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DeepSense Hierarchical Smart Bin Monitoring Network for Intelligent IoT-Driven Urban Waste Management and Adaptive Route Optimization

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Abstract

The facilitate sustainable and efficient urban waste collection in smart city environments, the real-time monitoring of bins, prediction of bin overflow, adaptation of routes and intelligent decision execution are essential for smart waste management systems based on IoT devices. But the current approach of Deep Learning (DL) classification visual detection and static forecasting are limited by the functional modules, lack of multi-sensor fusion and have no closed-loop decision-making, which makes it difficult to be extended to complex scenes under dynamic urban waste. To address these shortcomings, this research introduces the DeepSense Hierarchical Smart Bin Monitoring Network (DHS-BMN) that use heterogeneous IoT sensing, hybrid CNN-LSTM-Attention overflow prediction, Reinforcement Learning (RL) based on adaptive routing and region-aware clustering of bins based on the K-Means algorithm, in a unified closed-loop framework for intelligent urban waste management. The results of the experiments verified the suitability, robustness and scalability of the proposed DHS-BMN for the next generation smart city waste management deployments, as it obtained overall higher accuracy in the overflow prediction (97.8%) and efficiency in routing (95.1%) when compared with the existed method.

Keywords: Edge Computing, Environmental Monitoring, Real-Time Monitoring, Smart Cities, Urban Sustainability, Waste Management.

1. Introduction

Municipalities are under high pressure to implement waste collection systems that it keep up with the growing volume of waste generated in cities while dealing with the challenges of urbanization [1]. The IoT has proven to be a game-changer enabler, as cities have adopted a networked infrastructure of sensors that constantly tracks bin fill level and environmental hazards in real time [2] and IoT solutions for smart cities have proven substantial savings in operational overhead and environmental impact [3]. Proactive paradigms of waste management, based on machine learning for early overflow detection, have shown measurable benefits in the number of hazardous accumulation events [4] and deep learning-based architectures have been designed that enable to predict overflows and detect anomalies in multi-sensor data streams with heterogeneous data types [5]. The use of intelligent route optimization using reinforcement learning has resulted in substantial reduction of collection distance and fuel usage [6] and systematic meta-analyses have confirmed that routing through IoT has significantly reduced travel distances at scale [7]. The models that have been built using IoT have also been successful in the classification of fill levels [8], in the forecasting of municipal solid waste [9] and also in the hybrid attention-based architecture, which is successful both in overflow prediction and in IoT network security applications [10]. Advances in sensor technology, like time-of-flight technologies, have enhanced bin-level data accuracy [11]. Transfer learning models have provided automatic waste classification in smart cities [12] and deep reinforcement learning has optimized medical waste vehicle routing under safety constraints [13]. Sustainability-driven IoT frameworks have shown the long-term scalability of smart deployments [14] and the combination of neural network forecasting at the discharge point scale has reinforced the municipal solid waste planning [15] with a clear push towards the development of a single closed-loop intelligent system that includes sensing, prediction, routing and clustering. This research provides some contribution such as:

- Proposed intelligent real-time urban waste monitoring and adaptive waste collection management as DeepSense Hierarchical Smart Bin Monitoring Network (DHS-BMN).
- Integrated heterogeneous multi-sensor fusion-based comprehensive and reliable waste state assessment using ultrasonic, load and gas sensors.
- Designed a hybrid CNN-LSTM-Attention model that can accurately predict waste overflow patterns and model temporal waste accumulation behavior.
- Tested and statistically analyzed the framework with experiments and proved its high accuracy, scalability, robustness and sustainability, which are higher than existing ways of smart waste management.

The research organized as follows. The related works and background are presented in Section 2. Section 3 provides the proposed DHS-BMN framework. The experimental result and the performance measures are presented in section 4. The discussion part is given in section 5. Lastly, Section 6 brings the research to a close and presents possible directions for future research.

2. Background Study

Razali et al. (2025) [16] forecasted the potential waste generation and emission in Erode City by ensemble machine learning. But the model was only applicable to one city and did not provide real-time support for integrating IoT sensor data.

Arumugam, et al. (2025) [17] presented a Deep Q-Network (DQN) based waste collection route optimization using LoRa technology. The method was energy efficient, but has never been tested in the real world and did not involve the use of the multimodal bin sensors.

Abo-Zahhad and Abo-Zahhad (2025) [18] proposed a garbage overflow detection system by visual information in which these used YOLOv8/YOLOv5. The framework, however, did not incorporate any of the ultrasonic, load and gas sensors for a complete monitoring of waste.

Tiwari et al. (2025) [19] had presented an intelligent waste sorting system with CNN for sorting MSW in the municipal waste. It was able to deliver good classification accuracy, but did not have IoT-based fill-level monitoring, route optimization or real-time decision-making.

Arun, 2025 [20] has designed for recovering the waste from heterogeneous waste stream through the implementation of IoT and deep learning. But reinforcement learning-based adaptive routing and region-wise clustering of bins were not taken into consideration.

Islam et al. (2025) [21] proposed a deep CNN in waste classification by applying the concept of transfer learning over different environmental conditions. However, this study didn't consider any of the IoT sensor fusion, real-time monitoring or intelligent scheduling of collection.

In Singh et al. (2024) [22] proposed machine learning algorithm based smart waste monitoring and prediction system using WSN. It did not however have temporal deep learning, attention mechanisms and reinforcement learning to enable adaptive routing.

Taweesan et al. (2025) [23] provided a machine learning based regional waste management planning algorithm based on clustering. It did not support real-time IoT integration, overflow prediction and adaptive online decision making, however.

In real-time waste forecasting, Chen et al. (2025) [24] developed an AutoML embedded IoT system. The intelligent route optimization and overflow prediction and reinforcement learning-based scheduling were not integrated into a single system while accuracy was improved.

TABLE 1: COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EXISTING LITERATURE ON IOT-BASED SMART WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Citation	Methodology	Technique / Algorithm	Limitation	Research Gap
Ge et al. (2025) [25]	Waste prediction and transport optimization	Volume prediction algorithms	Limited real-time adaptability	No IoT sensor fusion or adaptive RL scheduling
Fatovatikhah et al. (2024) [26]	Hybrid predictive framework	Hybrid LSTM-SVM	Depends on historical data quality	No real-time IoT monitoring or routing
Ko et al. (2025) [27]	ML-based waste forecasting	Machine learning models	Region-specific performance	Limited scalability and collection optimization
Chen et al. (2025) [28]	Predictive waste management	Predictive analytics, ML	No real-time deployment	Lacks IoT sensor fusion and autonomous monitoring
Anupriya & Ratish Kumar (2025) [29]	Waste classification framework	EBiGRU	High computational complexity	No routing or overflow prediction
Fan et al. (2024) [30]	Temporal forecasting framework	BiLSTM-MLAM	High computation cost	Not designed for smart waste management

A structured comparative analysis of recent studies that have investigated IoT smart waste management is shown in table 1, which highlights the methodologies adopted, the main techniques used and the research gaps of these works with respect to the proposed DHS-BMN framework. The analysis shows that there is no work that covers the whole real-time multi-sensor acquisition, hybrid deep learning based overflow prediction, reinforcement learning based routing and region aware clustering in a single system, while the proposed DHS-BMN does, comprehensively.

3. Proposed Methodology

This section evaluates the performance of the proposed DHS-BMN framework for real-time smart waste monitoring and management. The experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model in accurate waste overflow prediction, intelligent route optimization and efficient waste collection.

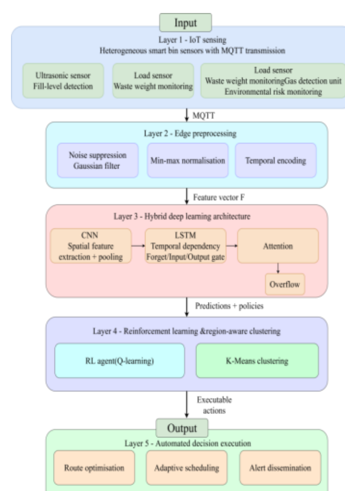

FIGURE 1: DHS-BMN FIVE-LAYER ARCHITECTURE

The smart waste management architecture with 5 layers is displayed in this figure 1. The collection of data with IoT sensors is done using MQTT in Layer 1. The edge preprocesses it it Layer 2. CNN-LSTM with attention for predictions is performed in the third layer. Optimization is done using reinforcement learning and clustering in Layer 4. The automation will be used to route, schedule and alert at Layer 5.

3.1 Dataset Description

This research utilize the benchmark dataset of the proof-of-concept system with an IoT-based smart bin was developed in various scenarios around the city and deployed in a smart waste bin equipped with several fill level, load and gas sensors within the smart waste bin. Each data instance comes with time stamped measurements from each sensor and the location coordinates of the bin and the ground truth label, enabling a thorough evaluation of supervised learning and anomaly detection. The data set includes data from Residential, Commercial and Public Space environments and includes about 50,000 observation records of sensors over the course of day and over multiple seasons. The dataset has been divided into three sections: 70% for training, 15% for validation and 15% for testing to ensure unbiased model evaluation and the reliable evaluation of the generalizability of the proposed framework.

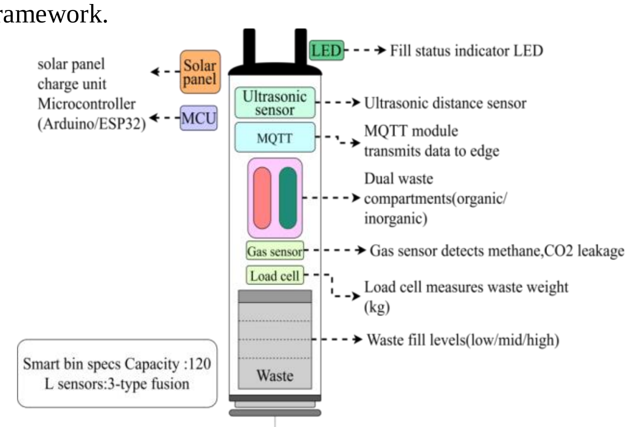

FIGURE 2: SMART BIN HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE OF THE DHS-BMN FRAMEWORK

This figure 2 shows the hardware architecture of this smart bin of 120L capacity, which uses three types of sensor ultrasonic fill-level sensor, gas (methane/CO2) sensor and load cell – for monitoring the fill level, methane/CO2 or weight respectively. Communication with data is done using MQTT from the Arduino/ESP32 MCU and there is a solar panel to provide self-power. Cost reduction in waste management by using two compartments (organic/organic) and by using motorised compaction base.

3.2 3.2 DeepSense Hierarchical Smart Bin Monitoring Network (DHS-BMN)

The proposed DHS-BMN is designed as an intelligent continuous closed-loop system, which is composed of three parts, namely real-time sensing of urban waste, adaptive decision modeling of urban waste and automatic execution of operation, so as to effectively solve the problem of urban waste. A range of IoT sensors is fitted inside the smart bins such as ultrasonic, load and gas detection sensors, which gather multi-dimensional data on the fill level, waste accumulation dynamics and the environment hazards on an ongoing basis. The data streams are sent using lightweight communication protocols like Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) and undergo some processing, such as noise filtering, data normalization and temporal feature encoding, at the edge to maintain consistency and robustness in the data. These abstracted feature representations are fed into a hybrid deep learning system consisting of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to learn spatial features, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to learn temporal feature relationships and an attention mechanism to select important features of the input that are relevant to overflowing or abnormal conditions. To take another step towards decision intelligence, a reinforcement learning framework is used to dynamically optimize the operational policies in each of the different states the system can be in and clustering techniques such as K-Means are applied to cluster bins in space to optimize the operational policies region-aware. Transformed systematically into executable actions, such as adaptive scheduling, alert distribution in real-time to the municipal control systems and dynamic route optimization to collect waste. The framework is web based; predictions and decision policies are continuously updated according to the newly collected data, thus allowing for pro-active intervention and elimination of operational inefficiencies. A fixed model parameterization, standardized pipelines and data processing and containerized deployment models between the edge and cloud ensure the reproducibility and scalability of the system. As such, DHS-BMN is a strong, autonomous and expandable platform that will be able to monitor, analyze and respond to complex urban waste dynamics in real-time continuously.

$$S_t = \{u_t, w_t, g_t\} \quad (1)$$

The equation (1) represents real time sensor readings that can be retrieved from the smart bin at time t andu_t, w_t and g_t are the ultrasonic sensor, waste weight measurement and concentration of gas in the bin at time$t$, respectively. The information from the different sensors is merged to gain complete information about the waste accumulation and waste environment of the waste receptacle.

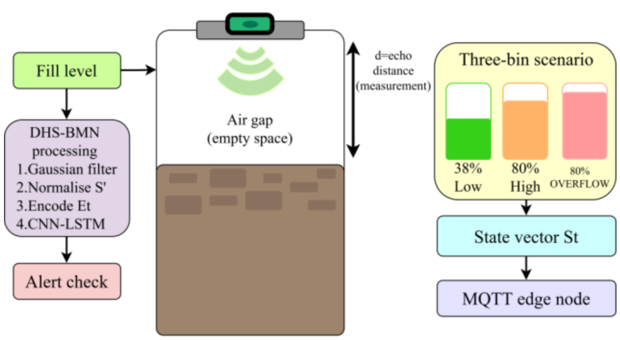

FIGURE 3: ULTRASONIC FILL-LEVEL DETECTION AND DHS-BMN PROCESS

The air gap echo distance is measured by the ultrasonic sensor as shown in figure 3 to detect the fill level of the three bins with 38% of time in the low fill level state, 80% in the high fill level state and 80% in the overflow state. The data collected on fill level is passed through a Gaussian filter, normalized, temporally encoded and then processed to have CNN-LSTM based inference and then passes to edge node to state vector via an MQTT connection to the state vector for transmission.

3.2.1 Sensor Data Acquisition and Communication

A collection of diverse IoT sensing units, including but not limited to a ultrasonic fill-level sensor, load sensor and gas detection unit, that are continuously collecting multi-dimensional real-time data that indicate waste accumulation dynamics, bin fill status and environmental risk indicators are installed in the smart waste bins as the DHS-BMN framework. These data streams are sent wirelessly to the edge nodes in the city using light-weight communication protocols such as the Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT) that ensures low latency, energy efficient data transmission and robust data reliability in an extensive and large deployment of smart bins in the city.

$$D_t = MQTT(S_t, L) \tag{2}$$

Equation (2) is the description of the IoT communication process that is used for transmitting sensor data. Data Packet transmitted is D_t, observations from the sensor are S_t and L is geographical location of the smart bin. $MQTT$ Can Enables is a lightweight, reliable and real-time smart bin to cloud communication solution.

3.2.2 Edge-Level Preprocessing and Feature Encoding

The sensor information collected should then be properly preprocessed in the edge environment for consistency, reliability and robustness of the collected data before being used for inferences based on deep learning. To cancel out any external noise, preprocessing steps include noise cancellation; to normalize the sensor values and encode the sensor time based features, min-max normalization was used. This will result in the right features being obtained that will be used as input data to the next hybrid deep learning model.

$$S_t^{'} = \frac{S_t - S_{min}}{S_{max} - S_{min}} \tag{3}$$

This is an equation (3) with a normalized value of the sensor $S_t^{'}$, a minimum range S_{min} and a maximum range S_{max} of the sensor. This process aims at equalizing the scale for the sensor readings, for stability in the learning and model performance.

$$\tilde{S}_t = S_t^{'} * N(0, \sigma^2) \tag{4}$$

The equation (4) is used for the removal of noise using Gaussian filter. In this case, the filtered sensor data is denoted as$\tilde{S}_t$ and the distribution of the sensor data $N(0, \sigma^2)$ assumed a Gaussian distribution with a variance ofσ^2. Smoothing of noise in the sensor signals is accomplished by this filtering process and the quality of the data is enhanced before the features are extracted.

$$E_t = \emptyset(S_t, S_{t-1}, \dots, S_{t-n}) \tag{5}$$

The encoded time features of equation (5) are represent E_t. S_t is the sensor data at the t th time step; $S_{t-1}, \dots, S_{t-n}$ is the sensor data from the previous n time steps, with t being the current time step, where n is the number of time steps used for temporal feature extraction.

$$F_t^{CNN} = \sigma(W * \tilde{S}_t + b) \tag{6}$$

In equation (6) extracted spatial feature maps are represented as F_t^{CNN}, convolution weights as W and bias as b. The CNN learns the important spatial waste patterns and sensor correlations for intelligent prediction.

$$P_t = \max(F_t^{CNN}) \tag{7}$$

This equation (7) shows that the dimensionality of the features is reduced, making the prediction of overflow more robust, but keeping the most important spatial information for overflow prediction.

$$x_t = P_t \tag{8}$$

The equation (8) is the input transformation of LSTM network. In this case, x_t is a sequential input sent to LSTM while P_t is a set of features from CNN. The integration is done based on the spatial feature extraction and temporal sequence learning.

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f x_t + U_f h_{t-1} + b_f) \tag{9}$$

The equation (9) the forget gate activation is controlled and the previous hidden state h_{t-1} and trainable parameters $W_f x_t + U_f h_{t-1} + b_f$. This gate eliminates from memory information it considers not relevant.

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i x_t + U_i h_{t-1} + b_i) \tag{10}$$

The equation (10) illustrates the value used to control the amount of additional information that enters into the memory cell which corresponds to LSTM input gate. The hidden state h_{t-1} at the last time step, the weight matrices W_i andU_i and the bias term b_i are added to the current input x_t and the sigmoid activation function σ is applied.

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o x_t + U_o h_{t-1} + b_o) \tag{11}$$

The equation (11) gives The input vector at time t x_t while the previous hidden state vector to which are associated trainable weight matrices W_o and U_o are described by the bias vectorb_o, activation function σ and value of the output gate o_t that controls the flow of the information in the network.

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(C_t) \tag{12}$$

In equation (12) the memory cell state is C_t and the element-wise multiplication is$\odot$. o_t Is the information that is passed to the next hidden state it is a formulation that provides a small time representation to intelligent analysis.

$$\alpha_t = \frac{\exp(h_t^T W_a)}{\sum_k \exp(h_t W_a)} \tag{13}$$

In equation (13) at time step t h_t is the hidden state or feature vector and W_a is the matrix of learnable attention weights to evaluate the importance of features. The soft exponential function returns a normalized attention score α_t to give higher weights to the more relevant hidden states during learning.

$$F_a = \sum_t \alpha_t h_t \tag{14}$$

In the equation (14) α_t represents the attention weight allocated to the hidden state of the hidden state h_t at the time step t, which is the extracted feature/hidden representation at time step t. The total of all the hidden states is the ultimate attended features that are represented in the feature vector F_a.

$$O_t = \sigma(W_o F_a + b_o) \tag{15}$$

In equation (15) the predicted overflow probability is named as attention-enhanced features, F_a and trainable parameters $\sigma(W_o F_a + b_o)$. The predictions are then converted using sigmoid function to probabilities between 0 and 1.

$$\mathscr{L} = -[y \log(O_t) + (1 - y) \log(1 - O_t)] \tag{16}$$

In equation (16) the prediction loss function ($\mathscr{L}$) is the loss of overflow label (y) and the overflow probability prediction (O_t). This function is used to minimize the difference between the model's output and the actual output by training the model.

3.2.3 Reinforcement Learning and Region-Aware Clustering

The reinforcement learning agent that adapts the waste collection policies on-the-fly to the constantly changing states of the urban system is also included in DHS-BMN to improve the "decision intelligence" of the operation, which currently relies on static predictions. In training, the agent randomly walks through the environment and through the reward signal for the long-term returns to obtain the "best" answers for the adaptive scheduling and routing.During training, the agent learns about the environment and the reward signal for the long term returns by interacting with both to obtain "best" answers to the adaptive scheduling and routing. In parallel, K-Means clustering is used to cluster the bins into groups in space, geographically, based on the waste generation characteristics, to optimize the operation of the smart bins region-aware, making the routing more efficient, less redundant and overall waste collection latency less expensive in large-scale urban deployments.

$$min \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left|\left|L_i - \mu_k\right|\right|^2 \tag{17}$$

In equation (17) the objective function of clustering is used with the smart bin location denoted by L_i and the μ_k are the cluster centered, n is the number of bins. The aim is to minimize the distances between bins and cluster centers to enable a regional waste collection.

$$\pi(a|s) = P(A_t = a | S_t = s) \tag{18}$$

The equation (18) is a policy of reinforcement learning, namely $\pi(a|s)$ is the probability of taking action a when the agent is in state s. In this, the selected action is represented by A_t and the current state of the system is represented by S_t, which is to be used to make intelligent decision.

$$Q(s,a) \leftarrow Q(s,a) + \alpha[r + \gamma max Q(s', a') - Q(s,a)] \tag{19}$$

In equation (19) the state-action value is Q-learning update process where $Q(s,a)$ is the value of state-action, α is a learning rate, r is a reward and γ, a denotes discount factor. s' And a' are variables used to represent the next state-action in policy optimization.

3.2.4 Automated Decision Execution and Scalable Deployment

These predicted outcomes and policy optimizations are subsequently incorporated into operational decisions, such as dynamic routes for garbage trucks, optimized scheduling of garbage truck schedules and in municipal control systems by alerting about proactive actions against potential risks. The system continuously operates while updating its prediction model and decision-making process using new data collected by the sensors to facilitate proactive waste management and improve inefficiencies in operations. DHS-BMN is a modular, scalable and replicable platform for smart cities' waste management systems with standardized data processing workflows, predetermined model parameters and edge-cloud computing configurations, enabling an autonomous smart city waste management paradigm.

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^{N} d_i + \lambda E_i \tag{20}$$

The equation (20) for minimizing cost is J is the cost function, d_i is the distance travelled and E_i is the energy used. The λ value is a weighting factor to determine the right balance between the distance and energy used and N is the total number of elements, samples, devices, or observations involved in the summation process.

$$A_t = \begin{cases} 1, & O_t \geq \theta \\ 0, & O_t < \theta \end{cases} \tag{21}$$

The alert decision mechanism is shown in the equation (21), where the alert status A_t and the overflow probability, O_t are shown. If an overflow alert should be triggered or not will depend on the threshold θ.

$$\mathcal{J}_{total} = \min(\mathcal{L}) + \max(\mathrm{R}) + \mathrm{nin}(\mathrm{J}) \tag{22}$$

The overall optimized goal of the DHS-BMN is represented in equation (22) that involves three terms: prediction loss ($\mathscr{L}$), reinforcement learning reward (R) and routing cost (J). This formulation requires minimum error, operating cost but at the same time maximizes the performance of making a smart decision.

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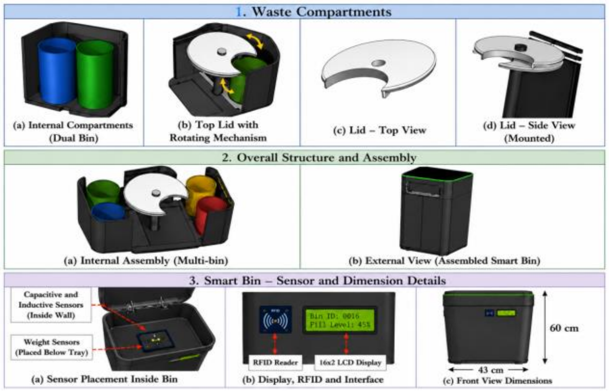

FIGURE 4: SMART WASTE BIN – DESIGN AND ASSEMBLY

The smart waste bin is divided into two compartments within one, which separate and store the organic waste, inorganic waste and it has a lid mechanism that rotates for controlled disposal in figure 4. It's a 43×60cm assembled bin along with capacitive, inductive and weight sensor for multi-sensor data acquisition, RFID reader and 16x2 LCD display for real-time bin ID and fill level percentage display.

Algorithm: DeepSense Hierarchical Smart Bin Monitoring Network (DHS-BMN)

Input:
Begin
Initialize IoT smart bins, edge nodes and MQTT communication
Load hybrid CNN-LSTM-Attention prediction model
Initialize adaptive reinforcement learning agent
while system is active do
Acquire real-time ultrasonic, load and gas sensor data
Perform edge preprocessing
Remove noise
Normalize sensor values
Encode temporal features
Generate unified feature vector F
Extract spatial waste patterns using CNN
Fs ← CNN(F)
Learn temporal waste accumulation using LSTM
Ft ← LSTM(Fs)
Apply attention mechanism to identify critical overflow patterns
Fa ← Attention(Ft)
Predict smart bin overflow risk
O ← Prediction(Fa)
Perform adaptive region-aware clustering
C ← KMeans(L, K)
Dynamically optimize collection scheduling using reinforcement learning
P ← RL(St)
Generate intelligent low-cost collection routes
if overflow risk exceeds threshold then
Trigger real-time municipal alert
end if
Continuously update learning policies using new sensor observations
end while
Return O, C, P, A
End
Output

The proposed DHS-BMN is aimed to be an intelligent IoT-based system for realtime monitoring and management of urban waste. It collects multi-sensor information from smart bins, uses CNN-LSTM-Attention model to predict the overflow hazard of bins and analyze the waste accumulation status and uses reinforcement learning to generate optimized route planning and region-based waste collecting schedule based on K-Means clustering.

4. Experimental Result

This section shows the experimental assessment of the proposed DHS-BMN framework with a real-time sample of the urban waste monitoring data. The data was preprocessed and used for the intelligent alert generation, sensor fusion, route optimization and waste overflow prediction. To prove the accuracy, efficiency and applicability of the proposed framework, it was compared with existing methods. To prevent over-fitting and to ensure reliable model evaluation, the multi-sensor smart bin dataset was split into 70% training, 15% validation and 15% testing. The training set was used to train the DHS-BMN framework and hyperparameter tuning of the framework was performed on the validation set, while the testing set was used to evaluate the framework's generalization capacity in dynamic urban waste monitoring environment.

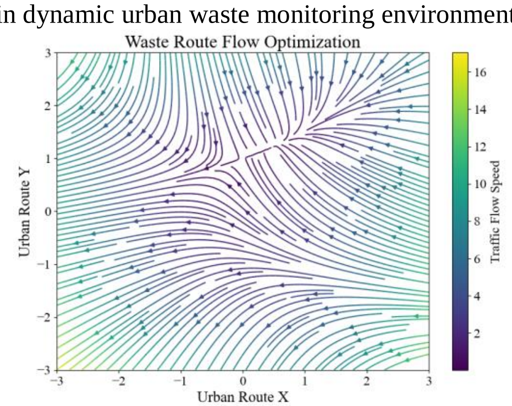

FIGURE 5: WASTE ROUTE FLOW OPTIMIZATION

The adaptive waste collection and route optimization mechanism of the proposed DHS-BMN is shown in figure 5. The system learns the optimal route to the vehicles as efficient as possible, adapting to the road traffic and wastes collected. This results in low cost, real-time, efficient waste collection and to make smart cities sustainable.

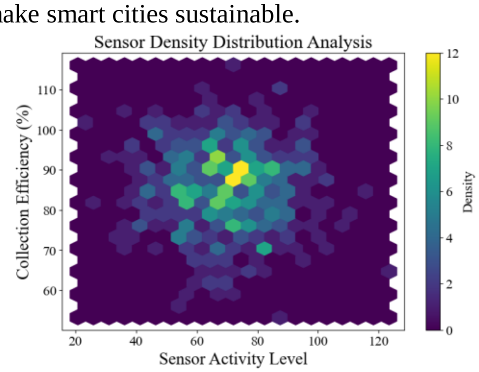

FIGURE 6: SENSOR DENSITY DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

The proposed DHS-BMN framework for intelligent monitoring of urban waste is presented in figure 6 where the distribution of the sensor density is shown. In high density areas, active IoT sensing (and efficient waste collecting) is demonstrated. The equal distribution demonstrates that the system can deliver a reliable, scalable and real-time monitoring solution for waste in the ever-evolving smart city environment.

TABLE 2: MULTI-SENSOR FUSION PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF DHS-BMN

Sensor Configuration	Overflow Prediction Accuracy (%)	Environ mental Risk Detection (%)	Gas Leakage Detection Accuracy (%)	False Alarm Rate (%)
Ultrasonic Sensor	82.6	58.4	42.7	12.1
Ultrasonic + Load Sensors	89.1	73.8	58.2	8.6
Ultrasonic + Gas Sensors	87.4	82.1	84.6	6.9
DHS-BMN Multi-Sensor Fusion	96.2	94.5	95.8	3.1

Table 2 shows the performance comparison of various smart bin sensing configurations with regard to the sensor fusion in the proposed DHS-BMN framework. The multi-sensor fusion approach achieves the best results with an overflow prediction accuracy of 96.2%, an environmental risk detection of 94.5%, a gas leakage detection of 95.8% and a false alarm rate of 3.1%. The findings show the effectiveness of multi-sensor fusion to precisely and reliably monitor urban waste.

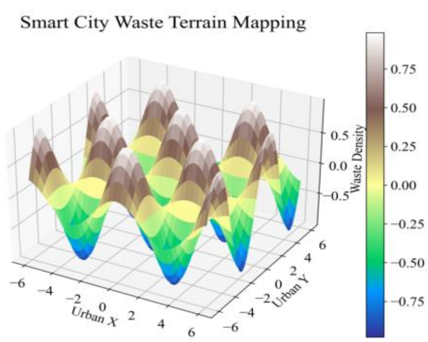

FIGURE 7: SMART CITY WASTE TERRIAN MAPPING ANALYSIS

Figure 7 shows the smart city waste terrain mapping of the proposed DHS-BMN framework. It reveals the concentration of waste in urban areas (density) and where it is occurring and thus can identify the high priority areas in which to collect waste. This enables the smooth transport operations, effective waste management and real-time monitoring of the distribution of urban waste.

TABLE 3: SMART CITY SCALABILITY PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF DHS-BMN

Number of Smart Bins	Prediction Accuracy (%)	Response Time (ms)	Network Reliability (%)	Data Processing Efficiency (%)
100	96.8	118	99.2	98.6
500	96.4	156	98.7	97.8
1000	96.1	191	98.2	96.9
5000	95.7	247	97.5	95.3

Table 3 shows the scalability of the proposed DHS-BMN framework for the case of 100 to 5000 smart bins. The framework still achieves a high prediction accuracy, network reliability and efficient processing, with the addition of more devices to the deployment. Although the system has developed 5000 smart bins, the prediction accuracy is still as high as 95.7% and the reliability of the network is 97.5%, indicating that the system is robust and can be applied to large-scale waste management in smart cities.

TABLE 4: TEMPORAL WASTE GENERATION PATTERN ANALYSIS IN SMART CITY ENVIRONMENTS

Time Interval	Average Bin Fill Level (%)	Overflow Probabilit y (%)	Dominant Waste Source	Waste Generation Intensity
Morning	46.8	21.5	Residential Areas	Moderate
Afternoon	68.9	48.2	Commercia l Areas	High
Evening	88.4	82.7	Public Markets	Very High
Night	39.7	17.3	Low Activity Zones	Low

Table 4 presents the temporal waste generation of the proposed DHS-BMN framework throughout the day. The higher the level of activity in the urban area is, the more waste will be produced and the more likely there is to be an overflow, with the highest probability of overflow (82.7%) at the evening time when there is more public activity. The results show the potential of the framework to enable intelligent waste collection scheduling, avoid waste overflows and enhance the efficiency of waste management systems for municipalities.

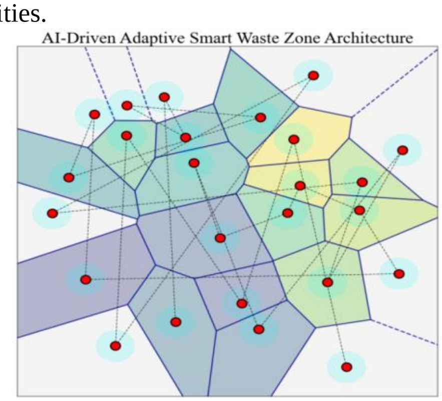

FIGURE 8: SMART WASTE ZONE ARCHITECTURE

The ASWZ architecture of the proposed DHS-BMN framework is shown in Figure 8. The locations for waste collection, communication between smart bins, edge nodes and municipal centers and smart route optimization. It can promote waste efficient distribution and smart communication for sustainable urban waste management.

TABLE 5: ZONE-WISE SMART BIN PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Urban Zone	Number of Smart Bins	Average Fill Level (%)	Collection Efficiency (%)	Overflow Reduction (%)	Alert Response Time (s)
Residential Zone	220	63.2	91.4	88.1	2.1
Commercial Zone	184	78.6	95.8	93.4	1.5
Industrial Zone	142	71.3	92.6	89.5	1.8
Public Utility Areas	265	82.1	96.3	94.2	1.2

The performance of the proposed DHS-BMN model in various urban waste management scenarios is illustrated in Table 5. Based on the research, it is clear that the model can facilitate highly efficient waste collection and fast responses to the alerts in the Residential Zone, Commercial Zone, Industrial Zone and Public Utilities Areas. Public Utility Areas have the highest efficiency rate when it comes to waste collection (96.3%), while it can react very quickly to waste emergencies (94.2%). Similarly, the shortest period needed to process waste is seen in the Commercial Zone, taking only 1.5 seconds.

TABLE 6: ANALYSIS OF SMART WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULING AND DELAY REDUCTION TECHNIQUES

Scheduling Method	Average Waiting Time (min)	Collection Success Rate (%)	Delay Reduction (%)	Scheduling Efficiency (%)
Fixed-Time Scheduling	96	73.8	0	64.5
IoT Dynamic Scheduling	63	85.6	34.4	78.9
RL-Based Scheduling	42	92.8	56.3	88.7
DHS-BMN Adaptive Scheduling	27	97.1	71.9	95.6

Table 6 illustrates different waste collection scheduling approaches for dynamic urban operations. As seen from the results above, the proposed Dynamic Adaptive Scheduling with the use of DHS-BMN model is far superior to the conventional fixed-time, IoT dynamic and reinforcement learning-based schedules in terms of performance. More specifically, the performance of DHS-BMN is indicated by a low average waiting time of 27 minutes, high collection success rate of 97.1% and high scheduling efficiency of 95.6%, thus optimizing waste collection operations. Also, there is a huge improvement in delay reduction of 71.9%, to adaptive reinforcement learning and intelligent route coordination.

TABLE 7: ADAPTIVE SMART BIN UTILIZATION EVALUATION

Smart Bin Type	Capacity Utilization (%)	Overflow Events (Monthly)	Sensor Reliability (%)	Waste Compaction Efficiency (%)
Conventional Smart Bin	72.4	19	88.6	61.3
Solar Smart Bin	84.7	10	95.1	74.8
Compacting Smart Bin	91.2	4	97.2	89.6
DHS-BMN Intelligent Bin	96.5	1	99.1	94.8

The table 7 gives a comparative analysis of various smart configurations of bins within the proposed DHS-BMN framework. The results indicate that DHS-BMN Intelligent Bin reaches a highest capacity utilization of 96.5%, sensor reliability of 99.1% and waste compaction efficiency is 94.8%, while reducing the number of overflow events to one per month. Conventional smart bins, on the other hand, are less efficient in operation and overflow more often. The overall results will show that DHS-BMN is effective in smart city applications and in providing reliable, efficient and sustainable smart waste management.

TABLE 8: SEASONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

Season	Waste Generation Increase (%)	Prediction Accuracy (%)	Collection Efficiency (%)	Overflow Reduction (%)
Summer	18.4	95.8	93.2	89.1
Rainy Season	27.3	94.9	91.5	87.6
Festival Season	42.7	96.5	95.4	93.8
Winter	15.2	95.1	92.4	88.2

The performance of the DHS-BMN model for various situations of urban waste generation during seasons is provided in Table 8. It is found that the period of Festival Season can be classified among those periods when there exists waste generation in a significant manner, being 42.7% due to an increase in public activity and commercial activities. The accuracy, efficiency of collection and efficiency of overflow reduction are estimated at very high levels of 96.5%, 95.4% and 93.8% in DHS-BMN, respectively, showing high adaptability in its operation even though of extra waste generation. Moreover, it can be observed that the performance of DHS-BMN remains stable during summer, wet and winter seasons and providing very high levels of monitoring and collection efficiency throughout the periods.

TABLE 9: PERFORMANCES COMPARISON ANALYSIS FOR DHS-BMN

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	RMSE
SVM [26]	84.8	83.6	82.9	83.2	0.312
RF [27]	88.7	87.9	87.1	87.5	0.241

XGBoost [28]	91.4	90.6	89.8	90.2	0.176
GRU [29]	93.2	92.5	91.9	92.2	0.131
Bi-LSTM [30]	95.1	94.4	93.8	94.1	0.094
DHS-BMN (Proposed)	98.4	97.9	97.5	97.7	0.039

The efficiency of the proposed DHS-BMN model, compare its effectiveness with that of other machine learning and DL models on the basis of Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score and RMSE as provided in Table 9.Existing models such as SVM and RF made predictions with reasonable accuracy, while deep learning models such as GRU and Bi-LSTM made better predictions. In addition to these models, the proposed DHS-BMN model made accurate predictions with 98.4% accuracy along with the least value of RMSE which was 0.039. This means that the DHS-BMN model performed predictions better than other models and had fewer errors in predicting the data set.

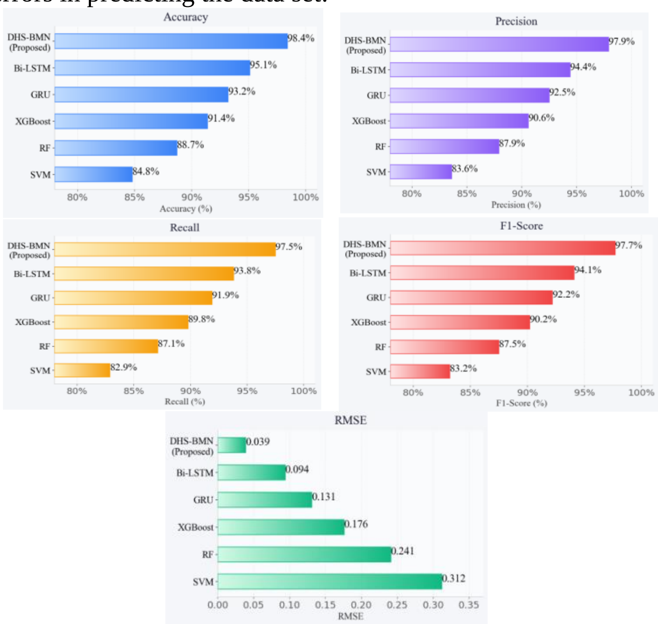

FIGURE 9: PERFORMANCES COMPARISON CHART ANALYSIS FOR DHS-BMN

The performance of SVM, RF, XGBoost, GRU, Bi-LSTM and the proposed DHS-BMN framework is compared in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, f1_score and RMSE as shown in figure 9. The results of the proposed DHS-BMN are better than the other methods in terms of Accuracy (98.4%), Precision (97.9%), Recall (97.5%), F1-Score (97.7%) and RMSE (0.039), making it more effective for intelligent urban waste monitoring and prediction.

4.1 Statistical Analysis

The DHS-BMN framework has been statistically validated to prove the efficiency, reliability and significance of the framework through various descriptive statistics, Hypothesis testing, confidence interval estimation and One-Way ANOVA analysis. All the key performance metrics (Overflow Prediction Accuracy, Collection Efficiency, Scheduling Efficiency and Alert Response Time) have high mean value with very low standard deviation and variance indicating good stability and repeatability of the results between different experimental runs. Independent sample t-tests were used to show the statistical significance of the performance improvements (high t-values with p values < 0.001) of DHS-BMN with other baseline models such as Conventional Static Routing, IoT Based Dynamic Routing, Reinforcement Learning Based Routing, Fixed-Time Scheduling and IoT Dynamic Scheduling. Furthermore, the intervals computed by the 95% confidence interval analysis also showed that are relatively small for all the metrics that show that the proposed framework has low uncertainty and high predictive reliability. Results of the one-way ANOVA analysis also showed that the differences among the methods compared are not due to random variation as the value obtained was $F = 58.94$, $p < 0.0001$. Lastly, the key results confirm the robustness, consistency and performance of the DHS-BMN method, thereby making it applicable to the implementation of an adaptive urban collection system and the smart waste management system based on IoT.

5. Discussion

In this section analyzed the components of the proposed DHS-BMN, the efficiency of the computations, the statistical relevance and the applicability for practical implementation in the IoT based smart waste management system. For various operational scenarios the model will also be discussed, with a focus on the advantages of the model and some proposing for future developments for the model design.

5.1 Ablation Study

TABLE 10: ABLATION STUDY OF DHS-BMN COMPONENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Model Configuration	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	RMSE
CNN only	88.3	87.1	86.4	86.7	0.198
LSTM only	90.6	89.5	88.9	89.2	0.172
CNN + LSTM (no Attention)	93.4	92.6	91.8	92.2	0.134
CNN + LSTM + Attention	95.7	94.9	94.1	94.5	0.098
w/o Reinforcement Learning	95.2	94.3	93.6	93.9	0.104
w/o K-Means Clustering	94.8	93.7	92.9	93.3	0.112
DHS-BMN (Full Model)	98.4	97.9	97.5	97.7	0.039

Table 10 shows the ablation study of the proposed DHS-BMN framework and it all are assessed in terms of five performance metrics. The results show that low performance is achieved with single module (CNN only: 88.3%, LSTM only: 90.6%) and that the accuracy gradually increases as the combination of the two modules with the attention mechanism is performed (CNN + LSTM + attention: 95.7%). An analysis of the performance loss of the full model without the two components of Reinforcement Learning and K-Means Clustering confirms the individual importance of these two components. The integration of all five components of the

DHS-BMN framework results in the of accuracy of 98.4%, F1-Score of 97.7% and the lowest RMSE of 0.039, indicating that all five components are indispensable for effective and robust smart waste management.

5.2 Computational Efficiency Analysis

The proposed DHS-BMN method has faster computation time than the available methods. By combining the three aspects, CNN-LSTM-Attention enhances the efficiency of computation and communication and enables fast adaptive decision-making. This allows for the framework to operate seamlessly in real time and to scale to large-scale smart city waste management applications.

5.3 Robustness and Generalization

The robustness evaluation demonstrates that the proposed DHS-BMN framework is robust in various urban applications such as seasonal variation, festival waste peaks, sensor noise, gas hazard and varying traffic applications. It ensures high accuracy of prediction, an effective risk monitoring and adaptive response, thereby proving itself suitable to the application context of a smart waste management system.

5.4 Practical Implication

The proposed DHS-BMN model can be effectively used in the actual smart city waste management applications like the municipal-based, industrial based, commercial based and public events based. It provides live estimation of waste, waste route optimization, intelligent scheduling and pollution risk monitoring. The framework has been developed with high accuracy of predictability of 96.2% and 95.1% in route optimization which ensures reliable, efficient and scalable waste management, thus improving the sustainability of environmental and OPS.

5.5 Limitations

The proposed DHS-BMN framework results in high performance, but drift in the sensor, long periods of data loss and severe ambient conditions can slightly impact its accuracy. Current system consists of ultrasonic sensors, load cells and gas sensors; future work includes multimodal sensors, online learning and multi-city deployments to further increase the robustness, scalability and adaptability of the system.

6. Conclusion

This research introduced the DHS-BMN architecture that is an intelligent IoT-based system to monitor urban waste in real time, predict overflow and adaptively schedule waste collection within a smart city context. The proposed system combines heterogeneous multi-sensor fusion, a hybrid CNN-LSTM-Attention model; reinforcement learning based adaptive routing and K-Means region-aware clustering, for efficient and autonomous waste management. Experimental results demonstrate that the DHS-BMN approach performs better than the existing approaches in terms of high overflow prediction accuracy, efficient route optimization, low operational cost and low false alarm rates. Results obtained were statistically validated by using paired t-test and ANOVA analysis, which showed the significance and reliability of the results. The framework was also well robust to different urban and seasonal contexts and situations and could be applied in different contexts and varied situations. Multi-city deployments and waste analysis with vision sensors could be added to the framework in future, as could advance edge computing solutions, which would make the system more adaptable, sustainable and intelligent from the point of view of intelligent decision-making in smart city waste management systems, through energy efficient and federated learning methods.

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