INTELLIGENT PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT USING IoT SENSORS AND MACHINE LEARNING MODELS

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Abstract

The increasing complexity of modern industrial equipment has created a strong requirement for intelligent maintenance strategies capable of anticipating failures before they interrupt production. Conventional corrective and time-based preventive maintenance approaches frequently result in unexpected downtime, unnecessary component replacement, excessive maintenance expenditure, and inefficient utilization of technical personnel. This paper presents an intelligent predictive maintenance framework for industrial equipment using Internet of Things sensors and machine learning models. The proposed framework continuously acquires heterogeneous operational data, including vibration, temperature, acoustic emission, electrical current, pressure, rotational speed, humidity, and equipment load, and integrates these measurements into a unified condition-monitoring environment. A systematic data-processing pipeline is designed to perform sensor synchronization, missing-value treatment, noise filtering, normalization, segmentation, feature extraction, feature selection, and condition labeling. Machine learning models, including Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, Gradient Boosting, Artificial Neural Network, and Long Short-Term Memory networks, are incorporated for equipment health classification, anomaly detection, failure prediction, and maintenance decision support. The architecture further introduces an IoT edge-cloud communication mechanism for real-time data acquisition and scalable predictive analytics. A health index and risk-priority mechanism are employed to convert raw model predictions into understandable maintenance recommendations. The conceptual experimental analysis demonstrates that the fusion of multiple sensor signals provides more reliable predictive information than isolated single-sensor monitoring. Among the evaluated approaches, temporal deep learning is particularly effective for progressive degradation patterns, whereas ensemble learning offers a strong balance between predictive performance, interpretability, and computational efficiency. The proposed system is designed to reduce unplanned downtime, improve maintenance scheduling, extend equipment life, and support data-driven decision-making in smart manufacturing environments. The study demonstrates that the integration of IoT sensing, machine learning, digital connectivity, and intelligent maintenance analytics can provide a practical foundation for reliable and adaptive industrial asset management.

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1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of Industry 4.0 has transformed industrial maintenance from reactive repair strategies to intelligent predictive maintenance driven by Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), machine learning, cloud computing, and cyber-physical systems. Modern manufacturing facilities continuously monitor critical equipment such as motors, pumps, compressors, turbines, bearings, conveyors, and CNC machines using interconnected sensors capable of collecting operational information in real time. Predictive maintenance enables industries to identify degradation before equipment failure occurs, thereby minimizing production downtime, reducing maintenance costs, and improving equipment reliability **[1], [2]**.

Machine learning has become an essential component of predictive maintenance because it enables intelligent analysis of complex industrial datasets generated by heterogeneous sensors. Classification, regression, anomaly detection, and deep learning techniques can identify hidden degradation patterns that are difficult to recognize using conventional threshold-based monitoring methods. Recent research has demonstrated that intelligent analytical models significantly improve maintenance planning and equipment health assessment when supported by high-quality industrial data and effective feature engineering **[3], [4]**.

The increasing deployment of Industrial IoT devices has enabled continuous acquisition of vibration, temperature, pressure, acoustic emission, electrical current, humidity, rotational speed, and equipment load measurements. Edge computing technologies support real-time preprocessing and anomaly detection close to industrial assets, while cloud computing enables scalable storage, historical analysis, and computationally intensive model training. Such hybrid architectures improve predictive accuracy while reducing communication latency and network overhead **[5], [6]**.

Reliable predictive maintenance systems also require standardized communication mechanisms for integrating Industrial IoT devices, analytical services, dashboards, and enterprise maintenance applications. API-driven architectures facilitate interoperability between distributed software components, while Digital Twin technologies create continuously synchronized virtual representations of industrial assets capable of supporting intelligent monitoring, degradation analysis, and maintenance optimization **[7], [8]**.

Despite significant progress in predictive maintenance research, many existing systems still experience challenges related to heterogeneous sensor fusion, model scalability, real-time deployment, and intelligent decision support. Therefore, this research proposes an intelligent predictive maintenance framework that integrates IoT sensing, machine learning, multi-sensor data fusion, Digital Twin technology, and cloud-edge analytics to improve equipment reliability, maintenance scheduling, operational efficiency, and sustainable industrial asset management **[9], [10]**.

2. Literature Survey

Zonta et al. (2020) conducted a systematic review of predictive maintenance in Industry 4.0 and demonstrated that integrating Industrial IoT, machine learning, cloud computing, and intelligent analytics significantly improves equipment monitoring, fault prediction, and maintenance decision-making. Their work emphasized the importance of developing end-to-end predictive maintenance architectures rather than isolated analytical models **[11]**.

Fuller et al. (2020) reviewed enabling technologies and research challenges associated with Digital Twin systems. The authors demonstrated that Digital Twins provide continuous synchronization between physical equipment and virtual models, enabling real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and intelligent maintenance planning for modern industrial environments **[12]**.

Kumar (2012) proposed a predictive maintenance framework based on IoT sensor data fusion and data-driven modeling for industrial machinery. The study demonstrated that combining heterogeneous operational measurements significantly improves equipment condition assessment, fault diagnosis, and predictive maintenance performance while reducing unexpected machinery failures **[13]**.

Negri, Fumagalli, and Macchi (2017) reviewed the role of Digital Twins in cyber-physical production systems and explained how continuously synchronized virtual models support lifecycle management, operational monitoring, and intelligent maintenance. Their work highlighted Digital Twins as an important technological foundation for predictive industrial analytics **[14]**.

Jones et al. (2020) conducted a systematic review of Digital Twin technology and analyzed its architectural characteristics, implementation strategies, and industrial applications. The study identified synchronization accuracy, interoperability, lifecycle management, and scalable deployment as critical research challenges for future Digital Twin implementations **[15]**.

Thramboulidis (2020) investigated Digital Twins within intelligent industrial automation environments and demonstrated that integrating Digital Twins with Industrial IoT and cyber-physical systems improves manufacturing flexibility, operational transparency, and automated decision-making. The study highlighted the importance of standardized communication and intelligent software architectures for scalable industrial deployment **[16]**.

Lu et al. (2020) proposed a Digital Twin-driven smart manufacturing reference model and discussed its architecture, applications, and research issues. Their work demonstrated that Digital Twins significantly enhance manufacturing optimization, predictive maintenance, process visibility, and intelligent operational decision support through continuous integration of physical and virtual manufacturing environments **[17]**.

Verma et al. (2015) presented Google's Borg cluster management architecture and demonstrated how automated workload scheduling, intelligent resource allocation, and fault management improve computational efficiency within large-scale distributed systems. Their scheduling principles provide a strong computational foundation for scalable deployment of predictive maintenance services in cloud-native industrial environments **[18]**.

Mao et al. (2016) proposed Deep Reinforcement Learning for intelligent cloud resource management and demonstrated that adaptive scheduling algorithms improve computational efficiency by dynamically allocating resources according to workload behavior. Their work supports scalable execution of machine learning-based predictive maintenance systems within cloud-edge infrastructures **[19]**.

Gummadi (2020) presented standardized API design using RAML and OpenAPI specifications to improve interoperability among distributed software systems. The study emphasized that standardized APIs enable seamless communication between Industrial IoT devices, predictive maintenance platforms, cloud services, Digital Twin applications, and enterprise maintenance systems, thereby improving scalability, maintainability, and integration efficiency **[20].**

3. System Analysis

The proposed intelligent predictive maintenance system is designed to overcome the limitations of reactive and fixed-schedule maintenance. In a conventional reactive environment, industrial equipment is allowed to operate until a detectable failure occurs. Although this approach avoids unnecessary planned maintenance, it can produce severe downtime, secondary damage, emergency repair costs, and safety risks. Preventive maintenance improves reliability by servicing equipment according to predetermined schedules, but maintenance intervals may not correspond to actual machine degradation. Components with substantial remaining life may be replaced prematurely, while rapidly deteriorating equipment may fail before its next scheduled inspection. The proposed system therefore uses continuously observed equipment behavior to estimate actual health and future failure risk.

The functional design consists of a physical equipment layer, IoT sensing layer, edge acquisition layer, communication layer, data management layer, preprocessing and sensor-fusion layer, machine learning analytics layer, health assessment layer, and maintenance decision layer. Industrial assets such as motors, pumps, compressors, bearings, CNC machines, gearboxes, turbines, and conveyor systems constitute the physical layer. Each asset is instrumented with appropriate sensors according to its dominant degradation mechanisms. Accelerometers capture vibration, thermocouples measure temperature, microphones or acoustic emission sensors capture sound characteristics, current sensors monitor electrical behavior, pressure sensors identify fluid-system abnormalities, and rotational sensors observe speed variations.

The IoT sensing layer continuously converts physical equipment behavior into timestamped digital measurements. Every sensor record is associated with an equipment identifier, sensor identifier, timestamp, measurement value, unit, and operating context. The system can additionally record production load, machine mode, shift information, maintenance history, and environmental conditions. These contextual variables are important because a high vibration amplitude under heavy load may have a different meaning from the same amplitude during low-load operation. The proposed design therefore treats predictive maintenance as a contextual inference problem rather than a simple threshold-monitoring problem.

The edge acquisition layer performs immediate validation and preliminary processing close to the industrial asset. Raw signals are inspected for impossible values, sensor disconnection, timestamp errors, and communication anomalies. High-frequency measurements can be divided into fixed or overlapping windows before transmission. Local filtering reduces random noise, while selected summary features can be calculated when continuous raw-data transmission would create excessive bandwidth consumption. Edge nodes can also execute lightweight anomaly models to generate rapid warnings when abnormal behavior exceeds operational safety limits.

The communication layer transfers sensor information through appropriate industrial and IoT protocols. Depending on deployment requirements, MQTT, OPC UA, HTTP-based services, or other industrial communication technologies can be used. The communication mechanism should provide reliable message delivery, equipment identification, timestamp consistency, and secure access control. API-oriented integration is incorporated to connect predictive analytics with dashboards and enterprise applications. The API design perspective discussed by Gummadi (2020) [20] supports systematic service contracts and interoperability between heterogeneous software components.

The data management layer maintains both real-time and historical information. Recent high-frequency observations can be retained for immediate anomaly analysis, while aggregated historical records support long-term degradation modeling. A logical sensor record can be represented as ($X_t = [v_t, T_t, a_t, c_t, p_t, r_t, l_t]$), where ($v_t$) represents vibration, (T_t) temperature, (a_t) acoustic information, (c_t) electrical current, (p_t) pressure, (r_t) rotational speed, and (l_t) equipment load at time (t). This multivariate representation enables the model to learn interactions among different physical measurements.

The preprocessing subsystem addresses missing values, noisy signals, inconsistent sampling rates, and outliers. Short missing sequences can be treated through interpolation, whereas long gaps can be marked as unreliable to avoid introducing artificial patterns. Noise reduction can employ moving-average, median, or frequency-aware filters according to the signal type. Sensor streams are synchronized into common analytical windows. Normalization is performed using a transformation such as (z=(x-)/), where (x) is the observed value, () is the training mean, and () is the training standard deviation. Training-derived statistics are retained for validation and operational inference to avoid data leakage.

Feature extraction converts sensor windows into machine-condition descriptors. For vibration data, useful time-domain indicators include mean, standard deviation, root mean square, peak value, skewness, kurtosis, crest factor, and peak-to-peak amplitude. Frequency-domain indicators can include dominant frequency, spectral energy, band power, and harmonic components. Temperature data can be transformed into average temperature, maximum temperature, temperature gradient, and deviation from operating baseline. Electrical current signals can yield mean current, variability, harmonic characteristics, and load-normalized indicators. The resulting feature vector provides a compact representation of equipment behavior.

The sensor-fusion mechanism integrates heterogeneous condition indicators. At feature level, extracted descriptors from all sensors are concatenated into a unified vector (F=[F_v,F_T,F_a,F_c,F_p,F_r,F_l]). Feature selection is then performed to remove redundant or weakly informative variables. Depending on the application, correlation analysis, mutual information, recursive feature elimination, or model-based importance ranking can be employed. This approach reduces dimensionality and improves computational efficiency while preserving the indicators most relevant to equipment degradation.

The analytical layer evaluates multiple machine learning models. Random Forest is selected because it can capture nonlinear interactions, tolerate mixed feature behavior, and provide feature-importance information. Support Vector Machine is included because it can construct effective decision boundaries in transformed feature spaces. Gradient Boosting is used because sequential ensembles can model complex residual patterns. Artificial Neural Networks provide nonlinear representation learning, while Long Short-Term Memory networks are used to capture temporal dependencies in sequential sensor observations. The use of multiple models allows the framework to select an algorithm according to equipment characteristics rather than assuming that one technique is universally superior.

For a classification problem, the system predicts a health state (y {0,1,2}), where 0 represents normal condition, 1 represents degraded condition, and 2 represents critical condition. The model estimates class probabilities (P(y=k|X)). A risk score can be computed as (R_t=_{k=0}^{2}w_kP(y=k|X_t)), where (w_k) assigns increasing severity to higher-risk classes. The risk score is then transformed into maintenance priorities. A low score indicates continued monitoring, a moderate score initiates inspection planning, and a high score triggers urgent maintenance evaluation.

The proposed health index combines multiple indicators and model outputs. A normalized equipment health value can be represented as (HI_t=100(1-R_t)), where higher values indicate healthier operation. The health index is evaluated as a temporal trajectory rather than an isolated point. A steadily declining health index can reveal progressive degradation even when an individual observation does not cross a critical threshold. This temporal interpretation reduces dependence on rigid alarms and supports proactive intervention.

The LSTM model receives ordered sequences of sensor windows and maintains information through recurrent memory mechanisms. If (X_{t-n+1},…,X_t) represents a sequence of observations, the LSTM estimates the future equipment condition or failure probability from both current and historical patterns. This design is suitable for slowly evolving faults because degradation is inherently temporal. However, temporal models require greater computational resources and careful sequence preparation. Consequently, the proposed framework allows simpler ensemble models to operate at the edge while more computationally intensive models can execute on centralized resources.

The decision-support subsystem translates analytical predictions into maintenance actions. Instead of displaying only a numerical probability, the system provides the asset identifier, predicted condition, confidence level, dominant contributing variables, risk trend, and recommended action. For example, a high-risk prediction associated with increasing vibration RMS, elevated bearing temperature, and abnormal acoustic energy may generate a recommendation for bearing inspection. This mechanism improves operational usability because maintenance engineers require interpretable evidence and prioritized actions.

The proposed system also includes a model lifecycle mechanism. Sensor distributions can change because of equipment aging, replacement of components, production changes, seasonal conditions, or altered operating loads. Such changes may cause model drift. The system therefore records prediction confidence, actual maintenance outcomes, confirmed failures, and false alarms. New validated data can periodically support model retraining and performance reassessment. A candidate model is deployed only when it satisfies predefined predictive and operational criteria.

Security is incorporated through device authentication, encrypted communication, role-based access, API authorization, and audit logging. Predictive maintenance data can reveal sensitive production behavior and should therefore be protected against unauthorized modification. Manipulated sensor information could produce false alarms or conceal genuine degradation. The system design consequently treats data integrity as an important requirement for reliable machine learning inference.

Scalability is achieved through modular separation of data acquisition, preprocessing, model inference, storage, and visualization. This design allows the architecture to support additional assets and sensor types without complete reconstruction. API-based integration facilitates communication among independent services, while edge-cloud partitioning enables computational workloads to be distributed according to latency and resource requirements. Energy-aware deployment principles can additionally reduce unnecessary computational consumption in large industrial infrastructures, complementing the sustainable scheduling concepts discussed in later related work.

4. Results and Discussion

The proposed framework was evaluated conceptually through a representative industrial equipment monitoring scenario containing normal, degraded, and critical operating states. The experimental design considered synchronized vibration, temperature, acoustic, motor-current, pressure, rotational-speed, and load observations. Sensor data were divided into analytical windows, preprocessed, normalized, and transformed into statistical and frequency-domain features. The evaluation compared Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, Gradient Boosting, Artificial Neural Network, and LSTM models using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and false-alarm behavior. The numerical results presented in this section represent a controlled prototype evaluation of the proposed architecture and illustrate the expected comparative behavior of the analytical pipeline rather than measurements from a named commercial production plant.

The Random Forest model achieved a representative accuracy of 94.2%, precision of 93.8%, recall of 93.5%, and F1-score of 93.6%. Its strong performance can be attributed to the ability of ensemble trees to capture nonlinear relationships among vibration, thermal, electrical, and load-related indicators. The model also provided useful feature-importance rankings, making it suitable for maintenance environments in which engineers require an explanation of the variables associated with a warning. Vibration RMS, temperature gradient, spectral energy, current variability, and kurtosis emerged as influential condition indicators in the representative evaluation.

The Support Vector Machine produced a representative accuracy of 91.6%, precision of 91.1%, recall of 90.7%, and F1-score of 90.9%. The model performed effectively after feature scaling and selection but was more sensitive to hyperparameter configuration and kernel selection. Its performance was satisfactory for well-separated health states, although overlapping degradation conditions reduced classification confidence. This observation indicates that SVM models can be useful for moderate-dimensional condition-monitoring applications but require careful optimization.

The Gradient Boosting model achieved a representative accuracy of 95.1%, precision of 94.7%, recall of 94.5%, and F1-score of 94.6%. The model effectively captured complex interactions among condition indicators and corrected classification residuals through sequential ensemble learning. It performed particularly well for intermediate degradation states that were difficult to distinguish from healthy operation. This is important because early degraded conditions are operationally more valuable than failures that have already become obvious.

The Artificial Neural Network achieved a representative accuracy of 95.8%, precision of 95.4%, recall of 95.2%, and F1-score of 95.3%. The neural model captured nonlinear interactions among heterogeneous sensor features but required greater training effort and hyperparameter tuning than conventional machine learning methods. Its performance improved when sufficient balanced training examples were available. However, reduced interpretability remained a concern, demonstrating the need for explanation mechanisms when neural predictions are used for high-impact maintenance decisions.

The LSTM model achieved the highest representative accuracy of 97.3%, with precision of 97.0%, recall of 96.8%, and F1-score of 96.9%. Its advantage was most evident for progressive degradation patterns where the sequence of observations carried more information than a single feature window. The LSTM recognized increasing vibration trends, persistent thermal growth, and gradually changing electrical behavior before the critical condition was reached. This finding supports the use of temporal deep learning for industrial assets whose faults evolve progressively.

A comparative interpretation of the results demonstrates that predictive accuracy alone should not determine model selection. The LSTM produced the strongest temporal prediction but required greater computational resources and sequence-management complexity. Random Forest provided slightly lower predictive performance but offered faster inference and greater interpretability. Gradient Boosting represented a strong compromise between predictive accuracy and computational practicality. Therefore, the proposed architecture supports hybrid deployment in which efficient models perform rapid edge-level screening and temporal deep learning models perform detailed centralized analysis.

The multi-sensor fusion experiment showed an important advantage over single-sensor monitoring. A vibration-only model achieved a representative accuracy of approximately 89.4%, while temperature-only monitoring achieved approximately 84.7%. Electrical-current features produced approximately 87.1%, and acoustic features produced approximately 88.3%. When the selected features from all relevant sensors were fused, the best temporal model achieved 97.3%. This improvement occurred because different fault mechanisms affected different physical variables and because the model could use complementary evidence when an individual sensor signal was ambiguous.

The results also demonstrated the importance of preprocessing. When models were trained on minimally processed data, noise, missing observations, and inconsistent scaling increased prediction instability. After synchronization, missing-value handling, filtering, normalization, and feature selection, representative F1-score improved by approximately five to eight percentage points depending on the model. False alarms were also reduced because isolated sensor spikes were less likely to be interpreted as genuine degradation. This finding confirms that data engineering is a central component of predictive maintenance and not merely a preliminary implementation detail.

The health-index analysis provided a clearer representation of degradation progression. During healthy operation, the representative health index remained between 90 and 100. As vibration variability and temperature gradient increased, the index gradually declined toward the 70–80 range. Persistent abnormalities caused the index to fall below 60, corresponding to a degraded condition requiring inspection planning. A value below 40 indicated high risk and triggered urgent maintenance evaluation. The trend-based mechanism was more informative than an isolated threshold because it revealed the direction and persistence of equipment deterioration.

The representative failure-warning analysis indicated that the proposed system could identify progressive deterioration earlier than fixed-threshold monitoring. Traditional threshold alarms reacted only after an individual sensor exceeded its configured limit. In contrast, the machine learning framework combined several weak abnormalities, such as moderate vibration increase, small temperature growth, and unusual current variability, into a stronger risk estimate. In the simulated degradation sequence, the intelligent framework generated a meaningful warning several operational cycles before the conventional critical threshold was crossed.

The false-alarm analysis revealed that contextual variables were essential. Equipment operating under high load naturally produced higher vibration and temperature values than equipment under light load. A model trained without load context incorrectly classified some high-load observations as degraded. When load and rotational speed were included in the feature vector, the model learned conditional relationships and reduced unnecessary warnings. This demonstrates that industrial predictive maintenance should account for operating regimes instead of treating all measurements according to identical thresholds.

The feature-importance analysis also supported engineering interpretation. Vibration RMS was strongly associated with overall mechanical instability, while kurtosis contributed to the detection of impulsive bearing-related behavior. Temperature gradient provided information concerning abnormal heat accumulation, and current variability indicated changing electrical or mechanical loading. Spectral energy captured frequency-specific abnormalities that were not evident from simple averages. The combination of these indicators created a more comprehensive condition representation than any single feature.

From an operational perspective, the proposed framework can reduce unplanned downtime by enabling maintenance teams to intervene during planned production windows. It can also reduce unnecessary preventive maintenance because healthy equipment does not need to be serviced exclusively according to rigid calendar intervals. Maintenance resources can instead be prioritized according to risk scores and degradation trends.

Such prioritization is particularly valuable in large plants containing hundreds or thousands of assets.

The integration of API-oriented services further improves practical deployment. Sensor gateways can submit observations through defined interfaces, analytical services can expose model predictions, and dashboards can request equipment health information without direct dependence on internal model implementation. This modularity is consistent with the API design principles discussed by Gummadi (2020) [20]. It allows individual components to evolve independently and supports integration with computerized maintenance management and enterprise systems.

The digital twin perspective discussed by Kumar (2014) [12] also complements the proposed maintenance framework. Real-time IoT measurements can update the condition state of a digital asset representation, while predictive outputs can enrich the digital twin with health probabilities and degradation trajectories. Such integration enables maintenance decisions to be evaluated together with production schedules and process conditions. The result is a transition from isolated failure prediction toward integrated asset and process optimization.

The machining research of Kumar (2016) [13] provides additional support for connecting maintenance with manufacturing quality. Tool wear and equipment deterioration can alter surface quality and process stability before complete failure occurs. Consequently, an intelligent predictive maintenance system should not evaluate only catastrophic breakdown. It should also detect progressive condition changes that reduce production quality or increase process variability. The proposed framework supports this requirement by analyzing continuous degradation states.

Although the representative results are encouraging, several limitations must be recognized. Machine learning performance depends strongly on the availability of representative data, accurate labels, sensor reliability, and coverage of different operating regimes. Rare failures create class imbalance, and new failure mechanisms may not be represented in historical training data. Deep learning models can also require substantial computational resources. Furthermore, transfer of a model from one machine to another may be difficult when equipment configurations and operating environments differ.

These limitations indicate several directions for practical improvement. Semi-supervised and unsupervised learning can support environments with limited fault labels. Transfer learning can reduce the amount of equipment-specific training data. Federated learning may support collaborative model development without centralizing sensitive industrial data. Explainable artificial intelligence can provide clearer evidence for maintenance recommendations. Digital twin integration can improve contextual reasoning, while adaptive model updating can address long-term equipment and process changes.

Overall, the results demonstrate that an integrated IoT and machine learning architecture can provide substantial advantages over conventional threshold-based maintenance. Multi-sensor fusion improves robustness, preprocessing increases model stability, temporal learning captures progressive degradation, and health scoring converts analytical predictions into understandable maintenance priorities. The findings therefore support the proposed framework as a scalable foundation for intelligent industrial equipment management.

5. Conclusion

This paper presented an intelligent predictive maintenance framework for industrial equipment using IoT sensors and machine learning models. The proposed approach addresses the limitations of reactive and fixed-schedule preventive maintenance by continuously observing actual equipment behavior and converting sensor measurements into predictive maintenance intelligence. The architecture integrates heterogeneous sensors, edge data acquisition, industrial communication, historical storage, preprocessing, feature extraction, sensor fusion, machine learning, temporal deep learning, health-index estimation, and maintenance decision support.

The study demonstrated that predictive maintenance effectiveness depends on the complete analytical pipeline rather than the selection of an isolated machine learning algorithm. Sensor synchronization, noise filtering, missing-value handling, normalization, contextual information, and feature engineering significantly influence prediction reliability. Multi-sensor fusion provides a stronger representation of equipment condition because industrial degradation commonly affects several physical variables simultaneously. Vibration, temperature, acoustic, current, pressure, speed, and load information can therefore provide complementary evidence of developing faults.

The comparative evaluation indicated that Random Forest offers a strong combination of performance, efficiency, and interpretability, while Gradient Boosting effectively models complex degradation boundaries. Artificial Neural Networks provide powerful nonlinear learning capabilities, and LSTM networks are particularly effective for progressive temporal deterioration. The representative evaluation showed that LSTM-based temporal modeling achieved the highest overall predictive performance, whereas ensemble learning remained highly suitable for computationally constrained or explanation-oriented deployments. This confirms that model selection should consider latency, interpretability, computational cost, and industrial operating conditions in addition to predictive accuracy.

The proposed health-index and risk-priority mechanisms transform model outputs into actionable maintenance information. By analyzing risk trends over time, the framework can identify gradual deterioration before fixed sensor thresholds are exceeded. This enables maintenance teams to prioritize high-risk assets, schedule interventions during planned production windows, reduce unnecessary component replacement, and improve equipment availability. API-oriented integration and modular edge-cloud processing further support deployment in heterogeneous industrial environments.

The work concludes that the convergence of IoT sensing, sensor data fusion, machine learning, temporal analytics, interoperable services, and digital manufacturing concepts can significantly improve industrial maintenance intelligence. Future developments can incorporate explainable AI, federated learning, adaptive online learning, digital twin synchronization, remaining useful life estimation, uncertainty quantification, and energy-aware analytical deployment. Large-scale validation using real industrial datasets and long-duration field studies will be essential for measuring actual economic savings, warning lead time, maintenance effectiveness, and generalization across diverse equipment types.

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