

An Intelligent-IoT-Based Data Analytics for Freshwater Recirculating Aquaculture System

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Abstract—Implementing innovative farming practices becomes imperative for a country whose economy relies heavily on agricultural products. Over recent years, the swift process of urbanization and the depletion of forests have influenced farmers. Due to the lack of rainwater harvesting and changing weather patterns, many crop failure cases have been registered in the last few years. To prevent loss of annual crop production, many researchers propose the technology-driven smart farming method. Smart agriculture involves utilizing technology to create a controlled environment for the management of the crops. Smart farming increases crop production and provides small farmers with an alternative income source. The government initiated many pilot projects to promote smart agriculture in India. Yet, the absence of technological assistance and skilled procedures poses a challenge for most farmers aiming to thrive in this industry. This paper introduces a smart freshwater recirculating aquaculture system based on IoT technology. The proposed system has integrated sensors and actuators. The sensor system monitors the water parameters, and actuators maintain the aquaculture environment. An intelligent data analytics algorithm played a significant role in monitoring and maintaining the freshwater aquaculture environment. The analytics derived the relationship between the water parameters and identified the relative change. From the experimental evaluation, we have identified that the M5 model tree algorithm has the highest accuracy for monitoring the relative change in water parameters.

Index Terms—Aquaculture, edge computing, fog computing, Internet of Things (IoT), recirculating aquaculture system (RAS).

I. INTRODUCTION

IN RECENT years, we have seen a significant transformation in regular farming. Many urban cities are utilizing their building spaces for intelligent farming. Smart farming is a technology-driven control for monitoring and maintaining the proper growth environment [1], [2].

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However, smart farming is still tricky for many unskilled farmers [3]. In India, 70% population directly or indirectly depends on agriculture. Indian agriculture has a significant contribution to the Indian economy [3]. Over the past few years, the changing weather patterns and global warming have significantly impacted annual crop production [2]. A substantial number of farmers are affected by the loss of annual crop production. To cut short their loss and provide an alternative source of income, the Indian government initiated many pilot projects to promote integrated aquaculture-based farming. India has 2.36 million hectares of ponds and tanks, which offers immense opportunities for aquaculture. Aquaculture is the mean of livelihood for 28 million people in India. Unlike other aquaculture, freshwater pearl cultivation is the most profitable business in current scenarios. In 2020, India imported 1.59 trillion rupees worth of pearls, precious and semi-precious stones. To make India self-reliant on pearl production, the Indian government supports the farmers through subsidies and free training programs. Despite government efforts, the annual pearl production has not made significant progress. The lack of technological intervention and skill-oriented manual operation is the primary cause of poor production. In India, freshwater aquaculture-based farming is still operated manually. Aquaculture farming is very new to most farmers in India.

This article presents a smart IoT-based freshwater recirculating aquaculture system. The proposed system smartly manages the optimal requirement for aquaculture. The system has three significant designs: 1) physical; 2) network; and 3) logical. In physical configuration, we have edge devices integrated with sensors and actuators. The sensors monitor the water parameters, and actuators control the habitable aquaculture environment. The communication network between the physical devices manages data and control flow. The network design has an integrated network between the edge, fog, and gateway devices. The gateway operates the virtual private network (VPN) servers for secure communication in the public network. At the same time, the network between the edge node and fog node communicates using a socket. In logical design, we have an abstract representation of entities and processes. The logical design included a front-end data visualization and interactive control utility provided through the Django Web framework. At the back-end, we have a relational database for managing the data. A data analytics algorithm utilizes the relational data for forecasting the change in the water parameters and control for the actuators. The

whole operation for monitoring and management is scheduled through a real-time clock (RTC). The model selected for data analytics is a nonlinear decision tree-based model random forest (RF), M5 Model tree, and gradient boosting machine (GBM).

The proposed system has the following main contribution.

- 1) An intelligent-IoT-driven monitoring and management of freshwater pearl farming.
- 2) An inexpensive regent replacement-based sensor system designed for ammonia testing.
- 3) A relational data analytics to forecast problem, sensor fault detection, and inexpensive monitoring and management.

The remainder of this article is organized as follows. Section II presents the related work. Section III presents the baseline data. Section IV presents the components of the proposed IoT system for aquaculture management and presents the aquaculture management using data analytics. Section V presents the experiments and results. Finally, Section VI presents the conclusion.

II. RELATED WORK

The rapid expansion of the IoT brought ubiquitous networked devices and sensors integration in a variety of intelligent applications [4], [5]. The generated data from these devices requires computational intelligence to extract the knowledge from the data [6]. We have identified a few research works centered around water quality monitoring in the literature review. Most research works focus on water quality monitoring rather than system affordability. It is worth noting that the adoption of technology-driven control farming remains costly for many farmers. Using relational data analytics techniques, researchers forecast the change in water parameters relative to some known parameters. This technique keeps the system in a stable state with minimal hardware requirements.

Gao et al. [7] proposed an intelligent-IoT-based control and traceability system to forecast and maintain water quality for freshwater fish farming. The whole system is divided into two modules, i.e., an intelligent module and tracking module. The intelligent management module includes the integrated sensor assembly [pH, water, temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), and turbidity], data acquisition, data analysis, and database management. The tracking module includes the data visualization, chart, and data presentations. The intelligent module processes the fish pond monitoring data and forecasts the change in the water parameters. The alterations in water parameters empower farmers with the ability to oversee and manually regulate conditions using actuators. The system suggested by Gao et al. [7] manages water quality factors and offers farmers visual depictions to facilitate manual intervention.

Zhu et al. [8] introduced a wireless network to oversee the water quality in fish cultivation. Their proposed method employs ANN to conduct a predictive analysis of water quality. The intelligent module of the system employs key variables like water temperature, pH, and salinity as benchmarks to predict the forthcoming patterns in dissolved oxygen levels.

Zhu et al. [8] system tackles the measurement and control of water parameters.

Simbeye et al. [9] developed a wireless sensor network (WSN)-based mechanism for monitoring aquaculture. The collected water quality information from the sensors is transmitted to a nearby server through a gateway. Afterwards, the data is displayed through a graphical user interface (GUI) via a local server. The primary focus of the study was on enhancing aquaculture management, optimizing power usage, and improving network efficiency. Simbeye et al. [9] devised the approach to oversee aquaculture within the confines of a personal area network.

Dabrowski et al. [10] proposed a machine-learning approach to predict the DO using pH and water temperature. The data collected from the aquaculture prawn ponds was used for this study. Dabrowski et al. [10] analyzed the accuracy of DO prediction using long short-term memory (LSTM), linear regression (LR), ANN, and LDs. The experimental results show that the LSTM algorithm produces the optimum results with minimum normalized root mean-squared error (NRMSE). Dabrowski et al. [10] research shows the accuracy of the machine learning approach for water quality forecast.

Chen et al. [11] introduced a system equipped with water quality sensors. The sensor captures data from a fish pond and forwards it via zigbee to a microcontroller. The processed data is sent to a terminal device through a wireless interface. This terminal device empowers the user to monitor the agricultural. A graphical user interface (GUI) enables the data visualization. Chen et al. [11] provided a comprehensive description of a system that functions within a confined network. Mahfuz et al. [12] introduced an aquaculture monitoring system driven by a smart microcontroller. A user-friendly mobile application is employed to display the sensor-acquired data. The system is linked to a solar power setup to ensure continuous power supply. Any alteration in water parameters prompts notifications in the form of straightforward text messages. The suggested system required a manual intervention to manage the aquaculture.

Vernandhes et al. [13] presented aquaponics monitoring system that utilizes the Internet of Things (IoT) paradigm. The application interface provides an end user remote access to individual physical components of the system. The proposed system consists of sensors, actuator, relay, Ethernet, and router. The aquaphonic system integrated actuators and sensor maintain the control environment for better growth of the plant. The proposed system in future plan to extend for indoor farming of other crops

The work in [14] used the multivariate LR and ANN to forecast the DO relative to pH, water temperature, and electrical conductivity (EC). Similar work extends in [10] and shows the comparative performance of ANN and LR with support vector machine (SVM). All the competing models have shown a significant accurate forecast of DO. However, these model accuracy of forecast relies on short interval high amount of historical data. Currently, we have identified various ANN models, such as LSTM and deep belief networks

TABLE I
IDEAL WATER PARAMETERS FOR FRESHWATER PEARL FARMING [32]

Parameters	Values
pH	7-8
DO	8-10 PPM
Alkalinity	100 PPM
Hardness	60 PPM
Food	Plankton Algae
Temperature	15-30 C

that are considered to be an appropriate to solve the forecast problem [15], [16].

Recently, certain studies have explored comprehensive water quality monitoring and management systems utilizing cultural knowledge models and forecasting models [17], [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], [24], [26]. Nevertheless, these systems did not specifically target the current requirement for developing a fully automated aquaculture setup. Moreover, their setups failed to attain the intended real-time data exchange and control, thereby affecting both water quality and aquaculture production.

This paper introduces an Internet of Things (IoT) system that effectively manages freshwater aquaculture. The system is developed for freshwater pearls aquaculture, which considers the distinct water quality and management prerequisites. The proposed system can also dynamically accommodate the needs of other freshwater culture breeds.

III. BASELINE DATA

We have collected the baseline data from the Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture Bhubaneswar (CIFA Bhubaneswar) [32]. Table I illustrates the Optimal water conditions for pearl farming aquaculture. In an aquaculture, the primary focus should be monitoring the alkalinity and hardness of water parameters. The regional water bodies in different states have different alkalinity and hardness. Alkalinity is the indicator of resistance to acidification. Water bodies that have good alkalinity can prevent the sudden change in pH. Alkalinity indicates acid resistance, with higher alkalinity in water bodies helping prevent abrupt pH fluctuations. The connection between alkalinity and hardness is noteworthy, as total hardness is linked to calcium and divalent magnesium ions. The optimal water conditions for pearl farming recommends an alkalinity level of 100 PPM and a hardness level of 60 PPM. Research has shown that hard water proves more advantageous for productivity than soft water, although soft water is more conducive to the enhanced production of freshwater mussels. Alkalinity, a variable influenced by time, correlates with pH and temperature. Mornings typically see elevated pH levels along with moderate to high alkalinity. The intricate interplay between temperature and various biological and chemical reactions is evident, as warmer water hampers the solubility of atmospheric dissolved oxygen. Mussels inhabiting warmer waters necessitate a more excellent supply of dissolved oxygen. Likewise, DO is important in assessing water quality. Adequate oxygen levels are imperative for the well-being of pearl-farming mussels within the aquatic environment. However, in stagnant water, the diffusion

of atmospheric oxygen is notably lower. To address this, we employ an oxygen pump and agitation to directly infuse atmospheric air into the water, augmenting the essential DO levels. photosynthetic activity in aquatic plants constitutes another source of dissolved oxygen. In the context of pearl farming, mussels feed on plankton. The presence of uneaten plankton further influences the habitable under water conditions. During daylight hours, these algae consume CO and release Oxygen. Consequently, DO levels experience an increase during the day, followed by a decrease at night and on heavily cloudy days. During nighttime hours and mainly overcast days, algae consume oxygen for respiration. Consequently, an abundance of algae growth leads to an elevation in the biological oxygen demand (BOD). The BOD is increased by mixing the ample nutrients in the pond. It also has a relation to time and temperature. During the night, the plankton algae consume the DO rapidly. The plankton density has a relation with DO and pH. However, the pH also has a relation to total alkalinity. The fluctuations in pH are less common in higher alkalinity. Similarly, carbon dioxide also has an ill impact on mussels. The higher concentration of carbon dioxide fluctuates the pH. However, the rate of change in pH is relatively less at higher total alkalinity. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentration increases due to lack of photosynthesis and die-off of phytoplankton. There is a significant need to monitor the pond's DO concentration to minimize the impact of carbon dioxide. Similarly, ammonia concentration is highly lethal for aquatic animals. Ammonia has a relation with DO, pH, and carbon dioxide. The ammonia increases, often decreasing the DO and increasing CO₂. Ammonia toxicity is more pronounced at elevated pH levels. The primary sources of ammonia are the excretions of aquatic animals and the decomposition of organic matter. Maintaining control over ammonia levels is of utmost importance for optimal growth. Table II summarizes some of the recent available literature on the topic. Although some intelligent aquaculture systems have been proposed in the literature, more work needs to be done to integrate the factors that accurately determine the water quality, fault behavior analysis, optimal schedule for feeding, and fault-tolerant monitoring and management. Moreover, the existing systems cannot analyze and interpret real-time data rather monitor through some Web application. Still, much work needs to address for real-time control of the system parameters and intelligent data analytics integration at the edge devices or fog devices. As a result, the gap addressed in this article is relevant to the study.

IV. COMPONENT OF PROPOSED IOT SYSTEM FOR AQUACULTURE MANAGEMENT

This section introduces the proposed smart IoT-based system for managing the aquaculture. The comprehensive system is organized into four distinct phases of development:

- 1) physical design;
- 2) network design;
- 3) logical design;
- 4) intelligent forecasting models.

Fig. 1 illustrates the conceptual layout of a smart aquaculture system based on IoT.

TABLE II
EXISTING AQUACULTURE MONITORING SYSTEMS

References	Description
[12]	An intelligent aquaponics system designed using TDS and Ph sensors to schedule optimal fish feeding. TDS and Ph sensor real-time data is monitored through an android application, and fish feeding is automated.
[19]	This paper proposed an automated feeding decision-making system using water quality parameters DO and Temperature. The author used an adaptive neural fuzzy inference system to present an effective control method.
[20]	This research work has discussed the implication of Amazon WEB Services (AWS) for the aquaculture monitoring system by using MQTT protocol for communication with AWS IoT core
[21]	This research has proposed a pH control system based on fuzzy logic control in an aquaponic system. A control system has two Ph sensors and two motor pumps. One Ph sensor is kept in an aquarium, and another is placed in hydroponics.
[22]	In this research work, an author presents a control and monitoring system for ammonia levels for fish cultivation. The designed system is employed a Ph sensor and the MQ-135 gas sensor. The system can perform controls automatically and manually through a smartphone application.
[23]	In this system, a Web application monitors water quality parameters such as Ph and Temperature in real-time for freshwater fish cultivation. The measurement data is stored in a database.
[24]	In this work, the author studies the changing trends for different water quality parameters and manages the control of various devices equipped with aquarium-based fish aquaculture. This study also presents a deep learning model (DL) that correlates the different parameters and produces accurate predictions on the experimental data set.

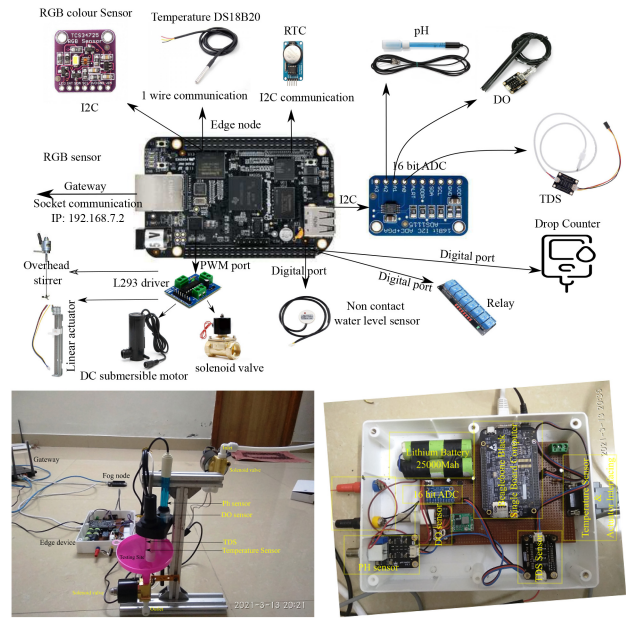


Fig. 2. Edge node integrated sensors and actuators (adapted from [32]).

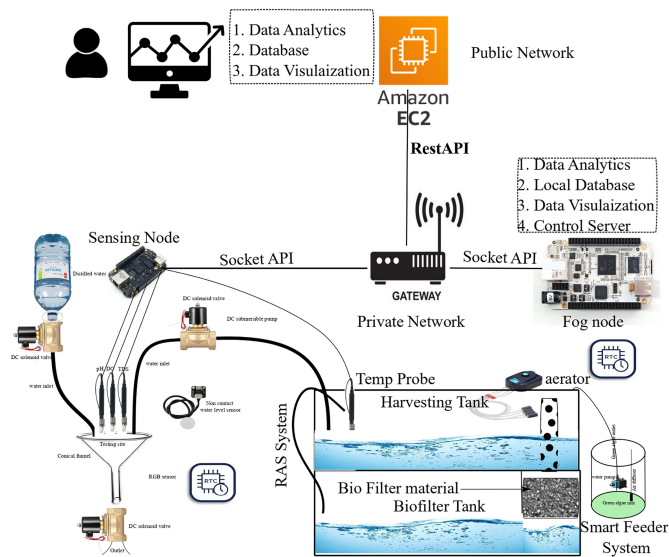


Fig. 1. Conceptual design of intelligent-IoT-based aquaculture system.

A. Physical Design

The physical layer is responsible for collecting the data from the sensors. System-integrated sensors gather the water quality parameters, and actuators manage the water quality parameters. The sensing nodes in the proposed system are integrated with analogue base DO, pH, Electric conductivity (EC), RTC

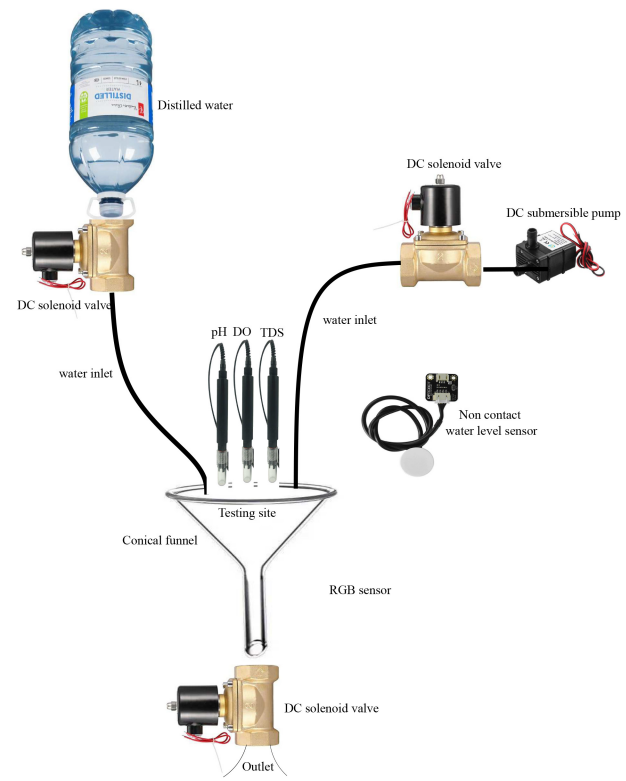


Fig. 3. Test equipment setup.

timer, and temperature sensors, as shown in Fig. 2. These sensor assemblies are kept outside the aquaculture tanks, as shown in Fig. 3. To accurately measure the change from the sensor data, we have integrated the edge node with ADS1115 16-bit precision analog-to-digital converter (ADC) [26]. Through the I2C interface, ADS1115 ADC communicates the sensor data to the edge node. The 1-wire DS18B20 temperature sensor directly interfaces with the edge node. For edge computation and networking, we have selected the Beagle-bone

Black. The Beagle-bone black has a variety of general-purpose input–output ports, which allows interaction with various communication interface protocols. The onboard 4-GB internal flash memory provides sufficient space to organize the data in the relational data model. The board has a 1-GHz ARM cortex processor, consuming less power and providing adequate processing capability. We have employed actuators such as aerator, submersible pumps, bio-filters, heaters, and valves to maintain a habitable aquaculture environment. The direct current (DC) operated actuators are connected through the L293 driver. The alternate current (AC) ran actuators are connected through relays. The proposed system has the following subsystem for aquaculture management:

- 1) test setup;
- 2) reagent replacement-based ammonia sensor system;
- 3) power management;
- 4) automated smart feeder;
- 5) RAS.

1) *Test Setup*: In the proposed system design, we have an edge node equipped with temperature sensors (DS18B20), pH sensor (DFRobot Gravity, model SEN0161), and DO (DFRobot Gravity model no: DFR1628), ammonia sensor, and water EC sensor. Similarly, we equipped the edge node with actuators like water pumps, aerators, feeders, biofilters, water heaters, and solenoid valves. Except for the temperature sensor, all the sensors are kept outside the main harvesting tank, as shown in Fig. 3. This arrangement prevents the sensor monitoring tip from corrosion and extends their lifetime. The integrated actuator, comprising a submersible pump and valve, facilitates water transfer from the main tank to the test setup. After the water quality assessment, the valve attached to conical funnel releases the water. A non-contact water level sensor is employed to regulate the activation and deactivation of the valve and submersible pump to manage the water overflow in the conical funnel. After each water quality assessment, the distilled water is pumped to clean the sensor probe. The water quality assessment is scheduled through a RTC. Our experimental investigation determined that water quality within the culture pond does not change abruptly. Numerous factors, such as water temperature, weather conditions, feeding, and the discharge of by-products, influence water quality parameters. These parameters often exhibit inconsistency multiple times throughout the day. After analyzing a month's recorded data, we have established an optimal schedule for managing the freshwater pearl aquaculture system.

2) *Reagent Replacement-Based Ammonia Sensor System*: Ammonia is directly toxic to culture breeds in the unionized form, which is favored at high temperatures and pH. It also reduces the ability of culture breeds to utilize oxygen. Ammonia gets introduced into the water through excreted metabolic waste and the decomposition of organic matter. We have designed an inexpensive reagent replacement-based ammonia sensor system to automate ammonia testing. The reagent replacement-based ammonia sensor system automates manual reagent-based ammonia testing. In the reagent replacement-based ammonia sensor system, we have used the water level sensor, drop counter, and color sensor. Similarly, we have used the actuators like water pump, overhead steerer,

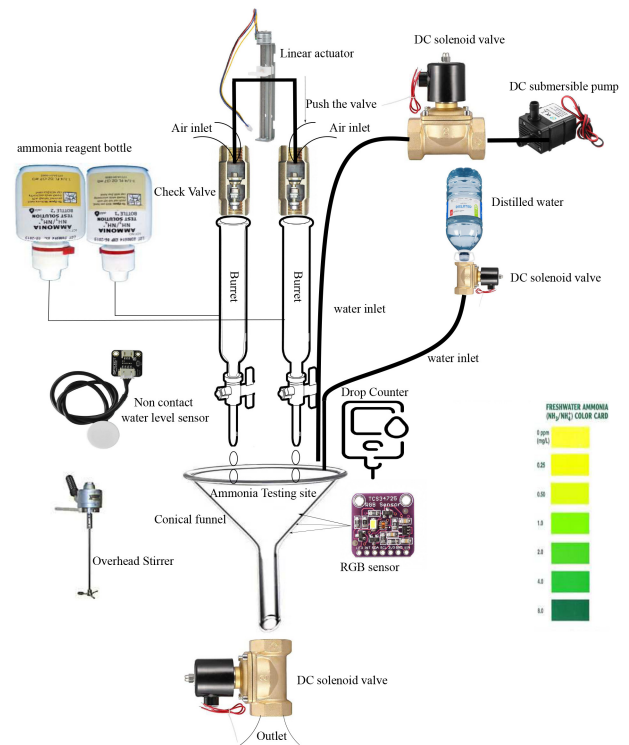


Fig. 4. Reagent replacement-based ammonia sensor system.

check valve, and solenoid valve, as shown in Fig. 4. The scheduled set for water quality monitoring activates the ammonia sensor system. At the scheduled time, the edge node integrated DC submersible pump and solenoid valve start their operation to carry the water for quality test. The noncontact water level sensor immediately closes the solenoid valve and pumps when the required amount of water is in the conical funnel. Ammonia testing reagent is available in the burette, which is controlled through a check valve. The overhead stepper motor pushes the check valve to make an air entry, resulting in ammonia reagent drop released into the conical funnel. To manage the required amount of reagent drop, we have a drop counter which signals to the stepper motor and closes the check valve. The drop counter is designed through an optical QRD 114 proximity sensor, invert Schmitt trigger (SN74HC14N), and OR gate (MN4072B IC). The reagent in conical funnel mixes with overhead stirrer motor. The test result is recorded through an RGB color sensor and translated into the corresponding numeric PPM value. The test water in the conical funnel is released through the solenoid valve. After the test experiment, we pump the distilled water to clean the testing site for the next test. The filtered water is adequately mixed with the overhead stirrer motor and released from the solenoid valve.

3) *Power System*: In the power subsystem design, we have implemented using a 160-W, 12-V mono-crystalline solar panel, a 24-V 30 Amp solar controller, 12-V lead-acid batteries, a 12-V relay, a 200-W AC inverter, and a 12-V DC-DC buck converter to ensure an uninterrupted power supply, as depicted in Fig. 5. The proposed strategy for overseeing and managing the aquaculture system is synchronized via an RTC lock. The absence of a proper schedule could impact the

TABLE III
COMPARISON OF FORECASTING MODELS

Machine Learning Models	Benefits	Limitations
Gradient Boosting Machine (GBM)	Build trees one at a time. Each trained tree helps to reduce error. There are typically three parameters - the number of trees, depth of trees and learning rate, and each tree built is generally shallow.	Training generally takes longer because trees are built sequentially. More sensitive to overfitting if data is noisy. Harder to tune than RF.
Random Forest (RF)	Random selection of attributes at each node. Easy to understand and interpret. RF leverages the power of multiple decision trees. More robust and less likely to overfit on the training data. RF is much easier to tune than GBM. There are typically two parameters in RF: the number of trees and the number of features selected at each node.	More than a single tree is required to produce effective results. Need large dataset. A large number of trees may make the algorithm slow for real-time prediction. Biased in favour of those attributes with more levels.
Artificial Neural Network (ANN)	Ability to learn and model non-linear and complex relationships. Handle more than one task at the same time. Loss of one or more cells, or neural networks, influences the performance of Artificial Neural network.	Need processors that support parallel processing. Hardware dependent and sometimes unreliable
M5 Model Tree	M5 model tree can simulate the phenomena with very high dimensionality up to hundreds of attributes. M5 selects the split, which maximizes the expected error reduction.	M5 is a large tree-like structure that may cause overfitting. Consequently, the tree must be pruned back. Work best with limited dataset and hardware. Computational cost grows very quickly when the number of features increases.

forecast the water parameter in the presence of a low amount of data. We focus on two main scenarios: 1) estimating water parameters based on the relative change in other parameters and 2) predict alterations in water conditions using historical data. Besides, we also compare the performance of the tree-based model with existing multivariate LR and ANN. The prime focus of this study is to analyze the DO forecast relative to pH, water temperature, and TDS.

The most common approaches for water quality prediction in aquaculture include the following:

- 1) autoregressive moving average (ARMA);
- 2) autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA);
- 3) Markov model;
- 4) support vector regression (SVR).

These models are inappropriate for prediction in aquaculture water quality parameters as they only consider the linear relationship. The water quality parameters are inconsistent due to various environmental factors; hence linear prediction models are inefficient in correlating the relationships between multiple predictors and their respective variables. These models also take a long prediction time, making them unsuitable for predicting the nonlinear relationship [25], [27]. Deep learning models like LSTM may need to be more stable for predicting all real-time dynamics. The predictive processes can be linear to a single target quality parameter and its dynamics over time between multiple predictors and their respective variables. LSTM and gated recurrent unit (GRU) are flexible in capturing the nonlinear relationship in water quality parameters [28]. Due to its outstanding results in time-series prediction, LSTM is the most popular forecasting DL technique. For time-series prediction, LSTM and GRU models could be better at keeping long-term memory, especially for extended sequences. In time-series forecasting, historical observations influence the prediction value at the present step. In certain circumstances, the observation step that had a significant impact may have appeared long before the current step. Recent research has shown that the ability of LSTM models to extract information about long-term relationships from

historical observations remains a crucial performance constraint. Theoretically, it has been demonstrated that ordinary LSTM lacks long memory from a statistical standpoint [29]. Compared to Naive Bayes, K Nearest Neighbors, and SVM, decision tree learning and neural networks result in better and more consistent performance. Known as KIG-ELM, the hybrid DO prediction model combines K -means, enhanced genetic algorithms (IGAs), and extreme learning machines (ELMs) and is based on edge computing architecture. This model distributes data acquisition, processing, and DO prediction among sensing nodes, routing nodes, and servers. For DO prediction, an ELM is implemented. Because of the unstable prediction performance constraint, it takes a lot of time to obtain high precision using the multiscale decomposition method. Multiparameter methods, which use several related parameters as input and the DO content as an output to forecast future DO, still have some significant issues, such as insufficiently processing DO data effectively and failing to recognize the characteristics of DO content changing. The DO time-series data is volatile. During sunrises and sunsets, forecast accuracy typically drops off quickly [30]. In our proposed method, we have compared the accuracy of models like ANN, GBM, RF, and M5 model trees. We have chosen the models mentioned above due to certain advantages of these models. Table III summarizes the benefits and limitations of the selected models.

For designing a predictive model, we employ a model tree (M5) and benchmark its performance against a GBM, RF, and artificial neural network (ANN). Unlike linear models, tree-based models accommodate non-linear relationships, making them apt for monitoring real shifts in water parameters [27]. Random forest comprises multiple individual random decision trees functioning as an ensemble, with each tree acting as an independent predictor. The ensemble predictions, formed from low-correlation individual trees, surpass the accuracy of solitary predictions. Optimal RF predictions require careful feature vector selection instead of random sampling, aiming for low correlation within the distinct decision trees. Similarly,

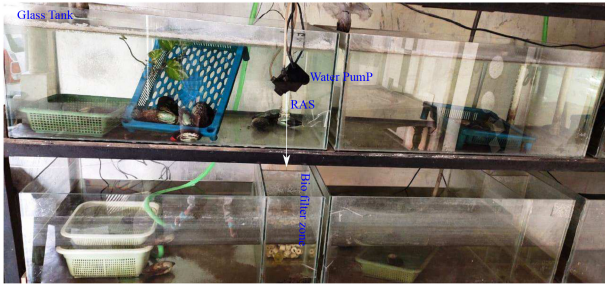


Fig. 12. Aquaculture main harvesting tank [32].

gradient boosting progressively enhances the performance of the CART algorithm. Initially assigning equal weights during decision tree training, subsequent modifications refine prediction quality. Weight adjustments focus on harder-to-classify instances, strengthening their influence, while easier-to-classify ones see reduced weight. Subsequent trees yield improved forecasts over their predecessors. The ultimate prediction rests upon an ensemble's weighted sum of prior tree predictions. Furthermore, model tree-based predictive analysis forms a decision tree hierarchy using elementary models like linear regression, logistic regression etc. Initially, the given feature vector is fitted with a linear model. Later, the error is estimated between the actual target and predicted values. The least error features are chosen as the conditional branch of the decision tree. The subsequent split goes until the leaf node has an optimized linear model fitted on the partial feature vector. The trained model tree effectively forecasts the change in water quality parameters. The recursive optimization of the decision tree may lead to an overfitting problem. To deal with the overfitting problem, we have used the prepruning method to filter out the anomalies in the data set using the local outlier factor (LOF) [32]. Similarly, we have applied the post-pruning method to prevent the decision tree growth to its full depth. The post-pruning method simplifies the model tree and optimizes the prediction accuracy. Similarly, the ANN models are the conventional approach for time-series forecasting. However, unlike the tree-based model, ANN-based models need a larger data set for training and testing, and it is not easy to interpret the information from the trained model. We analyze the performance of the multilayer perception ANN model with a ReLu activation function.

V. EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

A. Experimental Setup and Control System

We have used the glass aquarium for freshwater pearl farming. The *Lammelidens marginalis* mussel species is used for pearl production, as shown in Fig. 12. Each mussel is implanted with two designed, crafted mussel shell nuclei. In the implantation process, each mussel passes through a surgical procedure. After successful implantation, each mussel is placed within tanks dedicated to post-operative care, where antibiotics and an oxygen pump are administered. Some mussels might reject the implanted foreign particles and die, while others accept them. Those mussels that accept the foreign particles are transferred from the post-operative care tanks to the primary harvesting tank. Maintaining a controlled environment

is imperative to ensure optimal pearl production. The proposed system has sensors and actuators that manage the habitable underwater environment [31].

In the initial stages of data processing, we investigated how temperature influences biological and chemical reactions. The fluctuation in temperature notably impacts water parameters over an entire day. Hence, we've established five distinct time intervals for data acquisition. The first acquisition, scheduled at 6:00 AM, coincides with the lowest temperature and DO levels, alongside the highest pH and moderate alkalinity. The second interval, at 10:00 AM, aligns with the initiation of the smart feeder system and aeration. At 3:00 PM, the third acquisition takes place, coinciding with peak temperature, pH, and DO levels. The fourth instance, at 10:00 PM, corresponds to the commencement of the recirculating aquaculture system. This system involves water passing through a bio-filter to eliminate residual plankton feed, as nocturnal plankton consumption affects dissolved oxygen. Analytical algorithms oversee DO changes and aeration operation. The fifth interval, at 1:00 PM, analyzes aeration requirements through data analysis. RTC control manages system operations. We validate the control system by simulating changes in water parameters to observe system behavior [31]. The smart data analytics algorithm schedule the requirement for aquaculture management based on the change in the water parameters. The intelligent data analytics algorithm schedules the requirement for aquaculture management based on the change in the water parameters.

B. Data Preprocessing

The sensing node simplifies raw sensor data for processing. In some initial data, sensor data may be missing, potentially leading to erroneous predictive analysis. To address this, data imputation is executed at the fog node due to sensing node constraints. The sensing node aggregates sensor data using base64 encoding, forwarding it to the fog node. Upon receipt, the fog node decodes and validates the data before predictive analysis. For missing sensor values, the fog node employs data processing to determine correlations between historical and current data. Scheduled RTC data acquisition simplifies correlating current and similar-timestamp historical data. Utilizing the KD tree, the missing sensor feed is imputed by analyzing non-missing neighbouring sensor data. The Kd tree searches the nearest neighbor of similar timestamps from the historical n proximity sensors and imputes the missing sensor feed by reading the nearest neighbors' sensor feeds. Subsequently, the sensor data undergoes pre-processing to identify anomalies. Anomalies within the dataset are eliminated by applying the LOF, made by Singh et al. [32]. This technique identifies aberrant data points by assessing their local deviation compared to neighbouring points. The resulting LoF score is then utilized to ascertain the presence of outliers in the data

$$\begin{cases} \text{LOF}(k) \sim 1 \text{ data point in a same cluster} \\ \text{LOF}(k) < 1 \text{ data point is Inlier} \\ \text{LOF}(k) > 1 \text{ data point is outlier.} \end{cases}$$

In the equation above, the variable "k" denotes the locality concerning its k th neighbours. To assess the efficiency of LOF, we introduced an additional outlier data point into the

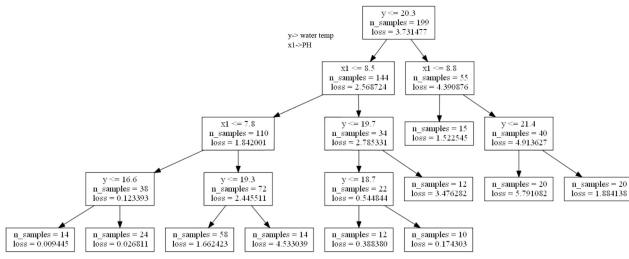


Fig. 16. Generated model tree with maximum depth = 4.

TABLE V
RESULT OF DO PREDICTED FROM NONLINEAR FORECASTING MODELS

Algorithms	Mean of real DO (mg/L)	Predicted Values		
		Correlation (R)	Mean (mg/L)	MAE
RF	9.121	0.7364	9.09	1.45
M5	9.121	0.8775	9.12	0.963
ANN	9.121	0.8578	9.10	1.463
GBM	9.121	0.6036	9.37	1.66

the water parameters. Subsequently, we aggregated the highly correlated data elements for predictive analysis. The outcomes of the bilateral Pearson correlations are presented in Table IV. The examination unveils a significant correlation between DO and temperature, demonstrated by correlation coefficients of 0.52. Similarly, pH exhibits correlations with DO and temperature, indicated by correlation coefficients of 0.73 and 0.82, respectively. Given the pivotal role of DO and pH as aquaculture indicators, they have been incorporated into the training dataset. Furthermore, water temperature exerts notable influence over chemical and biological reactions. The inclusion of water temperature in our feature vector has been undertaken. Considering the interrelation between DO, pH, and water temperature, we have designed the model training process where pH and temperature serve as independent variables, and DO functions as the dependent variable. We contrast tree-based models with the ANN model to evaluate performance. We used the multilayer perceptron with ReLu as the activation function for the ANN model. Due to limited test measurement from the aquaculture site, we have kept 1000 validation runs using a training set of 160 samples and a test set of 40 samples to obtain the convergence of mean and standard deviation on the performance indicators. In M5 model tree construction, we have used the parameters such as linear model, maximum depth of decision tree = 4, the minimum number of samples at leaf = 10, and greedy search strategy. The model tree training generates the ten rules, as shown in Fig. 16. For DO prediction, the M5 model tree shows a strong correlation $R = 0.877$ between the actual and predicted data. The model estimated mean absolute error (MAE) was 0.963. Table V shows the comparative performance of the M5 model tree for DO prediction with other nonlinear decision tree-based predictors. The training process encompasses 80% of the sample data (160 instances), while the remaining 20% (40 instances) is designated for testing the model's performance. The non-linear RF, GBM, and M5 model tree are assessed with a maximum tree depth set at 4 and a sample size 40. All the nonlinear tree-based model RF, GBM, and M5 model trees showed better performance compared to ANN. The slightly

TABLE VI
RESULT OF PH PREDICTED FROM NONLINEAR FORECASTING MODELS

Algorithms	Mean of real PH (ppm)	Predicted Values		
		Correlation (R)	Mean (mg/L)	MAE
RF	8.36	0.948	8.36	0.128
M5	8.36	0.974	8.362	0.01239
ANN	8.36	0.910	8.358	0.143
GBM	8.36	0.9299	8.37	0.118

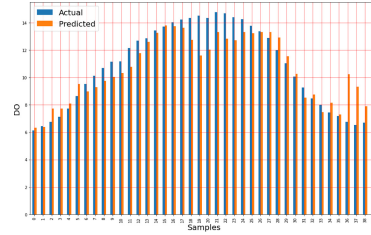


Fig. 17. Correlation between actual versus predicted DO values.

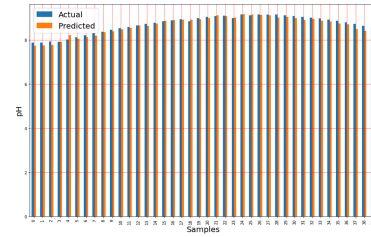


Fig. 18. Correlation between actual versus predicted pH values.

lower performance of ANN is due to the smaller size of the training data set with multiple input parameter.

The comparative performance analysis obtained the lowest MAE of 0.963 from the M5 model tree. The model performance is validated using the new data set from the sensors. Similarly, we have evaluated the model performance for pH prediction using a training sample containing DO, pH, and temperature water parameters. Table VI shows the comparative performance of the model tree for pH prediction with other nonlinear decision tree-based predictors.

Figs. 17 and 18 display the correlation outcomes of the M5 model tree for pH and DO, comparing actual and predicted values. The correlation between predicted and actual DO values stands at 0.8775, accompanied by a satisfactory MAE of 0.963. Similarly, the pH prediction yields a high correlation of 0.974, alongside a minimal MAE of 0.01239. The experimental evaluation shows that the M5 model tree algorithm can predict the changing water parameters better than other RF, ANN, and GBM nonlinear predictors. In the comparative study, we found M5 model tree is slightly better than other nonlinear RF, GBM, and ANN models. Despite less training data, we obtain a better result with the M5 model tree due to its inherent features of grouping the high correlations data for constructing the M5-model tree.

The employed M5 model tree performs the group analyses of relative water parameters. We adopt the pruning methods for the model to generalize well to unseen data. The pruning method optimizes the tree structure without affecting the classification accuracy. The REP algorithm pruned the growing tree and used the information gained as the

branching criteria. Redundant subtrees were pruned to solve the overfitting problem and maximize the forecasting accuracy.

VI. CONCLUSION

This article introduces a holistic Internet of Things (IoT) system designed to oversee and uphold aquaculture operations. The proposed system design has a physical, network, and logical design. The physical design provided the hardware configuration details. In contrast, the network design shows the communication network between the physical devices. In this design, we have addressed the requirement of a fog node for intelligent data analytics and control. In the logical design, we have discussed the front-end and back-end implementation details. It also highlighted the importance of container-based virtualization and the various design features. This article also discusses the importance of the core intelligent analytics algorithm for monitoring and managing aquaculture. The closed-loop control system ran through intelligent nonlinear decision tree-based models. This article shows the comparative performance of the M5 model tree, RF, ANN, and GBM. The experimental evaluation found that the M5 model tree has the highest prediction accuracy for DO prediction with a correlation of 0.877 with an MAE of 0.963. Similarly, the M5 model tree outperforms PH prediction with a correlation of 0.975 and an MAE of 0.0123.

Future research in this direction includes more robust relative water sensors to make the system more affordable and accurate. In future research, we also include analyzing and developing a more accurate forecasting model.

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