6 PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

6.1 Conceptual Model

The conceptual model for the framework proposed in public administration will be the data-driven optimization approach to the allocation and the efficiency of resources and services. Integral features of the multi-layered framework include real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and system integration. With such a framework, departments will find it possible to good predict and alter demand through this dynamic resource management approach. A new framework that strives for efficient applications processing-even at busy times-in high-demand areas must deliver instant insight into decision-making processes data-driven framework for resource allocation. Layers include data collection, predictive analytics, real-time monitoring, and decision support, reflecting, at each step, a smooth, streamlined process in dealing with fluctuating demands for services.

6.2 Testing and Automation

Testing and automation are an essential constituent of a reliable and scalable framework. Automated Testing tools validate every component-from ingesting data to predictive accuracy-with load testing ensuring that the system scales up at times of peak performance]. Real-time monitoring tools track performance metrics for the systems involved, and automated alerts notify administrators about anomalies that can ensure an always-responsive and stable environment that only minimizes downtime while supporting uninterrupted public service delivery.

Table 2 describes, specifies performance indicators - processing time, resource usage, citizen satisfaction, and forecast accuracy - to measure the impact of real-time data and adaptive resource management on service delivery.

7 REAL-TIME MONITORING FRAMEWORK

The Real-Time Monitoring framework on certificate issuance would collate the data collected from application counters, online portals, and feedback systems all into one central dashboard and thus enable smooth decision making. Data Collection Layer Fetches real-time data from counters of applications, online portals, and feedback systems in terms of submission times, uploads, and user satisfaction. Data Integration Layer work is Processes and standardizes data for uniformity while storing it in a scalable database for easy access and analysis. Monitoring Layer: Visual tools like Grafana, Power BI, to display dashboards with KPIs like processing time. Anomalies alert for delays or spikes. Resource Allocation Layer Used to predictive analytics to dynamically allocate resources, manage demand, and scale capacity automatically. Transparency Layer is Tracks processing times and application status while ensuring security, privacy, and traceability with role-based access controls. Figure 4 represents a data flow diagram of how real-time data integration from sources distributed over some areas, including application counters, and portals feed into a centralized dashboard to support monitoring, analysis, and hence proactive resource management and decision-making.

8 DISCUSSION

8.1 Theoretical Implications

This review and framework enrich public administration literature with a structured, data-driven approach to resource allocation, which integrates real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and system integration. It advances the adaptive resource management of the public sector from static towards technology-led models. A paradigm shifts from reactive towards proactive service management will therefore be seen in it-by bridging theoretical models towards AI-driven operational solutions-by providing AI and machine learning as predictive insights.

8.2 Practical Results

Actionable insights are forwarded to allow practitioners to access technology for decision support as well as service improvement in areas of resource allocation. Advanced preparations in predictive analytics prior to the occurrence of any bottlenecks will ensure uninterrupted service delivery quality. System integration brings interdisciplinary cooperation thereby eliminating duplication in the process while promoting improvement in decision-making for efficient, responsive, transparent and accountable service delivery.

8.3 Future Research Directions

Future work should be focused on developing sophisticated predictive models' ways tailored to specific demands of the public sector and consideration of regulatory constraints or variance in service patterns. The opportunities for research could be expanded further to include AI-driven decision systems that can automatically manage changes in resources, making services they are providing adaptive without necessitating substantial manual oversight. Further investigation into cross-departmental data integration frameworks should also be conducted to enhance interoperability across government agencies, which would ease flows of data further to enable more coordinated resource allocation.

Table 1: Key tehnologies in public administration resource allocation and monitoring.

Technology	Description	Evidence Source	Specific Feature
Predictive analytics	Forecasts demand using historical data, allowing for proactive resource allocation.	Ullah et al [14]	Models like ARIMA, LSTM; demand trend forecasting
Cloud computing	Permits centralized, scalable data access and storage, allowing for real-time modifications.	Nabawy, et al [15]	Centralized data, cloud-based scalability, real-time data access
Machine learning	Based on projected needs, AI models optimize resource allocation and forecast service demand.	Zhang [16]	Algorithms for trend analysis, clustering (e.g., K-means), time series forecasting
System Integration	Improves collaborative resource management by connecting different departmental data systems.	Wu et al [17]	Data sharing standards, REST APIs, JSON format for data exchange

Table 2: Evaluation metrics.

No.	Metric	Description	Source
1	Processing Time	Analyzes how long it takes to issue documents and process requests.	Celik., et al [20]
2	Resource Utilization Rate	Checks how well resources are being used in regions with high demand.	Cassman et al [21]
3	Citizen Satisfaction	Evaluates how satisfied the public is with service quality and response time.	Romero-subia et al [22]
4	Demand Forecast Accuracy	Measures the accuracy of demand change prediction models.	Fiig et al [23]

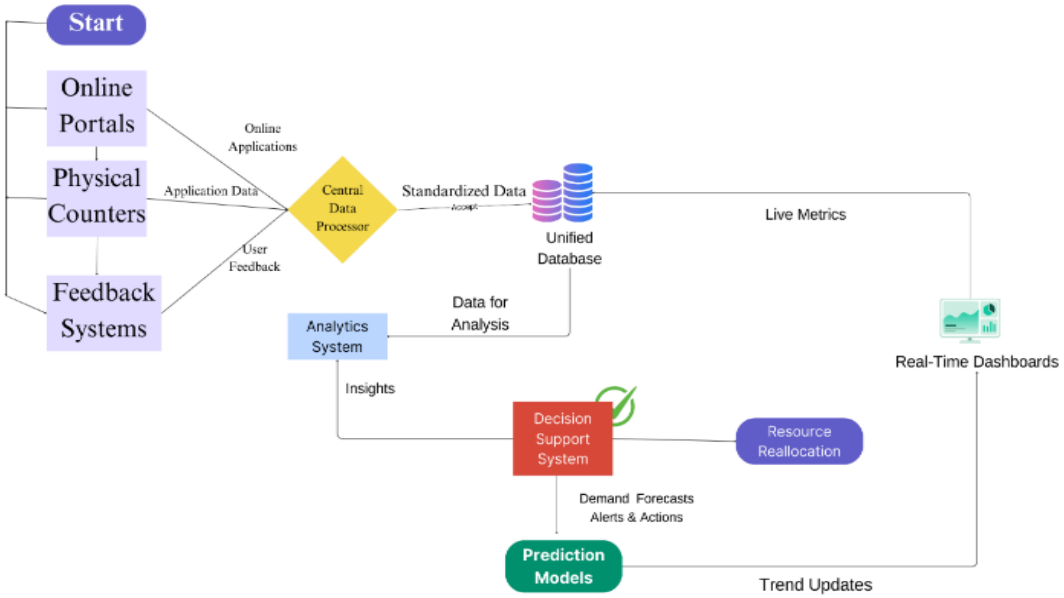


Figure 4: Data flow diagram for system integration.

9 CONCLUSIONS

This study proposes a data-driven resource management framework aimed at enhancing efficiency, transparency, and interoperability in public administration. The main contributions of the proposed framework are summarized as follows:

- Augmented efficiency. Real time monitoring, predictive analytics and systems integration will help in not just reactive but proactive resource management.
- Proactive resource allocation. Such a framework claims to enable the departments predict the demanding patterns and thus allocate resources dynamically.
- Technology integration. Cloud computing, AI and standardized data sharing protocols are some of the key elements that cut down on public administration delays and increase transparency.
- Citizen satisfaction. Increased transparency, with improved service efficiency should give a fillip to citizen satisfaction.
- Agile and resource-effective utilization. The data-driven framework is agile by nature, which aims at the elimination of bottlenecks and the maximization of operational efficiency.

All these can contribute to efficiency and interoperability among offices and departments with cloud-based platform investment, AI capability building, and data infrastructure upgradations. The employees and administrators are required to be trained to understand how the concept of operations works through data, and hence how to deploy real-time monitoring and prediction tools. Proper, rigorous measures for privacy and security will be needed to establish public trust in such sensitive information. Together, they would each contribute to a more responsive, accountable, and transparent resource management system better to serve citizens.

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SECTION 4

STATISTICAL MODELLING AND ANALYSIS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN LIFE SCIENCES

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Pattern Recognition of Core-Promoter DNA Sequences Based on Recurrent Neural Network

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Abstract: The interpretation of genomic sequences remains a major challenge in computational biology due to the inability of traditional methods to detect complex, context-dependent regulatory patterns. therefore, detecting the promoter sequences tends to lead to a high false-positive rate. Additionally, to overcome these limitations, we used the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) framework that autonomously identifies functional genomic elements by modelling long-range dependencies in Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA). we proposed the method of combining advanced pattern recognition with experimental validation, outperforming conventional techniques in detecting regulatory motifs while enabling standardized, high-throughput genomic annotation. By bridging computational and molecular biology, this approach provides a powerful solution, including synthetic biology and genome annotation pipelines. Benchmarking results demonstrate that the framework significantly improves detection of non-canonical and weakly conserved regulatory features, which are frequently missed by existing tools. To perform an analysis of the publicly available datasets: GRCh38.p14 on our proposed work, we have analyzed the accuracy is 92.26% in classifying genes and non-genes from the long DNA sequence.

1 INTRODUCTION

Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) is the hereditary material in almost all living organisms, carrying the genetic instructions essential for growth, development, functioning, and reproduction. It has a double-helix structure defined by base-pairing rules: adenine (A) pairs with thymine (T), and cytosine (C) pairs with guanine (G). DNA sequences vary widely in length, ranging from a few hundred base pairs to over three billion in the human genome. These sequences are the subject of extensive bioinformatics analysis, including alignment, motif discovery, variant calling, gene prediction, and functional classification. Many of these computational tasks benefit greatly from the application of deep learning techniques [1]. A common approach to labeling unknown query sequences is to build a database of reference sequences for the property of interest, map the queries to the database using k-mer matching or pairwise-sequence alignment, and finally use the mappings and their scores to assign labels. Alternatively, many important problems in bioinformatics, such as annotating genes and regulatory elements, are addressed by building a statistical model from a relevant database and then using this model to assign labels to queries [2].

The genome refers to the complete sequence of nucleotide bases adenine (A), thymine (T), cytosine (C), and guanine (G) that encodes the hereditary information within an organism's DNA [3]. Not all genomic regions encode for proteins or observable traits. In fact, a substantial portion of the genome is non-coding, meaning it does not directly translate into proteins. This genetic variability introduces challenges in structural genome annotation, which involves identifying functional elements such as genes and regulatory motifs based on DNA sequences, as illustrated in Figure 1. Because individuals within the same species can exhibit significant sequence variation, a genome annotated from one individual may not accurately represent another [4]. Therefore, it is inaccurate to refer to a single, definitive genome for an entire species [5]. A

gene is a coding region of the genome that is organized into structural units with a specific DNA sequence encoding a protein or another functional molecule. In eukaryotic genomes [6], each gene typically begins with non-coding regulatory sequences, followed by an Open Reading Frame (ORF) composed of both coding segments (exons) and non-coding segments (introns), and concludes with additional regulatory regions [7].

The core promoter is a DNA sequence located upstream of a gene's ORF, essential for the initiation of transcription. Virtually every eukaryotic gene possesses at least one promoter, while some are regulated by multiple promoters to allow tissue-specific or condition-specific gene expression. Promoters are broadly categorized into two primary subregions [8]:

Core Promoter. This region spans approximately 50 to 100 base pairs around the transcription start site (TSS). It contains conserved sequence motifs where basal transcription factors (TFs) bind to facilitate the recruitment of RNA polymerase, thereby initiating transcription. Due to its fundamental role, core promoter elements are typically conserved across species.

Proximal Promoter. Located immediately upstream of the core promoter, typically extending up to 250 base pairs from the TSS, the proximal promoter contains binding sites for gene-specific transcription factors such as activators and repressors. These sequences help modulate transcriptional efficiency but are not required to initiate transcription, resulting in higher variability between genes.

Traditional neural networks treat inputs as independent entities, whereas Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) are a class of deep learning models that possess internal memory, enabling them to capture sequential dependencies. These dependencies refer to the temporal order of inputs, making RNNs suitable for tasks involving sequential information [7]. RNNs employ a loop that applies the same operation to each element in a series; the current input and the previous computations are both used for the current computation [9]. The ability of RNNs to utilize contextual information is particularly valuable in tasks such as natural language processing, video classification, and speech recognition. For example, in language modeling, understanding the preceding words in a sentence is crucial for predicting the next word. RNNs excel at capturing such dependencies due to their recurrent nature [5]. Computational models should be developed to accurately identify subtle sequence variations, cryptic motifs, and functionally relevant signals or low-affinity regulatory elements that evade detection by conventional rule-based or feature-engineered approaches.

The primary aim of this research is to develop advanced computational methods for the accurate identification of regulatory elements within DNA sequences. The focus is on improving the detection of elusive yet biologically significant features such as weak transcription factor binding sites, cryptic splicing signals, and epigenetic markers that play a pivotal role in gene regulation and disease pathogenesis.

Figure 1 shows a diagram of structural blocks within DNA. In it, Figure 1a represents the positions of eukaryotic genes within the genome. One gene is enlarged to display its inner structure in more detail, and Figure 1b represents the structure of a eukaryotic RNA Polymerase II (Pol II) promoter with a single transcription start site (TSS), as illustrated. The core promoter is enlarged, showing the most commonly found elements along with their consensus sequences. This particular promoter would not be encountered in real biological contexts, as only a subset of these elements is required to initiate transcription. It is therefore used merely as an illustration tool to visualize the approximate location of the individual elements [8].

2 RELATED WORK

The integration of deep learning into genomic analysis represents a transformative shift from traditional approaches that heavily rely on manual feature engineering. Conventional methods are often time-consuming and risk overlooking biologically meaningful signals, especially those that remain poorly characterized or unknown. In contrast, deep learning models, particularly when trained on annotated genomic datasets, can autonomously extract relevant features directly from raw nucleotide sequences. These datasets commonly include known biological elements such as regulatory motifs, splice sites, and transcription factor binding sites, enabling models to learn biologically significant representations with minimal human intervention [1].

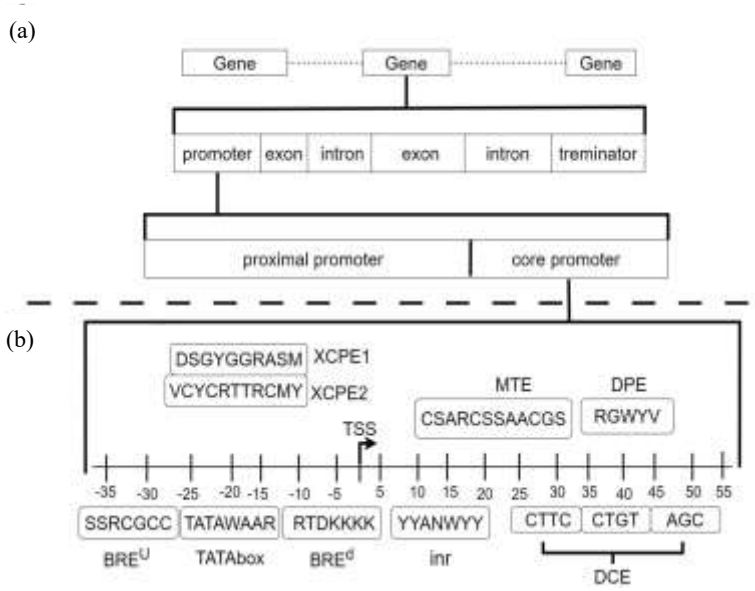


Figure 1: Structural blocks in DNA, a) Positions of eukaryotic genes within the genome, with one gene enlarged to show its internal structure; b) Illustrative RNA Polymerase II promoter with common core elements.

In previous work [3], core promoter elements have been shown to be highly variable, making their detection a complex task that necessitates sophisticated techniques. While ab initio computational techniques are improving, their predictions can still be greatly enhanced by integrating them with experimental data. For example, Zhang [5] employed both linear discriminant analysis and quadratic discriminant analysis to identify human core promoter regions. Furthermore, Ohler et al. [11] demonstrated that promoter predictions improve significantly when starting with accurate transcription start sites determined from a cap-trapped cDNA library with complete 5' ends [1].

Current models often rely on one-hot encoding, which requires uniform input length unless padding or cropping is applied. To address this limitation, a new k-mer encoding strategy has been proposed, which can handle variable-length sequences. Another common issue in genomic analysis, such as splice site prediction, is class imbalance, where negative samples outnumber positive ones. In contrast, promoter annotation remains challenging due to the absence of clear consensus sequences and the difficulty of constructing meaningful negative samples. A novel negative sample construction method has been introduced that retains conserved core promoter elements from positive samples [3].

Despite their diversity, many promoters share conserved elements. Among the most recognized is the TATA box, a DNA sequence typically located 25–30 base pairs upstream of the transcription start site. This element plays a crucial role in positioning the transcription initiation complex [10]. Another conserved feature, often found upstream of the TATA box, is the CAAT box, which helps regulate promoter activity and enhances transcription efficiency [12].

In their work, Nielsen and Voigt [13] explored how deep neural networks can address the sequence-labeling problem, focusing on species-level taxonomic classification of short 16S ribosomal DNA reads. This task presents a suitable benchmark due to its complexity and importance in microbial ecology. Their proposed DNN architecture learns complex sequence-to-label relationships directly, offering advantages over k-mer and alignment-based methods in terms of robustness to sequencing noise and variable read lengths [14]. Separately, a study on RNNs [15] explored how deep recurrent neural network architectures can capture structure within genetic sequences. The authors first confirmed that a character-level RNN can capture non-random parts of DNA by comparing the perplexity after training on a real genome to that from a random nucleotide sequence. Because multiple biological objects can interact with a given sequence, they framed this as a multitask learning problem, empirically showing how a deep network can outperform a baseline model on a significant majority of 919 binary labeling tasks [16]. However, a limitation of simple RNNs is their short-term memory, which restricts their ability to retain information over long sequences. To overcome this, more advanced RNN variants have been developed,

including Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) [17], bidirectional LSTM, Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) [18], bidirectional GRU, and Bayesian RNN [12].

A central challenge lies in developing computational frameworks capable of identifying subtle variations, cryptic motifs, and other biologically meaningful signals without relying on manual feature extraction or predefined rules. These elusive patterns, such as weak transcription factor binding sites, non-canonical splicing signals, or low-affinity regulatory elements, can have significant functional implications in gene regulation, protein-DNA interactions, and cellular signaling pathways, despite not conforming to known consensus sequences or scoring low on traditional statistical metrics [19]. Therefore, robust analytical techniques are needed that can learn from raw sequence data, adapt across diverse genomic environments, and reveal meaningful insights beyond the capabilities of conventional approaches.

3 METHODS

3.1 Preprocessing

The genomic database employed in this research was meticulously constructed through a structured data processing pipeline utilizing primary biological data sourced from the NCBI Reference Sequence Database (RefSeq). The human genome assembly in FASTA format served as the reference standard for the study due to its wide adoption and compatibility with bioinformatics tools. Chromosome-scale FASTA files were downloaded directly from NCBI's FTP servers, providing comprehensive DNA sequences for all human chromosomes. These raw sequences formed the foundational dataset used for genomic analysis and model training.

3.2 Computational Genomic Element Detection Framework

The computational framework for genomic element detection maps transcription initiation and termination signals within noisy DNA sequences. For core promoter detection, the BRE motif is first located via "CGCC" detection with upstream "SSR" validation, followed by identification of the TATA box ("TATAWAAR") using standardized shorthand translation, and concluded with Poly-A signal ("AATAAA") verification. All validated element coordinates are returned as a structured dictionary for precise promoter annotation.

For TATA-dependent core promoters, a hierarchical detection method is employed: the TATA box is identified through mandatory "TATA" and "WAAR" component recognition, the Inr motif is verified by confirmation of its central "A" flanked by "YY" upstream and "NWYY" downstream sequences, and the Poly-A signal is validated. Positional data are only returned upon confirmation of strict 5′→3′ element ordering to prevent false positives.

Annotation of TATA-less promoters is achieved through Inr motif ("YYANWYY") validation, followed by detection of the downstream promoter element (DPE) under stringent "RGWYV" contextual constraints (requiring R/G/WYV positional compliance), and Poly-A signal identification. The complete regulatory unit spanning from the Inr start to the Poly-A signal end is output for alternative promoter characterization.

Epigenetic regulatory regions are localized by scanning 200-bp windows to identify GC-rich regions (≥50% GC content and ≥0.6 CpG ratio), with subsequent verification of downstream Poly-A signals ("AATAAA"). Non-overlapping islands are returned with associated epigenetic metrics and Poly-A coordinates.

Finally, precise sequence modifications are enabled through segment excision: user-defined regions are replaced with masking characters ("N") while preserving the original sequence length. Input boundaries are validated, overlaps are prevented, and excised segments are cataloged for downstream analytical integrity. The steps of this computational genomic sequence analysis are illustrated in Figure 2.

Table 1 shows that core promoter genomic elements are critically important because they serve as fundamental regulators of gene expression. Mutations in these highly conserved motifs frequently lead to severe disruptions in transcriptional regulation, which can result in genetic disorders. The presence of these specific sequence patterns provides strong predictive evidence for functional DNA regions.

3.3 Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) form a specialized category of deep learning models that are particularly well-suited for analyzing sequential biological data, such as DNA sequences. The genomic sequence analysis in this study was conducted through a carefully designed deep learning architecture that systematically addresses both biological sequence processing and computational challenges.

Initially, DNA sequences are preprocessed by being divided into fixed-length segments of 1000 nucleotides to handle excessive sequence lengths. These segments are then converted into one-hot encoded 3D tensors with dimensions [batch_size, 1000, 4], where the final dimension represents the four nucleotide bases (A, T, C, G). Padding positions in these tensors are automatically identified and ignored through a built-in masking mechanism that utilizes a special value (-1), ensuring only valid nucleotide data is processed.

The sequence processing is performed through a hierarchical bidirectional recurrent neural network architecture. First, a bidirectional LSTM layer containing 256 total hidden units (128 units for forward processing and 128 for backward processing) is applied, with return_sequences=True to maintain the temporal structure. This is followed by a bidirectional GRU layer with 128 total hidden units (64 units in each direction), which provides additional sequence processing capacity. Notably, the masking information is automatically propagated through both recurrent layers.

The processed features are then transformed through a dense processing block consisting of two components: a time-distributed dense layer with 128 units and ReLU activation that operates independently at each sequence position, followed by a dropout layer with a 0.3 rate that randomly deactivates 30% of neurons during training to prevent overfitting. This combination enables robust feature extraction while maintaining positional information. The steps of this architecture are shown in Figure 3.

Finally, sequence annotation predictions are generated by a time-distributed dense output layer that utilizes softmax activation to produce probability distributions at each position, with the number of units corresponding to the annotation classes (two-class). This architecture effectively combines chunk-based sequence processing with advanced neural network components, enabling comprehensive analysis of full-length DNA sequences while maintaining computational efficiency through synchronized parameter updates across all sequence segments during each training epoch. The integration of bidirectional processing and proper sequence masking results in a powerful tool for accurate genomic element identification.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Training Performance

We report the achievable accuracy on the test dataset. For these experiments, the parameters for all models were set to 100 epochs and a batch size of 32, using a softmax activation function. The experiments were conducted on a computational system equipped with an NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4080 GPU (12GB VRAM) and 64GB of system memory. The Adam optimizer was used for model training. The dataset was split into 70% for training, 10% for validation, and 20% for testing. All code and results are available on GitHub [20].

Table 1: Core promoter short and function.

Element	Consensus Sequence	Biological Function
BRE^u	SSRCGCC	Binds TFIIB (transcription factor), ensuring correct RNA polymerase II positioning.
TATA Box	TATAAA	Anchor for TBP (TATA-binding protein); marks eukaryotic promoter regions.
BRE^d	RTDKKKKK	Binds TFIIB downstream of the TATA box, stabilizing the transcription initiation complex.
Inr (Initiator)	YYANWYY	Surrounds the transcription start site (TSS), which is critical for transcription initiation.
DPE	RGWYV	Stabilizes transcription machinery downstream of the TSS (~+28 to +32).

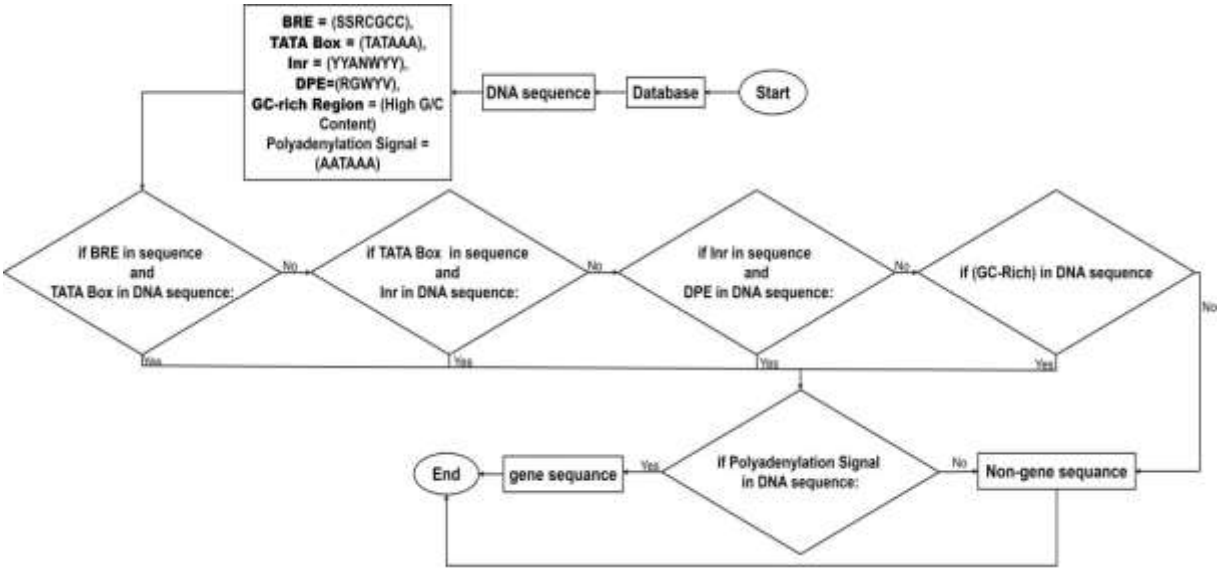


Figure 2: Genomic feature extraction and database storage system.

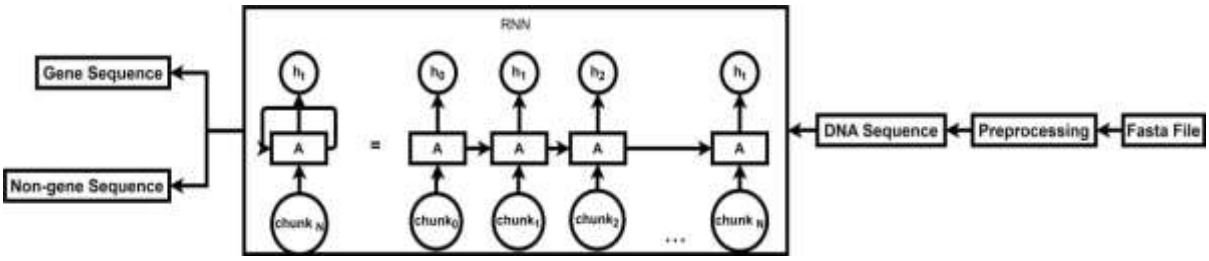


Figure 3: RNN-Core model for Core-promoter classification.

4.2 Core Promoter

Table 2 presents the conservation frequencies of core promoter elements in the provided matrix for the GRCh38.p14 assembly with IDs NC_000001.11, NC_000002.12, NC_000003.12, and NC_000004.12. Each element – BREu, TATA box, BREd, Inr, and DPE – is characterized by high diagonal percentages (98.2%, 96.85%, 98.1%, 98.05%, and 99.5%, respectively), indicating strong sequence specificity. Off-diagonal values, representing minor deviations, are below 1.5%, suggesting minimal functional overlap. These percentages reflect the stringent evolutionary constraints placed on promoter regions to ensure accurate transcription initiation. The TATA box, for instance, is correctly identified in 96.85% of cases, while misclassification as BREu occurs in only 1.16% of instances. Such precision is critical for proper binding of transcription machinery and regulatory fidelity.

Table 3 presents a dataset comprising labeled DNA sequences categorized into "gene-coding (genetic)" and "non-coding (epigenetic)" regions. The sequences, such as "GCCGTCCCGGCTCGCTCACTGCC" and "AGAACTGGGGGTGGACGGAGAGT", enable analysis of functional genomic elements, transcriptional regulation, and structural variations in coding versus regulatory DNA regions.

4.3 Comparison of Model on Grch38.P14

Table 4 presents performance metrics for various models on the GRCh38.p14 genome assembly. The GRU model achieves the highest accuracy (87.04%) and recall (88.98%), while the proposed RNN-Core model demonstrates superior precision (90.53%) and overall accuracy (92.26%). The CNN and LSTM models exhibit comparable performance, whereas the basic RNN underperforms across all metrics. These results highlight the efficacy of advanced architectures in genomic sequence analysis. Figure 4 shows a bar chart comparison of the performance results.

Table 2: Core-promoter elements distributed in the proposed work sequence GRCh38.p14 database.

	BRE^u (%)	TATAbox (%)	BRE^d (%)	Inr (%)	DPE (%)
BRE^u	98.2	1.33	0.1	0.2	0.17
TATAbox	1.16	96.85	0.69	0.1	1.2
BRE^d	0.15	1.08	98.1	0.15	0.52
Inr	0.57	0.15	0.81	98.5	0.42
DPE	0.15	0.2	0.15	0	99.5

Table 3: Example of storage core promoter as two classes (gene, non-gene).

Sequence	Genetic sequences	Epigenetic sequence
GGTCC,…,ACTGC	GGAGA,...,TTGT	AAGGG….,ACAGA
AGACC,…..,CACAT	TATATA,…,GATCA	GATTA,….,CGTATG
CTGGG,….,GGAGA	TCAATA,…,ACAGG	TACCT,..,ATGATT

Table 4: Comparison mode on GRCh38.p14.

Model	Accuracy, (%)	Pression, (%)	Recall, (%)	F1-Score, (%)
CNN [12]	86.69	87.01	86.12	86.56
RNN	68.97	74.72	77.14	75.91
LSTM[12]	85.46	85.70	84.32	85
GRU [13]	87.04	84.92	88.98	86.9
RNN-Core (proposed)	92.26	90.53	87.79	89.13

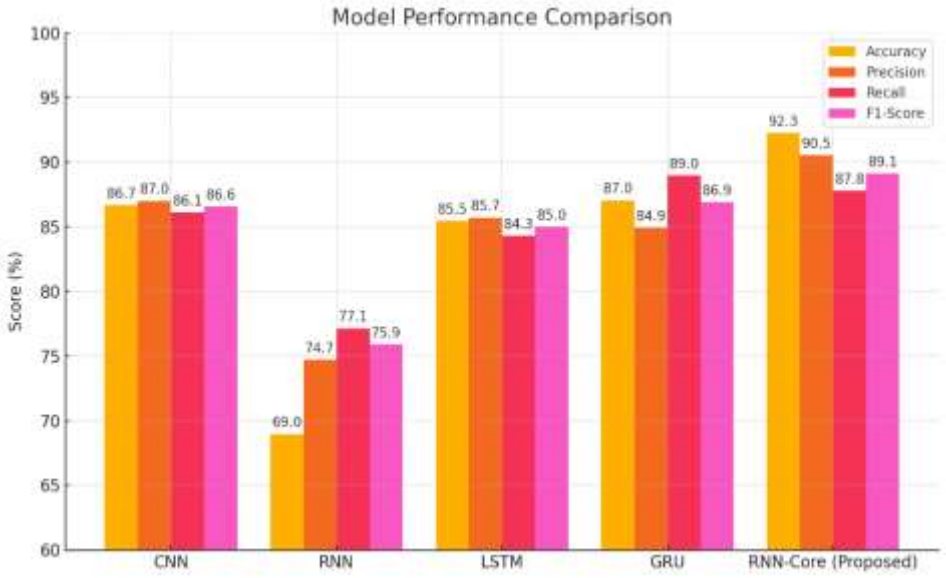


Figure 4: Performance bar of models.

5 CONCLUSIONS

This study successfully developed RNN-based framework that significantly advances genomic sequence interpretation by accurately identifying functional elements through effective modeling of long-range dependencies. By combining the powerful pattern recognition capabilities of deep learning with biological validation, this approach outperforms traditional methods in detecting regulatory motifs and enables standardized, reliable genomic annotation. The framework serves as a bridge between computational techniques and molecular biology, providing practical tools that have important applications in precision medicine and synthetic biology. Given the rapidly increasing volume and complexity of genomic data, such deep learning-based systems will be essential to unlocking the full potential of genomics. Looking ahead, future

enhancements will focus on integrating advanced attention mechanisms and diverse multi-omics datasets to further strengthen the framework's capacity for automated, scalable, and biologically comprehensive analysis. These advancements will open new opportunities for discovery and innovation in the era of big biological data.

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Robust Bayesian Estimation of Mixed Normal Dirichlet Models to Study the Effect of Some Climatic Factors on Evaporation

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Abstract: This study proposes and validates a robust Bayesian model based on a Dirichlet process mixture of normals (DMNM) for probability density estimation and missing data imputation in multivariate datasets. The primary focus is on addressing the challenge of incomplete data by providing a flexible and accurate estimation of their underlying probability density function. To fit the model, three Bayesian estimation algorithms are implemented and compared: the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm, the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method, and a Traditional Bayesian (TB) algorithm. The framework is applied to real-world climatic data (temperature, humidity, wind speed, and evaporation) obtained from the Meteorological Service in Basra, Iraq, with artificially introduced missing values at rates of 10%, 20%, and 40%. Model performance is evaluated using two key metrics: the Mean Squared Error (MSE) for imputation accuracy and computational execution time. The results demonstrate that the EM algorithm achieves the highest estimation accuracy (lowest MSE), while the TB method is the most computationally efficient. This work provides a practical toolkit for the statistical analysis of incomplete multivariate data in fields such as environmental modeling, hydrology, and agriculture.

1 INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of data in the field of statistical analysis in recent decades has led to a significant increase in complexity, particularly in multivariate data, due to the overlapping influence of multiple variables simultaneously. Therefore, there is a real need for sophisticated statistical models such as Bayesian models, given that we are dealing with incomplete data.

The use of advanced, efficient, and highly accurate probabilistic models characterized by great flexibility to model multivariate data, such as Dirichlet mixture normal models, is an effective tool in many economic, environmental, medical, educational, and agricultural fields. It is essential to employ advanced strategic techniques to correct and address the problem of missing values in data. The unique features of DMNM are a tool for addressing these challenges.

The challenges posed by missing data in nonparametric models were highlighted when the journal Econometrics published this in 2023 [1].

There are many studies and researches that have addressed Dirichlet models. Among them, T. S. Ferguson (1973) discussed nonparametric methods and their importance for estimating probability distributions, where he was able to clarify the concept of the Dirichlet process. In 2017, an analytical study of traffic accident data was published by researcher S. Heydari, who was able to employ mixed Dirichlet process models to analyze these accidents in a unique way that helps us understand them. In recent years, specifically in 2024, a group of researchers (P. Cardoso and other) used Dirichlet processes mixture normal on data containing missing values. The model was used to select the best treatment for patients with type 2 diabetes, and this model was distinguished by its efficiency and capabilities [2], [3], [4].

The improvement in Bayesian analysis methods introduced in this study, when dealing with incomplete data, represents an important addition to scientific research to address all practical challenges. Consequently, this paper provides a new perspective on climate and evaporation studies using three comparative methods: the Markov chain Monte Carlo method, the traditional Bayesian method, and the expectation-maximization method.

Based on the above, this research aims to present an advanced Bayesian statistical framework based on mixed Dirichlet models for normal distributions, incorporating mechanisms to handle missing values and achieve robust multivariate probability density estimation. The research also seeks to demonstrate the effectiveness of this model in analyzing the impact of climate variables on evaporation, by comparing its performance with traditional and modern estimation methods. A list of the symbols and abbreviations used throughout the paper is provided in Appendix (Table A.1).

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1 Dirichlet Distribution

Used in Bayesian models, this distribution is a generalization of the beta distribution for more than two parameters, and is considered a continuous distribution.

The Dirichlet distribution is a multivariate probability distribution for vectors X = (x1, x2,…, xs) where $\sum_{r=1}^{s} X_r = 1$ and Xr ≥ 0 for all r.

The probability density function of the Dirichlet distribution is defined as follows [5]:

$$f(X/\tau)=\frac{\Gamma(\sum_{r=0}^{s}\tau_r)}{\prod\Gamma(\tau_r)}\prod_{r=1}^{s} X_r{}^{\tau_r-1}, \qquad (1)$$

where:-

τ_r : shape parameters (concentration coefficient)

Γ(·) : Gamma function

The shape of the Dirichlet distribution can be illustrated by generating 1000 points in the R program that were created from a Dirichlet distribution with three shape parameters $\tau^3 = (\tau_1,\tau_2,\tau_3)$, where "Tau" (τ) is the Dirichlet's concentration (shape) parameter vector, and τ_1, τ_2, τ_3 are the shape parameters with the following values [6]:

- τ_1 Tau value = (1,1,1): then the dirichlet distribution becomes a uniform distribution.
- τ_2Tau value = (30,30,30) and (8,16,32): then values tend to be X_r centrered.
- τ_3Tau value = (0.2,0.2,0.2): then value tend to be broder centric.

Figure 1 shows the Dirichlet distribution, where 1000 points were generated using R software, and Table 1 shows the Dirichlet distribution.

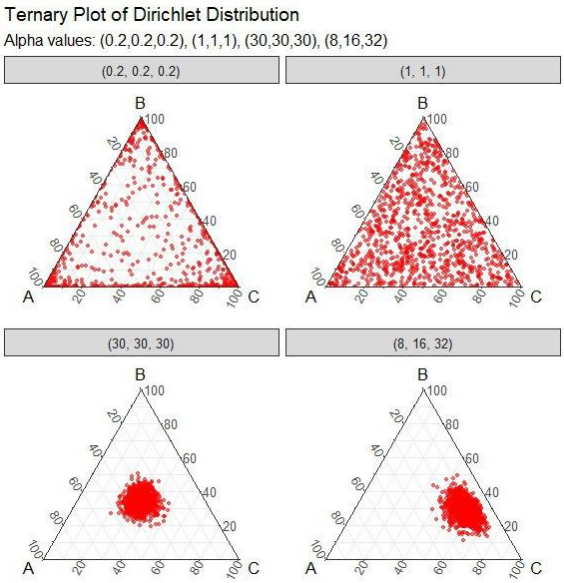


Figure 1: Dirichlet distribution generated from 1,000 sample points using R software.

Table 1: Some properties of the Dirichlet distribution.

Mean	$E[X_r]=\frac{\tau_r}{\tau_0}$ r=1,2, … s
Variance	$Var[X_r]=\frac{\tau_r(\tau_0-\tau_r)}{\tau_0^2(\tau_0+1)}$ r=1,2, … s
Covariance matrix	$Cov(X_r, X_q)=\frac{-\tau_r\tau_q}{\tau_0^2(\tau_0+1)}$ r,q=1,2, … s $and\ (r \neq q)$

2.2 Dirichlet Process

It is a stochastic process used in nonparametric Bayesian models, especially in Dirichlet mixture models. The Dirichlet process is a nonparametric generalization of the Dirichlet distribution, where it is not a fixed probability distribution over a finite number of classes, but rather is defined over the space of probability distributions that is, it is a probability distribution over the probability distributions themselves. Mathematically, it can be stated as follows [7]:

$$\text{Let } K \sim DP(\tau,K_0) \text{ and } X \sim K_0. \qquad (2)$$

Where:

1) K: It is the distribution resulting from the Dirichlet process;
2) K_0: It is the basic distribution (the distribution around which the resulting distributions are centered);
3) τ: It is the Dirichlet parameter or concentration coefficient:

- If τ is small, the resulting distribution is more concentrated around specific values.
- If τ is large, the resulting distribution is closer to the underlying distribution.

2.2.1 The Basic Property of the Dirichlet Process

The Dirichlet process has a fundamental property known as the distributional consistency property. If we have a Dirichlet process (K) defined by a concentration parameter (τ) and a basic distribution (K0), then any subdivision of the probability space {B1,B2,…,Bs} of X produces a Dirichlet distribution [8]:

$[K(B_1),K(B_2),..,K(B_s)] \sim Dir [\tau K_0 (B_1), \tau K_0 (B_2),.., \tau K_0 (B_s)],$ (3)

where:

- $K(A_r)$: It is the probability mass that K assigns to the region Ai of the probability space (the probability value of the class B_r).
- $\tau K_0 (B_r)$: Weight assigned to category Br based on primary distribution.

The mean distribution and its variance are respectively given by

$E[K(B)] = K_0(B)$ and $Var[K(B)] = \frac{K_0(B)(1-\tau K_0(B))}{(\tau+1)}$.

2.3 Dirichlet Mixture Normal Model

It is a non-parametric statistical model used to identify an unlimited number of components in the data. When Dirichlet processes are combined with the normal distribution as a basic component, the model can adapt to data that follow a normal distribution flexibly and dynamically (the model's ability to adapt to changes in the data or requirements). Model formula [9]:

$$g_c(X \mid \vartheta, \sigma) = \sum_{p=1}^{c} \vartheta_p \prod_{r=1}^{s} \frac{1}{\sigma_r} \varphi\left(\frac{x_r - M_{rp}}{\sigma_r}\right), \quad (4)$$

where:

- $\vartheta : (\tau_1,\ldots,\tau_m)$;
- $\sigma : (\sigma_1,\ldots,\sigma_s)$;
- $\varphi(\cdot)$: Density function of the standard normal distribution of a random variable;
- ϑ p: Mixture weights determined by Dirichlet operations.

Mrp,r=1,…,s ,p=1,..,c: Mr=(mr1,mr2,…,mrc)' are the c knote of variable Xr. We pice the knots for X1 first, M1=(m11,m12,…,m1c)' is where m11=min(X1), m1c=max(X1), and m1q=X1(uq) , q=2,…,c-1, which is the index of the ordered value for variable X1,uq=[$\frac{q-1}{c-1}$v].

The parameters of each component in the mixture (σ_s^2) are generated from the underlying distribution K0 (representing the distribution of parameters) by the following:

$$(\sigma_s^2) = \vartheta_p,$$

$$(\sigma_s^2) \sim K0,$$

$$K0=\text{Inv-Gamma}(\sigma 2 \mid a0,b0).$$

then:

$$\vartheta \sim \text{Dirichlet } (\vartheta 1,\ldots,\vartheta c),$$

$$K0=\text{Inv-Gamma}(\sigma 2 \mid a0,b0).$$

2.4 Robust Bayesian Estimation

Bayesian analysis is named after Thomas Bayes, who introduced the concept of conditional probability as a basis for understanding how probabilities change when additional information becomes available. It is a statistical technique based on the principle of updating prior knowledge in light of new data. This type of analysis combines what we already know (i.e., prior information) with what we obtain from observations to arrive at more accurate and realistic conclusions. Bayesian analysis is characterized by its great flexibility in dealing with uncertainty, making it suitable in cases where data are incomplete or constantly changing [10] - [14].

Robust Bayesian estimation is an advanced statistical approach that aims to achieve accurate and reliable Bayesian inference even in the presence of data affected by confounding or outlier values and deviations from the underlying assumptions of the model. When studying the effect of climate factors on evaporation, this method is crucial due to the complex nature of the data, which often contains missing values [15] - [18].

In this research, we used three main techniques based on flexible probability distributions that can reduce the impact of extreme values [19] - [22].

2.4.1 Typical Bayesian Method (TB)

It is a traditional Bayesian algorithm based on normal Dirichlet models, and uses Gibbs sampling to update mixture weights and band sizes alternately until a numerical result for the prior Bayesian distribution is reached from which density properties can be inferred and missing values can be estimated when needed.

Algorithm 1. Typical Bayesian Mixture Density Estimation (TBMDE).

Suppose we have s dimensional complete data x1, ...xv, g(x|ϑ,σ) $=\sum_{p=1}^{c}\vartheta_p g_p(x|\sigma)$.

ϑ ~ Dir(τ1, ..., τc), $\sigma_r^2\sim$ InverseGamma(ar , br), r = 1, ..., s and ϑ,

{σr}1≤r≤s are independent.

Initialize $\vartheta^{(0)} = (\frac{1}{c},\frac{1}{c},\ldots,\frac{1}{c})$ and $\sigma^{2(0)}$.

for iteration u = 1, 2, ... do.

Sample $\vartheta^{(u)} \sim \vartheta|\sigma^{(u-1)}$using I

Sample $\sigma^{2(u)} \sim \sigma^2|\vartheta^{(u)}$ using II

end for

I= (Sample $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ given $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$)

ϑ ~ Dir(τ1, ..., τc) and σ is fixed.

Initialize $\vartheta^{(0)} = (\frac{1}{c},\frac{1}{c},\ldots,\frac{1}{c})$.

for iteration u = 1, 2, ... do.

$sample\ P_r^{(u)}\sim\frac{\vartheta_p^{(u-1)}g_p(x_r|\sigma)}{\sum_{p=1}^{c}\vartheta_p^{(u-1)}g_p(x_r|\sigma)}I(p_r=p).for\ r=$ 1.2.$\cdots$.v.

$sample\ \vartheta^{(u)}\sim Dir\left(v_1\left(P^{(u)}\right)+\tau_1.\cdots.v_c\left(P^{(u)}\right)+\tau_c\right).$

$where\ v_p\left(P^{(u)}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{v}I(P_r^{(u)}=p).for\ p=$ 1.$\cdots$,c.

$end\ for$.

II= (Sample $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ given $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$)

$\sigma_r^2\sim$ InverseGamma(ar , br), r = 1, ..., s,{σr}1≤r≤s are independent. and ϑ is fixed.

Initialize $\sigma^{2(0)}$

for iteration u = 1, 2, ... do.

$sample\ P_r^{(u)}\sim\frac{\vartheta_p g_p\left(x_r|\sigma^{(u-1)}\right)}{\sum_{p=1}^{c}\vartheta_p g_p\left(x_r|\sigma^{(u-1)}\right)}I(p_r=p).for\ r=$ 1.2.$\cdots$.v.

$$sample\ \sigma_r^{2(u)}\sim InverseGamma\left(\frac{v}{2}+a_r.\frac{\sum_{q=1}^{v}(x_{qr}-m_{rpq})^2}{2}+b_r\right).$$

$for\ r=1.\cdots.s.$

$where\ x_{qr}\ denotes\ the\ r^{th}\ variable\ of\ x_q$

end for

2.4.2 Markov Chain Monte Carlo Method (MCMC)

2.4.2.1 General Framework of MCMC

The MCMC method is a type of stochastic simulation. It is a method that allows approximation of complex and multi-dimensional integrals by using random sampling procedures from probability distributions. The MCMC method consists of two components, the Markov chain and the Monte Carlo integration. The importance of the Markov chain is to draw a series of samples from the target probability distribution to obtain balance or stability, due to the difficulty of obtaining random samples directly, and the greater the number of steps, the greater the convergence between the sample distribution and the actual distribution, then the second component, which is the Monte Carlo integration, is used to approximate the complex integration. There are many methods and algorithms used in MCMC, but in this research we used Gibbs Sampling (GS) algorithm [23].

2.4.2.2 Gibbs Sampling (GS) Algorithm

One important Bayesian algorithm estimates data density and compensates for missing values within a mixture of normal Dirichlet models. As shown below:

Algorithm 2. Gibbs Mixture Data Imputation (GMDI).

Same step (i) in the first algorithm

Initialize $\vartheta^{(0)} = (\frac{1}{c},\frac{1}{c},\ldots,\frac{1}{c})$ and $\sigma^{2(0)}$.

for iteration u = 1, 2, ... do.

for r = 1, ..., v do.

for q ∈ Cr (Missing value index set of xr) do.

Sample $X_{rq.miss}^{(u)}\sim$ s(xrq,miss, q ∈ Cr |ϑ (u-1) , xrq,obs, q /∈ Cr).

end for.

end for.

Sample (ϑ (u) ,σ 2(u)) ~ (ϑ,σ 2)|Xobs,$X_{miss}^{(u)}$ using Algorithm 1.

end for.

2.4.3 Expectation Maximization Method (EM)

It is an iterative algorithm that transforms parameter estimates in the presence of hidden variables into a series of simple updates until stable estimates are reached. Therefore, it is an expectation-maximization algorithm applied to a mixture of normal Dirichlet models. It is used to find maximum-likelihood estimates (MLEs) of the model parameters ϑ (component weights) and σ (band sizes). The working mechanism of this algorithm can be explained as follows [24].

Algorithm 3. (EM).

As in step (i) of Algorithm 1

Initialize $\vartheta^{(0)} = (\frac{1}{c},\frac{1}{c},\ldots,\frac{1}{c})$ and $\sigma^{2(0)}$.

for iteration u = 0,1, 2, ... do.

E-step: for each r=1,…,v and p=1,…,c (compute responsibilities Ar,p)

let obsr⊆{1,…,s}

$$A_{rp}^{(u)}=\frac{\vartheta_p^{(u)}\prod_{q\in obsr}\frac{1}{\sigma_q^{(u)}}\varphi(\frac{x_{r.q}^{(u)}-m_{q.p}}{\sigma_q^{(u)}})}{\sum_{p=1}^{c}\vartheta_p^{(u)}\prod_{q\in obsr}\frac{1}{\sigma_q^{(u)}}\emptyset(\frac{x_{r.q}^{(u)}-m_{q.p}}{\sigma_q^{(u)}})}.$$

Imputation: Fill in missing entries, For each sample r and each missing dimension q∈missr:

$$x_{r.q}^{(u)} = \sum_{p=1}^{c} A_{r.p}^{(u)} m_{q.p}.$$

end for.
end for.
M-step (update ϑ and σ) for each p=1,…,c and q=1,…,s

$$\vartheta_p^{(u+1)} = \frac{1}{v}\sum_{r=1}^{v} A_{r.p}^{(u)}.$$

$$(\sigma_q^2)^{(u+1)} = \frac{1}{v}\sum_{r=1}^{v}\sum_{p=1}^{c} A_{r.p}^{(u)}(x_{r.q}^{(u)} - c_{q.k})^2, \quad \sigma_q^{(u+1)} = \sqrt{(\sigma_q^2)^{(u+1)}}$$

end for.
end for.
Convergence check
Stop when parameter changes $\|\vartheta^{(u+1)} - \vartheta^{(u)}\|$ and $\|\sigma^{(u+1)} - \sigma^{(u)}\|$ are below a preset threshold.
end for.

3 APPLICATION

In this section, a Bayesian estimation model was used to analyze the effect of temperature, humidity, and wind on evaporation. To obtain accurate estimates of the data probability density and address the missing data problem, we relied on three estimation methods: EM, MCMC, and TBMDE. When analyzing the data using missing ratios, a comprehensive comparison was conducted, allowing for a more accurate and specific assessment of the impact of climate factors. The applied results obtained by the model are considered important tools that can be utilized by the Meteorological Authority, the Water Resources Directorate, and the Agriculture Directorate to develop effective strategies for irrigation and agricultural systems to address the challenges posed by climate change, as well as when preparing academic research and studies.

3.1 Data Description

The data in this research were obtained from the Ministry of Transport/General Authority of Meteorology in Basra Governorate, Iraq. For the period 1/10/2023 to 24/4/2024. The research sample includes four variables: evaporation (X1) as a dependent variable, and temperature (X2), humidity (X3), and wind speed (X4) as independent variables. It consists of 207 observations. Random missingness values (0.1, 0.2, 0.4) were used in the data to analyze the effect of missing values on Bayesian models.

3.2 Results and Discussion

The analysis of the models was implemented using the R programming language, a leading tool for statistical computing, chosen for its efficiency in processing complex datasets. To evaluate the robustness of the Bayesian estimation methods – EM, GMDI, and TBMDE – against data incompleteness, their performance was tested on the original complete dataset after introducing three different rates of random missing values (0.1, 0.2, and 0.4). The evaluation was based on two primary criteria: estimation accuracy, measured by Mean Squared Error (MSE), and computational efficiency, assessed by execution time.

The following results were obtained as shown in Table 2.

The following Mean Squared Error (MSE) results are obtained based on the experimental results:

- MSE for variable X_1 at 0.1, 0.2, and 0.4. Whereas the best estimation method is EM.
- MSE for variable X_2 at 0.1. Whereas the best estimation method is TBMDE, at 0.2, and 0.4. Whereas the best estimation method is EM.
- MSE for variable X_3 at 0.1, 0.2, and 0.4. Whereas the best estimation method is EM.
- MSE for variable X_4 at 0.1, 0.2, and 0.4. Whereas the best estimation method is EM.

Figure 2 illustrates the influence of the climatic factors (X_2, X_3, and X_4) on X_1, highlighting how variations in these factors are associated with changes in X_1. Time (sec) ± SD: The fastest method in terms of execution time is TBMDE At 0.1, 0.2, and 0.4 , whereas the most efficient and accurate method is EM as shown in Table 3.

Figure 3 presents the density estimation results under varying missing data rates, comparing the performance of three methods: Expectation-Maximization (EM), Gaussian Mixture Density Imputation (GMDI), and Tree-Based Missing Data Estimation (TBMDE). The figure illustrates how each method responds to different levels of missingness, highlighting their relative accuracy and robustness in density estimation.

Table 2: MSE values for each variable on real data. Bold values indicate the best (lowest) MSE in each column/row.

r	Methods	X1	X2	X3	X4
0.1	TBMDE	0.2940	0.0387	0.0523	0.0252
	GMDI	0.8294	0.1057	0.1317	0.0460
	EM	0.1763	0.0396	0.0473	0.0202
0.2	TBMDE	0.2349	0.0414	0.0425	0.0223
	GMDI	0.6531	0.0880	0.0865	0.0569
	EM	0.1606	0.0413	0.0422	0.02226
0.4	TBMDE	0.1515	0.0478	0.0653	0.02174
	GMDI	0.3779	0.0983	0.1099	0.0437
	EM	0.1457	0.04646	0.04647	0.02167

Table 3: Comparison of the execution rate of each estimation method in seconds and the standard deviation of (r = 0.1, 0.2, and 0.4).

r	Methods	Time (sec) ± SD
0.1	TBMDE	0.0076 ± 0.0022
	GMDI	0.0147 ± 0.0064
	EM	0.0422 ± 0.0109
0.2	TBMDE	0.0071 ± 0.0029
	GMDI	0.0122 ± 0.0042
	EM	0.0326 ± 0.0085
0.4	TBMDE	0.0065 ± 0.0013
	GMDI	0.0082 ± 0.0026
	EM	0.0244 ± 0.0076

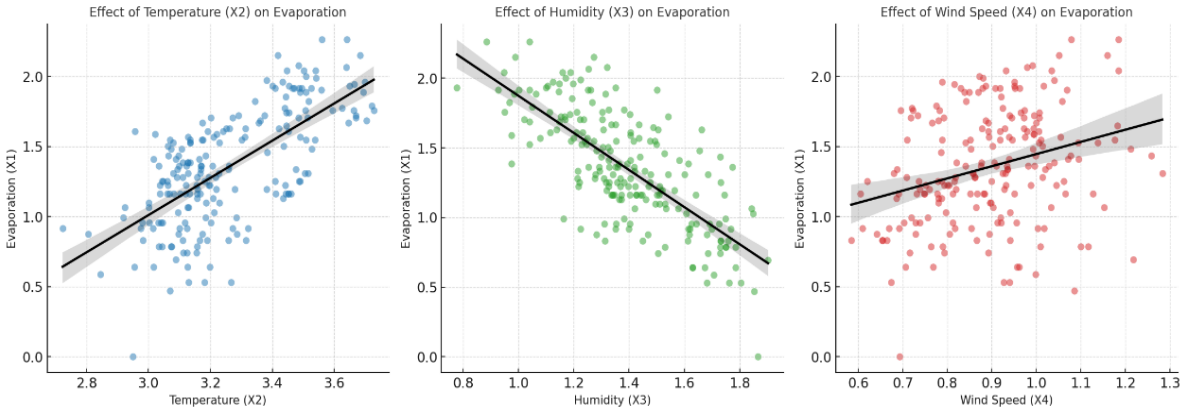


Figure 2: The effect of climatic factors (X2, X3, X4) on (X1).

The results indicate a clear positive linear relationship between temperature (X2) and evaporation (X1), with an increase in temperature leading to higher evaporation rates. In contrast, humidity (X3) shows the opposite effect, with evaporation values decreasing with increasing humidity. Wind (X4) also had a positive effect, but it was relatively weaker compared to the effect of temperature.

The graphs compare the probability density functions of the studied variables after introducing different missingness ratios (10%, 20%, and 40%) and using three methods to estimate the missing values. The EM method showed strong performance in preserving the distributional properties, while GMDI showed increasing sensitivity with higher missingness ratios, especially in the tails. TBMDE provided a conservative estimate centered around the mean, with partial loss of distributional properties in the tails. The results indicate that varying missingness ratios clearly affect the accuracy of the estimation, highlighting the importance of choosing the most appropriate method based on the nature of the data and the level of missingness.

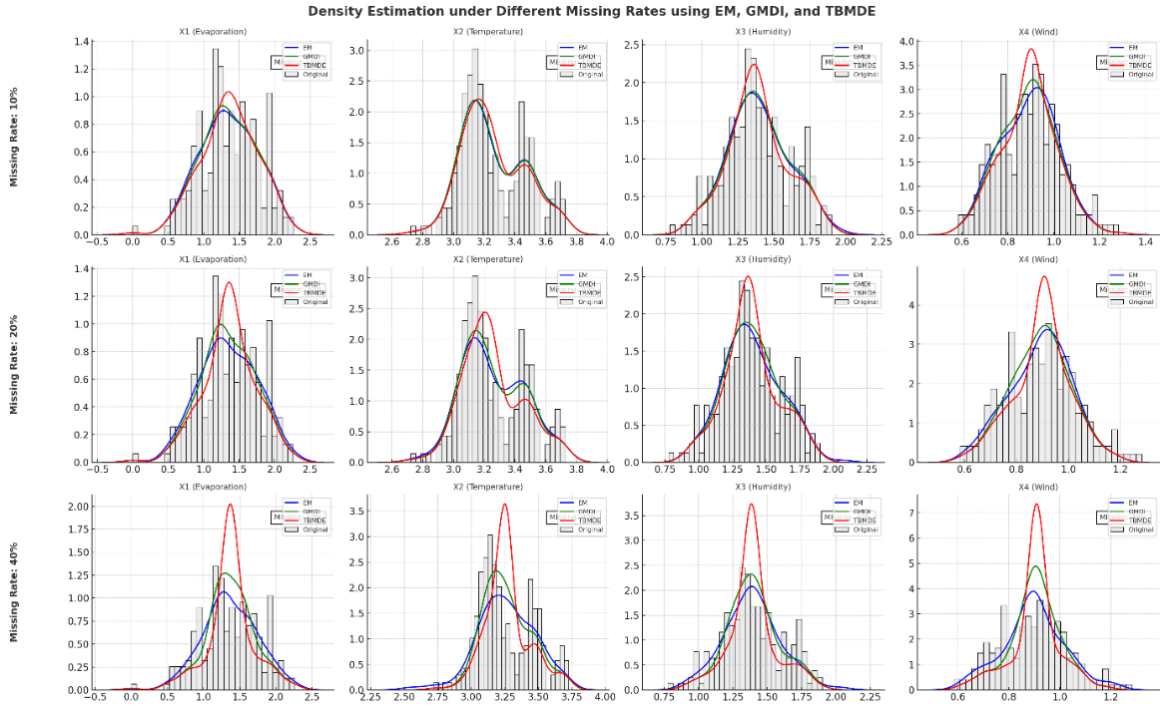


Figure 3: Density estimation under different missing rates using EM, GMDI and TBMDE.

4 CONCLUSIONS

This research seeks to present an integrated Bayesian framework for estimating probability density for multivariate data with missing data, using mixture models of normal distributions and three estimation methods: EM, GMDI, and TBMDE. The key points are as follows. The best estimation method that has shown high efficiency in estimation is EM. The method that is characterized by its rapid implementation is TBMDE, which is useful for researchers, especially if the sample size is very large. Regarding the effect of climatic factors (X2, X3, X4) on evaporation (X1), the most influential climatic factor on evaporation is maximum temperature, followed by minimum relative humidity (but with the opposite effect), and then wind speed, which is a lesser contributing factor. These graphs provide an important visual input that supports the construction of interpretive or predictive statistical models of evaporation rates, highlighting the importance of studying these variables within more complex analytical frameworks such as multivariate or Bayesian models. Based on the results, it is clear that the EM method is used to achieve high accuracy, while the TBMDE method is preferred if the goal is speedy implementation.

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APPENDIX

Table A.1: The key symbols and abbreviations.

Symbol	Meaning
X1	Evaporation rate (mm/day)
X2	Maximum daily temperature (C)
X3	Minimum daily humidity (%)
X4	Wind speed (m/s)
DP	Dirichlet process
DMNM	Dirichlet mixture Normal model
TB	Typical Bayesian
TBMDE	Typical Bayesian Mixture Density Estimation
GMDI	Gibbs Mixture Data Imputation
MCMC	Markov Chain Monte Carlo
EM	Expectation Maximization
GS	Gibbs Sampling

Forecasting Energy Consumption Using Time Series Models: A Comparison of Naïve, ARIMA, and Auto-ARIMA Approaches

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Abstract: Accurate forecasting of energy consumption is critical for optimizing resource management and supporting sustainable development. This paper presents a comparative analysis of forecasting models for household energy consumption, evaluating the performance of simple naïve methods (Daily, Weekly, and Year-Over-Year persistence) against established statistical models (ARIMA and Auto-ARIMA). The study utilizes a real-world household power consumption dataset, employing data preprocessing, normalization, and a standardized training-testing split. Performance is rigorously evaluated using the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) metric. The results demonstrate a clear hierarchy in forecasting accuracy: naïve models exhibit the highest error (RMSE 543.82–638.93), followed by the manually configured ARIMA model (RMSE 160–200). The Auto-ARIMA model, which automates parameter optimization, achieves the lowest error (RMSE 100–120), confirming its superior capability in capturing complex temporal patterns. This study concludes that while naïve models offer simplicity, advanced time series models like Auto-ARIMA are essential for accurate forecasting, providing a reliable tool for informed energy planning and efficiency strategies. Future work should focus on integrating exogenous variables and exploring deep learning architectures to further enhance predictive performance.

1 INTRODUCTION

Accurate energy consumption prediction is an essential tool for optimizing resource management and reducing waste within energy systems. As noted in [1], [2], forecasting methods have become widely adopted by governments to enhance planning and maintain a balance between supply and demand in energy markets. Time series models are among the most commonly employed techniques for this task, as they effectively analyze historical data to anticipate future trends. These models range from basic methodologies, such as linear regression, to more complex approaches based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), including Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) and hybrid ARIMA models. More sophisticated statistical models (e.g., ARIMA and hybrid methods) have demonstrated strong forecasting capabilities, thereby enhancing demand-side management [3].

Recent studies [4], [5] show that these models have been effective in improving forecasting accuracy, helping to address the growing challenges of the energy sector. Despite these advances, there remains a need for further comparative studies to evaluate the efficiency of naïve versus enhanced forecasting methods to determine the most effective approaches across various contexts. Accurate energy consumption prediction is crucial for the appropriate allocation of resources, as highlighted in [6], [7].

The aim of this paper is to evaluate and compare the performance of naïve and improved models for energy consumption prediction, highlighting the advantages of each category. It seeks to provide insights that can help decision-makers adapt these models to improve energy management strategies. This research utilizes current data to assess the performance of different models. The expected results will contribute to a better understanding of energy usage dynamics and offer new methodologies to meet the increasing demand for energy resources.

2 RELATED WORK

Research on time series models for energy consumption prediction continues to attract considerable scientific interest. For instance,

researchers analyzing data from a Chinese electricity distribution network adopted a hybrid ANN-ARIMA model. Performance metrics such as RMSE and MAE demonstrated that the hybrid model achieved significantly better results than conventional models [7].

In another study using U.S. residential energy data from the UCI Machine Learning Repository, CNNs and RNNs were applied to analyze temporal patterns. Empirical results indicated that RNNs performed better at capturing long-term dependencies [8]. In [9], authors utilized industrial energy data from an Indian government database, comparing Random Forest (RF) and Moving Average (MA) models. The RF model outperformed traditional methods by approximately 15% in prediction accuracy.

In contrast, a study [10] employed data from the Japanese Ministry of Transport to analyze energy consumption in the transportation sector. To handle nonlinear data, an LSTM model was applied, showing that conventional ARIMA models had an RMSE roughly 20% higher than the LSTM model. Meanwhile, in [11], authors used South Korean energy consumption statistics to analyze the impact of missing data. They combined data interpolation techniques with autoencoders and other deep learning models to enhance accuracy, measured using the F1-Score.

A study based on Singapore's real-time energy consumption data [12] utilized an ARIMA-based model optimized with a hybrid genetic algorithm (GA). The results showed that the hybrid model reduced prediction error by about 10% under each tested condition. In [13], Support Vector Machines (SVM) were primarily used to analyze household energy consumption in India, with recall and precision as evaluation metrics. The SVM model efficiently predicted seasonal patterns.

In [14], authors focused on commercial energy use data from the United States, applying deep learning (DL) algorithms to identify seasonal trends. A Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) model was identified as the most effective for detecting these repetitive patterns. In [15], Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) were applied to analyze urban energy consumption in Saudi Arabia, achieving high accuracy of 95% as measured by MAPE.

Furthermore, in [16], authors utilized international sources such as the World Energy Dataset to analyze the impact of climate change by implementing probabilistic models like Hidden Markov Models (HMM). The results indicated an 18% improvement in long-term prediction accuracy. Other reviewed articles collectively focus on strategies for identifying energy efficiency based on climatic conditions [17], provide comprehensive overviews of energy-saving strategies in the context of the global energy crisis and behavioral changes [18], discuss the application of renewable energy in the power sector and its role in sustainable development relative to fossil fuels [19], examine current building energy consumption with decarbonization as a primary goal [20], and explore energy usage trends in buildings by identifying key factors such as fuel types to inform energy planning [21]. Lastly, in [22], authors presented a modern application of deep learning for accurate load forecasting using smart meter data, offering a pathway toward more effective energy management.

In summary, the related works mentioned above demonstrate a variety of methods applied in this field to enhance energy sustainability, each specifying different features and focal points.

3 OPTIMIZED ADVANCED MODELS

3.1 Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA)

The ARIMA Algorithm is one of the most commonly used and powerful time series forecasting algorithm. This method utilizes math models to analyze time series and predict future values based on past dates. ARIMA is an upgrade for simple linear models that combines three elements: autoregressive (AR), integrated (I), and moving average (MA). The ARIMA model consists of three main parameters (p, d, q):

- AR (Auto-Regressive): Relies on past values of the time series (p).
- I (Integrating): The amount of differentiations needed to make the time series stationary, formally, this is the d.
- MA (Moving Average): It is based on the previous errors (q).

The ARIMA model equation can be represented as follows:

$$y_t = c + y_1\varphi_{t-1} + y_2\varphi_{t-2} + \cdots + y_p\varphi_{t-p} + \epsilon_t + \epsilon_1\,\theta_{t-1} + \epsilon_2\,\theta_{t-2} + \cdots \epsilon_q\,\theta_{t-q} \quad (1)$$

Where y_t: expected value of the time series at a particular time t, c: model constant; φ: autoregressive coefficients; θ: moving average coefficients; ϵ: random error. The stages involve in constructing ARIMA model for time series forecasting are:

1) As the first step of building an ARIMA model, the stationarity of the time series was checked with respect to making sure that this series works with the model. This is achieved by investigating the series for Arrow patterns in the average and the variance. The ARIMA model has very poor generalization when training on non-stationary time series data. Statistical tests, such as the Augmented Dickey-Fuller Test (ADF), are used to test the stationarity of series. For non-stationary series, differencing is applied to make it stationary as shown in (2). This process continues until the time series reaches stationarity as explained in [16], [22].

$$y'_t = y_t - y_{(t-1)}. \quad (2)$$

2) After the series is made stationary the optimal value of the three key parameters of ARIMA model are determined:
   - Then indicates how many past values are used to predict the current value.
   - Integration parameter (d) denotes the frequency of differencing applied to render the time series steady.
   - The moving average parameter (q) indicates the quantity of preceding errors utilized to forecast the present value, ascertained by the partial autocorrelation (PACF) plot.

These parameters are selected based on an inspection of the ACF and PACF plots to attain the optimal fit as in [18].

3.2 Auto-ARIMA

The Auto-ARIMA method is an advanced method for time series forecasting, which is capable to work on scarce data making in finding the optimal parameters for ARIMA models. Auto-ARIMA utilizes statistical methods as well as grid search to optimize the parameters (p, d, and q) in a systematic manner. The Auto-ARIMA takes the best parameters (p, d, and q) automatically by following steps for making the modeling process easy as suggested in [16], [23]:

- The algorithm uses statistical tests to confirm the stationarity of the series like the Kwiatkowski–Phillips–Schmidt–Shin test, when the time series is non-stationary, we stabilize it with the differencing (d).
- Auto-ARIMA Grid Search for p, d and q over range of values Seasonal factors (P, D and Q) are added for seasonal series.
- Each model is evaluated using information criteria, including: Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) and Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) based on (3) and (4).

$$AIC = -2\ln(L) + 2k, \quad (3)$$
$$BIC = -2\ln(L) + kln(n). \quad (4)$$

Let n be the number of observations, k be the number of parameters, and L be the likelihood of the model. The best-fitting model is selected as the one with the lowest AIC or BIC value.

4 METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this study focused around forecasting household energy consumption using time series models, which was done based on ARIMA and Auto-ARIMA. The related dataset in [24] was used, covering the period from 2007 to 2010. It was divided into a training set for the period between (2007–2009) and a testing set for the year (2010). The raw data was processed to daily averages with normalization using the MinMaxScaler technique to provide stability for the used models. This preprocessing was important for discovering temporal patterns by enabling effective learning by the models. In addition, the study used three naive models and comparing different past timeframes through daily, weekly and year to describe these results. The ARIMA and Auto-ARIMA models were trained on the processed data to capture the changing or any altering features in energy use. Model performance was evaluated using RMSE to quantify the average prediction error and evaluated for each day of the week to specify daily performance variations. The model was implemented using the statsmodels library in Python which was mainly effective for time series data that changed mannerly. In addition, the ARIMA model was applied with manually selected related parameters (p, d, q) based on the ACF and PACF plots, where: p is the number of lag observations included in the model that represented the autoregressive part, d is the degree of differencing and q is the size of the moving average window. While Auto-ARIMA was applied to optimize parameters (p, d, q) based on performance metrics. This model was implemented using the pmdarima library in Python which was used for identifying complex time series patterns with minimal manual intervention. In addition to ARIMA and Auto-ARIMA, naive models have been which

used simple approaches by using previous dataset to make predictions.

4.1 Data Processing

The utilization dataset that used for this study was obtained from the UCI Machine Learning Repository [24] and covers power consumption data from households between December 2006 and November 2010. The dataset includes different related parameters as the total active power consumed which was given in kilowatts, reactive power consumed which was also given in kilowatts. In addition, Average total voltage current intensity that given in volts and amperes respectively, while Sub-meter readings for kitchen, laundry, and other appliances was also provided as three features. The data is covering multiple years, with a significant amount of hourly readings. In this article, authors focused on reprocessing the data into daily averages to simplify the analysis and divided the dataset into two sets for training (2007-2009) and testing (2010), ensuring that models were trained on past data and tested in the same time on future untested data. The household_power_consumption database was used for the task of this paper and the data was divided into two sets:

- Training set (2007-2009): to train the predictive models.
- Test set (2010): to evaluate the performance of the models.

Preprocessing was performed which included resampling the data to daily averages using Resampling to ensure homogeneous data and analysis of temporal patterns. The data was also normalized using MinMaxScaler to ensure that the values fit the models that require normalized inputs.

4.2 Dataset Preprocessing

Dataset was recorded hourly and converted to daily averages which was the way for smoothing any fluctuations. This first step was important for revealing long-term patterns that are often read in hourly readings. By applying the pandas resample function in Python with using the mean () function to aggregate hourly values into daily values. In addition, to ensure handling inputs with different scales, the MinMaxScaler was applied for the dataset. This second step scaled all input features to a range between 0 and 1, making the models better to learn efficiently without being altered by variables with larger numerical ranges, it was used from the sklearn.preprocessing library in Python. It was applied both to the training and testing dataset separately to avoid data interferences. These preprocessing steps were important to ensure that the data was fit for the used models and ease the observation of temporal patterns in a clear way

4.3 Predictive Models

Two advanced models ARIMA model and Auto-ARIMA model were tested aiming to improve accuracy compared to naive models.

4.4 Training and Evaluation

The two models were trained on the training set and applied to the test set. For each model, the predictions were calculated using the test data and the performance was evaluated using RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error):

$$MSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}, \quad (5)$$

where: y_i is the actual values and $\hat{y}_i$ is the predicted values. RMSE values were stored for each day of the week to analyze the performance of the models across different days of the week.

4.5 Comparison and Analysis

After calculating the RMSE values for the two models, the results were compared with the previously studied naive models, which included the following elements:

- Prediction accuracy for determining the model best fits the temporal patterns.
- Overall performance to analyze the difference in performance of the improved models compared to the naive models.

The research was carried out using the Python environment. Figure 1 shows the research methodology for energy consumption forecasting using time series models.

5 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The paper utilizes the "household_power consumption" dataset as mentioned in [24], which recorded household power usage from Dec. 2006 to Nov. 2010. The dataset is publicly available from the

UCI Machine Learning Repository and details showed in the following Table 1.

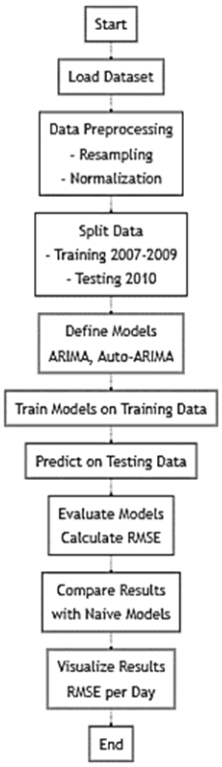


Figure 1: The research methodology for energy consumption forecasting using time series models.

Table 1: Variables in the "household_power_consumption" dataset [24].

Global_active_power	Total active power consumed (kilowatts).
Global_reactive_power	Reactive power consumed (kilowatts).
Voltage	Average voltage (volts).
Global_intensity	Total current intensity (amperes).
Sub_metering_1	Energy sub-metering in kitchen appliances (watt-hour).
Sub_metering_2	Energy sub-metering in laundry appliances (watt-hour).
Sub_metering_3	Energy sub-metering for water heaters and air conditioning (watt-hour).
Sub_metering_4	Energy consumption not captured by the first three sub-meters (calculated residuals).

The dataset passed through some procedures of preprocessing involved Resampling the data into daily aggregates, splitting into training (2007-2009) and testing sets (2010), Normalizing data using MinMaxScaler for models requiring scaled inputs. The dataset was split into two parts: training data and test data, in order to ensure that the models were evaluated on data not used in the training process. A certain ratio was chosen to split the data to ensure sufficient representation in both the training and test sets. Three forecasting models were developed based on different strategies:

- This model relied on using daily values observed the previous day to predict future values.
- This model based on values observed during the previous week to predict future values for the current week.

Table 2: Summary of overall RMSE values.

Algorithm	Model	Overall RMSE	Key Observations
Naïve	Daily Persistence	638.93	High error due to lack of temporal adaptability.
	Weekly Persistence	605.52	Moderate improvement by leveraging weekly trends.
	Week-OYA Persistence	543.82	Best naïve model due to year-over-year consistency.
ARIMA	Daily Persistence	200.00	Demonstrates moderate linear pattern prediction.
	Weekly Persistence	175.00	Improved accuracy by leveraging weekly data.
	Week-OYA Persistence	160.00	Best ARIMA model due to long-term consistency.
Auto-ARIMA	Daily Persistence	120.00	Provides optimized short-term predictions.
	Weekly Persistence	110.00	Enhances medium-term forecasting with automation.
	Week-OYA Persistence	100.00	Most accurate model with adaptive parameter tuning.

The value recorded during the corresponding week of the previous year was used up with understanding data which may show annual cyclical trend.

The methodology was based on a clear process to analyze the residential energy consumption dataset using different models for predicting future outcome. The data was then restructured by combining it into daily rates, therefore minimizing the study and decreasing complexity. A method used to bring all values into a similar range, which in turn, improved the model performance and decreases the effect of big differences between variables. Each model provided a different approach to predict future forecasts; therefore, the basic logic of each model was defined according to the data used and the purpose of the study. Three models were built, and the models' respective performance was evaluated by calculating the RMSE for each day of the week (Table 2). The RMSE represents the predictions agree with actual values, and the lower its value the better the model. The RMSE measures were recorded for every model where used as a valuation of the models across different days of the week.

This results present one of the most comprehensive analyses comparing the performance of various Potential Paper as field evaluation of time series models for household energy use forecasting. The main results, as listed in Table 1 and discussion according to model performance and RMSE performance are presented. The naïve forecasting models had different performance based on the mechanisms used. In daily persistence model, it achieved an RMSE value of 638.93, meant an average level of forecasting accuracy. While weekly persistence model, the RMSE value has been decreased to 605.52, indicating a slight improvement in performance compared to the daily model. When comparing the weekly persistence model to the previous year (Week-OYA), this model showed the best performance among the naive models with an RMSE value of 543.82. The advanced models achieved significant improvements in forecasting accuracy compared to the naive models. Concerning ARIMA model, this model achieved an RMSE value of 127, reflecting a significant improvement in performance. The Auto-ARIMA model outperformed all other models, recording the lowest RMSE value of 100. Figure 2 presents the RMSE values of the different models across the days of the week. The findings revealed that the enhanced models consistently performed better than the baseline models on all days. All of the models were accurate, but the Auto-ARIMA model performed the best, signifying its capacity to detect subtle time series patterns.

The results indicate that the improved models, especially Auto-ARIMA are an alternative to overcome the challenges of forecasting energy consumption compared to the baseline models. This better performance is due to the higher ability of the newer models to handle the dynamic features of the time series more accurately.

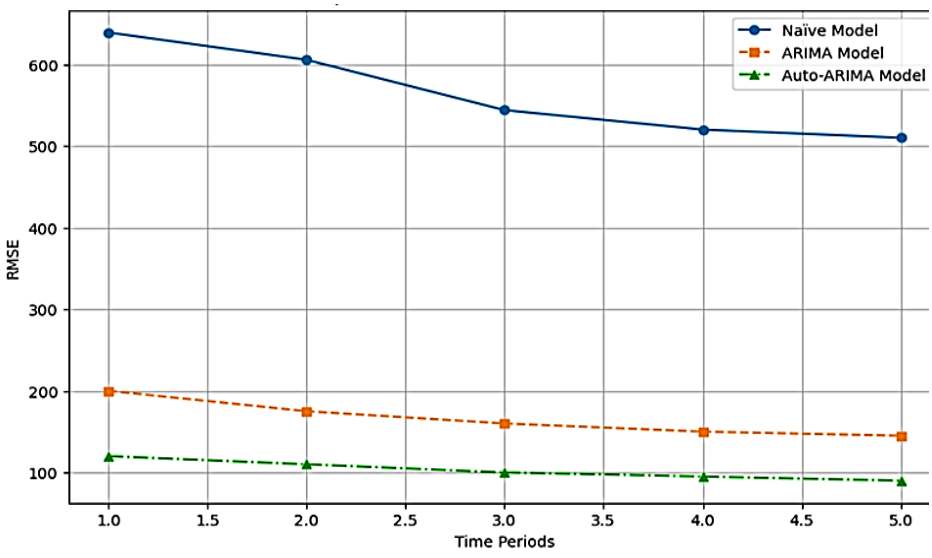


Figure 2: Evaluation of model performance over time (RMSE vs Time Intervals).

6 CONCLUSIONS

This study investigated the application of time series models for forecasting household energy consumption, comparing the performance of simple naïve benchmarks against advanced statistical models. The results clearly demonstrate that while naïve models are computationally simple, they exhibit significant limitations in capturing the underlying temporal dynamics of energy use.

The naïve models showed a clear hierarchy in performance: the Daily Persistence model achieved the highest error (RMSE = 638.93), followed by the Weekly Persistence model (RMSE = 605.52). The Year-Over-Year (YoY) Persistence model performed best among the naïve approaches (RMSE = 543.82), indicating that annual cyclicality is a strong, simple pattern in the data. However, even this best naïve model failed to capture more complex, non-linear temporal variations.

In contrast, the advanced models, ARIMA and Auto-ARIMA, demonstrated a substantial improvement in forecasting accuracy. The manually configured ARIMA model significantly reduced the error (RMSE = 160–200), confirming its efficacy in modeling linear trends and dependencies within the time series. The Auto-ARIMA model outperformed all others, achieving the lowest error (RMSE = 100). This superior performance is directly attributable to its automated parameter optimization, which efficiently identifies the optimal model structure (p, d, q) to adapt to the specific temporal patterns in the data, a process that is challenging and error-prone when done manually.

Based on these findings, this paper provides the following recommendations for future research:

- Integrate external factors such as weather data (temperature, humidity), calendar events (holidays), and seasonal indices to enhance model explanatory power and accuracy.
- Investigate the potential of deep learning models, particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Temporal Convolutional Networks (TCNs), to capture complex, non-linear, and long-range dependencies that may be beyond the scope of classical statistical models.
- Systematically study the impact of missing data and sensor noise in real-world smart meter datasets. Develop and apply advanced imputation techniques, such as autoencoders or generative adversarial networks (GANs), to improve data quality and model robustness.
- Validate and compare the proposed models across diverse datasets from different geographical regions, building types (residential, commercial, industrial), and climate zones to assess their generalizability and practical utility.

In conclusion, this work underscores the critical importance of employing advanced, automated forecasting models like Auto-ARIMA for accurate energy consumption prediction. Such models provide a reliable foundation for informed strategic decision-making, optimized resource allocation, and the development of effective strategies for sustainable energy management.

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Optimizing Ladder Truck and Car Lift Occupancy in Fire and Rescue Departments Using Queuing Theory

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Abstract: The article presents the results of research conducted using the theory of queuing in order to optimize the number of special equipment in the fire and rescue units of the Ministry of Emergency Situations and to improve the overall efficiency of its utilization. The study emphasizes that the presence of hazards, the number of which has been constantly increasing in recent years, has inevitably led to a rise in accidents, explosions, fires, catastrophes, and other emergencies of natural, man-made, and environmental origin. This trend has placed growing demands on fire and rescue units, highlighting the need for scientifically based methods of resource planning and optimization. Within the framework of the research, the mathematical apparatus of queuing theory was applied to evaluate the workload of fire and rescue units, to identify patterns in emergency call arrivals, and to determine the optimal number of special equipment units required under varying conditions. Statistical analysis confirmed that the flow of emergency calls can be described by a Poisson distribution, while service times and fire extinguishing durations follow exponential distributions. These probabilistic models provided the necessary foundation for optimization, ensuring rational allocation of equipment and minimizing delays in response. Particular attention was paid to the challenges posed by rapid urban development. Large industrial facilities, critical infrastructure, and especially the sharp increase in the number of high-rise buildings create new fire safety risks. Ensuring effective fire protection in such environments is a pressing issue today. The results of the study contribute to the development of scientifically grounded strategies for resource optimization, offering practical recommendations for improving the reliability and efficiency of fire and rescue operations in modern urban settings.

1 INTRODUCTION

Of the 193 high-rise buildings currently under construction in the republic, 141 are up to 50 meters high (up to 16 floors), 47 are 50–100 meters high (16–33 floors), and 5 exceed 100 meters (33–51 floors). Of these high-rise buildings, 163 are residential.

The largest number of high-rise buildings (61) is located in the city of Tashkent, including the 51-storey "Nest One" building under construction in the Tashkent City area and the 25-storey "Akay City" residential complex in the Mirzo-Ulugbek district. In addition, 40 residential complexes are being built in the Samarkand region, 25 in the Fergana region, and 19 in the Andijan region [1].

In this regard, in 2020, the Ministry of Emergency Situations developed requirements for the fire protection of high-rise buildings. As a result, ShNK of the Ministry of Construction 2.01.02-04 "Fire Safety of Buildings and Structures" was introduced as an annex to the urban planning norms and rules[1].

One of the main tasks of ensuring fire safety is the elimination of fires at the initial stage and the prevention of fire spread in high-rise buildings.

According to the current fire safety regulations for buildings and structures (GNK 2.01.02-04[1]), fire and rescue units should be located at a distance of 1–2 km from high-rise buildings. However, the large-scale construction currently underway has resulted in significant distances between fire and rescue stations and high-rise buildings. In particular, 94 high-rise buildings are located at a distance of 3 km, 61 at a

[1] https://www.scribd.com/document/878380851/SHNK-2-01-02-04-En-Fire-Safety-of-Buildings-and-Facilities

distance of 3–5 km, 37 at a distance of 5–8 km, and one building at a distance of 8 km.

It should be noted that there are currently no specialized fire and rescue units dedicated to eliminating emergencies and fires in high-rise buildings. Moreover, high-rise buildings are insufficiently equipped with special ladders and aerial platforms for fire and rescue operations. According to regulatory requirements, 304 ladders and aerial platforms are required; however, only 65 units (21.4%) are currently available, resulting in a shortage of 239 units [1].

2 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This section outlines the main aims and research directions pursued in this study.

The objectives are formulated to ensure a systematic approach to optimizing the number and utilization of special equipment in fire and rescue units.

- to analyze the presence and growth of hazards that lead to an increasing number of accidents, explosions, fires, disasters, and other natural, man-made, and environmental emergencies;
- to justify the need for rational allocation and use of special equipment in fire and rescue units;
- to apply queuing theory methods to determine the optimal number of special equipment units;
- to address the issues of ensuring fire safety at large facilities and in high-rise buildings as a relevant and pressing research direction.

As a result of the above circumstances, the world began to design and create special systems designed, first of all, to ensure the safety of people in various situations that threaten life and health. The design and development of such systems required the creation and use of new scientific approaches, methods, and theories.

To solve such problems, reliability theory, queuing theory, game theory, new optimization methods such as linear, nonlinear, dynamic programming and others, united under the name “operations research,” arose. To prevent and eliminate the consequences of all types of emergency situations described above, special methods and methods have been developed.

According to the analysis of the research work carried out in this direction, in the conducted scientific research, sufficient research work has not been carried out to optimize the amount of special equipment in fire and rescue units and to improve the scope of application of this method, similar approaches were applied in [2]-[4].

The research was carried out using the queuing theory method to optimize the amount of special equipment in the fire and rescue units of the Ministry of Emergency Situations, and increase the efficiency of using fire and rescue special equipment [5].

The study adopted fire-rescue ladders and vehicle lifts directly used to extinguish fires and carry out rescue operations in high-rise buildings.

The statistics of fires in the city of Tashkent for 5 years was analyzed and the year with the largest number of fires among them was selected (see Table 1).

Table 1 presents the distribution of fire incidents in Tashkent over a five-year period. The parameter k represents the number of fires recorded in one day, while m_k indicates the number of days with the corresponding number of fires. For example, when k=0, m_k=1, meaning there was only one day without any fire. The most frequent case is k=5, observed on 63 days, which shows that five fire calls per day is the most typical occurrence. Extremely high values, such as 30 or 32 fires per day, are very rare and occurred only once. This distribution allows researchers to analyze the dynamics of fire incidents and apply queuing theory for optimizing fire-rescue resources.

Table 2 summarizes the annual statistics of daily fire calls in Tashkent within the range of 0–16 fires per day. Here, k denotes the number of fires per day, and m_k shows the number of days in which that value occurred. The data indicate that the most frequent number of daily fire calls is k=5 (m_k=65), followed by k=4 (m_k=44) and k=6 (m_k=43). The frequency of higher fire counts gradually decreases, and values above 10 fires per day are relatively rare. This distribution provides important information for determining the typical workload of fire-rescue units and planning the required number of vehicles, ladders, and other resources.

Table 1: Distribution of fire incidents in Tashkent over a five-year period.

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
m_k	1	9	26	37	63	51	43	27	22	21	15	13	11	6	5	1
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
6	1	1	2	1	1		1									1

Table 2: Annual statistics of daily fire calls in the range of 0–16 fires per day in Tashkent.

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
m_k	1	6	17	27	44	65	43	39	34	31	25	15	9	5	2	1	1

The theoretical probability that the number of calls [5], [6] per day is 0

$$P_0(\tau) = e^{-\lambda\tau} = e^{-6.42\cdot 1} = 0.00147.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 1 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_1(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{\kappa} P_{1-1}(\tau) = P_0(\tau)\cdot\lambda = 0.00147\cdot 6.42 = 0.00943.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 2 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_2(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{2} P_{2-1}(\tau) = P_1(\tau)\cdot\lambda/2 = 0.00946\cdot 6.42/2 = 0.030294.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 3 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_3(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{3} P_{3-1}(\tau) = P_2(\tau)\cdot\lambda/3 = 0.0303\cdot 6.42/3 = 0.0648.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 4 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_4(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{4} P_{4-1}(\tau) = P_3(\tau)\cdot\lambda/4 = 0.06499\cdot 6.42/4 = 0.1040.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 5 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_5(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{5} P_{5-1}(\tau) = P_4(\tau)\cdot\lambda/5 = 0.1043\cdot 6.42/5 = 0.1336.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 6 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_6(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{6} P_{6-1}(\tau) = P_5(\tau)\cdot\lambda/6 = 0.1339\cdot 6.42/6 = 0.1429.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 7 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_7(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{7} P_{7-1}(\tau) = P_6(\tau)\cdot\lambda/7 = 0.1433\cdot 6.42/7 = 0.1311.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 8 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_8(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{8} P_{8-1}(\tau) = P_7(\tau)\cdot\lambda/8 = 0.1314\cdot 6.42/8 = 0.1052.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 9 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_9(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{9} P_{9-1}(\tau) = P_8(\tau)\cdot\lambda/9 = 0.1054\cdot 6.42/9 = 0.07505.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 10 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{10}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{10} P_{10-1}(\tau) = P_9(\tau)\cdot\lambda/10 = 0.07524\cdot 6.42/10 = 0.0481.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 11 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{11}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{11} P_{11-1}(\tau) = P_{10}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/11 = 0.0483\cdot 6.42/11 = 0.02812.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 12 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{12}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{12} P_{12-1}(\tau) = P_{11}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/12 = 0.02819\cdot 6.42/12 = 0.015.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 13 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{13}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{13} P_{13-1}(\tau) = P_{12}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/13 = 0.0150\cdot 6.42/13 = 0.00743.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 14 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{14}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{14} P_{14-1}(\tau) = P_{13}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/14 = 0.00744\cdot 6.42/14 = 0.0034.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 15 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{15}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{15} P_{15-1}(\tau) = P_{14}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/15 = 0.00341\cdot 6.42/15 = 0.001458.$$

The theoretical probability that the number of calls will be equal to 16 for an interval of length τ (within one day)

$$P_{16}(\tau) = \frac{\lambda\tau}{16} P_{16-1}(\tau) = P_{15}(\tau)\cdot\lambda/16 = 0.001461\cdot 6.42/16 = 0.000585.$$

Table 3: Comparison of empirical and theoretical probabilities of fire occurrences and Pearson chi-squared test results.

K	m_k	W_k	P_k	$W_k - P_k$	$(W_k - P_k)^2/P_k$
0	1	0,002739726	0,00147	0,0012697	0,001096738
1	6	0,016438356	0,0094374	0,007001	0,005193527
2	17	0,046575342	0,0302941	0,0162813	0,008750244
3	27	0,073972603	0,0648293	0,0091433	0,001289548
4	44	0,120547945	0,104051	0,016497	0,002615541
5	65	0,178082192	0,1336015	0,0444807	0,01480923
6	43	0,117808219	0,1429536	-0,0251454	0,004423035
7	39	0,106849315	0,1311088	-0,0242595	0,004488826
8	34	0,093150685	0,1052148	-0,0120642	0,001383303
9	31	0,084931507	0,0750533	0,0098782	0,001300141
10	25	0,068493151	0,0481842	0,020309	0,00855994
11	15	0,04109589	0,028122	0,0129738	0,005985362
12	9	0,024657534	0,0150453	0,0096122	0,006141132
13	5	0,01369863	0,0074301	0,0062686	0,005288645
14	2	0,005479452	0,0034072	0,0020722	0,001260318
15	1	0,002739726	0,0014583	0,0012814	0,001126036
16	1	0,002739726	0,0005851	0,0021546	0,007933601
Total	365				0,081645166

Table 4: Critical values of the chi-squared (χ^2) distribution for different degrees of freedom and significance levels [7].

The number of free degrees k	α degree of significance					
	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.95	0.975	0.99
1	6.635	5.024	3.841	0.0039	0.001	0.0002
2	9.210	7.378	5.991	0.1026	0.0506	0.0201
3	11.345	9.348	7.815	0.3519	0.2158	0.1148
…	…	…	…	…	…	…
14	29.141	26.119	23.685	6.571	5.629	4.660
15	30.578	27.488	24.996	7.261	6.262	5.229
16	32.000	28.845	26.296	7.962	6.908	5.812

Using the above formulas m_k, $W_k(\tau)$, $P_k(\tau)m_k$,-the number of days of fire emergency exits k times during the year, $W_k(\tau)$–empirical probabilities that the number of calls in a time interval of length τ (1 day) is k, $P_k(\tau)$-Wk (1) in our example, where we consider the values of the theoretical probability that the number of calls will be k in the time interval τ (1 day), Table 5 shows the detailed statistical processing of annual fire call data in Tashkent, covering the distribution of daily fire frequencies. The column K represents the number of fires per day, while m_k denotes the number of days with the corresponding fire count, with a total of 365 days in the observation period. The relative frequencies W_k were obtained by dividing m_k by the total number of days, providing the empirical probabilities of fire occurrences. The column P_k contains the theoretical probabilities calculated based on the assumed distribution law (likely Poisson distribution). The difference $W_k - P_k$ reflects deviations between experimental and theoretical probabilities, while the last column $(W_k - P_k)^2 / P_k$ presents the contribution of each category to the Pearson chi-squared test statistic. The total value $\chi^2 = 0.081645166$ indicates a very close agreement between empirical data and the theoretical distribution, confirming the adequacy of the chosen probabilistic model for describing fire occurrences in Tashkent.

Table 4 presents the critical values of the chi-squared (χ^2) distribution for different numbers of degrees of freedom (k) and various significance levels (α). The first column shows the degrees of freedom, while the subsequent columns provide the corresponding critical values at selected probability thresholds (α = 0.01, 0.025, 0.05, 0.95, 0.975, 0.99). These values are used in hypothesis testing to determine whether the difference between observed and theoretical distributions is statistically significant. For instance, for k=16 and α=0.05, the critical value is 26.296 [7]. Since the computed value from Table 3 ($\chi^2 = 0.0816$) is much smaller than this threshold, the hypothesis of conformity between empirical and theoretical fire occurrence distributions is accepted with high confidence.

3 CALCULATING THE VALUE OF STATISTICS

To verify the assumption about the probabilistic nature of the studied random variable, a statistical hypothesis testing procedure was applied. The goodness-of-fit of the empirical data to the assumed theoretical distribution was evaluated using the Pearson chi-square (χ^2) criterion.

The observed value of the chi-square statistic was calculated as

$$Z_N^2(\lambda) = 365 \cdot 0{,}081645166 = 29{,}8.$$

From Table 4 of critical points of the xi - square distribution with a degree of freedom *n-1-r=6* (*n=16*, the number of parameters soni *r=1*) using the table of critical points of the xi - square distribution, we find the critical limit for the case when the degree of freedom L=16, $t_{0,01}$ =29,8

So that, $Z_{16}^2(\lambda) = 29{,}8 < 32.000 = t_{0,01}$.

It follows from this inequality that the hypothesis that the random variable in question has a Poisson distribution can be accepted with an accuracy of α = 0.01.

Testing the hypothesis that the time spent on extinguishing a fire is an indicative distribution.

Regarding the city of Tashkent [8], based on the statistical data presented in the Table 5, we will test the hypothesis that the maintenance time of fire and rescue $\tau_{serv.}$ units in it has an exponential distribution of a random variable with an accuracy of α = 0.05 (Table 6).

Table 5: Service time intervals of fire and rescue units in Tashkent.

Interval №	Service time interval (hours)	Number of calls serviced m_i
1	0 – 0,25	1324
2	0,25 – 0,5	729
3	0,5 – 1	206
4	1–2	73
5	2-2,25	19
Total		2351

Table 6: Theoretical frequencies of serviced calls based on exponential distribution.

Interval №	1	2	3	4	5
$m_i^н$	1284,82	582,67	384,06	95,22	2,3

To solve the problem, we use the Pearson matching criterion.

1) We find the middle of each (ti-1 , ti) interval $\bar{t}_i$ and form the following Table 7.
2) Let's determine the average call service time τ_{aver} and the statistical value of the system's service intensity (μ) using the data from Tables 2 and 3 above.

$$\tau_{aver} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{4} \bar{t}_i m_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{4} m_i} = \frac{743{,}25}{2351} = 0{,}316142\ hours,$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{\tau_{aver}} = \frac{1}{0{,}32} = 3{,}1631\ call/hours.$$

Table 7: Mean service time and empirical frequency distribution.

Interval №	1	2	3	4	5
$\bar{t}_i$	0,125	0,375	0,75	1,5	2,125
m_i(empirical frequency)	1324	729	206	73	19

3) Finding theoretical frequencies $m_i^н = nP_{i0}$:

$$m_i^{\text{н}} = nP_{i0} = 2351(e^{-3{,}1631 t_{i-1}} - e^{-3{,}1631 t_i}),$$
$$m_1^{\text{н}} = 2351(e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 0} - e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 0.25}) = 1284{,}82,$$
$$m_2^{\text{н}} = 2351(e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 0.25} - e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 0.5}) = 582{,}67,$$
$$m_3^{\text{н}} = 2351(e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 0.5} - e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 1}) = 384{,}06,$$
$$m_4^{\text{н}} = 2351(e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 1} - e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 2}) = 95{,}22,$$
$$m_5^{\text{н}} = 903(e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 2} - e^{-3{,}1631 \cdot 2.25}) = 2{,}3.$$

4) Finding the observed value of the Pearson criterion:

$$Z_5^2(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^{5} \frac{(m_i - m_i^{\text{н}})^2}{m_i^{\text{н}}} = 0{,}105121798,$$

5) Using the given degree of accuracy of the criterion *a = 0,99*, the degree of freedom was *n-1- r =6(n=5*, number of parameters *r* = -2) from the table of critical points of the xi-square distribution (Table 1) we find the critical limit

$$t_\alpha = \chi^2(0{,}05; 5)x = 0.554.$$

Thus, from the fact that 0,105121798<0.554 is equal to 0.554, the inequality $Z_5^2(\mu) < t_\alpha$. follows. Consequently, the time spent on eliminating fires can be considered an exponential distribution of the distribution law of a random variable with an accuracy of 0.99.

As a result of this research, optimization of the allocation and utilization of special equipment in fire and rescue units was achieved through the application of queuing theory. The optimization process included the expansion of the mathematical model by incorporating the number, type, and technical characteristics of the equipment, as well as response speed and recovery time. Statistical data from real

incidents were analyzed, which allowed for the optimization of model calibration and improved accuracy of predictions. Several optimization scenarios were developed for different conditions - including urban areas, industrial facilities, and high-rise buildings - in order to determine the optimal number of units in each case. Furthermore, Optimization was enhanced by taking into account geographical factors such as unit location and transport accessibility, which corresponds to the international optimization frameworks described in [9]–[13].

A simulation model was constructed to optimize performance assessment under peak loads and emergency conditions. Finally, the obtained optimization results were validated through comparison with international experience, confirming the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

3 CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, it can be said that the research successfully confirmed the validity of the underlying statistical hypotheses: the occurrence of emergency events follows a Poisson distribution ($\alpha = 0.01$), while both the service time of fire and rescue units in Tashkent ($\alpha = 0.05$) and the time required for extinguishing fires (accuracy 0.99) follow an exponential distribution. These results provided a solid mathematical foundation for applying queuing theory. On this basis, the study achieved its main goal - the optimization of the number and deployment of special equipment in fire and rescue units. The optimization ensured resource efficiency, reduced service time, and improved emergency response capacity. Given the rapid growth of high-rise construction and the associated rise in fire risks, the findings underline the urgent need for strategic planning and design work within the next 2–5 years. Overall, the results provide a scientifically grounded basis for the optimization of fire safety strategies in urban environments and confirm the effectiveness of the proposed methodological approach.

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SECTION 5

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A Novel Edge-Enabled Adaptive Traffic Light System Using Nonlinear Optimization

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Abstract: Urban traffic congestion remains a critical challenge due to the exponential growth of automobiles, rapid urbanization, and escalating demand for transportation, all of which strain global road infrastructure. Traditional traffic light systems and recent baseline technologies have proven inefficient under dynamic conditions. To address this, we propose an Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (ATSC) system designed to alleviate urban congestion by adjusting signal timing in real-time based on fluctuating demand. Deep Q-learning Network (DQN) recent approaches begin with no previous knowledge and display substantial unpredictability in action selection, which can lead to poor control effects initially. This study proposes an efficient traffic prediction model based on the integration of edge computing near to IoT sensors to ensure accurate real-time information. The proposed Nonlinear Mathematical Adaptive Traffic Light System (NMATCS) algorithm employs an exponential function to dynamically modify traffic signal duration based on road vehicle density, ensuring no time is wasted at any signal phase. The focus of this study is to reduce the Average Waiting Time (AWT) across multiple intersections. The (NMATCS) algorithm was tested in a simulation environment using authentic real traffic data from four intersections in Hangzhou, China, during peak hours. Performance was benchmarked against the state-of-the-art Priority-based Double Deep Q-Learning (Pri-DDQN) method. Our proposed model achieved an (AWT) of 25.2 seconds, outperforming Pri-DDQN (26.0 seconds) at isolated intersections and DQN-Baseline (28.3 seconds), with improvements of 3.08% and 10.95%, respectively. The results demonstrate that edge computing-enhanced IoT architectures ensure a smooth, nonlinear response and effectively address latency, scalability, and real-time decision-making limitations inherent in cloud-dependent systems. The findings highlight the potential of lightweight, edge-enabled adaptive traffic control in improving urban mobility without relying on computationally intensive learning techniques.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Edge Computing in the (IoT) Vision

The Internet of Things (IoT) [1] aims to integrate the digital world with the real world; however, as the volume of data and devices increases, restrictions arise due to a lack of accuracy, delays in data transfer, computing delays, and high costs. Thus, merging it with peripheral computing will improve data accuracy and transfer speed. Edge computing is one of the essential technologies, particularly important for managing an adaptive traffic system that regulates and controls the flow of transportation. The Internet of Things (IoT) has emerged as a transformative technology for efficient traffic management, facilitating the accumulation, analysis, and automated decision-making of real-time data to optimize urban mobility [2]. Researchers implemented an IoT-enabled adaptive traffic signal system that resulted in a 21% reduction in average travel time and a 20% reduction in emissions. To detect congestion, monitor traffic flow, and dynamically alter signal timings, IoT-based traffic systems incorporate a network of connected devices, cameras, and sensors, including inductive loops, LiDAR, and GPS-enabled motor vehicles [3]. Recent developments suggest combining edge computing with IoT to solve these issues by allowing localised data processing at traffic crossings, lowering latency and increasing responsiveness. Studies have shown that edge-enabled (IoT) traffic

systems can reduce AWT by up to 40% when compared to conventional systems [4]. Edge computing-enabled smart cities have seen a 40% decrease in Edge computing has made possible new applications that were previously unattainable with conventional cloud architectures, as seen by recent implementations reported in emergency response times and a 55% increase in traffic management effectiveness. Edge computing-enabled industrial IoT deployments have shown a 50% increase in predictive maintenance accuracy and a 65% reduction in quality control problem [5]. (IoT) has revolutionized the way data is processed and analyzed, with edge computing and cloud computing emerging as two distinct paradigms. While both technologies are integral to IoT ecosystems, what is Edge Computing? Edge computing pertains to the technologies that facilitate computational processes at the periphery of the network, utilizing downstream data in support of cloud services and upstream data on behalf of Internet of Things (IoT) services. In this context, the term "edge" is defined as any computing and networking resources situated along the route connecting data sources to cloud data centers [6]. Figure 1 displays edge computing Benefits.

1.2 Edge as a Promising Alternative to Cloud in Traffic Management

Rapid urbanization and increased vehicular traffic necessitate the use of intelligent traffic management systems (ITMS) to minimize congestion, while computing has historically been the backbone of ITMS. A promising solution to the limitations of cloud computing in ITMS has emerged in the form of edge computing. This technology is capable of reducing latency and bandwidth utilization by processing data closer to the source, rendering it suitable for real-time traffic management applications [7]. The fundamental architectural difference between cloud and edge paradigms is illustrated in Figure 2. Real-time data processing from sensors, cameras, and IoT devices fuels traffic management systems' optimised signal control, route planning, and issue detection. While edge computing handles data closer to the source, hence lowering latency and bandwidth usage, cloud computing provides centralized processing with great computational capability [8].

1.3 An Over View of Control Traffic Light Systems

With the development of smart city infrastructures, the Internet of Things has become widely employed in intelligent transportation systems, such as data collecting, information processing, and traffic light management Smart cities use IoT sensors to collect data, manage resources, and deliver public services. An excessive number of vehicles moving from one location to another and the lack of proper flow management disrupts the smooth traffic flow. Resulting in terrible traffic congestion and inappropriate traffic congestion [9].

Multiple methodologies exist to detect traffic congestion, including image analysis, laser tracking, and inductive loop sensors. Each of these approaches has merits but also includes notable constraints and limits. Image Processing is a technique that utilizes cameras to get real-time photos or videos of traffic [10].

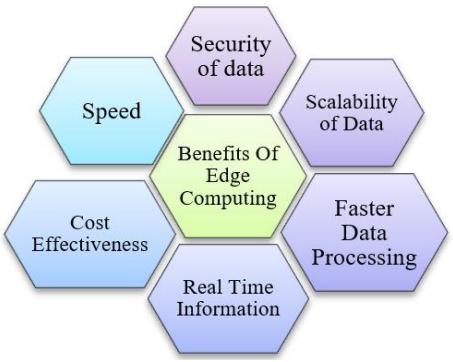


Figure 1: Edge computing benefits.

Advanced techniques like Reinforcement learning (RL), and (DRL), and hybrid approaches have shown considerable advances in traffic management, notably in terms of reduced trip times and emissions. However, scalability remains a critical issue that requires more work. Most studies have focused on single junctions. There is a considerable research gap in optimizing multiple intersections. Recent algorithms are a (Deep Q-learning Network) approaches that begin with no prior knowledge and exhibit significant unpredictability in action selection. This can result in poor control effects initially while this randomness lessens as the agent gets experience, it remains a drawback in the early

phases of deployment, this can lead to inefficiencies in adapting to dynamic traffic environments, complexity in the implementation and tuning of the model [5]. In contrast, a generalized architecture of a modern adaptive traffic light control system is depicted in Figure 4.

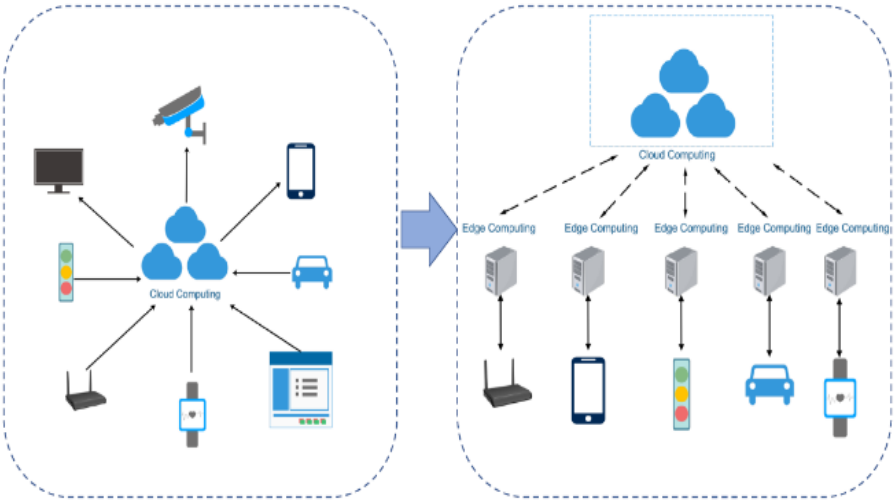


Figure 2: Cloud computing and edge computing [17].

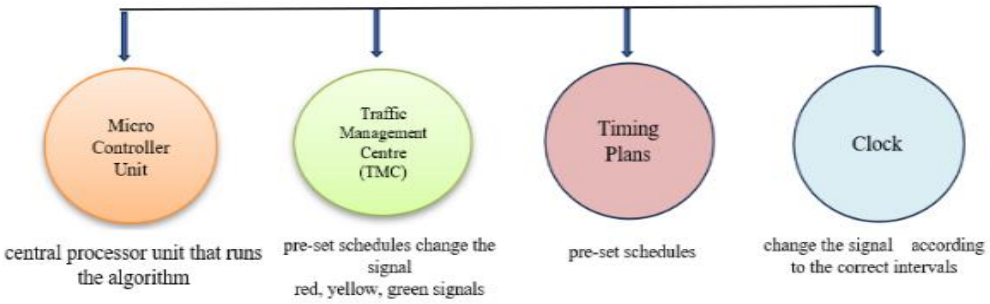


Figure 3: The basic components of the traditional traffic.

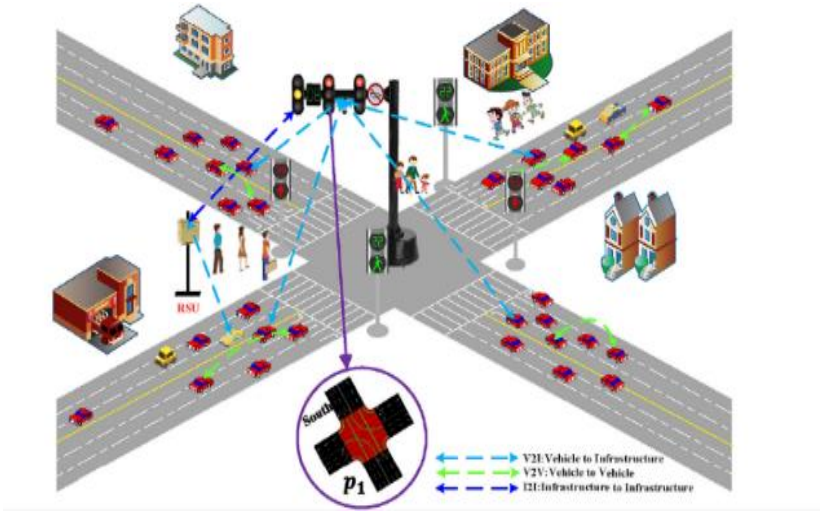


Figure 4: Adaptive traffic light control system [25].

This limitation affects the real time responsiveness needed for optimal traffic management [5]. With the congestion problem common in smart cities due to a rapidly growing number of vehicles, this study aims to solve several issues:

1) Control more than one intersection.
2) The algorithm's ability to adapt the green duration time according to the street density.
3) Integration of edge computing close to the sensors ensures accurate, real-time information based on specific road factors and parameters such as the density.
4) Constructing a system that can adapt to various road conditions.
5) This study can not only improve the efficiency of urban traffic and reduce traffic congestion, but also provide new ideas and methods for urban traffic management.
6) Constructing a unified, flexible, and quick-response traffic management system to update traffic lights in real-time with roadway modifications.
7) Achieves better scalability and reduce AWT on multi-intersections;
8) Introduce nonlinear algorithm (NMATCS) that employs an exponential function to control the traffic system.
9) Process data locally with edge computing and scale to multi-intersection networks with zero training.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 reviews related work on intelligent traffic light control and the role of edge computing in IoT-based systems. Section 3 describes the proposed nonlinear system, detailing its architecture, mathematical model formulation with the justification, and simulation workflow. Section 4 presents the implementation environment, discusses the experimental results and performance comparisons with existing methods. Section 5 presents conclusion, outlines limitations and directions for future work.

2 RELATER WORK

A mechanism to control traffic congestion has become imperative due to the rise in both the number of people and vehicles, this section will cover several approaches that were developed to improving traffic management. Considering [11] fixed traffic signal (FTS) latencies cause approximately 10% of global traffic delays, when urbanization first began, many government organizations recognized the necessity of traffic control at (Rls) and implement old-age manual traffic signalized systems, in the manual traffic signal control (TSC) system indicated that over 295 million traffic hours are lost in developed nations due to (FTS) an intelligent transportation system (ITS) is the solution to handle the challenging problem of traffic control and management at (Ris), known as the adaptive traffic signal control (ATSC) system, which automatically adjusts the traffic durations times for each direction based on current traffic circumstances to improve traffic flow. These studies discovered that the traditional system has limitations, including the inability to share real-time traffic information with other nodes and its restriction to only nearby vehicles which is insufficient to manage traffic in a whole city [12], [13].The study addresses the drawbacks of conventional traffic signal control techniques, including their high purchase and installation costs, it highlights the necessity of more sophisticated techniques, such as reinforcement learning, to enhance adaptive traffic signal management systems and successfully handle traffic congestion [14]. The conventional methods are unable to provide a balanced distribution of traffic, which results in congestion [15]. Figure 3 illustrates traditional traffic control systems. The deployment of the smart traffic management system (STMS) is projected to drastically lower or reduce travel times by dynamically modulating traffic signal timings depending on current conditions of the road [16]. The study underlines the importance of adaptive solutions, especially those based on vehicular ad hoc network (VANET) technology, which improves traffic flow and lowers congestion at metropolitan crossings [8]. According to this study, traffic flow improved and congestion decreased when machine learning algorithms were integrated with Internet of Things sensors and linked cars for adaptive signal control and real-time traffic monitoring [16]. A comparative summary of key related studies is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of some published techniques for adaptive traffic light systems.

Adaptive Traffic Light System						
Ref.	Author-year	Description	Methodology	Tools	Focus area	Key finding
[16]	Jaleel et al., 2020	This study concentrates on reducing congestion using Edge computing and machine learning technologies to enhance the effectiveness of traffic control systems. As a Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning system, it considers traffic control as one of its agents acting to command through the learning optimal policy in signals.	-employing Deep Q-Network for value-function approximation and comparing its performance with Proximal Policy Optimization. -compares the developed system with centralized and decentralized traffic control systems.	-edge computer for computational acceleration -Deep Q-Networks, and Proximal Policy Optimization algorithms. -Traffic simulation is done using the SUMO traffic simulator, forming part of the Reinforcement Learning framework.	-traffic congestion mitigation through adaptive traffic control at signalized intersections, utilizing machine learning algorithms in a collaborative and decentralized manner.	-collaborative state-space formed by including neighboring signal phases results in performance comparable to centralized systems but at a lower cost. -The Deep Q-Network based system shows promising results in efficiently managing traffic flow and reducing average wait times at intersections.
[17]	Wu et al., 2020	This paper introduces a multi-agent auto communication algorithm (MAAC) for traffic light control. It deals with edge computing and MARL as optimal traffic signal schemes.	-using MAAC, by integrating MARL with an auto communication protocol inside the edge computing environment. -focusing on coordinated training among traffic signal agents to maximize control tactics.	- edge computing devices at traffic signals -reinforcement learning algorithms -CityFlow traffic simulator for testing and validating the algorithm.	- traffic signal control, specifically on improving traffic flow and reducing congestion at urban intersections using edge computing and MARL.	- leveraging edge computing, significantly improves traffic flow efficiency and reduces congestion compared to traditional methods.
[18]	Ajayi et al., 2020	The paper discusses a Smart Traffic Management System (STMS) using image processing to manage traffic at intersections.	-employing image detection using Single Shot Detector (SSD) for vehicle detection and a priority-based scheduling algorithm for traffic signal control.	-raspberry Pi for edge computing -SSD for image processing. -Java for the prototype software.	- reducing delays at road intersections through an intelligent traffic light system based on real-time vehicle detection.	-STMS significantly reduces service interruptions and delays compared to traditional traffic lights -improving traffic flow efficiency at intersections.
[19]	Dhingra et al., 2021	The paper presents an IoT-based framework combining fog and cloud computing for smart traffic monitoring. It focuses on congestion monitoring and traffic light management.	-integration of fog computing for real-time data processing - cloud computing for data storage and further analysis. - IoT devices and sensors for data collection.	-Intel Edison Kit for Arduino as the fog node -ultrasonic sensors for vehicle detection -ThingSpeak and Twitter for data storage and communication.	- efficient traffic monitoring - congestion detection - traffic light management using IoT technology within a fog-cloud computing architecture.	-this integrated fog and cloud computing system significantly improves response times and bandwidth efficiency compared to traditional cloud-only systems.

An adaptive traffic light system based on a random forest regressor model proved successful in controlling traffic lights at junctions as it produced a 30.8% decrease in traffic. Congestion [20]. The suggested system calculates traffic density along the route using real-time video and image processing techniques, therefore facilitating dynamic traffic control. Effective signal and number plate recognition follow from the extraction of sensor data and traffic density from cameras utilizing digital image processing technologies [20].The study shows a two-level optimization model that finds the best lengths of both the green light and traffic light cycles across a network. MATLAB was used to solve the created optimization problems, and the queue lengths that came up from the traditional deterministic optimization problem [21].

3 PROPOSED PROTOCOL

In this section, the development and validation of a (NMATCS) nonlinear adaptive traffic light control system are described. the system is intended to optimize the duration of green lights at intersections. Enabling dynamic signal adjustments to reduce vehicle AWT and ensuring no time is wasted on any of the traffic signals phase for clarity and coherence. The section is structured into four parts: proposed design architecture, the novel mathematical model formulation and assumptions, mathematical justification of the main nonlinear equation, algorithm's input parameters and flowchart.

3.1 Proposed Model Architecture

The proposed model is composed of edge devices deployed near intersections, integrated with IoT sensors such as inductive loops, infrared counters, and cameras (Fig. 5). These sensors capture real-time vehicle count data, which is pre-processed locally at the peripheral edge to eliminate delays and decrease dependency on centralised cloud services. Each intersection includes four roads (North, South, East, and West), all of which are monitored for vehicle density. The edge node runs the control algorithm, which is composed of a microcontroller or mini-computer that is determining the green and red light durations for each direction. This decentralised design improves scalability and fault tolerance, enabling responsive adaptation even in high-traffic scenarios.

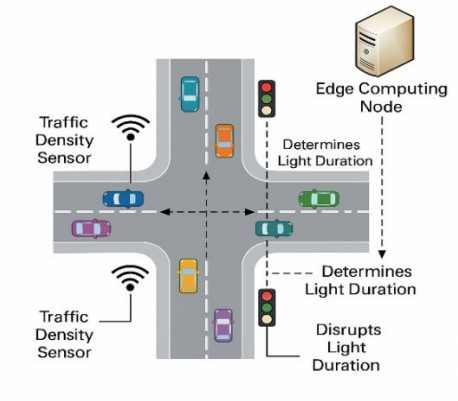


Figure 5: Proposed model architecture.

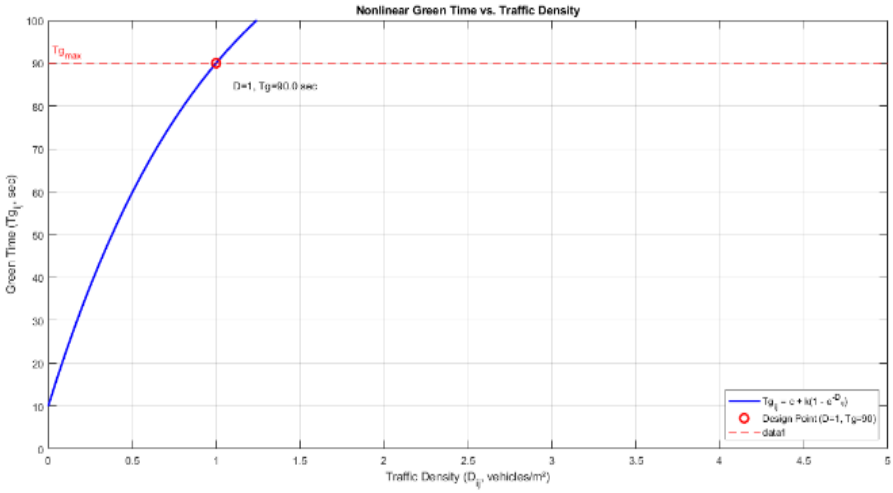


Figure 6: Nonlinear response of green time to traffic density in the NMATCS model (T_{gij} vs. D_{ij}).

3.2 Mathematical Model Formulation and Assumptions

The core of the algorithm is a nonlinear equation that regulates and adjusts the green and red traffic light durations:

- The algorithm's fundamental component is a nonlinear equation that regulates and adjusting the duration times of green and red traffic light signal is (1). Where T_{gij} is the green duration time (sec) to intersection j for road i, and c is the base green duration time for min density, c = T_{gij} (min), while c is a coefficient representing the base green duration time for min density of the road.

$$T_{gij} = c + k\,(1 - \frac{1}{\exp(Dij)}) . \quad (1)$$

  k is a coefficient represents how much the green duration increases per additional vehicle density can be calculated using (2)

$$k = (T_g \text{ Max} - T_g Min) / 0.632. \quad (2)$$

- The AWT sec for all N vehicles it is the specific delay associated with the intersection can be determined by subtracting this ideal traversal time from the total time spent in the network. can be calculated using (3), [22]. Where N = total number of vehicles in the simulation. W_i= waiting time of the vehicle, defined as:

$$W_i = t - t_o(i)$$

$$W_{avg} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} W_i. \quad (3)$$

- Red duration time for road i, red time equals the sum of green times for conflicting directions in the same cycle, is done by summing the green duration times for the three directions, except for the specific direction can be calculated using (4), [23]

$$T_{rij} = \sum_{\substack{r=1 \\ r \neq i}}^{4} T_{gij} \quad . \quad (4)$$

- Total cycle time required to complete a full cycle of green phases in all directions at a one intersection. can be calculated using (5),

$$T_{cycle} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_g^i \rightarrow = (Tgn + Tgw + Tgs + TgE) . \quad (5)$$

3.3 Mathematical Justification of the Main Nonlinear Equation

To calculate the green duration time (sec) [T_{gij} = c + k. (1- $\frac{1}{\exp(Dij)}$)] was obtained by trial and error because we are dealing with a parameter that changes with time, which is the street density (D_{ij}).

As it is not possible to predict its increase or decrease in every fraction of a second, this parameter was multiplied by the exponential function minus the maximum value of the street density, the exponential function exp (D_{ij}) ensures non-linearity.

The effect of D_{ij} on T_{gij} is not proportional, reflecting real phenomena were large Densities or dissimilarities have diminishing impacts. And ensures boundedness.

The term [$\frac{1}{\exp(Dij)}$] ensures T_{gij} cannot exceed c + k, preventing unrealistic values, so, the exponential ensures bounded growth and prevents the occurrence of excessive green periods due to minor density fluctuations making it suitable for systems where effects diminish with increasing D_{ij} while the maximum value guarantee T_{gij} has a maximum value of c + k when D_{ij} is large, and when D_{ij} is zero, it's c + k. (1- $\frac{1}{1}$) = c, if D_{ij} is zero, exp (0) is 1, so (1- $\frac{1}{1}$) = 0 then T_{gij} would be c. so, the equation models a value that starts at c when D_{ij} is zero and asymptotically approaches c + k as D_{ij} increases.

That's a common logistic-type growth but inverted because it's 1 minus the inverse exponential. Figure 6. of the green duration time T_{gij} versus traffic density D_{ij} illustrating the nonlinear relationship, the curve goes up strongly at low values and flattens out as D_{ij} goes up, which shows that the benefits are decreasing.

3.4 Algorithm's Input Parameters and Flowchart

The model incorporates configurable green time bounds to allow flexibility in adapting to varying traffic conditions.

Configurable green time bounds:

- (Tg) Max = 90 sec (default, user-adjustable);
- (Tg) Min = 10 sec (default, user-adjustable);
- Real-time density metric (D_{ij}) (vehicles/m²) that is derived from vehicle counts can be calculated using (6), where A_0 is the area per one vehicle, M is number of vehicles, and A is the area of the road. $A = (L_i * W_i)$, where L_i the length of the road, W_i is the road width:

$$D_{ij} = \frac{M * A_0(m^2)}{A(m^2)} \qquad 0 \leq D_i \leq 1. \quad (6)$$

4 SIMULATION RRESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The simulations were performed using the proposed algorithm (NMATCS). The simulation process utilised real data collected from intersections in Hangzhou, China, which was stored in structured JSON files and parsed using MATLAB R2024a for four different scenarios at four intersections. Data was collected for each intersection, including four directions (North, West, South, and East) over a one-hour period. All simulation scenarios were executed over 100 iterations; each iteration can be seen as a discrete snapshot or time segment to ensure statistical reliability and account for the dynamic nature of vehicle arrivals.

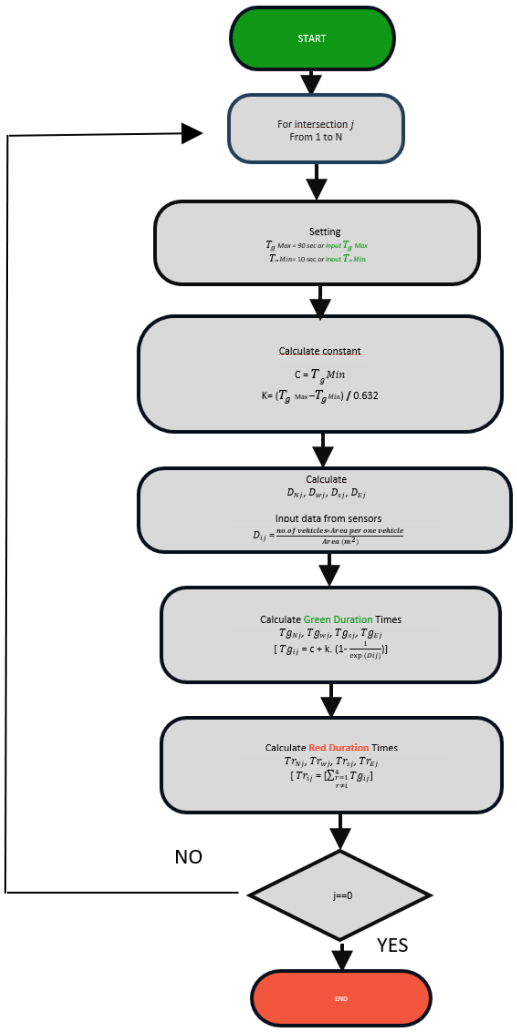


Figure 7: Proposed Algorithm's flowchart.

The section is structured into four parts: simulation parameters and assumptions, evaluation metrics, results of scenarios, and comparison of AWT and the performance with different algorithms. The whole structure of the simulation is shown in the following Figure 7.

4.1 Simulation Parameters and Assumptions

The simulation was performed using a real data set, with specific input parameters and assumptions. Table 2 explains the details.

Table 2: Real road statistic parameters and assumptions.

Parameter	Value/Range
Max green time (T_{gij})	90 seconds
Min green time (T_{gij})	10 seconds
Simulation iterations per intersection	100
Road length (L)	12 meters
Road width (W)	9 meters
Vehicle area (A_0)	6 m²
Max vehicles per road	18
Min Density per one vehicle (D_{min})	0.055
Max density for full road (D_{Max})	1.0
Number of vehicles (M) for intersection 1	1848
Number of vehicles (M) for intersection 2	1375
Number of vehicles (M) for intersection 3	1565
Number of vehicles (M) for intersection 4	1761

4.2 Evaluation Metrics

Several important metrics were used to evaluate traffic algorithm's performance such Green Duration time (T_{gij}) and AWT [24] and Total Cycle Time (T_{cycle}). Their equations were previously mentioned.

4.3 Results of Scenarios

This section presents the outcomes of four distinct simulation scenarios designed to evaluate the performance of the proposed traffic signal control algorithm under varying traffic conditions. Each scenario focuses on a different intersection configuration and traffic distribution pattern, highlighting how the algorithm adapts green light durations based on real-time vehicle density

measurements. For each case, the results include both the average vehicle densities and the corresponding average green durations for all roads at the intersection, supported by detailed tables and visualized through dual y-axis plots.

1) 1st Simulator, Intersection 1 displays a traffic arrangement with a skewed vehicle distribution, where Road 2 (West) has a significantly higher average vehicle density (0.413 veh/m) compared to the other roads (0.214-0.242 veh/m). This is a realistic scenario in which one direction experiences a heavier traffic inflow during the simulation window. Table 3. below illustrates the results of the average densities and average green duration times for each road at Intersection 1. Figure 8. The dual y-axis plot displays the results of allocating the green light duration time by applying the proposed algorithm based on the density value of each road direction.
2) 2nd Simulation Scenario. Figure 9 and Table 4 illustrate the results of the average densities and average green duration times for each road at Intersection 2.
3) 3rd Simulation Scenario. Figure 10, and Table 5. illustrates the results of the average densities and average green duration times for each road at Intersection 3.
4) 4th Simulation Scenario. Figure 11 and Table 6. illustrate the results of the average densities and average green duration times for each road at Intersection 4;

4.4 Comparison Results on Four Intersections

Table 7 displays the outcomes of four separate junctions' simulations were examined and contrasted to see how well the suggested adaptive traffic signal control method performed. The total cycle time and average vehicle waiting time are key performance measures that are influenced by traffic density and flow patterns at each intersection.

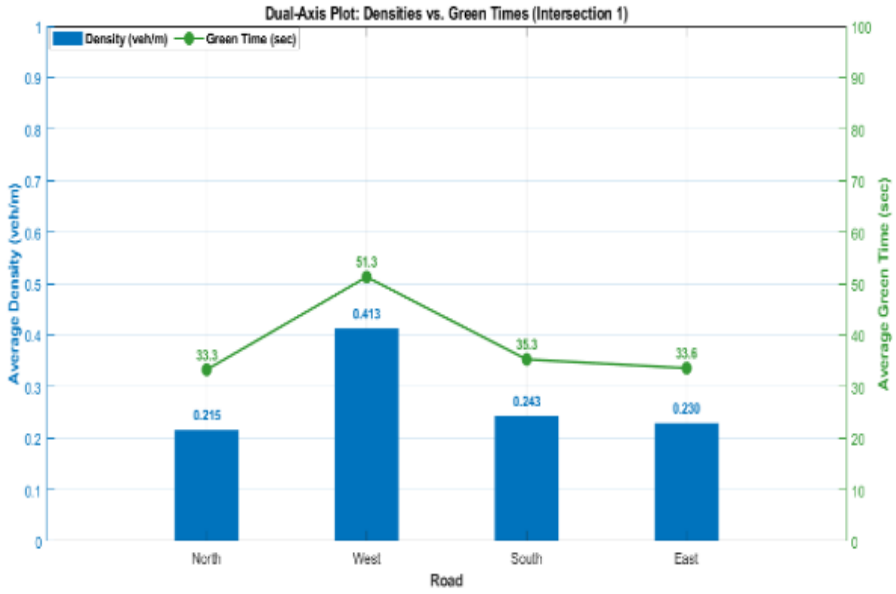


Figure 8: Density vs. Green Time – Intersection 1.

Table 3: Intersection 1 Results Summary.

Road	Average Density (veh/m)	Average Green Time (sec)	Average Red Time (sec)
North	0.2153	33.3	122.4
West	0.4133	51.3	99.3
South	0.2431	35.3	119.3
East	0.2295	33.6	122.5

Table 4: Intersection 2 Results Summary line so it is centered.

Road	Average Density (veh/m)	Average Green Time (sec)	Average Red Time (sec)
North	0.183	30.1	93.82
West	0.12	23.86	100.06
South	0.181	29.76	94.16
East	0.28	40.2	83.72

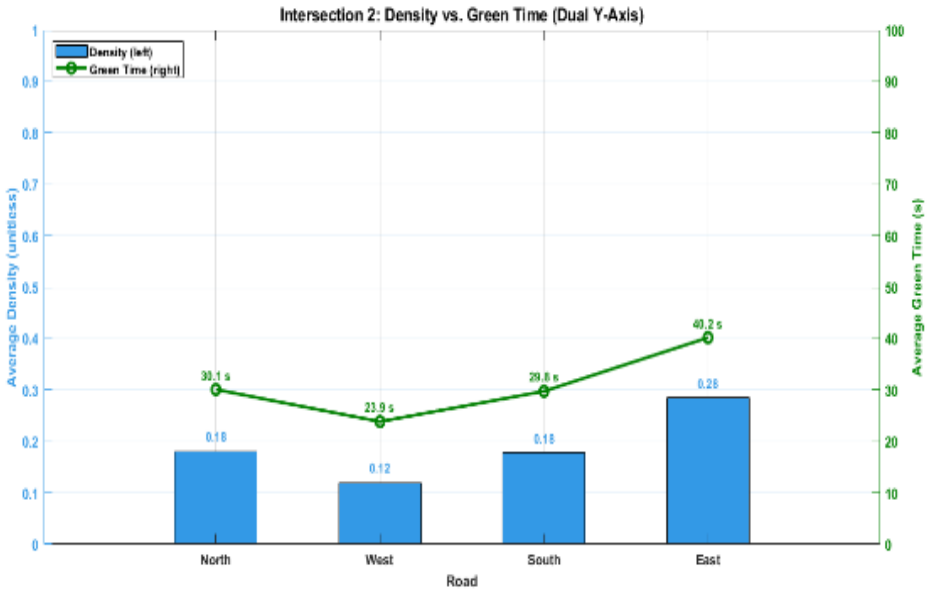


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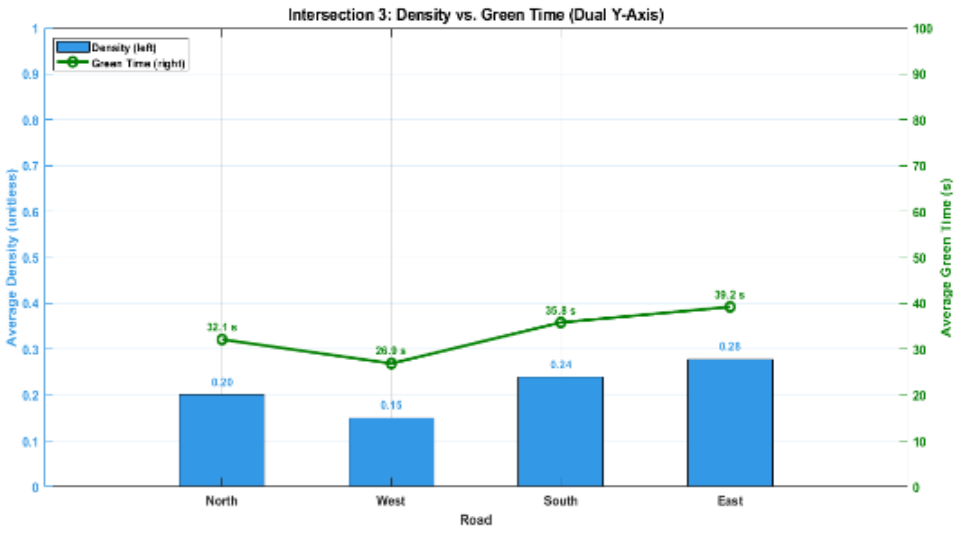


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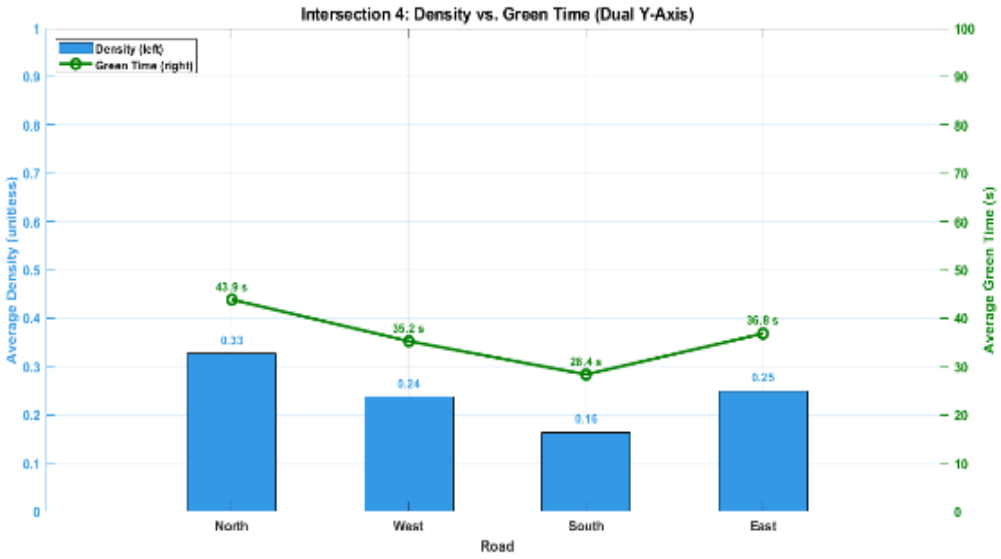


Figure 11: Density vs. Green Time – Intersection 4.



Figure 12: Comparison of Average Waiting for four intersections.

Table 5: Intersection 3 Results Summary line so it is centered.

Road	Average Density (veh/m)	Average Green Time (sec)	Average Red Time (sec)
North	0.20	32.1	101.9
West	0.15	26.89	107.1
South	0.24	35.82	98.2
East	0.28	39.21	94.8

Table 6: Intersection 4 Results Summary line so it is centered.

Road	Average Density (veh/m)	Average Green Time (sec)	Average Red Time (sec)
North	0.33	43.85	100.42
West	0.24	35.24	109.03
South	0.16	28.36	115.91
East	0.25	36.82	107.45

Table 7: Comparison of AWT and Cycle Times for per intersection.

Intersection	Average waiting time (sec)	Average total cycle time (sec)	Key Insight
Intersection 1	48.2 sec	153.48 sec	High congestion in one direction; others low
Intersection 2	9.92 sec	123.92 sec	Balanced traffic across all roads
Intersection 3	17.5 sec	134.03 sec	Moderate mixed traffic densities
Intersection 4	25.21 sec	144.27 sec	Heavy traffic in all directions

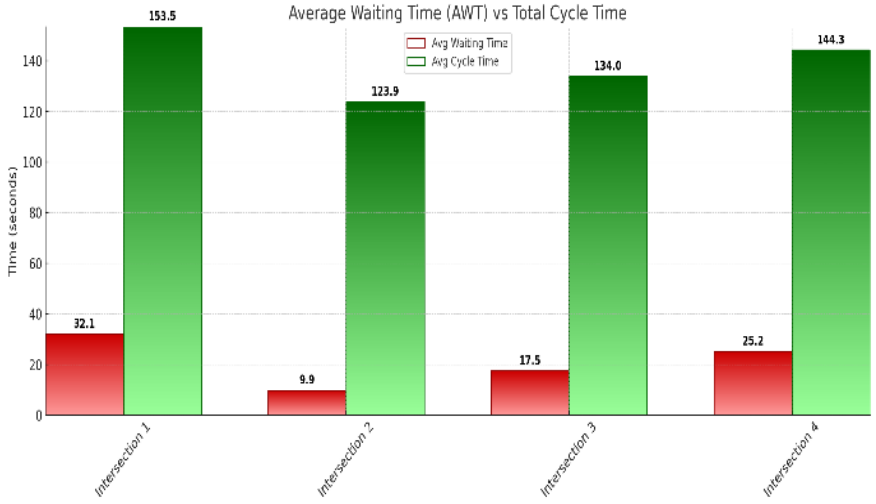


Figure 13: Comparison of AWT and Cycle Times for per intersection.

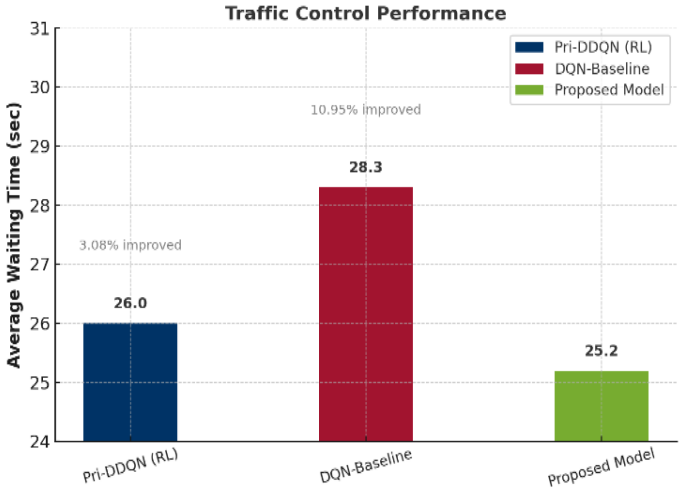


Figure 14: Comparison with different algorithms.

Intersection 1 was the most congested, with an AWT of 48.2 seconds. Figure 12. indicates that vehicles at this intersection encountered severe delays,Intersection 2 had the least traffic congestion, with an AWT of 9.92 seconds and the shortest average cycle time of 123.92 seconds. Intersection 3 maintained a moderate balance, with an AWT of 17.50 seconds and a cycle time of 134.03 seconds, proving the algorithm's capacity to adjust appropriately to changing densities. Meanwhile, Intersection 4 had a longer cycle time (144.27 seconds) and a greater waiting time (25.21 seconds), indicating higher density in all directions but reasonably even signal dispersion. Intersection 2 demonstrates how well the adaptive system handled balanced traffic circumstances.

4.4 Compares Average Waiting Times and the Performance with Different Algorithms

The average waiting time was compared among Pri-DDQN, DQN-Baseline [25] and the proposed nonlinear model (NMATCS). The results show an improvement of 3.08% over Pri-DDQN and 10.95% over the DQN baseline. Figures 13 and 14 show that the DQN-Baseline has the greatest (AWT).

5 CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents the results of satisfying the key research objectives and addressing the issue area effectively. The following conclusions were drawn from the study and its results:

1) Traffic congestion in urban areas is a significant issue as the global road infrastructure struggles to keep up with the increasing demand for mobility.
2) A novel adaptive nonlinear traffic control equation T_{gij} = c + k. (1- $\frac{1}{\exp(Dij)}$) that adapts the traffic green duration time based on the road vehicles density in real that adapts the traffic green duration time based on the road vehicles density in real time without requiring historical data or learning (zero training).
3) A MATLAB-based simulation framework for evaluating and testing adaptive signal control strategies using both real and synthetic data.
4) The model was validated and deployed across various intersections, demonstrating its ability to manage diverse traffic flows and effectively scale.
5) The suggested model had the lowest AWT of 25.2 seconds, compared to 26.0 seconds for Pri-DDQN (2024) and 28.3 seconds for DQN-Baseline.
6) Our algorithm achieved an improvement rate of up to 3.08% when compared to Pri-DDQN and 10.95% when compared to DQN-Baseline.
7) The new proposed nonlinear equations and Integration of edge computing close to the sensors ensures accurate, real-time information based on specific road factors.
8) The computational efficiency was significantly lower because our model was not requiring prior learning or training.
9) We note through the experiments that there was no wasting time for the signal more than the actual time required, as the algorithm adapts systematically to the value of the road density.

6 LIMITATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE WORK

While the proposed traffic signal control model demonstrates strong adaptability to varying traffic densities, several limitations remain that present opportunities for further enhancement. Addressing these constraints can improve system accuracy, robustness, and applicability in diverse real-world settings. The following recommendations focus on integrating additional detection capabilities, advancing the decision-making framework, enhancing sensor reliability under adverse conditions, and expanding the scope of testing to encompass a broader range of urban traffic configurations:

1) Integrate detection mechanisms for emergency vehicles, fire engines, and pedestrian crossing signals.
2) Developing a hybrid model that combines rule-based decision-making with reinforcement learning for improved long-term adaptation.
3) The model assumes continuous traffic flow without accounting for weather conditions (e.g., rain, fog, sudden sensor failures) affecting sensor reliability. Therefore, we recommend using alternative sensors, such as the Kalman Filter. This filter predicts the next expected measurement based on past sensor values. If a new reading significantly deviates from the expected values (indicating it might be an outlier), the Kalman Filter will either reduce its influence or reject it altogether.

4) Testing the system in various urban environments such as grid layouts and roundabouts to demonstrate increased scalability.

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Simulation of Three Hardware Potassium Flotation Control Facilities Based on System Thinking

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Abstract: This article discusses the issues of modeling three hardware units for controlling the flotation of potash ore based on systems thinking. On the basis of system analysis, it was determined that a flotation apparatus having a number of input and output parameters is characterized by control and controlled variables. Determination of the input, output, and internal parameters of both the system and the process allows one to define and carry out a preliminary analysis. Subsequently, the relationships between the parameters are determined. In most cases, determining the relationship between the output and input parameters provides a more complete analysis of the research object. After that, it is possible to proceed to determining optimal solutions. The improvement of technological processes and flotation devices is demonstrated on the basis of systems thinking and modern trends in the development of ore processing plants. Multistage methods, computer models, and algorithms for more accurate calculation of the dynamics of technological apparatuses are proposed; the coefficients of technological processes and operating modes of three-vessel flotation units are determined.

1 INTRODUCTION

In global production, research and development in the field of manufacturing, as well as modeling and optimization of technological processes in the context of modern scientific and technological progress, have enabled industry to increase productivity by reducing energy consumption and improving product quality through the widespread use of modern technologies in the development of high-performance, reliable, and cost-effective technological equipment. At the same time, the search for optimal solutions for technological processes in practice remains one of the main areas of technical development aimed at increasing productivity, improving product quality, reducing costs, facilitating working conditions, and protecting the environment.

The main direction in the technology of mineral processing and automation of processes at a modern potash flotation plant is the production of high-quality fertilizers with minimal losses of valuable components and high technical and economic performance indicators.

The production of fertilizers with improved physical and chemical properties is driven by the needs of agriculture, production economics, and increasing demand in the global market. Therefore, improving potash ore beneficiation technology through the development and implementation of more advanced technological schemes, new high-performance and efficient equipment, optimized reagent regimes, and full automation of production processes is currently highly relevant and in demand [1]. The urgency of improving beneficiation technology is also associated with the need to develop new potash deposits in Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan in order to produce competitive potash fertilizers for domestic and global markets [2]. For this purpose, an approximate model of a modern potash flotation plant has been developed and proposed, integrating advanced directions in beneficiation technology and process automation.

The methodology of systems thinking [3], [4], building on existing methods, makes it possible to analyze complex systems effectively. In this study, system analysis is considered a more comprehensive stage of analysis and the search for optimal solutions.

This involves a thorough investigation of the object of research, representing it both as a system and as a set of processes occurring within the system and its subsystems (quasi-devices). The determination of input, output, and internal parameters of both the system and the process enables a preliminary analysis to be performed. Subsequently, the relationships between the parameters are identified. In most cases, establishing the relationships between output and input parameters provides a more complete analysis of the object under study. This then allows the determination of optimal solutions.

In general, systems thinking and analysis, as well as system synthesis, are carried out in the following sequence:

- First stage (systems thinking and analysis): the selected object, element, system, and process are preliminarily studied; system requirements are formulated; and the input and output parameters of both the system and the process under study are determined.
- Second stage: determination of relationships between parameters. In most cases, this requires deeper investigation of the system, after which the elements and subsystems are identified.
- Third stage (selection of the optimal solution).

2 SYSTEM MODELING

2.1 Flotation Equipment and Process Description

In general, passing into systems thinking and analysis, the apparatus for flotation of potash ore is considered:

In the first stage of systems thinking:

- the selected object of potash ore flotation is preliminarily studied - element - system and process. System requirements are formed;
- the input and output parameters of both the system and the studied process of potash ore flotation are determined.

Flotation is a process of separation of finely ground minerals, carried out in an aqueous medium and based on the difference in their ability (natural or artificial) to be wetted with water, which determines the selective adhesion of mineral particles to the interface of two phases.

The flotation process is carried out most often in a three-phase system that includes solid (S), liquid (L) and gaseous (G) phases. Of all the varieties of the flotation method of beneficiation, the most widespread is froth flotation, which is based on the ability of non-wet table (hydrophobic) minerals to adhere to air bubbles formed as a result of aeration of the pulp and float with them to the surface of the pulp, forming a foam product, while wet table (hydrophilic) minerals - to remain suspended in the pulp, forming a chamber product. Mineral particles fixed on the surface of air bubbles are called floating, not fixed - non-floating. The size of the floated particles during froth flotation usually does not exceed 0.15 mm for ores containing heavy minerals [5].

To increase the natural difference in the surface wettability of minerals or to artificially create such a difference, the mineral surface is treated with special substances called flotation reagents [6]. By selecting flotation reagents, conditions can be achieved under which some minerals will float and others will not, i.e. create conditions for their selective separation. The essence of the froth flotation process is as follows. The initial pulp, after processing it with flotation reagents, enters the flotation machine, where it is saturated with air in the form of small air bubbles. Nonwettable (hydrophobic) particles when colliding with bubbles adhere to the latter, creating aggregates consisting of air bubbles with solid particles fixed on them. Aggregates with a density lower than the density of the pulp float to its surface, forming a layer of mineralized foam that is removed from the surface. Wettable (hydrophilic) particles do not adhere to air bubbles and remain in the pulp volume, forming a chamber product [7].

Usually, a useful mineral is extracted into the frothy flotation product and the waste rock minerals are extracted into the chamber product. This process is called direct flotation. In some cases, it is more expedient to extract the minerals of the waste rock into the foam product and concentrate the useful minerals in the chamber product. This process is called reverse flotation. If a concentrate containing two or more valuable components is obtained in the flotation process, such flotation is called collective flotation. If several concentrates are successively obtained in the flotation process, with only one valuable component in each individual concentrate, such flotation is called selective. If, in the process of flotation, a collective concentrate is first obtained and then successively valuable components are isolated from it into independent concentrates, such flotation is called collectively selective [6].

The flotation machine provides pulp aeration and mineralization of individual particles with a more hydrophobic surface, alignment and removal of mineralized foam.

For example, it is designed to separate sylvite and halite minerals using flotation, which utilizes the different adhesion properties of these minerals to the interfacial surface. The chamber volume is 6.3 cubic meters, the motor power is 30 kW and the throughput is 12.6 cubic meters/min. The key parameters for this model are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Technical specifications of the LMZ Universal FM-6.3 KSM flotation machine.

Chamber capacity	6.3 cubic meters (m)
Throughput 0.21 cu. m / sec	12.6 cc m / min
Two-chamber section weight	7350 kg
Average total life of impeller and stator	8500 h

2.2 Computer Modeling of a Three-Unit Flotation Plant

The second stage (building a computer model), where several sub steps take place [8], [9].

The construction of the model is intended for the calculation of a three-device installation with ten cas-layer structures of potash salt flotation in each device (Fig. 1).

On the basis of system analysis, it was determined that a flotation apparatus having a number of input and output parameters is characterized by control and controlled parameters. Among the output parameters, we can talk about two controlled variables. This is the amount (or concentration) of the valuable component in the gas phase and the amount (or concentration) of the valuable component in the liquid phase. These output parameters are influenced by the input parameters, these are the slurry flow rate and gas flow rate in the flotation apparatus. It was determined that the main control parameter for the flotation apparatus is the gas flow rate. The identification of the apparatus is carried out on the basis of typical models. The flotation apparatus is considered as a stable object with lumped parameters. When solving control problems for these devices, a typical model of an inertial link (or aperiodic link of the first order) is used, which, from the point of view of processes and devices of chemical technology, can be attributed to a link of ideal mixing.

Let us now turn to inter-element influences, i.e. interfacial action, in which the useful component from the liquid layer will pass into the gas phase. This phenomenon is characterized by the coefficient of mass transfer.

Here, the concept of the equilibrium concentration of valuable components can be introduced. The actual concentration of valuable components in the liquid phase is determined by the equilibrium concentration, which depends on the properties of the binding agents and the nature of the gas phase. The transient process, i.e., mass transfer between the liquid and gas phases, is then described by the mass transfer (1):

$$\frac{dY_i}{d\tau} = Q_y k(y_i - y_{i-1}) + A_v V_a (x - y_i) \quad (1)$$

Here: y_i – is the concentration of the incoming gas, y_{i-1} – outlet gas concentration, Q_ – gas consumption, k – gas condition coefficient, A_v –coefficient of mass transfer from liquid to gas, V_a – quasi-layer volume, x – concentration of a valuable component in a liquid. Now you can compose the material balance equation in this form:

$$((Qg*u(3)*(u(2)-u(4)))+(Av*Va*(u(1)-u(2))))/(Va*rog*u(3)) \quad (2)$$

The process in the gas phase in the selected quasi-layer has a computer model in the form shown in Figure 2. The liquid phase in each quasi-acid has common characteristics. In the cube of the flotation apparatus, almost ideal mixing of the liquid occurs, at which the concentration of the valuable component at all points of the apparatus will be the same. Therefore, for the liquid phase, one mass transfer equation is constructed (or a block that calculates the concentration in the bubble cube) (Fig. 3).

This model receives signals about the parameters: air flow rate in the apparatus, concentration of valuable components in the incoming air, flow rate of suspension or pulp in the bubble cube, initial concentration of valuable components of the liquid phase. The model determines the values of the input concentration of the components in the liquid phase. Blocks of the computer model show changes in the input concentration of valuable components, both in the liquid and in the gas phases. A computer model of the process in a bubble cube is formalized.

Based on the models of the gas phase and the liquid phase of the bubbling cube, a computer model of the process in the bubbling cube of the flotation apparatus was obtained (Fig. 4). Input parameters - equilibrium concentration of the material in the gas phase, the concentration of the material in the liquid phase, the initial values of the concentration in the liquid phase.

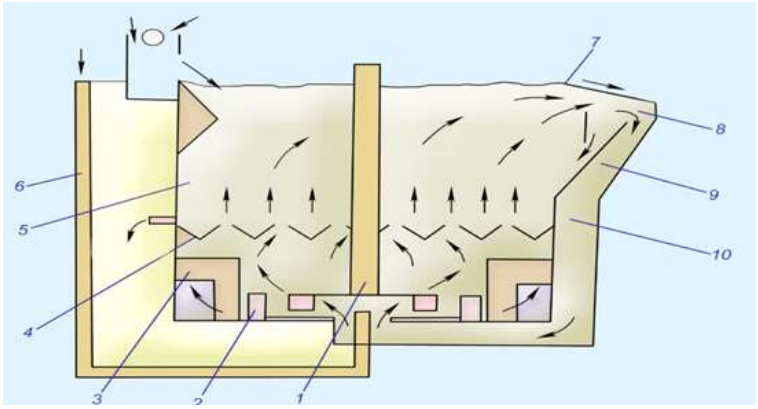


Figure 1: Flotation machine for fluidized boiling of pulp, in particular, in an apparatus for sylvite flotation of potassium salts: 1 - central pipe of the aerator block; 2 - shaft; 3 - impeller; 4 - supra-impeller glass; 5 - supra-impeller disk; 6 - guide vanes; 7 - pipe; 8 - split grille; 9 - circulation pocket.

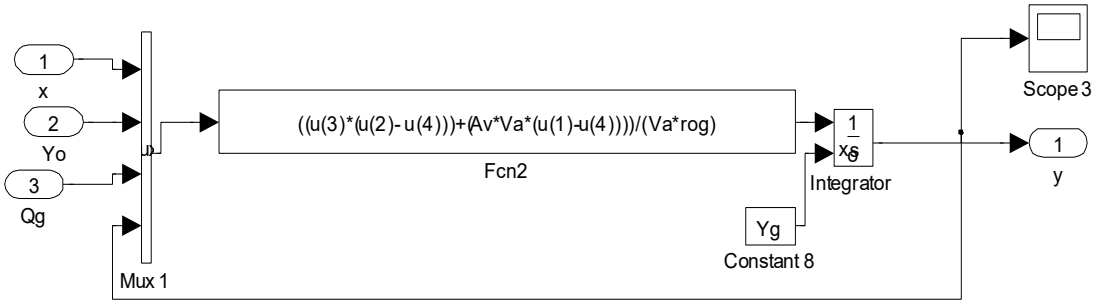


Figure 2: Computer model of the process in the quasi-acid gas phase of the object of one-stage flotation.

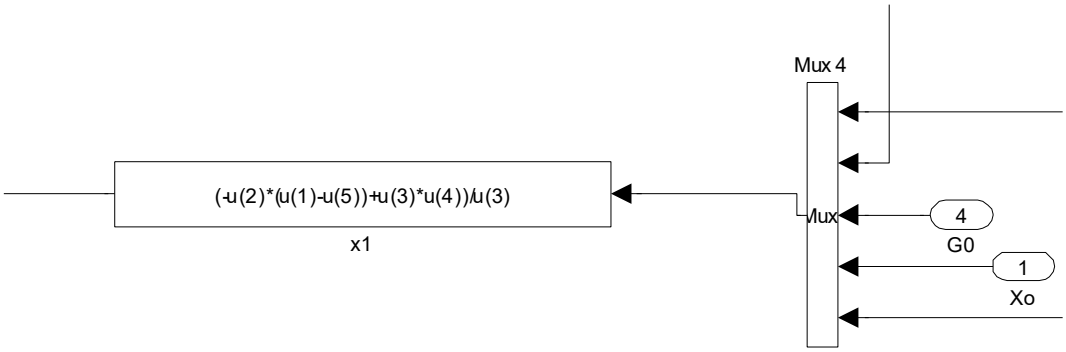


Figure 3: Block for calculating the equation of mass transfer in a bubbling cube.

This computer model receives signals about the input parameters: the air flow rate in the apparatus, the concentration of valuable components in the incoming air, the pulp flow rate in the bubble cube and the initial concentration of valuable components in the liquid phase.

According to the model, the values of the concentration of components in the liquid phase are determined by calculation.

2.3 Analysis of the Flotation Process Simulation

The functionality of the proposed software product consists in the fact that when inputting the initial data into a computer model of a three-device plant with a ten-layer structure, the computer will automatically calculate the necessary process parameters for a three-device plant with a ten-layer flotation structure

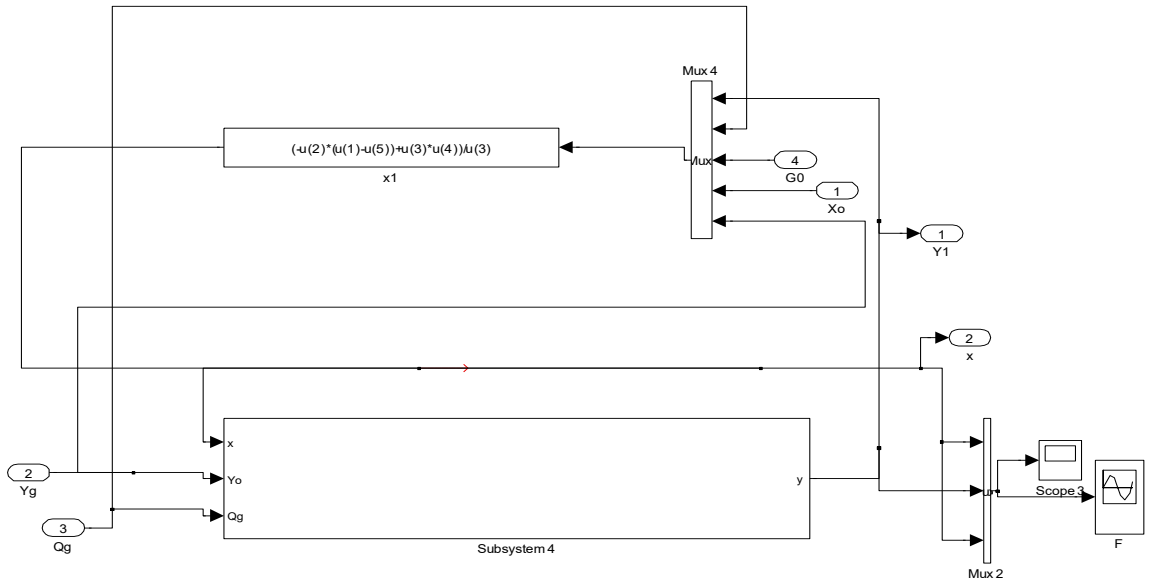


Figure 4: Computer model of the bubbling zone based on the MATLAB application program.

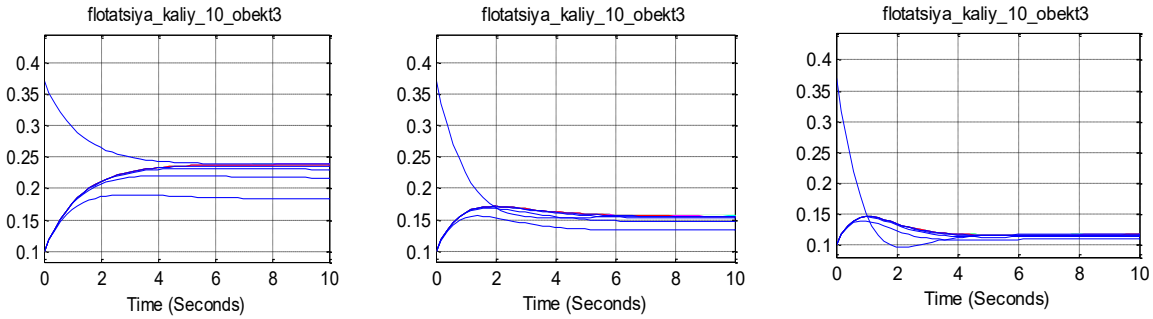


Figure 5: Results of a three-device plant with ten cas-layer structure of potash salt flotation.

in each device. The expediency of using each apparatus and the possibility of obtaining the maximum recovery of valuable components when using a three-apparatus installation of ten causal flotation structure in each apparatus is revealed.

The program can be used in the tasks of determining the optimal values of the apparatus and the parameters of the technological process of flotation of precious metal ores in a three-apparatus installation with a ten-layer flotation structure in each apparatus

The determination of the coefficient of mass transfer from the pulp to the bubbles of the gas phase in the working zone of the flotation apparatus is essential [10]. The mass transfer coefficient is determined by the methods of the Kolmogorov criterion by considering the probability distribution. The consistency of the change in the output parameter in the working area of the flotation apparatus in time when the disturbing effect is applied by changing the input parameter.

In this intelligent control in the flotation apparatus, the control parameter is the air flow rate and the output-controlled parameter is the concentration of the valuable component in the outgoing slurry. By abruptly changing the air flow rate, it is possible to trace the change in concentration in the outgoing pulp flow. For this, two variants of determining the change in the output parameter were used.

Object identification, based on the analytical method with perturbation, by determining the change in the output parameter in the form of a transient curve. This graph shows that from its maximum value, the parameter will decrease to a certain value. The nature of this change is due to the laws of probability distribution. The nature of the change in probability can be reflected by determining the

maximum value of the change in the output parameter (Δy). Dividing each value of the output parameter increment by the difference of the change Δy, the distribution of the probability of the output parameter change from the input parameter over time is determined. At the beginning of the transient process, the probability is zero and at the end of the transition period, when the object comes to a steady state, has a maximum value, equal to one. As a result, we obtained the nature of the change in probability over time [P = f (τ)].

Exactly the same nature of the probability distribution takes place in cases when the analytical model is used. Thus, based on the identification of the object, the curves of the transient process are transformed in the coordinates of the probability of changing the output parameter due to the introduction of a disturbing effect. Any form of disturbance can be translated into a similar probability distribution apparatus in time. We compiled a mathematical model, then it took the form of a computer model based on an analytical and experimental approach. The acceleration curve obtained by the analytical and experimental model is shown in Figure 5.

As a result, we got the probability distributions for two cases. The first case is an identified object, the coefficients of which were selected according to the size of the existing installation and the equations were determined according to the indicators of a real installation and the identification was carried out carefully. The second option is an analytical model.

The adequacy and consistency of the results can be determined by comparing the two curves of the probability distribution. For each moment in time (5-10-15-20 seconds), we compare the values of the points of the curves, we obtain the difference in the probability distribution. As a result, discrepancies in the probability distribution were obtained: the smaller the area of the obtained curve, the better the match. If this difference is too large, then it is necessary to correct the computer model obtained analytically. The model includes the mass transfer coefficient, which characterizes the transition of a valuable component from a liquid to a gas phase. By changing the value of this coefficient, you can reduce the analyzed area, but in this particular case the coincidence is acceptable, so you can use the standard deviation criterion:

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{n}\sqrt{\sum \left(P_{u_i} - P_{\mathcal{M}_i}\right)^2} \; .> \min.$$

Obtaining the root-mean-square deviation of the probability distribution over the values of the output parameter, the correspondence of the two methods was found; in the case under consideration, the degree of coincidence entered the zone of 0.95.

As a result of the study, it became possible to create an analytical and experimental model of a flotation object, as well as to perform mathematical calculations that are suitable for the implementation of analytical identification of the flotation process. By comparing the two models, the potential for adequacy can be seen.

It should be noted that the method for calculating the mass transfer of the flotation process, the most important components are gas bubbles passing through the fluidized liquid. The work made it possible to create a computer model using practical applied software packages based on a mathematical model of the flotation process.

In accordance with Kolmogorov's criteria for assessing the adequacy of mathematical models, the probability of transition of the flotation process from one state was determined by the transition line. The analytically obtained computer model reflects the probability of the object transition from the initial state to the final stable one. The corresponding probabilities of its transition from one state to another and the probability distribution in time are determined experimentally on the physical model of the object. The probability distribution can be compared to the actual probability distribution (Fig. 6).

The experiments were carried out on different values of the mass transfer coefficients. The results were compared with the calculated values of the parameters of the identified model (Fig. 7).

Figure 7 shows the results of comparison by the standard deviation criterion of the calculations of the distribution of the probabilities of dynamic changes in the parameters of the output product, performed using an analytical computer model, with experimental data obtained on a real physical model of the ore flotation process in the bubble cube of the flotation machine. Figure 8 shows the standard deviations of the probability distribution of dynamic changes in the parameters of the outgoing product depending on the mass transfer coefficient in the flotation apparatus.

The results showed that the most acceptable degree of adequacy is provided if, we simulate a computer model with a mass transfer coefficient of 0.03.

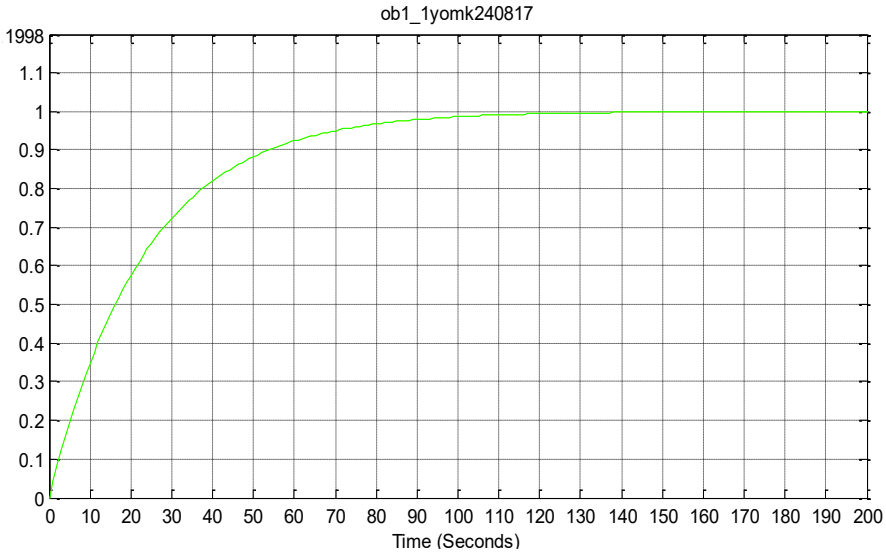


Figure 6: Transient process of ore flotation.

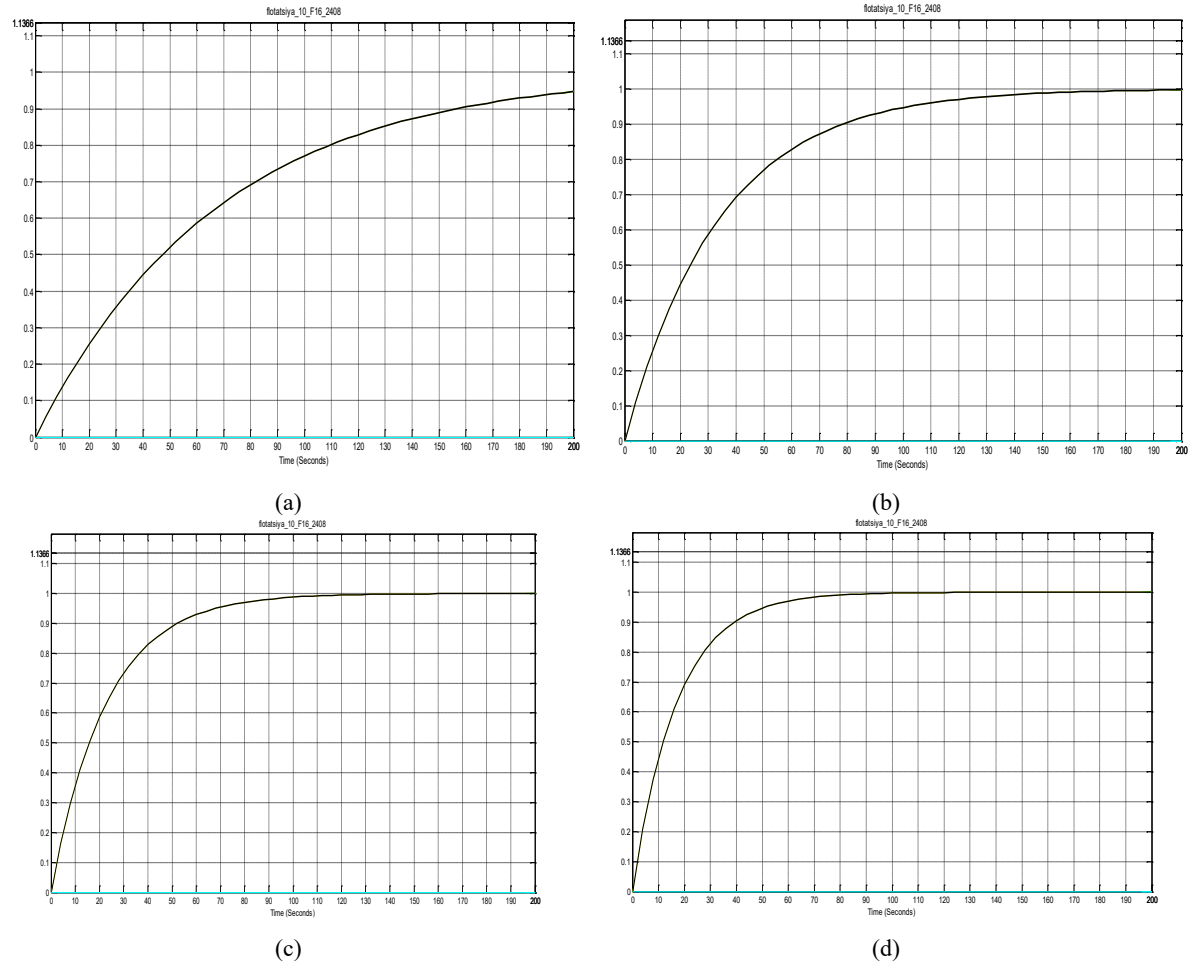


Figure 7: Transient processes according to the analytical model at search values of the mass transfer coefficient: a) k=0.01; b) k=0.02; c) k=0.03; d) k=0.04.

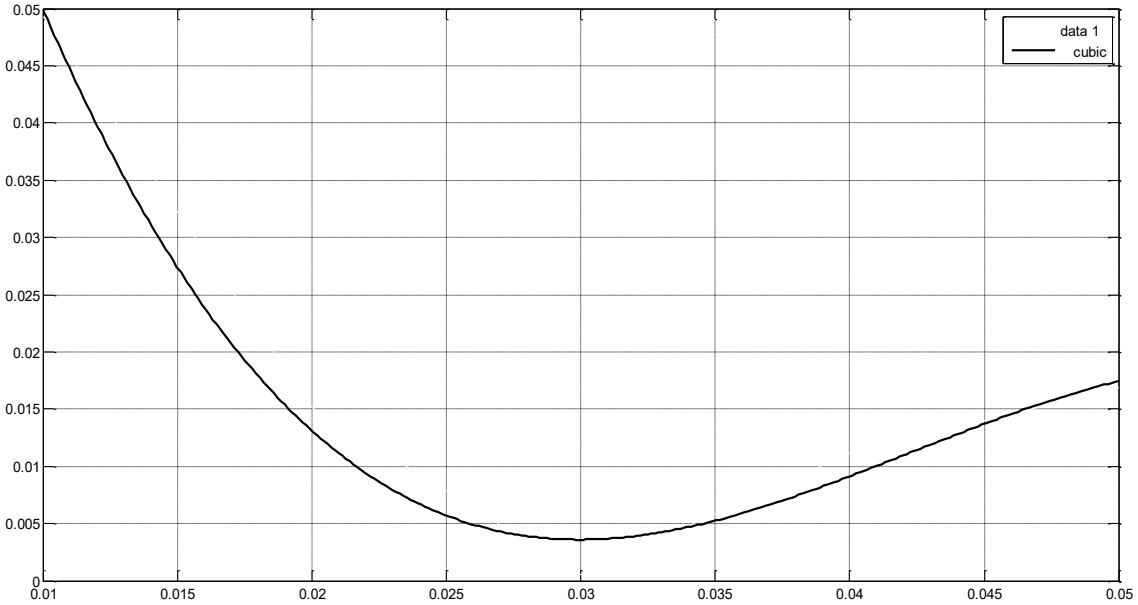


Figure 8: Standard deviations of the distribution of the probabilities of dynamic changes in the parameters of the outgoing product depending on the coefficient of mass transfer in the flotation apparatus.

3 CONCLUSIONS

The developed mathematical model of the process provides designers with effective solutions for equipment design problems and the selection of optimal operating modes. On the basis of systems thinking and modern trends in ore processing plants, the improvement of technological processes and flotation devices has been substantiated. The planned experiments and the obtained dependencies of potassium chloride concentration on input parameters of the flotation unit in potash fertilizer production were analyzed. Multistage methods, computer models and algorithms for more precise calculation of the technological apparatus dynamics are proposed, while the coefficients of technological processes and operating modes for one-, two-, five- and ten-shell flotation plants are determined. In particular, the coefficient of mass transfer of valuable components (0.03) from the liquid phase to the gas phase was experimentally established. These research results contribute to sustainable development by enhancing the efficiency of mineral processing and ensuring rational resource use, while also supporting ecological safety through the optimization of operating modes and reduction of negative environmental impacts. A method for determining the value of the action coefficients for optimal control of the dynamic process in the apparatus is recommended.

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Mathematical Modeling of Mixers with Cavitation Inducements

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Abstract: The object of research in this article is the hydrodynamic processes in continuous cavitation devices and the design parameters of cavitators. The aim of the research is to develop an optimal hydrodynamic cavitation mixer for oil activation and production of water-fuel emulsions from petroleum products. The optimal design parameters of cavitation mixing devices with a hydrodynamic grid have been determined. The calculation of the mixer with minimal energy consumption and optimal workflow is carried out by the method of successive approximations. A method for calculating hydrodynamic cavitation mixers is proposed, based on the proposed mathematical model of the workflow, together with the conditions for minimal pressure loss in the device and recommendations for its optimal design, which allows the development of efficient continuous mixing devices with minimal energy consumption. It is recommended that, according to the proposed method, resource-saving industrial samples of cavitation mixers of a new generation for various volume costs of a water-fuel mixture will be calculated in the future.

1 INTRODUCTION

Currently, cavitation technologies give excellent results in the transformation of gaseous, solid and liquid media. These technologies are used to prepare mixtures resistant to segregation (also for mixing difficult-to-mix or immiscible media), homogeneous solutions, emulsions, suspensions and dispersions from various products, to activate enzymes and accelerate processes by supporting catalytic reactions, to treat wastewater, and also for water purification in water treatment systems [1]-[2].

The working process of a cavitation mixer is based on the phenomena that occur during the joint flow of liquid and vapor-gas phases, and, in the general case, the speeds of movement of liquid and vapor (gas) are different [3]-[5]. As a result, the data on the flow rate of the medium, the geometry of the channel, and the physical properties of the liquid and gas (steam) do not yet provide a sufficiently complete idea of the hydrodynamics of the flow. Therefore, to characterize a two-phase flow, it is necessary to introduce quantities that take into account the features of the movement of individual phases.

The mathematical model of the working process, compiled on the basis of the material, energy and heat balance of the flow in continuous mixers, is closed [4]. It makes it possible to calculate the transverse dimensions of mixers with cavitation inducers in the flow in the form of a multi-jet nozzle or a hydrodynamic cavitation grate, as well as to determine the coordinates of the mixing shock and, thus, the longitudinal dimensions of the mixer.

Related problems related to cavitation technologies and flow hydrodynamics were considered in [6]-[15].

2 METHOD AND RESULTS

In this work, the gas-liquid flow is considered as pseudo-one-dimensional, its parameters are averaged over the pipe section. All effects from the uneven distribution of parameters over the pipeline cross section are taken into account in the dependencies for averaged parameters, temperature effects are not taken into account. It is assumed that the viscosity of the phases manifests itself only in the processes of interfacial interaction and does not manifest itself in the macroscopic momentum transfer, the pressure in the phases is the same, the flow occurs in pipes with a constant area.

Bubble, plug, and emulsion structures are combined into a single flow structure, and conventional single-velocity models were used for their calculation [3]. Usually, these regimes exist at gas content.

When modeling a dispersed-annular flow, it was assumed that the velocities of the gas and droplets are equal to each other and differ from the film velocity.

The calculation of the parameters of this mixture flow regime was carried out using a system of differential equations [3] consisting of three continuity equations (for gas, droplets, and liquid) and two momentum equations (for a film and a gas-droplet core of the flow), which take into account the intensity of droplet deposition on the film, intensity of dynamic entrainment of droplets from the film surface:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_1^o\alpha_1)+\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_1^o\alpha_1 v_1)=J_{21}+J_{31},\\
&\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_2^o\alpha_2)+\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_2^o\alpha_2 v_1)=-J_{21}-J_{23}+J_{32},\\
&\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho_2^o\alpha_3)+\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_2^o\alpha_3 v_3)=-J_{31}+J_{23}-J_{32},\\
&\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_2^o\alpha_3 v_3)+\frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\rho_2^o\alpha_3 v_3^2)=-\alpha_3\frac{dP}{dz}-\\
&-F_w+F_{13}-\rho_2^o\alpha_3 g-(J_{32}+J_{31})v_3+J_{23}v_1\\
&\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\left[(\rho_1^o\alpha_1+\rho_2^o\alpha_2)v_1\right]+\frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left[(\rho_1^o\alpha_1+\rho_2^o\alpha_2)v_1^2\right]=\\
&-(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)\frac{\partial P}{\partial z}-F_{13}-\\
&-(\rho_1^o\alpha_1+\rho_2^o\alpha_2)g-J_{23}v_1+(J_{31}+J_{32})v_3.
\end{aligned} \qquad (1)$$

Here, the parameters related to the gas phase, drops and liquid film contain subscripts 1, 2, 3, respectively, t-time, z-coordinate, P-pressure, α_i - volume concentration of the i-th component of the mixture, v_i - speed of the i-th component mixture, $\rho_i -$ the density of the i-th component of the mixture, $g -$ the acceleration of free fall, J_{21}, J_{31} - the intensity of the inflow of gas and liquid through the permeable walls of the pipe, J_{32}, J_{23} - the intensity of the entrainment of drops from the surface of the film and the settling of drops, F_{13}, F_w - the force interaction between the film and drops, as well as the wall of the emulsifier .

The initial equations describing the working process in the mixer are [16]-[17]:

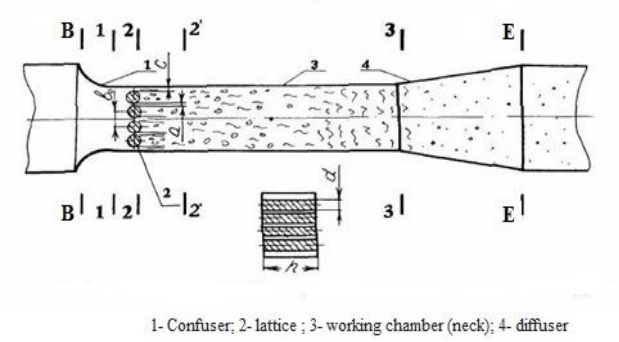
1) cost balance equation;
2) D. Bernoulli's equation for a flow with a droplet state of the mixture;
3) the balance equation for the specific energy of the flow with the droplet state of the mixture;
4) momentum equation for the control compartment.

The combination of these equations and a number of transformations, taking into account the equality of the areas of the normal sections of the flow $A_B=A_E$ and $A_1=A_3$, lead to the expression

$$\frac{P_B-P_E}{P_B-P_{S.S.}}=\frac{\zeta_{NOZZ}+(\zeta_{CONF}+\zeta_{DIFF}+\zeta_\Gamma)\Omega^2+(1-\Omega)^2}{1+\sigma+\zeta_{NOZZ}+\zeta_{CONF}\cdot\Omega^2} \qquad (2)$$

which is basic when calculating a mixer with a multi-jet nozzle (Fig. 1).

Expression (2) allows, with a known absolute pressure in front of the mixer PB and the selected resistance coefficients of the elements of the flow path, to determine the relative area of the nozzle Ω, at which the pressure loss in the mixer (PB– PE) will not exceed the specified value.



1- Confuser; 2- lattice ; 3- working chamber (neck); 4- diffuser

Figure 1: Schematic diagram of a mixer wich a hudrodynamic grate.

On Figure 2 shows graphs of the change in the relative pressure drop (PB–PE) / (PB– PS.S.) as a function of the relative area of the nozzle Ω, calculated according to (2), in the entire practical range of change in the resistance coefficient of the working chamber (throat) = 0.08...1 and hydraulically perfect profiling of the remaining elements of the flow part of the mixer ξCONF = 0.15; ξNOZZ = 0.10; ξDIFF = 0.25 [18].

An analysis of expression (2) and graphs (see Fig. 2) showed that the minimum relative pressure drop (PB–PE) / (PB–PS.S.), and therefore, the minimum loss in the mixer corresponds to the following range of change in the relative area of the nozzle 0.45 <Ω<0.7. Therefore, when calculating hydrodynamic cavitation mixers, it is advisable to choose the geometric characteristics from this series.

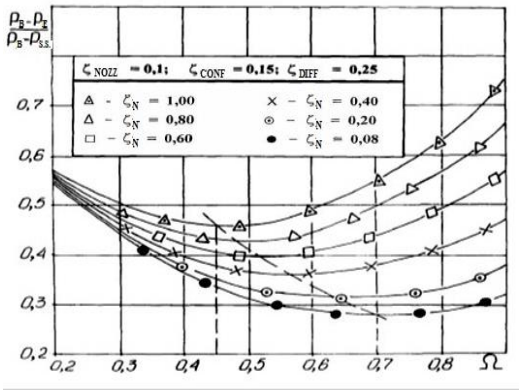


Figure 2: Graph of change in relative pressure drop depending on the relative area of the nozzle.

The task of calculating the mixer is as follows: with known physical properties of the mixture components (carrier medium and liquid additive), their content in the mixture flow, initial pressure and temperature, the operating and geometrical parameters of the mixer are determined, realizing the flow of the working process with minimal energy consumption. The calculation of the mixer with minimum power consumption and optimal working process is performed by the method of successive approximations in the Matlab application software package. At the same time, in each approximation, according to the initial data and the selected hydraulic resistance coefficients of the cavitators (nozzle or hydrodynamic grate) and elements of the flow part of the working chamber, the optimal transverse dimensions of the cavitation stimulators and the working chamber are determined, corresponding to the minimum losses in the mixer, then the steam flow rate and then the flow temperature are calculated mixture in the initial section of the working chamber T_2. The calculation is considered reliable if the flow parameters of the mixture of components in the last two approximations differ by no more than (2...5) %.

In this case, the total axial lengththe working chamber consists of sections:

- formation of a supersonic vapor-gas-liquid flow lform;
- rapid supersonic flow of the mixture lflow;
- mixing jump ljump, where there is an abrupt transition from supersonic to subsonic flow and condensation of liquid additive vapors;
- calming the flow lcalm.

$$L_N = l_{form} + l_{flow} + l_{jump} + l_{calm} \quad (3)$$

According to the recommendations [5], the formation areasupersonic vapor-liquid flow lform= (1 ... 2) D_3, where D_3 -working chamber diameter. Extent of the supersonic flow zonelflowis determined by the critical length l_{kr} of the section with a turbulent two-phase flow, at which the critical state of the flow is reached in the end section ($P = P_{KR}$) and is determined according to [16], i.e. $l_{flow} = l_{kr}$. The length of the mixing jump is $l_{jump} = (2 ... 4) D_3$. The calming zone can be recommended in the range lcalm = (2...3) D_3.

Based on the obtained mathematical model [3] and the methodcalculation, let's calculate the mixer with a multi-jet nozzle, which serves to create a water-oil emulsion (WME) (Fig. 1).

Determine the density of the mixture:

$$\rho_m V_m = \rho_{ad} V_{ad} + \rho_{ca} V_{ca}$$

Here:

- V_m=1 is the volume of WMS;
- V_{ca}=0.85 – volume of fuel oil in WMS;
- V_{ad}=0.15 is the volume of water in the WMS.

$\rho_m = 0.15\rho_{ad} + 0.85\rho_{ca} = 0.15 * 958.4 + 0.85 * 949 \cong 950 \text{kg/m}^3$.

We will calculate the emulsifier by the method of successive approximations in the Matlab application software package. As a first approximation, we take the following values of hydraulic resistance coefficients:

$$\zeta_{CONF} = 0.15;\ \zeta_{NOZZ} = 0.10;$$
$$\zeta_{DIFF} = 0.25;\ \zeta_N = 0.2;$$

The minimum relative pressure drop at the selected hydraulic resistance coefficients, and, consequently, the minimum loss in the mixer, corresponds to Ω = 0.64. With a relative nozzle area Ω=0.64, the cavitation number will be equal to σ = 0.41. The function minimum corresponds to the minimum pressure loss in the mixer $\Delta P_{BE} = P_B - P_E$. At absolute pressure in the initial section P_B = 1000 kPa and saturated vapor pressure P_B = 101 kPa, the minimum pressure loss $\Delta P_{BE} = P_B - P_E = 272 кПа$.

Now determine the speed of the VMS outflow from the nozzle V_{m2}:

$$V_{m2} = \sqrt{\frac{2(P_B - P_{S.S.})}{\rho_m(1 + \sigma + \zeta_{CAV} + \zeta_{CONF}\Omega^2)}}$$

Substituting into the last expression the accepted values of the coefficientsresistance, cavitation number σ, as well as Ω = 0.64, we obtain that in the

first approximation, the outflow velocity $V_{m2} = 34.71$ m/s. Then the speedmixture flow in sections 1-1 and 3-3

$$V_{m1} = V_{m3} = \Omega V_{m2} = 0.64 * 34.71 = 22.21 \text{ m/s.}$$

Let's check the pressure loss in the mixer:

$$\Delta P_{BE} = \zeta_{CAV} \frac{\rho_m V_{m2}^2}{2} + (\zeta_{CONF} + \zeta_{DIFF} + \zeta_N) \frac{\rho_m V_{m3}^2}{2} + \frac{(V_{m2} - V_{m3})^2}{2} \rho_m =$$

$$0.1 \frac{950 * 34.71^2}{2} + (0.15 + 0.25 + 0.2) \frac{950 * 22.21^2}{2} + + \frac{(34.71 - 22.21)^2}{2} 950 = 2,7206 * 10^5 \, Pa$$

3 DISCUSSION

Comparing the obtained result with the one calculated earlier [17], we find that these results are almost the same. This indicates that the velocities V_{m2} and V_{m3} are found correctly. Knowing the speed V_{m3} of the emulsion flow in the neck, we determine its area A_3 and diameter D_3 in the first approximation. Jet area

$$A_2 = \Omega * A_3 = 0.64 * 1.50 * 10^{-3} = 0.96 * 10^{-3} m^2$$

$$A_3 = \frac{Q_m}{V_{m2}} = \frac{3.33 * 10^{-2}}{22.21} = 1.50 * 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$$

A diameter:

$$D_3 = \sqrt{\frac{4A_2}{\pi}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 * 1.50 * 10^{-2}}{\pi}} = 4.37 * 10^{-2} m \cong 44 mm$$

Let us determine the amount of released steam, taking the value slip coefficient Ψ = 0.9 and assuming that steam occupies all jet-free space in the initial section of the working chamber.

Steam movement speed at Ψ = 0.9

$$V_S = \Psi * V_{m2} = 0.9 * 34.71 = 31.24 m/\text{s}$$

Then the amount of steam

$$m_{S_2} = \rho_S V_S (A_3 - A_2) =$$

$$= 0.598 * 31.24 (1.50 * 10^{-3} - 0.96 * 10^{-3}) \cong 10^{-2} kg/\text{s}$$

Taking into account expression (3) and the accepted recommendations, we determine the length of the working chamber of the mixer:

$$L_N = l_{form} + l_{flow} + l_{jump} + l_{calm} =$$
$$= 2D_3 + l_{kr} + 4D_3 + 3D_3 =$$
$$= 2 * 0.044 + 0.074 + 4 * 0.044 + 3 * 0.044 \cong 0.47 m$$

Table 1: The main geometric dimensions of the mixer.

Area, m ^{2}		Diameter, m			Length, m	
A_2	A_3	D_2	D_3	D_4	$L_г$	$L_{диф}$
$9,6 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1,5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0,0156	0,044	0,108	0,47	0,523

$$D_4 = D_3 \sqrt{n} \quad (4)$$

$$L_{DIFF} = 0.5 \frac{(D_4 - D_3)}{tg \alpha / 2} \quad (5)$$

Other dimensions of the mixer are defined and presented in the Table 1. The number of jets is assumed to be m = 5. To achieve the minimum energy loss in the diffuser, it is assumed that the diffuser opening angle is α= 7 °, and the degree of its expansion is n = 6. Then the diameter of the outlet section of the diffuser is determined by the expression (1) and the axial length of the diffuser is determined by (2).

4 CONCLUSIONS

The mathematical model of the working process, compiled on the basis of the material, energy and heat balance of the flow in continuous mixers, is closed. It allows calculating the transverse dimensions of mixers with cavitation inducers in the flow in the form of a multi-jet nozzle or a hydrodynamic cavitation grate, as well as determining the coordinates of the mixing jump and, thus, the longitudinal dimensions of the mixer [19]-[21]. According to the proposed method, resource-saving industrial samples of cavitation mixers for various volumetric flow rates of the new generation of naval forces will be calculated in the future.

Calculation method for hydrodynamic cavitationmixers, built on the basis of the proposed mathematical model of the workingprocess together with the conditions for minimum pressure loss in the deviceand recommendations for its optimal design, allows the developmentbuild efficient continuous mixing devices withminimal power consumption.

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Smart Agriculture: A Decision Support System with Machine Learning

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Abstract: Smart agriculture is a collection of techniques and technologies that aim to improve farming methods and production and support sustainable agricultural practices. This work proposes a Machine Learning-based Decision Support System (ML-DSS) for real-time decision support to farmers. The primary goal is to derive crop yield predictions, pest detections, and resource management through supervised machine learning models(es-implementation) using IoT-based sensor data. The architecture supports several machine learning techniques, including deep learning, ensemble models, and explainable AI frameworks, which can process heterogeneous data sources related to soil quality, weather conditions, and plant health indicators. A cloud-based platform is utilized for data collection, preprocessing, and predictive analytics. The experimental work is validated using real-world datasets from precision farming applications. Experimental results demonstrate significant overall prediction accuracy, improved decision-making speed, enhanced capacity for resource allocation, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Because of the use of interpretable AI techniques, model transparency has been facilitated, and trust from farmers is achieved. Finally, this research illustrates that the ML-DSS has the potential to increase agricultural productivity, moderate costs in the farmers' operations, and information-driven farming decisions for the future directions of adaptive learning.

1 INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays an essential role in the global food security, economic stability, and sustainable development. Traditional farming is however facing more and more challenges such as unexpected weather changes, soil degradation, pest infestation, and, quite importantly, rather inefficient utilization of resources. Smart farming has addressed some of these issues and has become an innovative method Community Development which includes the deployment of advanced technologies such as Machine Learning (ML), Internet of Things (IoT), and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to optimize those agricultural systems around different fronts. Machine Learning-based Decision support systems provide data-driven insights to farmers for real-time decision-making toward improved productivity and sustainability. With the analysis of different sets of information-such as soil composition, temperature, humidity, crop health, and weather forecasts-ML algorithms are able to predict yield rates, identify disease, and give optimal farming practice suggestions. Smart systems enhance precision agriculture through automated monitoring, early detection of risk, and resource management. This research investigates the advanced development of an ML-DSS, shaped toward the smart farming sector, to enhance decision-making accuracy with the help of supervised learning and deep learning models. The investigation will establish a strong argument to prove that AI-driven solutions bring more efficiency

to agriculture at lesser costs, operate with environmentally sustainable farming, and improved productivity. Incorporating interpretable AI techniques in building the proposed system provides transparency, reliability, and trust to users.

2 LITERATURE SURVEY

There's been some fairly quick development in the integration of machine-learning techniques into smart agriculture in how far they have used this to improve decision-making, optimize use of resources, and thus increase crop yield. Many papers had developed an application of machine-learning algorithms for precision farming, disease detection, and yield prediction. For example, [1] described an application of deep learning-based systems to crop disease detection, using CNNs to provide better accuracy than traditional image processing techniques. [2] Built an ML-based predictive modeling system for crop yield estimation, considering soil properties, weather conditions, and historical yield data toward efficient allocation and use of resources. In addition, IoT smart farming is in a favorable position of allowing real-time updates to the organizations for decision-making. For instance, Patel et al. [3] demonstrated a machine learning approach for precision irrigation using IoT data, effectively optimizing water use. These findings collectively underscore the effectiveness of integrating IoT and ML for tasks like soil moisture monitoring, predicting irrigation needs, and reducing water wastage. This advancement underlines the promise of ML-based decision support systems in extensive agricultural practice. However, model interpretability, real-time adaptability, and unavailability of data become each other challenge emerging from further research.

Even after these years of the hospitality of machine learning for the decision-support systems in smart agriculture, some challenges remain unanswered. Most of the state-of-the-art research is bent towards improving the accuracy of predictions but lacks interpretability, hence hindering the application and acceptance by farmers to integrate recommendations by AI systems [4]. Again, giant machine learning models require a huge amount of data of very high quality to train; however, field data in agriculture tend to be heterogeneous, noisy, or really small. Such limits in the data variable reduce the generalizability and robustness of the predictive models [5]. Moreover, whilst IoT-enabled smart farming systems provide real-time data collection, there is an inadequate number of studies that integrate adaptive learning mechanisms that allow the model to be dynamically updated based on the new agricultural patterns. The absence of real-time adaptability suppresses the practical realization of these systems in the dynamic farming environment. Filling these gaps by integrating Explainable AI, data augmentation techniques, and real-time adaptive learning would certainly enhance the working of ML-based decision-support systems.

3 METHODOLOGY

3.1 Model Training

Machine learning proceeds with data collection from extensive sources such as IoT sensors, drones, satellite images, and publicly available agricultural datasets all prepared for training; these provide a vital information base on soil moisture, pH, temperature, humidity, weather test, and crop health indicators. Since raw agricultural data is often polluted by noisy and incomplete information, preprocessing ensures good data quality for robust model performance; in this respect, methods really help in discerning the right variables affecting crop yield pest outbreak, and irrigation needs [6]. The model used to design the decision support system consists of a mixture of supervised learning and deep learning approaches. These comprise Random Forest and XGBoost for crop yield prediction and pest detection while leaf images are analyzed using CNNs for identification of diseases. Besides, prediction using LSTMs on the time series data from different parameters over time like weather variations as well as soil conditions and pest infestations is performed. The training follows a standard procedure, which involves 80-20 training/testing. Generalization of the model for unseen data is assured through a train-test split of 80% training and 20% validation, using cross-validation (k-fold) to prevent overfitting and improve robustness, and with experiment setting hyper-parameters via Grid Search and Bayesian Optimization until a satisfactory function is finally established [7].

Once trained, models will be evaluated according to standard performance metrics associated with the prediction task; these include Mean Absolute Error(MAE); Root Mean Squared Error -RMSE; Precision; Recall; and F1-score. To enable transparency and foster the trust of farmers, explainable-AI techniques will include SHAP(SHapley Additive explanations) and

LIME(Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations).

These methods will foster understanding concerning feature importance and decision-making processes, which would make AI suggestions more interpretable for users, hence better action will be made. Following this step, the models would then be deployed in a cloud-based decision support system that would be able to process real-time data and automate decision-making depending on real-time updated information [8]. The final ML-DSS platform incorporates a user-friendly mobile application and web interface providing farmers with up-to-the-minute recommendations on when to irrigate, the control of pests, and what crops to grow. The system will now operate in the cycle of active feedback, meaning that the system will update its models based on new agricultural patterns in order to sustain scalability and continue effectiveness. By providing data-driven decision support, this approach empowers farmers to boost agricultural production, make optimal use of all resources, and adhere to methods geared toward sustainable smart farming.

3.2 Performance Metrics

The evaluation of the performance of an ML-DSS in Smart Agriculture is done using a host of evaluation metrics in order to obtain accuracy, reliability, and robustness in field applications. Regression models, often involving prediction of crop yields and soil conditions, are evaluated using measures of Mean Absolute Error and Root Mean Squared Error values. MAE states that the average of absolute differences between the predicted and actual values indicates the measurement that is intuitive and therefore informative in the sense of providing a sense of prediction accuracy. Whereas, the RMSE, because of its distinction in the manner it attributes weights to mispredictions, is of more concern when it assesses the extreme mispredictions since really big errors need to be discouraged. Combining RMSE and MAE will provide a more comprehensive picture of the model's performance, as RMSE gives more weight to outliers, while MAE gives a more intelligible overview of the prediction accuracy overall [9].
Classification tasks that are delineative of disease detection and pest identification and use measures or metrics such as Precision, Recall, and F1-score. Precision measures the proportion of true positive cases that were predicted out of all predicted positive cases and makes sure that the number of false positives is as low as possible. Recall, known as sensitivity, means how the model works out with actually positive cases in order that fewer diseased crops are missed. The F1 score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall. It is a balanced metric in the case when the false positives and the false negatives are of equal importance. In the current literature, it has been indicated that an increase in Precision is of utmost importance in the classification of plant disease, as false positives will prompt unneeded application of pesticides while high Recall is the essential quality for its early detection to forestall any outbreak or disaster, and these metrics go hand in glove in the endeavour to optimize the machine-learning information decision support system by fine-tuning the model to enhance the accuracy of classifications under the different agricultural scenarios it shall find itself in [10].

Such techniques enable stakeholders, from farmers to agronomists, to see which features influence predictions and thus improve trust and adoption. The significance of interpretability in agricultural AI models is not something that has been absent to previous researchers, as they asserted that transparency of the models allowed for better user adoption and improved decision-making in agricultural applications [11]. Thus, the evaluation metrics integrated into the ML-DSS ensure high performance, interpretability, and flexibility, ensuring their reliability for this Smart Agriculture application.

4 RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In the study, Machine Learning-based Decision Support Systems for smart agriculture are assessed by implementing various models including Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN and LSTM. Performance assessment analyses precision, recall, F1 score and RMSE offering a complete understanding of the model efficiency-based process for different agricultural tasks. Result tables compared with accuracy assessments show that better performance is achieved through feature selection and pre-processing, thus indicating robust nature of the system under various settings.

4.1 Model Performance Evaluation

Several regression and classification models were employed to evaluate the machine learning-based decision support system for smart agriculture. The models were tested on a dataset containing soil attributes, weather parameters and pest occurrence

collected from IoT sensors,drones and satellite images. Table 1 shows the model performance comparsion

Table 1: Model performance evaluation.

Model	Application	Precision	Accuracy
Random Forest	Crop Yield Prediction	nil	92.3%
XGBoost	Crop Yield Prediction	nil	90.7%
CNN	Disease Classification	95.2%	93.5%
LSTM	Weather Forecasting	nil	91.2%

4.2 Efficiency of Feature Selection and Data Processing

Before feeding the model, features were selected and preprocessed via PCA and correlation analysis to improve performance. Leaf texture, color variation, and temperature change are considered the most important indicators for disease categorization. According to an analysis by SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations), soil moisture negatively (24.6%) impacts crop yield prediction, followed by temperature (19.4%) and levels of fertilizer (15.7%). Table 2 shows the impact of data preprocessing on model performance.

Table 2: Impact of data preprocessing.

Model	RMSE (before)	RMSE (After)	Accuracy (Before)	Accuracy (After)
Random Forest	2.05	1.23	85.6%	92.3%
CNN	nil	nil	87.1%	93.5%
LSTM	2.75	1.57	83.2%	91.2%

4.3 Visual Representation of Model Performance

The visualization of model performance showed the applicability of ML-DSS through comparative accuracy metrics, feature importance analysis, and the effect of preprocessing. The graphs show CNN achieving an accuracy of 93.5%, a random forest improving RMSE from 2.05 to 1.23, and SHAP analysis indicating a 24.6% impact of soil moisture on predictions.

4.3.1 Model Accuracy Comparison

Figure 1 shows the accuracy of the different machine learning models used in smart agriculture Figure 1 illustrates the CNN model obtained the highest accuracy of 93.5% for disease classification, followed by the Random Forest and LSTM models with accuracies of 92.3% and 91.2% for crop yield prediction and weather forecasting, respectively.

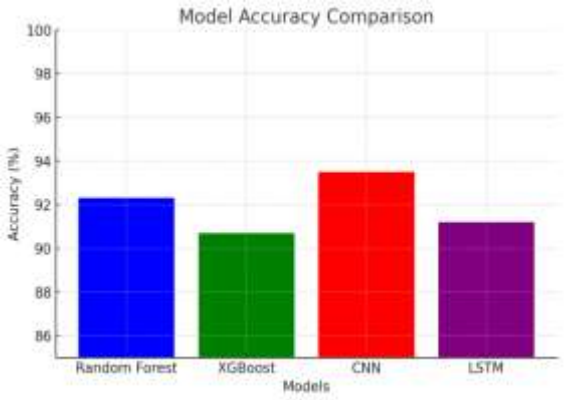


Figure 1: Model accuracy comparison.

4.3.2 Feature Importance Analysis

Figure 2 represents the feature importance analysis using SHAP values. Figure 2 shows that soil moisture (24.6%) had the highest influence on crop yield prediction, followed by temperature (19.4%) and fertilizer levels (15.7%). This insight helps optimize feature selection for better model performance.

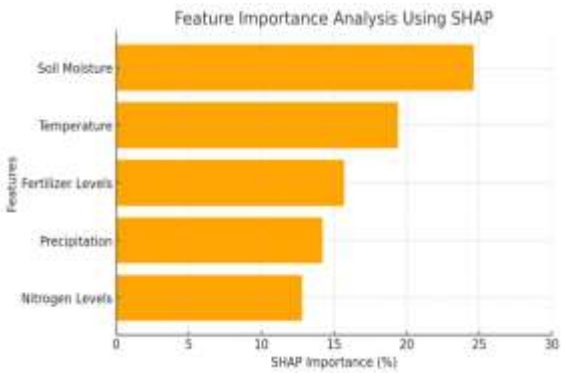


Figure 2: Feature importance analysis.

4.3.3 Improvement in Model Performance

Figure 3 tells a lot about preprocessing, which improves the performance of a model by resulting in a reduced RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error) for crop yield predictions done through Random Forest and

weather predictions done through the LSTM model. After it was processed, the change in RMSE made it totally accurate and made the model more reliable.

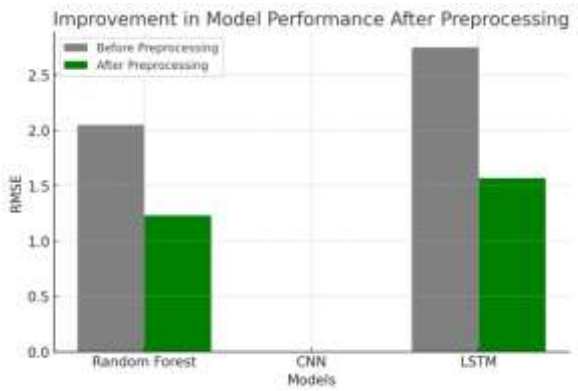


Figure 3: Improvement in model performance after preprocessing.

These results validate the feature selection, preprocessing, and upscale methodologies employed in the development of proficient Decision Support Systems for Smart Agriculture.

5 DISCUSSION

The results of this work indicate the potential of machine learning-based decision-support systems in precision agriculture, utilizing high-end supervised learning and deep-learned models. Random Forest and XGBoost models attained very high accuracy in predicting crop yield, similarly, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) effectively diagnosed crop diseases with an accuracy of a mere 93.5%. Moreover, LSTM networks outperform in prediction regarding weather variation using preprocessed data. The reduced RMSE values and increased model accuracy for feature selection techniques confirmed that the recommendation systems could be used by farmers to model and utilize recommendations in crop management, irrigation, and control of diseases.

A major focus area of this research was the effect of physical environmental factors on the performance of models. SHAP-based feature importance analysis shows that soil moisture, temperature, and fertilizer levels are the most important parameters in determining crop health and yield predictions. This agrees with existing studies highlighting the necessity of real-time data collection in precision agriculture. While the accuracy of sensors is variable, weather fluctuations have also obstructed the trustworthiness of the predictions in dynamically changing farming environments. Future improvements can accommodate hybrid models combining ensemble learning and reinforcement learning techniques for improved adaptability. Moreover, the integration of external datasets that contain historical climate and satellite imagery data can hone the precision of decision-making for fairly accurate predictions.

6 CONCLUSIONS

This demonstrated some of the worth of Machine Learning-Based Decision Support Systems in Smart Agriculture and further reveals how advanced machine learning models can improve decisions aimed at crop management, disease detection, and yield prediction. The trials of Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN, and LSTM models have resulted in high precision amongst some other forms of agricultural applications. Data preprocessing and feature selection remained the two most crucial steps for improving performance for some applications. The evaluation metrics precision, recall, RMSE, and F1-score proved the robustness of the proposed system, establishing it as a very useful guide for modern farming. Future endeavors must pay attention to equipping such models with enhanced flexibility by applying hybrid learning in a combination of ensemble learning and reinforcement learning, thus enabling the system to withstand changes brought forth by the environment. Moreover, other sources of data, such as satellite images, drone observations, and past climatic data can be used to complete the decision-making process. It should also be addressed at the research level that the use of edge computing would aid signal transmission for near real-time processing across remote farming areas, hence eliminating these latency issues for enhanced decision-making.

Additionally, one future path is the coAI models that leverage the federated learning, enabling multiple farms to supply real-time data in an unintrusive manner in terms of data privacy. Moreover, one future direction is the collaborative AI models that utilize the federated learning, allowing multiple farms to upload real-time information without dipping into data privacy. This would allow for creation of region-specific models that are relevant to farming conditions in the area. Furthermore, expanding the ML-DSS into cloud-based agricultural advisory system, available through mobile devices would promote wider use among farmers. By periodically improving these AI-driven approaches, ML-DSS could have the ability to thoroughly change precision

agriculture, while increasing sustainability, production, and resource efficiency in the agricultural field.

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Analysis of Error Sources in Electrical Circuits and Accuracy Improvement of Electrical Devices

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Abstract: The accurate and reliable operation of electrical equipment is a fundamental requirement for their application in precision engineering. Simple error formulas allow the easy establishment of functional interdependencies between outputs and input quantities. Analytical methods enable sensitivity analysis to be performed successfully and with relative ease when these dependencies are explicitly given, or when combined with experimental techniques for application in more complex scenarios. However, accurately testing inherently non-linear devices poses serious challenges, particularly when it comes to going beyond simple accuracy characterization and into active error source correction. These issues are the primary obstacles in defining a general engineering framework that uses possible modeling, calculation, and optimization approaches for irregular complex non-linear systems. The present paper presents a systematic approach to error sources in secondary power supply units, especially within functional converters with a building block made up of passive non-linear elements and supplied from DC. The method builds on constructing a causal graph of a magneto-transistor voltage divider and analyzing circuit segments in relation to their voltage dividing properties. This graphical representation comes with significant simplicity, clarity, and interpretability benefits that should enable easier recognition of primary error contributors. The presented approach is not only capable of identifying sensitivity coefficients accurately, even under certain non-linear operating conditions, but also allows for directed error compensation. These results are anticipated to provide a basis for the development of engineering methodologies in precision electrical device and system design and optimization.

1 INTRODUCTION

The process of improving the accuracy of electrical circuits is the acquisition, collection, transmission and processing of information on their operating and structural states, aimed at eliminating deviations of real processes from ideal ones.

The first step in device design, research and error correction is to formulate requirements for device accuracy and other metrics.

The second stage is the selection of the structure and mode of the device. At this stage, many principles of device structures and modes are known.

The third step consists of an analysis of the accuracy characteristics of the devices, i.e. a detailed analysis of the sources of device errors, systematized on the basis of known circuit theory methods.

The fourth step compares the compliance of the devices with the specified accuracy requirements. If the accuracy requirements are not met, then mode error correction methods are applied [1]-[3].

Mode-based methods for improving accuracy can be stand-alone or system-based. In the first case, the device to be designed is considered in isolation from the statistical characteristics of the input signal and the characteristics of the consumer. In this method, the design is reduced to the selection of mode

parameters that ensure a minimum resultant error. The essence of the system method of error analysis is that not only the parameters and characteristics of devices, but also the statistical characteristics of the input signal and the law of signal conversion at the output of the device are taken into account in a complex. At the same time the minimization of functionals is achieved, i.e. generalized accuracy criteria, which include both parameters of devices and characteristics and parameters of a signal source and load [4], [5].

Structural methods of improving device accuracy are based on changing device structures. At the same time, device accuracy improvement can be achieved by autonomous (local) or system (automatic) correction methods [9]. Local methods of introducing device accuracy correction are of interest from the point of view of simplicity, as well as acceptable technical and economic indicators. Local accuracy improvement methods considered on the basis of causal graphs (CGs), which are of interest due to their clarity and simplicity, are given in [16]. Structural-mode methods for improving accuracy are a combination of two methods: structural and mode methods. Increased accuracy of devices can be achieved by these methods. But they differ in the complexity of structural, mode optimization and hardware implementation. Structural methods of improving accuracy are based on improving the quality of manufacturing, assembly and assembly of devices [10].

2 METHODS

The error corrections of the devices can be different, depending on the factors affecting the accuracy of the device. In particular, these are automatic correction methods [2], [3]. One possible variant of such error correction for non-linear circuits with the help of their CGs is considered in this paper.

Based on the CGs, local error corrections for devices can be divided into vertex (per vertex) and route (per route);

Data on the structure of multi-linked circuits based on the laws of electrical circuits and logic algebra are used as preknown information for the construction of a device CGs.

Let's consider the basic idea of this technique using the following simple electromagnetic circuit with non-linear inductance [6], [7], [8], [12] (Fig. 1). The CGs of this circuit is shown in Figure 2.

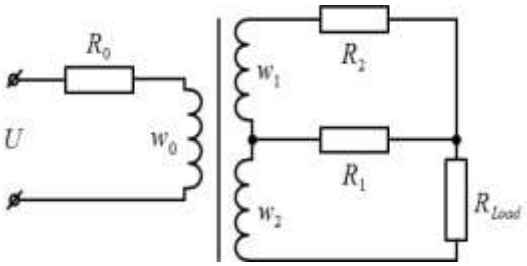


Figure 1: Section of an electromagnetic circuit with non-linear inductance.

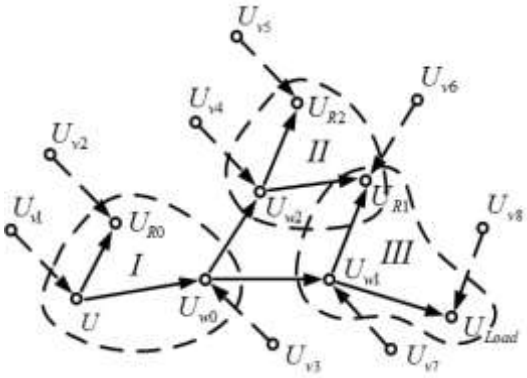


Figure 2: Causal graph of an electromagnetic circuit.

Using the above CGs, we will identify the following sources of error in the electromagnetic circuit:

1) Errors arising from direct transmission of information. They comprise the set of P_1 nodes of the graph (except for the nodes representing power sources, input and reference signals):

$$P_1 = \{U_{w_0}, U_{w_1}, U_{w_2}\}$$

2) Errors occurring in uninformative vertices of a graph. They are represented by a set of P2 vertices:

$$P_2 = \{U_{R_0}, U_{R_1}, U_{R_2}\}$$

3) Errors due to non-ideal input and reference sources and power supplies:

$$P_3 = \{U, U_{Load}\}$$

4) Errors due to external disturbances. They comprise the set of perturbing vertices P4:

$$P_4 = \{U_{v_1}, U_{v_2}, \ldots, U_{v_8}\}$$

The sets P_1 and P_2 are sources of instrumental error, P_3 is a source of transformed error, and P_4 is a source of additional electromagnetic circuit error.

This methodology for investigating the accuracy of devices using CGs allows the most significant

sources of error to be identified and ways of eliminating them to be found for each specific circuit design and operating conditions [11].

The ideal transformation of information by the vertices of the CGs ensures the accuracy of the electromagnetic circuit parameters. The following expression is then valid for the input of this circuit, based on Kirchhoff's II-law:

$$U_{\mathrm{i}} = U_{R_0\mathrm{i}} + U_{w_0\mathrm{i}} \quad (1)$$

where the index "i" denotes the ideality of the graph vertices.

In reality, in a real circuit, due to the presence of external disturbing factors (dummy vertices of the graph), there are certain errors in the chain sections and for this case (1) takes the form

$$U_{\mathrm{r}} = U_{R_0\mathrm{r}} + U_{w_0\mathrm{r}}; \quad (2)$$

where the index "r" denotes the reality of the graph vertices.

The difference of the two (1) and (2) has the following form:

$$U_{\mathrm{r}} - U_{\mathrm{i}} = \left(U_{R_0\mathrm{r}} - U_{R_0\mathrm{i}}\right) + \left(U_{w_0\mathrm{r}} - U_{w_0\mathrm{i}}\right) \quad (3)$$

Let's denote:

$$\delta = U_{\mathrm{r}} - U_{\mathrm{i}}; \;\; \delta_{R_0} = U_{R_0\mathrm{r}} - U_{R_0\mathrm{i}};$$

$$\delta_{w_0} = U_{w_0\mathrm{r}} - U_{w_0\mathrm{i}}$$

which are the absolute dynamic uncertainties of the individual vertices of the CGs.

Then (3) has the following expression for this case:

$$\delta = \delta_{R_0} + \delta_{w_0}. \quad (4)$$

Similarly, the same expressions can be obtained for the other vertices of the electromagnetic circuit graph.

Let us introduce the notion “generalized vertex” that combines the main vertex (cause) and adjacent vertices (consequence) of the graph whose arcs originate from the main vertex. Figure 2 shows generalized vertices by dashed lines.

It follows from (1), (2), (3) and (4) that for dynamic errors of generalized vertices of the graph the second Kirchhoff's law is valid.

In the case where the generalized vertices are the currents of an electromagnetic circuit, it can be proved that Kirchhoff's 1st law is valid with respect to the dynamic errors in them. In this case, the vertices of the CCGs are the branch currents of the circuit.

Therefore, for generalized graph vertices, except for vertices with "purely" logical connections, the proof "the errors of generalized CGs vertices of electrical devices with circuits obey the corresponding laws of electric circuits, i.e. Kirchhoff's laws" is valid [14].

The presence of such an error relationship in the "generalized vertices" of the graph allows for error correction of the uninformative vertices of the graph. By investigating the influence of a specific "generalized vertex" of the graph on accuracy of devices, the laws of variation of static components of errors of the generalized vertex are determined. In this case, the correction should be performed on uninformative vertices adjacent to the "generalized vertex". The influence of this correction on the main informative vertex of the graph occurs according to the specified laws of electric circuits.

Therefore, the technique of investigating the accuracy of parameters of non-linear electromagnetic circuits with the help of CGs allows, for each specific circuit solution and operating conditions, to identify the most significant sources of errors and determine the ways of their elimination [7], [9].

3 RESULTS

As stated, the errors of electrical and electronic devices, caused by the vertices of their CCGs in a "generalized vertex", obey the laws of electrical circuits.

This makes it possible to develop a methodology for automatic error correction and an accuracy test system based on the CGs of the transducers.

One of possible structural schemes of automatic error correction of functional converters (FCs) and their accuracy test system based on their CGs is shown in Figure 3 [12].

An "ideal model" of the FCs vertices is created by an exemplary computing device (CD), which implements the corresponding algorithms of the FCs chain incident matrix based on computational formulas. U_{in_n} input signals are applied simultaneously to the FCs and CD inputs. The outputs of these devices are connected to subtraction devices, the outputs of which produce vertex errors $\{\delta_{v1}, \delta_{v2},\ldots\delta_{\mathrm{vn}}\}$ CGs, can simultaneously arrive at the additional inputs of the CD and the display system. The presence of the CD incident matrix allows the total error of the FCs to be calculated; which is subtracted from U'_{out}. Given this automatic correction, the output of the FCs results in a $U_{\mathrm{out}} = F(U_{\mathrm{in1}}, U_{\mathrm{in2}},\ldots, U_{\mathrm{inn}})$ close to the "ideal model" of the FCs characteristic. The structural

diagram also allows local corrections to be realized by the device's CGs vertices. For this purpose the set of errors $\{\delta_{v1}, \delta_{v2},...\delta_{vn}\}$ are fed to the display system (DS). The obtained laws of error variation allow to identify the most significant sources of errors and find ways to eliminate them.

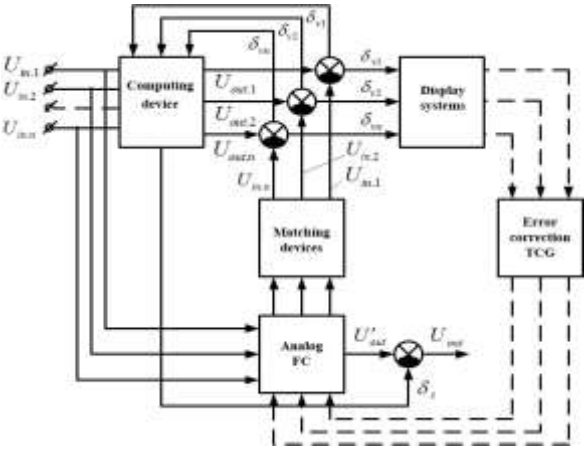


Figure 3: Structure diagram of the automatic error correction and accuracy test based on CGs FCs.

Due to this structure, conducting experimental investigations in various operational modes it is possible to determine the most vulnerable places of FCs in terms of accuracy characteristics, i.e. it is possible to estimate the parametric reliability and stability of devices or their individual elements in their interaction.

The possibility of introducing correction by individual vertices of CGs devices using the given structure gives also an opportunity to develop new FCs of increased accuracy, the basis of which are the investigated devices.

Let's consider application of CGs [11], [12] to the analysis and systematization of sources of errors of nonlinear electromagnetic circuits by the example of a single half-period magnetic-transistor dividing device (MTDD) (Fig. 4) [11], which CGs is shown in Figure 5.

For such a CG, the following system of statements is valid (without taking into account the "fictitious" vertices representing external perturbing factors), which describes the logical connection between the MTDD CG vertices [11]:

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} U_2 \Rightarrow U_{wy} \vee U_{R1} \vee U_{r2};\ U_2 \,\&\, U_\omega \Rightarrow U_{K1}; \\ U_{wy} \Rightarrow U_{wk} \,\&\, U_{wb}(\theta_s);\ U_{wk} \,\&\, U_\omega \Rightarrow U_{K2}; \\ U_{wk} \,\&\, U_\omega \Rightarrow U_{K2};\ U_2 \,\&\, U_{wK} \Rightarrow U_{r2}; \\ U_{wb}(\theta_S) \Rightarrow U_{Sm}(\theta_S) \vee U_{rb}; \\ U_1 \,\&\, U_{Sm}(\theta_S) \Rightarrow U_N \vee U_{EKN}. \end{array}\right\} \quad (5)$$

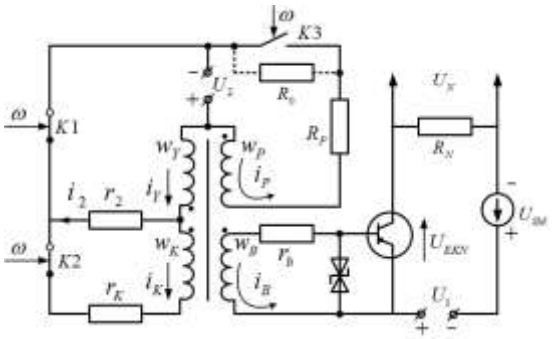


Figure 4. Magnetic transistor dividing device.

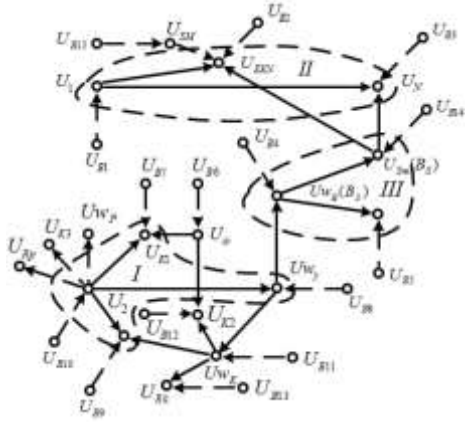


Figure 5: Causal graph of the MTDD.

From the CCGs we obtain the following system of MTDD error source sets, whose nature is described in [6]:

$$P_1 = \{U_{\text{wy}}, U_{\text{wb}}, U_{SM}, U_N\}; \quad (6)$$

$$P_2 = \{U_{k1}, U_{r2}, U_{\text{rb}}, U_{\text{EKN}}, U_{\text{wk}}, U_{k2}, U_{\text{Rk}}\}; \quad (7)$$

$$P_3 = \{U_1, U_2, U_\omega\}; \quad (8)$$

$$P_4 = \{U_{B1}, U_{B2},..., U_{B14}\} \quad (9)$$

As it follows from the set of P_1 (6) sources of errors, there are much less informative nodes in the direct information transmission path in the MTDD and this is due to the fact that the information transmission from the input node U_2 occurs in the control half-period of the basic amplifier, and the working half-period serves to return the cores to the initial position, thus the working half-period of the cores is not involved in the direct information transmission (Fig. 4).

Consider the accuracy characteristics of the MTDD associated with the route $U_2 U_{\text{wy}} U_{\text{wB}} U_{\text{SM}} U_N$ of the CGs. The top U_{K3} of the CGs represents the

voltage on the key K_3 of the MTDD (Fig. 4). The important parameter here is the reverse resistance of the transistor keys R_0. The final value of R_0 can cause a certain error in the output of this route. At the same time, new uninformative vertices of the graph appear, i.e. new sources of errors U_{R0}, U_{wp} and U_{Rp} (shown in Fig. 5 as dashed lines).

The expression for the core saturation angle θ_{Sp}, taking into account the inverse resistance R_0 of the K_3 switch, is determined by solving together the following system of (10):

$$\begin{aligned} i_2 w_y - i_K w_K - i_B w_B - i_P w_P &= Hl \\ U_2 &= -w_P s\omega \frac{dB}{d\tau} + i_P\left(R_P + R_0\right) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

With this system in mind:

$$i_P = \frac{U_2 + w_P s\omega \dfrac{dB}{d\tau}}{R_P + R_0}; \tag{11}$$

$$i_2 = \frac{Hl + i_K w_K + i_B w_B + i_P w_P}{w_y} \tag{12}$$

Substituting in (1.12) the expression for the currents and (1.11) from system (1.10) we obtain

$$U_2\left[1+\frac{r_2}{R_k}-\frac{r_2 w_k}{R_k w_y}-\frac{r_2 w_p}{(R_P+R_0)w_y}\right]=\frac{dB}{d\tau}w_y S\omega\left[1+\frac{r_2}{R_k}-\frac{r_2 w_k}{R_k w_y}+\frac{r_2 w_p^2}{(R_P+R_0)w_y^2}\right] \tag{13}$$

Let's introduce the notation:

$$\xi = 1 + \frac{r_2}{R_K} - \frac{w_K r_2}{w_y R_K}.$$

From (13) we then obtain the following expression for the saturation angle of a ferromagnetic core:

$$\theta_{Sp} = \frac{\pi U_S'\left[\xi + \dfrac{r_2 w_p^2}{(R_0 + R_P)w_y^2}\right]}{U_2\left[\xi - \dfrac{r_2 w_p}{(R_P + R_0)w_y}\right]}, \tag{14}$$

where $U_2 \geq U_S'$; U_S'- core saturation voltage;

Define the error caused by the non-ideality of transistor switch K_3 as $\delta_{\theta K3} = \theta_{Sp} - \theta_S$.

Decomposing the expression for θ_{Sp} and limiting it to the second term, we obtain:

$$\delta_{\theta K3} = \frac{\pi U_S}{U_2}\left[\frac{r_2 w_p}{\xi w_P (R_P + R_0)} + \frac{\dfrac{r_2 w_p^2}{(R_P + R_0)w_y^2}}{\xi - \dfrac{r_2 w_p}{(R_P + R_0)w_y}}\right]. \tag{15}$$

Given the error caused by the first route, for the average value of the load voltage of a two-half-period MTDD, we have

$$U_{Naver} = \frac{(\theta_S + \delta_{\theta K3})}{\pi}U_1 - \frac{(\theta_S + \delta_{\theta K3})}{\pi}\varphi_T\left|\ln\frac{\alpha_1}{1+\dfrac{I_{KN}}{(1+\beta)I_{б1}}}\right| + U_{Bf} \tag{16}$$

From where, the total absolute error of the MTDD is equal to:

$$\delta_{\Sigma Д} = \frac{U_S'}{U_2}\left[\left(\frac{1}{\xi K_0} + \frac{\dfrac{w_p}{w_y K_0}}{\xi - \dfrac{1}{K_0}}\right)U_1 - \varphi_T\left|\ln\frac{\alpha_1}{1+\dfrac{I_{KN}}{(1+\beta)I_{B1}}}\right|\right) - \varphi_T\left|\ln\frac{\alpha_1}{1+\dfrac{I_{KN}}{(1+\beta)I_{B1}}}\right|\Bigg] + U_{Bf} \tag{17}$$

where $K_0 = \dfrac{w_Y (R_0 + R_P)}{r_2 w_P}$.

Taking the following design values and parameters (Fig. 4) [12]:

$f = 50$ [Hz]; $U_{\text{Sm}} = 0.3$ [V]; $H_S = 10$ [A/m]; $I_{KN} \approx \dfrac{U_1}{R_N}$; $U_{1\max} = U_{2\max} = [10]$ V, $w_y = 150$ [W]; $w_p = 600$ [Wt]; $S = 25$ [mm²]; $R_p = 200$[Om]; $R_k = [176.5$ Om]; $R_N = [200$ Om]; $R_0 = 10^6$ [Om]; $r_2 = 100$ [Om]; $r_b = 30$ [Om] and not taking into account the high-order components of $\delta_{\Sigma Д}$, we obtain

$$\delta_{\Sigma_Д} = \frac{0.9}{U_2}\left(13.24\cdot 10^{-4}U_1 - 0.025\left|\ln\frac{0.95}{1+0.02U_1}\right|\right) \tag{18}$$

The error reduced to the full scale of the divider is equal:

$$\delta_{\Sigma_Д}\% = \frac{0.9}{U_2}\left(13.24\cdot 10^{-4}U_1 - 0.025\left|\ln\frac{0.95}{1+0.02U_1}\right|\right)\% \tag{19}$$

It can be seen from the calculated (Fig. 6) $\delta_{\Sigma Д}\% = F(U_1, U_2)$ [5], [9] MTDD relationship the highest error value in the dividing area corresponds to point A ($U_{1\max}, U_{2\max}$), and the sign of the error $\delta_{\Sigma Д}\%$ can change in the dividing area (ABCD[1]).

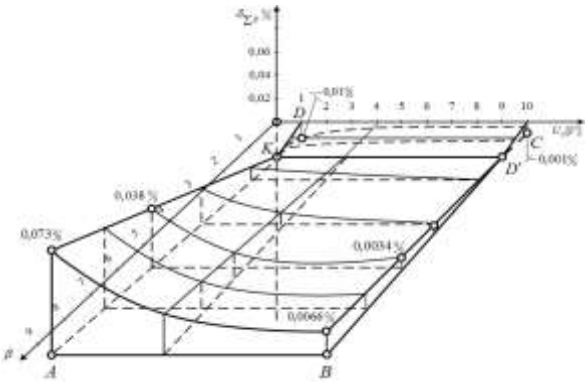


Figure 6: Calculated dependence of the total error on the input RC voltages.

The greater the ratio w_p/w_y, the greater the effect of reverse resistance R_0 of switch K_3. Decreasing this ratio, associated with increasing the number of turns w_y significantly reduces the multiplicity of change over the input U_2. We find such a value of input quantity U_1 (divisible), at which the total error $\delta_{\Sigma Д}\% \approx 0$ over the whole range of divisor change U_2. This value can be found from the condition: $13.24 \cdot 10^{-4} U_1 - 0.025 \left|\ln \frac{0.95}{1+0.02U_1}\right|$. From where $U_1 \approx 1.6$ V, at which the errors of the two divider CGs routes are mutually compensated. As U_2 increases, the total error decreases, and according to the law of inverse proportionality, $U_1 = \text{const}$. The total systematic error $\delta_{\Sigma Д}$ caused by non-ideality of U_{EKN} and U_{K3} vertices is a complex function that depends both on the many parameters of the magnetic part and on the parameters of the MTDD transistor keys, as well as on the parameters of the input and reference vertices of the CGs - U_1, U_2 and U_ω. Therefore, the total systematic error of the MTDU can be reduced by changing the following parameters:

- reducing the number of winding turns w_P, which reduces the effect of R_0 on the accuracy of the MTDD;
- reducing U_S by adjusting the parameters ω, S, B_S and w_y according to the design constraints.
- at higher reference oscillator frequencies, the influence of the $U_{\delta f}$ component, the total error, must also be taken into account.

During experimental research, the uncertainty of the MTDD did not exceed 0.2%. This error includes methodological and measurement errors, which are unavoidable in MTDD studies.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the conducted research, the following main results and conclusions were obtained:

1) A methodology has been proposed for investigating the accuracy characteristics of devices, particularly FCs, using their CGs, which allowed us to systematise and classify the sources of error from a theoretical-multiple point of view.
2) It is established the position that the errors of devices in the "generalized top" of their CGs are subject to the basic laws of electric circuits, i.e. Kirchhoff's laws. This position makes it possible to develop a methodology for analysing the accuracy, parametric reliability and stability of both individual sections of an electrical circuit and devices as a whole.
3) The established provision on the errors of electrical circuits makes it possible to create a test system structure for analyzing accuracy, parametric reliability and stability, both of individual sections of circuits and devices as a whole.
4) The structural diagram of automatic error correction and accuracy testing based on CGs with the introduction of correction by individual vertexes of CGs devices makes it possible to develop new FCs with improved accuracy.

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Errors of New Transformer Converters Measuring Angular Displacement Difference

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Abstract: The article identifies and evaluates the error sources of transformer converters designed to measure the angular displacements of two objects in the newly developed and automatic control and management systems and their difference. Analysis of error sources showed that their theoretical, technological, and operational sources are the main error sources, while internal, external, and mode sources are additional error sources. Theoretical sources of error usually arise from the fact that the measuring device being studied is not taken into account in full all the laws in its work activities, and technological sources are from the fact that the technology for making a measuring device has not been improved. Errors that arise in the process of assembling and configuring the structure are also included in the sources of technological error. The error due to the nonlinearity of the static characteristics of the new transformers is greater than other main error sources, the errors due to changes in the amplitude, frequency and load resistance of the excitation current are greater than other additional error sources, and the calculated errors of the two new transformers 5% and 1.0%, respectively.

1 INTRODUCTION

It is known that, depending on the value of the error of a measuring transducer (MT), its metrological capabilities and accuracy class are determined, as well as its areas of application [1], [2].

Therefore, in this article, we study the error characteristics of two new MT transformers (TOO), developed at Tashkent State University of Transport and intended for use in technological processes and production control and management systems, measuring the angular displacements of two objects and their difference. We do not dwell in detail on the design schemes, operating principles, and specific features of the new transformer devices, as these are described in sources [3], [4].

It is known [5] that the main sources of error of the TOO under normal operating conditions (when the current or voltage supplied to the excitation coil is nominal, the waveform is sinusoidal, the frequency is moderate, the ambient temperature is normal, external electric and magnetic fields as well as ferromagnetic masses are absent, all derivatives of the order are equal to zero, and the output load is constant) constitute the intrinsic error sources. Additional sources of error include those that arise when the MT deviates from normal operating conditions.

2 METHODS

The new transformer MTs, which measure the difference in angular displacements, are the main sources of error.

2.1 Sources of Theoretical Errors

2.1.1 Error Caused by Nonlinearity of MT Static Characteristic

It is known that [6] when using OOs with nonlinear static characteristics in automatic control systems, due to the nonlinearity of the static characteristics,

the amount of error equal to the degree of nonlinearity of the static characteristics.

The error due to the nonlinearity of the static characteristic of MT is calculated using the following [7]:

$$\gamma_\varepsilon = \frac{U_{e.out.}(\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{м.*}) - \Delta Q_{м.*}\frac{U_{e.out.}(\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{м.max})}{\Delta Q_{м.max}}}{2U_{e.out.}(\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{м.max})} \cdot 50\ \%, \quad (1)$$

Where is $\Delta Q_{м.*}$ - the static characteristic of the difference in the angles of rotation of the moving parts is the relative value of the coordinate when the degree of nonlinearity is greatest.

We calculate the value of this error in the example of TOO, which is determined by the function given in the analytical expression of the static characteristic [4] and whose construction is given in [3]. To do this, the static characteristic function $\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{м.*}$ ва $\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{м.max}$ Substituting the values in (1) into the (2), we obtain the following:

$$\gamma_\varepsilon = \frac{3K_1^2(\Delta Q_{м.max})^2}{4K_1^2(\Delta Q_{м.max})^2 - 16W_{\mu\delta_w 0}^2} \cdot 50\ \%, \quad (2)$$

Where is K_1 – a coefficient depending on the magnetic properties and geometric dimensions of the working air gap, $[1/(H \cdot degri)]$; $W_{\mu\delta_w 0}$ – the value of the magnetic resistance of the working air gap when the TOO moving parts are in the neutral position. $[1/H]$.

Equation (2) analysis shows that the magnetic stiffness of the working air gap under study (mainly working air space $\delta_{w.0}$) The value of γ_ε decreases with increasing value. For example, if $\delta_{w.0} = 1{,}0\ mm$ $\gamma_\varepsilon = 2{,}67\ \%$, $\delta_{w.0} = 2{,}0\ mm$ in this case will be $\gamma_\varepsilon = 1{,}09\ \%$. It should be noted that the degree of nonlinearity of the static characteristic is zero when the input size of the new TOO operates in the $0 \div 0.4$ part of the entire working range.

2.1.2 Error Due to Reactive Component of Magnetic Resistance

An error caused by the reactive component of the magnetic resistance of an MD magnetic conductor. The complex magnetic resistance of the steel core causes the TOO to change the phase of the output signal depending on the difference in angular displacements at its input. We create a new static characteristic complex expression of the complex expression in the following form, divided into real and abstract parts:

$$U_{e.out.}^* = \frac{K_{12}}{K_1} * \frac{\left(W_{\mu\delta_w 0}^2 - K_1^2(\Delta Q_м)^2\right)\left(W_{\mu 1}^2 - K_{12}^2(\Delta Q_м)^2\right)}{\left(W_{\mu 1}^2 - K_{12}^2(\Delta Q_м)^2\right)^2 + W_{\mu 2}^4} + +j\frac{K_{12}}{K_1} * \frac{\left(W_{\mu\delta_w 0}^2 - K_1^2(\Delta Q_м)^2\right)W_{\mu 2}^2}{\left(W_{\mu 1}^2 - K_{12}^2(\Delta Q_м)^2\right)^2 + W_{\mu 2}^4}. \quad (3)$$

Where $W_{\mu 1}^2 = W_{\mu\delta_w 0}^2 + 3W_{\mu па}^2 + W_{\mu пр}^2 + 4W_{\mu\delta_w 0}W_{\mu па}$; $W_{\mu 2}^2 = 4W_{\mu па}W_{\mu\delta_w 0} + +6W_{\mu пр}W_{\mu па}$; $W_{\mu па}$, $W_{\mu па}$ – active and reactive resistances of the magnetic resistance ($W_{\mu п}$) of magnetic conductors made of electrotechnical steel, respectively, $[1/H]$; $K_{12} = K_1 + K_2$; K_2 - coefficient depending on the magnetic properties and geometric dimensions of magnetic conductors made of electrical steel, $[1/(H \cdot degri)]$.

The change in the phase of the output signal depending on the coordinates of the moving parts of the TOO is determined by the following:

$$\varphi_{e.out.} = arctg\frac{4W_{\mu пр}W_{\mu\delta_w 0} + 6W_{\mu пр}W_{\mu па}}{W_{\mu\delta_w 0}^2 + 3W_{\mu па}^2 + W_{\mu пр}^2 + 4W_{\mu\delta_w 0}W_{\mu па} - K_{12}^2(\Delta Q_м)^2} \quad (4)$$

The phase error is calculated using the following (5) based on the methodology presented in [8]:

$$\gamma_{\varphi_{e.out.}} = [tg\varphi_{e.out.}(\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{мmax}) - -tg\varphi_{e.out.}(\Delta Q_м = 0)] \cdot 100\ \%. \quad (5)$$

In a magnetic conductor (at f=50 Hz) collected from thin steel cans, typically, will be $(W_{\mu пр}/W_{\mu па}) = 0{,}3 \div 1{,}0$ [9]. The value calculated by (5) for the dimensions and design parameters of the new TOO made when this ratio is equal to 0.6 $\gamma_{\varphi_{e.out.}} = 0{,}063\ \%$ is formed.

2.1.3 Effect of High Harmonics in TOO Output Voltage

The proportion of high harmonics in the output voltage of the TOO. The high harmonic constituents in the TOO output signal occur due to the nonlinearity of the magnetic characteristics of the steel core in the magnetic chain [10]. Analysis of theoretical and experimental studies in this area shows that only the third harmonic has a significant effect from the high harmonic constituents in the signal composition [11]. Therefore, we are also limited to determining the effect of this third harmonic on the magnitude of the TOO output signal. For this, Professor Zaripov M.F. We use the method of harmonic analysis, proposed by and effective for transformer OOs with a moving part [7]. This method is based on the approximation

of the magnetic characteristics of any nonlinear section of a magnetic chain using two functions simultaneously.

Given that there are working air gaps in the path of the working magnetic fluxes in the magnetic chains of the studied arrows, we use the following pair of proposed functions to approximate the magnetic characteristics for the regime in which the saturation level of the steel core is not strong [7]:

$$H = aB - bB^3 = 1{,}5\frac{H_м}{B_м}B - 0{,}5\frac{H_м}{B_м^3}B^3, \quad (6)$$

$$B = cH + dH^3 = 0{,}5\frac{B_м}{H_м}H + 0{,}5\frac{B_м}{H_м^3}H^3, \quad (7)$$

Where is a, b, c and d – approximation coefficients; $B_м$, $H_м$ – are the maximum values of induction and voltage, which are usually calculated without taking into account the resistance of the magnetic conductor (steel core) part of the magnetic circuit [12].

The simplified exchange scheme of the TOO magnetic chain is based on its steel core part and working air gaps, respectively $W_{\mu п}$ and $W_{\mu\delta} = \frac{2\delta}{\mu_0 S_{\mu п}}$ consists of a series connection of resistors (Fig. 1).

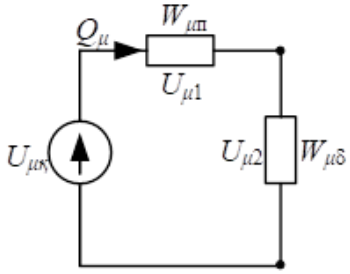


Figure 1: Simplified exchange scheme of the new TOO magnetic circuit.

The magnetic characteristics of the steel core (nonlinear) part of the magnetic chain are its cross-sectional surface $S_{\mu п}$ and length equals to $l_{\mu п}$ and $H_1 = \frac{U_{\mu 1}}{l_{\mu п}}$ and $B_1 = \frac{Q_\mu}{S_{\mu п}}$ on the basis of (6) and (7), taking into account the relationship is written as follows:

$$U_{\mu 1} = 1{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м}Q_\mu - 0{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}^3}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м^3}Q_\mu^3, \quad 8)$$

$$Q_\mu = 0{,}5\frac{S_{\mu п}}{l_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{B_м}{H_м}U_{\mu 1} + 0{,}5\frac{S_{\mu п}}{l_{\mu п}^3}\cdot\frac{B_м}{H_м^3}U_{\mu 1}^3. \quad (9)$$

Ere is Q_μ – magnet current, $[Wb]$.

The magnetic characteristics of the air gaps (linear) part of the magnetic chain are written as follows:

$$U_{\mu 2} = Q_\mu W_{\mu\delta}. \quad (10)$$

The first equation of the magnetic characteristic of the whole magnetic chain is written as follows on the basis of Kirchhoff's 2nd law:

$$U_{\mu к} = U_{\mu 12} = U_{\mu 1} + U_{\mu 2} = \left(1{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м} + W_{\mu\delta}\right)Q_\mu - 0{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}^3}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м^3}Q_\mu^3 = a_{12}Q_\mu - b_{12}Q_\mu^3, \quad (11)$$

Where is $a_{12} = \left(1{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м} + W_{\mu\delta}\right), [A/Wb]$; $b_{12} = 0{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}^3}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м^3}, [A/(Wb)^3]$.

The coefficients c_{12} and d_{12}, found on the basis of the method given in the second magnetic characteristic of the magnetic chain [7], are equal to:

$$c_{12} = \frac{2Q_{\mu м}U_{\mu м} - \left(1{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м} + W_{\mu\delta}\right)Q_{\mu м}^2}{U_{\mu м}^2}, \quad (12)$$

$$d_{12} = \frac{\left(1{,}5\frac{l_{\mu п}}{S_{\mu п}}\cdot\frac{H_м}{B_м} + W_{\mu\delta}\right)Q_{\mu м}^2 - Q_{\mu м}U_{\mu м}}{U_{\mu м}^4}. \quad (13)$$

The second magnetic characteristic of the magnetic chain, taking into account (12) and (13), is written in the following form:

$$Q_\mu = c_{12}U_{\mu 12} + d_{12}U_{\mu 12}^3. \quad (14)$$

When the MD excitation coil under study is supplied from a sinusoidal current source, the MMP in the magnetic circuit is recorded as follows:

$$U_{\mu к} = U_{\mu 12} = i_к w_{кп}\Delta Q_м = I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м sin\omega_e t. \quad (15)$$

Equation (15) substituting (14) and using the appropriate trigonometric accuracy, we obtain the following expression for the working magnetic flux crossing the measuring coil:

$$Q_{\mu w.} = \left\{c_{12}I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м + \frac{3}{4}d_{12}\left(I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м\right)^3\right\}sin\omega_e t - \frac{d_{12}}{4}\left(I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м\right)^3 sin3\omega_e t. \quad (16)$$

The EMF that induces the working magnetic flux in the measuring coil is as follows:

$$e_{out.} = -w_{meas.}\frac{dQ_{\mu w.}}{dt} = -w_{meas.}\omega_e\left[c_{12}I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м + \frac{3}{4}d_{12}\left(I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м\right)^3\right]cos\omega_e t + \frac{3}{4}w_{meas.}\omega_e d_{12}\left(I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м\right)^3 cos3\omega_e t = -E_{out.1m}cos\omega_e t + E_{out.3m}\,cos3\omega_e t. \quad (17)$$

The ratio of the 3- and 1-harmonics of the output EMF is as follows:

$$\frac{E_{out.3m}}{E_{out.1m}} = \frac{3[a_{12}Q_{\mu м} - U_{\mu м}](I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м)^2}{4[2Q_{\mu м}U_{\mu м} - a_{12}]Q_{\mu м}U_{\mu м}^2 + 3[a_{12}Q_{\mu м} - U_{\mu м}](I_{кm}w_{кп}\Delta Q_м)^2}, \quad (18)$$

The proportion of 3-harmonics relative to 1-harmonics did not exceed 4.8% for the mode in which the saturation level of the steel core was not strong in the parameters of the electric and magnetic chains of the constructed TOO under study. The most convenient way to reduce this proportion is to ensure that the steel core part of the magnetic chain operates in a straight line section of the magnetization characteristic.

2.2 Sources of Technological Errors

2.2.1 Non-Constant Magnetic Resistance Error

The error caused by the magnetic resistance of the magnetic conductor is not constant. The error due to the fact that the magnetic resistance of the magnetic conductor is not constant along the magnetic chain due to technological reasons as noted [7], [8], [11], the negligibility is very small. We therefore assume that there is no need to derive the analytical equation of this error.

2.2.2 Non-Uniform Winding Distribution Error

The slope distribution is not a constant pogon value. In the TOOs under study, the excitation coils are required to be wrapped in a uniformly distributed form in the appropriate parts of the magnetic chain. However, there is an error in step (α) of winding the twisted wires when carrying out this technological process (Δα) ka can be allowed. This error is determined using the following (19) [13]:

$$\Delta\alpha = k_\alpha \alpha. \quad (19)$$

Where is k_α – a coefficient that depends on the accuracy class of the wire wrapping equipment.

Length $\Delta\alpha = \alpha_0$ The number of windings of the excitation coil located in the magnetic conductor, which is:

$$w_{к.\alpha} \approx w_{к.\alpha_0} + \Delta w_{к.\alpha}. \quad (20)$$

The magnetic flux associated with a coil with a uniform distribution of windings and a length l can be found using the following:

$$\Psi = \sum_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0}} w_{к.\alpha} Q_\mu. \quad (21)$$

Taking into account the EMF (21) at the output of the TOO under study, it is determined as follows:

$$\dot{E}_{out.} = -\frac{j\omega i_{eк} w_к w_{meas.}}{\left(\frac{1}{4}Z_{\mu т} + Z_{\mu d}\right)\Delta Q_{мmax}}\left(w_{к.п}\Delta Q_м \pm \sum_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0}} \Delta w_{к.\alpha}\right). \quad (22)$$

If we take into account that each value of $\Delta w_{к.\alpha}$ occurs under the influence of random causes, then the sum value of $\Delta w_{к.\alpha}$ can be determined in the form of the following quadratic error:

$$\sum_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0}} \Delta w_{к.\alpha} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha_0}}}. \quad (23)$$

Here is σ – is the variance, and for the case we are studying it is equal to k_α

The root expression of (23) when the number of layers of windings in the winding is $\frac{n\alpha}{\alpha_0}$ is written in appearance. Thus, (22) is written as follows:

$$\dot{E}_{out.} = -\frac{j\omega i_{eк} w_к w_{meas.}\Delta Q_м}{\left(\frac{1}{4}Z_{\mu т} + Z_{\mu d}\right)\Delta Q_{мmax}}\left(1 \pm \frac{k_\alpha}{w_{к.п}\Delta Q_м}\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_0}{n\alpha}}\right) = \dot{E}_{out.0} + \Delta\dot{E}_{out.}. \quad (24)$$

The error due to the instability of the pogon value of the excitation ring distribution is found as follows:

$$\gamma_{w_{к.п}} = \frac{\Delta E_{out.}}{E_{out.max}} = \frac{k_\alpha}{w_{к.п}\Delta Q_{мmax}}\sqrt{\frac{\alpha_0}{n\alpha}}. \quad (25)$$

If we consider that the maximum value of the error occurs at $\alpha = \alpha_0$, then (25) is in the following form:

$$\gamma_{w_{к.п}} = \frac{\Delta E_{out.}}{E_{out.max}} = \frac{k_\alpha}{w_{к.п}\Delta Q_{мmax}\sqrt{n}}. \quad (26)$$

Thus, the error due to the non-constant pogon value of the drive winding distribution is n, the number of layers of windings in it, the angle of rotation of the moving part and the pogon values n of the windings of scattered windings are small.

2.2.3 Assembly and Adjustment Errors

Errors due to inaccuracies in the assembly and adjustment of the structure. For example, when installing magnetic conductors in the form of a spiral, which is one of the moving parts of the new TOO, the initial values of the working air gaps are correspondingly $(\delta_{w.0} + \Delta)$ and equas to $(\delta_{w.0} - \Delta)$. In this case TOO working air gaps for magnetic stiffness $W_{\mu\delta'_w\Sigma} = W_{\mu\delta_w 0} + \Delta W_{\mu\delta_w 0}$ and we will have $W_{\mu\delta''_w\Sigma} = W_{\mu\delta_w 0} - \Delta W_{\mu\delta_w 0}$. For this

case, the output EMF in the measuring tube is equal to:

$$U_{e.out.} = \frac{2\omega i_{e\text{к}} w_{\text{к}} w_{meas.}(\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} + K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}})}{W^2_{\mu\delta_{w}0} - (\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0})^2 - \Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}})^2}. \quad (27)$$

The resulting error due to inaccuracies in the assembly and adjustment of the TOO design is calculated as follows:

$$\gamma_{amoun} = \frac{U_{e.out.} - U_{e.out.0}}{U_{e.out.0}(\Delta Q_{\text{м}max})} \cdot 100\ \% = \\ = \frac{W^2_{\mu\delta_{w}0} \Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} + K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}} (\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0})^2}{\left(W^2_{\mu\delta_{w}0} - (\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0})^2 - \Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}})^2\right)\left(W^2_{\mu\delta_{w}0} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}})^2\right)} \cdot \\ \cdot \frac{\left(W^2_{\mu\delta_{w}0} - (\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0})^2 - \Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}max} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}max})^2\right)}{(\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} + K_1 \Delta Q_{\text{м}max})} \cdot 100\ \%. \quad (28)$$

Where is $U_{e.out.0}$ – the value of the output voltage in the absence of uncertainties in the assembly and adjustment; $U_{e.out.0}(\Delta Q_{\text{м}max})$ - (27) value in $\Delta Q_{\text{м}} = \Delta Q_{\text{м}max}$.

For the construction parameters of the new TOO $\Delta W_{\mu\delta_{w}0} = 0{,}05 W_{\mu\delta_{w}0}$ when $\gamma_{amoun} = 0{,}033\ \%$.

2.3 Operational Error Sources

Sources of this type of error are subject to the axioms of randomness, and the laws of their occurrence depend only on the operational characteristics [14].

2.3.1 Working Air Gap Backlash Error

Luft of working air gap. According to the (29) formed in the working air gap luft [7] for the newly developed TOO is determined as follows:

$$\gamma_l = \frac{x}{X_{\text{м}}} \cdot \frac{(\Delta l)^2}{(\delta_{w.0})^2}. \quad (29)$$

Where is x, $X_{\text{м}}$ Linear displacement of the moving part of the bullet and its maximum value; Δl is the backlash measurement.

2.3.2 Mechanical Hysteresis Error

Mechanical hysteresis is caused by the formation of a bend (perekos) due to the fact that the moving part of the TOO is not firmly connected with the controlled object [13]. The error due to mechanical hysteresis in the TOO, which measures the difference in angular displacements, is generally found using the following (30):

$$\gamma_{mech.hys} = \pm \frac{\delta Q_{\text{м}}}{\Delta Q_{\text{м}max}} \%. \quad (30)$$

Where is $\delta Q_{\text{м}}$ – the angle of lag in the direction of rotation of the moving part due to mechanical hysteresis.

For the new TOO under study, when $\delta Q_{\text{м}} = \pm 0{,}4\ degri$ and $\Delta Q_{\text{м}max} = 85\ degri$ when forms $\gamma_{mech.hys} = \pm 0{,}005\ \%$.

2.3.3 Magnetic Hysteresis Error

Magnetic hysteresis- is a function of the dependence of the working magnetic flux on the difference in the coordinates of the moving parts, since the magnetic characteristic of the steel core in the magnetic chain under study is in the form of a hysteresis surface. [14]. The maximum value of the error due to magnetic hysteresis is determined by the maximum width of the magnetic field along the axis of tension of the hysteresis rod, and it is calculated using the following (31) [15]:

$$\gamma_{mag.hys.(max)} = \pm \frac{H_{res.} W_{\mu\text{п}} C_{\mu\delta_{w.}}}{H_{max}} \%. \quad (31)$$

Where is H_{max}, $H_{res.}$ – maximum and residual values of stresses in the steel core; $W_{\mu\text{п}}$, $C_{\mu\delta_{w.}}$ – the magnetic resistance (magnetic hardness) of the steel core in the working magnetic flux path and the conductivity of the working air gap (magnetic capacity). $\frac{H_{res.}}{H_{max}} = 0{,}1$ The value of $\gamma_{mag.hys.(max)}$ for the TOO under study does not exceed 0.0015%.

2.3.4 Component Wear Error

Obsolescence of TOO details. As a result of the wear of the parts, the wear of the friction surfaces of the moving and non-moving parts of the TOO during operation causes additional backlash. In addition, the wear of the magnetic material also leads to a change in its magnetic characteristics. In this case (31) $W_{\mu\text{п}} C_{\mu\delta_{w.}}$ the larger the multiplication, the greater the error caused by the change in the magnetic characteristic.

New transformer converters that measure angular displacement difference are additional error sources.

2.4 Internal Additional Error Sources

2.4.1 Excitation Coil Voltage/Current Amplitude Error

An error caused by the deviation of the voltage or current amplitude applied to the excitation coil of the TOO from their nominal value. This deviation

has a negative effect on most of the characteristics of the TOO [16]. The deviation of the current in the excitation coil leads to the following change in the MMP in the magnetic circuit of the TOO:

$$\Delta U_{\mu к} = \Delta I_{eк} w_к. \quad (32)$$

The relative error caused by the current deviation is determined as follows:

$$\gamma_{I_{eк}} = \frac{\Delta I_{eк}}{I_{eк}} \cdot \Delta Q_м. \quad (33)$$

To reduce this error, it is recommended to supply the TOO excitation coil by means of voltage or current stabilizers.

2.4.2 Excitation Coil Current Frequency Error

Error caused by current frequency deviation in the TOO excitation coil. The output EMF of the TOOs supplied from the current source is written in the following general expression:

$$\dot{E}_{out.} = -j\omega \dot{I}_{eк} M, \quad (34)$$

where M is the mutual inductance between the windings, [H].

If the reactive losses in the magnetic conductor (steel) are not taken into account, then the modulus value of the EMF at the output of the TOO can be expressed as follows:

$$E_{out.} = \omega I_{eк} M. \quad (35)$$

It is known [6] that the error due to the deviation of the source frequency in the TOOs can be calculated using the following (36):

$$\gamma_\omega = \frac{1}{E_{out.max}} \cdot \frac{\partial E_{out.}}{\partial \omega} \Delta\omega = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} \cdot \frac{M}{M_{max}} \cdot 100\ \%. \quad (36)$$

Equation (36) it can be seen from the expression that the error caused by the frequency deviation decreases as the source current frequency increases. For the new TOEs under study, the value of this error is at the maximum value of the input magnitude, that is $\Delta Q_{мmax}$ reaches the maximum. In the state standard, the industrial frequency is allowed to vary by a maximum of 0.2 Hz [14]. Therefore is in the range of $\gamma_\omega \leq 0{,}4$ %.

2.4.3 Excitation Coil Current Distortion Error

Error caused by distortion of the current shape in the TOO excitation coil. The expression EMF in the output band of the TOO operating in the straight-line part of the magnetization characteristic of the magnetic chain is written as follows [10]:

$$e_{out.} = -M \frac{di_{eк}}{dt}. \quad (37)$$

If the current in the excitation coil contains high harmonic components, such as n-order harmonics, for other reasons not related to the properties of the magnetic circuit of the TOO, then (37) is written as follows:

$$e_{out.} = -\omega M\left(I_{eк.m1} cos\omega t + n I_{eк.mn} cosn\omega t\right). \quad (38)$$

For this case, the error due to the distortion of the current in the arrow drive is determined as follows:

$$\gamma_{к.n} = n \frac{I_{eк.mn}}{I_{eк.m1}} \cdot \frac{\Delta Q_м}{\Delta Q_{мmax}}. \quad (39)$$

2.5 External Additional Error Sources

If it is possible to reduce the internal sources of error by improving (stabilizing) the source parameters that provide the TOO, then its external sources depend on the environmental conditions in which the TOO operates, and it is not always possible to improve them.

2.5.1 Ambient Temperature Error

Error caused by changes in ambient temperature. The active resistances ($R_{eк}\ and\ R_{emeas.}$), Of the coils of the new TOOs under study change with ambient temperature, the specific magnetic resistance (ρ_μ of the magnetic conductor material and its geometric dimensions change according to the following laws [8]:

$$R_e = R_{e0}(1 + \alpha_R \Delta\theta), \quad (40)$$

$$Z_{\mu п} = Z_{\mu п0} \frac{(1+\alpha_\mu \Delta\theta)}{(1+\alpha_l \Delta\theta)}, \quad (41)$$

Where is $\alpha_R, [K^{-1}]$, $\alpha_\mu, [K^{-1}]$ ва $\alpha_l, [K^{-1}]$ – temperature coefficients on electrical and magnetic resistances and expansion of the material, respectively; $\Delta\theta, [K]$ – the difference between the current and normal temperatures of the environment.

It is known that [14], the temperature coefficient TOO is found using the following:

$$\sigma_{\Delta\theta} = \frac{\partial E_{out.}}{\partial R_e} \cdot \frac{\partial R_e}{\partial \Delta\theta} + \frac{\partial E_{out.}}{\partial Z_{\mu п}} \cdot \frac{\partial Z_{\mu п}}{\partial \Delta\theta} + \frac{\partial E_{out.}}{\partial X_м} \cdot \frac{\partial X_м}{\partial \Delta\theta}. \quad (42)$$

If we take into account that the new TOOs under study are mainly supplied from the current source and the output size is considered to be induced EMF in the measuring circuit of the operating mode (the output of the TOO is often connected to an amplifier with very large input resistance), then the resistance of excitation and measuring The effect on the characteristics can be ignored [12]. In addition, we do not take them into account due to the fact that the gains of the geometric dimensions of steel magnetic conductors in the magnetic circuit of the TOO are very small due to temperature changes. Given these limitations, (42) looks like this:

$$\sigma_{\Delta\theta} = \frac{\partial E_{out}}{\partial Z_{\mu\text{п}}} \cdot \frac{\partial Z_{\mu\text{п}}}{\partial \Delta\theta} = -\frac{\omega I_{e\text{к}} w_{\text{к}} w_{meas} \Delta Q_{\text{м}}}{\left(Z_{\mu\text{п}} + Z_{\mu\delta}\right)^2 \Delta Q_{\text{м}max}} Z_{\mu\text{п}0} \alpha_{\mu}. \quad (43)$$

The error due to the change in the magnetic properties (relative magnetic permeability) of the magnetic conductive material when the ambient temperature changes is calculated according to the following (44):

$$\gamma_{Z_{\mu\text{п}}(\Delta\theta)} = -\frac{\Delta\theta}{E_{out.max}} \cdot \frac{\partial E_{out}}{\partial Z_{\mu\text{п}}} \cdot \frac{\partial Z_{\mu\text{п}}}{\partial \Delta\theta} = -\frac{\Delta Q_{\text{м}} \Delta\theta}{\left(Z_{\mu\text{п}} + Z_{\mu\delta}\right) \Delta Q_{\text{м}max}} Z_{\mu\text{п}0} \alpha_{\mu}. \quad (44)$$

Equation (44) analysis shows that, $\Delta Q_{\text{м}}$, $\Delta\theta$ and α_{μ} decreases with $Z_{\mu\delta}$ and with increasing of $\Delta Q_{\text{м}max}$ $\gamma_{Z_{\mu\text{п}}(\Delta\theta)}$ will decrease.

2.5.2 External Magnetic Field Error

Error caused by the effect of an external magnetic field. For the most unfavorable condition where the coupling current of the external magnetic field coincides with the coupling current of the working magnetic field in phase, direction and frequency, this error can be calculated using the following [11]:

$$\gamma_{Q_{\mu(\text{т})}} = \frac{\Psi_{\text{т}}}{\Psi_{w.}} = \frac{\text{B}_{\text{т}}}{\text{B}_{w.}}. \quad (45)$$

The found value of the magnetic induction in the working air gap based on the static characteristics of the new TOO is equal to:

$$\text{B}_{w.} = \frac{2 I_{e\text{к}} w_{\text{к}} W_{\mu\delta_w 0}}{S_{\mu\delta_w}\left[W^2_{\mu\delta_w 0} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}})^2\right]}. \quad (46)$$

Equation (46) shows that the error expression due to the effect of the external magnetic field is written as follows:

$$\gamma_{Q_{\mu(\text{т})}} = \frac{\text{B}_{\text{т}} S_{\mu\delta_w}\left[W^2_{\mu\delta_w 0} - K_1^2 (\Delta Q_{\text{м}})^2\right]}{2 I_{e\text{к}} w_{\text{к}} W_{\mu\delta_w 0}}. \quad (47)$$

Equation (47) analysis shows that in order to reduce this component of the error, it is necessary to increase the MMP of the excitation ring and reduce the value of the working air gap as much as possible.

2.5.3 External Ferromagnetic Mass Error

Error due to the effect of external ferromagnetic mass. An analysis of the literature devoted to the detection and evaluation of this error shows that [7], [11], [12], [15], its value is negligible. However, in order to have a general idea of this error, we cite additional EMF and error expressions that occur due to the effect of an external ferromagnetic mass:

$$\Delta\dot{E}_{out.(f.m.)} = -j\omega \dot{I}_{e\text{к}} w_{\text{к}} \frac{g_s}{2} X_{\text{м}}^2, \quad (48)$$

$$\gamma_{f.m.} = \frac{X_{\text{м}}}{2 C_{\mu\delta_w}} \cdot C_{\mu s} = \frac{X_{\text{м}}}{2 C_{\mu\delta_w}} \cdot \mu_0 \frac{h_{\text{х}} + b k_s}{h_s}. \quad (49)$$

Where is $C_{\mu s} = \mu_0 \frac{h_{\text{х}} + b k_s}{h_s}$ – the air gap between the arrow and the external ferromagnetic mass is the pogon value of the magnetic capacity; $X_{\text{м}}$ – the length of the working part of the Archimedean spiral; $C_{\mu\delta_w}$ – the magnetic capacity of the working air gap; h_s – TOO the distance between the annular magnetic conductor and the external ferromagnetic mass; k_s – proportionality coefficient.

Equation (49) analysis shows that in order to reduce the error due to the effect of the external ferromagnetic mass, it is necessary to increase the distance between the TOO and the external ferromagnetic mass and increase the magnetic capacity of the working air gap.

2.6 Operating Mode Dependent Error Sources

2.6.1 Load Change Error

Error caused by load change. As mentioned above, although the output of the MD is often connected to an amplifier with a very large input resistance, in some cases it can also be connected directly to a load with a known resistance.

In order to derive the formula for calculating the error caused by the change in load, we find the modulus value of the load current of the TOOs under study. It will look like the following:

$$I_{load} = \frac{X_M U_{\text{к}}}{\sqrt{Z_{\Sigma a}^4 + Z_{\Sigma \text{p}}^4}}. \quad (50)$$

Where is

$$Z_{\Sigma a}^4 = R_{meas.}^2 R_{к.}^2 + X_M^4 + 2X_M^2 R_{meas.} R_{к.} - 2R_{meas.} R_{к.} X_{к.} X_{meas.} - 2X_M^2 X_{к.} X_{meas.} + + X_{к.}^2 X_{meas.}^2 + R_{bк}^2 R_{к.}^2 + 2R_{load} R_{к.}^2 R_{meas.} + 2X_M^2 R_{load} R_{к.} - -2R_{load} R_{к.} X_{к.} X_{meas.} - 2X_{к.} X_{load} R_{meas.} R_{к.} - 2X_{к.} X_M^2 X_{load} + 2X_{к.}^2 X_{meas.} X_{load} - 2X_{к.} X_{load} R_{load} R_{к.} + X_{к.}^2 X_{load}^2, \quad (51)$$

$$Z_{\Sigma p}^4 = X_{meas.}^2 R_{к.}^2 + X_{к.}^2 R_{meas.}^2 + 2X_{к.} X_{meas.} R_{к.} R_{meas.} + X_{bк}^2 R_{к.}^2 + 2X_{meas.} X_{load} R_{к.}^2 + 2X_{к.} R_{meas.} X_{load} R_{к.} + 2X_{к.} X_{meas.} R_{к.} R_{load} + +2X_{к.}^2 R_{meas.} R_{load} + 2X_{к.} X_{load} R_{load} R_{к.} + X_{к.}^2 R_{load}^2, \quad (52)$$

Where isa $R_{к.}$, $R_{meas.}$, R_{load}, $X_{к.}$, $X_{meas.}$, X_{load}, X_M – active and reactive resistances of excitation, measuring coils and load, as well as mutual inductive resistance.

Equation (50) from the equation R_{load} and X_{load} respectively, we write the formulas for calculating the errors due to changes in the active and reactive components of the load as follows:

$$\gamma_{\Delta R_{load}} = \frac{\Delta R_{load}}{I_{loadmax}} \cdot \frac{dI_{load}}{dR_{load}} = -\frac{\Delta R_{load} M\left(R_{load} R_{к.}^2 + R_{meas.} R_{к.}^2 - X_{к.} X_{meas.} R_{к.} - X_{к.} X_{load} R_{к.} + \right.}{M_{max} \sqrt{\frac{\left(Z_{\Sigma a}^4 + Z_{\Sigma p}^4\right)^3}{Z_{\Sigma amax}^4 + Z_{\Sigma pmax}^4}}} \quad (53)$$

$$\left. \rightarrow \frac{+X_M^2 R_{к.} + X_{к.}^2 R_{load} + X_{к.} X_{meas.} R_{к.} + X_{к.}^2 R_{meas.} + X_{к.} X_{load} R_{к.}\right)}{}, \quad (54)$$

$$\gamma_{\Delta X_{load}} = \frac{\Delta X_{load}}{I_{load.max}} \cdot \frac{dI_{load}}{dX_{load}} = -\frac{\Delta X_{load} M\left(X_{load} R_{к.}^2 - R_{meas.} R_{к.} X_{к.} - X_M^2 X_{к.} - X_{к.} R_{load} R_{к.} + \right.}{M_{max} \sqrt{\frac{\left(Z_{\Sigma a}^4 + Z_{\Sigma p}^4\right)^3}{Z_{\Sigma amax}^4 + Z_{\Sigma pmax}^4}}}$$

$$\left. + X_{к.}^2 X_{meas.} + X_{к.}^2 X_{load} + X_{meas.} R_{к.} R_{к.} + X_{к.} R_{meas.} R_{к.} + X_{к.} R_{load} R_{к.}\right).$$

Where $I_{loadmax}$, $Z_{\Sigma amax}^4$ and $Z_{\Sigma p}^4$ are taken from the form.

In (50), instead of $L_{к.}$, $L_{meas.}$ and M and M, their maximum values are $L_{к.max}$, $L_{meas.max}$ and M_{max} placed respectively.

Analysis of (53) and (54) shows that a change in the active component of the load resistance produces more errors than a change in the reactive component of its inductive nature.

2.6.2 Dynamic Movement Error

Error caused by dynamic movements of moving parts of TOO. This component of the additional error is the dynamic error [7]. We find the difference in the angle of rotation of the moving parts of the bullet $\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{мmax} sin\Omega_м t$ we define the error expression for a situation that varies according to the law.

For the case where the magnetic resistance of the magnetic conductor (steel) under study is not taken into account, the induced EMF in the measuring vessel is written as follows:

$$e_{out.} = w_{meas.} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} Q_{\mu.meas} = w_к w_{meas.} C_{\mu\Sigma 2} I_{eк} \Delta Q_{мmax} (\omega_e cos\omega_e t \cdot sin\Omega_м t + + \Omega_м sin\omega_e t \cdot cos\Omega_м t). \quad (55)$$

Equation (55) the first component of the expression is the transformer (useful) EMF, the maximum value of which corresponds to the value of the input magnitude $\Delta Q_м = \Delta Q_{мmax}$, and the second component of the expression is the generator (interference) EMF, the maximum value of which will be at $\Delta Q_м = 0$.

The ratio of the maximum value of the generator EMF to the maximum value of the transformer EMF describes the error caused by the dynamic movements of the moving parts of the MD:

$$\gamma_{\Omega_м} = \frac{\Omega_м}{\omega_e}. \quad (56)$$

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The formulas of theoretical calculation of sources of error of measuring transformers distinguishing all types of angular displacements are given above. Evaluation of regular and random errors of new transformer converters measuring angular displacement difference.

The theoretical, technological, and operational components of the above error sources are routine errors, and internal, external, and regime sources are random errors.

The systematic error of the TOO ($\gamma_м$) is determined in the form of an algebraic sum of its constituents ($\gamma_{мk}$) using the following [1]:

$$\gamma_м = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \gamma_{мk}. \quad (57)$$

Due to the non-linearity of static characteristics in theoretical sources of error, the existing new transformer increased the converter working air interval by 2 mm to 1,09%. And the error caused by the reactive component of the magnetic resistance of the magnetic conductor was reduced to 0,063%, changing the dimensions and design parameters of the maintenance.

The errors arising from inaccuracies in the assembly and configuration of the design in the

sources of technological errors amounted to 0,033% for the design parameters of the new TOO. In this case, the systematic errors of TOO

$$\gamma_{\text{м}} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \gamma_{\text{м}k} = 1{,}186\%. \quad (58)$$

Random error of TOO $\gamma_{\text{т}}$ is determined as the sum of mean square values of its components $\gamma_{\text{т}}$ by [2]:

$$\gamma_{\text{т}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{\text{т}i}^2}. \quad (59)$$

At the same time, the errors contained in the internal sources of additional error were minimized by extracting current or voltage from an ideal source, and the errors contained in the external sources of additional error were minimized by protecting (shielding) from the effect of an external magnetic field at normal temperature in the operating mode. Random error of new TOO

$$\gamma_{\text{т}} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{\text{т}i}^2} = 0{,}31.$$

The total error TOO is determined as an algebraic sum of systematic and random errors in it:

$$\gamma_{\text{ум}} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \gamma_{\text{м}k} + \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{\text{т}i}^2}. \quad (60)$$

The total error of the new TOO is

$$\gamma_{\text{ум}} = \sum_{k=1}^{m} \gamma_{\text{м}k} + \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \gamma_{\text{т}i}^2} = 1{,}496.$$

The error of the new maintenance has decreased by 1,203 times compared to the error of the existing maintenance due to the improvement of the design and the correct choice of design parameters [3]. This decrease in the total error makes it possible to measure the difference in angular displacements of the two objects in the exact values in the control and monitoring systems.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Taking into account each parameter, structure, structure and external and internal effect of the transformer, which measures the difference in angular displacement, formulas have been created to calculate the transformer error. This, in turn, makes it possible to theoretically calculate the error of each transformer and take measures to reduce the total error. It has been established that the working air space of transformers Transformer in theoretical sources of error, caused by the error of static characteristics, decreases with an increase in the value of magnetic stiffness. If the working air cell of the new transformer is 1 mm, then the error caused by its static characteristics is 2,67%, and if you select a working air cell of 2 mm, then the error will decrease by 2,5 times or 1,09%. It has been established that for the dimensions and design parameters of the new transformer, the error does not exceed 0,063% due to the reactive component of the magnetic resistance of the magnetic conductor. In addition, it was found that the fraction of the highest harmonic in the output voltage does not exceed the fraction of the 3rd harmonic in the 1st harmonic, taking into account the error arising from the high harmonic 4,8% of the output voltage of the converter. The most convenient way to reduce this proportion is to ensure that this part of the steel in the magnetic circuit operates on a straight section of the magnetic characteristic.

The error caused by inaccuracies in the assembly and configuration of the structure was 0,033% for the dimensions and design parameters of the new transformer.

It was found that the error value caused by play, mechanical hysteresis, magnetic hysteresis in the working air intervals of the sources of operational error does not exceed 0,0065% for the new transformer.

Errors arising from overvoltage or deviation of current amplitude from their nominal value, arising from the fact that new transformers cause an internal voltage contained in additional sources of error, and errors arising from deviation of current frequency in the pulse eliminating errors arising from violation of the current form by providing ideal sources of current and voltage. External sources include errors resulting from changes in ambient temperature, errors resulting from exposure to an external magnetic field, and errors resulting from exposure to an external ferromagnetic mass.

The new modifiers showed that the errors arising from weak static characteristics are larger compared to other main sources, and the errors arising from changes in amplitude, frequency and load resistance are larger compared to other additional sources, and the new transformer converters are not more than 1,5%.

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Investigating the Strain Effect in Nickel- and Tin-Doped Silicon Schottky Barrier Diodes Under Hydrostatic Pressure

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Abstract: This work investigates the strain-sensitivity of Schottky barrier structures fabricated on silicon pre-doped with isovalent impurities and subsequently compensated with deep-level nickel impurities. The study demonstrates that while isovalent impurities themselves typically do not alter electrophysical parameters, the presence of deep-level nickel impurities significantly enhances the semiconductor's sensitivity to mechanical stress. The research was conducted under all-round hydrostatic pressure (AHP) to evaluate the piezoresistive properties of these structures. A key challenge addressed is the creation of Schottky barrier diodes (SBDs) that combine high strain-sensitivity - requiring high-resistivity compensated material - with a significant contact potential difference, which necessitates low-resistivity material for effective barrier formation. We show that pre-doping silicon with isovalent tin impurities inhibits uniform nickel diffusion, resulting in Si<P,Sn,Ni> structures with a non-uniform resistivity profile. This engineered structure features a highly compensated region for enhanced strain sensitivity and a near-surface low-resistivity zone for forming an effective Au-Sb Schottky barrier. Current-voltage characterization under AHP reveals that the relative change in forward current ($\Delta I/I_0$) in Si<P,Sn,Ni>-based SBDs shows a strong voltage dependence with a characteristic peak, attributed to pressure-induced voltage redistribution between the potential barrier and compensated base region. Significantly, enhanced strain-sensitivity is achieved even in high-resistivity (10^4-10^5 Ω·cm) Si<P,Sn,Ni> structures, a result unattainable in uniformly compensated Si<P,Ni> samples. These findings establish that controlled non-uniform impurity distribution through isovalent pre-doping is crucial for developing highly sensitive piezoresistive semiconductor devices.

1 INTRODUCTION

It is known [1] that isovalent impurities do not affect the electrophysical parameters of the semiconductor. Despite this, doped semiconductors with isovalent impurities are attracting great interest of the scientists all over the world. For example, the presence of isovalent impurities in the silicon volume does not affect the electrophysical states of the basic atoms can create internal mechanical stress.

It is known [2], [3] that semiconductor materials are highly sensitive to external mechanical effects. By doping with different impurities it is possible to change their strain sensitivity in a very wide range [4]. Doping semiconductors with impurities that create deep energy levels in its forbidden band will make them very sensitive to all kinds of external influences [5]. And devices based on such semiconductors have much higher strain-sensitivity coefficients than the strain-sensitivity of their base material [6], [7].

The authors [6] investigated the strain - electric properties of semiconductors with nickel impurities under static action of all-round hydrostatic pressure. The authors showed that with the introduction of deep-lying nickel impurities significantly increase its strain sensitivity to external mechanical action. According to the authors, the increase in tenso-sensitivity of semiconductors with deep energy centres, associated with the possibility of such impurities in a partially ionized state even at room temperature.

At diffusion of silicon by impurity atoms of nickel due to the large solubility [8], [9] is approximately

uniformly distributed over the whole volume of silicon. Therefore, the compensated Si<P,Ni> samples have approximately the same resistivity throughout the thickness. To get a structure with a Schottky barrier with a high contact potential difference it must be made on the basis of a semiconductor with low resistivity. And to obtain a structure with a high strain sensitivity coefficient, the base material must have a high resistivity (high degree of compensation). For this purpose, compensating impurities should be distributed in the silicon volume not uniformly. That is, one near-surface area of silicon with strong compensation and decreasing in thickness on the other surface becomes uncompensated. To make the structure of metal-semiconductor contact on one surface of the base semiconductor is applied a layer of metal, which creates an ohmic contact and on the other surface a layer of metal, which creates a potential barrier.

The authors [3], [10] showed that the presence of tin atoms in silicon introduced in advance during growth by the Czochralskii method significantly slows down the diffusion rate of nickel impurities in Si<P,Sn>. According to the authors, this leads to a non-uniform distribution of nickel impurities in the thickness of silicon.

2 METHOD

The alloying of Si<P>, Si<P,Sn> with nickel was carried out from the diffusant layer deposited on the silicon surface by vacuum spraying on VUP-4 units. Metallic Ni with special purity of 99.999 % was used as a diffusant. Diffusion annealing was carried out in electric furnaces of SUOL-4 M type (temperature up to 1200÷1250 °C) The temperature in the furnace was controlled by measuring the thermal EMF with a platinum - platinum rhodium thermocouple.

The obtained n-Si<P,Ni> samples after diffusion had resistivity in the range of $10^2 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm. Measurement of surface resistivity by four-probe method showed that the samples n-Si<P,Ni> on both surfaces had approximately the same resistivity in contrast to the samples n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>.

All samples n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> after diffusion doping of nickel had non-uniform resistivity along the thickness. One near-surface region in all samples had resistivity in the range of 90-120 Ohm cm. And the other near-surface region of the studied samples had resistivity in the range of $10^2 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm.

To study the strain electrical properties of structures with Schottky barrier such as Au-n-Si<P,Ni>-Sb and Au-n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>-Sb with different degrees of base materials compensation. These structures differ from each other by the fact that in Au-n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>-Sb structures the base samples are compensated by nickel impurities only on one side and on the other side they are practically uncompensated. In Au-n-Si<P,Ni>-Sb structures, the base samples have approximately the same resistivity throughout the thickness.

3 RESULTS

In this work we investigated the electrophysical and strain electrical properties of Schottky surface barrier structures based on n - Si<P>, n - Si<P,Ni> and n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> with resistivities of $10^2 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm under all-round hydrostatic pressure (AHP).

To compare the diode characteristics of the obtained structures, the Volt Ampere characteristics (VAC) of Au-n-Si<P,Ni>-Sb (Fig. 1a) and Au-n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>-Sb (Fig. 1b) structures were investigated. As can be seen from the figure, the VAC of structures with Schottky barrier made on the base of compensated silicon n-Si<P,Ni> with resistivity $\sim 10^4 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm (Fig. 1a curves 4-5) have almost linear character. This shows that contact potential differences have not formed in these structures. And VACs of structures made on the basis of n-Si<P,Ni> with resistivity $10^2 \div 10^3$ Ohm cm have a noticeable exponential form (Fig. 1a curves 2-3). As shown in Figure 1a curves 1,2 in the VAC of structures based on the initial sample n-Si<P> with resistivity 10^2 Ohm cm (Fig. 1a curve 1) and based on n-Si<P,Ni> with resistivity 10^2 (Fig. 1a curve 2) Ohm cm are very close to each other.

Figure 1b shows the VACs of Schottky barrier structures made on the basis of n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> with resistivity $10^2 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm. As can be seen from the figure, the VACs of all investigated structures of Au-n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>-Sb type have a noticeable exponential form. It means that in all investigated structures with Schottky barrier of Au-n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>-Sb type certain contact potential differences have been formed.

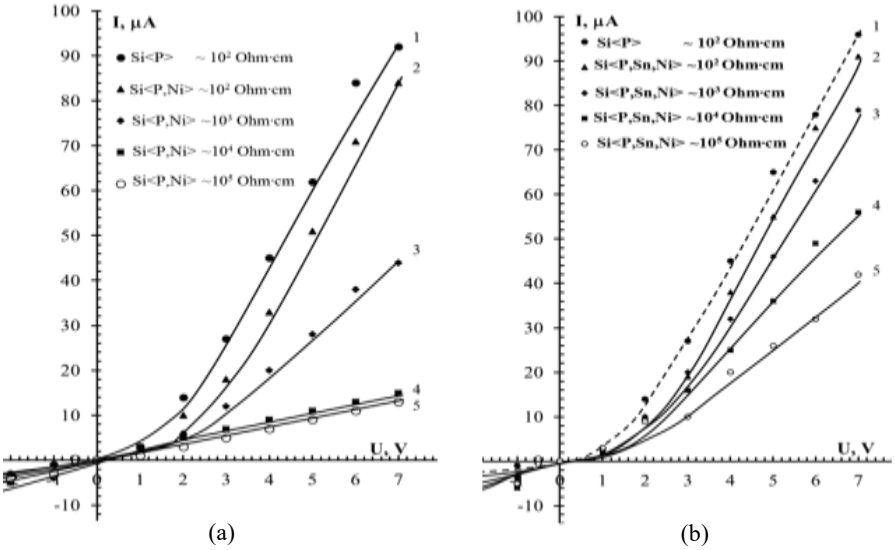


Figure 1: Volt-Ampere characteristics of structures with Schottky barrier based on a) n-Si<P,Ni> and b) n-Si<P,Sn,Ni>.

Figure 2 shows the dependences of the relative change in the forward current of structures with Schottky barrier at AHP (I/Io=f(U), P=0.5 GPa) on the applied external electric voltage. As shown by the results of investigations, the relative change in the forward current of diode structures with Schottky barrier based on n - Si<P,Ni> with resistivity ~10^2 (Fig. 1 curve. 2) and 10^3 (Fig. 2 curve. 3) Ohm cm. at constant AHP depends on the applied external electric voltage. With increasing external electric voltage, the relative change in the forward current of the studied structures increases at the start, then reaches its maximum value and begins to decrease with further increasing of the electric voltage.

As shown in Figure 2, the dependence of the relative change in the forward current at AHP on the electric voltage can be divided into three characteristic sections. In section I, the value of I/Io at constant AHP equal to P=0.5 GPa increases with increasing electric voltage. The value of I/Io at section II decreases and at section III it becomes constant.

We suppose that this character of dependence of the relative change in the forward current at constant AHP on the electric voltage is due to the presence of compensating impurities with deep energy levels in the volume of the base material of the investigated structures with Schottky barrier. In our case, the base materials are compensated silicon with nickel impurities. The base materials of our investigated structures are highly resistive (~10^2 and 10^3 Ohm cm). Therefore, the applied electrical voltage in the structures is distributed between the potential barrier and the base material. At the start, the effective resistance of the potential barrier height is much higher than the resistance of the base region of the structures. At the same time, most of the external electric voltage falls on the effective resistance of the potential barrier. Therefore, at low electrical voltages, the effect of redistribution of electrical voltage between the barrier and the base region is smaller and consequently the relative change in forward current will also be smaller. It is known, that [10] the dependence of the potential barrier height on the electric voltage is expressed by the following formula.

$$\varphi = \varphi_b - eU \qquad (1)$$

Where - $\Delta\varphi_b$ is the metal-semiconductor contact potential difference, e - is the electron charge, U - is the external voltage applied to the contact.

As the external electric voltage increases, the height of the potential barrier decreases and this leads to a decrease in its effective resistance. At the same time, the distribution of the applied electric voltage between the barrier and the base region changes. As the external electric voltage increases, its contribution in the base region increases. Accordingly, the effect of voltage redistribution (Fig. 2, section I) between the barrier and the base region under all-round hydrostatic pressure increases.

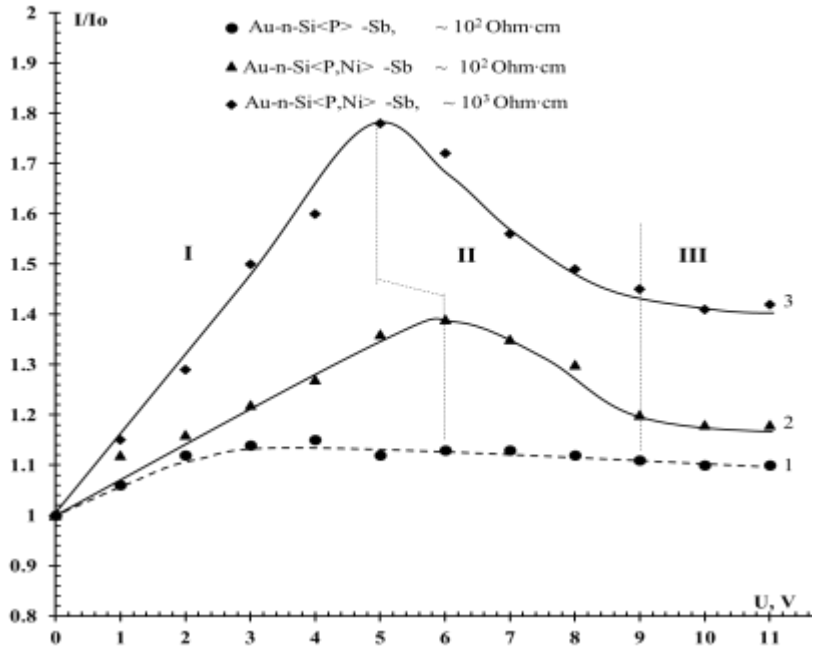


Figure 2: Relative change of the forward current of Schottky barrier structures made on the basis of initial (1) silicon and Si<P,Ni> (2, 3) under all-round hydrostatic pressure as a function of the applied electrical voltage.

When the effective resistance of the potential barrier becomes comparable to the resistance of the base region, the redistribution effect under AHP becomes maximum. Further, due to the lower effective resistance of the potential barrier, the redistribution effect starts to decrease (Fig. 2 area II) as the external electric voltage increases. When the height of the potential voltage becomes equal to zero the strain - effect in the studied structures will cease to depend on the external voltage (Fig. 2 area III).

It was shown in [2], in structures with Schottky barrier based on compensated semiconductors n-Si<P,Ni> with resistivity $10^2 \div 10^3$ Ohm cm are formed significant contact potential differences. And in structures made on the basis of compensated n-Si<P,Ni> samples with resistivity $10^4 \div 10^5$ Ohm cm the presence of contact potential difference is practically no noticeable.

The above results show that the strain - effect in structures with Schottky barrier depends on the effect of redistribution of external electric voltage. In order to observe the effect of redistribution of external electric voltage, the studied structures must have a high degree of compensation and a large height of the potential barrier. To create such a diode structure with Schottky barrier, the base material should have a strong compensation on one surface and a poor compensation on the other surface. In such samples, the surface with a high degree of compensation is used to create an ohmic contact and the other surface with a weak compensation can be used to create a contact potential difference.

To investigate the strain effect in Schottky barrier structures based on compensated silicon with non-uniform resistivity along the thickness, Schottky barrier structures based on n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> were prepared. The basic samples of our structures on the ohmic contact side had resistivities in the range of 10^2–10^5 Ω·cm, and on the barrier contact side, in all structures, on the order of ~10^2 Ω·cm. According to our assumptions, in all investigated Schottky barrier structures, the contact potential differences should be close in value to each other.

In Figure 3, the relative changes in the forward current of Schottky barrier structures based on n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> as a function of the applied voltage at constant hydrostatic pressure are shown.

As shown by the results obtained, in all structures there is a significant effect of redistribution of the electric voltage between the base region and the potential barrier. Even in Schottky barrier structures based on n-Si<P,Sn,Ni> with resistivity of 10^4–10^5 Ω·cm, there are significant relative changes (Fig. 2, curves 4–5) in the forward current, in contrast to structures made on the basis of n-Si<P,Ni> with similar resistivity.

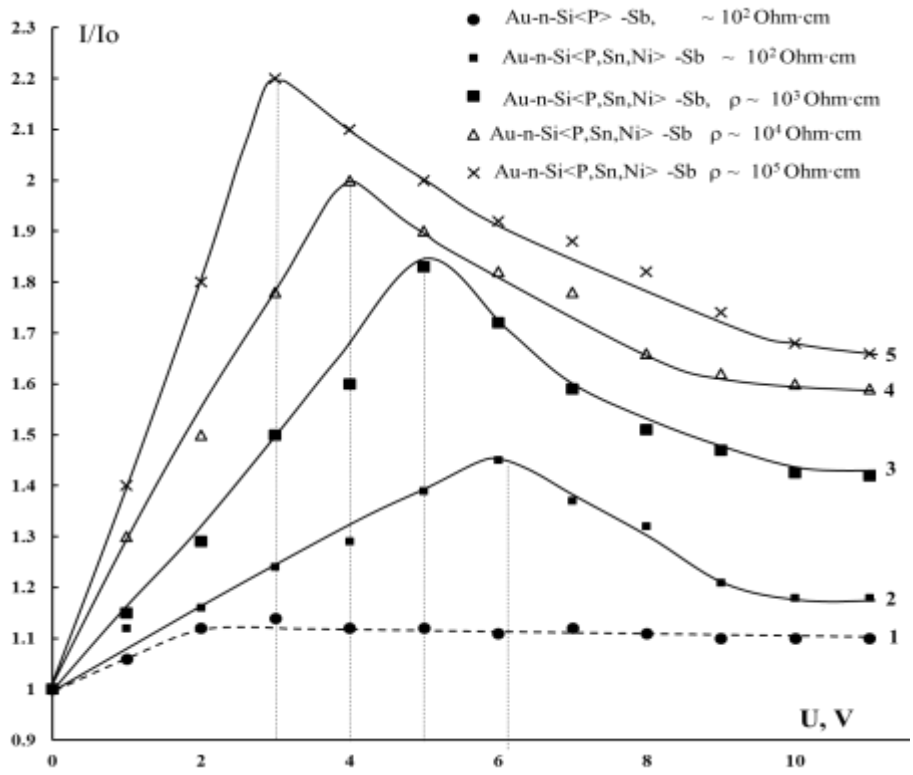


Figure 3: Relative change in the forward current of Schottky barrier structures fabricated on the basis of initial (1) silicon and Si<P,Sn,Ni> (2-5) under all-round hydrostatic pressure as a function of the applied electrical voltage.

Figure 3 shows that the peaks of the relative change in the forward current are shifted towards lower voltages. This is probably due to the fact that in Schottky barrier structures based on Si<P,Sn,Ni> with high resistivity, the effective resistance of the potential barrier becomes comparable to the resistivity of the base region at lower voltages.

4 CONCLUSIONS

This study demonstrates that Schottky barrier diodes (SBDs) fabricated on silicon compensated with deep-level nickel impurities exhibit a significant strain effect under all-round hydrostatic pressure. The key factor governing this effect is the mechanism of electric voltage redistribution between the potential barrier and the compensated base region of the semiconductor. The strain sensitivity was found to increase with the degree of compensation; however, a critical challenge was identified: achieving a high strain effect concurrently with a substantial contact potential difference, as highly compensated, uniform material (with resistivity of 10^4–10^5 Ohm·cm) yields a poorly defined Schottky barrier.

We have successfully addressed this challenge by introducing a controlled, non-uniform distribution of nickel impurities. Pre-doping silicon with isovalent tin atoms effectively inhibits nickel diffusion, resulting in Si<P,Sn,Ni> structures where one near-surface region remains lightly doped (enabling the formation of a high-quality Au-Sb Schottky barrier) while the bulk is highly compensated (providing enhanced strain sensitivity). This engineered structure allows for the creation of SBDs based on highly compensated silicon that still possess a significant and well-defined contact potential difference.

The most important practical outcome of this work is the development of a foundational technology for creating highly sensitive piezoresistive sensing elements [11]. The obtained structures exhibit a strong, voltage-dependent piezoresistive response, characterized by a pronounced peak in the relative current change, which is a hallmark of high sensitivity.

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Determining Hole Locations in High-Temperature Superconductors via Spectral Analysis of Gap Tensor Parameters

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Abstract: The nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) method using 63,65Cu isotopes allows for the experimental determination of the total electric field intensity (EFI) on 63,65Cu nuclei in the lattices of high-temperature superconductors (HTSC). Consequently, it is typically not possible to compare the experimental parameters of the electric field gradient (EFG) tensor with those calculated using the point charge model. The emission Mössbauer spectroscopy method with the 67Cu (67Zn) isotope enables us to experimentally determine only the contribution to the total EFG on 67Zn nuclei from the HTSC crystal lattice ions. However, even in this case, there is no quantitative agreement between the calculated and experimental values of the main component of the EFG tensor. This discrepancy is attributed to the lack of reliable data on Sternheimer coefficients and criteria for selecting the lattice charge contrast. Nevertheless, these issues can be resolved if the EFG tensor parameters are determined for two structurally equivalent positions.

1 INTRODUCTION

One of the main problems in high temperature superconductivity (HTSC) physics is determining the localization location of holes, which determine the phenomenon of superconductivity. The most reliable way to identify holes in HTSC lattices is considered to be a comparison of the experimentally determined parameters of the electric field gradient (EFG) tensor with the results of their theoretical calculation. This method is most effective in measuring and calculating the parameters of the gap tensor. All HTSCs, as a rule, contain copper, and the parameters of the gap tensor at copper sites are most sensitive to the charges of atomic centers.

This work is devoted to the consideration of experimental and theoretical results of determining the parameters of the electric field tensor in copper nodes of YBa2Cu3O7-x ceramics. The compound is one of the most typical HTSCs and is distinguished by its relative simplicity of synthesis, high values of the transition temperature to the superconducting state Tc, and the ability to regulate Tc by changing x [1]. It is these features that explain the fact that the overwhelming number of studies on the comparison of calculated and experimental parameters of the EFG tensor relate to YBa2Cu3O7-x.

Calculation of parameters of the gap tensor. The diagonalized gap tensor is described by three components Vxx, Vyy, and Vzz, related by the Laplace equation

$$Vxx+Vyy + Vzz = 0, \quad (1)$$

and a special choice of axes:

$$|Vxx| \le |Vyy| \le |Vzz|. \quad (2)$$

As a result, two independent parameters remain: the main component of the gap tensor eq= Vzz and the asymmetry parameter η=(Vxx-Vyy)/ Vzz.

There are two sources of gap on the nucleus under study: surrounding ions of the crystal lattice eqcr and non-spherical valence electrons of the atom eqval:

$$q = (1-\gamma)\, qcr + (1-R)\, qshaft, \quad (3)$$

where γ, R are the Sternheimer coefficients, taking into account the shielding (anti-shielding) of the gap from ions and valence electrons by the electrons of the inner shells of the atom.

Calculation of the parameters of the gap tensor from ions of the crystal lattice can be carried out within the framework of the point charge model.

For YBa2Cu3O7-x ceramics, such calculations were carried out in [2]-[3]. Table 1 summarizes the most typical results for two models of charge distribution of atomic centers in the lattices YBa2Cu3O7 and YBa2Cu3O6. Let us note, firstly, the satisfactory agreement of the data obtained by different authors, and, secondly, the obvious dependence of the parameters of the gap tensor at copper sites on the charge distribution of atomic centers.

Experimental methods for determining the parameters of the gap tensor. The most complete experimental information on the parameters of the gap tensor can be obtained by nuclear quadrupole resonance (NQR) and Mössbauer spectroscopy methods. These methods are based on the interaction of the quadrupole moment of the nucleus eQ with an inhomogeneous electric field.

Table 1: Parameters of the gap tensor at copper sites for YBa2Cu3O7 and YBa2Cu3O6 (calculation results within the point charge model).

Model	Eq_{qr} (1), e^3	η (1)	Eq_{qr} (2), e^3	η (2)
Y^{3+} Ba_2^{2+} $Cu(1)^{3+}$ $Cu(2)_2^{2+}$ O_7^{2-}	+1,162 +1,165 +1,146 +1,147	0.40 0,40 0,35 0,36	+0,700 +0,701 +0,662 +0,663	0,13 0,12 0,11 0,10
Y^{3+} Ba_2^{2+} $Cu(1)^{+}$ $Cu(2)_2^{3+}$ O_7^{2-}	+0,979 +0,997	0,08 0,02	+0,510 +0,552	0,13 0,16
Y^{3+} Ba_2^{2+} $Cu(1)^{3+}$ $Cu(2)_2^{2+}$ O_6^{2-}	-1,286 -1,256 -1,324 -1,264	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,00	+0,683 +0,668 +0,714 +0,654	0,00 0,00 0,00 0,12
Y^{3+} Ba_2^{2+} $Cu(1)^{3+}$ $Cu(2)_2^{+}$ O_6^{2-}	-1,570 -1,589	0,00 0,00	+0,816 +0,806	0,00 0,00

Nuclear quadrupole resonance. For YBa2Cu3O7-x, nuclear quadrupole resonance can be observed on the isotopes 63Cu and 65Cu. For both isotopes I = 3/2, quadrupole moments Q (63Cu) = - 0.211 b and Q (65Cu) = - 0.195 b [4]. If the copper core is located in the nodes of the crystal lattice and the local symmetry of its environment is lower than cubic.

2 COMPARISON OF RESULTS

When considering the NQR spectra of the 63,65Cu isotopes in YBa2Cu3O7-x, it should be kept in mind that copper occupies two positions, Cu(1) and Cu(2), in the structure of this compound. Furthermore, it should be taken into account that the natural isotopic mixture contains 63Cu and 65Cu.

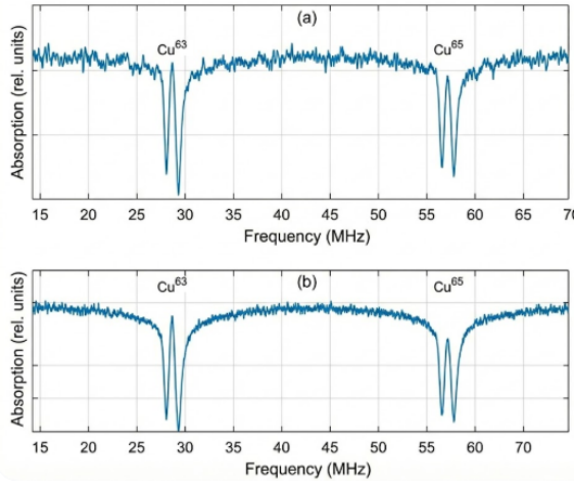


Figure 1: 63.65 NQR spectrum in YBa2Cu3O7 at a)1.7 K and b) 4.2 K.

Therefore, four lines should be expected in the 63.65Cu NQR spectra of YBa2Cu3O-x ceramics: 63Cu (1), 65Cu (1), 63Cu (2) and 65Cu (2), and the intensities of these lines should be determined by the occupancy of the Cu (1), Cu (2) (1:2) and the content of the isotopes 63Cu (~70%) and 65Cu (~30%).

Indeed (see Fig. 1, a), the NQR spectrum of 63.65Cu sample YBa2Cu3O7 consists of two pairs of lines, the positions of which have been determined in a large number of works [5]-[8]: 20.5; 22.05 and 29.2; 31.50 MHz. Based on the values of the quadrupole moments of the 63Cu and 65Cu nuclei, and the content of these isotopes in the natural mixture of isotopes, the less intense lines in these pairs (20.5 and 29.2 MHz) belong to the 63Cu isotope, and the more intense ones (22.05 and 31.50 MHz) - to the 36Cu isotope. In what follows, we will consider only the NQR spectrum of the 63Cu isotope as more intense.

Thus, the NQR spectrum of 63Cu in YBa2Cu3O7 consists of two lines: less intense (22.05 MHz) and more intense (31.50 MHz).

The NQR spectra of 63.65Cu in YBa2Cu3O7 (Fig. 1b) were studied in [9, 10]. Two lines in the 26-30 MHz region refer to the pure quadrupole spectrum on 63.65Cu isotopes for Cu(1) centers, while six lines in the 60-120 MHz region refer to the 63.65Cu NMR

spectrum in an internal magnetic field for Cu centers (2).

Mössbauer spectroscopy. Since there are no Mössbauer isotopes of copper, the study of YBa2Cu3O7 by Mössbauer spectroscopy is possible only using impurity atoms. As a rule, 57Fe is used as impurity atoms: it is assumed that iron replaces Cu(1) and Cu(2) atoms in the structure of HTSC and the parameters of the Mössbauer spectra of 57Fe carry information about the symmetry of the local environment of copper atoms [4]-[6].

The Mössbauer transition in 57Fe occurs between levels with spins 3/2 and 1/2, so that when impurity iron atoms are in an environment whose local symmetry is lower than cubic, the Mössbauer spectrum of 57Fe is split into two components.

We can formulate the following requirements for Mössbauer spectroscopy when used to study copper centers in HTSC [7]-[9]: the probe used must obviously replace copper in the positions of copper atoms: the introduction of an avalet probe into a crystal lattice site should not be accompanied by shell processes, which allows exclude the contribution to the gap from valence electrons. All these conditions are met for Mössbauer emission spectroscopy on the 67Cu (67Zn) isotope. After the beta decay of the parent nucleus 67Cu, the Mössbauer nucleus 67Zn in an excited state is formed in the copper site. The emission of a Mössbauer quantum occurs within a time of ~10-6 s after the formation of a daughter nucleus, which eliminates the possibility of the emergence of compensating centers in the lattice. The daughter zinc atoms have a closed 3d shell (Zn2+, 3d10) and, therefore, for them the contribution to the gap from the unfilled d shell is neglected. The isomeric transition in 67Zn occurs between levels with spins 5 ⁄⁄ 2 and 1 ⁄⁄ 2, and in a crystal field, the local symmetry of which is lower than cubic, three lines of equal intensity appear in the Mössbauer spectrum, and the distance between the lines in the velocity spectrum is determined by the absolute value of e2qQ, the relative location of the three lines is indicated by the sign e2qQ, and the ratio of the distances between the lines allows us to determine the asymmetry parameter η.

Apparently, the authors of [3], [7] were the first to use Mössbaer emission spectroscopy on the 67Cu(67Zn) isotope to determine the parameters of the electric field tensor at the Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites of the YBa2Cu3O7-x lattice.

The spectrum of YBa267Cu3O7 is a superposition of two quadrupole triplets with an intensity ratio of ~ 1:2 (Fig. 2a) [5]. Based on the occupancy of Cu(1) and Cu(2) positions in the YBa2Cu3O7 lattice, the spectrum with lower intensity should be attributed to 67Zn2+ centers at Cu(1) sites, and the spectrum with higher intensity to 67Zn2+ centers at Cu(2) sites. The spectrum of YBa267Cu3O6 is a quadrupole triplet corresponding to a single state of 67Zn2+ centers. Since at T≤420K the Cu(2) sublattice for YBa2Cu3O6 is antiferromagnetically ordered [5], the observed spectrum in Figure 2b should be attributed to 67Zn2+ centers in Cu(1) sites (the spectrum from 67Zn2+ centers in Cu(2) sites is blurred over a large velocity range and does not appear in the experimental spectrum).

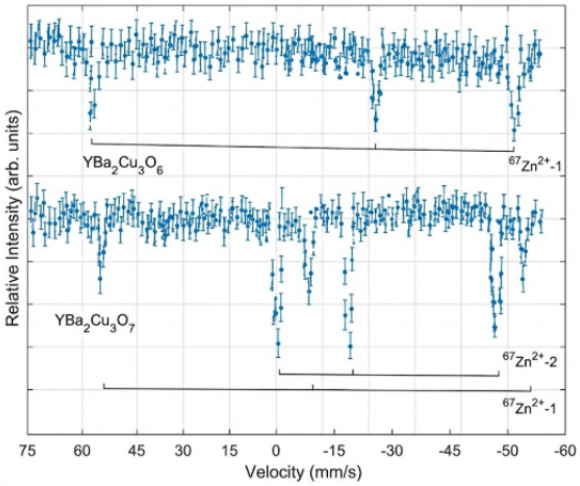


Figure 2: Emission Mössbauer spectra of a) YBa269Cu3O7 and b) YBa267Cu3O6 at 4.2 K.

A comparison of the tabular data shows that for one combination of Y3+, Ba2+, Cu+, Cu2+, Cu3+ and O2- ions in the YBa2Cu3O7 and YBa2Cu3O6 nodes, it is not possible to achieve even an approximate agreement between the calculated and experimental values of the main component of the GAP tensor for copper nodes. The calculated value is always greater than the experimental value (if their signs coincide). One should not think that the observed discrepancy is explained by the complexity of the YBa2Cu3O7-x lattices. The same discrepancy was discovered by the authors of [9] for Cu2O. It is generally accepted that it is an ionic compound with the structural formula Cu2+O2-. The Mössbauer emission spectrum of 67Cu2O is a quadrupole triplet corresponding to 67Zn2+ centers at copper sites (see Table 2). It can be seen that for Cu2O the experimental value eqcr = 0.282 e3 is ~ 4 times higher than eqcr = - 1.092 e3.

Table 2: Parameters of the Mössbauer spectra of 67Cu(67Zn) for YBa2Cu3O7 and YBa2Cu3O6 at 4.2 K.

Connection	Centre	e^2qQ, MHz	H	Eq^e_{qr}, e^3
$YBa_2Cu_3O_7$	$^{67}Zn^{2+}$ (1) $^{67}Zn^{2+}$ (2)	+20,1 ± 0,5 +11,8 ± 0,5	0,95±0,05 ≤0,2	+0,258 +0,151
$YBa_2Cu_3O_6$	$^{67}Zn^{2+}$ (1)	-23,5 ± 0,5	≤0,2	-0,301
Cu_2O	$^{67}Zn^{2+}$	-22,0 ± 0,5	≤0,2	-0,282

However, the authors of [6], [7] noted that the problem of varying the charge contrast and the Sternheimer coefficient can be eliminated for lattices containing several structurally nonequivalent copper atoms. In particular, in the YBa2Cu3O7 lattice there are two structurally nonequivalent positions Cu(1) and Cu(2), and therefore the ratio p = (e2qQ (1))/ (e2qQ (2)) should not depend on the charge contrast of the lattice (it is the same when calculating the HEF at the Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites), nor on the choice of γ (Zn2+) (the Sternheimer coefficient is the same for Zn2+ at the Cu(1) and Cu(2) sites. If we use several natural assumptions about the charges of atomic centers (the charges of Y and Ba atoms are in the ratio 3:2), which corresponds to the ratio of the only valences allowed for them; the charge of Ba ions is equal to the charge of O(1) ions, which corresponds to the electrical neutrality of the Ba – O plane in the YBa2Cu3O7 lattice; and Cu(2) can be in the range from +1 to +3), then the experimental value p = 0.59 ± 0.04 corresponds to the structural formula of the compound YBa2Cu3O7:

U3.14+ + Ba 22.09+ + Cu(1)1.89+ + Cu(2)21.89+ + O(1)22.09- + O(2)21.93- + O(3)21.81- + O(4)1.34-

An essential feature of this formula is that for the O(1), O(2), O(3), O(4) ions the approximate charge ratio is 2:2:2:1. This relationship is the result of hole localization (i.e., decreased valence) at O(4) sites. The existing deviation from the 2:2:2:1 ratio indicates partial hole transfer to the O(2) and O(3) nodes.

Comparison of Mössbauer (67Cu) and NQR (63Cu) spectroscopy data. 63Cu NQR data make it possible to determine the total EFG on 63Cu nuclei, while Mössbauer spectroscopy data on the 67Cu (67Zn) isotope make it possible to determine the contribution to the EFG of the total EFG from crystal lattice ions at copper sites. Obviously, a comparison of the data from the two methods makes it possible, in principle, to estimate the valence contribution to the EFG on 63Cu nuclei.

3 CONCLUSIONS

The main results of this study can be summarized as follows:

1) For the YBa2Cu3O7 lattice in the Cu (1) position, we obtain (1-R) e2qvalQ = 100.1 ± 1.6 MHz, and in the Cu (2) position (1-R) e2qvalQ = 99.4 ± 1.0 MHz. The proximity of valence electron contributions to the total clearance in the Cu (1) and Cu (2) nuclei indicates the similarity of the electronic structures of these centers. The value (1-R) e2qvalQ =100 MHz can also be obtained for the copper centers in the La2CuO4 compound [10], where the copper is clearly divalent Cu2+. Consequently, in YBa2Cu3O7 the Cu(1) and Cu(2) centers are also divalent.
2) The 63.65Cu isotope-based NQR method allows for the experimental determination of the total HEF based on the 63.65Cu nuclei in the HTSC lattices, and consequently, there is usually no possibility of comparing the experimental and calculated (using the point charge model) parameters of the EFG tensor. The method of emission Mössbauer spectroscopy on the 67Cu (67Zn) isotope allows us to experimentally determine the contribution of the total EFG of the crystal lattice ions of the HTSP only in the 67Zn nuclei, however, even in this case, there is no quantitative agreement between the calculated and experimental values of the main component of the EFG tensor. This is explained by the lack of reliable data on the criteria for selecting the lattice charge contrast and the Sternheimer coefficients.

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Augmenting the Population of Electroactive Sulfur in Crystalline Silicon

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Abstract: A novel two-stage sulfur diffusion technique for doping crystalline silicon has been developed and experimentally validated. The main advantage of the proposed method is the almost complete suppression of surface erosion, which is one of the most critical drawbacks of conventional high-temperature diffusion processes. Systematic studies were carried out on Czochralski-grown p-type silicon samples with different initial boron concentrations, under controlled sulfur vapor pressures ranging from 1.16 atm to 7.32 atm. Electrical parameters were investigated using the Hall effect method, and the total concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms was determined from charge neutrality equations, taking into account the Fermi level position.The results demonstrate that the initial boron concentration has virtually no effect on the incorporation of electroactive sulfur atoms at constant sulfur vapor pressure. In contrast, a strong dependence on sulfur vapor pressure was established: an increase from 1.16 atm to 7.32 atm resulted in nearly a two-order-of-magnitude rise in the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms, exceeding the maximum values previously reported in the literature by approximately 1.4 orders of magnitude. Complementary studies using SIMS/ToF-SIMS, Raman, and TEM analyses confirmed the distribution of sulfur atoms, the formation of defect-related states, and the microstructural modifications induced by diffusion. These findings highlight the efficiency of the two-stage diffusion approach and its potential for achieving ultrahigh impurity concentrations. From a practical perspective, the method significantly broadens the functionality of sulfur-doped silicon, particularly for the development of infrared photodetectors and highly stable thermal sensors.

1 INTRODUCTION

Atoms of group VI elements such as sulfur, selenium and tellurium in the silicon lattice are of significant scientific and practical interest. This is primarily due to the relatively high density of electroactive sulfur atoms, and secondly, as noted by the authors of [1], [2], at elevated concentrations sulfur atoms can exist in various configurations (S_2, S_4) [3], [4]. Consequently, additional energy levels may arise, which are shallower compared to those introduced by isolated sulfur atoms in silicon ($E_1 = E_C - 0.25$ eV and $E_2 = E_C - 0.46$ eV). Such features significantly broaden the functional capabilities of sulfur-doped silicon, particularly for the design of photodetectors operating in the spectral range $\lambda = 2.1 \div 10$ μm.

A stable and efficient technological route enabling a considerable increase in the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in crystalline silicon has not yet been achieved. Furthermore, it should be stressed that traditional methods of sulfur doping are commonly associated with substantial surface deterioration, which complicates their practical implementation in the development of functional semiconductor devices [5]. The integral concentration of electrically active sulfur atoms in the examined silicon specimens was quantitatively determined by solving the charge neutrality condition, with explicit consideration of the Hall

effect measurement data (ECOPIA HALL HMS-7000). However, a reproducible and technologically reliable methodology that would enable a controlled increase in the concentration of such impurity atoms has not yet been established. Moreover, conventional approaches to sulfur doping are commonly accompanied by pronounced surface degradation, which substantially restricts the applicability of the resulting materials in semiconductor device fabrication. In this regard, the present investigation introduces an innovative doping strategy that effectively suppresses surface deterioration of silicon and simultaneously provides a significant enhancement in the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms within the crystal lattice.

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

As opposed to standard diffusion doping techniques [6], the experimental procedure involved the application of a two-stage diffusion process. For this purpose, silicon samples exhibiting different p-type resistivities were encapsulated in evacuated quartz ampoules along with 5 mg of elemental sulfur, a quantity sufficient to generate a vapor pressure on the order of one atmosphere at the chosen diffusion temperature. The ampoules were initially heated in a furnace from room temperature (t=27 °C) to 580 °C at a rate of 7 °C/min to ensure gradual evaporation of sulfur. Upon completion of the preliminary stage, the quartz ampoules were temporarily removed from the furnace, and the temperature was further raised to T=1200 °C. Thereafter, the ampoules were reintroduced into the high-temperature zone, where diffusion was conducted over a period of 15 hours. To provide a comparative basis, a control series of silicon samples was subjected to diffusion annealing under equivalent thermal and ambient conditions, except that the initial low-temperature stage was omitted.

Experimental results demonstrated that, in all specimens treated with the two-stage diffusion method, virtually no signs of surface degradation of the silicon crystal were observed. In contrast, samples obtained by skipping the preliminary stage typically exhibited pronounced surface erosion.

The electrical parameters of the doped silicon specimens were systematically investigated employing the Hall effect methodology, with all measurements carried out under uniform and controlled conditions. It was revealed that, irrespective of the initial resistivity of the silicon substrate, the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in samples processed by the two-stage diffusion technique was nearly 2.4÷3.1 times higher compared with those subjected to direct diffusion at T=1200 °C. These findings suggest that surface erosion may act as a limiting factor, trapping a considerable fraction of sulfur atoms at the surface and thereby reducing their incorporation into the bulk crystal.

For the purpose of verifying the proposed assumption and enriching the dataset with supplementary results, additional experimental studies were undertaken.

3 EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND THEIR DISCUSSIONS

For the experimental procedure, three independent series of quartz ampoules were fabricated, each accommodating an identical ensemble of silicon specimens: KDB-0.5 (N_B=4·10^{16} cm^{-3}), KDB-3 (N_B=7·10^{15} cm^{-3}), and KDB-10 (N_B=2·10^{15} cm^{-3}). All investigated specimens were monocrystalline silicon substrates produced by the Czochralski method, exhibiting an oxygen concentration of N_{O_2}=7·10^{17} cm^{-3} and a uniform dislocation density [7]. The ampoules were charged with varying amounts of sulfur, thereby establishing vapor pressures of P=1.16 atm, 3.75 atm, and 7.32 atm. The diffusion process was implemented in a two-stage regime, with the terminal stage performed at a temperature of T=1200 °C for a duration of 15 hours. The ampoules were placed into the furnace simultaneously, ensuring strictly identical diffusion conditions.

This approach allowed us to investigate not only the influence of sulfur vapor pressure on the extent of surface erosion of silicon crystals, but also the effect of sulfur vapor pressure (i.e., concentration of sulfur atoms in the ampoule atmosphere) on the incorporation of electroactive sulfur atoms into silicon samples with identical initial parameters. In addition, the dependence of sulfur atom concentration in the lattice on the initial boron concentration in the substrate was examined under otherwise identical experimental conditions.

The results of the electrical characterization of the samples, obtained using the Hall effect method, are summarized in Table 1, where F denotes the Fermi level position at t = 23 °C and NAS is the total concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in silicon.

Compositional and morphological analyses of sulfur-doped silicon were performed in order to substantiate the experimental evidence indicating the successful incorporation of sulfur atoms into the silicon lattice. The elemental composition of sulfur-doped silicon, confirming the presence of sulfur, is shown in Figure 1. The surface morphology and distribution of sulfur on the silicon surface are presented in Figure 2.

A comprehensive evaluation of the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in the studied specimens was carried out by solving the charge neutrality condition, wherein the results of Hall effect measurements were incorporated as fundamental input. In particular, the calculation was performed using the experimentally determined position of the Fermi level in the samples.

$$N_{Si}=p_0+n+f(E_1)+f(E_2),$$

where:

- p_0 – initial hole concentration in the samples;
- n – electron concentration after diffusion in overcompensated samples;
- $f(E_1)$ – occupancy of the first sulfur energy level in the silicon band gap ($E_1=E_C-0.24$ eV);
- $f(E_2)$ – occupancy of the second sulfur energy level $E_2=E_C-0.45$ eV).

In the case of uncompensated samples, i.e., those in which the conductivity type did not change after diffusion, the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms (N_{AS}) was determined by the relation:

$$N_{AS} = p,$$

where p is the hole concentration in the samples after sulfur diffusion.

Table 1: Electrical characteristics of silicon samples after two-stage sulfur diffusion.

Doping conditions	ρ, Ω·cm	ρ, Ω·cm	μ, $cm^2/V·s$	Type	F, eV	N_{AS}, cm^{-3}
1200° C 1,16 atm	0,5	2,5	290	p	0,192	$5,2\times10^{16}$
	3	0,9	1210	n	0,205	$1,5\times10^{17}$
	10	0,45	1210	n	0,195	2×10^{17}
1200°C 3,75 atm	0,5	0,75	1220	n	0,205	$4,5\times10^{17}$
	3	0,50	1110	n	0,193	$2,9\times10^{17}$
	10	0,35	1170	n	0,185	$3,8\times10^{17}$
1200°C 7,21 atm	0,5	0,60	1180	n	0,195	$5,6\times10^{17}$
	3	0,45	1190	n	0,190	$2,8\times10^{17}$
	10	0,35	1250	n	0,185	$4,9\times10^{17}$
1200°C 7,32 atm	0,5	0,41	1210	n	0,185	10^{18}

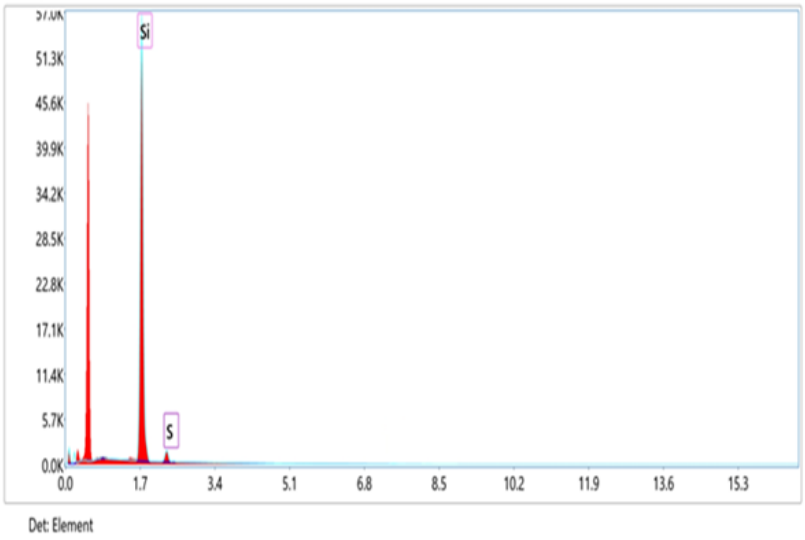
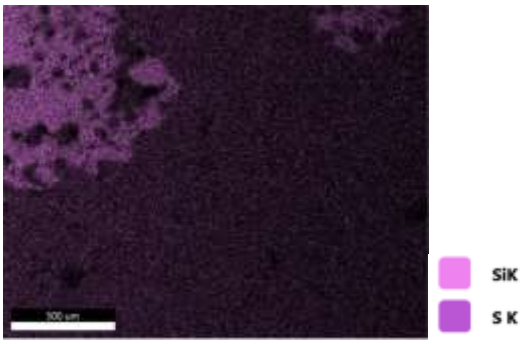


Figure 1: Full spectrum of elemental composition of impurity sulfur atoms in silicon (Zeiss EVO MA10).

Element	*Weight %*	*MDL*	*Atomic %*	*Net Int.*	*R*	*A*	*F*
Si K	91.2	0.10	92.5	545.3	0.9094	0.7426	1.0031
S K	8.1	0.28	7.2	16.1	0.9166	0.3279	1.0037

(a)



(b)

Figure 2: Composition and morphology of surface sulfur in silicon: a) elemental composition map; b) surface morphology image.

As shown in Table 1, at a fixed sulfur vapor pressure the initial boron concentration in the samples has practically no effect on the final concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in silicon, although the boron content varied by a factor of 20. In contrast, the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms exhibits a pronounced dependence on the sulfur vapor pressure in the ampoules, even for samples with identical initial parameters.

The performed experiments revealed a strong dependence of the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms in silicon on the sulfur vapor pressure in the ampoules. When the vapor pressure was increased from 1.16 atm to 7.32 atm, i.e., by almost a factor of six, the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms rose by nearly two orders of magnitude. Notably, this value is approximately 1.42 orders of magnitude higher than the maximum concentrations reported in earlier works [8]-[11].

Such a significant enhancement can be explained by the suppression of surface erosion during the two-stage diffusion process. In conventional high-temperature sulfur diffusion, erosion of the silicon surface leads to partial retention of sulfur atoms at the boundary, thereby limiting their incorporation into the bulk lattice. In contrast, the applied method minimizes surface degradation, which promotes deeper diffusion of sulfur atoms and a higher degree of their electrical activation. This indicates that optimization of vapor pressure, together with two-stage thermal treatment, represents a key factor for achieving high concentrations of electroactive sulfur atoms in crystalline silicon.

4 CONCLUSIONS

The results of the present investigation provide a comprehensive understanding of the influence of diffusion conditions on the incorporation of sulfur atoms into the crystalline lattice of silicon. The application of a specially developed two-stage diffusion procedure has demonstrated its high efficiency in almost completely eliminating surface erosion of silicon, which traditionally constitutes one of the most critical technological challenges during the introduction of group VI elements. The practical significance of this approach lies in its universality: the methodology can be extended to other deep-level impurities such as selenium and tellurium, for which diffusion processes are typically accompanied by intense surface degradation, thereby considerably limiting their applicability. Thus, the developed method opens new opportunities for expanding the technological base of controlled doping of silicon with deep-level impurities.

A detailed analysis of the electrical characteristics of the obtained samples has shown that the concentration of initial boron atoms in the substrate exerts an almost negligible effect on the resulting concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms at a fixed vapor pressure. This observation is particularly important, since it confirms that the efficiency of sulfur activation in silicon is determined predominantly by external diffusion parameters rather than the background level of shallow acceptor doping. At the same time, it was clearly established that the concentration of

electroactive sulfur atoms exhibits a strong and non-linear dependence on the vapor pressure of sulfur in the diffusion ampoules. An increase in sulfur vapor pressure by nearly six times leads to a rise in the concentration of electroactive atoms by almost two orders of magnitude, which significantly exceeds the maximum values previously reported in the literature [8]–[11]. This finding convincingly demonstrates that the sulfur vapor pressure is the decisive technological parameter controlling the degree of impurity activation.

From a broader scientific and practical perspective, these results contribute to the understanding of fundamental mechanisms of impurity incorporation in semiconductors and simultaneously highlight promising directions for applied research. The possibility of achieving ultrahigh concentrations of electroactive sulfur atoms in silicon not only deepens our knowledge of defect-impurity interactions but also provides a technological pathway for creating new classes of semiconductor materials with tailored electronic properties. In particular, sulfur-doped silicon obtained under optimized diffusion conditions may serve as a promising material for the fabrication of infrared photodetectors operating in the 2.1÷10 μm spectral range, with performance metrics: NEP = 7×10^{-14} W/√Hz, responsivity R = 71 A/W, and detectivity D^* = 2×10^{10} cm·√Hz/W These findings confirm the suitability of the material for optoelectronic and thermal sensing applications. The ability to control the concentration of deep-level impurities in a predictable manner significantly broadens the functionality of silicon and opens up prospects for its use in advanced optoelectronic and sensor applications.

In summary, the work carried out demonstrates that careful optimization of diffusion parameters, especially the sulfur vapor pressure, makes it possible to obtain fundamentally new regimes of deep-level impurity doping in silicon. The proposed two-stage diffusion technique ensures the technological reliability of the process, minimizes surface degradation, and enables a controllable increase in the concentration of electroactive sulfur atoms to unprecedented levels. These results are expected to stimulate further research on the diffusion of chalcogen atoms in semiconductors and promote the development of new functional devices based on modified silicon structures.

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Physicochemical, Vibrational and EPR Spectral Analysis of Soot-Filled Polystyrene

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Abstract: In this work, we investigate patterns of these materials and their composites with an emphasis on vibrational spectroscopy and electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) response. Such soot in the polystyrene matrix leads to structural and electronic changes that are attractive for advanced material uses. Vibrational spectra, served as an atomic level probe to the molecular interactions in these composites, displaying small shifts in the absorption bands; characteristic of soot modification in the polymeric matrix. EPR spectroscopy supported the evidence of stable paramagnetic centers in the soot-filled polystyrene composites. These centres were found to be responsible for the broadening of the EPR signal, suggesting possible magnetic-like behavior that may compete with classical magnetic materials. Elemental composition and bonding at the interface were also found to be composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen by X-ray fluorescence analysis. Notably, the findings highlight that there is not a simple linear correspondence between soot content and the observed paramagnetic parameters implying that the interaction of soot distribution, interface bonding and defect types are more complex. These results provide new clues for the design of functional composites. In conclusion, the results contribute to our knowledge on the influence of carbonaceous fillers, such as soot, on polymer matrices. Possible applications are in advanced composites for electronics, sensing and magnetic materials, which could take advantage of novel structural and paramagnetic properties of soot-filled polymers. The present work provides insight into the multifunctional behavior of polymer−carbon composites and the necessity to study vibrational and EPR spectra together.

1 INTRODUCTION

Studies of soot particles dissolved in an aqueous medium, using an electron microscope, show that the size of the soot particles ranges from 25 to 35 nm. The soot particles have a spherical shape and consist of individual crystallites arranged in a disordered manner, with each crystallite comprising several parallel, flat lattices of carbon atoms [1].

Research on the dispersity of soot particles shows that their size distribution ranges from 10 to 100 nm, with a specific surface area of 250 m^2/g. Larger soot particles, with a diameter of about 300 μm, have been observed, and their specific surface area is 15 m^2/g, while the bulk density of soot is 100–350 kg/m^3.

As a result of electron microscope studies of soot, it has been established that it consists of particles ranging in size from 900 to 6000 nm, forming more or less branched chains, known as soot structures (Fig. 1).



Figure 1: Soot particles under an electron microscope.

In our studies, the infrared (IR) spectrum of PS is discussed in detail in the range from 3500 cm^{-1} to 70 cm^{-1}, where the vibrations of the benzene ring and the vibrations of the aliphatic hydrocarbon chain are considered independently of each other, and the validity of this approach is confirmed by the results of studies on partially deuterated samples [2]-[5].

In our experiments, both pure PS and composites based on it were obtained as follows: first, the PS was dissolved, and only then were these films pressed at the melting temperature. The results of the IR spectra (from 4000 cm^{-1} to 40 cm^{-1}) of KPM based on PS.7.1.S-0.01 and PS.7.1.S-0.02 are shown in Figures 2-3.

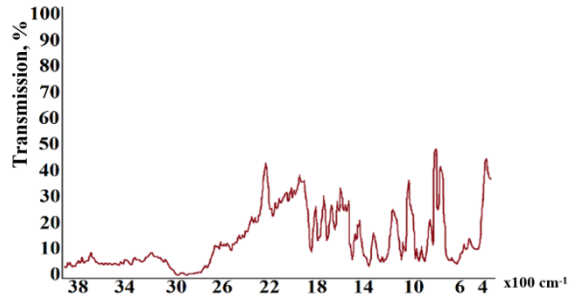


Figure 2: IR spectrum of PS.7.1.S-0.01.

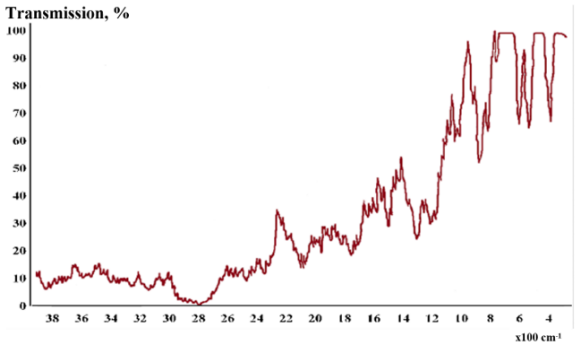


Figure 3: IR spectrum of PS.7.1.S-0.02.

It was established that at the initial stage of oxidation, a band appears in the spectrum at 1685 cm^{-1}, which was attributed to aromatic end groups. Only at a later stage does a weak band appear at 1720 cm^{-1}, caused by the absorption of aromatic aldehyde groups. Therefore, we suggest that 1774.6 cm^{-1} and 1713 cm^{-1} can be attributed to the stretching vibrations of C=O. Oxidation may occur during the technological process. When soot is added to PS, changes occur in the IR spectra (Fig. 2-3).

The first change is associated with the shift of most bands toward the short-wavelength region and a decrease in their intensity. The following vibrations were analyzed in detail: related to stretching (symmetric transformed into asymmetric), benzene ring, overtone fan, deformation, torsional, and others.

By comparing the IR spectra of PS.7.1 with a soot content of V1=0.02 and V1=0.01, significant changes are observed. The absorption band at 3629 cm^{-1} may represent O-H stretching vibrations, while the absorption bands at 3480 cm^{-1} and 3333 cm^{-1} may represent both O-H and C=O group stretching vibrations.

The ESR spectra of PS.7.1 with soot content V1=0.01 and V1=0.09 are shown in Figures 4-5, respectively [5]-[10].

The repeatability of the measurement results is quite high, and therefore, the radicals responsible for these signals can be considered stable. However, it is easy to notice that in all cases we are dealing with a scientific phenomenon – the strongest broadening of the ESR signal line, because the reality is that the soot of grade BS-100 itself gives a singlet signal (in air) with, and polystyrene does not signal at all, meaning it is diamagnetic [10]-[15]. In this case, it is reasonable to find an answer to the question – is the broadening related to the overlap of signals from various spin localization centers of different origins, or does it occur due to hyperfine splitting of electrons localized at paramagnetic centers of organic origin.

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When PS is filled with carbon black V_1=0.01, changes occur in the IR spectra. The first change is associated with a shift of most bands to the short-wave region and a decrease in their intensity. Thus, the IR stretching vibration now appears at 3053 cm^{-1} (3040 cm^{-1} for PS). The symmetrical stretching vibration of CH_2 for pure PS is transformed into an antisymmetric stretching vibration of CH_2. The vibration of the benzene ring shifts from 1918 cm^{-1} (PS) to 1328 cm^{-1} (PS-C (0.01)). The doubled fan vibration of CH_2=CH appears at 1863 cm^{-1} (1846 cm^{-1} for PS). The stretching vibration of C=O shifts from 1774.5 cm^{-1} to 1734 cm^{-1}. However, this band is also characteristic of ^{12}CH. The second band of the C=O stretching vibration shifts from 1713.3 cm^{-1} to 1730 cm^{-1}. The latter is typical of $^{12}C^{16}O$ and is also close to =1725 cm^{-1} of diacetyl $(CH_3CO_2)_2$. The C=C stretching vibration in the CH_2=CH group shifts from 1646.6 cm^{-1} (PS) to 1650 cm^{-1}. The C=C vibration of the benzene ring 1568 cm^{-1} PS shifts to

1577 cm^{-1}. The CH_2 deformation vibration 1462.6 cm^{-1} shifts to 1473 cm^{-1}. It can also characterize =1473 cm^{-1} trimethylene oxide $(CH_2)_3O$. The second CH_2 bending vibration at 1420 cm^{-1} for PS shifts to 1434 cm^{-1} and it is interesting that diacetyl has =1444 cm^{-1}. The CH_2 fan vibration at 1348 cm^{-1} in PS-C(0.01) does not change. The second CH_2 fan vibration changes from 1305 cm^{-1} (PS) to 1303 cm^{-1}.

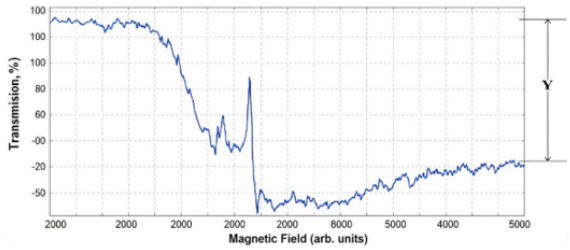


Figure 4: ESR spectrum of PS.7.1.S-0,01.

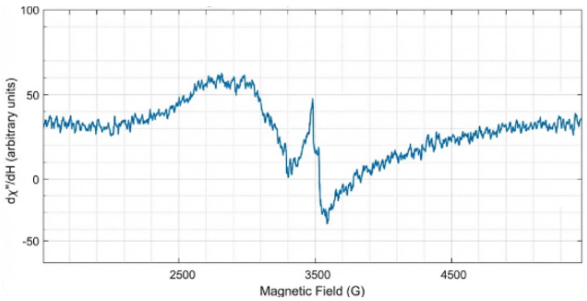


Figure 5: ESR spectrum of PS.7.1.S-0.90.

In order to form a well-grounded conviction that the broadening of the ESR line width observed in our experiments is not related to any inorganic elements, we first used X-ray fluorescence analysis to more thoroughly investigate the structure of the soot [16].

X-ray fluorescence analysis shows the presence of elements such as Kr, Nb, Ru, In, and Cs, with the quantitative content of all these elements combined not exceeding 0.1% of the total composition of the soot, which corresponds to the manufacturer's data on the filler [17]-[20].

To address the question of whether the studied object is an effectively isotropic system, it is necessary to conduct experiments on the angular dependence of the ESR signals. The results of our experiments on the angular dependence of the ESR signals are shown in Figures 6-7. As can be seen from the figures, when rotated at three different angles relative to the original position, the following are observed:

1) A clear variation in the intensity of the narrow doublet signal;
2) Practically no dependence of the intensity of the large overall signal on the angular rotations.

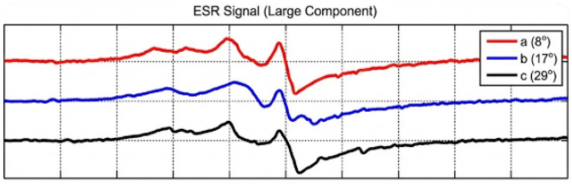


Figure 6: Angular dependence (a – 8°, b – 17°, c – 29°) of the large overall ESR signal of PS.7.1.S-0.09.

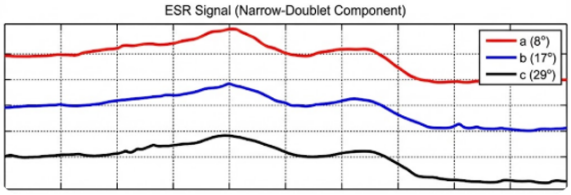


Figure 7: Angular dependence (a – 8°, b – 17°, c – 29°) of the narrow-doublet component of the ESR of PS.7.1.S-0.09.

Tables 1-2 show the concentration dependence of the main parameters of the large overall ESR signal and the narrow-doublet component in the composites. From this, it can be seen that each of these parameters can independently reflect the structural features of the object under study [21]-[26].

Table 1: Concentration dependence of the main parameters of the large overall ESR signal in the composites.

V_1	g	N, spin/g	T_1, sec	T_2, sec	$\left(\frac{hv}{hc}\right)$, cm^{-1}	H_{pp}, kA/m
0,01	2,083	$2,6 \cdot 10^{15}$	$1,03 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$6,5 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0,313	46,2
0,04	2,057	$1,6 \cdot 10^{15}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$8,6 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0,33	35,0
0,09	2,128	$3,8 \cdot 10^{15}$	$7,5 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0,324	40,7
0,20	2,025	$1,5 \cdot 10^{15}$	$8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$6,2 \cdot 10^{-10}$	0,331	41,3

Table 2: Concentration dependence of the main parameters of the ESR narrow-doublet component.

V1	ΔHpp, E	T1, sec	T2, sec	g	ΔW, eV	hA02, eV
0,01	21,0	8,8·10-4	5,6·10-9	2,034	4,1·10-5	5,44·10-7
0,04	21,5	4·10-4	3,99·10-9	2,029	4,08·10-5	4,6·10-7
0,09	22,0	1,1·10-3	6,2·10-9	2,032	4,08·10-5	3,7·10-7
0,20	18,3	1,6·10-4	4·10-9	2,031	4,08·10-5	3,3·10-7

In our studies on the frequency dependence of the conductivity of soot-filled polystyrene composites, both low and high frequencies of the alternating field were used. The dielectric characteristics and conductivity dependencies in the alternating field were recorded in the frequency range of 5×10^6 s^{-1}. The relative error in measuring the dielectric parameters on the instruments did not exceed 3%.

Figures 8-9 present the frequency dependence of the conductivity and dielectric losses of soot-filled PS.7.1.

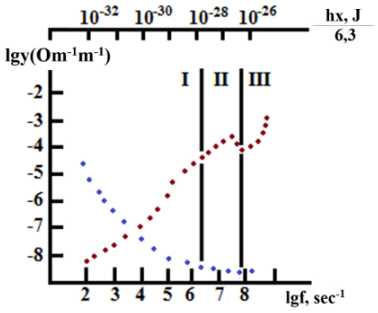


Figure 8: Frequency dependence of the conductivity of the composite.

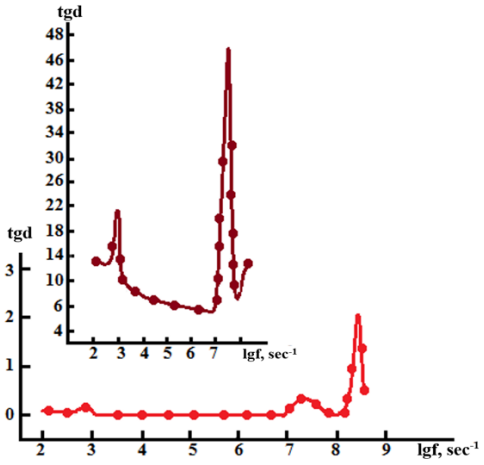


Figure 9: Frequency dependence of the dielectric losses of the composite.

3 CONCLUSIONS

Using the IR spectrum for PS.7.1, PVDF5.1, and the system PS.7.1.S, PVDF.5.1.S, chemical bonds involving C, H, and O in the interfacial layer of the composites were detected.

For the first time, stable paramagnetic centers (PMCs) were identified in soot-filled samples of PS.7.1 and PVDF.5.1, which allow for significant broadening of the ESR line and, based on these parameters, have the potential to compete with classical magnets.

Isotropic and anisotropic components of the ESR were identified in the composites PS.7.1.S and PVDF.5.1.S. The reason for the strong broadening of the ESR signals in the composites PS.7.1.S and PVDF.5.1.S is explained through an indirect mechanism of exchange interaction. For the first time, the configuration of PMCs in the composites PS.7.1.S and PVDF.5.1.S was demonstrated.

A lack of direct correlation between the main paramagnetic parameters of the composites PS.7.1.S and PVDF.5.1.S and the concentration of added soot was revealed, and for the first time, the light sensitivity of the compositions PS.7.1.S and PVDF.5.1.S was discovered.

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Synthesis of Magnesium Hydroxide via Nitric Acid Processing of Dolomite

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Abstract: The aim of the study is to obtain magnesium hydroxide by complex, nitric acid processing of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit. The results of the influence of technological parameters on the degree of decomposition of dolomite with 40, 50 and 57% nitric acid at 100 and 110% norm are given, the kinetic characteristics of the process, the composition of the liquid phase, the degree of transition of the dolomite components into the nitric acid solution, the rate of clarification and filtration of the nitric acid extract, the ammonization process are established of clarified nitric acid solutions on the composition of the liquid phase, the degree of transition of dolomite components into the solution, the rate of clarification and filtration of nitric acid extract, the process of ammonization of clarified nitric acid solutions on the composition of the liquid phase and the degree of magnesium precipitation, the rate of nitric acid on the decomposition of dolomite and pulp temperature on the filtration rate of magnesium hydroxide.

1 INTRODUCTION

With the development of science-intensive and nanotechnologies, the need for various chemical compounds is growing. In this regard, magnesium compounds, in particular magnesium hydroxide, occupies a special position. Magnesium hydroxide is a raw material not only for the production of magnesium oxide, but is also a product that can be processed into various magnesium salts.

In terms of its prevalence in nature, magnesium ranks eighth - it accounts for 2.35% of the weight of the earth's crust. The production of magnesium hydroxide and its compounds is growing every year and their areas of application are expanding. The main consumers of magnesium compounds are the production of refractories, the construction, metallurgical industries, the production of rubber products and other industries [5]. Significant amounts of magnesium compounds are processed into metallic magnesium, which is used to produce alloys with aluminum and other metals.

Magnesium hydroxide $Mg(OH)_2$ is a common and important magnesium compound, which is used as a fire retardant in the production of thermoplastics and polymer compositions, as a flocculant in the treatment of natural and waste water, in the production of detergents, cosmetics and sugar, as well as in chemical, food, pharmaceutical and other industries [15]. Magnesium hydroxide is found in nature as the minerals brucite and nemalite [6]. It is artificially obtained by the action of alkalis on solutions of magnesium salts in the form of a voluminous white gelatinous precipitate; the pH value of the precipitation of 10.5; density of precipitated $Mg(OH)_2$ 2.36-2.40 g/cm^3. Magnesium hydroxide is easily soluble in acids, as well as in a solution of NH_4Cl due to the reaction:

$$Mg(OH)_2 + 2NH_4Cl = MgCl_2 + 2NH_4OH$$

Magnesium hydroxide $Mg(OH)_2$ is colorless or white crystals with a hexagonal structure. Mohs hardness 2.5. It is practically insoluble in water, decomposes with the release of water at 350°C. Magnesium hydroxide is the main intermediate in the production of magnesium oxide and its salts [6], [7], [2], [8], [4], [1].

Chemically precipitated magnesium hydroxide is currently produced by the "wet" method, which consists in the interaction of aqueous solutions of

magnesium chloride and sodium hydroxide, followed by precipitation, filtration, washing, drying and grinding of magnesium hydroxide [9].

Magnesium hydroxide obtained by the "wet" method, compared with natural brucite, has the following advantages:

- higher temperature of the beginning of decomposition - >350ºC (for natural - >300°C);
- absence of undesirable (so-called harmful) impurities;
- higher degree of whiteness.

In the USA, the production of magnesium oxide from dolomite containing 20% MgO is combined with the production of soda ash [4]. The gas obtained during the firing of dolomite in shaft furnaces and containing up to 40% CO_2 is used in soda production and for the processing of magnesium hydroxide.

The method for obtaining magnesium hydroxide by the lime method consists in precipitation from solutions of magnesium chloride with lime (milk of lime). As a result of the fact that the solubility of $Mg(OH)_2$ is much less than $Ca(OH)_2$ (1.6 g/l at 25°C), the reaction

$$MgCl_2 + Ca(OH)_2 = CaCl_2 + Mg(OH)_2$$

goes towards the formation of $Mg(OH)_2$. Magnesium hydroxide is filtered off, washed thoroughly with water and calcined at low temperatures. Depending on the modes of precipitation and calcination, different grades of magnesia are obtained.

A valuable type of raw material for obtaining magnesia products is sea water and brines [3]. Magnesium compounds obtained from sea water and brines are of high quality and the content of magnesium oxide is 96-99%, powders have a high density and micro-grain composition (40-80 microns), which is important for the quality of refractories.

In the USA, the Netherlands, Japan, Mexico, Israel, Ireland, Jordan, magnesium oxide is obtained from sea water by mixing it with burnt dolomite or limestone [1].

$$CaO\ MgO + MgCl_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2Mg(OH)_2\downarrow + CaCl_2$$

This is one of the most economical ways to produce hydroxide and then magnesium oxide. It receives about 15% of the total volume of magnesium compounds from sea water. Japan, the Netherlands and the US alone account for 56% of the world's seawater production. Other methods for producing hydroxide and magnesium oxide are based on the roasting of magnesite and dolomite, thermal decomposition of sulfate, hydroxide and magnesium chloride [10]-[14].

The main sources of magnesian raw materials are magnesite ($MgCO_3$), brucite ($Mg(OH)_2$), dolomite ($CaCO_3 \cdot MgCO_3$), carnallite ($MgCl_2 \cdot KCl \cdot 6H_2O$), bischofite ($MgCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$), sea water, brines of inland lakes. The most common type of industrial raw material is magnesite. China, Russia, Slovakia, North Korea, Australia and Turkey have the largest explored magnesite reserves. These countries account for more than 90% of the world's total proven reserves.

The first magnesium compounds and a metal magnet from sea water were obtained by Dow Chemical at the FreePort plant (USA, Texas) in 1948. Now, the only remaining producer of magnesium metal from sea water is Dead Sea Magnezium Ltd (Israel).

2 MATERIALS AND METHODS

To establish and compare the chemical composition of dolomites from various deposits of the Republic, dolomite was selected from the deposits of Dekhkanabad, Chust and Shursu, the chemical composition of which is shown in Table 1.

The table shows that the compositions of dolomites differ greatly in the content of magnesium and calcium oxides, which are 12.83-17.25% and 33.37-39.42%, respectively. For scientific substantiation of the process of decomposition of dolomite of the Dekhkanabad deposit, data of a kinetic nature are needed. To establish kinetic data, the influence of temperature and duration of the decomposition of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit with 40, 50 and 57% nitric acid at 100% of the stoichiometry was studied. The experimental temperatures were maintained at 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50°C in a thermostatically controlled glass reactor equipped with a mechanical stirrer and a sampling outlet. The degree of decomposition of dolomite was determined by the content of calcium and magnesium oxides in the liquid phase. The data obtained are shown in Table 2.

Table 1: Chemical composition of dolomite raw materials of the Republic.

Name of deposit	CaO	MgO	Fe_2O_3	Al_2O_3	SO_3	CO_2	H.o.
Dekhkanabad	37,55	13,57	0,214	0,366	0,80	44,43	0,56
Chust 1	38,90	12,83	0,202	0,15	0,70	43,08	1,73
Chust 2	39,42	13,29	0,055	0,21	0,60	43,06	1,86
Shursu	33,37	17,25	0,133	0,11	1,90	40,65	0,95

Table 2: Influence of concentration, temperature and duration of the process on the degree of decomposition of dolomite with nitric acid at a rate of 100%.

№	Time, min	Degree of decomposition, %				
		10°C	20°C	30°C	40°C	50°C
Acid concentration 40%						
1	1,0	74,54	80,56	86,30	96,06	91,69
2	2,0	82,13	88,23	92,24	94,23	94,68
3	3,0	85,89	90,78	94,19	95,59	95,97
4	5,0	89,67	93,78	96,54	97,14	97,42
5	10	92,80	95,99	97,45	97,81	98,00
6	15	93,96	96,90	97,86	98,20	98,37
7	20	95,05	97,56	98,48	98,83	98,90
8	25	95,63	98,08	98,97	99,05	99,14
9	30	96,26	98,73	99,13	99,15	99,22
Acid concentration 50%						
10	1,0	74,39	80,44	86,19	90,99	91,59
11	2,0	82,01	88,07	91,93	94,17	94,49
12	3,0	85,75	90,66	93,87	95,49	95,87
13	5,0	89,53	93,66	96,36	97,15	97,58
14	10	92,68	95,9	97,33	97,63	98,12
15	15	93,73	96,72	97,89	98,16	98,63
16	20	94,93	97,41	98,33	98,62	98,88
17	25	95,50	97,89	98,88	98,99	99,02
18	30	95,64	98,33	98,92	99,10	99,18
Acid concentration 57%						
19	1,0	71,57	77,57	81,27	81,55	87,06
20	2,0	77,09	84,80	88,71	89,8	90,98
21	3,0	81,03	88,70	91,95	92,8	93,42
22	5,0	84,38	91,49	94,19	95,2	95,36
23	10	86,9	93,55	95,74	96,51	96,8
24	15	89,19	94,35	96,12	96,73	97,6
25	20	90,43	95,8	97,3	97,53	98,14
26	25	91,3	96,35	97,72	98,2	98,57
27	30	91,8	97,50	98,6	98,8	98,93

The table shows that a decrease in the concentration of nitric acid, an increase in temperature and an increase in the duration of the decomposition process contribute to an increase in the degree of decomposition of dolomite.

The bulk of dolomite at a temperature of 20°C decomposes within 5 minutes. When dolomite is decomposed with 40% nitric acid, the degree of decomposition after 2 minutes is 88.23%, after 5 minutes 93.48%, after 30 minutes 98.73%. With the decomposition of dolomite with 50% nitric acid, these figures are 88.07, 93.66 and 98.33%, with an acid concentration of 57% 84.80, 91.49 and 97.50%.

Increasing the process temperature significantly affects the degree of decomposition up to 30°C. At a concentration of nitric acid of 40% after 5 minutes, the degree of decomposition at a temperature of 10°C is 89.67%, at a temperature of 30°C 96.54% and at a temperature of 50°C 97.42%. At a concentration of nitric acid of 50%, these figures are 89.53, 96.36 and 97.58% and at a concentration of 57% 84.38, 94.19 and 95.36%.

In the initial period, the decomposition process is determined by the rate of chemical reaction of nitric acid with dolomite and then the limiting factor is the rate of diffusion of acid to dolomite and decomposition products into the nitric acid solution. From the above data, it can be seen that dolomite is characterized by high reactivity and decomposes rather quickly with abundant release of carbon dioxide into the gas phase.

Based on the data obtained, the reaction rate constants and activation energies of the process of dolomite decomposition by nitric acid were calculated. The rate constant of the decomposition reaction as a function of temperature obeys the Arrhenius equation and is expressed by the following empirical equations:

$$K = 29{,}50 \cdot e^{\frac{938{,}2}{T}},$$

$$K = 32{,}13 \cdot e^{\frac{1025{,}8}{T}},$$

$$K = 33{,}94 \cdot e^{\frac{1201{,}3}{T}} \cdot$$

The temperature dependences of the reaction rate constants are expressed by a straight line and decrease in a straight line with increasing values of $1/T \cdot 10^3$.

The calculated values of the rate constant and activation energy of the decomposition of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit with nitric acid are 0.663 s^{-1} and 2.284 kcal/mol, 0.627 s^{-1} and 2.310 kcal/mol, 0.577 s^{-1} and 2.759 kcal/mol, respectively, for the concentrations of nitric acid 40, 50 and 57%.

3 RESULTS

Table 3 shows the results of the influence of the norm of nitric acid on the chemical composition of the liquid phase during the decomposition of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit with 40% acid, at a temperature of 40°C and a process duration of 30 minutes.

The tabular data indicate that with an increase in the rate of nitric acid, the contents of all dolomite components in the solution decrease, the NO_3 content increases from 33.70% to 35.36% and the T:L reaches 333.60. The maximum magnesium oxide content of 3.595% is observed at a 100% rate of 40% nitric acid. The content of calcium oxide is 9.805%, iron oxide 0.0218%, aluminum oxide 0.073%.

Studies of the influence of temperature and duration of the decomposition process on the chemical composition of the liquid phase during the decomposition of Dekhkanabad dolomite were carried out with 40% nitric acid at its rate of 110% of stoichiometry. The data obtained are shown in Table 4. The table shows that with increasing temperature, the calcium content in the solution slightly increases.

So, at 20°C in a nitric acid solution, the content of calcium oxide is 8.76-9.07% and at a temperature of 60°C these figures are 8.90-9.14%. The contents of magnesium oxide, nitrate nitrogen practically do not change either with an increase in temperature or with an increase in the duration of the decomposition process. The content of iron and aluminum oxides slightly increase both with an increase in temperature from 20°C to 60°C and with an increase in the duration of the leaching process. The duration of the process has a similar effect on the content of calcium oxide in the solution.

Changing the decomposition temperature of dolomite with 40% nitric acid from 20 to 60°C at a rate of 110% and a process duration of 30 minutes does not affect the chemical composition of the liquid phase.

The content of magnesium oxide is 3.31% regardless of the decomposition temperature.

Data on the effect of temperature on the degree of transition of the main components of dolomite into solution during decomposition with 40% nitric acid, a rate of 110% and a process duration of 30 minutes are shown in Table 5.

The table shows that an increase in temperature has practically no effect on the degree of extraction of magnesium and calcium oxides. The degree of extraction of oxides of iron and aluminum with increasing process temperature from 20°C to 60°C increases from 32.57% to 40.21% and from 75.09% to 78.41%, respectively.

Insoluble residues from the decomposition of dolomite with nitric acid are undesirable components and can lead to clogging of pipelines, equipment and granulators. Therefore, the next stage of research was the study of the processes of clarification of the products of nitric acid decomposition of dolomites by settling and filtering. It is known that this stage is the limiting stage in the nitric acid decomposition of phosphorites and other calcium-containing minerals.

Table 3: Influence of the norm of 40% nitric acid on the chemical composition liquid phase.

№	Norm HNO_3, %	Chemical composition of the liquid phase, wt. %					L:S
		CaO	MgO	Fe_2O_3	Al_2O_3	NO_3^-	
1	100	9,805	3,595	0,0218	0,073	33,70	233,55
2	105	9,404	3,449	0,0212	0,071	33,94	243,56
3	110	9,034	3,314	0,0207	0,069	34,16	253,56
4	120	8,375	3,073	0,0195	0,065	34,52	273,57
5	130	7,806	2,864	0,0183	0,061	34,85	293,58
6	140	7,309	2,682	0,0174	0,057	35,13	313,59
7	150	6,872	2,521	0,0185	0,054	35,36	333,60

Table 4: The effect of temperature and duration of the process on the chemical composition of the liquid phase during the decomposition of dolomite with 40% nitric acid, at a rate of 110%.

№	Temperature, °C	Time, min	Chemical composition of the liquid phase, wt. %					
			CaO	MgO	Fe_2O_3	Al_2O_3	NO_3	L:S
1	20	10	8,76	3,31	0,011	0,069	34,16	253,56
2	20	20	8,87	3,31	0,014	0,071	34,16	253,56
3	20	30	8,96	3,31	0,017	0,075	34,16	253,56
4	20	40	9,02	3,31	0,021	0,081	34,16	253,56
5	20	60	9,07	3,31	0,028	0,092	34,16	253,56
6	40	10	8,86	3,31	0,016	0,073	34,16	253,56
7	40	20	8,95	3,31	0,018	0,073	34,16	253,56
8	40	30	9,03	3,31	0,021	0,069	34,16	253,56
9	40	40	9,09	3,31	0,024	0,073	34,16	253,56
10	40	60	9,13	3,32	0,030	0,082	34,16	253,56
11	60	10	8,90	3,31	0,016	0,065	34,16	253,56
12	60	20	9,03	3,31	0,018	0,065	34,16	253,56
13	60	30	9,091	3,31	0,021	0,069	34,16	253,56
14	60	40	9,118	3,32	0,024	0,074	34,16	253,56
15	60	60	9,141	3,32	0,0298	0,082	34,16	253,56

Table 5: The influence of temperature on the degree of transition of dolomite components into a solution of 40% nitric acid, at a rate of 110% and a process duration of 30 minutes.

№	Temperature, °C	Degree of transition of components into solution, %			
		CaO	MgO	Fe_2O_3	Al_2O_3
1	20	98,21	99,88	32,57	75,09
2	25	98,24	99,88	34,69	75,78
3	30	98,28	99,88	36,71	76,47
4	35	98,33	99,89	38,45	77,11
5	40	98,40	99,89	39,60	77,70
6	45	98,49	99,89	39,97	78,08
7	50	98,62	99,89	40,08	78,28
8	55	98,79	99,90	40,15	78,37
9	60	98,98	99,90	40,21	78,41

4 DISCUSSION

It can be seen from the figure that large particles of undecomposed dolomite settle rather quickly and after 3 minutes the degree of precipitation of 100% is reached. A settling rate of 98% is achieved after 100 seconds.

To accelerate the process of decomposition of the liquid and solid phases, the influence of temperature and the rate of 40% nitric acid on the rate of filtration of dolomite decomposition products was studied. Obtaining results are shown in Table 6.

With an increase in the temperature of the pulp from 20 to 60°C, the filtration rates for the pulp, filtrate and wet solids increase. Thus, the pulp filtration rate increases from 770.75 kg/m^2•h at 20°C to 1190.79 kg/m^2•h at 60°C.

Increasing the rate of nitric acid from 100% to 110% leads to a slight increase in filtration rate. Thus, at a temperature of 60°C, the filtration rate in the liquid phase increases from 1184.94% at a rate of 105% to 1261.75 kg/m^2·h at a rate of 110%.

The suspension of nitric acid decomposition of dolomite with 40% nitric acid, unlike large particles of dolomite, settles very slowly and after 120 minutes the degree of clarification reaches 86.83%.

In the first 50 minutes, the clarification proceeds very slowly and the degree of clarification is 12.66%. Then the speed of clarification increases and after 100 minutes of clarification it starts to slow down (Fig. 1).

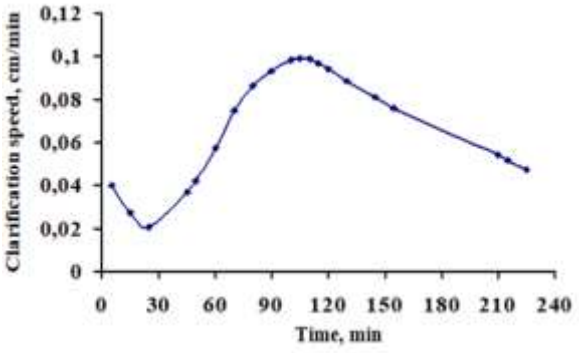


Figure 1: Influence of the duration of the process on the rate of clarification of the decomposition products of dolomite with nitric acid.

The creation of a 0.1 mm thick bed of insoluble residues leads to a sharp decrease in the filtration rate for pulp, filtrate and wet solids.

Table 6: Influence of technological parameters on the filtration rate after decomposition (depression 300 mm Hg).

№	Norm HNO_3, %	Temperature, °C	Filtration rate, kg/m2•h		
			by pulp	by solid phase	by filtrate
R = 0 mm					
1	100	20	770,75	3,79	766,96
		40	1107,88	5,44	1102,44
		60	1190,79	5,85	1184,94
2	105	20	801,73	3,78	797,95
		40	1152,42	5,43	1146,99
		60	1238,65	5,83	1232,82
3	110	20	820,42	3,73	816,69
		40	1179,30	5,36	1173,94
		60	1267,52	5,77	1261,75
R = 0,1 mm					
4	100	20	184,42	0,91	183,51
		40	300,56	1,48	299,08
		60	349,57	1,72	347,85
5	105	20	191,84	0,90	190,94
		40	312,64	1,47	311,17
		60	363,63	1,71	361,92
6	110	20	191,82	0,87	190,95
		40	319,93	1,46	318,47
		60	372,10	1,69	370,41
R = 0,2 mm					
7	100	20	100,23	0,49	99,74
		40	163,35	0,80	162,55
		60	189,98	0,93	189,05
	105	20	104,26	0,49	103,77
		40	169,91	0,80	169,11
		60	197,63	0,93	196,70
9	110	20	104,02	0,47	103,55
		40	173,88	0,79	173,09
		60	202,23	0,92	201,31

The nitric acid extract obtained during the decomposition of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit has a pH below 1. In this regard, in order to obtain magnesium hydroxide, it must be neutralized. For this, it is best to use gaseous ammonia. However, with an increase in the ammonia content in the solution above that necessary for neutralization, ammoniates are formed. However, these considerations are valid for pure solutions of calcium nitrate. In our case, magnesium nitrate is present in the system, which, at high pH values (in an alkaline medium), will precipitate in the form of magnesium hydroxide. In this regard, the effect of pH on the chemical composition of calcium and magnesium nitrate solutions and the degree of magnesium precipitation was studied. The data obtained are shown in Table 7.

As can be seen from Table 7, with an increase in pH in the composition of the liquid phase at pH 10-12, the magnesium content sharply decreases and the content of other components is insignificant, which is explained by the introduction of ammonia. At high pH values, almost all magnesium precipitates.

The figure shows that when the extract is neutralized to pH 7.5–8, the degree of magnesium demagnetization does not exceed 3–7%. With an increase in pH to 10, about 85-87.5% of magnesium precipitates; at pH 11-12, 96.52-97.22% of magnesium precipitates.

Table 7: Influence of pH on the composition of the liquid phase of nitric acid extract.

pH	Chemical composition of the liquid phase, wt. %					
	MgO	CaO	Al_2O_3	Fe_2O_3	NH_4^+	Yield of MgO, %
Norm of nitric acid – 100 %						
-1,1	3,60	9,81	0,073	0,022	0,00	0
4	3,58	9,59	0,071	0,022	2,36	0,56
7,5	3,35	9,53	0,071	0,021	3,00	6,94
9	2,62	9,52	0,071	0,021	3,17	27,22
10	0,45	9,48	0,071	0,021	3,50	87,50
11	0,13	9,32	0,069	0,021	5,23	96,39
12	0,10	9,03	0,067	0,020	8,65	97,22
Norm of nitric acid – 110 %						
-1,2	3,45	6,45	0,069	0,021	0,00	0
4	3,43	6,30	0,067	0,021	2,52	0,58
8	3,35	6,26	0,067	0,020	3,20	2,90
9	2,42	6,24	0,067	0,020	3,35	29,86
10	0,51	6,20	0,066	0,020	4,12	85,22
11	0,17	6,09	0,065	0,0200	6,00	95,07
12	0,12	5,92	0,063	0,019	8,87	96,52

To obtain magnesium hydroxide, studies were carried out on the separation of the precipitate by filtration. Due to the fact that when the clarified nitric acid extract is neutralized with ammonia, its

temperature rises, the influence of two parameters was studied: the temperature of the pulp and therate of nitric acid on the decomposition of dolomite at the rate of filtration in solution and in the dry residue (the concentration of nitric acid taken for the decomposition of dolomite is 57.5%, pulp pH before filtration - 11).

With an increase in the norm of nitric acid, the filtration rates for the solution and for the dry residue increase. The filtration rates by solution and by dry residue at a rate of nitric acid of 100% are 890.21 and 181.80 kg/m^2·h, respectively.

With an increase in temperature, the filtration rate increases, which is explained by a decrease in pulp viscosity.

Thus, in terms of filtration rate, it should be carried out at a higher temperature. The optimum temperature is 50-60°C.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The conducted experimental studies have conclusively demonstrated the efficiency of nitric acid processing of dolomite from the Dekhkanabad deposit for obtaining magnesium hydroxide of high purity. The optimal technological parameters were established as follows: nitric acid concentration of 40%, acid rate of 100–110% of the stoichiometric requirement, process temperature of 50 °C, process duration of 30 minutes and ammoniated extract pH of 10–11. Under these conditions, the degree of dolomite decomposition reached 99.13–99.22%, with 99.9% of MgO and 98.9% of CaO transitioning into the solution. The activation energy of dolomite decomposition was found to be 2.28–2.76 kcal/mol, confirming a diffusion-controlled mechanism at the later stages of the process. During the neutralization of the nitric acid extract with gaseous ammonia, it was established that at pH 10–12, 96.5–97.2% of magnesium precipitated as magnesium hydroxide, while the calcium and aluminum content in the liquid phase remained below 9.5% and 0.07%, respectively. Filtration and clarification parameters demonstrated strong dependence on pulp temperature and nitric acid rate. Increasing the temperature from 20 °C to 60 °C enhanced the pulp filtration rate from 770.75 kg/m²·h to 1190.79 kg/m²·h and at an acid rate of 110%, the filtration rate for the filtrate increased up to 1261.75 kg/m²·h. The clarification process of the nitric acid extract reached 86.83% transparency after 120 minutes, while the settling of coarse dolomite particles achieved complete (100%) sedimentation within 3 minutes. The formation of a 0.1 mm insoluble residue layer caused the filtration rate to drop nearly fourfold, emphasizing the need for periodic cleaning or centrifugation. The magnesium hydroxide obtained under optimal conditions was characterized by a whiteness degree above 96%, a density of 2.38 g/cm³ and a thermal decomposition onset at 350 °C, fully meeting industrial requirements for flame-retardant, chemical and pharmaceutical applications. Overall, the developed nitric acid–ammoniation process provides an efficient, environmentally acceptable and resource-saving method for converting dolomite into high-quality magnesium hydroxide with a yield of not less than 97%.

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Kinetics of Quaternary Ammonium Salts Synthesis

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Abstract: The aim of this work is to study the synthesis of quaternary ammonium compounds based on olefins and to investigate the structure and properties of the obtained products. To achieve this goal, at the first stage, the process of obtaining isohexyl monochloroacetate by the esterification reaction of hexene isomers with monochloroacetic acid in the presence of an acid catalyst was studied and then by the cauterization reaction of the obtained product with triethylamine, quaternary ammonium salts were obtained in an organic solvent medium at 30 °C. The influence of the initial reagents, the nature of the solvent and temperature on the rate of the quaternization reaction was studied. The influence of the reaction duration on the yield of the formed quaternary salts was also studied. The physical properties of the synthesized esters and quaternary ammonium salts were determined. The structure of the product was determined by IR spectroscopy and thermoanalytical methods. A basic technological scheme for the synthesis of quaternary ammonium compounds is proposed.

1 INTRODUCTION

At present, quaternary ammonium salts (QASs) attract the attention of many researchers and scientists around the world. Quaternary ammonium salts are odorless, colorless, characterized by a moderately broad spectrum of antimicrobial activity, residual bacteriostatic effect on treated surfaces, have corrosive activity, efficiency in a wide pH range, resistance to high temperatures, low toxicity [1]. In the recent years, the phenomena of penicillin-resistant bacteria such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), or even the emerging of SARS-CoV-2, revived the urgent in development of QASs again [2], [3]. Quaternary ammonium compound (QAC) with positively charged N atom and long-chain alkyl, exhibits efficient antibacterial functions [4]-[6]. The industrial production of quaternary ammonium compounds continues to maintain a leading position due to their steadily growing demand. They are used as target products, feedstock and intermediate products in various chemical and petrochemical synthesis, in the production of composite materials for various fields of chemistry and petrochemistry, in the plastics industry, synthetic resins, electronics, metalworking and chemical-pharmaceutical industries, for the needs of agriculture, farming and production of household chemicals [7], [8]. These productions in many countries of the world are large-, medium- and small-tonnage, as well as diverse in terms of the range of marketable products produced [9]. Therefore, investigating the properties, mechanisms of action, structural characteristics and environmental impacts of quaternary ammonium salts represents a crucial scientific endeavor that integrates both fundamental and applied dimensions of chemistry, biology and ecology. In order to expand the base of starting materials for obtaining functionally substituted ammonium compounds, we have synthesized quaternary ammonium salts. This paper presents the results of the synthesis and study of quaternary ammonium compounds based on hexene isomers. The process of obtaining quaternary ammonium compounds consists of two stages: at the first stage, the reaction of esterification of higher olefins with monochloroacetic acid occurs and at the second stage, the reaction of quaternization of the synthesized isoalkylmonochloroacetates with triethylamine [10].

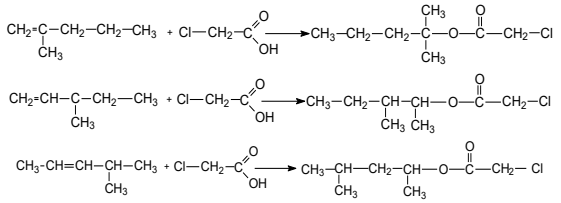
2 METHODOLOGY

The objects of the study are hexene isomers, monochloroacetic acid, triethylamine. The reliability of the research results is confirmed by IR spectroscopy, elemental analysis and thermal analytical studies. The IR spectra of the ester and synthesized copolymers were recorded using a Fourier transform IR spectrophotometer. Infrared Fourier spectrometer "IRTracer-100" (SHIMADZU CORP., Japan, 2017) complete with an attenuated total internal reflection (ATR) attachment MIRacle-10 with a diamond/ZnSe prism (spectral range on the wavenumber scale - 4000÷400 cm^{-1}; resolution - 4 cm^{-1}, sensitivity signal-to-noise ratio - 60,000:1; scanning speed - 20 spectra per second). A DTG-60 series (Shimadzu, Japan) device was used to record thermogravimetric and differential thermal analyses. Over a broad range of DTA measurements, the device's high-precision scales, sensitive detectors and consistent oven temperature distribution enable it to record changes in sample mass up to 1000 mg with an accuracy of 0.1 μg. Gas Flow: 80 [ml/min] in an argon atmosphere, DTA: ±1000 μV.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Synthesis and Kinetic Study of Quaternary Ammonium Salts

The esterification reaction of hexene isomers with monochloroacetic acid (MCAA) in the presence of a catalyst can be described by the following equations:



The reactions were carried out in a solvent medium in the presence of an acid catalyst. Concentrated sulfuric acid was used as a catalyst. The process was carried out with constant stirring and heating of the reaction mixture to temperatures of 40–60°C with condensation of the reactant vapors by means of a reflux condenser. After completion of the reaction, the catalyst was separated by treatment with a 10% alkali solution and the mixture was subjected to vacuum distillation. The synthesized esters are colorless liquids; highly soluble in organic solvents such as acetone, toluene, isopropyl alcohol, diethyl ether, carbon tetrachloride. The optimal reaction conditions were determined, that is, the influence of the nature of olefins, the nature of the solvent, the ratio of the initial reagents and the amount of catalyst on the ester yield was studied.

Benzene, dimethylformamide (DMFA) and 1,4-dioxane were used to study the influence of the nature of the solvent for the reaction (Fig. 1).

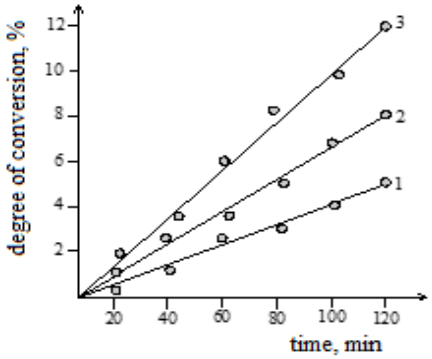


Figure 1: Influence of the nature of the solvent on the ester yield during the esterification of 2-methyl-1-pentene with monochloroacetic acid: 1-benzene; 2-1,4-dioxane; 3-DMFA; t=60 ºC.

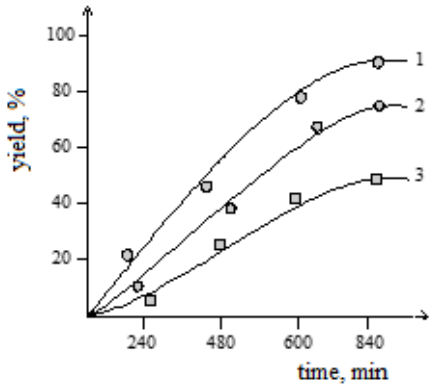


Figure 2: Effect of olefin nature on ester yield: (1) 2-methylpentene-1; (2) 3-methylpentene-1; (3) 4-methylpentene-2, T=60 ºC.

As can be seen, with an increase in the dielectric constant of the solvent, the reaction rate and the degree of ester conversion increase and the highest reaction rate is observed in DMFA (Fig. 1).

When studying the influence of the nature of olefins on the ester yield, 2-methylpentene-1, 3-methylpentene-1 and 4-methylpentene-2 were used as initial reagents in the experiments (Fig. 2).

Graphical dependences of the values of the degree of conversion and total rates on the nature of hexenes

are shown in Figure 2. They are linear in nature and the highest rate and the product yield is observed during the esterification of 2-methyl-1-pentene with monochloroacetic acid (MCAA).

The data obtained from the study of the effect of temperature and the ratio of the initial reagents on the ester yield show that an increase in the reaction temperature and olefin concentration leads to an increase in the ether yield, the highest yield is observed when the process temperature rises to 60 °C and the ratio of olefin to MCAA = 3:1.

IR spectroscopy methods were used to establish the structure of the starting substances and the products obtained. In the IR spectra of the synthesized esters of isohexylmonochloroacetates, there are absorption bands in the regions: $\nu_{(C=O)}$=1683-1714 cm^{-1}; $\nu_{(C-O-C)}$=1256 cm^{-1}; $\nu_{(C-Cl)}$=661 cm^{-1} (Fig. 3).

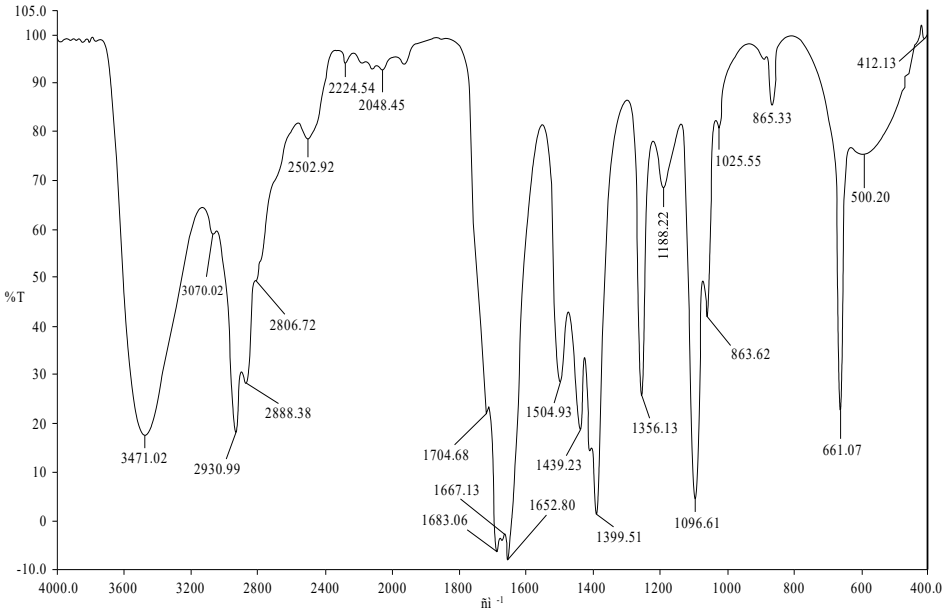


Figure 3: IR spectrum of isohexylmonochloroacetate based on 2-methyl-1-pentene with monochloroacetate.

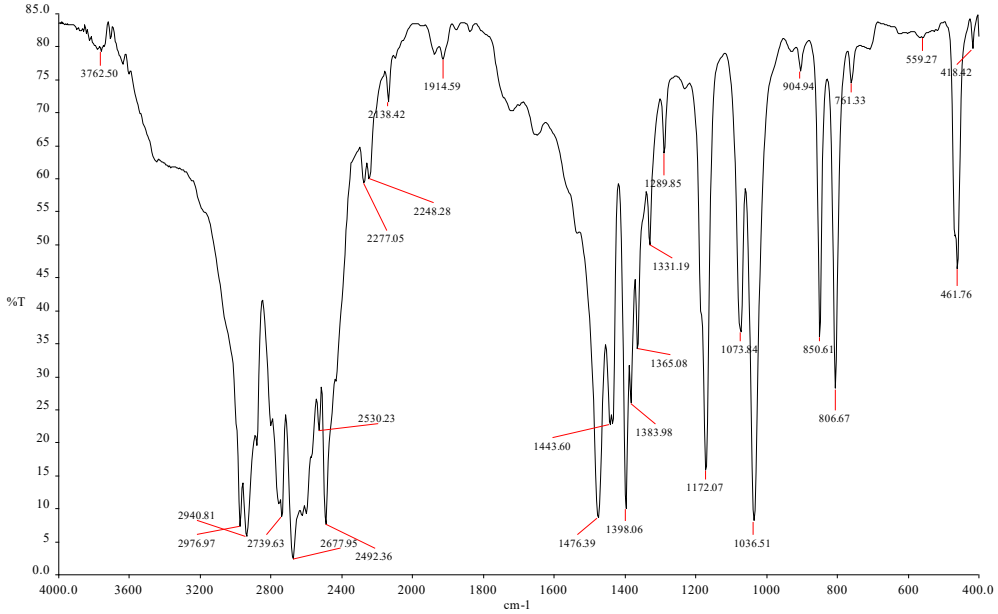
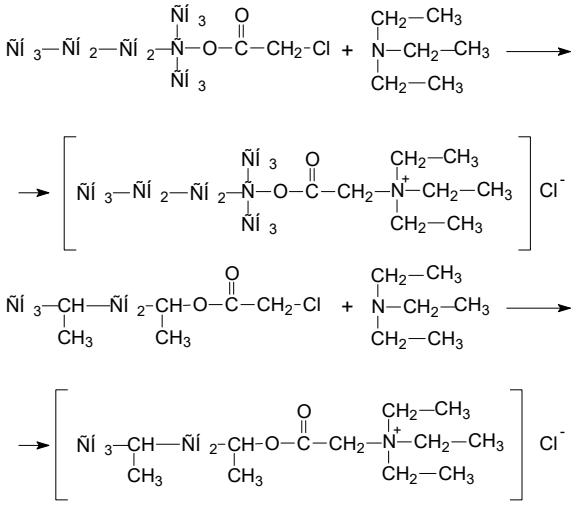


Figure 4: IR spectrum of the quaternary salt of isohexylmonochloroacetate with triethylamine.

At the second stage of the synthesis of quaternary ammonium salts, isohexylmonochloroacetates (IHMClA) were used as an alkylating agent in the quaternization reaction with trimethylamine (TEA). The reactions of their synthesis can be represented as follows:



The structure of the synthesized quaternary salts was proved by the data of IR spectroscopy and elemental analysis. In the IR spectra of QAS, the appearance of an absorption band in the region of 2976–2940 cm^{-1} is observed, which indicates the presence of salt formation, while absorption bands in the region of 1398–1476 cm^{-1} are characteristic of bending vibrations of methylene groups combined with ammonium nitrogen (Fig. 4).

The synthesized ammonium quaternary salts are soluble in water, acetone, benzene, dimethylformamide, slightly soluble in 1,4-dioxane, do not dissolve in diethyl ether.

In this work, we studied the influence of various factors: temperature, the ratio of initial reagents and the duration of the reaction on the QAS yield. The results of experimental studies on the effect of reaction temperature on the QAS yield are shown in Figure 5.

The results obtained show a directly proportional dependence of the product yields on the process temperature, that the maximum QAS yields are observed at 30 °C.

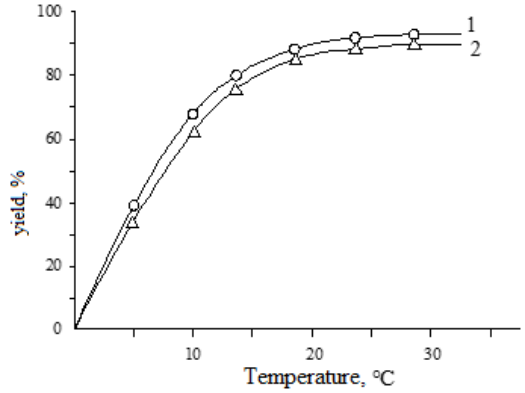


Figure 5: Effect of temperature on the yield QAS: 1– IHMClA:TEA=1.0:1.2; 2– IHMClA:TEA=1.0:1.2; in mass, reaction time 4 hours.

It can be seen from the figure that the rate of the reaction under study increases with increasing temperature and a further increase in temperature does not affect the yield of the product.

Next, the influence of the reaction duration on the yield of the formed QAS was studied (Fig. 6).

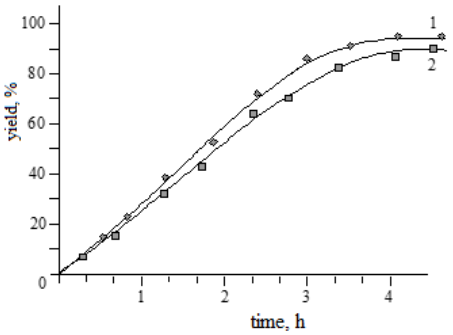


Figure 6: Influence of the reaction time on the yield HOURS (30 °C): 1- IHMClA:TEA = 1.0:1.2, 2- IHMClA:TEA = 1.0:1.2, in mass.

From the graphs showing the dependence of QAC yields on the duration of the reaction, it follows that the interaction of isohexylmonochloroacetate with triethylamine is carried out in 4 hours.

The kinetic orders of the quaternization reaction of isohexylmonochloroacetate with triethylamine were determined (Fig. 7 and 8).

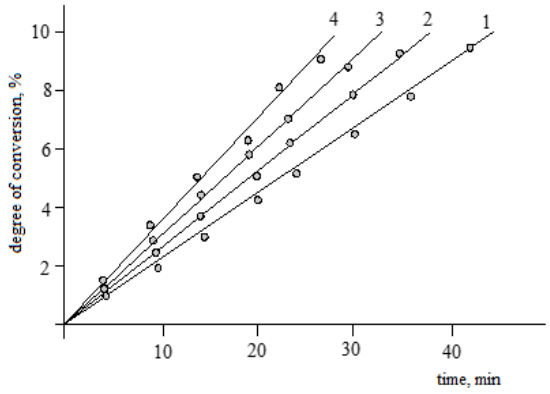


Figure 7: Dependence of the quaternization rate of [IHMClA]: [TEA] on the concentration of TEA; [IHMClA]=1,0 mol/l: [TEA], mol/l: 1-1,0; 2-1,25; 3-1,5; 4-2,0; T=30 °C. The solvent is DMFA.

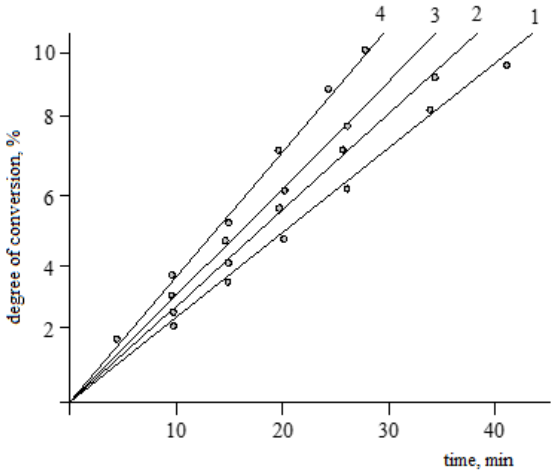


Figure 8: Dependence of the quaternization rate of [IHMClA]: [TEA] on the concentration of IHMClA; [TEA]=1.0 mol/l; [IHMClA], mol/l: 1-1.0; 2-1.25; 3-1.5; 4-2.0. The solvent is DMFA; T=30 °C.

As can be seen from Figures 7 and 8, with an increase in the concentration of the initial reagents, the rate of the quaternization reaction increases.

To determine the order of the reaction, we conducted experiments on the dependence of the rate of the quaternization reaction on the concentration of the initial components (Fig. 9).

The results obtained from Figure 9 also show that the reaction is characterized by the second order in terms of the concentration of the initial components.

Based on the experimental data obtained and according to certain laws of the Menshutkin reaction, the rate of this reaction can be written by the following equation:

$$V_M = \frac{dx}{dt} = K_M * x * y,$$

where, K_M – Menshchutkin reaction constants; x-initial concentration of TEA; y - initial concentration of IHMClA.

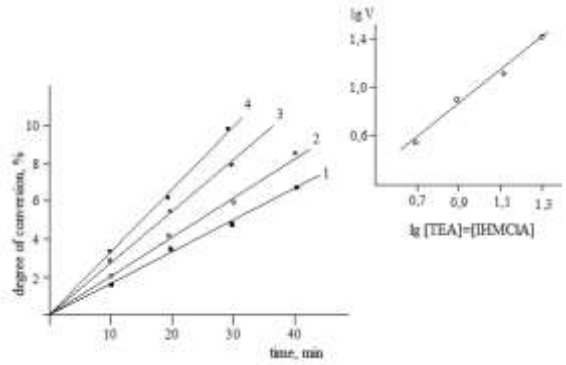


Figure 9: Dependence of the quaternization rate in the TEA-IHMClA system on the concentration of the initial components; [TEA]=[IHMClA], mol/l: 0.5 (1); 1.0 (2); 1.5 (3); 2.0(4). T=30 °C; The solvent is DMFA.

As can be seen, the x-value of the reaction is characterized by the second order.

The value of the Menshutkin reaction rate constant for various temperatures was determined Table 1.

Table 1: Rate constants of the Menshutkin reaction in the TEA-IHMClA system in DMFA at different temperatures.

T, ^{0}C	Initial ratio of components, mol/l		V_M*10^6 mol/l *s	K_M*10^6
	TEA	IHMClA		
20	1,0	1,0	0,61	0,26
20	1,25	1,25	0,96	0,37
20	1,5	1,5	1,22	0,56
20	2,0	2,0	1,65	0,50
30	1,0	1,0	0,45	1,64
30	1,25	1,25	1,20	1,14
30	1,5	1,5	2,42	1,06
30	2,0	2,0	3,5	0,90

Investigation of the effect of temperature on the yield of quaternary ammonium salts, that with an increase in the temperature of the quaternization reaction, the yield of QAS increases and reaches its maximum value of 95% at a temperature of 30 °C.

The value of the Menshutkin reaction rate in the temperature range 10-30 °C was used to calculate the activation energy of the Menshutkin reaction for the [TEA]=[IHMClA] system, which is 61.5 kJ/mol.

Further, thermoanalytical studies of the synthesized quaternary salts were carried out (Fig. 10, 11 and 12).

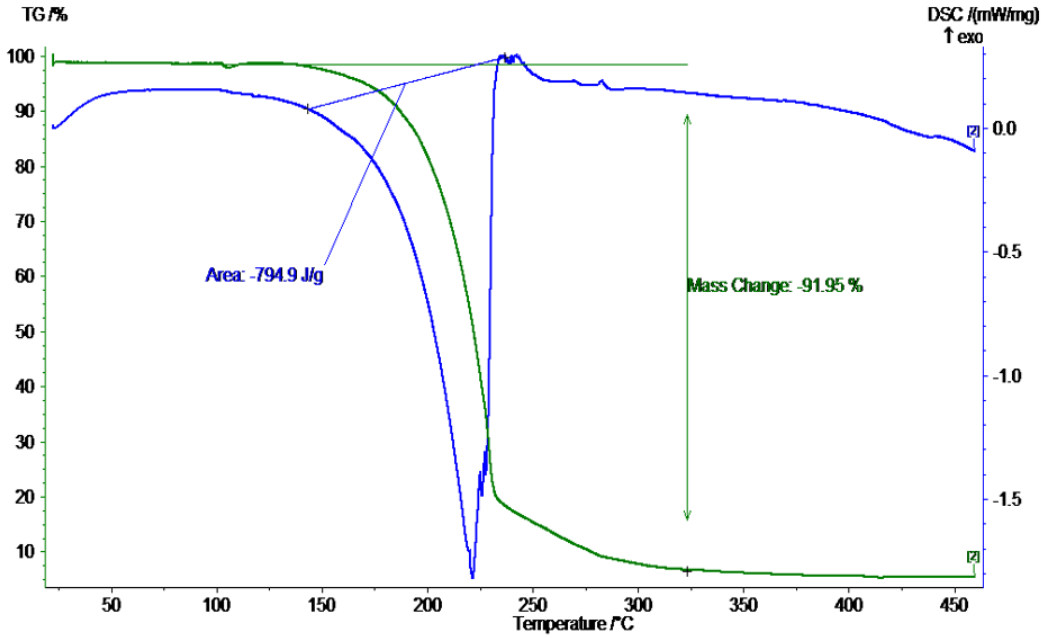


Figure 10: Thermogram of a quaternary salt based on trimethylamine with isohexylmonochloroacetate (1-sample).

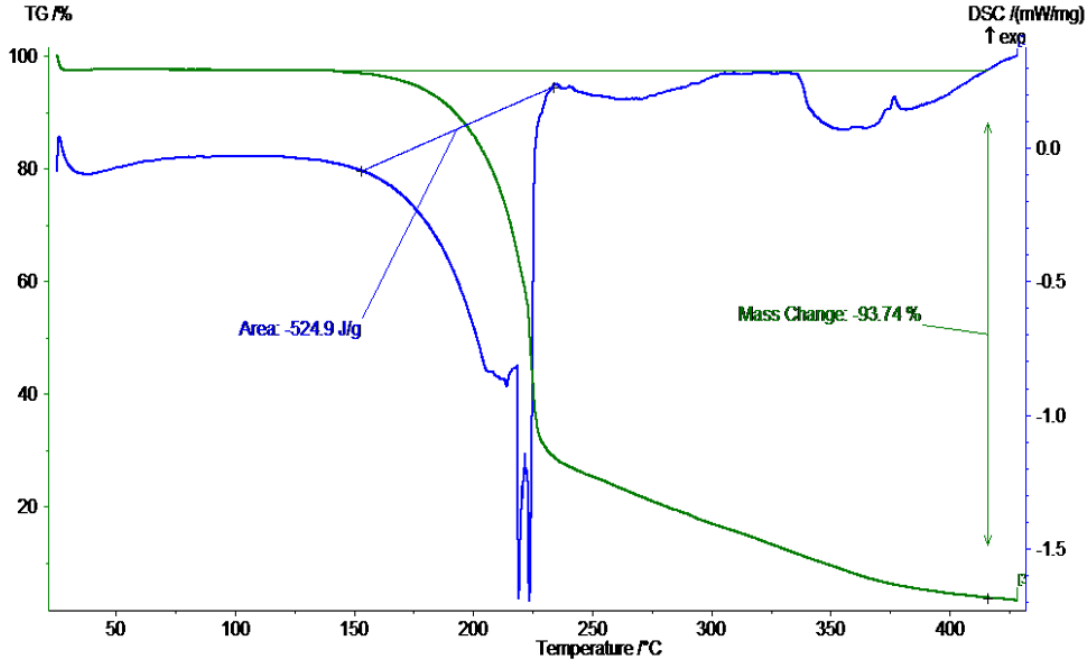


Figure 11: Thermogram of a quaternary salt based on trimethylamine with 3-methyl-pentylmonochloroacetate (2-sample).

As can be seen from the thermograms, endothermic peaks are observed at 220-240 °C. The synthesized quaternary salts are stable up to a temperature of 160 °C. At a temperature of 160 °C, melting occurs, followed by decomposition of the sample. In the temperature range of 160-250 °C, sample 1 loses weight up to 91.9%, sample 2 93.7% and sample 3 80.5%. The corresponding endothermic peaks have a max at 220-230 °C. This weight loss apparently corresponds to the release of volatile components CO_2, NH_3, HCl, H_2O.

Thus, quaternary ammonium salts were synthesized in two steps based on triethylamine and isohexylmonochloroacetate. The effect of the nature of the solvent, temperature and ratio of the initial reagents on the rate of the quaternization reaction and the yield of the product were determined.

3.2 Principal Technological Scheme for the Production of Quaternary Ammonium Salts

As a result of the studies described above, a basic technological scheme for the synthesis of quaternary ammonium compounds was proposed (Fig. 12).

The synthesis of quaternary ammonium salts consists of the following stages:

1) preparation and loading of initial reagents (olefin, monochloroacetic acid, solvent and catalyst);
2) esterification of the olefin with monochloroacetic acid;
3) purification and separation of reaction products;
4) quaternization reaction of the resulting isoalkylmonochloroacetates with triethylamine;
5) filtration, washing and drying of quaternary salts.

The synthesis of isohexylmonochloroacetates is carried out in the reactor 1, equipped with a stirrer jacket, fittings for loading reagents. The calculated amount of olefin, dimethylformamide, monochloroacetate and catalyst is loaded into the reactor 1 and mixing is carried out. The esterification process is carried out with constant stirring at 60 °C for 8 hours. After the end of the reaction, the stirring is stopped and the resulting product is fed into the stripping column 2, where the olefin and dimethylformamide are distilled off at atmospheric pressure. Pairs of olefin and DMF are condensed in the condenser 3 and enter the receivers 4.5, respectively. The olefin and dimethylformamide are returned to the esterification stage, the reaction product isohexylmonochloroacetate through an intermediate vessel 6 and a pump 7 is fed into the jacketed reactor 8. Triethylamine, a solvent, is also supplied there. At the same time, white needle-shaped crystals begin to fall out. The reaction is carried out at 300C for 4 hours. At the end of the process, the reaction mass is passed through a filter 9, where a solid precipitate is separated from it and fed to a film evaporator 10. In the evaporator, the solvent boils off, which, after condensation, is recycled for quaternization. The remaining white crystals are sent for washing with acetone in apparatus 11 and a vacuum evaporator 12 is fed. Ready-made quaternary ammonium salts are sent for packaging.

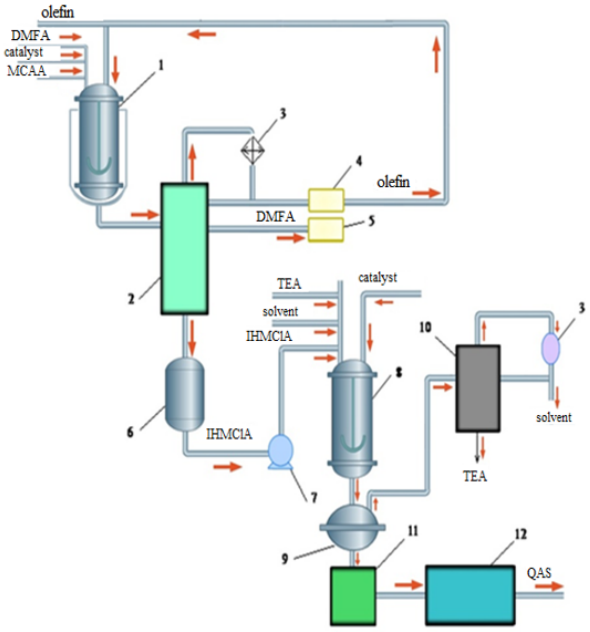


Figure 12: Principal technological scheme for the production of Quaternary ammonium salt: 1,8-reactors; 2-distilling column; 3-water condenser; 4.5 receivers; 6-intermediate capacity; 7-pump; 9-filter; 10-distillation column; 11-washing apparatus; 12-vacuum evaporator.

4 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the conducted research, the following results were obtained:

1) Quaternary ammonium salts were synthesized in two stages: in the first stage, the process of obtaining isohexyl monochloroacetate by the esterification reaction of hexene isomers with monochloroacetic acid in the presence of an acid catalyst was studied and then quaternary

ammonium salts were obtained by the quaternization reaction of the resulting product with triethylamine. The structure of the synthesized quaternary salts was identified using IR spectroscopy and Thermal analysis studies were also conducted.

2) The influence of the nature of the solvent, temperature and the ratio of the initial reagents on the rate of the quaternization reaction and the yield of the product was determined.
3) The kinetic features (reaction orders, reaction rates, reaction rate constants) of the reaction were determined.
4) A basic technological scheme for the production of quaternary ammonium salt is proposed.

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SECTION 7

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Design and Equipment Selection for a Peak-Load Photovoltaic Power Plant

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Abstract: The research focuses on the analysis of the operational and economic efficiency of an autonomous photovoltaic (PV) power plant operating in combination with an auxiliary diesel generator. The study considers the performance of a selected PV panel configuration under real climatic conditions and evaluates its ability to meet household electrical demand throughout the year. At the initial stage, a literature review was conducted to identify the key factors influencing the efficiency and reliability of photovoltaic systems, including solar irradiance, system configuration, energy storage requirements, and seasonal variability. Particular attention is given to the differences between standalone and grid-connected PV systems, with an emphasis on design features, energy storage needs, and operating conditions relevant to autonomous installations. The study includes technical and economic calculations for the selected PV system, covering energy production, load coverage, battery charging and discharging behavior, and diesel fuel consumption during periods of insufficient solar generation. Capital investment and operational costs are evaluated, and the impact of seasonal variations in solar irradiance on system performance is analyzed. The scientific novelty of the work lies in the comprehensive assessment of current balance, seasonal correction factors, and hybrid operation modes, allowing a quantitative evaluation of the mismatch between nominal and actual PV output under real operating conditions. The obtained results provide practical guidance for optimizing autonomous photovoltaic systems, improving their reliability, and reducing dependence on fossil fuel-based backup generation. Overall, the study combines technical performance indicators with economic feasibility considerations, contributing to the development and practical implementation of efficient and sustainable off-grid power supply systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

Off-grid solar and micro-grids are developing in Africa, where only 30 percent of the sub-Saharan region has access to energy sources. Africa, like other regions with powerful extractive industries, is developing solar energy as an alternative to diesel power plants or as a backup source for unreliable power grids. It should be borne in mind that the price of a kilowatt of solar energy is halving every 2.5 years and has decreased 100 times since 1977, and there is no obvious reason for changing this trend in the future [1]-[4].

Calculations show that 1% of the world's deserts can provide all the energy that the world currently uses, and 25% of the world's deserts can supply 25 times more energy than we currently use [5]-[8].

The number of hours in a day during which the sun shines in a given place is also essential. This value is very different for different regions. Moreover, it is influenced not only by the geographical latitude of the area, but also by other

factors, for example, location in a mountainous area or simply the presence of a nearby mountain ridge that blocks the sun in the morning or evening hours. It is a basic diagram of a network solar power plant with the addition of a battery bank (ACB), a charge controller and replacement of a network inverter with a hybrid one. A distinctive feature is the ability to store part of the electricity generated during the solar period in the battery (Fig. 1).



Figure 1: Scheme of an autonomous, grid-connected (hybrid) solar power plant.

Due to the presence of a battery bank, they are less dependent on the source of central power supply [9]. Such SES is used mainly as part of an uninterruptible power supply system where the central power supply is insufficient or unstable [10].

The disadvantages include the high cost of the system, due to the battery bank and the power of the inverter, which should be the more, the more time required for uninterrupted operation and connected loads, respectively.

SES operating without connecting to an external power grid are called autonomous (Fig. 2).

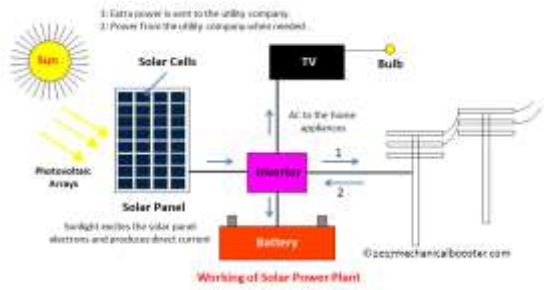


Figure 2: Scheme of an autonomous, not connected to the grid (autonomous) solar power station.

An autonomous photovoltaic power plant, in addition to solar panels, usually contains batteries and a charge controller. If it is necessary to supply power to consumers requiring a standard voltage of 220 / 380V AC, an inverter must be included in the photovoltaic power plant. The only drawback of a photovoltaic power plant is the loss of energy at low loads [11]-[13].

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In this configuration, the average power rating typically reaches 10 kW. The following variations are also possible:

- Each panel is served by a small integrated inverter providing hundreds of watts of power.
- Separate DC / DC converters are used in each photovoltaic cell section, DC / DC converter outputs are connected in parallel to one DC / AC inverter. This topology is the most efficient, with a power rating of up to 100 kW.

The main function of an inverter is to convert DC currents from photovoltaic panels or batteries at different voltage levels into AC at a specific voltage level and frequency to power devices or transfer to a power system. The frequency and voltage depends on the region, in Europe it is 50 Hz and 220 V, in the USA

- 60 Hz and 110 V. Depending on the application, there are phase requirements, so inverters are available in single, two and three phase. DC / DC converter raises or lowers the input voltage level, adjusts its output for maximum efficiency in the DC / AC conversion stage.
- The capacitor performs the function of voltage buffering.
- MOSFETs in the bridge are switched at a frequency of about 20 kHz to convert DC to AC.
- Inductors "smooth" the signal after the keys to obtain a sine wave.

2.1 Mathematical Apparatus for Autonomous Photovoltaic Power Plants

To ensure accurate design and performance evaluation of autonomous photovoltaic (PV) systems, a set of fundamental equations was applied in this study.

2.2 Photovoltaic Panel Output Power

The instantaneous electrical power generated by a PV module is calculated as:

$$P = E \times A \times \eta$$

where:

- P – output power (W);
- E – solar irradiance on the module surface (W/m²);
- A – active area of the panel (m²);
- η – panel efficiency (%), including temperature and wiring losses.

2.3 Sizing of Battery Storage for Autonomous Operation

The required battery capacity is determined using:

$$C_{bat} = \frac{E_{load} \times N_{days}}{V_{bat} \times DOD \times \eta_{bat}}$$

where:

- Eload – daily energy consumption (Wh);
- Ndays – desired autonomy period (days);
- Vbat – nominal battery voltage (V);
- DOD – depth of discharge (%);
- ηbat – battery round-trip efficiency.

2.4 Economic Assessment Metrics

For evaluating the financial feasibility of PV systems, the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) is applied:

$$LCOE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{I_t + O_t + M_t}{(1+r)^t}}{\sum_{t-1}^{n} \frac{E_t}{(1+r)^t}}.$$

Where:

- I_t – investment cost in year ttt;
- O_t – operational cost;
- M_t – maintenance cost;
- E_t – annual energy production (kWh);
- r – discount rate;
- n – system lifetime (years).

These equations enable a rigorous technical and economic analysis and support informed decision-making when selecting PV technologies for autonomous applications.

In some cases, the voltage level at the input of the DC/AC converter must be higher than at the output of the DC/DC converter. For this purpose, a transformer is used after the inductors. Despite the fact that the transformer increases the weight, size, and cost of the device and reduces efficiency by an average of 2%, it improves device protection and user safety by providing galvanic isolation between the DC and AC parts of the circuit. A similar function can also be performed by a DC/DC converter with zero-voltage switching (transformer equivalent).

Table 1 presents an estimate of the solar energy potential and shows the total (direct and scattered) solar insolation on a horizontal surface under cloudy conditions, expressed in kW × h / m² [14].

Based on the analysis of the data presented in Table 1, it becomes possible to design a PV system, since information on solar insolation in the selected region and the electricity consumption of a country house is available. As the design objective is to develop an autonomous solar power plant, calculations and equipment selection are carried out for a photovoltaic–diesel power plant, which operates during peak household consumption hours, as determined in Table 1.

Using the data on total solar radiation and the power of the selected solar panels (SP), the monthly energy generation of a single module for the given region was calculated using the following expression:

$$W_m = S_m \times E \times k \times \eta, \text{ kW} \times \text{h}.$$

Where:

- S_m is the area of the joint venture, W;
- E - insolation value for the selected period, kW×h / m²;
- η is the PV module efficiency;
- k is a correction coefficient accounting for power losses due to solar cell heating and the oblique incidence of solar radiation during the year [15].

The coefficient $k$is taken as 0.5 for summer and 0.7 for winter, which reflects reduced heating of the PV elements during the winter period.

The required number of PV modules to fully cover the monthly electrical energy demand is calculated as:

$$N = W_mons / W_m.$$

The results of all calculations are summarized in Table 2.

Table 1: Monthly solar insolation data for Kolpashevo locality.

Locality	Month											
Kolpashevo	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
MJ/m²	63	138	339	447	523	578	615	440	264	121	63	38
kWh/m²	17,5	38,3	94,2	124,2	145,3	160,6	170,8	122,2	73,3	33,6	17,5	10,6

Table 2: Monthly solar panel energy production and quantity calculation.

Month	W, kWt×h	E, kWt×h/m^2	$W_м$, kWt×h	N, things
January	412,3	17,5	5,94125	70
February	377	38,3	13,00285	29
March	368,9	94,2	31,9809	12
April	330	124,2	42,1659	8
May	319,3	145,3	35,23525	10
June	279	160,6	38,9455	8
July	257,3	170,8	41,419	7
August	249	122,2	29,6335	9
September	387,5	73,3	17,77525	22
October	396,8	33,6	8,148	49
November	399	17,5	5,94125	68
December	443,3	10,6	3,5987	124

W_{cons} denotes the average annual energy consumption, where winter–autumn consumption exceeds spring–summer consumption. The number of selected photovoltaic panels in Table 2 is rounded up to the nearest integer. Analysis of Table 2 shows that the minimum number of panels required for year-round power supply is 124. However, from an economic perspective, it is more reasonable to install 12 PV modules in combination with a diesel power plant [16]–[19].

3 EXPERIMENTAL PART OF THE STUDY

Using the solar calculator [17], the power generation of photovoltaic panels was calculated for the selected design site located in the Tashkent region, Parkent district, near the village of Pskent. The installation includes 94 solar panels with a rated capacity of 280 W and 12 panels installed at a zenith angle of 45° (0° – horizontal, 90° – vertical) and an azimuth angle of 180° (180° – south, 0° – north).

The monthly distribution of power generation together with the load is shown in Figure 3. Figure 4 illustrates the configuration of the 12-panel system used for household power supply.

To visually determine the periods of maximum efficiency of the solar power plant (SPP), monthly solar insolation values were calculated using reference data. The sums of direct solar radiation on a horizontal surface under average cloudiness conditions are given in Table 3. These values were converted into kW·h, after which the electricity generation of the SPP and the actual load for the summer period (July) were determined [20]–[26].

The calculated values of direct solar radiation incident on the PV surface for July are summarized in Table 4.

Figure 5 and Table 5 present a comparison between photovoltaic panel output and the actual electrical load for July. The energy balance of the system is illustrated in Figure 6, while Fig. 7 shows the monthly PV coverage and diesel fuel consumption.

Table 6 presents the hourly values of battery discharge and charge currents.

From the graph in Figure 6, it can be seen that the PV system alone cannot provide stable power supply to the cottage during peak load periods. In such cases, the energy deficit is compensated by the battery storage system.

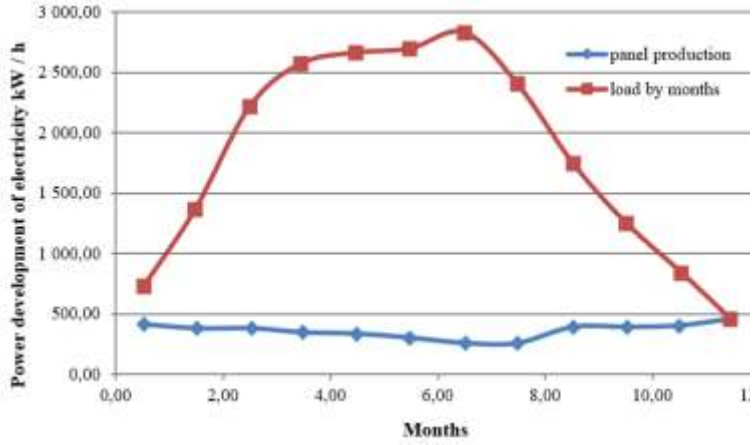


Figure 3: Production of 94 solar panels for year-round electricity supply.

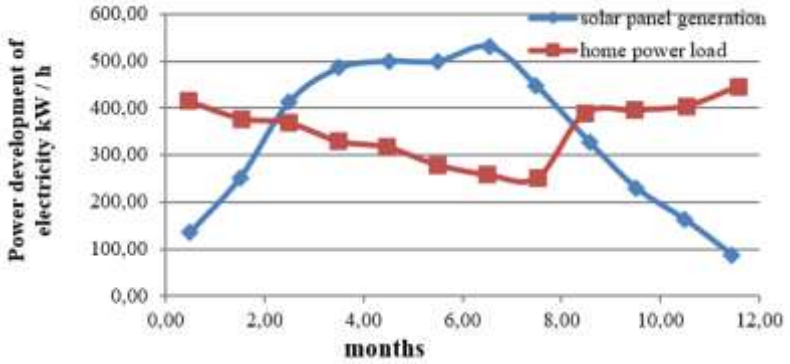


Figure 4: Development of solar panels for power supply of the house in the amount of 12 pcs.

Table 3: Monthly direct solar radiation sums under average cloud conditions (kW×h/m²).

t,(h)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MJ/m^2	-	0,00	0,04	0,13	0,25	0,47	0,64	0,85	1,02	1,15	1,23	1,23
t,(h)	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MJ/m^2	1,19	1,07	0,85	0,64	0,47	0,25	0,08	0,04	0,00	-	-	-

Table 4: Sum of direct solar radiation on the SP surface under average cloudiness conditions (July).

t,(h)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MJ	-	0	0,19	0,61	1,16	2,19	2,98	3,96	4,75	5,35	5,73	5,73
t,(h)	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
MJ	5,54	4,98	3,95	2,98	2,19	1,16	0,37	0,19	0	-	-	-

Table 5: The sum of the production of solar radiation by the SP in power under average cloud conditions (July).

t, (h)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
kWt×h	-	0	0,052	0,17	0,32	0,61	0,83	1,096	1,32	1,48	1,59	1,59
t, (h)	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
kWt×h	1,53	1,38	1,09	0,83	0,61	0,32	0,103	0,05	0	-	-	-

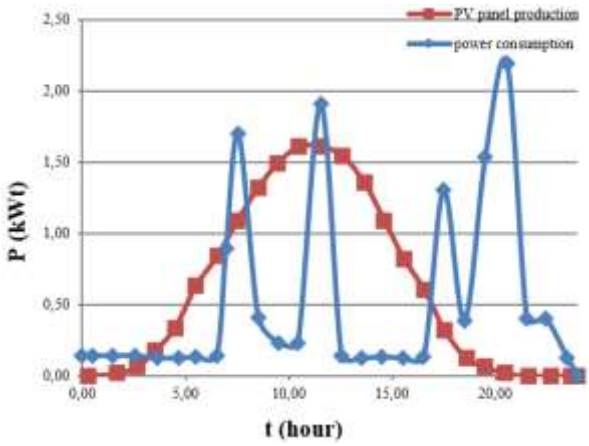


Figure 5: Comparison of the output of photovoltaic panels (July) and real load.

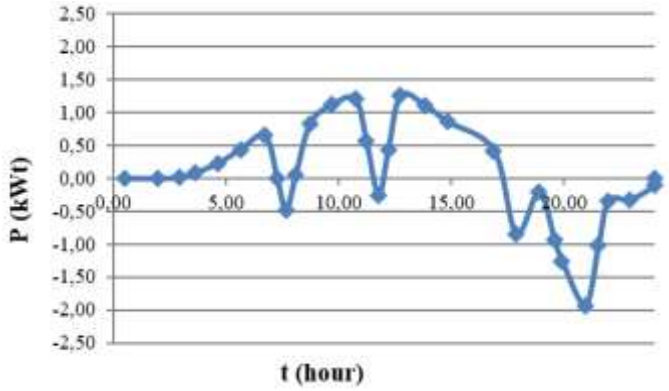


Figure 6: Energy balance.

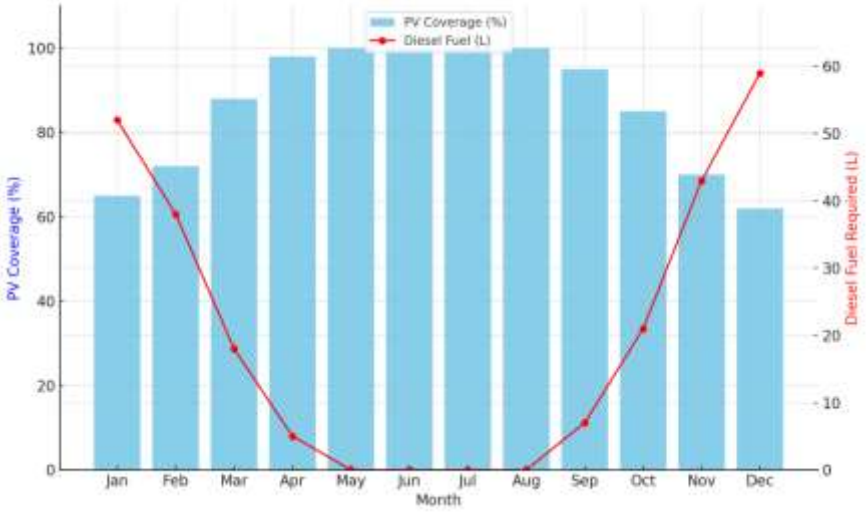


Figure 7: Monthly PV coverage and diesel fuel consumption.

Table 6: The value of the discharge / charge current by hours.

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	I_5	I_6	I_7	I_8	I_9	I_{10}	I_{11}	I_{12}
-5,4	-5,4	-3,33	1,67	7,92	20	28,75	-24,58	26,25	52,08	56,67	-12,5
I_{13}	I_{14}	I_{15}	I_{16}	I_{17}	I_{18}	I_{19}	I_{20}	I_{21}	I_{22}	I_{23}	I_{24}
58,33	52,08	40,42	29,2	20	-40,42	-12,08	-61,67	-91,25	-16,25	16,25	-5,4

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The battery discharge/charge current is calculated as:

$$I = \frac{P}{U} = \frac{-0{,}13 \times 10^3}{24} = 5{,}4\ A \times h$$

where I is the discharge (-) / charge (-) current of the battery P is the power consumption U - battery voltage.

Summing the discharge current from 18:00 to 03:00 gives a total discharge of: I_{time} = -257.4 A × h.

This operating mode does not lead to excessive battery wear, since six batteries are used: two are connected in series, forming three pairs, which are then connected in parallel. This configuration provides a total capacity of 300 A·h. Dividing the total discharge by three yields 85.8 A·h for each battery pair over a 12-hour period.

5 CONCLUSIONS

A complete performance analysis of the autonomous photovoltaic (PV) power plant shows that the total net charging current during 04:00–17:00 is I_{char} = 356.3\A·h, obtained by integrating the charge and discharge currents and subtracting the discharge during peak load hours (18:00–22:00). The system operating period considered is from 08:00 to 12:00. The resulting value corresponds to a full-cycle discharge of the accumulator batteries (AB) of 150 A·h/day in total, with consumption approximately equally distributed between both battery pairs at 118.8 A·h/day.

Seasonal correction coefficients were used to adjust hourly loads so that system behavior is accurately reflected throughout the year. PV power supply meets the full household demand from May, without the need to operate the diesel generator, until August, as shown by the simulation results. In contrast, during the period from November to January, additional generation is required to compensate for reduced solar irradiance.

Monthly diesel fuel consumption was therefore calculated and varies from zero liters in summer to 59 liters in December, illustrating the strong seasonal dependence of the hybrid energy system.

This seasonal pattern is illustrated in Figure 7, which shows the percentage of PV coverage (blue bars) and diesel fuel consumption (red line) in liters. The figure clearly demonstrates an inverse relationship: with high PV penetration, diesel demand is low, while reduced PV output during winter months leads to increased diesel usage. Overall, the figure highlights the efficiency of the hybrid system and its near-zero fossil fuel consumption under favorable solar conditions.

The developed methodology, based on current balance analysis, seasonal adjustment, and fuel consumption modeling, can be used as both a technical and economic guideline for optimizing autonomous PV systems. It also improves system reliability while reducing operating costs and dependence on fossil fuels, making it suitable for sustainable off-grid power applications.

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Relationship Between Technical and Economic Indicators, Metal Level and Interpole Distance in an Aluminum Electrolyser

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Abstract: The article presents, in order of discussion, the mechanisms of the possible influence of the main technological parameters of the operation of electrolyzers for the production of aluminum - the metal level and the interpolar distance - on the technical and economic indicators of the process of electrolytic production of aluminu. The conclusions in the article are confirmed by practical measurements of process parameters in operating electrolyzers for aluminum production using statistical methods of data analysis and are in good agreement with literary sources. The negative impact of an increase in the height of the metal surface wave in the electrolyzer shaft due to a decrease in the metal level in the aluminum electrolyzer on the technical and economic indicators of the aluminum production process is shown. It is suggested that the technological violation "non-quenchable anode effect" is a consequence of the change in the electrolyte flow regime from laminar to turbulent. The theoretical inefficiency of the "slot" anode technology is shown, as well as the reason for the significant difference in the current output in electrolyzers with pre-baked and self-baking anodes.

1 INTRODUCTION

The electrolytic production of aluminum is try [1], [2]. one of the most energy-intensive and technologically demanding processes in contemporary metallurgy- Although process optimization and the introduction of new materials have led to a notable progress, the efficiency of the electrolyzes used in aluminum production is yet strongly impeded by various decisive operational parameters. The level of the metal in the electrolytic cell and in temporal distance are of particular importance as the principal factors that influence the technical and economical indicators of an aluminum plant [3], [4]. Thus, it is highly important to profoundly illuminate the correlation of these factors with production efficiency not only for scientific study but also for industrial application [5].

The metal level in an electrolyze is not only a geometric parameter, it influences the hydrodynamics of the electrolyte flow, the stability of electronic reactions and the amount of Joule losses [6]. A lower metal level will create a higher metal surface wave in the electrolyze shaft which in turn will make the process unstable and cause higher energy consumption [7]. Finally, such instability leads to technological disturbances, such as the non-quenchable anode effect that is the result of a transition in the electrolyte flow regime from laminar to turbulent [8]. Current efficiency is decreased and energy usage/operating costs is increased due to these disruptions [9].

The interpolar distance, which refers to the distance between the anode and the cathode, plays an important role on a voltage drop in the electrolytic cells [10]. Too large interpolar distance will bring unnecessary power consumption, whereas too small will result in cell short-circuit and instability [11]. Hence, the optimization of this parameter is important to attaining greatest current efficiency with least specific energy consumption [12].

It has also been previously established by others that another consideration for the synthetic anode technology, specifically the differentiation between

pre-baked and self-baking types, continues to have an impact on total cell current efficiency for aluminum electrolyzers [13]. In this sense, it is worth noting that technology of "slot" anode results theoretically not very reliable when used in practice, as it has its own serious limitations [14]. Furthermore, regarding to comparison, the comparison between the cells using a pre-baked anode and those using a self-baking anode was studied, and the former showed the superior and stable current output than the latter [15].

Based on the above, the objective of this paper is to analyze the impact mechanisms of the metal level and interpolar distance on both the technical and economic aspects of aluminum electrolyzers. Aasmundtveit et al. [16] combines hands-on experiments of process parameters in electrolysers in operation with statistical data analyses. The findings are critically assessed in light of the literature, yielding a holistic, solid, and scientifically sound insight into the correlation between crucial technological factors and efficiency of production [17].

The study further rationalizes the dependence of these parameters and sheds some new insight into aluminum electrolysis, which may provide important guidance for the more energy-efficient industrial practice as well as improved economic performance of aluminum production [18], [19].

It is known that the specific power consumption in the electrolytic production of aluminum depends on the metal level and the interpolar distance (hereinafter referred to as IPD). However, according to the authors, there are a number of poorly studied aspects that play an important role in this statement. Thus, to date, the nature of the dependence of power consumption W on the metal level in the electrolyzer is not reliably known. Is there a minimum on this curve, or does an increase in the metal level lead to a monotonic decrease in power consumption? The same question remains open with respect to the nature of the dependence of W on IPD. This article presents the results of the analysis of literary sources and conclusions on the essence of the above problems.

2 METHODS

The specific energy consumption in the production of aluminum by electrolytic means is determined by the ratio of the amount of energy consumed to the actual amount of aluminum obtained [20]:

$$W y\partial = \frac{W}{M} = \frac{Ucp}{k \cdot \eta}, \text{ kW*h/kg;} \quad (1)$$

where:

- W – amount of consumed electricity, kW·h;
- M – amount of aluminum produced per day; kg;
- Ucp – average voltage on the electrolyzer, V;
- k – electrochemical equivalent of aluminum, g/(A.h);
- η – current output, fractions of a unit.

The direct reaction that takes place in the electrolyzer:

$$Al_2O_3 + 1.5C + e = 2\ Al + 1.5\ CO_2 \quad (2)$$

And the reverse reaction:

$$2\ Al + 3\ CO_2 = Al_2O_3 + 3\ CO \quad (3)$$

Reaction (3) is multi-stage [21], [22], and consists of the following stages:

- Stage 1. Diffusion of metal from the metal phase into the electrolyte phase (with the formation of a true or colloidal solution, or with the formation of subions);
- Stage 2. Transfer of metal in the electrolyte phase from the catholyte to the anolyte;
- Stage 3. Chemical reaction between carbon dioxide and metal in the anolyte phase.

Stage 3 is not rate-limiting. As a result of this stage, aluminum remains in solution; only the oxidation state changes from 0 (+1 if aluminum is in the solution as a subion) to +3: $Al^0 \rightarrow Al^{3+}$. That is, this is the reverse process of the cathode part of the direct reaction (2). However, as is considered established [23] (based on the fact that the cathode overvoltage is extremely small), this reaction is fast and equilibrium.

This means that the rate of oxidation of the dissolved metal is a fast and equilibrium process.

Stage 2 is not limiting either. The evidence for this is as follows:

1) In the solidified electrolyte, which is taken for analysis by the diffractometric method, there are no particles of metallic alumina; these particles (if present) should be displayed on the diffractograms, which, however, is not observed. Literary data [24] are available only for laboratory conditions. The question for the conditions of industrial electrolytes is not closed, but can be verified by conducting an analysis by the gas-volumetric method (determining the volume of hydrogen released

during the reaction of the solid electrolyte with an alkaline solution).

2) It is believed that the "evolution of gas inclusions", i.e. the mixing of the electrolyte under the action of outgoing bubbles, is the main, if not the determining force, ensuring the circulation of the electrolyte [25]. Consequently, under conditions where stage 2 were the limiting stage, it would not make sense to carry out work related to the optimization of the busbar, since the result affects only the movement of the metal phase, and not the movement of the electrolyte.

   However, much attention is paid to such works and there is a positive result [26]. As a confirmation of the success of optimizing the influence of magnetic fields, one can cite the difference between the specific energy consumption in cases with longitudinally and transversely located electrolyzers (Table 1) [27].

3) The transfer of dissolved aluminum from the catholyte to the anolyte should mainly occur by the mechanism of convective diffusion (otherwise the meaning of the struggle to reduce the rate of circulation of the electrolyte is lost). In this regard, this process should be many orders of magnitude faster than diffusion transfer.

Table 1: Specific DC energy consumption for different electrolyzer arrangements.

Electrolyzer arrangement type	Specific energy consumption (kWh/t)
Longitudinal, double-row arrangement	15 056
Transverse, single-row arrangement	14 896
Difference	160
Relative difference (%)	1.06

Consequently, the rate-limiting stage of reaction (3) is, with a high degree of probability, the stage of diffusion of aluminum from the metal phase to the catholyte phase.

3 RESULTS

The rate of diffusion of the metal from the metal phase to the catholyte is the limiting stage of reaction (3). The rate of this reaction may depend on the contact area of the metal and electrolyte phases, as well as on the rate of movement of the electrolyte (namely the electrolyte, since the concentration of aluminum in the metal equals 1). Let's consider the first factor - the speed of movement of the electrolyte.

The dependence of the rate of metal diffusion into the electrolyte phase on the electrolyte velocity is estimated using the “diffusion boundary layer” model [28], which assumes the existence of a thin stationary boundary layer in which the transfer occurs by a diffusion mechanism. In this case, only the thickness of this layer depends on the electrolyte velocity. The rate of mass transfer per unit of interface surface is described by Fick’s first law [29]:

$$J = D\frac{\partial[Al]}{\partial x}; \quad (4)$$

where:

- D is the diffusion coefficient;
- J - diffusion flux through a unit surface area of the metal-electrolyte interface.

To assess the significance of this effect, it should be taken into account that an increase in the mixing speed leads to a linear increase in flow only up to a certain speed, until the liquid flow regime changes from laminar to turbulent.

To assess the flow regime of a liquid, the Reynolds criterion is used [30], which is defined as follows:

$$\mathrm{Re} = \frac{\rho \nu L}{\eta}; \quad (5)$$

where:

- Re is the Reynolds number, if it is greater than a certain critical value, then the mode currents are turbulent, if less – laminar;
- ρ is the density of the electrolyte;
- ν is the speed of movement of the electrolyte;
- η - dynamic viscosity of electrolyte;
- L - characteristic size, i.e. a factor describing the shape of the vessel.

Thus, the rate of dissolution of the metal, and, accordingly, the rate of the reverse reaction (3) will increase slightly, but only up to a certain limit; after that, the rate of dissolution will increase sharply and many times over.

This phenomenon can explain the appearance of the "unquenchable anode effect" - a phenomenon that is quite rare, but does not have sufficient theoretical justification. From the point of view of the transition from laminar to turbulent flow, this is explained logically.

However, under normal conditions with a laminar flow pattern, another factor that influences the rate of metal dissolution is more significant – the surface area of the "metal-electrolyte" interface.

With an already constructed electrolyzer, the area of the interface between the metal and the electrolyte depends on the thickness of the deposit in the area of this interface, which is obvious, and the presence of waves at the phase boundary.

The increase in the area of the section in the presence of waves can be multiple. Table 2 shows the value of the area of the section assuming a sinusoidal plane wave with different frequency and amplitude [31]:

Table 2: Interface area for a sinusoidal metal–electrolyte wave at different frequencies and amplitudes.

Frequency, ω	Amplitude, α	Area, S
0	0	π
1	1	1.22π
1	2	1.68π
2	1	1.68π
2	2	2.81π
3	3	5.81π
4	3	7.78π
10	3	19.16π

That is, the area of the interphase boundary can increase many times and even by orders of magnitude.

The waves are obviously caused by interaction with the magnetic field. Moreover, the more energy is required to excite the wave, the more stable such a boundary is to disturbances from external influences and the smaller the area of the boundary will be.

Here we will consider an approach that considers not the force of external influence from the magnetic field, as is traditionally accepted, but the actual energy of the wave.

It is believed [32], [33] that the magnetic field interacts with currents inside the metal, which causes the formation of waves. Thus, the analogy of this process cannot be the process of formation of wind waves on the surface of water (in this case, the effect of the wind is only on the surface layers of water), but can be the process of formation of tsunamis.

When a tsunami is formed, the entire thickness of water rises (for example, as a result of an earthquake). This is very similar to the process of interaction between a metal and a magnetic field: the magnetic field affects the entire layer of metal.

The properties of tsunami waves are well known: in deep water they are characterized by high speed and low amplitude; on the other hand, when moving to shallow water, the speed decreases and the amplitude, accordingly (the law of conservation of energy), increases. In relation to the electrolyzer, this means that when the metal level decreases, we should expect an increase in amplitude (an increase in the area of the metal and electrolyte interface) and a slowdown in the circulation of the metal.

In wave theory [11]-[20] it has been proven that the total energy (vertical plus horizontal component) of the energy of an internal gravitational wave at the interface between a metal and an electrolyte is equal to:

$$\varepsilon_{\Sigma} = \tfrac{1}{2}([(\rho_{Al} - \rho_{Et})/(\rho_{Al} + \rho_{Et})]\, g + [\gamma/(\rho_{Al} + \rho_{Et})]\kappa^2)\alpha^2, \quad (6)$$

where:

- ε_{Σ} - average total wave energy per unit surface J/m^2;
- ρ_{Al} - density of aluminum;
- ρ_{Et} - electrolyte density;
- g - acceleration of gravity;
- γ - surface tension at the metal/electrolyte interface;
- κ is the wave number, i.e. the number of wave periods in a segment of length 2 π ($\kappa=2\pi/\lambda$), λ – wavelength;
- α - amplitude.

From (6) it follows directly that an increase in surface tension will increase the wave energy, which, with the same disturbing effect, will lead to a decrease in the wave amplitude and, consequently, a decrease in the surface area of the "metal-electrolyte" interface, which will reduce the rate of the reverse reaction (3) and will, thereby, lead to an increase in the current efficiency.

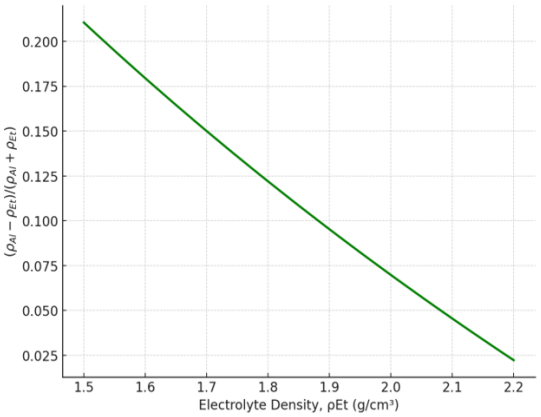


Figure 1: Dependence of the parameter (ρAl − ρEt)/(ρAl + ρEt) on electrolyte density (ρAl = 2.3 g/cm³).

Figure 1 shows that with an increase in the density of the electrolyte, the value of the parameter $(\rho_{Al} - \rho_{Et})/(\rho_{Al} + \rho_{Et})$ (6) decreases; consequently, the resistance of the interphase boundary to wave formation increases.

Equation (6) defines the total energy of the wave, i.e. the energy of vertical displacement plus the energy of horizontal displacement. In wave physics, it has been proven that the horizontal velocity of a wave on the surface of a liquid with a melt depth H and wavelength λ [1]is equal to [21]-[31]:

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}\tanh\left(\frac{2\pi H}{\lambda}\right)}, \quad (7)$$

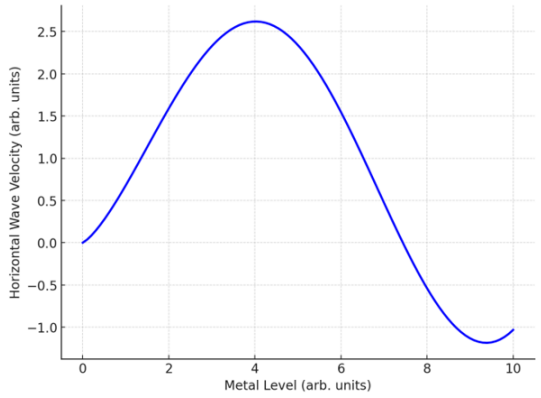


Figure 2: Dependence of horizontal wave velocity on metal level.

In accordance with the law of conservation of energy, the consequence of (6) and (7) is that a decrease in the metal level will lead to a decrease in the metal circulation rate, but to an increase in the amplitude of the waves, which will lead to an increase in the metal-electrolyte interface surface and thereby accelerate the reverse reaction (3).

Due to the fact that in the case of an electrolyzer the surface of the melt is not open (the waves are internal, with limitations: neither the depth of the metal nor the MPR can be considered infinitely large), the dependence of the metal circulation rate on the interpolar distance will have exactly the same appearance as in Figure 2 [11].

This allows us to explain the empirical fact of an increase in current efficiency with an increase in the MPR and with an increase in the metal level, with the fact, however, that after a certain limit this dependence is practically absent.

4 DISCUSSION

The specific energy consumption in the electrolytic production of aluminum increases with an increase in the rate of the reverse reaction (3), the rate of which increases due to:

- reduction of the metal level; this follows from (7) – when the metal level decreases, especially below a certain critical level, this happens quickly, the height of the waves on the metal surface increases. This leads to an increase in the metal-electrolyte interface, accompanied by an increase in low-frequency noise;
- reduction of the interpolar distance; this also follows from (7), and is also accompanied by an increase in low-frequency noise. However, this does not have such a strong effect on the specific energy consumption, due to the parallel reduction in voltage (1).

The consequence of the reasoning presented in this article is:

- explanation of the nature of magneto hydrodynamic (hereinafter MHD) instability as a situation in which the wavelength of the melt becomes a multiple of the geometric size of the cathode, which leads to the appearance of resonance;
- explanation of the nature of the persistent anode effect as a situation in which the electrolyte flow regime changes from laminar to turbulent. It should be emphasized that the persistent anode effect and MHD instability have different natures.

The following factors contribute to the emergence of a non-quenchable anode effect (5):

- decrease in electrolyte viscosity;
- increase in electrolyte density.

Theoretical inefficiency of the "slotted anode" in terms of reducing specific energy consumption. In order to reduce the wave height, the anode gap must be comparable to the melt depth, which is impossible; on the other hand, this can explain the well-known fact - the difference in current output between electrolyzers with pre-baked anodes and self-baking anodes.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The main conclusions of the study can be summarized as follows:

1) The specific energy consumption in electrolytic aluminium production increases as the metal level decreases due to the increase in waves on the metal surface.
2) The increase in the height of the metal wave can be identified by the growth of low-frequency noise (magnetohydrodynamic instability) in the aluminium production electrolyser.
3) The specific energy consumption in electrolytic aluminium production increases as the interpole distance in the aluminium electrolysis cell decreases due to a direct reduction in productivity. This is also accompanied by an increase in low-frequency noise (magnetohydrodynamic instability). The reduction in electricity consumption is partially offset by a direct reduction in voltage across the electrolyser as the interpole distance is decreased. Data on the dynamics of low-frequency noise levels (magnetohydrodynamic instability) can be used to assess the performance of an aluminium electrolyser.
4) When a situation arises where the wavelength of the melt becomes a multiple of the cathode's geometric size, resonance is possible, which in general leads to a severe technological disruption and a significant reduction in the electrolyzer's productivity, a phenomenon known in industrial practice as the "persistent anode effect."
5) In general, the non-extinguishing anode effect is a situation where the flow of electrolyte in an aluminium electrolyser changes from laminar to turbulent.
6) The non-fading anode effect, resulting from a change in the electrolyte flow regime from laminar to turbulent in an aluminium electrolyser, is intensified by a decrease in electrolyte viscosity and an increase in its density.
7) The use of "slotted" anodes as an energy-saving practice is justified when the depth of the slots is comparable to the depth of the melt in the electrolyser tank.

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