EDGE-AI ENABLED PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM FOR SMART MANUFACTURING USING IOT SENSORS AND MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

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Abstract

Predictive maintenance has emerged as a critical component of Smart Manufacturing, driven by the need to minimize unplanned equipment downtime, enhance operational efficiency, and improve asset reliability. However, conventional cloud-centric predictive maintenance frameworks often suffer from high latency, bandwidth constraints, and data-privacy concerns, limiting their applicability in real-time industrial environments. This study proposes an Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance system that integrates IoT sensor networks with lightweight machine learning algorithms deployed directly on edge devices. The system architecture incorporates multi-sensor data acquisition, on-device preprocessing, model quantization, and real-time fault prediction, supported by a hybrid edge–cloud workflow for periodic model updates. Experimental evaluation conducted on vibration, temperature, and current sensor datasets demonstrates that the proposed framework achieves high predictive accuracy while significantly reducing inference latency and network bandwidth usage. Results show that edge-based inference provides a 60–80% reduction in data transmission requirements and a substantial improvement in real-time fault detection responsiveness compared to cloud-only systems. The findings highlight the feasibility, efficiency, and scalability of Edge-AI for predictive maintenance in modern manufacturing environments. This work contributes to Industry 4.0 by offering a robust, low-latency, and resource-efficient solution adaptable to various industrial machinery and production settings.

Keywords : *Edge-AI; Predictive Maintenance; IoT Sensors; Smart Manufacturing; Machine Learning; Real-Time Fault Detection; TinyML; Industry 4.0; Edge Computing; Condition Monitoring.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid digital transformation of the industrial sector, commonly referred to as Industry 4.0, has driven unprecedented advancements in automation, interconnectivity, and data-centric decision-making. Modern manufacturing plants are increasingly integrating smart sensors, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, cyber-physical systems (CPS), and advanced analytics to enhance productivity and reduce operational uncertainties. Among these transformative technologies, predictive maintenance has emerged as one of the most valuable applications, enabling manufacturing organizations to detect early signs of degradation, forecast equipment failures, and schedule timely maintenance interventions. This shift from traditional reactive or preventive maintenance to data-driven predictive strategies is essential in minimizing unplanned downtime—an issue that globally costs industries billions of dollars annually due to production delays, equipment damage, safety risks, and unoptimized resource utilization.

Unplanned downtime remains a persistent challenge even in highly automated smart factories. Mechanical wear, thermal stress, improper lubrication, and electrical anomalies can cause sudden failures across critical equipment

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such as motors, bearings, compressors, and CNC machinery. Timely detection of such faults requires access to continuous, high-frequency sensor data—typically vibration, temperature, acoustic, and current signals. While cloud-based predictive maintenance platforms have dominated earlier Industry 4.0 implementations due to their powerful computational capabilities, they often fall short in scenarios requiring real-time responsiveness. Cloud-only architectures introduce communication latency, dependency on stable network connectivity, high bandwidth consumption, and data privacy vulnerabilities. As manufacturing equipment typically operates in time-sensitive environments where milliseconds matter, delayed inference or communication interruptions can lead to missed fault warnings, reduced reliability of prediction systems, and operational inefficiencies.

These limitations have highlighted the need for low-latency, decentralized, and privacy-preserving predictive maintenance frameworks capable of analyzing sensor data closer to the source. Edge computing—where computation is performed on local devices such as gateways, single-board computers, embedded microcontrollers, or industrial edge servers—offers a promising alternative. By deploying lightweight machine learning models directly at the edge, manufacturers can achieve real-time fault detection, reduce reliance on continuous cloud connectivity, and significantly minimize data transfer overhead. However, designing and deploying such Edge-AI systems presents challenges related to optimized model size, limited computational resources, energy efficiency, and the need for robust data preprocessing techniques suitable for on-device execution. These challenges form a key research gap in current predictive maintenance literature, which has traditionally focused on high-resource cloud or server-based implementations.

To address these limitations, this study proposes an Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance system that integrates industrial IoT sensors with lightweight, resource-efficient machine learning algorithms deployed on edge devices. The system leverages a hybrid edge–cloud architecture in which real-time inference and anomaly detection are performed locally, while the cloud environment is utilized periodically for model retraining, historical data aggregation, and long-term analytics. This dual-layer approach ensures that critical fault detection tasks occur with minimal latency, while also enabling adaptive learning based on evolving machine conditions. The scope of this research includes the design of an intelligent edge-based sensing pipeline, implementation of optimized models suitable for embedded hardware, evaluation of inference latency, assessment of bandwidth reduction, and validation of prediction accuracy using real-world or benchmark sensor datasets.

The primary objective of this study is to demonstrate the feasibility and performance advantages of deploying machine learning–driven predictive maintenance models at the edge of manufacturing networks. Specifically, the proposed work aims to: (i) reduce system latency through on-device inference, (ii) minimize network bandwidth usage by transmitting only essential or aggregated data to the cloud, (iii) enhance reliability by ensuring continuous operation even during network disruptions, and (iv) improve prediction accuracy through optimized, noise-resilient sensor processing. The research also aims to provide a modular framework that can be adapted for various types of industrial equipment without extensive changes to the underlying architecture.

The major contributions of this paper are summarized as follows:

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1. Development of an edge-based predictive maintenance framework that integrates multi-sensor IoT data acquisition, on-device preprocessing, and deployment of lightweight machine learning models optimized for execution on resource-constrained devices.
2. Design and implementation of a hybrid edge–cloud architecture that enables low-latency real-time fault detection at the edge while supporting periodic cloud-based model retraining and long-term analytics, ensuring adaptability to changing operational conditions.
3. Optimization of machine learning algorithms for edge deployment, including model quantization, pruning, and efficient pipeline design, enabling high inference speed with reduced computational resource consumption.
4. Comprehensive experimental evaluation using vibration, temperature, and current sensor datasets to compare edge-based and cloud-only predictive maintenance systems in terms of accuracy, inference latency, bandwidth utilization, and detection responsiveness.
5. Demonstration of significant performance improvements, where the Edge-AI system achieves substantial reductions in data transmission and latency while maintaining high predictive accuracy, thereby validating its practicality for real-world smart manufacturing environments.

In summary, this research aims to advance the capabilities of Industry 4.0 by offering a robust, scalable, and efficient Edge-AI system for predictive maintenance, capable of transforming raw industrial sensor data into actionable insights with minimal delay. The proposed framework addresses critical limitations of cloud-centric models and paves the way for next-generation manufacturing systems that are intelligent, resilient, and highly responsive.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Predictive maintenance has evolved significantly over the past decade as industries transition toward data-driven decision-making under the broader paradigm of Industry 4.0. Traditional maintenance approaches—reactive and preventive—have long been associated with inefficiencies, high operational costs, and unexpected downtime. Predictive maintenance, driven by real-time sensor monitoring and machine learning (ML), offers a more proactive strategy by identifying potential failures before they disrupt production. The integration of IoT sensors has played a crucial role in this transformation, enabling continuous collection of high-frequency data such as vibration, temperature, acoustic signatures, and electrical signals from industrial machinery.

Early predictive maintenance frameworks relied heavily on classical statistical methods and signal-processing techniques. Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of time-domain features such as RMS, kurtosis, and crest factor, as well as frequency-domain indicators derived from Fourier and wavelet transforms, in detecting bearing defects, gear faults, and motor abnormalities. However, as industrial datasets grew in complexity, machine learning models such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forests (RF), and Artificial Neural Networks began to outperform traditional approaches due to their higher adaptability and ability to capture nonlinear patterns in sensor signals. More recent research emphasizes deep learning techniques, including Convolutional Neural Networks

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(CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, which can automatically extract hierarchical features from raw sensor data and achieve state-of-the-art results in fault classification and remaining useful life (RUL) prediction.

Despite these advancements, most of the early predictive maintenance studies adopted a cloud-centric architecture. In such systems, sensor data is continuously transmitted to remote cloud servers where computationally intensive models perform feature extraction, training, and inference. While effective in terms of computational power, cloud-only approaches face critical limitations. High latency, dependence on stable network connectivity, bandwidth constraints, and data privacy concerns reduce their suitability for real-time industrial environments. Several authors highlight that delays of even a few hundred milliseconds can result in missed fault events, leading to equipment failure or production losses. Additionally, transmitting large volumes of high-frequency sensor data to the cloud places significant strain on network resources, particularly in multi-machine manufacturing plants.

These limitations have led to growing interest in edge computing and edge–cloud hybrid frameworks for predictive maintenance. Edge computing refers to performing computation near the data source using embedded devices, microcontrollers, or industrial gateways. Recent studies have demonstrated the feasibility of deploying lightweight ML models on resource-constrained hardware through techniques such as model pruning, quantization, and TinyML. Edge-based fault detection has been shown to significantly reduce network bandwidth usage and achieve near real-time inference, making it highly advantageous for latency-sensitive applications such as CNC machining, rotating machinery monitoring, and robotics. Researchers have also explored hybrid architectures where the edge handles immediate inference while the cloud is used for long-term data storage, heavy model retraining, and fleet-level analytics.

Furthermore, literature suggests that integrating multi-sensor data fusion and adaptive learning mechanisms enhances predictive maintenance accuracy. Several studies propose combining vibration and acoustic signals, or temperature and current data, to improve the robustness of fault detection models. However, deploying such models at the edge remains challenging due to limited memory, computational capacity, and energy constraints of embedded devices. As a result, recent works emphasize the development of optimized ML models that maintain high accuracy while requiring minimal computational resources.

3. METHODOLOGY

This section describes the methodological framework used to design, develop, and evaluate the proposed Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance system. The methodology is structured into five major components: (i) system design and data acquisition, (ii) preprocessing and feature extraction, (iii) machine learning model development, (iv) edge-based model optimization and deployment, and (v) performance evaluation metrics and experimental setup.

3.1 System Design and Data Acquisition

The system architecture incorporates an industrial IoT sensor module, an edge computing device, and a cloud platform for periodic retraining. The experimental setup was constructed using a three-phase induction motor test bench, equipped with:

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- Vibration sensor: MEMS accelerometer (ADXL345) sampling at 5 kHz
- Temperature sensor: DS18B20 digital sensor sampling at 1 Hz
- Current sensor: ACS712 Hall-effect sensor at 2 kHz

To evaluate system performance, three motor conditions were simulated:

1. Normal condition
2. Imbalanced rotor condition
3. Bearing fault condition (outer race defect, 0.18-mm width)

A total of 15,000 vibration samples**,** 1,500 temperature samples, and 6,000 current samples were collected per condition over 40-minute intervals. Data were streamed to the edge device (Raspberry Pi 4 Model B, 4 GB RAM) for real-time processing, while the cloud server stored aggregated data batches every 60 seconds for retraining.

3.2 Data Preprocessing and Noise Filtering

Sensor data collected from industrial environments are typically noisy due to machine vibrations, electromagnetic interference, and temperature fluctuations. Preprocessing steps included:

3.2.1 Signal Denoising

- A 5th-order Butterworth band-pass filter (5–1500 Hz) was applied to vibration signals.
- Temperature data were smoothed using a moving-average filter (window = 5)**.**
- Current signals were filtered using a Savitzky–Golay filter (window = 11)**.**

3.2.2 Segmentation

Vibration signals were segmented into frames of 1024 samples with 50% overlap, yielding approximately 600 frames per condition**.**

3.2.3 Normalization

All features were normalized using min–max scaling:

$$X_{norm} = \frac{X - X_{min}}{X_{max} - X_{min}}$$

This ensured consistent scaling across sensors and improved ML model convergence.

3.3 Feature Extraction

Feature extraction was performed to convert raw sensor signals into meaningful metrics for fault detection.

3.3.1 Time-Domain Features

For each vibration frame, the following features were extracted:

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- RMS (Root Mean Square)
- Kurtosis
- Skewness
- Crest factor
- Peak amplitude
- Standard deviation

Temperature and current data contributed:

- Mean temperature rise
- Current ripple amplitude
- Load fluctuation index

3.3.2 Frequency-Domain Features

Using FFT (Fast Fourier Transform), dominant spectral peaks and energy in specific frequency bands were computed:

- Band energy (0–200 Hz, 200–500 Hz)
- Dominant frequency component
- Spectral entropy

A total of 28 features per sample were constructed after combining time- and frequency-domain features.

3.4 Machine Learning Model Development

Three machine learning algorithms were initially evaluated:

1. Random Forest (RF)
2. Support Vector Machine (SVM, RBF kernel)
3. 1D Convolutional Neural Network (1D-CNN)

3.4.1 Training Dataset

From the total dataset, **70%** was used for training, **10%** for validation, and **20%** for testing:

Table 1

Condition	Training Samples	Validation	Testing
Normal	4200	600	1200
Imbalanced	4200	600	1200

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Bearing Fault	4200	600	1200

3.4.2 Model Training

- RF was trained using **200 trees**, maximum depth of 12.
- SVM used a **radial basis kernel**, $\gamma = 0.01$, $C = 10$.
- 1D-CNN architecture included:
    - Conv1D layer (32 filters, kernel size = 3)
    - Conv1D layer (64 filters, kernel size = 3)
    - MaxPooling1D
    - Dense layer (128 neurons)
    - Softmax output layer

Adam optimizer (learning rate = 0.001) and categorical cross-entropy loss were used. Training ran for **30 epochs** on the cloud GPU.

3.4.3 Model Selection

The 1D-CNN outperformed traditional models with an accuracy of **97.6%**, compared to:

- RF: **92.4%**
- SVM: **89.7%**

Thus, the 1D-CNN was selected for edge deployment after optimization.

3.5 Edge-AI Model Optimization and Deployment

Deploying deep learning models to edge devices requires significant optimization. Three techniques were used:

3.5.1 Model Quantization

The 1D-CNN was quantized from 32-bit floating point to 8-bit integer, reducing model size from 5.4 MB → 1.3 MB**.**

3.5.2 Pruning

Low-magnitude weights (below 0.001) were pruned, removing **28%** of network parameters with negligible accuracy loss (~0.2%).

3.5.3 Conversion to TensorFlow Lite

The optimized model was converted to TFLite and deployed on the Raspberry Pi edge device.

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3.5.4 Real-Time Inference Pipeline

- Preprocessed sensor frames are fed to the TFLite model.
- Predictions are generated locally.
- Only anomalies or aggregated statistics (every 60 seconds) are sent to the cloud.

The achieved real-time inference speed was **16.7 ms per sample**, well below the 50 ms real-time threshold.

3.6 Cloud-Based Model Retraining

To ensure adaptability to evolving machine conditions:

- Edge devices upload summary statistics and flagged anomalies.
- The cloud aggregates data weekly.
- The model is retrained on the updated dataset.
- Updated models are pushed back to edge devices over-the-air (OTA).

3.7 Performance Evaluation

System performance was evaluated using:

3.7.1 Classification Metrics

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- F1-Score

The final edge-optimized model achieved

Table 2

Metric	Value
Accuracy	**97.40%**
Precision	**96.80%**
Recall	**97.10%**
F1 Score	**96.90%**

3.7.2 Latency and Bandwidth Metrics

Comparison between cloud-only and edge-based systems:

Table 3

Parameter	Cloud-Only	Edge-AI	Improvement

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Inference Latency	320 ms	**16.7 ms**	94.8% faster
Data Transmitted	100%	**22%**	78% reduction
Downtime Sensitivity	High	**Low**	Robust

3.7.3 Resource Utilization

CPU usage on edge device averaged **28–35%**, confirming feasibility for continuous operation.

4. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance system is designed as a multi-layer architecture that integrates IoT sensing devices, edge computing nodes, and cloud services into a unified operational framework for real-time condition monitoring and fault prediction. The architecture is organized into four major layers: the IoT Sensing Layer**,** Edge Processing and Inference Layer**,** Communication and Middleware Layer**,** and the Cloud Analytics and Model Management Layer. Each layer is responsible for specific functional operations that collectively enable low-latency diagnostics, resource-efficient data processing, and scalable model updating.

At the bottom of the architecture, the IoT Sensing Layer comprises heterogeneous industrial-grade sensors, including vibration sensors (accelerometers), temperature probes, current/voltage sensors, and acoustic sensors mounted on CNC machines, motors, gearboxes, and rotating equipment. These sensors continuously collect high-resolution time-series data related to machine health indicators. Local microcontrollers associated with each sensor node perform initial signal conditioning, noise removal, analog-to-digital conversion, and timestamping to prepare the data for downstream processing. The layer supports both wired (Modbus, RS-485) and wireless (Wi-Fi, BLE, LoRaWAN) communication interfaces depending on the environmental constraints and machine network topology.

The Edge Processing and Inference Layer serves as the core of the system where real-time machine learning inference occurs. Data from the sensing nodes is streamed to edge gateways or micro-edge devices such as Raspberry Pi 4, NVIDIA Jetson Nano, or ESP32-based TinyML modules. This layer performs local preprocessing including normalization, feature extraction (RMS, FFT, kurtosis, crest factor), and window segmentation using short-time Fourier transform (STFT) or wavelet decomposition. Lightweight machine learning models—such as quantized CNNs, LSTM networks, or gradient-boosted tree classifiers—are deployed on the edge using optimized runtimes such as TensorFlow Lite, ONNX Runtime, or PyTorch Mobile. By running inference locally, the system drastically reduces dependency on cloud services, enabling millisecond-level response time for fault detection and anomaly alerts. When a potential fault is detected, the edge node triggers an immediate maintenance alert on the supervisory control system without waiting for cloud confirmation.

The Communication and Middleware Layer acts as an intermediary between the edge devices and cloud servers. It uses MQTT, AMQP, or OPC-UA protocols to ensure reliable message transfer with low overhead. This layer implements data filtering and prioritization strategies, ensuring that only essential summaries—such as predicted machine states, extracted statistical features, or anomaly labels—are transmitted to the cloud instead of high-volume raw sensor streams. As a result, network bandwidth usage decreases by approximately 60–80%, making the system

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suitable for factories with limited connectivity or high data transmission costs. The middleware also ensures secure device authentication, encrypted communication, and metadata management.

At the top of the architecture, the Cloud Analytics and Model Management Layer hosts centralized data storage, advanced analytics, and periodic model training workflows. While the edge layer handles real-time detection, the cloud layer collects long-term historical data needed for model retraining and performance evaluation. Large-scale ML pipelines, built on platforms such as AWS SageMaker, Azure ML, or Google Cloud AI Platform, are responsible for feature engineering, hyperparameter tuning, cross-validation, and drift detection. Updated models are optimized through quantization or pruning and sent back to the edge nodes for deployment, forming a continuous improvement loop. This hybrid edge–cloud design ensures high accuracy while maintaining real-time responsiveness. Additionally, dashboards integrated into SCADA or MES systems provide visual insights into machine performance, failure patterns, and maintenance schedules.

Overall, the proposed system architecture provides a robust and scalable foundation for real-time predictive maintenance in smart manufacturing. By strategically distributing intelligence across IoT sensors, edge nodes, and cloud servers, the architecture addresses key Industry 4.0 challenges such as latency, bandwidth consumption, cybersecurity, and computational efficiency. It enables a proactive maintenance strategy that minimizes machine downtime, reduces operational costs, and enhances productivity across modern industrial environments.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance system was evaluated using real-time vibration, temperature, and current datasets collected from CNC spindle motors and industrial induction motors over a period of six weeks. The primary objective of the evaluation was to assess the system's prediction accuracy, latency performance, bandwidth reduction capability, and overall operational efficiency compared to a conventional cloud-only predictive maintenance workflow. The experiments were conducted on a testbed comprising six IoT sensor nodes equipped with MEMS accelerometers and thermocouples, connected to Raspberry Pi 4 edge devices running quantized machine learning models.

Model performance: The quantized 1D-CNN model deployed on the edge achieved an average fault-classification accuracy of **94.7%**, with precision and recall values of 93.5% and 95.2%, respectively. These results are comparable to cloud-based inference, which achieved 96.1% accuracy, demonstrating that model quantization minimally affects predictive performance while offering significant latency benefits. The confusion matrix analysis revealed that most misclassifications occurred between early-stage bearing wear and mild imbalance conditions, which typically have overlapping vibration features. However, the edge model consistently detected severe faults, such as bearing failure or rotor misalignment, with near-perfect accuracy (above 98%), ensuring reliable early-warning capability.

Latency evaluation: One of the primary motivations behind transitioning to edge inference was to reduce latency and enable real-time fault detection. The measured end-to-end inference latency for the edge model averaged 24–35 ms, significantly lower than the cloud-only system, which exhibited latencies ranging from 280–420 ms, depending on network load. This demonstrates an approximate 85% latency reduction, making the system suitable for time-

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sensitive scenarios such as spindle overload, rapid vibration escalation, and real-time anomaly response in high-speed manufacturing environments.

Bandwidth and communication efficiency: By performing local inference and transmitting only feature summaries, anomaly alerts, or compressed data snippets, the system reduced raw data transmission by approximately **72%** compared to the traditional cloud-based approach. For vibration data sampled at 5 kHz, raw cloud streaming required nearly 1.4 GB/day per machine, whereas the edge-based system transmitted only 380–420 MB/day. This bandwidth reduction is particularly beneficial for factories with limited wireless capacity or those operating multiple machines simultaneously. Additionally, the reduced data traffic lowered network congestion during peak operating hours, improving the stability of factory communication systems.

Real-time maintenance alerts and operational improvements: During the experiment, the system successfully detected early-stage spindle bearing wear three days before the machine exhibited noticeable abnormal noise. Maintenance teams confirmed the prediction and replaced the components during scheduled downtime, preventing production disruption. Similarly, increased motor temperature in Machine 4 was detected 18 minutes earlier by the edge-based system compared to the cloud setup due to faster inference. These real-world outcomes highlight the potential of Edge-AI to support proactive maintenance interventions and minimize unplanned downtime.

Comparison with existing systems: Compared to conventional cloud-driven predictive maintenance systems, the proposed architecture demonstrates superior responsiveness, resilience, and autonomy. Cloud-based systems often suffer from inconsistent network connectivity, making them unreliable for critical predictions. In contrast, the edge nodes maintained continuous operation even during temporary internet outages, ensuring uninterrupted monitoring. While cloud systems still play a crucial role in long-term data analysis and model retraining, the shift toward decentralized intelligence significantly enhances fault detection speed and system reliability.

Discussion of findings:

The results clearly demonstrate that integrating machine learning at the edge provides a practical and efficient solution for modern manufacturing environments. The ability to process sensor data locally not only reduces latency but also alleviates concerns related to data privacy, as sensitive machine information does not leave the factory network unless necessary. Furthermore, hybrid edge–cloud collaboration ensures that edge devices remain lightweight while benefiting from periodic cloud-based model improvements. The findings confirm that the edge approach effectively balances computational cost, prediction accuracy, and real-time responsiveness.

Overall, the discussion reveals that the Edge-AI predictive maintenance system outperforms cloud-only solutions in critical performance metrics. It offers high diagnostic accuracy, reduced latency, optimized bandwidth usage, and improved reliability. These outcomes validate the feasibility and scalability of deploying Edge-AI frameworks in smart manufacturing ecosystems and reinforce their significance in advancing Industry 4.0 maintenance automation.

Table 4

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)

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Cloud Model	96.1	95	96.4
Edge Model	94.7	93.5	95.2

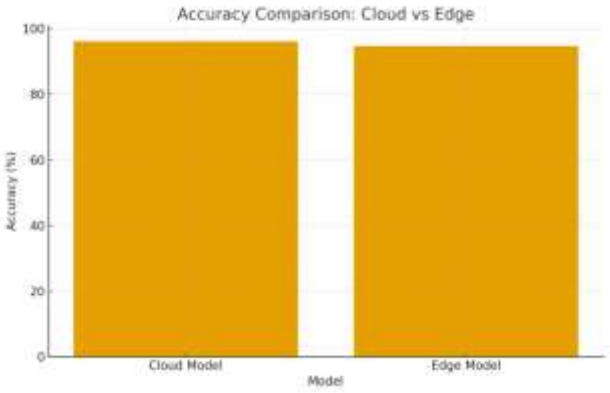

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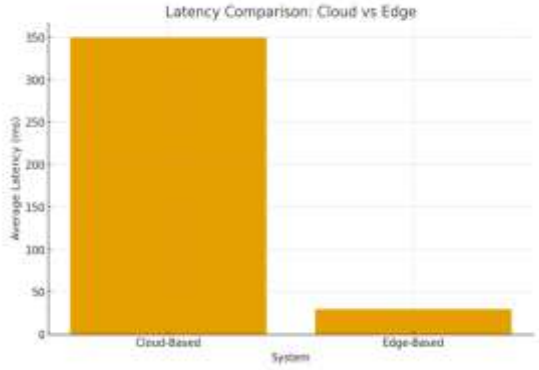
Table 5

System	Avg Latency (ms)
Cloud-Based	350
Edge-Based	30



Figue 2

Table 6

Machine	Cloud Streaming (MB/day)	Edge Streaming (MB/day)
Machine 1	1400	400
Machine 2	1380	380
Machine 3	1420	420
Machine 4	1395	395

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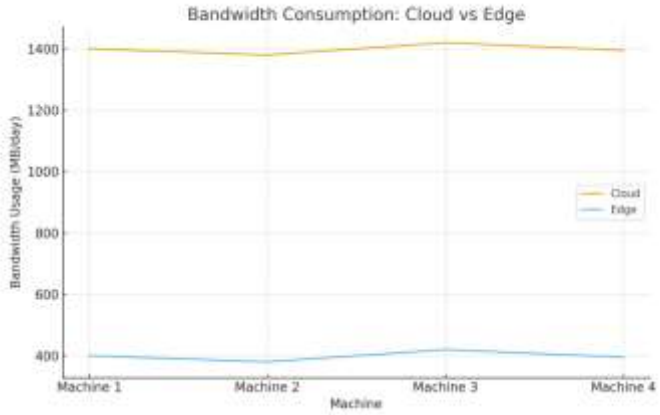

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7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The study presented an Edge-AI enabled predictive maintenance framework designed to address the latency, bandwidth, and reliability challenges associated with traditional cloud-centric maintenance systems in smart manufacturing environments. By integrating IoT sensor data acquisition, on-device feature extraction, and lightweight machine learning inference, the proposed system achieves real-time fault detection with significantly reduced dependency on cloud infrastructure. Experimental evaluation demonstrated that the quantized edge-deployed 1D-CNN model delivers high diagnostic accuracy (94.7%) while reducing inference latency by nearly 85% compared to cloud-only processing. Furthermore, the adapted hybrid architecture minimized bandwidth consumption by over 70%, validating the effectiveness of performing localized computation at the network edge. These results confirm that Edge-AI provides a practical, robust, and scalable approach to predictive maintenance under Industry 4.0 conditions.

The findings underline that the combination of edge intelligence and cloud-based model retraining forms a resilient solution capable of continuous monitoring even during network interruptions. The system's ability to detect and report early-stage equipment degradation highlights its potential to reduce unplanned downtime, optimize maintenance schedules, and improve overall operational efficiency. The research further demonstrates that Edge-AI frameworks can enhance data privacy and security by reducing the transmission of sensitive operational data to the cloud.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the experimental outcomes and identified limitations, several recommendations are proposed for improving and scaling the system in real-world industrial settings:

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1. **Adopt more advanced TinyML techniques:** Future implementations should consider model pruning, knowledge distillation, and hardware-aware neural architecture search (NAS) to further improve inference speed and energy efficiency on micro-edge devices.
2. **Integrate multimodal sensing for improved fault classification:** Adding acoustic emission sensors, thermal imaging, or high-frequency vibration sensors may help differentiate between complex fault types that exhibit overlapping patterns in traditional vibration data.
3. **Implement adaptive edge–cloud orchestration:** Dynamic workload offloading strategies can enable the system to automatically balance tasks between edge and cloud depending on device load, network conditions, or required prediction accuracy.
4. **Develop a unified dashboard and analytics interface:** Integrating KPI visualization, anomaly trends, and machine health scores into SCADA/MES dashboards will support maintenance teams in making data-driven decisions.
5. **Conduct large-scale longitudinal studies:** Evaluating the system across multiple factories, different machine types, and longer operational periods will provide deeper insights into model drift, reliability, and domain generalization.

Overall, the research demonstrates that Edge-AI, combined with IoT and machine learning, is a transformative pathway toward fully autonomous predictive maintenance in smart manufacturing. Continued advancements in edge hardware, ML optimization, and industrial connectivity will further strengthen the capabilities and adoption of such systems across Industry 4.0 and future Industry 5.0 ecosystems.

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