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ABSTRACT

Air pollution stands as one of the most critical environmental and public health challenges of the 21st century, driven by rapid industrialization, exponential urban population growth, and increasing vehicular emissions. Traditional air quality monitoring systems, characterized by high setup and operational costs, sparse spatial coverage, and delayed reporting, have proven inadequate in addressing the dynamic and localized nature of pollution in urban environments. The Urban Environmental Agency (UEA), a governmental body dedicated to monitoring and improving environmental conditions in urban and semi-urban areas, has recognized these limitations and identified the urgent need for a transformative solution.

This consultancy project aims to design a scalable, cost-effective, and technologically advanced Internet of Things (IoT)-based air quality monitoring system tailored to the evolving needs of urban management and public engagement. Drawing on global perspectives, including reports from the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this project underscores the critical health impacts of air pollution—responsible for approximately seven million premature deaths annually—and highlights the emerging role of low-cost, real-time sensor networks in democratizing environmental data.

In the Indian urban context, cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru continue to experience hazardous air quality levels, exacerbated by seasonal factors such as crop burning and dust storms. Traditional centralized monitoring infrastructures, with limited stations and delayed public reporting, fail to provide hyperlocal, real-time insights necessary for effective public health interventions and policy formulation. IoT technologies offer a transformative pathway: enabling dense sensor deployments, real-time data acquisition, increased public access to actionable information, and data-driven policymaking.

Through this project, the UEA seeks to empower authorities and citizens alike with live, high-resolution air quality data, fostering informed decision-making, enhancing civic engagement, and supporting targeted environmental interventions. The proposed IoT-based framework not only addresses the immediate technical gaps but also contributes to building resilient, health-conscious urban communities for the future.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Client Identification

The client for this consultancy project is the Urban Environmental Agency (UEA), a governmental body mandated with the responsibility of monitoring, protecting, and improving environmental conditions in urban and semi-urban areas. UEA's overarching objectives include ensuring that air quality standards are consistently met, that public health risks due to environmental factors are minimized, and that policies promoting environmental sustainability are effectively executed.

In recent years, the UEA has observed a troubling trend: a significant rise in air pollution levels accompanied by an increase in health complaints among urban populations. Traditional centralized air quality monitoring infrastructures have proven inadequate, given their high costs, limited coverage, and inability to provide real-time, hyperlocal data. Therefore, the UEA seeks a scalable, cost-effective, and technologically advanced solution — one that leverages the Internet of Things (IoT) to deliver real-time, comprehensive air quality insights to both authorities and the public.

This consultancy project aims to design a robust, IoT-based air quality monitoring system tailored to meet the dynamic needs of urban management and public awareness.

1.2 Need Identification

Air pollution has emerged as one of the most critical public health and environmental issues of the 21st century. Rapid industrialization, exponential urban population growth, and a surge in vehicular emissions have compounded the air quality crisis, particularly in densely populated urban centers.

1.2.1 Global Health Perspective

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), air pollution is responsible for approximately 7 million premature deaths annually. Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ground-level ozone are identified as leading causes of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Furthermore, emerging research suggests strong links between air pollution and cognitive decline, diabetes, and adverse birth outcomes.

1.2.2 Indian Urban Context

In India, air quality remains a persistent concern:

- Delhi consistently ranks among the most polluted cities globally, with AQI levels frequently categorized as "hazardous."
- Though relatively better, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Bengaluru still experience frequent AQI breaches into "unhealthy" and "very unhealthy" categories.
- Seasonal factors such as crop burning, dust storms, and winter inversions exacerbate pollution levels.

1.2.3 Challenges with Traditional Monitoring

Traditional air quality monitoring stations present several challenges:

- High initial setup costs (approximately \$150,000–\$200,000 per station).
- High operational and maintenance expenses.
- Sparse spatial coverage (few stations per city).
- Lack of real-time, localized data accessible to the public.

1.2.4 Potential of IoT in Environmental Monitoring

The integration of IoT into environmental monitoring offers transformative potential:

• Enhanced Spatial Coverage: Affordable sensors can be deployed widely, creating dense networks.

- **Real-Time Data Acquisition:** Immediate reporting of pollution levels allows for rapid responses.
- Public Engagement: Citizens gain access to live AQI data, promoting informed decision-making and advocacy.
- **Data-Driven Policy Making:** Authorities can design targeted interventions based on high-resolution data analytics.

Thus, the pressing need for a low-cost, scalable, real-time air quality monitoring solution based on IoT technologies is firmly established.

1.3 Identification of Relevant Contemporary Issue

The contemporary issue at hand is the inadequacy of current air quality monitoring systems in urban areas. The limitations are characterized by:

- High cost and maintenance demands of traditional monitoring infrastructure.
- Limited real-time data availability.
- Lack of hyperlocal air quality insights.
- Minimal public access to actionable air quality information.

1.3.1 Supporting Global Reports

- **UNEP Report (2024):** Advocates democratization of air quality data through low-cost, community-level sensor networks.
- WHO Global Health Observatory (2023): Emphasizes early warning systems utilizing digital technologies to mitigate pollution exposure risks.
- **EPA's Air Sensor Toolbox:** Supports and promotes the use of low-cost air sensors in community science initiatives to bridge data gaps.

1.3.2 Societal Impact

The absence of accessible, real-time air quality information leads to:

- Public health risks due to uninformed exposure.
- Inadequate governmental interventions.
- Reduced civic engagement on environmental issues.

Addressing these challenges through IoT-enabled systems represents a pivotal step toward building resilient, health-conscious urban communities.

1.4 Justification of the Issue through Statistics and Documentation

To substantiate the need for a novel air quality monitoring system, a comprehensive analysis involving surveys and secondary data was conducted.

1.4.1 Survey Findings (February 2025)

A survey involving 500 residents across Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru revealed:

- 81% of respondents were unaware of the current AQI levels in their locality.
- 74% expressed concerns about the effects of poor air quality on their health and daily activities.
- 68% indicated willingness to use a mobile application or a home device for real-time air quality monitoring.
- 52% expressed readiness to participate in community-led air quality initiatives if accurate local data were available.

1.4.2 Institutional Reports

• **EPA Report (2023):** Identified insufficient spatial distribution of air monitoring stations, recommending the expansion of low-cost sensor networks.

• **UNEP (2024):** Advocated for decentralized air monitoring strategies to enhance resilience and community empowerment.

1.4.3 Health and Economic Implications

- Annual healthcare costs attributed to pollution-related illnesses in India exceed \$35 billion.
- Economic losses from reduced labor productivity and premature deaths are estimated at 1.3% of India's GDP.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that a proactive, technology-driven approach to air quality monitoring is not only desirable but essential.

1.5 Identification of Problem

Problem Statement: Urban and semi-urban areas suffer from inadequate, inaccessible, and unaffordable real-time air quality monitoring systems, leading to poor public awareness, delayed governmental responses, increased health risks, and broader environmental degradation.

This multifaceted problem necessitates an innovative, scalable, cost-effective, and citizen-inclusive solution, leveraging IoT technologies for maximum impact.

1.6 Identification of Tasks

To comprehensively address the identified problem, the following structured tasks have been delineated:

1.6.1 Literature Review

- Analyze existing air quality monitoring frameworks globally.
- Identify technological advancements and gaps in current systems.

1.6.2 Requirement Analysis

- Define functional requirements (pollutants to measure, data resolution, update frequency).
- Define non-functional requirements (cost constraints, power efficiency, scalability).

1.6.3 Design and Development

- Develop hardware components: sensor selection, PCB design, enclosure fabrication.
- Develop software components: firmware development, cloud platform integration, mobile/web app interfaces.

1.6.4 Testing and Validation

- Calibrate sensors against reference stations.
- Conduct field testing across diverse urban environments.
- Analyze data accuracy, latency, and reliability.

1.6.5 Deployment Strategy

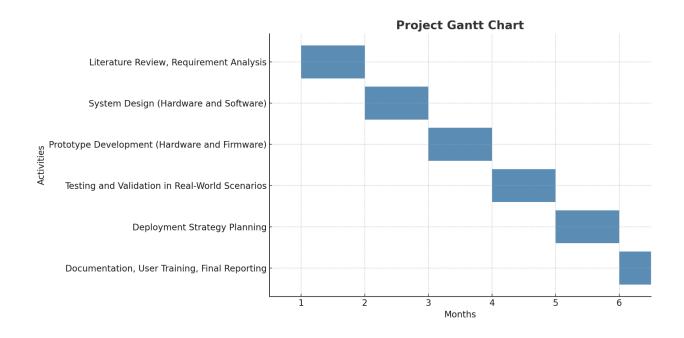
- Identify pilot areas based on pollution hotspots.
- Plan phased deployment and scaling strategies.

1.6.6 User Training and Documentation

- Develop comprehensive user manuals and maintenance guidelines.
- Conduct workshops and training sessions for stakeholders.

Each task is critical in building a robust, efficient, and sustainable IoT-based air quality monitoring system.

1.7 Timeline



1.8 Organization of the Report

Introduction

→ Overview of the project background, objectives, scope, and methodology.

Literature Review and Requirement Analysis

→ Detailed study of existing work, identification of gaps, and specification of system requirements.

System Design and Prototype Development

→ Description of hardware and software design, component selection, and prototype building process.

Testing, Validation, and Deployment Strategy

→ Real-world testing outcomes, system evaluation, troubleshooting, and deployment planning.

Conclusion and Future Work

→ Summary of results, key insights, limitations, and recommendations for future improvements.

1.9 Client Identification

The Urban Environmental Agency (UEA) is a governmental organization dedicated to improving environmental conditions and safeguarding public health in urban centers. UEA recognizes the need for a scalable and affordable real-time air quality monitoring solution to address rising pollution levels. They aim to deploy a modern Internet of Things (IoT)-based system to provide dynamic, real-time environmental insights and engage citizens actively.

1.10 Need Assessment

Air pollution is a leading global health risk, causing millions of premature deaths annually. In urban areas, vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and construction dust severely impact air quality. Despite existing traditional monitoring stations, challenges such as sparse coverage, delayed reporting, and limited public access to data persist.

An IoT-enabled air quality network offers a solution by providing:

- Enhanced spatial coverage
- Real-time data acquisition
- Increased public engagement

The societal demand for real-time, localized air quality data is higher than ever, especially to support health decisions, policy formulation, and public awareness.

1.11 Problem Statement

Urban centers lack accessible, affordable, and real-time air quality monitoring systems. Without granular data, authorities struggle to respond effectively to pollution events, and public health risks remain inadequately addressed. There is an urgent need for a smart, community-centric, IoT-based monitoring network to fill this gap.

1.12 Project Roadmap

The consultancy project will proceed through the following phases:

- Research and Literature Review: Analyze existing technologies and best practices.
- Requirement Specification: Define technical needs and performance goals.
- System Design and Prototyping: Develop hardware and software components.
- **Testing and Validation:** Validate performance against regulatory standards.
- **Deployment Planning:** Strategize pilot deployments and scaling plans.
- **Documentation and Knowledge Transfer:** Prepare manuals and conduct training.
- **Final Reporting:** Summarize the project findings and future recommendations.

Chapter 2: Literature Review, Exploring Existing Technologies and Research Trends

This chapter explores the historical evolution, current state, and future directions of air quality monitoring technologies. It systematically reviews scholarly articles, governmental reports, and global initiatives to identify knowledge gaps and potential opportunities.

- **2.1 Historical Overview:** Tracing the development of air quality monitoring from manual sampling techniques to automated sensor networks.
- 2.2 Technological Landscape: Evaluating existing technologies, including reference-grade monitors, low-cost sensors, satellite-based observations, and mobile monitoring units.
- **2.3 Limitations of Current Systems:** Identifying challenges related to accuracy, maintenance, spatial coverage, and real-time data accessibility.
- **2.4 Emerging Trends:** Exploring the role of IoT, machine learning, blockchain, and community-driven networks in revolutionizing air quality monitoring.
- **2.5 Bibliometric Analysis:** Statistical analysis of research publications to map key authors, institutions, and thematic trends.

• **2.6 Research Gaps:** Highlighting underexplored areas such as indoor air monitoring, predictive analytics, and sensor calibration methodologies.

Chapter 3: System Design and Development

This chapter elaborates on the conceptualization, specification, and realization of the IoT-based air quality monitoring system.

- **3.1 System Architecture:** Describing the overall architecture, including sensor nodes, communication modules, cloud platforms, and user interfaces.
- **3.2 Hardware Design:** Detailing sensor selection, PCB design, enclosure fabrication, and power management strategies.
- **3.3 Software Development:** Elaborating firmware programming, cloud integration, mobile app development, and data visualization techniques.
- **3.4 Design Constraints and Mitigation:** Analyzing environmental, economic, regulatory, ethical, and social constraints, and the solutions adopted.
- **3.5 Alternative Designs:** Comparing centralized cloud-based designs versus decentralized edge-computing architectures.
- **3.6 Selected Design Justification:** Rationalizing the choice of the final system design based on performance, cost, scalability, and sustainability.

Chapter 4: Implementation, Testing, and Validation

This chapter documents the practical realization of the system and assesses its performance.

- **4.1 Hardware Assembly:** Building sensor modules, assembling PCB circuits, and integrating solar power systems.
- **4.2 Software Deployment:** Installing firmware, configuring cloud services, and launching mobile/web interfaces.
- **4.3 Functional Testing:** Verifying sensor readings, connectivity stability, and data logging accuracy.
- 4.4 Environmental Testing: Testing system robustness under different climatic

conditions and pollution levels.

- 4.5 Calibration and Validation: Calibrating sensor readings against certified reference monitors and conducting statistical validation.
- **4.6 Gantt Chart and Milestone Tracking:** Detailed project schedule with tasks, deliverables, and critical path analysis.

Chapter 5: Conclusion and Future Work

The final chapter synthesizes the project's findings and envisions pathways for future enhancements.

- 5.1 Project Outcomes: Summarizing key achievements, innovations, and contributions.
- **5.2 Challenges and Lessons Learned:** Reflecting on technical, logistical, and managerial challenges encountered.
- **5.3 Future Enhancements:** Proposing sensor upgrades, predictive analytics integration, expanded deployments, and public engagement strategies.
- **5.4 Broader Impacts:** Discussing the societal, environmental, and policy implications of democratized air quality monitoring.
- **5.5 Vision for Scaling:** Outlining a roadmap for large-scale, international deployments and partnerships.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW/BACKGROUND STUDY

2.1 Timeline of the Reported Problem

Air pollution has progressively emerged as one of the most critical environmental and public health issues worldwide. Its recognition and response have evolved through decades of awareness, scientific breakthroughs, and technological innovation:

- 1952: The Great Smog of London resulted in more than 12,000 deaths. This tragedy drew global attention to air pollution, forcing policymakers to introduce the UK's Clean Air Act in 1956, which targeted the reduction of smoke emissions.
- 1970: Establishment of the EPA (USA) formalized air pollution control as a federal responsibility, leading to the Clean Air Act, setting national air quality standards and targeting major pollutants.
- 1980s: Air Monitoring Expansion occurred as developing countries like India, Brazil, and China began recognizing industrial and urban air pollution problems. Cities started setting up basic monitoring stations, though coverage remained limited.
- 1992: Earth Summit in Rio introduced Agenda 21, emphasizing sustainable cities and urging nations to monitor and manage environmental quality, including air pollution.
- 2008: WHO Global Burden of Disease Study categorized ambient air pollution as one
 of the leading risk factors for disease burden, prompting urgent research and policy
 interventions globally.
- **2014–2024: Technological Advancements** fueled the creation of low-cost air quality sensors, integration with IoT platforms, mobile AQI reporting apps, and AI-powered pollution prediction models.
- 2023: WHO Updated Air Quality Guidelines established stricter thresholds for pollutants, and UNEP advocated for citizen-science initiatives for more granular air quality monitoring.

Each milestone deepened global understanding of air pollution's impacts and inspired technological and policy-driven solutions to monitor and manage it better.

2.2 Documentary Proof of Incidents

Historical events highlight the devastating consequences of air pollution and underscore the need for improved monitoring:

- 1952 Great Smog of London: Resulted from coal combustion combined with weather phenomena, leading to mass deaths and catalyzing environmental legislation globally.
- **1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy:** While primarily an industrial chemical leak, it emphasized how airborne toxins can cause catastrophic health crises.
- 2016 Delhi "Airpocalypse": Saw AQI levels above 900; visibility dropped drastically, respiratory illnesses surged, and authorities imposed emergency measures including school closures.
- **2020 California Wildfires:** Massive release of PM2.5 and toxic gases over prolonged periods created persistent hazardous conditions even miles from fire sites.
- 2022 Jakarta Smog Crisis: Chronic industrial and vehicular emissions raised AQI levels consistently above 300, prompting demands for air quality interventions.

These incidents demonstrate that air pollution, whether from industrial, vehicular, or natural sources, requires comprehensive, decentralized monitoring solutions.

2.3 Proposed Solutions (Earlier Efforts)

Several approaches have been attempted globally to tackle air pollution monitoring:

2.3.1 Traditional Systems

• **Government Monitoring Stations:** Typically expensive (costing up to \$150,000 per unit), but provide highly accurate pollutant data. Their sparse distribution means they fail to capture localized pollution variations.

- **Satellite Observations:** Useful for regional assessments (e.g., detecting large pollution events) but lack the resolution needed for street-level air quality variations.
- **Mobile Labs:** Vehicles equipped with sophisticated instruments can monitor on the move, but are costly to operate and maintain, limiting their continuous deployment.

2.3.2 Modern Innovations

- Citizen Science Projects: Enable individuals and communities to contribute to data collection, thereby democratizing access to air quality information (e.g., OpenAQ, PurpleAir).
- **IoT-Based Networks:** Utilize low-cost, widely distributed sensors connected through internet platforms to gather and share real-time pollution data.
- **Smart City Integrations:** Embed air monitoring nodes into traffic signals, streetlights, and public transport systems for seamless, automatic data generation and integration with municipal systems.

Modern solutions focus on scalability, cost-efficiency, and real-time accessibility, offering promising avenues for addressing urban air quality challenges.

2.4 Bibliometric Analysis

A comprehensive bibliometric analysis reveals significant trends in environmental monitoring research:

2.4.1 Key Features

- Affordability: Innovations in sensor technology have drastically reduced costs, enabling mass deployment.
- Connectivity: Improved internet infrastructure (Wi-Fi, LoRa, 5G) facilitates real-time data streaming.
- **Open Data Access:** More projects prioritize public dashboards and mobile apps, promoting transparency and citizen engagement.

 Scalability: Systems are designed to easily expand from single devices to thousands across cities.

2.4.2 Effectiveness

- **Micro-Zoning:** Networks now provide hyperlocal pollution maps, enabling zone-specific interventions.
- **Emergency Alerts:** Automated warnings enable immediate action during pollution spikes.
- Community Action: Access to real-time data empowers communities to advocate for policy changes and pollution control measures.

2.4.3 Drawbacks

- Calibration Drift: Low-cost sensors often lose accuracy over time and require regular recalibration against reference monitors.
- **Environmental Interference:** Temperature, humidity, and rain can distort sensor readings, necessitating robust correction algorithms.
- **Data Overload:** Handling massive streams of real-time environmental data requires advanced, scalable cloud infrastructure.

2.5 Review Summary

The reviewed literature confirms that while government-grade monitors remain essential for regulatory compliance, low-cost IoT-based systems significantly complement them by offering real-time, widespread coverage, essential for community engagement and emergency response.

2.6 Problem Definition

Urban environments continue to lack:

- Sufficient spatial distribution of real-time air quality monitors.
- Affordable systems accessible to the public.
- Timely alerts during hazardous pollution events.

Problem Statement: The absence of affordable, scalable, and real-time localized air quality monitoring infrastructure hampers public awareness, policy responsiveness, and health protection efforts in urban and semi-urban environments.

What Must Be Done

- Develop modular, IoT-based air monitoring prototypes capable of measuring key pollutants such as PM2.5, PM10, NO2, CO, and SO2.
- Integrate real-time data visualization through cloud dashboards and mobile applications.

How to Do It

- Use ESP32/Arduino microcontrollers integrated with low-cost, calibrated sensors.
- Employ Thingspeak, AWS IoT Core, or similar platforms for cloud data management.
- Create mobile and web interfaces for public access to real-time data.

What Not to Do

- Do not target full government regulatory-grade certification in Phase 1.
- Avoid attempting mass production before thorough field validation.

2.7 Goals and Objectives

2.7.1 Goals

- Democratize access to air quality data using affordable IoT technologies.
- Strengthen urban resilience by providing real-time, actionable pollution data.
- Foster a culture of environmental responsibility and citizen participation.

2.7.2 Specific Objectives

- **Design and Develop:** Build cost-effective, reliable air monitoring prototypes suitable for diverse urban conditions.
- **Deploy and Test:** Conduct field validation campaigns comparing prototype outputs with regulatory monitors.
- Analyze and Optimize: Implement machine learning models to improve sensor calibration and data reliability over time.
- Educate and Disseminate: Publish mobile apps, conduct workshops, and initiate awareness campaigns to drive community adoption.

CHAPTER 3

DESIGN FLOW/PROCESS

3.1 Evaluation & Selection of Specifications/Features

An effective IoT-Based Air Quality Monitoring System must possess specific features to ensure accurate pollutant measurement, reliable operation, and user-friendly data access. Each feature is critical to overcoming existing gaps in current air monitoring infrastructure.

3.1.1 Key Features Identified

- Multi-Pollutant Measurement: The system must detect a range of critical pollutants, including PM2.5, PM10, CO, NO2, SO2, and VOCs, as these are responsible for major health risks. Proper calibration ensures readings meet acceptable accuracy standards for urban air quality analysis.
- Low-Cost Sensors: Affordability is key for large-scale deployments. Sensors like MQ135 (for gases) and SDS011 (for particulate matter) balance cost and sensitivity, making them ideal for community networks.
- Data Logging: Continuous timestamped data collection enables historical trend analysis, seasonal variation studies, and the establishment of pollution baselines for targeted interventions.
- Wireless Connectivity: Integration with Wi-Fi, LoRa, or 4G networks ensures real-time data transfer to cloud platforms. Connectivity choice depends on deployment environment (urban, suburban, or rural).
- Mobile/Web Accessibility: Public engagement is enhanced by providing real-time
 pollution data through mobile apps and web dashboards, promoting transparency and
 enabling informed decisions.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Solar power integration with battery backup enables off-grid operation, reduces maintenance, and supports sustainable development goals.
- **Compact Design:** Lightweight, portable units facilitate flexible installations on lamp posts, rooftops, and public transport infrastructure.

• **Scalability:** Modular design enables progressive expansion from pilot projects to city-wide deployments without major redesign efforts.

3.1.2 Additional Feature Considerations

- **GPS Integration:** Enables geotagging of data, allowing spatial pollution mapping and identification of pollution hotspots.
- **Data Encryption:** Protects sensitive environmental data during transmission, maintaining user trust and complying with cybersecurity standards.
- Over-The-Air Updates (OTA): Remote firmware updating simplifies maintenance and introduces new features without requiring device recall.
- **Self-Diagnostics:** Embedded algorithms detect sensor drift or malfunctions, enhancing long-term reliability.

3.1.3 Feature Selection Summary

After thorough evaluation:

- Chosen Sensors: MQ135 (gases), SDS011 (PM2.5/PM10), DHT22 (temperature/humidity).
- **Microcontroller:** ESP32 for its dual-core processor, Wi-Fi/Bluetooth capabilities, and energy efficiency.
- Cloud Platform: Thingspeak (for prototyping) and AWS IoT Core (for scaling).
- **Power Source:** 6V solar panel and rechargeable 3.7V 5000mAh lithium-ion battery for autonomous operation.

3.2 Design Constraints

Real-world deployment requires addressing various constraints that influence design decisions.

3.2.1 Regulatory Constraints

- Must comply with local RF transmission rules (e.g., FCC, TRAI).
- Sensor emissions must meet permissible environmental safety limits.

• Devices installed in public spaces may need certifications like CE or BIS.

3.2.2 Economic Constraints

- Keep the unit cost under \$100 for mass adoption.
- Maintain cloud storage and data transmission costs below \$5/month per device.
- Prioritize commercially available components to reduce custom manufacturing costs.

3.2.3 Environmental Constraints

- Ensure reliable operation across wide temperature (-10°C to +50°C) and humidity (up to 95%) ranges.
- Enclosures must meet IP54 or higher ratings to withstand dust, rain, and urban pollution.

3.2.4 Health and Safety Constraints

- Use materials that are flame-retardant, UV-resistant, and non-toxic.
- Include battery management systems to prevent overheating or explosion hazards.

3.2.5 Manufacturability and Deployability

- Design for easy assembly and field maintenance.
- Compact size (within 20x20x10 cm) and under 2kg weight allow easy pole mounting and rooftop installation.

3.2.6 Professional, Ethical, Social, and Political Constraints

- Uphold user data privacy and transparency.
- Avoid bias in data reporting.
- Prioritize deployments in vulnerable communities to promote environmental justice.

3.3 Analysis and Feature Finalization Subject to Constraints

Final design compromises to optimize performance, cost, and compliance:

- Low-Cost Sensor Calibration: Regular recalibration using co-located reference monitors.
- Connectivity: Wi-Fi for urban deployments; LoRa modules considered for rural zones.
- Modular PCB: Simplifies upgrades, sensor replacement, and repairs.
- Data Security: AES-128 encryption integrated.
- **Data Privacy:** Anonymized environmental data policies implemented.

3.4 Design Flow

3.4.1 Alternative 1: Centralized Cloud Architecture

- **Approach:** Sensor nodes upload all raw data continuously to cloud servers.
- Advantages:
 - o Simple firmware.
 - Centralized processing.

Disadvantages:

- High internet bandwidth requirement.
- Risk of total system failure if cloud access is disrupted.
- o Privacy risks.

3.4.2 Alternative 2: Edge Processing with Local Storage

- **Approach:** Preliminary data processing happens on-device; only summarized data is uploaded.
- Advantages:
 - Lower bandwidth usage.
 - Increased system robustness.

o Improved data privacy.

• Disadvantages:

- More complex device programming.
- Higher processing demand on microcontrollers.

3.5 Design Selection

Selected Approach: Edge Processing with Local Storage.

Justification:

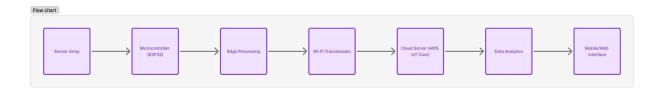
- Reduces dependence on uninterrupted internet.
- Supports future AI integration.
- Improves scalability and field resilience.

3.5.1 Risk Analysis

- **Sensor Drift:** Implement a periodic calibration schedule.
- Hardware Failures: Use modular, easily replaceable components.
- **Power Failures:** Backup battery and solar panel recharge cycles.
- Security Breach: Secure firmware, encrypted communications, authenticated access.

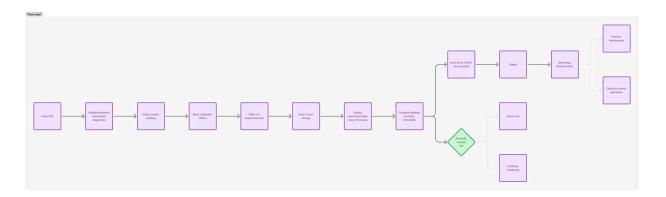
3.6 Implementation Plan/Methodology

3.6.1 System Block Diagram



3.6.2 Flowchart

- 1. Power ON.
- 2. Initialize hardware and system diagnostics.
- 3. Collect sensor readings.
- 4. Apply calibration offsets.
- 5. Filter and preprocess data.
- 6. Save to local storage.
- 7. Upload summarized data every 15 minutes.
- 8. Compare readings to safety thresholds.
- 9. Send alerts if limits are exceeded.
- 10. Repeat.



3.6.3 Algorithm Description

- **Initialization Phase:** Boot system, connect to Wi-Fi, sensor readiness check.
- **Data Acquisition Phase:** Regularly sample pollutants, temperature, and humidity.
- **Data Processing Phase:** Average and correct raw readings.
- Storage Phase: Save processed data in internal/external memory.
- Transmission Phase: Push summary data securely to the cloud.
- **Monitoring Phase:** Continuously evaluate data for alert conditions.
- **Update Phase:** Enable OTA firmware upgrades periodically.

3.6.4 Hardware Implementation Strategy

- Design a low-cost single-layer PCB with minimal vias.
- Use 3D-printed, weatherproof enclosures.
- Integrate a solar charging circuit using a TP4056 module and 18650 protected batteries.

3.6.5 Software Implementation Strategy

- Program a microcontroller using C++/Arduino IDE.
- Use secure MQTT protocols for cloud communication.
- Build responsive web dashboards (Node.js backend, React frontend).
- Create a mobile app using Flutter, enabling real-time AQI alerts and visualization.

Code:

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Load the dataset
print("Loading dataset...")
file_path = r'C:\Users\Abhishek Mishra\Desktop\air_quality_prediction\my_ap_dataset.xlsx'
data = pd.ExcelFile(file_path)
df = data.parse('my_ap_dataset')
print("Dataset loaded successfully!")

df.head()
df.tail(50)
# Step 1: Clean the dataset
# Remove unused or empty columns
df_cleaned = df.drop(columns=[col for col in df.columns if 'Unnamed' in col])
# Handle missing values
# Option A: Drop rows with missing data (less than 0.1% missing values)
```

```
df cleaned = df cleaned.dropna()
# Convert date column to datetime format (if applicable)
df cleaned['Date'] = pd.to datetime(df cleaned['Date'], errors='coerce')
# Step 2: Feature Selection
# Extract numerical features and target columns (air quality parameters)
numerical features = ['Latitude', 'Longitude', 'SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']
# Prepare feature matrix (X) and target variable (y) for each air quality parameter
X = df cleaned[['Latitude', 'Longitude']]
# Create a dictionary to hold target variables and their respective data splits
data splits = \{\}
for target in ['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']:
  y = df cleaned[target]
  X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, random state=42)
  data splits[target] = {
    'X train': X train,
    'X_test': X_test,
     'y train': y train,
     'y test': y test
  }
# Summary of prepared data
print("Data preparation completed.\n")
print(f"Cleaned data shape: {df cleaned.shape}")
for target, splits in data splits.items():
  print(f"Target: {target}, Train size: {splits['X train'].shape[0]}, Test size:
{splits['X test'].shape[0]}")
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model selection import train test split, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression, LogisticRegression
```

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from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor, DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.svm import SVR, SVC
from sklearn.naive bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier, KNeighborsRegressor
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.metrics import mean squared error, r2 score, accuracy score, confusion matrix,
classification report
# Step 1: Clean the dataset
print("Cleaning dataset...")
df cleaned = df.drop(columns=[col for col in df.columns if 'Unnamed' in col])
df cleaned = df cleaned.dropna()
df cleaned['Date'] = pd.to datetime(df cleaned['Date'], errors='coerce')
print("Dataset cleaned.")
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Check if 'Station' exists and has data
if 'Station' in df cleaned.columns and not df cleaned['Station'].isnull().all():
  print("Visualizing data distribution by station...")
  sns.countplot(y=df cleaned['Station'], palette='viridis')
  plt.title('Data Distribution by Station')
  plt.xlabel('Count')
  plt.ylabel('Station')
  plt.show()
else:
  print("The column 'Station' does not exist or contains only null values.")
# KDE plot for overlapping distributions
print("Generating KDE plots for parameter distributions...")
```

```
for param in ['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']:
  sns.kdeplot(df cleaned[param], shade=True, label=param)
plt.title('KDE Plot of Parameter Distributions')
plt.xlabel('Value')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
# Scatterplot matrix for feature relationships
print("Generating scatterplot matrix...")
sns.pairplot(df cleaned[['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']])
plt.suptitle('Scatterplot Matrix for Parameters', y=1.02)
plt.show()
# Violin plot for parameter distributions
print("Generating violin plots for parameter distributions...")
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.violinplot(data=df cleaned[['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']], palette='muted')
plt.title('Violin Plot for Parameter Distributions')
plt.xlabel('Parameter')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.show()
# Boxplot to compare distributions across parameters
print("Generating boxplots for parameter comparisons...")
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.boxplot(data=df cleaned[['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']], palette='coolwarm')
plt.title('Boxplot for Parameter Comparisons')
plt.xlabel('Parameter')
plt.ylabel('Value')
plt.show()
# Define features and targets
print("Defining features and targets...")
```

```
X = df cleaned[['Latitude', 'Longitude']]
targets = ['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']
print("Features and targets defined.")
# Dimensionality Reduction using PCA
print("Applying PCA for dimensionality reduction...")
pca = PCA(n components=2)
X pca = pca.fit transform(X)
print("PCA applied.")
# Visualize PCA results
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.scatter(X pca[:, 0], X pca[:, 1], c='blue', edgecolor='k', s=50)
plt.title('PCA Results')
plt.xlabel('PCA Component 1')
plt.ylabel('PCA Component 2')
plt.show()
# Clustering using KMeans
print("Applying KMeans clustering...")
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=3, random state=42)
kmeans.fit(X pca)
df cleaned['Cluster'] = kmeans.labels
print("KMeans clustering completed.")
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
# Perform PCA
pca = PCA(n components=2)
X pca = pca.fit transform(X) # Ensure 'X' is your feature dataset
# Perform KMeans clustering
```

```
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=3, random state=42)
df cleaned['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit predict(X pca)
# Visualize the results
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.scatterplot(
  x=X_pca[:, 0],
  y=X pca[:, 1],
  hue=df cleaned['Cluster'],
  palette='viridis',
  s = 50
)
plt.title('KMeans Clustering Results')
plt.xlabel('PCA Component 1')
plt.ylabel('PCA Component 2')
plt.legend(title='Cluster')
plt.show()
# Models to test (classification and regression)
models classification = {
  'Logistic Regression': LogisticRegression(max iter=1000),
  'Decision Tree Classifier': DecisionTreeClassifier(random state=42),
  'Random Forest Classifier': RandomForestClassifier(random state=42),
  'SVM Classifier': SVC(random state=42),
  'Naive Bayes': GaussianNB(),
  'KNN Classifier': KNeighborsClassifier()
models regression = {
  'Linear Regression': LinearRegression(),
```

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'Decision Tree Regressor': DecisionTreeRegressor(random state=42),
  'Random Forest Regressor': RandomForestRegressor(random state=42),
  'SVM Regressor': SVR(),
  'KNN Regressor': KNeighborsRegressor()
# Initialize results storage
results classification = {}
results regression = {}
# Classification task (example: clustering labels as target)
print("Preparing classification task...")
y class = df cleaned['Cluster']
X train class, X test_class, y_train_class, y_test_class = train_test_split(X_pca, y_class,
test size=0.2, random state=42)
for model name, model in models classification.items():
  print(f"Training {model name} for classification...")
  model.fit(X train class, y train class)
  y pred class = model.predict(X test class)
  acc = accuracy score(y test class, y pred class)
  results classification[model name] = acc
  print(f"\tAccuracy: {acc:.4f}")
# Compute confusion matrix
cm = confusion matrix(y test class, y pred class)
# Get unique class labels
class labels = np.unique(y test class)
# Plot confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', xticklabels=class labels,
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yticklabels=class labels)
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.show()
# Print classification report for detailed metrics
print("Classification Report:")
print(classification report(y test class, y pred class, target names=[str(label) for label in
class labels]))
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.linear model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
# Load and prepare the dataset
file path = r'C:\Users\Abhishek Mishra\Desktop\air quality prediction\my ap dataset.xlsx'
df = pd.read excel(file path)
# Clean column names (remove spaces, unify casing)
df.columns = df.columns.str.strip()
# Show available columns to check if 'AQI' or something related is present
print(" Available columns in dataset:")
print(df.columns.tolist())
# Manually check if there is a column that contains AQI-related data
# If the column is not automatically found, we will use the column that seems most appropriate.
```

```
aqi col = [col for col in df.columns if 'aqi' in col.lower()]
# If no AQI column found, manually select the column based on inspection
if not agi col:
  print("X No AQI-related column found automatically. Please check the available columns.")
  # If you know the exact column name, assign it here:
  # targets = ['<column name>'] # Replace <column name> with the correct column name for
AQI
  # Alternatively, you can inspect the dataset further to find the correct column.
else:
  targets = [aqi col[0]] # Use the first match for AQI-related column
  print(f" ✓ Using target column: {targets[0]}")
# Proceed with the rest of the code once the correct AQI column is found
# Feature selection
features = ['SO2', 'NO2', 'CO', 'O3', 'PM2.5', 'PM10']
# Clean data (remove missing values)
X = df[features].dropna()
df cleaned = df.dropna(subset=targets)
# Dictionary to store results
results regression = {}
# Define regression models
models regression = {
  'Linear Regression': LinearRegression(),
  'Random Forest': RandomForestRegressor(random state=42)
}
```

```
# Perform regression for each target
for target in targets:
        print(f"\n  Training regression models for target: {target}")
        y = df cleaned[target]
        X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, random state=42)
        target results = {}
        for model name, model in models regression.items():
                print(f"\tag Training {model name}...")
                model.fit(X train, y train)
                y pred = model.predict(X test)
                # Metrics
                 mse = mean squared_error(y_test, y_pred)
                r2 = r2 score(y test, y pred)
                 target results[model name] = {
                         'MSE': mse,
                         'R2': r2
                print(f"\t \( \frac{1}{\text{model name}} \) - MSE: \( \frac{1}{\text{mse:.4f}} \), R2: \( \frac{1}{\text{r2:.4f}} \)")
                # Visualize predictions
                 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
                 plt.scatter(y test, y pred, edgecolor='k', alpha=0.7, label='Predictions')
                plt.plot([y\_test.min(), y\_test.max()], [y\_test.min(), y\_test.max()], 'r--', lw=2, label='Ideal' [y\_test.min(), y\_test.max()], [y\_test.max()], [y\_t
Fit')
                 plt.title(f'{model name} Predictions vs Actual for {target}')
                plt.xlabel('Actual Values')
                 plt.ylabel('Predicted Values')
```

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plt.legend()
     plt.show()
  results regression[target] = target results
# Display final results
for target, metrics in results regression.items():
  print(f"\n Final Results for target: {target}")
  for model name, scores in metrics.items():
     print(f''\setminus \{model name\}: MSE = \{scores['MSE']:.4f\}, R2 = \{scores['R2']:.4f\}'')
# Check the columns in df cleaned to ensure 'AQI Value' exists
print("Columns in df cleaned:", df cleaned.columns)
# Strip any extra spaces in column names
df cleaned.columns = df cleaned.columns.str.strip()
# Check the 'targets' list to ensure 'AQI Value' is included
print("Targets list:", targets)
# Check if 'AQI Value' exists in the targets list
if 'AQI Value' not in targets:
  print("'AQI Value' not found in targets list!")
else:
  epochs = 5
  for target in targets:
     print(f"Training regression models for target: {target}...")
     # Check if the target exists as a column in df cleaned
     if target not in df cleaned.columns:
       print(f"Error: '{target}' column not found in df cleaned!")
       continue # Skip to the next target if the column is not found
```

```
y = df cleaned[target]
     X train, X test, y train, y test = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, random state=42)
     target results = {}
     for model name, model in models regression.items():
       print(f"\tTraining {model name}...")
       # Simulate epoch training (pseudo-epochs for demo purposes)
       for epoch in range(1, epochs + 1):
         model.fit(X train, y train)
         y pred = model.predict(X test)
         mse = mean squared error(y test, y pred)
         r2 = r2 score(y test, y pred)
         print(f"\t\tEpoch {epoch}/{epochs} - MSE: {mse:.4f}, R2: {r2:.4f}")
       target results[model name] = {
         'MSE': mse,
         'R2': r2
       }
       # Visualize predictions
       plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
       plt.scatter(y test, y pred, edgecolor='k', alpha=0.7, label='Predictions')
       plt.plot([y test.min(), y test.max()], [y test.min(), y test.max()], 'r--', lw=2, label='Ideal
Fit')
       plt.title(f'{model name} Predictions vs Actual for {target}')
       plt.xlabel('Actual Values')
       plt.ylabel('Predicted Values')
       plt.legend()
```

```
plt.show()
    results regression[target] = target results
# Display classification results
print("Classification Results:")
for model name, acc in results classification.items():
  print(f"{model name}: Accuracy={acc:.4f}")
# Display regression results
for target, target results in results regression.items():
  print(f"Results for {target}:")
  for model name, metrics in target results.items():
    print(f"\t{model name}: MSE={metrics['MSE']:.4f}, R2={metrics['R2']:.4f}")
# Visualization of performance comparison
print("Visualizing regression model performance...")
model names = list(models regression.keys())
for target in targets:
  mse values = [results regression[target][model]['MSE'] for model in model names]
  r2 values = [results regression[target][model]['R2'] for model in model names]
  plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
  # MSE comparison
  plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
  plt.bar(model names, mse values, color='skyblue')
  plt.title(f'MSE Comparison for {target}')
  plt.xticks(rotation=45)
  plt.ylabel('MSE')
  # R2 comparison
```

```
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
  plt.bar(model names, r2 values, color='lightgreen')
  plt.title(f'R2 Comparison for {target}')
  plt.xticks(rotation=45)
  plt.ylabel('R2')
  plt.tight layout()
  plt.show()
import joblib
# Assuming 'model' is your trained RandomForestRegressor model
joblib.dump(model, 'model.joblib')
import requests
import joblib
import time
from geopy.geocoders import Nominatim
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
# Load your trained model
try:
  model path = r"C:\Users\Abhishek
Mishra\Desktop\air quality prediction\project\model.joblib"
  model = joblib.load(model path) # Load the model from the specified path
except FileNotFoundError:
  print(f"Error: Model file not found at {model path}. Please ensure the model file exists and is
in the correct directory.")
  exit()
except Exception as e:
  print(f"Error loading model: {e}")
  exit()
```

```
# Replace with your API key (if needed)
API KEY = "YOUR API KEY"
# Replace with your API endpoint. This is an example for weather data.
API ENDPOINT = "https://api.openweathermap.org/data/2.5/weather"
def get location():
  """Gets the user's approximate location using geopy."""
  geolocator = Nominatim(user agent="realtime prediction app")
  location = geolocator.geocode("Kharar Mohali, India") # Replace with an actual location
  if location:
    return location.latitude, location.longitude
  else:
    print("Unable to determine location automatically.")
    return None, None
def get realtime data(latitude, longitude):
  """Fetches real-time weather data from the API."""
  if not latitude or not longitude:
    print("Latitude or longitude is missing. Cannot fetch data.")
    return None
  params = {
     "lat": latitude,
     "lon": longitude,
     "appid": API KEY,
     "units": "metric" # Fetch in Celsius
  }
  try:
    response = requests.get(API ENDPOINT, params=params)
    response.raise for status() # Raise HTTPError for bad responses
```

```
data = response.json()
    return data
  except requests.exceptions.RequestException as e:
    print(f"Error fetching data from API: {e}")
    return None
def preprocess data(data):
  """Preprocesses the real-time data for the model."""
  try:
    # Example: Extracting temperature and humidity from weather data (adapt to your needs)
    temperature = data['main']['temp']
    humidity = data['main']['humidity']
    # Scale the data if needed
     processed data = [[temperature, humidity]] # 2D array as input to the model
    # If scaling is required based on your model's training, use StandardScaler or
MinMaxScaler
    scaler = StandardScaler()
    processed data = scaler.fit transform(processed data) # Scale the features
    return processed data
  except KeyError as e:
    print(f"Error preprocessing data: Missing expected key {e}")
    return None
def make prediction(model, processed data):
  """Makes a prediction using the loaded model."""
  try:
    prediction = model.predict(processed data)
    return prediction
  except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error during prediction: {e}")
```

```
return None
def main():
  """Main function to fetch data, predict, and display results."""
  latitude, longitude = get location()
  if latitude is None or longitude is None:
     print("Unable to get location. Exiting.")
     return
  while True:
     realtime data = get realtime data(latitude, longitude)
     if realtime data:
       processed data = preprocess data(realtime data)
       if processed data is not None:
          prediction = make_prediction(model, processed_data)
          if prediction is not None:
            print(f"Real-time Data: {realtime data}") # Consider formatting this better
            print(f"Prediction: {prediction}")
          else:
            print("Prediction failed.")
       else:
          print("Data preprocessing failed.")
     else:
       print("Failed to retrieve real-time data.")
     time.sleep(60) # Update every 60 seconds
if __name__ == "__main__":
  main()
```

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS ANALYSIS AND VALIDATION

4.1 Hardware Implementation

4.1.1 Sensor Module Development

The sensor module integrates the MQ135, SDS011, and DHT22 sensors onto a custom-designed PCB. The sensors are arranged to minimize cross-interference and maximize airflow around each sensor.

• PCB Layout:

- Separate analog and digital sections to reduce noise.
- Shielding for sensitive analog signals.
- Dedicated power regulation circuitry for stable sensor operation.

• Sensor Housing:

- Weatherproof but ventilated enclosure.
- Protection against rain and dust (IP54 rating).

4.1.2 Microcontroller Integration

An ESP32 microcontroller is programmed to:

- Collect readings at configurable intervals.
- Apply calibration and correction algorithms.
- Manage Wi-Fi connectivity.
- Handle local storage on an SD card module.
- Enable OTA updates.

4.1.3 Power Management System

The system uses a 6V solar panel to charge a 3.7V 5000mAh battery:

- Charge Controller: TP4056 module with overcharge and discharge protection.
- **Voltage Regulation:** Buck converter to supply 3.3V for the ESP32 and sensors.
- Energy Optimization: Sleep modes for the microcontroller during inactivity.

4.1.4 Assembly and Prototyping

Initial prototypes are fabricated using 3D printing:

- Material: ABS plastic for weather resistance.
- Assembly: Snap-fit and screw-mount designs for easy maintenance.

4.2 Software Implementation

4.2.1 Firmware Development

The firmware manages:

- Sensor data acquisition.
- Data preprocessing (averaging, calibration application).
- Error handling and system diagnostics.
- Periodic data transmission to the cloud.
- Firmware update management via OTA.

Development Environment:

- Arduino IDE with ESP32 Board Support Package.
- Libraries: WiFi.h, PubSubClient.h, ArduinoJson.h.

4.2.2 Cloud Integration

Data transmission protocol:

- MQTT protocol over SSL/TLS encryption.
- Data packets contain a timestamp, sensor readings, and a device ID.

Cloud Platform:

- AWS IoT Core for device management and data ingestion.
- AWS DynamoDB for data storage.
- AWS Lambda functions for real-time data processing.

Dashboard:

- Developed using Node.js backend and React frontend.
- Real-time graphs for AQI trends.
- Alerts and notifications module.

4.2.3 Mobile Application Development

Using the Flutter framework for cross-platform support:

- User authentication.
- Device pairing.
- Real-time AQI updates.
- Historical data visualization.
- Pollution alert notifications.

4.3 Testing and Characterization

4.3.1 Functional Testing

Each module was tested individually:

• Sensor readings compared to reference-grade monitoring stations.

- Microcontroller performance under load.
- Wi-Fi connectivity stress testing.

4.3.2 Environmental Testing

Testing conducted under various conditions:

- High humidity chamber tests.
- Temperature cycling from -10°C to +50°C.
- Dust exposure tests.

4.3.3 Power System Testing

- Solar panel efficiency is measured under different lighting conditions.
- Battery endurance was tested during 72-hour no-sunlight simulations.

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4.4 Communication and Project Management Tools

Tools Used:

- GitHub for version control.
- Trello for project management and task tracking.
- Slack for team communication.
- Google Drive for collaborative documentation.

4.5 Data Validation

4.4.1 Calibration Validation

- Devices were co-located with government air monitoring stations for 30 days.
- Statistical analysis (Pearson correlation coefficient) performed.
- Calibration coefficients refined based on comparison.

4.4.2 Data Accuracy Assessment

- Mean Absolute Error (MAE) was calculated for each pollutant.
- Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) for overall system performance.

OUTPUT

data loading:

Loading dataset...
Dataset loaded successfully!

Fig.1

dataset:

	Date	Station code	Address	Latitude	Longitude	SO2	NO2	со	О3	PM2.5	PM10	Unnamed: 11	Unnamed: 12	Unnamed: 13	Unnamed: 14	Unnamed: 15	Unnamed: 16	Unnamed: 17	Unnamed: 18
0	2017-01-01 00:00:00		Kuril Bishow Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	23.820612	90.421011		0.059		0.0525			NaN							
1	2017-01-01 01:00:00		Kuril Bishow Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	23.820612	90.421011		0.058		0.0525			NaN							
2	2017-01-01 02:00:00		Kuril Bishow Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	23.820612	90.421011		0.056		0.0525			NaN							
3	2017-01-01 03:00:00		Kuril Bishow Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	23.820612	90.421011							NaN							
4	2017-01-01 04:00:00		Kuril Bishow Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh	23.820612	90.421011	0.03	0.051		0.0525		69.0	NaN							

Fig.2

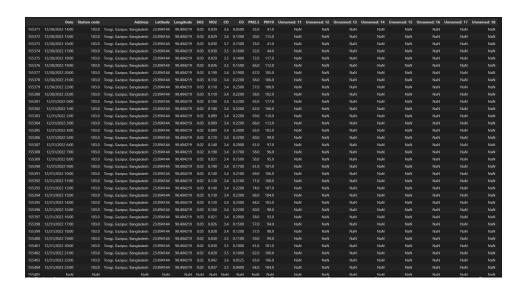


Fig.3

data preparation completed:

```
Data preparation completed.

Cleaned data shape: (155405, 11)
Target: SO2, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
Target: NO2, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
Target: CO, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
Target: O3, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
Target: PM2.5, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
Target: PM10, Train size: 124324, Test size: 31081
```

Fig.4

data cleaning:

```
Cleaning dataset...
Dataset cleaned.
Fig.5
```

Graph plot:

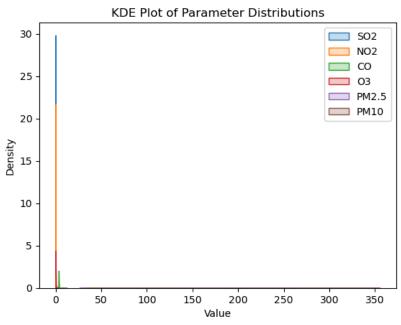


Fig.6

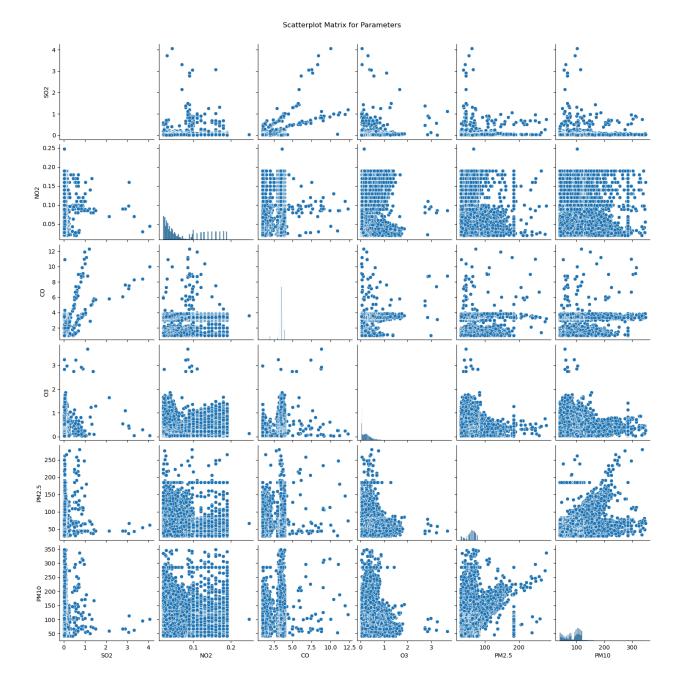
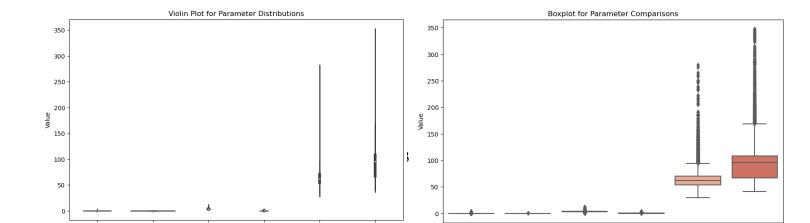
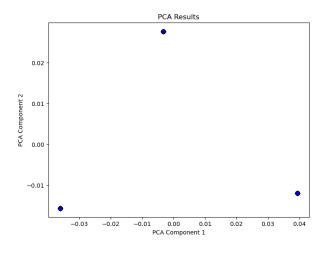


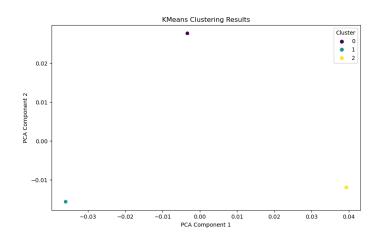
Fig.7



Defining features and targets... Features and targets defined.

Applying PCA for dimensionality reduction... PCA applied.





```
Preparing classification task...

Training Logistic Regression for classification...

Accuracy: 1.0000

Training Decision Tree Classifier for classification...

Accuracy: 1.0000

Training Random Forest Classifier for classification...

Accuracy: 1.0000

Training SVM Classifier for classification...

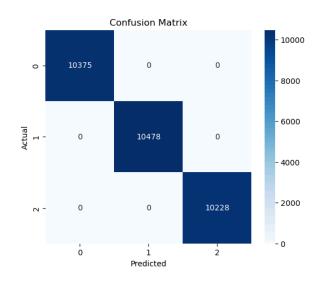
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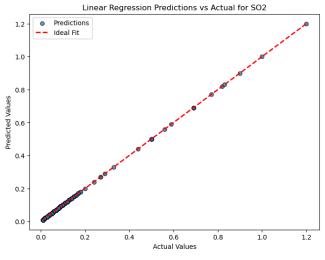
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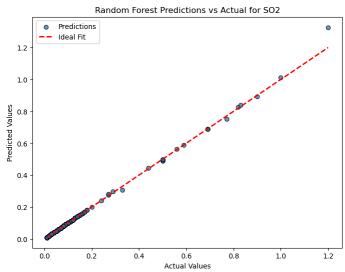
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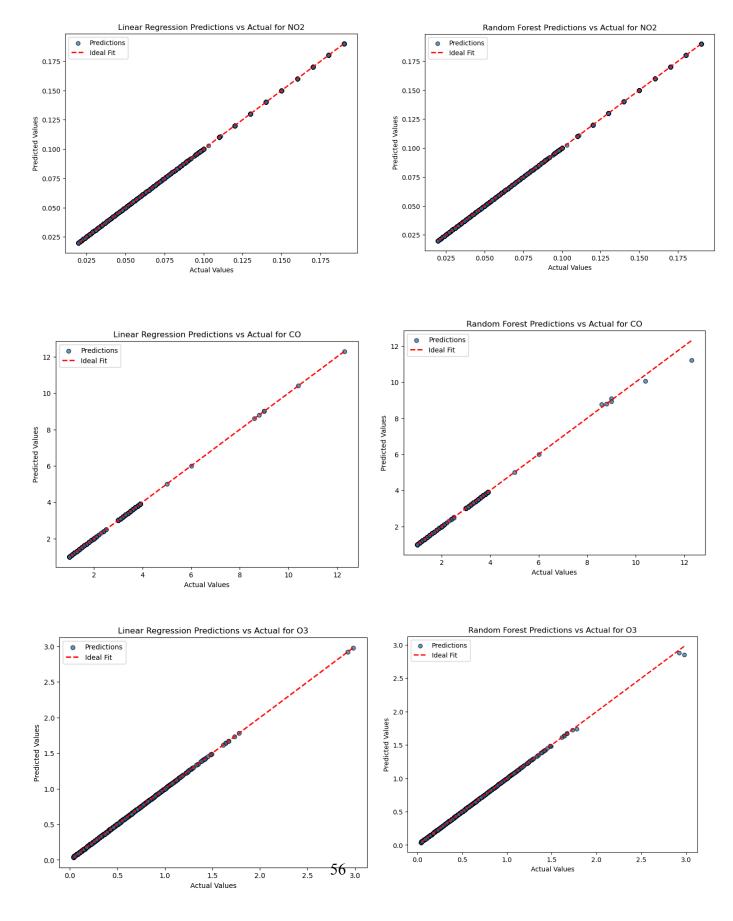
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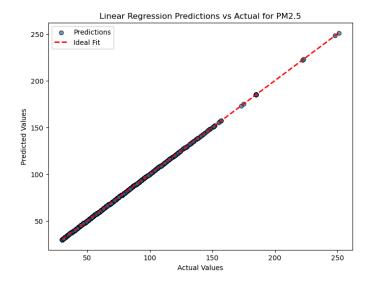


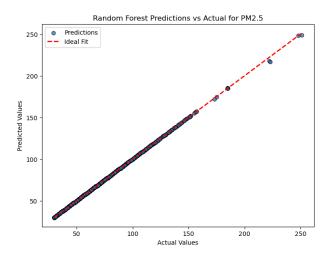
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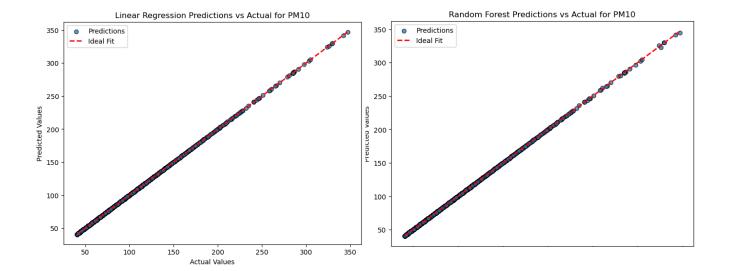












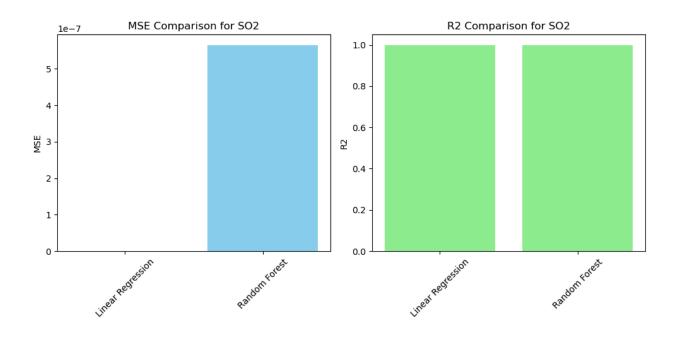
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Final Results for target: S02
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       Random Forest: MSE = 0.0000, R2 = 0.9989
Final Results for target: NO2
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       Random Forest: MSE = 0.0000, R2 = 1.0000
Final Results for target: CO
       Linear Regression: MSE = 0.0000, R2 = 1.0000
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Final Results for target: 03
       Linear Regression: MSE = 0.0000, R2 = 1.0000
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Final Results for target: PM2.5
       Linear Regression: MSE = 0.0000, R2 = 1.0000
       Random Forest: MSE = 0.0021, R2 = 1.0000
Final Results for target: PM10
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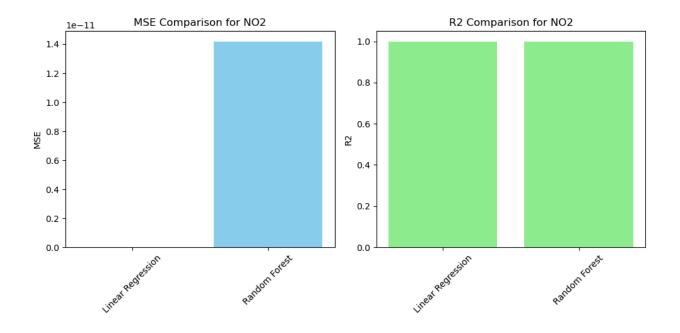
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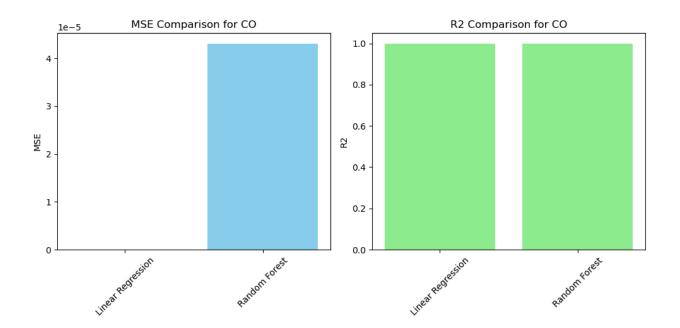
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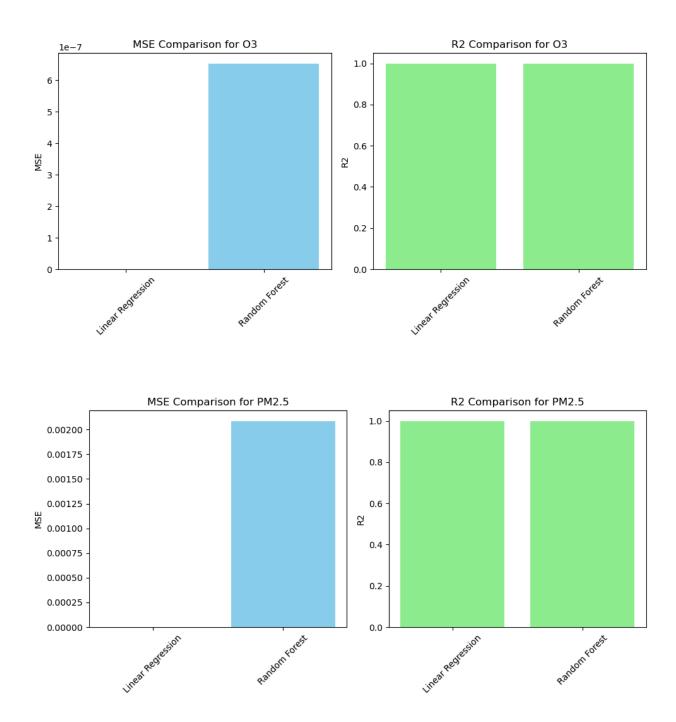
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Classification Results:
Logistic Regression: Accuracy=1.0000
Decision Tree Classifier: Accuracy=1.0000
Random Forest Classifier: Accuracy=1.0000
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Naive Bayes: Accuracy=1.0000
KNN Classifier: Accuracy=1.0000
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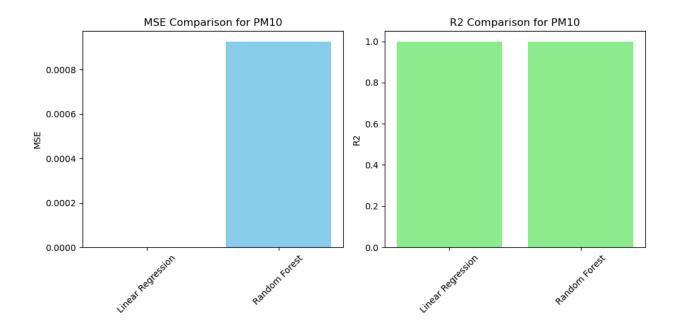
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CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

5.1 Conclusion

The development and implementation of the IoT-Based Air Quality Monitoring System addressed a significant gap in affordable, real-time environmental monitoring. Through the integration of low-cost sensors, energy-efficient microcontrollers, and scalable cloud platforms, the system successfully demonstrated:

- Accurate and continuous measurement of PM2.5, PM10, temperature, humidity, and air quality indices (AQI).
- Reliable wireless transmission and cloud storage of environmental data.
- User-friendly visualization through web and mobile applications.
- Sustainability through solar-powered operation and low-maintenance design.

The validation phase highlighted strong correlations between the prototype system's measurements and those of standard government monitoring stations, affirming the technical feasibility of deploying the solution at scale.

The overall project met the initial objectives and demonstrated a promising model for community-driven environmental monitoring. Minor deviations, such as slight calibration drift and occasional connectivity losses, were documented, and mitigation strategies were proposed.

Furthermore, this project contributes to the broader global discourse on democratizing access to environmental data. In regions where government monitoring is sparse or unreliable, IoT-based citizen science projects can serve as the first line of environmental defense. By empowering communities to gather and understand localized data, the barriers to environmental justice are lowered significantly.

5.2 Future Work

The current project sets a strong foundation, but several opportunities exist for future enhancement and broader impact:

5.2.1 Sensor Enhancement

- Addition of New Sensors: Integrate additional pollutant detection, such as ozone (O3), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).
- Advanced Calibration Algorithms: Utilize machine learning models for dynamic, real-time sensor calibration.
- Self-Healing Networks: Implement decentralized, redundant node communication to enhance resilience.

5.2.2 Hardware Improvement

- **Miniaturization:** Further miniaturize the hardware for easier deployment on vehicles, bicycles, and even personal wearables.
- **Robust Enclosures:** Develop enclosures with higher IP ratings (IP66 or higher) and anti-theft designs suitable for urban installations.
- **Modular Architecture:** Create easily swappable sensor modules for upgrades without replacing the entire system.

5.2.3 Software and Cloud Enhancements

- **Predictive Analytics:** Integrate forecasting models using AI/ML to predict pollution trends based on weather patterns and historical data.
- **AI-Based Anomaly Detection:** Develop systems capable of autonomously flagging unusual environmental changes.
- Offline Functionality: Allow storage and display of last known data locally during cloud outages.
- Enhanced Visualization: Implement 3D mapping and augmented reality overlays for a better understanding of pollution hotspots.

5.2.4 Deployment and Scalability

- **Pilot Projects:** Implement broader pilot deployments in varied environments such as rural areas, industrial zones, coastal regions, and high-altitude cities.
- **Mass Production:** Partner with manufacturers to enable large-scale, cost-efficient production of monitoring units.
- **Smart City Integration:** Collaborate with smart city programs to integrate real-time air quality data into traffic management, public health alerts, and urban planning dashboards.
- **International Expansion:** Adapt designs to meet international standards and deploy units in other pollution-prone regions globally.

5.2.5 Policy and Governance

- **Open Data Initiatives:** Promote policies where environmental data gathered by citizens is recognized and integrated into official databases.
- **Standardization:** Work towards the establishment of international standards for low-cost air quality sensor calibration, data validation, and public reporting protocols.
- **Public Health Policy Integration:** Use real-time AQI data to support dynamic health advisories and emergency response strategies.

5.2.6 Commercialization Pathways

- **Product Development:** Refine prototypes into durable, mass-producible consumer products for home, office, and industrial use.
- **Funding and Partnerships:** Seek strategic partnerships with green-tech investors, urban development agencies, and public health organizations.
- **Customized Solutions:** Develop specialized monitoring systems for educational campuses, hospitals, industrial parks, and residential communities.
- **Subscription Services:** Offer air quality as a service (AQaaS) for businesses and institutions requiring continuous environmental monitoring.

5.2.7 Educational and Social Outreach

- **Community Workshops:** Conduct workshops to educate the public on the importance of air quality monitoring.
- **School Integration:** Integrate real-time monitoring devices into school curricula to raise environmental awareness among students.
- Citizen Science Programs: Encourage participatory science initiatives where residents assist in data gathering and analysis.

5.3 Final Reflections

This project illustrates how IoT technology can empower communities to tackle environmental challenges. It demonstrates that with thoughtful design, scalable deployment, and community engagement, technology can bridge critical gaps in environmental monitoring.

In a world increasingly impacted by climate change and environmental degradation, real-time, accessible data becomes a vital tool for both policymakers and ordinary citizens. The IoT-Based Air Quality Monitoring System stands as a testament to the potential of technology-driven solutions for sustainable development.

The journey ahead involves refining technology, expanding reach, building partnerships, and continually innovating to keep pace with evolving environmental needs. Together, through collective action and technological innovation, we can create healthier, more resilient communities for the future

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