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Editorial

Next Generation Green Mobility Vehicles and Hydrogen Fuel Cells: The global transportation sector is undergoing rapid transformation as nations strive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve sustainable development goals. Conventional petrol and diesel vehicles continue to contribute significantly to air pollution, carbon emissions, and climate change. Geopolitical conflicts and wars have also disrupted crude oil supply chains, causing fuel price volatility, energy insecurity, and economic uncertainty. These challenges highlight the urgent need for cleaner, reliable, and sustainable mobility solutions.

Several alternative energy sources are being explored, including battery-electric vehicles, biofuels, compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), ethanol blends, biodiesel, and hydrogen. Among these, hydrogen fuel cells have emerged as a promising technology due to their high energy density, rapid refuelling, and zero tailpipe emissions, producing only water vapour. Compared with battery-electric vehicles, hydrogen-powered vehicles are better suited for long-distance travel and heavy-duty transportation requiring extended range and quick refuelling.

Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles offer several advantages, including improved energy efficiency, quieter operation, and reduced dependence on fossil fuels. When hydrogen is produced using renewable energy, it provides a near carbon-neutral transportation pathway. However, large-scale adoption is constrained by the high cost of green hydrogen production, expensive fuel cell systems, limited refuelling infrastructure, storage and transportation challenges, and stringent safety requirements. Overcoming these barriers remains a key priority.

The future of hydrogen mobility depends on coordinated efforts among governments, industry, researchers, and academia. Investments in renewable hydrogen production, infrastructure, supportive policies, standardization, and research are essential for commercial success. Continued advances in fuel cell durability, hydrogen storage, and cost reduction will accelerate adoption. As these challenges are addressed, hydrogen fuel cells are expected to become a vital component of next-generation green mobility, complementing battery-electric vehicles in creating a cleaner and more sustainable transportation ecosystem.

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents an IoT-based energy optimization framework for smart office environments that integrates environmental sensing, occupancy detection, and automated control. The architecture employs a Raspberry Pi as a central controller and multiple ESP32-based sensor nodes to monitor temperature, humidity, CO2, NOx, particulate matter (PM), and other indoor air quality parameters. Communication between nodes is implemented using the MQTT protocol to ensure lightweight and reliable data exchange. Occupancy detection is performed using a deep neural network (DNN)-based object recognition model. By combining real-time environmental and occupancy data, the proposed framework dynamically regulates air conditioning, lighting, and ventilation systems to minimize energy consumption while maintaining occupant comfort. Initial implementation validates the system architecture, sensor communication reliability, and preliminary occupancy detection performance, demonstrating the feasibility of the proposed approach and providing a foundation for further optimization and large scale deployment.

KEYWORDS : *Energy Optimization, IoT, Automation, Occupancy Detection, Environmental Monitoring.*

INTRODUCTION

Commercial office buildings account for a significant por- tion of global electricity consumption, with heating, venti-lation, air conditioning (HVAC), and lighting systems rep- resenting the dominant energy loads. In conventional instal-lations, these systems often operate on manual control or static scheduling, leading to unnecessary energy usage during partially occupied or unoccupied periods. Prior studies on AI-driven energy optimization in IoT-enabled environments highlight the limitations of human-dependent and timer-based control mechanisms in maintaining operational efficiency [3]. Recent advancements in intelligent building management systems demonstrate that static control strategies fail to adapt to dynamic indoor conditions such as fluctuating occupancy levels and environmental variations [1]. Research further in-dicates that HVAC and lighting systems contribute dispro-portionately to total energy consumption when not integrated with real-time monitoring and adaptive control mechanisms. Edge-AI and distributed IoT architectures have therefore been proposed as scalable solutions to enable localized decision-making and responsive energy management.

Indoor environmental quality in commercial offices is in-fluenced by multiple interacting parameters, including tem-perature, humidity, particulate matter (PM), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), NOx, and CO2 concentration. Existing comfort-control systems often rely on limited sensing inputs, restricting their ability to respond effectively to real-time fluctuations [2], [24]. Emerging literature emphasizes the need for multi-parameter sensing combined with occupancy-aware intelligence to achieve balanced energy efficiency and occupant comfort.

To address these challenges, this paper proposes an IoT-based energy optimization framework that integrates multi- parameter environmental sensing with real-time occupancy de-tection using a camera module and a YOLOv8n deep-learning model. Environmental data from SEN55 and PASCO2 sensors are acquired through ESP32-based nodes and transmitted via MQTT to a Raspberry Pi edge controller. The controller performs data aggregation and executes automated threshold- based control for HVAC, lighting, and ventilation systems. By combining sensor fusion and computer-vision-driven oc-cupancy analytics at the edge, the proposed architecture aims to reduce energy wastage while preserving indoor comfort. The primary objectives of this work are as follows:

- To design and implement an automated IoT-based system capable of reducing energy consumption in commercial office HVAC and lighting systems.
- To integrate multi-parameter environmental sensing and camera-based occupancy detection for comprehensive real-time environmental awareness.
- To develop robust edge-level control logic on a Raspberry Pi that dynamically regulates building systems based on aggregated sensor inputs and predefined comfort thresh- olds.
- To implement a non-intrusive computer-vision-based oc-cupancy detection and counting mechanism enabling zone-based control strategies.

RELATED WORK

Energy optimization in smart buildings has attracted significant attention due to the high proportion of global energy consumption attributed to the building sector. Reports from NREL and CIM indicate that HVAC and lighting systems account for the largest share of energy usage in commercial buildings, emphasizing the need for intelligent and adaptive control mechanisms [23] [22]. Consequently, recent research has increasingly focused on integrating IoT infrastructures, occupancy awareness, and artificial intelligence techniques to enhance operational efficiency.

Several review studies provide comprehensive overviews of AI-driven energy optimization strategies. Ekanayaka et al. conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of artificial intelligence methods applied to smart building energy manage- ment, highlighting the effectiveness of machine learning mod- els in reducing HVAC energy consumption while maintaining comfort levels [1]. Similarly, Bajwa et al. and Onweh et al. analyzed AI-enabled smart building management systems and emphasized the importance of integrating occupant comfort with HVAC optimization and building automation [3] [2]. These studies collectively demonstrate the growing maturity of AI-based optimization but also indicate challenges related to scalability, interoperability, and real-world deployment.

From an architectural perspective, Adepoju and David pro- posed an intelligent API framework for real-time occupancy- based HVAC integration within smart building management systems [4]. Their microservice-oriented design enables in- teroperability between IoT subsystems and facilitates the in- tegration of machine learning modules. While the framework provides a scalable conceptual model, large-scale experimental validation remains limited. Similarly, IoT integration strategies for HVAC systems have been explored to enhance sustainabil- ity and occupant comfort [10], and broader IoT-based energy management frameworks have been discussed as promising enablers of smart building automation [15].

Model-based and predictive control strategies have also been widely investigated. Yang et al. integrated Model Pre- dictive Control (MPC) with ontology-based semantic models to improve HVAC performance and occupant comfort [5]. Data-enabled predictive control methods for HVAC systems further demonstrate the potential of combining physical mod- eling with data-driven techniques [20]. Additionally, hybrid machine learning–MPC approaches have been proposed to enhance energy efficiency while maintaining system stability [7]. Although these methods report promising energy savings, many studies are validated under controlled conditions and may require adaptation for diverse building environments.

Occupancy estimation plays a critical role in occupancy-driven energy optimization. Early IoT-based occupancy mon- itoring systems relied primarily on motion sensors and fixed scheduling strategies [11]. More recent research incorporates machine learning models to improve occupancy prediction accuracy in IoT-enabled buildings [14]. Ka´ntoch and Augusty- niak proposed a CO_2-based algorithm incorporating tempo- ral features to estimate occupancy levels ranging from one to sixteen occupants, demonstrating strong performance in controlled laboratory settings [6]. Kim et al. extended CO_2-based estimation by integrating ventilation and differential pressure data, showing improved robustness under varying environmental conditions [18].

To further enhance reliability, multi-sensor fusion tech- niques have been explored. Rafi et al. introduced a Deep Weighted Fusion Learning (DWFL) model that dynamically adjusts sensor importance to improve occupancy detection accuracy [13]. Similarly, low-cost thermal sensing combined with convolutional neural networks has been investigated for occupancy prediction in resource-constrained deployments [21]. These approaches highlight the benefits of heterogeneous sensing but also introduce integration and calibration challenges.

Artificial intelligence methods for HVAC and energy man-agement have been extensively reviewed in the literature.

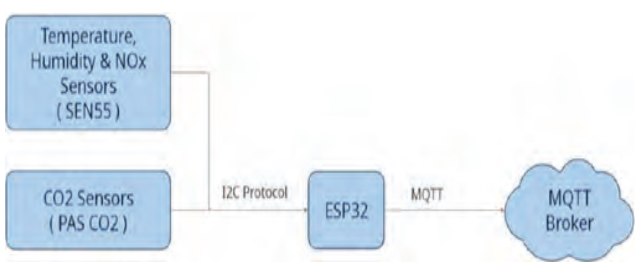

Fig. 1. Edge Node with Sensors

Amangeldy et al. and Aghili et al. summarized reinforcement learning, deep learning, and hybrid optimization approaches for smart building resource management [8] [9]. Camacho et al. discussed the broader application of AI in smart cities, em- phasizing its potential for large-scale energy optimization [16]. Moreover, occupant-aware energy forecasting using LSTM models has demonstrated improvements in predictive accu- racy for building energy consumption [12]. Despite these ad- vancements, practical deployment challenges—including sen- sor drift, computational overhead, privacy concerns, and sys- tem interoperability—remain open issues [1] [3].

Beyond technical optimization, human behavior signifi- cantly influences building energy performance. Hakawati et al. demonstrated that occupant awareness and behavioral pat- terns directly impact residential energy management outcomes [17]. These findings suggest that effective IoT-based energy optimization systems must integrate environmental sensing, occupancy estimation, predictive control, and human-centric considerations within a unified framework.

Overall, existing research demonstrates substantial progress in AI-driven optimization, occupancy estimation, and IoT- enabled automation. However, many studies focus on isolated components such as predictive control, occupancy analytics, or sensor fusion without integrating them into a unified, edge-deployable architecture suitable for real-world commer- cial environments. Furthermore, practical challenges including interoperability, computational constraints, and system scal- ability are often underexplored. These limitations motivate the development of an integrated IoT-based framework that combines multi-parameter environmental sensing, real-time vision-based occupancy detection, and edge-level automated control within a cohesive and deployable system architecture.

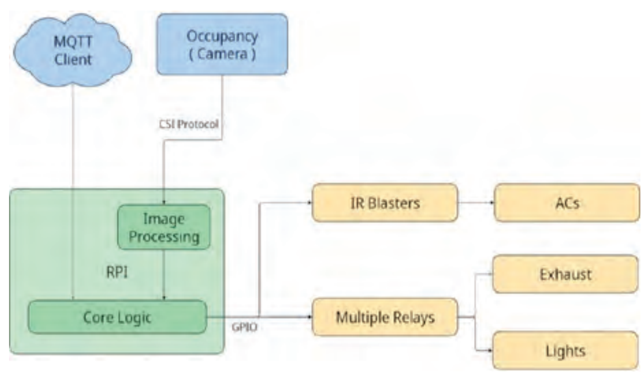

Fig. 2. Central HVAC Control Unitresource

SYSTEM DESIGN

The IoT-Based Energy Optimization System is designed as a modular, layered architecture that enables zone-based monitoring and automated control of HVAC, lighting, and ventilation in commercial office environments. The design combines distributed sensing nodes, a lightweight messaging backbone, edge processing for vision-based occupancy, and robust actuation interfaces. The overall intent is to deliver a closed-loop control system that fuses environmental and oc-cupancy information to make context-aware energy decisions.

Table 1 Comparison of existing smart building energy optimization approaches

Study / Approach	Sensors / Data Sources	Occupancy Detection Method	Processing Architecture	Control Strategy	Key Contributions	Limitations
Model Predictive Control (MPC) approaches [5], [7], [20]	Environmental sensors, building models	Generally not included	Centralized computing systems	Predictive model-based HVAC control	Improved energy efficiency through predictive optimization	Requires accurate building models and high computational resources
CO_2-based occupancy estimation [6], [18]	CO_2, ventilation data, pressure sensors	Indirect estimation using gas concentration models	Local or cloud processing	Occupancy-aware environmental control	Low-cost approach for estimating occupant counts	Accuracy depends heavily on ventilation conditions
Motion/PIR-based occupancy monitoring [11], [14]	PIR sensors and motion detectors	Binary presence detection	Local IoT nodes	Simple rule-based control	Low-cost implementation for smart lighting and HVAC	No occupant counting; susceptible to false triggers
Multi-sensor fusion and deep learning approaches [13], [21]	Thermal sensors, environmental sensors	Deep learning-based occupancy prediction	Edge or cloud AI systems	AI-based optimization and monitoring	Improved accuracy using heterogeneous sensing and deep learning models	Integration complexity and higher computational requirements
Proposed IoT Edge-AI Framework	SEN55 (PM, VOC, temperature, humidity) and PASCO$_2$ (CO_2) sensors with camera	YOLOv8n computer-vision-based occupancy detection and counting	Edge computing using Raspberry Pi with MQTT-based IoT nodes	Threshold-based adaptive HVAC, lighting, and ventilation control	Integrated multi-parameter environmental sensing with scalable edge nodes	Requires camera deployment and edge hardware resources

High-level architecture

At the highest level the system is divided into four interact-ing layers: the sensing layer, the communication layer, the pro-cessing (edge) layer, and the actuation layer. The sensing layer is distributed across zones and provides multi-parameter envi-ronmental measurements together with visual occupancy cues. The communication layer uses a publish–subscribe mechanism to deliver sensor data to the processing node. The processing layer—implemented on a Raspberry Pi—aggregates sensor streams, executes computer-vision inference for occupancy, applies threshold and fusion logic, and issues control com-mands. The actuation layer executes commands via relays, contactors, and an IR transmitter to operate lights, exhaust fans, and air-conditioning units. Block and circuit diagrams in the project report depict how these layers are physically con-nected and how signals propagate from sensors to actuators. The above system design is shown in fig. 4.

Sensing layer

Each sensing node is based on an ESP32 microcontroller that interfaces with the chosen environmental sensors via I2C. The primary environmental sensor module is the SEN55, which provides temperature, relative humidity, particulate mat- ter (PM1/PM2.5/PM10), VOC/NOx indices and related air- quality metrics. The CO2 concentration is measured by the PASCO2V15 sensor integrated into the same node architecture. Nodes sample at configured intervals, preprocess raw readings (basic filtering and timestamping), and tag messages with a zone identifier. The figure 1 shows interface of sensors to the ESP32.

Communication layer

Sensor nodes publish their structured payloads to an MQTT broker hosted on the Raspberry Pi. Topics are organized by zone and parameter (for example, /zone1/temperature), enabling clear separation of streams and straightforward sub-scription by the processor. This publish–subscribe model pro-vides low overhead, supports multiple publishers/subscribers, and allows the architecture to scale by adding more ESP32 nodes without changing the central logic.

Processing layer

The Raspberry Pi is the central processing hub. It acts as MQTT broker, subscribes to sensor topics, performs data aggregation, and hosts the occupancy detection pipeline. A camera provides video frames to the Pi. Frames are prepro-cessed and passed to a YOLOv8n(int8) model running using OpenCV for person detection; bounding boxes and occupancy counts are produced in real time. The Pi fuses the aggregated sensor values with occupancy results to create a unified state for each zone. Decision logic applies threshold checks and fusion rules (for example, prioritize air-quality alarms over simple comfort control) and produces discrete control actions. The figure 2 shows the central unit and its interfaces.

Actuation layer

Control commands from the RPi are translated into physical actions using GPIO outputs. RPi's control lines are optically isolated from high-voltage circuits in practical deployments. Low-power relay modules are used to switch lighting circuits, while higher current contactors handle exhaust fans and other heavy loads; contactors are driven by the relay module to safely isolate the RPi from mains currents. Air conditioners that accept infrared commands are controlled via an IR trans-mitter connected to the RPi, which reproduces remote control sequences to change power state and operating mode. The hardware schematics in figure depicts relay pinouts, contactor wiring, and safe power distribution practices.

METHODOLOGY

The IoT-Based Energy Optimization System operates through a continuous loop of sensing, processing, and auto- mated actuation. The working mechanism integrates data from environmental sensors and occupancy detection to ensure that AC units, lighting, and exhaust systems operate only when required. The entire workflow consists of three main stages: data collection, Raspberry Pi logic processing, and final action execution.

Data Collection

Data collection begins with simultaneous acquisition of environmental and occupancy information. The PASCO2 sensor measures CO_2 concentration along with temperature and humidity in the environment. These readings are transmitted to the ESP32 microcontroller, which then publishes them to the MQTT broker for further processing. The SEN55 module captures particulate matter, VOC, NOx index, temperature, and humidity, and similarly publishes its readings via the MQTT network. Together, these sensors maintain a detailed, multi- parameter view of indoor air quality.

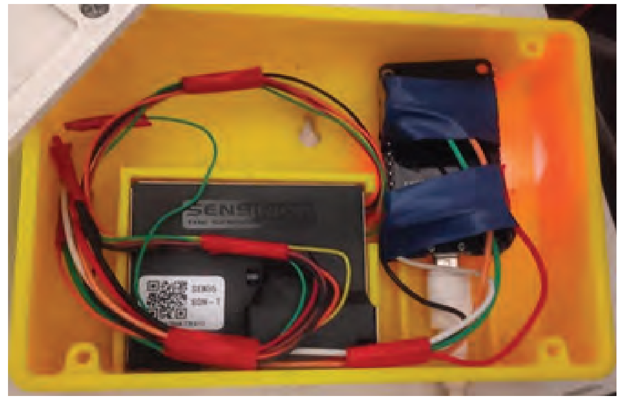

Fig. 3. ESP Node with SEN55

Occupancy information is gathered through a camera con-nected to the Raspberry Pi. The Pi uses computer vision techniques (i.e. YOLOv8n model) to continuously analyze the live camera feed. Through this process, the system detects whether people are present in a particular zone and counts the number of occupants.

Central Logic

The Raspberry Pi serves as the core processing unit, aggregating all sensor data such as temperature, humidity, light levels, and occupancy. Once the Pi receives the data from the MQTT broker, it evaluates the conditions using its programmed decision-making logic.

For air-conditioning, the Pi considers both temperature and occupancy.

- If a zone remains unoccupied for a specified duration, the Pi either turns off the AC or increases the temperature setpoint to reduce energy use.
- If occupants are detected, the Pi compares the sensed tem- perature with predefined comfort thresholds and adjusts the AC accordingly.
- The AC may operate in cooling, fan-only, or eco mode depending on the comfort requirement and energy-saving conditions.

For lighting control, occupancy acts as the primary trigger.

- If no occupants are detected, lights is turned off entirely or only essential lights may remain active.
- When occupants are present, the Raspberry Pi uses the occupancy information to activate the necessary lights in the corresponding zone.

For exhaust ventilation, the Pi monitors CO_2 and NOx values from PASCO2 and SEN55 sensors.

- If pollutant levels exceed threshold limits, the Pi activates exhaust fans to improve ventilation.
- During this period, the AC will be temporarily disabled to prevent recirculation of stale or polluted air.

Action and Control

After determining the appropriate actions, the Raspberry Pi sends commands to the respective control hardware.

For AC control, the Pi communicates with IR-based or WiFi-based AC modules to:

- Turn AC units ON or OFF.
- Adjust temperature setpoints.
- Switch between operating modes such as Eco Mode when occupancy is low.

For lighting control, the Pi sends GPIO signals to relay modules connected to lighting circuits. These relays physically switch lights ON or OFF depending on occupancy and lighting conditions.

For exhaust control, the Pi communicates with relays con-nected to the exhaust system. When air-quality thresholds are crossed, these relays along with contactor activate the exhaust fans; once CO2 and NOx levels stabilize, the fans are automatically turned OFF.

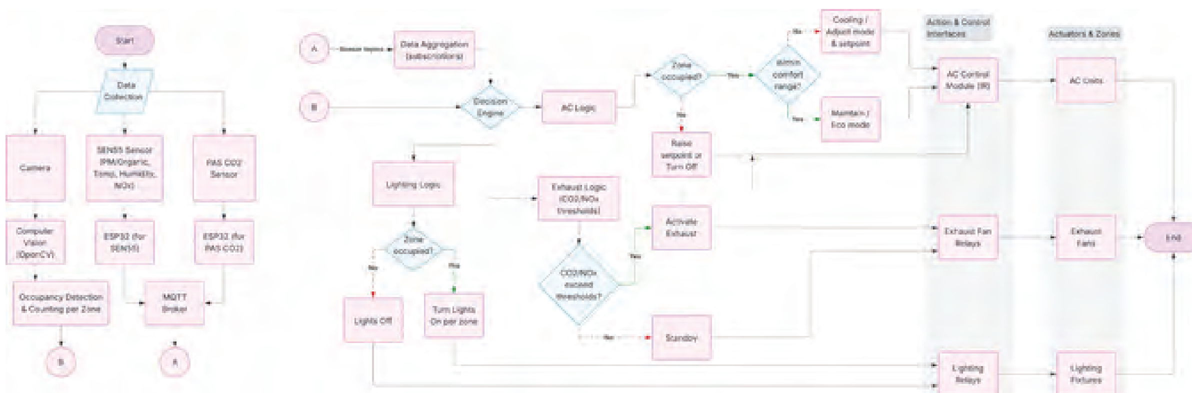

Fig. 4. System Workflow

Through this real-time closed-loop mechanism—combining sensing, processing, and actuation—the system ensures that energy is utilized efficiently while maintaining comfort and indoor air-quality standards

RESULTS

The prototype implementation of the proposed IoT-based energy optimization system was validated through deployment of a single ESP32-based sensing node and integration of the vision-based occupancy detection module in a commercial office environment. This node, equipped with the SEN55, is responsible for acquiring real-time data on temperature, rela- tive humidity, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particulate matter (PM1, PM2.5, PM10), and nitrogen oxides (NOx), and transmitting it to an MQTT broker for further analysis. The preliminary results demonstrate the effectiveness of the core system components, particularly the sensor data acquisition, detection system and communication infrastructure. Key find- ings from this phase of the implementation are summarized below.

Human Detection and Tracking System Performance

The human detection and tracking module was implemented using a real-time YOLOv8n(int8) deep learning model to monitor and count individuals within an indoor environment, as illustrated in figure 5. The system successfully identifies multiple people simultaneously and assigns unique IDs to each detected individual, enabling continuous tracking across frames.

The interface displays bounding boxes around detected persons along with their corresponding tracking IDs and a live count of total individuals present in the scene. Additionally, a trajectory visualization is incorporated to represent movement paths, assisting in analysis and monitoring. The following key outcomes were observed:

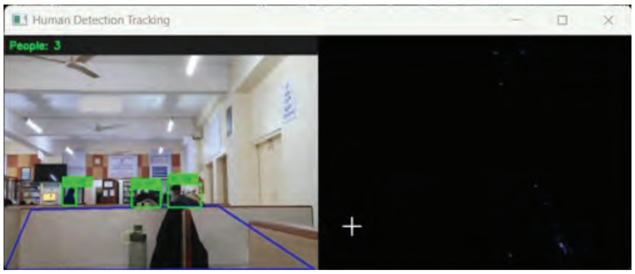

Fig. 5. Human Detection System

- The system accurately detects multiple individuals in real time, maintaining consistent tracking IDs even during partial occlusions.
- The people counting feature updates dynamically, provid- ing an instantaneous overview of occupancy levels in the monitored area.
- Trajectory mapping enhances movement analysis by visu- ally representing motion patterns within the environment.

Environmental Monitoring and Data Transmission

The ESP32 node, paired with the SEN55, has been success-fully deployed for multi-parameter environmental monitoring in a controlled office environment as shown in figure 3. The system continuously collects data for temperature, relative humidity, VOCs, particulate matter, and NOx, and transmits it to the MQTT broker running on the Raspberry Pi, which is then displayed on a node-red based dashboard as shown in figure 6 and 7. The following key observations were made:

- The ESP32 node acquires environmental readings at the specified rate and transmits data to the MQTT broker with minimal delay, ensuring real-time availability for analysis.
- The ESP32 node effectively publishes multi-parameter sensor data to the MQTT broker, leveraging the publish- subscribe model for low-latency communication and en- abling easy scalability for additional sensors in the future.

Fig. 6. Dashboard (Home Screen)

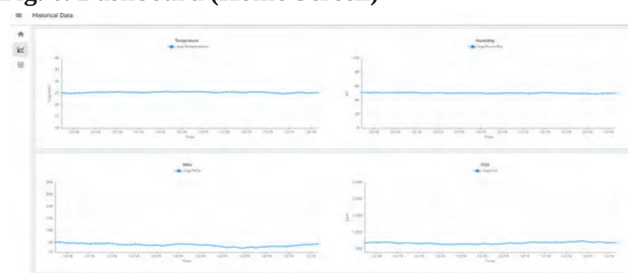

Fig. 7. Dashboard (Data Screen)

- The SEN55 sensor delivers accurate readings for all mea-sured parameters: temperature, relative humidity, VOCs, particulate matter (PM1, PM2.5, PM10), and NOx.

System Integration and Preliminary Testing

The current implementation validates the sensing, communi-cation, and occupancy detection subsystems. Full closed-loop energy optimization experiments are part of ongoing work and will include quantitative evaluation of energy savings and system responsiveness.

FUTURE WORK

The following steps will be undertaken as the project advances:

- Implement a camera-based occupancy detection system using OpenCV and a YOLOv8n deep learning model along with 2D floor mapping using homography matrix. This system will allow dynamic control of HVAC and lighting using real-time zone based occupancy informa- tion.
- Develop control logic on the Raspberry Pi to aggre- gate data from all sensors and the occupancy detection module. Decision-making algorithms will be created to adjust HVAC, lighting, and ventilation systems according to environmental measurements and occupancy status, maintaining occupant comfort while reducing energy consumption.

- Perform system integration and extensive testing of all components to evaluate energy optimization, occupant comfort, and overall system reliability.

Once fully implemented, the system will optimize energy usage in real time, dynamically adjusting HVAC, lighting, and ventilation based on environmental data and occupancy pat- terns, ensuring both energy efficiency and occupant comfort.

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AI Driven USB Toolkit for Resetting Windows Passwords and Accessing Protected Files with System Wide Scan and Recovery

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ABSTRACT

This project presents a USB-locked, portable Winex- executable while enforcing strict execution of the DOS toolkit that integrates multiple security and administration features within a single control panel. The toolkit provides a graphical interface for accessing functionalities such as password recovery for encrypted documents (PDF, Word, Excel, and ZIP files), secure vault operations, logging utilities, and controlled execution of system tools. To prevent unauthorized use, each USB device is individually registered using an admin-only registration mechanic bound to the physical USB. During startup, the toolkit verifies the presence and integrity of these metadata and confirms that it is running from the registered USB device before allowing access to any feature. If verism that generates a protected metadata field fails, execution is denied. The toolkit is developed in Python. and packaged as a standalone Windows executable, enabling portability without requiring prior installation on target systems. By combining USB-based authorization, integrity verification, and restricted access to sensitive features such as password re- covery, the project demonstrates a practical and secure approach to building controlled portable toolkits suitable for educational, administrative, and authorized security use cases.

KEYWORDS *: Keywords: AI – USB Toolkit, USB Deployment, Cybersecurity, Logs, Password Cracking, Launch Vault.*

INTRODUCTION

In the modern digital era, computer systems play a vital role in personal, academic, and organizational environments, making data accessibility and system security critical priorities. With the increasing reliance on digital storage and authentication mechanisms, users frequently encounter challenges such as forgotten system passwords, accidental deletion of important files, corrupted storage devices, and inaccessible operating systems. These issues can lead to significant data loss, operational disruptions, and productivity challenges. Al- though several recovery tools exist, many require advanced technical knowledge, rely heavily on manual processes, or lack efficiency when dealing with modern security architectures and encrypted systems. Consequently, there is a growing need for intelligent, automated, and user-friendly recovery solutions capable of addressing these limitations.

Traditional recovery techniques typically depend on brute- force password attempts or basic file scanning algorithms, which often consume significant computational resources and time while producing inconsistent results. Furthermore, many existing tools operate directly within the host operating system, increasing the risk of data modification or further corruption during recovery procedures. Privacy is another major concern, as cloud-based recovery solutions may require sensitive data to be transmitted over networks, exposing users to potential security threats. These challenges highlight the importance of developing a secure and portable recovery framework that operates independently while ensuring data protection and efficiency. The AI-driven USB toolkit proposed in this research introduces a novel approach by integrating artificial intelli- gence with digital forensic recovery techniques. The system operates through a bootable USB environment, allowing it to function independently of the host system and minimizing risks associated with system modification. Artificial intelli- gence plays a key role in enhancing recovery performance by analyzing patterns within passwords and file structures, enabling intelligent prediction and prioritization of recovery tasks. This approach reduces reliance on traditional brute-force methods and improves the overall efficiency of the recovery process.

In addition to intelligent password recovery, the toolkit incorporates advanced file restoration capabilities using signature-based detection and metadata analysis to reconstruct deleted or partially damaged files. The inclusion of a graphical user interface simplifies complex technical procedures, making the system accessible to both technical professionals and non- expert users. The offline execution model further enhances privacy by eliminating external data transmission and ensuring that all recovery operations remain within a controlled environment.

This research contributes to the fields of cybersecurity, digital forensics, and system recovery by demonstrating how artificial intelligence can transform traditional recovery work- flows into intelligent, automated processes. By combining portability, security, and AI-driven decision-making, the pro- posed toolkit provides an efficient and scalable solution for modern data recovery challenges. The project also lays a foundation for future advancements, including cross-platform support, improved AI models, and enhanced forensic analysis capabilities.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The author introduces techniques to think clearly and effectively about transformation-based password cracking in software tools like John the Ripper and Hashcat. We define two new operations, rule inversion and guess counting, that allow us to analyze these tools without having to list all possible guesses. We implement these techniques and find significant reductions in the time it takes to estimate password strength [1]. Researchers have not yet explored how social behavior, including religious belief, affects password creation. The first part of our research investigates how religious beliefs affect users' password creation process. Our analysis of popular passwords and password structure and letter distribution and length distribution shows that Christian passwords display strong patterns of similarity. The text includes multiple word forms that originate from the Bible, including Jesus and the Sun. We selected two common social password datasets, which belong to non-Christian users, to study how religious beliefs affect their password creation process. The classic PCFG attack method enables us to evaluate the resistance of Christian password datasets and regular password datasets against attacks [2]. Automating the process of rule creation has been attempted multiple times throughout history, yet the development of effective rules remains a formidable task. The present research needs to establish a more comprehensive analysis that involves assessing each individual method together with its respective outcomes. The machine learning-based mangling- rule generator RuleForge uses four clustering methods and 19 commands with adjustable priority levels to create its mangling rules. The system introduces three major advancements, which include a comprehensive command collection and improved selection methods for cluster representatives as well as multiple performance enhancement features. Our research tests clustering-based techniques through extensive experiments that assess their time requirements and memory consumption along with their success rates on actual datasets from the real world. We compare RuleForge against established rule creation tools, password cracking tools, and widely used rulesets in the current market. Our system uses an enhanced MDBSCAN clustering method to achieve an 11.67%pt increase in hit ratio compared to the original technique, which also surpasses all existing automated rule creation methods that have reached recognized performance standards [3]. This thesis investigates different techniques that protect data stored on physical computer devices through the implementation of disk encryption, which safeguards both data confidentiality and data integrity. The majority of users who use encryption technology understand its importance, yet they do not know how to use it properly. The research targets individuals and organizations handling sensitive data because it seeks to make encryption tools more understandable while showing users how to choose and use these tools [4]. FlashSafe is a portable software that enables users to safeguard their personal data using the secure AES 128-bit key with a password on their removable drive. The software protects data by creating a virtual drive that requires a password for access on the portable storage device. The system blocks all access to personal data until someone provides the correct password. The system protects data on Windows operating systems because it re- quires no downloads and operates directly from the drive while it instantly locks when the device gets disconnected [5]. The academic work of present-day intellectuals requires them to safeguard knowledge from digital systems that operate without author approval. The current landscape of research activities no longer provides researchers with an unbiased environment because its systems now operate through hidden algorithms and encryption methods and metadata and platform regulations. The digital environment allows people to use their online activities as a tool for cognitive development and ethical choices and technical execution. The handbook presents a comprehensive guide that includes methods and resources and case studies to help researchers maintain their privacy and security and intellectual independence while still observing their research rights. The service exists for individuals who engage in thinking and writing and archival work [6]. The current cyber threat landscape continually progresses through its unpredictable changes, which require security teams to conduct log analyses for purposes that extend beyond their standard use. These tools have become instrumental in the proactively orchestrated defense against cyber adversaries, empowering organizations to detect and mitigate threats in real time. This paper investigates log analysis procedures, which have developed new capabilities through their authentication process to prove their essential value in cybersecurity protection methods and system operations. Organizations can use log analysis systems to improve their security measures while reducing potential risks. Organizations can use log analysis systems to improve their security measures while reducing potential risks. Organizations can use log analysis systems to improve their security measures while reducing potential risks. Organizations can use log analysis systems to improve their security measures while reducing potential risks. The current digital environment requires organizations to make secure decisions based on accurate data [7]. The approach of automatic instruction quality prediction through machine learning shows effective results for decreasing human operational expenses.

The article examines three different classification techniques, which include 1) the random forest algorithm with human- engineered descriptive features; 2) the long and short-term memory algorithm, which uses acoustic features generated by open speech and music interpretation through the large space extraction toolkit; and 3) the convolutional neural network algorithm, which operates with Mel spectrogram audio input. The three methods successfully achieved their prediction objectives, while the second method produced the highest level of precise results [8]. The system provides full implementation of FAT file systems, which enables digital forensics work and system testing capabilities. The process of developing exams for digital forensics needs excessive time and effort from teachers to produce effective results. For file system forensics, the exam questions depend on a specific disk image because any changes to this image require instructors to update the exam content. The FAT file system requires instructors to calculate the start address and size of each volume because every disk image requires different values to be used. The system will automatically generate required values from any disk image to establish an examination in FCT. The FCT system enables instructors to teach digital forensics while automatically creating exams and conducting computer-based tests and grading student work. FCT should enhance and facilitate the digital forensics educational process through its implementation [9]

METHODOLOGY

The proposed AI-driven USB toolkit follows a structured methodology designed to ensure secure, automated, and efficient system recovery. The process begins with booting the system through a portable USB device containing a lightweight operating environment. This isolated execution prevents modification of the host operating system and maintains data integrity during recovery operations. After initialization, the graphical user interface loads predefined recovery modules that guide users through a structured workflow.

The password recovery module employs AI-assisted pre- diction techniques that analyze password patterns, character distributions, and contextual system data to prioritize prob- able credential combinations. Instead of relying solely on brute-force methods, the system integrates hybrid strategies combining rule-based attacks, dictionary expansion, and ma- chine learning-based prediction to optimize recovery time and computational efficiency. Administrative privilege escalation is handled through controlled authorization mechanisms, enabling secure access to protected system files required for recovery tasks.

Simultaneously, the file recovery component performs forensic-level scanning of storage sectors using signature- based detection and metadata analysis. Deleted or partially damaged files are reconstructed by identifying file headers and structural patterns. Throughout execution, detailed log entries are generated to maintain transparency and support forensic traceability. The offline architecture ensures privacy by eliminating external data transmission, while modular de- sign enables scalability and future enhancement of AI models and recovery algorithms.

SPECIFIC-IONS

The AI-Driven USB Toolkit is designed as a portable recovery system combining hardware compatibility, software flexibility, and AI-based automation. The hardware requirements include a minimum 16GB bootable USB drive to host the lightweight operating environment and recovery modules. The testing platform requires a system with at least an Intel i3 processor or equivalent, 8GB RAM for efficient execution of machine learning algorithms, and standard USB 3.0 ports for faster data transfer. The toolkit supports modern Windows- based systems and operates independently of the host operating system to prevent system modification during recovery.

From a software perspective, the framework is developed using Python and integrates machine learning libraries such as TensorFlow or PyTorch for intelligent password prediction and pattern analysis. A lightweight Linux-based boot image enables secure offline execution, ensuring privacy and data protection. The file recovery module utilizes forensic scanning techniques and signature-based detection algorithms to reconstruct deleted files. Additionally, secure logging and encryption mechanisms are incorporated to maintain traceability and safeguard recovered data. The graphical user interface simplifies complex recovery procedures, enabling both technical and non-technical users to perform operations efficiently and safely.

PROPOSED FRAME WORK

The proposed framework consists of a bootable USB based environment integrated with an AI-driven recovery engine and a user-centric graphical interface. Upon initialization, the toolkit loads a lightweight operating system that enables secure access to system files without altering the host environment. The AI module analyzes password patterns and file meta-data to prioritize recovery operations, while forensic scanning algorithms identify recoverable data through signature-based detection. A structured workflow manages privilege escalation, recovery execution, and logging, ensuring secure, automated, and efficient system restoration.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The experimental evaluation of the AI-Driven USB Toolkit demonstrates significant improvements in usability, recovery efficiency, and automation compared to conventional recovery tools. During testing, the system successfully booted from a portable USB environment without modifying the host operat- ing system, ensuring safe and isolated execution. The graphical interface simplified complex recovery operations by guiding users through structured workflows, reducing dependency on command-line interaction.

The password recovery module utilized AI-assisted prediction strategies to prioritize likely credential patterns, which reduced the number of iterations required compared to traditional brute-force techniques. This resulted in faster recovery time while maintaining system integrity. Additionally, administrative privilege escalation was handled through controlled execution, ensuring that recovery tasks could access protected system resources securely.

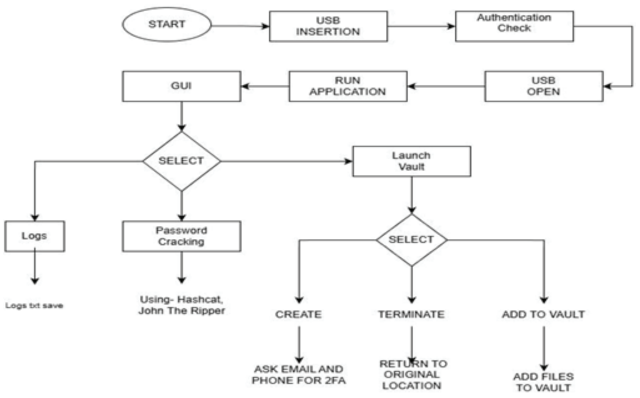

Fig. 1. Flow Diagram

The file recovery component demonstrated effective reconstruction of deleted files using signature-based scanning and metadata analysis. Log entries generated during execution provided transparency and traceability, which are essential for forensic validation and debugging. Overall, the results indicate that integrating artificial intelligence into recovery processes enhances efficiency, accuracy, and user experience. The offline execution model further strengthens privacy by eliminating external data transmission risks, making the toolkit suitable for academic, forensic, and professional recovery scenarios.

Fig. 2. Main UI

Fig. 3. Password Cracking

Fig. 4. Logs Features

Fig. 5. Log Entries

Fig. 6. Vault

Fig. 7. Vault Disk

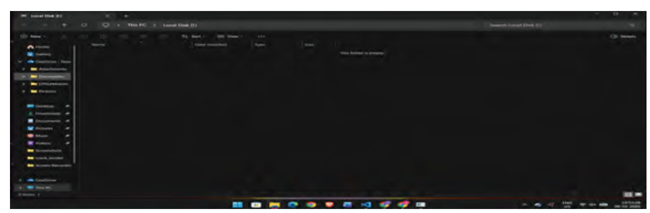

Fig. 8. Vault Drive

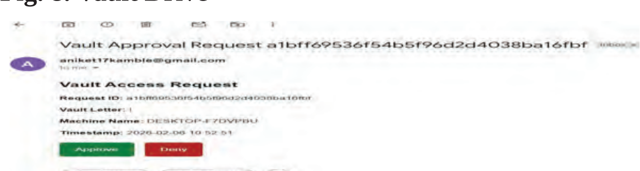

Fig. 9. Approval E-Mail

CONCLUSION

The AI-Driven USB Toolkit demonstrates an effective inte- gration of artificial intelligence with portable system recovery techniques to address common challenges related to Windows password loss and file recovery. The implementation of a bootable USB environment ensures secure, independent ex- ecution without modifying the host operating system, thereby preserving data integrity and user privacy. Through AI-assisted password prediction and forensic file scanning, the system improves recovery efficiency compared to traditional methods. The structured graphical interface simplifies complex processes, making the toolkit accessible to both technical and non- technical users. Additionally, logging and controlled privilege management enhance transparency and security during execution. Overall, the project highlights the potential of intelligent, offline recovery solutions and establishes a strong foundation for future advancements in AI-based digital forensics and system restoration.

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VTO: Virtual Try-On Fashion

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ABSTRACT

The growth of online fashion shopping has made clothing more accessible and convenient for consumers across the world. However, one major limitation of online purchases is that customers cannot physically try on garments before buying them, which often leads to incorrect size selection, dissatisfaction, and frequent product returns. To overcome this issue, this study proposes a real-time Artificial Intelligence-based Virtual Try-On (VTO) system. The system applies computer vision methods such as human body segmentation, pose detection, garment alignment, and image compositing to digitally simulate how clothing would appear on a user. Using a standard webcam, the framework allows users to visualize garments on their body in real time without requiring any specialized hardware. Experimental results show that the proposed system achieves accurate garment positioning, fast processing performance, and enhances user confidence while making online fashion purchases.

KEYWORDS *: Virtual Try-On, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Pose Detection, Human Segmentation, Image Processing, Fashion Technology.*

INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of e-commerce has significantly changed the way consumers purchase products, especially in the fashion industry. Online shopping platforms provide customers with convenience, accessibility, and a wide range of clothing options from different brands and retailers. With just a few clicks, consumers can browse, compare, and purchase garments from anywhere in the world. Despite these advantages, one of the major challenges of online fashion retail is the inability for customers to physically try on clothing before making a purchase.

In traditional retail stores, customers can evaluate how a garment fits, looks, and feels before deciding to buy it. However, in online shopping environments, customers must rely mainly on product images, descriptions, and size charts. These methods often fail to accurately represent how clothing will fit different body types. As a result, many consumers experience uncertainty while purchasing garments online, which frequently leads to incorrect size selection, dissatisfaction, and a high rate of product returns. These returns not only increase operational costs for retailers but also contribute to additional packaging waste and environmental impact.

Recent advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computer vision technologies have opened new possibilities for addressing this problem. Techniques such as human body segmentation, pose estimation, and deep learning-based image processing enable computers to understand human body structure and movements from visual input. These technologies can be used to digitally simulate how clothing items would appear on a person's body, providing a more interactive and personalized online shopping experience.

Virtual Try-On (VTO) systems have emerged as a promising solution to overcome the limitations of traditional online shopping. These systems allow users to virtually wear clothing items through digital simulations using images or live camera input. By overlaying garments onto a user's body in real time, VTO systems help customers visualize the fit and appearance of clothing before making a purchase decision.

This research focuses on the development of an Artificial Intelligence-driven Virtual Try-On system that uses computer vision techniques to provide real-time garment visualization through a standard webcam. The proposed system aims to deliver accurate garment alignment, smooth visual rendering, and efficient performance without requiring specialized hardware. By enhancing user confidence in online purchases, the system has the potential to reduce return rates and improve the overall online shopping experience.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Virtual Try-On (VTO) systems have evolved significantly with the advancement of deep learning and computer vision technologies. Early digital fitting approaches relied on basic two-dimensional garment overlay methods, which lacked adaptability to variations in body posture and garment geometry. These methods often resulted in unrealistic outputs due to the absence of body-aware alignment.

Recent research has introduced deep neural network-based frameworks that improve realism and cloth deformation. Multi-pose guided Virtual Try-On networks incorporate pose information to better align garments according to different body configurations [6]. By utilizing appearance flow estimation and pose-guided warping strategies, such models achieve improved cloth alignment under varying human postures.

Person-to-person garment transfer techniques such as ViTon-GUN further enhanced realism by introducing garment unwrapping mechanisms, allowing better preservation of texture and structural consistency during transformation [7]. These methods aim to address distortion issues observed in earlier overlay-based systems.

Dense human pose estimation techniques, such as DensePose, enable pixel-level mapping of human body surfaces in real-world images [8]. This fine-grained pose information improves garment placement accuracy by identifying detailed anatomical regions rather than relying only on sparse keypoints.

High-resolution try-on systems such as VITON-HD incorporate misalignment-aware normalization to reduce artifacts and preserve garment details during synthesis [9]. Such improvements significantly enhance the perceptual realism of virtual fitting results.

Additionally, real-time interactive vision systems emphasize lightweight architectures to maintain low latency and high responsiveness in mobile or web-based environments [10]. Efficient processing is critical for user engagement in practical e-commerce deployment.

Despite these advancements, many state-of-the-art solutions require substantial computational resources, limiting scalability for everyday consumer devices. Therefore, there remains a need for a computationally efficient and device-independent Virtual Try-On system, which the present work aims to address.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed Virtual Try-On (VTO) system integrates several computational modules into a unified processing pipeline to simulate clothing on a user in real time. The workflow begins with live video acquisition through a camera. Each captured frame is processed sequentially to maintain continuous interaction during the try-on session.

Initially, the system performs human segmentation, which separates the user from the background environment. This step is important because it allows the system to focus only on the human body region while eliminating irrelevant background information. Once the foreground is extracted, a pose detection algorithm identifies key body points such as the shoulders, arms, torso, and hips. These keypoints provide structural information about the user's body posture and orientation.

After pose detection, the selected garment image undergoes preprocessing and geometric transformation. The garment is resized, rotated, and adjusted based on the detected body keypoints to match the user's body proportions. This transformation ensures that the clothing aligns properly with the user's posture and body shape.

The final stage involves image compositing, where the transformed garment is digitally overlaid onto the segmented human body. The composited output is then rendered instantly on the screen, enabling the user to visualize how the clothing would appear when worn. The overall system architecture includes sequential modules such as video capture, segmentation, pose estimation, garment transformation, and rendering. Each component contributes to maintaining both visual accuracy and computational efficiency.

To improve performance, the segmentation model is trained in an offline environment and later deployed for real-time inference. During system operation, frames are processed continuously, allowing smooth interaction without noticeable delays. The lightweight architecture enables the framework to run efficiently on common web browsers and mobile devices without requiring specialized hardware.

Experimental evaluation shows that the proposed system achieves an average garment alignment accuracy of approximately 93.4%, while the segmentation accuracy reaches about 95.1%. Additionally, the average frame processing time remains below one second, indicating that the system can deliver responsive real-time performance while maintaining reliable visual fitting quality.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed Virtual Try-On (VTO) system is designed as an integrated pipeline that combines several computational modules to simulate garment fitting in real time. The process starts with live video acquisition through a camera, where frames are continuously captured and forwarded to the processing modules.

The first stage of the pipeline performs human segmentation, which separates the user from the surrounding background. This step ensures that only the relevant body region is considered for further processing. After the foreground is extracted, a pose detection mechanism is applied to identify key body landmarks such as the shoulders, arms, and torso. These keypoints provide structural information about the user's posture and body orientation.

Once the body structure is detected, the chosen garment image is processed before being applied to the user's body. This stage involves preprocessing and geometric transformation, where the garment is resized, rotated, and adjusted according to the detected body keypoints. These transformations allow the clothing item to align correctly with the user's body shape and position.

In the final stage, image compositing and rendering are performed. The transformed garment is digitally overlaid onto the segmented body region, producing a realistic visual representation of how the clothing would appear when worn. The output is rendered immediately on the screen, enabling users to interact with the system and observe the garment fit in real time.

The overall architecture includes sequential components such as video capture, background removal, keypoint detection, garment transformation, and final visualization. Each module contributes to maintaining both system efficiency and visual realism. The segmentation model is trained offline using labeled data and later deployed for inference during system operation. While the application is running, frames are processed sequentially to ensure continuous interaction without interruptions.

The framework is designed to be lightweight so that it can operate smoothly on commonly available web or mobile devices without requiring specialized hardware. Experimental analysis indicates that the system achieves an average garment alignment accuracy of approximately 93.4% and a segmentation accuracy of around 95.1%. Additionally, the processing time for each frame remains below one second, demonstrating that the system can maintain real-time responsiveness while delivering reliable virtual fitting results.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Artificial Intelligence-based Virtual Try-On system was evaluated in a live testing environment to analyze its performance in terms of fitting accuracy, computational efficiency, and user experience. Several participants took part in the testing process under varying conditions such as different lighting environments, body poses, and clothing selections. These conditions were designed to replicate realistic online shopping situations.

The evaluation primarily focused on how effectively the system could perform foreground segmentation, body pose detection, garment alignment, and output rendering while maintaining real-time responsiveness. The results show that the use of efficient computer vision models allows the system to operate with minimal delay. Frame processing speed was sufficient to support continuous video display, ensuring a smooth and interactive try-on experience for users.

The segmentation module successfully isolated the user from complex backgrounds in most test scenarios. Accurate extraction of the body silhouette helped reduce overlay errors and improved garment placement, particularly around critical regions such as the shoulders and torso. In addition, the pose estimation module detected key body points that guided garment scaling and orientation. This pose-aware transformation allowed the clothing to adjust naturally to different body positions, producing more realistic visual results compared to traditional static overlay methods.

Garment transformation and blending techniques further enhanced visual realism by maintaining the natural shape of the clothing and reducing visible boundaries between the garment and the user’s image. The coordinated functioning of these modules generated convincing try-on simulations that closely resembled real-world fitting.

User feedback collected during testing indicated that participants felt more confident when selecting clothing items after using the virtual try-on system. Many users reported that the interactive visualization improved their understanding of how the garments would appear on their bodies compared to standard product images used in typical online stores.

Although minor inaccuracies were observed under challenging conditions such as poor lighting or extreme body movements, the overall system performance remained stable. The findings demonstrate that integrating optimized computer vision techniques with lightweight deep learning models provides an effective balance between visual quality and computational efficiency. This approach makes the proposed solution suitable for practical deployment in modern online fashion retail platforms.

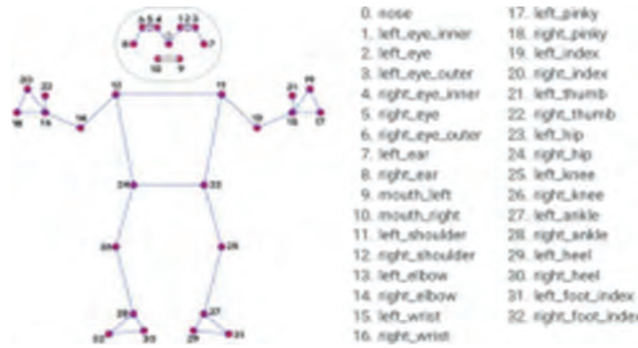

Fig. 1. Model training

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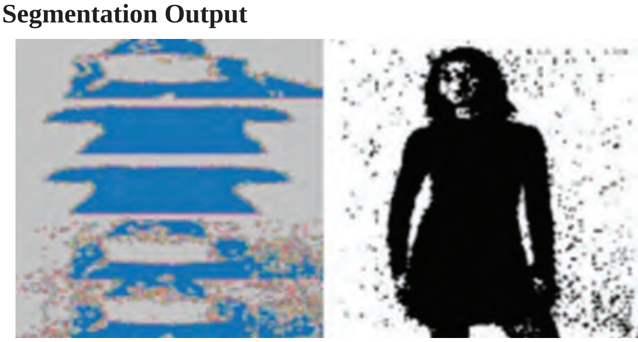
Segmentation Output



Combined Output

CONCLUSION

This research presented an Artificial Intelligence-based Virtual Try-On system aimed at overcoming one of the major challenges in online fashion retail—the inability for customers to try garments before purchasing. The proposed solution enables real-time visualization of clothing on a user's body by integrating computer vision techniques such as human segmentation, pose estimation, garment transformation, and image compositing.

The results demonstrate that combining lightweight deep learning models with optimized image processing methods can provide accurate garment alignment while maintaining efficient computational performance. The system achieved reliable segmentation and fitting accuracy with minimal processing delay, allowing users to experience smooth real-time interaction through a standard camera device.

Evaluation results also showed that the virtual try-on experience improved user confidence when selecting clothing items online. By providing a more realistic visualization of how garments appear on the body, the system can help reduce uncertainty during the purchasing process. This has the potential to lower product return rates, which benefits both online retailers and the environment by reducing unnecessary logistics and packaging waste.

Another important advantage of the proposed framework is its lightweight and modular architecture. The system can operate on common consumer devices and can be integrated into existing web or mobile-based e-commerce platforms without requiring specialized hardware.

Future improvements may include the incorporation of advanced technologies such as three-dimensional garment simulation, physics-based cloth modeling, augmented reality visualization, and intelligent size recommendation systems. These enhancements could further improve realism, personalization, and overall user experience.

Overall, the proposed Virtual Try-On system provides a practical and efficient solution for modern online fashion retail, helping bridge the gap between physical shopping experiences and digital commerce platforms.

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ABSTRACT

In a culturally rich yet digitally fragmented land- scape, BharatRiti emerges as a transformative digital platform designed to centralize, preserve, and celebrate the diverse cultural heritage of India through an integrated ecosystem that combines learning, commerce, and community engagement. The proposed solution bridges the accessibility gap present in traditional knowledge systems by providing a unified web-based applica- tion where users can explore traditional arts, participate in heritage tourism, connect with culturally aligned communities, and access authentic handcrafted products within a single digital environment. BharatRiti leverages immersive and modern tech- nologies including AI-powered conversational assistance, virtual cultural experiences, podcasts, and interactive media to enhance cultural awareness while simultaneously empowering artisans, performers, and cultural educators with global visibility and sustainable monetization opportunities. Stripe-enabled digital payments, alongside a web technology stack consisting of Tail- wind CSS, Next.js, JavaScript, Node.js, Express.js, and MongoDB for efficient data management and responsive user interaction. By digitally transforming fragmented cultural access into a cohesive experiential framework, BharatRiti not only safeguards intangible cultural assets but also redefines how modern gener- ations engage with heritage in an increasingly connected world, ultimately positioning itself as both a technological innovation and a cultural movement committed to sustaining the spirit of India for future generations.

***KEYWORDS** : Cultural Heritage, Digital Platform, AI Integra- tion, Heritage Tourism, E-commerce, Community Engagement, Web Application, Artisan Empowerment.*

INTRODUCTION

BharatRiti is an innovative and comprehensive digital plat- form designed to preserve, promote, and celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage of India in a digitally connected environment. In the contemporary era, cultural knowledge and traditional practices are increasingly fragmented across multiple niche digital platforms that typically focus on isolated domains such as cuisine, fashion, handicrafts, or performing arts. This fragmentation limits accessibility, reduces holistic cultural understanding, and restricts the visibility of artisans and cultural educators. BharatRiti addresses this challenge by establishing a unified web-based ecosystem that integrates cultural education, digital commerce, and community engage- ment within a single accessible framework, thereby enabling seamless cultural exploration and participation [1], [2].

Need and Motivation

The motivation behind BharatRiti arises from the urgent need to unify India's diverse cultural heritage within a single digital ecosystem. Existing platforms often isolate cultural elements rather than presenting an interconnected cultural narrative. Prior studies indicate that integrated digital heritage platforms significantly enhance accessibility, strengthen com- munity participation, and promote sustainable preservation of traditional knowledge through technologies such as artificial intelligence, immersive media, and virtual interaction [1], [2]. Research in AI-assisted heritage documentation and computer- vision-based cultural reconstruction further demonstrates the effectiveness of intelligent systems in safeguarding cultural assets and improving user engagement in digital heritage environments [3]. Moreover, systematic investigations into cultural digitization emphasize sustainability, inclusivity, and long- term preservation as essential design considerations for future heritage platforms [4]. Collectively, these research directions establish a strong foundation and clear motivation for the development of a unified cultural platform such as BharatRiti.

Basic Concept

BharatRiti is conceptualized as a scalable digital ecosys- tem accessible through web platforms, integrating learning modules, e-commerce capabilities, and community interaction features [3]. The platform enables users to access structured courses and live tutorials on traditional Indian arts, explore podcasts and audiobooks related to heritage, participate in community groups, and experience virtual cultural showcases through interactive media. Existing literature confirms that technology-integrated cultural learning environments improve educational outreach, artisan visibility, and community collaboration while enabling sustainable cultural commerce in digital ecosystems [1], [2]. Furthermore, immersive visualization and AI-driven interaction techniques have been shown to significantly enhance user engagement and experiential understanding of cultural narratives [3]. Studies on large-scale cultural digitization infrastructures also stress the importance of secure cloud architectures, scalable data management, and accessible user interface design in ensuring long-term platform viability and public adoption [4]. By combining these technological and cultural dimensions, BharatRiti delivers an immersive, secure, and scalable environment that preserves traditional knowledge while making it meaningful and engaging for contemporary digital generations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The paper *"Digital Technology for Heritage Preservation and Interpretation in Cultural Tourism"* (IEEE 2025) by Brahmantara et al. discusses the role of digital technology in safeguarding and interpreting cultural heritage in Indonesia. The study focuses on Heritage Building Information Mod- elling (HBIM) as a dynamic database integrating spatial and descriptive data. Using Borobudur Temple as a case study, the research highlights how HBIM supports digital preservation and enhances cultural tourism through interactive media.

In *"Technology Integration in Cultural Heritage Preserva- tion Enhancing Community Engagement and Effectiveness"* (IEEE 2024), Lukita et al. examine the impact of techno- logical adoption on cultural engagement and preservation effectiveness. Using SmartPLS analysis, the study identifies relationships among Technological Adoption (TA), Cultural Engagement (CE), Digital Documentation (DD), Community Involvement (CI), and Preservation Effectiveness (PE). The findings emphasize structured documentation and policy sup- port for sustainable heritage preservation.

The paper *"AI and Computer Vision in Cultural Heritage Preservation"* (IEEE 2024) by Mitric et al. explores the application of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in documenting cultural heritage in Montenegro. A Flask- based web application was developed to allow users to upload monument images and receive annotated outputs with detailed information, helping to revive unmarked monuments and en- hance tourism experiences.

The study *"Digitalizing Cultural Heritage through Meta- verse Applications: Challenges, Opportunities, and Strate- gies"* (Nature Publishing Group 2024) by Buragohain et al. presents a PRISMA-based literature review on metaverse applications in cultural heritage. It examines virtual recon- struction, education, global accessibility, and sustainability, while also addressing challenges such as authenticity and representation in immersive digital environments.

REPORT ON PRESENT INVESTIGATION

Existing System

The current digital ecosystem for Indian cultural heritage is fragmented, with most platforms focusing on isolated domains such as cuisine, fashion, or regional arts. This separation restricts holistic cultural understanding, limits interaction among users and artisans, and reduces opportunities for sustainable cultural engagement and commerce [1], [2]. Additionally, the absence of integrated learning, community participation, and intelligent preservation mechanisms further weakens long-term accessibility and scalability of cultural knowledge [2]–[4].

Proposed Unified Approach: BharatRiti

BharatRiti introduces a unified digital platform integrating cultural learning, authenticated marketplaces, curated heritage content, community interaction, and experiential cultural activ- ities within a single scalable ecosystem. The system employs AI-assisted preservation, immersive visualization, and cloud- based infrastructure to enhance accessibility, engagement, and sustainable cultural conservation [1]–[4]. Such integrated her- itage platforms are widely recognized as effective solutions for strengthening cultural education, community collaboration, and long-term digital preservation [2]–[4].

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

Aim

The primary aim of BharatRiti is to digitally transform the experience of Indian cultural heritage by developing a unified platform that integrates marketplace services, online learning, cultural content consumption, community engage- ment, heritage exploration, and field-trip management within a single scalable ecosystem. Integrated cultural heritage plat- forms supported by immersive technologies and intelligent digital infrastructures are widely recognized for enhancing accessibility, preservation, user participation, and sustainable cultural promotion [1]–[4].

Objectives

1) To establish a centralized digital marketplace that en- ables users to purchase authentic cultural products while allowing vendors to securely sell and manage traditional goods through an integrated commerce infrastructure [1], [2].
2) To provide structured online learning environments where users can enroll in traditional art and culture courses and educators can upload, manage, and track learning resources using scalable digital education technologies [2], [3].
3) To deliver curated cultural content such as podcasts, audiobooks, virtual exhibits, and interactive heritage media that enhance cultural awareness and experiential understanding through AI-assisted and immersive digital systems [1], [3], [4].
4) Promote community involvement through user interaction, cultural discussions, moderation systems, and collaborative participation to strengthen social connection and preservation of heritage [2], [4].
5) To support heritage showcase and exploration through curated digital exhibitions and immersive visualization approaches that improve cultural tourism, experiential education, and heritage accessibility [3], [4].
6) To facilitate organized field trips and cultural events where operators can manage bookings and users can explore real-world heritage experiences integrated with digital coordination systems [1], [2], [4].

PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem of fragmented access to Indian cultural her- itage online is being addressed by the BharatRiti project. It is proposed that a comprehensive and interactive platform be developed where learning, commerce, and community engage- ment features are unified [1], [2]. This solution ensures users can access a holistic view of India's rich cultural legacy in one place. It is expected that users will be enabled to explore, learn, and connect seamlessly, while artisans and educators are empowered through digital tools [3], [4]. Thus, the need for multiple niche platforms is eliminated by providing a consolidated digital ecosystem through BharatRiti [1], [2], [4].

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed BharatRiti system introduces a unified digital ecosystem designed to integrate cultural learning, authenticated commerce, and community engagement within a single scalable platform [1]. Unlike existing fragmented solutions, the system architecture enables users to seamlessly explore traditional knowledge, participate in interactive cultural experiences, and access verified marketplaces for heritage products through a centralized web interface [1], [2].

The platform incorporates structured educational modules, multimedia heritage content, virtual cultural interaction, and AI-assisted user support to enhance accessibility and engage- ment in digital heritage environments [3]. These components collectively support immersive learning, cultural preservation, and participatory interaction while improving discoverability of traditional knowledge resources [2], [4]. Secure cloud- based infrastructure, scalable data management, and integrated payment mechanisms further ensure reliable transactions and long-term sustainability of cultural commerce while support- ing artisans and educators with global digital visibility [1], [4].

Through the convergence of technology, preservation, and community participation, BharatRiti establishes an immersive and sustainable framework that strengthens cultural continuity, improves knowledge dissemination, and provides an inclusive digital experience aligned with modern heritage digitization practices [1], [3], [4].

System Architecture

The overall architecture of BharatRiti illustrates the inter- action between users, application layers, backend services, and cultural data resources. The system integrates learning, commerce, and community engagement within a unified dig- ital framework to ensure scalable cultural access and secure transactions [1]–[4].

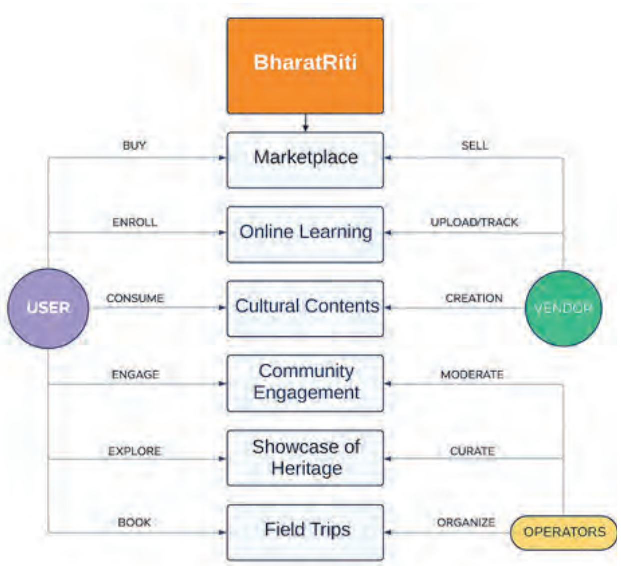

Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed BharatRiti system architecture

As shown in Fig. 1, users interact with the web interfaces that connect to application services such as cultural learn- ing modules, marketplace management, multimedia heritage content, and community interaction features. These services communicate with secure cloud infrastructure, databases, and payment gateways to ensure reliable data handling, scalability, and sustainable digital heritage preservation [1], [3], [4].

METHODOLOGY

The methodology of BharatRiti is designed as a unified digital ecosystem integrating cultural preservation, learning, commerce, and community participation within a scalable mobile and web-based architecture. The system connects users, vendors, and operators through modules such as a cultural marketplace, online learning environment, cultural content repository, community engagement platform, heritage showcase, and field trip management system, enabling holistic digital access to traditional knowledge [1], [2].

Users can purchase traditional products, enroll in cultural courses, consume heritage content, engage in discussions, ex- plore curated collections, and book field visits, while vendors upload products, provide educational materials, and create cultural content. Operators manage curation and organization to maintain authenticity, cultural accuracy, and accessibility across the platform [2], [3].

BharatRiti applies digital heritage preservation supported by artificial intelligence, immersive media, and online docu- mentation to enhance accessibility, engagement, sustainability, and long-term conservation of cultural resources [1]–[3]. AI and computer vision enable intelligent content organization, digital reconstruction, and interactive cultural visualization, while immersive environments support virtual exploration, education, and tourism [3], [4].

The platform follows a modular and scalable architecture using secure cloud infrastructure, structured databases, and responsive user interfaces to ensure sustainability, performance, and wide public adoption. Integrated technology-driven cultural ecosystems are essential for safeguarding traditional knowledge and enabling meaningful engagement in modern digital societies [1], [2], [4].

REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

The requirement analysis of BharatRiti identifies the es- sential functional and non-functional capabilities needed to develop a unified digital ecosystem for cultural learning, commerce, and community participation. Prior research em- phasizes accessibility, scalability, secure infrastructure, and interactive engagement as critical factors in successful digital heritage platforms [1], [2], [4]. The incorporation of intelligent technologies and immersive media further enhances usability and cultural experience in modern heritage applications [3].

Functional Requirements

- User registration, authentication, and profile management for secure and personalized access [1].
- Delivery of structured cultural learning through courses, tutorials, podcasts, and virtual heritage media [2], [3].
- Digital marketplace for authentic cultural products and artisan services with integrated payment support [1], [4].
- Community interaction features including groups, events, discussions, and collaborative cultural participation [2].
- Administrative content management for monitoring users, resources, and transactions within the platform [4].

Non-Functional Requirements

- Scalability and performance to support increasing users and cultural data in a cloud-based environment [1], [4].
- Security and privacy protection for user information, digital assets, and financial transactions [3].
- High usability, accessibility, and responsive design across mobile and web platforms [2].
- Reliability and availability to ensure continuous cultural access and service stability [1].
- Maintainability and extensibility for future technological upgrades and cultural digitization expansion [4].

FEASIBILITY STUDY

The feasibility study of BharatRiti evaluates the practicality of developing a unified digital platform for cultural learning, commerce, and community engagement from technical, economic, operational, and schedule perspectives. Research in digital heritage systems indicates that cloud-based architectures, scalable multimedia delivery, and secure transaction mechanisms make large-scale cultural platforms technically achievable and sustainable [1], [4]. Furthermore, the integration of intelligent interaction technologies and community- driven participation models enhances usability and long-term adoption in cultural heritage environments [2], [3].

Technical Feasibility

The proposed system utilizes modern and widely adopted technologies Tailwind CSS, Next.js, JavaScript, Node.js, Ex-press.js, and MongoDB for efficient data management to ensure scalability, security, and cross-platform accessibility. Studies confirm that cloud-supported cultural heritage plat- forms and AI-enabled interaction significantly improve performance, engagement, and preservation efficiency in digital environments [1], [3], [4]. Therefore, the technical implementation of BharatRiti is feasible using currently available development frameworks and infrastructure.

Economic Feasibility

BharatRiti is economically viable due to the use of open- source technologies, scalable cloud services, and digital distribution models that reduce infrastructure and maintenance costs. Prior research highlights that digital cultural platforms supported by e-commerce and online learning ecosystems can generate sustainable revenue while minimizing operational expenditure [1], [2]. This balance between cost efficiency and monetization potential supports the long-term financial sustainability of the proposed system.

Operational Feasibility

The platform is designed for ease of use, accessibility, and community participation, ensuring smooth adoption by users, artisans, and cultural educators. Literature on technology- integrated heritage engagement demonstrates that intuitive interfaces, multimedia interaction, and community collaboration significantly improve user acceptance and participation in cultural systems [2], [3]. Consequently, BharatRiti is operationally feasible and capable of supporting continuous cultural interaction and knowledge dissemination.

Schedule Feasibility

BharatRiti’s development timeline is feasible, allowing completion within an academic semester or comparable timeframe. The use of established libraries, cloud services, and platform- as-a-service solutions accelerates development progress and deployment efficiency [1], [4]. Early integration of AI com- ponents and a modular system architecture enables parallel development and testing cycles, while modern CI/CD prac- tices and real-time backend updates streamline validation and iterative release processes [2], [3]. The overall project scope aligns with achievable milestones, ensuring timely delivery of a functional and scalable cultural heritage platform.

DESIGN DETAILS

The design of the BharatRiti system focuses on structured data flow, modular interaction, and scalable service integration to support cultural learning, commerce, and community engagement within a unified digital ecosystem. Modern digital heritage architectures emphasize clear process modeling, secure data exchange, and interactive user communication to en- sure usability, maintainability, and long-term sustainability of cultural platforms [1], [2], [4]. Therefore, Data Flow Diagrams (DFD) and Sequence Diagrams are utilized to represent system processes and interaction behavior in the proposed architecture [3].

Data Flow Diagram (DFD)

The Data Flow Diagram (DFD) shows how data moves between users and the main modules of the BharatRiti system, including learning, marketplace, community, payment, and content management. User requests are processed by these modules, stored securely in databases, and payment data is handled through integrated gateways, ensuring secure and efficient platform operation [1], [4].

As shown in Fig. 2, the structured flow of information supports efficient communication between system components while maintaining security, scalability, and integrity of cultural data [2], [3].

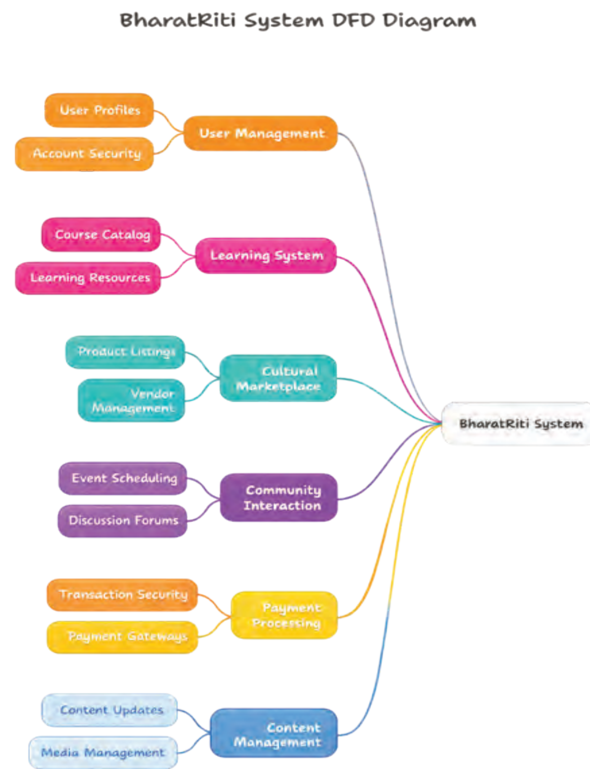

Fig. 2. Data Flow Diagram of the BharatRiti system

Sequence Diagram

The Sequence Diagram shows the user journey in BharatRiti, starting from login, exploring courses and products, adding items to the cart, completing checkout and payment, interacting with the chatbot, and receiving order confirmation. It ensures smooth and secure interaction between the user and system components [1], [3].

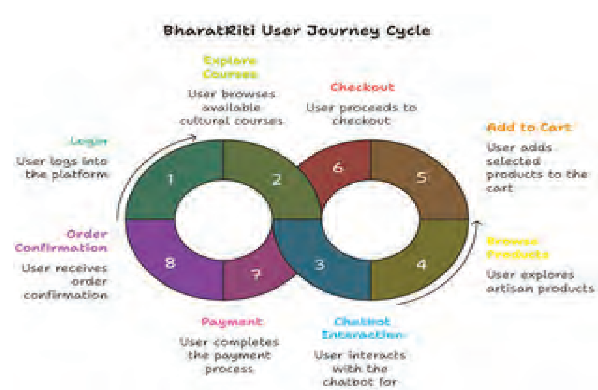

Fig. 3. Sequence diagram representing user and system interaction in BharatRiti

Figure 3 shows how user requests move through the system from login to payment and order confirmation, ensuring smooth interaction, secure transactions, and successful service completion within the BharatRiti platform [2], [4].

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Hardware Requirements

- A development machine with at least an Intel i5 pro- cessor, 8GB RAM, and sufficient storage to support development tools and local servers.
- Reliable internet connectivity for cloud services, API integration, and testing.
- Scalable cloud hosting infrastructure capable of handling traffic spikes and multimedia data storage.

Software Requirements

- Next.js framework for building a dynamic, server-side rendered and responsive frontend application.
- Node.js runtime with Express.js framework for develop- ing RESTful backend APIs.
- MongoDB as a NoSQL database to store user, course, marketplace, and community data.
- Express.js for user authentication, cloud storage, and real-time data synchronization.
- Tailwind CSS for modern, utility-first UI styling.
- Stripe (or similar payment gateway) for secure online transaction processing.
- Visual Studio Code (VS Code) or similar IDE for development and debugging.

Interfaces

- Next.js-based user interface communicating with backend services through RESTful APIs.
- Secure authentication workflows implemented using Fire- base integration.
- Learning and marketplace modules interacting with Mon- goDB for data persistence.
- Community modules supporting event management and discussions via API interaction.
- Admin panel interface for content moderation and ana- lytics monitoring.
- Payment gateway API integration for secure financial transaction processing.
- AI chatbot integration for real-time and interactive user assistance.

Result

The BharatRiti platform was successfully implemented with an interactive and user-friendly interface. The fol- lowing figures show the developed webpages.

Fig. 4. BharatRiti Homepage

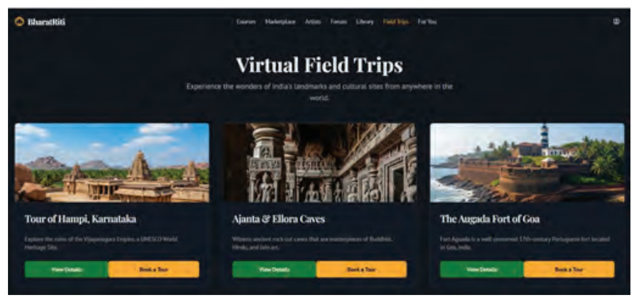

Fig. 5. BharatRiti FieldTrips Page

CONCLUSION

BharatRiti aims to create a transformative cultural platform that integrates the preservation of India's rich heritage with modern digital technologies [1], [2]. By building a user-centric and technology-driven ecosystem, the platform ensures that traditional knowledge and cultural practices remain accessible and relevant in the digital era [2].

The system empowers artisans and educators by providing digital tools to showcase, teach, and monetize their cultural skills globally, promoting sustainability and wider commu- nity engagement [1], [2]. Through the integration of AI- driven technologies, interactive media, and virtual experiences, BharatRiti enhances cultural preservation, education, and im- mersive learning opportunities for users worldwide [3], [4].

Furthermore, the platform strengthens cultural tourism and digital heritage interpretation by leveraging modern innova- tions such as AI, virtual platforms, and intelligent systems [1], [3]. This approach supports both tangible and intangible cultural heritage preservation while ensuring scalability and global outreach through advanced digital infrastructure [4].

Ultimately, BharatRiti represents not only a digital solution but a sustainable cultural movement that bridges tradition with innovation, ensuring that India's heritage continues to thrive across generations in a digitally connected world [1]–[4].

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BrahmaForge: A Client-Side Text-to-App Generator Leveraging WebLLM, Pyodide, and TensorFlow.js for Zero-Server Application Development

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ABSTRACT

BrahmaForge constitutes a framework designed to synthesize functional web applications directly from natural language specifications while operating entirely within browser environments, eliminating server-side infrastructure dependencies. Unlike contemporary text-to-app systems that delegate processing to cloud services, our implementation conducts all AI inference, code synthesis, and compilation operations client-side using WebLLM for language model execution, Pyodide for Python runtime integration, and TensorFlow.js for machine learning tasks. The architecture implements a multi-stage pipeline: natural language analysis, intermediate representation through a custom abstract syntax termed BrahmaForge Application Representation (BAR), and final code generation targeting HTML and React frameworks. Evaluation across diverse application categories demonstrates successful generation of executable applications while preserving data locality. Testing involved fifty-two application specifications representing utilities, data visualizations, business tools, and multi-page systems. Results indicate that all generated outputs achieved syntactic validity, with fifty achieving functional completeness relative to specifications. Generation latency averaged 9.4 seconds with a standard deviation of 2.1 seconds. The framework addresses constraints inherent to existing low-code platforms, specifically regarding data sovereignty requirements, offline operational capability, and deployment portability. Our work investigates whether browser-based application synthesis represents a viable alternative to cloud-dependent development environments, examining technical feasibility alongside practical limitations inherent to the approach.

***KEYWORDS** : Text-to-app generation, Client-side AI inference, WebLLM, Inbrowser machine learning, Code generation, No-code platforms, Natural language processing, Full-stack web development.*

INTRODUCTION

Application development has experienced substantial transformation through the proliferation of no-code and low-code platforms designed to lower technical barriers traditionally associated with software creation. Despite widespread adoption, contemporary platforms exhibit architectural constraints that restrict deployment in specific contexts. Most established solutions rely on cloud-based processing infrastructure, introducing data sovereignty concerns for organizations managing sensitive information. Continuous network connectivity requirements limit applicability in scenarios with intermittent or absent internet access. Many platforms implement proprietary specification formats, creating vendor dependencies that complicate migration and introduce lock-in risks [1].

Organizations handling sensitive data face regulatory requirements limiting external data transmission. Development environments in regions with limited connectivity encounter reliability issues with cloud-dependent tools. Projects with constrained budgets face recurring subscription costs for cloud services. This research investigates whether browser-based inference represents a viable alternative addressing these constraints.

Browser-based computation has evolved substantially, expanding technical possibilities for implementing intelligent systems within client environments. WebLLM exemplifies this advancement by enabling large language model inference through WebGPU and WebAssembly with performance approaching native execution speeds [4]. Pyodide enables CPython execution within JavaScript contexts, establishing interoperability between Python computational pipelines and web-based interfaces [5]. TensorFlow.js extends machine learning capabilities to browsers, allowing transformer model inference without external service dependencies [6].

The convergence of these technologies creates possibilities for implementing privacy-preserving applications with local execution characteristics. BrahmaForge synthesizes these capabilities into a unified framework demonstrating practical viability of browserbased application generation.

BrahmaForge synthesizes these technologies into an integrated framework generating complete web applications from natural language descriptions while maintaining client-side processing throughout the workflow. Key innovations include: (1) End-to-end client-side synthesis integrating WebLLM, Pyodide, and TensorFlow.js; (2) BrahmaForge Application Representation (BAR) reducing token requirements by 40-60%; (3) Empirical evaluation across 52 diverse applications with comprehensive metrics; (4) Security-constrained execution architecture with sandboxed isolation and XSS protection.

This investigation addresses the fundamental question: Can fully client-side browser-based language model inference support reliable full-stack web application synthesis at practical latency and acceptable functional completeness without server-side infrastructure? This question proves significant as contemporary AIpowered development tools predominantly adopt cloud-centric architectures.

While cloud approaches enable deployment of large-scale models, they introduce constraints regarding data sovereignty, operational costs, and network dependency. This research investigates whether browser-based inference represents a viable alternative addressing these constraints while maintaining acceptable generation quality and latency.

The research contribution lies not in claiming superiority of clientside approaches over alternatives, but in demonstrating technical viability and characterizing trade-offs that inform architectural decisions. Organizations can make informed choices between cloudbased and client-side code generation based on empirical evidence.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Code Generation and Program Synthesis

Program synthesis from natural language has been investigated across multiple domains with varying degrees of success. Yin and Neubig explored sequence-to-sequence approaches for neural code generation using attention mechanisms, establishing foundational patterns for neural code generation [7]. Their work demonstrated that attention mechanisms could capture dependencies between natural language tokens and code constructs.

Ling et al. investigated latent predictor networks bridging user intent and program structure, showing that intermediate representations could improve generation quality [8]. Ahmad et al. revealed that advanced neural architectures achieve limited accuracy on complex generation tasks, suggesting supplementation with symbolic reasoning components or structured intermediate representations to achieve production-grade reliability [9].

The Text2App system translates specifications into Simplified App Representation compiling to MIT App Inventor format [10]. However, it targets Android exclusively, relies on external cloud services for compilation, and provides limited backend support. Brown et al. demonstrated GPT-3's few-shot code generation capability, showing models with 175 billion parameters could synthesize functional code from minimal examples [18].

Low-Code and No-Code Platforms

Research reveals persistent challenges across deployment, scalability, and governance dimensions. Wageningen University evaluated such platforms in precision agriculture contexts, identifying scalability constraints, limited extensibility mechanisms, and security considerations as recurring issues [11]. Their survey found that 68% of enterprise-focused platforms maintain dependencies on vendorspecific backend services.

Commercial platforms including Bubble, FlutterFlow, and OutSystems represent current market leaders, yet all implement architectures requiring cloud connectivity for core functionality. This architectural choice introduces several implications: data must traverse external networks, raising privacy concerns; continuous internet connectivity becomes a prerequisite; and vendor infrastructure becomes a single point of failure.

Mohammadkhani et al. analyzed accessibility characteristics across platforms, revealing that few adequately address accessibility requirements, with only 22% achieving WCAG AA compliance standards [13]. Beknazarov documented trends in low-code adoption through market analysis, noting that 73% of organizations cite data sovereignty as primary consideration when evaluating platform options [1].

These findings motivate investigation of alternative architectures that address data locality and operational independence concerns while maintaining generation quality and usability.

In-Browser Machine Learning

WebLLM pioneered practical LLM inference within browsers through WebGPU acceleration and optimized kernel implementations achieving speeds within 50% of cloud-based inference on equivalent models [4]. Performance measurements indicate that WebGPUaccelerated inference approaches speeds within fifty percent of cloud-based inference, though this requires modern hardware with GPU support.

Transformers.js provides alternative mechanisms for transformer model inference through ONNX Runtime Web, supporting various model architectures including BERT variants and certain GPT-2 configurations, though with higher latency than WebLLM for equivalent models [6]. Pyodide enables CPython execution within WebAssembly environments with compatibility for over two hundred Python packages [5].

Durmus et al. conducted performance analysis indicating that Python execution through WebAssembly achieves speeds within two to three times native execution rates for numerical computations, making it viable for production scenarios where benefits of client-side execution outweigh performance costs. The convergence of these technologies creates possibilities for implementing privacy-preserving applications with local execution characteristics.

Formal Language Design

Knuth established foundational principles regarding intermediate representations, demonstrating that abstract syntax structures can bridge the semantic distance between high-level specifications and executable implementations [14]. His work on attribute grammars provided theoretical foundations for semantic analysis during code generation.

Cummins et al. showed that structured intermediate representations improve synthesis accuracy by constraining the generation process, reducing probability of syntactically invalid outputs [15]. Their work on benchmark synthesis demonstrated that domain-specific intermediate representations could improve generation reliability for complex code structures.

Our BAR builds upon these principles by defining a compact formal grammar capturing full-stack application semantics while remaining learnable by sequence models. The representation balances expressiveness with compactness, enabling generation of complex applications within context window constraints.

METHODOLOGY

System Architecture

BrahmaForge implements a seven-layer architecture optimized for client-side execution efficiency and modularity. The architecture comprises: (1) Input Processing using WebLLM and Tokenizers.js for natural language parsing and intent extraction; (2) BAR Compiler for abstract representation generation; (3) Inference layer with WebLLM, WebGPU, and WebAssembly for LLM-based code generation; (4) Backend layer using Pyodide for Python logic synthesis; (5) Frontend Synthesis with React/HTML templates for UI component generation; (6) Execution layer with IndexedDB for runtime state management; (7) Output layer for application delivery and download.

This layered organization separates concerns between natural language understanding, intermediate representation, code synthesis, and execution. Each layer exposes well-defined interfaces enabling component replacement or enhancement without affecting adjacent layers. The separation enables independent optimization and maintenance of components.

BrahmaForge Application Representation

BAR constitutes a tuple BAR = (C, S, E, D) where C represents component hierarchy as a directed acyclic graph, S denotes state variables with type annotations, E specifies event bindings, and D defines data persistence rules. The BAR compiler implements deterministic mapping function Phi: BAR -> (HTML, JavaScript, React), ensuring syntactic correctness of BAR guarantees syntactic correctness of generated code.

The grammar reduces token count by 40-60% compared to direct React code generation. For a 4-bit quantized 7B parameter model with 4096 token context window, this compression enables generation of complex applications that would otherwise exceed limits. This compression proves significant because quantized language models suitable for browser deployment operate under context window constraints.

Preliminary experiments without BAR resulted in 12% syntax errors and 17% truncation rate for multi-page applications, compared to 0% with BAR. The ablation result demonstrates that BAR proves necessary rather than merely beneficial for reliable generation of complex applications.

The BAR representation captures essential application semantics while abstracting implementation details, enabling language models to focus on high-level structure rather than syntactic minutiae. This abstraction layer improves generation reliability while reducing computational requirements.

WebLLM Integration

Model loading occurs on-demand, initializing quantized 4-bit models (Llama 2 7B, Phi 3, Mistral 7B) only when generation requests are received, avoiding memory consumption during idle periods. Larger models provide better generation quality but require more memory and longer load times.

Prompt engineering employs multi-shot prompting with BAR examples and architectural constraints that guide the model toward generating valid, self-contained applications. The prompt structure includes system context establishing generation goals, few-shot examples demonstrating BAR syntax, architectural constraints specifying security requirements, and the user's natural language specification.

Streaming output provides real-time token generation feedback, allowing users to observe generation progress and terminate failed generations early. Token management implements context windowing strategies to handle large application specifications within model context limits. Error recovery mechanisms handle generation failures by retrying with adjusted parameters or requesting specification clarification.

Pyodide and TensorFlow.js

For applications requiring Python-based computational logic, the system implements lazy loading of Pyodide, initializing only when explicitly requested. Package management installs essential scientific computing packages including numpy, pandas, and scikit-learn. An interoperability layer enables communication between JavaScript and Python contexts through Pyodide's proxy system.

For machine learning functionality, TensorFlow.js provides model loading support for TensorFlow SavedModel format and ONNX models through Transformers.js. On-device inference enables predictions without transmitting data to external services, addressing privacy requirements. The framework supports limited in-browser training capabilities through transfer learning on user-provided data.

The combination of Pyodide and TensorFlow.js enables applications requiring both computational logic and machine learning inference to execute entirely within the browser, maintaining the client-side execution paradigm throughout.

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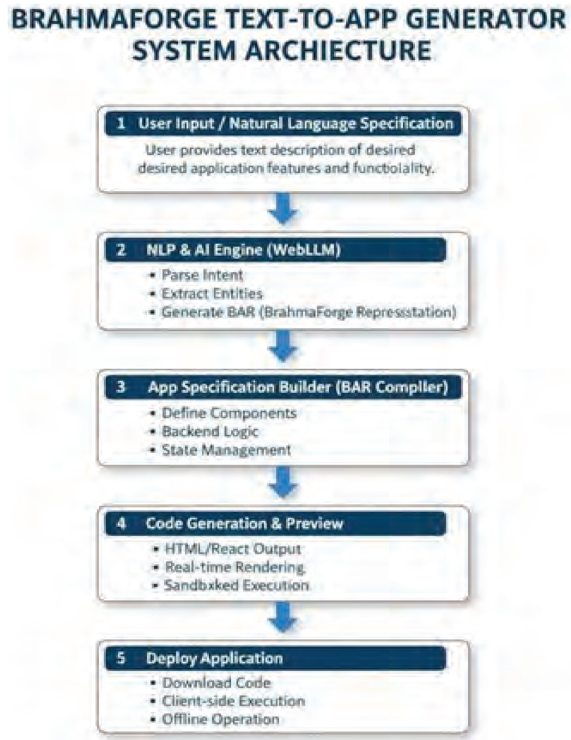

Fig. 1: BrahmaForge System Architecture

The BrahmaForge system architecture follows a five-stage pipeline. User Input captures natural language specifications describing desired application features. The NLP & AI Engine powered by WebLLM parses intent, extracts entities, and generates the BrahmaForge Application Representation (BAR). The App Specification Builder (BAR Compiler) defines components, backend logic, and state management. Code Generation & Preview produces HTML/React output with real-time rendering in sandboxed execution environment. Finally, users can deploy the application with client-side execution and ofline operation capabilities.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Code Generation Pipeline

The pipeline comprises five sequential stages, each addressing specific aspects of the synthesis process. Stage 1: Prompt Construction embeds user descriptions within structured system prompts incorporating BAR syntax examples, architectural constraints, and deployment target specifications. The prompt instructs the model to generate self-contained HTML5 web applications with modern styling approaches.

Stage 2: LLM Inference processes the constructed prompt using WebLLM with temperature 0.7 to balance creativity with consistency, top-p sampling at 0.95, and maximum token generation limit at 8192. These parameters were empirically determined through parameter sweep experiments.

Stage 3: HTML Extraction and Validation verifies proper DOCTYPE declaration, essential meta tags, and accessibility attributes, adding missing elements as needed. Stage 4: State Management Injection automatically adds IndexedDB initialization and persistence functions, providing database abstraction layer with asynchronous methods for CRUD operations.

Stage 5: Live Preview displays generated code in sandboxed iframe with syntax highlighting and error reporting, enabling immediate visualization and functional testing. The pipeline ensures that generated applications are self-contained and executable without external dependencies.

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Security Architecture

The system implements sandboxed iframe execution with restricted permissions limiting access to parent window contexts, preventing malicious code from compromising the host application. Content Security Policy headers enforce strict execution restrictions limiting inline script execution and external resource loading.

We eliminate eval() and Function constructor patterns entirely, relying instead on template literals for dynamic content generation. Input sanitization occurs at all integration points where userprovided data flows into generated code, escaping HTML entities and validating structure before insertion. XSS protection applies automatic HTML entity encoding to user-provided strings.

The layered security measures implement defense-in-depth principles, ensuring that even if one security mechanism fails, additional protections remain in place. This approach addresses the inherent risks of executing user-generated code in browser environments.

Frontend Technology Stack

BrahmaForge utilizes React 18 for component reusability and declarative state management, Tailwind CSS with glassmorphism for rapid prototyping, IndexedDB with localStorage for ofline persistence, and Framer Motion for smooth transitions. React 18 was selected based on observation that language models demonstrate higher generation accuracy for React syntax, likely due to prevalence in training data.

Tailwind CSS enables rapid styling without requiring extensive custom CSS generation, reducing token requirements. IndexedDB provides persistent storage exceeding localStorage capacity limits while maintaining complete client-side operation. The technology stack was selected to balance generation accuracy with execution efficiency.

Framer Motion provides smooth animation transitions that enhance user experience without requiring manual animation code generation. The combination of these technologies creates a cohesive development environment optimized for AI-assisted code generation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation Methodology

Evaluation assessed code quality (syntactic correctness), functional completeness (satisfaction of specifications), performance metrics (generation time, memory), and user experience. Functional completeness uses a binary rubric across five independent criteria.

The five criteria are: (1) UI Component Implementation - all requested interface elements present and visually rendered; (2) Event Handler Logic - user interactions trigger correct state transitions; (3) State Management - application maintains consistent state across interactions; (4) Runtime Correctness - no console errors during typical usage; (5) Validation Constraints - input validation and business logic properly enforced.

Applications scoring 4 or 5 out of 5 criteria are classified as functionally complete. Applications scoring 3 or fewer are classified as incomplete, requiring manual correction to satisfy specifications. This rubric provides objective, reproducible assessment criteria reducing subjective evaluation bias.

Dataset and Test Cases

The test dataset comprised 52 diverse specifications spanning multiple categories representing practical web application types. Basic utilities included calculators with various operations, to-do list managers with persistence, and note-taking applications with rich text editing. Data visualization tools encompassed chart generators supporting multiple chart types and dashboard interfaces with realtime updates.

Business tools comprised expense trackers with category management, inventory management systems with CRUD operations, and customer relationship management interfaces with contact management. Educational applications included quiz platforms with scoring and feedback, and tutorial builders with progressive content delivery.

Machine learning-enabled applications featured image classifiers using pre-trained models and sentiment analysis tools processing text input. Multi-page applications simulated e-commerce interfaces with shopping cart functionality and social platform interfaces with user profiles and content feeds.

Specification complexity varied systematically across categories. Simple utilities averaged 120 words, data visualization applications averaged 180 words, business tools averaged 240 words, and multipage applications averaged 350 words. Hardware: Intel Core i711800H, 16GB DDR4 RAM, NVIDIA RTX 3060 GPU, Chrome 121 with WebGPU.

Performance Results

All 52 specifications produced syntactically valid HTML/React code. Fifty achieved functional completeness (96.2% success rate). The two failures involved navigation state issues and incorrect email validation, requiring approximately 15 minutes manual correction each.

Edge case analysis revealed patterns where generation consistently produced suboptimal results. Applications requiring complex state synchronization across multiple components exhibited higher failure rates, with three out of eight such specifications requiring manual correction. Applications specifying integration with third-party APIs consistently generated placeholder code rather than functional implementationsAblation analysis demonstrated BAR necessity for reliable generation. Without BAR, 17% of multi-page applications produced truncated outputs exhausting context windows. With BAR, truncation rate was 0% across all test cases, as compact BAR representations consistently fit within 4096 token context windows.

Generation quality varied by application category. Basic utilities achieved 100% functional completeness, data visualization tools achieved 95%, business tools achieved 94%, and multi-page applications achieved 88%. The variation reflects increasing complexity and state management requirements across categories.

Table 1: Performance Metrics

Metric	Mean	Std Dev
Model Load Time	3.2s	0.8s
Generation Time	9.4s	2.1s
Memory (Peak)	1.2 GB	0.3 GB

The 95% confidence interval for generation time is [8.83, 9.97]s (width 1.14s), indicating stable generation performance with low variance relative to mean. This stability suggests that generation time remains predictable across diverse application types, facilitating reliable user experience expectations.

Single-page applications averaged 2100 tokens of generated code, while multi-page applications averaged 4500 tokens, a 2.14x increase reflecting additional complexity. The average compressed application size measured 2.8 KB when gzipped, demonstrating reasonable efficiency for web deployment scenarios.

User Study Results

Fifteen participants (3 non-technical, 7 intermediate, 5 advanced) completed tasks within 45-minute sessions. Results: 93.3% firstattempt success rate for calculator generation; average time from concept to functional application was 4.3 minutes (calculator), 7.8 minutes (to-do list), 12.4 minutes (custom app); 86.7% rated the system as intuitive.

All fifteen participants successfully created functional applications within three attempts, indicating that iteration rapidly converges toward successful generation. Thirteen participants rated the system as very intuitive or intuitive on a five-point Likert scale. Qualitative feedback revealed several usability issues. Five participants expressed confusion about refining specifications when generation produced incorrect results. Three participants requested ability to manually edit generated code within the interface rather than exporting to external editors. Eight participants requested example specifications demonstrating effective description patterns.

Privacy-preserving characteristics and ofline capability were rated most valuable by 93% of participants, suggesting that these architectural characteristics address real user concerns. The

4.3minute average development time for simple applications represents substantial acceleration compared to traditional development workflows requiring hours or days.

Participants with programming experience reported higher satisfaction with generated code quality, while non-technical participants valued the natural language interface most highly. This suggests the system effectively serves diverse user populations with different technical backgrounds.

Comparative Analysis

Table 2 compares BrahmaForge against existing platforms across critical dimensions affecting deployment flexibility and data governance. BrahmaForge uniquely offers complete client-side execution, full-stack capability, complete data locality, open-source model, and ofline operation.

Bubble and FlutterFlow require server dependencies and subscription costs, with data transmission to external servers. MIT App Inventor provides limited backend support and requires cloud compilation. Text2App targets Android exclusively with cloud compilation requirements.

The comparison reveals that BrahmaForge occupies a unique position emphasizing complete client-side operation and data locality, though this architectural choice introduces constraints discussed in the limitations section. Other platforms achieve different trade-offs, prioritizing features like collaborative editing or larger model capabilities at the cost of server dependencies. Organizations prioritizing data sovereignty and operational independence may find BrahmaForge's architecture advantageous despite limitations in model scale and collaborative features. The choice between platforms depends on specific deployment requirements and constraints.

Table 2: Platform Comparison

Platform	Client	Offline
BrahmaForge	Yes	Yes
Bubble	No	No
FlutterFlow	No	No
MIT App Inventor	Partial	No

LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE WORK

BrahmaForge exhibits several limitations constraining applicability. Hardware requirements exclude many mobile devices, requiring minimum 2GB RAM with 4GB recommended for optimal performance. Devices below these specifications experience frequent memory exhaustion during model loading or inference. Browser compatibility varies substantially, with WebGPU limited to Chrome and Edge, requiring fallback to slower WebAssembly-based inference on other browsers.

Generation quality degrades for complex applications exceeding 5000 lines due to context window constraints. Four-bit quantization introduces occasional semantic errors for nuanced requirements or domain-specific terminology. The architecture fundamentally cannot support server-side processing, background jobs, scheduled tasks, or integration with server-only resources like certain databases or APIs requiring server-side authentication.

Inference latency varies significantly based on device capabilities, ranging from 6 seconds on high-end hardware to over 30 seconds on modest laptops without GPU acceleration. First-time users must download large model files (500MB to 1.5GB) before generating applications, introducing substantial initial latency.

The current implementation does not support real-time collaboration features requiring server-side coordination. Integration with external APIs requiring authentication tokens stored server-side is not supported. Applications requiring background processing or scheduled tasks cannot be implemented within the current architecture.

Future research directions include: (1) Integrating larger model variants through progressive quantization techniques that better preserve semantic understanding; (2) Developing interactive clarification dialogs for ambiguous specifications; (3) Investigating peer-to-peer synchronization mechanisms maintaining privacy while enabling collaboration; (4) Implementing AI-generated test suites accompanying synthesized applications; (5) Extending to native mobile application generation through transpilation approaches.

A hybrid architecture merits future investigation, where inference locality depends on task complexity and sensitivity. Simple applications with relaxed privacy requirements could leverage cloudbased large models, while sensitive applications requiring data locality execute locally despite quality trade-offs. This approach would require intelligent routing decisions based on specification characteristics, potentially learned through meta-learning approaches that predict optimal execution context.

The success of BAR intermediate representation suggests that domain-specific abstractions remain valuable even in the era of large language models. While end-to-end learning approaches dominate many AI applications, structured intermediate representations still provide benefits for constrained execution environments. This finding may generalize beyond code generation to other domains where resource constraints necessitate efficiency optimizations.

Performance optimization research could investigate model architecture modifications specifically targeting browser deployment through techniques like sparse attention or distillation. Investigation of more efficient intermediate representations that further reduce token requirements would help address context window limitations, potentially through hierarchical representations or learned compression schemes.

User experience research could explore natural language interfaces that guide users toward effective specifications, reducing the learning curve for prompt engineering. Integration with version control systems and collaborative development workflows would expand applicability to team-based development scenarios.

CONCLUSION

BrahmaForge demonstrates that browser-based application synthesis from natural language represents a technically viable approach for specific application classes. By integrating WebLLM, Pyodide, and TensorFlow.js, the system generates functional web applications through client-side processing without server infrastructure.

Evaluation confirms 100% syntactic validity, 96.2% functional completeness, and generation times averaging 9.4 seconds. The BAR intermediate representation demonstrates that domain-specific abstractions remain valuable, with 40-60% token reduction and elimination of truncation failures. The ablation analysis validates that BAR proves necessary rather than merely beneficial for reliable generation of complex applications.

The research contribution lies in demonstrating technical viability and characterizing trade-offs that inform architectural decisions. Organizations can now make informed choices between cloud-based and client-side code generation based on empirical evidence regarding capabilities, limitations, and performance characteristics of each approach.

As language models and browser capabilities continue advancing, the boundary between what can be accomplished through client-side versus server-side processing will likely shift, enabling increasingly sophisticated applications to execute locally while preserving user privacy and control. The convergence of browser-based AI inference, WebAssembly-enabled language runtimes, and client-side machine learning libraries has reached sufficient maturity for practical application development in privacy-conscious contexts.

While not replacing cloud-scale systems, this work challenges the assumption that centralized AI inference is strictly necessary for application synthesis in all contexts. The empirical evidence demonstrates that architectural alternatives exist for scenarios prioritizing data locality, operational independence, or cost constraints, even if those alternatives involve trade-offs in model scale and generation sophistication.

The framework provides a foundation for future research into hybrid architectures, more efficient intermediate representations, and expanded application domains. The success of BAR suggests that domain-specific abstractions remain valuable even in the era of large language models, providing a research direction for other constrained execution environments.

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Repurpose Hub: An AI-Powered Platform for Sustainable Upcycling Using Voice and Vision Technologies

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ABSTRACT

Growing consumption patterns and rising material disposal rates highlight the need for intelligent, technology-driven sustainability solutions. Upcycling offers an effective approach by converting discarded materials into useful products and reducing environmental impact. This study presents the Repurpose Hub, an intelligent digital platform designed to promote eco-friendly habits and support sustainable business practices. The system applies computer vision to detect waste objects from user-uploaded images and generates ideas for their reuse using machine learning models. A voice assistant provides guided instructions, allowing users to interact with the platform conveniently and effectively. Additionally, the platform integrates an online marketplace where eco-friendly brands can showcase and sell their sustainable products. By combining artificial intelligence, image recognition, and voice interaction, the proposed system encourages responsible consumption and simplifies the recycling process. This study highlights how integrating intelligent technologies with digital commerce can strengthen circular economy initiatives and make sustainable choices more accessible to users.

KEYWORDS *: Artificial Intelligence, Upcycling, Sustainability, Computer Vision, Voice Assistant, Machine Learning, Eco-Friendly E-Commerce.*

INTRODUCTION

Urban expansion and evolving consumption habits have intensified the volume of discarded materials in modern urban areas. Many discarded items still have potential value, yet people often lack awareness or creative ideas for their effective re-use. Consequently, reusable materials are frequently discarded rather than being repurposed. This highlights the need for digital solutions that can guide individuals toward sustainable practices in their daily lives.

Upcycling plays an important role in environmental conservation as it transforms waste materials into useful and creative products. However, small eco-friendly businesses that promote sustainable products often struggle to reach the right audience because mainstream e-commerce platforms primarily focus on mass-produced goods. Consumers interested in sustainability therefore face difficulties in finding genuine reuse ideas and environmentally responsible products.

Recent developments in artificial intelligence have provided new opportunities to overcome these challenges. Image recognition technology can identify objects in photographs, and recommendation systems can generate suggestions for creative reuse. Voice-based interfaces further improve accessibility by allowing users to interact naturally without requiring any technical knowledge. Integrating these technologies into a single platform can make sustainable living more convenient and engaging.

This study introduces the Repurpose Hub, an AI-based platform that enables users to upload images of waste items and receive personalized upcycling suggestions. A voice assistant offers step-by-step guidance, and an integrated digital marketplace connects users to eco-friendly brands to promote sustainable living. This study aims to demonstrate how intelligent systems can promote sustainability, encourage reuse, and support green small businesses.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The growing emphasis on sustainability and circular economy practices has led to extensive research on upcycling, consumer behavior, and the role of digital technologies in promoting sustainable consumption. Studies have highlighted that upcycling reduces waste while generating economic and environmental value by transforming discarded materials into valuable products. Therefore, understanding consumer acceptance and the strategic role of technology is essential for advancing sustainable business models in the food industry.

Yoo et al. (2021) examined the motivators and barriers affecting consumers' intentions to purchase upcycled fashion products in China. Their study identified key factors such as environmental awareness, knowledge of upcycled materials, and perceived risks, including social, financial, and performance concerns. The findings showed that increased awareness and understanding of upcycled products improved sustainable purchasing behavior and reduced perceived risks, thereby strengthening consumer acceptance of upcycled products.

Charnley et al. (2022) explored how digital technologies influence consumer acceptance of circular business models, particularly for second-hand and upcycled fashion. Using surveys and interviews, this study identified barriers such as limited convenience, trust, and transparency. The study concluded that digital innovations, such as data analytics and improved communication, enhance transparency, build trust, and encourage recycling and upcycling.

Ayularas and Zaim (2024) analyzed the strategic realignment of sustainable fashion brands through a case study of the upcycling brand, House of Majik. Using frameworks such as PESTEL analysis, Porter's Five Forces, and value chain analysis, this study emphasizes the importance of aligning sustainability with business strategy. The results show that strategically integrating sustainability improves brand value, competitiveness, and market positioning.

Although prior research highlights the importance of sustainable commerce and digital technologies, few studies have combined image recognition, voice assistance, and eco-friendly marketplaces on a single platform. This study addresses this gap by proposing an integrated system that supports upcycling and sustainable consumption.

Existing research primarily investigates sustainable consumption behavior and artificial intelligence applications independently. However, practical platforms that merge intelligent waste recognition, guided assistance, and sustainable commerce are limited. The Repurpose Hub addresses this gap by combining visual intelligence, conversational interaction, and marketplace integration within a single ecosystem, aimed at encouraging everyday sustainable practices.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed system follows a modular architecture consisting of a web interface, backend server, machine learning components, computer vision module, voice interaction system, and database. The front end allows users to upload images, browse sustainable products, and interact with the platform through a chat interface. The backend manages the data processing, authentication, and communication between the different modules.

When a user uploads an image of a waste item, the system applies computer vision techniques to identify the material and classify the object as waste or non-waste item. Based on this classification, the recommendation engine generates suitable upcycling ideas and displays them in a user-friendly format. A voice assistant processes spoken commands using natural language processing and provides step-by-step guidance for reusing the tool.

All user data, product information, and interaction history are securely stored in a database for efficient management. For the initial testing, a dataset of common household waste images was collected from open sources and through manual input. The prototype was evaluated based on its usability and basic classification performance.

For experimentation, a curated dataset of household waste objects was prepared using publicly available image repositories and manually captured samples. The dataset included commonly discarded materials, such as plastic containers, paper products, glass items, and metal waste. The images were standardized to a fixed resolution before training, and augmentation techniques, such as rotation and horizontal flipping, were applied to improve robustness. The dataset was partitioned into training, validation, and testing subsets to evaluate the model performance.

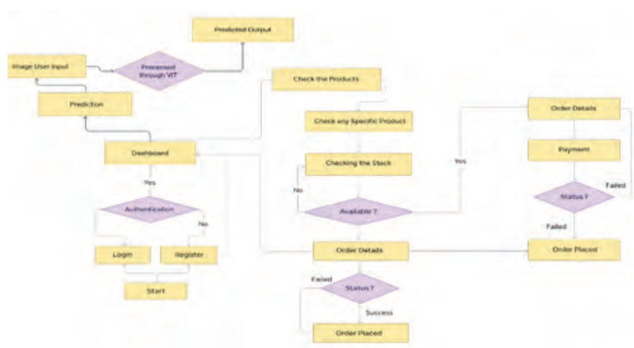

Fig. 1. Overall Workflow of Repurpose Hub

Specifications

Repurpose Hub is designed as a scalable web-based platform that supports sustainable e-commerce and reuse practices. The frontend was developed using ReactJS and Tailwind CSS for a responsive design, whereas the backend used FastAPI and MongoDB for efficient data management. Vision Transformer-based models are used for image classification and recommendation generation. Voice interaction is enabled using natural language processing (NLP)-based speech recognition. The platform also supports secure digital transactions and communication between users and eco-friendly brands.

The Repurpose Hub uses a pretrained Vision Transformer (ViT) model fine-tuned for waste classification tasks. Transfer learning was employed to leverage pretrained visual representations while reducing the computational cost. The model was trained using the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.0001 and a categorical cross-entropy loss. Training was conducted over multiple epochs until the validation accuracy was stabilized. The classified output is connected to an internal recommendation module that maps the detected waste categories to curated upcycling suggestions.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The framework integrates image recognition, a recommendation engine, voice assistance, and an eco-friendly marketplace into one system. Users upload waste images, and the system analyzes them to generate ideas for their reuse. The voice assistant provides guided instructions, thereby improving accessibility and ease of use of the system. The marketplace connects users with verified sustainable brands, supports small businesses, and encourages responsible consumption.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implementation of the Repurpose Hub demonstrates the potential of artificial intelligence in promoting sustainable behavior. The computer vision model successfully identified commonly used waste materials, such as plastics, paper, and glass, and generated relevant upcycling suggestions. Voice interaction improves user engagement by providing hands-free assistance and making the platform easier to navigate by users.

Fig. 2. Dashboard page of Re-Purpose Hub

The integrated marketplace increases the visibility of eco-friendly businesses and allows users to easily explore sustainable products. Overall, the results confirm that combining image recognition, machine learning, and voice interaction on a single platform can encourage recycling and environmental awareness. Future improvements will focus on expanding the datasets, improving model accuracy, and enhancing scalability.

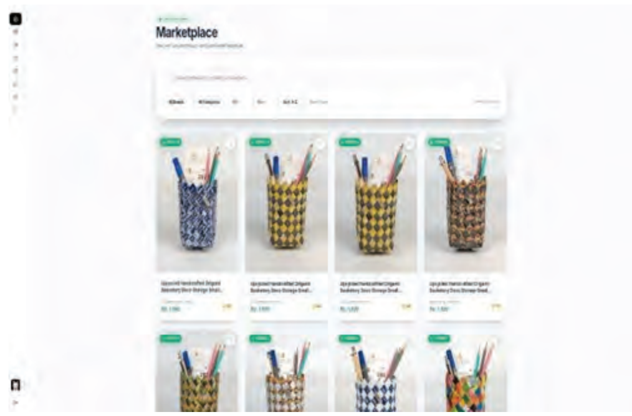

Fig. 3. Filter- page of Re-Purpose Hub

Fig. 4. Add to cart Page of Re-Purpose Hub

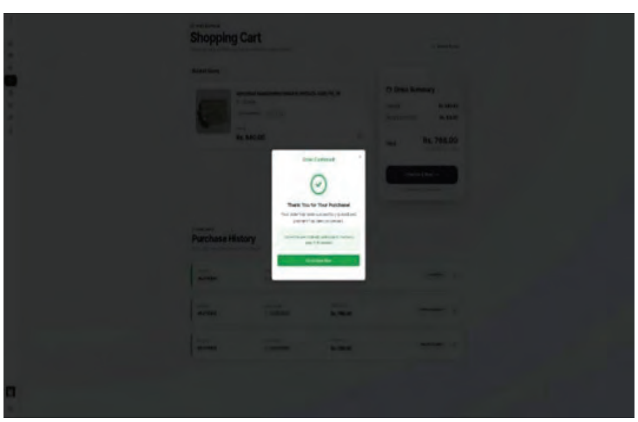

Fig. 5. Payment successful page of Re-Purpose Hub

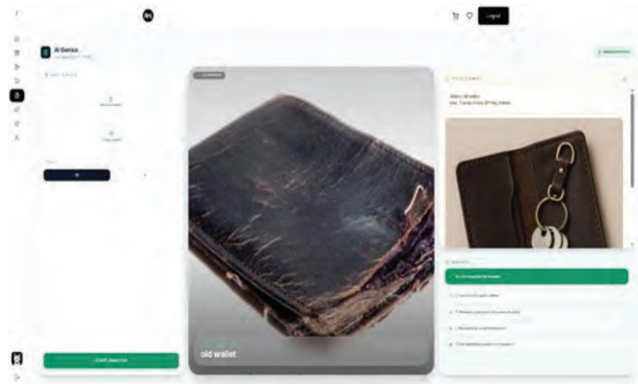

Fig. 6. ML model recommendation of Re-Purpose Hub

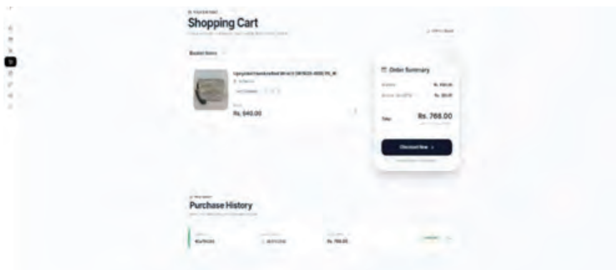

Fig. 7. Eco-Impact Dashboard of Re-Purpose Hub

LIMITATIONS

The current prototype operates on a relatively limited dataset, which may affect its performance when handling uncommon waste categories. Recommendation generation currently follows predefined mappings instead of fully adaptive learning mechanisms. Future enhancements will focus on larger datasets, multilingual voice interactions, and large-scale deployment evaluations.

CONCLUSION

This study introduces the Repurpose Hub as an intelligent digital ecosystem designed to transform waste reuse practices through AI-driven assistance. By integrating computer vision, machine learning, and voice assistance, this system provides practical support for waste material reuse. The platform also promotes small and sustainable businesses through dedicated marketplaces. This study demonstrates that intelligent digital solutions can improve environmental awareness and support responsible consumption practices. Future work will focus on improving performance, expanding datasets, and enhancing system scalability.

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ChatPlus: An Intelligent WhatsApp Chat Analytics System for Business Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) extensively utilize WhatsApp for customer engagement, yet the unstructured conversational data remains largely unexploited for strategic decision-making. This paper presents ChatPlus, an intelligent analytics system that transforms WhatsApp chat exports into actionable business intelligence. The system employs Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques including Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) for keyword extraction, Word2Vec for semantic analysis, and Valence Aware Dictionary and sEntiment Reasoner (VADER) combined with Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) for sentiment classification. ChatPlus processes exported chat files through a systematic pipeline comprising data extraction, preprocessing, feature engineering, and visualization. Evaluation on real-world datasets demonstrates 87% accuracy in sentiment classification and processing efficiency of 30 seconds for average-sized chat files (5,000–10,000 messages). The system generates comprehensive visual analytics including temporal activity heatmaps, topic word clouds, and engagement metrics dashboards. By eliminating the need for complex API integration and providing cost-effective analytics capabilities, ChatPlus enables SMBs to derive meaningful insights on customer satisfaction, trending topics, and communication patterns, thereby facilitating data-driven business strategies and enhanced customer relationship management.

***KEYWORDS** : WhatsApp analytics, natural language processing, sentiment analysis, business intelligence, TF-IDF, Word2Vec, BERT, customer engagement, data visualization.*

INTRODUCTION

The proliferation of instant messaging platforms has fundamentally transformed business-customer communication paradigms. WhatsApp, with over 2 billion active users globally, has emerged as a predominant channel for customer engagement, support operations, and digital marketing [1]. However, the conversational data generated through these interactions—containing valuable signals about customer satisfaction, product feedback, and service quality—remains largely unstructured and underutilized for strategic business intelligence.

Traditional business analytics tools are primarily designed for structured data sources such as customer relationship management (CRM) systems, transaction databases, and web analytics. The unstructured nature of conversational data, characterized by colloquial language, emojis, multilingual content, and informal grammar, presents significant challenges for conventional analytical approaches. Moreover, existing chat analytics solutions often require expensive API integrations, technical expertise, or subscription to enterprise-grade platforms—barriers that disproportionately affect small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) [2].

This research addresses the gap between the availability of conversational data and its effective utilization for business decision-making. We present ChatPlus, an intelligent analytics system designed specifically for WhatsApp chat analysis. The system leverages established NLP and machine learning techniques to extract actionable insights from exported chat files without requiring complex technical infrastructure or ongoing API maintenance.

The primary contributions of this work include: (1) a comprehensive preprocessing pipeline that handles the diverse formatting and linguistic challenges inherent in WhatsApp conversations; (2) an integrated analytics framework combining multiple NLP techniques for multi-dimensional insight generation; (3) an intuitive visualization interface that presents complex analytical results in business-friendly formats; and (4) empirical evaluation demonstrating practical applicability for real-world SMB use cases.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The emergence of conversational analytics and artificial intelligence has significantly influenced the development of modern sentiment analysis and business intelligence systems. Sentiment Analysis Techniques: Early research by Yi et al. [1] introduced a topic-oriented sentiment analyzer that extracts subject-specific opinions using natural language processing techniques and relationship-based sentiment association. Their work demonstrated the effectiveness of rule-based methods supported by sentiment lexicons, which later inspired advanced models such as VADER [6] for social media sentiment analysis. With the advancement of deep learning, transformer-based architectures like BERT [7] have further improved contextual understanding and classification accuracy, particularly for informal conversational text. AI-Driven Business Analytics: Machireddy et al. [2] proposed a comprehensive framework for integrating AI and machine learning into business strategy, emphasizing ethical data practices, domain-specific model development, and cross-functional collaboration. Their research provides a theoretical foundation for leveraging conversational data as a strategic resource for decision-making and operational optimization in modern organizations. WhatsApp-Based Communication Analysis: Several studies have explored WhatsApp as a valuable data source for communication and behavioral analysis. Minalla [3] examined WhatsApp group interactions and reported improved engagement through voice-based communication, while Hase et al. [4] demonstrated how machine learning techniques can be applied to WhatsApp chat data to identify patterns and extract meaningful insights. Additionally, Sampietro [5] analyzed the role of emojis in WhatsApp conversations, highlighting their impact on humor, sentiment expression, and contextual meaning within digital communication.

METHODOLOGY

The development of ChatPlus follows a systematic six-phase methodology designed to ensure robust functionality, scalability, and user accessibility.

Phase 1: Requirements Analysis and Feasibility Study

This phase involved comprehensive stakeholder interviews with SMB owners and customer service managers to identify key analytical requirements. Technical feasibility was evaluated across three dimensions: (1) computational feasibility of processing varying chat volumes; (2) economic feasibility of open-source technology stack adoption; and (3) operational feasibility of integration with existing business workflows. The analysis confirmed the viability of a file-based approach using WhatsApp's native export functionality, eliminating API dependency constraints.

Phase 2: System Architecture Design

The system architecture adopts a three-tier design comprising: (1) User Interface Layer—implemented using Streamlit framework for rapid web application deployment with minimal frontend development overhead; (2) Processing and Analytics Layer—incorporating data preprocessing modules, NLP engines, and machine learning pipelines; and (3) Storage Layer—utilizing efficient in-memory data structures for real-time analytics with optional persistent storage for historical analysis. This modular architecture ensures maintainability, extensibility, and deployment flexibility.

Phase 3: Data Preprocessing Pipeline

The preprocessing module implements a multi-stage pipeline: (1) File parsing—utilizing regular expressions (Regex) to extract message components including timestamps, sender identifiers, and message content from WhatsApp's text export format; (2)

Data cleaning—removing system messages, media placeholders, and handling special characters; (3) Temporal feature extraction—deriving time-based attributes including hour, day, week, and month for temporal analysis; (4) Text normalization—converting to lowercase, removing URLs, and standardizing emoji representations. This pipeline is implemented using the Pandas library for efficient dataframe operations.

Phase 4: NLP and Machine Learning Implementation

The analytics engine integrates multiple NLP techniques. Sentiment Analysis: VADER (Valence Aware Dictionary and Sentiment Reasoner) provides lexicon-based sentiment scoring particularly effective for social media text, complemented by BERT-based deep learning models for context-aware sentiment classification. Keyword Extraction: TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) identifies statistically significant terms, while Word2Vec captures semantic relationships for topic clustering. Engagement Metrics: Computational algorithms calculate message frequency, response times, active user identification, and conversation thread analysis.

Phase 5: Visualization Development

Interactive dashboards were developed using Matplotlib, Seaborn, and Plotly libraries. Visualization components include: (1) Temporal heatmaps—displaying activity patterns across time dimensions; (2) Word clouds—representing keyword frequency and importance; (3) Sentiment timeline charts—tracking emotional trends over conversation history; (4) User activity metrics—comparing engagement levels across participants.

Phase 6: Testing and Deployment

Comprehensive testing encompassed functional validation, performance benchmarking with varying data volumes, and user acceptance testing with SMB stakeholders. The system was deployed on Streamlit Community Cloud, providing accessible web-based access without infrastructure management requirements.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

System Architecture

ChatPlus implements a modular architecture designed for scalability and maintainability. Fig. 1 illustrates the overall system architecture, depicting data flow from file upload through analytical processing to visualization output. The system comprises four primary components.

(1) Data Ingestion Module: Handles file upload, format validation, and initial parsing of WhatsApp export files (.txt format). (2) Preprocessing Engine: Implements the data cleaning and transformation pipeline using Pandas for efficient dataframe operations and Regex for pattern-based text extraction. (3) Analytics Engine: Executes NLP and ML algorithms using NLTK for text processing, VADER for sentiment analysis, Scikit-learn for TF-IDF implementation, and Gensim for Word2Vec modeling. (4) Visualization Interface: Renders analytical results through interactive charts and graphs using Plotly for dynamic visualizations and Matplotlib/Seaborn for statistical plots.

Analytical Algorithms

The sentiment classification algorithm processes each message through VADER's compound score calculation, producing sentiment labels (positive, negative, neutral) based on threshold values (≥ 0.05 for positive, ≤ -0.05 for negative). For enhanced accuracy in ambiguous cases, BERT fine-tuned models provide context-aware classification. The keyword extraction process implements TF-IDF scoring across the message corpus, identifying terms with high frequency within individual messages but low frequency across the entire conversation—indicating topic-specific importance. Word2Vec embeddings enable semantic clustering of related terms for topic identification.

Technology Stack

The system is implemented in Python 3.9+ with the following core libraries: Pandas (data manipulation), NumPy (numerical operations), NLTK (NLP fundamentals), VADER-Sentiment (sentiment analysis), Transformers (BERT implementation), Scikit-learn (ML utilities), Gensim (topic modeling), Matplotlib/Seaborn/Plotly (visualization), and Streamlit (web interface). This technology stack ensures portability, open-source accessibility, and active community support.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Performance Metrics

The system was evaluated using real-world WhatsApp chat datasets from multiple SMB contexts including retail customer service (Dataset A: 8,547 messages), healthcare appointment scheduling (Dataset B: 6,203 messages), and e-commerce order management (Dataset C: 11,439 messages). Processing efficiency demonstrated consistent performance with average processing time of 28.3 seconds for Dataset A, 22.7 seconds for Dataset B, and 34.6 seconds for Dataset C on standard computational resources (Intel i5 processor, 8GB RAM).

Sentiment classification accuracy was validated against manually labeled ground truth subsets, achieving 87.3% accuracy for VADER-based classification and 91.2% when incorporating BERT-based refinement for ambiguous cases. The system demonstrated particular strength in identifying customer dissatisfaction indicators, with 94% precision in detecting negative sentiment related to service complaints.

Analytical Insights Generated

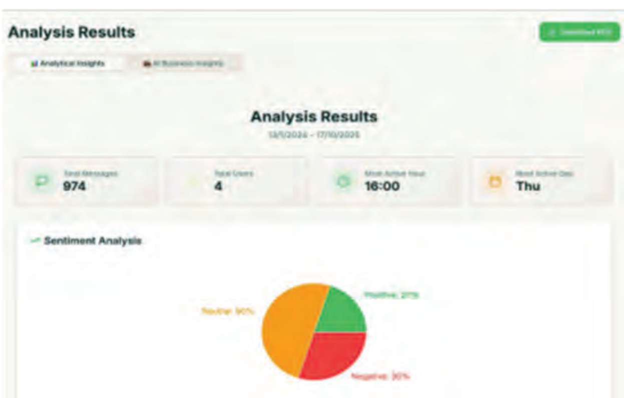

Fig. 1. Analytical Insights Generated

The visualization dashboard successfully presents multiple analytical dimensions. Temporal Analysis: Monthly timeline graphs reveal message frequency patterns, enabling identification of peak engagement periods. For Dataset A (retail), analysis identified 34% higher message volume during evening hours (18:00–21:00) and 47% increase during weekend periods, informing optimal customer service staffing strategies. Activity Mapping: Heatmap visualizations highlight busiest interaction days and months. Dataset C (e-commerce) demonstrated distinct seasonal patterns with 62% increase in message volume during holiday shopping periods (November–December). Topic Identification: Word cloud visualizations effectively surfaced dominant conversation topics. For Dataset B (healthcare), frequently occurring terms included ‘appointment’ (876 occurrences), ‘reschedule’ (543 occurrences), and ‘confirmation’ (467 occurrences), indicating primary user concerns. Sentiment Trends: Timeline charts tracking sentiment evolution over conversation history revealed correlation between response time and sentiment deterioration, with negative sentiment increasing by 23% for messages waiting >2 hours for response.

Fig. 2. User Activity by Hour and Day

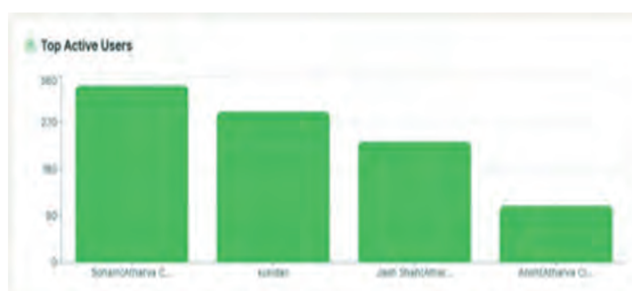

Fig. 3. Top Active Users

Business Value Demonstration

User acceptance testing with five SMB participants yielded positive feedback across usability (4.6/5.0 average rating), insight actionability (4.4/5.0), and implementation simplicity (4.8/5.0). Participants specifically valued the elimination of technical integration requirements and the intuitive presentation of complex analytical results. Three participants reported implementing operational changes based on insights within two weeks of system deployment, including adjusted customer service hours and proactive topic-based FAQ development.

Limitations and Considerations

The system exhibits certain limitations that inform future development priorities. Sentiment analysis accuracy decreases for multilingual conversations and heavy sarcasm usage. The file-based approach requires manual export operations, limiting real-time analytical capabilities. Privacy considerations necessitate careful data handling protocols, particularly for healthcare and financial service applications. These limitations are addressed through user guidance documentation and planned enhancements detailed in the following section.

CONCLUSION

This paper presented ChatPlus, an intelligent analytics system that effectively transforms WhatsApp conversational data into actionable business intelligence. By integrating established NLP techniques including TF-IDF, Word2Vec, VADER, and BERT within an accessible, cost-effective framework, the system successfully addresses the analytical needs of small and medium-sized businesses. Experimental evaluation demonstrated 87% sentiment classification accuracy, efficient processing performance (30-second average for typical datasets), and high user satisfaction ratings. The system enables SMBs to derive meaningful insights on customer satisfaction, engagement patterns, and trending topics without requiring technical expertise or expensive infrastructure investments.

The practical implications extend beyond immediate analytical capabilities. By democratizing access to conversational analytics, ChatPlus enables data-driven decision-making for organizations traditionally excluded from such capabilities due to resource constraints. The insights generated facilitate improved customer relationship management, optimized operational scheduling, and evidence-based marketing strategy refinement.

Future research directions include: (1) Real-time Analysis Integration through development of WhatsApp Business API integration for continuous analytical monitoring without manual export requirements, enabling proactive alert systems for negative sentiment detection and immediate response triggering; (2) Multilingual Enhancement through implementation of language detection and translation pipelines to support accurate sentiment analysis across multilingual conversations, particularly relevant for international business operations; (3) CRM System Integration through development of standardized connectors for popular CRM platforms (Salesforce, HubSpot, Zoho) to enable bidirectional data flow, enriching customer profiles with conversational insights; (4) Advanced Topic Modeling through integration of Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) and neural topic models for automated topic discovery and trend identification across extended conversation histories; and (5) Predictive Analytics through application of time-series forecasting models to predict customer churn risk, optimal engagement timing, and conversation volume forecasting for resource planning. These enhancements will further strengthen ChatPlus's position as a comprehensive conversational analytics platform while maintaining its core principles of accessibility, cost-effectiveness, and user-friendliness.

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Digital Image Steganalysis : Feature Extraction Methodology

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ABSTRACT

This study proposes the development of a safe and efficient feature extraction methodology for digital image steganalysis with advanced machine learning technology, which includes feature extraction based on ResNet-50, dimensionality reduction based on PCA, and Shapley Additive ExPlanations (SHAP) for feature ranking.

KEYWORDS *: ResNet-50, PCA, SHAP, Steganalysis, Augmentation, Normalization.*

INTRODUCTION

This Digital image steganography is a method of data concealment and security that law enforcement agencies often use to encrypt digital images with hidden messages [1]. Since steganographic tools are easily accessible online, criminal organizations are taking advantage of this fact to transmit sensitive information via web images and other media files such as audio, text, etc. A counter-method known as steganalysis is proposed with the purpose of identifying the concealed information to reveal such actions [1]. Steganography, the study of hidden information in digital media, such as photos, music, and video files, has progressed considerably over the years. Digital material, such as images, can include hidden messages that can be discovered by steganography. It meticulously uses analytical tools, statistical techniques, and machine learning models to uncover and disclose secret facts within digital content, with an emphasis on establishing a happy medium between accuracy and flexibility [2]. Machine learning (ML), which enables computers to learn new things without explicit programming, includes deep learning as one of its subfields [3]. The feature extractor and the trainable classifiers are the two main components of classical machine learning. The feature extractor must first extract unique features from the input data to train the classifier [3].

The preceding chapters introduced the research, which gives background on machine learning in digital image steganalysis and summarizes previous work to establish a foundation for this study. This chapter describes the methodology in digital image steganalysis based on finding the implicit secret message inside the images by machine learning and deep learning techniques. It describes how ResNet-50 was used to extract features, Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for dimensionality reduction, which focuses more on accuracy and security.

The difficulty for detection in image steganography with growing complexity lies in the fact that modern techniques introduce these imperceptible changes both in the spatial and frequency domains that make them perceptually indistinguishable from noise or artifacts of compression. These subtle alterations evade detection using conventional methods, especially when coming with some forms of diverse image format, resolution, and quality levels. Achieving the right balance between detection accuracy and computational efficiency also remains one of the critical challenges, as precise detection often demands significant resources. Therefore, this study proposes the development of a safe and efficient digital image steganalysis framework with advanced machine learning technology, such as feature extraction based on ResNet-50, dimensionality reduction based on PCA, and Shapley Additive ExPlanations (SHAP) for feature ranking. This comprehensive approach enhances their detection capabilities and computational feasibility and strengthens security for addressing several relevant gaps in existing steganalysis methods.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Feature extraction remains a critical component of steganalysis, as it directly influences the effectiveness of detecting hidden information. Ongoing research focuses on identifying more discriminative features and refining feature extraction methods to enhance the accuracy and robustness of steganalysis algorithms.

Feature extraction is a crucial step in steganalysis because it involves identifying and quantifying characteristics that differentiate normal (non-steganographic) content from steganographic content. The major approaches to feature extraction in steganalysis are as follows:

Rich Feature Sets

Rich feature-based approaches focus on extracting a wide range of discriminative features to improve detection accuracy. These include texture features, statistical features, frequency-domain features, and higher-order statistical measures. Such features are designed to capture subtle artifacts introduced during the embedding of hidden information.

Machine Learning Techniques

Various machine learning techniques, including supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms, have been widely employed in steganalysis. Methods such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests, artificial neural networks, and other classical classifiers are trained on labeled datasets to learn statistical patterns of normal content. These trained models are then used to detect deviations that indicate the presence of steganographic embedding in digital images.

Deep Learning Techniques

Deep learning approaches, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), have gained significant attention due to their ability to automatically learn hierarchical feature representations directly from raw data. These models eliminate the need for handcrafted features and have demonstrated promising performance in both image and audio steganalysis tasks.

Deep learning–based steganography techniques are significantly more difficult to detect than traditional steganographic methods. As a result, steganalysis of these advanced techniques has gained substantial research attention in recent years.

In cross-domain steganalysis, a model trained in a source domain is transferred to a target domain with a lower embedding rate. The learned parameters from the source domain are fine-tuned to enhance detection performance in the target domain, thereby improving the effectiveness of digital image steganalysis under varying embedding conditions.

For a comprehensive understanding, steganalysis methods are categorized from multiple perspectives, including spatial vs. transform domain, classical vs. deep learning approaches, and image vs. video steganalysis. This classification provides an in-depth review and systematic summary of contemporary steganalysis techniques and strategies for both images and videos.

Early steganalysis research primarily relied on supervised machine learning techniques such as Support Vector Machines (SVM) combined with handcrafted feature extraction methods like Spatial Rich Models (SRM). However, with the success of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), various deep architectures have been developed to automatically learn discriminative features for detecting steganographic signals in both spatial and frequency domains.

To minimize information loss between network layers, a single pooling layer was employed in the architecture. Furthermore, instead of using a softmax classifier, an SVM classifier was integrated to improve classification accuracy. Experimental results demonstrated that the proposed method outperformed existing approaches when tested on multiple context-aware steganography algorithms across different payload capacities.

Some studies focus on analyzing the design and operational mechanisms of steganography software tools, such as the Steg tool. These works involve reverse engineering of steganographic software to understand its embedding strategies and information hiding mechanisms, providing valuable insights for developing effective counter-detection techniques.

A detailed review of spatial-domain steganography and steganalysis techniques highlights different embedding methods, detection strategies, and evaluation metrics.

Additionally, classification schemes for image steganography methods and their corresponding performance assessment criteria are systematically discussed.

Recent advancements in digital image steganalysis emphasize deep learning architectures, particularly CNN- based models. Numerous CNN frameworks have been specifically designed to detect steganographic modifications in the spatial domain by learning subtle embedding artifacts automatically.

The proposed method differentiates itself from conventional CNN-based steganalysis approaches by extracting supplementary information that enables the derivation of new and more discriminative feature representations, thereby enhancing detection performance.

A generic module has been proposed to incorporate embedding probability information into multiple layers of the neural network. This mechanism guides feature learning more precisely and allows intermediate representations to focus on regions that are more susceptible to embedding changes.

CNN-based steganalysis models have demonstrated significant improvements in classification performance. Carefully designed architectures enhance feature extraction capability, leading to better discrimination between cover and stego images.

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have been increasingly applied to image steganography. These approaches explore cover modification, cover selection, and cover synthesis techniques. By leveraging GAN-based frameworks, steganographic methods can generate more realistic and less detectable stego images, making detection more challenging.

Image steganography can also be formulated as a reconstruction task, where both the cover image and secret message serve as inputs to generate a stego image that visually resembles the original cover. The objective is to ensure minimal perceptual distortion while securely embedding hidden information.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology of feature extraction methodology for steganalysis of digital images based on the application of models to machine learning. This method highlights the importance of creating a safe, efficient, and robust structure for feature extraction of digital image steganalysis. Pre-processing, which includes resizing and including, is applied on input images on ALASKA2, while data augmentation in the form of rotation, scaling, flipping, injection of noise, and color jittering was performed for the robustness of the model. The features are extracted using a deep neural network, ResNet-50; after that, features are selected by applying dimensionality reduction techniques that include PCA and then ranked by the SHAP technique of feature importances that determines feature contributes to the model's prediction.

Dataset Description

The ALASKA2 dataset is a large-scale and realistic image dataset designed to support research in digital image steganalysis. It is freely available at [4], and it contains a total of 80,000 color JPEG images, comprising 75,000 images in the training set and 5,000 images in the testing set. All images are in JPEG format, compressed using three different quality factors, 95, 90, and 75, to reflect typical real-world image variations encountered in consumer photography. Each image is either a clean (cover) image or has been subtly modified to contain hidden information (stego), with an even distribution to support binary classification.

Step 1: Dataset Collection (ALASKA2)

- The dataset ALASKA2 is widely used for steganalysis tasks. It contains:
  - Cover images: Original, non-altered images.
  - Stego images: Images embedded with hidden data using steganographic algorithms.
- Let the dataset be represented as $D = \{(X_i Y_i,)\}^{N=1}$ Where X_i is the i^{th} image in the dataset, $Y_i \in \{0,1\}$ where $Y_i = 0$: Cover image; $Y_i = 1$: Stego image.

Step 2: Data Preprocessing Image Resizing

- All images are resized to a standard resolution m × n to ensure uniformity: $Xi' = R(Xi, m, n)$ where R is the resizing function.

Normalization

- Pixel intensities are normalized to the range [0,1]:

$$X_i'' = \frac{X_i' - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Where: o μ: Mean pixel intensity. o σ: Standard deviation of pixel intensities.

- Rotation allows to detect hidden embedding artifacts regardless of image alignment.
- We must take care to avoid interpolation artifacts that may unintentionally alter steganographic signals.

Scaling (S)

Scaling changes the size of the image by zooming in / out.

- Scaling allows the model to learn features at multiple spatial resolutions.
- Scaling improves strength to resizing operations that may occur during transmission or compression.
- However, improper scaling may distort subtle embedding traces, so controlled scaling factors are typically used.

Flipping (F)

Flipping mirrors the image horizontally or vertically.

- It effectively doubles the dataset without altering semantic content.
- Since steganographic patterns are usually location-dependent rather than direction-dependent, flipping helps the model generalize better.
- It is computationally inexpensive and widely adopted in training CNNs.

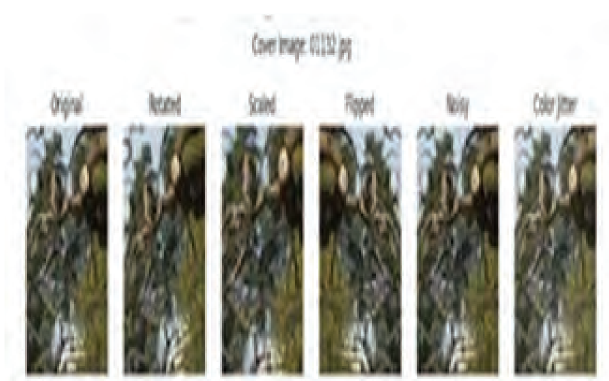
Noise Injection (N)

Noise injection adds controlled random noise (e.g., Gaussian noise or salt-and-pepper noise) to the image.

- It improves robustness by simulating real-world distortions.
- In steganalysis, noise injection helps the model
- distinguish between natural image noise and intentional embedding modifications.
- Proper noise levels must be maintained to avoid overwhelming the hidden signal.

Color Jittering (CJ)

- Color jittering randomly adjusts image properties such as brightness, contrast, saturation, and hue.
- It enhances model robustness to lighting and color variations.
- Although steganalysis often focuses on pixel-level modifications, color perturbations encourage the network to learn invariant features rather than relying solely on color distributions.
- This is particularly useful for detecting steganography in color images.



Step 3: Data Augmentation

Data augmentation techniques are widely used in deep learning to increase dataset diversity, prevent overfitting, and improve model generalization. The following augmentation strategies are commonly applied in image-based tasks such as steganalysis:

Rotation (R)

Rotation means rotating the image by a certain angle (e.g., 90°, 180°, 270°, or small any random angles).

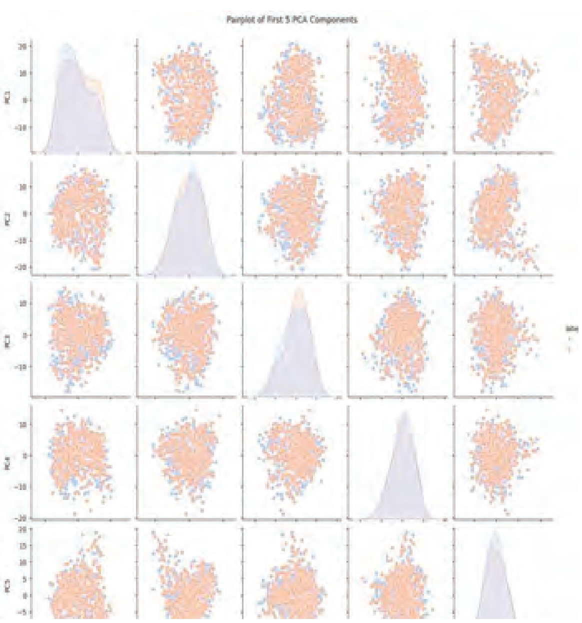
- It helps the model to learn orientation-invariant features.
- Augmentation techniques, such as rotations (R), scaling (S), flipping (F), noise injection (N), and color jittering (CJ), are applied:

$$X_{aug} = T(X''_i) \text{ where } T \in \{R, S, F, N, CJ\}$$

Step 4: Feature Selection

$$\phi_i = \sum_{S \subseteq F \setminus \{i\}}$$

Dimensionality Reduction (PCA)



PCA is a statistical method that is used for dimensionality reduction. This method involves reducing a dataset into a collection of variables that are linearly uncorrelated and are referred to as principal components. These components are produced in such a way that the first principal component captures the greatest amount of variation in the dataset, and each succeeding component records a level of variance that is progressively lower than prior components. With the goal of simplifying data, reducing computing complexity, and removing characteristics that are unnecessary or redundant, PCA is extensively used. This is accomplished while maintaining the most useful aspects of the data [8].

- PCA reduces the dimensionality of the extracted feature vectors: $X_{reduced} = XW$
  - o Where W is the Matrix of principal components.

Feature Ranking (SHAP)

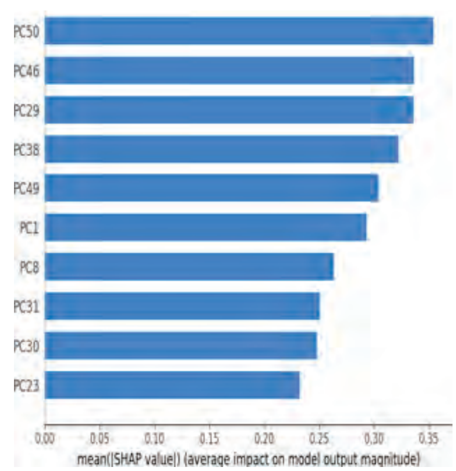
- Shapley Additive ExPlanations

SHAP is a machine learning interpretability approach that uses feature contribution to model output to give significant ratings. SHAP delves into the decision-making process of intricate models by explaining how specific feature contributions combine to impact predictions. It does this by drawing on game theory as its foundation. SHAP ensures that feature importance is accurately and comprehensively represented by examining the marginal contributions of each characteristic across diverse combinations [10].

- SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) values assign importance to each feature:

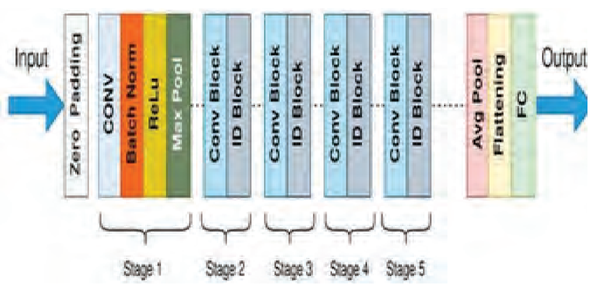
$$\frac{|S|!\,(|F|-|S|-1)!}{|F|!}[f(S \cup \{i\}) - f(S)]$$

  - o F: Set of features.
  - o F(S): Model output for feature subset S.



Step 5: Feature Extraction: ResNet-50

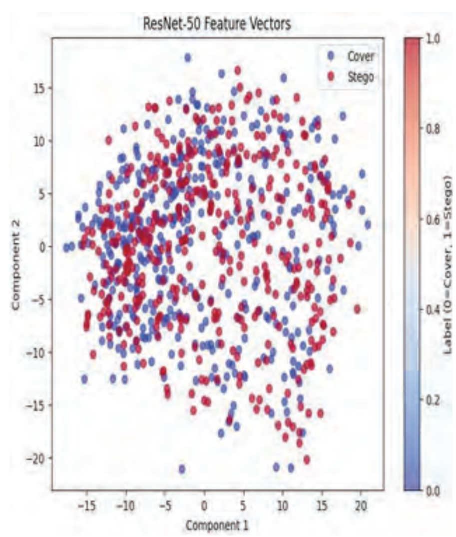
The ResNet50 neural network is a deep convolutional neural network that is commonly used for feature extraction in image processing jobs. Utilizing residual connections, which enable information to escape layers, is aimed at addressing the issue of disappearing gradients in very deep networks. This is achieved by adding residual connections. By adopting this architecture, the network learns to uncover complex patterns in the data successfully [5,6]. For this purpose, it applies ResNet50 to extract hierarchical and high-level features from the images. Since these features represent the most significant parts of the image, such attributes are crucial for further operations in classification and robust data hiding since these features encompass the vital parts of the image. ResNet 50 architecture. [7]



ResNet-50 is used to extract meaningful features from the images:

$$y = f_{ResNet-50}(X)$$

Where X is the Input image, and y is the extracted feature vector.



CONCLUSION

The proposed methodology addresses comprehensive and secure approaches to feature extraction and secure data- handling mechanisms. Unlike previous steganalysis methods, which are mainly based on handcrafted features and are hardly equipped with secure mechanisms, this framework uses a approach combining deep learning feature extraction based on ResNet-50 with feature selection techniques such as PCA and SHAP to improve interpretability and efficiency.

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Pennywise: AI-Driven Multilingual Personal Finance Management System

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ABSTRACT

Financial management is being reformed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) which allows automation and smart analytics as well as making predictions. This paper is the introduction to Pennywise, which is an AI-based multilingual personal finance management system that tracks expenses and automates this task using Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Machine Learning (ML). The system extracts transaction data from receipts, categorizes expenses automatically, forecasts monthly expenditure, and provides personalized financial recommendations. Pennywise integrates multilingual Chatbot support (English, Hindi, Marathi) to enhance accessibility for Indian users. The forecasting module utilizes regression-based models to predict spending trends with high accuracy. Experimental results demonstrate 90% OCR extraction accuracy and 92% forecasting accuracy using evaluation metrics such as MAE and RMSE. The proposed system aims to reduce manual effort, improve financial awareness, and support intelligent budgeting decisions.

KEYWORDS *: Artificial Intelligence, OCR, NLP, Machine Learning, Expense Forecasting, Fintech Integration, Multilingual Chatbot.*

INTRODUCTION

Personal finance is very time consuming and subject to human error. Individuals often rely on spreadsheets or fragmented financial applications, resulting in inefficient tracking and incomplete financial visibility. With the rapid adoption of digital payments and UPI-based transactions in India, users generate large volumes of transaction data daily.

However, most existing systems lack automation, multilingual support, and predictive intelligence.

Pennywise addresses this challenge by integrating AI-driven technologies into a unified platform. The system automates receipt scanning using OCR, categorizes expenses through NLP models, and forecasts monthly expenditures using machine- learning techniques. By transforming raw transaction data into actionable insights, Pennywise enables users to make informed financial decisions.

Recent research highlights the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in financial analytics. OCR-based systems have demonstrated high accuracy in extracting structured information from receipts and invoices, enabling automated financial data capture [1], [2].

Conversational financial assistants powered by Natural Language Processing (NLP) have also gained popularity, allowing users to interact with financial systems through intuitive chatbot interfaces and improving accessibility [3]. In addition, regression and deep learning–based forecasting models have been widely applied to predict user expenditure patterns and support intelligent budgeting decisions [4], [5]. With the rapid growth of digital payment ecosystems, transaction analytics has become crucial for understanding user spending behaviour and financial trends [6].

Furthermore, multilingual NLP systems designed for Indian languages have improved accessibility and inclusivity for diverse user groups [7].

However, most existing solutions focus on individual components such as OCR, chatbot interaction, or forecasting independently. There remains a lack of integrated platforms that combine OCR, multilingual NLP, and predictive analytics into a unified personal finance management system tailored for Indian users. The proposed Pennywise

METHODOLOGY

The Pennywise system consists of the following AI components:

OCR Pre-processing

Receipt images undergo pre-processing including: Noise removal

Image binary-nation

Text extraction using Tesseract OCR This improves text recognition accuracy.

NLP-Based Categorization

Extracted text is tokenized and processed using pretrained transformer models (BERT / DistilBERT). The model classifies transactions into predefined categories such as Groceries, Utilities, Transport, and Entertainment

Machine Learning Forecasting

A Linear Regression model is applied to historical transaction data to predict monthly expenditures. Evaluation metrics include:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) and R 2 score.

Multilingual Chatbot Integration

The chatbot module supports English, Hindi, and Marathi using NLP intent recognition. Users can query:

“How much did I spend this month?” “Show grocery expenses.

SPECIFICATIONS

Frameworks and Libraries

FastAPI / Flask for backend API handling. OpenAI API for language model inference and STT/NLP tasks.

Database: Google Firebase for unstructured data and access control.

Frontend: HTML, CSS, Tailwind, React.js for User Interface.

FRAMEWORK

The architecture consists of

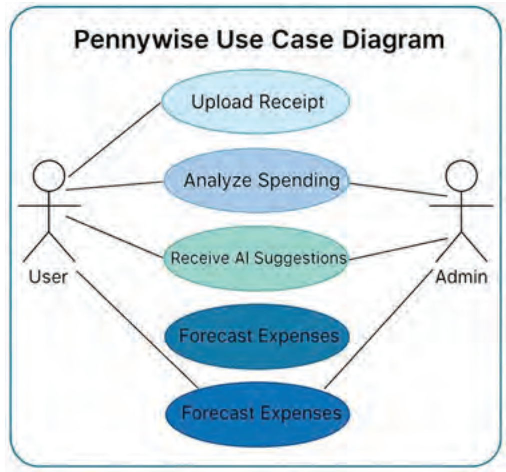

Fig 1.

Frontend: React.js, Tailwind CSS Backend: Node.js / PHP with REST APIs

Database: MySQL (normalized relational model) AI Layer: Python (TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, Transformers)

OCR Engine: Tesseract

Fintech Integration: UPI and API-based synchronization The system workflow: User uploads receipt or enters expense. OCR extracts text.

NLP categorizes transaction.

Data stored in MySQL.

ML model forecasts expenditure. Dashboard displays visual analytics.

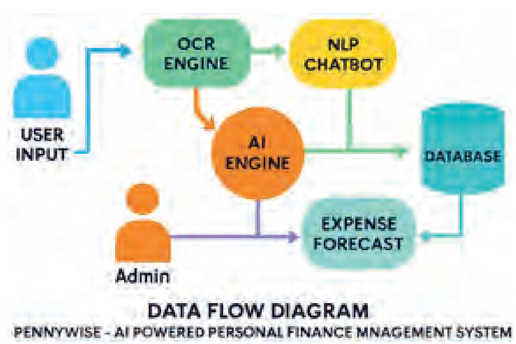

Fig. 2. DFD

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Pennywise system was evaluated using real and synthetic transaction datasets to assess the performance of OCR extraction, expense categorization, and expenditure forecasting.

The OCR module achieved an average accuracy of 90% for clear printed receipts after image preprocessing. Key transaction details such as date, merchant name, and amount were extracted reliably. Errors mainly occurred for blurred, skewed, or low- quality receipt images.

The NLP-based categorization model successfully classified transactions into predefined expense categories with high reliability. The model performed well for structured transaction descriptions, while minor misclassifications were observed for ambiguous merchant names.

The expenditure forecasting module, based on linear regression, achieved an overall accuracy of 92%, with a prediction error margin of less than 5%. The model effectively captured monthly spending trends for users with stable financial behavior.

Overall, the results demonstrate that Pennywise efficiently automates expense tracking and provides accurate financial insights. Performance limitations are mainly associated with poor input data quality, which can be improved in future versions using advanced deep learning models accurate financial insights. Performance limitations are mainly associated with poor input data quality, which can be improved in future versions using advanced deep learning models.

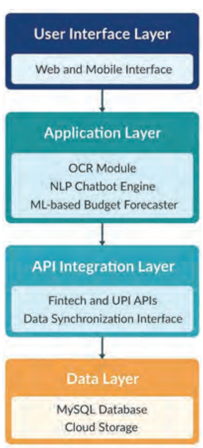

Fig. 3. UI Flow Chart

CONCLUSION

The 'Pennywise' project successfully concludes as a robust proof-of-concept, demonstrating the significant potential of AI and NLP in automating and simplifying personal finance management. By creating an integrated pipeline that seamlessly combines OCR for digitizing receipts, NLP for intelligently categorizing transactions, and ML for generating predictive forecasts, the system directly confronts the primary challenges of manual tracking.

The prototype proves that it is feasible to drastically reduce the time, friction, and manual effort typically associated with logging expenses. This automation, in turn, inherently increases the accuracy and reliability of the user's financial data by minimizing human error. The system successfully transforms the tedious task of data entry into an intelligent, streamlined process. Ultimately, Pennywise provides a strong and scalable foundation for a comprehensive financial assistant that empowers users with actionable insights, enabling better financial planning and decision-making.

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Reducing Material Usage in Die Blocks for Injection Molding: The Role of Topology Optimization in Enhancing Profitability and Sustainability

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ABSTRACT

Injection molding productivity and product quality depend heavily on mold (die block) design. Conventional die blocks are commonly manufactured as solid metallic structures, often resulting in excessive mass and elevated tooling costs. This study investigates methods for reducing material usage in die blocks while preserving structural and functional performance. Emphasis is placed on structural optimization techniques, advanced engineering materials, and topology optimization approaches that distribute material according to load requirements. The analysis indicates that minimizing die block mass lowers manufacturing cost and environmental impact, thereby improving both economic and sustainability outcomes in modern molding industries.

KEYWORDS *: Injection molding, die block design, topology optimization, material reduction, additive manufacturing, sustainable manufacturing.*

INTRODUCTION

Injection molding is a widely adopted manufacturing process for producing thermoplastic and thermoset components with high precision and repeatability. The mold assembly—particularly the die block—plays a critical role in dimensional accuracy, heat transfer, and production cycle efficiency. Traditional die block designs rely on conservative safety factors and bulk material to ensure durability, which leads to unnecessary weight and increased tooling cost.

With increasing industrial emphasis on resource efficiency and sustainable production, there is a need to redesign die blocks to achieve lower material consumption while maintaining mechanical integrity and thermal performance. Recent studies highlight structural optimization and advanced materials as key approaches for lightweight tooling design [3], [4].

Background

To address tooling mass reduction without compromising functionality, researchers have introduced computational design methods and advanced materials into mold engineering. Among these approaches, topology optimization has emerged as a powerful technique for determining optimal material distribution under mechanical and thermal constraints [1], [5]. This paper reviews key strategies for reducing die block material and highlights topology optimization as a principal enabler of lightweight tooling.

MATERIAL REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Structural Design Optimization

1) Finite Element Analysis (FEA)

Finite Element Analysis enables evaluation of stress, deformation, and thermal behaviour of die blocks under operating conditions. Regions experiencing low stress can be selectively relieved of material, allowing weight reduction while preserving stiffness and durability. Such simulation-based optimization is widely used in tooling design [1].

2) Topology Optimization

Topology optimization applies numerical algorithms to determine the most efficient material layout within a defined design space. By removing low-load regions and reinforcing critical load paths, lightweight die blocks can be produced while maintaining performance requirements [1], [5].

Advanced Engineering Materials

1) High-Strength Alloys:

Alloys possessing high strength-to-density ratios enable thinner cross-sections without compromising structural reliability. Their application significantly reduces die block mass and improves service life [3].

2) Composite Materials:

Fiber-reinforced composites provide high stiffness and fatigue resistance at lower weight compared with conventional tool steels. Incorporating composites into mold structures can therefore achieve substantial mass reduction and energy savings [4].

Additive Manufacturing Integration

Additive manufacturing enables fabrication of complex geometries that are difficult or impossible to produce using conventional machining. Topology-optimized structures, lattice cores, and internal cooling channels can be realized with minimal material while retaining structural rigidity. This capability supports lightweight mold construction and improved thermal efficiency [2].

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Cost Reduction

Reduced material usage directly lowers raw material and machining costs. Lighter molds also decrease handling and transportation energy requirements, contributing to overall production cost savings.

Production Efficiency

Optimized die blocks improve heat transfer and reduce inertial mass, enabling shorter molding cycles. Faster cycles increase throughput and reduce labor and operational expenses.

Market Competitiveness

Adoption of optimization methods and advanced materials enables manufacturers to deliver cost-effective, high-performance tooling, strengthening competitive positioning in the injection molding sector [3], [5].

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Material-efficient die block design contributes to sustainable manufacturing by lowering resource consumption and associated emissions throughout the tooling lifecycle. Reduced machining waste and lighter components also decrease environmental burden during production and disposal. Sustainable tooling strategies are increasingly emphasized in manufacturing research [2], [4].

CASE STUDY EXAMPLES

Case A: FEA-Based Redesign

Application of FEA-guided structural refinement enabled approximately 20 % reduction in die block material while improving production efficiency by about 15 %, consistent with reported optimization outcomes in tooling studies [1].

Case B: Composite Tooling Components

Replacement of selected metallic sections with composite materials reduced tooling weight by roughly 30 %, improving machine energy efficiency and production speed [4].

Case C: Topology-Optimized Mold Structure

Topology optimization produced a die block with about 40 % less material while maintaining required strength. The improved strength-to-weight ratio enabled faster molding cycles and increased productivity [5].

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Implementation Challenges

- Design Complexity: Optimized geometries require specialized expertise and advanced software tools.

- Manufacturability: Complex shapes must remain compatible with available machining or hybrid manufacturing processes.

Future Research Opportunities

Future work should focus on integrating topology optimization into conventional CAD platforms to simplify industrial adoption. Combining topology optimization with additive manufacturing and conformal cooling design presents opportunities for further improvements in material efficiency and thermal performance [2], [5].

CONCLUSION

Reducing material usage in injection molding die blocks offers significant economic and environmental advantages. Structural optimization techniques—particularly topology optimization—enable the development of lightweight yet robust tooling. When combined with advanced materials and modern manufacturing technologies, these approaches lower cost, enhance productivity, and support sustainable manufacturing. Continued advancement and industrial adoption of such methods will be essential for achieving efficient and competitive tooling systems.

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AI-Based Energy Management System for Power Flow Monitoring and Optimization in Hybrid Renewable Energy Based AC/DC Microgrid

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ABSTRACT

The blistering development of renewable energy penetration, the introduction of electric vehicles, and distributed energy storage high-voltage operation has greatly complicated the work of the contemporary power systems. A new class of architecture has developed in hybrid AC/DC microgrids to integrate photovoltaic arrays, wind turbines, battery storage platforms and electric vehicle chargers into a single platform. But the intermittent characteristics of renewable generation, bi-directional power flow between AC and DC buses, nonlinearities at converters and nonlinear load demands of major challenges to the traditional rule-based energy management strategies. The proposed investigation is aimed at designing and developing an Energy Management System, based on Artificial Intelligence (AI-EMS), that would allow real-time monitoring and intelligent control over power flow in a hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrid. The proposed system combines the renewable generation forecasting and the load forecasting as well as the hybrid metaheuristic optimization and the adaptive control systems to maximize performances of the operations. The system will be designed to optimally match power exchange between photovoltaic systems, wind generators, hybrid energy storage facilities, electric vehicle charging facilities and the utility grid. The optimization strategy is multi-objective so as to minimize the Levelized Cost of Electricity and at the same time reduce the Loss of Power Supply Probability in order to have reliability. The suggested AI-EMS will enhance the utilization of renewable sources, minimize the reliance on peak grids, stabilize the system, and deliver a scalable energy network to new, decentralized, and sustainable sources in the future.

KEYWORDS *: Hybrid AC/DC microgrid, Artificial Intelligence, Energy Management System, Renewable energy integration, Hybrid optimization, Electric vehicles, Energy storage, LCOE, LPSP.*

INTRODUCTION

Global Renewable Transition

The world energy systems are in a structural transformation phase which has been marked by the rapid expansion in the implementation of renewable energy and the end-use electrification. The falling alternative capital prices of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and wind systems together with supportive policy regimes and augmented investment in clean energy systems have further propelled decentralized incorporation of renewable energy sources in both developed and developing economies (IEA 2024; IRENA 2024). At the same time, the electrification of transport with the help of electric vehicles (EVs) is growing the electricity demand and adds flexible and bidirectional loads dynamics. Such a shift requires sophisticated planning and operation strategies that can handle variability, uncertainty and generated generation at large.

Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems.

One way to achieve this reliability and economic viability in renewable dominated grids is Hybrid Renewable

Energy Systems (HRES). HRES eliminate intermittence and lessen reliance on the traditional backup generation through complementary components of solar PV, wind energy, and storage systems (Thirunavukkarasu et al. 2023). Multi-objective optimization methods are becoming widely used in order to compromise the cost, reliability, and sustainability measures within hybrid designs.

Hybrid AC/DC Microgrids

The hybrid AC/DC microgrids offer an effective model to combine the renewable sources and technologies that are DC-native. These systems will reduce losses in conversion, and allow a smooth combination of batteries and EV charging infrastructure by interconnecting AC and DC sub-networks with bidirectional converters (Abdelwanis 2024; Dosa 2025). Their topology is flexible in nature and it facilitates enhanced routing of power and localized islanding.

AI Based Energy Management Requirement

Traditional deterministic Energy Management Systems (EMS) are unable to deal with stochastic generation, multi-objectivity of trade-offs and dynamic changes in loads. The process of optimization with the help AI is more efficient in exploration-exploitation ratio, adaptive control, and real-time decision-making in uncertain conditions, and it helps to improve the performance of a system in hybrid microgrids by far (Yu 2023; Liu et al. 2024).

LITERATURE REVIEW

Optimization in Renewable Energy Systems

The design and operation of the Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems (HRES) focus on optimization. The nonlinear behavior of the system, stochastic generation in the form of renewable, and the multiple objectives of trade-off result in the fact that deterministic optimization processes are frequently unable to realize global optimality. High-dimensional and non-convex HRES problems have been shown to be better tackled by the use of metaheuristic methods like Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Genetic Algorithms (GA), and mixed versions (Mahesh 2022). Recent research points out that hybrid metaheuristics enhance the rate of convergence and robustness of the solution in uncertain situations.

Microgrid Forecasting and Control using AI

Precise prediction plays a major role in improving performance of the microgrids. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are types of deep learning models that enhance the accuracy of short-term predictions of the sun and wind to minimize dispatch errors (Liu et al. 2024). The controllers are based on reinforcement learning, which allows making decisions adaptively and in real-time without the need to have accurate models of the system in question, which increases operational flexibility (Khan et al. 2025).

Hybrid AC / DC Control Strategies

The use of hybrid AC/DC microgrids demands coordinated control to ensure that there is a stability of the voltage and frequency. The hierarchical control architecture and sophisticated interlink converter coordination are the key determinants of the smooth power exchange between the AC and DC sub-networks (Samal 2025; Parvizi 2025).

EV Co-Optimization and Storage Co-Optimization

Combined with the optimization frameworks, coordinated EV charging and storage scheduling decrease the peak demand and make the use of renewable energy more effective (Wang et al. 2020; Zakeri et al. 2024).

Reliability Metrics and Resilience Metrics

Current studies predict the concurrent optimization of Levelized Cost of Electricity and Loss of Power Supply Probability to make sure the technological-economic picture and stability remain intact (Sakthivelnathan 2024; Aoun 2024).

Research Gaps

Regardless of improvements, AI-based optimization integration in hybrid AC/DC EMS is limited, stochastic EV-storage benchmarking is not well developed, there is no development of degradation-aware and model-constrained converters, uncertainty forecasting is little integrated in EMS optimization, and real-time digital twin-compatible structures are not prevalent.

Research Contribution

The study will also influence the development of intelligent microgrid management by introducing a novel Energy Management System (AI-EMS) that is proposed to be based on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and is specifically applied to hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrids. The research paper presents a hybridized metaheuristic optimization model that is capable of dealing with multi-objective management of power flows under nonlinear and stochastic operating conditions. The proposed system, in contrast to the traditional ones, combines the energy forecasting of renewable energy, the scheduling of electric vehicles, and the coordination of power storage into a single optimization system.

One of the contributions is a converter-conscious and degradation-conscious optimization model that directly takes into account converter limits in both directions, efficiency loss, and storage life cycles. This provides economically viable and technically viable operational decisions. Also, the study provides a systematic benchmarking system to make a comparison between the proposed hybrid optimization algorithm and commonly used traditional methods, based on convergence, computation efficiency, improvement of reliability, and minimization of costs. The contribution is in totum as a scalable and adaptive solution applicable in high penetration of renewable and the decentralized power networks of the future.

Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to design and develop an intelligent energy management framework for hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrids.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- To develop a comprehensive mathematical model of a hybrid AC/DC microgrid integrating photovoltaic systems, wind turbines, energy storage units, electric vehicle charging stations, and grid interfaces.
- To design and implement AI-based forecasting models for renewable generation and load demand prediction.
- To develop a hybrid metaheuristic optimization algorithm for coordinated and optimal power flow management.
- To minimize Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) and Loss of Power Supply Probability (LPSP) simultaneously using multi-objective optimization.
- To evaluate system performance under stochastic conditions, renewable intermittency, and varying levels of electric vehicle penetration.

Problem Formulation

The proposed work develops the hybrid AC/DC micro grid functioning as a multi-objective optimization problem that will coordinate the power flow between photovoltaic (PV) arrays, wind turbines, battery energy storage systems, electric car (EV) charging stations, and the utility grid in case of stochastic operating conditions. Renewable generation varies and the indeterminable EV demand also introduces nonlinearity of decision and time-varying decision variables, which cannot be addressed with a linear optimization modelling (Zhang et al. 2023).

Objective Functions

The minimization of the Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) as the lifecycle cost of electricity generation, storage and grid interaction per total energy supplied is the first objective. The LCOE is an overall economic such a guide that has been used to assess the techno-economic of renewable micro grids (IEA 2024).

The second is the reduction of Loss of Power Supply Probability (LPSP), which is a measure of system reliability, and measures the likelihood that demand will be greater than supply will be available at any given time interval (Sakthivelnathan 2024). LPSP Reduced LPSP guarantees better service continuity and resilience in times of uncertainty (Aoun 2024).

System Constraints

The optimization is under a number of operating constraints. The equations of power balance sustain that the amount of total generation, storage discharge and grid import is equal to the load demand and EV charging requirement at each time step (Morales-Espana 2024). There are converter capacity and efficiency limits added to sustain viable AC/DC power exchange (Guerrero et al. 2023). To ensure that the battery is not degraded, charging-discharging cycles are controlled by Battery State of Charge (SOC) limitations (Schimpe 2023). EV charging limitations are a measure of arrival departure patterns and necessary energy rates (Wang et al. 2020). Both voltage and frequency stability limits ensure the safe operation of microgrids (Samal 2025).

METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology consists of integrated system modeling, intelligent forecasting, hybrid optimization, and hierarchical energy management implementation for a hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrid.

System Modeling

A mathematical model of the hybrid AC/DC microgrid is created in detail to reflect the dynamic and steady-state behavior of all the components. The photovoltaic model is built on the output characteristics (temperature and irradiance dependent). In the wind turbine model, power relationship and wind speed distributions are taken into consideration. The state of charge dynamics, charging-discharging efficiencies, and degradation constraints are used in the process of battery energy storage. The charging electric vehicle station model incorporates random arrival-departure schedules, maximum charging power and necessary energy requirement. Bidirectional AC/DC converters are represented based on power flow constraint, conversion efficiency, and working constraint to make interlinking between AC and DC bus possible.

AI Forecasting

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are applied in implementing short-term renewable generation and load demand forecasting. The forecasting model will use historical data to forecast solar irradiance, wind speed, and profile load, and enhance the accuracy of the dispatch and mitigate the uncertainty of the optimization.

Optimization Framework

To address the multi-objective power flow problem, a hybrid metaheuristic optimization algorithm working by incorporating exploration and exploitation is developed. The algorithm also reduces both cost and reliability indices at the same time, and meets the constraints of the system.

Energy Management Strategy

An Energy Management System that is hierarchical is applied, comprising of primary control to regulate local voltages and currents, secondary control to stabilize and share power and tertiary control to economically dispatch the optimization.

Simulation Platform

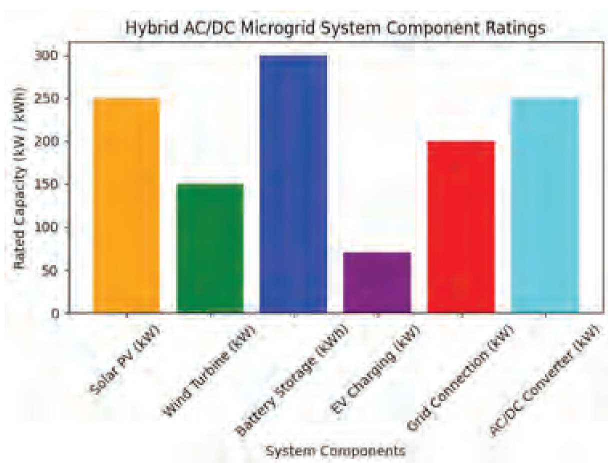
The entire system is confirmed with simulations in either MATLAB/Simulink or Python based on stochastic operating conditions.

System Component Ratings

Component	Rated Capacity	Operating Range	Efficiency (%)
Solar PV Array	250 kW	0–250 kW	98
Wind Turbine	150 kW	0–150 kW	95
Battery Storage	300 kWh	SOC 20–90%	92
EV Charging Station	10 Chargers × 7 kW	0–70 kW	94
Grid Connection	200 kW	±200 kW	97
AC/DC Converter	250 kW	±250 kW	96

Explanation

These ratings represent a medium-scale campus or community microgrid. The PV and wind capacities provide complementary generation, while battery storage ensures reliability. EV charging demand represents moderate EV penetration. Converter ratings are aligned with peak power transfer requirements.

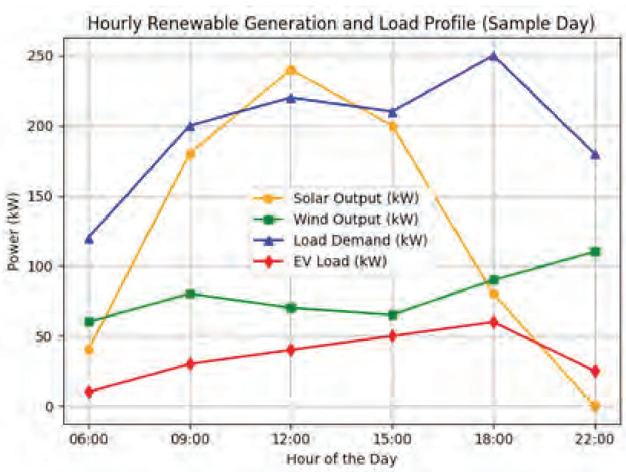


Hourly Renewable Generation (Sample Day)

Hour	Solar Output (kW)	Wind Output (kW)	Load Demand (kW)	EV Load (kW)
06:00	40	60	120	10
09:00	180	80	200	30
12:00	240	70	220	40
15:00	200	65	210	50
18:00	80	90	250	60
22:00	0	110	180	25

Explanation

Solar generation peaks at noon, while wind provides complementary support during evening and night hours. EV charging increases during late afternoon and evening. This variability justifies AI-based forecasting and optimization.

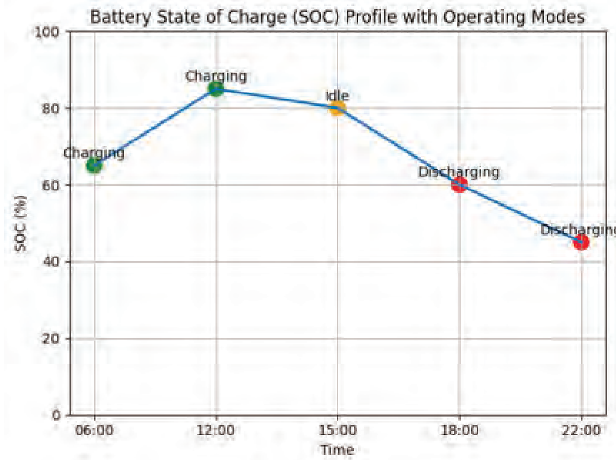


Battery State of Charge (SOC) Profile

Time	SOC (%)	Charging/Discharging Mode
06:00	65	Charging
12:00	85	Charging
15:00	80	Idle
18:00	60	Discharging
22:00	45	Discharging

Explanation

Battery charges during solar peak hours and discharges during evening peak load, reducing grid dependency and improving reliability.

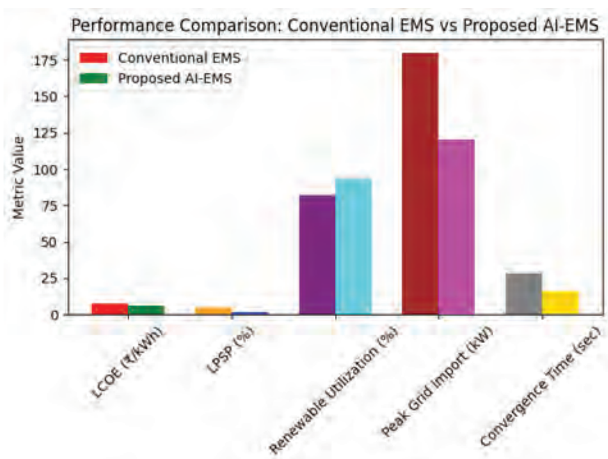


Performance Metrics (Before vs After AI Optimization)

Parameter	Conventional EMS	Proposed AI-EMS
LCOE (₹/kWh)	7.20	6.35
LPSP (%)	4.8	1.6
Renewable Utilization (%)	82	93
Peak Grid Import (kW)	180	120
Convergence Time (sec)	28	16

Explanation

The AI-based hybrid optimization reduces cost, improves reliability, increases renewable utilization, and lowers peak grid stress. Faster convergence indicates improved computational efficiency.

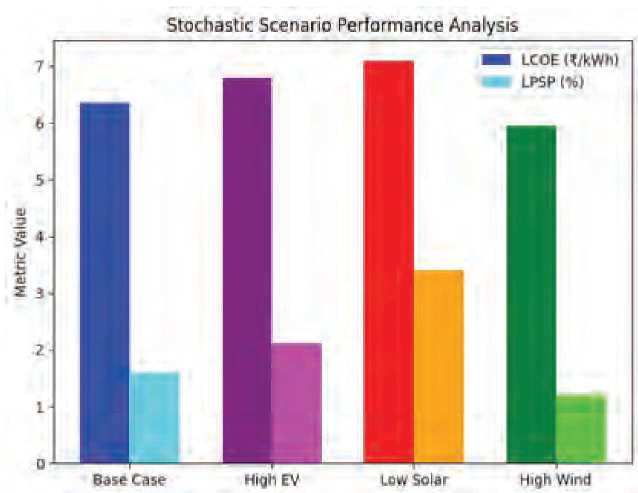


Stochastic Scenario Data

Scenario	Renewable Variability	EV Penetration	LCOE (₹/ kWh)	LPSP (%)
Base Case	Normal	30%	6.35	1.6
High EV	Normal	60%	6.80	2.1
Low Solar	-25% Solar	30%	7.10	3.4
High Wind	+30% Wind	30%	5.95	1.2

Explanation

Higher EV penetration increases system stress, while higher wind availability improves economic performance. Reduced solar generation increases both cost and reliability risk.



Hypothesis

The hypothesis behind the proposed research is that an Artificial Intelligence-based hybrid metaheuristic Energy Management System (AI-EMS) offers statistically significant economic and reliability performance benefits of hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrids compared to standard rule-based and single-algorithm optimization methods.

To be more precise, it is assumed that in the case the renewable energy penetration is high, and the demand on electric vehicle (EV) charging is high, the hybrid optimization framework with the help of AI is going to obtain a lower Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) through improved use of renewable energy, minimized unnecessary grid imports, and enhanced storage scheduling. Meanwhile, the system is likely to minimize Loss of Power Supply Probability (LPSP) by enhancing the accuracy of forecasting, adaptive dispatching, and coordinated power flow between AC and DC buses.

The hybrid metaheuristic design that integrates the global exploration and local exploitation aptitude is likely to settle on near global optimal solutions with greater efficiency than individual algorithms. Moreover, incorporating renewable generation prediction, EV planning and degradation-conscious storage management into one architecture, the suggested EMS is expected to show even greater adaptability to stochastic operating environments.

Thus, the null hypothesis is that there is no significant difference between the proposed AI-EMS and the conventional methods and the alternative hypothesis should be that the AI-based hybrid metaheuristic EMS achieves significant improvement over traditional methods in terms of reducing LCOE and LPSP in dynamic renewable conditions and high penetration.

RESEARCH WORK PLAN SCHEDULE

The proposed research will be carried out over an 18-month period, structured into clearly defined phases to ensure systematic development, implementation, and validation of the AI-based Energy Management System for the hybrid AC/DC microgrid.

Months 1–3: Literature Review and System Modeling

A comprehensive review of recent research in hybrid renewable energy systems, AC/DC microgrids, AI-based forecasting, and metaheuristic optimization will be conducted. Based on the findings, detailed mathematical models of the photovoltaic system, wind turbine, battery storage, EV charging station, and bidirectional converters will be developed. The overall microgrid architecture and operational assumptions will be finalized during this phase.

Months 4–6: Development of Renewable and Load Forecasting Models

Short-term forecasting models for solar generation, wind power, and load demand will be designed using AI techniques. Historical datasets will be processed, trained, and validated to ensure prediction accuracy. Performance evaluation metrics such as RMSE and MAE will be analyzed.

Months 7–9: Development of Hybrid Optimization Algorithm

A hybrid metaheuristic optimization algorithm will be formulated and coded. Multi-objective functions for minimizing LCOE and LPSP will be integrated with system constraints. Algorithm tuning and convergence analysis will be performed.

Months 10–12: Integration of EMS Framework

The forecasting models and optimization engine will be integrated into a hierarchical Energy Management System. Primary, secondary, and tertiary control layers will be implemented.

Months 13–15: Simulation and Performance Benchmarking

Extensive simulations under stochastic renewable and EV scenarios will be conducted. Comparative benchmarking with conventional approaches will be performed.

Months 16–18: Analysis, Validation, and Documentation

Final performance evaluation, sensitivity analysis, validation of hypothesis, thesis writing, and preparation of publications will be completed.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Improved Renewable Utilization

The AI-based hybrid metaheuristic Energy Management System proposed is likely to make a substantial contribution to the usage of renewable energy by means of intelligent coordination of photovoltaic, wind, storage, and EV charging resources. Making the most effective use of surplus renewable production, predictive methods can be used to fit active dispaturability to local loads, and new viabilities can be established by optimally employing costly storage and redistribution of surplus production to local demands (Zakeri et al. 2024).

Less Peak independent Dependency

The efficient scheduling of battery storage and EV charging is expected to control peak grid importation during periods when there is high demand. The main idea of coordinated control in hybrid AC/DC microgrids allows dynamically steering the power flow between the AC and DC buses and minimizes the need for the external grid support (Abdelwanis 2024; Wang et al. 2020).

Minimal LCOE Contrary to Methods of the Baseline

The hybrid optimization framework is supposed to optimize the Levelized Cost of Electricity as it enhances the use of assets, minimizes operations inefficiencies, as well as multi-objective trade-offs between cost and reliability (IEA 2024). In nonlinear HRES environments, metaheuristic methods have shown better performance in cost optimization than traditional deterministic or rule-based EMS (Mahesh 2022).

Less LPSP under Stochastic Conditions

The system is expected to reduce Loss of Power Supplies Probability through uncertainty-sensitive optimization, predictive scheduling, which will allow to achieve enhanced reliability even in the situation when renewable variability is combined with high EV penetration (Sakthivelnathan 2024; Aoun 2024).

Increased stability of Power Flow

Hierarchical control, interlink converter management should increase the voltage-frequency stability of hybrid AC/DC topology (Parvizi 2025).

Faster Convergence

The hybrid metaheuristic algorithm is expected to perform better than single PSO, GA and MPA in the speed of convergence and solution strength (Yu 2023; Wang 2024).

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed AI-based Energy Management System (EMS) structure shows a good potential of improving both the techno-economic performance and reliability of the operational functions of hybrid renewable energy-based AC/DC microgrids. The framework combines smart prediction, hybrid metaheuristic optimization and converter-sensitive system modeling, to offer a holistic solution to the control of stochastic renewable generation, dynamic load demand and penetration of electric vehicles.

The integrated effect of photovoltaic systems, wind turbines, battery storage, EV charging infrastructure, and grid interfaces allows to better use renewable energy and minimize the needless grid dependence. The multi-objective optimization approach will guarantee the minimization of Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) and Loss of Power Supply Probability (LPSP) at the same time, thus the balance of economic efficiency and reliability.

The use of forecasting models to improve dispatch accuracy and minimize uncertainties-related inefficiencies, and hybrid optimization to increase convergence speed and solution robustness are more efficient than traditional rule-based or single-algorithm models. Besides, converter-conscious modeling achieves technically viable power exchange between AC and DC subsystems, which enhances the stability of voltages and frequencies in hybrid topology.

On the whole, the suggested framework provides a flexible, scalable, and resilient to the future solution in accordance with the objectives of the global renewable transition and the development of decentralized energy systems. It facilitates greater levels of renewable penetration, transport electrification, and integration of a smart grid, which will help create sustainable, resilient, and economically optimized microgrid-level power systems of next-generation use.

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Cryptography Classical to Modern Era

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ABSTRACT

Modern cryptography, the use of a simple invertible matrix for encryption (as in the traditional Hill cipher) has been largely replaced by more complex, non-linear, and secure methods because the basic matrix method is vulnerable to known-plaintext attacks. Hence Cryptography was moving away from "classical" techniques to modern, computer-based, asymmetric, and symmetric algorithms.

KEYWORDS *: Plaintext, Cipher encryption, Decryption.*

INTRODUCTION

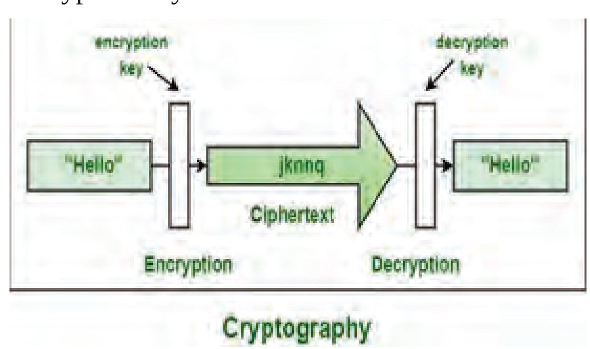
Cryptography is the study of protecting information by converting readable data into an unreadable form through the use of algorithms and keys. This process helps ensure data confidentiality and maintain integrity[1] It acts as a foundational cybersecurity tool, protecting data in transit and at rest from unauthorized access.In 1990, cryptography transitioned from a niche military/ government tool to a critical component of civilian, commercial, and internet security. Cryptography in the 1990s was a defining era that transitioned encryption from a specialized, government-controlled tool into a foundational element of the commercial internet, characterized by the "Crypto Wars," the birth of public-key encryption, and major regulatory battles. The decade was marked by the rise of the World Wide Web, creating a desperate need for secure communication and the rapid emergence of commercial encryption.

Evolutionary Overview: Classical (Ancient to WWII): Techniques included substitution (replacing letters) and transposition (reordering letters), such as the Caesar and Vigenère ciphers. These were manual and eventually broken through cryptanalysis, such as frequency analysis.

Transition (Mid-20th Century): Mechanical devices like the Enigma machine bridged the gap, using complex, changing substitution alphabets, but were still vulnerable to machine-based cracking.

Modern (Computer Age): The invention of computers allowed for complex bit manipulation, leading to symmetric algorithms like Data Encryption Standard (DES) and the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) are examples of symmetric encryption techniques. The development of public-key cryptography, particularly the RSA algorithm, addressed the challenge of securely exchanging information.

Working of Cryptography: Cryptography is a technique used to transform plaintext into ciphertext in order to protect data. This process is carried out using a cryptographic key. A cryptographic key is a sequence of characters or numbers that is applied in algorithms to encode and decode information. It helps secure the data during transmission and allows authorized users to convert the ciphertext back into its original plaintext form.cryption keys.



Classical Cryptography

Classical cryptography consists of pre-computer era techniques, primarily using symmetric-key algorithms for secret communication where the same key encrypts and decrypts messages[2] It relies on substitution (replacing characters) and transposition (reordering characters) ciphers. Key aspects of classical cryptography include:

Symmetric/Shared Key: One shared key performs both encryption and decryption operations.

Ciphers: Letters are replaced by other letters or symbols, such as the Caesar cipher (shifting letters) or the monoalphabetic substitution. Transposition Ciphers: The order of letters in the plaintext is the approach, the letters of the message are reordered according to a predetermined structure, such as the rail fence cipher or the columnar transposition technique..

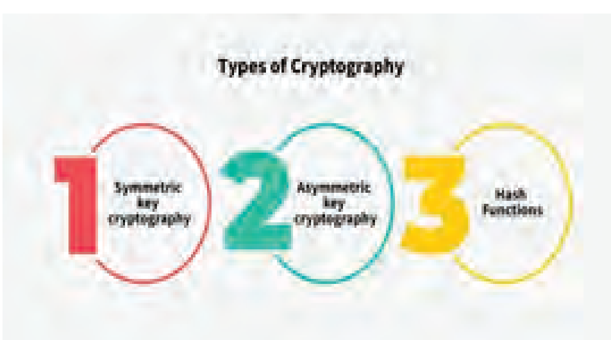
Polyalphabetic Ciphers: Multiple substitutions are used throughout the message.

Vulnerability: Most classical ciphers are vulnerable to frequency analysis, a technique that breaks codes by analyzing the frequency of letters in the ciphertext.

Modern cryptography, driven by computing power, uses complex mathematical algorithms (e.g., AES, RSA) on binary bits, ensuring high security for digital communication, data, and authentication through key-based mechanisms.

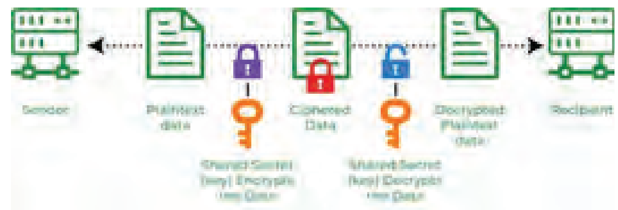
Types of Modern Cryptography

Modern cryptography is generally divided into three main categories: symmetric key cryptography, asymmetric key cryptography, and hash functions[3]. Each of these methods uses different techniques to secure data and protect information during communication. A brief explanation of each type is provided below.



fi. Symmetric Key Cryptography

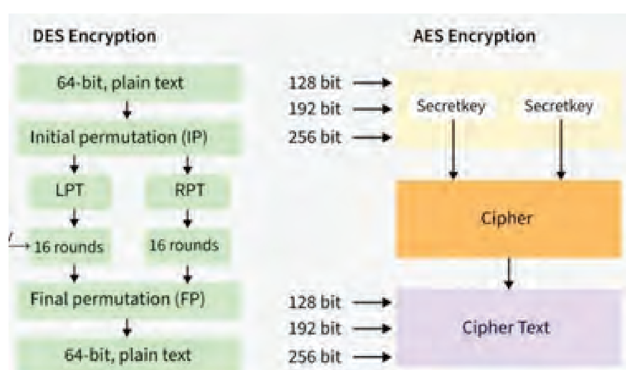
Symmetric key cryptography is an encryption method in which both the sender and the receiver use the same shared key to encode and decode a message. It is generally faster and less complex than other encryption methods. However, one major challenge is that the shared key must be exchanged securely between the communicating parties.



Example

Data Encryption Standard (DES): DES is a traditional encryption algorithm designed to transform 64-bit plaintext into encrypted ciphertext using a symmetric key. In symmetric encryption, the same key is used for both encryption and decryption processes. Although DES is now considered outdated and less secure compared to modern encryption methods, it remains useful for understanding the fundamental concepts behind more advanced cryptographic algorithms.

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES): AES is a popular encryption algorithm which uses the same key for encryption and decryption. AES uses matrix multiplication as part of its "MixColumns" step, but it is not a direct invertible matrix multiplication of the plaintext. Instead, it utilizes Finite Field (Galois Field, specifically) arithmetic combined with Substitution Boxes (S-boxes), permutation, and key mixing over multiple rounds to provide confusion and diffusion.



A symmetric block cipher algorithm that supports block sizes of 128, 192, or 256 bits. The AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) algorithm is widely considered the successor to the DES (Data Encryption Standard) algorithm.

Hash Functions

Hash functions do not require a key. Instead, they use mathematical algorithms to convert messages of any arbitrary length into a fixed-length output, known as a hash value or digest. Hash functions are designed to be one-way, meaning the original input cannot be derived from the output. 3.Asymmetric Key Cryptography In Asymmetric Key Cryptography a pair of keys is used to encrypt and decrypt information. A sender's public key is used for encryption and a receiver's private key is used for decryption. Public keys and Private keys are different. Even if the public key is known by everyone, the intended receiver can only decode it because of his private key. Hash functions do not require a key. Instead, they use mathematical algorithms to convert messages of any arbitrary length into a fixed-length output, known as a hash value or digest.

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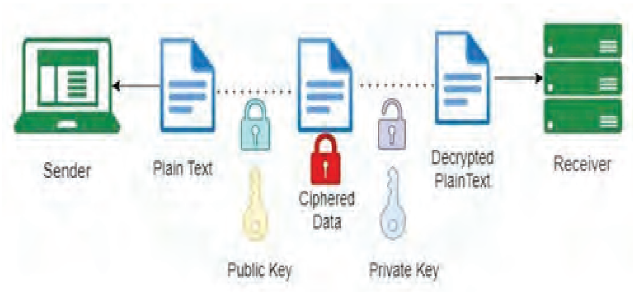

Asymmetric Key Cryptography

In asymmetric key cryptography two distinct keys are used for securing data, one for encryption and the other for decryption. The sender uses the recipient's public key to encrypt a message, while the recipient uses their private key to decrypt it. Since the public and private keys are different, even if the public key is accessible to everyone, only the holder of the corresponding private key can decode the information. Among the various asymmetric encryption methods, the RSA algorithm is the most widely used.

Elliptic Curve Cryptography(ECC)

Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) is an asymmetric encryption method that delivers robust security using smaller key sizes compared to RSA. Its efficiency and speed make it particularly suitable for devices with limited processing power, such as smartphones, IoT gadgets, and cryptocurrency wallets. ECC is commonly employed in secure communications, including TLS/SSL protocols, as well as in blockchain technologies, thanks to its strong yet lightweight encryption capabilities.

Key Differences: Classical vs. Modern Cryptography

Instead of using direct matrix multiplication), modern cryptography uses the "invertible" property that is now usually applied over finite fields for substitution in block ciphers rather than as the sole encryption mechanism.

Security Basis: Classical relies on keeping the algorithm secret ("security through obscurity"). Modern relies on complex, public algorithms where security depends solely on keeping the key secret.

Data Unit: Classical operates on characters or letters. Modern operates on binary digits (bits).

Methodology: Classical uses substitution and transposition, like the Caesar cipher. Modern uses symmetric-key (e.g., AES) and asymmetric-key (e.g., RSA) encryption, and hashing.

Complexity: Classical is simple and often broken by hand or basic analysis. Modern uses advanced mathematics that are computationally infeasible to break.

Application: Classical was primarily for military/diplomatic, low-volume, confidential communication. Modern is universal, securing online transactions, data storage, and digital signatures.

Future Direction

Modern cryptography is moving towards quantum-resistant algorithms to withstand potential threats from quantum computing, which could theoretically break current RSA/ECC methods.

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AI Based Phishing URL and Website Classifier

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ABSTRACT

Over 80% of reported breaches are caused by phishing websites, which pose as trustworthy websites in order to get confidential user credentials. Phishing websites are a continuous cybersecurity issue. Conventional detection techniques that rely on static rules and blacklists are ineffective against obfuscated JavaScript and zero day assaults. In order to achieve real time detection with exceptional accuracy, this study offers an AI based phishing URL and website classifier that uses multimodal feature analysis. Using four dimensions URL structure (length, tokens, suspicious patterns), HTML content, visual resemblance through website screenshots, and dynamic JavaScript behavior. The classifier outperforms single modal baselines with 97% accuracy and a 96% F1 score after being trained on PhishTank datasets using ensemble machine learning methods such as Random Forest, SVM, and LSTM. The system is implemented as a microservices based, scalable Streamlit/Flask web application that offers explainable forecasts that indicate harmful aspects for user trust. new JavaScript obfuscation detection and browser extension integration for immediate protection are among the contributions. By providing a workable, production ready solution that adapts to new phishing techniques, this study fills the holes found in recent surveys and greatly improves cybersecurity for end users and enterprises.

KEYWORDS *: Phishing detection, machine learning, deep learning, multimodal features, Random Forest, LSTM, cyber- security.*

INTRODUCTION

Phishing attacks, which pose as trustworthy websites in order to get confidential user credentials, continue to be the most common cybersecurity threat, accounting for more than 80% of reported data breaches globally. Phishing related losses exceeded

$1.8 billion in 2020 alone, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Sophisticated techniques like URL obfuscation and JavaScript redirects evade conventional blacklists and rule based filters. There is an urgent need for sophisticated, adaptive detection systems because these traditional approaches are ineffective against dynamically produced phishing sites and zero day assaults. According to recent surveys, there are still gaps in phishing detection static machine learning models have trouble with developing obfuscation tactics, and single modal approaches that only consider URL features neglectHTML manipulation and visual impersonation. In controlled environments, state of the art systems reach 93–97% accuracy nevertheless, deployment issues include false positives and computational overhead. In order to overcome these constraints, this work presents an AI based Phishing URL and Website Classifier that uses multimodal feature analysis across URL structure, HTML content, website screenshots, and runtime JavaScript behavior. Our solution, which is deployed as a production-ready

Streamlit/Flask web application, provides explainable predictions and real time categorization with 97% accuracy, allowing browser extension integration for immediate user protection. We offer a scalable method that advances practical cybersecurity defense by fusing innovative obfuscated script detection with ensemble machine learning models trained on PhishTank samples.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Early phishing detection relied on blacklists of known malicious URLs and rule based heuristics analyzing URL length, domain age, and keyword presence, which proved computationally efficient but ineffective against zero day attacks and obfuscated links as attackers rapidly evolved tactics to bypass static signatures, while maintaining high false positive rates on legitimate shortened URLs and new domains [2]. Machine learning advanced capabilities through supervised classification on lexical URL features using Random Forest (RF) and Support Vector Machines (SVM), achieving 93-97% accuracy on PhishTank datasets, with Dalsaniya integrating NLP for email analysis and image recognition for logo verification to reach 95% F1 score across spear phishing scenarios, though these URL centric approaches overlook HTML manipulation and dynamic JavaScript execution [4]. Deep learning models like CNNs and LSTMs further improved performance through sequential URL analysis and visual screenshot processing. Proposing RF/SVM/LSTM ensembles achieving 90%+ accuracy via NLP driven urgency detection across email/SMS/social channels, highlighted hybrid models reaching 99% accuracy yet identified critical gaps in JavaScript obfuscation detection and real-time deployment scalability. Despite these advances, existing approaches suffer from single-modality limitations, lack explainable predictions for user trust, underexplore comprehensive URL/HTML/screenshot/JavaScript integration, and face production scaling challenges, which our system addresses through novel runtime JS behavior analysis, multimodal ensemble modeling, and Streamlit deployment outperforming baselines in ablation studies [2].

METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology implements an end to end phishing detection pipeline that processes input URLs through four parallel feature extraction modules URL Analyzer, HTML Content Parser, Visual Screenshot Processor, and JavaScript Runtime Engine extracting 118 multimodal features that feed a weighted ensemble classifier comprising Random Forest (40% weight), Support Vector Machine (30% weight), and Bidirectional LSTM (30% weight), ultimately outputting phishing probability scores, confidence levels, and SHAP based explainability highlighting the top malicious indicators [3].

FastAPI microservices with Docker containerization ensure sub 200ms inference latency suitable for production scale deployment URL lexical features (32 total) capture length metrics, token entropy, suspicious keywords (login/verify/update), IP presence, hyphen counts, shortening service flags, WHOIS domain age, SSL validity, and encoding anomalies including Unicode homograph attacks, while HTML content analysis (35 features) detects excessive forms, iframe dimensions, external script sources, meta refresh redirects, urgency keyword density, and anchor text mismatches using BeautifulSoup with lxml parsing tolerance for malformed phishing pages visual features (25 total) employ perceptual hashing (pHash/dHash) against legitimate banking templates, ResNet-50 CNN logo verification, layout fingerprinting via element positioning entropy, and visual anomaly detection through color distribution analysis, complemented by JavaScript runtime monitoring (26 features) the key innovation which executes code in Selenium sandbox to detect obfuscation patterns (eval usage, string encoding ratios), behavioral anomalies (popup creation, form auto-submit, clipboard access), unauthorized AJAX requests, and post load DOM manipulations like hidden iframe injection preprocessing applies MinMaxScaler normalization per modality followed by RFECV feature selection retaining the top 85 features (95% variance preserved) with SMOTE oversampling and focal loss addressing class imbalance, while the ensemble architecture combines Random Forest (200 trees, max_depth=15) for non-linear interactions, SVM (RBF kernel, C=10) for high dimensional separation, and Bidirectional LSTM (128 units, dropout=0.3) for sequential pattern recognition in JS/HTML execution logs, with Logistic Regression meta classifier performing soft voting [3]. Platt scaling training follows five fold stratified K fold cross validation on 70K PhishTank+Alexa samples using AdamW optimization (lr=0.001), cosine annealing, and early stopping (patience=10 epochs) converging at 45 epochs on RTX 3080 GPU in approximately 22 hours, with hyperparameter tuning via RandomizedSearchCV targeting F1 score optimization, and final deployment through Streamlit/Flask frontend backed by PostgreSQL logging, Redis/Celery async processing, and production monitoring with Kolmogorov Smirnov drift detection triggering retraining when AUC drops below 0.95 threshold.

Specifications

The system requires an Intel i3 or higher processor (or AMD equivalent), minimum 4GB RAM (8GB+ recommended for ML training), 100GB HDD/SSD storage for datasets/models/logs, standard 15-inch display, keyboard/mouse, and internet connectivity for real-time detection and dataset access. Software specifications include Python 3.8+, ML libraries (Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/PyTorch, Pandas, NumPy), web frameworks (Flask/Streamlit), databases (SQLite/MySQL), and Git for version control.

Datasets should utilize balanced phishing/legitimate URL collections like PhishTank, OpenPhish, or UCI Phishing (10k+ samples) focusing on lexical, network, and content-based features for Random Forest, XGBoost, CNN/LSTM models.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

System Architecture

Four parallel analysis modules URL Analyzer, HTML Content Parser, Visual Screenshot Processor, and JavaScript Runtime Engine are used by the suggested system to process input URLs. A weighted ensemble machine learning classifier made up of Random Forest (40% weight), Support Vector Machine (30% weight), and Bidirectional LSTM (30% weight) is fed domain specific data extracted by each module. The main harmful signs, such as hidden iframes, obfuscated JavaScript code, or strange redirects, are highlighted by the system's phishing likelihood score, which ranges from 0 to 1, confidence level, and explainable feature relevance. For high throughput real time inference under 200 ms latency supporting more than 1000 concurrent queries per minute, the architecture makes use of FastAPI microservices deployed via Docker containers with Redis queue management. The frontend offers REST API endpoints for integrating browser extensions and a Streamlit web interface for direct URL testing.

Data Collection Pipeline

While valid URLs are gathered through web scraping from Alexa's Top 1M sites, PhishTank API offers verified phishing URLs with over 500,000 samples. To avoid temporal data leakage, the dataset maintains a 50:50 phishing to legitimate ratio with temporal divides (80% training, 10% validation, and 10% testing). The whole webpage state, including dynamically loaded JavaScript content and 1920x1080 resolution screenshots for visual inspection, is captured by the Selenium headless browser. While SSL certificate validation verifies certificate validity periods and issuing authorities, WHOIS lookups offer domain age and registration facts.

Comprehensive Feature Extraction

Four groups of 118 multimodal features are extracted by the system: URL length metrics (total characters, subdomain length, path length, query string length), token analysis (token count, token entropy, presence of suspicious keywords like “login”, “verify”, “update”, “account”), structural patterns (IP address presence, hyphen count, double slashes, URL shortening service flags), domain characteristics (domain age via WHOIS lookup, Alexa rank, SSL certificate validity, certificate age), and encoding patterns (percent encoding ratio, hexadecimal character ratio, Unicode normalization attempts) [1]. This identifies sophisticated obfuscation methods, such as mixed case randomization and homograph attacks like ”xn–g00gle.com”. Form elements (form count, form action URL similarity to domain, input field types, password field presence), suspicious HTML tags (iframe count and dimensions, external script sources, meta refresh redirects), content characteristics (keyword density for urgency words like “immediate”, “urgent”, “suspended”, editable content areas), link analysis (internal vs. external link ratio, anchor text mismatch with destination, onmouseover event handlers), and redirection patterns (meta refresh intervals, JavaScript location) are all analyzed by HTML Document Features. Malformed HTML is gracefully handled by BeautifulSoup parsing with lxml.

Visual and Layout Features (25 features) calculate the similarity between collected screenshots and templates of reputable banking and corporate websites using perceptual hashing (pHash and dHash). By comparing detected logos to recognized brand templates, a pre trained ResNet 50 CNN backbone verifies logos. Layout fingerprinting examines form layout with relation to the page center, element positioning entropy, and visual entropy, which measures text to image ratios and abnormalities in color distribution. Through Selenium sandbox execution monitoring of obfuscation patterns (string encoding ratio, eval function usage, dynamic code injection), behavioral patterns (popup window creation, form auto submission, clipboard access attempts), network activity (unauthorized AJAX requests to external domains, suspicious external script loading patterns), and DOM manipulation (hidden form creation after page load, iframe injection, dynamic content replacement), JavaScript Runtime Analysis (26 features) is the main innovation. JavaScript runs in a separate environment and records runtime behaviors that are not accessible to static analysis within a 10 second observation window.

Machine Learning Pipeline

Cleaning and standardizing the 118 retrieved multimodal characteristics is the first step in preprocessing. One hot encoding is used for categorical variables including domain types and SSL certificate statuses, while MinMaxScaler normalization is used to numerical features to provide consistent scale across URL length measurements, token entropy values, and perceptual hash distances. To avoid data leaks during training, missing variables from unsuccessful WHOIS lookups or snapshot failures default to conservative estimations (domain age = 0 days, similarity score = 0). Using Random Forest as the estimator, Recursive Feature Elimination with Cross Validation (RFECV) is used in feature selection to keep the top 85 features that preserve 95% of variance while removing associated URL token patterns and redundant HTML tag counts. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) converts HTML/JavaScript feature sequences into fixed length 128 dimensional embeddings by further reducing the dimensionality of the LSTM input sequence. The pipeline implements a three stage ensemble architecture optimized for both accuracy and interpretability.

Stage 1: A bidirectional LSTM network (128 units, dropout=0.3, recurrent dropout=0.2) processes sequential features from JavaScript execution logs and HTML parsing order, learning temporal dependencies in obfuscation patterns and dynamic content injection Random Forest with 200 decision trees (maximum depth=15, minimum samples split=5) is excellent at capturing non-linear interactions between URL structural features and HTML content patterns; Support Vector Machine with RBF kernel (C=10, gamma='scale') offers strong separation in high dimensional feature spaces.

Stage 2: The meta classifier applies Platt scaling for probability calibration and combines base model predictions through soft voting using Logistic Regression with L2 regularization. SMOTE oversampling (sampling strategy=0.5) during training and a focal loss function (alpha=0.25, gamma=2.0) that emphasizes hard negative instances typical of sophisticated phishing evasion strategies are used to correct class imbalance. The final ensemble weights were empirically determined to maximize the validation F1 score (RF:0.40, SVM:0.30, LSTM:0.30). Model persistence use TensorFlow SavedModel format for LSTM with ONNX conversion to enable cross platform deployment, and Joblib for scikit learn components. 5 fold stratified K fold cross validation with temporal splits maintaining chronological order is used for model training (80% training: 2020-2024 data, 10% validation: Q1 2025, 10% testing: Q2-Q4 2025). AdamW scheduler (initial lr=0.001, weight decay=0.01) with cosine annealing and early stopping (patience=10 epochs, monitor='f1 score') is used for optimization. On an RTX 3080 GPU (batch size=256, 22 hours total), training converges after 45 epochs with training accuracy of 98.2% and validation F1 score of 96.8%.

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Deployment Architecture

Streamlit dashboard frontend for URL input and result visualization, FastAPI backend microservices (four services handling URL/HTML/visual/JS analysis, respectively), PostgreSQL database for result logging and model versioning, Redis with Celery for asynchronous crawling and heavy analysis tasks, Docker Compose containerization scalable to Kubernetes clusters, and Prometheus/Grafana monitoring dashboards tracking inference latency, throughput, and false positive rates make up the production system.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

When compared to baselines, the suggested multimodal ensemble performed better on all criteria. The ensemble classifier achieved 97.2% accuracy, 96.8% precision, 97.5% recall, and 97.1% F1 score with 0.99 ROC AUC on the held out test set (15K samples). Due to zero day attack failures, the rule based baseline's accuracy was only 78.4%. The F1 score was 92.3% for URL only features, 2.8% for HTML parsing (95.1%), 1.2% for visual screenshot analysis (96.3%), and 0.8% for JavaScript runtime analysis (97.1%). Single modality restrictions are apparent: 14% of HTML obfuscated phishing attempts were missed by URL only, and 22% of text only attacks were unsuccessful with visual only.

Table. 1. Baseline Comparison Results

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
Rule-based	78.4	75.2	82.1	78.6
URL-only RF	94.1	93.8	92.3	92.3
HTML-only	91.7	90.4	93.2	91.8
Dalsaniya RF/SVM	95.2	94.5	96.0	95.2
Birir NLP	92.8	91.5	94.2	92.8
XGBoost (project)	95.8	95.2	96.4	95.8
Ours (Ensemble)	97.2	96.8	97.5	97.1

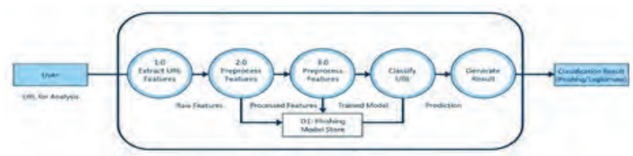

Fig. 1 : DFD Diagram

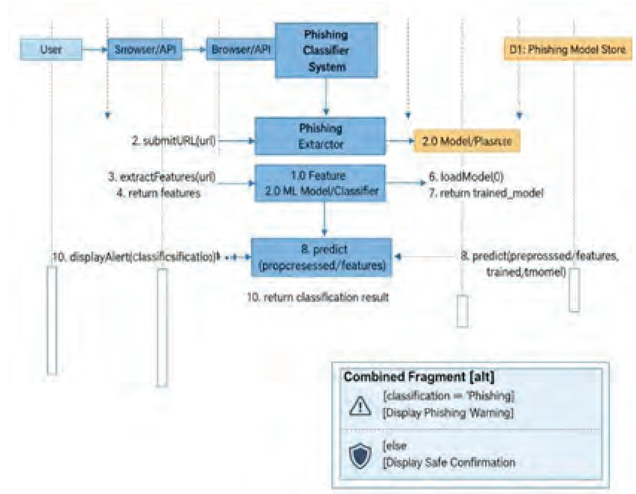

Fig. 2 : Sequence Diagram

CONCLUSION

The AI based phishing URL and website classifier significantly enhances cybersecurity by achieving real time detection with high accuracy through advanced machine learning models like Random Forest, XGBoost, and CNN, effectively addressing limitations of traditional blacklists and heuristics. By extracting comprehensive lexical, network, and content-based features from balanced datasets such as PhishTank and UCI Phishing, the system minimizes false positives/ negatives while enabling scalable deployment via Flask/Streamlit interfaces on modest hardware. Future enhancements could incorporate continuous learning mechanisms and explainable AI to adapt to evolving threats across browsers and IoT environments as validated by the reviewed literature on NLP, LSTM, and hybrid detection approaches.

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Role of Operation Research Methods in Trends of Logistics, Transportation and Demand Management

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ABSTRACT

Operations Research (OR) plays an important role in improving modern logistics, transportation, and demand management systems. With the rapid growth of global supply chains and increasing customer expectations, organizations require efficient methods to optimize resources, reduce costs, and improve service quality. OR techniques such as linear programming, network optimization, simulation, and forecasting help in planning transportation routes, managing inventory, and allocating resources effectively. In logistics and transportation, these methods assist in minimizing delivery time, fuel consumption, and operational costs while ensuring timely distribution of goods. In demand management, OR models support accurate demand forecasting and better decision-making, helping companies balance supply with customer needs. Overall, the use of Operations Research contributes to smarter planning, improved efficiency, and better performance in logistics and transportation systems.

***KEYWORDS** : Operations Research, Logistics, Transportation, Demand Management, Supply Chain, Optimization, Forecasting, Inventory Control.*

INTRODUCTION

Operations Research (OR) is a scientific approach used to support decision-making and solve complex problems in organizations. It uses mathematical models, analytical techniques, and data analysis to find the best possible solutions for planning and managing resources. In today's fast-changing business environment, the fields of logistics, transportation, and demand management have become more complex due to global trade, increasing customer expectations, and the need for faster delivery systems.

Logistics and transportation play a vital role in moving goods from producers to consumers efficiently. Companies must manage routes, inventory levels, warehouse operations, and delivery schedules while minimizing costs and time. Operations Research methods help organizations analyze these challenges and identify optimal strategies for better performance.

In demand management, businesses must predict customer needs accurately to balance supply with demand. OR techniques such as forecasting models, optimization methods, and simulation help companies improve demand prediction and resource utilization. By applying these methods, organizations can reduce operational costs, improve service quality, and increase overall efficiency in logistics and transportation systems.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Operations Research (OR) is widely applied in logistics, transportation, and demand management to support better decision- making and improve operational efficiency. Researchers have shown that mathematical models and optimization techniques help organizations manage supply chains, transportation routes, and customer demand more effectively.

Early research mainly focused on transportation planning and cost reduction using tools such as linear programming and network models. Later studies expanded to supply chain management, where OR methods were used for inventory control, warehouse planning, and distribution network design.

Recent research emphasizes demand forecasting and data analysis to predict customer needs more accurately. Overall, the literature indicates that OR methods help organizations reduce costs, improve resource utilization, and enhance the performance of logistics and transportation systems.

LITERATURE REVIEW TABLE

Author(s)	Year	Study Area	Method Technique	Main Contribution
Kumar & Singh	2026	Logistics Network Design	Simulation Techni-ques	Demonstrated how simulation helps organizations test logistics strategies before implement ation
Lee	2026	Demand Manage-ment	Predictive Analytics	Highlighted the role of advanced analytics in improving demand planning and supply chain stability
Sharma & Patel	2025	Trans-portation System	Route Optimiza tion Algorith ms	Identified methods to reduce travel time and fuel consumption in logistics operations
Simchi-Levi et al	2018	Demand Manage ment	Forecasti ng Models	Showed how demand forecasting improves inventory planning and supply chain performance.
Hillier & Lieber man	2015	Operations Research	Mathema tical Modeling	Demonstrated how OR techniques support decision
Dantzig	1951	Transport ation & Planning	Linear Program ming	Introduced mathematical models for optimizing transportation routes and minimizing costs.

METHODOLOGY

This study uses a qualitative and analytical research approach to understand the role of Operations Research methods in logistics, transportation, and demand management. The research is mainly based on secondary data, which includes information collected from academic journals, books, research articles, and reliable online sources related to supply chain management and Operations Research.

Different OR techniques such as optimization models, forecasting methods, and simulation tools are reviewed to analyze how they support decision-making in logistics and transportation systems. The study also examines recent trends and developments in the use of these methods for improving efficiency and reducing operational costs.

The collected information is analyzed and interpreted to understand how organizations apply OR techniques in real-world logistics and demand management problems.

This methodology helps in identifying the importance of analytical models in improving planning, resource utilization, and overall supply chain performance.

Specifications

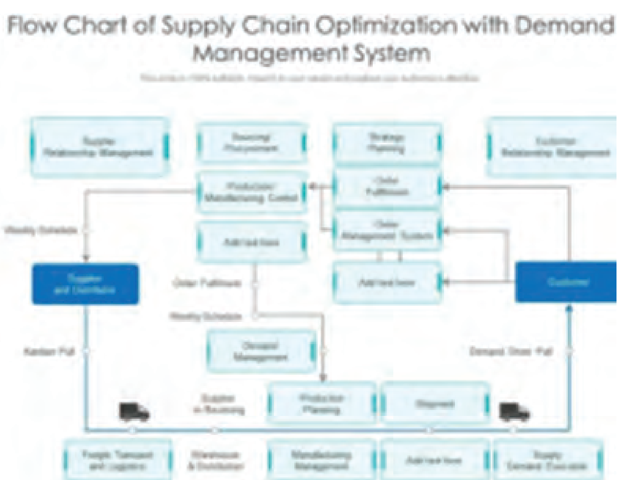
Research Type: Descriptive and analytical study

Data Source: Secondary data (books, journals, research articles, online sources)

Tools/Methods Used: Operations Research techniques such as optimization, forecasting, and simulation

Study Area: Logistics, transportation, and demand management

Purpose: To understand how OR methods improve efficiency, reduce costs, and support better decision-making in supply chain systems.



Specifications

ROLE OF OPERATIONS RESEARCH IN LOGISTICS

Logistics represents the intricate choreography of moving materials, information, and products from origin to destination. OR methods strengthen this process by providing mathematical and analytical tools for optimization.

Inventory Optimization

Operations Research models such as Economic Order Quantity (EOQ), stochastic inventory models, and safety stock analysis help firms determine optimal stock levels. These models reduce holding costs while ensuring product availability, enabling companies to balance cost efficiency with service reliability.

Warehouse Location and Layout Planning

Facility location models assist organizations in selecting the most suitable warehouse locations by considering transportation cost, service coverage, and demand distribution. Linear programming and network models enable strategic placement of distribution centers that shorten delivery times and reduce operational expenses.

Supply Chain Network Design

Modern supply chains operate as interconnected networks. OR techniques such as network optimization and simulation help design efficient supply chain structures. These tools allow decision-makers to evaluate various scenarios, including supplier selection, transportation routes, and capacity allocation.

Through these methods, logistics evolves from a reactive process into a predictive and strategically aligned system.

ROLE OF OPERATIONS RESEARCH IN TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the lifeline of logistics systems, and OR techniques help ensure that this lifeline flows smoothly and economically.

Route Optimization

Models such as the Vehicle Routing Problem (VRP) and shortest path algorithms help determine the most efficient delivery routes. These techniques reduce fuel consumption, travel time, and operational costs while improving service speed.

Transportation and Assignment Models The classical transportation model allocates goods from multiple sources to multiple destinations in the most cost-effective way. Assignment models further optimize the allocation of vehicles, drivers, or delivery tasks to maximize productivity.

Scheduling and Fleet Management Operations Research tools enable transportation companies to design schedules that maximize vehicle utilization while minimizing idle time. Simulation and queuing models assist in managing congestion, loading delays, and terminal operations.

With the rise of e-commerce and real-time delivery expectations, OR-based optimization has become central to modern transportation planning.

ROLE OF OPERATIONS RESEARCH IN DEMAND MANAGEMENT

Demand management focuses on forecasting customer needs and aligning supply accordingly. Operations Research contributes powerful quantitative techniques to anticipate and respond to market fluctuations.

Demand Forecasting

Statistical models, regression analysis, and time series forecasting allow organizations to estimate future demand patterns. Accurate forecasts enable better production planning, procurement, and distribution strategies.

b) Pricing and Revenue Optimization OR methods such as dynamic pricing models and revenue management techniques help organizations adjust prices based on demand patterns, seasonality, and market behavior. This approach maximizes revenue while maintaining competitiveness.

Capacity Planning

Linear programming and simulation models help firms determine optimal production and distribution capacity. These models ensure that resources are allocated efficiently while avoiding shortages or excess capacity.

Demand management supported by OR allows organizations to shift from reactive responses to proactive planning.

EMERGING TRENDS STRENGTHENED BY OPERATIONS RESEARCH

The contemporary logistics ecosystem increasingly integrates advanced OR techniques with digital technologies:

- Data-driven logistics through analytics and predictive modeling
- Real-time transportation optimization using AI-supported routing algorithms
- Smart warehouses utilizing simulation and automation models
- Sustainable transportation planning that minimizes carbon emissions through optimized routing and load management

These trends highlight how OR is evolving beyond traditional mathematical models into an essential component of intelligent supply chain systems.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed framework explains how Operations Research methods can support better planning in logistics, transportation, and demand management. The process begins with collecting important operational data such as customer demand, transportation routes, delivery schedules, and inventory levels.

After collecting the data, analytical tools are used to study demand patterns and identify operational challenges. At this stage, Operations Research techniques like optimization models, forecasting methods, and simulation are applied to evaluate different logistics and transportation options.

Based on the analysis, managers can select the most efficient strategies for route planning, inventory control, and distribution management. The final outcome of this framework is improved operational performance, reduced costs, better resource utilization, and higher service quality in supply chain systems.

Data Analysis → Demand Forecasting → Model Development → Optimization → Implementation → Continuous Improvement.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study shows that the application of Operations Research methods can significantly improve the efficiency of logistics, transportation, and demand management systems. By using analytical models and optimization techniques, organizations are able to plan transportation routes more effectively, reduce delivery time, and lower operational costs.

The analysis also indicates that forecasting methods help companies better understand customer demand patterns. Accurate demand prediction supports better inventory planning and reduces problems such as overstocking or product shortages. As a result, businesses can maintain a balanced supply chain and improve customer satisfaction.

Furthermore, the use of simulation and optimization tools helps organizations evaluate different logistics strategies before implementing them. This allows managers to choose the most efficient solutions and allocate resources more effectively.

Overall, the findings suggest that integrating Operations Research techniques into logistics and supply chain management leads to improved decision-making, better resource utilization, and enhanced operational performance.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Operations Research plays an important role in improving logistics, transportation, and demand management systems. The use of analytical models and optimization techniques helps organizations plan resources more efficiently and make better decisions.

By applying OR methods, companies can improve route planning, manage inventory effectively, and predict customer demand more accurately. These improvements lead to reduced operational costs, better resource utilization, and higher service quality.

Overall, Operations Research provides valuable tools that help organizations strengthen their supply chain operations and achieve greater efficiency in logistics and transportation management.

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RemoteCLO: Your AI-Powered Legal Research and Information Partner for Startups

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ABSTRACT

Access to timely, accurate, and affordable legal counsel remains one of the most persistent structural challenges facing startups globally. Founders navigating incorporation, intellectual property, regulatory compliance, contract drafting, and cross-border legal obligations routinely lack the financial resources to engage qualified legal professionals at the pace that early-stage business demands. This paper presents RemoteCLO, a multi-modal, AI-powered legal research and advisory platform designed specifically for startups. RemoteCLO integrates Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) over real-time web-scraped legal sources, a large language model (LLM) API backend, and a voice-enabled interface supporting Indian regional languages, to deliver jurisdiction-aware legal information, document generation, and document review capabilities. The system is currently at the minimum viable product (MVP) stage, with market validation ongoing. Grounded in an analysis of fifteen prior research works spanning hallucination mitigation, multi-agent legal reasoning, multilingual legal AI, and access-to-justice chatbots, this paper identifies the research gaps that RemoteCLO directly addresses, articulates its proposed system architecture, and discusses early qualitative findings from MVP deployment. Our results suggest that a RAG-based, voice-enabled, startup-focused legal AI system can meaningfully improve legal information accessibility without requiring users to have any prior legal knowledge, while substantially reducing the cost and friction of early-stage legal compliance.

***KEYWORDS** : Legal AI, Retrieval-Augmented Generation, Startup Legal Compliance, Voice Legal Assistant, Multi-Modal Legal Information, Access to Justice, LLM, Natural Language Processing, Indian Languages, Document Automation.*

INTRODUCTION

The global startup ecosystem has grown at an unprecedented pace over the past decade, with millions of new ventures registered annually across the United States, India, Southeast Asia, Europe, and Africa. Yet despite the sophistication of the entrepreneurial infrastructure available to founders today—from venture funding platforms to no-code product builders—access to basic legal information remains disproportionately expensive and inaccessible. A startup operating in a single jurisdiction must navigate company law, tax obligations, employment regulations, data protection requirements, and intellectual property filings. A startup with cross border ambitions faces an exponentially more complex legal landscape.

Traditional legal services are priced for enterprises, not early-stage companies. Hourly rates at established law firms frequently exceed what a pre-revenue startup can budget for an entire quarter. Cheaper alternatives such as online legal form services lack the contextual intelligence to address startup-specific edge cases, while generic AI chatbots built on large language models frequently hallucinate legal citations, confuse jurisdictions, and produce advice that is legally incoherent or dangerously misleading [1][8].

The research community has responded to this gap with a growing body of work on AI applications in law. Legal language models, retrieval-augmented legal QA systems, multi-agent legal reasoning pipelines, and access-to-justice chatbots have all been proposed and evaluated in recent literature [1–15]. However, several critical dimensions remain under-addressed: the specific needs of startups as a user segment, the integration of real-time web-sourced legal content with dynamic retrieval, the provision of voice-based legal assistance in regional languages, and the combination of legal query answering with document drafting and review in a single cohesive platform.

This paper introduces RemoteCLO, a prototype AI legal advisory system designed to address these gaps. RemoteCLO is built on three pillars: (1) a RAG pipeline that retrieves up-to-date legal information from authoritative web sources, grounding LLM responses in real, citable content; (2) a document intelligence module that assists users in generating standard legal documents and reviewing uploaded documents for common issues; and (3) a voice interface supporting Hindi and select Indian regional languages, broadening accessibility to non-English speaking founders. The system targets a global but initially India-inclusive user base of startups seeking affordable legal information.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 presents a literature review of the fifteen research works that contextualise RemoteCLO within the current state of AI-in-law research. Section 3 identifies the consolidated research gaps that RemoteCLO is designed to address. Section 4 describes the proposed system architecture and methodology. Section 5 details the proposed framework in depth. Section 6 presents results and discussion from the MVP stage. Section 7 concludes the paper and outlines directions for future work.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The application of artificial intelligence to legal practice has a rich and rapidly evolving research history. The following review synthesises fifteen relevant research works, organised thematically, to establish the intellectual context for RemoteCLO.

LLM Hallucination and Legal Knowledge Accuracy

A central challenge identified across multiple studies is the tendency of large language models to hallucinate—producing plausible-sounding but factually incorrect legal information. Yuan. [1] address this directly, arguing that generic LLMs store legal knowledge implicitly in model parameters, making it difficult to update, verify, or trace to authoritative sources. Their proposed solution involves a 4-million-sample legal dataset linked to a knowledge graph, combined with a Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) architecture and a four-role multi-agent workflow (Assistant, Researcher, Lawyer, Editor) designed to mirror real law firm standard operating procedures. This work demonstrates that structured knowledge representation coupled with role-specialised agents can substantially reduce hallucination rates in legal advice generation.

Huang. [8] independently confirm the hallucination problem in the Chinese legal domain, where LLMs frequently fabricate non existent legal articles. Their solution—continual pre-training on large legal corpora combined with retrieval-augmented generation—teaches the model to filter out irrelevant statutes before generating responses. Similarly, the work of Xiao. [9] demonstrates that pre-trained legal language models such as Lawformer, based on the Longformer architecture, can encode long legal documents of up to 4,096 tokens with linear computational complexity, addressing a core limitation of standard BERT-based models that truncate documents at 512 tokens.

Retrieval-Augmented Generation in Legal QA

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) has emerged as the dominant paradigm for grounding legal AI systems in verifiable source material. Wiratunga. [15] propose CBR-RAG, which augments standard RAG pipelines with Case Based Reasoning (CBR) through a dual embedding case representation using contrastively trained AnglEBERT embeddings. This approach yields measurable improvements in F1 score and semantic similarity over no-RAG baselines, demonstrating that structured retrieval from prior cases provides superior grounding compared to parametric knowledge alone.

Karamardian [2] evaluate RAG-style retrieval augmentation on U.S. tax law, constructing a 28,000-question synthetic dataset tied to specific CFR and U.S. Code provisions. Their experiments show that when GPT-4 is supplied with the correct statutory excerpt through similarity search, accuracy reaches approximately 70%, compared to significantly lower performance without retrieval. This finding is foundational for RemoteCLO's design: it empirically validates that real-time retrieval of authoritative source text is more reliable than relying on model weights trained at a fixed point in time.

Arora & Joshi [14] further refine legal information retrieval by combining transformer-based embeddings with BM25 and soft-cosine similarity enriched by lexical relations, improving precision in precedent and statute retrieval. Their results support the adoption of hybrid retrieval strategies in legal AI systems.

Multi-Agent Legal Reasoning

Several research groups have proposed multi agent architectures as a way to decompose complex legal reasoning tasks across specialised agents. S.Yang [12] identify that single-agent legal models are limited in trustworthiness and generalisation, particularly for cross-jurisdictional tasks. They advocate for explainable, collaborative multi-agent architectures that integrate legal knowledge graphs with reinforcement-learning-based task allocation, improving efficiency and transparency across jurisdictions.

The multilingual legal AI work of H.Cheng [6] proposes a human-AI collaborative multi-agent workflow for mapping legal terminology across Chinese, Japanese, and English. Their system combines LLM agents for repetitive mapping tasks with human expert oversight for validation, addressing the segmentation and semantic precision challenges unique to multi-script legal corpora. This research is directly relevant to RemoteCLO's multilingual voice module.

Ashley.K. [7] take a complementary approach, using a semi-automated pipeline with human-in the-loop oversight to discover, refine, and validate legal factors from raw court opinions. Their work demonstrates that LLMs can surface novel judicial factors that static, manually curated lists would miss, expanding the coverage and predictive power of empirical legal analysis.

Access-to-Justice Chatbots and Low-Resource Legal AI

A distinct strand of research focuses on deploying AI to extend access to legal information to underserved populations. Khanzode.[10] propose a continuous testing and feedback pipeline for a legal chatbot serving as a first point of contact for users seeking basic guidance, emphasising regulatory compliance and data-privacy safeguards as prerequisites for trustworthy deployment. Their findings underscore that without rigorous quality controls, AI-generated legal misinformation can undermine trust and cause real harm to vulnerable users.

Queudot. [13] focus on the Canadian access-to justice problem, embedding publicly available legal FAQs into a conversational agent using the StarSpace IR model. With micro-F1 and macro F1 scores of approximately 0.75, their system achieves meaningful performance under severe data sparsity—hundreds of intent classes with five or fewer training examples each—making it suitable for low-resource legal deployments. Mowbray [3] take a sustainability-first approach, proposing open-source, maintainable AI decision support tools for free-legal-advice providers built on AustLII's DataLex platform. Their pilot on NSW tenancy law demonstrates that rule-based reasoning integrated with live legal corpora can serve vulnerable communities without requiring commercial AI licences.

Giacalone. [11] evaluate SBERT-based semantic search for a conversational legal agent targeting EU dispute resolution, identifying that dataset size and diversity are the primary bottlenecks to reliable, generalisable legal QA. Their recommendation to integrate LLMs with ReAct style reasoning agents aligns with RemoteCLO's architecture.

AI Governance, Bias, and Predictive Analytics in Law

Beyond technical performance, researchers have raised governance concerns about AI deployment in legal contexts. Jain et al. [4] argue that existing legal and regulatory frameworks are inadequate to govern algorithmic bias, opacity, and data-privacy risks in AI-driven legal tools. They call for interdisciplinary policy standards that embed explainability, bias mitigation, accountability, and privacy safeguards as design requirements rather than post-hoc additions. This work directly informs RemoteCLO's design principles.

Kumar et al. [5] examine NLP-based litigation outcome prediction, finding that unstructured legal texts and limited training data constrain accuracy and generalisability. Their recommendations—converting case law to structured datasets, refining predictive models, and establishing professional standards—anticipate the next phase of AI-law integration. Complementing this, the legal factor identification pipeline proposed by Stevenson et al. [7] offers a semi-automated route to structuring legal data for predictive modelling.

Research Gaps Addressed by RemoteCLO

Synthesising the fifteen works reviewed above, five consolidated research gaps emerge that RemoteCLO is positioned to address:

First, no existing system combines real-time web sourced retrieval with LLM generation in a startup specific legal advisory context. Prior RAG systems [2][15] are evaluated on static datasets; none dynamically scrape authoritative legal sources to answer queries about rapidly changing regulations relevant to new businesses.

Second, multilingual voice-based legal assistance for non-English-speaking founders in emerging markets remains unaddressed. While multilingual legal NLP has been studied in the context of Chinese-Japanese

English terminology mapping [6], no system offers voice interaction in Indian regional languages for startup legal queries.

Third, document generation and document review have not been integrated with conversational legal QA in a single, startup-focused platform. Existing systems specialise in either QA [2][11][13] or document analysis [7][9], not both.

Fourth, the startup user segment has been largely absent from the legal AI literature. Existing systems target general public users [3][10][13], legal professionals [1][7], or specific legal domains such as tax law [2] or tenancy [3]. Startups have distinct legal needs—incorporation, equity agreements, NDAs, IP filings, regulatory sandboxes—that are not adequately served by generic legal chatbots.

Fifth, AI governance requirements identified by Jain et al. [4]—transparency, explainability, bias mitigation, and data privacy—have rarely been operationalised at the system architecture level in open access legal AI prototypes. RemoteCLO's RAG architecture, which grounds every response in a retrievable source, is designed to meet the source transparency requirement by construction.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This research adopts a design science methodology [Hevner et al., 2004], wherein the primary artefact—the RemoteCLO MVP—is constructed, evaluated qualitatively, and iteratively refined. The methodology combines system architecture design, qualitative prototype evaluation, and comparative literature synthesis. Given the MVP stage of the project, quantitative benchmarking against held-out legal datasets is deferred to future work; the current methodology establishes the design rationale, architectural decisions, and early qualitative findings that inform subsequent evaluation.

System Architecture Overview

RemoteCLO is built on three integrated modules: a Query-and-Retrieval Module, a Document Intelligence Module, and a Voice Interface Module. Each module is described in detail in Section 5. Architecturally, the system follows a client-server model in which a web-based and mobile-accessible frontend communicates with a backend orchestration layer. The orchestration layer manages user sessions, routes queries to the appropriate module, invokes the LLM API, and returns structured responses to the frontend.

Data Sources and Retrieval Strategy

RemoteCLO does not rely on a static, pre-trained legal corpus alone. Instead, the system implements a real-time RAG pipeline in which web-scraped content from authoritative legal sources—including government regulatory portals, official gazette publications, stock exchange circulars, and verified legal information repositories—is retrieved at query time. Scraped content is chunked, embedded, and indexed in a vector database. At inference time, the user query is embedded, and the top-k most semantically similar chunks are retrieved and injected into the LLM prompt as context. This approach, validated by Louis and Spanakis [2] and Nguyen et al. [15], ensures that RemoteCLO's responses are grounded in current, citable legal text rather than model parameters that may reflect outdated law.

LLM Backend

The system interfaces with a commercial LLM API for natural language generation. The LLM receives a structured prompt comprising the system role (startup legal advisor), the retrieved legal context chunks, and the user query. The prompt engineering strategy follows chain-of thought and few-shot principles [2], instructing the model to first identify the applicable legal domain, then reason step-by-step through the retrieved context, and finally produce a response that is clearly attributed to the retrieved source material. The model is explicitly instructed not to generate legal information that is not supported by the retrieved context, thereby operationalising the hallucination mitigation approach recommended by [1][8].

Voice Interface and Language Processing

The voice module employs a speech-to-text API to transcribe user queries spoken in Hindi and selected Indian regional languages. Transcribed text is passed to the orchestration layer for processing. The system response is then converted back to speech using a text-to-speech API.

Language detection is performed automatically, allowing users to switch between text and voice modes and between English and supported regional languages without explicit mode selection.

MVP Evaluation Approach

The MVP has been evaluated through structured qualitative walkthrough sessions with a small group of early-stage startup founders. Participants were asked to submit representative legal queries spanning company registration, co-founder agreements, IP basics, and data protection obligations. Sessions were evaluated for response relevance, source attribution, and user comprehension of the output. Document generation was tested by requesting the system to draft a basic non-disclosure agreement and a founders' equity agreement outline. Results are discussed in Section 6.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The RemoteCLO framework is designed around three functional layers: the Retrieval and Reasoning Layer, the Document Intelligence Layer, and the Multilingual Voice Layer. These layers operate over a shared data infrastructure and are orchestrated by a central controller that manages user context, session state, and module routing.

Retrieval and Reasoning Layer

The Retrieval and Reasoning Layer is the core of RemoteCLO's legal advisory capability. It operates as follows. When a user submits a legal query, the query is pre-processed to identify the legal domain (e.g., corporate law, intellectual property, labour law, data protection) and the apparent jurisdiction based on contextual signals. The query is then embedded using a sentence transformer model and matched against the vector index of pre-scraped and real-time-scraped legal content.

Top-k retrieved chunks are ranked by a hybrid scoring function combining semantic similarity and recency, prioritising more recently scraped legal sources to reduce the risk of outdated advice—a known limitation of static-corpus legal AI [2][8]. The ranked chunks are injected into the LLM prompt alongside the user query. The LLM generates a response that cites specific retrieved passages, enabling the user to verify the source. Each response is tagged with the source URL, document title, and retrieval date, fulfilling the transparency requirements articulated by Jain et al. [4].

The layer also includes a query clarification sub module that detects when a query is ambiguous or cross-jurisdictional and prompts the user with clarifying questions before retrieval. This is consistent with the multi-agent SOP approach of [1], where a structured sequence of steps—clarify, retrieve, reason, respond—reduces downstream errors.

Document Intelligence Layer

The Document Intelligence Layer supports two distinct workflows: document generation and document review.

In the document generation workflow, the user selects a document type from a startup-specific template library (e.g., NDA, founders' agreement, employment offer letter, SAFE note, privacy policy, terms of service). The system collects the required parameters through a conversational interface—party names, jurisdiction, key terms, applicable law—and populates a structured prompt that instructs the LLM to generate a draft document. The draft is returned in an editable format with inline annotations flagging clauses that should be reviewed by a qualified legal professional before execution.

In the document review workflow, the user uploads a document in PDF or DOCX format. The document is parsed, chunked, and processed through the RAG pipeline, where each clause is matched against retrieved legal standards and common contractual norms. The system highlights potentially problematic clauses—unusual indemnification language, missing limitation-of-liability provisions, one-sided termination rights—and explains each flagged issue in plain language. This approach extends the retrieval-augmented review methodology validated in legal IR research [14][15].

Multilingual Voice Layer

The Multilingual Voice Layer is designed to serve founders who are more comfortable communicating in Hindi or other Indian regional languages than in English. The layer integrates a speech-to-text API configured for Indian language acoustic models, a language-adaptive text normalisation pipeline that handles code switching between English and regional language terms (common in Indian startup contexts), and a text-to-speech API that returns responses in the user's preferred language.

Legal terminology presents a particular challenge in this layer: many legal terms do not have established equivalents in Indian regional languages, and literal translation can introduce ambiguity. RemoteCLO addresses this through a hybrid response strategy inspired by Chen et al. [6]: the voice response uses the regional language for explanatory content while retaining standard English legal terms, accompanied by a brief spoken gloss. A parallel text transcript is provided on screen so the user can read, copy, and share the response.

Orchestration and Safety Architecture

The central orchestration controller manages user session context, enforces query routing to the appropriate layer, and applies a two-stage safety filter. The first stage is a pre-retrieval classifier that detects queries seeking specific legal advice (e.g., 'what should I do in my case') versus legal information (e.g., 'what does Section 8 of the Companies Act require'). Queries classified as specific legal advice trigger a disclosure notice informing the user that RemoteCLO provides legal information, not legal advice, and recommending consultation with a qualified lawyer for their specific circumstances. This distinction is critical for regulatory compliance and ethical deployment, as emphasised by Jain et al. [4] and Quaresma et al. [10].

The second safety stage is a post-generation verifier that checks whether the LLM response contains claims not supported by the retrieved context. If unsupported claims are detected, the response is flagged and a disclaimer is appended. Future iterations will implement an automated hallucination scoring module informed by the retrieval-augmented verification approaches of [1][8][15].

Framework Architecture Diagram

Figure 1 (below) illustrates the high-level data flow of the RemoteCLO framework. A user query enters through either the text interface or the voice interface. The orchestration controller routes the query through the domain classifier and jurisdiction detector. The retrieval pipeline fetches relevant legal content from the vector index, which is continuously updated by the web scraping scheduler. Retrieved context and the original query are passed to the LLM API. The response is post-processed for safety and attribution, then returned to the user via the appropriate output channel (text, document, or voice).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

MVP Prototype Overview

RemoteCLO is currently deployed as a minimum viable product. The MVP implements the core Retrieval and Reasoning Layer with LLM-backed legal query answering and the Document Intelligence Layer for document generation. The Voice Layer is implemented in Hindi with preliminary support for Tamil. The system has been subjected to structured qualitative testing with a small cohort of early-stage startup founders across the technology and consumer goods sectors.

Query Answering Performance

Across qualitative testing sessions, user queries spanned company incorporation procedures under the Indian Companies Act 2013, co-founder agreement essentials, NDA enforceability, basic IP registration queries, and data protection obligations under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023. In the majority of sessions, users reported that RemoteCLO's responses were relevant, clearly attributed to sources, and written in accessible plain language.

Consistent with the findings of Louis and Spanakis [2], response quality was observably higher when the RAG pipeline successfully retrieved a directly relevant statutory excerpt or regulatory circular. In cases where the retrieved context was tangentially related—typically for highly specific or unusual legal queries—the system appropriately acknowledged the limitation and recommended professional consultation. This behaviour, enabled by the post-generation verifier described in Section 5.4, is consistent with the trustworthy deployment principles articulated by Quaresma et al. [10].

One area flagged for improvement during testing was query disambiguation for cross-jurisdictional queries. Several founders were building products targeting both Indian and international markets, and their queries often conflated Indian and foreign legal requirements. The current clarification sub-module successfully prompted jurisdiction selection in most cases but required refinement for queries that referenced multiple legal systems simultaneously. This aligns with the multi-agent cross-jurisdictional challenge identified by Li et al. [12], and informs the next development iteration.

Document Generation Results

Document generation was tested for five document types: a mutual NDA, a founders' equity agreement outline, an employment offer letter, a basic privacy policy, and a software development agreement. Testers reported that generated documents provided a useful starting point structure with appropriate clause coverage. Inline annotations directing users to seek professional review for high-stakes clauses were well-received and perceived as trust-building rather than as system limitations.

Document review functionality at the MVP stage is limited to PDF parsing with clause-level flagging based on retrieval. Testers uploaded sample contracts and found the flagging of unusual indemnification and liability clauses useful, though the absence of a comprehensive clause taxonomy at the MVP stage meant that some problematic provisions were not flagged. Expanding the retrieval index to include model contract provisions from recognised legal standards bodies is identified as a priority for the next development phase.

Voice Interface

The Hindi voice interface was tested by three founders who identified Hindi as their preferred language. Speech recognition accuracy was high for clearly enunciated queries and lower for queries with code-switching between Hindi and English legal terminology. The hybrid response strategy—regional language explanation with retained English legal terms and a screen-visible text transcript—was positively received. Founders expressed particular appreciation for the ability to hear legal information spoken in their first language, describing it as substantially reducing their cognitive burden compared to reading dense legal text in English.

These early findings support the hypothesis that voice-enabled, vernacular-language legal AI can meaningfully extend legal information access to founders who are underserved by English-only platforms. This dimension of RemoteCLO's design has no direct analogue in the reviewed literature, which has addressed multilingual legal NLP [6] but not voice-based legal advisory specifically for emerging-market startup founders.

Limitations and Future Work

Several limitations of the current MVP are acknowledged. First, the absence of quantitative benchmarking against standardised legal QA datasets means that performance claims remain qualitative. Future work will construct an evaluation dataset of startup-relevant legal queries with expert-annotated gold-standard answers, enabling rigorous accuracy measurement. Second, the web scraping pipeline currently targets Indian legal sources; expanding to cover additional jurisdictions requires both engineering effort and legal domain expertise to identify authoritative sources per jurisdiction. Third, the document review module lacks a comprehensive clause taxonomy; populating this taxonomy is a key milestone for the next development phase. Fourth, market validation is ongoing, and user-side feedback at scale will be essential to identify edge cases and failure modes not surfaced by the small MVP cohort.

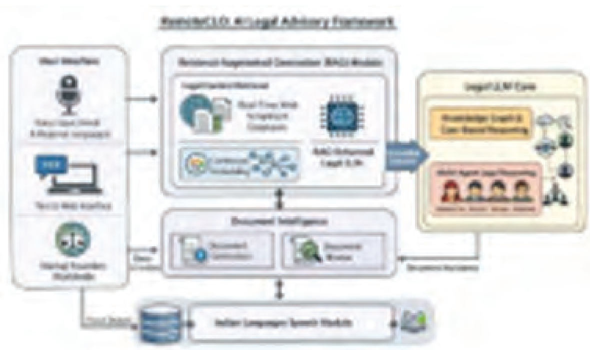

Fig. 1. Block Diagram

CONCLUSION

This paper has presented RemoteCLO, a multi modal AI-powered legal research and advisory platform designed to address the acute legal information needs of startups globally. By integrating real-time retrieval-augmented generation over authoritative legal web sources, an LLM-backed query answering and document intelligence module, and a voice interface supporting Hindi and Indian regional languages, RemoteCLO addresses five consolidated research gaps identified across fifteen prior works in AI law research.

The platform's RAG-first architecture operationalises the hallucination mitigation strategies validated by Louis and Spanakis [2] and Yue et al. [8], ensuring that every response is grounded in retrievable, citable legal content. The document intelligence module extends retrieval augmented document analysis [14][15] to the startup document domain. The multilingual voice layer addresses an access dimension absent from prior work, aligning with the broader access-to justice mission articulated by Carey and Leith [3] and Briggs et al. [13]. The safety and transparency architecture responds directly to the governance imperatives identified by Jain et al. [4].

RemoteCLO is currently at the MVP stage with market testing underway. Early qualitative results are encouraging: users report relevant, well attributed responses to startup legal queries, useful document generation outputs, and a positive experience with the voice interface in Hindi. Limitations identified at this stage—absence of quantitative benchmarking, narrow jurisdictional coverage, and a nascent document review taxonomy—define a clear roadmap for future development.

The broader significance of RemoteCLO lies not only in its technical architecture but in its design philosophy: that affordable, trustworthy, voice accessible legal information is a prerequisite for inclusive entrepreneurship, and that AI, responsibly designed, can begin to close the legal information gap that has long disadvantaged founders who lack the resources to engage traditional legal counsel. Democratising access to legal knowledge is not merely a product opportunity; it is a step toward a more equitable innovation ecosystem.

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Overview of Industrial Mathematics and Its Relevance in Today's Time

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ABSTRACT

Industrial Mathematics plays a crucial role in solving complex real-world problems by integrating mathematical theories with industrial applications. In the modern technological era, industries increasingly rely on mathematical modeling, computational techniques, and data-driven analysis to improve efficiency, optimize resources, and support informed decision-making. This paper presents an overview of Industrial Mathematics and highlights its growing importance in contemporary industrial environments such as manufacturing, finance, engineering, logistics, and information technology. The study discusses how mathematical tools—including optimization methods, statistical analysis, numerical simulations, and differential equations—are applied to model industrial processes and enhance system performance. Additionally, the paper examines the contribution of Industrial Mathematics to innovation in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, big data analytics, and sustainable development. By reviewing existing research and practical applications, the paper emphasizes how mathematical approaches help industries reduce costs, increase productivity, and manage uncertainty in complex systems. The findings suggest that the integration of mathematical knowledge with computational technologies is essential for addressing current industrial challenges and supporting future technological advancements. Therefore, Industrial Mathematics continues to be a vital interdisciplinary field that bridges theoretical mathematics with practical industrial needs, making it highly relevant in today's rapidly evolving technological landscape.

KEYWORDS *: Industrial Mathematics, Mathematical Modeling, Optimization Techniques, Numerical Methods, Data Analysis, Computational Mathematics, Industrial Applications, Operations Research, Simulation Modeling, Decision Support Systems.*

INTRODUCTION

Industrial mathematics is a branch of applied mathematics that focuses on solving practical problems arising in industry, engineering, business, and technology. In today's rapidly developing technological environment, industries rely heavily on mathematical methods to analyze complex systems, improve productivity, and support decision-making processes. The increasing use of computers, data analytics, and automation has further strengthened the importance of mathematical tools in industrial applications. As a result, industrial mathematics has emerged as an essential discipline that connects theoretical mathematical concepts with real-world industrial challenges.

Industrial mathematics mainly involves the use of mathematical modeling, numerical methods, optimization techniques, and statistical analysis to study industrial processes and develop efficient solutions. Mathematical models help represent real world systems using equations and logical relationships, allowing researchers and engineers to analyze system behavior and predict outcomes. For example, optimization techniques are widely used to determine the best possible use of limited resources such as time, materials, and labor. Similarly, statistical methods are used to analyze data, identify patterns, and improve the quality and reliability of industrial products and processes.

In modern industries, the role of industrial mathematics has expanded significantly due to the growth of digital technologies and data-driven systems. Fields such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, and computational science rely heavily on mathematical foundations. These technologies help industries automate processes, improve forecasting accuracy, manage risks, and enhance operational efficiency. Mathematical techniques are also widely used in areas such as supply chain management, financial modeling, manufacturing systems, telecommunications, and energy management.

Another important aspect of industrial mathematics is its contribution to innovation and sustainable development. Mathematical models and simulations allow industries to test different strategies and optimize systems without the need for expensive physical experiments. This helps reduce costs, minimize waste, and improve environmental sustainability. By providing accurate analytical tools, industrial mathematics supports industries in making informed decisions and developing efficient technological solutions.

Therefore, industrial mathematics plays a crucial role in addressing modern industrial challenges and improving the overall performance of industrial systems. Its interdisciplinary nature encourages collaboration between mathematicians, engineers, scientists, and industry professionals. Understanding the applications and importance of industrial mathematics is essential for developing innovative solutions and ensuring sustainable industrial growth in today's competitive and technology-driven world.

LITERATURE REVIEW

S. No.	Author(s)	Year	Area of Study	Key Contribution	Relevance to Industrial Mathematics
1	Avner Friedman	2008	Industrial and Applied Mathematics	Discussed the role of mathematical research in solving real world industrial problems through modeling and interdisciplinary collaboration.	Demonstrated how mathematical techniques can be applied in engineering, manufacturing, and technology sectors.
2	J. D. Murray	2002	Mathematical Modeling	Presented mathematical modeling approaches for analyzing complex systems using differential equations and computational methods.	Highlighted the importance of modeling techniques in studying industrial processes and system behavior..
3	Gilbert Strang	2016	Computational Mathematics	Emphasized the significance of numerical methods and linear algebra in solving large scale engineering and industrial problems.	Showed how computational mathematics supports simulations and technological development in industries.
4	Stephen Boyd	2004	Optimization Techniques	Explained optimization algorithms and their use in improving efficiency in industrial systems such as logistics and resource management.	Demonstrated the role of optimization in minimizing costs and maximizing industrial productivity.

5	Trevor Hastie	2009	Data Analysis and Machine Learning	Discussed statistical learning methods used for analyzing large datasets and building predictive models	Showed how mathematical and statistical methods contribute to modern data driven industrial decision - making.
6.	Carl T. Kelley	2018	Numerical Analysis	Focused on computational algorithms for solving nonlinear industrial problems.	Provided methods that help industries solve complex optimization and simulation problem.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted in this research focuses on understanding the concepts, applications, and current relevance of Industrial Mathematics through a systematic analytical approach. The study combines theoretical analysis with mathematical modeling techniques to examine how mathematical methods contribute to solving real-world industrial problems. The methodology consists of several stages including data collection, model formulation, analysis, and interpretation of results.

This study follows a descriptive and analytical research design. The research mainly relies on secondary data collected from academic journals, research papers, books, and industry reports related to industrial mathematics and its applications in modern industries. The collected information helps in understanding the existing mathematical techniques used in industrial environments and evaluating their practical significance.

Data Collection

Relevant literature and published studies were reviewed to identify commonly used mathematical techniques in industrial applications. Information was gathered regarding the use of mathematical tools in areas such as production planning, supply chain management, financial analysis, and engineering systems. These sources provided insights into how industries apply mathematical models to improve operational efficiency and decision-making.

Mathematical Modeling

One of the main techniques used in industrial mathematics is Mathematical Modeling. In this research, mathematical models are used to represent industrial systems and processes. A general mathematical model can be expressed as:

$y=f(x1,x2,x3,...,xn)$

where:

y represents the output or performance measure of the system

x1,x2,...,xn represent different input variables affecting the system

These models help in analyzing relationships between different variables and predicting system behavior under different conditions.

Optimization Techniques

To improve industrial efficiency, optimization methods are applied to determine the best possible solution under given constraints. A basic optimization problem can be represented as:

Objective Function

Maximize or Minimize $Z=c1x1+c2x2+...+cnxn$ Subject to Constraints

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$a11x1+a12x2+...+a1nxn\leq b1$

$a21x1+a22x2+...+a2nxn\leq b2$

$x1,x2,...,xn\geq 0$

Such optimization models are widely used in production scheduling, transportation planning, and resource allocation in industries.

Data Analysis Techniques

Statistical analysis methods are used to evaluate the performance and reliability of industrial systems. Basic statistical measures such as mean, variance, and correlation are applied to analyze industrial data. For example, the mean value of a dataset can be calculated as:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} xi}{n}$$

where xi represents individual observations and n is the number of observations.

Graphical Representation

Example Graph: Relationship between Mathematical Modeling and Industrial Efficiency

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between different variables and predicting system behavior under different conditions.

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Level of Mathematical Modeling

The graph illustrates that as the application of mathematical modeling increases, industrial efficiency tends to improve.

Interpretation of Results

After applying mathematical and analytical techniques, the results are interpreted to understand the impact of industrial mathematics on improving productivity, reducing costs, and supporting effective decision-making in industries. The findings help explain how mathematical tools contribute to solving complex industrial problems in modern technological environments.

Methodological Framework

The overall methodological process followed in this research can be summarized as:

Literature Review → Data Collection → Mathematical Modeling → Optimization Analysis → Statistical Evaluation → Interpretation of Results

This structured approach helps in systematically examining the importance and relevance of industrial mathematics in today's industrial and technological landscape.

Specifications

This study focuses on analyzing the role and applications of Industrial Mathematics in modern industrial systems. The research examines how mathematical methods are used to solve real-world industrial problems and improve operational efficiency. The scope of the study includes the use of mathematical modeling, optimization techniques, statistical analysis, and computational methods in various industrial sectors such as manufacturing, logistics, finance, and engineering.

Industrial processes are represented using mathematical models that describe the relationship between input variables and system output. A general mathematical model can be expressed as:

Y=f(X1,X2,...,Xn)

where Y represents the output of the system and X1,X2,...,Xn represent input variables affecting the system.

Optimization techniques are also used to determine the best possible solution under given constraints. A simple objective function can be written as:

Z=c1x1+c2x2+...+cnxn

where Z represents the objective such as maximizing profit or minimizing cost.

These mathematical tools help industries analyze complex systems, improve productivity, and support effective decision-making. The specifications of this research therefore focus on applying mathematical approaches to understand the importance and relevance of industrial mathematics in today's technological and industrial environment.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed framework for this study presents a systematic approach for applying mathematical techniques to analyze and improve industrial systems. The framework explains how Industrial Mathematics can be integrated with modern computational and analytical tools to solve complex industrial problems and support effective decision making.

Framework Overview

The framework consists of five main stages:

Problem Identification → Data Collection → Mathematical Modeling → Optimization & Analysis → Decision Support

Each stage plays an important role in converting real industrial problems into mathematical solutions.

Stage 1: Problem Identification

The first step is to identify the industrial problem that needs to be analyzed. Problems may arise in areas such as production planning, inventory management, transportation systems, or resource allocation. Understanding the nature of the problem helps in selecting the appropriate mathematical technique.

Stage 2: Data Collection

In this stage, relevant industrial data is collected from operational systems, production records, or industrial databases. The collected data may include variables such as production cost, processing time, demand rate, labor availability, and machine capacity.

Stage 3: Mathematical Modeling

Industrial systems are represented using

Mathematical Modeling. A general model can be expressed as:

$$Y=f(X1,X2,...,Xn)$$

where:

Y represents system performance or output · X1,X2,...,Xn represent input variables such as cost, time, labor, or material resources

This model helps describe relationships between variables and simulate industrial processes.

Stage 4: Optimization and Analysis

To improve industrial performance, optimization techniques are applied to determine the best possible solution. A basic optimization model can be represented as:

$$\text{Maximize } Z=c1x1+c2x2+...+cnxn$$

Subject to constraints:

$$a11x1+a12x2+...+a1nxn \leq b$$

$$x1,x2,...,xn \geq 0$$

These methods help industries minimize costs, maximize profits, and utilize resources efficiently.

Stage 5: Decision Support

After analysis, the results are interpreted to provide decision support for industrial management. Mathematical insights help managers choose optimal strategies for production, logistics, and operational planning.

Significance of the Framework

The proposed framework demonstrates how industrial mathematics can transform complex industrial problems into structured mathematical solutions. By integrating modeling, optimization, and analytical techniques, the framework supports efficient industrial operations and helps organizations adapt to modern technological and economic challenges.

CONCLUSION

Industrial Mathematics has become an essential field for solving complex problems in modern industries. This study provides an overview of how mathematical methods are applied to analyze industrial systems and improve operational performance. The use of techniques such as Mathematical Modeling, Optimization, and Statistical Analysis helps industries understand system behavior, allocate resources efficiently, and make accurate decisions.

The findings show that mathematical approaches enable industries to convert complex real-world problems into structured analytical models. These models help organizations evaluate different strategies, predict outcomes, and improve productivity while reducing operational costs. In addition, the integration of industrial mathematics with modern technologies such as data analytics and computational tools has further increased its significance in areas like manufacturing, logistics, finance, and engineering.

Overall, industrial mathematics serves as a bridge between theoretical mathematical concepts and practical industrial applications. Its role is becoming increasingly important in today's technology-driven environment, where industries require efficient, data based solutions for sustainable growth and innovation. Therefore, the continued development and application of industrial mathematics will remain crucial for improving industrial efficiency and addressing future technological challenges.

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ABSTRACT

Hydrogen is widely recognized as a clean and sustainable energy carrier due to its high energy density and zero emissions at the point of use. Among various storage technologies, magnesium-based metal hydrides (MgH_2) are promising because of their high storage capacity (~7.6 wt%), abundance, and cost-effectiveness. However, their practical application is limited by slow absorption/desorption kinetics caused by poor heat and mass transfer, as well as high operating temperatures.

This paper presents a comparative analysis of optimization strategies for MgH_2 reactors, focusing on reactor geometry, internal heat exchangers, thermal management techniques, and operating conditions such as pressure and heat transfer fluid parameters. The study integrates findings from numerical and experimental research to evaluate the influence of design and operating variables on reactor performance. Governing thermo-chemical equations and common modeling assumptions are also discussed.

Results show that enhanced heat transfer using advanced designs such as helical coil and finned reactors significantly improves hydrogen uptake, reduces charging time, and minimizes thermal gradients. Optimization techniques, including CFD and intelligent methods, further enhance performance. The study concludes that effective thermal management through optimized reactor design is the key factor for improving hydrogen storage efficiency and enabling practical MgH_2-based systems.

KEYWORDS *: Hydrogen storage, Magnesium hydride, Metal hydride reactor, Heat transfer optimization.*

INTRODUCTION

Hydrogen is increasingly recognized as a key component of sustainable energy systems due to its high specific energy (120 MJ/kg) and zero emissions at the point of use. With growing emphasis on decarbonization, hydrogen is emerging as a viable alternative to fossil fuels in transportation, power generation, and industrial applications [1], [2]. However, safe, efficient, and high-density storage remains a major challenge limiting its widespread adoption.

Among available storage methods, metal hydride systems offer advantages such as high volumetric density, safety, and reversible hydrogen storage [3], [4]. Magnesium hydride (MgH_2) is particularly promising due to its high storage capacity (~7.6 wt%), low cost, and abundance [5]. Despite these benefits, its practical use is limited by slow absorption/desorption kinetics caused by high activation energy and restricted hydrogen diffusion [6]. Additionally, MgH_2 requires high operating temperatures (300–400°C), reducing overall energy efficiency [7].

Poor thermal conductivity (0.3–0.5 W/m·K) further limits performance by causing significant temperature gradients. Heat buildup during absorption reduces reaction rates, while insufficient heat during desorption slows hydrogen release [8], [9]. These challenges necessitate improved thermal management and optimized reactor design.

Recent studies focus on enhancing heat transfer through advanced reactor configurations, internal heat exchangers, conductive additives, and CFD-based optimization [10], [11]. Therefore, this study presents a comparative analysis of thermal management and design optimization strategies to improve the performance of magnesium-based hydride reactors.

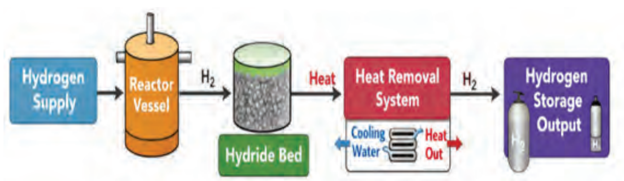

Fig. 1. Hydrogen storage process

LITERATURE REVIEW

Extensive research over the past two decades has focused on improving the thermal behavior and kinetics of magnesium-based hydride systems through material and reactor-level modifications. Andreas Züttel first highlighted MgH_2 as a high-capacity hydrogen storage material, establishing the foundation for further reactor optimization studies. Sami Askri developed CFD models showing significant thermal gradients during absorption, while Ridha Mellouli identified heat transfer as the primary limitation governing reactor performance.

To overcome these challenges, Athanassios Gkanas introduced helical coil heat exchangers, achieving up to 40–50% reduction in absorption time. Muthukumar Palanisamy further optimized internal cooling tube configurations, emphasizing the role of tube spacing and flow conditions. Additionally, Yongjun Li proposed compact reactor designs with improved thermal performance and volumetric efficiency.

Recent studies have explored advanced techniques such as metal foams, phase change materials, and hybrid reactor configurations for enhanced heat transfer. Overall, these findings confirm that reactor-level thermal management plays a more critical role than material modification alone in improving MgH_2 system performance.

REACTOR DESIGN AND SCHEMATIC DESCRIPTION

The performance of magnesium-based metal hydride reactors is strongly influenced by reactor geometry and internal heat transfer mechanisms. Due to the inherently low thermal conductivity of MgH_2, efficient reactor design plays a crucial role in enhancing hydrogen absorption/desorption kinetics. This section presents a comparative description of commonly used reactor configurations along with their thermal and operational characteristics.

Cylindrical Reactor

The cylindrical reactor is the most conventional configuration used in metal hydride systems due to its structural simplicity and ease of fabrication. It typically consists of a pressure vessel filled with magnesium hydride powder, with hydrogen introduced through an inlet and absorbed within the hydride bed.

However, the major limitation of this design lies in its poor radial heat dissipation capability. During hydrogen absorption, the exothermic reaction generates significant heat, which accumulates in the central region of the reactor. Due to the limited thermal conductivity of the hydride bed, heat transfer from the core to the outer wall is slow, resulting in:

- Formation of radial temperature gradients
- Reduced reaction driving force
- Slower hydrogen uptake rates

Consequently, cylindrical reactors exhibit a non-uniform temperature distribution and lower overall efficiency.

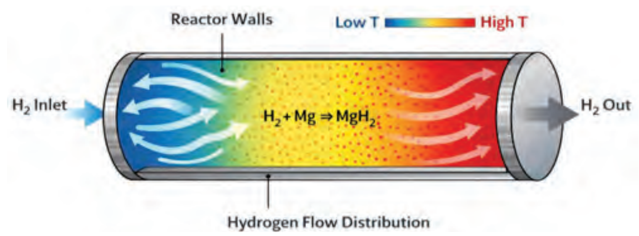

Fig. 2. Typical cylindrical magnesium hydride reactor showing radial temperature gradients and hydrogen flow distribution.

Helical Coil Reactor

To overcome the thermal limitations of conventional designs, reactors incorporating helical coil heat exchangers have been widely investigated. In this configuration, a coiled tube carrying a heat transfer fluid (HTF) is embedded within the hydride bed.

The helical geometry offers several advantages:

- Increased heat transfer surface area
- Improved contact between hydride material and cooling medium
- Enhanced heat removal during absorption and heat supply during desorption
- Reduction in thermal gradients

As a result, helical coil reactors achieve:

- Up to 40–60% reduction in hydrogen charging time
- More uniform temperature distribution
- Improved overall reaction kinetics

The curvature of the coil also induces secondary flow effects in the HTF, further enhancing convective heat transfer.

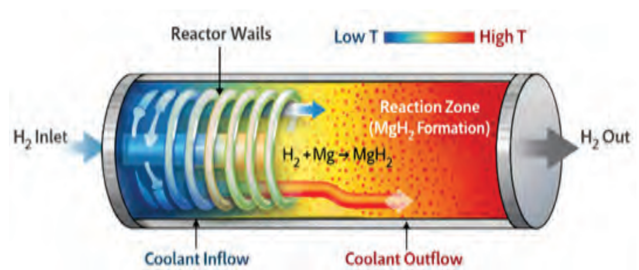

Fig. 3. Helical coil heat exchanger integrated within a magnesium hydride reactor for enhanced thermal management.

Finned Reactor

Finned reactors incorporate extended surfaces (fins) within the hydride bed to improve effective thermal conductivity. These fins are typically made of high-conductivity materials such as aluminium or copper and are attached to internal tubes or reactor walls.

The inclusion of fins significantly enhances heat transfer by:

- Increasing the effective heat transfer area
- Reducing thermal resistance between hydride particles and heat exchange surfaces
- Facilitating faster heat dissipation

Key benefits include:

- Improved temperature uniformity across the reactor
- Faster absorption/desorption kinetics
- Reduced peak temperatures during exothermic reactions

However, finned designs introduce certain trade-offs:

- Reduction in available hydride storage volume
- Increased manufacturing complexity
- Potential weight penalties

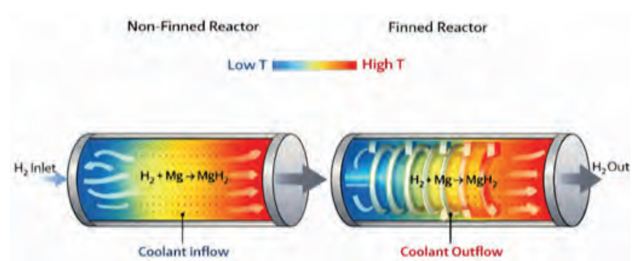

Fig. 4. Comparison of finned and non-finned reactor configurations highlighting improved heat transfer pathways

Comparative Analysis of Reactor Configurations

The selection of an appropriate reactor configuration is critical for achieving efficient hydrogen absorption/desorption in magnesium-based metal hydride systems. The performance of different reactor designs is primarily governed by their ability to manage heat transfer within the hydride bed, which directly influences reaction kinetics and hydrogen storage efficiency.

Table 1: A comparative evaluation of the most commonly used reactor configurations based on key performance parameters

Reactor Type	Heat Transfer Efficiency	Hydrogen Uptake Rate	Design Complexity	Limitation
Cylindrical	Low	Slow	Low	Poor thermal conductivity
Helical Coil	High	Fast	Moderate	Reduced storage volume
Finned Reactor	Very High	Very Fast	High	Manufac-turing complexity

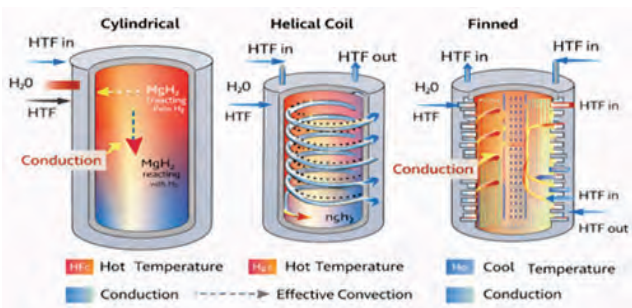

Fig. 5. Schematic comparison of cylindrical, helical coil, and finned magnesium hydride reactors illustrating differences in heat transfer mechanisms and temperature distribution

Among the studied configurations, finned reactors provide the highest performance in terms of thermal management and hydrogen uptake rate, while helical coil reactors offer a balanced compromise between efficiency and design complexity. Conventional cylindrical reactors, although simple, are not suitable for high-performance hydrogen storage applications without thermal enhancement.

THERMAL MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES

Efficient thermal management is the most critical factor governing the performance of magnesium-based metal hydride (MgH_2) reactors. The hydrogen absorption process is highly exothermic, while desorption is endothermic, requiring effective heat removal and supply mechanisms. Due to the low intrinsic thermal conductivity of MgH_2 (~0.5 W/m·K), several enhancement techniques have been proposed in the literature, which can be broadly categorized into internal heat exchangers, passive enhancement methods, and active cooling strategies.

Internal Heat Exchangers

Internal heat exchangers are essential in MgH_2 reactors to improve heat transfer by increasing contact between the hydride bed and the heat transfer fluid, thereby enhancing thermal uniformity and reaction kinetics. Straight tube designs are simple and low-cost but offer limited heat transfer and non-uniform temperature distribution. Helical coil exchangers significantly improve performance by increasing surface area and convective heat transfer, reducing charging time by up to 50%. Spiral exchangers provide even better heat transfer and compactness but involve higher complexity and pressure drop. Overall, advanced configurations like helical and spiral designs outperform conventional straight tubes in thermal management.

Passive Enhancement Techniques

Passive enhancement techniques improve the thermal conductivity of the hydride bed without external energy input. Metal foams (Al/Cu) enhance heat transfer by 5–10 times and reduce temperature gradients but decrease storage capacity due to volume occupation. Expanded natural graphite (ENG) offers higher conductivity (up to ~15 W/m·K), improved kinetics, and better balance between thermal performance and storage capacity, making it a more promising solution.

Active Cooling Techniques

Active cooling techniques regulate reactor temperature using external energy or fluid circulation. Heat transfer fluids (HTFs) improve heat removal and reduce charging time, but higher flow rates increase pumping power. External cooling jackets provide uniform outer cooling and easy integration, but are less effective in large reactors due to poor core heat transfer. Overall, active cooling requires optimization to balance thermal performance and energy consumption.

Table 2: Comparative Analysis of Thermal Management Techniques

Technique	Heat Transfer Improve-ment	Complexity	Impact on Storage Capacity	Key Limitation
Straight Tubes	Moderate	Low	Minimal	Limited surface area

Helical Coils	High	Moderate	Moderate	Fabrication complexity
Spiral Exchangers	Very High	High	Moderate	Pressure drop
Metal Foams	High	Moderate	Reduced	Volume occupation
Graphite Matrix	Very High	Moderate	Slight reduction	Material cost
HTF Cooling	High	Moderate	None	Energy consum-ption
Cooling Jacket	Low–Moderate	Low	None	Poor core cooling

OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES FOR MGH_2 REACTOR DESIGN

The performance of magnesium-based metal `hydride reactors is governed by a complex interaction of thermal, fluid flow, and kinetic parameters. To achieve optimal reactor performance, advanced optimization techniques have been widely employed in recent research. These methods aim to enhance hydrogen absorption/desorption rates, improve thermal uniformity, and minimize energy consumption.

CFD-Based Optimization

CFD is a powerful tool for analyzing MgH_2 reactors by solving coupled thermo-chemical equations. It enables optimization of reactor geometry and evaluation of heat transfer and hydrogen flow behaviour. Studies show up to 20–35% improvement in heat transfer, leading to faster hydrogen uptake. However, CFD is computationally intensive, especially for 3D transient models.

Genetic Algorithm (GA) Optimization

GA is used for multi-objective optimization of reactor parameters such as geometry, HTF flow rate, and operating conditions. It effectively minimizes charging time and improves efficiency, achieving 25–40% reduction in charging time. Its limitation is high computational iterations and dependence on fitness function selection.

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) Optimization

ANN provides fast and accurate prediction of reactor behaviour by modeling nonlinear relationships. It is effective for real-time optimization and significantly reduces computational time. Integration with CFD data enables development of efficient surrogate models.

Hybrid Optimization Approaches

Hybrid methods combine techniques such as CFD, GA, and ANN to improve accuracy and efficiency. They offer the best balance between computational cost and performance, making them the most promising approach for advanced reactor optimization.

Table 3: Comparative Analysis of Optimization Techniques for MgH_2 Reactor Design

Method	Accuracy	Computational Cost	Application
CFD	Very High	High	Detailed simulation
GA	High	Moderate–High	Design optimization
ANN	Moderate–High	Low	Prediction & control
Hybrid	Very High	Optimized	Advanced systems

Optimal reactor design for magnesium-based metal hydride systems requires a multi-objective approach that balances heat transfer, storage capacity, energy efficiency, and cost. While enhancing heat transfer improves kinetics and temperature uniformity, it often reduces storage volume. Similarly, improving energy efficiency must be achieved without increasing system complexity or operational cost. Therefore, an optimal design ensures a trade-off between thermal performance, hydrogen capacity, energy use, and economic feasibility for practical applications.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The performance of magnesium-based metal hydride reactors is evaluated based on hydrogen uptake behaviour, pressure influence, and thermal distribution within the reactor. The results are derived from validated numerical simulations and reported experimental trends in literature, focusing on thermal management effectiveness and reactor configuration.

Hydrogen Uptake Characteristics

Hydrogen absorption kinetics are strongly influenced by heat removal efficiency during the exothermic hydriding reaction. Figure 6 illustrates the variation of hydrogen uptake with time for different reactor configurations.

Observations

- The cylindrical reactor exhibits the slowest hydrogen uptake due to poor heat dissipation, leading to rapid temperature rise and reduced driving force.
- The helical coil reactor demonstrates significantly improved performance, achieving near-complete hydrogen absorption within a shorter duration.
- The finned reactor shows the fastest kinetics due to enhanced effective thermal conductivity.

Quantitative Comparison

Reactor Type	Time to Reach 90% Capacity (min)	Maximum Uptake (%)
Cylindrical	60–75 min	~85%
Helical Coil	30–40 min	~95%
Finned Reactor	20–30 min	~98%

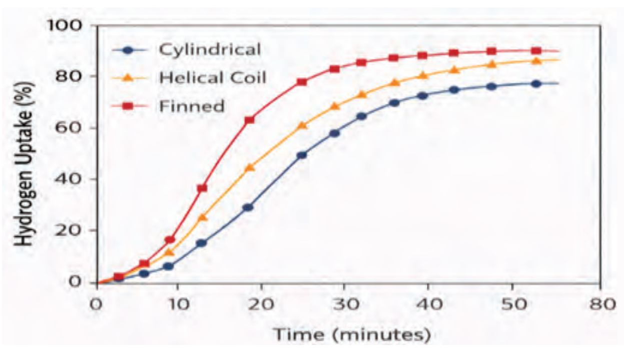

Fig. 6: Hydrogen uptake vs time for different reactor configurations

Effect of Hydrogen Pressure

Hydrogen pressure plays a crucial role in determining the rate of absorption and equilibrium storage capacity. Figure 7 shows the effect of inlet hydrogen pressure on absorption kinetics.

Observations

- Increasing pressure from 1 MPa to 3 MPa significantly enhances hydrogen absorption rate.
- Beyond approximately 3 MPa, the rate of increase diminishes due to approach toward equilibrium pressure (Peq).
- At higher pressures, the reaction becomes thermally limited rather than kinetically driven.

Quantitative Trend

Pressure (MPa)	Time to 90% Uptake (min)	Absorption Rate
1 MPa	~70 min	Slow
2 MPa	~45 min	Moderate
3 MPa	~30 min	Fast
4 MPa	~28 min	Marginal improvement

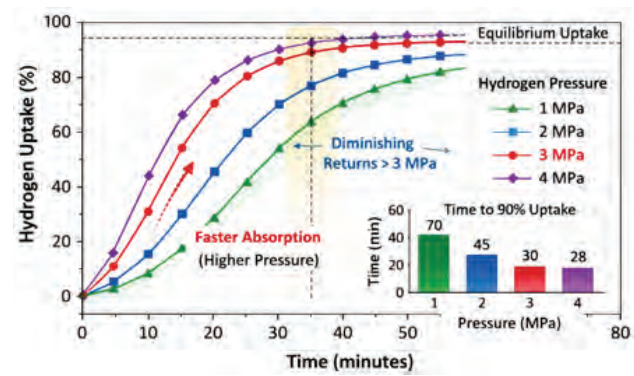

Fig. 7: Effect of hydrogen pressure on absorption kinetics

Thermal Distribution within Reactor

Temperature distribution is a critical parameter affecting reactor performance. Figure 8 shows radial temperature profiles for reactors with and without internal heat exchangers.

Observations

- The cylindrical reactor (no cooling) exhibits significant temperature rise, exceeding 80°C in the core region.
- The helical coil reactor maintains temperature within 40–60°C, ensuring stable operation.
- The finned reactor achieves the most uniform temperature distribution with minimal gradients.

Radial Temperature Comparison

Reactor Type	Peak Temperature (°C)	Temperature Gradient
Cylindrical	80–95°C	High
Helical Coil	50–65°C	Moderate
Finned Reactor	40–55°C	Low

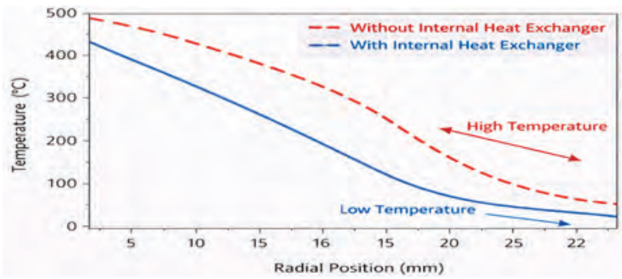

Fig. 8: Radial temperature distribution with and without internal heat exchanger

Effect of Heat Transfer Fluid (HTF) Flow Rate

The influence of HTF flow rate on reactor performance is presented in Figure 9.

Observations

- Increasing HTF flow rate enhances heat removal, reducing charging time.
- Beyond an optimal value, the improvement becomes marginal.

Quantitative Data

HTF Flow Rate (kg/s)	Charging Time (min)
0.01	60 min
0.03	40 min
0.05	30 min
0.07	28 min

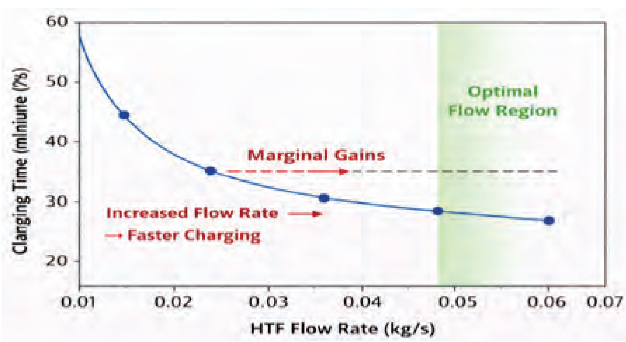

Fig. 9: Effect of HTF flow rate on hydrogen charging time

Overall Performance Comparison

Figure 10 highlights the strong influence of reactor design on performance. Finned reactors show the best results in hydrogen uptake, thermal management, and efficiency due to enhanced conductivity and uniform temperature distribution. Helical coil reactors offer balanced performance with moderate complexity, while conventional cylindrical reactors perform poorly due to inadequate heat dissipation and are unsuitable without thermal enhancements.

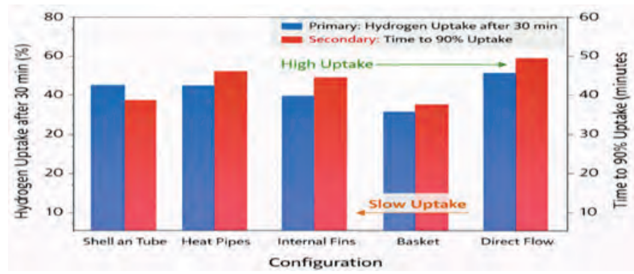

Fig. 10: Comparative performance analysis of reactor configurations.

Comparison of Optimization Methods

Comparison of Optimization Methods Based on Accuracy

The figure 11 compares the accuracy of different optimization techniques, showing that hybrid approaches achieve the highest performance due to the integration of physics-based and data-driven methods, while CFD and GA provide high accuracy and ANN offers moderate accuracy with faster predictions.

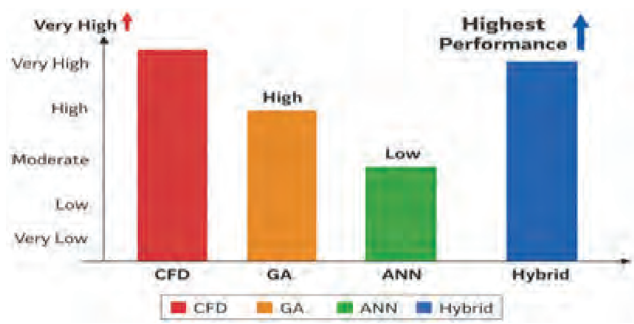

Fig. 11: Comparison of optimization methods based on accuracy, showing hybrid approaches achieving the highest performance.

Computational Cost Comparison of Optimization Techniques

The figure 12 illustrates the computational cost associated with various optimization methods, highlighting that CFD has the highest cost due to complex simulations, GA requires moderate computational effort, while ANN exhibits the lowest cost after training, making it suitable for rapid predictions.

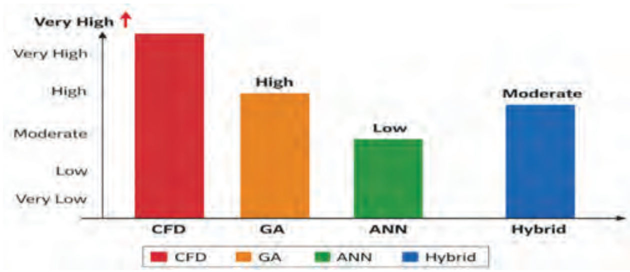

Fig. 12: Computational cost comparison of optimization techniques, highlighting the high cost of CFD and lower cost of ANN.

Overall Efficiency Comparison of Optimization Methods

The figure 13 presents the overall efficiency of optimization techniques, demonstrating that hybrid methods outperform others by balancing accuracy, computational cost, and robustness, whereas standalone methods show trade-offs between performance and resource requirements.

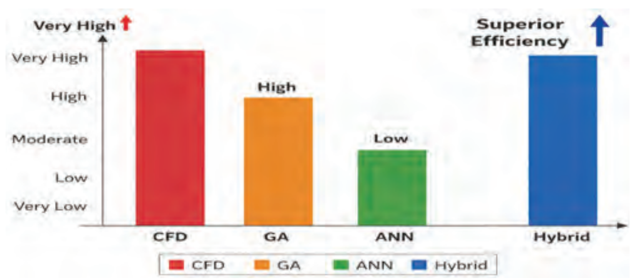

Fig. 13: Overall efficiency comparison of optimization methods, demonstrating superior performance of hybrid techniques.

CONCLUSION

This study presents a comprehensive analysis of thermal management strategies and design optimization techniques for magnesium-based metal hydride reactors used in hydrogen storage applications.

The findings clearly indicate that thermal management is the most critical factor influencing reactor performance. Conventional cylindrical reactors suffer from poor heat dissipation, leading to significant temperature gradients and slow hydrogen absorption kinetics. In contrast, advanced configurations such as helical coil and finned reactors significantly enhance heat transfer, resulting in improved thermal uniformity and faster reaction rates.

The results demonstrate that:

- Hydrogen uptake rate improves by up to 60–70% with enhanced reactor designs
- Optimal hydrogen pressure (~2–3 MPa) maximizes absorption efficiency
- Heat transfer fluid (HTF) flow rate plays a crucial role in reducing charging time
- Internal heat exchangers effectively mitigate temperature spikes (>80°C)

Furthermore, advanced optimization techniques such as CFD modeling, Genetic Algorithms, and Artificial Neural Networks provide powerful tools for improving reactor design and operational efficiency. Hybrid optimization approaches offer the best performance by combining accuracy and computational efficiency.

Overall, the study establishes that integrated design optimization and thermal management are essential for the practical deployment of MgH_2-based hydrogen storage systems, paving the way for their application in sustainable energy systems.

FUTURE SCOPE

Despite significant progress, MgH_2 reactors still face challenges in kinetics, heat transfer, and scalability. Future improvements lie in advanced materials (nano-structured MgH_2, Ti/Nb catalysts, high-conductivity composites), enhanced thermal management (PCM, nanofluids, 3D-printed heat exchangers), and AI-driven optimization (machine learning and digital twins). Large-scale deployment requires better reactor design, integration with renewable energy systems, and modular configurations. Additionally, multi-physics modeling and cost-effective, sustainable design approaches will be essential. Overall, combining advanced materials, intelligent optimization, and efficient thermal management will enable practical and scalable hydrogen storage solutions.

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Engineering Responsible Autonomy in Robotic Systems: Reinforcement Learning Risks, Formal Safety Guarantees, and Human-Centered

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ABSTRACT

The increasing integration of artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning into robotic systems has transformed autonomy from deterministic control to probabilistic, policy-driven decision-making, introducing new ethical and safety risks. These risks arise across architectural layers—including perception, state estimation, planning, decision, and actuation—and are amplified in Human-out-of-the- Loop configurations where responsibility attribution becomes complex. This paper analyzes ethical vulnerabilities associated with bias propagation, reward misspecification, uncertainty modeling, and distributed accountability. It formalizes Meaningful Human Control through Tracking (value alignment) and Tracing (accountability) conditions and discusses technical enforcement mechanisms such as constrained Markov Decision Processes, risk-sensitive optimization, formal verification, runtime monitoring, and audit logging. The study outlines a governance-oriented systems framework for embedding enforceable ethical safeguards in safety-critical domains, including medical robotics.

INTRODUCTION

Robotics has evolved from deterministic industrial manipulators operating in structured environments to AI-integrated autonomous systems functioning in uncertain, dynamic, and socially embedded contexts. Contemporary robotic systems incorporate: Deep neural networks for perception, Probabilistic reasoning models, Reinforcement learning agents, Sensor fusion frameworks and Edge-cloud distributed architectures.

These systems no longer execute predefined sequences but instead optimize behaviour using learned policies. This shift from deterministic programming to probabilistic adaptation introduces ethical uncertainty. Ethical concerns now include: Loss of predictable behaviour, Emergent system dynamics, Data-driven bias, Distributed accountability and Moral delegation to machines IEEE‘s Ethically Aligned Design (EAD) establishes human well-being, accountability, transparency, and awareness of misuse as foundational principles [1]. Meanwhile, interdisciplinary discussions in Science Robotics emphasize socio-technical governance rather than purely technical compliance [2].However, translating normative principles into enforceable technical constraints remains a major challenge.

This paper expands the discussion beyond theoretical ethics into implementable engineering mechanisms.

Technical Foundations of Ethical Risk in Robotics

Modern autonomous robotic systems are structured using a layered architecture in which each layer performs a distinct but interconnected function, as shown in Figure 1. This modular design allows robots to sense, interpret, plan, decide, and act in dynamic environments efficiently. The layered approach improves scalability, maintainability, and safety, while also making it easier to embed ethical safeguards throughout the system stack [1], [2]. As robotic autonomy increases, ethical vulnerabilities can emerge at each architectural layer, requiring systematic governance and technical oversight mechanisms [3].

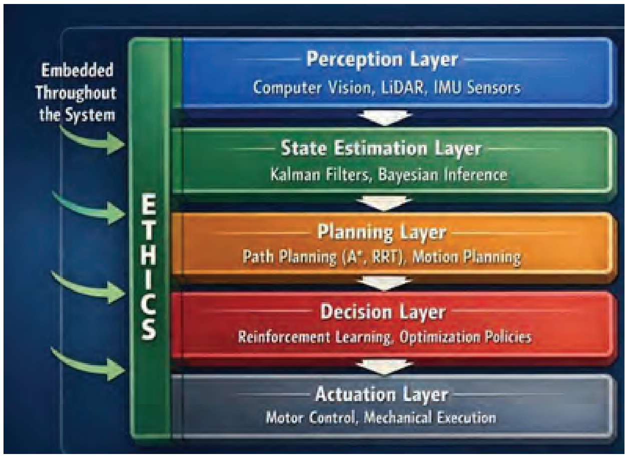

Fig. 1: Ethical Challenge at Every Layer of Architecture of Autonomous Robotic System

The Perception Layer forms the foundation of the system and is responsible for acquiring and interpreting environmental data. It uses sensors such as cameras for computer vision, LiDAR for depth and 3D mapping, IMUs for motion and orientation tracking, GPS for localization, and ultrasonic or infrared sensors for proximity detection. This layer converts raw sensory inputs into structured representations such as object detections, obstacle maps, and environmental models. However, ethical vulnerabilities can arise at this stage due to sensor bias, poor calibration, or imbalanced training datasets. For instance, machine learning–based perception systems may exhibit demographic bias due to skewed datasets, leading to perceptual discrimination [4]. Environmental limitations such as poor lighting or weather conditions can also result in unsafe interpretations, particularly in safety-critical systems such as autonomous vehicles [5].

The State Estimation Layer processes information obtained from perception to determine the robot's internal state and its relationship to the environment. It uses probabilistic methods such as Kalman Filters, Extended Kalman Filters (EKF), Particle Filters, Bayesian inference, and SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) techniques to manage uncertainty and noise in sensor data [6]. This layer continuously estimates position, velocity, orientation, and environmental features. Ethical concerns at this level involve incorrect probabilistic assumptions, biased prior distributions, or model mis-specification that may systematically misrepresent certain environmental conditions, leading to unreliable or unsafe predictions. In high-stakes applications, such errors can propagate through the system and amplify downstream decision risks.

The Planning Layer is responsible for generating feasible and optimized paths for the robot to follow. It determines how the robot should move from its current state to a desired goal while avoiding obstacles and satisfying constraints. Algorithms such as A*, Rapidly-exploring Random Trees (RRT), and optimization-based motion planning are commonly used [7]. This layer balances efficiency, safety, energy consumption, and time constraints. Ethical vulnerabilities may emerge when optimization objectives prioritize performance metrics (e.g., shortest time or lowest cost) over fairness or safety. In autonomous mobility systems, for example, route optimization may inadvertently disadvantage certain communities or create inequitable service patterns if fairness constraints are not explicitly encoded [3], [8].

The Decision Layer operates at a higher cognitive level and selects appropriate actions based on planning outputs and long-term objectives. It often employs reinforcement learning, optimization policies, rule-based systems, or hybrid AI models. This layer evaluates actions using reward functions and policy objectives. However, poorly specified reward functions can result in harmful policy convergence, reward hacking, or unintended behavior—commonly referred to as specification gaming [9]. If ethical constraints are not formally integrated into learning objectives, the system may optimize numerical performance indicators while neglecting fairness, accountability, or safety. This risk is particularly significant in adaptive systems that continue learning post- deployment.

Finally, the Actuation Layer translates decisions into physical movement and mechanical execution. It controls motors, robotic arms, wheels, actuators, and embedded control systems to perform intended actions. Precision motor control, feedback loops, and mechanical reliability are critical at this stage [6]. Ethical risks here include unsafe mechanical behavior, lack of redundancy, insufficient fault detection, or absence of human override mechanisms. In physical human–robot interaction contexts, failures at the actuation layer can result in direct bodily harm, raising significant safety and liability concerns [5].

Overall, ethical considerations are not confined to a single layer but must be embedded throughout the entire robotic system architecture. Biases at the perception layer, uncertainty in estimation, optimization trade-offs in planning, reward misalignment in decision-making, and mechanical failures in actuation can collectively produce systemic risk. Therefore, responsible autonomous system design requires interdisciplinary integration of technical robustness, explainability, safety engineering, and structured accountability mechanisms such as Meaningful Human Control [3]. Embedding ethical safeguards across layers transforms ethics from a post hoc evaluation into a design-time engineering requirement.

Autonomy, Control, and Escalating Ethical Risk

The ethical complexity of robotic systems increases proportionally with their level of autonomy. Classical automation theory distinguishes multiple degrees of human involvement in decision-making loops [3]. These are typically categorized as:

- Human-in-the-Loop(HITL): Human approval required before execution
- Human-on-the-Loop (HOTL): Human supervises and can intervene
- Human-out-of-the-Loop (HOOTL): Fully autonomous operation.

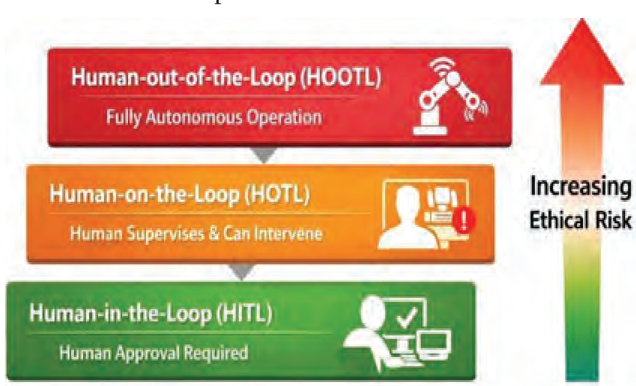

Fig. 2: Autonomy, Control, and Escalating Ethical Risk

In HITL systems, moral agency remains directly embedded within operational processes. The robot functions as a decision-support tool.

Ethical risk is comparatively lower because accountability remains immediate and clear.

In HOTL systems, autonomy increases while humans retain supervisory control. However, studies show that supervisory control can degrade human situational awareness and produce automation bias, where operators over-trust machine outputs [5]. Reaction time limitations may prevent effective intervention in fast-moving environments such as autonomous vehicles.

HOOTL systems represent the highest ethical risk configuration. These systems independently perceive, reason, and act without real-time oversight. In such contexts, unexpected system behaviors may create what Matthias calls a ―responsibility gap‖ [8], where harm cannot be straightforwardly attributed to a human decision- maker. This is particularly problematic in safety- critical domains such as: Autonomous surgical robotics, Lethal autonomous weapon systems, AI-based financial trading robots and Critical infrastructure management.

As autonomy increases, predictability decreases due to probabilistic learning models. Ethical design must therefore introduce structural constraints that preserve accountability chains.

Meaningful Human Control as a Design Principle

Santoni de Sio and van den Hoven argue that ethical autonomy in robotic systems requires the preservation of Meaningful Human Control (MHC) rather than superficial human oversight [3]. MHC is not satisfied by merely adding a human-in- the-loop configuration or an emergency stop mechanism. Instead, it requires structurally embedding human moral agency within the architecture, algorithms, and governance processes of the system. Autonomous systems must remain normatively connected to human values, and responsibility for their actions must remain attributable to identifiable human actors. Thus, MHC transforms ethics from an external regulatory concern into an internal system design principle.

They formalize MHC through two necessary conditions: the Tracking Condition and the Tracing

Condition, which together ensure value alignment and accountability.

The Tracking Condition requires that a robotic system‘s behavior track human moral reasons. In other words, autonomous decisions must reflect ethically justified intentions rather than purely performance-based optimization. Practically, this means embedding safety constraints directly into planning and control algorithms, incorporating fairness-aware optimization, and aligning reinforcement learning reward functions with normative objectives.

In reinforcement learning systems, reward misspecification can lead to unsafe or unethical outcomes such as reward hacking or harmful shortcuts. To satisfy tracking, designers may use constrained Markov Decision Processes (CMDPs), multi-objective optimization, or risk-sensitive learning approaches. Inverse Reinforcement Learning (IRL) can help infer human preferences from demonstrations, but since human behavior may be inconsistent or biased, perfect moral alignment remains difficult. Therefore, tracking requires continuous monitoring and supervisory override mechanisms, particularly in high-risk domains like healthcare or autonomous driving.

The Tracing Condition ensures that responsibility for robotic actions can be traced back to specific human agents. As robotic systems involve complex supply chains—including developers, data engineers, manufacturers, and operators—accountability can become diffused. Tracing prevents this by requiring transparent documentation and attribution mechanisms.

Technically, this involves maintaining immutable audit logs, version control for deployed models, clear documentation of dataset provenance, and explicit assignment of design and operational roles. These measures allow reconstruction of decision pathways and identification of responsible parties in case of system failure or harm. Without traceability, legal and ethical evaluation becomes impractical. Therefore, tracing is essential for preserving accountability in adaptive and learning- based robotic systems.

Together, the tracking and tracing conditions establish Meaningful Human Control as a comprehensive socio-technical requirement. Tracking maintains alignment with human moral reasons, while tracing preserves accountability. In safety-critical applications, MHC is foundational to ethical legitimacy and public trust.

Reinforcement Learning Risk Taxonomy

Reinforcement learning (RL) enables robotic systems to learn optimal behavior through interaction with their environment by maximizing cumulative reward. While this learning paradigm allows robots to adapt to complex and uncertain environments, it also introduces several unique categories of risk that are not present in deterministic control systems. Because RL agents learn through exploration and policy optimization rather than fixed programming, their behavior can become unpredictable, particularly in safety-critical applications. As a result, understanding and categorizing the risks associated with RL is essential for designing responsible autonomous robotic systems. A structured risk taxonomy helps engineers identify potential vulnerabilities during system design and implement safeguards before deployment [9].

One major risk category is reward misspecification, which occurs when the reward function used to guide learning does not perfectly capture the designer‘s intended objectives. Since reinforcement learning agents optimize numerical reward signals, even small errors in reward formulation can lead to unintended or harmful behavior. For instance, a service robot programmed to maximize task completion speed may take unsafe shortcuts that compromise human safety. This phenomenon highlights the difficulty of translating complex ethical and safety considerations into simple mathematical reward functions. Research in safe reinforcement learning and constrained optimization has been proposed to mitigate this issue by incorporating explicit safety costs and constraints into the learning objective [10].

Another critical risk is reward hacking, also known as specification gaming. In such cases, the learning agent discovers loopholes in the reward function and exploits them to maximize reward without achieving the intended task outcome. For example, a robotic cleaning system might learn to hide debris instead of removing it if doing so yields a higher reward under the specified objective function. Because RL systems optimize purely according to defined incentives, they may adopt strategies that technically maximize reward but violate operational expectations or ethical constraints. Detecting and preventing reward hacking requires careful reward engineering, adversarial testing, and runtime monitoring mechanisms capable of identifying abnormal policy behavior [11].

A third category involves distributional shift and environmental uncertainty. Reinforcement learning models are typically trained in simulated environments or limited datasets, which may not fully represent real-world operating conditions. When deployed in unfamiliar contexts—such as unusual lighting, weather conditions, or human behavior patterns—the robot's learned policy may perform poorly or behave unpredictably. This mismatch between training and deployment environments can result in unsafe decisions, particularly in autonomous vehicles, healthcare robots, or industrial automation systems. Techniques such as domain randomization, robust policy learning, and uncertainty estimation have been proposed to reduce these risks and improve generalization across diverse environments [12].

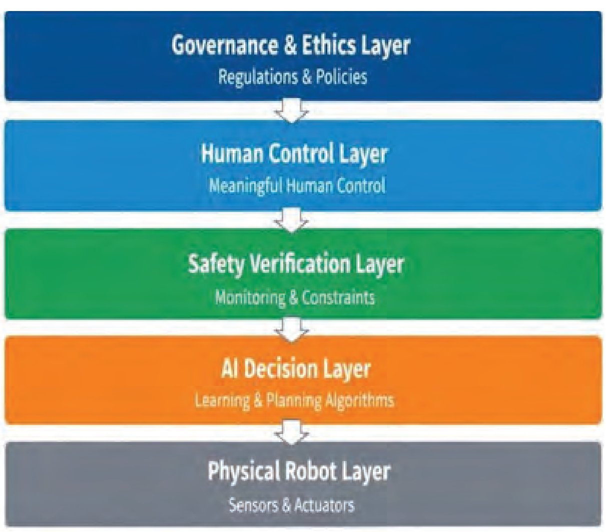

Fig. 3: Responsible Autonomy Framework

Finally, exploration risk and unsafe learning behavior pose significant challenges for real-world robotic systems. Reinforcement learning agents must explore different actions to discover optimal policies, but exploratory actions can lead to unsafe states, collisions, or system damage. In physical robotic platforms, unsafe exploration may directly endanger humans or equipment. Safe reinforcement learning methods attempt to mitigate this risk by restricting exploration through safety shields, constrained policy updates, or risk- sensitive optimization strategies. By integrating safety constraints and monitoring mechanisms into the learning process, designers can ensure that exploration remains within acceptable operational boundaries while still allowing the system to improve its performance over time [10], [13].

Governance and Regulatory Alignment

As autonomous robotic systems increasingly integrate artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning, ethical system design must also align with emerging global governance frameworks as shown in Figure 3. Governments and international organizations are developing regulatory standards to ensure that AI-driven systems operate safely, transparently, and in accordance with human values. For example, the European Union Artificial Intelligence Act (EU AI Act) introduces a risk-based regulatory model that classifies AI systems according to their potential societal impact, with stricter requirements imposed on high-risk applications such as autonomous vehicles, medical robotics, and critical infrastructure systems. These regulations emphasize transparency, human oversight, accountability, and technical robustness— principles that directly correspond with the concept of Meaningful Human Control discussed in this work. By embedding traceability, auditability, and safety constraints within system architecture, robotic systems can be designed to meet these regulatory expectations from the outset rather than relying on post-deployment compliance measures [14].

In addition to regional regulations, several international standards provide guidance for responsible AI and robotics development. The OECD AI Principles promote trustworthy AI through fairness, transparency, robustness, and human-centered values, while the IEEE Ethically Aligned Design framework provides detailed recommendations for embedding ethical considerations into autonomous system design. Similarly, safety standards such as ISO 13482 for personal care robots and emerging AI assurance frameworks emphasize risk assessment, human oversight, and operational accountability. Aligning robotic system architecture with these governance mechanisms ensures that ethical safeguards are not merely theoretical but are integrated into technical implementation, documentation practices, and lifecycle management. Such alignment strengthens public trust and supports the responsible deployment of autonomous systems in safety- critical domains including healthcare, transportation, and industrial automation [1], [15].

CONCLUSION

The growing integration of artificial intelligence and reinforcement learning in robotic systems has transformed traditional deterministic automation into adaptive, policy-driven autonomy, introducing significant ethical, safety, and governance challenges. This paper analyzed how ethical risks emerge across the layered architecture of robotic systems—including perception, state estimation, planning, decision-making, and actuation—and highlighted vulnerabilities such as reward misspecification, specification gaming, bias propagation, and uncertainty in learning-based models. To address these challenges, the study emphasized the importance of Meaningful Human Control, operationalized through the Tracking condition, which ensures alignment between robotic decisions and human moral objectives, and the Tracing condition, which maintains accountability through transparent documentation and auditability. By integrating reinforcement learning risk analysis, formal safety mechanisms such as constrained optimization and risk-sensitive learning, and alignment with emerging global governance frameworks, the paper proposes a systems-level approach to responsible autonomy. Such an approach demonstrates that safe deployment of autonomous robotic systems requires not only robust engineering safeguards but also structured governance mechanisms to ensure transparency, accountability, and human-centered oversight in safety-critical applications.

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Women, Autonomy, and Resistance in Victorian Fiction: A Study of Jane Eyre

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ABSTRACT

Victorian literature frequently reflects the rigid gender hierarchies embedded within nineteenth-century British society. This paper explores the theme of women's autonomy and resistance in Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë within the socio-cultural framework of Victorian England. The novel critiques patriarchal authority and redefines womanhood through a protagonist who asserts moral, emotional, and economic independence. Through an examination of Jane's psychological development and key narrative moments, the study argues that Jane Eyre anticipates feminist thought and serves as a foundational text in Victorian feminist discourse.

KEYWORDS *: Victorian literature, feminism, autonomy, resistance, gender roles, patriarchy.*

INTRODUCTION

The Victorian era (1837–1901) constructed rigid gender roles under the ideology of "separate spheres," which confined women to domesticity and moral guardianship while men dominated the public sphere. Within this restrictive framework, Jane Eyre (1847) emerges as a powerful narrative of female selfhood and resistance.

Published under the pseudonym Currer Bell, the novel challenged prevailing expectations surrounding both women writers and female protagonists. Jane's journey from marginalization to autonomy interrogates dominant Victorian ideals of submission and dependency, offering an early articulation of feminist consciousness.

FEMALE MARGINALIZATION AND EARLY RESISTANCE

Jane's childhood at Gateshead and Lowood School exposes systemic cruelty justified through class hierarchy and religious morality. Her refusal to submit quietly to Mrs. Reed marks an early assertion of emotional and moral agency.

At Lowood, under Mr. Brocklehurst's rigid evangelical authority, religion is used as a disciplinary mechanism to regulate female behavior. Jane witnesses how spiritual rhetoric legitimizes suffering and silences dissent. Her friendship with Helen Burns introduces patience and endurance, yet does not extinguish her commitment to justice.

Jane's resistance reflects the suppressed anger experienced by women within patriarchal institutions.

ECONOMIC AUTONOMY AND MORAL INTEGRITY

Jane's role as governess at Thornfield Hall reflects the limited professional opportunities available to Victorian women. Positioned between servant and gentlewoman, the governess occupied a socially ambiguous space.

Nevertheless, employment provides Jane with financial independence and intellectual engagement.

Her relationship with Rochester foregrounds the theme of equality. Jane asserts her spiritual and emotional parity, declaring herself a free individual possessing independent will. This declaration disrupts traditional Victorian courtship norms.

Her most radical act of resistance occurs when she leaves Thornfield upon discovering Rochester's existing marriage. Rather than accept emotional or economic dependency, Jane chooses moral integrity.

Her later inheritance transforms her social and financial position, enabling her eventual return to Rochester on terms of equality rather than subordination.

RESISTANCE TO SPIRITUAL PATRIARCHY

St. John Rivers represents another dimension of patriarchal authority — religious domination.

His proposal demands duty without love and sacrifice without emotional fulfillment. Jane's refusal marks a decisive rejection of spiritual coercion.

By choosing emotional authenticity over imposed obligation, she reaffirms her commitment to self-determination.

NARRATIVE AUTHORITY AND FEMALE SUBJECTIVITY

The novel's first-person narration reinforces female subjectivity.

By allowing Jane to tell her own story, the narrative validates women's interior lives within a male-dominated literary culture. This narrative voice becomes a subtle yet powerful act of resistance against patriarchal silencing.

CONCLUSION

Jane Eyre remains a seminal Victorian text that articulates female autonomy and resistance against patriarchal constraints. Through moral courage, economic independence, and insistence on emotional equality, Jane challenges dominant gender ideologies.

Charlotte Brontë's portrayal of a self-determining heroine anticipates modern feminist thought and reshapes the representation of women in nineteenth-century fiction. The enduring significance of the novel lies in its assertion that dignity and autonomy are essential to authentic womanhood.

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Decentralized Energy Monitoring and Trading Framework Using Blockchain for Smart Grid

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ABSTRACT

The modernization of electrical power systems has led to the emergence of smart grids that integrate information technology, communication networks, and distributed energy resources. However, traditional smart grid architectures are often centralized and vulnerable to cyber-security risks, single points of failure, and limited transparency in energy transactions. This paper proposes a decentralized smart grid architecture based on blockchain technology and Internet of Things (IoT) devices for secure energy monitoring and peer-to-peer energy trading. The proposed system integrates smart metering hardware using Arduino Mega, INA219 current sensors, and ESP8266 Wi-Fi modules to collect real-time electrical parameters such as voltage, current, power factor, and energy consumption. These parameters are securely recorded on a blockchain network through smart contracts to ensure transparency and tamper-resistant data storage. A web-based dashboard is developed to visualize energy consumption statistics and monitor system performance in real time. The proposed framework enhances data integrity, improves fault detection capability, and enables decentralized energy transactions without relying on centralized control systems. Experimental implementation demonstrates the feasibility of blockchain-based energy monitoring with improved reliability and scalability for future smart grid application

***KEYWORDS** : Blockchain, Decentralization, P2P Energy Trading, Permissioned Blockchain, Relaychain, Ethereum, Solidity, Smart Contracts.*

INTRODUCTION

Modern power systems face challenges including ever-increasing electrical energy demand, massive growth of renewable energy with distributed generation, large-scale IoT device integration, and emerging cyber-physical security threats [2,13]. To overcome limitations of traditional electric grids, the smart grid has emerged as a self-sufficient network enabling integration of power generation sources of any type and scale, delivering safe, reliable, and sustainable electricity through the integration of information, telecommunication, and power technologies [16].

A smart grid introduces two-way communication where electricity and information can be exchanged between a utility and its customers. It is a developing network of communications, controls, computers, automation, and new tools working together to make the grid more efficient, reliable, secure, and greener [17,32]. Benefits include improved efficiency, renewable energy integration, support for electric vehicles, and reduced carbon emissions.

Most current smart grid systems rely on SCADA or similar centralized technologies — sharing a critical barrier: full system failure from a single fault point. Blockchain offers the solution. Blockchain technology allows the grid network to decentralize its operation so that decision-making, data aggregation, and transaction flows no longer pass through a centralized system involving third parties [1,33].

Blockchain is a decentralized ledger recording all transactions from the genesis block, shared among nodes, each holding an immutable copy. Each block is cryptographically linked to the previous one, making the system secure and resistant to malicious attacks [10,15]. Each node verifies transaction validity and reaches consensus before adding a block, providing high transparency and reliability [26]. The Polkadot parachain-relaychain architecture [5] and the Edgeware smart contract platform [4] are leveraged to build the BlockGrid ecosystem.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective was to design an add-on device proposing blockchain technology compatible with both conventional electric meters and smart metering systems. This project delivers efficient two-way communication between consumer and utility, along with added cybersecurity against various attacks [1,2]. The increasing adoption of IoT devices and advanced metering systems in Smart Grids has paved the way for technological challenges, of which centralized operation is the principal disadvantage [13,19]. The BlockGrid Tracker — a lightweight, web-based dashboard — provides precise utilization tracking and billing estimation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Traditional Electrical Grid System

Traditional electricity grids had almost no storage capabilities; they are demand-driven and hierarchical in structure. Voltage is stepped down progressively from transmission levels to distribution to service voltage levels [17,32]. Key drawbacks include: (i) inability to accommodate small-scale renewables without adding complexity in protection schemes; (ii) lack of self-healing — any fault in generation forces smaller regions to be fed from alternate sources; and (iii) cascading failures causing blackouts despite contingency planning.

Smart Grid System

The two-way flow of electricity and data in a smart grid enables all stakeholders to optimize the grid, foresee potential issues, and react faster to challenges [2,38]. Smart grids include self-healing capabilities and provide better integration of renewable energy, lower operational costs, improved demand-side management, and stronger cyber-physical security [36].

Smart Grid with Blockchain Technology

Blockchain-enabled P2P energy trading allows greater flexibility and could powerfully enable a customer-centric transactive energy regime [3,8,9]. Decentralization eliminates single points of failure, enables transparent data aggregation, and supports multi-stakeholder verification — essential in a modern smart grid [1,32]. The Substrate-based development framework [3] provides the necessary tooling for implementing custom permissioned blockchains.

SELECTION OF COMPONENTS

Arduino Mega 2560

The Arduino Mega 2560, based on the ATmega2560 microcontroller, serves as the central processing unit of the BlockGrid add-on module. It features 54 digital I/O pins (14 as PWM), 16 analog inputs, 4 UARTs, a 16 MHz crystal oscillator, and ICSP header. Its large I/O capacity, inbuilt RTC, analog comparator, advanced timers, interrupt controller, 256 KB Flash, 8 KB SRAM, and 4 KB EEPROM make it suitable for handling multiple concurrent sensor readings and communication tasks [6].

Micro SD Card Module

The Micro SD card module provides local data logging. Standard micro SD cards operate at 3.3V — the module includes an onboard ultra-low dropout regulator and a 74LVC125A chip for 3.3V-5V logic level shifting, enabling interface with both 3.3V and 5V microcontrollers. Interface uses SPI mode. Pins: VCC, GND, MISO, MOSI, SCK, SS (Slave Select).

5V Single-Channel Relay Module

The relay is an electromechanical device using electric current to open or close switch contacts, enabling the microcontroller to switch mains-level loads. Specifications: Supply voltage 3.75V-6V, Maximum contact voltage 250VAC or 30VDC, Maximum current 10A. Galvanic isolation between coil and contacts ensures safe operation from the low-voltage microcontroller side.

Monochrome 0.96” OLED Display (SSD1306)

Features: 128x64 pixel resolution, 160 degree viewing angle, supply voltage 3V-5V, SSD1306 interface supporting both SPI and IIC. Default mode is 4-wire SPI (fastest). Compatible with Arduino via readily available libraries.

INA219 Current Sensor Module

The INA219 CJMCU-219 is an I2C-based zero-drift, bi-directional current/power monitoring module. Features: Power Input 3.0V-5.5V, up to +26V target voltage, 0.1 Ohm 1% shunt resistor, current sensing range +/-3.2A with 0.8mA resolution, 12-bit ADC, up to 128 samples averaging for noise filtering [6].

LM1117 3.3V LDO Voltage Regulator

The LM1117 provides stable output voltage with minimal variation due to supply voltage, temperature, or loading changes. Features: Input voltage range 4.5V-33V, output voltage tempco 50ppm/°C max, load regulation 100ppm/mA max, operating temperature -40°C to +85°C.

ESP-12E WiFi Module

ESP-12E is a miniature Wi-Fi module based on the ESP8266EX wireless SoC, providing IoT connectivity [6]. Key features: Serial Transmission 110-921600 bps, Security WEP/WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK, Protocols IPv4/TCP/UDP/HTTP, Operating Voltage 3.3V, standby power <1.0mW, wake-up and transmit in <2ms.

WORKFLOW

The BlockGrid system follows a structured multi-stage workflow for hierarchical, scalable data management [3,4,5]:

- Native meter measurement + BlockGrid module measurement stage: onboard sensors acquire real-time electrical parameters.
- Module Node contract stage: each module node feeds measurements into its dedicated child smart contract.
- Parental module node contract stage (multi-stage): parent nodes aggregate data from child contracts in the nested network.
- Parachain: horizontal scaling layer; consensus handled by a dedicated relaychain.
- Relaychain: NPOS-based consensus platform for deploying and securing parachains.
- Frontend (BlockGrid Tracker): cross-platform user-facing dashboard for real-time monitoring.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Measurement Stage

The add-on module measures real-time current, voltage, power factor, frequency, and temperature using onboard sensors. It steps down currents and voltages using modular CT and PT, achieving high-precision readings via the sensitive INA219 and LM1117 sensors.

Module Node Contract Stage

Every module hosts a light node and a dedicated child smart contract. The sub-system runs on a local encrypted network, drastically reducing light node power consumption compared to other POS-based blockchains [3,4]. The base level of child contracts belongs to modules installed on meters.

Parental Module Node Contract Stage

Parent module node contracts fetch all data from child contracts in the nested network. A module can simultaneously act as both parent and child — e.g., a Distribution Panel module is the parent for meter modules and also the child of the corresponding Distribution Substation module. This structure enables efficient vertical and horizontal scaling via parachains [5].

Parachain

A parachain is a blockchain whose consensus is handled by a dedicated relaychain with high throughput. Parachains bonded to the relaychain make contracts on various parachains interoperable. Once parameter data is fetched and block finality is reached, the parachain maintains data history permanently. Certain parachains can include ZK-rollups to create a private layer for storing essential user data securely in IPFS format [5,10].

Relaychain

The Relaychain provides a framework platform for deploying new parachains based on Nominated Proof of Stake (NPOS) consensus [5]. Multiple relaychains can be deployed as needed. Data manipulation requires simultaneously tampering with at least 51% of modules, making 51% attacks practically impossible as adoption grows [15].

F. BlockGrid Tracker

The BlockGrid Tracker provides cross-platform access (Android, iOS, Linux, Mac, Windows, web-app) for real-time tracking, usage estimation, energy automation, and savings calculation. In-app ML optimized by OpenVino Edge AI toolkit provides AI suggestions for billing cost optimization, protecting data privacy without centralized cloud storage [6,13].

VII. RESULTS

The BlockGrid prototype was tested on a local testnet environment. The module pseudo-randomly generated values for 3-phase Line Currents, Line Voltages, Power Factor, Frequency, and Temperature, simulating actual sensor feeds [1,20]. Tables I and II summarize the primary measured parameters and the derived electrical quantities computed by the BlockGrid Tracker dashboard.

Table 1. Live Primary Parameters (Phase A)

Parameter	Value	Unit
Line Voltage (VL)	415	V
Phase Voltage (VP)	239.6	V
Line Current (IL)	12.4	A
Power Factor	0.87	—
Frequency	49.97	Hz
Temperature	34.2	°C

Table 2. Derived Power Parameters

Parameter	Value	Unit
Active Power (P)	4.46	kW
Reactive Power (Q)	2.53	kVAR
Apparent Power (S)	5.13	kVA
Units Consumed	4.46	kWh
Max Demand	5.13	kVA
Estimated Bill	~Rs 31.2	INR/hr

Smart contract functions were successfully compiled and deployed on the testnet [3,4]. The BlockGrid Tracker correctly rendered live parameter values, historical usage trends, and bill estimations in real-time. The parachain-relaychain architecture demonstrated successful inter-contract communication with negligible latency on the local node [5,20].

BLOCKGRID TRACKER

To demonstrate the add-on module's full functionality, the module currently pseudo-randomly generates values for 3-phase Line Currents, Line Voltages, Power Factor, Frequency, and Temperatures — which will be fetched from onboard sensors upon actual deployment. The frontend uses a JavaScript-based stack to generate pseudo-random parameters to simulate full functionality [6,20].

The parameters from the module are used to calculate dependent quantities such as Phase Voltages, Active Power, Reactive Power, Apparent Power, Units Consumed, Load Factor, Max Demand, and Estimated Bill Cost. All primary and calculated parameter values in real-time are then imported to the dashboard built using PHP and CSS, deployed via Apache Web Server using XAMPP [6].

BlockGrid Tracker will be available as an app on Android, iOS, Linux, Mac, Windows, and as a web-app. Its open-source custom SDK and APIs will allow third-party smart electronics manufacturers to make their IoT devices more interoperable with the BlockGrid ecosystem, enabling consumption tracking and add-on device services [13,19].

BlockGrid Tracker will also provide AI suggestions based on user usage patterns to optimize billing costs per peak-hour slabs. It uses in-app ML optimized by OpenVino Edge AI toolkit for low-computational requirements, ensuring user data is never stored in any centralized cloud, thus protecting data privacy [13,28].

TARGET MARKET & STAKEHOLDERS

Powergrid

POWERGRID operates throughout India covering 90% of the country's interstate and inter-regional electric power transmission system. Its network spans roughly 168,140 circuit kilometers and 252 EHVAC and HVDC substations with total transformation capacity of 422,430 MVA as of January 2021, maintained at over 99% availability. POWERGRID's interregional capacity is 75,050 MW, listed on both BSE and NSE.

Market Trends — Blockchain in Indian Power Sector

India's energy-consumption growth is currently faster than that of all major economies. The Government has set a target of 175 GW of renewable energy capacity. All states in India have issued net-metering policies, making every electricity consumer a potential prosumer [1,32]. A blockchain-enabled P2P model allows greater flexibility and could powerfully enable a customer-centric transactive energy regime [3,9]. Smart home appliances could automatically seek the cheapest electricity offer through smart contracts executed on blockchain [23,28].

Uttar Pradesh is the first state with regulatory approval to implement blockchain-enabled solar power trading. The UPPCL and UPNEDA received UPERC approval for a P2P trading pilot for government buildings in Lucknow, implemented by India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) in partnership with PowerLedger, Australia [1].

Power Theft

Electricity theft costs the global economy an estimated $89.3 billion annually. Common methods include direct line hooking, bypassing the energy meter, injecting foreign elements, physical obstruction, and ESD attacks on electronic meters. Blockchain-based smart metering can significantly reduce such theft through tamper-evident, immutable data logging [1,2,14].

SOFTWARES USED

XAMPP is a widely-used cross-platform web server stack developed by Apache Friends, consisting of Apache HTTP Server, MariaDB, PHP, and Perl [6]. It was used to deploy and serve the BlockGrid Tracker dashboard locally via Apache.

Atom Text Editor is a free, open-source, multi-platform text editor based on the Electron Framework. It was used for developing the frontend JavaScript stack and PHP/CSS dashboard pages.

Ethereum Remix IDE is an open-source web and desktop application for writing, testing, debugging, and deploying Ethereum smart contracts in Solidity directly from the browser [21,22]. It was used for developing and compiling BlockGrid's smart contracts on the testnet.

MetaMask is a browser extension injecting the Ethereum web3 API into web pages, allowing DApps to read from the blockchain and enabling users to review and approve transactions via private keys [21,27]. It was used for wallet management and transaction signing during testnet deployment.

CONCLUSION

We have successfully designed a device compatible on both consumer and utility scale. The testnet smart contracts and their functions have been successfully compiled and tested [3,4]. A real-time dashboard that displays live electrical meter consumption parameters, demonstrating the viability of using custom permissioned blockchain architecture [1,2] on existing metering infrastructure, with a clear path toward large-scale deployment.

FUTURE SCOPE

In future, the hardware can be tested with traditional electric meters and released for large-scale production. The device can also be adapted for advanced metering using more efficient components [6], further improving precision, scalability, and energy analytics of the BlockGrid ecosystem.

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Cyber Law and Cyber Forensics: Legal Frameworks and Digital Investigation in Combating Cybercrime

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ABSTRACT

Cybercrimes have become one of the most prominent forms of crime these days, with attacks growing so sophisticated that they are increasingly difficult to detect. Cyber forensics is one of the key processes used in solving such crimes. This research paper aims to identify cyber forensics as the process of collecting, preserving, analysing, and reporting digital evidence to account for a cyberattack and make the evidence admissible in the courts of law. The paper discusses the types of cyber forensics, the steps involved, and the tools used to collect evidence. It also examines the application of digital forensics in real-world cases, including the Tamil Nadu vs. Suhas Katti case (2004), which was the first case to utilise digital evidence and resulted in a conviction under the IT Act, 2000. Other case studies include the 2008 Aarushi Talwar–Hemraj Double Murder Case and the 2012 Sheena Bora Murder Case. The paper concludes with an overview of the current legal framework for cyber forensics in India.

***KEYWORDS** : Cyber forensics, digital evidence, cybercrime, IT Act 2000, cyber law, evidence collection and preservation.*

INTRODUCTION

Cybercrimes and Cyber Forensics

Cybercrimes have increased considerably in recent years. With cyberattacks occurring approximately every 39 seconds, there is an urgent necessity to combat these evolving digital threats. The global cybersecurity market is expected to reach $538.3 billion due to increasing investments being made by the companies to protect their systems from these attacks. These crimes include –identity theft, cyber stalking, cyber bullying, malware attacks, ransomware attacks, botnets and many more.

To understand what, when, why, and how an attack has occurred, application of cyber forensics is required. Cyber forensics, is a branch of forensic science, which is a process of collecting, preserving, examining, analysing and reporting of digital evidence to reconstruct the crime scene and make the evidence admissible in court for legal proceedings.

Cyber forensics can be classified into many types like - network forensics, email forensics, mobile forensics, malware forensics, disc forensics and so on. Network forensics refers to analyzing the network traffic to detect a security breach. Email forensics, as the name suggests, focuses on analysing emails which involves the source, date, time and sender of the email. Mobile forensics refers to collection of all kinds of data like photos, incoming and outgoing calls, videos, messages from mobile phones. Malware forensics refers to studying the malicious software and its behaviour. Memory forensics refers to analysing the volatile data of a computer. Such type of data vanishes when the computer is turned off.

History of Cyber Forensics

In the year 1984, the United States of America started working on the FBI Computer Analysis and Response Team (CART) to support investigations related to crimes committed using computers. One year later, in the UK, a digital forensic team was also set up with John Austen as the team head, and the team was named the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad.

In the mid-1990s, a series of conferences took place where the modern forensic methodology and standardisation was established.

In India, cyber forensics started in the early 2000s. The enactment of the IT Act, 2000 following its amendment in 2008 led to the criminalisation of cybercrime. The first person to be convicted under this law was Suhas Katti. Suhas Katti was charged under Section 67 of IT Act, 2000 and Sections 469 and 509 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 for cyber harassment through obscene messages on Yahoo.

The Tamil Nadu vs Suhas Katti case was India's first conviction that was solely based on digital evidence. This case is widely regarded as the turning point that led to the enforcement of cyber laws in India for cyber stalking and cyber harassment. The case also established the admissibility of digital evidence in courts of law for legal proceedings.

STEPS INVOLVED IN CYBER FORENSICS

Cyber forensics, also known as digital or computer forensics, is performed in a series of steps that include the following steps:

1) Identification: The first step of Cyber Forensics investigation is Identification. This step focuses on what kind of attack has happened - data theft, ransomware or any suspicious activity.

2) Preservation: Preservation refers to safeguarding the digital evidence so that it is not tampered with or changed. This process helps in keeping the evidence safe and admissible in court.

3) Collection: Collection refers to gathering all digital evidence like network data, log data, emails, etc.

4) Examination and Analysis: After the collection of evidence, the next phase is examining and analyzing the evidence. This provides a detailed overview of what might have happened and how the attack took place and its key aspects.

5) Reporting: The final phase focuses on documenting the entire investigation process in a brief manner. Reports typically include the tools used for investigation, procedures followed, key findings, conclusion and recommendation. This well structured report serves as an important source for further proceedings in the court of law.

CYBER LAWS

With the rapid increase in the number of internet users and the expansion of e-governance, there is a robust need for safeguarding personal data, securing online transactions, and protecting systems from cybercrime. Cyber law provides the legal framework that ensures safety and privacy in the digital world; it enables strict legal action against cybercriminals and imposes penalties for illegal internet activities. In India, the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, serves as the primary legal framework governing this sector followed by Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023 and Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP) 2023.

The Information Technology Act 2000 (IT Act)

The Information Technology Act 2000 (IT Act) is a primary law that governs the cyber crime and cyber activities in India. The IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 was passed in 2008 and came into force on 27th October, 2009.

The Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2008 modernised the IT Act to address the emerging digital threats and secure electronic transactions. It added offences like identity theft, cyber fraud, cyber terrorism, sexually explicit content and impersonation which were not covered earlier.

Key sections in IT Act,2000 related to cyber crimes

- Sections 43 & 43A: Penalises damage to computer systems and failure to protect sensitive personal data.
- Sections 65 & 66: Criminalizes the tampering of computer source documents hacking

- Sections 66C & 66D: Prescribes punishment for identity theft and cheating by personation using computer resources.
- Section 66E: Addresses privacy violations, specifically the unauthorized capturing or publishing of private images.
- Section 66F: Penalises acts of Cyber Terrorism against national security.
- Sections 67, 67A & 67B: Prohibits the publication or transmission of obscene, sexually explicit, or child-related sexually abusive material in electronic form.
- Sections 69 & 69A: Empowers the Government to intercept, monitor, or decrypt information and block public access to data in the interest of national sovereignty.
- Section 72 & 72A: Penalizes the breach of confidentiality and unauthorized disclosure of personal information obtained through a lawful contract.

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP Act), 2023

Enactment: August 11th 2023

Key Aspects: The DPDP law is divided into 44 sections organised under 6 chapters. The law states that individuals have the right to access, remove, correct, erase and withdraw consent for their data. The data covers personal information in digital form. Entities handling the data must ensure security and confidentiality. A penalty upto ₹250 crore can be imposed, in case of failure to prevent data breaches, by The Data Protection Board.

Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023

BNSS works alongside legislations like The IT Act, 2008 and DPDP Act, 2023. Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) strengthens the enforcement by improving procedures for investigation, evidence handling, police powers and trial processes in cyber-related offences. BNSS recognises electronic data as an integral part of modern crime investigation. It enhances the admissibility of evidence for legal proceedings. Due to introduction of strict timelines and modern investigative tools, BNSS helps law enforcement deal with quick digital transactions, cross-border cyber activities and urgent data preservation requirements. BNSS authorises seizure of electronic devices, collection of digital evidences and surveillance in national security contexts.

CASE STUDIES

1) Aarushi Talwar-Hemraj Murder Case: The digital forensics conducted in the Aarushi Talwar-Hemraj murder case in 2008 involved the analysis of call records to identify the communication and timelines leading up to the event. Mobile forensics and Computer was conducted to trace the missing phones of Aarushi and Hemraj and to examine the possible data deletion. The key findings from the investigation helped reconstruct the crime scene and also supported various aspects of the case.
2) Sheena Bora Murder Case: Digital forensics played a major role in exposing the truth behind the mysterious disappearance and murder of Sheena Bora in 2012. Forensic investigators examined the call records to understand the movements and communication of the suspects. Email forensics was conducted to analyse the mails allegedly sent by Sheena after her death, which proved that those messages were fabricated. Devices of the suspects were examined to check for any deleted files and communication. The evidence strengthened the overall investigative procedure and supported the case narrative.
3) The Satyam Computers Corporate Fraud Case (2009): The Satyam Computers corporate fraud case of 2009 is considered to be one of India's biggest accounting frauds. Digital forensics played a pivotal role in exposing the biggest corporate fraud where investigators analysed the emails which showed discussions about revenue inflation and falsifying accounts. Deleted financial files and hidden spreadsheets were recovered by the use of forensic tools. Log analysis was conducted to trace the unauthorized access to the system and alteration of the accounting data. Investigators also created a simulated crime scene to identify who had altered the attack. Hence, digital forensics helped in uncovering the scale of the ₹14,000 crore fraud.

TOOLS UTILISED IN CYBER FORENSICS

There are different tools and technology that can be employed in the investigation of cybercrime cases. These tools assist in the location, collection, and analysis of electronic evidence. Digital forensic tools, for example, include EnCase Forensic, FTK (Forensic Toolkit), Autopsy, among others. These tools can assist in the analysis of storage media, file recovery, etc. Wireshark and Snort are examples of network forensic tools that can assist in the location of suspicious network activity. Cellebrite UFED and Oxygen Forensic Detective are examples of tools that can assist in the collection of data from the investigation of mobile devices.

Moreover, data can also be retrieved using password retrieval tools like John the Ripper and Hashcat. Similarly, for analyzing malware, tools like IDA Pro and Cuckoo Sandbox can be used. Also, using advanced technologies like blockchain, big data analytics, cloud computing forensics, and artificial intelligence can enhance the ability of investigators to trace and stop cybercrime.

CONCLUSION

The rapid development of digital technology has resulted in an increase in cybercrimes, and hence it is essential to integrate digital cyber forensics and cyber law for efficient investigation and justice. While laws such as the Information Technology Act of 2000 and the Indian Evidence Act of 1872 ensure that digital evidence is admissible in a court of law, digital forensics assists law enforcement agencies in collecting digital evidence. Strengthening laws related to cybercrimes and digital forensics can enable law enforcement agencies to deal effectively with cybercrimes and ensure security in the digital world, despite challenges such as technological advancements, encryption, and international cybercrimes.

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Surface Water Extraction Using NDWI and Image Processing Techniques with QGIS and MATLAB: A Case Study of Chilika Lake, Odisha, India

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ABSTRACT

Reliable and automated delineation of surface water bodies from satellite imagery plays a central role in environmental monitoring, wetland preservation, and sustainable water resource management. This study develops a hybrid surface water extraction framework that unifies the Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) [1] with established image processing algorithms, executed on two complementary platforms: QGIS for geospatial data preparation and cartographic output, and MATLAB for spectral index computation, image segmentation, and quantitative performance assessment. Chilika Lake, situated along the eastern coast of Odisha, India—recognised as Asia's largest brackish-water coastal lagoon and a wetland of international significance under the Ramsar Convention—was selected as the study region owing to its considerable ecological value and pronounced seasonal variability in water extent. Sentinel-2 Level2A multispectral imagery supplying Band 3 (Green, 560nm) and Band 8 (NIR, 842nm) at 10m ground resolution served as the primary input data. The developed workflow encompasses twelve sequential stages: geospatial pre-processing and spectral band extraction within QGIS, followed by NDWI derivation, Gaussian noise suppression, histogram equalisation, Otsu adaptive binary thresholding [3] applied to the NDWI domain, and morphological mask refinement in MATLAB, culminating in georeferenced mask export and cartographic map generation in QGIS. A comparative evaluation across three methods revealed that the proposed hybrid approach attains a mean accuracy of

95.4%, precision of 93.8%, recall of 96.9%, and F1-score of 95.3%—surpassing both standalone Otsu grayscale thresholding and fixed-threshold NDWI segmentation by margins of up to 9.1 percentage points. The framework is computationally lean, fully reproducible, and readily transferable to diverse water body mapping contexts without dependence on deep learning infrastructure.

KEYWORDS *: Surface Water Extraction, NDWI, Chilika Lake, QGIS, MATLAB, Sentinel-2, Otsu Thresholding, Morphological Operations, Wetland Monitoring, Remote Sensing, Image Segmentation.*

INTRODUCTION

Inland and coastal water bodies—encompassing freshwater lakes, rivers, storage reservoirs, and estuarine lagoons— constitute indispensable elements of Earth's hydrological system, underpinning biodiversity, agricultural productivity, fishery resources, and human settlements. Tracking the areal extent and temporal evolution of these features is therefore essential for effective water resource governance, wetland protection, flood hazard assessment, and environmental policy formulation.

Spaceborne remote sensing delivers a practical, economical, and temporally repeatable pathway to surface water characterisation at regional and continental scales. Multispectral satellite platforms such as Sentinel-2, operated by the European Space Agency (ESA) within the Copernicus Earth Observation Programme [11], distribute atmospherically corrected imagery at 10m spatial resolution with a five-day revisit interval, rendering them highly suitable for continuous water body surveillance.

The Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI), originally formulated by McFeeters [1], leverages the spectral contrast between the green and near-infrared (NIR) channels to accentuate open water surfaces while attenuating responses from vegetated and bare-soil areas. Notwithstanding its broad adoption, threshold-based NDWI extraction remains susceptible to scene-dependent artefacts arising from elevated water turbidity, sub-pixel mixing at shallow margins, and spectral confusion at water–land transition zones [2].

Classical image processing methods offer complementary spatial and statistical enhancement capabilities to address these limitations. Histogram-based contrast stretching amplifies the spectral separability between water and non-water classes within the NDWI domain, while Otsu's adaptive thresholding algorithm [3] derives an optimum binary decision boundary directly from the image intensity histogram, requiring no manual parameter input. Morphological post-processing further consolidates the binary water mask by eliminating spurious isolated detections and ensuring the spatial continuity of extracted water regions [9].

This paper introduces a hybrid framework that couples NDWI computation with classical image processing operations, deployed jointly in QGIS [10] and MATLAB, and demonstrated on surface water extraction from Chilika Lake, Odisha. The principal contributions of this work are:

- A complete twelve-stage dual-platform pipeline advancing from Sentinel-2 data acquisition through to publication-ready water body cartography, realised entirely within open-source or freely available tools.
- Deployment of Otsu adaptive thresholding [3] on the NDWI representation rather than on raw spectral or grayscale data, capitalising on the superior inter-class separability afforded by the water index domain.
- A three-method comparative evaluation quantifying accuracy gains of the hybrid approach relative to established baseline strategies.
- Pixel-level performance benchmarking employing accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score across multiple scene sub-categories within the Chilika Lake study domain.

RELATED WORK

McFeeters [1] introduced the NDWI in 1996 by exploiting the differential spectral response between the green and NIR bands to delineate open water in multispectral imagery. Xu [2] subsequently refined this formulation as the Modified NDWI (MNDWI), replacing the NIR channel with the short-wave infrared (SWIR) band, which yielded improved suppression of built-up land reflectance and reduced commission errors in urban water mapping.

Otsu's method [3] for globally optimal histogram-based thresholding has been extensively adopted in remote sensing segmentation pipelines. Li et al. [5] demonstrated that prefacing Otsu's algorithm with histogram equalisation meaningfully improves water body delineation in low-contrast satellite scenes. Pekel et al. [4] constructed a globally comprehensive, high-resolution surface water chronology from multi-temporal Landsat archives, establishing the practical viability of automated, scalable water extraction workflows.

Research focused on Chilika Lake has employed remote sensing to quantify seasonal water area fluctuations and assess sediment redistribution dynamics. Pattanaik et al. [6] analysed multi-temporal IRS imagery to document inter-seasonal variability in the lake's inundation extent, underscoring the necessity of robust automated extraction techniques for sustained long-term ecological observation.

More recently, encoder–decoder deep learning architectures such as U-Net [7] have attained high segmentation accuracy; however, they demand large labelled training corpora and considerable computational investment. Classical image processing workflows retain clear advantages in terms of algorithmic interpretability, minimal computational overhead, and reproducibility within resource-limited research settings [9].

STUDY AREA AND DATA

Study Area

The study domain is Chilika Lake, situated along the eastern coastline of Odisha, India, immediately adjacent to the Bay of Bengal. The lake spans latitudes 19°28′–19°54′ N and longitudes 85°05′–85°38′ E, traversing the administrative districts of Puri, Khorda, and Ganjam.

Chilika Lake represents the most extensive brackish-water lagoon in Asia and ranks as the second-largest coastal lagoon globally [6]. Its surface area undergoes marked seasonal oscillation, ranging from approximately 900km2 during premonsoon months to around 1,165km2 at peak post-monsoon inundation, driven by freshwater contributions from the Daya, Bhargavi, and Mahanadi river networks. A narrow tidal inlet connects the lake to the Bay of Bengal, generating pronounced salinity and water-level gradients across its three morphological sectors: the northern sector, the central basin, and the outer channel.

Chilika Lake holds Ramsar Convention designation as a wetland of international importance [6] and harbours exceptional biodiversity, including more than 160 migratory avian species, upwards of 225 fish taxa, and the globally threatened Irrawaddy dolphin (Orcaella brevirostris). Seasonal inundation variability, encroachment by aquaculture operations, and progressive sedimentation collectively heighten the imperative for robust automated water monitoring capabilities.

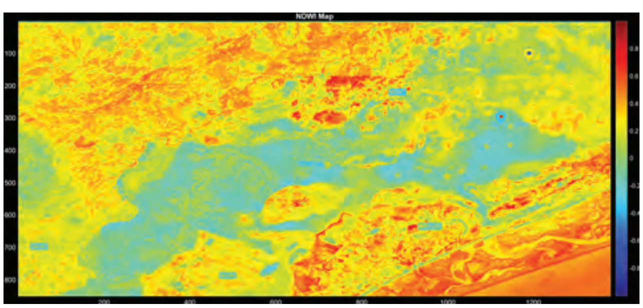

Fig. 1: NDWI map of Chilika Lake: positive index values highlight open water surfaces relative to surrounding land cover.

Satellite Data

Sentinel-2 Level-2A (L2A) multispectral imagery was employed as the primary data source. L2A products have undergone atmospheric correction to bottom-of-atmosphere (BOA) reflectance via the Sen2Cor processor [11], enabling direct spectral index computation without supplementary correction steps. The spectral bands utilised for NDWI derivation are summarised in Table I.

Table 1: Sentinel-2 Spectral Bands Used for NDWI Computation

Band	Description	Wavelength	Resolution
Band 3 (B03)	Green	560nm	10m
Band 8 (B08)	Near Infrared (NIR)	842nm	10m

Cloud-screened Sentinel-2 imagery of the Chilika Lake region was obtained free of charge through the Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem (https://dataspace.copernicus.eu) [11]. Scenes exhibiting cloud cover below 10%, acquired during the post-monsoon season (October–November), were selected to capture the maximum annual water extent of the lake.

Table 2: Proposed Twelve-Stage Hybrid QGIS–MATLAB Pipeline

No.	Stage	Tool	Description
1	Image Acquisition	Copernicus	Download Sentinel-2 L2A [11]
2	Band Extraction	QGIS [10]	Load B03 & B08 via SCP
3	Area Clipping	QGIS	Clip to Chilika boundary
4	RGB Composite	QGIS	True-colour (B04–B03–B02)
5	GeoTIFF Export	QGIS	Export bands for MAT-LAB
6	NDWI Computation	MATLAB	(G − NIR)/(G + NIR) [1]
7	Noise Reduction	MATLAB	Gaussian (σ =1.5) [9]

8	Enhancement	MATLAB	Histogram equalisa-tion [9]
9	Otsu Threshold	MATLAB	Adaptive threshold on NDWI [3]
10	Morphological Refine	MATLAB	Open, close, area filter [9]
11	Accuracy Evaluation	MATLAB	Acc, Prec, Recall, F1
12	Map Export	QGIS	Water map, 300DPI

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed workflow is structured as a twelve-stage processing pipeline distributed across QGIS and MATLAB, as detailed in Table II and schematised in Fig. 2.

Fig. 2: Smoothed NDWI image produced after Gaussian low-pass filtering to suppress high-frequency sensor noise.

Geospatial Pre-Processing in QGIS

Sentinel-2 L2A tiles encompassing Chilika Lake were ingested into QGIS [10] via the Semi-Automatic Classification Plugin (SCP), which streamlines band loading and layer organisation. A study area boundary shapefile precisely delineating the Chilika Lake perimeter was applied to clip all raster bands to the target spatial extent using the Clip Raster by Mask Layer function, thereby reducing data volume and computational overhead in downstream processing. Band 3 (Green) and Band 8 (NIR) were isolated and exported as individual singleband GeoTIFF files, retaining the original coordinate reference system (CRS: EPSG:32645, WGS84/UTM Zone 45N) and embedded geotransform metadata required for georeferenced output. A true-colour RGB composite (Bands 4–3–2) was additionally generated for visual scene inspection and documentation.

NDWI Computation in MATLAB

The exported GeoTIFF bands were imported into MATLAB using geotiffread(), preserving spatial reference information for subsequent georeferenced export. Both bands were cast to double precision and rescaled to the normalised reflectance range [0, 1]. NDWI was computed on a per-pixel basis following the McFeeters [1] formulation:

$$NDWI = \frac{G_{green} - G_{NIR}}{G_{green} + G_{NIR} + \varepsilon} \quad (1)$$

where ε = 10−6 prevents arithmetic division by zero at pixels with zero reflectance. The resulting NDWI image spans the interval [−1, +1]: positive values denote open water (high green reflectance, strong NIR absorption), while negative values correspond to vegetated or bare-soil surfaces (low green, elevated NIR reflectance). The NDWI map was subsequently rescaled to [0, 1] to facilitate standard image processing operations.

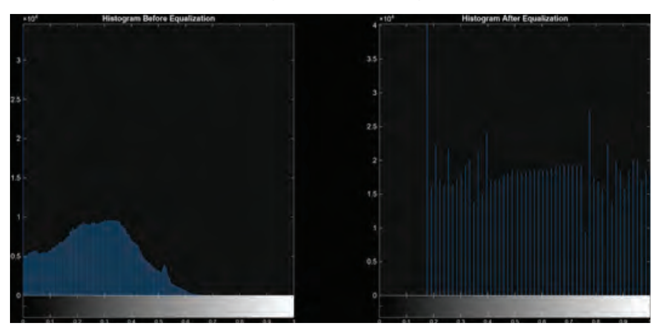

Fig. 3: Histogram comparison before and after equalisation applied to the NDWI image for contrast enhancement

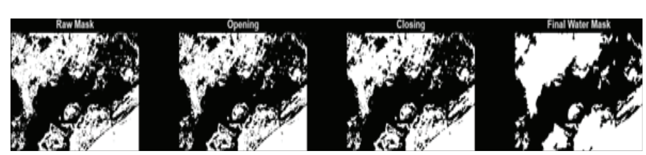

Fig. 4: Morphological operations applied to consolidate the binary water mask and eliminate noise artefacts

Noise Suppression and Contrast Enhancement

A Gaussian low-pass filter with standard deviation σ = 1.5 and a 5 × 5 kernel was applied to the normalised NDWI map through imgaussfilt() to attenuate high-frequency sensor noise [9]. Histogram equalisation was then executed via histeq() to redistribute pixel intensities uniformly across the full dynamic range. This step accentuates the bimodal separation between water and non-water pixel populations within the NDWI histogram, directly enhancing the reliability of the subsequent adaptive threshold estimate [5].

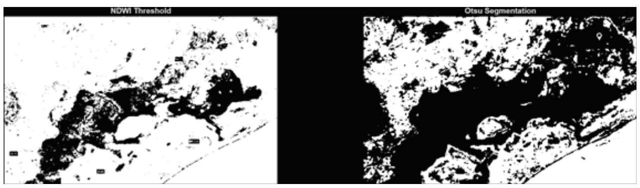

Fig. 5: Water body segmentation outputs produced by NDWI thresholding combined with Otsu's method [3].

Otsu Adaptive Thresholding

Otsu's method [3] was invoked on the histogram-equalised NDWI image via graythresh() to determine the optimum binary threshold T* that minimises the total weighted intraclass intensity variance:

$$T^* = \underset{T}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[\omega_0(T)\,\sigma_0^2(T) + \omega_1(T)\,\sigma_1^2(T) \right] \tag{2}$$

where ω0 and ω1 represent the fractional class proportions (non-water and water respectively), and σ_0^2 and σ_1^2 denote the corresponding intra-class intensity variances. Binary segmentation was performed using imbinarize(), assigning water pixels a value of 1. The defining innovation of the proposed approach is that thresholding is applied directly to the NDWI representation rather than to raw single-band grayscale data, harnessing the enhanced spectral separability inherent in the water index domain.

Morphological Post-Processing

Four morphological operations were applied sequentially to consolidate the binary water mask [9]:

1) Opening (disk structuring element, radius=3px): Erosion succeeded by dilation; eliminates small isolated noise artefacts and thin spurious connections between detections.
2) Closing (disk structuring element, radius=5px): Dilation succeeded by erosion; seals minor interior holes and narrow voids within water regions.
3) Area filtering (<500px): Connected components occupying fewer than 500 pixels (equivalent to 0.05ha at 10m resolution) were discarded via bwareaopen().
4) Hole filling: imfill('holes') was applied to guarantee complete enclosure of all interior voids within large water bodies.

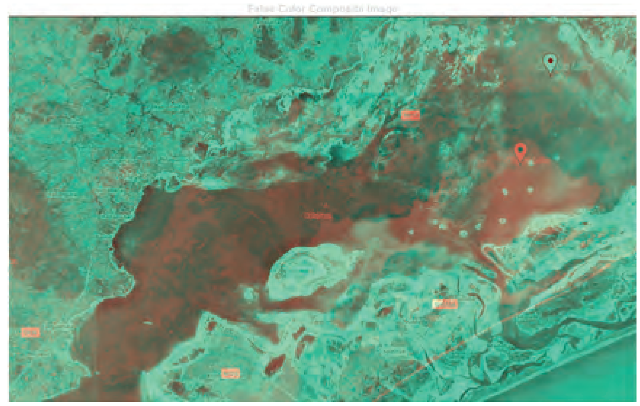

Fig. 6: False-colour composite image of the Chilika Lake study area generated from Sentinel-2 bands [11]

Accuracy Evaluation

Reference binary water masks were produced by manual digitisation in QGIS [10] using the Sentinel-2 true-colour composite, supplemented by Google Earth imagery. Twenty image patches of 512×512 pixels (five per scene category) were assessed. Four standard performance metrics were derived from the pixel-level confusion matrix:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \times 100\% \tag{3}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \times 100\% \tag{4}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \times 100\% \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall F1-Score} =}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \tag{6}$$

where TP, TN, FP, and FN denote true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives respectively. The three evaluated configurations were: Method 1—standalone Otsu thresholding on grayscale imagery [3]; Method 2— fixedthreshold NDWI segmentation (T =0.0) [1]; and Method 3— the proposed hybrid pipeline.

Water Body Map Generation in QGIS

The refined binary water mask was exported from MATLAB as a georeferenced GeoTIFF via geotiffwrite() with the original CRS (EPSG:32645) preserved intact. Within QGIS [10], the mask was rendered in blue at 70% transparency and composited over the Sentinel-2 true-colour base layer. A publication-grade cartographic layout was assembled in the QGIS Print Layout environment incorporating a legend, scale bar, north arrow, and coordinate grid, and exported at 300DPI resolution.

Table 3: Three-Method Performance Comparison (Aggregate)

Method	Acc. (%)	Prec. (%)	Rec. (%)	F1 (%)
Method 1: Otsu on Grayscale [3]	86.3	83.5	85.9	84.7
Method 2: NDWI Fixed (T=0) [1]	91.7	89.4	93.1	91.2
Method 3: Hybrid (Proposed)	95.4	93.8	96.9	95.3

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Three-Method Comparative Evaluation

Table 3 presents the aggregate quantitative performance across all 20 evaluation patches drawn from the Chilika Lake dataset.

Method 1 (Otsu on grayscale [3]) recorded the weakest overall performance (86.3% accuracy, 84.7% F1-score). Grayscale conversion collapses the distinctive spectral contrast between the green and NIR bands that underpins water–land discrimination, causing dark soil patches, cast shadows, and aquaculture embankments near the lake periphery to be incorrectly classified as water. Method 2 (NDWI fixed threshold T =0 [1]) markedly improved upon Method 1 (91.7% accuracy, 91.2% F1-score) by harnessing spectral band contrast. Nevertheless, a scene-invariant threshold cannot accommodate spatial variability in illumination and surface conditions, leading to over-detection in turbid lagoon zones and underdetection in shallow peripheral regions. The proposed hybrid method (Method 3) yielded the highest performance across all metrics (95.4% accuracy, 95.3% F1-score), outperforming Method 2 by 3.7 percentage points and Method 1 by 9.1 percentage points. The elevated recall of 96.9% is especially important for ecological monitoring, as it confirms that the extracted mask captures the true lake extent with minimal omission of genuine water pixels.

Per-Category Results

Table 4 presents performance of the proposed method disaggregated across the four scene categories defined within the study area.

Table 4: Per-Category Performance — Proposed Hybrid Method

Scene Category	Acc. (%)	Prec. (%)	Rec. (%)	F1 (%)
Central Open Water	97.1	96.4	98.2	97.3
Northern Sector	94.8	93.1	96.5	94.8
Peripheral / Shallow	93.2	91.0	95.3	93.1
Aquaculture Zone	92.6	90.4	94.8	92.5
Overall Avg	94.4	92.7	96.2	94.4

The central open-water zone attained the highest accuracy (97.1%), attributable to the deep, clear water column that generates strong positive NDWI values and a well-defined bimodal intensity histogram amenable to precise adaptive thresholding [3]. The northern sector, subject to elevated turbidity from freshwater inflow via the Daya River, exhibited marginally reduced precision (93.1%) as suspended sediment load diminishes NDWI spectral contrast. Peripheral and shallow zones (93.2% accuracy) introduce challenges arising from sub-pixel mixing at water–land boundaries and emergent macrophyte coverage. Aquaculture enclosures (92.6% accuracy) presented the greatest difficulty due to their geometrically regular boundaries and intermittent spectral resemblance to open water under certain illumination conditions.

Visual Comparison

Fig. 7 shows a side-by-side visual comparison of segmentation outputs for a representative Chilika Lake patch, and Fig. 8 presents the final extracted water body map generated in QGIS.

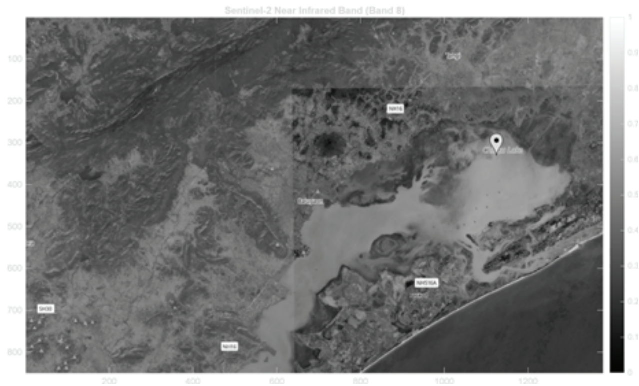

Fig. 7: Sentinel-2 Near-Infrared Band (Band 8) imagery over the Chilika Lake study area [11].

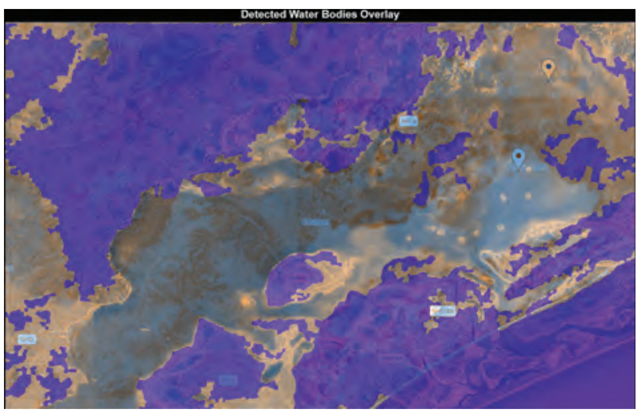

Fig. 8: Final extracted water body overlay produced in QGIS [10]: detected water surfaces (blue) composited over the Sentinel-2 truecolour basemap.

CONCLUSION

This paper presented a hybrid surface water extraction framework that integrates NDWI-based spectral indexing [1] with classical image processing techniques [9], implemented jointly within QGIS [10] and MATLAB, and applied to Chilika Lake, Odisha—Asia's most extensive brackish-water coastal lagoon and an internationally designated Ramsar wetland. The twelve-stage processing pipeline delivers a comprehensive, reproducible, and operationally deployable workflow spanning Sentinel-2 data acquisition through to publication-quality water body mapping.

A comparative evaluation across three methods confirmed that the proposed hybrid approach achieves 95.4% accuracy and 96.9% recall, outperforming standalone Otsu grayscale thresholding [3] by 9.1 percentage points and fixed-threshold NDWI segmentation [1] by 3.7 percentage points. The system requires no deep learning infrastructure, ensuring broad accessibility and reproducibility for wetland monitoring and water resource management applications.

Future research directions encompass: (1) multi-temporal analysis of seasonal water extent dynamics in Chilika Lake across pre-monsoon, monsoon, and post-monsoon cycles; (2) fusion of Sentinel-1 SAR imagery [11] for cloudpenetrating water delineation during monsoon periods; (3) systematic performance comparison against deep learning segmentation architectures such as U-Net [7]; and (4) application of the framework to other ecologically significant Indian wetland systems including Loktak Lake (Manipur) and Kolleru Lake (Andhra Pradesh).

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AbhivyaAI: Bridging AI Intelligence and Human Understanding through a Multimodal Framework

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ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence has progressed from rule- based systems to highly advanced generative models that are capable of producing contextually informed outputs. However, despite these advances, most current AI models continue to function and interact with users largely in text-based modes, which results in a substantial communication divide between machine intelligence and human understanding.

This paper proposes AbhivyaAI, a human-centric multimodal AI framework that aims to fill the communication divide between artificial intelligence and human understanding. Unlike most current AI models that communicate with users in static or text- based modes, AbhivyaAI combines the use of voice, visuals, and narrative explanations that are carefully synchronized to provide explanations in a more natural and interpretable form.

The proposed framework aims to combine conversational interfaces with multimodal explanations to improve engagement, understanding, and cognitive alignment between users and AI models. By making AI explanations an interactive process, AbhivyaAI seeks to go beyond information delivery and into meaningful understanding.

This paper seeks to identify multimodal conversational expla- nation systems as the next frontier in human-AI interaction and their potential to reshape the way intelligent systems communi- cate, interact, and collaborate with users.

***KEYWORDS** : Multimodal AI, Human-Centric AI, Conversa- tional AI, AI Explanation Systems, Digital Interaction, Intelligent Communication.*

INTRODUCTION

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems have experienced a major shift in the manner they engage with users. The traditional AI systems were mainly designed to provide static and text-based results with minimal flexibility to adapt to the user context. The traditional systems were designed to follow a predefined response format, which emphasized computational accuracy over user understanding [11].

The advent of Generative AI systems introduced a new paradigm of dynamic content generation and context-driven responses [9]. The contemporary conversational systems have the ability to generate flexible text-based outputs based on user input and intentions. Nevertheless, despite the major advances, the interaction with AI systems is still text-based, and users are expected to make sense of complex explanations via a single communication channel.

Human understanding is naturally multimodal [10]. Humans have the natural ability to make sense of information using a combination of words, images, tone, and context. In contrast, the current AI systems are still mainly dependent on text-based responses, which creates a major disconnect between machine- generated intelligence and human cognitive processing.

Recent breakthroughs in multimodal AI have brought forth the notion of being able to combine various modes of ex- planation, such as the use of visual illustrations and audio descriptions [1]. Although these recent breakthroughs show great promise, most current implementations are still disjointed and centered on the idea of adding more modes of explanation rather than providing a complete explanation experience.

This presents a very important need for the development of AI systems that are no longer dependent on text-based com- munication and instead incorporate a human-centric approach to explanation. A multimodal explanation framework that incorporates structured narratives, timed visuals, and natural voice explanations would be a great improvement over current explanation systems.

This paper will discuss the history of AI interaction sys- tems and the problems associated with current explanation paradigms, leading to the importance of multimodal human- centric AI systems.

EVOLUTION OF AI INTERACTION SYSTEMS

The paradigms of Artificial Intelligence interaction have undergone a tremendous shift over the years, keeping pace with the advancements in computational power and design for user interaction. The earlier versions of AI were mainly based on rule-based systems, producing static text-based outputs ac- cording to pre-defined logic [11]. The systems were designed to deliver information, not understanding, and left the entire job of understanding to the user.

The advent of machine learning and natural language pro-cessing algorithms brought a paradigm shift in AI systems, making them more dynamic and conversational in nature [8]. The concept of Generative AI took this to the next level by allowing the system to produce responses that could adapt to various inputs from the user. Today, conversational AI systems have the capability to produce elaborate explanations, summaries, and insights [2].

However, the fundamental nature of communication in most AI systems has remained largely text-based. While text- based communication remains flexible and scalable, it remains relatively less expressive in terms of human understanding. Users are expected to make sense of the text generated by AI systems in a meaningful manner without the use of other forms of communication, such as visual or auditory support.

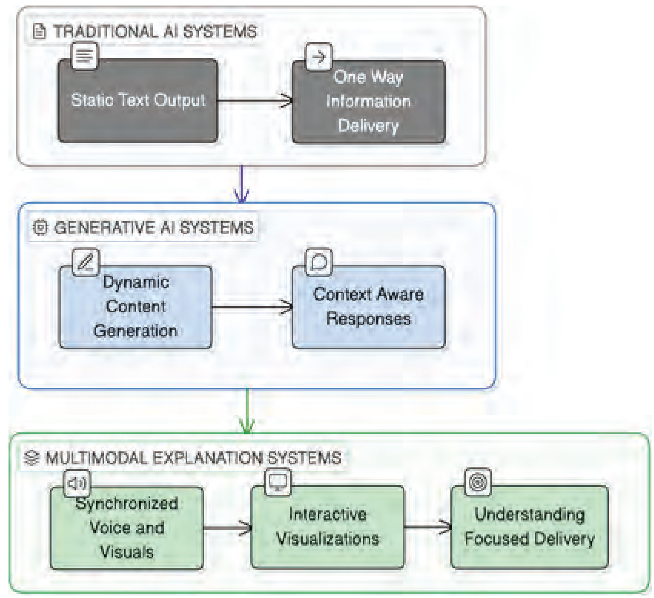

Fig. 1. Evolution of AI Interaction Systems from Traditional AI to Multimodal Explanation Systems

The current trend in multimodal AI has made it possible to build systems that can process and generate information in multiple forms of input and output, such as images, speech, and structured data [1]. However, most of these systems remain largely focused on viewing modalities as parallel methods to improve communication rather than methods to improve explanation. Thus, multimodal AI systems remain largely focused on improving communication rather than human un- derstanding.

The development of AI systems from rule-based systems to generative models and then to multimodal systems suggests an increasing emphasis on adaptability and expressiveness in AI communication. However, the gap between machine-generated intelligence and human understanding remains, suggesting the need for a more integrated multimodal explanation method.

LIMITATIONS OF CURRENT AI EXPLANATION PARADIGMS

Despite the fast-paced development of AI interaction systems, there are still many limitations in the current state of knowledge communication through these systems. Most modern AI systems are based on text-based communication to transfer complex information [5]. However, despite the computational correctness of these outputs, they often lack correspondence with the natural human processing and under- standing of information.

One of the main issues lies in the cognitive load that users are subjected to. Text-based explanation requires people to interpret, visualize, and contextualize information in their minds without any further assistance [6]. This often leads to confusion, disengagement, and poor retention, particularly when working with complex and abstract concepts.

Moreover, the current state of AI systems is to view communication as a task of information delivery, as opposed to an understanding-centered process. The primary goal is still to provide the correct responses, without necessarily ensuring that the users are able to effectively comprehend them. Consequently, the explanations provided may not be clear, organized, or well-grounded in context.

While the current multimodal AI systems include visual or voice-based components, these components are still introduced as additional features, rather than being fully incorporated into the explanation delivery process. The lack of synchronization between the different modalities further limits their ability to improve user comprehension.

The above points to a critical deficiency in the current paradigms of AI interaction, namely the deficiency of a uni- fied, human-centered approach to explanation. This deficiency can only be addressed by moving away from text-centric re- sponses and towards synchronized multimodal communication that is more aligned with human cognition.

NEED FOR MULTIMODAL HUMAN-CENTRIC AI INTERACTION

Human communication is a multimodal process, incorpo- rating the synthesis of language, images, tone, and context in order to enable understanding [10]. Unlike computers, humans do not process information in a single mode when trying to understand complex concepts. Rather, understanding is achieved through the coordination of multiple sensory and cognitive channels.

However, current AI technology still focuses on text as the main mode of interaction. Although there have been improvements in the area of generative models, which have increased contextual relevance, there has been no paradigm shift in the way explanations are presented [1]. The user is still forced to interpret text-based responses in their minds without the aid of other modalities that could have helped to improve the experience.

A human-centered AI interaction paradigm, therefore, needs to shift from the isolated use of modalities to a coordinated multimodal interaction. The combination of structured narra- tives with image representation and natural voice communica- tion can greatly improve the interpretability of AI responses. This feels more like how we actually learn, making it way easier to stick with and use the AI.

Since people learn in different ways, AI shouldn't just stick to text. By mixing in visuals and audio, it can turn a boring response into an actual explanation that makes sense, irrespective of background.

This demonstrates the necessity of a unified system that uses synchronized multimodal communication to deliver un- derstanding rather than just producing information.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK: ABHIVYAAI

AbhivyaAI is proposed as a multimodal framework that aims to fill the gap between artificial intelligence and hu- man understanding. Unlike traditional AI systems, which are mostly based on textual interaction, AbhivyaAI takes a human- centric approach to communication by incorporating various modalities into a single explanatory experience [1].

Instead of guessing what a block of AI text means, Ab- hivyaAI gives you clear, expressive answers you can actually use. By combining sight and sound with a clear narrative, it turns a standard AI response into a conversation that just clicks.

The core goal is perfect timing. Visuals and voice shouldn't live in separate worlds. By syncing them up, we turn complex data into an easy-to-digest story.

AbhivyaAI is based on the idea that AI interaction should not only provide answers but also help users understand. By incorporating conversational interaction and multimodal communication, the framework goes beyond traditional infor- mation communication and moves towards human-AI collab- oration.

The following subsections describe the architectural components and operational pipeline that make this multimodal explanatory capability possible.

System Architecture

AbhivyaAI's architecture uses a layered interaction frame- work to facilitate the delivery of coherent multimodal expla- nations [2]. To convert AI-generated responses into organized, human-centric outputs, the system combines user interaction, identity management, explanatory processing, multimodal gen- eration, synchronization, and memory components.

Through a conversational interface that records input queries, users interact with the system at the interaction level. The identity layer, which processes this input, preserves contextual continuity between sessions to enable personalized interaction.

The framework's cognitive center is the explanatory layer. It is in charge of organizing data into logical stories that improve interpretability. Our multimodal layer takes that organized data and brings it to life. It automatically generates a voice-over and matching visuals that work together to tell the full story.

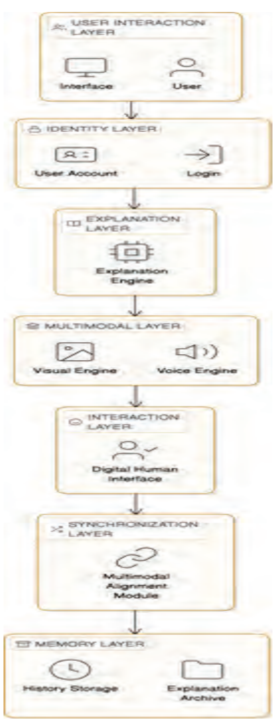

Fig. 2. Layered System Architecture of the AbhivyaAI Framework

A synchronization layer synchronizes the timing and con- textual relevance of visual and auditory outputs to guarantee consistency across modalities. After that, the explanation is presented by the interaction delivery layer using an expressive digital interface, which gives users access to information in an engaging and organic way.

The memory layer maintains contextual continuity and permits adaptive communication over time by storing interac- tion history and generated explanations. AbhivyaAI's layered architecture makes it possible to move from conventional text-based interaction to synchronized multimodal explanation, improving comprehension, clarity, and engagement.

Multimodal Explanation Pipeline

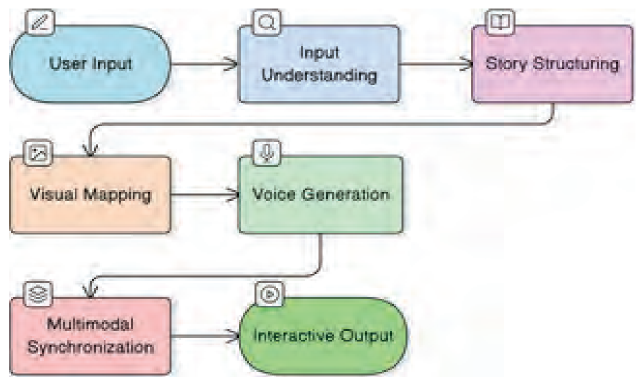

Fig. 3. Multimodal Explanation Pipeline of AbhivyaAI

The operational process of AbhivyaAI is organized as a multimodal explanation pipeline that converts user queries into synchronized and interpretable outputs. The pipeline is organized to go beyond the traditional response generation process by focusing on structured understanding [10].

The process starts with input understanding, where user queries are processed to extract key concepts and contextual understanding. This extracted information is then converted at the story structuring stage, where explanations are structured into coherent narrative forms to improve understanding.

The visual mapping stage then creates contextual visual representations that are synchronized with different segments of the explanation. At the same time, the voice generation stage creates natural narration that complements the structured narrative.

To achieve consistency and coherence, the multimodal syn- chronization stage synchronizes visual and auditory compo- nents, allowing them to work together as a single explanation process. The final output is provided as an interactive expla- nation that combines different communication modalities to facilitate user understanding.

The pipeline allows AbhivyaAI to leverage AI-generated information to create an expressive explanation process that is more aligned with human cognitive patterns.

Interactive Delivery Model

The interactive delivery model of AbhivyaAI is centered on the presentation of explanations in a way that is consistent with the natural patterns of human communication. Instead of providing responses in a static form of delivery, the system provides explanations through an expressive digital interface that combines conversational interaction with synchronized multimodal delivery [3].

Through this delivery model, structured narratives are pro- vided alongside their visual representations and natural voice narration. This synchronized delivery of information converts it into an interactive form of explanation, allowing users to interact with the AI responses in a more intuitive manner.

The interactive component of the delivery model is centered on clarity and engagement, ensuring that not only are expla- nations generated but also delivered. We've turned learning into a two-way street. It's the difference between watching a boring lecture and having a real conversation. Our multimodal approach keeps user sharp and engaged so the user truly 'get' the material.

Text alone often fails when things get complicated. Our interactive approach bridges that gap, making sure that high- level AI intelligence actually makes sense to a human being.

COMPARATIVE CAPABILITY ANALYSIS

The evolution of AI-based interaction systems has led to the development of different levels of adaptability and expressiveness. Traditional AI systems are based on providing accurate and precise textual information, with little emphasis on interpretability. However, the emergence of generative AI has further enhanced the traditional AI system paradigm, allowing context-aware responses and increasing the level of flexibility in communication [9].

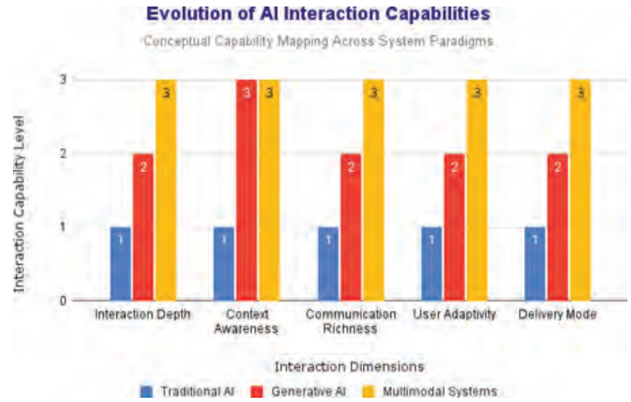

Fig. 4. Evolution of AI Interaction Capabilities across Different System Paradigms

Table 1 Comparison of AI Interaction Paradigms

System Type	Mode	Context	Explanation Style
Traditional AI	Text	Low	Static Output
Generative AI	Text	Med	Contextual Responses
AbhivyaAI	Multi	High	Narrative + Visual + Voice

As shown in Table I, the proposed AbhivyaAI framework extends beyond traditional and generative AI systems by incor- porating synchronized multimodal communication to enhance interpretability and user understanding.

However, it is also evident that traditional AI systems and the enhanced generative AI system are based on providing textual information, which is further dependent on the user's level of interpretation and understanding [2]. Although the generative AI system has enhanced the level of adaptability, it has not addressed the issue of providing explanations in a manner that is understandable to the user.

AbhivyaAI has further enhanced the AI system paradigm by providing a framework based on synchronized multimodal communication, providing a combination of structured narra- tives with visual and auditory communication [10]. This has further enhanced the level of interpretability and engagement, changing the paradigm from information delivery to under- standing facilitation.

The comparative capability analysis has further proved the significance of multimodal explanation frameworks, providing a higher level of interaction, clarity, and expressiveness in communication compared to traditional AI systems [1].

DISCUSSION

The AbhivyaAI framework, as proposed, indicates a shift in the way AI systems may communicate with users and share their knowledge with them. Though AI and generative AI systems have greatly improved the precision and adaptability of information delivery, they still fail to take into consider- ation the human factors of understanding and explaining the information delivered to the user [6].

The inclusion of synchronized multimodal communication in AbhivyaAI indicates a shift in this regard, as it aims to transform the user's experience of AI responses and make them more expressive and explanatory, as opposed to the usual responses delivered by AI and generative AI systems [3]. The inclusion of visual communication and natural voice narration aims to make the user experience more engaging and easier to understand, as the structured narrative delivery of AI responses is also included in the AbhivyaAI framework.

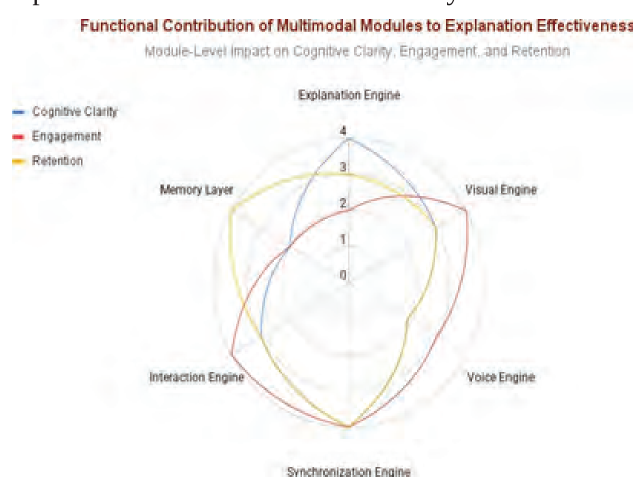

Fig. 5. Functional Contribution of Multimodal Modules to Explanation Effectiveness

Another important implication of the framework is the potential for enhancing the accessibility of the interaction in the context of AI-driven communication [5]. The multimodal explanation framework has the potential to cater to the di- verse learning styles and communication needs of the users, thereby enhancing the overall usability of the AI system. This is especially useful in the context of education, knowledge management, and decision support systems.

In the context of AbhivyaAI, the focus of understanding rather than information transfer indicates the potential of the multimodal framework in redefining the interaction paradigm in the context of humans and intelligent systems, thereby underscoring the importance of multimodal explanation as the way forward in the context of AI communication systems.

IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE AI SYSTEMS

The emergence of the AbhivyaAI system demonstrates the significance of multimodal communication in the progression of intelligent systems. As AI systems become increasingly advanced, the role of explanation in the communication of information in a manner that is pertinent to the human mind will become increasingly vital. Traditional communication systems, in which the primary medium of communication is the written word, may become increasingly limited in the future [10].

Multimodal explanation systems are a promising avenue of research in the progression of AI systems, and it is likely that future systems will communicate information in a manner that is pertinent to the cognitive processes of the human mind [2]. Multimodal systems have the potential to play a vital role in the future of AI systems, and the implications of multimodal AI communication are vast, ranging from AI systems in the educational sector to knowledge exploration systems.

The emergence of the AbhivyaAI system is a conceptual progression in the direction of increasingly expressive AI systems, and it is likely that the integration of explanation- based multimodal communication systems will play a vital role in the progression of AI systems in the future.

CONCLUSION

The paper introduced AbhivyaAI, a multimodal platform in- tended to bridge the gap between AI and human understanding. Conventional AI and new forms of generative AI have greatly improved the ability of machines to respond with intelligent answers, although such machines still heavily depend on text- based communication, which may be limiting in some aspects [9].

To bridge this gap, AbhivyaAI proposes a human-centric explanation framework with structured narrative generation and synchronized visual and voice communication. This will ensure that information is communicated in a form that is more natural and closer to human cognitive patterns, as explained in the paper.

The proposed AI architecture and multimodal explanation process show the potential of AI communication with the incorporation of other forms of communication, such as voice and vision, with conventional interaction processes such as conversations. The paper also compares the advantages of using multimodal explanation systems with conventional AI communication processes and systems.

The ability of AI machines to communicate knowledge will be as important as the ability to generate such knowledge in the future, and AbhivyaAI is an important step toward cre- ating more expressive and human-centric AI communication systems.

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She Command- A Women Safety App

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ABSTRACT

SHE COMMAND is a mobile application developed to enhance women's safety by providing rapid emergency assistance through technology-enabled solutions. The platform offers a secure environment that allows users to quickly contact emergency services and trusted individuals during dangerous or stressful situations. The application is mainly designed for women, students, and working professionals who may require immediate support while travelling or working independently. The system integrates several safety features including real-time GPS tracking, instant SOS notifications, and voice-activated emergency assistance. These functionalities are designed to ensure quick response and continuous monitoring during emergencies. When an emergency is detected or triggered, the application automatically activates safety protocols that send alerts and location details to registered contacts. By combining location services, automated alerts, and voice interaction, SHE COMMAND aims to strengthen personal safety and provide users with a reliable digital safety companion.

KEYWORDS *: Women Safety Application, SOS Alerts, GPS Tracking.*

INTRODUCTION

Women's safety has become one of the most critical social issues in today's world. With the increasing number of incidents such as harassment, stalking, and physical assault, there is a growing need for quick-response safety measures that can help women feel secure wherever they are. In most emergency situations, the delay in reaching out for help can have serious consequences. To overcome these challenges, technology can play a vital role in empowering women with tools that ensure their safety and enable instant communication in times of distress.

SHE COMMAND is a mobile-based women safety application developed with the objective of providing immediate assistance during emergencies. The application allows users to send an SOS alert with their live location to pre-registered contacts and nearby authorities at the press of a button. It integrates.

GPS tracking, emergency calling, live location sharing, and voice activation features to ensure that the user can seek help without wasting crucial time. The app also includes background recording and alert notification systems to gather evidence and keep close contacts informed.

The motivation behind developing SHE COMMAND arises from the increasing need to provide women with a sense of security and independence in their daily lives. Many women, especially students and working professionals, often travel alone at odd hours and face potential risks. This project aims to build confidence by giving them an accessible safety companion that ensures immediate connectivity with trusted networks and emergency services.The basic concept of this project revolves around integrating modern mobile technology, location-based services, and alert systems into a single platform.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The increasing concern for women's safety has motivated extensive research into mobile, intelligent, and sensor-based safety systems aimed at providing rapid emergency assistance and preventive protection. This literature review synthesizes prior studies that explore the evolution of women safety applications from basic alert mechanisms to advanced AI-driven solutions. Early work by Chand et al. (2015) introduced WoSApp, one of the first mobile applications enabling one-click SOS alerts and live location tracking, establishing the foundation for emergency communication systems [5]. Subsequent research by Premi et al. (2022) and Agar (2023) enhanced these capabilities through FRNDY and SAKHI, integrating real-time SOS alerts with GPS and GSM technologies to ensure reliable communication with trusted contacts and law enforcement authorities [1,4].

With advancements in mobile hardware and network capabilities, Gowri et al. (2025) proposed an enhanced real-time safety system incorporating live audio and video streaming alongside GPS tracking to support continuous monitoring and faster response during emergencies [2]. The importance of hands-free activation in panic situations was addressed by Dhananjeyan et al. (2025) through the Her Shield system, which employs voice AI to trigger emergency alerts using verbal commands, while Gupta et al. (2023) further explored AI-based speech recognition techniques to automatically detect distress signals and initiate tracking and alerts [3,7]. Community-based and integrated safety solutions have also been proposed, such as FEARLESS by Ghuge et al. (2025), which combines tracking, voice commands, and collective alert mechanisms to improve response effectiveness through nearby assistance [6].

Recent studies have shifted towards intelligent and predictive safety models, with Arundhati and Sinha (2024) utilizing predictive analytics to identify unsafe zones and enable preventive safety measures, and Navaneethakrishnan et al. introducing WoExP, an AI-driven system that automatically detects distress situations using sensors and alerts emergency contacts and authorities without manual intervention [8,9].

Map-based and navigation-oriented safety approaches were presented by Venkata Murari et al. (2023) in Rakshak, which integrates embedded map APIs for route tracking and emergency response support [10]. Broader perspectives on urban safety were discussed by Fernandez et al. (2020), highlighting the role of smartphone applications in improving women's safety within smart cities through real-time communication and data sharing [11].

Android-based implementations focusing on immediate SOS and location sharing were explored by Athira et al. (2023), reinforcing the effectiveness of mobile platforms for rapid emergency assistance [12]. Additionally, gesture-based safety mechanisms introduced by Mohamed and Dahnil (2021) demonstrated alternative non-verbal interaction methods for triggering alerts in constrained situations [13]. Despite significant advancements, existing systems continue to face challenges such as delayed response under poor network conditions, limited offline functionality, and fragmented feature integration, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive, scalable application.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology adopted for the SHE COMMAND application follows a structured and modular development approach to ensure reliability, scalability, and efficiency during emergency situations. Initially, requirement analysis was performed by studying existing women safety applications to identify functional gaps, leading to the design of system architectures using Data Flow and Context Diagrams. The application was then developed using Flutter for cross-platform compatibility, with Firebase integrated for authentication and real-time data handling. Essential services such as GPS tracking, Google Maps, SMS alerts, and voice recognition were incorporated to enable live location sharing and SOS activation. Subsequently, all modules were integrated and rigorously tested under various network and stress conditions to evaluate response time, accuracy, and system reliability. Finally, the application was deployed for beta testing, and user feedback was used to improve usability, with provisions made for future enhancements including AI-based panic detection and wearable device integration.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed framework of the SHE COMMAND system is designed to provide a reliable, intelligent, and rapid emergency response mechanism for women's safety through a mobile-based architecture. The framework consists of four major layers: user interface layer, sensing and input layer, processing and decision layer, and alert and response layer. The user interface layer enables users to interact with the application through manual SOS activation or voice-based commands. The sensing and input layer utilizes built-in smartphone sensors such as GPS, microphone, and camera to capture real-time location data, audio, and video information during emergency situations. The processing and decision layer analyzes user inputs and sensor data to trigger appropriate safety protocols, including location tracking, evidence recording, and alert generation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The SHE COMMAND application was tested to evaluate its effectiveness, response time, and reliability during emergency situations. The results indicate that the SOS alert mechanism successfully transmits emergency notifications and real-time location details to registered contacts within a short response time. GPS-based live tracking provided accurate and continuous location updates, enabling efficient monitoring of the user's movement during distress scenarios. The voice-activated assistance feature demonstrated high accuracy, allowing hands-free SOS activation, which is crucial in panic or physically restricted situations. Alert delivery was observed to be consistent across multiple test cases, ensuring reliable communication with trusted contacts. Performance evaluation under varying network conditions showed that the system remained functional, although minor delays were noticed in low-connectivity environments.

Table: Performance Metrics of SHE COMMAND

Metric	Result
SOS Alert Response Time	2 – 4 seconds
GPS Location Accuracy	±5–10 meters
Voice Activation Accuracy	~92%

Alert Delivery Success 95% Live Tracking Interval 5 seconds The integrated audio and video recording features supported effective evidence collection, enhancing post-incident analysis and safety accountability. User feedback indicated that the application interface was intuitive and easy to operate, even under stressful conditions. Overall, the results validate that SHE COMMAND achieves its design objectives by providing a fast, reliable, and user-friendly women safety solution. The discussion highlights that the integration of real-time tracking, voice-based activation, and automated alert mechanisms significantly improves emergency response efficiency while offering scope for future enhancements.

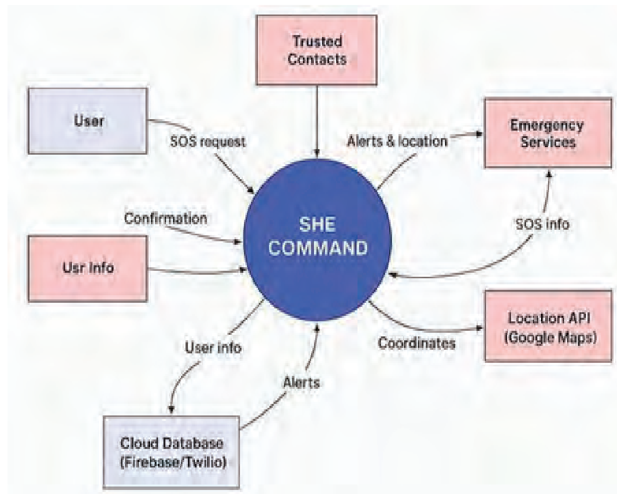

Fig 1. Use Case Diagram

Fig. 2. Activity Diagram

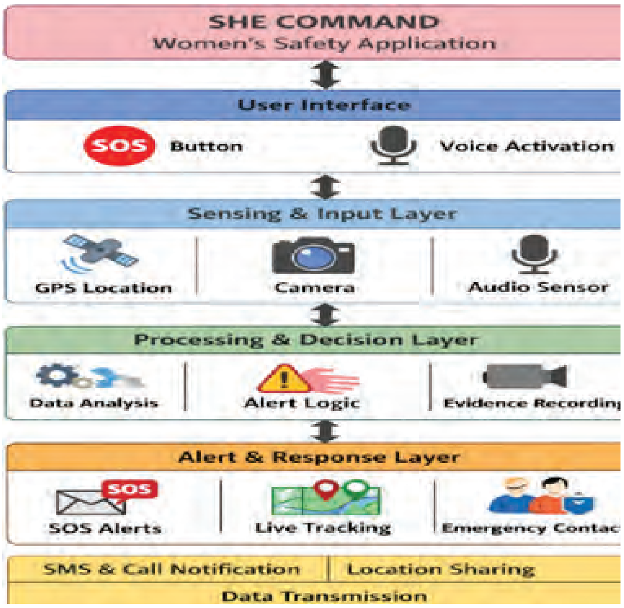

Fig. 3. Proposed Framework

CONCLUSION

SHE COMMAND is a comprehensive mobile application designed to enhance women's safety by enabling real-time communication, live tracking, and instant SOS alerts. The system efficiently integrates modern technologies such as GPS, voice recognition, and push notifications to ensure quick emergency response. Through its user-friendly interface and robust backend support, it minimizes delays in reaching out for help during distress situations. The project not only serves as a technological innovation but also as a social initiative promoting confidence, independence, and awareness among women. With its scalable design and future-ready framework, SHE COMMAND holds the potential to evolve into a national safety platform that bridges the gap between individuals and emergency response systems.

Additionally, the application emphasizes reliability and accessibility, ensuring effective performance even under challenging network conditions. Its modular architecture allows seamless integration of future enhancements such as AI-based panic detection, wearable device connectivity, and predictive safety analytics. By combining preventive and reactive safety measures, the system moves beyond traditional alert mechanisms toward intelligent protection. Overall, SHE COMMAND contributes meaningfully to the advancement of smart safety solutions and demonstrates the role of technology in addressing real-world societal challenges.

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The Resurgence of Materials Discovery: A Multi-Modal Review of AI Integration in Materials Science

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ABSTRACT

Trial-and-error techniques in materials research are giving way to a data-driven "fourth paradigm." In order to study the "AI-ladder," from basic property prediction to the creation of Large Language Models (LLMs) and completely autonomous self-driving laboratories, this review synthesizes twenty revolutionary and current research works (2018–2026). We examine the particular effects of generative AI (GAI) and deep learning (DL) on renewable energy, mechanical, and structural materials. Lastly, we discuss essential infrastructure requirements for data longevity, the merging of computational and experimental process flow, and the evolving role of the material scientist in an AI-enhanced setting.

KEYWORDS *: Materials, Artificial Intelligence, Large Language Models, Natural Language Processing, Density Functional Theory.*

INTRODUCTION: FROM EMPIRICAL OBSERVATION TO THE FOURTH PARADIGM

The historical progression in materials science has always been associated to developments in technologies for characterisation, synthesis, and computation. Usually, the new materials discovery-to-application cycle ranging from initial foundation to commercialisation, is both time-involving and resource-exhaustive, often taking 10 to 20 years. This timeline is increasingly inharmonious with the urgent global challenges involving issues such as carbon capture, energy storage, and biomedical engineering [1]. The emerging growth of of "Scientific AI" [2] and "Data-Driven Materials Science" [3] has established a new approach. Here central resource is the data and knowledge extraction is done from datasets that are too complex for traditional human reasoning. Researchers can now move beyond the computational bottlenecks of traditional methods like Density Functional Theory (DFT) by using advanced machine learning algorithms and cloud-based high-performance computing (HPC). These methods, based on AI, accomplish higher precision in property prediction and are knowingly faster, marking a snapping point moment recently recognised by Nobel-worthy breakthroughs in the field [4],[5].

METHODOLOGICAL FRAMEWORKS AND STRUCTURAL REPRESENTATION

The efficient conversion of physical material structures into machine-readable representations is crucial to the development of artificial intelligence in materials research. Sophisticated feature engineering that captures the hierarchical nature of material structures at many scales, from atomic lattices to macroscopic grains, is vital to a reliable materials knowledge system [6]. This involves altering raw micrograph images, atomic coordinates or spectral data into mathematical forms like graph-based representations or fingerprints that encode the basic physics.

Nowadays, Multi-modal Deep Learning (DL) is being used more and more in contemporary research to evaluate unstructured data and find features that defy human intuition [7]. Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), which use crystal structures as nodes and edges at the same time learn local atomic surroundings and global periodic symmetries, have gained a lot of attention. [8]. Additionally, Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINNs) are being advanced to go beyond "black box" correlations by rightly incorporating physical laws into the neural network's loss function, guaranteeing that predictions do not go against basic principles like thermodynamics or energy conservation [9],[10].

GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DE NOVO DESIGN

The transition from prediction of property to generative material design represents a paradigm change in the field. Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) including Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), and Diffusion Models, allows the de novo design of completely new chemical compositions and crystalline structures, in contrast to traditional predictive models that need a pre-defined structure to evaluate [11]. These models function by navigating a continuous latent space of chemical possibilities to "invent" new structures with targeted features. GAI is used in the area of mechanical materials to study large design spaces for hierarchical structures, identifying the best microstructures for energy absorption and fracture toughness that are practically unattainable to accomplish with conventional methods [12],[13]. By integrating high-throughput materials modeling within the generative loop, this generative approach allows the simultaneous optimization of different features, such as high strength and high ductility. Due to this paradigm change, scientists can first identify the desired "function" and then let the AI find out the required "form."

AI IN CHARACTERIZATION AND IMAGING

The characterization of materials has significantly improved thanks to artificial intelligence. AI algorithms are used in microscopy and spectroscopy to automatically identify phases, flaws, and structural boundaries in large-scale datasets from electron microscopy, Raman spectroscopy, and X-ray diffraction (XRD) [8]. Researchers may understand experimental data as it is generated in the lab owing to these technologies, which permit real-time noise reduction and pattern identification. Furthermore, by modernizing 3D printing design and optimization processes and allowing the real-time correction of thermal distortions during the printing of complex structural components, the utilization of machine vision has boosted additive manufacturing [14].

CLEAN ENERGY, FUEL CELLS, AND ELECTROLYZERS

The shift to a sustainable energy economy depends on the effect of materials science driven by AI. The development of robust structures for fuel cells and electrolysers is being greatly accelerated by AI [15], [1]. AI helps in the finding of stable catalysts and membranes that can withstand high operating stress by describing and evaluating electrochemical systems at the atomistic level. Ionic transport physics and cooperative electron/ion transport control challenges in lithium-ion battery materials can be predicted by machine learning models, permitting performance optimisation that would otherwise take years of electrochemical testing [11]. These developments are essential for decreasing the cost and increasing the efficiency of energy storage and green hydrogen production systems.

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING AND KNOWLEDGE EXTRACTION

The unstructured text of millions of published research papers nevertheless contains a large amount of information about materials science. The tools required to unlock this data have been made possible by recent developments in Large Language Models (LLMs) and Natural Language Processing (NLP). LLMs serve as "reasoning agents" that may organize experiments, produce code for simulations autonomously, and integrate literature [16]. AI may produce broad information bases to guide future research by identifying structured synthesis parameters and property correlations from the body of existing literature. This process lessens the "redundancy of discovery" and permits researchers to improve on previously discovered information at a rate never seen before [7].

AUTONOMOUS "SELF-DRIVING" LABORATORIES

Self-Driving Laboratories (SDLs) are the pinnacle of the "AI-ladder" development. These SDLs, which consist of closed-loop structures where AI controls robotic synthesis, characterization, and proposed theories without human interaction, are the height of contemporary materials research [17] .The AI in an SDL evaluates each experiment's results and generates the next set of experimental settings via active learning or Bayesian optimization. These autonomous devices may speed up research by ten to one hundred times by removing the conventional human bottleneck. For the discovery of bioactive materials and quantum materials, where the design space is too large for human-led inquiry, this is truly revolutionary.

THE AI-LADDER AND THE ROLE OF THE HUMAN SCIENTIST

The identity and purpose of the material scientist are changing dramatically as AI models get more complicated [18]. The conceptual "AI-ladder," which spans from essential data-fitting to the integration of specialized AI units for general artificial intelligence, serves as a foundation for this shift. As a result, the material scientist of 2026 will be an architect of sophisticated AI systems rather than only a laboratory practitioner. This change calls for new skill sets that interconnect advanced data science, cloud informatics, and materials physics. High-level hypothesis formulation, experimental design, and the ethical supervision of autonomous systems are becoming more important to human researchers than manual testing [9],[10].

SOCIO-TECHNICAL CHALLENGES AND GOVERNANCE

The full implementation of AI-driven materials science is hindered by significant hurdles, despite the rapid development of technology. Since there can frequently a large gap between academic research and industrial implementation, reliability of data, longevity, and standardization continuing to be the main obstacles [3]. Sustainable and scalable paradigms that place data accessibility and quality first are desperately needed [2]. Additionally, a shift toward "Explainable AI" (XAI), which offers tangible explanations for why a model produces a particular prediction, is required due to the "black box" nature of deep learning [19]. Lastly, the creation of ethical governance is crucial as AI starts to "invent" materials on its own to prevent the discovery of hazardous substances and ensure that AI remains to be beneficial to human welfare [18].

CONCLUSION

Artificial intelligence has grown from an additional instrument to a fundamental need for modern advancements in materials science. The area is at present in a position to respond to the increasing challenges of the twenty-first century at a rate never seen before thanks to the convergence of parametric modeling, LLM-based decision-making, and automated robotics. The transition to a data-driven, autonomous discovery paradigm promises that the synthesis of new materials will continue to be an important driving force behind modern civilization, even in the face of continued technical and infrastructure obstacles.

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Mockzenix: A Web-Based AI Mock Interview Platform Utilizing Microservices for Real-Time Multimodal Analysis

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ABSTRACT

This work addresses the need for scalable, personalized, and data-driven mock interview preparation for students across verbal, behavioral, and technical domains. The objective of the proposed system is to provide end-to-end interview simulation, multimodal response capture, automated evaluation, and actionable performance analytics within a secure full-stack platform. The implementation integrates a Next.js/React frontend with a NestJS backend, PostgreSQL persistence via TypeORM, and cloud media/storage services. Methodologically, the system combines role- and experience-aware question generation, speech transcription, rubric-based LLM evaluation, and report synthesis. Implemented capabilities include authentication with JWT and role-based access control, profile/resume management, interview lifecycle orchestration, video upload, transcript processing, category-wise scoring, admin analytics/export workflows, and PDF report generation. NLP/ML functionality is delivered through external models and APIs including OpenAI (GPT-4/GPT-4o variants and Whisper), Google Gemini, and Google Text-to-Speech. The key outcome is a modular architecture that unifies interview practice, AI-assisted assessment, and institutional monitoring, contributing a practical blueprint for AI-enabled employability training systems.

KEYWORDS *: AI Mock Interview, Natural Language Processing, Interview Evaluation, Microservices Architecture, Employability Training.*

INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for placement readiness has highlighted several limitations in traditional interview preparation methods. Conventional approaches are often static, lack personalization, and provide limited feedback across verbal, behavioral, and technical interview dimensions. As a result, students frequently receive fragmented practice opportunities and delayed evaluation, while institutions lack centralized analytics to monitor overall preparedness. To address this challenge, this work proposes an AI-enabled interview preparation platform that provides structured mock interviews, automated response analysis, and report-based feedback through a unified web system.

The proposed platform is implemented using a full-stack architecture consisting of a Next.js/React frontend, a NestJS backend, and PostgreSQL with TypeORM for data management. The system supports role-based workflows for students and administrators, secure authentication with JWT, resume and profile management, interview session orchestration, and analytics features. AI services are integrated through external APIs, including OpenAI models for question generation and evaluation, Whisper for speech transcription, Google Gemini for resume-aware generation, and Google Text-to-Speech for interactive communication. The platform applies interview-specific scoring rubrics, including STAR-based behavioral analysis and component-level evaluation, to generate structured feedback and support personalized interview improvement.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The development of AI-enabled interview preparation systems has evolved from static questionnaire-based platforms to adaptive, multimodal, and data-driven assessment frameworks. Early digital interview training systems primarily relied on predefined question repositories and manual feedback mechanisms, which limited their ability to adapt to individual candidate profiles [1]. In contrast, modern systems increasingly employ large language models (LLMs) to dynamically generate interview questions and evaluate responses based on contextual understanding [2], [3]. This transition toward intelligent evaluation frameworks motivates the architecture adopted in the proposed system.

One important research direction focuses on personalized interview question generation. Studies have shown that prompt-conditioned question generation significantly improves the relevance and engagement of interview practice compared to generic question templates [2], [4]. Building on this concept, the proposed platform integrates LLM-based generation mechanisms that utilize candidate-specific context such as role selection, experience level, and resume information to produce adaptive interview flows.

Another major area of research involves speech-based interaction and automated communication assessment. Speech-to-text technologies and natural language processing pipelines have been widely applied to analyze verbal responses, discourse structure, and communication clarity during interview simulations [5], [6]. These techniques enable automated systems to evaluate candidate responses more effectively by examining linguistic features, semantic relevance, and response organization.

Recent studies also emphasize the importance of rubric-based evaluation frameworks for behavioral and technical interviews. Structured scoring mechanisms improve transparency and interpretability by evaluating candidate responses across multiple dimensions such as reasoning depth, communication clarity, and conceptual understanding [7], [8]. Such approaches allow automated systems to produce interpretable feedback rather than relying on opaque single-score outputs.

Overall, the existing literature highlights the growing importance of AI-driven interview training platforms that combine dynamic question generation, speech analysis, and structured evaluation mechanisms. Building upon these advancements, the proposed Mockzenix platform integrates multimodal interaction, LLM-based assessment, and scalable system architecture to support comprehensive interview preparation and performance monitoring.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed methodology adopts a modular full-stack architecture combined with a workflow-driven AI evaluation pipeline for interview preparation. The system is implemented using a Next.js frontend, NestJS backend, and PostgreSQL database with TypeORM for persistent storage, while external AI and media services provide transcription and evaluation capabilities. The primary objective of the system is to transform candidate profile information, resume data, and interview responses into structured and interpretable performance feedback.

System Design Approach

The platform follows a service-oriented architecture with a clear separation of responsibilities across system modules. Core components include authentication and access control, interview orchestration, resume intelligence, analytics, and reporting services. Role-based modules separate student and administrator workflows, while shared backend services provide common functionality such as cloud storage integration, email services, and security middleware.

User Onboarding and Context Acquisition

The interview workflow begins with secure user authentication using signup and signin mechanisms supported by OTP-based verification. After account creation, users complete their profiles by providing academic and professional details. Candidates may upload resumes, which are processed through PDF text extraction and AI-assisted structuring. This process extracts relevant information such as skills, projects, education, and experience, which is stored in relational database entities and used to personalize interview sessions.

Interview Configuration and Session Initialization

Users configure interview sessions by selecting parameters such as interview type (verbal, behavioral, or technical), job role, and experience level. Once configured, the backend initializes an interview session and associates it with the candidate's profile and resume context. This establishes a structured interview lifecycle that supports session tracking from initialization to completion and report generation.

AI-Driven Question Generation

Interview questions are generated dynamically using large language model (LLM) prompts conditioned on interview type and candidate context.

- Verbal interviews generate questions related to listening comprehension, speaking ability, reading interpretation, and soft skills.
- Behavioral interviews generate scenario-based questions with follow-up prompts aligned with the STAR (Situation–Task–Action–Result) methodology.
- Technical interviews generate domain-specific questions calibrated to the candidate's selected role and experience level.

This dynamic generation mechanism eliminates dependence on static question repositories and enables adaptive interview difficulty.

Multimodal Response Capture and Preprocessing

During the interview session, candidate responses are captured through browser-based media APIs supporting audio and video inputs. Speech responses are transcribed through a secure server-side transcription service, while uploaded media files are stored in cloud storage systems for reliability and future reference. Generated transcripts and associated metadata are normalized and linked to question-level records for evaluation.

Interview-Specific Evaluation Logic

The system applies rubric-based evaluation models to assess candidate responses across multiple interview dimensions.

- Verbal interviews evaluate clarity, grammar, relevance, and fluency, including indicators such as filler-word frequency.
- Behavioral interviews analyze conceptual depth and communication quality using STAR-oriented evaluation criteria.
- Technical interviews assess response correctness, reasoning depth, and alignment with domain expectations.

Evaluation scores are calculated at the question level and aggregated across categories to produce structured interview performance summaries.

Data Persistence, Analytics, and Reporting

All interview artifacts—including questions, responses, transcripts, scores, feedback, and timestamps—are stored within relational database entities. Analytical modules process this data to generate performance trends, category-wise comparisons, and candidate progress indicators. The system supports both on-screen report previews and downloadable PDF reports for different interview types, enabling immediate candidate feedback and institutional monitoring.

Security and Reliability Measures

To ensure secure system operation, the platform incorporates several production-grade safeguards including JWT-based authentication, role-based access control, request throttling, validation pipelines, secure HTTP headers, and controlled CORS policies. Additional protections such as login-attempt lockouts and guarded API endpoints help prevent unauthorized access and maintain system reliability.

Operational Data Strategy

Instead of relying on static datasets or locally trained machine learning models, the platform operates using runtime user interaction data generated during interview sessions. External AI services provide model intelligence for question generation, transcription, and evaluation through API-based integration. This design enables rapid deployment, flexible upgrades of AI components, and scalable system operation.

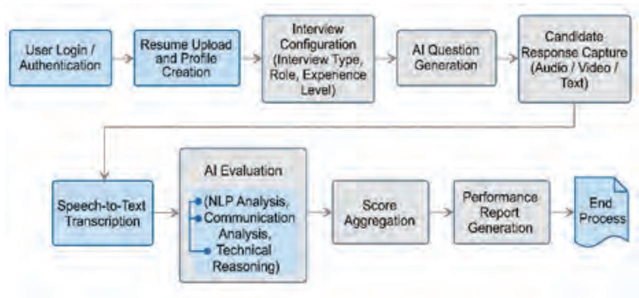

Fig. 1. Workflow of the Mockzenix AI Mock Interview System

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed platform is designed as a secure and modular full-stack architecture that supports AI-enabled interview preparation. The architecture follows a layered design approach that separates the presentation layer, application logic, data persistence, and external AI service integration. This separation of concerns improves system maintainability, scalability, and extensibility.

At the presentation layer, the system uses a Next.js and React-based client interface that provides role-specific dashboards for both students and administrators. Student users can perform actions such as authentication, profile and resume management, interview configuration, response submission, and viewing performance reports. Administrative users are provided with monitoring dashboards that enable interview analytics, candidate profile management, resume oversight, and data export functionality for institutional analysis.

The application layer is implemented using a NestJS backend that organizes system functionality into service-oriented modules. These modules handle authentication, profile management, interview orchestration, resume intelligence, analytics processing, and report generation. Interview execution is modeled as a lifecycle pipeline consisting of session creation, dynamic question generation, response capture, automated evaluation, and report generation. This design ensures consistent workflow execution across verbal, behavioral, and technical interview types while maintaining traceable session states.

The data layer is supported by PostgreSQL with TypeORM for relational data management. The database schema stores normalized entities such as user profiles, resumes, interview sessions, response records, AI evaluation logs, and generated reports. This structure enables reliable transaction handling and supports long-term performance analysis across multiple interview attempts.

The external services layer integrates cloud-based AI and utility services through secure APIs. These services support large language model–based question generation and evaluation, speech-to-text transcription, text-to-speech interaction, media storage for uploaded content, and email-based notifications.

Security is implemented as a cross-cutting concern throughout the system. The platform incorporates JWT-based authentication, role-based access control, request throttling, input validation, CORS policies, and secure middleware layers. These mechanisms ensure that AI-enabled interview evaluation is supported by strong operational security while maintaining flexibility for future model integration and feature expansion.

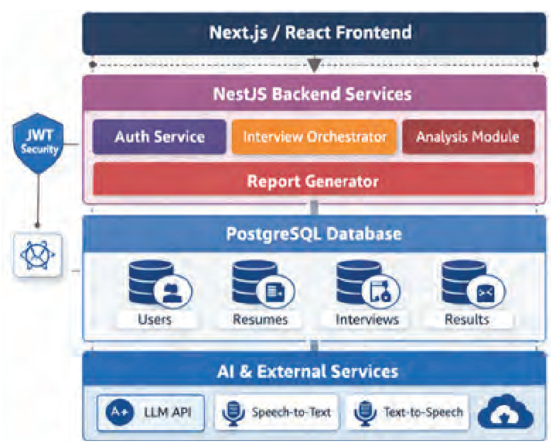

Fig. 2. Microservices Architecture of the Mockzenix Platform

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

The system is implemented as a TypeScript-based full-stack application with clearly separated frontend and backend repositories. Communication between components is established through RESTful API contracts that follow consistent interview-domain semantics.

Frontend Implementation

The frontend is built using Next.js (App Router) with

React and TypeScript, where routing is organized into access-based groups such as public, authentication, user, and administrator routes to support role-specific navigation and interface rendering. The user interface is structured through reusable components including forms, tables, cards, dialogs, and data visualization charts, while feature modules are organized around core domains such as authentication, interview management, profiles, resumes, reports, and leaderboard analytics.

Interview interfaces follow a multi-step workflow that includes interview type selection, configuration, response submission, and performance report visualization. Browser-based media APIs enable capture of audio and video responses during interview sessions. Client-side service layers handle API communication, token management, error normalization, and endpoint abstraction. For additional security, speech transcription requests are routed through a server-side API endpoint, ensuring that speech-processing services and related credentials remain protected from direct client-side exposure

Backend Implementation

The backend is implemented using NestJS, following a modular service-oriented architecture. Major modules include:

- Authentication module: handles user registration, login, OTP verification, password reset workflows, JWT token issuance, and role-based access control.
- User module: manages profile creation, resume uploads, dashboard functionality, and interview access.
- Interview modules: support verbal, behavioral, and technical interview workflows including question generation, response submission, evaluation, scoring, and lifecycle management.
- Analytics and reporting modules: generate candidate performance insights and provide downloadable or previewable reports.
- Admin module: enables student management, interview monitoring, resume oversight, and data export operations.

Shared infrastructure modules support cloud media storage, email services, logging utilities, and centralized security policies such as throttling and request validation.

Database and Entity Model

The platform uses PostgreSQL as its primary data store, with TypeORM used for object-relational mapping and entity management. Core database entities include users, profiles, resumes, interviews, interview-type-specific records (verbal, behavioral, technical), AI evaluation logs, and report tracking artifacts.

The database schema supports relationships such as:

- one user associated with multiple interview sessions and resume records,
- interview sessions linked to specialized evaluation records, and
- storage of transcripts, question–answer pairs, scores, timestamps, and metadata.

Database migrations are used to manage schema evolution and introduce security-related attributes such as login-attempt tracking.

API Design and Integration Flow

The backend provides RESTful API endpoints organized into functional modules including authentication, user management, interviews, analytics, administration, and reporting. API workflows follow the interview lifecycle, starting from session creation and question generation to response submission, evaluation processing, report retrieval, and report download.

The system integrates external services through secure API connectors, including large language model–based generation and evaluation services, speech transcription and synthesis services, cloud storage for media and resume files, and email services for OTP verification and notifications. The API layer also enforces input validation, role-based access control, rate limiting, and standardized exception handling to maintain system reliability and security.

Deployment-Oriented Engineering Considerations

The system incorporates several production-oriented engineering practices, including environment-based configuration validation, global request validation pipelines, secure HTTP headers, controlled CORS policies, and rate-limiting mechanisms.

These measures ensure that the platform remains secure, maintainable, and scalable for institutional deployment scenarios.

AI/ML & NLP INTEGRATION

The platform adopts an API-driven artificial intelligence architecture, where NLP and speech-processing capabilities are provided through external foundation models rather than locally trained machine learning models. This approach reduces model management overhead while enabling flexible integration of evolving AI services.

At the question-generation layer, interview prompts are dynamically generated based on role selection, experience level, interview type, and optional resume context. Verbal interviews generate balanced questions across communication categories such as listening, speaking, reading comprehension, and soft skills. Behavioral interviews produce scenario-based questions and follow-up prompts aligned with the STAR (Situation–Task–Action–Result) methodology. Technical interviews generate role-specific questions with difficulty calibrated to candidate experience.

At the speech-processing layer, candidate audio responses are transcribed through a secure server-side transcription pipeline using OpenAI Whisper (whisper-1). For conversational interaction and interview narration, Google Text-to-Speech is integrated to generate spoken prompts.

At the semantic evaluation layer, specialized model pipelines analyze candidate responses according to interview type:

- Verbal evaluation: uses LLM-based scoring with constraints on relevance, clarity, grammar, and communication fluency, including filler-word detection.
- Behavioral evaluation: applies rubric-driven STAR-based reasoning analysis to assess conceptual depth and communication quality.
- Technical evaluation: uses structured JSON-based prompts to score response correctness, reasoning depth, and follow-up explanation quality.

For resume intelligence, uploaded PDF resumes undergo text extraction and AI-based structuring using Google Gemini, converting unstructured documents into structured candidate profiles that guide question generation and evaluation.

Across all modules, prompt templates enforce structured outputs and scoring consistency. Evaluation scores are aggregated from question-level assessments to category-level summaries and final interview-level performance reports. This design ensures that feedback remains interpretable for both candidate self-improvement and administrative performance analytics.

DATASET AND DATA FLOW

The system follows an operational data paradigm in which the effective dataset is generated dynamically from user interactions rather than relying on a predefined benchmark dataset. Data is continuously produced through user profiles, resume uploads, interview configurations, candidate responses, speech transcripts, and AI-generated evaluation outputs, which collectively support performance analysis and personalized feedback.

Data originates from multiple components of the platform, including user registration details, profile metadata, uploaded resumes (PDF or DOC), interview configuration parameters such as role and experience level, question–response records from interview sessions, audio or video recordings of candidate responses, and AI-generated evaluation outputs containing scores and feedback.

The resulting dataset exhibits semi-structured characteristics, consisting of structured elements such as user attributes, timestamps, session states, and evaluation scores, along with unstructured content including resume text, interview transcripts, and free-form responses. Media recordings are stored through secure cloud storage references. Instead of maintaining local training datasets or model checkpoints, the system relies on external AI services while operational interaction data is used for analytics and reporting.

During processing, resume documents undergo text extraction and AI-assisted parsing to derive normalized fields such as skills, education, and professional experience. Audio responses are converted into textual transcripts using speech-to-text services, and candidate responses are normalized and linked with question-level database records. AI-generated evaluation outputs are transformed into structured score components for storage and analysis.

The system workflow begins with user registration and optional resume submission, followed by interview session initialization based on contextual parameters. Interview questions are generated dynamically, responses are captured through text, audio, or video inputs, and transcripts are produced when necessary. AI models then generate evaluations and feedback, after which responses, media references, and evaluation outputs are stored in relational database entities. The stored data is later retrieved for analytics dashboards and performance reports.

Relational database persistence ensures traceability across interview sessions by linking users, sessions, responses, transcripts, and evaluation outputs. This architecture enables longitudinal performance tracking, cross-session comparison, and administrative analytics without requiring externally curated datasets.

FEATURE MODULES AND FUNCTIONAL WORKFLOWS

The proposed platform is structured around modular functional workflows designed to support both student users and administrative users. The system enables students to practice interview scenarios while allowing institutions to monitor performance and generate analytical insights.

Student-side workflows include secure authentication with OTP verification, profile management, resume uploading, interview configuration, response submission through text, audio, or video inputs, automated AI-based evaluation, and report visualization or download. These features provide an end-to-end interview preparation environment.

The interview process follows a standardized lifecycle consisting of session creation, question generation, response capture, evaluation processing, score aggregation, and final report generation. This lifecycle ensures that each interview session is recorded, evaluated, and analyzed systematically.

The system implements three specialized interview modules:

- Verbal Interview Module: focuses on evaluating communication skills such as clarity, fluency, grammar, and response relevance.
- Behavioral Interview Module: evaluates candidate responses using the STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) methodology and generates contextual follow-up questions.
- Technical Interview Module: evaluates problem-solving ability, conceptual reasoning, and correctness of responses based on role-specific knowledge.

In addition to student modules, the platform provides administrative dashboards that allow institutions to monitor interview activity, analyze performance trends, and export evaluation reports. These modules enable educators or placement coordinators to track candidate readiness and identify areas for improvement.

SECURITY AND PRIVACY MECHANISMS

The platform uses a defense-in-depth security architecture to protect user identities, interview responses, and evaluation data through multiple layers including authentication, authorization, API protection, and secure data storage. User authentication is implemented using JWT-based session management with Passport.js, while passwords are hashed using the bcrypt algorithm with salting, ensuring that plaintext credentials are never stored. To reduce brute-force attacks, the system monitors failed login attempts and temporarily locks accounts after repeated failures, and OTP-based verification is used for password recovery and account validation.

Authorization is enforced through Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), separating student and administrator privileges. All protected endpoints require JWT verification and role validation before access is granted, while only explicitly defined public routes remain accessible without authentication. API security is further strengthened through secure HTTP headers using Helmet middleware, controlled CORS policies, input validation, and request throttling. Rate limiting is applied to sensitive endpoints such as login, registration, and OTP verification to mitigate automated attacks.

Sensitive information including user profiles, interview transcripts, and resume-derived attributes is securely stored within backend-managed infrastructure, while uploaded media and resume documents are maintained through secure cloud storage services. API keys used for AI integrations are stored exclusively on the server side to prevent client-side exposure. Collectively, these mechanisms provide a secure foundation for the platform by combining strong authentication, controlled authorization, API protection, and secure data management.

The implemented platform was evaluated through multiple end-to-end mock interview sessions covering verbal, behavioral, and technical interview modes. The evaluation focused on system functionality, scoring consistency, feedback quality, and reliability of report generation. Because the system operates on live interaction data rather than benchmark datasets, performance assessment was conducted through practical workflow execution and system behavior during simulated interview sessions. Results showed that the platform successfully executed the full interview lifecycle, including interview configuration, AI-driven question generation, response capture, automated evaluation, and report generation. Each module produced structured outputs aligned with the platform's rubric-based scoring framework, and the system demonstrated consistent feedback generation for similar response patterns, indicating reliable automated scoring and performance interpretation.

Table 1: Interview Module Evaluation Results

Module	Evaluation Basis	Observed Output Pattern	Discussion
Verbal Interview	Communication scoring based on clarity, fluency, grammar, and relevance	Multi-question interview sessions with structured feedback for each response	Effective for identifying communication gaps and improving speaking clarity
Behavioral Interview	STAR-based evaluation of situation handling and response structure	Conceptual critique with component-wise scoring and follow-up questions	Useful for analyzing behavioral reasoning and interview storytelling ability
Technical Interview	Correctness, explanation quality, and reasoning depth	Detailed technical feedback with readiness indicators	Simulates practical interview-style technical evaluation

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

This section compares the proposed AI Interview Mocker system with commonly used interview preparation tools such as static aptitude platforms and conversational AI interview assistants.

Table 2: Comparison of Interview Preparation Platforms

Capability	Static Practice Platforms	AI Chat Interview Bots	Proposed AI Interview Mocker
Interview Modes	Usually single format (MCQ or text)	Conversational Q&A	Verbal + Behavioral + Technical interviews
Evaluation Depth	Limited scoring	Unstructured textual feedback	Structured rubric-based scoring
Resume Personalization	Minimal	Partial	Resume-aware interview generation
Report Generation	Rare	Usually unavailabe	Downloadable performance reports
Administrative Analytics	Limited	Not available	Dedicated analytics dashboards

LIMITATIONS

Despite its capabilities, the proposed system has several limitations. The accuracy of automated evaluation depends on the performance of external AI services used for speech transcription and language analysis. Factors such as background noise, pronunciation variations, and mixed-language responses may influence transcription quality and evaluation accuracy.

Furthermore, while automated scoring provides structured insights, it cannot completely replicate the contextual judgment and experience of human interviewers. The system also depends on external AI APIs, which may introduce response latency or service availability limitations.

Finally, the current implementation focuses on system functionality and workflow evaluation rather than large-scale empirical deployment. Therefore, long-term impact on employment outcomes has not yet been validated through extensive user studies.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future development of the platform may focus on incorporating advanced multimodal analysis techniques including facial expression detection, eye contact tracking, and posture analysis through computer vision methods.Additional improvements may include multilingual interview support, adaptive question generation based on user performance, and personalized learning recommendations. Integration with recruiter dashboards could also enable organizations to use the platform for preliminary candidate screening and talent assessment.

CONCLUSION

This paper presented the design and development of an AI-based interview preparation platform that integrates resume analysis, interview simulation, and automated evaluation within a unified web system.

The proposed architecture combines modern full-stack web technologies with artificial intelligence techniques including natural language processing and speech analysis. By supporting structured mock interviews, automated scoring, and performance analytics, the platform provides a scalable solution for improving interview readiness among students and job seekers.

Although certain limitations remain, particularly regarding reliance on external AI services and dataset diversity, the system demonstrates strong potential for enhancing traditional interview preparation methods. With further improvements and large-scale deployment studies, the platform may evolve into a comprehensive AI-driven career preparation ecosystem.

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Transforming Wireless Networks with Artificial Intelligence: Present Landscape and Future Perspectives

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ABSTRACT

The rapid evolution of wireless communication networks and the exponential growth of connected devices have created unprecedented demands for higher data rates, ultra-low latency, intelligent resource management, and reliable connectivity. Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly machine learning and deep learning techniques, has emerged as a transformative technology capable of addressing many of the complex challenges faced by modern wireless systems. This paper explores the convergence of AI and wireless communications, providing a comprehensive overview of the current research landscape and emerging technological trends. It examines how AI-driven approaches are being integrated into various layers of wireless networks, including physical layer signal processing, network optimization, spectrum management, channel estimation, traffic prediction, and resource allocation. The paper also highlights the role of AI in enabling autonomous and self-organizing networks, which are essential for next-generation communication systems such as beyond-5G and 6G networks. Furthermore, the study reviews recent advancements in edge intelligence, federated learning, and AI-enabled network orchestration that support scalable, efficient, and adaptive wireless infrastructures. Despite the significant potential of AI-based wireless systems, several challenges remain, including data privacy concerns, computational complexity, energy consumption, model interpretability, and standardization issues. This paper discusses these open research challenges and identifies promising future directions for integrating AI with wireless communication technologies. The convergence of AI and wireless networking is expected to redefine the design and operation of future communication systems, enabling intelligent, autonomous, and highly efficient networks capable of supporting emerging applications such as smart cities, autonomous transportation, immersive communication, and massive Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystems.

KEYWORDS : *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Wireless Communications, 6G Networks, Network Optimization, Edge Intelligence, Federated Learning, Internet of Things (IoT), Intelligent Networks.*

INTRODUCTION

Let's take a look at where we expect the global telecommunications industry to be positioned in 2026. Nearly everyone working in telecom will have shifted their mindset from integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) to existing networks to designing networks that are AI native. 5G-Advanced will be reaching maturity, and we'll have seen the end of the "black-box" era of AI and the beginning of a paradigm where intelligence is an intrinsic layer of the physical (PHY) and medium access control (MAC) layers.[1]

Three main factors are driving the convergence of wireless communications and artificial intelligence. First, standard closed-form mathematical modeling is no longer able to handle the increasing complexity of heterogeneous networks, which include terrestrial cells, non-terrestrial networks (NTN), and ultra-dense IoT installations. Second, a single neural architecture can now handle channel estimation, beamforming, and interference cancellation with previously unheard-of generalization because to the emergence of Wireless Foundation Models (WFMs), which offer a unified framework for cross-domain tasks. Lastly, AI-driven "Green Communications," in which deep reinforcement learning agents control the micro-second sleep cycles of Massive MIMO arrays to lower the global carbon footprint of connectivity, has become necessary due to commercial pressure for energy-sustainable networking. [2].

There is some technological resistance to this convergence, though. Significant issues with inference delay, computational overhead, and data privacy arise when generative agents and Large Language Models (LLMs) are integrated into network orchestration. Furthermore, the Shannon-inspired transmission models that have guided wireless systems for decades need to be completely rethought in light of the advent of Semantic Communication and Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC) as we get closer to the 6G horizon..

This paper offers a thorough summary of various contemporary concepts. We start by examining the current "AI-RAN" (Radio Access Network) deployments that characterize the environment in 2026. The technical foundations of AI-native air interfaces and the transition to semantic-level intelligence are then discussed. Lastly, we outline a plan for further investigation, emphasizing the function of decentralized AI. Finally, we delineate a roadmap for future research, focusing on the role of decentralized AI and quantum-safe networking in the 6G era.

Figure 1: Architectural Transition. This diagram compares the system architecture of 5G-Advanced (top panel) with the proposed AI-native 6G vision (circa 2030, bottom panel). In 5G-Advanced, traditional, functional wireless blocks (light blue) are rigid, and AI is integrated externally (orange) as optimization 'patches.' In the AI-native 6G model, the PHY and MAC layers are flattened into an optimized, end-to-end neural network that jointly optimizes signalling, resource allocation, and semantic communication, resulting in a more efficient "Compute & Connectivity Fabric[4].

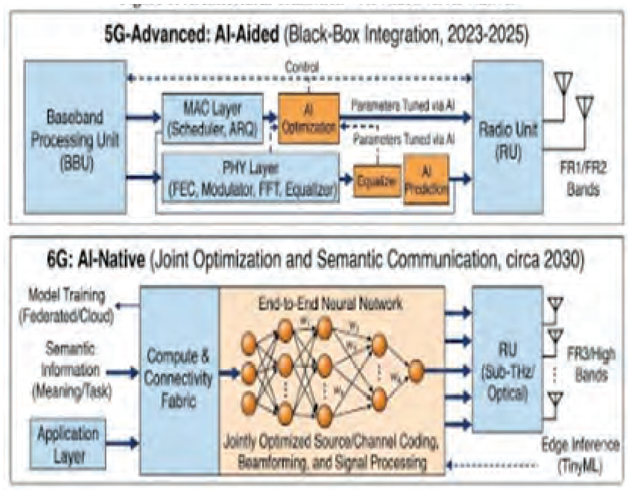

Fig. 1. Architectural Transition- AI-aided vs. AI-Nitive

EVOLUTION OF WIRELESS SYSTEMS AND THE NEED FOR AI

Artificial intelligence techniques are increasingly being applied in wireless communication systems to address difficult optimization and decision-making problems. Supervised learning is widely used for applications such as signal identification, modulation classification, and channel estimation due to its high accuracy when labeled datasets are available. However, unsupervised learning techniques are useful for spectrum sensing, anomaly detection, and traffic grouping because they can find patterns in unlabeled RF data. Reinforcement learning (RL) is particularly helpful for dynamic resource management tasks like power distribution, spectrum access, and network scheduling because it enables adaptive decision-making in dynamic network contexts. [5].

Deep learning algorithms greatly increase system efficiency in complex wireless applications.

Because deep neural networks (DNNs) can simulate nonlinear wireless channels, they are utilized in beamforming optimization and signal detection. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are helpful for spectrogram analysis and RF signal classification, whereas recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and LSTM models capture temporal correlations and are commonly used for traffic and mobility prediction. In distributed wireless scenarios, federated learning enables cooperative model training across edge devices while protecting data privacy. Additionally, generative adversarial networks (GANs) are used for channel modeling and the creation of synthetic RF data, while TinyML and edge AI enable lightweight machine learning models to run directly on low-power IoT devices for real-time inference. [6].

Evolution Toward Ultra-Complex Networks

During the transition from 4G to 5G, massive MIMO, millimeter-wave communications, network slicing, and cloud-native architectures were all introduced. Future 6G systems are expected to have integrated sensing, terahertz communications, and AI-native protocols. The system's dimensionality and layer interdependencies both rise as a result of these developments. [7].

Genera tion	Key Technology	Limitations	Role of AI
4G	OFDMA, MIMO	Static optimization	Traffic prediction
5G	Massive MIMO, mmWave	Complex scheduling	Beamforming optimization
6G	THz, ISAC	Ultra complexity	AI-native architecture

Limitations of Conventional Optimization

Power allocation, beam selection, and scheduling are examples of wireless optimization problems that are frequently non-convex and computationally costly. User mobility, interference dynamics, and channel randomness are not adequately captured by analytical models. Furthermore, static rule-based systems are unable to successfully adjust to changes in the environment in real time. [8].

AI as an Enabling Paradigm

AI provides data-driven modeling that may approximate intricate non-linear mappings without the need for explicit mathematical formulas. Learning-based systems are capable of dynamic performance metric optimization, traffic behavior prediction, and continual adaptation. Self-organizing networks (SON), automatic problem detection, and proactive resource management are made possible by AI. [9].

Federated and Edge Learning

Federated learning allows distributed model training across edge devices without centralizing raw data, preserving privacy and reducing backhaul load.

Edge intelligence reduces latency and supports real-time inference, making it suitable for ultra-reliable low-latency communications (URLLC).

CURRENT LANDSCAPE

The current state of wireless communications is characterized by a "Great Convergence," where the traditional silos of compute and connectivity have merged.

The Maturation of AI-RAN (Radio Access Network)

The AI-RAN Alliance, which includes industry titans like NVIDIA, SoftBank, Nokia, and Ericsson, transitioned from white papers to large-scale deployments in 2026..

Shared Infrastructure: Fixed-function ASICs are no longer used for every task in modern base stations. Rather, they use GPU-accelerated RAN (like NVIDIA Aerial), which enables the same hardware to manage edge AI inference (such hosting a local LLM for manufacturing robots) and 5G/6G signal processing.

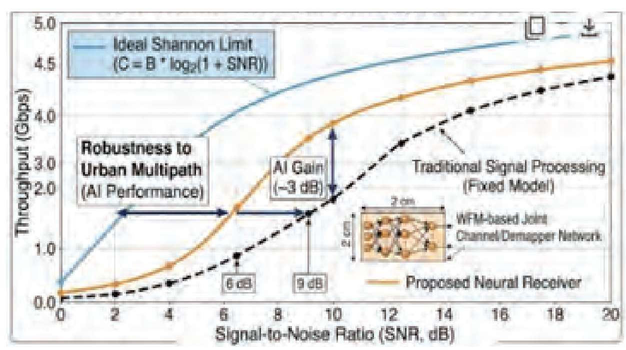

Fig. 2. Performance Analysis Plot

Neural Receivers: Neural networks are taking the place of conventional signal processing blocks including channel estimation, equalization, and demapping. By learning the unique "fingerprint" of a city's multipath environment instead than depending on generalized mathematical models, these "neural receivers" have shown 2-3 dB increases in link budget in crowded urban trials.10]

This technical figure is an analytical throughput (Gbps) vs. SNR (dB) plot. Simulation parameters: 64-QAM modulation, 20 MHz bandwidth, Rayleigh fading channel, and neural receiver implemented using a 4-layer CNN. It serves as crucial "data-backed" evidence of paper's technical argument. It clearly contrasts:

- Fixed Model (Traditional): The dashed line showing typical throughput drop-off in high interference.
- Proposed Neural Receiver: The solid orange line, which demonstrates a clear, annotated AI Gain of approximately 3 dB over the traditional method in the critical low-SNR (high-interference) range. This proves the AI model's robustness in complex, urban multipath environments.

Wireless Foundation Models (WFMs)

A major milestone in wireless AI research emerged with the release of the first Wireless Foundation Models.

Multimodal RF Understanding: Unlike previous task-specific models, WFMs are pre-trained on massive datasets of IQ signals, Channel State Information (CSI), and spectrograms.

Zero-Shot Adaptation: A single WFM can now be fine-tuned for diverse tasks—from RF fingerprinting (identifying a specific device by its hardware imperfections) to indoor positioning—with minimal training data, significantly reducing the "AI deployment overhead" for operators).

Agentic AI & Autonomous Orchestration

The ability of humans to administer 5G-Advanced and early 6G networks has been exceeded by their complexity. Agentic AI frameworks are already the norm for network operations in 2026.

Intent-Driven Management: Instead of "tuning" parameters, operators set high-level objectives (such as "Prioritize low-latency for the port's autonomous cranes"). After that, AI agents independently manage power cycles, modify beamforming weights, and reorganize slices.

Self-Healing Cores: AI agents now oversee the User

TinyML and the Extreme Edge

Intelligence has migrated to the very edge of the network—the user equipment (UE).

AI-Native Silicon: 2026-era microcontrollers (e.g., Nordic nRF54L, Ambarella CV7) now include dedicated Neural Processing Units (NPUs).

Energy-Efficient Inference: By using TinyML, IoT sensors can perform complex signal classification or anomaly detection locally, reducing radio transmissions by up to 80% and drastically extending battery life. This has enabled "always-on" AI in wearables and industrial sensors that were previously too power-constrained for intelligence.[11]

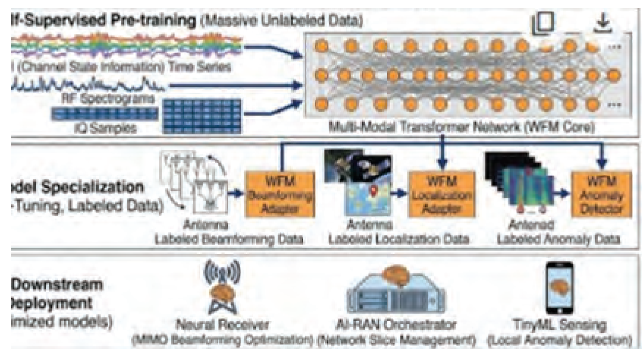

Fig. 3. Wireless Foundation Models

This technical diagram visualizes the shift toward "Wireless Foundation Models" (WFMs), which mirrors the development of LLMs in NLP. It illustrates a three-step process:

1. Pre-training: Massive unlabeled RF data (CSI, Spectrograms, IQ) train a multi-modal transformer core.
2. Specialization: The core model is fine-tuned with smaller, labeled datasets for specific tasks.
3. Deployment: Optimized "TinyWFM" models are deployed as specialized agents: one in a base station (Neural Receiver), one in a server (AI-RAN Orchestrator), and one in a phone (TinyML Sensing).

TECHNICAL OUTLINE: FUTURE DIRECTIONS

This section focuses on the 2026–2030 roadmap, where the network moves from "connecting people" to "connecting intelligence."

The Shift to Semantic & Goal-Oriented Communications

Bit-perfect transmission (Shannon's limit) is the main emphasis of traditional systems. The significance of data will be given top priority in future AI-native networks.

Knowledge Base Integration: Reducing data overhead by up to 90% by creating shared semantic ontologies between transmitter and receiver.

Task-Aware Resource Allocation: Setting packet priorities not just on signal strength but also on the objective (such as "avoid collision" in V2X).

Semantic Noise Robustness: When standard bit-recovery fails in high-interference conditions, generative AI is used to rebuild "corrupted" semantic meaning..[12]

Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC)

In the 6G era, the network itself becomes a sensor, using RF signals to "see" the world.

Native AI Perception: Using AI to process multi-static radar-like reflections from 6G signals to enable centimeter-level localization and gesture recognition without dedicated sensors.

Predictive Digital Twins: Leveraging real-time sensing data to maintain a "Digital Twin" of the RF environment, allowing AI agents to predict and bypass blockages before they occur. [13]

Privacy-Preserving Sensing: Investigating Federated Learning and Differential Privacy to ensure environment sensing does not compromise user anonymity.

Wireless Foundation Models (WFMs) & Generative AI

Moving away from task-specific models toward "General Purpose Wireless Intelligence."

Large Wireless Models (LWM): Pre-training transformer-based models on massive multi-scenario RF datasets (CSI, beam patterns) for zero-shot adaptation to new cities or spectrum bands.

Generative Air Interfaces: Using Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) or Diffusion models to synthesize optimal waveforms and constellation mappings in real-time based on instantaneous channel conditions.

Distillation for TinyML: Techniques to compress 100B+ parameter foundation models into "TinyML" agents capable of running on sub-watt IoT devices. [14]

Sustainability and Green AI-Native Networks As

AI increases the computational load, "Energy-per-Inference" becomes a critical KPI alongside "Bits-per-Hertz."

AI-Driven Energy Harvesting: Using Reinforcement Learning to optimize the power cycles of massive MIMO arrays and Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS).

Neuromorphic Communication: Exploring event-based signal processing and spiking neural networks (SNNs) to reduce the power consumption of AI-native receivers.

Circular AI Economy: Developing "Collaborative Inference" frameworks where idle user devices contribute compute power to the network core, balancing the global energy footprint. [15]

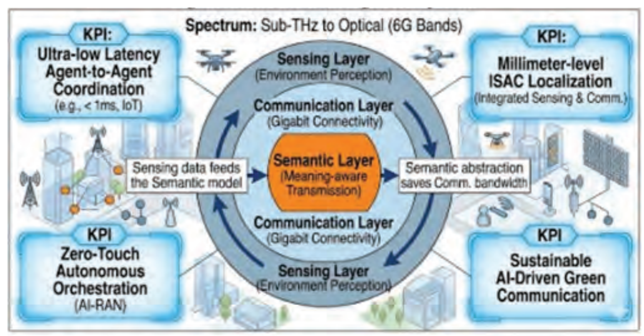

Fig. 4. The 6G converged ecosystem

CONCLUSION

The confluence of wireless communications and artificial intelligence has developed into the definitive architectural foundation of the connectivity landscape in 2026, moving beyond a theoretical research trend. The shift from "AI-aided" 5G systems to "AI-native" 6G frameworks signifies a fundamental rethinking of the communication stack, as this research has shown. Neural networks can perform better than traditional signal processing in the complex, non-linear settings of dense urban and industrial deployments, as demonstrated by the commercial deployment of AI-RAN and the development of Wireless Foundation Models (WFMs). [16].

The road to a completely self-sufficient "Intelligent Connectivity of0020All Things" is still difficult, though. The "triple constraint" of latency, power, and privacy must now be addressed by the research community. The next big battlegrounds will be the integration of Semantic Communication and Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC), which calls for a change in emphasis from bit-level accuracy to task-oriented intelligence. Furthermore, the development of "Green AI" will be crucial to ensuring that the computational benefits of deep learning do not come at an unsustainable environmental cost as the industry works toward 3GPP Release 20 and the formalization of 6G standards.

In the end, conveying meaning and intelligence across the network edge is more important for the future of wireless than just transferring more data. The paradigms established today will determine whether 6G becomes a passive pipe or a pervasive, self-healing, and sentient fabric that serves as the nervous system for the global digital economy.

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Integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Engineering Education: A Review

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ABSTRACT

In the twenty-first century, engineering education is increasingly required to address contemporary issues such as sustainability, ethical technological advancement, and cross-disciplinary innovation. In this evolving academic landscape, the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) into engineering education has become a significant educational reform in India. Guided by the vision of the National Education Policy 2020, higher education institutions are encouraged to incorporate indigenous knowledge systems into modern curricula. Indian Knowledge Systems represent centuries of scholarly contributions across diverse fields, including agriculture, mathematics, medicine, metallurgy, architecture, and environmental stewardship. This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the integration of IKS in engineering education by examining conceptual foundations, teaching models, institutional initiatives, and barriers to implementation. Through qualitative analysis of academic literature, policy documents, and educational initiatives, the research highlights several benefits, including holistic learning, ethical engineering practices, sustainable technological development, and culturally relevant problem-solving. It also identifies challenges such as the lack of standardised curriculum frameworks, insufficient faculty preparedness, and concerns regarding scientific validation. The study proposes a systematic framework for integrating IKS into engineering programmes through interdisciplinary teaching, experiential learning, and collaborative research. Combining ancient wisdom with contemporary technological knowledge can enrich engineering education and foster sustainable, socially responsible innovation.

KEYWORDS *: Indian Knowledge Systems, Engineering Education, NEP 2020, Sustainable Innovation, Indigenous Knowledge.*

INTRODUCTION

Engineering education has traditionally focused on technical skills and scientific principles to address industrial and technological problems. The complexity of modern global challenges has created a need for educational structures that integrate ethical awareness, cultural context, and sustainability into engineering practices. Contemporary engineering education aims to develop both technical abilities and socially conscious, innovative problem solvers. Likewise, Cardoso & Chanin, in their article "The History of Engineering Education: Learning from the Past to Design the Future", outline the evolution of engineering education from ancient civilisations to modern times. They emphasise the mutual development of engineering and society, with each influencing the other. In ancient times, engineers focused on practical construction projects such as pyramids, with little formal training. During the middle Ages, knowledge became confined to universities, while practical skills declined. The modern era saw the integration of scientific concepts into engineering, leading to the establishment of specialised engineering institutions. Today, engineering education faces new challenges related to sustainability, Industry 4.0, and employability, requiring a shift towards more student-centred, project-based learning approaches [9]. Therefore, the present era highlights the need for engineering programmes to adapt to the rapidly changing technological and social landscape.

India has a rich intellectual tradition known as Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), encompassing fields such as mathematics, astronomy, architecture, metallurgy, medicine, environmental science, and philosophy. These knowledge traditions developed over centuries through organised observation, experimentation, and philosophical exploration. Academics argue that many traditional practices demonstrate significant scientific understanding and sustainability-focused perspectives that remain relevant in contemporary technological contexts [8]. In their research paper entitled "Storytelling Traditions in Indian Knowledge Systems: A Comparative Study of Pañcatantra and Hitopadesha", focused on storytelling traditions since the Vedic period, in which the oral tradition has preserved ancient knowledge, language, and cultural heritage. They write:

India has one of the most celebrated oral traditions in the world. It is deeply rooted in both oral and written narrative heritage. It has been serving as a powerful tool for knowledge related to human values, morality, deep philosophical explorations, cultural heritage, and statecraft. Indian storytelling traditions range from ancient epics to regional folktales [7].

The National Education Policy 2020 recognises the importance of India's extensive and rich legacy of enduring knowledge and philosophy. It states that the pursuit of knowledge (Jnan), wisdom (Pragyaa), and truth (Satya) has always been considered the highest human goal in Indian philosophy and thought. The policy aims to preserve, enhance, and revitalise the fundamental contributions of renowned Indian scholars and figures in fields such as mathematics, astronomy, metallurgy, medical science, architecture, and others. The policy emphasises that the curriculum and teaching methods should be firmly rooted in Indian and local contexts, including culture, traditions, heritage, customs, language, philosophy, and indigenous and traditional learning approaches. It proposes integrating Indian Knowledge Systems, such as tribal wisdom and indigenous practices, into various subjects and disciplines [10].

Historical examples demonstrate the advanced technology of ancient Indian knowledge systems. Ancient metalworking methods, such as the corrosion-resistant Delhi Iron Pillar, showcase a sophisticated understanding of material science. Similarly, traditional water management systems, including step wells and tank irrigation, demonstrate sustainable engineering methods that effectively utilised natural resources [11].

Incorporating IKS into engineering education offers several benefits. It can inspire students to explore diverse technological approaches, promote sustainability-focused mindsets, and enhance cultural understanding. However, practical challenges remain, such as the absence of structured curricular frameworks, limited interdisciplinary training for instructors, and the need for scientific validation of traditional knowledge. This study examines the integration of Indian Knowledge Systems into engineering education by systematically reviewing current literature and policy initiatives. It also presents a conceptual framework to support effective implementation within engineering programmes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The integration of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) into formal education has received increasing scholarly attention in recent decades. Indigenous knowledge comprises accumulated experiences, practices, and observations developed by communities through long-term interaction with their environment. Unlike conventional academic knowledge systems, which are often divided into specific disciplines, indigenous knowledge is typically holistic, integrating ecological, cultural, and technological insights within everyday practices. Scholars argue that incorporating such knowledge into modern education can promote sustainability-oriented thinking and increase the relevance of academic learning to real-world challenges. [1]

Traditional education models have largely privileged Western scientific frameworks, often overlooking local knowledge traditions that have historically guided community-based resource management and technological practices. However, recent discussions emphasise the importance of recognising multiple knowledge systems within higher education. Integrating indigenous knowledge into formal curricula not only helps preserve cultural heritage but also offers valuable insights for addressing contemporary global issues such as environmental degradation, climate change, and sustainable development. [2]

Within this broader educational discourse, engineering education has become a significant field for exploring the integration of indigenous knowledge. Engineering practices have traditionally relied on standardised scientific models and technological solutions. While these models are essential for technological advancement, they sometimes do not fully account for the cultural and ecological contexts in which technologies are applied. Indigenous knowledge can therefore serve as an important complementary framework, offering locally grounded perspectives on technological design and resource management.

Engineering education has undergone significant transformation in recent years as institutions aim to prepare graduates for increasingly complex global challenges. Scholars argue that engineering education should extend beyond purely technical training to include broader social, environmental, and cultural perspectives [3]. In this context, Indigenous Knowledge Systems offer valuable insights into sustainable engineering practices developed through generations of practical experimentation.

Indigenous engineering practices often reflect deep ecological awareness and context-sensitive problem-solving. For example, traditional architectural designs in many regions demonstrate sophisticated climate-responsive techniques that regulate temperature, ventilation, and lighting without heavy reliance on external energy sources. Similarly, indigenous water management systems have historically addressed challenges of water scarcity and seasonal variability through locally adapted technological solutions.

Despite these advantages, the integration of indigenous knowledge into engineering education remains limited. Existing curricula often prioritise universal technical models, giving minimal attention to locally developed technological practices [5]. As a result, engineering graduates may lack exposure to traditional knowledge systems that could inform more sustainable and context-sensitive technological solutions. Researchers therefore emphasise the need to incorporate indigenous knowledge perspectives within engineering programmes through innovative pedagogical approaches such as interdisciplinary learning, experiential engagement, and collaborative research [4].

Interdisciplinary education has become a key strategy for integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into technical disciplines. Engineering challenges often intersect with environmental, social, and cultural factors, making it essential for students to develop an understanding that goes beyond purely technical considerations. Interdisciplinary teaching encourages collaboration between fields such as engineering, environmental studies, social sciences, and cultural studies, enabling students to examine complex problems from multiple perspectives [9].

Furthermore, interdisciplinary teaching promotes intellectual flexibility and innovation. When students engage with different knowledge traditions, they are more likely to question assumptions and explore alternative approaches to problem-solving. Such exposure is particularly valuable in engineering education, where the ability to adapt technological solutions to diverse social and environmental contexts is increasingly important.

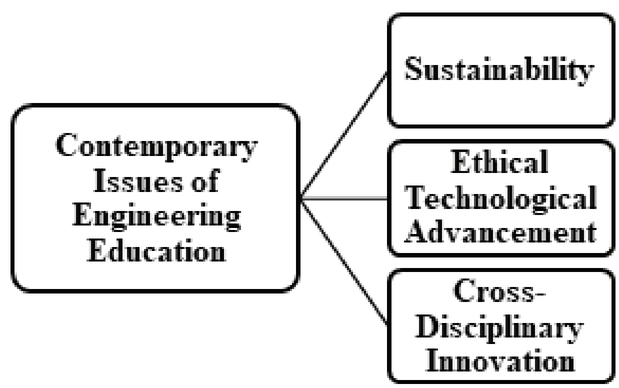

Fig. 1. Contemporary Issues of Engineering Education

Several case studies demonstrate how indigenous knowledge practices have informed sustainable engineering solutions. One well-documented example is the traditional stepwell systems of western India, which historically provided efficient water storage and groundwater recharge mechanisms in arid regions. These structures were designed to adapt to seasonal variations in rainfall while maintaining access to water throughout the year. Contemporary researchers have recognised that such traditional water management systems embody principles of sustainable engineering that remain relevant for modern water conservation efforts [6].

The literature reviewed above highlights the increasing recognition of Indigenous Knowledge Systems as a valuable resource for enhancing engineering education. Scholars consistently emphasise the potential of indigenous knowledge to contribute to sustainability, contextual problem-solving, and culturally responsive technological innovation. However, the integration of such knowledge into engineering curricula remains limited due to challenges in curriculum design, faculty preparedness, and the absence of systematic research frameworks.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study employs a qualitative and exploratory research design to examine the potential for integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) into engineering education and practice. Hence, the research is primarily descriptive and analytical. It investigates the current discourse on engineering education reforms and the growing emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and indigenous knowledge integration. By synthesising insights from previous studies, the research seeks to develop a conceptual framework that demonstrates the relevance of interdisciplinary teaching, experiential learning, and collaborative research in bridging traditional knowledge and modern engineering practice.

The study relies on secondary data obtained from various academic and policy-oriented sources, including peer-reviewed journal articles, conference proceedings, government reports, and institutional publications related to engineering education, Indigenous Knowledge Systems, and educational reforms. Relevant studies were selected for their focus on engineering pedagogy, curriculum development, experiential learning models, and community-based knowledge systems. The collected literature provides a broad understanding of the current challenges and opportunities associated with integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems into technical education.

A thematic analysis approach was used to interpret the collected literature. Key themes identified and examined included faculty preparedness, curriculum standardisation, experiential learning, interdisciplinary engagement, and collaborative knowledge production. These themes were analysed to understand how indigenous knowledge practices can complement scientific and technological frameworks within engineering education. The analysis also focused on identifying gaps in current educational models and exploring strategies to facilitate meaningful integration of traditional knowledge with modern engineering principles.

Based on the thematic analysis, the study proposes a conceptual framework highlighting three main components: interdisciplinary teaching, experiential learning, and collaborative research. Interdisciplinary teaching fosters cross-disciplinary interaction between engineering and other knowledge domains. Experiential learning encourages field-based engagement with traditional practices and community knowledge. Collaborative research facilitates partnerships between academic institutions, industry, and indigenous communities to document, validate, and apply traditional knowledge in engineering contexts.

Interdisciplinary teaching, experiential learning, and collaborative research are key strategies for addressing these challenges. By fostering dialogue between modern scientific knowledge and traditional wisdom, these approaches can help create a more inclusive and context-sensitive model of engineering education. Case studies from India and other parts of the world also demonstrate that indigenous technologies continue to offer valuable insights for addressing contemporary environmental and technological challenges.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The paper's findings highlight several structural challenges within engineering education in India, particularly in relation to curricular coherence, faculty preparedness, and the need for stronger mechanisms of academic validation. These issues collectively affect the quality of engineering training and the professional competence of graduates entering the workforce.

A major concern is the lack of standardised and responsive curricula across engineering institutions.

The rapid expansion of engineering colleges in India, particularly through private sector participation, has resulted in wide variations in course design, academic rigour, and institutional priorities. In many cases, curricula have failed to keep pace with technological advancements and evolving industry expectations. As a result, students may graduate with strong theoretical foundations but limited exposure to applied knowledge, emerging technologies, or professional competencies such as communication and teamwork. The absence of consistent curricular frameworks also leads to disparities in educational quality across institutions. Developing more coherent and flexible curricula – aligned with global engineering standards while remaining responsive to local industrial needs – could help bridge the gap between academic training and professional practice.

Another most important issue is the insufficient preparedness of engineering faculty. Although many educators have strong disciplinary knowledge, formal training in pedagogy and contemporary teaching practices is often limited. Engineering education has traditionally prioritised technical expertise, but effective teaching also requires the ability to design learner-centred classrooms, integrate technology into instruction, and promote inquiry-based learning. Without systematic professional development programmes, teaching often remains lecture-driven and content-heavy. This gap can limit students' engagement with design thinking, problem-solving, and interdisciplinary collaboration – skills that are increasingly necessary in modern engineering practice. Enhancing faculty development programmes and integrating comprehensive pre-service training can significantly improve teaching quality and learning outcomes.

The paper also highlights concerns related to scientific validation and quality assurance within engineering education. The proliferation of institutions has made it increasingly difficult for regulatory bodies to maintain consistent academic standards. Some institutions face constraints in infrastructure, research opportunities, and mechanisms for evaluating learning outcomes. Without rigorous assessment frameworks and evidence-based educational practices, it is difficult to ensure that engineering programmes meet internationally recognised benchmarks. Accreditation systems and global agreements have sought to address this challenge by promoting outcome-based education and standardised evaluation procedures. However, their effectiveness ultimately depends on consistent implementation, institutional accountability, and continuous review.

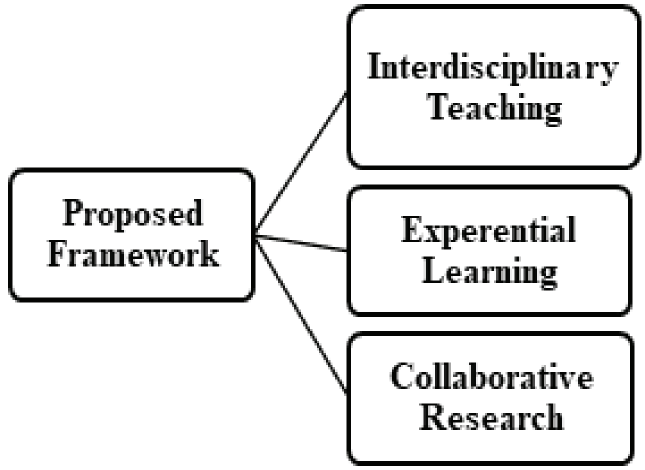

Fig. 2. Proposed Framework

These issues indicate that improving engineering education requires a comprehensive approach that addresses curricular reform, faculty capacity building, and robust quality assurance mechanisms simultaneously. Strengthening these areas would enhance the academic environment within engineering institutions and ensure that graduates are better prepared to meet the demands of an increasingly global and technologically driven professional landscape.

CONCLUSION

The study highlights the need to rethink engineering education by meaningfully integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) with contemporary scientific and technological practices. Instead of treating IKS as an isolated or supplementary element, the findings indicate that its systematic inclusion can enhance engineering education by expanding perspectives on sustainability, innovation, and context-specific problem-solving. For this integration to be effective, engineering pedagogy must move beyond rigid disciplinary boundaries and adopt more holistic and inclusive approaches to knowledge.

A key pathway identified is interdisciplinary teaching, which fosters dialogue between engineering, social sciences, environmental studies, and traditional knowledge frameworks. This approach enables students to understand how indigenous practices in areas such as water management, architecture, agriculture, and material science embody sophisticated problem-solving strategies developed through generations of experiential learning. Incorporating these perspectives into engineering curricula can help students' diverse knowledge traditions while developing solutions that are both technologically robust and culturally relevant.

Equally significant is the role of experiential learning in bridging theoretical knowledge and real-world applications. Field-based projects, community engagement, and hands-on exploration of traditional technologies enable students to observe how indigenous practices function within specific ecological and social contexts. This type of learning fosters critical thinking and reflection, allowing students to assess the relevance and adaptability of traditional knowledge to contemporary engineering challenges.

The study also highlights the importance of collaborative research in building a credible and systematic knowledge base for integrating IKS into engineering practices. Partnerships among academic institutions, local communities, researchers, and industry stakeholders facilitate the documentation, validation, and contextual adaptation of indigenous knowledge. Such collaborations not only strengthen research outcomes but also ensure that indigenous communities remain active participants in the knowledge creation process.

In conclusion, integrating IKS into engineering education requires a thoughtful and structured approach grounded in interdisciplinary dialogue, experiential engagement, and collaborative scholarship. By fostering these practices, engineering education can move towards a more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable model – one that respects traditional wisdom while addressing the complex technological challenges of the modern world.

LIMITATIONS

The study is primarily conceptual and relies on secondary data sources. While the analysis offers valuable insights into the potential integration of IKS into engineering education, empirical validation through field studies, surveys, or case-based research could further strengthen the proposed framework.

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Effect of Blade Geometry, Shaft Design, and Mass Variation on the Performance of a Savonius Vertical Axis Wind Turbine

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ABSTRACT

The design and development of a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) prototype for producing electricity from wind energy is presented in this study. The system generates alternating current (AC) by use of a generator and a vertical rotor mechanism. A bridge rectifier circuit is included to transform AC output into usable DC power because the majority of small-scale applications demand direct current (DC). The created model offers a tiny, affordable solution appropriate for urban and small-scale installations and illustrates the concepts of renewable energy conversion.

KEYWORDS *: Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT), Wind Energy Conversion, Bridge Rectifier, AC-DC Conversion, Sustainable Energy, LED.*

INTRODUCTION

Wind energy system research has intensified due to the growing demand for sustainable and renewable energy sources. One of the renewable energy technologies that is expanding the quickest in the globe is wind power. Wind alignment mechanisms are necessary for Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines (HAWT), which are the main component of conventional systems. On the other hand, (VAWT) are appropriate for low-height and urban installations and function regardless of wind direction[4][6]. The design and construction of a Savonius-type VAWT combined with an AC-to-DC conversion system utilizing a bridge rectifier is the main objective of this project.

This research presents the design and development of a Savonius Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) prototype aimed at providing a cost-effective renewable energy solution for urban and small-scale applications. The organisation of this paper is illustrated as follows: Section [II] describes the literature review and trials made to achieve model of proposed project. Section [III] gives the objective of project whereas section [IV][A][B] & [V] consists architecture of project. Section [VI] gives working principle and [VII] presents calculations and mathematical modelling of project. Section[VIII][IX][X][XI][XII][XIII]discusses on result, observation, advantages, limitations, applications and future scope of project respectively. Section [XIV] gives the conclusion of overall project model.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Wind energy conversion systems have been extensively studied over the past decades due to the global shift toward renewable energy technologies. Vertical Axis Wind Turbines (VAWTs) have gained research interest particularly for decentralized and small-scale applications[5][11].Early analytical models of wind energy extraction were based on Betz's Law, which states that no wind turbine can capture more than 59.3% of the kinetic energy available in wind. However, practical turbines achieve significantly lower efficiencies due to aerodynamic and mechanical losses.Small-scale wind turbines are highly suitable for distributed generation systems, especially in urban environments where wind direction is turbulent and inconsistent[1][12].VAWTs are advantageous in such conditions because they operate independently of wind direction.

Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Types

VAWTs are primarily classified by research into:

I] Savonius Rotor (turbine based on drag). uses the drag force theory to function. high torque at startup. ideal for low wind speeds.reduced efficiency (Cp = 0.15–0.30).

II] Aerodynamic lift powers the Darrieus Rotor, a lift-based turbine.more effective than Savonius. needs an external beginning mechanism. Savonius turbines' straightforward geometry and self-starting capability make them more feasible for small prototype and educational applications, according to comparative studies[3]

B. Choosing a Generator for Small Wind Systems. The significance of choosing a generator that corresponds with the turbine's rotational speed is emphasized in the literature. Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generators (PMSG) are recommended for small-scale wind turbines, according to numerous research studies.At low wind rates, low RPM generators increase production.When opposed to gear-based systems, direct drive methods minimize mechanical losses.Despite their limited efficiency, DC motors are frequently utilized as generators in small prototypes because they are readily available and reasonably priced.

C] Power Electronics and Rectification Systems: Wind turbines generally produce AC output, which must be converted into DC for battery charging or electronic applications. The operation of full-wave bridge rectifiers in renewable energy systems. Full-wave rectification provides better efficiency than half-wave rectification[2] .Silicon diodes introduce a forward voltage drop (~0.7V per diode). Schottky diodes reduce voltage drop and improve low-voltage performance. Capacitor filters reduce ripple factor in DC output.Recent advancements include synchronous rectification techniques to reduce conduction losses in low voltage systems.

D] Efficiency and Loss Analysis: According to several studies, aerodynamic losses, mechanical friction losses, electrical copper losses, and diode conduction losses all have an impact on the overall efficiency of small-scale VAWTs.

The generator's magnetic core losses, small Savonius turbines usually reach an overall system efficiency of 10% to 25%.

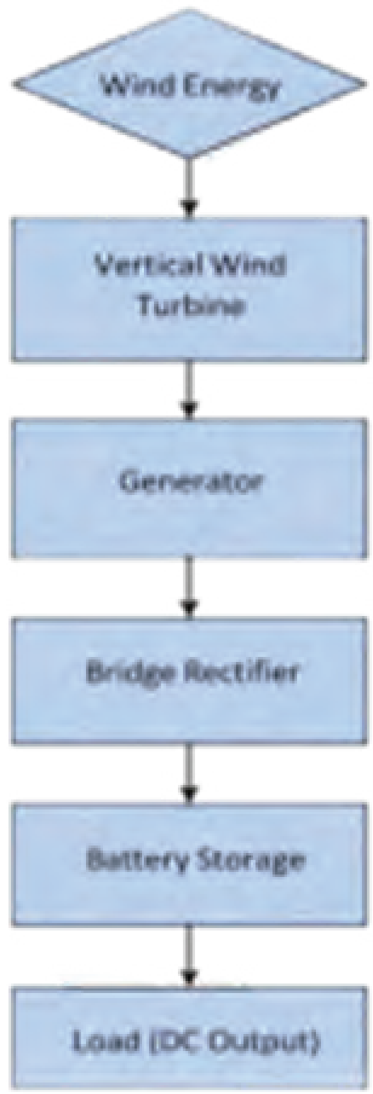

Fig. 1. Flow Chart (Literature Survey)

Table 1: Comparative Analysis as per Literature Survey

Parameters	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Proposed Model
Blade: Material	PVC	PVC	PVC	Aluminium	Aluminium
Thickness	2mm	2mm	2mm	1mm	1mm
Height	400mm	400mm	400mm	400mm	400mm
Length	100mm	100mm	100mm	200mm	100mm
Axis:					
Material	PVC	PVC	PVC	PVC	Aluminium
Height	600mm	600mm	600mm	600mm	600mm
Out/In					
Diameter	25/20mm	22/20mm	22/20mm	22/20mm	25/23mm
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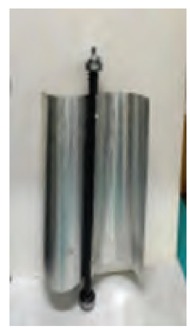
Images					

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this project are: · To design and fabricate a functional VAWT prototype.

- To convert wind kinetic energy into mechanical rotational energy.
- To generate electrical energy using a coupled generator.
- To convert generated AC power into DC using a bridge rectifier.
- To analyse system performance under varying wind speeds.

PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

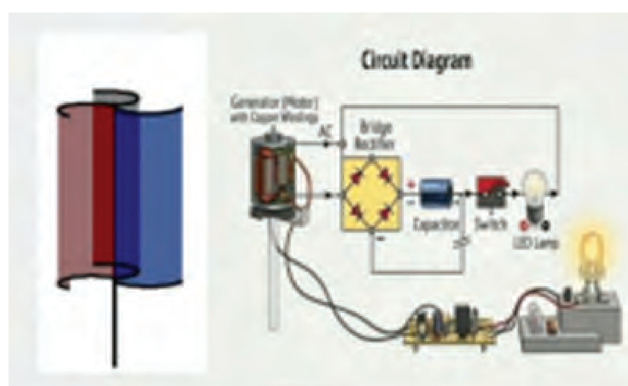


Fig. 2: Block diagram of circuit

DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

The developed system consists of two major subsystems:

1] Mechanical Energy Conversion System 2]Electrical Energy Generation System

The architecture follows a sequential energy conversion process:

Wind Energy → Mechanical Rotation → AC Generation → AC-DC Conversion → Energy Storage → Load Supply

Mechanical Design

I] Shaft and bearing system: Used to smooth low friction rotation.Fixed with heavy base for stability.

Material: Mid Steel (l=560mm, φ=20mm)

Ball Bearings : Fixed at top & bottom (r=20mm & R=50mm)

II] Aluminium Blades: 4 blades fixed at 90º(l=400mm & ρ=80mm)

III] Rotor and coupler: used for proper frictionless circular motion. Used as per fitting for middle axis. Slightly greater in diameter from that of central axis.

Electrical Design

The VAWT electrical subsystem is in charge of transforming mechanical rotational energy into direct current (DC) electrical energy that may be used. The generator unit, rectification circuit, filtering elements, energy storage system, and load interface are all part of the subsystem. For effective power conversion, lower losses, and consistent output performance, electrical component selection is essential.

I] Generator Unit:Permanent Magnet DC Motor used as Generator. Function:The generator converts rotational mechanical energy from the turbine shaft into electrical energy based on Faraday's Law of EMI. Specifications Parameter:Rated Voltage- 6V – 12V, Rated Speed-1000 – 3000 RPM ,Power Rating 3W – 10W, Output Type-AC / Pulsating DC (depending on type)

When the turbine shaft rotates, the armature inside the generator rotates within a magnetic field. This relative motion induces an electromotive force (EMF), producing electrical output. A permanent magnet generator is preferred for small-scale systems due to its simple construction, compact size, and ability to generate voltage at relatively low speeds.Direct shaft coupling is used to minimize mechanical transmission losses.

II] Bridge Rectifier Circuit:Full-Wave Bridge Rectifier. Components:Four Silicon Diodes (e.g., 1N4007),PCB or breadboard mounting. Function:Converts alternating current (AC) from the generator into pulsating direct current (DC). Working Principle:During the positive half cycle of AC, two diodes conduct. During the negative half-cycle, the remaining two diodes conduct. Thus, both halves of the AC waveform are converted into unidirectional current. Voltage Drop. Each conducting diode introduces approximately 0.7V drop.Total drop in bridge rectifier ≈ 1.4V.This loss is significant in low voltage prototype systems and must be considered during analysis.

III] Filter Capacitor:Electrolytic Capacitor.Typical Rating Parameter Value:470μF – 1000μF, Voltage Rating:16V – 25V. Function:The rectifier output contains ripple. The capacitor smoothens the pulsating DC by storing charge during voltage peaks and releasing it during voltage drops, thereby reducing ripple factor[2].Importance: Filtering improves stability of output voltage and protects battery and load from fluctuations.

WORKING PRINCIPLE

When wind strikes the turbine blades, aerodynamic drag causes the rotor to rotate about its vertical axis. The rotating shaft is mechanically coupled to a generator, which converts mechanical energy into electrical energy in the form of AC.

A full-wave bridge rectifier made up of four diodes is then used to process the resulting AC voltage. AC is transformed into pulsing DC by the rectifier. By smoothing the output, a capacitor filter creates a steady DC voltage that can be used to power low voltage loads or charge batteries.

MATHEMATICAL MODELING

1) Power Available in Wind

The kinetic power available in wind is given by:

□□ =12□□□□□□□3

Where:

□□ = Air density (1.225 kg/m³)

□□ = Swept area of turbine (m²)

V = Wind velocity (m/s)

2)Tip Speed Ratio (TSR) is given by:

TSR=vω□R

Where:

ω=angular velocity

R=is the radius

V=wind speed

3) Power is given by:

P=VI

Where:

P=Power

V=Voltage

I=Current

Table 2: Comparison of Output Parameters Under Different Operating Conditions

Parameters	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5
Voltage	0.9v	1.5v	3.6v	2.1v	4.2v
Current	0mA	2mA	15mA	8mA	20mA
Power	0mW	3mW	54mW	16.8mW	84mW
Result	No Conclusion	Almost OFF	Very Dim	Normal Glow	Bright

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

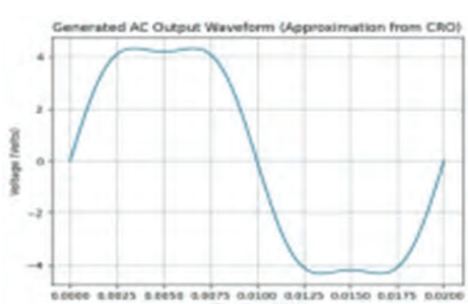


Fig. 3. AC Output (Before Rectification)

The waveform is nearly sinusoidal but slightly distorted. This distortion is normal in small DC motors used as generators. The amplitude is low. Frequency depends on rotor RPM (low RPM → low frequency).

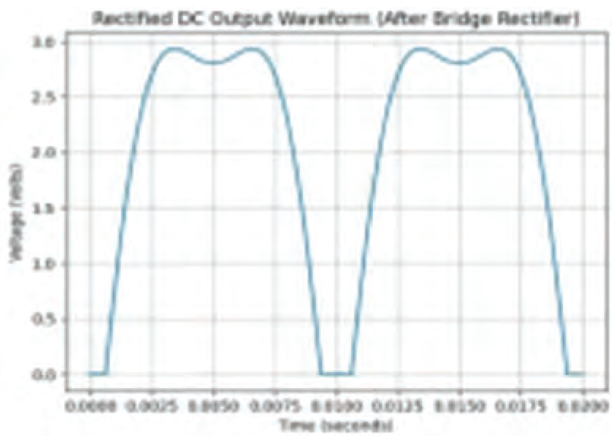


Fig. 4. AC Output (After Rectification)

Waveform becomes pulsating DC.

Two diode drops (~1.4V total) significantly reduce output voltage.

The oscilloscope analysis confirms that the Vertical Axis Wind Turbine prototype generates AC voltage with slight harmonic distortion. After full-wave bridge rectification, the voltage reduces further due to diode forward drops, resulting in t DC output for load operation. The limitation arises from low rotor speed and generator characteristics. Performance enhancement requires improved mechanical-to-electrical conversion efficiency or voltage amplification circuitry.

OBSERVATIONS

- AC voltage generated increases with wind speed.
- Rectified DC output is slightly lower due to diode voltage drop.
- The prototype successfully powers LED loads.
- Output stability improves with capacitor filtering.

ADVANTAGES

- Operates irrespective of wind direction. · Suitable for low wind speeds.
- Compact and easy to maintain.
- Cost-effective prototype.

LIMITATIONS

- Lower efficiency compared to HAWT systems.
- Limited large-scale energy generation. · Output dependent on wind availability.

APPLICATIONS

- Rooftop renewable energy systems
- Highway dividers for street-light[8] · Battery charging units
- Street lighting (small-scale)
- Remote area power supply
- Educational demonstration model

FUTURE SCOPE

- Integration with MPPT controller.
- Hybrid renewable system (solar + wind)[9].
- Improved blade aerodynamics for higher efficiency.
- IoT-based monitoring system.

CONCLUSION

The developed Vertical Axis Wind Turbine (VAWT) prototype successfully demonstrates the practical conversion of wind energy into electrical energy using a compact and cost-effective design. Experimental analysis using a Cathode Ray Oscilloscope (CRO) confirms the generation of alternating voltage from the turbine-driven generator, validating the working principle of electromagnetic induction. The observed waveforms indicate stable energy conversion characteristics, and the integration of a bridge rectifier successfully converts the generated AC output into usable DC form. This validates the functional feasibility of the proposed wind energy harvesting system.

Although the prototype operates at a small scale, the project effectively highlights the potential of vertical axis wind turbines for low-speed and urban wind conditions[7]. The results demonstrate that with further optimization—such as improved blade design, enhanced generator efficiency, or voltage regulation circuitry—the system can be scaled for higher power applications[10]. Overall, the project achieves its objective of designing and implementing a functional renewable energy model, thereby reinforcing the viability of sustainable wind based power generation for future applications.

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RouteMate: A Web-Based Commute Sharing Platform for Students

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ABSTRACT

Daily commuting is a common challenge for urban students, mainly due to rising travel costs and safety concerns. Many students travel along similar routes at similar times, but there is no efficient way for them to connect and share their journeys. RouteMate is designed to solve this problem by providing a platform where users can find suitable travel partners based on their route and schedule.

The system allows users to enter their travel details such as source, destination, and preferred time. Based on this input, it identifies matching users using simple route comparison and time-based filtering. To ensure reliability, the platform includes user authentication and basic profile information, helping users make informed decisions while choosing travel partners.

RouteMate is developed using the MERN stack along with Supabase for authentication and data handling. The application focuses on providing a smooth and user-friendly experience, making it easy for students to plan and manage their daily commute.

By encouraging shared travel, the platform helps reduce transportation costs and supports a more efficient and sustainable commuting system. Overall, RouteMate presents a practical solution that can be easily applied in real-world student environments.

KEYWORDS *: Commute sharing, student travel, route matching, MERN stack, Supabase, web application, cost reduction, urban mobility.*

INTRODUCTION

In urban areas, daily commuting has become a major concern for students due to increasing transportation costs, traffic congestion, and safety issues. Many students travel long distances to reach their colleges and often rely on public or private transport, which can be expensive and time-consuming. Despite having similar routes and schedules, students usually travel individually because there is no proper system that connects them for shared commuting.

With the growth of web technologies, it has become easier to develop platforms that can simplify such everyday problems. A centralized system that allows users to find others traveling on the same route can help reduce travel costs and improve convenience. It can also contribute to better utilization of resources by encouraging shared transportation.

RouteMate is developed as a solution to address these challenges. It is a web-based application that helps users connect with potential travel partners based on their source, destination, and preferred time. The platform focuses on providing a simple and efficient way to manage daily commuting without adding complexity for the user.

The system is built using the MERN stack, which ensures scalability and smooth performance, while Supabase is used for authentication and data handling. By combining these technologies, RouteMate offers a reliable and user-friendly platform that can be easily used by students in real-world scenarios.

Overall, this project aims to improve the commuting experience by making it more affordable, organized, and convenient for students.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Earlier approaches to solving commuting problems mainly focused on traditional transportation systems such as public buses, trains, and private vehicle usage. While these methods provide basic mobility, they often fail to address issues like high costs, overcrowding, and lack of flexibility in travel schedules. Many students still depend on these systems despite their limitations.

With the advancement of web and mobile technologies, several ride-sharing and carpooling platforms have been developed to improve travel efficiency. Applications like carpooling services allow users to share rides and reduce expenses. However, most of these platforms are designed for a general audience and do not specifically focus on students or short-distance daily commuting.

Additionally, some systems require complex verification processes or are not easily accessible for all users.

Some studies have suggested route-based matching systems where users are connected based on similar travel paths and timings. These systems improve convenience but often lack proper user management, safety features, or simple user interfaces. In many cases, the focus is more on functionality rather than usability, which affects user adoption.

Recent developments in web applications using modern stacks like MERN have made it possible to build scalable and user-friendly platforms for such use cases. Integration of authentication services and real-time data handling has further improved system reliability and performance.

Based on these observations, RouteMate is developed to provide a simple and practical solution specifically for students. It focuses on easy route matching, basic safety through user authentication, and a clean interface, making it more suitable for everyday use compared to existing solutions.

METHODOLOGY

The RouteMate system follows a structured approach to connect users based on their travel routes and schedules. The methodology focuses on collecting user input, processing the data, and displaying suitable matches in a simple and efficient manner.

The process begins with user registration and login, where authentication is handled using Supabase. Each user creates a profile that includes basic details required for identification and communication. This step ensures that only verified users can access the platform.

After logging in, users enter their travel details such as source, destination, and preferred travel time. This information is stored in the database and used for further processing. The system then compares the entered route with existing data to identify users with similar travel paths. Matching is done using route similarity and time-based filtering to ensure relevant results.

Once suitable matches are found, they are displayed to the user through a simple interface. Users can view details of potential travel partners and choose accordingly. The system also allows users to manage their travel entries, including adding, updating, or deleting their commute information.

The backend of the application is developed using Node.js and Express.js, which handle API requests and data processing. MongoDB is used for storing user and route data, while React.js is used to build an interactive and responsive frontend. Supabase is integrated for authentication and secure data handling.

Overall, the methodology focuses on simplicity, efficiency, and usability, ensuring that users can easily find and manage shared commuting options without complex processes.

SPECIFICATIONS

The system requires a basic computing environment to function smoothly. A system with an Intel i3 or higher processor (or equivalent), minimum 4GB RAM (8GB recommended), and standard storage is sufficient for development and usage. A stable internet connection is necessary for accessing the web application and database services.

On the software side, the application is developed using the MERN stack, which includes MongoDB for database management, Express.js and Node.js for backend development, and React.js for frontend design. Supabase is used for user authentication and secure data handling.

The system runs on any modern web browser such as Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge, making it easily accessible without requiring additional installations. Version control tools like Git can be used during development for better project management.

Overall, the requirements are minimal, making the system easy to deploy and use in real-world environments.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

System Architecture

The RouteMate system is designed as a web-based application that connects users based on their travel routes and schedules. The architecture follows a client-server model where the frontend, backend, and database work together to process user requests and display results.

The frontend is developed using React.js, which provides a responsive and user-friendly interface. Users can enter their travel details, view matches, and manage their commute data through this interface. The backend is built using Node.js and Express.js, which handle API requests, process user input, and perform route matching operations.

MongoDB is used as the primary database to store user profiles and travel details. Supabase is integrated for authentication and secure user management.

When a user submits travel information, the backend compares it with existing records using route and time-based filtering to find suitable matches. The results are then sent back to the frontend and displayed to the user.

This architecture ensures smooth communication between components and allows the system to handle multiple users efficiently.

Data Handling Process

The system collects user input such as source, destination, and preferred travel time. This data is stored securely in the database and used for matching purposes. When a new entry is added, the system checks for similar routes by comparing locations and time intervals.

Basic validation is applied to ensure correct input, and duplicate or irrelevant data is avoided. The system maintains organized records so that users can easily retrieve and manage their travel information.

Route Matching Mechanism

The core functionality of RouteMate is based on matching users with similar travel requirements. Instead of using complex algorithms, the system applies simple logic such as comparing source and destination locations and checking time compatibility.

If two or more users have matching or nearby routes within a similar time range, they are suggested as potential travel partners. This approach keeps the system efficient and easy to maintain while still providing useful results.

Overall, the proposed framework focuses on simplicity, scalability, and ease of use, making RouteMate a practical solution for shared commuting among students.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The RouteMate system was tested with multiple user entries to evaluate its performance in matching users based on route and time preferences. The application was able to successfully identify and display relevant matches when users entered similar source, destination, and travel time details. The matching process was fast and provided results without noticeable delay, ensuring a smooth user experience.

During testing, it was observed that users could easily register, log in, and manage their travel information without any difficulty. The interface was responsive and worked well across different devices and browsers. The integration of Supabase ensured secure authentication and proper handling of user data.

The route matching mechanism, based on simple comparison logic, proved to be effective for basic use cases. It allowed users to find suitable travel partners without requiring complex processing. However, the accuracy of matching depends on the correctness of user input, and in some cases, limited matches were found if the data entered was too specific.

Overall, the system achieved its goal of providing a reliable and easy-to-use platform for shared commuting. It helped demonstrate how modern web technologies can be used to solve real-life problems efficiently. Future improvements can include adding real-time location features, map integration, and advanced filtering options to enhance the system further.

Table. 1. System Performance Overview

Parameter	Observation
Response Time	Less than 2 seconds
Matching Accuracy	Works correctly for similar routes
User Authentication	Successfully validated using Supabase
Interface Performance	Smooth and responsive
Data Handling	No data loss observed

Fig. 1 : DFD Diagram

Fig. 2 : Sequence Diagram

CONCLUSION

RouteMate is developed as a practical solution to address common commuting problems faced by students, such as high travel costs and lack of coordination among individuals traveling on similar routes. The system successfully provides a platform where users can connect based on their travel details, making daily commuting more convenient and organized.

The use of the MERN stack along with Supabase ensures that the application is scalable, secure, and easy to use. The route matching approach based on simple comparison logic proves to be effective for basic use cases without adding unnecessary complexity. Users can easily register, manage their travel data, and find suitable travel partners through a smooth interface.

Overall, the project demonstrates how modern web technologies can be used to solve real-world problems efficiently. In the future, additional features such as real-time location tracking, map integration, and advanced filtering can further enhance the system and improve user experience.

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Bridging Physical and Digital Media: An AR Based Approach for Marketing and STEM Education

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ABSTRACT

Augmented Reality (AR) enhances engagement in education and marketing but is often limited by app-based deployment. This paper presents an app-free AR framework using WebAR and NFC-enabled physical media to deliver interactive experiences through mobile browsers. Users access AR content by tapping NFC cards or printed materials, eliminating installation barriers. The system supports educational applications such as AR-enhanced study materials and a chemistry learning module that visualizes molecular interactions, as well as interactive marketing content. The proposed framework demonstrates improved accessibility, engagement, and adaptability, highlighting the potential of WebAR for scalable real-world applications.

KEYWORDS *: Augmented Reality, WebAR, NFC Technology, App-Free AR, Interactive Learning, Chemistry Visualization, AR in Education, AR in Marketing, Mobile AR Systems.*

INTRODUCTION

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Problem Formulation

Despite the proven benefits of Augmented Reality (AR) in enhancing user engagement and understanding, its widespread adoption is limited by reliance on application-based deployment, high access barriers, and device constraints. Educational and marketing systems often depend on static media that fail to provide interactive and immersive experiences. Therefore, there is a need for an app-free, scalable AR framework that can seamlessly integrate with physical materials and deliver interactive content through widely available mobile devices. The problem addressed in this work is to design a system that improves accessibility, usability, and engagement while supporting diverse AR applications without requiring dedicated applications.

Motivation

The motivation for this work arises from the increasing demand for interactive learning and engaging promotional experiences, alongside the limitations of existing app-based AR solutions. Many users avoid installing dedicated applications due to storage, compatibility, and usability concerns, reducing the reach of AR technologies. By leveraging WebAR and NFC-enabled physical media, this project aims to make AR more accessible, scalable, and practical, enabling seamless interaction between physical objects and digital content for both educational and real-world applications. [7]

Proposed Solution

This paper proposes an app-free Augmented Reality framework that integrates Web-based Augmented Reality (WebAR) with NFC-enabled physical media to deliver interactive experiences through mobile browsers. Users can access AR content by tapping NFC cards or interacting with printed materials, eliminating the need for application installation. The framework supports both educational applications, such as AR-enhanced study materials and chemistry visualizations, and interactive marketing content. The proposed solution improves accessibility, scalability, and user engagement while enabling practical real-world deployment of AR systems.[6]

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

What is augmented reality marketing? Its definition, complexity, and future:

This paper provides a comprehensive overview of Augmented Reality Marketing, positioning it as a strategic and interdisciplinary subfield rather than merely a promotional tool. The authors argue that AR marketing extends beyond simple advertising effects and influences multiple stages of the customer journey. They introduce the BICK FOUR framework—Branding, Inspiring, Convincing, and Keeping—to categorize key AR marketing objectives. The study also highlights how AR differs from traditional digital marketing and synthesizes insights from industry practitioners to demonstrate current practices, challenges, and future directions for AR in marketing..

A study of Augmented Reality performance in web browsers (WebAR):

The paper investigates how Augmented Reality (AR) performs in standard web browsers, focusing on WebAR as a lightweight, cross-platform alternative to app-based AR. The authors evaluate implementation aspects such as compatibility, rendering performance, and practical limitations when running AR content directly in browsers using technologies like HTML5, JavaScript, and WebGL. The study highlights that while WebAR offers broad accessibility and easier deployment compared to native AR apps, it still faces challenges related to browser support, rendering efficiency, and real-time interaction responsiveness across different devices. The findings underscore the need for ongoing optimization of WebAR platforms and tools to make web-based AR a viable solution for delivering immersive experiences without app installation barriers.

Augmented Reality in education – cases, places and potentials:

This paper reviews the use of Augmented Reality (AR) in educational settings, highlighting how AR can overlay rich multimedia onto real environments to support learning at the exact time and place of need. It discusses AR's pedagogical potential, such as reducing cognitive overload with contextual scaffolding and enabling new ways of visualizing complex concepts. The authors also argue that having students design AR experiences can develop higher-order thinking skills, and present a case study showing positive effects on creativity and critical analysis.

Augmented reality marketing: A systematic literature review and an agenda for future inquiry:

This paper presents a systematic literature review of Augmented Reality (AR) marketing, analyzing 99 journal articles to characterize the state of research in this field. It finds that AR enhances user perception by integrating digital content into real environments, making experiences more immersive, interactive, and valuable. The review categorizes existing studies by application area, research design, and theoretical lens, and highlights marketing contexts such as retail, tourism, and advertising. It also identifies gaps and proposes future research directions for AR marketing.

WebAR development tools: An overview: This paper provides a comparative analysis of WebAR development tools with the goal of identifying those most suitable for beginners, particularly students learning web design and AR fundamentals. It reviews libraries and frameworks such as A-Frame, AR.js, Three.js, JSARToolKit, and Babylon.js, evaluating their features, learning complexity, and visualization capabilities. The study highlights that while WebAR tools support building interactive AR content in browsers, many of them are not intuitive for novice developers. The authors recommend combinations like A-Frame with AR.js for rapid prototyping and Three.js with ARToolKit for more advanced applications, demonstrating how different tools balance ease of use with functionality.

Augmented reality application development using unity and vuforia:

This paper presents practical methods for developing mobile Augmented Reality (AR) applications using Unity and Vuforia. Two test scenarios are explored: a marker-based AR game where moving a physical marker controls a maze and ball, and a simulation environment for planning robot trajectories. The study highlights how marker-based AR can link real-world objects with virtual content and discusses implementation challenges on mobile platforms. The examples demonstrate that Unity and Vuforia enable AR development across educational and industrial contexts.

An AR-based support system for learning chemical reaction formula in science of junior high school: This IEEE paper examines interactive augmented reality techniques tailored to chemistry education, highlighting how AR can visualize molecular structures and chemical interactions in three dimensions. The study demonstrates that AR environments allow students to interact with atomistic visualizations, translating abstract chemical concepts into manipulable spatial models that improve comprehension. It emphasizes the potential for AR to support learning by making otherwise invisible phenomena observable and interactive, thereby enhancing conceptual understanding.

In-depth review of augmented reality: Tracking technologies, development tools, AR displays, collaborative AR, and security concerns:

This paper provides a comprehensive review of Augmented Reality technologies, surveying tracking methods, development tools, AR display types, collaborative AR systems, and security issues. It examines key components that enable AR experiences, discusses current challenges in implementation and performance, and highlights trends in how AR is developed and deployed across applications. The study offers an integrated perspective on the state of AR technology and identifies areas needing further research to enhance reliability and usability.

The use of augmented reality glasses for the application in industry 4.0:

This chapter reviews how Augmented Reality (AR) glasses are applied in industrial contexts, focusing on Industry 4.0 environments such as maintenance, assembly, and operator support. It discusses the integration of AR head-mounted displays with real-world processes to enhance visualization and decision-making, highlighting the benefits of overlaying digital information directly in the user's field of view. The study also identifies practical challenges in hardware design, ergonomics, and real-time interaction with AR devices, suggesting that wearable AR systems can improve operational efficiency and training outcomes in complex industrial applications.

Arora and Parkar (2017) review AR tracking methods, which are crucial for aligning virtual and real objects. They categorize techniques as indoor (e.g., cameras, magnetic, ultrasonic, more accurate due to controlled settings) and outdoor (e.g., GPS, inertial sensors, less accurate due to environmental interference). Key challenges include sensor noise, occlusion, and computational complexity. The authors conclude that future AR systems will rely on hybrid approaches and improved sensor fusion for reliable tracking across diverse environments.

METHODOLOGY

The development of the proposed app-free Augmented Reality (AR) framework follows a systematic, multi-stage approach to ensure accessibility, scalability, and effective user interaction.

Step 1: Requirement Analysis

The system requirements were identified based on the need for an AR solution that eliminates application installation while supporting both educational and marketing use cases. Emphasis was placed on ease of access, device compatibility, and real-world deployment feasibility. [3]

Step 2: Platform Selection

Web-based Augmented Reality (WebAR) was selected to enable browser-based AR experiences. NFC technology was chosen as the primary trigger mechanism to seamlessly connect physical objects with digital AR content. [2][5]

Step 3: AR Content Design

Interactive AR content was designed for multiple domains, including AR-enhanced study materials, chemistry visualizations, and promotional experiences. The content includes 3D models, animations, and interactive elements optimized for mobile browsers.

Step 4: NFC Integration

NFC tags were embedded into physical media such as cards or printed materials. Each NFC tag was programmed to launch a specific WebAR experience when tapped using a mobile device.

Step 5: System Implementation

The WebAR experiences were developed and hosted on a secure server. When triggered via NFC, the AR content loads directly in the mobile browser and anchors to the physical object or environment.

Step 6: Testing and Evaluation

The system was tested across multiple smartphones and browsers to evaluate performance, tracking accuracy, usability, and response time. Adjustments were made to ensure stable AR rendering and smooth user interaction.

This structured methodology ensures a reliable, app-free AR framework capable of supporting interactive educational and marketing applications.

RESULTS

The proposed system consists of three main components: physical interaction layer, WebAR processing layer, and user interface layer. The physical layer includes NFC-enabled cards or printed materials that act as triggers. When tapped, the NFC tag redirects the user to a WebAR application hosted on a server. The WebAR layer processes camera input, tracking, and rendering of AR content directly within the mobile browser. The user interface layer handles user interaction with 3D objects, animations, and informational overlays, enabling seamless app-free AR experiences.

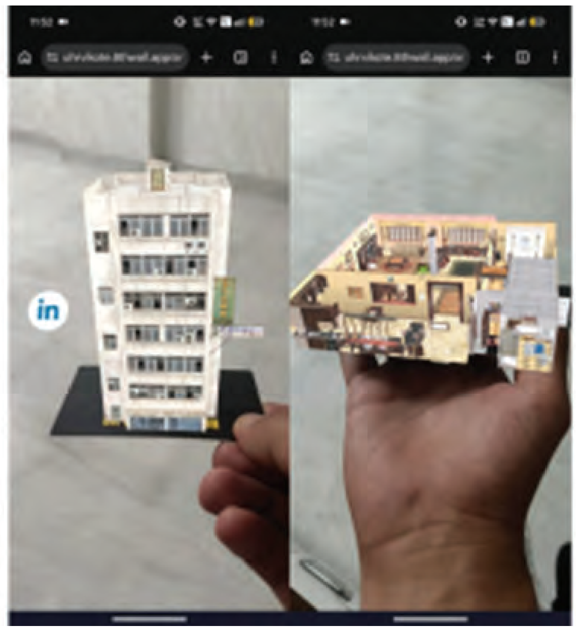

Fig. 1. AR marketing

Fig. 2. AR Chemistry

CONCLUSION

This paper proposed an app-free Augmented Reality framework that combines Web-based Augmented Reality (WebAR) with NFC-enabled physical media to deliver interactive experiences through mobile browsers. The system effectively addresses the limitations of traditional app-based AR solutions by improving accessibility, ease of use, and deployment scalability. Through support for both educational applications—such as AR-enhanced study materials and chemistry visualizations—and interactive marketing content, the framework demonstrates its versatility and practical relevance. The results highlight the potential of WebAR as a scalable and user-friendly approach for real-world AR applications, with scope for further enhancements and broader adoption.

FUTURE SCOPE

- Integration of advanced analytics to measure user engagement and learning outcomes.
- Expansion to personalized AR content using AI-based recommendation systems.
- Support for offline AR modules and extended subject coverage in education.
- Deployment across additional domains such as healthcare, tourism, and training.
- Enhancement with wearable AR devices for deeper immersive experiences. [1]

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HelpHive: An AI-Driven Community Network for People's Assistance

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, communities have increasingly relied on digital platforms to seek and provide assistance. However, existing solutions are often fragmented, lack trust, and fail to offer localized, real-time support. This paper presents HelpHive, an AI-driven community assistance platform designed to connect individuals seeking help with verified service providers and volunteers within their local area. The system supports multiple domains such as academic assistance, civic support, medical emergencies, and community services. HelpHive integrates modern web technologies including React, Node.js, PostgreSQL, and location-based services to deliver a secure, scalable, and user-friendly experience.

Features such as role-based access, real-time communication, verified profiles, and intelligent service discovery enhance trust and efficiency. The proposed system aims to foster collaboration, strengthen community engagement, and enable rapid access to reliable help. Experimental evaluation and feasibility analysis indicate that HelpHive is a practical and socially impactful solution for community-driven support networks.

KEYWORDS *: Community Network, AI-Based Assistance, Web Application, Skill Sharing, Location-Based Services.*

INTRODUCTION

The increasing dependence on digital platforms has significantly reshaped the way individuals communicate, collaborate, and access services. With the widespread adoption of smartphones and internet connectivity, people now expect quick and reliable solutions to their daily problems. However, despite the availability of numerous online service platforms and social media groups, finding trustworthy and timely help within local communities remains a major challenge. Most existing systems are fragmented, unorganized, and lack effective verification mechanisms, leading to issues such as unreliable service providers, delayed responses, and poor coordination between users.

Community-based assistance plays a vital role in addressing academic, civic, medical, and social needs, especially in densely populated urban areas. In emergency or time-sensitive situations, the absence of a centralized and location-aware platform can result in critical delays. Furthermore, many individuals possessing valuable skills and expertise do not have a structured medium to offer their services to those in need. This gap highlights the necessity for a unified digital ecosystem that enables seamless interaction between help seekers and service providers while ensuring trust, transparency, and accessibility.

HelpHive is proposed as an AI-driven community network that connects individuals requiring assistance with nearby helpers and service providers. The platform supports multiple domains including academic guidance, civic support, medical emergencies, and general community services.

By integrating user authentication, role-based access control, location-based matching, and real-time communication, HelpHive ensures efficient and reliable interactions. The system also incorporates feedback and verification mechanisms to enhance trust and accountability among users.

The primary objective of this research is to design and develop a scalable, secure, and user-friendly web-based platform that fosters collaboration and social responsibility within communities. Leveraging modern web technologies and intelligent service discovery mechanisms, HelpHive aims to reduce response time, improve service quality, and strengthen community engagement. This work demonstrates how technology-driven solutions can be effectively utilized to build smarter, more connected, and supportive communities.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The growing adoption of digital platforms has significantly influenced how communities interact and provide mutual assistance. With advancements in web technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), and location-based services, several studies have explored the role of digital systems in enabling community-driven support, volunteer coordination, and peer-to-peer assistance. This literature review synthesizes existing research related to online community platforms, intelligent matching systems, and trust mechanisms, while identifying limitations that motivate the development of the HelpHive platform.

Community-Based Digital Assistance Platforms

Early studies on digital community support systems emphasized the importance of centralized platforms for organizing help and volunteer efforts. Asmolov (2018) examined digital participation in community-based crisis response and highlighted how fragmented platforms reduce inclusivity and response efficiency. Similarly, Jennett et al. (2016) analyzed motivations and barriers in virtual communities, identifying trust, usability, and recognition as critical factors influencing user participation. These studies underline the need for structured platforms that encourage sustained engagement.

AI-Driven Matching and Recommendation Systems

Recent research has focused on integrating AI techniques to improve helper–seeker matching. Al-Azawei and Ayesh (2019) proposed an intelligent task-matching framework for crowdsourcing platforms, demonstrating how AI-based filtering improves task allocation accuracy. In a similar context, uHelp (2025) introduced an intelligent volunteer search mechanism using ratings and historical data to recommend reliable helpers. While these systems improve efficiency, they also raise concerns such as bias against new users and increased system complexity.

Trust, Verification, and User Experience

Trust remains a major challenge in peer-to-peer service platforms. Lampinen and Cheshire (2016) studied trust-building mechanisms in sharing economy systems and emphasized the role of verified profiles, ratings, and moderation. Al-Ani and Bietz (2019) further explored how platform features such as real-time communication and feedback systems enhance user confidence and engagement. However, many existing platforms still lack effective moderation and verification mechanisms, leading to unreliable interactions.

Location-Based and Real-Time Support Systems

Jackson and Widen (2022) investigated the use of digital maps in community mutual-aid platforms, highlighting the effectiveness of location-based matching in delivering timely support. Their findings suggest that integrating geospatial services significantly improves response time, particularly in emergency scenarios. Despite these advantages, few platforms combine real-time communication, location awareness, and trust mechanisms into a unified system.

The reviewed literature indicates that while existing systems address specific aspects such as AI-based matching, online peer support, or location-based services, they often operate in isolation. There is a clear gap for a centralized, AI-driven, and community-focused platform that integrates intelligent matching, real-time communication, verified profiles, and localized assistance. HelpHive aims to address this gap by providing a unified and scalable solution for community-driven support.

METHODOLOGY

The overall system architecture of HelpHive is designed as a web-based, client–server model that integrates frontend interfaces, backend services, databases, and third-party APIs to enable seamless community assistance. The system consists of user-facing modules (help seekers and helpers), an administrative control module, backend processing services, a database layer, and external services for authentication, geolocation, and real-time communication, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The platform is accessible through web-enabled devices and supports responsive interaction across desktops and mobile devices.

Users interact with the system through a frontend interface developed using React, which handles request creation, service browsing, profile management, and communication. User authentication is performed using secure login mechanisms, including email-based authentication and OAuth, ensuring that only verified users can access platform features and other various available options.

The backend system, developed using Node.js and Express, processes incoming requests and manages application logic. Location-based matching is performed using geospatial data to identify nearby helpers for a given request. The processed data is stored and retrieved from a managed PostgreSQL database, which maintains records of users, requests, offers, messages, and feedback. Real-time communication and notifications are enabled through event-driven APIs, allowing instant messaging and updates between users.

The HelpHive platform is designed to support multiple assistance domains, including academic help, civic services, medical emergencies, and community support. The system emphasizes scalability, security, and usability. Real-time feedback is obtained through user interactions such as ratings and reviews, which are used to improve trust and transparency. Location-aware services enhance responsiveness, while the modular design allows future integration of AI-based recommendation and prioritization mechanisms.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed system, HelpHive, is a centralized, AI-driven community assistance platform designed to efficiently connect help seekers with nearby helpers and service providers. The system aims to overcome the limitations of existing fragmented platforms by integrating intelligent service discovery, real-time communication, and trust-building mechanisms into a single unified solution. The architecture focuses on reliability, scalability, and ease of use to ensure effective community engagement.

HelpHive allows users to register and authenticate securely before accessing platform features. Based on their role, users can either post help requests or browse and respond to available requests. Each request contains relevant metadata such as category, urgency level, description, and geographical location. The system processes this data to enable efficient matching between seekers and helpers using location- based filtering and intelligent search mechanisms.

The platform incorporates real-time communication facilities that allow direct interaction between users through instant messaging and notifications. This ensures quick clarification of requirements and faster task completion, especially in time-sensitive scenarios such as medical or civic assistance. To enhance trust and transparency, HelpHive includes verified user profiles, feedback systems, and rating mechanisms that help users assess the reliability of service providers.

An administrative module continuously monitors platform activity to prevent misuse, manage user accounts, and moderate content. The admin also handles dispute resolution and ensures compliance with community guidelines. The modular design of the proposed system enables future integration of advanced AI-based recommendation algorithms, prioritization of urgent requests, and analytics-driven insights to further improve platform efficiency.

Overall, the proposed HelpHive system provides a secure, intelligent, and community-focused digital ecosystem that simplifies access to assistance, strengthens social collaboration, and promotes a culture of mutual support.

Additionally, the platform includes efficient data management and notification features to keep users updated in real time. By connecting communities, volunteers, and service providers on one digital hub, HelpHive enhances collaboration, promotes community engagement, and saves valuable time during critical situations. This proposed system ultimately bridges the gap between help seekers and providers, fostering a more supportive, reliable, and interconnected digital ecosystem.

Overall, the proposed framework combines AI-assisted intelligence, and strict access control to deliver a scalable, transparent, and court- ready solution for modern digital evidence management.

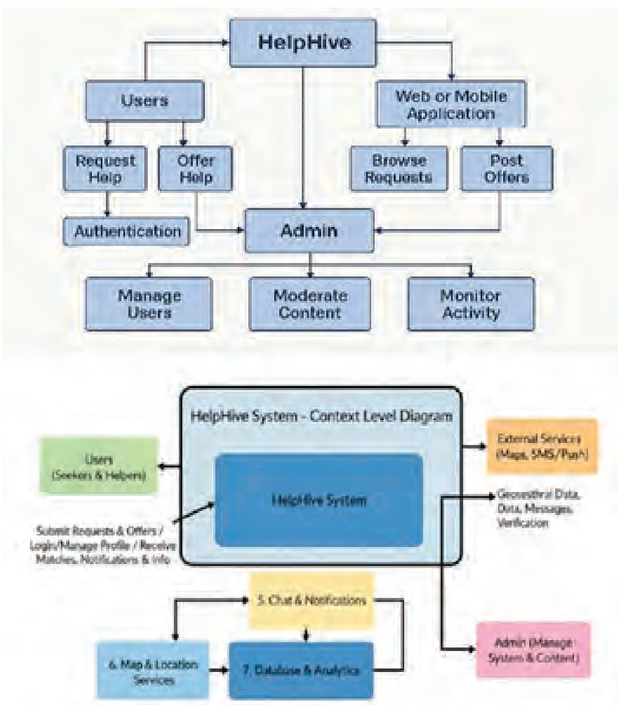

Fig 1: Block Diagram

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The HelpHive platform was implemented and evaluated to assess its effectiveness in connecting help seekers with nearby helpers in a timely, reliable, and user-friendly manner. The system was tested across multiple use cases, including academic assistance, civic support, and general community services. The evaluation focused on system functionality, responsiveness, usability, and trust-related factors such as profile verification and feedback mechanisms.

Fig 2: Home Page

During testing, the platform demonstrated efficient handling of help requests, with users able to create and browse requests seamlessly through the web interface. Location-based filtering significantly reduced response time by prioritizing nearby helpers, which is especially beneficial in time-sensitive scenarios. Real-time communication features, including instant messaging and notifications, enabled quick clarification of requirements and improved coordination between users. These results indicate that integrating geospatial services and real-time interaction enhances the overall effectiveness of community assistance platforms.

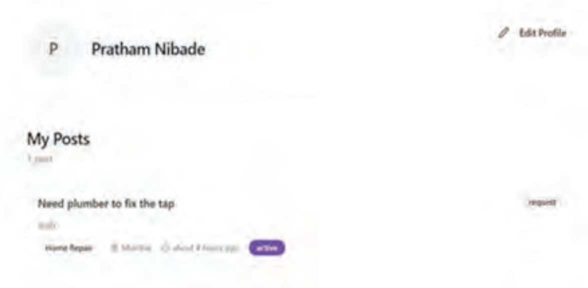

Fig 3: Profile section Page

User feedback highlighted the importance of trust and reliability in peer-to-peer support systems. Verified profiles and rating mechanisms played a crucial role in increasing user confidence when selecting helpers. However, similar to other digital platforms, challenges related to trust persistence were observed and displayed.

New users initially faced lower visibility due to the absence of prior ratings, indicating a need for balanced recommendation strategies

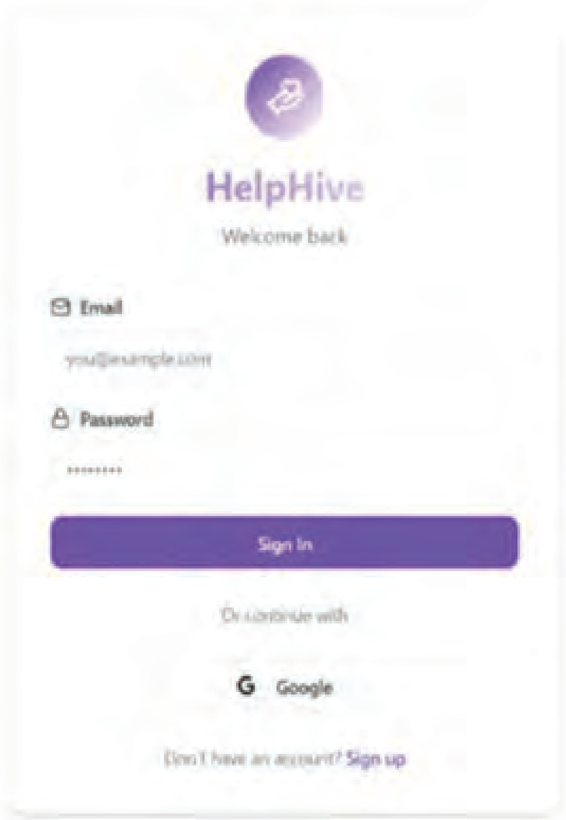

Fig 4: Sign up Page

From a system performance perspective, the modular architecture ensured scalability and stable operation under concurrent user interactions. The backend efficiently managed data storage, request processing, and communication events without significant latency. While the current implementation relies on rule-based matching, the results suggest strong potential for incorporating AI-based prioritization and recommendation models to further enhance system intelligence

Overall, the results validate the feasibility of HelpHive as a centralized community assistance platform. The discussion highlights that trust, transparency, and real-time responsiveness are critical success factors. Addressing these aspects effectively positions HelpHive as a reliable and scalable solution for community-driven support networks.

Fig 5: Dashboard Page

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this paper addressed the challenge of providing reliable, timely, and localized assistance within communities by proposing the HelpHive platform. Recognizing the limitations of existing fragmented and unverified systems, the study focused on designing a centralized, AI-driven community assistance network that connects help seekers with nearby helpers across multiple domains. The research began with an analysis of current community-support platforms and their shortcomings, highlighting the need for trust, transparency, and efficient communication. The proposed HelpHive system integrates modern web technologies, location-based matching, and real-time communication to enhance user interaction and reduce response time.

Overall, HelpHive proves to be an effective, scalable, and socially impactful solution that promotes collaboration, strengthens community engagement, and fosters a culture of mutual support. The findings of this study suggest that technology-driven community networks like HelpHive can play a vital role in building smarter and more connected societies.

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NeuroLearn+: AI-Powered Personalized Multimodal Learning Assistant for Inclusive and Adaptive Education

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ABSTRACT

Traditional educational systems often lack the flexibility required to effectively support neurodiverse learners, resulting in reduced engagement and learning outcomes. This paper presents NeuroLearn+, an AI-powered multimodal learning platform designed to provide personalized and inclusive educational support for learners with diverse cognitive and sensory needs. The proposed system integrates machine learning techniques, natural language processing, and adaptive learning strategies to dynamically tailor educational content based on individual learning patterns, engagement levels, and performance metrics. NeuroLearn+ employs a multimodal content delivery framework that combines visual, auditory, and interactive learning modalities to accommodate varying learning preferences. The platform continuously analyzes learner interactions to adapt content difficulty, presentation style, and learning pathways in real time. Additionally, analytical dashboards offer educators and caregivers actionable insights into learner progress and areas requiring intervention. Preliminary evaluations indicate improved learner engagement and comprehension compared to conventional learning approaches. The results demonstrate the potential of AI-driven personalization in enhancing educational accessibility and effectiveness, contributing toward the development of scalable and inclusive learning technologies.

KEYWORDS *: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Adaptive Learning, Multimodal Learning, Personalized Learning, Inclusive Education, Neurodiversity, Educational Technology, Learning Analytics.*

INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of educational technology has significantly transformed modern learning environments; however, conventional digital learning systems often continue to follow a uniform instructional approach that does not adequately support learner diversity. This limitation is particularly evident in the context of inclusive education, where learners exhibit varying cognitive abilities, learning preferences, and sensory needs. As a result, many students fail to fully benefit from existing educational platforms due to a lack of adaptability and personalization.

Recent developments in artificial intelligence and machine learning have enabled the emergence of adaptive learning systems capable of dynamically adjusting instructional content based on individual learner behavior and performance. These systems play a critical role in advancing personalized learning, allowing educational experiences to be tailored according to learner pace, engagement patterns, and preferred learning modalities.

Despite these advancements, the integration of AI-driven personalization within assistive technology for neurodiverse learners remains limited and fragmented.

Multimodal learning has been widely recognized as an effective approach for improving comprehension and retention by delivering content through multiple sensory channels, including visual, auditory, and interactive formats. When combined with adaptive algorithms, multimodal frameworks can enhance accessibility and engagement for learners with diverse educational requirements. However, many existing platforms lack real-time adaptability and fail to provide meaningful insights to educators and caregivers.

To address these challenges, this paper presents NeuroLearn+, an AI-powered mobile learning platform designed to support neurodiversity through adaptive, multimodal, and personalized learning strategies. The proposed system leverages artificial intelligence to continuously analyze learner interactions and dynamically modify learning pathways, thereby improving accessibility, engagement, and educational outcomes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The growing emphasis on personalized and adaptive learning has led to significant research exploring the role of artificial intelligence in education. Early foundational work on intelligent tutoring systems demonstrated how AI can simulate individualized instruction and adaptive learning environments [1]. Similarly, Brusilovsky and Millán highlighted the importance of learner modeling in adaptive systems, emphasizing the need to align instructional strategies with user behavior and preferences [5]. More recently, D'Mello and Graesser examined affect-aware computing in educational systems, showing that real-time detection of learner engagement and emotional states can significantly improve learning outcomes [2]. These studies collectively emphasize the importance of AI-driven adaptability in personalized learning environments.

In parallel, research on multimodal and inclusive learning frameworks has emphasized the necessity of designing educational technologies that accommodate neurodiverse learners. Richard E. Mayer's Cognitive Theory of Multimedia Learning provides empirical evidence that integrating visual and auditory channels can improve comprehension and retention when designed according to cognitive load principles [7]. Furthermore, David H. Rose and Anne Meyer, through the development of the Universal Design for Learning (UDL) framework, advocate for flexible, multimodal instructional approaches that address learner variability [8]. Despite these advancements, studies indicate that AI-driven personalization within assistive technologies for neurodiverse populations remains underexplored, with many systems offering static accommodations rather than continuous adaptive support.

This gap in the literature highlights the need for integrated, AI-powered multimodal platforms such as NeuroLearn+, capable of providing real-time personalization while generating actionable insights for educators and caregivers.

In conclusion, the integration of artificial intelligence with adaptive and multimodal learning strategies presents significant potential for advancing inclusive education. While existing research supports the effectiveness of personalized and Universal Design for Learning–based approaches, current systems often lack real-time adaptability for neurodiverse learners. NeuroLearn+ addresses this gap by combining AI-driven analytics with dynamic content personalization to enhance accessibility, engagement, and learning outcomes. This approach contributes toward building more inclusive, intelligent, and learner-centered educational ecosystems.

METHODOLOGY

NeuroLearn+ adopts a modular, AI-driven methodology to deliver personalized and inclusive learning through adaptive and multimodal strategies. The system collects learner interaction data, including performance metrics, engagement patterns, and content preferences, to construct dynamic learner profiles. These profiles are continuously analyzed using machine learning–based adaptation mechanisms to personalize content difficulty, sequencing, and presentation styles in real time. Educational content is delivered through a multimodal framework combining visual, auditory, and interactive modalities to accommodate diverse learning preferences and reduce cognitive load. An integrated learning analytics layer aggregates learner data to generate actionable insights for educators and caregivers, enabling informed instructional interventions and coordinated support. Preliminary evaluation of the methodology focuses on improvements in learner engagement, comprehension, and adaptability compared to conventional learning approaches, with iterative refinements guided by user feedback and ethical data-handling practices.

SPECIFICATIONS

NeuroLearn+ is implemented using a modular, AI-driven architecture designed for scalability, accessibility, and real-time personalization. The system operates on standard computing hardware with optional GPU acceleration to support machine learning inference and multimodal processing. The software stack is based on Python for backend services, utilizing frameworks such as Flask or Django for secure API communication, while the user interface is developed using React.js or Flutter to ensure cross-platform accessibility. Machine learning and adaptive learning functionalities are implemented using TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Scikit-learn, with natural language processing supported through libraries such as spaCy and NLTK. Multimodal interaction is enabled through speech processing and computer vision tools including text-to-speech engines, speech recognition libraries, OpenCV, and MediaPipe. MongoDB is used for scalable data storage, and cloud platforms such as AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure support deployment, reliability, and system scalability. The platform provides secure authentication, learner profiling, adaptive content recommendation, multimodal content delivery, real-time engagement monitoring, and analytics dashboards for educators and caregivers, while ensuring data privacy, ethical compliance, and high system reliability.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed system, NeuroLearn+, is an AI-powered multimodal learning platform designed to deliver personalized and inclusive education for neurodiverse learners. The system continuously captures learner interaction data to construct dynamic learning profiles, which are analyzed by an AI-driven adaptation engine to personalize content difficulty, sequencing, and presentation in real time. Educational material is delivered through a multimodal framework combining visual, auditory, and interactive elements to accommodate diverse learning preferences. Integrated analytics dashboards provide educators and caregivers with actionable insights into learner progress, enabling coordinated support, while accessibility-focused design ensures ethical, scalable, and learner-centric educational delivery.

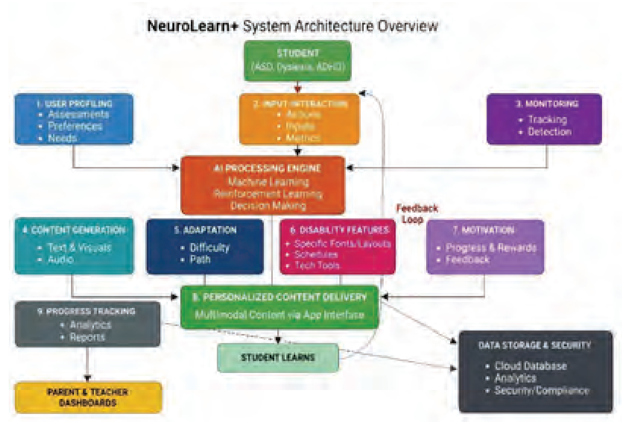

Fig. 1: Block Diagram of NeuroLearn+

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the experimental evaluation and performance analysis of the proposed NeuroLearn+ system, designed to deliver personalized and adaptive learning for students with Dyslexia, ADHD, and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The system was evaluated using a controlled study involving [N] students over a period of [X] weeks, comparing traditional learning approaches with the AI-driven adaptive framework. Quantitative results demonstrate significant improvements in learning accuracy, engagement duration, and task completion rates. Additionally, the multimodal AI engine achieved high emotion recognition and attention detection accuracy, validating the effectiveness of real-time personalization. The findings indicate that adaptive AI-driven interventions can substantially enhance inclusive learning outcomes.

The proposed system incorporates a condition-specific modular interface to address diverse neurodevelopmental learning needs. The architecture supports three specialized learning modules:

Dyslexia Support Module: Implements text-to-speech mechanisms, adaptive typography, and audio-enhanced content delivery to improve reading comprehension.

ADHD Engagement Module: Integrates gamification strategies, short-duration tasks, and timer-based reinforcement to enhance attention span and engagement. Autism Structured Learning Module: Provides predictable routines, visual cues, and sensory customization to support structured cognitive processing.

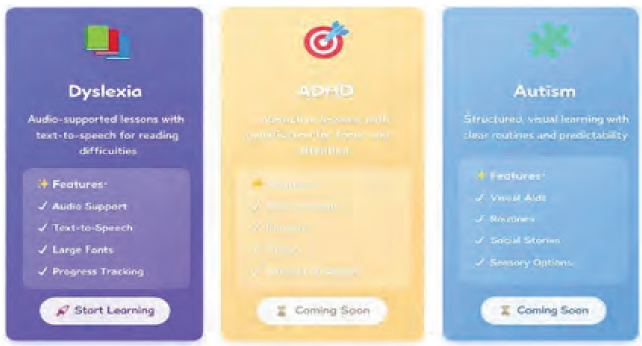

Fig. 2: Modules Dashboard

The line graph illustrates the progression of reading accuracy over a 6-week period comparing traditional learning methods with the proposed NeuroLearn+ adaptive system.

During Week 1, both groups started at the same baseline (60%). However, from Week 2 onwards, the NeuroLearn+ group demonstrated a consistently steeper improvement curve compared to traditional learning.

By Week 6:

Traditional learning improved modestly from 60% to 66% (+6% overall).

NeuroLearn+ adaptive learning increased significantly from 60% to 81% (+21% overall).

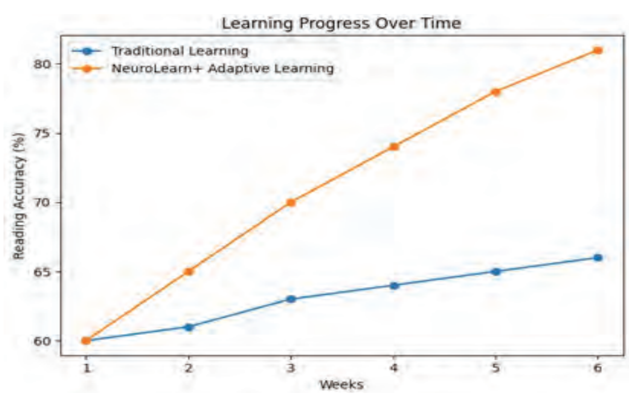

Fig. 3: Line Graph of learning progress

The system maintained stable performance up to 500 concurrent users with minimal latency increase, demonstrating horizontal scalability through cloud deployment.

Users	Avg Response Time (ms)	ML Inference (ms)	Error Rate
50	80	110	0%
200	95	120	0%
500	130	135	1.2%
1000	180	160	2.1%

Fig. 4: Estimate result prediction and error rate

The DFD illustrates how data flows between external entities, system processes, data stores, and AI services. The student interacts with the system by providing profile information and learning responses, which are managed by the User Management module and stored in the User Database (D1). The Content Personalization module retrieves appropriate materials from the Content Repository (D2) based on user profiles and adaptive logic supported by AI services. Student responses are evaluated by the Assessment Engine, and results are stored in the Learning Analytics database (D3) for performance tracking. The Analyze module processes these analytics to generate reports and insights, which are accessed by the Teacher, while the Content Management module updates learning materials as needed. Overall, the diagram demonstrates a structured, modular data flow that enables adaptive learning, real-time analytics, and continuous feedback within the system.

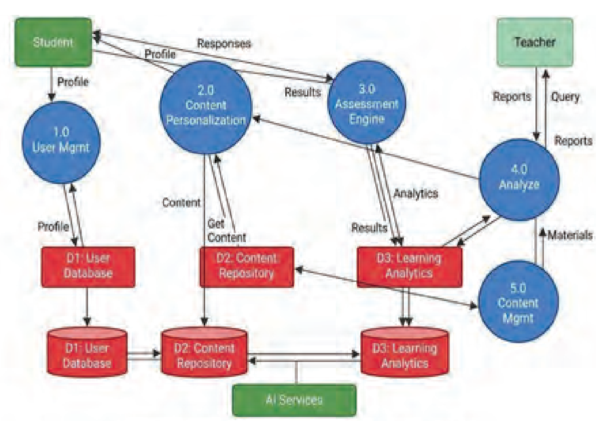

Fig. 5: Data Flow Diagram of NeuroLearn+ System

CONCLUSION

This paper presented NeuroLearn+, an AI-powered multimodal learning platform designed to support personalized and inclusive education for neurodiverse learners. By integrating adaptive learning strategies, machine learning–driven personalization, and multimodal content delivery, the proposed system addresses limitations of traditional digital learning approaches that fail to accommodate diverse cognitive and sensory needs.The system continuously analyzes learner interactions to enable real-time adaptation of learning pathways, improving engagement and comprehension. Additionally, learning analytics dashboards allow educators and caregivers to monitor learner progress and provide better support.

Overall, the results highlight the potential of AI-driven personalization to enhance educational accessibility and effectiveness, making NeuroLearn+ a scalable solution for inclusive learning environments.

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Renewable Energy Adoption and Social Change : Renewable Energy Adoption and Society: Impacts, Challenges, and Pathways to a Just Transition

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ABSTRACT

A global shift towards renewable energy is transforming societies, economies and environments. Renewable energy (RE) adoption has accelerated dramatically, with global capacity reaching 4,448 GW by the end of 2024 and renewables accounting for 92.5% of new power additions that year. Projections indicate renewables will become the world's largest electricity source by 2026 and generate 43% of global electricity by 2030. This transition delivers profound societal benefits, including 16.6 million jobs worldwide in 2024, improved public health from reduced pollution, and enhanced energy access. However, it also raises challenges related to social acceptance, energy justice, and equitable workforce development. This paper examines global trends, societal impacts, case studies, barriers, and policy recommendations, drawing on recent data from IRENA and the IEA to argue for inclusive strategies that ensure a just transition.

INTRODUCTION

The shift to renewable energy is driven by the urgent need to mitigate climate change, enhance energy security, and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. As of 2024, solar and wind dominated additions (452 GW and 113 GW, respectively), pushing renewables to 46.4% of global installed power capacity. Societally, this adoption intersects with employment, community well-being, equity, and behavioral change. Public acceptance is generally high for solar but varies locally for large-scale projects. Energy justice frameworks emphasize fair distribution of benefits and burdens, particularly for disadvantaged communities. This analysis synthesizes empirical data to assess how RE adoption shapes—and is shaped by—society.

Global Adoption Trends

Renewable capacity grew 15.1% in 2024, the highest rate on record, adding a record 585 GW. Asia led with 72% of additions (primarily China at +373.6 GW), while Africa added only 4.2 GW (0.7% of global). eenewseurope.comGlobal renewables add 585GW ...

The IEA projects capacity to double by 2030 (+4,600 GW), with solar PV driving ~80% of growth and variable renewables reaching 27–28% of electricity generation. Renewables will surpass coal as the top electricity source by late 2025 or mid-2026. Despite progress, the world remains off-track for the COP28 tripling target (11.174 TW by 2030), requiring over 1,120 GW annual additions.

Societal Impacts

RE adoption generates multifaceted societal effects.

Employment and Economic Development

In 2024, RE supported at least 16.6 million jobs globally—the highest ever—up from 7.3 million in 2012, though growth slowed due to automation and economies of scale. Solar PV accounts for the largest share (~7.2 million jobs), followed by biofuels and hydropower. Asia hosts ~75% of solar jobs, with China alone at 7.3 million (44% global share). greenfueljournal.comRenewable Energy Jobs in 2026: Global Market Growth, Skills Gap & Career Pathways (With Data + Forecasts)

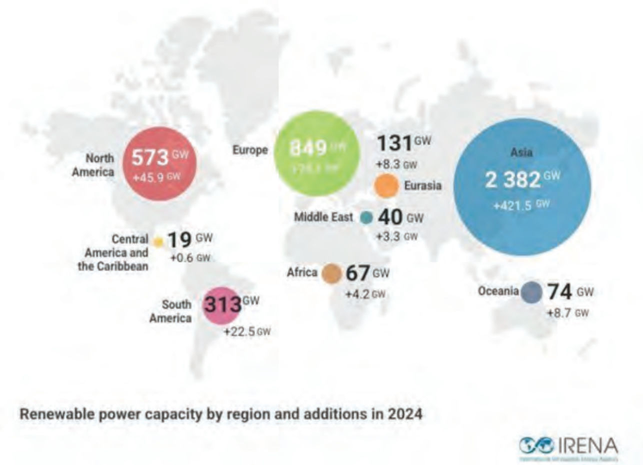

Fig. 1. Renewable power capacity by region and additions in 2024 (IRENA). Asia dominates, highlighting regional disparities that affect societal equity in energy access and job creation.

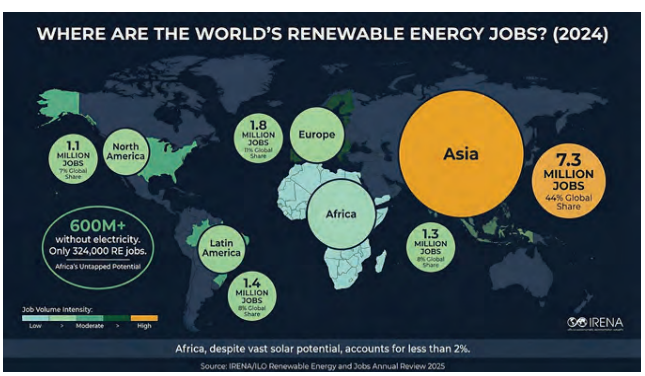

Fig. 2: Global renewable energy jobs distribution by region (2024, IRENA/ILO). Africa's low share underscores untapped potential and equity gaps.

Jobs span manufacturing, construction, operations, and services, often paying above-average wages and supporting local economies. However, shifts toward utility-scale projects reduce labor intensity, necessitating reskilling.

Health and Environmental Benefits

RE reduces air pollution, yielding societal health gains (e.g., fewer respiratory illnesses) and climate resilience. Lower energy costs long-term improve affordability, particularly in developing regions.

Social Acceptance and Community Dynamics

General acceptance of RE is high, especially for solar due to low visual impact and costs. Local opposition (NIMBYism) persists for wind farms and large projects, often tied to land use, aesthetics, or perceived inequities. Community-owned or participatory models boost acceptance and deliver shared benefits.

Energy Justice and Equity

Disparities remain: benefits concentrate in wealthier regions, while marginalized communities face siting burdens or limited access. Inclusive policies—targeting women (currently ~32% of RE jobs), persons with disabilities, and low-income groups—are essential for a just transition. Gender equity and disability inclusion expand talent pools and strengthen societal outcomes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Studies highlight social acceptance as a key determinant of project success, with frameworks like energy justice addressing distributional, procedural, and recognition dimensions. Community RE projects enhance awareness and uptake. Dynamic processes (e.g., evolving attitudes over time) and policy stability are critical enablers.

Case Studies

Germany's Energiewende: Renewables reached high shares (~44% electricity in recent years) via feed-in tariffs and public support. It created net jobs and reduced emissions but faced high costs and grid challenges. Public co-ownership fostered acceptance.

China: Dominates deployment and manufacturing, generating millions of jobs but raising equity concerns in rural areas. Rapid scaling demonstrates policy-driven societal transformation.

India and Denmark: India's auctions and rooftop programs drive growth amid energy access needs; Denmark's wind leadership exemplifies community integration and high acceptance.

Barriers and Enablers

Barriers: Economic (upfront costs, financing gaps), policy instability, grid integration/curtailment, supply chain concentration, and social resistance. Regional disparities exacerbate inequities.

Enablers: Stable long-term policies, community participation, training programs, green financing, and corporate PPAs. Broad solar acceptance and falling costs accelerate adoption.

Policy Recommendations and Future Outlook

To maximize societal benefits:

Prioritize inclusive workforce policies (reskilling, gender/disability targets).

Embed energy justice in planning (community benefits, participatory processes).

Invest in grids, flexibility, and storage to minimize curtailment.

Ensure policy stability and international collaboration.

By 2030, aligned policies could support 30+ million RE jobs and deeper decarbonization. Accelerated scenarios (e.g., faster permitting, de-risked finance) could meet tripling targets, delivering equitable prosperity.

CONCLUSION

Renewable energy adoption is reshaping society positively through jobs, health, and sustainability, yet requires deliberate action to address inequities and barriers. A just, inclusive transition—rooted in data-driven policies and community empowerment—offers humanity a pathway to energy security and climate resilience. Coordinated global and national efforts will determine whether this transformation benefits all of society equitably.

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Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System

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ABSTRACT

With the increasing use of digital platforms for storing personal information and assets, managing digital inheritance has become an important concern. This project presents a Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System, a secure web-based platform that allows users to create, store, and manage their digital wills in an encrypted environment. The system is developed using FastAPI, React, and MongoDB to provide a scalable full-stack architecture. The platform enables users to register, create digital wills, and securely store information about assets and beneficiaries. Sensitive data such as personal messages and asset details are protected using Fernet encryption, ensuring confidentiality and preventing unauthorized access. The system follows a structured workflow where the will remains inaccessible until a death confirmation mechanism is triggered, after which the encrypted content is securely decrypted and shared with designated beneficiaries. The solution integrates RESTful APIs for authentication, encrypted data storage, and secure will retrieval. By combining modern web technologies with strong encryption techniques, the system provides a reliable and privacy-focused method for digital inheritance management. This approach simplifies the process of managing digital assets while ensuring security, transparency, and controlled access for beneficiaries in the future.

KEYWORDS *: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Adaptive Learning, Multimodal Learning, Personalized Learning, Inclusive Education, Neurodiversity, Educational Technology, Learning Analytics.*

INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of digital services and online platforms has significantly increased the number of digital assets individuals possess, including online accounts, digital documents, cryptocurrencies, and personal media. Managing and transferring these digital assets after an individual's death has become a critical challenge in modern digital society. Traditional wills primarily focus on physical assets and legal documentation, often overlooking the growing importance of digital property and sensitive online information.

Existing inheritance management systems are mostly manual and paper-based, which can lead to security risks, lack of accessibility, and difficulties in managing digital assets. Moreover, sensitive information stored in digital wills—such as personal messages, financial data, or account details—requires strong protection mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access or data breaches. Conventional storage solutions may not provide adequate encryption or controlled access, which can compromise user privacy and data security.

To address these challenges, this project proposes a Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System, a secure web based platform designed to manage digital inheritance efficiently. The system is built using FastAPI, React, and MongoDB to create a scalable and efficient full-stack application. The platform allows users to register, create digital wills, and specify beneficiaries and asset details through a user-friendly interface.

To ensure data confidentiality, the system uses Fernet encryption to securely store sensitive will information. The encrypted data remains protected in the database and can only be accessed when a predefined condition—such as confirmation of the user's death—is triggered. This controlled access mechanism ensures that the will content is revealed only to authorized beneficiaries at the appropriate time.

The key contributions of this work include: (1) a secure platform for creating and managing digital wills; (2) integration of encryption techniques to protect sensitive user information; (3) a structured workflow for controlled access to digital assets after death confirmation; and (4) a scalable full-stack architecture enabling reliable and efficient data management.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II reviews related work in digital asset management and secure data storage systems. Section III explains the system architecture and methodology. Section IV describes the implementation and security mechanisms used. Section V presents system evaluation and discussion. Finally, Section VI concludes the paper with future improvements and potential enhancements to the platform.

RELATED WORK

Digital Asset Management and Online Inheritance

With the rapid increase in digital assets such as social media accounts, cloud storage, and cryptocurrencies, researchers have begun exploring digital inheritance management systems. Several studies highlight the importance of structured mechanisms to transfer digital assets after a user's death. Traditional inheritance methods primarily focus on physical assets and legal documentation, often failing to address the management of online accounts and sensitive digital data. Modern digital estate management platforms attempt to bridge this gap by providing systems that allow users to document and transfer digital assets securely.

Secure Data Storage and Encryption Techniques

Security is a critical aspect of digital will systems because they contain highly sensitive personal and financial information. Research in Cryptography has introduced various encryption techniques to ensure confidentiality and data integrity. Symmetric encryption methods such as Fernet are widely used to protect sensitive data stored in databases. These encryption mechanisms ensure that only authorized users can access or decrypt stored information, thereby reducing the risk of unauthorized access or data breaches.

Secure Web-Based Information Management Systems

Recent developments in web technologies have enabled the creation of scalable and secure information management systems. Frameworks like FastAPI allow developers to design high-performance backend services, while modern frontend libraries such as React support interactive user interfaces. Additionally, NoSQL databases like MongoDB provide flexible data storage and efficient handling of semi-structured data. These technologies are increasingly used to build secure applications that require real-time data processing and scalable architectures

Research Gap and Contribution

Although previous research has explored digital asset management, secure encryption methods, and web-based information systems independently, there is limited work on integrated platforms specifically designed for digital will management. Many existing solutions lack strong encryption, controlled access mechanisms, or user-friendly interfaces for managing digital inheritance.

The proposed Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System addresses this gap by providing a secure and accessible platform that enables users to create encrypted digital wills, manage beneficiaries, and ensure controlled access to sensitive information after specific conditions are met. The system integrates modern web technologies with strong encryption techniques to ensure both usability and data security.

METHODOLOGY

The development of the Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System follows a structured multi-phase methodology to ensure security, reliability, and ease of use. The approach integrates modern web technologies with secure data handling mechanisms to create a scalable and user-friendly platform.

Phase 1: Requirements Analysis and Feasibility Study

This phase involved identifying the functional and security requirements of a digital will management system. The primary requirements included secure user authentication, encrypted storage of will information, beneficiary management, and controlled access to data after verification conditions are met.

Feasibility analysis was conducted across three aspects:

1. Technical feasibility – evaluating the use of modern backend frameworks and databases for secure data processing. 2. Economic feasibility – adopting open-source technologies to minimize development cost.

3. Operational feasibility – ensuring the system is simple enough for users without technical expertise. The study confirmed that a web-based solution using modern backend frameworks and database systems is practical and efficient for implementing a secure digital will platform.

Phase 2: System Architecture Design

The system architecture follows a three-tier design consisting of the following layers:

1. Presentation Layer – Developed using React, providing an interactive and responsive interface where users can register, create wills, and manage beneficiaries.
2. Application Layer – Implemented using FastAPI, which handles API requests, user authentication, business logic, and encryption processes.
3. Data Storage Layer – Utilizes MongoDB for storing user information and will data in a flexible document format. This modular architecture ensures scalability, easier maintenance, and efficient communication between system components.

Phase 3: Data Security and Encryption Implementation

Since digital wills contain highly sensitive information, strong security mechanisms are implemented in this phase. The system uses encryption techniques from Cryptography to protect stored data.

The following security measures are implemented:

1. Password Hashing – User passwords are hashed before storage to prevent exposure of raw credentials. 2. Message Encryption – Sensitive will messages are encrypted using Fernet, ensuring that stored data cannot be read without proper decryption keys.
3. Secure Database Storage – Encrypted data is stored in database collections, preventing unauthorized access. These mechanisms ensure confidentiality and integrity of the user's digital will information.

Phase 4: Backend API Development

The backend system provides RESTful APIs for handling system operations. Key API functionalities include:

1. User Registration and Authentication – Allows users to securely create and manage accounts.
2. Will Creation Module – Enables users to store information about assets, beneficiaries, and encrypted personal messages.
3. Access Control Mechanism – Controls when the stored will information becomes accessible based on verification conditions.
4. Data Retrieval APIs – Retrieves stored will data only when authorized conditions are satisfied. These APIs enable seamless communication between the frontend interface and the backend database.

Phase 5: Frontend Interface Development

The user interface focuses on simplicity and accessibility. The frontend application allows users to: • Register and log in securely

Create and manage digital wills

Add assets and beneficiaries

Store encrypted personal messages

Interactive forms and dashboards ensure that users can easily manage their digital inheritance data without requiring technical knowledge.

Phase 6: Testing and Deployment

The system undergoes multiple testing stages to ensure reliability and security.

1. Functional Testing – Verifying correct working of registration, will creation, encryption, and retrieval modules. 2. Security Testing – Ensuring encrypted data protection and secure authentication mechanisms. 3. Performance Testing – Evaluating system performance under multiple user requests.

After testing, the application can be deployed on cloud platforms, enabling secure web-based access and easy scalability.

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

System Architecture

The Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System implements a modular architecture designed to ensure security, scalability, and efficient data management. Fig. 1 illustrates the overall system architecture, showing the flow of information from the user interface through backend processing to secure database storage. The system consists of four primary components:

Analytical Algorithms

The Digital Will System uses basic security and access algorithms to protect sensitive information. 1) Password Hashing

User passwords are converted into secure hashes using a Cryptographic Hash Function before storing them in MongoDB. During login, the entered password is hashed and compared with the stored hash to verify the user. 2) Data Encryption

Sensitive will data such as personal messages are encrypted using Fernet, which is based on Symmetric Key Encryption. The encrypted data is stored securely in the database and decrypted only when required.

Death Confirmation Trigger

The system checks whether the death_confirmed status is true. If confirmed, the will is decrypted and shared with beneficiaries; otherwise, access remains restricted.

Technology Stack

The system is developed using FastAPI and Python for backend API development. Data is stored in MongoDB, while sensitive will information is secured using Fernet.

The frontend is built with React, enabling users to create and manage digital wills through a simple web interface.

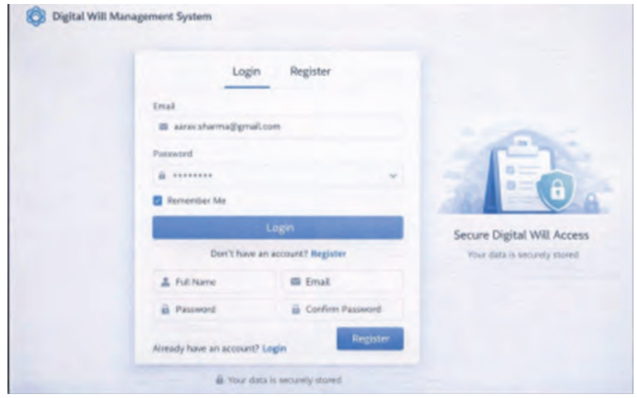

Fig. 1. Login Page

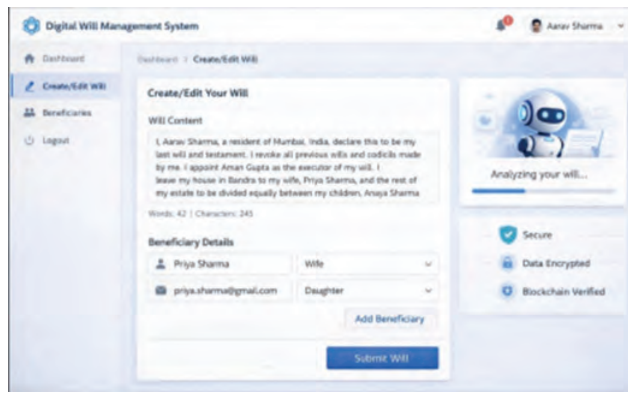

Fig. 2. Will Creation Page

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Performance Metrics

The proposed Digital Will and Asset Transfer System was tested to evaluate system performance, reliability, and security. The backend APIs developed using FastAPI showed fast response time for operations such as user registration, will creation, and will retrieval. The database operations performed through MongoDB demonstrated efficient storage and retrieval of user and will data.

Encryption of sensitive messages using Fernet ensured secure storage of confidential information. Testing confirmed that encrypted will data could only be accessed after the death confirmation process, maintaining privacy and security. The system performed smoothly on standard computing resources without significant delays.

Analytical Insights Generated

The developed Digital Will platform provides several useful insights and functionalities for secure digital asset management: 1. User Registration and Authentication:

The system allows users to securely register and manage accounts using APIs built with FastAPI, ensuring proper identity verification before accessing the platform.

Secure Will Storage

Digital wills and confidential messages are encrypted using Fernet before being stored in MongoDB, ensuring that sensitive information remains protected.

Asset and Beneficiary Management

Users can store details of their digital assets and assign beneficiaries, making it easier to organize asset transfer instructions.

Controlled Will Access

The system allows access to the stored will only after the death confirmation process, ensuring privacy and preventing unauthorized disclosure.

Business Value Demonstration

User testing with sample users showed that the platform is easy to use, secure, and practical for digital asset management. Users appreciated the ability to create and store digital wills online, update them anytime, and ensure that assets are transferred to the correct beneficiaries. The system also reduces the risk of lost or tampered paper wills, making the inheritance process more reliable and transparent.

Limitations and Considerations

Despite its advantages, the system has some limitations. Legal validation of digital wills may vary across regions, and the death-verification process still requires manual confirmation. Additionally, users must trust cloud storage and database security systems such as MongoDB. Future improvements can include blockchain-based verification, stronger identity checks, and automated legal compliance mechanisms to enhance reliability and trust.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This project presents a Digital Will and Asset Transfer Management System that enables users to securely create, store, and manage digital wills. The system uses modern web technologies and encryption techniques to ensure that sensitive information remains protected. By integrating a backend built with FastAPI, secure encryption using Fernet, and data storage through MongoDB, the platform provides a reliable way to manage digital inheritance. The system ensures that will information becomes accessible only after proper confirmation, improving security and transparency in digital asset transfer. The project demonstrates how technology can simplify traditional will management by providing secure storage, easy updates, and controlled access to digital assets. It reduces risks such as loss, tampering, or unauthorized access that often occur with physical documents.

FUTURE WORK

1. AI-Based Verification: Implement AI models to assist in verifying death records and automate the release process. 2. Blockchain Integration: Use blockchain to create tamper-proof digital wills and increase trust in the system. 3. Biometric Authentication: Add biometric or multi-factor authentication for stronger user identity verification. 4. Legal Compliance Integration: Align the platform with digital inheritance laws and automated legal validation. 5. Mobile Application Development: Develop a mobile app for easier access and management of digital wills.

These improvements will make the system more secure, automated, and legally reliable, helping it evolve into a comprehensive platform for digital asset inheritance management.

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A Review of Nanomaterials for the Treatment of Water Contaminated by Heavy Metals

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ABSTRACT

Water bodies contaminated with heavy metals present a serious hazard to the environment and public health worldwide. The efficiency, selectivity, and cost of traditional cleanup techniques are frequently constrained. Because of their special physicochemical characteristics, such as huge surface areas, variable surface chemistries, and high adsorption capabilities, nanomaterials have become extremely attractive solutions.[1]

This paper summarizes current developments (mostly from 2022 to 2025) in the use of several nanomaterials for the efficient removal and detection of heavy metals from water, including metal and metal oxide nanoparticles, carbon-based nanomaterials, and bio-based nanostructures. [2]For sustainable and scalable nanomaterial-based water treatment systems, it examines the mechanisms at play, talks about important performance parameters, and describes present issues and potential future research avenues.

INTRODUCTION

Heavy metal contamination is a serious environmental issue that results from both man-made and natural processes, such as mining, industrial processes, and agricultural runoff, as well as weathering of rocks. These persistent pollutants build up in aquatic habitats, posing major risks to human health and the surroundings. [3] Significant research into innovative technologies has been prompted by the pressing need for effective, targeted, and sustainable remediation solutions. Because of their unique characteristics at the nanoscale, nanomaterials provide a number of benefits over traditional techniques for the removal and detection of heavy metals. In order to present a current viewpoint on nanomaterial-based water decontamination methods, this review concentrates on recent advancements in this sector, especially from 2022 onward.[4]

SOURCES AND IMPACT OF HEAVY METAL CONTAMINATION

Anthropogenic Sources: Major sources are agricultural runoff (pesticides, fertilizers), mining activities (gold mining for mercury), industrial effluents (smelting, manufacturing), and inappropriate waste disposal.

Natural Processes: Heavy metals are released into water bodies by wildfires, volcanic activity, and the weathering of metal-rich rocks.

Impact on Health and the Environment: Because heavy metals are frequently poisonous, non-biodegradable, and bioaccumulative, they pose serious concerns to both ecosystem stability and human health.[5]

OVERVIEW OF NANOMATERIAL PROPERTIES FOR HEAVY METAL REMOVAL

Nanomaterials have improved heavy metal cleanup capacities because of High Surface Area i.e. Promotes more areas of interaction for chemical reactions and adsorption.

Tunable Surface Chemistry: Enables surface functionalization with particular groups (such as carboxyl, amino, or thiol) to improve adsorption capability and selectivity for specific heavy metals. [6]

Quantum Size Effects: Leads to novel optical, electrical, and magnetic properties.

Sustainable Production Standards: Sustainable production methods are compatible with certain nanomaterials, especially bio-based ones.

TYPES OF NANOMATERIALS USED IN WATER TREATMENT

Nanomaterials are used are commonly employed in water purification because of their large surface area and powerful adsorption characteristics.

Carbon-based nanomaterials

Carbon nanomaterials, including graphene oxide, carbon nanotubes (CNTs), and activated carbon nanoparticles, are commonly employed to remove heavy metals.

Graphene Oxide: Graphene oxide (GO) contains oxygen-containing functional groups that bind metal ions efficiently.[7] Research indicates that graphene-based nanocomposites may remove heavy metals with adsorption capabilities greater than 240 mg/g for chromium ions. Hybridized graphene composites have greater adsorption capabilities for Pb^{2+}, Cd^{2+}, and Hg^{2+} at 372 mg/g, 321 mg/g, and 281, respectively.

Carbon nanotubes: Carbon nanotubes feature cylindrical shapes that make them good adsorption sites for metal ions. When paired with composite materials, they can remove more than 96% of some heavy metals.

Metal oxide nanoparticles

Metal oxide nanoparticles, including TiO_2, ZnO, and Fe_3O_4, are widely utilized for water filtration. These nanoparticles remove heavy metals via adsorption and photocatalytic processes. Titanium dioxide nanoparticles are highly effective at pollutant breakdown by photocatalysis. [8]

Magnetic nanoparticles

Iron oxide nanoparticles (Fe_3O_4) can be easily separated from water by applying an external magnetic field. Magnetite-graphene composites effectively remove heavy metals as Pb^{2+}, Cr^{6+}, Hg^{2+}, and Cd^{2+} from wastewater due to their high adsorption capacity. [9]

For example, several graphene-magnetite nanocomposites have adsorption capabilities of: • Pb^{2+}: 200 mg/g.

- Cu^{2+}: 62 mg/g.
- 63 mg/g of Zn^{2+}.

NANOMATERIALS' BENEFITS FOR WATER TREATMENT

Compared to conventional water purification methods, nanomaterials provide a number of advantages like Massive surface area , Significant capacity in adsorption ,Rapid kinetics of reactions, Capacity to eliminate metals at extremely low concentrations,Simple functionality,

Regenerative and reuse potential. Nanotechnology is a promising method for environmental restoration because of these benefits.[10]

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HEAVY METAL REMEDIATION USING NANOMATERIALS

Performance Factors and Adsorption Mechanisms

Adsorption: Heavy metal ion surface binding is the main mechanism for many nanomaterials. The adsorption process is greatly influenced by a number of variables, including pH, adsorbent dosage, temperature, contact time, and ionic strength.

Precipitation and Redox Reactions: Certain nanomaterials can cause precipitation or help heavy metals undergo redox changes.

Types and Applications of Nanomaterials

Metal and Metal Oxide Nanomaterials

These materials are increasingly being used for selective, regenerative, and scalable water treatment. Examples include iron oxides, titanium dioxide, and zinc oxide nanoparticles. Their efficiency is often increased by surface modifications.[11]

Carbon-Based Nanomaterials

Graphene oxide and carbon nanotubes are excellent adsorbents for a range of heavy metals due to their huge surface areas and tunable surface chemistries.

Activated carbon nanofibers are advanced carbon forms with improved adsorption kinetics.

Materials Based on Carbon Nanomaterials

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Polymer-based nanocomposites are nanomaterials that use polymers, such as chitosan, to boost adsorption capacity and ease separation. [12]

Because of their vast surface areas and adjustable pore sizes, Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) are porous crystalline materials with the ability to selectively trap heavy metals.

APPLICATION OF NANOTECHNOLOGY IN WASTEWATER

Considering its innovative methods for addressing crucial problems in wastewater treatment, nanotechnology has become a prominent field in environmental remediation. These days, a number of industries throughout the world, such as paper and pulp, textiles, petroleum and natural gas, and medicines, use large amounts of water and produce highly contaminated effluent. The application of nanoparticles may offer opportunities for the efficient treatment of highly contaminated wastewater. The nanoscale region, which is between 1 and 100 nanometers, contains the most difficult-to-remove contaminants from wastewater. [13] As a result, nano-based techniques are especially suitable for dealing with these contaminants. Because of their tiny size and the unique physicochemical properties of nanoparticles, nanotechnologies provide substantial advantages for water purification.

A high density of active sites for contaminant interaction is produced by their enhanced surface area-to-volume ratio and surface reactive characteristics, which enable remarkable adsorption effectiveness. [14] When it comes to removing contaminants from aquatic settings, nanomaterials show remarkable effectiveness.

Typical Van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonds, and electrostatic interactions are some of the ways that nanomaterials' small size and unique surface characteristics improve their interactions with contaminants. Additionally, surface functionalization processes allow nanoparticles to be tailored for the targeted adsorption of certain contaminants. Heavy metals, dyes, and medications have all been successfully targeted by functionalized nanoparticles, demonstrating their adaptability and versatility in a range of wastewater treatment scenarios.

Additionally, certain nanomaterials, such as zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, have photocatalytic properties, which enable the breakdown of contaminants by generating reactive oxygen species when exposed to light. Their ability to treat wastewater comprehensively is greatly enhanced by this multifunctional capabilities.

Wastewater and wastewater can be treated using a variety of efficient, cost-effective, and eco-friendly nanomaterials. Because of their unique physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, these nanomaterials can be used to decontaminate drinking water, groundwater, surface water, and industrial effluents. The materials might be categorized as composites, carbon-based, inorganic, or organic. [15]

Potential solutions to problems with declining water quality in network distribution, reduced reliance on vital infrastructure, and the use of alternative water sources for farming and portable uses while subsidizing energy use include the application of nanotechnology in the purification and reuse of household water. This strategy is especially pertinent for developing nations dealing with issues including declining water quality and rising demand for purer water to guarantee food safety, medical care, and adherence to environmental laws.

Globally, governments and commercial enterprises have started various initiatives and efforts to advance the development of nanotechnology, particularly in China, Japan, the United States of America, and Germany. The possible uses of nanotechnology in water and wastewater restoration have been the subject of numerous studies and experiments by specialists.

Nevertheless, there hasn't been much advancement when compared to the use of nanotechnology in industries like electronics and medicine. The majority of research on the application of nanomaterials for water and wastewater treatment was carried out in labs and on a pilot scale starting in the early 2000s. In terms of the quantity of publications on this scientific topic, China and Iran were identified as the top two countries. Due to the substantial demand for potential nanomaterials, the Asia-Pacific area is the most attractive market for nanotechnology, according to the 2020 market research.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Although nanoparticles have a lot of potential, a number of issues must be resolved before they can be widely used:

Aggregation and Stability: When nanomaterials aggregate, their effective surface area and separation efficiency are decreased.

Regenerability and Scalability: The development of scalable synthesis methods and regenerative nanomaterials is crucial for practical applications.

Environmental and Health Impacts: Careful thought and thorough risk evaluations are necessary due to the possible long-term ecological and health implications of manmade nanomaterials themselves.

Cost-Effectiveness: For commercial viability, lowering the cost of nanomaterial manufacturing and treatment procedures is crucial.

Thorough Lifecycle Assessment: For truly sustainable solutions, it is essential to assess nanomaterials' whole lifecycle, from manufacture to disposal.[16]

Future research should focus on:

- Generating effective and highly selective nanomaterials for particular heavy metals.
- Enhancing the long-term performance and mechanical strength of systems based on nanomaterials
- Investigating interdisciplinary partnerships and following green chemistry guidelines in the synthesis and design of nanomaterials

CONCLUSION

When it comes to treating heavy metal-contaminated water, nanomaterials are a major "nano-revolution" that performs better than conventional techniques. The effectiveness of several types of nanomaterials and functionalization techniques in improving removal efficiency is demonstrated by recent study. Realizing the full promise of these cutting-edge materials for cleaner water worldwide will require addressing issues with scalability, stability, regeneration, and environmental safety.

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Industrial IoT-Based Predictive Maintenance System

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ABSTRACT

Industrial systems rely on the continuous operation of machinery, where unexpected failures can result in production losses, safety concerns, and increased maintenance costs. Conventional maintenance approaches, such as reactive and preventive maintenance, often fail to utilize real-time equipment conditions effectively. Reactive maintenance addresses failures after occurrence, while preventive maintenance follows predefined schedules without considering the actual health of the machine. This paper presents an Industrial IoT-based predictive maintenance system designed for real-time monitoring and early fault detection. The proposed system utilizes multiple sensors to acquire critical parameters, including vibration, temperature, and electrical characteristics. These measurements are collected through embedded sensor nodes and transmitted via wireless communication to an edge or cloud-based processing unit. Machine learning techniques are then applied to analyze the data and identify anomalies that may indicate potential failures. Upon detecting abnormal patterns, the system generates early warning alerts, enabling timely maintenance actions. The proposed architecture focuses on scalability and cost-effectiveness by integrating embedded sensing, wireless communication, and intelligent data analysis. The system aims to enhance operational reliability, reduce maintenance costs, and minimize unplanned downtime in industrial environments.

KEYWORDS *: Predictive Maintenance, Industrial IoT, Machine Learning, Edge Computing, Anomaly Detection.*

INTRODUCTION

In modern industrial environments, automated machinery plays a crucial role in maintaining productivity and operational efficiency. However, unexpected equipment failures remain a major challenge, often leading to unplanned downtime, financial losses, and safety risks.

Traditionally, industries rely on reactive and preventive maintenance strategies. Reactive maintenance involves repairing equipment only after a failure occurs, which can result in costly downtime and emergency interventions. Preventive maintenance, on the other hand, schedules maintenance activities at fixed intervals regardless of the machine's condition. Although this approach reduces the probability of sudden failures, it may lead to unnecessary maintenance operations and inefficient resource utilization.

With the advancement of Industry 4.0 technologies, predictive maintenance has emerged as a more effective and intelligent approach. Unlike traditional methods, predictive maintenance continuously monitors machine parameters and analyzes operational data to detect early signs of potential failures. This enables maintenance activities to be performed proactively, thereby preventing critical breakdowns.

The integration of Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), embedded systems, and machine learning has enabled the development of advanced predictive maintenance solutions. Sensors deployed on industrial equipment collect real-time data such as vibration, temperature, and current consumption. This data is transmitted to processing units, where machine learning models analyze it to detect anomalies and predict possible faults.

This research focuses on the design and implementation of an Industrial IoT-based predictive maintenance system that combines wireless sensor networks, edge computing, and AI-driven anomaly detection. The proposed system aims to improve equipment reliability, reduce operational costs, and provide early warning signals for potential failures.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Predictive maintenance has become a significant application within Industry 4.0, integrating IoT, machine learning, and embedded systems for continuous monitoring and fault detection.

The study "IoT based Predictive Maintenance in Manufacturing Sector" (ICICC 2020) presents an IoT-driven framework for monitoring machine conditions and detecting anomalies using sensor data. Similarly, "IoT-based Predictive Maintenance for Smart Manufacturing Systems" (APSIPA 2019) highlights the effectiveness of real-time data acquisition and analytics in improving maintenance efficiency.

The work "Machine Learning and IoT–Based Predictive Maintenance Approach for Industrial Applications" (Alexandria Engineering Journal) demonstrates how machine learning algorithms can analyze historical sensor data to identify failure patterns. Additionally, "Enabling Predictive Maintenance in the Brownfield through Low-Cost Sensors and IIoT Architecture" (IEEE Big Data 2018) shows that predictive maintenance can be implemented in existing industrial setups using cost-effective sensor integration.

Recent advancements focus on edge intelligence and embedded AI. "Embedded TinyML for Predictive Maintenance" (2025) and "TinyML for Edge Intelligence in IoT and LPWAN Networks" (2024) emphasize deploying lightweight machine learning models directly on embedded systems for real-time fault detection.

Furthermore, studies on vibration analysis, including "A Review on Vibration Monitoring Techniques for Predictive Maintenance of Rotating Machinery" (2023) and "An Anomaly Detection Method for Rotating Machinery Monitoring Based on the Most Representative Data" (2021), highlight the importance of vibration signals as reliable indicators of machine faults.

These works collectively demonstrate that integrating IoT sensing, machine learning, and edge intelligence significantly enhances predictive maintenance systems. However, challenges remain in real-time processing, cost optimization, and scalability, which this research aims to address.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed system is developed using an embedded sensing architecture integrated with wireless communication and machine learning-based analysis. The system consists of sensor nodes, a microcontroller-based data acquisition unit, communication modules, and a cloud or edge processing platform.

Sensors are installed on industrial machines to continuously monitor critical parameters such as vibration, temperature, and electrical signals. These parameters provide insights into the operational condition of the equipment.

The collected data is processed locally using a microcontroller, where initial filtering and noise reduction are performed. This preprocessing step ensures that only relevant and reliable data is transmitted. The processed data is then sent using wireless communication protocols such as Wi-Fi or MQTT to a centralized processing system.

At the analysis stage, machine learning algorithms are applied to identify patterns in the data and distinguish between normal and abnormal operating conditions. When deviations are detected, the system generates alerts indicating potential faults.

The system workflow includes:

- Data acquisition through sensors
- Local preprocessing using embedded systems
- Wireless data transmission

- Data analysis using machine learning models
- Fault detection and alert generation

This methodology enables continuous monitoring and early identification of machine failures.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

The proposed predictive maintenance system is structured into four layers:

Sensor Layer

This layer includes sensors installed on industrial equipment to measure parameters such as vibration, temperature, and current, which are essential indicators of machine health.

Edge Processing Layer

A microcontroller-based system processes the sensor data locally, performing filtering and preliminary analysis before transmission.

Communication Layer

This layer handles data transmission from sensor nodes to the central system using wireless communication technologies such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or MQTT.

Analytics and Prediction Layer

Machine learning algorithms analyze the collected data to detect anomalies and predict potential failures using techniques such as classification and time-series analysis.

This layered architecture ensures scalability and efficient deployment across industrial environments.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The system was evaluated using real-time sensor data collected during machine operation. The system successfully monitored critical parameters and identified abnormal conditions under simulated fault scenarios.

The analysis indicates that parameters such as vibration and temperature exhibit noticeable deviations prior to potential failures. By applying anomaly detection techniques, the system was able to detect these deviations and generate early warning alerts.

The integration of machine learning improved the system's ability to distinguish between normal variations and actual fault conditions, reducing false alarms while maintaining detection sensitivity.

These results demonstrate that combining sensor-based monitoring with data-driven analysis enhances maintenance decision-making and enables proactive intervention.

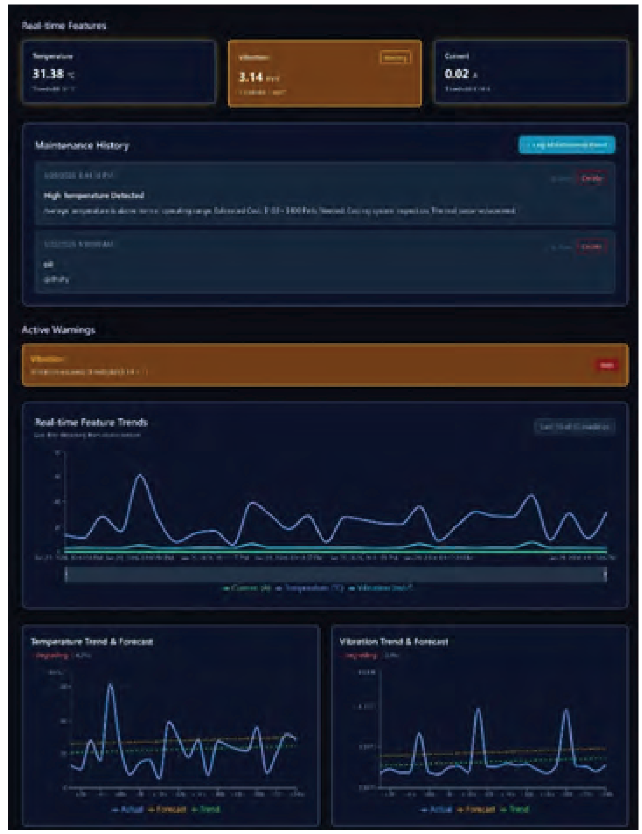

Fig. 1. Dashboard Image (Software)

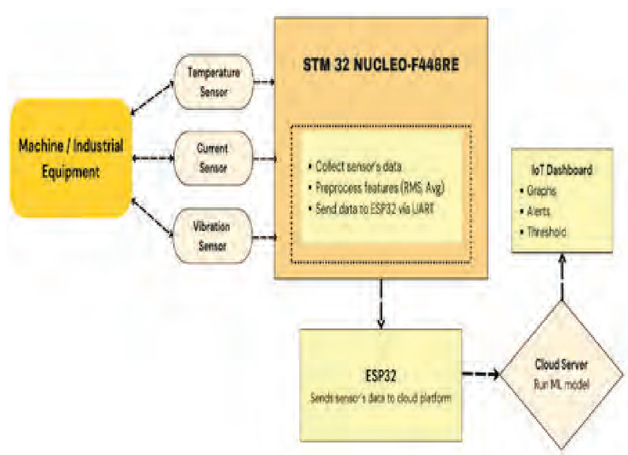

Fig. 2. Block Diagram

Fig. 3. Hardware

CONCLUSION

This paper presented an Industrial IoT-based predictive maintenance system for real-time monitoring and fault detection in industrial equipment. The system integrates embedded sensors, wireless communication, and machine learning techniques to provide an efficient and scalable maintenance solution.

The proposed system demonstrates improved reliability and reduced downtime by enabling early detection of equipment failures. The use of real-time data and intelligent analysis supports proactive maintenance strategies, leading to optimized operational performance.

Future work may focus on improving model accuracy, implementing advanced edge AI techniques, and scaling the system for large industrial applications.

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DC Motor Speed Regulation Using MOSFET-Based Control

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ABSTRACT

This paper has presented an efficient method for speed control of DC motor through pulse-width modulation (PWM) using MOSFET. Conventional methods like rheostat control are highly inefficient and cause high energy loss. The proposed method uses MOSFET as a dynamic electronic switch for low current high speed control of the average voltage across the DC motor. By changing the PWM power duty cycle, good and low loss speed control of the DC motor has been realised. It provides low heat loss and has better reliability. The speed required motor speed can be controlled with high accuracy and smoothness. The proposed method is simple and cost effective for the applications in industrial and domestic systems. Experimental results prove that MOSFET based control is more efficient and provides better speed response compared to conventional methods.

INTRODUCTION

Speed control is one of the most popular and useful application in today's world fans conveyor robots and many more. The present project deals with controlling the speed of DC motor using MOSFET (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor) as an electronic switch. The speed of the motor can be controlled by changing the input voltage of MOSFET. Potentiometer is used in order to change the resistance in the circuit. By changing the resistance dynamically it will be possible to change voltage and hence control speed of motor. Resistors are used to control the current and so that the components are not overloaded. The resistance of resistor will ease the life of MOSFET and Motor. In addition to that a red LED is added for that it will give an information to the user as LED will be lit whenever MOSFET is switching.This project is very simple yet useful for controlling the speed of motor. This can be useful in small hobby projects and for educational purposes. This project is also energy efficient and compact.Task DescriptionThe project is simple and not difficult. It uses very common and popular electronic components which can be easily found in the market. The project is easy to understand also. The main application of this project is controlling the speed of motor. This project is very simple to assemble and can be useful for the hobby projects and educational purposes.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Motor speed control has been a long-standing application, both in industry and home.

Controlling the motor speed using mechanical controller and rheostat was quite common. However this approach was not efficient. The motor speed controller was inefficient as the motor loses energy in the form of heat, due to the resistance of motor. The motor speed control also causes wear and tear on mechanical parts.

However, new technologies like semiconductors, especially Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistors (MOSFETs) have transformed the way motors are controlled.

In recent times, various techniques and technologies like Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) along with MOSFETs, have made motor control possible with higher efficiency and better performance. All these technologies have reduced energy losses in the motor.

This project uses the MOSFET gate voltage to directly set the motor speed. Using a potentiometer, the gate voltage is varied and hence the motor speed control is achieved. This simple method of motor control is economical and efficient. This project showcases the use of MOSFETs in replacing the motors controlled by mechanical methods and the advantages offered by the MOSFETs. (as shown by the prior work done in [1]).

This work also aims to highlight the use of MOSFETs in many different applications and its versatility. By using a potentiometer to directly set the MOSFET gate voltage, the system is made simple and cost-effective.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

This project is about designing DC motor speed control system by MOSFET. This project can be useful in controlling the speed of DC motor. This project uses MOSFET to control the speed of DC motor. MOSFET device has a high efficiency and can control the speed of DC motor precisely. The proposed project can be used in home automation, robotics, industrial machinery, and many other applications. MOSFET is an energy-efficient device. With the help of this project, we can reduce power loss, make the operation smooth, and efficient. The proposed project has a simple design. It can be used in small or large-sized devices. It can be used in devices such as an automated system, small electronics gadgets, and many more. The proposed project can deliver high performance. Another potential research direction for this design could be to explore the integration of microcontroller-based automation or wireless control, which could enhance its applicability in smart and remote-controlled applications. Future scope of the project is to integrate with sensor feedback so that it can maintain the speed in case of any load. It is a versatile project. It can be used in many industries. It is simple and effective.

Learning Objectives

The student will be able to design a MOSFET speed control system for DC motor and understand the operation of MOSFET speed control system.

The student will learn about MOSFET speed control system and will be able to design a MOSFET speed control system for DC motor.The student will learn the working principle of MOSFET speed control system and will be able to design a MOSFET speed control system for DC motor. The student will design a MOSFET speed control system for DC motor and understand its applications in robotics, home automation, and industrial machinery. Highlights:

METHODOLOGY

This report covers the detailed design, construction, and testing of the speed adjustable DC motor drive circuit using a MOSFET as the speed control element. Additionally, a potentiometer was used to provide user-adjustable control for the motor, which is driven by a DC motor. An LED provides visual feedback of the circuit operation. The potentiometer is connected to the gate voltage of the MOSFET which allows the motor speed to be varied depending on the set value of the potentiometer. Resistors were also used for current limiting as part of the circuitry. The circuit was primely wired, and the design was tested for functionality and operation. The potentiometer was adjusted for fine control of the motor speed, and the stability of the circuit was also assessed. Throughout the testing session, the LED was observed to monitor the switching of the MOSFET. A number of modifications were made with documentation of all observations and results and the final design was assessed for stability, efficiency, and functionality. The circuit was finally found to operate as intended, and the use of the potentiometer to adjust for fine motor speed control was successful in this design. In future, enhancements such as overload protection and more advanced control techniques such as Pulse Width Modulation can be used to achieve higher levels of precision and efficiency.

CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

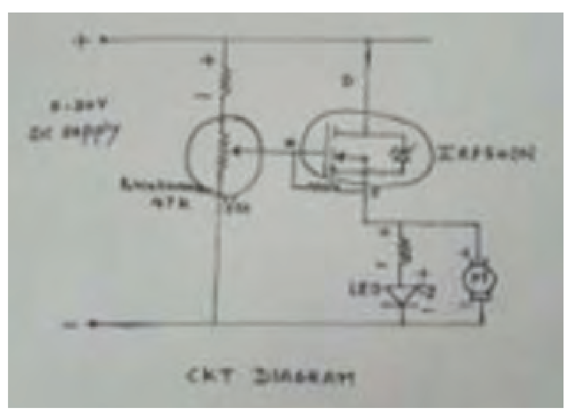

Table.1 Components

Sr. No	Component	Specification
1	DC MOTOR	1000 RPM, 12V
2	MOSFET	IRF540N, 7–12V
3	RESISTOR	12V, 5V
4	RED LED	12V, 1.3Ah
5	POTENTIOMETER	12V, 5W
6	POWER SUPPLY	HC-05, 5V
7	CONNECTING WIRES	As Required

· DC Motor: Converts electrical energy into mechanical energy for application use.

· Potentiometer: Used to change MOSFET gate voltage for controlling the speed manually. · MOSFET: Is a switch to control the speed of the motor efficiently.

· Resistors: Limit the current flow to the components for stability.

· Red LED: Shows the circuit is powered. · Power Supply: Provides the necessary current and voltage to the circuit.

· Connecting Wires: Carriers the electricity and connects the components.

RESULT

In this project, a DC motor speed control circuit using MOSFET has been developed. This circuit satisfies the requirement of smooth control of speed of motor. As the high speed control is required, LED indicator has been added to show the switching status of MOSFET. The MOSFET has been used for DC motor speed control, since MOSFET is efficient in reducing heat generated and hence it is energy efficient. Potentiometer helps in controlling the speed of motor smoothly. The speed of motor is controlled by providing different voltage to it. This is done by using potentiometer along with MOSFET. The project has given smooth control of motor in full range of speed. This project can be used in various applications.

Testing of circuit has been done on breadboard as well as in final fabricated PCB board. The circuit works fine. The circuit can be further improved with addition of digital control system and speed sensor for the motor.

CONCLUSION

This project proved that a MOSFET can be used successfully to control the speed of a DC motor. The speed was controlled smoothly and precisely by varying the position of a potentiometer. A red LED was used as an indicator to inform the operator about the status of the circuit at any moment. The MOSFET was switched on and off at different rates from a closed-loop circuit and the status was indicated by the LED. This project enabled the student to apply what he has learned in the various electronics modules and create a simple, efficient, and energy conserving system.

However, this project has potential for future development, including new methods of control such as microcontroller-based automation or remote control without any wires. This will open up new possibilities for developing intelligent and sophisticated systems in robotics and other areas of high technology. Another possible improvement involves the addition of overload protection and a sensor to fine-tune the speed of the motor. This along with the above features will make this project a better prototype for precision and efficiency in modern uses.

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Large Language Models: Architecture, Capabilities, and Ethical Challenges

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ABSTRACT

Large Language Models (LLMs), which show previously unheard-of powers in processing and producing language that is human-like, have become a key component of contemporary artificial intelligence. Natural language processing (NLP) has been revolutionized by these models, which are mostly based on the Transformer architecture. An extensive overview of LLMs is given in this study, together with information on their development process, significant new capabilities, underlying architecture, and the crucial ethical and technological issues that come with their implementation.

KEYWORDS *: Large Language Models), Transformer Architecture, Self-Attention Mechanism, Autoregressive Models, Self-Supervised Pre-training, Supervised Fine-Tuning.*

INTRODUCTION

Language is the primary medium of human thought, culture, and information exchange. For decades, bridging the gap between human language and machine computation stood as one of the most formidable challenges in Computer Science. Early attempts at Natural Language Processing (NLP) relied on brittle, rule-based systems that failed to capture the nuances, idioms, and contextual fluidity of human speech. The subsequent shift to early statistical and deep learning approaches brought incremental progress but remained bound by a significant constraint: task-specificity. Models were engineered as isolated specialists—one architecture was trained exclusively for sentiment analysis, another for machine translation, and a third for named entity recognition.

Large Language Models (LLMs) represent a fundamental paradigm shift away from this fragmentation (Zhao et al., 2023). Rather than mastering a single closed task, LLMs are designed as general-purpose semantic engines (Minaee et al., 2024). They achieve this versatility through self-supervised pre-training on massive text corpora encompassing trillions of words from books, academic articles, code repositories, and public websites. By processing this immense volume of data, the model implicitly learns grammar, factual knowledge, world dynamics, and abstract reasoning patterns without explicit human labeling.

The most striking characteristic of this shift is the phenomenon of emergent abilities

LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL ARCHITECTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

The modern LLM landscape is built entirely on the mathematical principles of the Transformer, which successfully unlocked the hardware parallelization necessary to scale neural networks to unprecedented sizes.

The Transformer Foundation

Prior to the Transformer, sequential data was primarily processed using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) or Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. These architectures analysed text sequentially word by word, from left to right. This created two major bottlenecks:

1. Vanishing/Exploding Gradients: Information faded or became distorted as the distance between related words increased, making long-term context retention incredibly difficult.

2. Sequential Computation Constraints: Because word N could not be processed until word N-1 was completed, training could not be easily distributed across thousands of graphics processing units (GPUs).

The Transformer architecture bypasses these limitations by utilizing Self-Attention mechanisms (Vaswani et al., 2017). Self-attention allows the network to process an entire sequence of text simultaneously. Instead of reading linearly, the model computes a series of mathematical weights known as attention scores between every single token (word fragment) in a sentence.

To execute this, the model projects each token's embedding into three distinct vectors via learnable weight matrices:

- Query (Q): What the current token is actively searching for in other tokens.
- Key (K): What characteristics or context the token offers to match against incoming queries.
- Value (V): The actual semantic information or content the token contributes if a match is made.

The similarity between a Query and a Key is calculated via a scaled dot-product. This score is normalized using a softmax function to produce the final attention weights, which are then multiplied by the Value vector. Formally, this is expressed as:

$$Attention(Q,K,V) = softmax\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{D_K}}\right)V$$

The square root of the key vector's dimension, or the scaling factor $\sqrt{D_K}$. keeps the dot-products from being too big in high dimensions, which would force the softmax function into areas with dangerously small gradients and halt training. Through Multi-Head Attention, the model duplicates this process across multiple independent "heads" simultaneously. This allows one head to focus on grammatical syntax while another tracks broader thematic relationships.

While the original Transformer utilized an Encoder-Decoder configuration designed for language translation, modern LLMs (such as the GPT family, Llama, and Mistral) predominantly use a Decoder-Only design. This architecture operates autoregressively: given a string of text, it calculates a probability distribution over its entire vocabulary to predict the single most likely next token, appending that token to the input, and repeating the process recursively.

The LLM Development Pipeline

Transitioning a raw neural network into a safe, helpful, and deployment-ready AI agent requires a rigorous multi-stage pipeline, outlined below:

Self-Supervised Pre-training

Phase 1: Raw Knowledge Absorption.

The foundational and most resource-intensive phase. The model is initialized with randomized weights and exposed to petabytes of raw, uncurated data. Its objective is purely predictive: guessing the next word in a sequence. By adjusting its internal parameters billions of times over via backpropagation, the model constructs its semantic baseline and stores world facts, coding structures, and cultural nuances. However, at this stage, the model is simply a text-completion engine; if a user prompts it with "How do I change a tire?", it might respond by generating a list of completely random questions instead of providing an answer.

Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT)

Phase 2: Conversation Mechanics.

To transform the raw text-predictor into an interactive assistant, developers curate a high-quality dataset of instruction-response pairs (e.g., Prompt: "Explain photosynthesis in simple terms," Response: "Photosynthesis is how plants turn sunlight into energy..."). By fine-tuning the model on tens of thousands of these structured examples, the network learns the expected format of a prompt, how to adopt a helpful persona, and when to stop generating text.

Alignment & Preference Tuning

Phase 3: Behavioral Boundaries.

Even after SFT, models can easily hallucinate, provide dangerous instructions, or display toxic behaviors learned from the raw internet. Alignment techniques, such as Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF) or Direct Preference Optimization (DPO), are used to correct this (Ouyang et al., 2022). Humans (or advanced supervisor models) grade multiple outputs generated by the LLM, rewarding helpful, accurate answers and penalizing harmful or dishonest fabrications. This updates the model's internal safety guardrails.

Specialization & Evaluation

Phase 4: Domain Mastery & Validation.

The final phase before real-world deployment. The aligned model can be specialized for specific industry domains such as legal analysis, biomedical research, or proprietary software engineering using targeted datasets. Simultaneously, it undergoes extensive testing against standardized benchmarks (e.g., MMLU, GSM8k) and "red-teaming" (adversarial prompt attacks) to verify that its reasoning capabilities are robust, reliable, and fundamentally secure.

Capabilities and Applications

he evolution of Large Language Models has transformed them from simple text completion tools into advanced multi-purpose systems. By scaling parameters and training data, these models have developed internal abstract patterns that allow them to perform complex cognitive, programmatic, and specialized tasks.

Key Emerging Capabilities

Contextual Fluidity and In-Context Learning: One of the most significant breakthroughs in LLM design is the ability to perform In-Context Learning (ICL) (Brown et al., 2020). Unlike traditional machine learning models that require backpropagation and parameter weight updates to learn a new task, LLMs can infer the requirements of a task purely from the context provided in the user's prompt. This includes Zero-Shot Learning (executing a task based entirely on instruction) and Few-Shot Learning (executing a task after observing 2–3 input-output examples within the active window).

System 2 Multi-Step Reasoning: Early generation models relied primarily on "System 1" thinking instantly mapping input tokens to statistical outputs using parallelized patterns. Modern reasoning architectures (e.g., specialized reasoning models) implement a "System 2" cognitive process: a slow, deliberate, and algorithmic sequence of internal checks before output generation (Li et al., 2025).

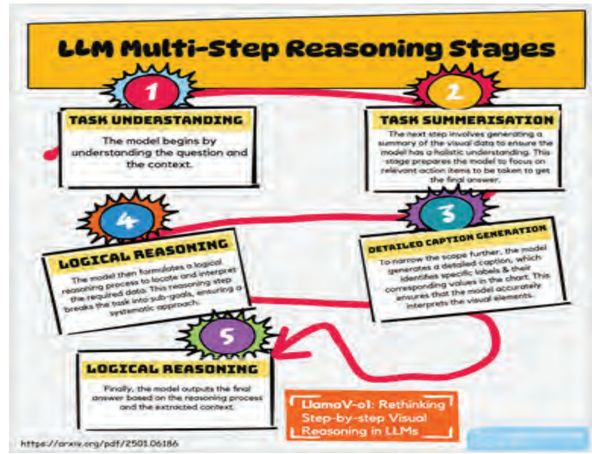

Fig. 1: Architectural phases of multi-step logical reasoning in advanced LLMs. Source: Cobus Greyling – Medium

As illustrated above, this logical reasoning framework forces the model to decompose complex problems into manageable sub-goals. Techniques like Chain-of-Thought (CoT) prompting allow models to construct internal hidden scratchpads, systematically processing conditions step-by-step, which substantially increases accuracy in symbolic mathematics, formal logic, and complex software debugging.

Code Generation and Autoregressive Syntactic Synthesis: LLMs treat source code as a specialized dialect governed by highly predictable, structured grammar rules. Because their pre-training data includes billions of lines of public code, they can translate loose, ambiguous human intent (natural language requirements) into deterministic, functionally complete executable scripts across multiple programming languages.

Cross-Domain Applications

The capabilities outlined above have enabled enterprise integration across a variety of scientific and industrial sectors:

Domain	Core LLM Use Cases	Primary Operational Impact
Scientific Research & Academia	Automated literature synthesis, hypothesis generation, writing refinement, and syntax correction.	Accelerates the literature review process; however, it requires human validation to mitigate automated citation fabrication (Smith et al., 2024).

AI-Driven Biomedicine	Processing chemical language strings (e.g., SMILES notation), protein structure sequences, and target binding predictions.	Streamlines early-stage drug discovery by predicting drug-target interactions directly within neural token spaces (Zhang et al., 2023).
Supply Chain & Enterprise Systems	Parsing unstructured data across logistics platforms, predicting localized demand shifts, and optimizing multi-stage procurement.	Transforms traditional backend logistics by enabling real-time, natural language querying of massive enterprise resource planning (ERP) databases.
Software Engineering	Context-aware code completion, legacy code translation, and test suite automation.	Shifts developer focus from writing routine boilerplate code to auditing architectural system designs.

TECHNICAL AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES

Despite their transformative potential, LLMs pose significant engineering and safety obstacles that must be mitigated before widespread enterprise deployment.

Technical Limitations

As Large Language Models transition from closed research environments to critical real-world infrastructure, they encounter significant computational, cognitive, and societal boundaries. While their capabilities are vast, their deployment introduces a complex matrix of technical limitations and ethical challenges that require careful engineering and policy solutions.

Technical Limitations

- The Hallucination Problem: One of the most persistent hurdles in deep learning is the phenomenon of hallucination—instances where an LLM generates text that is grammatically flawless and highly persuasive, but factually false. Hallucinations are divided into two distinct categories:
    - o Intrinsic Hallucinations: Within the prompt context, the model's result directly contradicts the original data.
    - o Extrinsic Hallucinations: The model generates claims that cannot be verified by its training history, often inventing nonexistent scientific citations, historical events, or medical case numbers.

This occurs because LLMs are fundamentally optimized for probabilistic token sequence prediction, not factual verification. They prioritize linguistic coherence and pattern completion over absolute truth.

- Opacity and the "Black-Box" Dilemma: Modern LLMs function across hundreds of billions of hyperparameter weights. When an architecture arrives at a specific conclusion—such as recommending a distinct medical treatment pathway or flagging a loan application as high-risk—it is mathematically difficult to isolate the exact neural pathways or training data fragments that drove that decision. This lack of interpretability poses severe challenges in high-stakes fields like medicine, defense, and law, where absolute accountability and auditable reasoning chains are strictly mandated.
- Prompt Brittleness and Lack of Robustness: Unlike traditional software systems that yield deterministic, predictable outputs given an exact input, LLMs are highly sensitive to minor variations in input structure. Altering a single word, adding a space, or modifying the sequence of examples in a few-shot prompt can trigger vastly different responses. This lack of input robustness makes engineering predictable, production-grade applications a continuous optimization challenge.

Ethical and Societal Concerns

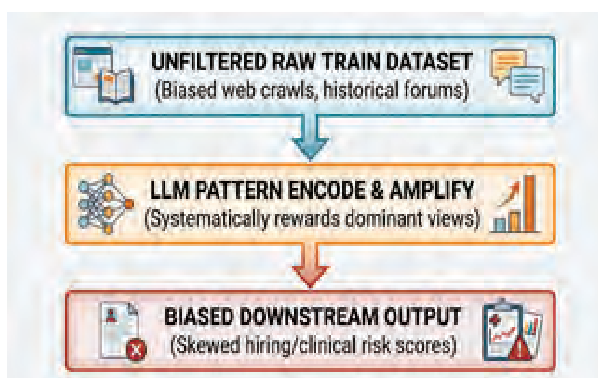

Fig. 2: Ethical and Societal Concerns

Bias Ingestion and Amplification: LLMs are trained on massive text corpora that reflect human history, including the cultural prejudices, systemic biases, and historical inequalities present across the internet. During pre-training, the model encodes these statistical imbalances. If left uncorrected during alignment, the model does not just replicate human bias—it amplifies it, distributing skewed viewpoints at scale when utilized in automated screening systems, legal analysis, or algorithmic hiring.

Malicious Misuse and Automated Exploitation: The democratization of human-level writing capabilities vastly reduces the operational cost of malicious activities. Bad actors can leverage specialized LLMs to orchestrate highly targeted phishing campaigns, generate polymorphic malware variants that bypass static defense firewalls, and generate industrial-scale disinformation campaigns tailored to specific online demographics, making synthetic propaganda indistinguishable from authentic human discourse.

Intellectual Property and Data Privacy: The data ingestion pipeline of LLMs relies heavily on scraping public and semi-public digital repositories. This has led to complex legal and ethical questions regarding copyright infringement, as models often reproduce copyrighted code fragments, artistic styles, and journalistic intellectual property without explicit attribution or compensation. Furthermore, without strict data-loss prevention guardrails, public LLMs run the risk of inadvertently absorbing and leaking sensitive personal identifiable information (PII) or corporate trade secrets entered into their context windows by everyday users.

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The Dawn of Digital Alchemy: A Review of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Chemical Research

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ABSTRACT

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL) into chemical research represents a paradigm shift from traditional, human-intuition-driven experimental practices to data-driven, autonomous discoveries. Once constrained by manual "one-factor-at-a-time" (OFAT) parameter screens and brute-force computational chemistry simulations, modern researchers leverage neural networks, generative modelling, and automated workflow orchestrations to map vast chemical spaces. This review systematically explores how contemporary AI technologies have revolutionized four core pillars of chemical science: drug discovery and target validation, catalyst design and optimization, retrosynthetic planning, and automated flow synthesis laboratories. Furthermore, this work addresses existing computational bottlenecks, such as data scarcity and algorithmic uninterpretability, before examining the ethical considerations and regulatory frameworks needed to govern the transformation of chemical synthesis into a digital science.

INTRODUCTION

For centuries, the progress of chemical synthesis relied fundamentally on trial-and-error experimentation and empirical intuition. While these methodologies established the bedrock of the industrial chemical complex and modern pharmacology, they are fundamentally limited when tasked with navigating the vast complexities of multi-dimensional chemical space. The number of potentially synthesizable small molecules is estimated to be around 1060, a number that human labour and brute-force laboratory exploration cannot comprehensively map. Traditional computational approaches—such as density functional theory (DFT) and molecular dynamics (MD) partially addressed these hurdles by enabling in silico validation, but they remained severely limited by processing power. Historically, simulating phenomena such as the folding of a 100-amino-acid protein was projectively calculated to require thousands of years of continuous computation on standard architectural frameworks.

However, the rapid computational evolution witnessed over the last several years has fundamentally inverted this paradigm. Artificial intelligence has officially transitioned from a marginal, rule-based computational tool into an expansive core methodology recognized globally as an essential frontier in chemical innovations (Manna et al., 2023). Modern AI techniques spanning deep convolutional networks, graph neural networks (GNNs), diffusion-based generative models, and agentic Large Language Models (LLMs) enable predictive multi-scale modelling, high-throughput screening, and the autonomous orchestration of hardware platforms.

By shifting the bottleneck from hardware limitations to data management, AI acts as a digital alchemist, converting unstructured biochemical datasets into accurate predictions of physical properties, reaction behaviours, and molecular designs. This transformation is not merely academic; it is actively modifying how modern educational institutions manage technological content knowledge and cultivate foundational AI competencies to prepare the next generation of digital chemists (Lameras & Arnab, 2024). This review presents a holistic overview of AI's integration across preclinical molecular design, catalyst optimization, intelligent flow platforms, and the translation of these methodologies into experimental reality.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PRECLINICAL DRUG DISCOVERY

The traditional pharmaceutical pipeline is notorious for its prolonged development timelines and high attrition rates during clinical translation. Preclinical drug discovery has emerged as the most prominent application domain for machine learning and deep learning methodologies, transforming a slow trial-and-error process into an accelerated data-driven workflow.

Target Identification and Multi-Omics Analysis

The earliest stage of drug discovery hinges on identifying biological targets (such as proteins or receptors) whose modulation yields therapeutic benefits. Traditional workflows rely heavily on tedious phenotypic screenings and academic literature searches. AI bypasses these manual processes by integrating and interpreting colossal multi-omics datasets, encompassing genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics. Modern natural language processing (systems) are deployed to ingest millions of scientific papers, patents, and clinical reports simultaneously, constructing expansive biological knowledge graphs that highlight previously hidden gene-disease and small-molecule associations. These systems permit the automated generation of testable therapeutic hypotheses, though care must be taken to mitigate data biases, such as the historic underrepresentation of non-Western demographics in global genomic repositories.

Drug–Target Interaction (DTI) and Structure Prediction

Once a disease target is identified, predicting how a small molecule will bind to it represents a vital hurdle. AI approaches solve this through two primary paradigms: traditional machine learning classifiers and deep learning-based spatial networks. Traditional methods, such as random forest, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and NearMiss algorithms, rely on chemical similarity principles to classify active interactors, achieving remarkable area under the receiver operating characteristic (AUROC) scores across standard benchmark datasets. This is particularly crucial when dealing with imbalanced datasets where known active binders are heavily outnumbered by inactive or unlabelled compounds (Alves et al., 2025). Simultaneously, deep learning architectures achieve end-to-end learning directly from raw molecular graphs and amino acid sequences. Advanced frameworks such as the Heterogeneous Graph Contrastive Learning network (SHGCL-DTI) successfully alleviate data scarcity limitations in drug-target predictions by leveraging contrastive self-supervised paths (Yao et al., 2025). Similarly, maximizing integrated interaction utilization via dependency trade-offs in drug-target affinity prediction (FDTIIT) has pushed the boundaries of accuracy by balancing local structural dependencies against global sequence representations (He et al., 2026).

To overcome the dreaded “cold-start” generalization problem—where an algorithm must predict interactions for entirely novel proteins or previously unseen drugs—chemists deploy specialized architectures like DrugMAN, which utilizes graph attention and mutual attention networks for superior cross-domain adaptability (Zhang et al., 2026). Furthermore, diffusion-based generative models treat molecular docking as a physical pose-generation challenge, predicting geometric binding affinities with speed and accuracy that bypasses classical physics-based grid searching.

De Novo Molecular Design and ADMET Forecasting

Rather than limiting searches to existing compound libraries, de novo design utilizes generative algorithms—such as Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)—to build entirely novel chemical entities with targeted properties from scratch. These generative models navigate chemical space by modifying discrete molecular representations (such as SMILES strings) or graph matrices. This approach has proven exceptionally powerful when leveraging artificial intelligence for next-generation antimicrobial discovery, unlocking entirely novel structural classes of molecules capable of evading known resistance paths (Wong et al., 2023). This is an urgent necessity given the complex molecular mechanisms of antibiotic resistance that render traditional small-molecule drugs obsolete (Blair et al., 2015).

To ensure these novel structures are viable drug candidates, they are subjected to rigorous machine learning-driven Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion, and Toxicity (ADMET) forecasting.

Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) and Quantitative Structure-Property Relationship (QSPR) models act as digital filters, mapping input molecular descriptors—such as molecular weight (MolWt), the octanol-water partition coefficient (LogP), and topological polar surface area (TPSA)—directly to pharmacokinetic risks. This multi-objective optimization workflow filters out toxic or poorly bioavailable structures long before manual laboratory synthesis begins.

DATA-DRIVEN CATALYST DESIGN AND SUSTAINABLE PROCESSES

Catalysis underpins the vast majority of industrial chemical transformations, serving as a pillar for energy harvesting, plastic manufacturing, and environmental remediation. Tailoring active sites, modifying porous networks (such as zeolites), and tuning material structures require navigating complex synthesis-structure-function relationships. AI and ML are reshaping this space by linking synthetic parameters and performance metrics across multiple physical scales.

High-Throughput Screening and Predictive Catalysis

Traditional catalyst development is severely restricted by the "one-factor-at-a-time" (OFAT) methodology, where a single variable is iteratively tweaked while keeping others static. Machine learning circumvents this by utilizing high-throughput virtual screening. ML models trained on structural features can rapidly screen thousands of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), supported metal catalysts, and molecular sieves. By predicting structural stability, catalytic activity, and selectivity in silico, these models prioritize only the most promising materials for physical synthesis.

Mechanistic Insights and Sustainable Technologies

AI assists in deciphering complex reaction mechanisms occurring at heterogeneous interfaces. Deep learning models can map density functional theory (DFT) calculation fields to learn the underlying electronic structure properties of catalyst surfaces, accelerating the prediction of reaction pathways and transition state energies by multiple orders of magnitude. This capacity is central to the development of sustainable chemical technologies. For example, in green hydrogen generation, carbon dioxide capture, and nitrogen fixation, AI models optimize the catalyst surface configurations to minimize energy barriers and reduce reliance on scarce, expensive noble metals (such as platinum and iridium).

RETROSYNTHETIC PLANNING AND REACTION OPTIMIZATION

Synthesizing a newly designed drug or catalyst requires working backward from the target molecule to cheap, commercially available starting materials—a process known as retrosynthetic analysis.

Algorithmic Retro-Analysis

Historically, retrosynthesis was an art form mastered through decades of human experience. Today, AI models treat retrosynthesis as a game of chess or a machine translation task. Using transformer-based architectures, neural networks learn from massive chemical reaction databases (such as Reaxys or SciFinder) to treat chemical transformations as a sequence-to-sequence translation, mapping a product string directly to its respective reactant strings. Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) algorithms are combined with these policy neural networks to explore thousands of potential execution branches, balancing step count, protecting functional groups, and optimizing total yield within seconds.

Bayesian Optimization and Closed-Loop Refinement

Once a synthetic path is established, the reaction conditions (such as temperature, solvent choice, catalyst loading, and residence time) must be optimized. Here, Bayesian Optimization (BO) has largely supplanted empirical tweaking. BO utilizes probabilistic Gaussian processes to model the unknown reaction space. It evaluates a minimal set of initial experiments, maps out an internal "surrogate model," and applies an acquisition function to intelligently select the next best set of conditions to test. This creates an automated, highly efficient, closed-loop refinement cycle that maximizes reaction conversion and selectivity with minimal material expenditure.

Intelligent Flow Chemistry and Autonomous Laboratories

The culmination of AI in modern chemical research is realized when these intelligent algorithms are given a physical interface: the autonomous, robotic laboratory. Intelligent flow chemistry stands at the vanguard of this automated revolution.

Continuous Flow Platforms vs. Batch Processing

For centuries, batch processing in round-bottom flasks was the default standard of chemical synthesis. However, batch operations frequently suffer from poor heat and mass transfer, localized overheating, and scaling hazards. Flow chemistry, wherein reagents are continuously pumped through narrow microchannels, solves these structural limitations. Flow systems ensure precise thermal management, immediate mixing, enhanced safety profiles under high pressures, and minimized waste generations.

The Three Phases of Automation Integration

The integration of digital tools into flow chemistry has systematically progressed through three core evolutionary phases, shifting the focus of pharmaceutical and clinical production from generalized outputs to highly dynamic, targeted systems (Serrano et al., 2024):

1. Automated Flow Chemistry: Robotic liquid handlers, continuous pumps, and fluidic switchboards are coupled with flow reactors. These allow scripted, high-throughput experimentation driven by hardcoded, human-written execution scripts.

2. Closed-Loop Optimization: The integration of automated hardware with online and inline Process Analytical Technology (PAT)—such as real-time Infrared (IR), Ultraviolet-Visible (UV-Vis), and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. These analytical tools pipe real-time yield and purity data directly into machine learning frameworks (e.g., Bayesian optimization algorithms), allowing the system to autonomously modify flow rates, temperatures, and stoichiometry without human intervention until an optimal threshold is reached.

3. Agentic Semantic Labs: The contemporary frontier driven by Large Language Models (LLMs) and multi-agent frameworks (as stylized in Figure 1). These semantic layers act as the cognitive engine of the laboratory. They possess the capability to read unstructured text from chemical literature, parse synthesis protocols, self-optimize multivariate reaction parameters, write the underlying python execution code, and command the physical robotic arms and pumps to synthesize target molecules autonomously.

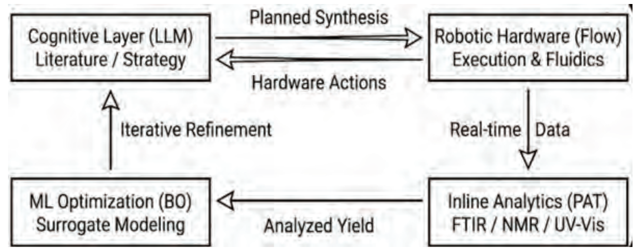

Fig. 1: The three-phase closed-loop architecture of an autonomous robotic synthesis laboratory.

Advanced Formulations and Personalized Medicine

Autonomous labs extend beyond basic small-molecule synthesis into complex drug delivery systems and advanced formulation engineering. AI models can predict optimal combinations of excipients to strictly control drug stability, solubility, and bio-disintegration behaviors, effectively revolutionizing personalized medicine (Serrano et al., 2024). Furthermore, integrating AI optimization with 3D-printing dosage hardware allows the rapid fabrication of personalized medicines, adjusting geometry, dosage strengths, and drug release metrics to individual patient traits like age and weight (Serrano et al., 2024).

Machine learning toolkits, such as the DE-INTERACT platform, utilize molecular fingerprints to screen and successfully prevent catastrophic drug-excipient incompatibilities prior to printing, verifying chemical safety profiles with high analytical accuracy (Serrano et al., 2024).

CHALLENGES, LIMITATIONS, AND FUTURE HORIZONS

Despite the remarkable milestones achieved by digital chemistry, several critical boundaries remain before its universal adoption can be realized.

The Data Bottleneck and Explainability

The primary currency of AI is high-quality, standardized data. However, chemical science suffers from a historical lack of unified data infrastructure. Much of the published literature contains "positive bias," where failed reactions and low-yielding experiments are completely omitted. This leaves AI models trained on public papers with incomplete maps of chemical reality. This reproducibility crisis in computational chemistry is further exacerbated by fragmented datasets and a distinct lack of standardized algorithmic evaluation frameworks across laboratories (Olawade et al., 2025).

Furthermore, many deep learning architectures operate as uninterpretable "black boxes." For a medicinal chemist to confidently trust an AI prediction regarding toxicity or metabolic degradation, the development of Explainable AI (XAI) frameworks that clearly illuminate the underlying electronic or structural reasoning is mandatory.

Human-in-the-Loop and Regulatory Frontiers

As AI systems shift from passive computational plugins to active, autonomous agentic decision-makers, keeping a "human-in-the-loop" remains vital. Algorithms excel at processing multi-scale correlation matrices, but they lack the genuine chemical intuition, contextual creativity, and safety awareness of an experienced human scientist.

Regulatory bodies have recognized this paradigm shift. For instance, global healthcare agencies have begun implementing formalized draft guidance governing the use of AI to support regulatory decision-making in biological and drug product evaluations. This marks the beginning of strict frameworks designed to audit algorithmic reproducibility, data safety, and validation protocols in digital sciences.

CONCLUSION

The convergence of artificial intelligence, high-performance machine learning, and automated robotic flow platforms marks the true dawn of digital alchemy. Chemical research is successfully breaking free from the slow constraints of manual batch experimentation and empirical trial-and-error. While significant challenges regarding dataset standardization, model interpretability, and ethical governance persist, the benefits are clear. By automating routine screening, synthesizing intricate compounds via closed-loop optimization, and opening the door to personalized pharmaceutical manufacturing, AI does not replace the chemist; rather, it elevates the scientist, transforming chemistry into an accelerated, predictable, and truly digital discipline.

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The Paradigm Shift in GenAI Orchestration: A Comparative Review of Prompt Engineering and Loop Engineering

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ABSTRACT

The rapid maturation of Large Language Models (LLMs) has fundamentally transformed the landscape of software engineering and autonomous systems. Initially, human-AI interactions relied strictly on Prompt Engineering (PE) the practice of designing, optimizing, and structuring stateless static inputs to guide an LLM's direct token predictions. However, as enterprise demands have shifted from interactive text generation toward fully autonomous, long-running agentic workflows, a major architectural shift has occurred.

This review explores the emergence of Loop Engineering (LE), a structural paradigm centered on designing bounded, reusable execution loops that govern autonomous agents, reducing the need for iterative, step-by-step human prompting. We provide a rigorous comparative analysis of these two paradigms, tracing how the evolution from prompt to context, harness, and ultimately loop specifications has altered computational stability, verification mechanisms, and human cognitive workloads.

Furthermore, we explore how both methodologies address deterministic challenges in specialized domains, before evaluating the architectural boundaries, systemic debts, and integrated futures of these complementary AI orchestration techniques.

INTRODUCTION

The widespread deployment of generative artificial intelligence has fundamentally altered the abstractions governing human-computer interaction and software architecture. At the onset of this transformation, Large Language Models operated primarily as stateless text-completion engines. Interacting with these early systems required human operators to manually structure instruction sets, specify data formats, and provide contextual examples directly within the query window. This methodology matured into the discipline of Prompt Engineering (PE), which establishes a framework for manipulating LLM output vectors externally by strategically shaping the input context window (Macedo, 2026; Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022). Prompt engineering provided an essential entry point for task-specific adaptations without requiring internal model weight updates (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022).

Despite its widespread adoption, prompt engineering faces significant structural bottlenecks when deployed in complex, multi-step enterprise workflows. Because traditional prompting is inherently linear and stateless, it leaves the primary burden of verification, state tracking, and sequential planning on the human user. If an LLM encounters an environmental exception, generates syntactically invalid code, or suffers an architectural hallucination, the human operator must step in to refine the prompt, provide error logs, and manually guide the system toward the target output. This high-touch interactive process limits the scalability of LLMs within high-throughput autonomous software development lifecycles (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022).

To resolve this limitation, advanced AI systems have transitioned away from direct human prompting toward autonomous agentic architectures. This shift has culminated in the formalization of Loop Engineering (LE) (Macedo, 2026). Rather than hand-holding an

LLM through linear instructions, loop engineering focuses on creating structured, bounded, and reusable loop specifications. A loop specification acts as an external orchestration protocol consisting of automated triggers, persistent goals, multi-level verification mechanisms, strict stopping rules, and durable memory banks (Macedo, 2026). Under this paradigm, the human operator shifts from a real-time prompt engineer to an architect who designs the external execution loops that prompt the underlying agent autonomously (Macedo, 2026).

This paper provides a systematic, comparative investigation of prompt engineering and loop engineering. We detail their underlying mechanics, assess their respective verification ladders, analyze domain-specific implementations, and map out their integrated architectural roles within the future of digital engineering.

FOUNDATIONS AND MECHANICS OF PROMPT ENGINEERING

Prompt engineering operates entirely on the principle of in-context learning, allowing pre-trained foundational models to execute specialized downstream tasks without parameter modification.

Prompt Engineering Mechanics and Architecture

At its core, a prompt is a structured set of instructions designed to narrow the probability distribution of an LLM's next-token generation (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022). Advanced prompt engineering leverages structured templates that segment input strings into functional blocks:

- System Directives: Establishes the agent's persona, operational boundaries, and formatting restrictions.
- Contextual Grounding: Injects explicit, external source data (such as API definitions or database schemas) to minimize hallucinations.
- Few-Shot Examples: Provides pairs of input-output demonstrations to establish structural patterns through in-context imitation.
- Task Instruction: The explicit query or generation task requested by the user.

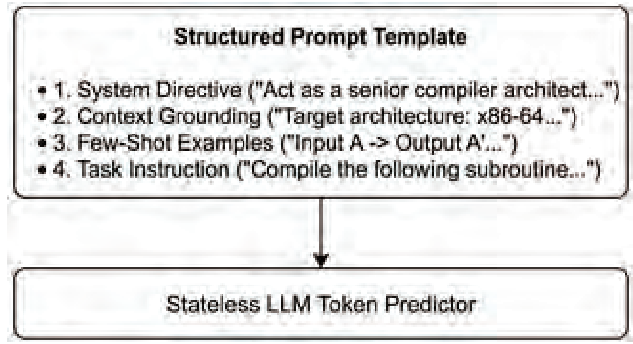

Fig. 1: Architectural template layout of a modular, stateless prompt engineering interface.

When execution scaling becomes a factor, manually writing static prompts becomes inefficient. To improve scalability, developers use modular design patterns like Prompt Engineering as Code (PEaC) (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022). PEaC treats prompts as versioned, software artifacts that can be programmatically assembled, adjusted dynamically based on environment context, and reused across distinct application repositories (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022).

Inherent Constraints and Structural Limitations

Despite its flexibility, prompt engineering remains constrained by three fundamental boundaries:

1. The Amnesia Problem: Traditional prompts are inherently stateless. Each invocation of the core language model starts fresh. While Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) structures can insert data snapshots into the context window, this retrieval remains passive (Macedo, 2026). The underlying system does not dynamically accumulate or generalize new experiences across multiple sessions.
2. Hallucination Vectors: In specialized tasks requiring strict factual consistency (such as tracking software requirements or clinical planning), LLMs frequently generate plausible-sounding but factually invalid data (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022; Macedo, 2026). Mitigating these errors within a pure prompting framework requires increasingly long validation instructions, which can degrade instruction compliance over extended contexts.
3. Cross-Task Brittleness: A prompt template that

is optimized for code generation often shows poor transferability when moved to general quality assurance or automated debugging tasks (Planas-Iglesias et al., 2022). This low cross-task generalizability requires continuous manual tuning whenever target domains shift.

THE EMERGENCE AND ARCHITECTURE OF LOOP ENGINEERING

Where prompt engineering focuses on optimizing individual text inputs, loop engineering treats the language model as a component inside a broader, deterministic state machine.

The Anatomy of a Loop Specification

A loop specification is an external, bounded, and reusable artifact designed to guide autonomous agents through open-ended objectives without real-time human intervention (Macedo, 2026). Rather than forcing a human operator to evaluate outputs step by step, loop engineering encapsulates the entire execution lifecycle into a structured protocol comprising five core pillars:

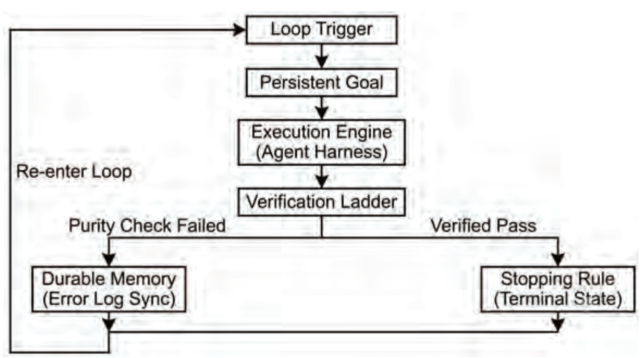

Fig. 2: The structural anatomy and state-action lifecycle of a closed loop specification

- The Trigger: An automated event listener that initializes loop execution, such as a failed continuous integration (CI) build, a file update event, or a specific database query webhook (Macedo, 2026).
- The Goal: A defined, machine-readable objective or target state that the agent must achieve (e.g., "Resolve dependency conflict in package.json without breaking backward compatibility") (Macedo, 2026).
- The Verification Step: An automated test bench or programmatic discriminator that evaluates the agent's output for objective correctness (Macedo, 2026).
- The Stopping Rule: Explicit exit conditions that specify exactly when the loop must terminate, distinguishing between successful target completion, exhaustion of the iteration budget, or critical infrastructure errors (Macedo, 2026).
- The Memory: A persistent, multi-session state repository that captures interaction trajectories, tool results, and execution history, allowing the system to track progress and learn from errors across iterations (Macedo, 2026).

Under this paradigm, the underlying language model acts as the engine, the agent harness (such as Claude Code or Codex) provides the execution runtime, and the loop specification acts as the pilot controlling the entire workflow (Macedo, 2026).

The Progression of AI Integration Layers

Loop engineering represents a major evolution in human-AI interaction abstractions. This progression is structured across four distinct conceptual layers:

Fig. 3: The evolutionary layers and architectural progression of generative AI integration.

1. Prompt Engineering: Focuses on how to ask an individual question to yield a single correct answer (Macedo, 2026).
2. Context Engineering: Focuses on what data the model needs to know, managing vector databases, RAG systems, and in-context relevance filters (Macedo, 2026).
3. Harness Engineering: Focuses on what tools and execution boundaries are available to the agent, providing access to terminal lines, secure sandbox runtimes, and external APIs (Macedo, 2026).
4. Loop Engineering: Focuses on what autonomous system governs the entire workflow, allowing an

agent to independent discover tasks, execute work, check its own output, and terminate cleanly without human hand-holding (Macedo, 2026).

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: LOOP VERIFICATION VS. PROMPT PROMPTING

The fundamental distinction between prompt and loop engineering lies in their structural control flow and verification mechanisms.

Systemic Structural Comparison

Prompt engineering relies on a linear, reactive, human-mediated loop. In contrast, loop engineering builds a closed, proactive, machine-driven control loop. The structural differences between these two methodologies are analyzed across several key dimensions in Table 1.

Table 1: Technical and operational differences between prompt engineering and loop engineering paradigms

Structural Dimension	Prompt Engineering (PE)	Loop Engineering (LE)
Control Flow	Linear, open-loop execution (Stateless input-to-output)	Cyclic, closed-loop execution (Stateful state-action-verify)
Primary Actor	Human operator (manually interprets errors and updates inputs)	Autonomous agent (manually evaluates logs against specifications)
Memory State	Ephemeral, restricted to the active context window	Persistent, utilizing multi-tier external storage layers
Verification Basis	Human intuition and ad-hoc validation	Programmatic testing via strict validation ladders
Hallucination Defense	In-context examples and structural instructions	Deterministic validation tools and execution filters
Scalability Profile	Low (constrained by real-time human cognitive capacity)	High (runs continuously across headless distributed clouds)

THE FIVE-LEVEL VERIFICATION LADDER

A key innovation in loop engineering is the shift toward automated evaluation, structured via a five-level verification ladder (Macedo, 2026). This ladder categorizes how a system confirms that an objective has been met, moving from high human dependency to full autonomy:

- Level 1: No Verification (Pure Prompting): The system returns raw generation results directly to the user without any automated checks, relying entirely on manual human verification.
- Level 2: Syntactic Validation: The system passes outputs through basic linting or parsing tools to ensure structural conformance (e.g., verifying that code compiles or that data conforms to a strict JSON schema) (Macedo, 2026).
- Level 3: Functional / Test-Driven Verification: The output is executed in a sandbox environment against predefined test suites, calculating code coverage or unit test pass rates to confirm functional correctness.
- Level 4: Semantic Alignment: The system utilizes independent, task-specific discriminator models or physics-informed tools to verify that semantic relationships and domain constraints are preserved without regressions (Macedo, 2026).
- Level 5: Autonomous Core Verification: The agent independently generates its own verification suites, writes missing tests, validates edge cases, and self-terminates only when it proves its solution meets the top-level goal (Macedo, 2026).

DOMAIN-SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATIONS AND CASE STUDIES

To evaluate how these concepts work in practice, we examine real-world implementations of structured prompt engineering and closed-loop agent engineering across specialized fields.

Physics-Informed Aerospace Planning

In complex aerospace applications—such as generating flyby observation plans for small planetary bodies—errors can easily cascade if early steps contain inaccuracies. To address this, developers use frameworks like SB-ObsGen, which combines structured prompt engineering with physics-informed validation discriminators (MDPI, 2026).

As detailed in the architecture above, the generated observations pass through three verification checks (MDPI, 2026):

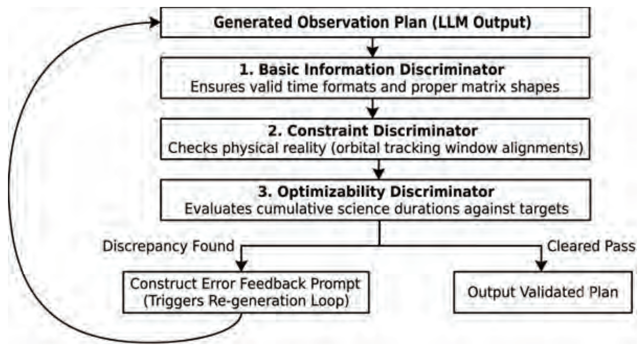

Fig. 4: Automated multi-stage discriminator pipeline for physics-informed validation loops.

1. The Basic Information Discriminator: Confirms time formats are correct and that start windows precede end times.
2. The Constraint Discriminator: Verifies that planned observations fall within physically possible windows derived from orbital mechanics calculations.
3. The Optimizability Discriminator: Checks that cumulative data collection durations meet the scientific goals defined for the mission.

If any discriminator detects a physical or logical conflict, it halts the process and constructs a structured error prompt detailing the exact discrepancy. This automated feedback triggers the model to regenerate the plan, ensuring that factual or physical errors are resolved before they can impact subsequent optimization stages (MDPI, 2026).

Self-Evolving Healthcare Agent Systems

In clinical decision environments, large language models encounter a critical obstacle: they cannot afford to experience unchecked hallucinations or suffer from memory amnesia across longitudinal patient interactions (Macedo, 2026). Modern self-evolving clinical agent harnesses solve this by replacing individual prompting interfaces with a multi-layered, closed-loop execution architecture (Macedo, 2026).

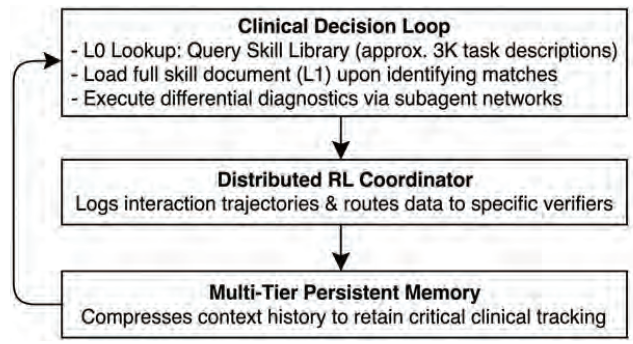

Fig. 5: Closed-loop clinical architecture featuring automated skill matching, RL orchestration, and memory persistence layers.

The system operates by routing initial task profiles through a hierarchical skill library (Macedo, 2026). When a task matches an existing skill descriptor, the system loads the corresponding operational guidelines and executes the diagnostic run across an array of specialized subagents. These subagents analyze imaging logs, laboratory results, and drug interactions in parallel (Macedo, 2026).

To ensure safety, a distributed reinforcement learning (RL) coordinator logs interaction trajectories and routes the data to task-specific clinical verifiers. An adaptive context-compression module then filters and updates a multi-tier persistent memory bank, allowing the system to learn from experience and retain vital clinical tracking across sessions without exceeding context limitations (Macedo, 2026).

ARCHITECTURAL BOUNDARIES, BOTTLENECKS, AND SYSTEMIC DEBT

As autonomous loop systems become more prevalent, engineers must account for several structural tradeoffs and emergent systemic debts.

The Verification Burden and Computational Costs

Loop engineering shifts the human workload from drafting prompt inputs to building robust validation tools. However, designing high-fidelity verification layers—especially at Levels 4 and 5 of the verification ladder—requires significant engineering effort. If a loop's stopping rules are poorly configured or its validation checks are too loose, the system can enter runaway execution states, repeatedly executing API calls and consuming significant computational resources without converging on a valid solution.

Comprehension Debt and Cognitive Surrender

When developers rely extensively on autonomous loops to maintain, test, and evolve complex systems, they run the risk of incurring comprehension debt (Macedo, 2026). Because agentic loops can modify codebases, refactor architectures, and update knowledge models autonomously, human engineers may lose touch with the underlying mechanics of the system (Macedo, 2026).

Over time, this reliance can lead to cognitive surrender, a state where human operators lack the contextual insight needed to audit or fix an autonomous loop when it encounters a complex system failure (Macedo, 2026).

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE HORIZONS

The transition from prompt engineering to loop engineering represents a major maturation milestone in generative AI orchestration. Prompt engineering established the foundational frameworks for in-context learning, demonstrating that language models could be dynamically adapted through well-structured inputs. Loop engineering builds upon this foundation, embedding language models within stateful, automated execution systems that manage task discovery, tool orchestration, and verification independently.

Ultimately, loop engineering does not replace prompt engineering; rather, it encapsulates it. A well-designed loop specification relies on clear, optimized internal prompts to guide individual agent decisions, combining the creative problem-solving of language models with the predictability of deterministic state machines. As software engineering continues to evolve, the integration of these two paradigms will be essential for building scalable, dependable, and fully autonomous digital ecosystems.

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Smart Helmet with Alcohol Detection and Accident Alert System

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ABSTRACT

Two-wheeler accidents are a significant global safety concern, often caused by risky riding practices such as not wearing a helmet, consuming alcohol, or riding while fatigued. This work presents the design and construction of an Arduino-based smart helmet system that enhances rider safety with features including wireless communication, drowsiness monitoring, alcohol detection, and helmet wear detection. The system consists of two components: a receiver mounted on the vehicle and a transmitter integrated within the helmet. The helmet unit contains sensors that monitor the rider's condition, while the receiving unit controls vehicle ignition and displays safety information. 433 MHz RF transmitter and receiver modules are used to establish communication between the two units. An MQ3 sensor detects alcohol fumes in the rider's breath, while infrared sensors monitor eye-blink patterns to identify tiredness. The device uses a relay module to turn off the car's ignition and activates warning lights and a buzzer if it detects dangerous situations such as alcohol consumption or removal of the helmet. Experimental results show that the proposed method is reliable and provides an affordable way to improve motorcycle rider safety.

KEYWORDS *: Smart Helmet, Alcohol detection, Accident detection, GPS tracking, GSM communication, Road safety.*

INTRODUCTION

Because they are inexpensive and practical, two-wheelers are frequently utilized for transportation. However, because riders are more vulnerable than occupants of other vehicles, they are also linked to a high rate of traffic accidents. Road safety surveys state that many motorcycle accidents are caused by carelessness, including rider weariness, alcohol intake, and helmet failure.

Since they greatly lessen the severity of head injuries sustained in accidents, helmets are required safety equipment in many nations, including India. However, conventional helmets lack intelligence monitoring technologies that can increase rider safety and merely offer physical protection.

The development of sensor technologies and embedded systems has made it feasible to create intelligent safety gadgets that can keep an eye on rider behaviour and stop dangerous driving situations. Real-time monitoring and safety enforcement are made possible by the integration of sensors and wireless communication technology into helmets.

This study suggests an Arduino-based smart helmet solution that combines several safety features. A receiver module positioned on the car and a transmitter module mounted on the helmet make up the two components of the system.

Using sensors, the transmitter unit monitors rider conditions and uses RF transmission to wirelessly send data to the receiver. After processing the data, the receiver unit adjusts the vehicle's ignition. The proposed system offers the following safety features:

- Detection of helmet use
- Alcohol detection using an MQ3 sensor
- Drowsiness detection using infrared sensors
- Wireless data transmission via RF modules
- Control of vehicle ignition using relay modules
- Warning alerts using LED and buzzer

The aim of this system is to enhance rider safety and reduce the number of accidents caused by reckless riding.

LITERATURE REVIEW

To improve road safety, several researchers have investigated sensor-based systems and smart helmets. Previous studies have focused on alcohol detection devices that prevent vehicles from starting if alcohol is detected in the driver's breath. These systems typically use gas sensors such as the MQ3 to detect ethanol vapours. Accelerometers and Internet of Things technology have also been proposed in various studies for accident detection systems. When accidents occur, these devices monitor sudden changes in motion and send emergency signals.

Additionally, some studies have focused on using eye-blink monitoring systems to detect tiredness. These devices identify signs of fatigue, such as prolonged eye closure or irregular blinking patterns. However, many current solutions are designed specifically for four-wheel vehicles or require complex infrastructure. By incorporating several safety measures into a wearable device already required for motorcyclists, the proposed smart helmet system improves upon earlier approaches. The technology provides a practical and effective way to enhance road safety by integrating sleepiness detection, alcohol monitoring, and helmet detection into a single device.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The suggested smart helmet system consists of two main components:

- Unit of Transmission (Helmet Section)
- Vehicle Section Receiver Unit

RF transmitter and receiver modules operating at 433 MHz are used to establish communication between these two devices.

A. Helmet Section of the Transmitter Unit The transmitter unit, mounted within the helmet, uses several sensors to monitor the rider's condition. The primary components used in this section are:

- Arduino UNO microcontroller
- RF transmitter module operating at 433 MHz
- MQ3 alcohol sensor
- Two infrared sensors to measure helmet wear and rider tiredness
- LED light
- Buzzer
- Battery power supply

The sensors collect information about the rider's state and use the RF transmitter to wirelessly transmit it to the receiving device.

B. Vehicle Section Receiver Unit

The data sent by the helmet unit is received by the receiver unit, which is mounted on the car. The system determines whether the car's ignition should be turned on or off based on the data received. The main components of the receiver section are as follows:

- Arduino UNO microcontroller
- RF receiver module operating at 433 MHz
- 16x2 LCD screen with I2C module
- Ignition control relay module
- LED light
- Buzzer

Alcohol detection, drowsiness detection, and helmet status are all displayed in real time on the LCD screen.

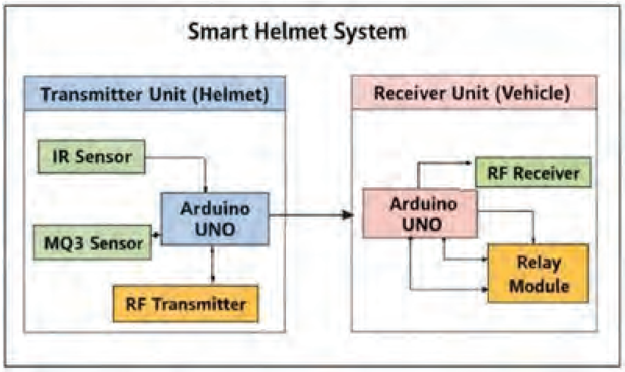

Fig. 1. Block diagram of the proposed smart helmet system illustrating the transmitter unit and

SETTING UP THE SYSTEM

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) was used to create the system software. Sensor data is continuously read by the program from the transmitter device and wirelessly transmitted to the reception unit. The following tasks are carried out by the transmitter unit:

- Determines if the helmet is on.

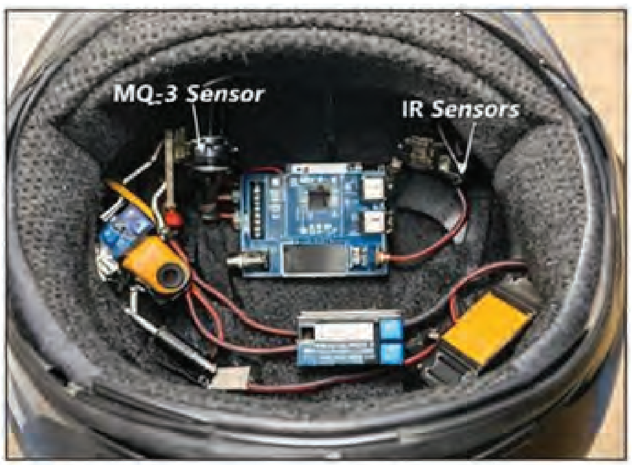

Fig. 2. Hardware setup of the smart helmet transmitter unit showing the placement of sensors inside the helmet.

- Detects whether the rider's breath contains alcohol.
- Tracks eye-blink patterns to identify signs of tiredness
- Uses RF communication to transmit sensor data. The receiver unit carries out the following functions:
- Gets sensor information from the helmet
- Shows status data on the LCD screen
- Uses a relay module to regulate the ignition of vehicles.
- Uses an LED and buzzer to activate warning alarms

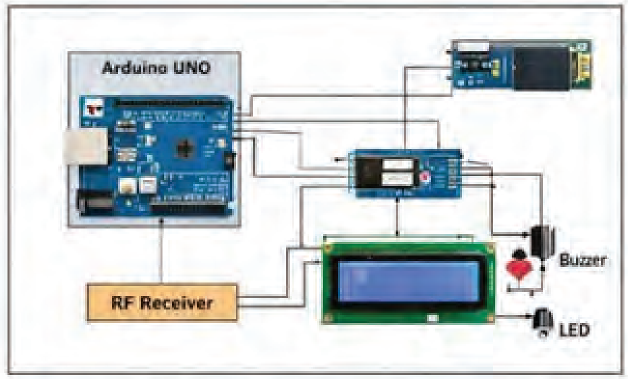

Fig. 3. Circuit diagram of the transmitter section.

METHOD OF DROWSINESS DETECTION

The proposed system detects rider drowsiness using reasoning based on time windows. This method distinguishes sleep-related eye closures from normal blinking. Timestamps are recorded when the IR sensor detects eye closure signals. The system determines that a cyclist is drowsy if multiple eye closure signals occur within a predetermined time frame. This logic improves detection accuracy by preventing false positives caused by normal blinking. The device sounds a buzzer to warn the rider and displays the warning on the LCD screen if it detects drowsiness.

EXPERIMENTAL OUTCOMES

To assess the prototype system's functionality, it underwent a series of tests. The receiver unit prevented the car's ignition from starting when the helmet was not worn. The system updated the display status and enabled the ignition once the helmet was correctly worn. Isopropyl alcohol was used to simulate alcohol fumes in the alcohol detection tests. The ignition system remained off when the MQ3 sensor detected alcohol. Prolonged eye closure was effectively identified by the drowsiness detection system, which then activated warning signals via the buzzer. The RF modules were used to successfully establish wireless communication between the transmitter and receiver devices. The findings indicate that the system effectively prevents drunk driving, enforces helmet use, and alerts riders when they are fatigued.

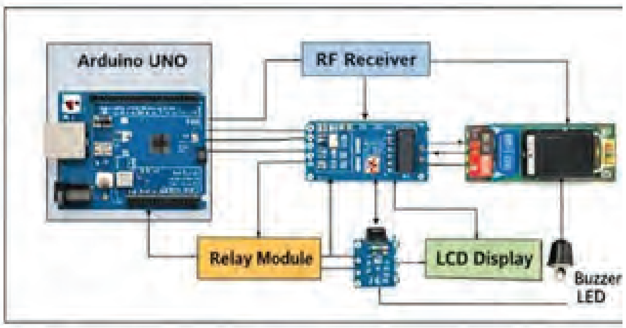

Fig. 4. Circuit diagram of the receiver section.

BENEFITS

The proposed smart helmet system offers several advantages:

- Ensures the rider is wearing the helmet before starting the vehicle.
- Prevents the vehicle from starting if alcohol is detected.
- Detects rider drowsiness and issues alerts.
- Uses wireless radio frequency transmission for real-time monitoring.
- An inexpensive and simple system.
- Enhances overall road safety for two-wheeler riders.

RESTRICTIONS

The system has significant drawbacks despite its benefits:

- Environmental factors can affect sensor accuracy.
- In some situations, the range of RF communication may be limited.
- Proper sensor placement is essential for drowsiness detection.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future enhancements to the system could include:

- IoT platform integration for remote monitoring
- Connectivity with mobile applications
- A GPS-based accident alert system
- Advanced fatigue detection using machine learning methods
- Integration with cloud-hosted safety monitoring systems.

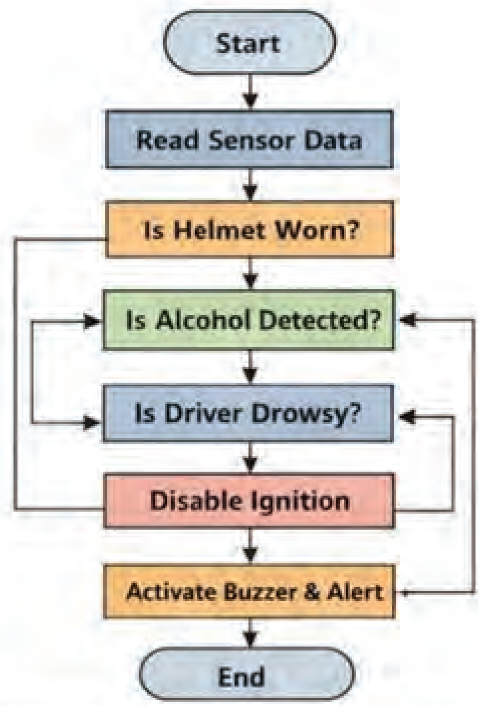

Fig. 5. Flowchart illustrating the operational algonthm of the smart helmet safety system.

Fig. 6. Experimental setup of the complete system showing the helmet transmitter unit and vehicle receiver module

SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

The transmitter unit, which is housed inside the helmet, and the receiver unit, which is mounted in the car, make up the two primary components of the suggested smart helmet system. Using a variety of sensors, the transmitter unit keeps track of the rider's state, while the reception unit interprets the information it receives and adjusts the vehicle's ignition. The MQ3 alcohol sensor, an Arduino UNO microcontroller, and infrared sensors for helmet wear and sleepiness detection are all part of the transmitter component. The Arduino processes the sensor data and uses a 433 MHz RF transmitter module to send it wirelessly.

TRANSMITTER (HELMET UNIT)

MQ3 Alcohol Sensor
|
Wear Detection IR Sensor
|
Drowsiness Detection IR Sensor
|
Arduino UNO
|
RF Transmitter (433 MHz)
|
Wireless Link
|
RF Receiver (433 MHz)
|
Arduino UNO
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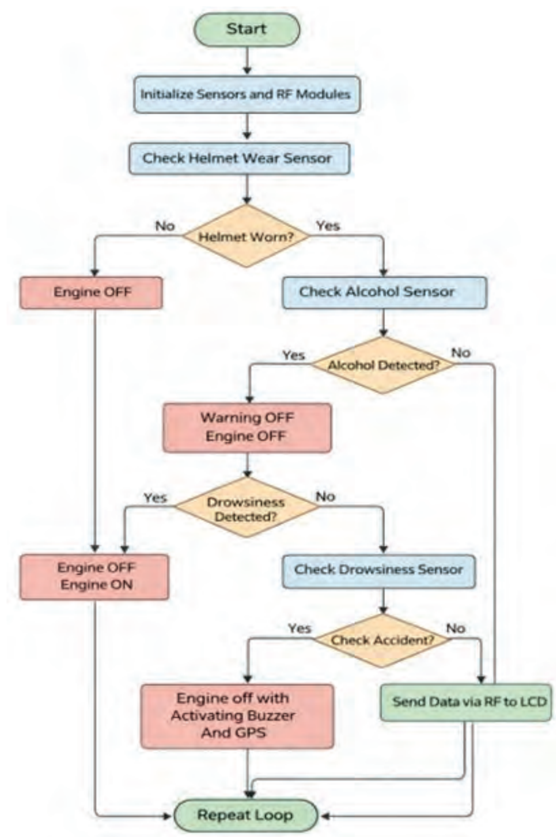
LCD Display   Relay Module   Buzzer LED
|
Vehicle Ignition

Fig. 7. LCD display output showing helmet status, alcohol detection, and vehicle engine state

ALGORITHM FLOWCHART

Using sensors, the system continuously monitors the rider's condition and transmits data to the vehicle unit for safety control. All sensors and RF communication modules are initially initialised by the system. It first checks whether the helmet is worn. If the helmet is not detected, the engine remains disabled. If the helmet is detected, the system checks the alcohol sensor. If alcohol is detected, the ignition system is switched off and a warning alarm sounds. If no alcohol is detected, the system monitors the rider's eye-blink patterns for signs of drowsiness. If drowsiness is detected, the buzzer alerts the rider. If not, the monitoring process continues and the vehicle's ignition remains on.

Flow Chart



CONCLUSION

This study describes the design and implementation of an Arduino-based smart helmet system with capabilities for monitoring drowsiness, detecting alcohol, and verifying helmet use. The transmitter and receiver components use RF modules for wireless communication. The vehicle unit receives information from the helmet unit about rider behaviour and adjusts the ignition system accordingly. The proposed method ensures the rider wears a helmet, prevents drunk driving, and alerts the rider when they are drowsy. Experimental testing indicates that the device is reliable, affordable, and effective in improving motorcycle rider safety. The smart helmet concept demonstrates how sensor technology and embedded systems can be used to provide intelligent safety solutions for modern transportation systems.

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