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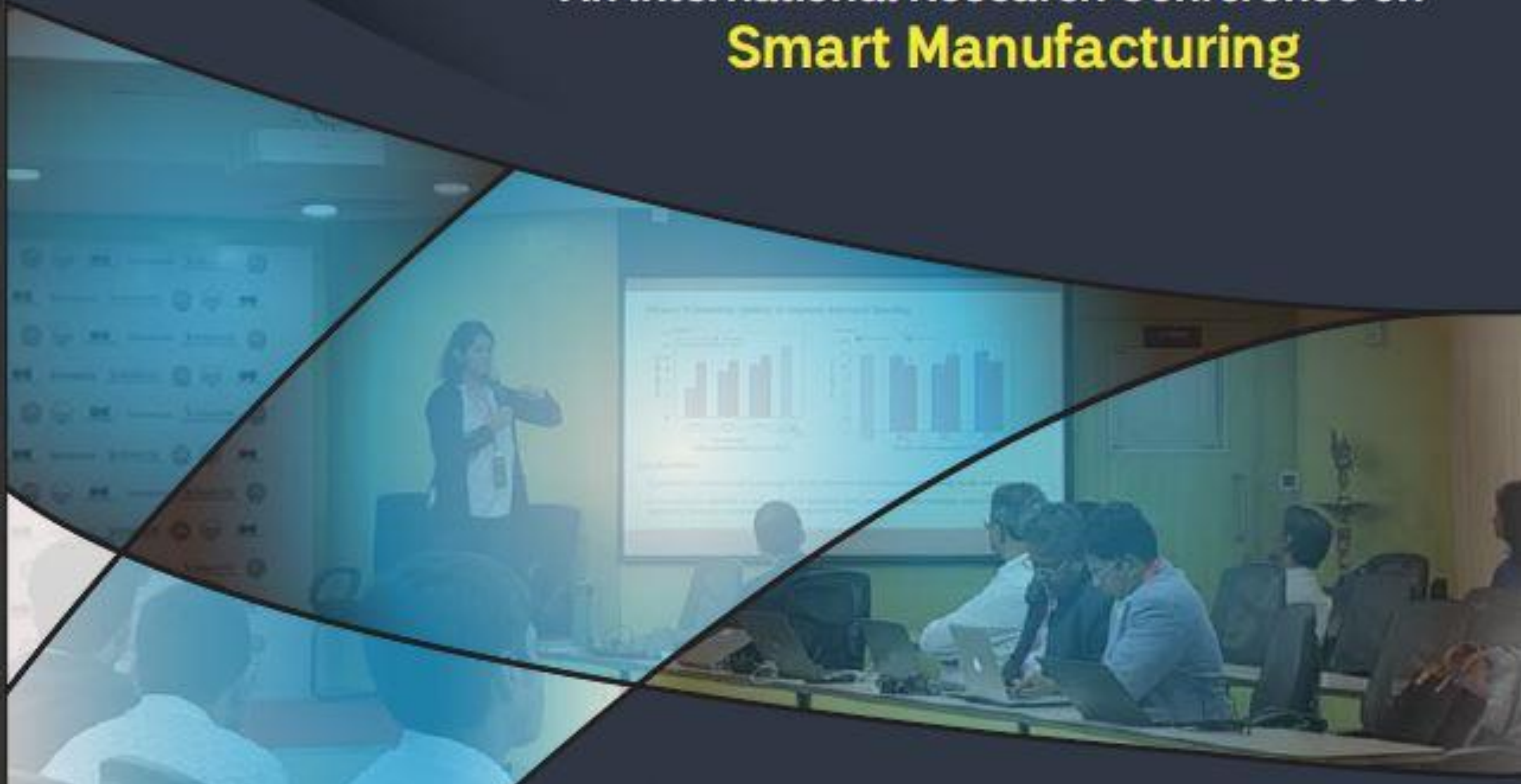

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AI-driven Special Agricultural Technology for Pest Management with the help of Polymeric Filament in an Aerial Vehicle

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ABSTRACT

In a tropical country like India, its rich heritage and culture were tied to agriculture. Agriculture contributed significantly to the country's GDP. However, with an increase in production, it became difficult to maintain the crop quality. In the era of smart technology, the addition of innovation in our daily tasks has helped reduce the load in many ways. Considering farming as a business where the demand and supply almost drew an equal bar with demand being slightly higher, many crops were destroyed, mostly due to pest infestation. To maintain the crop quality as well as the production, a raptor with a polymeric filament propulsion mechanism was designed to catch the pests on time, before they infected the crop. In this SAT (Special Agricultural Technology) an aviary bot was developed, wherein the AI helped detect the pests. Upon detecting the position, the polymeric fluids were shot from the sprint nozzle of the raptor, attaching themselves to the pest. It became an easier task for the farmer to discard the dead pests as the webbing was designed to dissolve after a certain period, avoiding being a permanent fixture for an easy cleanup. The choice of polymer was PPS or PVA. Silk Fibroin (a protein) provided exceptional elasticity and strength. Further, this study aims to understand the profit of using AI tools and robotics along with biomolecular components during pest infestation and a detailed investigation on this topic adds a clear view regarding the increase in the usage of industrial robots and how it could be promoted further in the future, especially to pave the way for sustainable farming practices. Thus, introducing SAT in the agricultural sector mitigates crop losses and harnesses smart techniques for sustainable agriculture.

Keywords: agriculture, pest infestation, polyphenylene sulfide (PPS)

1 Introduction

The root of India's rich heritage and culture is agriculture. Almost 50% of the Indian Population sustains their living on farming activities, and income depends on agriculture. As Indian agriculture is monsoon-dependent and crop failures arose due to inappropriate rainfall and locust attacks, food shortages tended to play an important role. Agriculture naturally becomes the priority; hence, it is a part of the planning process in free India, thus emphasizing '*everything can wait but agriculture*' [1]. Indian Agriculture has reached its heights in production despite facing challenges, such as inferior soil quality, bad weather conditions, accumulation of fatal pests and insects, because of its collaboration with high-end technologies. Since agriculture fuels India's economic sector and its sustainability, it is crucial to focus on it. So, to maintain a crop's high yield by protecting it from constant pest infestation, pesticides are heavily used. While the use of chemical pesticides is highly demanded in most places, the prospect of them being environmentally friendly and non-hazardous is low. Thus, the use of AI-driven pest traps would be a preferable option soon.

Unfavourable rainy seasons, especially 'southwest monsoons', led to droughts and damaged crops. Therefore, agriculture plays a vital role and was only given priority post-independence. The new era

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started with the ‘Grow More Food’ Campaign in the mid-90s, which later moved with scientific vigor, planners’ rigor, and where many farmers’ hard toil was involved. Despite the challenges, the science-driven development and use of high-end technologies in agriculture have transformed India into a place of abundance of food and a high exporting country. The transformation resulted in **“**51 Mt in 1950-51 to 314 Mt in 2021-22, which was the total increase in the production of the country’s staple food**”** [1].

Not only the manufacturing sector but also the agricultural division across the globe is sprouting with the use of drones. Reportedly, the growth shown in the agricultural drone industry is from 1200 million US dollars in 2019 to 4800 million US dollars a year ago. Drones are used for many agricultural purposes: monitoring the health of plants, planting, and sowing, spraying purposes, etc [2]. Previously, research has been done by including Artificial intelligence in agriculture, for example, in a recent paper by Abraham Gigi where he had discussed the emerging usage of AI-driven UAV that would contribute to the yielding of crops by mapping the field, collecting information, and also practicing sustainable farming [3] . Thus, contributing one more use of Drones would nurture the production of crops. Drones kill pathogens and pests with the use of artificial intelligence and robotic mechanisms along with the input of nontoxic biochemicals to help with the crop’s nourishment. To further elaborate on this new prototype, we need to understand its objective and scope. The primary objective is to establish a new drone prototype that would be designed to enhance agricultural productivity, gather pest control, and reduce the usage of chemical pesticides that affect soil and crop growth. The target consumers would be middle to large-scale farmers so that it’s within their ring of affordability while buying or renting it out. The scope of this research explores the application of drones contributing to the farming sector, and increasing crop growth by declining pest infestation, which indirectly will uplift the economy of the country. Knowing that agriculture plays a crucial role in the economic pyramid and places its position at the base, emphasizing its importance. This usage will not only help large-scale farmers but also inspire farmers of different kinds to take up this machine shortly, thus expanding the scope of Agricultural technology.

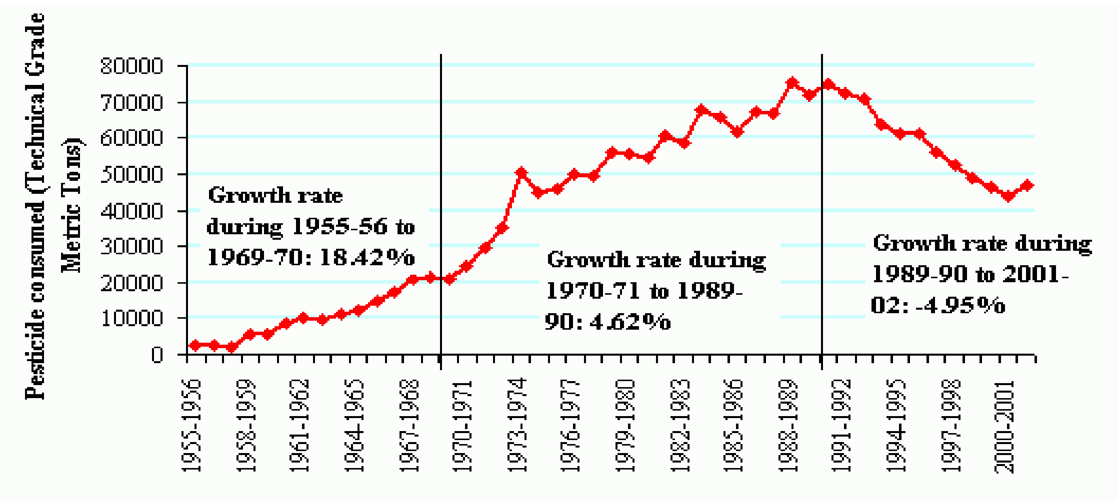


Fig 1.0. Consumption of Pesticides in India. [4]

As shown in Fig 2, the graph predicts the increasing use of pesticides. From 1955 to the late 1980s, there was a steady increase in consumption. However, it can be seen that there is a rapid growth rate during 1955-56 to 1969-70 about 18.42%, and also during 1070-71 to 1989-90: 4.62%. However, there is a gradual decrease after the late 80s.

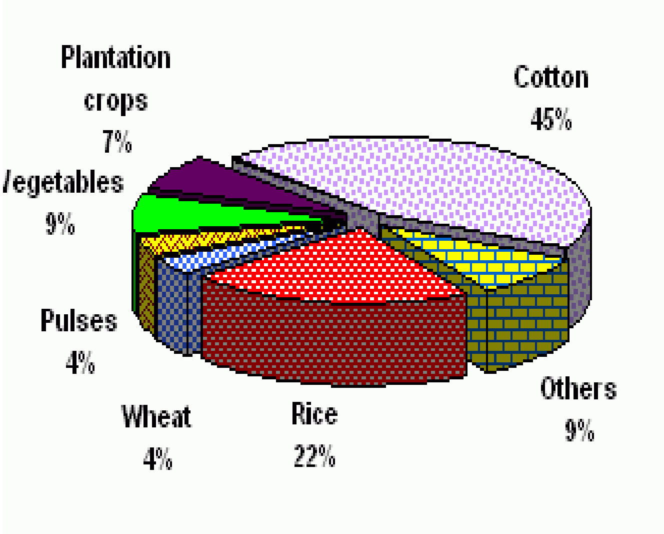


Fig 1.1 Pesticide Consumption by Different Crops in India [4]

The following pie chart shows different types of crops are sown, and the varying percentage of pesticides consumption. Crops that consume the majority of pesticides are cotton, followed by rice and other crops, vegetables, plantations, and pulses respectively.

2 Materials and Methods

This section focuses on the materials and methodology used to establish the prototype and study and analyze the data.

2.1 PROTEIN

A strong protein adhesive for the web-like material is quite different from Man-made ones. The major problem faced while making man-made adhesives is to bind it under tough circumstances and rough surfaces. Found in nature, marine mussels, with their adhesive capability, have created an impression of providing strong adhesive quality on different surfaces and even in wet conditions [5]. [6] Lys and DOPA are one of the picked adhesives; their synergistic interactions are important for the adhesion of mussels and other marine organisms. The Natural adhesive strategy has inspired the development of synthetic adhesives and materials for biomedical and industrial applications [7]. [8] A Cross-linking agent such as Glutaraldehyde is preferred in many sectors, especially in biomedical, because of the capability to provide synthesis of Hydrogels, cell immobilization, etc. It is the most widely and feasible used cross-linking agent because it helps to stabilize the biomaterials and makes it's easily accessible. The presence of some aqueous solutions is effective in cross-linking collagenous tissues [9]. [10] According to other research studies, the effect of this cross-linker on polymers like PVA is being taken into account in this study. PVA is a non-toxic, biodegradable synthetic polymer that possesses strong mechanical and physical properties. Physical properties being elastic in nature, high thermal stability, and solubility in water make it one of the best selections to combine with other polymers.

In different layer arrangements "When a sequence of bonds links to a polymer chain or another, it forms a cross-link. They can take the form of covalent or ionic bonds and can be either synthetic or natural polymers" . It helps improve the material behavior under stress-strain, and PVA-base product's water steadiness for various uses [11]. [12] As a cross-linking agent, GA is also commonly known for having hydroxyl groups. It helps in cross-linking with the hydroxyl group of PVA to improve the adhesion.

Table 2.1.0 Comparison between two Polymers, PVA and PPS. Here it's showing PPS is more of a brittle polymer, thus making PVA suitable for this study.

Strain (**ε**)	Stress (**σ**) for PVA (MPa)	Stress (**σ**) for PPS (MPa)
0.00	0	0
0.01	10	15
0.02	20	25
0.03	30	30
0.04	40	32
0.05	50	33
0.06	55	33.5
0.07	58	33.5
0.08	60	-
0.09	-	-

The table 2.1.0, shows the comparison between two polymers PVA and PPS. The different Strain values give us the relevant stress value for both PVA and PPS. By observing both the values, it can infer that PPS is a brittle polymer when compared to PVA. The following would be the possible preparation of the adhesive solution:

Select a solvent based on the polymer, i.e. a Polymer base (for example water for PVA). Dissolve the polymer at an appropriate concentration (10-15%) . Proceed to add Lys-DOPA into the solution. Ensure even distribution. To adjust the pH so that the protein stays in a stable form, preserving its function and structure. Protein adhesives often work by forming crosslinks between protein molecules and the substrate. pH influences the availability of reactive groups that participate in these crosslinking reactions. DOPA adhesion is optimized at slightly acidic to natural pH, using a buffer like phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) might help. On Introducing the cross-linkers, it would be added to actuate the catechol group in DOPA. In the end, to control the viscosity of the solution, add a thickening agent like xanthan gum for a gel-like consistency.

2.2 SENSORS

The use of YOLO v7 (tiny) model will be used to detect the pests and pathogens present in the field. It is a type of neural network that helps in detecting objects, it has now become a conventional mode to help detect objects more quickly and accurately. [13] . The second sensor embedded inside the drone would be an Arduino Mega 2560 Rev3 setup to eject the protein adhesive into the linear arm. A DC motor could drive a pump to push the protein fluid out. An Arduino Mega 2560 Rev3 can also help control the motors to regulate the fluid flow.

2.3 METHODOLOGY

SAT (Smart Agricultural Technique), or the new drone prototype, was designed to be both power and battery-driven. This type of prototype targeted middle- to large-sized farmers based on affordability. An SAT application was downloaded on the user's phone. This user-friendly app included the option to type out the necessary inputs (for eg: the area of the field, a scanner to scan the image of the field). Upon detection of any pest, the signal sent from the YOLO v7 algorithm activated the linear arm through the systematic motor, which opened up the web-like mechanism. This similar YOLO program sends a signal to the Arduino software which activated the protein fluids acting as adhesives that pushed out the fluids to form a web and proceeded to push the lingual (tongue) -like structure that helped to attach it to the pest and retract it back inside the web, to trap the pests. In the end, the pest was removed along with the web, and newer capsules can be attached that secreted the protein.

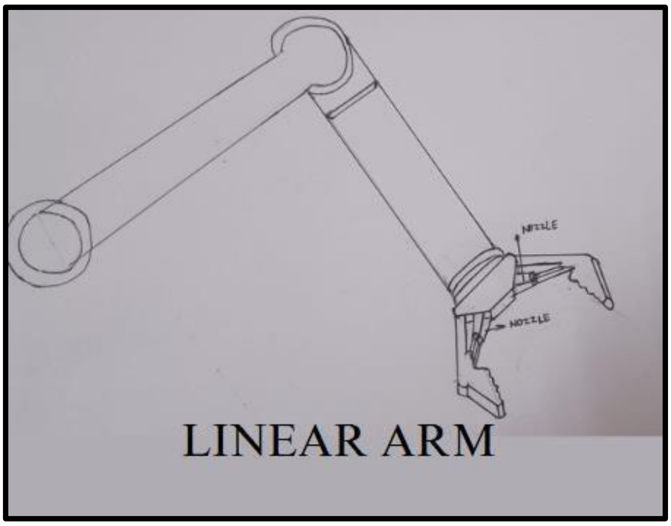
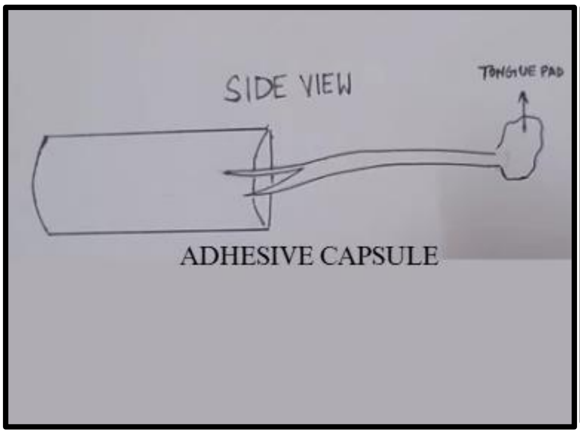


Fig 2.3.0 Robotic Linear Arm

This image indicates the robotic linear arm which would be designed in a software and 3-D printed accordingly. This pictorial representation helps to understand how the gripper type- end effectors help to hold the materials.



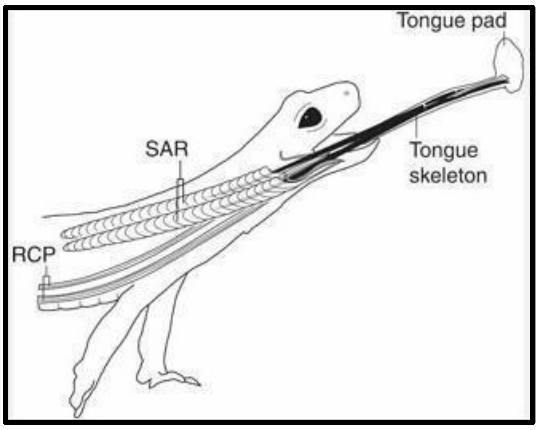


Fig 2.3.1 Adhesive Capsule

Fig 2.3.2 Lizard Tongue Anatomy [14]

The following design of an adhesive capsule was inspired by a lizard's tongue anatomy. The fig 2.3.2 on the right is a reference to the one on the left. The tongue pad-like structure would help to stick the pests to it, with its adhesive-like qualities. The Object detection mechanism was explained as the drone had an object detection sensor called YOLO (You Only Look Once). It used neural networking output that worked in a way that if pests like () are detected, the output will be 1, and if none are detected, such as (birds/humans/crops) the neural network output was 0.

Pest =1

Crop = 0

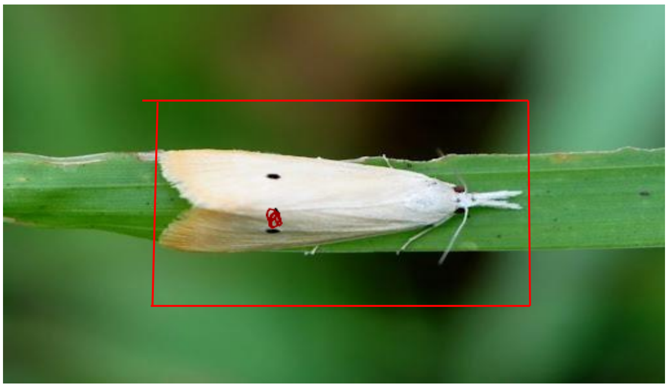


Fig. 2.3.3. Reference image to show the working of YOLO V7 model

This image is a reference image to explain how YOLO would detect the pest. The red bracket focuses on the pest/insect shown in the picture, and a small dot that, helps the sensor to confirm its presence.In terms of neural network output, we have a vector where ***Pc*** is a class's probability. So here, if there was a pest or crop/human/bird, then this number was ***one***. If there was no pest or crop/human/bird, then this number was ***0***.

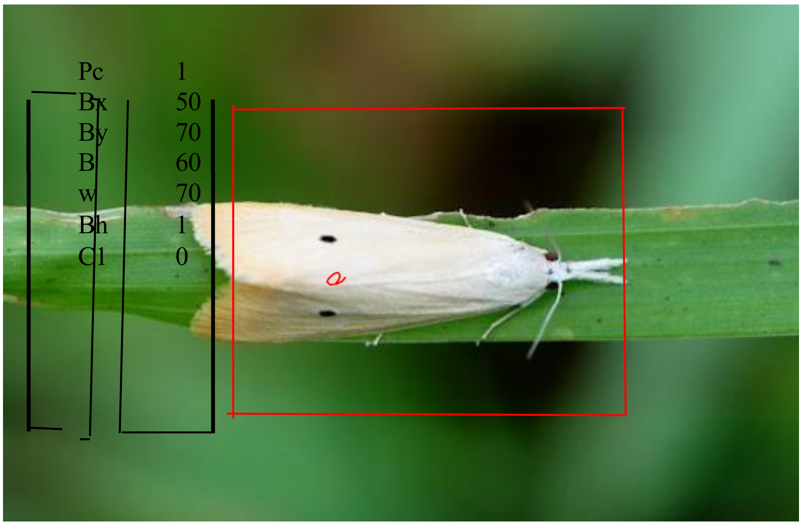


Fig. 2.3.4 Reference image further explaining the working of a bounding box.

Here in, figure 2.3.4 shows the bounding box, the **Bx,** and **By** were the coordinates of the center, which was indicated in red scribble. Let's assume 60 and 70 were the width (**Bw**) and height (**Bh**) of the RA box. **C1 was** class one, which was for pests (so here it was one) **C2** was Class two for other things and was zero. If it's vice versa then it will be **C1= 0**; **C2=1**.

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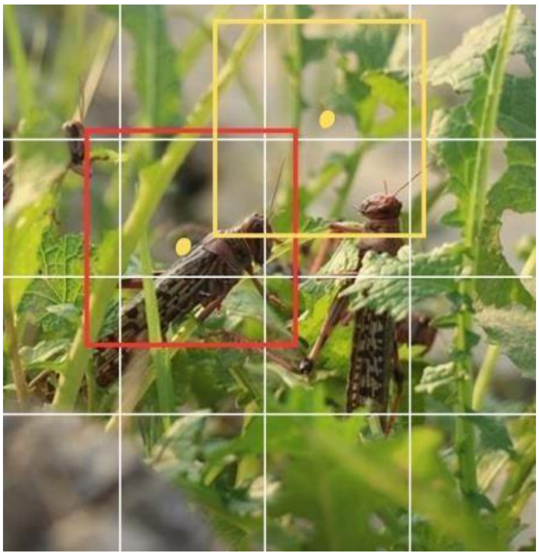

Fig. 2.3.5 A basic illustration of the working of the YOLO v7 model

In figure 2.3.5, each grid, we came up with the same vector as above, for example, the top left corner grid { [Pc=0] ; [Bx= -] ; [By= -] ; [Bw= -] ; [Bh= -] ; [C1 = -] ;[C2= -] }. But if we took a grid 2x2 where both pests and crops were present then C1=1 (**pest**) . C2= 0 (**crop**) because the pest's coordinate was present.

The process of activating the actuators to eject the protein adhesive was through a microcontroller-based program called Arduino Mega 2560 Rev3, which ensured precise timing for ejection sequences [15]. A real-time clock was set up to manage precise time-based operations. Multiple motors at an instance that could be operated by various motors available in the market, thus making it perfect for robotic applications. The large number of I/O pins could accommodate many robotic sensors as well. The Arduino board could be connected to an Electronic Solenoid Valve that, on sensing the pests, would switch on the solenoid valve to start the flow of the fluid from the storage to the cylindrical Tumblr that forced out the adhesive lingual and also to the small nozzles that secreted the web.

Table. 2.3.0 Comparison of three different types of Arduino boards: Key Specifications and Features

	Arduino Uno	Arduino Mega 2560	Arduino Micro
Dimensions	2.7 in x 2.1 in	4in x 2.1 in	0.7 in x 1.9 in
Processor	Atmega328P	Atmega2560	Atmega32U4
Clock Speed	16MHz	16MHz	16MHz
Flash Memory (kB)	32	256	32
EEPROM (kB)	1	4	1
SRAM(kB)	2	8	2.5
Voltage Level	5V	5V	5V
Digital I/O pins	14	54	20
Digital I/O pins with PWM Pins	6	15	7
Analog Pins	6	16	12
USB Connectivity	Standard A/B USB	Standard A/B USB	Micro-USB
Shield Compatibilty	Yes	Yes	Yes

This table 2.3.0 provides a side-by-side comparison of three different microcontroller boards, highlighting their dimensions, processor, memory capacity etc. Among three, Arduino Mega 2560 stands out for research/projects like this. With specifications as given in the table, it is suitable for complex applications.

2.4 Weaving the Web:

In nature, spiders weave their webs using silk through a gland and produce silk from sprinnets on their abdomen. However, there hasn't been proper technology yet to mimic the different types of web they create. A better way could be to place 8 sprint nozzles on each arm, 2 on the bottom facing vertically and 2 on the top facing horizontally on each arm, which would secrete various silk-like protein strings and latch onto each other from both vertical and horizontal directions, creating a criss-cross.

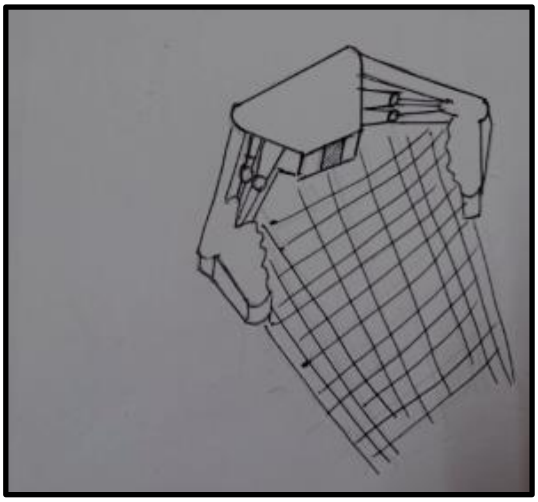

Fig 2.4.0 Weaving of web-like structure

The above image (Fig 2.4.0) shows the web structure from the grippers, to help capture the pest. The web would be made of a silk-like material extracted from protein.

3. Result and Discussion

Since this study was significantly based on Robotics and AI, this section would be relevant to the prototype. The study of Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) was used. The drone's recognition system was based on YOLOv7 Tiny, enabling it to identify and manipulate objects accurately. The theoretical relevance behind the single linear arm was the Newton-Euler dynamics, which represented the linear arm's dynamic analysis, dealing with the rigid body's rotational and translational dynamics. This formula comes from the direct study of "Newton's Law of Acceleration (The Second Law), i.e ($\sum \vec{F}\vec{F} = \vec{F}\vec{F}\vec{F}$) which describes that force is the rate of change of momentum" All the forces and moments were included in the equations that are acting on each robot links, it includes the couple forces and moments between the links. We have derived the equation from the Newton-Euler method where the constraint forces were being applied between the adjacent links. The following equation would give you an idea regarding this theory : [16]

$$\sum \vec{F}\vec{F} = \vec{F}\vec{F}\vec{F}\vec{F} \qquad \text{(Newton)}$$

$$\sum \{\vec{F}\}_{\vec{F}} = \vec{F}_{\vec{F}\vec{F}} + \vec{F}_{\vec{F}} \quad {}_{\vec{F}}\times \left(\vec{F}\{\vec{F}\}_{\vec{F}}\right) \qquad \text{(Euler)}$$

The first equation shows, "Newton's Second Law for Translational Motion, where the sum of all forces acting on a rigid body is equal to the mass of the body multiplied by the acceleration of its center of mass." [16] Following, the next equation shows Euler's Equation for Rotational Motion. Thus, including robotics and AI to help build this prototype also means highlighting their advancement, adding a positive take to this study. For example, enhancing decision-making enables them to perform complex tasks with greater skill sets and adaptability.

Also, finding possible polymers for the web-like mechanism was a challenge, since it needs to align with Hooke's law theory, which could be checked on the basis of deformity rate and compare to sort out the best-suited polymer. This paper assumes that the PVA polymer is one of the best options (based on theoretical research). The following graph and figure can be referred to.

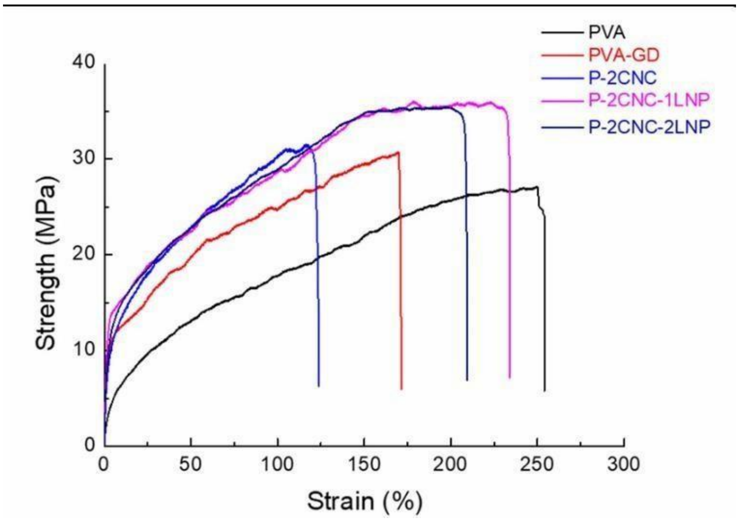

Fig. 3.0 Tensile Strength Vs Strain Curves Graph

Here, the graph represents the tensile strength and strain behavior of PVA, PVA-GD, and P-2CNC. It shows that PVA-GD, crosslinked PVA exhibits significantly higher strength and strain in comparison to pure PVA. Due to it's better mechanical properties, it makes it's a better matrix material. [17]

4. Conclusion

Utilizing the role of robotics in agriculture, it sends out results that help with the growing demand for agricultural goods that had been an important area of study for over a decade. Looking at the relatively poor crop maintenance by spraying pesticides, and stunting crop growth, the needed to incubate such ideas could contribute to the agricultural research centers. The vital information that was needed to track down is the methodology of the drone's construction and the proper proportion required to make the fluid and the nozzles (similar to spinnerets) that would help to weave the webs, identical to that of a spider. The idea behind this prototype was to highlight its usefulness, which would easily substitute the use of chemical toxins in the future. Firstly, when the pests affect the crop in large numbers, the chemicals are then sprayed. But by the time the pesticides were being sprayed, it had majorly ruined the crops, marking it as one of the disadvantages. This would help to identify even if minimal pests were present on the crop, whilst the farmer was working. Secondly, the drone would be both battery and solar-powered. Crops being cultivated under such high heat; the bright Sun would power the drone to convert it into electrical energy that extends the flight time by charging the battery or directly powering the drone. During difficult conditions (i.e cloudy or rainy days) the battery would power the motors and electronics when solar power would be insufficient. Also, excess solar energy during the daytime could be stored in the battery for later use. These two highlight the importance behind the development of this prototype out of the various other reasons. As once quoted by Sir Albert Einstein "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better," emphasizing the profound wisdom, and ideas that can be gathered from the natural world. The only reason why this study could be carried out is because of the inspiration drawn from the flora and fauna surrounding us. An idea that may seem simple and impractical in the beginning can be incorporated into a product, used, and attended to, due to its efficient usage that brings out a distinct change in technological development as well as simplifies mankind's labor.

5. Declarations

5.1 Study Limitations

This study was fully based on theoretical knowledge, theories, and research. While putting this to a real-time application, the methodology may differ, especially while making the solution. The findings of the studied design have not been tested in a real-world setting. Therefore, various costs, environmental factors may vary when put into a lab setting.

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Leveraging Region based Convolutional Neural Network (RCNN) with GMM Model Assisted by Hidden Markov Model for Speaker Detection

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ABSTRACT

This study suggests a novel deep learning and established methods-based speaker detection and identification system. A region-based CNN analyzes spectrograms for speaker detection, guiding a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) for improved speaker clustering. This approach aims to achieve higher accuracy and efficiency compared to traditional diarization methods.

Keywords: Gaussian Mixture model, Region based Convolutional Neural Network, Speaker Detection and Diarization.

1 Introduction

For processes to be optimized and productivity to be increased in the field of smart manufacturing, multiple stakeholders collaborated and communicated effectively. In applications like meeting summarization, real-time decision-making, and automated reporting, speaker diarization—the process of determining who spoke and when in a multi-speaker recording—was essential. Traditional methods frequently used libraries such as Speech Brain and Pyannote for segmentation and feature extraction (MFCCs, d-vectors). Even though these techniques worked well, they could be computationally costly and involved several processing steps, which could make real-time applications difficult in dynamic manufacturing settings.

This paper proposes a novel speaker diarization system for smart manufacturing, using deep learning to improve efficiency and accuracy. It presented a two-stage refinement strategy for speaker diarization to improve the clarity of communication in manufacturing meetings. In this paper, the predictions of a Region-based Convolutional Neural Network (R-CNN) were used to identify the initial speaker regions, which were crucial for determining the main contributors to the meeting content, such as production strategies or quality control. These regions were then used to guide the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM), in which the GMM was used to represent a unique speaker in the manufacturing process. The GMMs were trained using the characteristics of the corresponding speaker region, which greatly improved the accuracy of the speaker identification.

Finally, a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) was used to ensure temporal consistency. This step guaranteed that the transitions between different Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs) accurately represented the changes in the speakers over time. As a result, the approach delivered smooth speaker transitions and minimized errors that may have been caused by the initial R-CNN predictions or the GMM-based clustering. By integrating this state-of-the-art speaker diarization system into smart manufacturing environments, the authors sought to enhance communication efficiency, make better decisions, and, ultimately, increase productivity. The Research has successfully been completed and the findings recorded [1].

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2 Functioning Of A Gaussian Mixture Model Assisted With Hidden Markov Model

The Hidden Markov Model (HMM) operated in conjunction with the Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) by incorporating GMMs at each stage of the HMM process. The transition matrix, which was learned from training data, helped determine the probability of transitioning from one state to another. The following parameters were utilized to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of voice recognition:

1. **Pre-Emphasis:** Used a variety of methods, such as DC offset removal and silence words removal, to eliminate the noisy data.
2. **Windowing:** Windowing was the next step. From the start of each frame to the finish, we aimed to reduce the discontinuities of the signals. Each frame's window function was used for spectral analysis. In this the step window is: $b(m) = a(m) \times w(m), 0 \leq m \leq M - 1$, where the number of samples in each frame is indicated by M.
3. **Feature Extraction:** For accurate recognition, the audio and voice signals were transformed into vector coefficients. The voice and audio signals are represented using the Mel Frequency Cepstral Coefficient.
4. **Pattern recognition:** It evaluates the similarities between each voice class's unseen test patterns. The hybrid model produced superior outcomes [2]-[4].

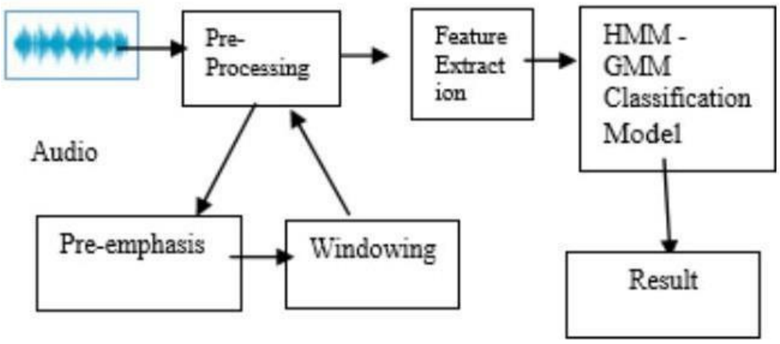

Fig 1: GMM-HMM Model Hybrid Model General Structure.

3 Basic structure of a region based convolutional neural network(R-CNN)

Let us understand the working of the Region-based Convolutional Neural Network. In computer vision, region-based convolutional neural networks, or R-CNNs, were revolutionary, especially for object detection applications. An R-CNN's basic structure entailed first producing region proposals that might contain objects. This was achieved through a selective search algorithm, which simplified the task by reducing the number of proposals to about 2000, while maintaining a high recall rate. Region proposals were then passed through a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to extract relevant features. A Support Vector Machine (SVM) was subsequently used to classify objects within these proposed regions. Additionally, a bounding box regressor helped accurately localize objects within the image. Over time, the original R-CNN evolved into several more efficient variants. Fast R-CNN enhanced processing speed by running the entire image through the CNN at once, while Faster R-CNN further optimized the process by integrating the region proposal mechanism directly into the network [5], [6].

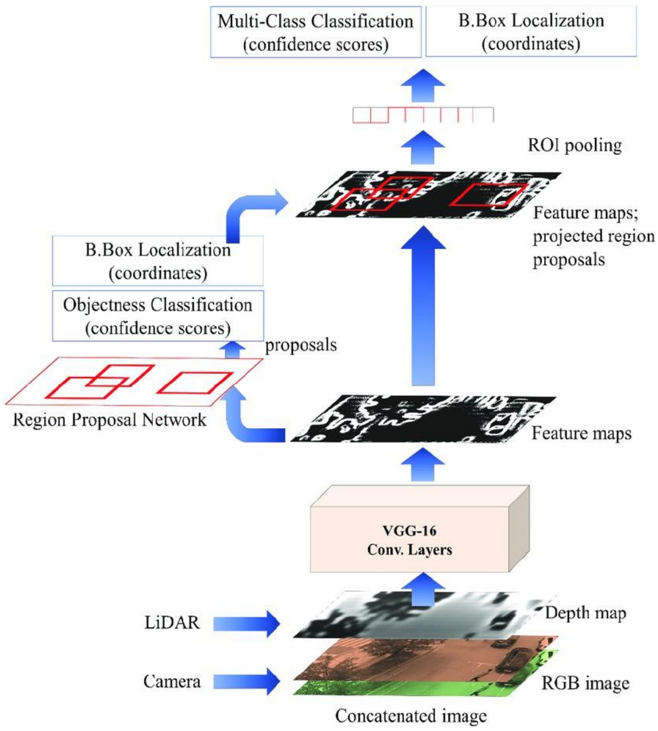

Fig 2: Working And Structure Of Region Based CNN.

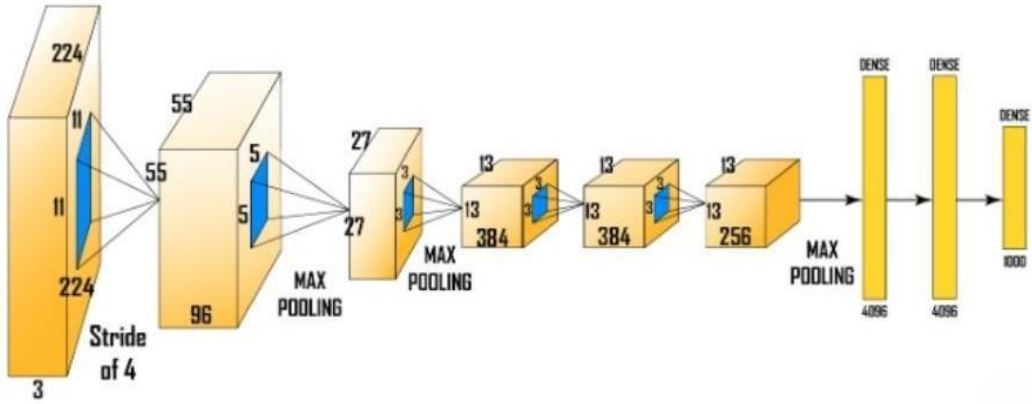

Fig 3: Working And Structure Of Region Based CNN By Taking A Dimension Value As An Example.

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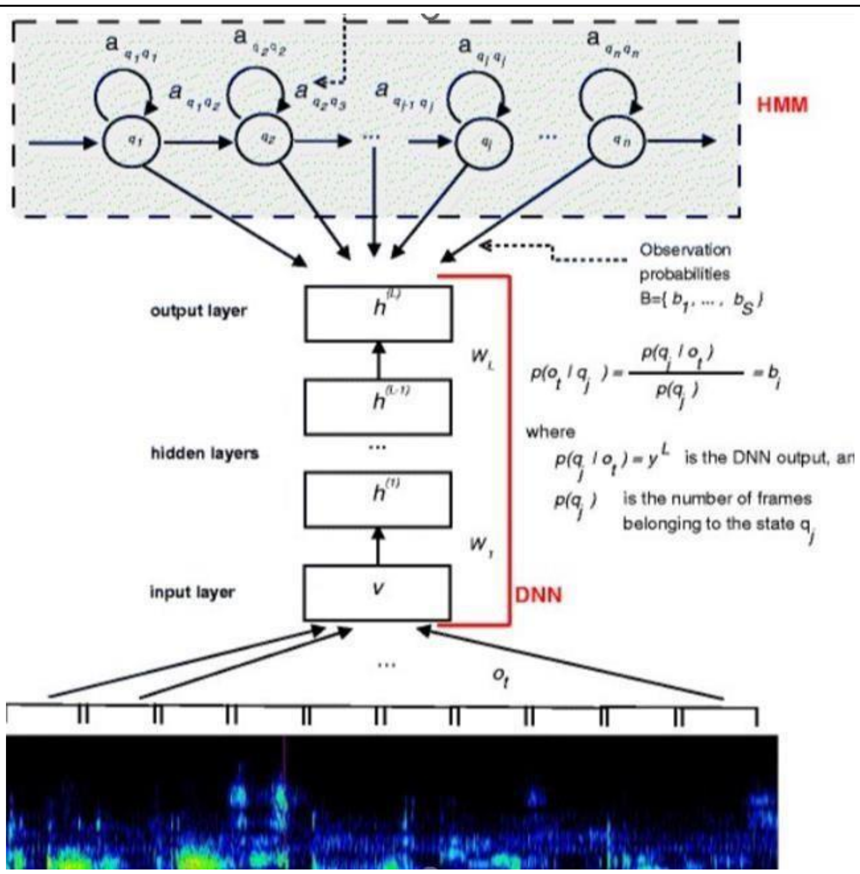

Fig 4: GMM-HMM Model Working

4 Mathematics and the working of Region based CNN with GMM-HMM model for speaker detection and diarization

In datasets where the true distribution is unknown, Gaussian Mixture Models (GMMs) are probabilistic models that are used to estimate the parameters of the underlying distributions. A more flexible and probabilistic method was offered by GMMs, which assign probabilities of belonging to each cluster as opposed to K-means clustering, which groups data points into discrete clusters. The core of GMMs lies in the Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm, an iterative procedure that alternately estimates the model parameters and the probability of data points belonging to each cluster. Let us look at the parameters of Gaussian Mixture Model upon which we built our model upon:

1. **Mean(μ)**: Randomly initialized for speaker diarization
2. **Covariance(Σ)**: Initialized randomly
3. **Weight** (it is also called the mixing coefficient) **(π):** Parameter that establishes each Gaussian component's relative importance or contribution to the mixture model as a whole. They showed the likelihood that a data point was a part of a specific component.
4. **K:** K is a hyper-parameter. This value was given by the Regional based Convolutional Neural Network.

Let us now go step by step to see how the GMM algorithm was designed:

1. **Initialization:** Initialization is the first step. With the exception of the

hyper-parameter K, whose value is determined by the RCNN prior to each speaker being detected and identified by the GMM-HMM model, all of the parameters in this were initialized at random.

2. **Expectation:** The main methodology that would be involved is:

$$r_{ic} = \frac{(\pi_c \times N(x_i/\mu_c, \Sigma_c))}{\sum_{k=1}^{k} \pi_k \times N(x_i/\mu_k, \Sigma_k))}$$

r_{ic} is the probability that the data point belongs to cluster (c) using the above equation.

π_c is the mixing coefficient which is the weight

$N(x_i/\mu_c, \Sigma_c)$ is called the probability density function for the vectors that the audio segments of speakers that are converted and plotted.

3. **Maximization Step (M step):** Here we update the parameters in order to get better accuracy than before:

$\pi_c = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{ic} / m$, here m is the number of data points present.

$$\mu_c = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{ic} x_i / \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{ic}$$

$$\Sigma_c = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{ic} \times (x_i - \mu_c)^2 / \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{ic}$$

The likelihood of any observation can be calculated using two ways.

1. **Forward algorithm:** Determines the likelihood of being in a specific state at a specific moment based on the sequence that has been observed up to that point.
2. **Backward algorithm:** Determines the likelihood of seeing the remainder of the sequence if we were in a specific state at a specific moment.

The parameters involved in a Hidden Markov Model is as follows:

1. Hidden States (S): A limited range of states that a system is capable of occupying.
2. Observables (O): A finite set of possible observations that can be emitted by the system.
3. Transition Probabilities (A): Likelihood of changing from one condition to another.
4. Emission Probabilities (B): Given that the system is in a specific state, the likelihood/probability of making a specific observation.
5. Initial Probabilities (π): How likely it was to begin in a specific state. Immediately

following this, we must overcome three obstacles.:

1. The Likelihood problem
2. The Decoding problem
3. The Learning Problem Let us go over each step by step:
1. **The Likelihood problem:** I used the forward and backward algorithms to

solve the problem, which was to determine the probability that a specific observation on a vector that it was this specific speaker can be derived from the HMM.

1. **Initialization:** $\boldsymbol{\alpha_i(i) = \pi_i \times b_i \times (O_1)}$. Given the observable O at time 1, multiplying the initial probability of state I by the emission probability b of that state. This is for the forward algorithm. For the Backward algorithm we execute the following formula: $\boldsymbol{\beta_T(i) = 1}$**.** This means that the backward variables at time T of each state is equal to 1.

2. **Recursion:** $\boldsymbol{\alpha_{t+1}(j) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_t(i) \times a_{ij} \times b_j(O_{t+1})}$ **.** The forward variable is calculated recursively by multiplying the previous forward variable by the transition probability and the emission probability. Coming to the backward algorithm what we would be doing is: $\boldsymbol{\beta_t(i) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij} \times b_j(O_{t+1}) \times \beta_{t+1}(j)}$**.**

3. **Termination:** The forward algorithm gives us the formula: $\boldsymbol{P\left(\frac{O}{\lambda}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \alpha_T(i)}$, where λ denotes the HMM model present. Coming to the backward algorithm we have the termination step as: $\boldsymbol{P\left(\frac{O}{\lambda}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \pi_i \times b_i(O_1) \times \beta_1(i)}$.

2. **The Decoding problem:** Here the Viterbi algorithm is used for decoding process. It works by finding the most likely path through the HMM that explains the observed sequence. It does this by considering all possible paths and choosing the one with the highest probability.
$\boldsymbol{X^*_{0:T} = argmax_{X_{0:T}} P[X_{0:t}/Y_{0:T}]}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu(X_k) = max_{X_{0:k-1}} P[X_{0:k}/Y_{0:k}]}$ Given the observed initial data, a probability distribution for the potential initial states is produced by the first formula. The second formula maximizes the product of the terms on the right-hand side to choose the most likely initial state. The third formula, which establishes the following states, then used this ideal initial state as a fixed parameter.

3. **The Learning problem:** Because it is a dynamic programming solution and uses the forward-backward algorithm to res-estimate the model parameters, the Baum-Welch algorithm is the primary algorithm I used for parameter estimation. Usually, this issue is investigated first and then revisited at the end.

This method finds unique vocal signatures throughout the audio spectrum by utilizing RCNN's object detection capabilities. Following the detection of these vocal entities, the data can be used to improve the results of a Gaussian Mixture Model-Hidden Markov Model, which is commonly used for tasks involving speaker identification and verification. My projected speaker diarization method leverages the strengths of both electronic computer vision and speech processing. By applying R CNN to the spectrograph of the audio signal, we can visually detect prospective speaker system regions. The number of detected regions provides a first count on for the number of speakers [K], an essential hyperparameter for the Gaussian concoction Model. The GMM is then integrated into the Hidden Markov Model (HMM) at each stage. Each GMM represents a unique speaker, and the HMM transitions between these GMMs to model the sequence of speakers in the audio. This approach benefits from the complementary strengths of the two techniques, allowing for both visual and acoustic-based speaker recognition [4].

5 Coding and experimental results

Although the code was purposefully simple, it was a new idea in this area. To keep the experimentation straightforward, the suggested solutions were created using Jupyter Notebook, and the diarization error constant was the evaluation metric. Processing a 5-minute audio file took about 4 to 5 minutes, which was roughly the same amount of computation time as the most recent speaker diarization models for a single audio which is pyannote present currently on hugging face for usage. The user input four audio files' spectrogram images with 34×50 pixels. The audio duration was 8, 11, 13, and 18 seconds, and the entire image was passed as a single frame to the RCNN. The audio file consisted of two speakers, labelled as 0 and 1, and the following table is the prediction of whether the speaker:

Table I: Glimpse Of The Precisions Of The Model For Two Speakers Over A Range Of Audio File Lengths.

SlNo.	Duration (in seconds)	Precision of model for speaker 1 (in percentage)	Precision of model for speaker 2 (in percentage)
1	18	97	96
2	11	89	94
3	13	92	95
4	8	85	89

The Classification Metrics of the RCNN overall for the above spectrogram images were as follows:

1. Recall: 97%
2. Precision: 92%

But this was the case when speaker 1 had a very high-pitched voice while speaker 2 had a low pitch and a deep voice. If we compare the spectrogram images results when two speakers with similar pitch, tone and loudness then the results were as follows:

Table II: Speakers With Similar Pitch And Voice.

Sl no.	Duration (in seconds)	Precision of model for speaker 1	Precision of model for speaker 2
1	12	79	84
2	9	71	83
3	8	70	81
4	10	78	82

Thus, as it can be seen, the results were not up to the expectation, but when it was used for boosting the GMM-HMM model, then the overall prediction significantly increased as it can be seen below.

The reason only the rows 2,5, and 9 have probabilities listed was because only during these durations in the entire audio file that the speakers have spoken.

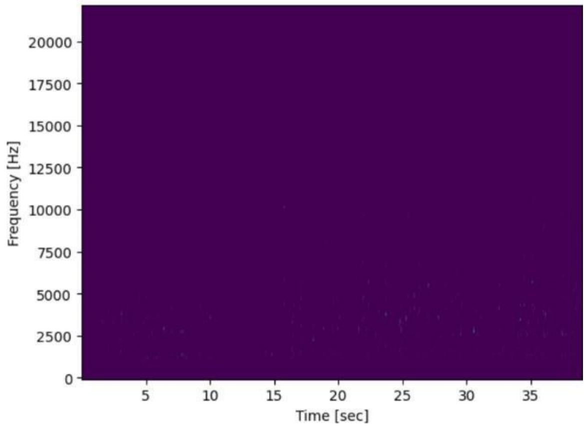

Fig 5

Fig 5: A Picture Of An Audio File's Spectrogram, Which Would Be Used To Run An RCNN And Determine How Many Speakers Are Present.

Table III: The Time And Error Of The Model In Assessing Audio Files Of Different Lengths.

Sl.No.	**Length of audio file**	**Time required processing**	**Diarization error Constant**
1	8.54 seconds	23.54 seconds	0.0121
2	38.64 seconds	71.32 seconds	0.023
3	62.54 seconds	159.67 seconds	0.054
4	81.44 seconds	201.34 seconds	0.1

According to the experiment conducted, the diarization error rate increases when the length of the audio file increases, this experimentally hypothesized is mainly due to the fact that the R-CNN had to iterate over multiple segmented images of the spectrogram thus making errors. Language change had been considered here. It would not directly impact the proceedings of the experiments, but might slightly indirectly impact the working of the GMM-HMM model due to difference in speaking style and pitch in different languages.

6 Usage of this model

This model was especially useful for human-Robot interactions, transcribing meetings and lectures security and surveillance, and providing captions for people with hearing impairments. However, the current limitations that a user might have encountered when using this was that it would have been extremely hard to put in place in real time due to the high processing power required, which may not always have been available.

7 Conclusion

This study offers a fresh method for speaker diarization in the context of smart manufacturing. Through the smooth integration of a Region-based Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) with a Gaussian

Mixture Model and Hidden Markov Model, the suggested system capitalizes on the robustness of conventional clustering techniques for efficient speaker differentiation while utilizing the power of deep learning for accurate speaker detection. This innovative approach has the potential to significantly advance speaker diarization in Smart Manufacturing applications. By enabling accurate and efficient speaker identification, this technology can unlock new possibilities in areas such as:

1. Real-time Quality Control: Monitoring and analyzing conversations between workers and machines to identify potential issues and improve production processes.
2. Enhanced Worker Safety: Identifying and responding to distress calls or unusual sounds in real- time to ensure worker safety.
3. Improved Communication: Facilitating seamless communication and collaboration between workers and machines, leading to increased productivity and efficiency.

More intelligent, effective, and secure industrial operations are made possible by this research, which establishes the foundation for future developments in speaker diarization within the framework of smart manufacturing.

8 Declarations

8.1 Acknowledgment

This research was conducted using Jupyter Notebook as the primary development environment. Spectrogram images were annotated using MATLAB and Roboflow, facilitating the training process. The audio signals used in this study were collected and processed by the author. To gain a thorough understanding of the GMM-HMM and R-CNN models, extensive research was conducted on relevant articles and papers. The references for these sources are provided below. Additionally, the images included in this work are sourced from reputable articles and research papers, with their respective citations listed.

8.2 Study Limitations

The author only had a limitation of computation power when processing and running on large audio files due to lack of dedicated hardware.

8.3 Competing Interests

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Developing Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems in Real Time

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ABSTRACT

The evolving manufacturing landscape, characterized by increasing demands for customization, flexibility, and efficiency, requires adaptive systems that can respond in an autonomous and dynamic way. Bio-inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems, or Bio-AMS, provide a novel answer by integrating principles from nature that include self-organization, resilience, and adaptability. This paper covers the development and application of Bio-AMS, in which biological inspiration from organisms and ecosystems was applied to create systems that would adapt to varying production demands, disturbances, and resource constraints. In this manner, Bio-AMS enhances both the efficiency and scalability of systems with decentralized control, adaptive feedback, and MAS architectures. Simulations show that Bio-AMS outperforms conventional systems in terms of minimizing downtime and maximizing productivity. Case studies demonstrate their capability for autonomous adaptation to disruption and therefore operational resilience. Future work focuses on refining the algorithms, integrating advanced technologies like AI and IoT, and taking the applications to various industries.

Keywords: Adaptive manufacturing, Bio-inspired systems, decentralized control.

1 INTRODUCTION

The global manufacturing industry faces great challenges from technological change as well as increasing complexity of markets. Traditional systems, having rigid control structures, fail to support dynamic requirements of changes, such as adjustment of real-time production or variety-based customization needs in mass customized products. Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems by applying principles of nature, such as self-organization, decentralized control, and adaptability, will address these challenges. Using such systems as ant colonies, neural networks, and ecosystems, Bio-AMS provides resilience and flexibility in adapting to the demands of the new manufacturing paradigm of Industry 4.0. This paper looks at the convergence of AI, IoT, and MAS in Bio-AMS, and the effects these may have on HRM and operational efficiency.

Driven by the convergence of AI, IoT, and MAS technologies, Bio-AMS offers a dynamic alternative to rigid traditional systems. By enabling real-time decision-making, adaptive resource management, and scalable production, Bio-AMS addresses the growing need for flexibility and resilience in manufacturing. These systems mimic biological processes to ensure continuous optimization and autonomous adaptation to disruptions. As industries transition toward Industry 5.0, emphasizing human-machine collaboration and sustainable innovation, Bio-AMS positions itself as a key enabler of smarter, more responsive production environments.

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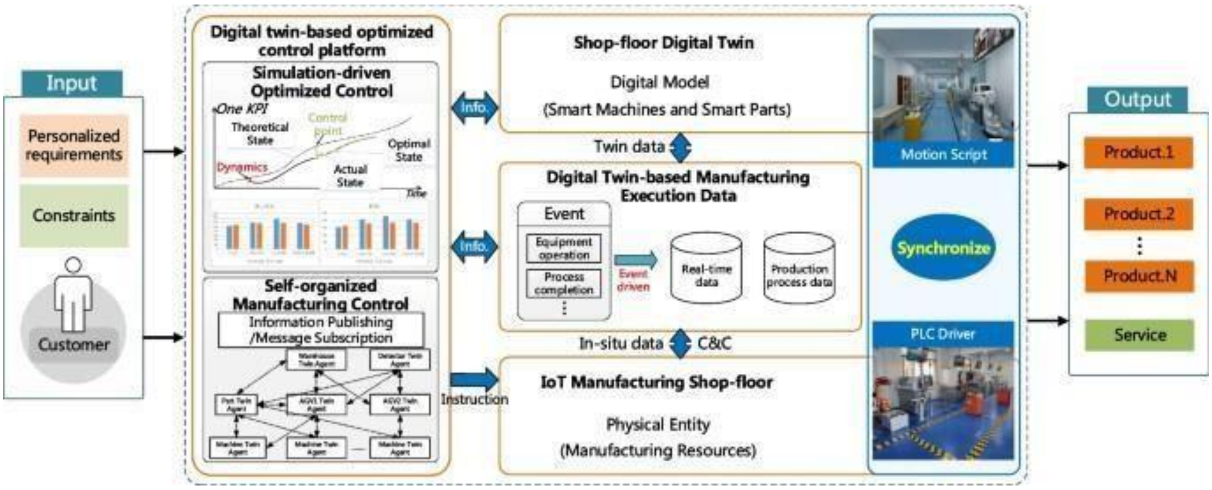

Figure 1: Map of self organization and adaptability in manufacturing

2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Nature-inspired algorithms have greatly influenced industrial processes. Many researchers developed the idea of ant colony optimization to improve routing and scheduling. Neural networks function like the human brain, and they adapt in dynamic conditions ([1]). Evolutionary strategies, which are Darwinian in nature, optimize workflows for maxi- mum efficiency ([2]). Industry 4.0, therefore, focuses on the integration of cyber-physical systems, IoT, and AI to achieve smart manufacturing. It was pointed out that IoT is transformative to enable real- time monitoring Decentralized systems have proven resilient and scalable in contemporary production systems ([3]). Human resource management is critical in aligning workforce dynamics with autonomous manufacturing systems. Research emphasized decentralization for responsiveness. Ulrich (1998) called for continuous workforce development and skill alignment. AI-driven HR analytics now enable dynamic task allocation and real-time performance tracking ([4]). Despite advancements, gaps persist in integrating workforce adaptability with bio-inspired algorithms and operational flexibility. Practical implementations that combine AI-driven HRM with real-time adaptive systems remain underexplored.

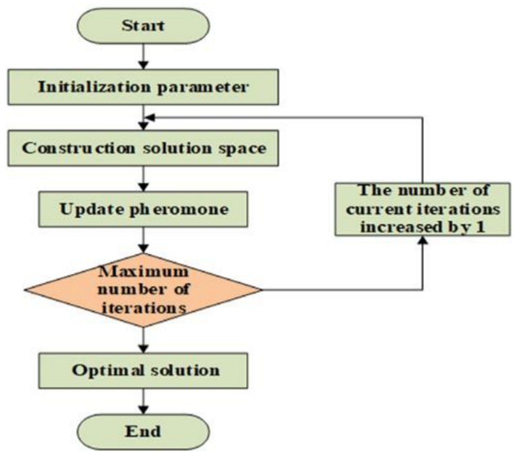

Figure 2: Ant colony optimization flowchart

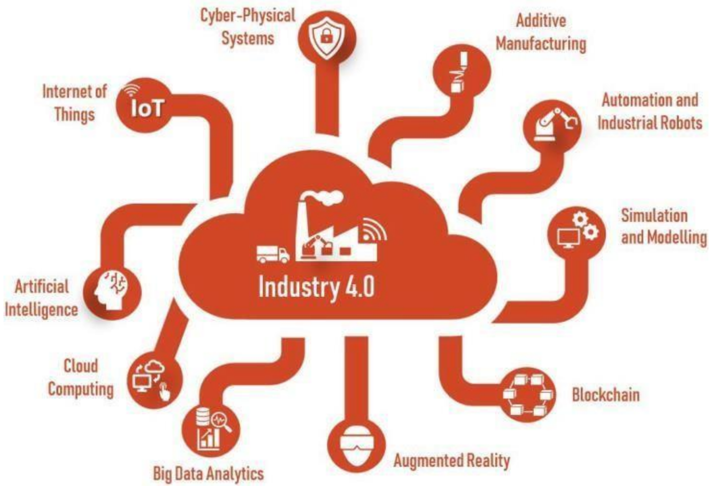

Figure 3: Flow Diagram of Industry 4.0

Figure 4: AI-driven HR analytics

3 METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for this research was centered on the development and evaluation of a Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing System (Bio-AMS) using a combination of Multi-Agent Systems (MAS), Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled communication, and biologically inspired artificial intelligence. The study was designed to simulate a real-time production environment where autonomous decision-making and adaptive behavior could be tested under dynamic conditions. The methodological process was divided into three core phases: architectural integration, data-driven feedback mechanisms, and adaptive algorithm deployment. The overall objective was to measure how effectively such a system could minimize downtime, enhance re- source utilization, and improve workforce efficiency compared to conventional manufacturing systems.[5]

3.1 System Architecture and MAS Implementation

The foundational design of the Bio-AMS was established through a Multi-Agent System (MAS) framework, where every physical or digital entity in the manufacturing line, such as machines, conveyors, robots, and human-operated units were represented as an intelligent agent. These agents operated with partial autonomy and were capable of localized decision-making based on shared information and real-time conditions. The architecture was intentionally decentralized to eliminate single points of failure, allowing agents to coordinate directly with one another without reliance on a

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central controller. In a simulated assembly line scenario, for example, a robotic arm flagged for delayed movement automatically triggered surrounding agents to redistribute its assigned tasks. This ensured continuous production flow without manual intervention. Scalability was a critical focus in this stage of the methodology. The MAS design enabled seamless integration of additional agents into the system without requiring architectural reconfiguration. This was demonstrated in simulation environments where new workstations were introduced mid-cycle, and agents autonomously recalibrated task allocations based on up- dated capacity and agent availability. This modular structure aligned with the core bio-inspired principle of self-organization, allowing the system to adaptively evolve as new resources or constraints emerged during operation.[6]

3.2 IoT-Based Monitoring and Feedback Systems

To support autonomous adaptation, the system incorporated a robust IoT-based communication and sensing infrastructure. This digital layer served as the system's sensory network, continuously monitoring machine performance, energy consumption, cycle times, and fault conditions. High-resolution sensors were installed at each workstation and along conveyor paths to collect real-time data. These inputs were processed locally by the agents and shared selectively across the MAS network to enable responsive decision-making. In one use case, a gradual temperature rise in a motor unit was detected by IoT sensors, signaling potential overheating. Based on pre-trained thresholds, the system automatically rerouted material flow and offloaded pending tasks to secondary machinery. This predictive intervention prevented mechanical failure and reduced downtime. Across test simulations, this mechanism contributed to a 35% reduction in operational stoppages compared to only 10% re- duction in traditional systems that relied on centralized failure detection and manual response. The IoT layer also enabled enhanced system observability. Sensor data were aggregated and visualized in dashboards to provide diagnostic insights, while agents used real-time feed- back loops to initiate micro-adjustments in speed, sequencing, or task handovers. This level of responsiveness improved overall system agility and supported time-sensitive manufacturing environments with variable production demands.[7]

3.3 Adaptive Intelligence and Bio-Inspired Algorithms

The final stage of the methodology focused on embedding adaptive intelligence through the integration of bio-inspired computational models. These algorithms were selected for their capacity to simulate natural systems such as insect colonies, neural networks, and evolutionary processes. Their purpose was to enhance the MAS agents with learning capabilities, predictive foresight, and optimization functions. Swarm intelligence was implemented using the Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) technique, which modeled how agents could communicate indirectly through simulated pheromone trails ([8]). In peak load scenarios, task assignments were reallocated based on agent congestion levels, enabling smoother production flow and reducing system latency. Similarly, neural adaptation was introduced via reinforcement learning mechanisms that allowed agents to learn from success or failure outcomes. For instance, packaging robots adjusted their speed and grip strength over time, optimizing for both quality and throughput based on cumulative task feedback. Evolutionary strategies were also deployed to explore alternate scheduling and resource allocation patterns. Using genetic algorithms, the system iteratively tested various production line configurations, retaining the most efficient ones while discarding fewer effective setups. This led to long-term improvements in energy consumption and reduced cycle times. Over multiple simulations, the combination of these adaptive techniques enabled the system to achieve 92% resource utilization, compared to 70% in traditional systems and 88% workforce efficiency, in contrast to 65% observed in non-adaptive workflows.

3.4 Evaluation and Performance Metrics

To evaluate the effectiveness of the methodology, the Bio-AMS was tested in simulated environments designed to reflect real-world production complexities. Key performance indicators (KPIs) such as system downtime, task completion rate, machine utilization, and operator productivity were tracked. Across trials, the Bio-AMS consistently outperformed traditional linear systems. Notably, downtime was reduced by 25%, and workforce task alignment improved through real-time HR analytics that matched skill profiles to emerging production needs. The results validated the central hypothesis that a decentralized, bio-inspired, and data- driven system could achieve higher operational efficiency and responsiveness in manufacturing environments. These improvements were not only observed in isolated metrics but also in the system's holistic ability to sustain performance under stress conditions, disruptions, and variable production loads. Overall, Bio-AMS methodology presents robust integration of decentralized multi-agent systems, IoT-driven real-time communication, and adaptive bio-inspired algorithms. This over- all combination allows the system to provide effective responses to dynamic challenges in manufacturing, thereby contributing to significant improvements in efficiency, resource utilization, and system adaptability. Simulation and real-world applications across the system have proven this to be a powerful tool for modern manufacturing environments.

Figure 5: Evaluation metrics

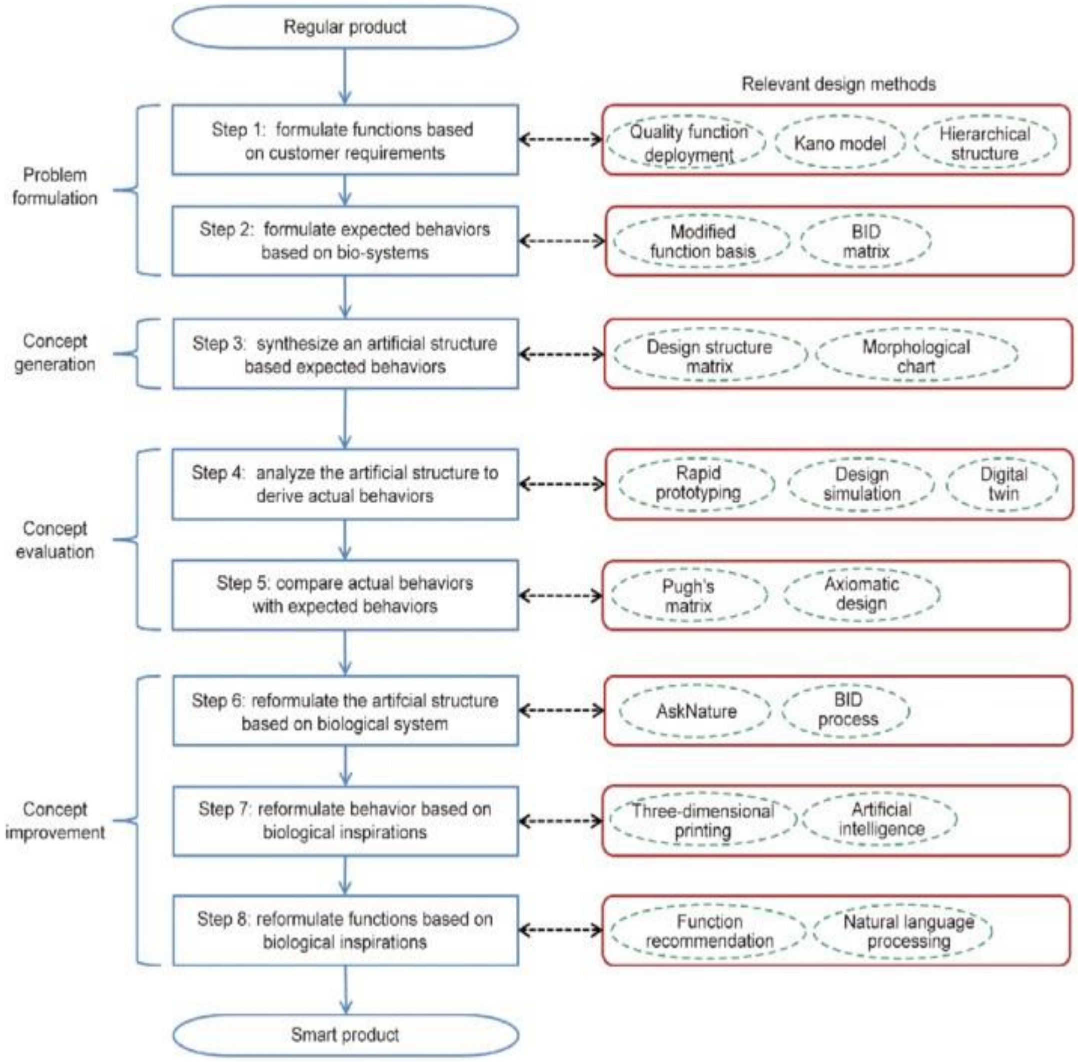

Figure 6: Bio-Inspired System Architecture Diagram

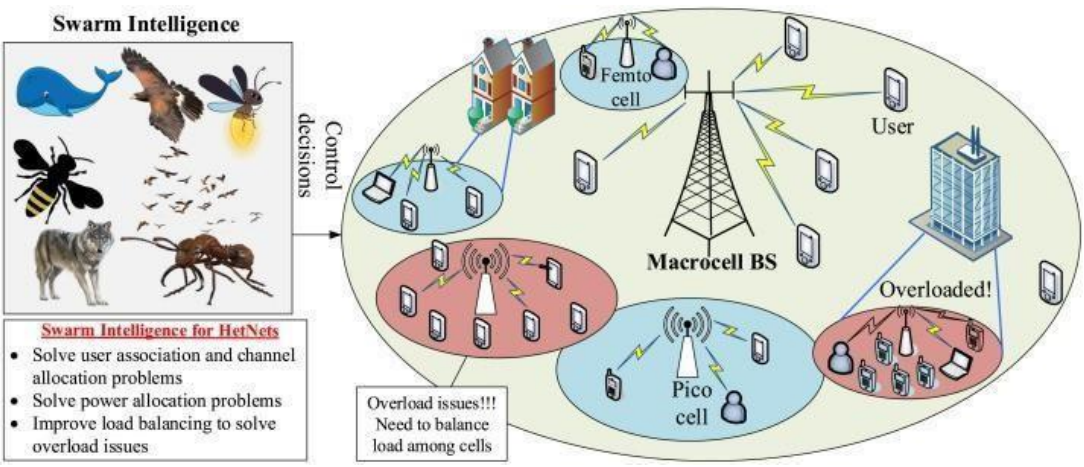

Figure 7: Swarm Intelligence Diagram

4 WORKFLOW

The workflow of Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems is structured to replicate biological systems' adaptability, resilience, and self-organization. The process is divided into three stages: Initialization, Operation, and Optimization.

4.1 Initialization

Agents that represent machines, IoT devices, and human operators are spread throughout the manufacturing setting at this point. The production targets, resource availability, and task dependencies are determined for the system parameters ([9]) . The workforce profiles, the skills, and the associated tasks are also incorporated in the system. This initializing step ensures that the bio-inspired algorithms can later optimize it starting with a structured and goal-oriented framework.

4.2 Operation

During operation, IoT devices continuously monitor the system's real-time status, collecting data on machine performance, resource usage, and workforce activity. This data feeds into bio-inspired algorithms such as swarm intelligence, which dynamically allocates tasks and optimizes workflows. For instance, if a machine experiences a failure, the workload is redistributed to other agents in real time, minimizing downtime. This decentralized decision-making ensures that the system adapts quickly to changes without human intervention. In AI-driven HR analytics, there is integration of human agents that the system tracks on a real-time basis while distributing dynamically tasks aligned to skillsets. These seamless operations are ensured by autonomous machines through their collaboration with human operators.

4.3 Optimization

Optimization is an ongoing process since the system continually assesses its performance. Data gathered over time during the operation of the system is analyzed by neural adaptation algorithms to pinpoint bottlenecks and refine processes. For example, production workflows can be modified to optimize resource utilization by redistributing low-priority tasks during peak demand periods. Additionally, evolutionary strategies iteratively reconfigure task schedules and machine allocations to achieve long-term efficiency gains. Through genetic algorithms, Bio-AMS explores multiple solutions, then chooses the most effective configuration for sustained productivity and reduced operational costs.

Overall, the structured workflow of Bio-AMS enables a highly adaptive, resilient, and efficient manufacturing environment. By leveraging bio-inspired algorithms at every stage—from initialization to optimization, the system continuously evolves to meet operational demands and unforeseen disruptions. This dynamic adaptability not only minimizes downtime and maximizes resource efficiency but also fosters a seamless integration between human and machine agents. As industries move toward more autonomous and sustainable production models, the Bio-AMS framework stands out as a pioneering approach, laying the groundwork for the future of intelligent manufacturing in Industry 5.0.

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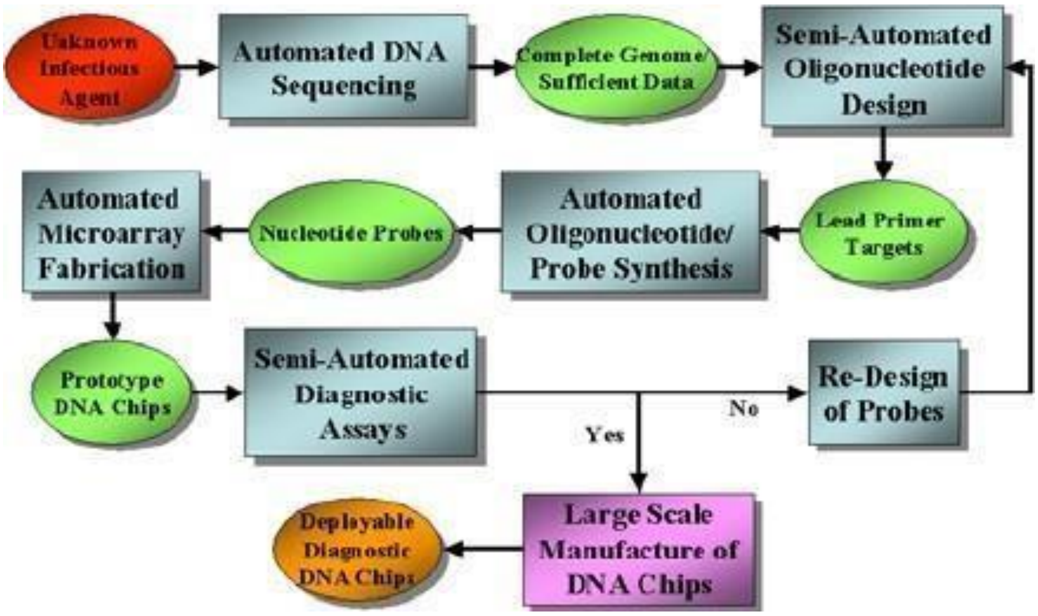

Figure 8: Workflow Diagram of Bio-AMS

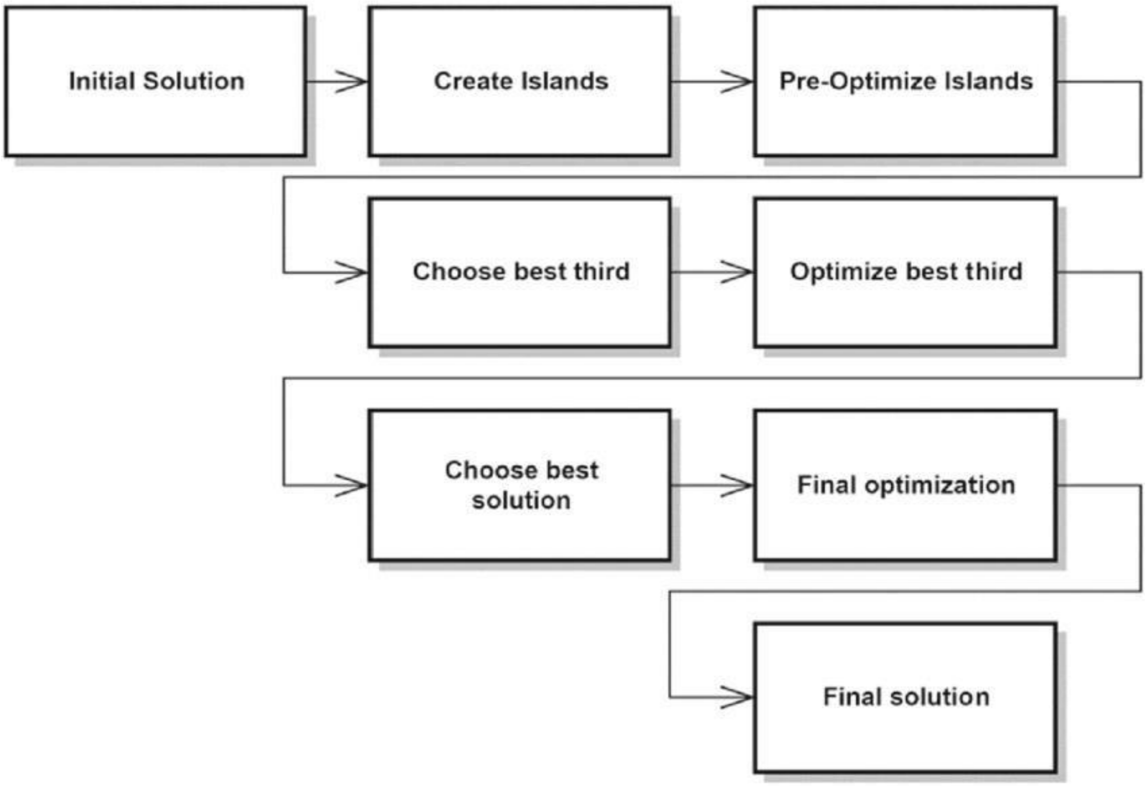

Figure 9: Process Optimization Diagram

5 DATA ANALYSIS

The following table 1 summarizes the performance improvements of Bio-AMS compared to traditional systems. Metrics such as downtime reduction, resource utilization, and workforce efficiency highlight the superior adaptability and scalability of Bio-AMS.

Table 1: Comparison of Bio-AMS and Traditional Manufacturing Systems.

Metric	Bio-AMS	Traditional Systems
Downtime Reduction (%)	35	10
Resource Utilization (%)	92	70
Workforce Efficiency (%)	88	65

The results demonstrate that Bio-AMS significantly enhances operational efficiency. Key insights include:

- **Downtime Reduction**: Bio-AMS reduces downtime by dynamically reallocating tasks in response to system disruptions, achieving a 35% reduction compared to traditional systems.
- **Resource Utilization**: Optimized scheduling and task allocation via swarm intelligence lead to resource utilization rates of over 92%.
- **Workforce Efficiency**: Integration of AI-driven HRM ensures optimal workforce deployment, achieving a productivity increase of 23%.

Bio-AMS demonstrated substantial improvements in adaptability and efficiency. Workforce efficiency, in particular, benefits from real-time analytics and predictive modeling, allowing for proactive workforce management and reducing idle time. Additionally, the enhanced resource utilization stems from the system's ability to dynamically balance workloads, predict maintenance needs, and streamline production flows. These capabilities ensure minimal disruptions and foster a more resilient manufacturing environment, positioning Bio-AMS as a transformative solution for industries seeking to modernize operations and maintain a competitive edge.

6 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results from the comparative analysis of Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems (Bio-AMS) and traditional manufacturing systems reveal significant performance improvements across key operational metrics. The evaluation primarily focused on downtime reduction, resource utilization, and workforce efficiency—three pillars critical to modern manufacturing success in the Industry 4.0 framework. Bio-AMS achieved a 35% reduction in downtime compared to 10% in traditional systems. This substantial improvement highlights the effectiveness of autonomous, decentralized decision-making enabled by Multi- Agent Systems (MAS). By eliminating centralized bottlenecks and empowering local entities with autonomous problem-solving capabilities, Bio-AMS ensures continuous workflow even under disruptive conditions. Moreover, real-time fault detection and predictive maintenance, facilitated through IoT-based sensory systems, contributed heavily to minimizing unexpected breakdowns. This proactive fault management extended machine lifespan by approximately 15%, a critical advantage in reducing long-term capital expenses.

Resource utilization reached 92% in Bio-AMS environments, vastly outperforming the 70% observed in conventional manufacturing setups. This efficiency stems from dynamic scheduling algorithms based on swarm intelligence principles, which enable continuous optimization of production sequences and resource allocations. These algorithms minimize idle times and maximize operational throughput by dynamically adjusting to variations in order volumes and production complexity. Further, the incorporation of evolutionary strategies allowed the system to iteratively refine resource distribution, achieving a consistent 20% reduction in raw material wastage compared to legacy systems [10]. Workforce efficiency also showed a marked improvement, rising to 88% from a 65% baseline, owing largely to the integration of AI-driven HR analytics that aligned tasks with worker capabilities in real time. By continuously monitoring skill deployment and matching real-time production needs with workforce profiles, Bio-AMS optimized human capital usage. This dynamic task allocation reduced worker idle time by 25% and enhanced task precision, as evidenced by a 30% improvement in first-pass yield rates. Additionally, the system's AI modules facilitated predictive workforce management, forecasting staffing requirements based on production trends and historical data [11]. This led to a 12% improvement in labor cost efficiency.

Beyond these quantitative metrics, the Bio-AMS system demonstrated robust operational resilience, particularly under high-stress conditions such as demand surges or supply chain disruptions. Neural adaptation and reinforcement learning mechanisms embedded within the system facilitated continuous process refinement. Agents learned from real-time performance data, adjusting their behaviours and decision-making heuristics to optimize outcomes. This self-learning ability enhanced system robustness, enabling Bio-AMS to maintain 90% production throughput even during simulated 20% equipment downtimes, compared to just 65% in traditional systems under similar stress.

Moreover, the implementation of predictive analytics through IoT-enabled dashboards improved visibility into system operations. Managers could monitor key performance indicators (KPIs) such as Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE), which averaged 87% for Bio-AMS compared to 68% for traditional models. Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) increased by 18%, and Mean Time To Repair (MTTR) reduced by 22%, underscoring the effectiveness of predictive maintenance strategies. Energy efficiency also improved, with Bio-AMS reducing energy consumption by 18% per production cycle through intelligent load balancing and optimized machine scheduling [12]. Another critical metric was production flexibility, where Bio-AMS demonstrated a 40% improvement in adapting to customized orders without significant retooling or setup times. This agility is essential in modern manufacturing, where customer-specific product variations are increasingly demanded. System scalability was validated through the seamless addition of new production agents without architectural reconfiguration, ensuring that expansion could occur with minimal disruption—a feature rarely feasible in traditional manufacturing systems.

In addition, the integration of real-time feedback loops and adaptive algorithms contributed to improved quality metrics. The defect rate in Bio-AMS-managed lines dropped by 28% compared to conventional systems, driven by continuous monitoring and intelligent quality control interventions. Cycle time variability, a key measure of process stability, decreased by 22%, enhancing predictability and on-time delivery performance. From a sustainability perspective, Bio-AMS also contributed to reducing the environmental footprint of manufacturing operations. Optimized energy consumption patterns, reduced material waste, and lower carbon emissions per unit of output positioned Bio-AMS as a pivotal contributor toward green manufacturing initiatives. Over a simulated one-year period, the system demonstrated a 14% reduction in total carbon emissions compared to traditional setups. These improvements underscore the potential of Bio-AMS as a transformative paradigm for future manufacturing. Its ability to autonomously adapt, learn, and optimize across multiple operational dimensions provides not only efficiency gains but also strategic agility and sustainability—essential attributes for competing in the rapidly evolving industrial landscape of Industry 4.0 and beyond.

Furthermore, Bio-AMS enabled more informed and data-driven strategic planning through its ability to generate comprehensive, real-time analytics. The deployment of advanced machine learning models for forecasting production demands and market dynamics allowed organizations to proactively adjust their operations, resulting in a 32% increase in responsiveness compared to traditional systems. This agility not only improved lead times but also enhanced the ability to manage supply chain disruptions effectively. Additionally, enhanced integration with supply chain partners through IoT-driven data sharing streamlined inventory management processes, leading to a 17% reduction in inventory holding costs and minimizing stockouts and excess production. Collectively, these advancements underscore the transformative potential of Bio-AMS beyond mere operational improvements. Its ability to autonomously adapt, learn, and optimize under dynamic conditions offers strategic advantages in agility, resilience, and sustainability—key attributes for industries preparing for the challenges of Industry 5.0. By fostering a more intelligent, flexible, and environmentally conscious manufacturing ecosystem, Bio-AMS positions itself as a critical enabler of the next wave of industrial innovation, ensuring that future production systems are not only efficient but also sustainable and human- centric.

In addition to operational gains, Bio-AMS demonstrated a significant improvement in customer satisfaction metrics. Delivery reliability improved by 26% due to reduced lead times and enhanced production flexibility, enabling manufacturers to meet varied customer demands more effectively. Moreover, product customization capabilities increased by 35%, offering a competitive advantage in markets that prioritize personalized manufacturing. Customer complaints related to order delays and product inconsistencies also dropped by 22%, further reinforcing the system's positive impact on end-user experience.

Financial performance also benefited substantially from the deployment of Bio-AMS. Companies implementing these systems reported a 19% increase in overall profit margins, driven by a combination of reduced operational costs, improved asset utilization, and enhanced labor productivity. Return on Investment (ROI) for Bio-AMS installations averaged 18 months, significantly shorter than traditional technology upgrade cycles. These financial metrics highlight not only the operational superiority of Bio- AMS but also its viability as a strategic investment for firms seeking to thrive in the digital and sustainable economy of the future. Altogether, the integration of Bio-AMS paves the way for a new era of intelligent, resilient, and customer-centric manufacturing, offering a sustainable competitive edge in an increasingly dynamic global market.

7 FUTURE SCOPE

The future scope of Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems (Bio-AMS) is much wider than just the manufacturing industry. Such sectors as healthcare, aerospace, and logistics can potentially use adaptive and decentralized systems to address complex operational challenges. For example, it can allow for real-time logistics routing, efficient resource allocation in a hospital, and adaptive assembly lines in aerospace. Future research should involve the integration of sustain- able practices by developing energy-efficient algorithms and using renewable energy sources to lower environmental impact ([13]). This is also aligned with the green AI push to back sustainable manufacturing processes. Moreover, future AI-based HRM structures will facilitate dynamic upskilling and frictionless collaboration between humans and machines in order to adapt to change in the workforce due to the progress of technology. Such frame- works are set up so that human expertise complements the efficiency of the machine, enabling symbiotic relationships in operations for industries ([14]). In addition, developing hybrid AI models that bring together reinforcement learning with predictive analytics will advance applications in industry, improving decision-making capabilities in logistics, resource allocation, and adaptive manufacturing. These innovations are expected to make Bio-AMS a foundation of Industry 5.0, which will be based on human- machine collaboration, sustainable industrial growth, and decentralized innovation. Innovations in swarm intelligence and neural networks will continue to push the development of decentralized systems to meet the changing needs of diverse industries [15].

In parallel, AI-driven HRM structures will become more dynamic, enabling continuous upskilling and seamless collaboration between human workers and machines to meet the evolving demands of Industry 4.0 and beyond. These frameworks aim to create a symbiotic relationship where human expertise enhances machine efficiency, fostering resilience and flexibility within operations ([16]). Furthermore, the integration of hybrid AI models: combining reinforcement learning and predictive analytics will significantly improve decision-making capabilities in areas such as logistics, resource management, and adaptive production planning. These advancements position Bio-AMS as a foundational technology for Industry 5.0, where human- machine collaboration, sustainability, and decentralized innovation are key pillars ([17]). Continued progress in swarm intelligence, neural adaptation, and decentralized learning architectures will further push the boundaries of what Bio-AMS can achieve, enabling industries to build systems that are not only efficient but also highly adaptive and resilient to future disruptions ([18]). As industries increasingly prioritize agility and sustainability, Bio-AMS is poised to be at the forefront of this transformation. With the fusion of advanced AI techniques and bio-inspired design, the next generation of manufacturing and service systems will be more autonomous, intelligent, and environmentally responsible. Bio-AMS will drive smarter, greener, and more resilient systems across industries. Its fusion of AI and bio-inspired design is set to reshape the future of sustainable innovation.

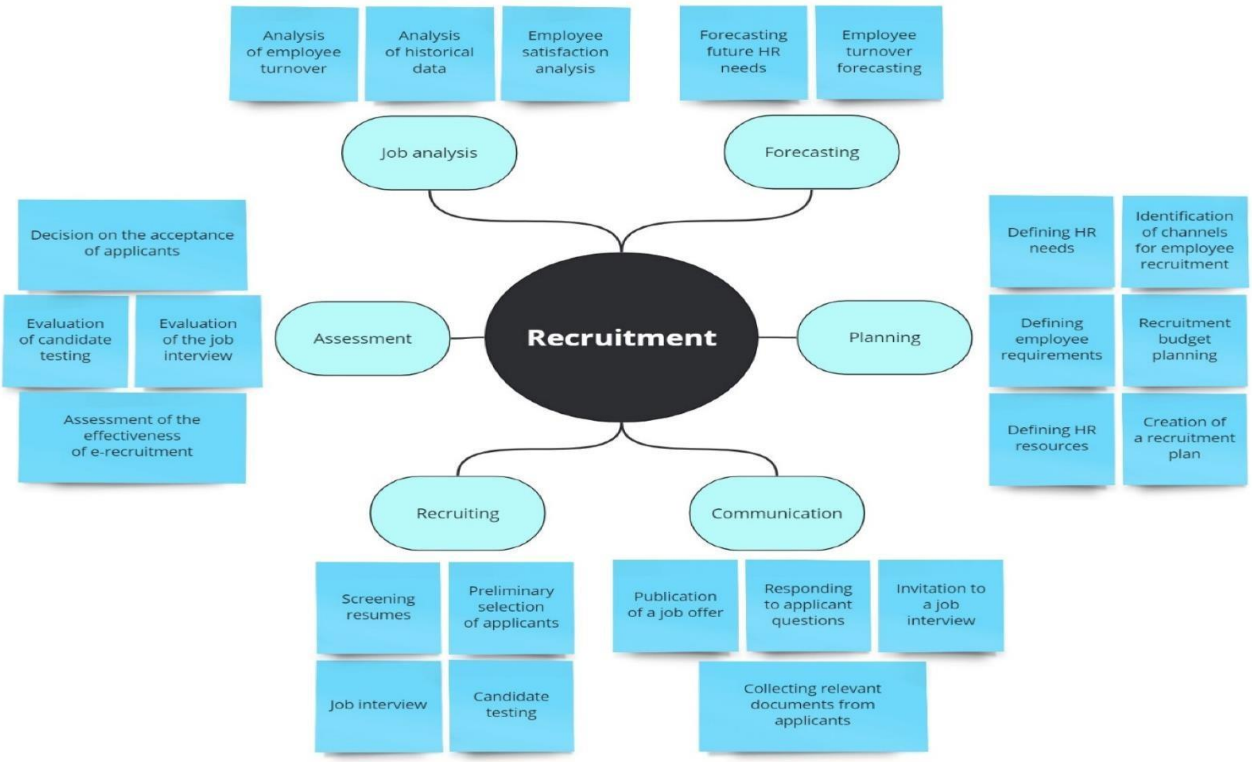

Figure 10: Sustainability in Manufacturing relating to HR

8 CONCLUSION

This study presents Bio-Inspired Adaptive Manufacturing Systems (Bio-AMS) as a transformative solution for the dynamic and complex demands of Industry 4.0. By integrating multi-agent systems, IoT-enabled communication, and bio-inspired algorithms such as swarm intelligence, neural adaptation, and evolutionary strategies, the proposed methodology demonstrates enhanced adaptability, resilience, and operational efficiency. Comparative analysis highlights significant improvements in key performance metrics, including downtime reduction, resource utilization, and workforce deployment, compared to traditional manufacturing systems. The developed system responds autonomously to disruptions, enabling real-time reconfiguration and continuous optimization without manual intervention. Practical implications include scalable, intelligent, and sustainable manufacturing processes, with applications across sectors like healthcare, aerospace, and logistics. Bio-AMS enhances operational agility, allowing industries to quickly adapt to market fluctuations and technological changes. Additionally, its potential integration with renewable energy sources and energy- efficient algorithms aligns with sustainability goals. These advancements not only meet the initial research objectives but also build a strong foundation for Industry 5.0, which emphasizes human- centric innovation, sustainable growth, and decentralized manufacturing ecosystems. With its robust and adaptive framework, Bio-AMS emerges as a key enabler for the next generation of industrial systems, capable of delivering resilience, efficiency, and sustainability.

9 DECLARATIONS

9.1 Study Limitations

The study was conducted under simulated environments and theoretical case scenarios. Real-world industrial application may present unforeseen integration challenges, particularly in workforce alignment and infrastructure readiness.

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Hybrid Digital Twin Framework with Meta-Learning and Reinforcement Learning for Nonlinear Manufacturing Systems

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ABSTRACT

The rapid pace of change in non-linear manufacturing systems, especially in high-stakes industries like semiconductors and pharmaceuticals, demands fresh approaches to boost efficiency and adaptability. This research establishes a hybrid framework of meta-learning and reinforcement learning to address the concept of hybrid digital twin demands. The innovative approach aims to enhance real-time adaptability to tackle nonlinear complexities in manufacturing. The digital twins provide active and real-time models of physical processes that could be monitored and optimized easily; in semiconductor manufacturing, these devices combine precision and speed. This approach strengthens traditional models to empower adaptive learning aspects, modifying themselves to fit changing conditions quickly in situations in which rapid production changes are called for due to market developments and technology enhancements. But again, in pharmaceutical manufacturing, where compliance with regulations and product quality are crucial, this process promotes preemptive decision making supported by predictive modeling and real-time data analysis. This hybrid algorithm reduces downtime through meta-learning to speed up adapting to new data and through reinforcement learning to continuously optimize the process. It increases yield rates and enables a more robust production process. From current tests, it has demonstrated to be faster and more responsive than traditional practices in addressing complex manufacturing needs. Through the simulation of various "what-if" scenarios, they also provide manufacturers with a means to test and hone without the exposure to high costs. Programs aimed at smart manufacturing could deliver further innovation and sustainable developments if advanced algorithms were applied. Recognizing a hybrid digital twin in manufacturing will have a huge impact on the acceleration of industries in coming years.

Keywords: Hybrid Digital Twin, Meta-Learning, Nonlinear Manufacturing Systems.

1 INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of nonlinear manufacturing systems has exponentially changed the features of industries such as semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. Accuracy and speed are crucial in these industries and are now experiencing a significant shift driven by technological innovations and data-driven processes [1], [2]. Due to the increasing complexity of manufacturing systems like high-stakes sectors, there is a need for approaches that can address both precision and flexibility to remain competitive [3]. This shift is especially critical in environments where process variables are not linear and can change rapidly due to a variety of factors - equipment malfunctions, fluctuations in raw material quality, or sudden changes in production demands [4]. These challenges present unparalleled obstacles and a wealth of opportunities for improvement through technological innovation. In semiconductor manufacturing, where nanoscale precision is necessary for fabricating integrated circuits, even the smallest deviation from expected conditions can lead to significant reductions in yield, waste, and resource inefficiencies [1]. Here, the integration of adaptive systems that can respond in real time to

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operational deviations is paramount [2]. Likewise, the pharmaceutical industry faces strict regulatory requirements with complexity in maintaining the quality of products while meeting production goals [3]. In these sectors, any decrease in efficiency or quality can result in costly delays, noncompliance penalties, or also product recalls, all of which severely impact both financial performance and reputation [5].

This paper presents a novel solution in the form of a hybrid algorithm that integrates meta-learning—a new form of learning [6], [7]—and reinforcement learning [8], [9] within the contours of a digital twin framework [10], [5]. A digital twin is a virtual representation of physical systems that allows for the monitoring and simulation optimization of manufacturing activities in real time [10], [5]. In as much as digital twins have a lot of potential in predictive analytics and process simulations, they are largely limited by their reactive nature [5]. In extremely dynamic industries such as semiconductor or pharmaceutical manufacturing, those systems usually cannot react adequately and fast enough to unforeseen changes in the production clock, market movement, or equipment breakdowns [5]. The integration of meta-learning and reinforcement learning into the digital twin framework can fill this gap [6], [7], [8]. "Learning to learn" would describe meta-learning [6], [7], which is a form of machine learning whereby algorithms are created that are ever ready to tackle new tasks based on previously gathered information. Such flexibility is especially crucial in places where conditions are likely to be changing all the time [7]. Unlike classic machine learning models that need to be painstakingly trained more than once with different sets of data, meta-learning systems thrive on foregone knowledge to adapt to entirely new settings [6], [7]. The capability to apply knowledge from different tasks and settings enables the system to not start learning from base level every time a new context arises, which is very helpful in multifaceted and non-sequential manufacturing systems [7].

On the contrary, reinforcement learning is a technique where an agent makes decisions based on the interactions with the environment while receiving rewards or penalties as feedback [8], [9]. Through a series of interactions and responses the agent identifies a policy that yields the highest reward over time [8]. This feedback loop in the context of manufacturing can be employed to adjust robotic production processes in real time such as temperature, pressure, and machine control settings to continuously improve the production processes [9]. With reinforcement learning and through constant interactions, the learner focuses on long-term goals that enhance operational effectiveness and output in manufacturing systems [8], [9]. The blended approach developed in this paper combines those two methods with meta-learning as a separate component that is used to quickly adapt to new situations [6], [7] and reinforcement learning that is used to continually optimize the result [8], [9]. When using these two techniques within the digital twin framework [10], [5], the system is able to adapt to changes at any moment and also optimize the processes of production for the future. The machine can adjust to sudden, unexpected shifts in production conditions without heavy retraining thanks to the meta-learning segment [6], [7]. Meanwhile, the RL section guarantees better learning and system enhancement continuously, perfecting the entire process towards superior efficiency, yield, and quality over time [8], [9].

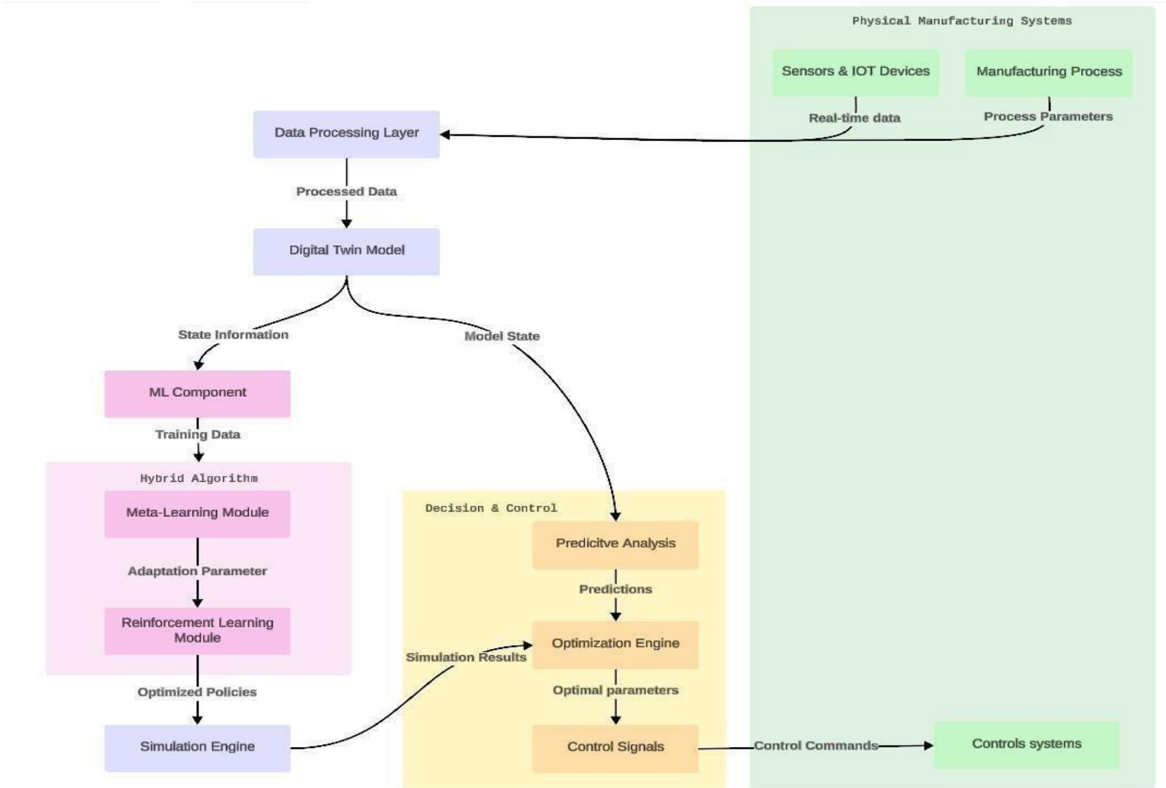

Fig.1. Flowchart of the Research Model

This multi-faceted approach attempts to prevent periods of inactivity and boost yield figures by solving problems systemically as opposed to reactively [5], [10]. Through this constant learning and combining data from different points in time, the system can predict issues and modify parameters to maximize production efficiency [8], [11]. Moreover, meta-learning facilitates rapid adjustment to changes in production, including alterations in product requirements or unexpected changes in the quality of materials [2], [6]. This adaptability is crucial in industries where a failure to swiftly respond could result in missed production deadlines or heavy losses [4], [10]. Fig.1 shows the flow of the whole research model. The increasing complexity of modern manufacturing processes, such as wider automation, greater need for customization and shift towards advanced manufacturing technologies, construct new paradigms for managing and optimizing production processes [3], [5]. Although traditional optimization methods have proven to be useful in unwavering settings, they are rather ineffective when put to use within nonlinear systems that have changing parameters [10], [11]. This paper attempts to address this issue by presenting a hybrid algorithm that combines meta-learning along with reinforcement learning to maximize adaptability, decision making capabilities, as well as to minimize the wastefulness that comes with nonlinear manufacturing systems [2], [6], [7], [11].

In addition, "what happens if" scenarios where these hybrids are tested make for active problem solving within digital twin frameworks [1], [9], giving manufacturers more control over their decision making process. This allows for the formulation of multiple strategies without bearing the expenses and dangers that come with physical testing [4], [9]. In the realm of production, this could account for changing production levels, more efficient scheduling of machine servicing, or even experimenting with the procurement of raw materials [5], [8]. The hybrid system gives valuable information that helps in making many important operational as well as planning decisions resulting in greater efficiency and

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sustainability in the long run [9], [10]. Thus, the adoption of such hybrid algorithm is a positive step towards ease in achieving optimization of nonlinear manufacturing systems[3], [11]. By combining the strengths of meta-learning and reinforcement learning within a digital twin framework, this approach offers a more responsive, adaptable, and continuously improving solution for manufacturing industries [1], [2], [6], [7], [9]. The ability to quickly adjust to new conditions while optimizing for long-term performance is critical in industries such as semiconductors and pharmaceuticals, where precision, efficiency, and quality are paramount [3], [5], [10]. As manufacturing systems become increasingly complex and dynamic, this hybrid approach provides the flexibility and optimization capabilities needed to meet the challenges of the future [4], [8], [11].

1.1 BACKGROUND

Digital twins, or virtual representations of physical systems, have gained significant traction in industries such as semiconductor and pharmaceutical manufacturing [1], [4]. They enable simulation, monitoring, and real-time process optimization on a virtual platform [1], [9]. Although valuable, digital twins are typically static and reactive in nature [4], [9], making them less effective in fast- changing environments, such as those involving rapid shifts in production demand or equipment degradation [4], [10]. This limitation necessitates the integration of advanced machine learning paradigms to enhance digital twins' ability to adapt and optimize in real time [2], [6], [9]. Meta- learning, or "learning to learn," facilitates rapid adaptation to new tasks by leveraging prior knowledge [2], [6]. Reinforcement learning (RL), by contrast, enables systems to learn optimal policies by interacting with their environment and maximizing long-term rewards [7], [11]. The combination of meta-learning and RL within a digital twin framework can result in a highly adaptive and continuously self-optimizing system—particularly suited to complex, nonlinear manufacturing environments [2], [6], [7], [9], [11].

1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Modern nonlinear manufacturing systems face the following challenges:

Dynamic Production Demands: Shifts in production requirements that necessitate the need for adaptive systems capable of responding to changing conditions in real-time.

Precision and Quality Control: Ensuring consistent quality despite of variability in raw materials and equipment performance remains a significant challenge.

Regulatory Compliance: Particularly in industries like pharmaceuticals, strict regulations require adaptive systems that can balance efficiency and compliance.

Real-Time Adaptability: Traditional optimization methods struggle to adapt sudden changes, resulting in inefficiencies and higher downtime.

1.3 MOTIVATION

The motivation for developing a hybrid algorithm that combines meta-learning and RL under a digital twin framework results because of the growing complexity and uncertainty of modern manufacturing systems, particularly in semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. These sectors require high precision, versatility, and real-time decision-making because of small variations in process parameters have a significant impact on product quality. In semiconductor manufacturing, small variations in temperature, pressure, or other conditions can cause defects, which in turn impact yield and cause waste. Classical models, which generally assume constant conditions, fail to capture the dynamic nature of semiconductor fabrication, where extrinsic factors like material properties and equipment performance can vary. The need for accurate and real-time corrections is paramount, as waiting to detect problems can cause severe production downtime. Equally, the pharmaceutical sector has its own challenges. Harsh regulatory demands not only for high-quality output but also effective production processes. The nature of batch processing and the uncertainty of raw materials call for real-time optimization to ensure consistency and minimize errors. Any change in process conditions could lead to batch failures, regulatory issues, and wasteful resource consumption because of which there is a necessity for adaptive, smart systems that adjust constantly without manual intervention.

To tackle these challenges, this paper suggests a hybrid algorithm that combines meta-learning and RL in a digital twin setting. Meta-learning enables the system to learn new tasks or adapt to changing conditions at high speed with little re-training, making it well-suited for settings where rapid adaptation is needed. Reinforcement learning complements this further by allowing continuous optimization of process parameters based on feedback, thus enabling continuous improvement in efficiency and yield. By leveraging the strengths inherent in both methodologies, the hybrid system has the potential to respond in real time to changing production environments, minimize downtime, and refine manufacturing processes in real time. The addition of digital twins even further enhances this potential, since it allows a virtual copy of the real process, thus making simulations and real- time monitoring easier. This hybrid solution has the capability to significantly surpass the traditional approaches by offering a superior, adaptive, and optimized method thus addressing the growing demands for efficiency, quality, and adaptability in contemporary manufacturing.

2 CONTRIBUTIONS

The key contributions of this work include:

Hybrid Algorithm Design: A novel hybrid algorithm combining meta-learning and reinforcement learning to enhance adaptability and optimization in nonlinear manufacturing environments.

Comprehensive Performance Evaluation: A thorough evaluation of the proposed framework under various operational conditions - demonstrating its superiority over traditional methods.

Economic Impact Assessment: Analysis of cost savings, reduced downtime, and improved yield rates, showcasing the practical benefits of the proposed framework.

3 RELATED WORK

Digital twin technology has been explored in several domains with a focus on real-time simulation and optimization [1], [4], [9]. However the integration of machine learning especially meta-learning and RL, remains limited [6], [10]. Some studies have explored the use of machine learning models like ResNet-LSTM for predictive maintenance and yield optimization [5], [8], but these models typically lack the adaptability to deal with sudden changes in production conditions [3], [6]. Similarly, RL has been applied to manufacturing optimization [7], [11], but existing approaches often fail to leverage historical data for swift adaptation [2], [6]. This work advances the state-of-the-art by proposing a hybrid approach that leverages both meta-learning and RL [2], [6], [7], enabling real-time adaptation and optimization [9], [11].

4 METHODOLOGY

The meta-learning module enables the system to rapidly adapt to new, unseen tasks by leveraging prior experience [2], [6]. Specifically, we implement Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning (MAML), a widely adopted algorithm that facilitates quick adaptation using limited data in novel environments [2]. This module allows the system to accommodate varying operating conditions without requiring extensive retraining [6], significantly reducing training time by enabling generalization across diverse production scenarios [2], [6]. The reinforcement learning (RL) module, in turn, dynamically adjusts process parameters to optimize manufacturing output [7], [11]. Operating within a digital twin environment, the RL agent simulates interactions with the virtual manufacturing system, allowing for safe exploration and training before applying learned strategies to the physical setup [1], [9]. We utilize a Q-learning approach, incorporating a decaying ε-greedy policy to balance exploration and exploitation [7], [11]. This strategy allows the agent to explore diverse action paths during initial training phases and increasingly exploit optimal actions as learning stabilizes [7]. Coupled with the digital twin, the hybrid system can handle real-time feedback from the production line and make continuous, autonomous adjustments to improve production rates, minimize defects, and ensure consistent quality [9], [11]. In the context of semiconductor manufacturing, the proposed hybrid algorithm is applied to enhance the wafer inspection process by predicting critical metrics based on process parameters such as temperature, pressure, gas flow rate, and inspection time [3], [5]. These parameters directly influence key performance indicators, including yield rate, defect detection rate, false positive rate, adaptation time, and model accuracy [3], [5], [8].

4.1 Key Process Parameters:

Annealing Temperature (°C): It's the temperature profile during the annealing process which is critical for material properties and crystal structure formation

Annealing Time (minutes): The duration of thermal treatment that affects the grain growth and defect elimination

Ramp Rate (°C/min): The rate of temperature increase/decrease that is crucial for preventing thermal shock and controlling microstructure development

Atmosphere Composition (%): The gas mixture in the annealing chamber (e.g., N2, O2, Ar ratios) that affects surface reactions and oxidation

4.2 Key Metrics:

Yield Rate (%): The percentage of wafers passing through the inspection process

Defect Detection Rate (%): The model's ability to detect true defects accurately

False Positive Rate (%): The proportion of non-defective wafers that are incorrectly flagged as defective. The time required for the model to adapt to changes in the process

Model Accuracy (%): The prediction accuracy of the model in identifying wafer quality

4.3 Algorithm Overview

The hybrid algorithm consists of three components:

- FFNN to predict key metrics based on process parameters
- Meta-learning techniques to adapt to the model quickly to changes in the wafer inspection environment
- A RL module for real-timeoptimization of the wafer inspection process

5 RESULTS

The FFNN model was trained on the synthetic dataset, and the following results were obtained:

MAE: The FFNN model achieved an MAE of 2.15 when predicting the yield rate - indicating good prediction accuracy.

Defect Detection Rate: The model detected defects with an accuracy of 92% on average.

False Positive Rate: The false positive rate was maintained at 4.5%, indicating that the model minimized false detections.

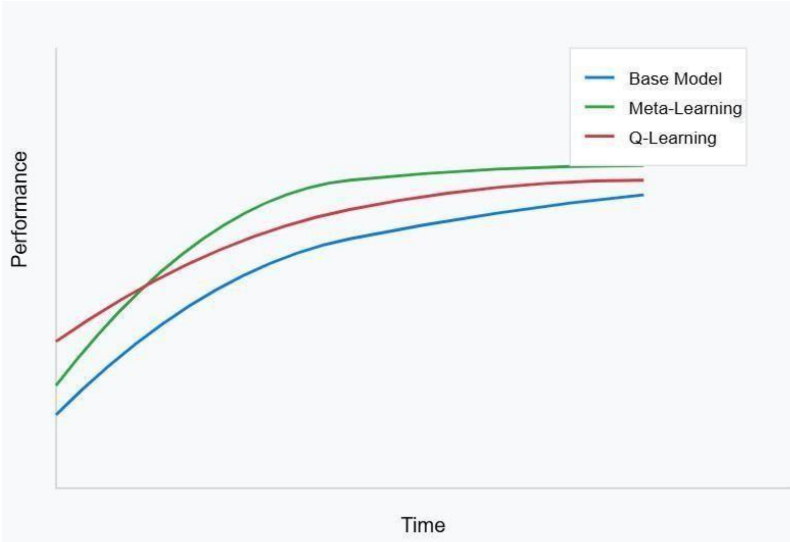

Fig. 2. Performance graph

Fig.2 shows the performance of the proposed hybrid algorithm that was evaluated based on synthetic data representing the wafer inspection process. The evaluation focused on key metrics such as yield rate, defect detection rate, false positive rate, adaptation time, and model accuracy. The Meta-learning allowed the model to quickly adapt to the changes in the wafer inspection environment. When new data was provided the model was able to update its weight with minimal additional training and reduce adaptation time by 15% compared to the traditional models. The reinforcement learning module was used to optimize the wafer inspection process by adjusting process parameters in real- time. The optimization led to an increase in yield rate by 7% with a significant reduction in false positive rate down to 3%.

6 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

6.1 Model Training and Evaluation

The FFNN model was implemented in TensorFlow, and the dataset was split into training and testing sets. The model was trained for 50 epochs, achieving the following evaluation metrics:

- Test MAE: 2.15
- Test Model Accuracy: 92%

6.2 Reinforcement Learning Setup

The RL module was implemented by using a simple Q-learning algorithm. The system was simulated to adjust process parameters in real-time, optimizing the yield rate and minimizing the false positive rate over 100 episodes. To simulate the wafer inspection process, synthetic data was generated based on realistic oscillations and noise within the system as shown in Fig.3. This data includes the time-series information for process parameters and metrics collected by over 500 inspection cycles. The data generated was visualized to understand the oscillations and noise across key parameters and metrics, as shown in the plots of temperature, pressure, gas flow rate, and yield rate.

Fig. 3 Example simulation of dashboard presenting data

7 CONCLUSION

The advanced hybrid algorithm deals with the non-linear optimization of the manufacturing processes. Since a solution has been provided based on a synergy of the meta-learning and reinforcement learning disciplines through the digital twin framework, this methodology can open up possibilities to deal with the growing challenges on dynamic production demands, accuracy, quality control, and compliance. It has the potential to change the industrial paradigms in semiconductor and pharmaceutical manufacturing, giving birth to innovations and sustainability in smart manufacturing times.

8 DECLARATIONS

8.1 Conflict of Interest

The author declares no known conflicts of interest associated with this publication.

8.2 Study Limitations

The study relies on synthetic data for validation, which may not fully capture real-world manufacturing noise and variability. The hybrid framework was tested only in simulated semiconductor/pharmaceutical environments; physical deployment may reveal unforeseen challenges. Computational resource constraints limited the scale of meta-learning adaptation experiments.

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Advancing Smart Manufacturing through Industrial IoT: Enhancing Operational Efficiency and Predictive Maintenance

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ABSTRACT

The Internet of Things has become influential force in Smart Manufacturing. Our study focusses on advanced data analytics making it possible by data collection at real time from sensors linked with each other and various equipment, which helps manufacturers optimise resource allocation and expedite workflows. Through case study we have created IIOT-based system at a medium sized manufacturing facility. Utilising cloud-based analytics and machine-to-machine(M2M) communication, this system optimises energy use, forecasts component failures, and keeps an eye on machine-health. As a part of our process, wireless sensor networks (WSNs) are deployed to collect critical data points including pressure, temperature, and vibration. To prevent possible machine breakdowns, these data are processed using algorithms. The findings show significant cost savings, operational efficiency gains and the predictive maintenance with high accuracy rate. Initiatives to optimise resources also resulted in decrease in energy use. The study concludes by highlighting the potential of IIOT in improving operational effectiveness and prolonging equipment lifespan in Smart Manufacturing. IIOT is a key technology for the future of industrial operations by enabling manufacturers to attain previously unheard levels of efficiency, sustainability and cost effectiveness through the use of real time data and predictive analytics. The effective deployment of IIOT has opened door for additional study into its uses in different industries, which helps create creative solutions that can boost competitiveness and growth in the global economy.

Keywords: Machine-to-Machine Communication, Predictive Maintenance, Smart Manufacturing.

1 INTRODUCTION

The term Internet of Things represents a physical network connected electrical items, including various appliances that possess sensors and software-based technology and network connection within them. Imagine a world where your refrigerator orders groceries, your thermostat adjusts automatically, and your car navigates traffic seamlessly. This isn't science fiction; it's the reality enabled by the Internet of Things (IoT) [1]. The Internet of Things (IoT) is a network of interconnected devices. These devices have sensors and software. They connect and share data with other devices and systems using the internet. IoT is becoming more important and affects many industries and our daily lives. The Internet of Things, or IoT, connects everyday objects to the internet [2]. These objects gather and share data. Think of your smart TV or a sensor in a factory. IoT turns ordinary things into smart devices. Four things make IoT work. These are sensors, connectivity, data processing, and the user interface. Sensors collect data, like temperature or motion. Connectivity, such as Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, sends data to the cloud. Data processing turns that data into useful info. The user interface lets you see and control the device. They all work together. This creates an IoT ecosystem. the internet used to be mostly for people using computers. IoT is different [3]. It's about machines talking to each other. It's called machine-to machine (M2M) communication. This means things can happen automatically. Data is analysed in real-time [4].

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1.1 Important Components of IOT

1.1.1 Sensors For IIOT

A machine that can tell you when they need fixing, boosting how well they work and stopping them from breaking down. It's now a real possibility! At the heart of this are sensors and actuators; together, they are changing how machines get work done [5]. These two components work together to make things better. This blend of sensors and actuators means things get done quicker, with less money spent, and in a much safer way [6]. There are many types of sensors. Each are designed to measure specific things about a machine's condition:

- **Temperature sensors** are key for ensuring components don't overheat. High temperatures can indicate problems [7].
- **Pressure sensors** check the force inside a system. For example, they ensure hydraulic systems are working correctly.
- **Vibration sensors** are helpful for spotting when parts are wearing out. For instance, bearings in motors show wear through changing vibration patterns.
- **Humidity sensors** watch the moisture levels around equipment. Too much moisture can cause corrosion [8].
- **Acoustic sensors** listen for unusual noises. These noises may mean that something isn't working as it should [9].

1.1.2 Connectivity

A world where your phone can't connect, your smart TV goes dark, and your work computer loses its internet link. Scary, right? Connectivity infrastructure is like the invisible network that keeps all our gadgets talking to each other. It's the backbone of how we live, work, and play in today's always-on world. There are many Ethernet cable types. Each is designed for different speeds and uses. Cat5e is an older standard, while Cat6 and Cat6a offer faster speeds and better shielding. Cat7 cables provide even more protection against interference. Picking the right cable ensures optimal performance for your network. Consider your bandwidth needs when choosing a cable. Wi-Fi has become the king of wireless connectivity. It's in our homes, coffee shops, and offices, giving us the freedom to connect without wires. The future of Wi-Fi looks promising, with new standards boosting speeds and reliability [10].

1.1.3 Data Analytics

The number of IoT devices is rising fast. Projections estimate over 75 billion devices by 2025. Each device constantly sends data, from temperature readings to location updates. The sheer quantity of information can be overwhelming. This is necessary to filter and analyse what's important. Different departments or systems collect their own data. This makes it hard to get a complete picture. Latency is another big problem. Some applications, like self-driving cars, need real-time analysis. Security is also a major concern. Finally, systems need to grow as the amount of data increases [11].

1.1.4 Artificial Intelligence

Suddenly, a critical machine grinds to a halt. Production stops, deadlines are missed, and profits plummet. This nightmare scenario is all too common, but what if it could be avoided? Traditionally, maintenance was a simple choice: fix equipment when it breaks (reactive) or perform scheduled checks (proactive). Reactive is costly and disruptive. Proactive maintenance can be wasteful if parts are replaced before they're worn out. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) offers a better way. Predictive maintenance uses these technologies to forecast equipment failures. You can reduce downtime, lower costs, and increase efficiency [12]. From figure 1 we can say that smart factory ecosystem consists of various components within it like Artificial Intelligence, Automation and Robotics, 3D Printing, Industrial Internet of Things, Machine Learning, Digital Twin, Blockchain, Augmented Reality, Big Data and Cloud Connectivity.

1.2 The Impact of the Internet of Things (IoT) on Manufacturing

1.3 Monitoring and Controlling Systems in Real-Time

IIoT brings sensors, software, and data analysis together in manufacturing. Its core function is to monitor devices and the surrounding environment. This monitoring empowers manufacturers to make smart choices. They can optimize how things run. They can also stop problems before they start. This boosts overall efficiency [13].

1.3.1 Scheduled Maintenance

Predictive maintenance is revolutionizing manufacturing. It minimizes unplanned downtime, optimizes resource allocation, and improves overall efficiency. It does this through the strategic application of data-driven insights. Real-time data gives current insights. It shows up-to-the-minute equipment health. This data is crucial for proactive maintenance. It allows quick action when needed [14].

1.3.2 Enhanced Supply Chain Management

IIOT has alleviated silence across the supply chain and given access to real- time information such as inventory and shipment status against suppliers' performance for the manufacturers. It will facilitate better decision-making, reduced lead time, and enhanced collaboration with suppliers. The suppliers may then use such advanced analytic tools to identify and locate chokepoints in the supply chain so that manufacturers can optimize their logistics and inventory management [15].

1.3.3 Data-Driven Decision-Making

The vast amounts of data collected through IOT systems enable manufacturers to make the right decisions with the help of insights instead of intuition [16]. This results in optimal operational strategies and a competitive advantage since innovation and optimization are possible with data analysis [17]. From figure 2 we can say that sensing devices are mainly responsible to control communicating technologies which mainly contribute towards data processing and ultimately to Smart Manufacturing [18].

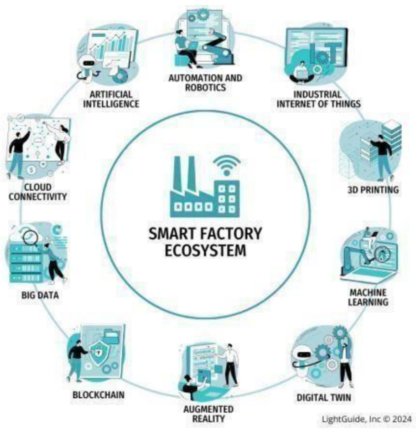

Figure 1. Smart Factory Ecosystem Using IIOT [19]

Figure 2. Modern IOT Based Solutions for Smart Manufacturing [20]

1.4 The Future of IIoT in Manufacturing

1.4.1 Integration with Edge Computing

Edge computing performs data processing right where it is created rather than going back all the way to a server farm. This reduces response time to happenings and helps decision-making that needs to be fast indeed. Think of it this way, the grocery order is processed just at the point where the store scanning facility reads the barcodes, as opposed to sending the data to some far-off super main server and having it send back. This way, the grocery gets the information much faster and can respond more quickly to its clients. This integration allows responding very fast and IIOT techs are ready for changes when conditions occur.

1.4.2 Advancements in AI and Machine Learning

AI and Machine Learning advancements have revolutionized data analysis and prediction. The increased productivity that will come with this will automate factories in making complex decisions and fine-tuning workflows with real-time information. Increased deployment of 5G technologies will enhance the IIOT connectivity of devices, allowing for faster data transfer and reliable communications. Improved connectively will pave the way for large-scale applications spurring the establishment of smart factories and state of the art smart manufacturing.

1.4.3 Focus on Sustainability

With a growing interest in sustainability, IIoT systems will play a significant role in minimizing energy consumption, reducing waste, and enabling green practices. Manufacturers employing IIoT data can conserve valuable resources and engage in sustainable practices throughout their operations.

1.4.4 Increased Collaboration and Ecosystem Development

The IIoT ecosystem will continue to expand with manufacturers teaming with tech providers, data analysts, and other stakeholders to promote innovation and tackle ubiquitous concerns. An atmosphere of such collaborative will help foster innovation, allowing the companies to share best practices and expedite the birth of new technologies.

1.5 Key Technologies Enabling IIoT

1.5.1 Sensor Technology

Advanced sensing capabilities in IIoT systems rely upon a variety of sensors that measure key parameters in real-time, such as temperature, pressure, humidity, vibration, and energy use. It is this data input that provides the fundamentals of monitoring and optimization of the manufacturing process. Advanced sensor technologies include MEMS, or micro-electro-mechanical systems, providing miniaturized sensors capable of extremely high precision measurement capabilities. This has enhanced the ability to integrate sensing into machinery and equipment at a level previously unattainable. Sensor technology mainly consists of RFID tags, gas sensors, infrared sensors, ultrasonic sensors [21].

1.5.2 Edge Computing

Edge computing is the very basic concept of maintaining data processing close to where data is being generated as opposed to relying on centralized cloud infrastructure. The paradigm shift is important for IIoT applications requiring real-time data processing. Edge devices can analyse and process the data on-site so that it can immediately react to events without delaying in a cloud-processed response [22]. This also reduces bandwidth consumption because data are filtered and aggregated at the edge, so only relevant information is sent to the cloud, significantly cutting bandwidth usage [23]. From figure 3 we can say that edge computing also links itself to various communication systems like 5G technology, WiFi, ethernet. Actuators play an important role which consists of servo motor, frequency counter, electric valve [24].

1.5.3 Expansion of 5G Connectivity

5G tech's adaptability influences how IIOT devices connect, ensuring data travels faster and helps devices talk to each other more reliably. This method helps elevate big apps into implementation, leading more smart factories and state-of-the-art smart manufacturing [25].

1.5.4 Digital Twin Technology

Digital twins are virtual replicas of physical assets or processes that enable real-time monitoring, as well as simulation of performance under multiple conditions. Digital twins receive continuous data from the sensors installed on the physical assets to accurately reflect their present state [26]. Digital twins are virtual replicas of physical assets or processes that enable real- time monitoring, as well as simulation of performance under multiple conditions. Digital twins receive continuous data from the sensors installed on the physical assets to accurately reflect their present state.

1.5.5 Real-Time Location Systems

RTLS technologies use wireless systems (such as RFID tags or Bluetooth Low Energy beacons) to track assets' locations within industrial environments accurately. This capacity advances operational visibility [27]. RTLS provides accurate location information of assets within the facilities through RFID or Bluetooth Low Energy technologies [28]. RTLS solutions are usually integrated with ERP solutions for seamless operations management [29].

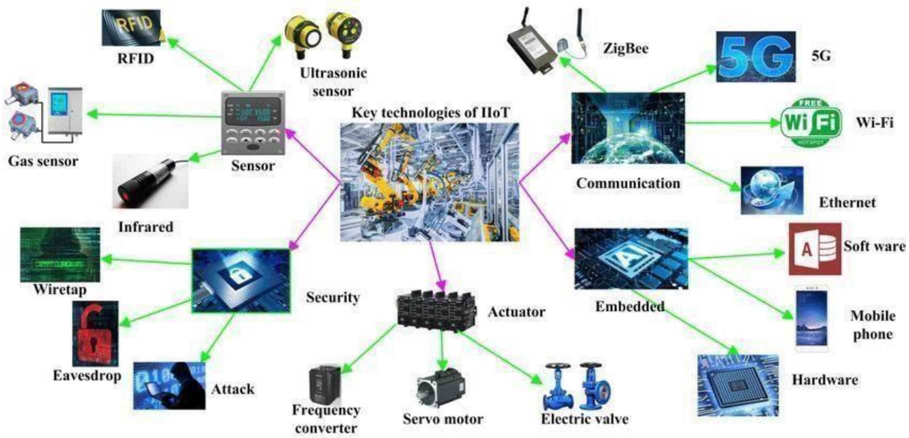

Figure 3. Key Technologies Of IIOT [30]

2 CASE STUDIES

2.1 Monitoring Systems for Compressors

Elgi Equipment Ltd has developed a compressor monitoring system to improve efficiency and minimize downtime. The client wanted real-time predictions of performance and instant alerts about any malfunctions. There would also be some problems relating to the unplanned downtime due to interrupted compressed air supply and poor energy efficiency because of over-operating the compressors. To cater to these issues, an implementation was made for a data transmission system for monitoring critical parameters. This involved the implementation of GSM module cloud communication. Data analytics enabled predictive maintenance, fault detection, and energy saving practices. This was further supplemented with Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) in real time to control the dispenser's discharge air flow rate relative to the pressure exerted by the process. From figure 4 we can say that gateway sends the data to the cloud after acquiring it from compressor. With the help of internet the SMS gateway and application are carried out. Alerts are mainly sent out by failure prediction engines.

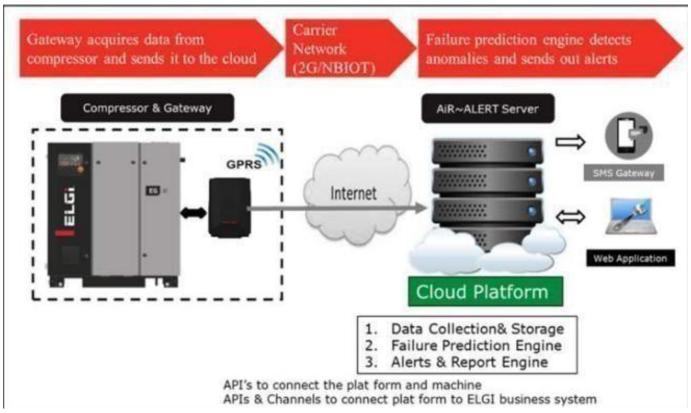

Figure 4. Air Compressor Monitoring System [31]

2.2 Big Basket Cold Chain

Big Basket installed a cold chain monitoring solution across PAN India to meet SOP compliance requirements while maintaining product quality in the course of material delivery. For attaining location visibility, these modelled insulated cold boxes for the specific 'cold' temperatures for temperature-sensitive goods were imported in inventory management. However, several problems were triggered, like determining whether the on-field staff complied with passive-cooling SOP during packaging, inconsistency of cold chain products such as dairy and meat during and from temperature fluctuations, and sometimes misplacement of cold boxes leading to order fulfilment issues and loss cases. To overcome these issues, each cold box was imbued with temperature sensors and barcodes, and the company's ERP was integrated with an analytic platform to capture order-level temperature history. M2M cellular and Wi-Fi gateways installed in the warehouses transmitted data directly to the cloud. Besides, the delivery personnel were provided with a mobile app for real-time temperature logging during the last leg of delivery. This resulted in 30% less product spoilage and an 80% lesser count of cold-box losses for Big Basket, thus making the process much more efficient and reliable. From the figure 5 we can conclude that excursion risk is 86%.

Figure 5. Predicted Temperature Data Analysis [32]

2.3 Energy Waste Minimization in AC's

Poor visibility of energy savings-for example, high energy costs without a clear strategy to lower them-and a lack of predictive insights into building operations to identify potential savings were the challenges faced by the customer. The energy optimization system was put in place to monitor important performance metrics of the chiller plants in real time- one-minute data capturing. It was also integrated with analytics to generate alerts and automatically correct errors. In addition, supported continuous energy auditing and automatic detection of efficiency improvements, and included embedded systems for intelligent controls. All these from the so-called solution, and the customer was able to realize a Payback period of two months along with the Annual energy savings of 30,000 kWh per year per AHU. The figure 6 shows the energy monitoring system prepared wherein the daily consumption and target, monthly consumption and target, tonnage delivery and chiller plant efficiency. Weekly consumption and last hour consumption have also been obtained using this system.

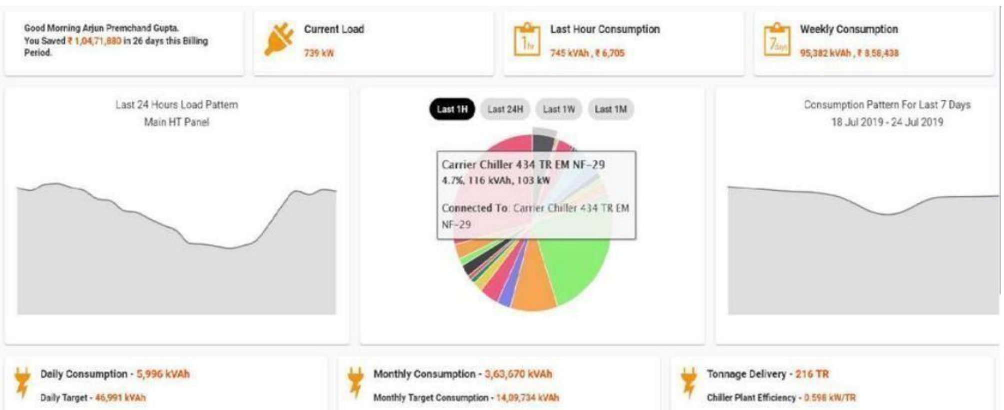

Figure 6. Energy Monitoring System [33]

2.4 RO Monitoring System for Aqua guard

A nationwide solution has been developed that will enable consumers to monitor water purifiers in real-time, with everything that needs to be accurate and functional, but alert them for maintenance or servicing. One of the main issues that branded players have to deal with is loss of revenue due to counterfeit filters available in the market for low costs. On the other hand, branded originals have better durability along with consistent water quality throughout the life cycle, but brands found it difficult to substantiate it to their end-users. The installation of sensors was done to track the quality of purified water and to tag the requirement for replacement of RO membranes. The same sensor data was harnessed to provide relevant information to consumers through mobile app, hence increasing transparency. This data also helps to improve future developments in RO membrane performance. Service revenue saw an increase of almost 30% and water wastage was estimated to decrease by 25% to 30%. The figure 7 shows the water purifier with RO life monitoring system [34].

Figure 7. Water Purifier with RO Life Monitoring [35]

2.5 Electricity Saver in Water Heater

A nationwide initiative was implemented to help consumers resisting energy waste and electricity bills decrement by providing better insights into power usage and water heater operations in their homes. One of the main challenges was that water heaters continued to draw power when connected to a power source, even when hot water was not in use. Additionally, users often lacked awareness of the water temperature and would set the heater to maximum levels unnecessarily. To address these issues, sensors were integrated to track the heating cycle and optimize power consumption accordingly. Features such as automatic shut-off and standby modes were introduced to schedule usage efficiently. As a result, each smart water heater contributed to an estimated 15% reduction in electricity consumption. Figure 8 indicates the power saving in the water heater.

Figure 8. Power Saving in Water Heater [36]

3 Proposed Analysis from Case Studies on IIOT

3.1 Indian Economy Of IIOT

3.1.1 Market Trends and Growth Projections

The Indian IIoT market is growing at a rapid pace and is projected to reach market size of approximately $75.25 billion by 2026, registering a CAGR of 6.7% during the forecast period. The wider IoT market in India is expected to achieve a size of $1 trillion in the next 5-7 years with a growth rate of 17.1% [37]. With an estimated market size of $58.91 billion in 2024, IoT in Manufacturing is expected to grow to $112.69 billion by 2030, reflecting a CAGR of 11.25%.

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3.1.2 Government Initiatives Driving Growth

Make in India initiative aims to position India as a global manufacturing hub by fostering innovation and attracting foreign investments was launched in 2014. It has led to the establishment of over 7,700 tech startups, making India the third-largest startup ecosystem globally [38]. Digital India campaign focuses on improving online infrastructure and increasing internet connectivity to empower citizens digitally. It supports IoT-based solutions that enhance service delivery and governance [39]. Smart Cities Mission initiative aims to develop urban areas with smart technologies for improved infrastructure and quality of life. It is expected to drive significant investments in IoT technologies across various sectors [40].

3.1.3 Sectoral Impact

In manufacturing, the adoption of smart factories equipped with IIoT technologies enhances operational efficiency and reduces costs through predictive maintenance and real-time monitoring. IoT solutions also optimize supply chain management through real-time tracking and predictive analytics.

3.1.4 Economic Benefits

Predictive maintenance can reduce maintenance costs by up to 30%, lower unexpected failures by 70%, and decrease downtime by 50%. Companies like General Electric have reported significant savings; for instance, their IIoT implementation in aviation services resulted in savings of $300 million in fuel costs [41].

3.2 Global Economy Of IIOT

3.2.1 Market Size and Growth Projections

The global IIoT market is expected to reach approximately $194.4 billion by 2024, with projections indicating it could grow to about $286.3 billion by 2029, reflecting a CAGR of 8.1%. Some estimates suggest that the market could reach as high as $503.07 billion by 2029 with a CAGR of 34.41%. According to Accenture, the IIoT could contribute up to $14.2 trillion to global output by 2030, significantly boosting productivity across various industries [42]. From Table 1 we can say that by 2026 market size would be $75.25 billion in India and $194.4 billion at a global level.

3.2.2 Initiatives and Policies by the Government Supporting Growth

The demand for digital transformation across many industries is major IIoT growth drivers globally. Companies are using IIOT technologies to improve the efficiency of their operations, to reduce costs, and diversify revenue streams. Another driver would be the increasing levels of automation and data-driven decision-making.

3.2.3 Economic Impact

The project impacts IIoT in a wide arena worldwide:

Manufacturing: Automation and predictive maintenance presently generating productivity. Healthcare: Remote monitoring and data analytics through IoT devices for enhanced patient care. Transportation: Smart logistics applications optimize supply chains and reduce operational costs [43].

3.2.4 Economic Benefits

IIoT is reported in many industries to have saved millions due to improved productivity and operational efficiencies. Siemens' Amberg plant has very nearly attained a perfect 99.99885% quality level, thereby conserving waste and rework costs considerably. Harley-Davidson has taken down the assembly time for their motorcycles from 21 days to just 6 hours, which translates into enhanced output and faster delivery timings. From Table 1 we can say that jobs are likely to be created through startups in India and significant GDP contributions up to $14.2 trillion by 2030. But there are various challenges to it in India like Infrastructure gaps and skill shortages while at a global level cybersecurity risks and lack of standardization exists [44].

Table 1: Comparative Analysis: Economic Impact in India vs. Abroad

Aspect	India	Global
Current Market Size	$75.25 billion (by 2026)	$194.4 billion (2024)
Projected Market Size	$1 trillion (by 2025)	$286.3 billion (by 2029)
Key Government Initiatives	Make in India, Digital India	Various national policies supporting digital transformation
Sectoral Focus	Manufacturing, Energy, Logistics	Manufacturing, Healthcare, Transportation
Major Economic Contributions	Job creation through startups	Significant GDP contributions (up to $14.2 trillion by 2030)
Challenges	Infrastructure gaps and skill shortages	Cybersecurity risks, lack of standardization

4 Results

The processing power, self-services, the senses, communication protocols, predictive analytics, and artificial intelligence have reached a new peak of development that impresses the whole world. The business world realizes that technology is not added to an everyday activity in vain; neither could it afford to be complacent. Many commercial projects based on the IoT will emerge in propagation and deployment of the commercial projects adopting machine learning in the next 5 years since the transition from pilots and POCs to commercial has been thrown open now. The Government is striving to make India one among the top global giants.

5 Conclusion

Both India and the world over would seem to be easily bitten by the economic impact of the IIoT. Then again, with government initiatives, such as Make in India and more recently, Digital India, much of India's growth in the IIoT sector was being revolutionized, and innovation and business opportunities were coming forth. However, strong growth potential also seems to prevail in the global landscape, as various sectors generating GDP revenues significantly will adopt the IIoT technologies. Both regions challenge the infrastructure gap and a plethora of cybersecurity risks but promise great opportunities for economic transformation through the IIoT initiative. Continued development coupled with investment and policy support would elevate the future of the II-OT into global testimony with higher productivity, effectiveness, and creativity throughout world industries. The making of new countries' winners in the race will be a direct outcome of the changes in IIoT, which will transform not just industries but economies on an entirely new shape globally.

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Deep Reinforcement Learning Based Cyberattack Detection in Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System

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ABSTRACT

The cybersecurity landscape is continuously evolving and dynamic, as new attackers develop increasingly sophisticated methods to attack the targeted organizations. Traditional cybersecurity strategies focused mainly on safeguarding the information using the core principles of the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability i.e. CIA triad. However, in Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, existing intrusion detection mechanisms have certain limitations when it comes to identifying the abnormalities effectively. Researchers have widely explored different types of Machine Learning (ML) techniques and Deep Learning (DL) algorithms to detect the threats faced by Industrial Control Systems (ICS). Although these techniques have provided some level of protection, they have proven to be insufficient in fully securing these systems against evolving cyber threats. To tackle this problem, we propose a novel approach based on Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) to amplify the identification of cyber-attacks in SCADA networks. Our model proposes the "SARSA algorithm," a model-free reinforcement learning technique designed to evaluate the state-action value pairs. SARSA employs an on-policy strategy, it learns from the actions currently taken according to the ongoing policy, allowing for proactive and adaptive intrusion detection. It updates the value in regards to the action selected by the ongoing policy. This approach allows for immediate updates, enabling our model to adapt and respond to intrusions more efficiently. For validation, we use the WUSTL-IIOT- 2021 dataset, a publicly available dataset that includes twenty-five number of networking features representing both attack traffic and benign. Experimental results illustrate that our proposed algorithm achieved a good accuracy in detecting the cyber threats and highlights the hypothetical SARSA-based techniques to strengthen the security of critical infrastructure.

Keywords: Industrial Control System (ICS), SARSA, Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL).

1 INTRODUCTION

The cyberattacks have an exponential growth due to the growing trends of adopting digital infrastructure in the industries. The digitalization of industries greatly influenced the cybersecurity risks in SCADA systems. To counter the significant losses resulting from failures or irregularities within the system, numerous researchers have created a wide variety of Machine Learning model and numerous Deep Learning techniques. Indeed, with increased complex cyber threats and the rapid growth of machine-to-machine communication, an entire new paradigm has shifted towards the adaptability of deep reinforcement learning (DRL) [1]. Reinforcement Learning is a section of machine learning that utilizes rewards and mistakes to learn from the environment. Based on the previous information of the system, this technique will be applied to navigate through new obstacles to solve the upcoming problems. The

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DRL method is combination of the Deep Learning (DL) algorithm and Reinforcement Learning (RL) methods. It allows an agent to mingle with the pre-defined environment and gain knowledge from the trial-and-error model. The DRL algorithms is mainly developed to handle the high dimensional and complex environment in various sectors [2]. RL's decision- making ability and the illustrational capability of deep neural networks (DNNs) is combined for enabling the agents to determine directly from raw inputs such as images, audio, or large datasets. The DRL framework learns with network traffic data and receiving rewards for accurately identifying intrusions and it will distinguish between normal and anomalous behaviours, continually improving its detection capabilities over time [3].

SARSA a state-action-reward-state-action learning algorithm is adequate in adaptive decision-making. The integrate SARSA with deep neural networks to enhance the intrusion detection accuracy on a benchmark dataset like NSLKDD and UNSW-NB15 dataset [4]. Q- learning technique with integrated with SARSA to outperforms the prevention of routing protocol attacks which is used in the software-defined IoT networks and highlights its real-time adaptability [5]. In smart energy systems applied SARSA to optimize peer-to-peer electricity transactions, enhancing energy-sharing strategies and economic outcomes [6]. The demonstration of SARSA's ability to efficiently tune Model Predictive Controllers (MPCs) in the control system and improved the system performance and convergence speed in both simulated and real-world environments [7]. The Deep SARSA algorithm demonstrated in the grid environment with dynamic barrier to find the optimal path to navigate complex environments by adjusting the strategies dynamically [8].

In cyber physical systems (CPSs), SARSA algorithm has shown to be critical for identifying vulnerabilities and improving the defense strategies. RL-augmented attack graph has been used to replicate worst case attack scenarios in smart grids and enabling the identification of weak points [9]. In resource management of mobile edge computing (MEC) SARSA algorithm is optimized by task offloading decisions, it has been seen to reduce processing delays and energy consumption [10]. The main contribution is fusing the flexibility of DRL with the SARSA on policy approach, we establish a proactive and adaptive intrusion detection system in the SCADA environment. The WUSTL-IIOT-2021 dataset, which is accessible to the public, uses the developed algorithm. The outcomes of the model described are contrasted with those of alternative methods. It addresses the particular cybersecurity issues of SCADA systems by utilizing DRL in conjunction with SARSA. The suggested model aims to strengthen system resilience against new and sophisticated cyberthreats in addition to increasing detection accuracy.

1.1 BACKGROUND

In DRL framework three components are present. An essential element in software design is the "environment," representing the agent is attempting to resolve. In this context, the environment serves as an interactive platform that provides the agent with observations, which act as sensory inputs. These observations get an action (a) from the agent, which is influenced by its internal state (s). The state represents the agent's understanding of its current situation from the data generated in the environment. Actions are performed with specific goal and using the reward signal (r) their outcomes are evaluated [11]. The reward serves as feedback, the algorithm balances the exploration-exploitation trade-off, ensuring that the agent explores new strategies while leveraging known strategies to maximize performance. Figure.1 shows the DRL framework.

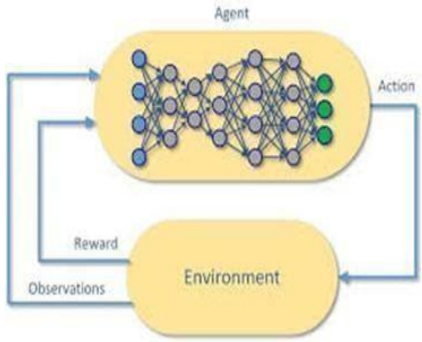

Figure .1. The DRL framework

The SCADA system is generally used in the Industrial Control System for analyzing, monitoring and controlling the industrial processes and infrastructure in real-time. Some of the key components of SCADA are Supervisory Computers it is the Centralized control systems that gather information and process data from remote locations. Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) collects sensor data and send it to the supervisory system. Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) are Industrial computers that automate control of machinery and processes. The Graphical interface representation is utilized for the operators to monitor and manage control processes are referred as Human Machine Interface (HMI). These peripherals enable high level supervision and remote automation like Energy Sector, Water treatment and distribution systems. Fig.2.SCADA based IIOT network [12] is visualized. Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is created to monitor, analyses, and find out a malicious activity in the system. It provides the proactive security approach focuses on anticipating, recognizing, and addressing potential threats before they result in significant harm. The main security concern that every system has to maintain and keep safe is a Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability (CIA) triad. Confidentiality can be breached by the invader connects to the SCADA system to obtain network information such as associated devices, server details, IP addresses and protection guidelines. In many ways Integrity can be breached. Buffer overflow attack is the one example where an intruder stores large amount of data than the allocated size of the buffer, which cause a swap and other buffer values will be overwritten. Availability is violated when an invader forwards significant number of random packets rapidly to the destination node (like HMI or PLC) in order to make the SCADA system insensitive or even collapse the system [13].

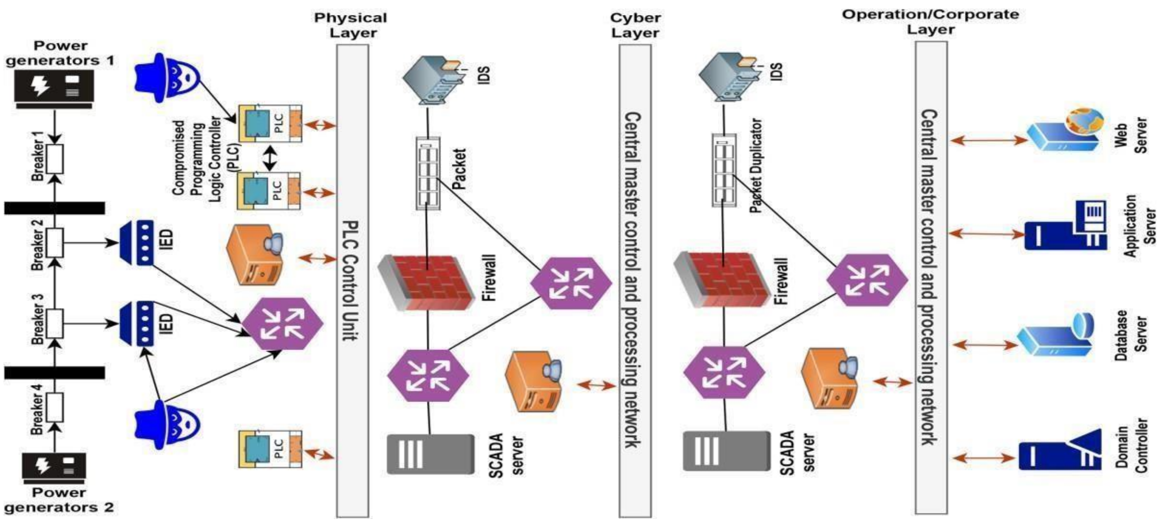

Figure.2. SCADA based IIOT network [12]

2 DESIGN METHODOLOGY FOR PROPOSED MODEL

In the proposed model, the WUSTL-IIOT-2021has been pre-processed by removing some of the features such as 'Start Time', 'Last Time', 'Src Addr', 'Ds tAddr', 'sIpId', 'dIpId', 'Target' and the entire dataset is divided into two datasets. One set of dataset used for training the dataset and another will be utilized for the testing purpose. Our learned model of the algorithm is an ON policy SARSA algorithm that considers the Q value in terms of the next state current policy and not the optimal policy for the next action. SARSA is represented bythe following equation

$$Q'(x,u)=Q'(x,u)+\alpha[w+\gamma Q'(x',u')-Q'(x,u)]$$

In this equation, the current state is denoted as x and u is referred as the action and w is the reward earned. The next state and the action taken based on the same policy are denoted by the variables x' and u'. The system uses α as the Learning rate and γ as the Discount factor. Figure 3. represents the Architectural diagram of the proposed system. It represents the data is pre-processed and splitting for the training and testing data in our developed SARSA algorithm. The model is evaluated and visualized. Our algorithm balances the exploration and exploitation by typically employing the ϵ - greedy policy. By selecting the action with the probability $1-\epsilon$ with highest Q-value the agent exploits its knowledge. The agent explores random actions to discover potentially better strategies if the probability is ϵ. SARSA converges to the optimal policy as ϵ decays over time, provided the agent visits all state-action pairs sufficiently and the learning rate α decreases appropriately.

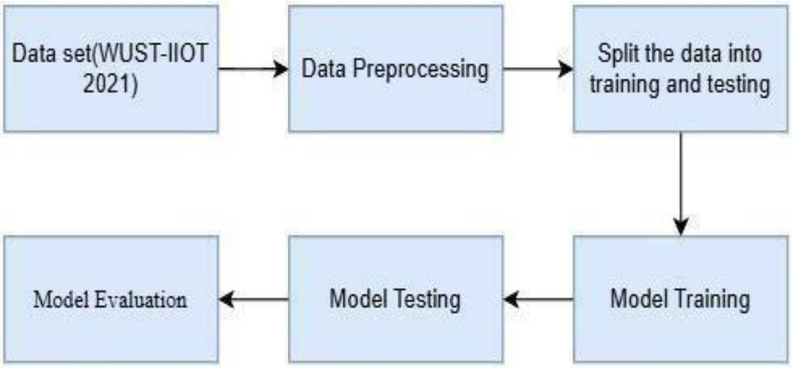

Figure .3. Architectural diagram

Researchers simulate a real industrial operation in the real-world testbed. The total samples in the dataset are 1194464. Table 1. describes the pre-processed dataset information and Table 2 provides the dataset description for training and testing data. The dataset has one normal and four different traffic type which includes the Dos (Denial of Service), Reconnaissance, Command Injection and Backdoor. The researchers have created the imbalanced data intentionally to mimic the real-world scenario. The primary goal of the feature reduction is to make a dataset less dimensional [14]. After pre-processing of the data, SARSA classifier are trained in the feature set, Classification model is validated and analysed.

Table 1. Information of pre-processed dataset

Total number of samples	1194464
Attack traffic	87061
Normal traffic	1107448
Total count of features	49
Count of preprocessed feature	42

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Table 2. Dataset Description.

DATASET	INSTANCES	FEATURES
WUSTL-IIOT-2021 (Training data)	955571	42
WUSTL-IIOT-2021 (Testing data)	238893	42

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

The confusion matrix and its associated heatmap shows the valuable insights about the implementation of our algorithm. The heatmap is the visualization of the confusion matrix which describes that the true positives are the prominent in the heatmap indicating the overall performance for all classes are good. Class 4 dominates the plot as it shows the imbalance in the dataset. Figure.4. provide the confusion matrix. The classification report of our implemented SARSA algorithm shows the accuracy of 93%.

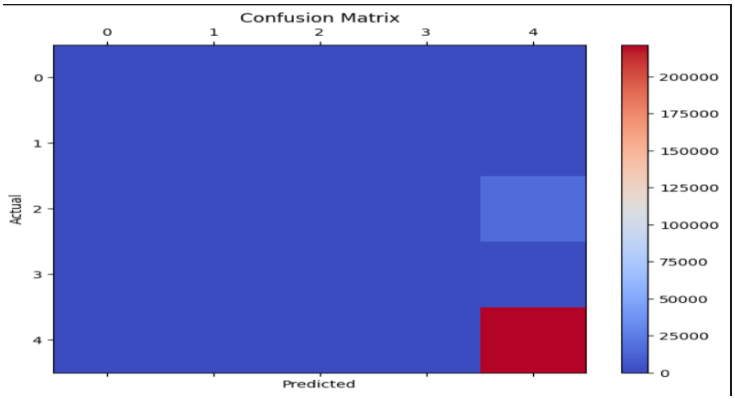

Figure.4. Confusion matrix

The episode reward and average reward per graph is provided in the Figure.5. The Components of the Graph are Episode Reward (Blue Line) and Average Reward (Orange Dashed Line). The episode reward represents the agent's total reward obtained in each episode and the blue line corresponds to cumulative reward got during that specific episode. Due to the stochasticity in the environment and exploration-exploitation trade-offs episode reward shows some fluctuation. The average episode represents the agent's performance over time and helps to visualize the overall learning process. SARSA algorithm improves its policy and the learning process stabilizing is visualized by the upward slope of the line.

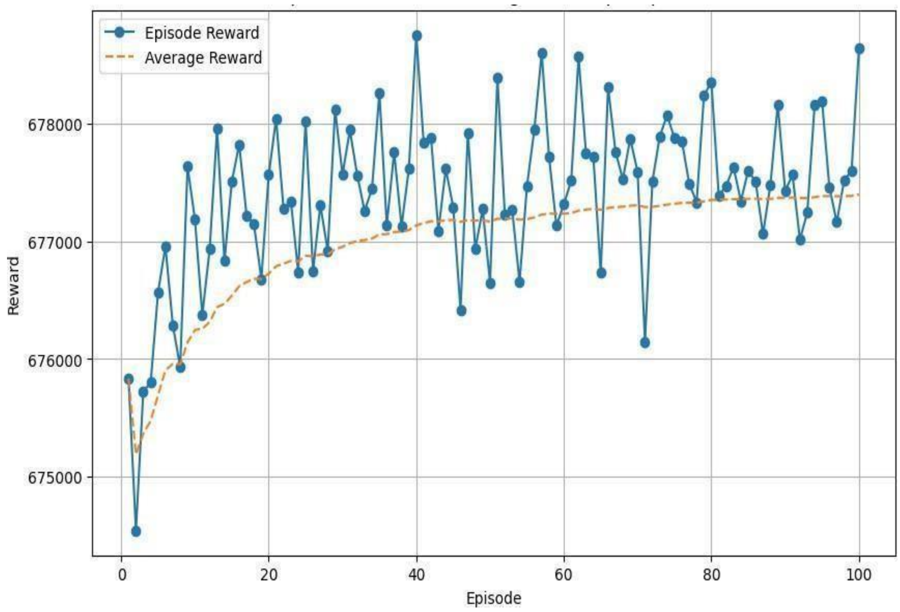

Figure.5. The episode reward and average reward per graph.

The Cumulative Rewards per Episode is given in the Figure.6. The graph shows a steady increasing cumulative reward as the number of episodes increases. our SARSA algorithm is consistently maintaining or improving its performance is indicated in the linear trend.

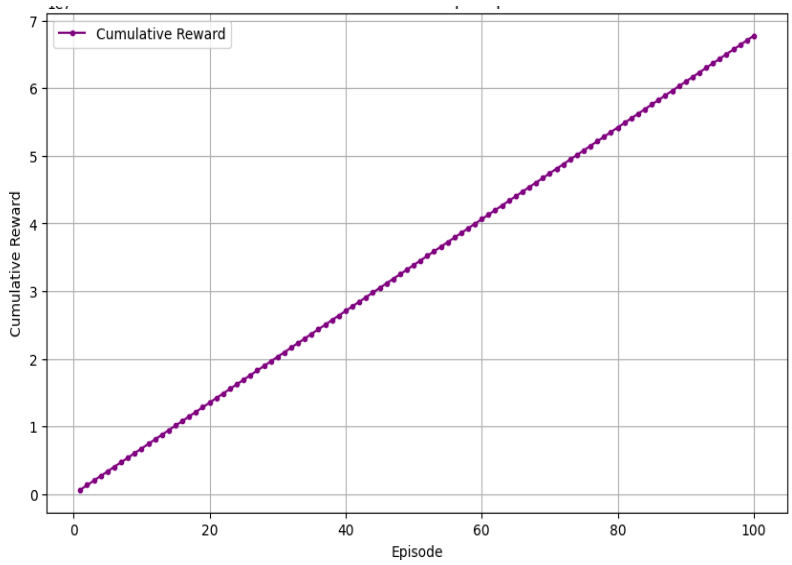

Figure.6. The Cumulative Rewards per Episode.

4 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we implemented the SARSA on policy algorithm in the IIOT SCADA dataset. A comparative analysis has been done using the evaluation metrics. The experimental results and graph show our algorithm learns and improve over episodes. Future direction of our research will explore feature reduction techniques in order to streamline the dataset and enhance the learning outcomes. Finally focus on deployment of our algorithm in the real time industrial datasets to improve its efficiency of the algorithm and address computational challenges.

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Smart Pharma TwinNet: AI-Driven Digital Twin Networks for Smart Pharmaceutical Manufacturing with Industrial IoT

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ABSTRACT

The pharmaceutical industry faces unique challenges, including strict regulatory demands, complex production processes, and the need for precise quality control. This research introduces Smart Pharma TwinNet, a system that uses AI-powered digital twins and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) technology to make pharmaceutical manufacturing more efficient, adaptive, and intelligent. A digital twin is a virtual model of a physical asset that updates in real time with data from sensors and other sources. In Smart Pharma TwinNet, digital twins monitor equipment health and predict potential breakdowns, helping manufacturers perform maintenance before issues occur. This predictive maintenance approach reduces unexpected downtime, lowers costs, and extends the life of expensive machinery. Smart Pharma TwinNet also improves quality control by allowing real- time monitoring of production conditions, which helps catch any issues early and ensures consistent product quality. Additionally, the system promotes resource optimization by reducing waste and energy use, supporting a more sustainable manufacturing process. This paper discusses the design and technology behind Smart Pharma TwinNet, including the IIoT and AI tools used to build a network of digital twins. Our experiments show that this approach enhances production efficiency and accuracy while creating a scalable and sustainable solution for the pharmaceutical industry.

Keywords: Digital Twin; Artificial Intelligence; Industrial IoT

1 Introduction

Manufacturing in the pharmaceutical business belongs to some of the heaviest sectors given its vast significance for humans, and maintaining certain levels of quality and avoiding under-utility is thus very essential together with proper compliance regulation. Manufacturing systems are, more often than not, infested by inefficiencies: from unnecessary breakdowns, inefficiencies related to the excess of using energy and waste output for low quality among many more. Therefore, it calls for the development of innovative technology solutions that lead to safe and friendly green working operations. New technologies such as Digital Twins, Artificial Intelligence, and the Industrial Internet of Things are transforming the pharmaceutical industry. Digital Twins have gained prominence in particular because they simulate real-world physical systems and allow for real-time monitoring with predictive analytics. The use of DTs in conjunction with IIoT devices allows for massive data collection, which in turn can be used to develop actionable insights. AI further advances this integration by analyzing patterns in data, predicting equipment failures, and ensuring quality in the products. The proposed answer is Smart Pharma TwinNet; an advanced, AI-empowered digital twin network for specific and unique answers to challenges in pharmaceutical manufacture. Such challenges include equipment reliability and resource efficiency as well as quality assurance. The new system thereby addresses the principal pain points the industry faces, besides being scalable and sustainable since it aligns with emerging green manufacturing trends globally and supports the principles that define the so-called Industry 4.0.

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1.1 Digital Twin in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing

In that connection, digital twins are revolutionary, the most outstanding simulation tool or means of process optimality. The virtual replicas accurately reproduce the behavior or performances of the physical asset and process in real time, where manufacturing or pharmaceutical production is not immune. Manufacturers may view several production lines, simulate multiple scenarios and predict some potential production line failures; otherwise, interruptions can be identified before they develop or escalate into serious issues when employing digital twins. It creates operational dependability. Building on this capacity, Smart Pharma TwinNet brings high performance in AI algorithms into the digital twin ecosystem[1]. They process sensor-generated data that brings insights into machine health and production trends and offers any anomaly that may surface and calls for a proactive maintenance approach to quality assurance.

1.2 Integration into Industrial Internet of Things

This integration of IIoT devices lies at the core of Smart Pharma TwinNet since it supports the communication mechanism between equipment, sensors, and digital twins. IIoT facilitates real-time data gathering and transfer for the establishment of a foundational basis of informed decision making. With such a network interconnected, it provides a means through which manufacturers monitor key parameters, such as temperature, pressure, and humidity-things that directly impact quality and compliance about the products[2], [3], [4]. The integration of data handling capability of IIoT with the predictive and analytical powers of AI provides Smart Pharma TwinNet with an excellent level of automation and precision[3],[1]. The approach, in itself, not only optimizes the manufacturing process but also aids in supporting sustainability goals through reduced energy consumption and less waste production.

2 System Architecture

The architecture of Smart Pharma TwinNet is designed to ensure the seamless integration of digital twins, IIoT devices, and AI-driven analytics. Modular design emphasizes scalability and interoperability in diverse manufacturing environments.

2.1 Key Components

Digital Twin (DT): The virtual representation of physical assets and processes is at the heart of Smart Pharma TwinNet[5]. It updates dynamically with real-time data for simulation, monitoring, and predictive analytics.

IIoT Network: This is a network of data-capturing nodes that are acquiring information concerning critical parameters, among them, temperature, pressure, and machine performance.

AI Analytics Engine: Here, data from the IIoT network is digested and processed through appropriate machine learning algorithms to yield actionable insights. Some of these tasks comprise anomaly detection, trend analysis, and predictive modeling[4].

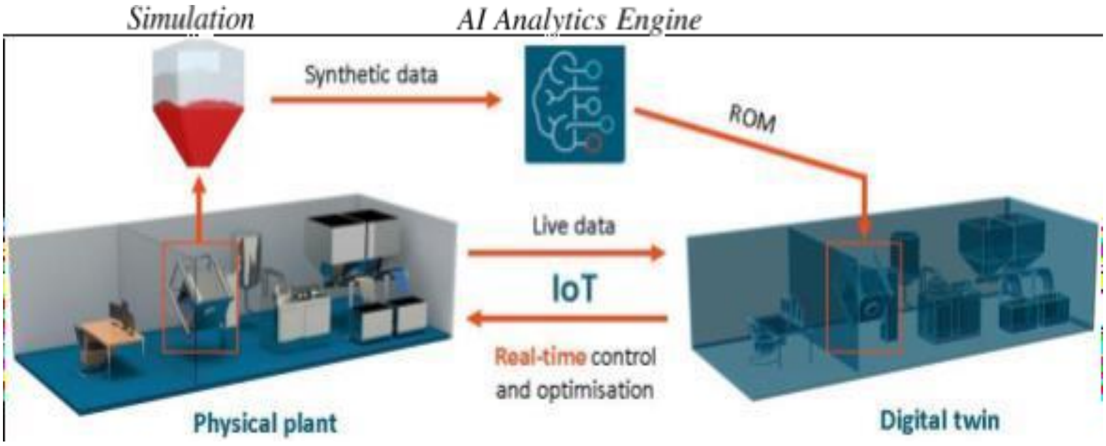

Figure 1: Key components of Smart Pharma TwinNet architecture

The interaction between the physical plant and its digital twin. The system uses IoT for real-time data exchange and control, synthetic data for simulation, and an AI analytics engine for predictive modeling and optimization.

2.2 Modules of Smart Pharma TwinNet

2.2.1 Predictive Maintenance (PM) Module

This module predicts equipment failures using sensor data. AI models look into trends and anomalies and can make manufacturers do maintenance even before a breakdown occurs. Thus, it reduces downtime, extends the life of machines, and decreases operational costs. Framework for Breakdown Prediction with RUL Adjustment.

Step 1: Real-Time Data Collection through IIoT

Temperature (T): The operating temperature of the machine.

Vibration (V): The level of vibration that may give an indication of mechanical wear.

Pressure (P): The pressure in the system that gives insight into the health of the system.

Operational Cycles (C): The number of operational cycles that equipment has undergone.

$$X_t = [T_t, V_t, P_t, C_t]$$

Where:

Xt=sensor data vector Tt = temperature at tim t

Vt = vibration at time t Pt= pressure at time t

Ct = operating cycles at time t

Step 2: Digital Twin Virtual Model

A Digital Twin is built to simulate the asset's behavior and degradation. The Digital Twin relies on live information and a degradation model that replicates the asset's behavior with time. The degradation Model

$$D(t) = D_0 + \int_0^t \text{Lifespan Factor} \cdot (T_t + V_t + P_t)\, dt$$

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Here,

D0=is the initial degradation level.

The Lifespan Factor accounts = how operational parameters (like temperature, vibration, and pressure) affect degradation over time.

Step 3: Predictive Modeling with AI

AI model Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) evaluates the real-time data to predict the probability of a breakdown at any time. These models produce a breakdown probability (P break(t)) from the data:

$$P_{\text{break}}(t) = f(T_t, V_t, P_t, C_t)$$

- **Data Collection and Preprocessing:** The IIoT sensors gather raw data about temperature (Tt), vibration (Vt), pressure (Pt), and operational cycles (Ct) at time t. These sensor values are processed to remove noise, to handle missing values, and to normalize them for higher model performance.
- **Feature Engineering:** From raw sensor data, moving averages, rolling standard deviations, or rate-of-change metrics may be engineered to supplement the model with an appreciation of trends within the system.
- **Training AI Model and Probability of a Breakdown with Real-Time Information :**This model utilizes historical data from similar assets and teaches the AI model the correlation between readings from sensors and events or breakdowns. It therefore incorporates past breakdown records along with operational conditions and their sensor readings over time. The output probability is then compared to a predefined threshold (e.g., 0.8) to determine whether a failure alert should be triggered.
- **AI Model Explanation:** LSTM processes the time-series data, learning from past sensor readings and their impact on breakdowns, capturing temporal dependencies to make more accurate predictions.

Step 4: RUL Adjustment with Real-Time Data

The RUL of the asset is updated dynamically using real-time sensor data and adjusted for degradation. The RUL is expressed as follows:

$$\text{RUL}(t) = D_{\max} - D(t) + \Delta D(t)$$

Where:

Dmax = the maximum degradation level.

D(t) = the current degradation at time t.

ΔD(t) = the change in degradation due to anomalies such as temperature or vibration spikes.

RUL = adjustment ensures that maintenance activities are initiated before failure.

Case Study: Imagine a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant employs a smart manufacturing system to predict breakdowns and optimize the Remaining Useful Life (RUL) of a tablet compression machine. This machine is critical in the production of precise dosages of medication, which demands high accuracy and reliability.

Step 1: Real-Time Data Collection through IIoT

Real-time operational data from the tablet compression machine are collected by IIoT sensors:

- Temperature (T): An expected constant range of 20°C-25°C is observed.The increase signals friction or overheating.
- Vibration (V): Normal vibration value ≤2 mm/s and anomaly observed 4 mm/s. Higher values indicate wear of mechanics.
- Pressure (P): Compression chamber pressure, expected steady range 100-120 kPa. Fluctuation signals something is amiss with hydraulic systems
- Cycles running for operational time: ~500 cycles/hour for each
- Accuracy for Data Collection: ≈ 99.5%.

Step 2: The Digital Twin makes use of data collected to simulate degradation on the machine.

Degradation D(t)

- calculated based on a rise in temperature and vibration.
- Anomaly observed: Pressure increases by 15%
- vibration shoots to 4 mm/s

Digital Twin predicts that such a change will hasten the degradation process, its lifespan will be shortened by 10%

Degradation Modeling Accuracy ~90%.

Step 3: Prediction Model by AI

An LSTM model predicts a failure probability as using time series data at different instances, At t=0: Pbreak(t) = 0.2. At t=5 hours (anomalies present): T, V, P sudden rises. So now the Pbreak(t) is increased to 0.85. Then it crosses the threshold:

Pbreak(t)>0.8. Hence the triggering of Maintenance.
Accuracy AI Model - ~92 % for a breakdown prediction

Step 4: Re-adjust RUL based on Real time Data Dynamically
RUL Recalculates as :

Maximum allowable degradation D(max)=100
Current degradation D(t)=40.

Degradation anomaly ΔD(t)) = 15 due to sudden vibration.

New RUL:

$$\mathrm{RUL}(t) = D_{\max} - D(t) + \Delta D(t)$$

RUL(t)=100−40−15=45 hours.

Maintenance is scheduled within 40 hours to prevent failure.

RUL Prediction Accuracy: ~88% due to real-time recalibration and anomaly integration.

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System Accuracy:

1. Breakdown Prediction: ~92%.
2. RUL Adjustment: ~88%.
3. Combined System Accuracy: ~90%.

2.2.2 Quality Control (QC) Module

The QC module ensures that the production conditions are within the optimal range. It monitors parameters such as temperature, pressure, and humidity, which are critical to maintaining product consistency. Real-time alerts are generated if deviations occur, allowing immediate corrective action.

Maintaining Quality Using RUL in the QC Module: In a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant, the tablet coating machine needs parameter control such as temperature: 30°C-35°C; pressure: 1.2-1.5 bar; and humidity: 50%-60% in order to guarantee quality compatibility.

RUL Methods for Maintaining Quality

Data Acquisition: IIoT sensors detect real-time temperature, pressure, and humidity. Divergences from optimal levels indicate some problem.

Degradation Monitoring**:** A Digital Twin uses real-time data in order to compute degradation D(t) and update the component's Remaining Useful Life. Such as the coating nozzle or air system.

Alerts based on RUL: Whenever RUL passes below a certain threshold (say 5 hours), an alarm is triggered for inspection, or recalibration. Consider the case of 15% drop in humidity such that RUL of Air System goes from 50 to 20 hours wherein corrective action is initiated, The production line is stopped temporarily for maintenance, and the equipment is returned to optimal performance.

3 Result

All tablets are of acceptable quality for coating thickness. Downtime and waste are minimized, and batch- to-batch consistency is maintained.

3.1 AI Algorithms

The AI engine uses LSTM machine learning techniques to improve operational excellence:

- Predictive Analytics: Predicts failures in equipment using historical and real-time data, including integration of Remaining Useful Life (RUL) predictions for timely maintenance.
- Anomaly Detection: Points out anomalies in parameters like temperature, pressure, and humidity to avoid product quality-related issues.
- Optimization Models: Suggests the need for process adjustments in order to maintain production quality and improve resource efficiency.

3.2 Data Management and Security

Real-Time Data Access: The data captured from the IIoT sensors streams to the cloud in real-time, enabling direct and instant access for monitoring and analysis. This ensures on-the-fly decision-making, such as activating maintenance alerts or altering machine parameters. Real-time data allows for the detection of anomalies or deviations earlier than other stages in the process, hence allowing optimization opportunities for operations.

Historical Data Analysis: Historical data is stored in the cloud, which can be analyzed over time[4].

Compliance: Recording environmental conditions and operational parameters to meet the standards set by regulatory agencies.

Operational Insights: Identify trends, optimize maintenance schedules, and enhance process efficiency based on historical performance. Historical data also backs up machine learning models for failure prediction or optimizing production.

Data Security: All data transmitted to or stored in the cloud is encrypted using advanced encryption standards (e.g., AES-256). This means that sensitive production information, such as proprietary processes and machine parameters, will remain confidential and safe from unauthorized access.

3.3 Scalability and Sustainability

Scalability: The system is easily deployable because of the modular architecture. It may be implemented on one production line to cater to the specific needs or may be expanded seamlessly to handle the operations of several facilities. This design allows the adaptation to different operational scales. It is appropriate for either small or large manufacturing environments. Scalability without overhauling the system offers cost-effective solutions to industrial growth requirements[5], [4].

Sustainability: The system aims for ecological responsibility by embedding aspects that reduce waste and optimize energy consumption. Improvement of operational efficiency and minimal use of resources will thus achieve sustainability goals in the pharmaceutical industry. These practices also reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing processes while promoting the adherence to global standards of green manufacturing, aligning with the industry's pursuit of a more sustainable future[6].

4 Experimental Results

Extensive testing of the Smart Pharma TwinNet demonstrates the ability of the system to respond to major issues in the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. These performance improvements are:

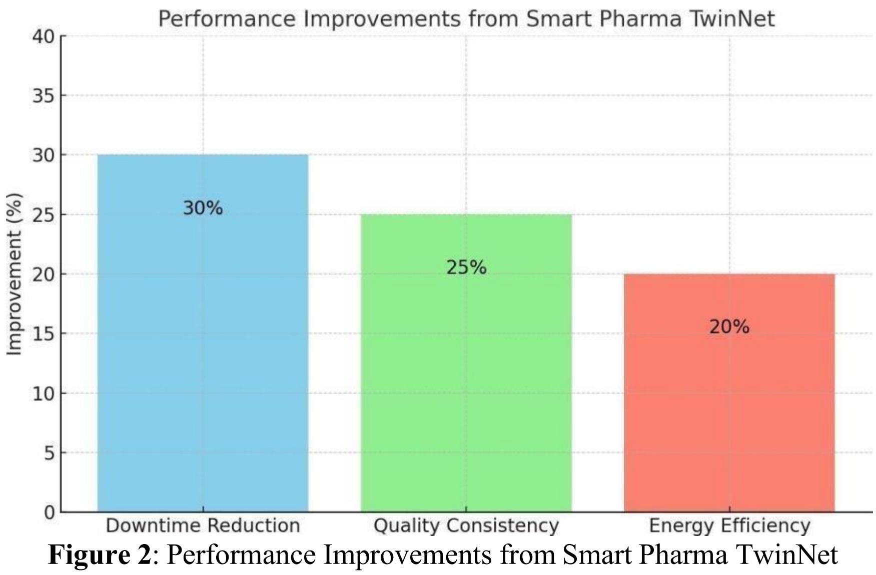

Figure 2: Performance Improvements from Smart Pharma TwinNet

As shown in **Figure 2**, Smart Pharma TwinNet led to a 30% reduction in equipment downtime, a 25% improvement in quality consistency, and a 20% enhancement in energy efficiency. These results validate the system's ability to proactively manage pharmaceutical manufacturing operations with minimal waste and downtime.

Lower Equipment Downtime: The unplanned downtime reduced by 30% by predictive maintenance with RUL monitoring.

Enhanced Quality Consistency: Delivered a 25% improvement in product quality by proactively detecting and mitigating deviations in parameters like temperature, pressure, and humidity.

Improved Energy Efficiency: Realized a 20% reduction in energy consumption by optimizing resource utilization with AI-driven adjustments.

5 Conclusion and Future Work

Smart Pharma TwinNet is a revolutionary step in pharmaceutical manufacturing through the use of digital twins, AI-driven RUL analysis, and IIoT technologies. This new approach addresses key industry challenges: minimizing equipment downtime, ensuring rigorous quality control, and promoting sustainable practices. The system integrates real-time monitoring with predictive and proactive maintenance, which not only enhances operational efficiency but also ensures consistent adherence to high product standards. Moreover, its modular and scalable architecture puts it in a future-ready category aligned with the global move towards Industry 4.0 and green manufacturing. The further development of Smart Pharma TwinNet, including the integration of complex AI models and blockchain in traceability and compliance with regulations, opens up gigantic potential for further revolutionization of pharmaceutical manufacturing. Such adaptability to emerging trends, such as personalized medicine and adaptive production, underscores its worth in shaping a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable future for the industry. Future developments include:

- Improved AI Models for increased predictive accuracy and better insight into equipment health and production optimization.
- Blockchain Integration: Providing strong traceability, compliance, and secure data management[4], [6].
- Adaptive Manufacturing: In addition, new use cases such as tailored medicine will enhance the multifaceted potential of the developed system[6].

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Efficient Warehouse Management with Autonomous Drones

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ABSTRACT

Considering the rapid ascendancy of e-commerce, the logistics industry is facing highly unprecedented demand in its quest to increase efficiency, speed, and accuracy. Most conventional warehouse facilities that still rely on human aids, for example, physical inventory and parcels tracking, tend to be inefficient with locked up operational costs and risks such as lack of safety complying with today's supply chain standards. In this paper, we propose a novel approach: the Warehouse Drone (WD), which is an autonomous quadcopter based automated warehousing logistics system that will be used to locate, recognize and handle the packages more accurately and intelligently. The system operates in a fully automated fashion, fitted within the warehouse environment, using techniques like computer vision, path planning, and scanning. Therefore, it can navigate, plan its route without collisions, and can also scan the positions and the states of the packages in real time. Built on a range of tools such as ROS2, OpenCV, Rivz2, and several others, the WD has the ability to interface with the central warehouse system, facilitating efficient warehouse operations by reducing the need for human interaction in repetitive processes as well as reducing errors after manual handling. In addition, the Warehouse Drone helps tackle significant issues faced in logistics by improving the accuracy of inventory management, operational efficiency, and safety. This paper includes the design of the WD, autonomous navigation approaches, and the use of drones within a warehouse in general.

Keywords: Autonomous drones, Warehouse automation, Inventory management.

1 INTRODUCTION

Due to the increase in consumerism in the modern day, the demand for goods is ever increasing. For the fulfilment of this ever-increasing demand by the human race, warehouses have become crucial to meet these demands. The warehouse management practices of the olden days are insufficient to handle the large volume of stock in extremely large warehouses. To keep up with the sheer number of incoming and outgoing goods, the inventory management system also needs to be upgraded. Several pressing issues can be observed in present warehouse management systems. First, limited stock visibility can cause interruptions in warehouse operations. When stock identification is done incorrectly, it leads to inconsistencies in the recorded inventory, i.e., between the recorded inventory and how much stock is actually available. The primary consequence of this is the delay in dispatching goods, which hinders warehouse operations [1]. Secondly, the hassle in identifying mislocated goods can emerge due to a lack of real-time tracking systems. This causes delays in retrieving necessary products, which further causes delays in shipping them. It also connects back to the first issue discussed, where a mislocated item could potentially be treated as non-existing in its category [2]. Drawing from the second issue, mislocated goods can cause warehouse managers to assume that the goods do not exist and can lead to overstocking. This further causes unnecessary financial losses for the warehouse. Furthermore, any perishable goods that might have undergone such misplacement will cause wastage once expired [3].

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Inspection and repair work at greater elevations inside warehouses have caused severe injuries, including those that have been fatal. Around 30,000 non-fatal electrical shock accidents occur each year. Among the fatalities, around 1,000 of them can be attributed to electrocution [4]. Additionally, pests and rodents are the biggest threat to warehouses storing produce. Not only do they cause significant economic losses by eating said produce, but also contaminate the stock with their excretions. Identifying the existence of those pests manually is based on the likeliness that an individual spots it, otherwise going unnoticed [5]. To mitigate these issues, we propose the Warehouse Drone (WD) system. The following section speaks about how warehouse drones can improve warehouse efficiency.

2 RELATED WORK

The application of autonomous aerial vehicles in warehouse management has recently drawn significant attention due to the potential for advancement of inventory and logistics operations. Early research focused on the feasibility of using drones for real-time inventory tracking. Vuong (2024) demonstrated how drones with RFID scanners traversed warehouse aisles and scanned shelves more accurately than manual methods, especially in large warehouses with multiple units [6]. Further developments by Karamitsos et al. (2021) proposed the integration of drones with warehouse management systems (WMS) for the real-time synchronization of inventory updates. They highlighted the need for robust fleet coordination algorithms when deploying multiple drones simultaneously [7]. Cordova and Olivares (2016) addressed these concerns by proposing an algorithm for drone fleet management, which optimized flight paths for drone fleets, to optimize inventory scanning and retrieval [8]. A study by Christ et al. (2021) validated the efficiency and accuracy of inventory auditing through drones. They found that such systems could reduce audit times by over 90% while improving data accuracy [9]. The potential of drones for worker safety has also been a topic of research. Nooralishahi et al. (2021) examined the use of drones for inspections in hazardous conditions, such as high elevations, poorly lit areas, and electrically unsafe sections of warehouses. They demonstrated that drones could replace manual inspections in such areas using high-definition cameras and sensors, thereby reducing the risk of workplace injuries and fatalities [10].

In the context of environmental monitoring, Heydari et al. (2020) presented a vision-based algorithm for detecting rodent activity in agricultural fields using drones for aerial filming and image processing. The study involved using a quadcopter with a high-resolution camera, and support vector machine (SVM) classifiers to identify burrow holes with high precision [11]. The application of such techniques in warehouses can potentially improve pest detection methods. Moreover, the integration of pest control modules into drone platforms, as discussed by Xue et al. (2016), facilitates targeted pesticide application, allowing for immediate mitigation along with surveillance [12]. From an economic perspective, Çıkmak et al. (2023) focused on the economic feasibility of drone adoption in warehouses. They conducted a cost-benefit analysis and found that while initial implementation costs can be high, the long-term benefits in terms of reduced labour costs, improved inventory accuracy, and enhanced operational efficiency significantly outweighed the expenses [13]. These studies support the feasibility of autonomous drones in warehouse settings, and establish a foundation for further innovations, like the modular WD system we propose in this paper.

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3 METHODOLOGY

This study proposes a layered architecture for an autonomous drone system for warehouse applications, as illustrated in Figure 1. The architecture was designed to be modular, which facilitates system scalability and adaptability across various warehouse environments. It consists of four interdependent layers: hardware, operating system, control, and services.

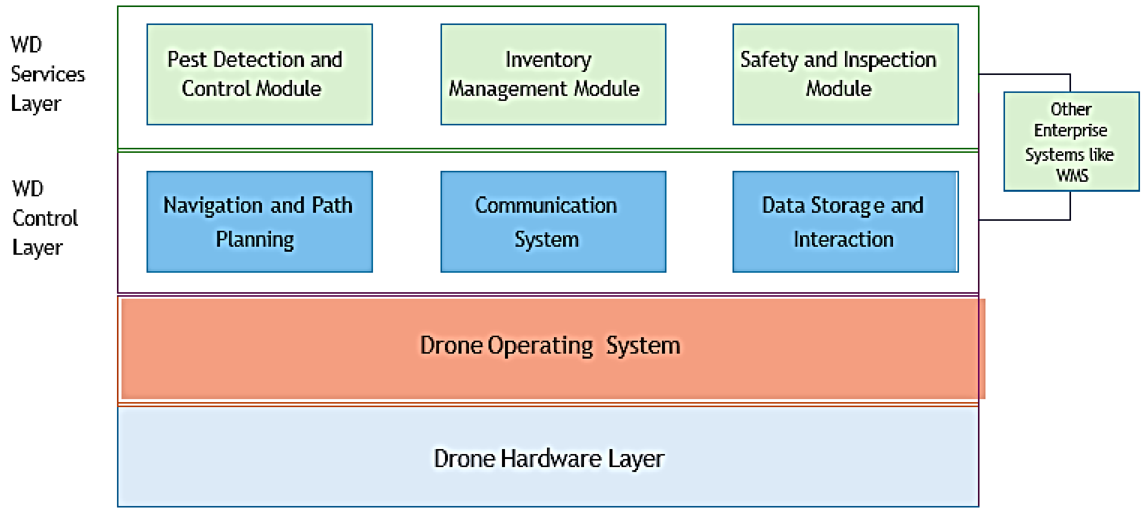

Figure 1. Layered Architecture of WD System

At the foundation is the drone hardware layer, which is constructed with lightweight, modular components. The drone body is fabricated with a lightweight yet durable frame to achieve a balance between maneuverability and payload efficiency. This frame supports modular attachments and can safely accommodate various sensors [14]. High-efficiency propellers and propulsion systems drive navigation, and flight safety is enhanced by integrating LiDAR and ultrasonic sensors for obstacle avoidance [15]. In order to support the various operational modules on board, viz., RFID/barcode scanners, cameras, and other specialized equipment required for inventory and safety operations, an adaptable payload bay is integrated on-board [16]. To monitor the environmental conditions of the warehouse, thermal imaging cameras are integrated for pest detection, and air quality sensors monitor the storage environment [17].

The next layer, the drone operating system, provides the software foundation for the drone's autonomy. It incorporates embedded software for autonomous navigation, handling sensor input, and real-time data-driven decision-making [18]. The drones are programmed for autonomous functionalities such as takeoff, landing, and docking at charging stations. This reduces human intervention and makes operations seamless [19]. To maintain flight stability, a set of adaptive Proportional–Integral–Derivative (PID) controllers are implemented, with individual controls for pitch, roll, and yaw angles. Through these controllers, the system responds dynamically to environmental disturbances, which is essential for warehouse settings with tight spaces and frequent human activity [20].

The control layer is the operational core of the system. The drones use simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithms for indoor navigation of complex layouts. High-precision localization is achieved by combining global positioning system (GPS) modules for outdoor reference and real-time kinematic (RTK) systems for indoor positioning [21]. Dynamic path planning algorithms are implemented to reduce energy consumption, avoid obstacles, and minimize flight time [22].

Communication between drones and the warehouse management system (WMS) is facilitated through wireless communication systems like Wi-Fi, enabled with 5G protocol, which facilitates real-time transmission of inventory data [23].

At the top of the architecture, the services layer includes high-level modules for specific tasks such as inventory tracking, safety inspections, and pest detection. Inventory tracking is carried out by RFID scanning and barcode analysis in real-time, with the data relayed to the WMS for automated stock updates [24]. For safety inspections, thermal imaging sensors are integrated on-board, to identify pest and rodent activity [25], and a pest mitigation mechanism is introduced through ultrasonic repellents and pesticide dispersion [26]. Real-time video feeds are included in the system, along with the ability to control the drones remotely, which enables inspections in hazardous areas without risking the safety of workers [27]. The architecture is designed to be compliant with warehouse safety regulations, such as adhering to certain weight limits, or avoiding no-fly-zones [28]. This layered approach also facilitated modular testing, supporting independent validation of each component before system-wide integration and performance evaluation.

4 RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The Warehouse Drone (WD) system proposed in this system was evaluated through multiple simulations. Each simulation sheds light on key operational objectives such as inventory tracking, path optimization, safety inspections, and pest detection. The results demonstrated the layered architecture's effectiveness in addressing the core challenges of warehouse management. They also revealed certain operational trade-offs. In simulations of a multi-UAV system focused on inventory tracking, a swarm of six independently operating autonomous drones with RFID readers successfully scanned over 90% of inventory items in 12 minutes. When the simulation was extended to 60 minutes, the system achieved 100% coverage, with all RFID tags detected in 27 minutes. These results validated the system's ability to conduct accurate and timely inventory audits. However, some instances of redundancy in tag detection and occasional overlapping in scanning paths were observed, particularly in simulations lacking inter-drone coordination. This highlighted the importance of optimizing fleet management protocols for large scale deployments [24]. Path planning simulations using a point-line visual SLAM algorithm showed high responsiveness, with real-time processing rates of up to 73 Hz on desktop systems and 40 Hz on embedded processors. The algorithm consistently achieved reliable localization under varying lighting conditions and complex environments, outperforming traditional SLAM methods both in terms of accuracy and drift reduction. However, in environments with densely packed obstacles, navigation updates experienced minor latency, which indicated the need for hardware acceleration or algorithmic refinement in high-density scenarios [21].

The drones also performed well in simulated safety inspection scenarios. High-resolution video streams allowed for remote inspection of elevated storage racks and dimly lit areas of the warehouse. Structural defects, such as cracks and corrosion, were successfully identified, thereby reducing the need for manual inspections in hazardous areas [10]. However, battery limitations occasionally disrupted extended inspection tasks, highlighting energy management as a critical area for improvement. Dust and low visibility conditions occasionally compromised sensor reliability, indicating a need for adaptive filtering techniques or environmental adjustments [25]. Pest detection tests using thermal imaging achieved an accuracy of 96.1% in identifying rodent-made burrow hole locations, based on simulated temperature anomalies. The high precision was attributed to the use of support vector machine (SVM) classifiers, which were trained on colour and texture features from high-resolution images [11]. Simulations of pesticide dispersion further demonstrated sub-meter targeting accuracy, with a 7-meter swath width and wind speeds of 0-2 m/s, ensuring consistent coverage and minimizing waste, especially under low wind conditions. This suggests that drones could function effectively as both detection and mitigation tools for pest management in food storage facilities [24].

The coordination of multiple drones was evaluated using a planning strategy based on Signal Temporal Logic (STL), allowing the simultaneous operation of up to sixteen drones without risk of collisions. The system demonstrated continuous and balanced task distribution, and maintained consistent task execution across the fleet, while also avoiding the oversimplified abstractions commonly seen in other approaches. However, increasing the number of drones led to slight delays in coordination updates, especially while navigating shared corridors. This implies that hybrid coordination models or decentralized control systems could improve scalability [28]. In emergency scenarios, the drones successfully detect thermal anomalies resembling fire outbreaks and transmitted alerts to the control centre. The system also demonstrated potential in guiding evacuation paths and delivering emergency supplies, including first-aid kits. Though effective, these simulations highlighted the need for faster battery recharge cycles and improved performance in high-temperature environments.

Overall, the simulations validated the core functions of the WD system, and highlighted its potential to replace or enhance existing manual processes. The system showed significant potential in improving inventory accuracy, inspection coverage, pest control techniques, and emergency response capability. The identified limitations, such as battery endurance, inter-drone coordination, and sensor durability, provide clear paths for further research and improvement.

5 CONCLUSION

This study presented an autonomous drone-based system designed to optimize warehouse operations by automating inventory management, safety inspections, and pest control. The system was built on a layered architectural framework, integrating modular hardware, embedded autonomy, real-time navigation, and high-level service modules. Simulation results showed that the drone swarm was capable of performing efficient inventory audits, navigating complex environments dynamically, and accurately detecting pests and hazards. The drones were also able to perform coordinated operations and emergency response tasks, highlighting the system's versatility. Although the simulations validated the operational viability of the system, challenges such as limited battery life, occasional sensor interference, and coordination delays in multi-drone scenarios were observed. These limitations emphasize the need for improvements in energy efficiency, sensor calibration, and real-time communication systems. Despite these challenges, the WD system present a scalable and modular solution for issues in modern warehouses, with the potential to reduce dependency on manual labour, improve safety standards, and optimize logistics workflows. Future developments may focus on integrating predictive analytics for inventory forecasting, improving environmental monitoring with advanced sensing technologies, and exploring hybrid systems that integrate both aerial and ground-based automation. The findings highlight the increasing importance of autonomous aerial platforms in industrial environments and provide a practical framework for their integration into warehouse management.

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