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Real Time Water Quality Based Predictive Alert System for Aquaculture

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Abstract: Aquaculture plays a crucial role in addressing the growing worldwide need for seafood. Nevertheless, maintaining ideal water conditions is vital for the well-being and efficiency of aquatic organisms. This initiative presents a holistic remedy for aquaculture activities: the creation of a real time water quality based predictive alert system. This system places specific emphasis on monitoring five crucial parameters: temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen (DO), Nitrate, Turbidity. It utilizes strategically positioned sensors to provide real-time data. Through advanced analysis and deep learning models, it predicts potential issues, send alerts to the aquatic manager enabling them to proactively optimize conditions, improve aquatic health, and minimize economic losses.

Keywords: Aquaculture, Deep Learning, Water Quality Prediction, Time Series Analysis, Alert System.

I. INTRODUCTION

Aquaculture, as a cornerstone of global food security, continually seeks innovative solutions to enhance productivity, sustainability, and the overall health of aquatic ecosystems [1]. Our project, titled "Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring and Time Series-Based Predictive Alert System for Aquaculture," integrates three crucial components to address the dynamic challenges faced by the aquaculture industry [2]. These components include:

A. Real time Water Quality Monitoring

At the core of our project is the incorporation of state-of-the-art sensor technologies to enable real-time monitoring of water quality. Traditional monitoring methods often fall short in providing timely insights into the complex dynamics of aquatic environments. Through the deployment of advanced sensors, we aim to capture and analyze key parameters such as pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, turbidity and nutrient levels in real-time. This continuous monitoring allows for a proactive approach to maintaining optimal water conditions, mitigating the risk of adverse effects on aquatic organisms [3].

B. Time Series Analysis & Prediction

Complementing real-time monitoring, our project incorporates time series prediction models to anticipate changes in water quality parameters over time. Leveraging historical data and patterns, these predictive models enable us to forecast potential variations in the aquatic environment. By understanding the trends and fluctuations in water quality, aqua farmers can make informed decisions to prevent imbalances, reduce the likelihood of disease outbreaks, and optimize the overall conditions for the thriving of aquatic species [4].

C. Predictive Alert System

The predictive capabilities of our time series models seamlessly integrate with an advanced alert system. This system acts as a pre-emptive measure, providing aqua farmers with timely notifications and alerts when the predicted changes in water quality parameters surpass predefined thresholds [5].

Such alerts empower aqua farmers to take swift corrective actions, ensuring the well-being of the aquatic population and preventing economic losses. The alert system serves as a proactive tool to maintain a stable and conducive environment for aquaculture operations [6].

In summary, our comprehensive approach brings together real-time water quality monitoring, time series prediction, and an alert system, forming an integrated solution that not only identifies current conditions but also anticipates future changes. By synergizing these three components, our project aims to revolutionize aquaculture practices, fostering a sustainable and resilient industry capable of meeting the growing demand for seafood in a rapidly changing global landscape.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

1) Most existing systems rely on manual water quality testing or basic real-time monitoring. There is a need for an automated system for continuous and predictive monitoring.
2) Current systems are limited in predicting future trends and anomalies in water quality. Advanced analytics using time series forecasting can enable predictive alerts.
3) Many systems do not provide a holistic monitoring solution covering all critical parameters like pH, DO, ammonia, temperature, etc. There is scope for a comprehensive system.
4) Remote monitoring capabilities of existing solutions are limited. A system with cloud connectivity and mobile apps can enable access from anywhere.
5) Machine learning has not been fully explored for anomaly detection and predictive analytics in aquaculture monitoring. There is potential to leverage ML for predictive alerts.

Authors	Technology	Baseboard	Sensors				
			pH	Ammonia	Temp	Nitrogen	DO
Ma et al. (2011)	IoT		✓		✓		
Zhang et al. (2012)	IoT	Node MCU	✓		✓		
Pang et al. (2013)	ML-IoT	Arduino	✓	✓	✓		
Shuo et al. (2017)	IoT	Raspberry pi	✓		✓		
Lin et al. (2017)	WSN	Arduino	✓		✓		✓
Dalgavane et al. (2017)	IoT	Arduino	✓		✓		
Pokhrel et al.(2018)	IoT	Arduino	✓		✓		
Moparti et al. (2018)	IoT	Arduino	✓				
Madhavireddy and Koteswarrao (2018)	IoT	MCU	✓		✓		
Pasika and Gandhla (2020)	IoT	MCU	✓		✓		
Qiuchan et al. (2020)	IoT	Arduino	✓		✓	✓	

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring

In the domain of aquaculture, the forefront in safeguarding the well-being and productivity of aquatic environments is represented by the real-time monitoring of water quality. Our project employs the sophisticated hardware components to create a robust monitoring system.

1) Hardware Components

To capture the intricate nuances of aquatic conditions, our system is equipped with a variety of state-of-the-art sensors:

a) *Temperature Sensor:* Monitors the water temperature, a crucial parameter influencing the metabolic rates of aquatic organisms.
b) *pH Sensor:* Measures the acidity or alkalinity of the water, providing insights into the chemical balance essential for aquatic life.
c) *Dissolved Oxygen Sensor:* Ensures real-time tracking of oxygen levels in water, vital for the respiration of aquatic species.
d) *Nitrate Sensor:* Monitors nitrate levels, a key indicator of nutrient balance and potential pollution in aquaculture systems.
e) *Turbidity Sensor:* Gauges water clarity by measuring suspended particles, offering insights into the overall water quality and the effectiveness of filtration systems. Together, these sensors constitute the essential hardware infrastructure, seamlessly blending into the aquaculture surroundings to offer a thorough comprehension of crucial water quality parameters.
f) *Microcontroller:* Microcontrollers can interface with various sensors, including pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and nitrate sensors. By continuously monitoring these parameters in real-time, the microcontroller helps aqua farmers maintain optimal water conditions for the health and growth of aquatic organisms.

B. Time Series Analysis and Prediction

Building upon the wealth of data collected by our advanced sensor array, our project incorporates cutting-edge time series prediction models to forecast changes in water quality parameters. The goal is to leverage the historical data to anticipate trends and variations, enabling aqua farmers to take proactive measures for maintaining optimal conditions. This procedure employs three distinct deep learning models: Convolutional Neural Network, Long Short-Term Memory, and a combined CNN and LSTM model [7].

1) Data Preprocessing

The journey begins with preprocessing the data collected by the sensors. This involves cleaning, normalizing, and organizing the data to create a coherent dataset suitable for training and validating our predictive models.

2) Applying Deep Learning Models

a) CNN -Convolutional Neural Network: Although CNNs have conventionally been used in image processing, their effectiveness also applies to sequential data, proving advantageous for time series forecasting. In our aquaculture initiative, the CNN is customized to detect spatial patterns present in the temporal sequences of water quality parameters. The structure comprises convolutional layers that utilize filters across consecutive data points, capturing characteristics that signify local patterns and fluctuations. This ability to discern spatial relationships in the time series data is particularly relevant for understanding fluctuations in temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, Turbidity and Nitrate levels. Each convolutional layer captures increasingly complex patterns, contributing to a holistic representation of the temporal dynamics. The convolutional layers produce results that are flattened and inputted into densely connected layers, enabling the network to acquire higher-level abstractions. The CNN's capability to autonomously extract pertinent features from the time series enhances its efficacy in predicting the dynamic variations of aquaculture water quality parameters.

b) LSTM -Long Short-Term Memory: LSTM networks overcome the shortcomings of conventional recurrent neural networks (RNNs) by effectively capturing extended dependencies in sequential data. In our aquaculture system, LSTMs are instrumental in understanding the temporal dynamics of water quality parameters. The LSTM design incorporates memory cells and gates to regulate information flow, enabling the preservation of context for prolonged time durations [8]. For each parameter, the LSTM network learns to capture the sequential dependencies, recognizing patterns and trends that may span significant time intervals. This is crucial for accurately forecasting the changes in Temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, Nitrate levels, which may exhibit intricate patterns over time. The LSTM's ability to selectively retain and discard information from the past, coupled with its resistance to the vanishing gradient problem, makes it well-suited for modeling the complex temporal dynamics inherent in aquaculture water quality data [9].

c) CNN and LSTM Hybrid Model: The hybrid model of cnn-lstm represents a synergistic approach to time series forecasting, combining the spatial pattern recognition of CNNs with the temporal dependency modeling of LSTMs [10] This hybrid architecture is particularly potent for understanding the complex interactions within aquaculture water quality data. The model begins with convolutional layers that act as feature extractors, identifying spatial patterns within the time series. The CNN layers generate output, which is subsequently fed into LSTM layers, enabling the model to capture extended relationships rooted in spatial features. This collaborative process enables the hybrid model to leverage both local and global contextual information, enhancing its ability to make accurate predictions [11][12]. By combining the strengths of CNNs and LSTMs, the hybrid model offers a holistic understanding of the temporal and spatial aspects of water quality parameters. Through our comparative analysis, we aim to showcase the effectiveness of the CNN & LSTM hybrid model in providing accurate and reliable forecasts for aquaculture systems [13]. We took a dataset consisting of water quality data from 6 ponds, applied deep learning models to the dataset, and noted the report. Consistently displaying superior performance, CNN - LSTM outshines other models consistently in various ponds, showcasing its robust ability to capture both spatial and temporal patterns in water quality data. The widespread preference for CNN -LSTM highlights its efficacy as a dependable model for predicting diverse water quality parameters in different pond settings.

3) Integration with Real-Time Monitoring

Once the optimal model is determined, it is seamlessly integrated into the real-time monitoring system. This ensures that the predictive capabilities continually evolve and adapt to changing conditions, providing aqua farmers with timely insights and enabling them to stay one step ahead in maintaining a healthy aquatic environment.

In the subsequent sections, we will explore how the predictive capabilities of our models integrate with the alert system, creating a holistic solution for proactive aquaculture management.

C. Predictive Alert System

The heart of our project lies in the implementation of a robust Predictive Alert System, designed to proactively notify aqua farmers of impending changes in water quality parameters. This advanced system seamlessly integrates with the time series prediction models, ensuring aqua farmers are equipped with timely information to take preventive measures.

1) *Threshold Based Alerts:* The Predictive Alert System employs predetermined thresholds for crucial water quality parameters, including temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and turbidity.[14] When the time series prediction models indicate potential deviations beyond these thresholds, the alert system triggers immediate notifications.

2) *SMS Notifications:* Employing Short Message Service (SMS) technology, the alert system sends instant notifications directly to aqua farmers. This direct and immediate communication ensures that farmers receive critical information in real-time, allowing for swift and informed decision-making.

3) *Customizable Alerts:* Recognizing the diverse needs of aqua farmers, our system offers customizable alert preferences. Farmers can tailor the system to prioritize specific parameters or set different response levels based on the severity of predicted deviations.

By integrating this Predictive Alert System into aquaculture operations, we aim to transform the reactive nature of responding to water quality issues into a proactive and preventative approach. This not only ensures the well-being of aquatic organisms but also enhances the overall efficiency and sustainability of aquaculture practices.[15] In the subsequent Predictive Alert System in real-world aquaculture scenarios we will delve into the practical implications and outcomes of deploying this.

IV.   OUR POND WISE REPORTS

Table 1. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 1

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9956	0.9954	0.9943
	MSE	1.4809	2.2689	1.3901
Ph	R square test	0.9321	0.9044	0.9225
	MSE	0.0061	0.0141	0.0064
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.9846	0.9845	0.9956
	MSE	0.0047	0.0047	0.0051
Turbidity	R square test	0.9616	0.9524	0.9579
	MSE	4.4162	5.4862	4.5184
Nitrate	R square test	0.9669	0.9678	0.9623
	MSE	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001

Table 2. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 2

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9836	0.9635	0.9238
	MSE	8.3371	8.9291	8.3808
Ph	R square test	0.9218	0.8572	0.8887
	MSE	0.0020	0.0034	0.0028
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.9845	0.9846	0.9756
	MSE	0.0013	0.0010	0.0008
Turbidity	R square test	0.9764	0.9515	0.9811
	MSE	1.0725	2.1415	8.8568
Nitrate	R square test	0.9374	0.9502	0.8971
	MSE	9.1467	7.1471	0.0001

Table 3. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 3

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9957	0.9916	0.9958
	MSE	0.0015	0.0027	0.0015
Ph	R square test	0.6999	0.5960	0.5160
	MSE	0.0031	0.0033	0.0027
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.9956	0.9834	0.9934
	MSE	0.0041	0.0035	0.0033
Turbidity	R square test	0.6064	0.5941	0.5990
	MSE	0.0078	0.0077	0.0079
Nitrate	R square test	0.9912	0.9945	0.9834
	MSE	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001

Table 4. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 4

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9842	0.9835	0.9924
	MSE	0.0043	0.0045	0.0020
Ph	R square test	0.8893	0.8747	0.8968
	MSE	0.0029	0.0035	0.0027
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.4208	0.3734	0.3537
	MSE	0.0021	0.0023	0.0025
Turbidity	R square test	0.5829	0.5922	0.4990
	MSE	6.0927	6.5986	8.2603
Nitrate	R square test	0.9749	0.9732	0.9692
	MSE	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001

Table 5. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 5

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9987	0.9986	0.9983
	MSE	0.0036	0.0035	0.0048
Ph	R square test	0.9973	0.9862	0.7741
	MSE	0.0018	0.0084	0.1091
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.4208	0.3734	0.3537
	MSE	0.0021	0.0023	0.0025
Turbidity	R square test	0.8491	0.8296	0.8491
	MSE	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002
Nitrate	R square test	0.9745	0.9740	0.9735
	MSE	8.8502	8.7825	09697

Table 6. Comparison of deep learning models for Pond 6

Water Quality Parameters		CNN	LSTM	CNN-LSTM
Temperature	R square test	0.9978	0.9966	0.9981
	MSE	0.0014	0.0023	0.0012
Ph	R square test	0.9945	0.9875	0.9941
	MSE	0.0286	2.3583	0.0298
Dissolved Oxygen	R square test	0.8484	0.8560	0.8679
	MSE	0.0010	0.0009	0.0009
Turbidity	R square test	0.9825	0.9123	0.8679
	MSE	4.0589	3.9481	0.0009
Nitrate	R square test	0.9340	0.9346	0.9333
	MSE	0.0004	0.0003	0.0003

V. OUR ANALYZED POND WISE CONCLUSION TABLES AND GRAPHS

Table 7. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-1

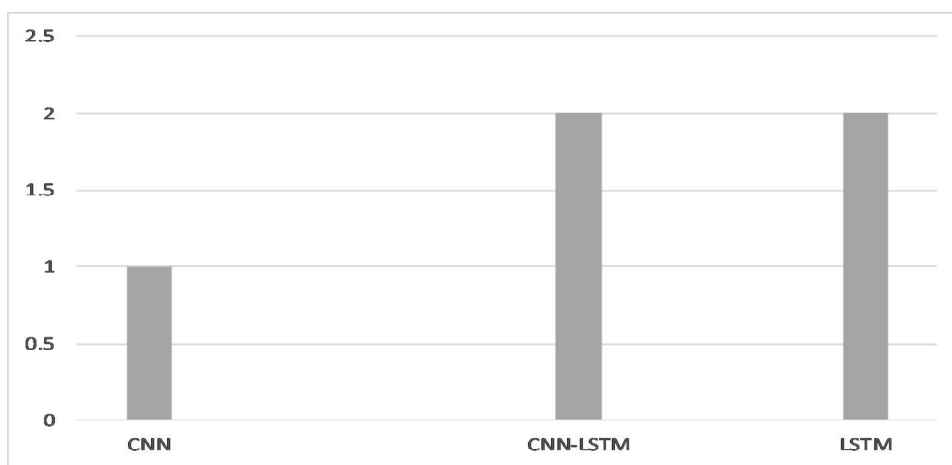| Pond-1	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN and LSTM
Ph	CNN and LSTM
Dissolved Oxygen	LSTM
Turbidity	CNN
Nitrate	LSTM

Fig-1 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

Table 8. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-2

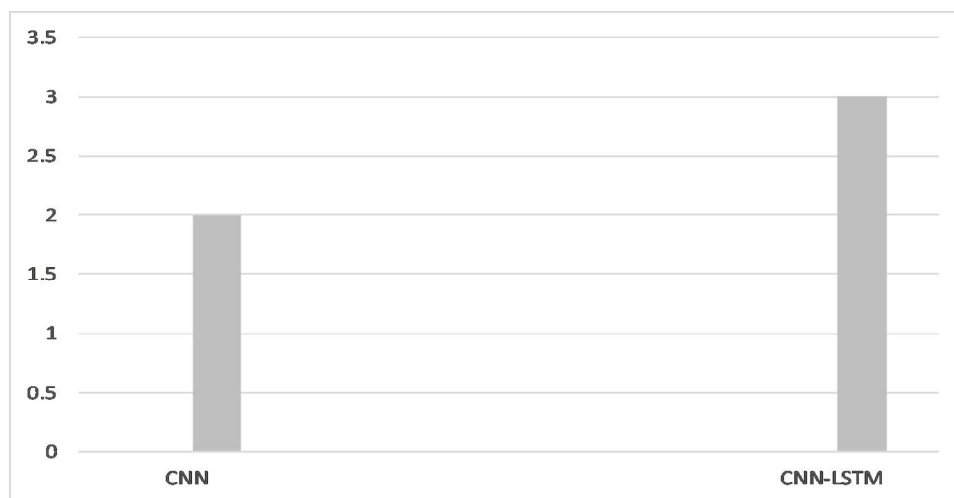| Pond-2	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN and LSTM
PH	CNN
Dissolved Oxygen	CNN and LSTM
Turbidity	CNN and LSTM
Nitrate	CNN

Fig-2 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

Table 9. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-3

Pond-3	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN and LSTM
PH	CNN
Dissolved Oxygen	CNN and LSTM
Turbidity	CNN
Nitrate	CNN and LSTM

Fig-3 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

Table 10. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-4

Pond-4	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN and LSTM
PH	CNN and LSTM
Dissolved Oxygen	CNN and LSTM
Turbidity	CNN
Nitrate	CNN and LSTM

Fig-4 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

Table 11. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-5

Pond-5	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN
PH	CNN
Dissolved Oxygen	CNN and LSTM
Turbidity	CNN
Nitrate	CNN and LSTM

Fig-5 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

Table 12. Optimal Models for Water Quality Parameters in Pond-6

Pond-6	
Water Quality Parameter	Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)
Temperature	CNN and LSTM
PH	CNN and LSTM
Dissolved Oxygen	CNN and LSTM
Turbidity	CNN and LSTM
Nitrate	CNN and LSTM

Fig-6 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

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Table 13. Conclusion Table for Time Series Analysis and Forecasting:

Pond Number	Temperature	pH	Dissolved Oxygen	Turbidity	Nitrate
Pond-1	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	LSTM	CNN	LSTM
Pond-2	CNN&LSTM	CNN	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN
Pond-3	CNN&LSTM	CNN	CNN&LSTM	CNN	CNN&LSTM
Pond-4	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN	CNN&LSTM
Pond-5	CNN	CNN	CNN&LSTM	CNN	CNN&LSTM
Pond-6	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM	CNN&LSTM
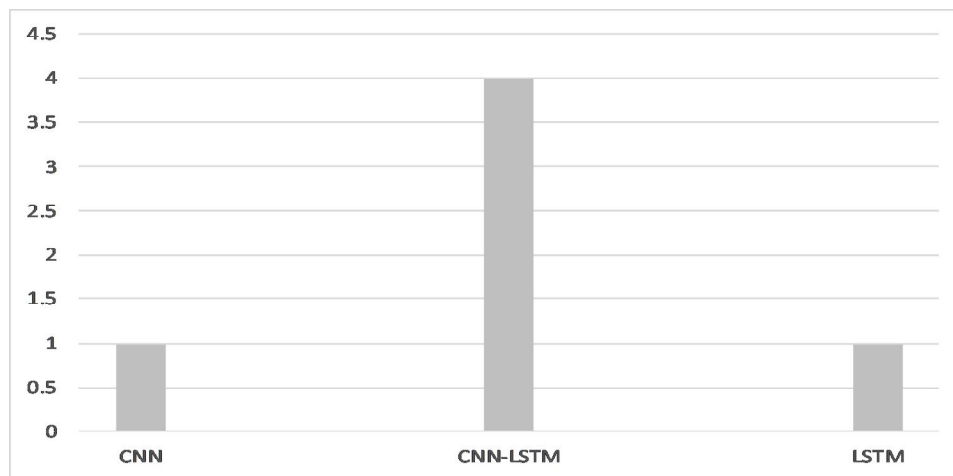
Fig-7 Count of Water Quality Parameter by Best Model (Considering MSE and R-squared)

VI. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have effectively created a real-time system for monitoring water quality, gathering data from strategically positioned sensors. storing it in the cloud. The dataset was subjected to analysis using deep learning models, including CNN, LSTM, and hybrid CNN&LSTM. Through rigorous evaluation, the CNN&LSTM model emerged as the most effective for the dataset. Subsequently, this model was employed for time series forecasting. The project further incorporated an alert system, ensuring that predicted values remain within specified threshold values for parameters. In the event of any parameter exceeding the set thresholds, alerts are promptly sent to the aquafarmer. This integrated approach not only optimizes aquaculture conditions but also facilitates proactive management, thereby contributing to improved aquatic health and minimized economic losses.

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