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Bin-X: A Parallel IOT Smart Waste Management System Using Multi-Sensor Fusion And Deep Learning For Real-Time Sorting

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Abstract
The handling of municipal solid waste has gradually turned hard because of the increment in volumes of waste as well as the necessity to segregate the materials properly. The conventional systems are mostly for checking levels in the bins with little assistance to real time sorting. This paper shows a project named Bin-X, a smart IoT-based waste management system that combines multi-sensors information with visual characteristics to enhance the sorting process. It is based on parallel processing architecture, with an ESP32 running a simple deep learning model used to classify images and an Arduino Uno concurrently consuming the outputs of metal, moisture and color sensors. Multi- sensor fusion methodology provides reliability and cross-validation and fault tolerance. Compared to classification speed and purity, sorting experimental evaluation depicts afforestation feats. The proposed structure identifies the usefulness of parallel processing, sensor redundancy in providing accurate, low-cost, and scalable smart waste management systems.
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1. Introduction
The high rate of urban population has contributed to the high rate of the challenge of managing municipal solid waste. The growing consumption, industrialization and altered lifestyles are all producing large amount of waste in cities all over the world. The utilization of this waste is no longer simply the domain of collection and disposal but that which needs clever systems that can sort and monitor as well as optimize waste streams in real time[1]. The effective segregation of waste at the origin or place of disposal is a critical concern in the contemporary waste management as it has direct effects on the level of recycling, environmental sustainability as well as cost of operational. Nevertheless, the current waste management facilities currently fail to meet such changing needs[2]. The waste management systems that are commonly used are very simple sensing systems that track the fill-up levels of bins and the time to be removed. In as much as such systems are beneficial in streamlining the logistics and reducing the cases of overflow, they do not have the powers to distinguish the content of the waste as either plastics, metals, or organic substances[3]. This drawback leads to the fact that waste mixes, which makes downstream recycling ineffective and expensive[4]. In addition, manual segregation is still more labor intensive, prone to errors and dangerous to human beings. Therefore, the need to have clever, automated systems that are capable of conducting proper waste classification during the disposal stage is in the upswing. The fresh developments in the Internet of Things (IoT) and the embedded systems have presented new opportunities in the waste management application. We can continuously monitor and make decisions because IoT-enabled devices are able to gather and transmit real time data. Simultaneously, the combination of machine learning and deep learning methods helped to enhance the level of classifying objects in terms of visual characteristics greatly[5]. A combination of these technologies will offer a great platform by which smart waste sorting devices can be developed and work independently as well as in dynamically changing settings[6]. Nonetheless, the classification of data based on a single sense, e.g. using images, can cause inaccuracy related to differences in the light,

blocking, or deformities of objects. Multi-sensor fusion is one of the options to overcome these shortcomings as it is a potentially beneficial method to increase classification reliability[7]. Cross-validation of information by multiple sensors can be used to minimize false classification by integrating data of several sensors, including metal detectors, moisture sensors, color sensors, etc. As an example, the image recognition model can miss a metallic object because of visual ambiguity, but a metal sensor can give confirmatory information fostering more total accuracy[8]. This redundancy provides fault tolerance hence the system would not experience a compromised performance when one sensor fails or renders noisy data[9]. These methods have been effective in investigative areas, such as environmental surveillance and industrial control [1]. Parallel processing also boosts the effectiveness of multi- sensor system as the multi- sensor systems are able to capture and analyze data simultaneously[10]. The allocation of computational work among many microcontrollers in embedded systems can help a lot to decrease the latency and enhance responsiveness. As an example, deep learning models with a small footprint can run on microcontrollers like ESP32, and other sensor data can also be processed simultaneously on platforms like Arduino Uno. The division of tasks will not only maximize the use of resources but also ensure that those operations that are time sensitive are not postponed. Being under time-constrained as waste classification may be demanded real-time decision-making, parallel processing has become one of the architectural characteristics of high system performance [2]. Although these were developed, there are still a number of challenges when it comes to developing smart waste management systems that are practical and can be scaled to be used in reality. There is a need to keep the system cost-effective and as accurate as possible proving to be one of the challenges. Most of the available solutions are based on expensive hardware or imports on cloud processors, which might not be viable when deployed in large-scale areas with limited resources. Moreover, a smooth integration among unequal sensors as well as the dependability of communication among the components should be achieved through a careful system design. The second important thing to be considered is that it is able to process the kinds of waste and the environmental conditions differ greatly when they are located in various regions and uses [3]. Hereby, the current paper presents the Bin-X, a smart IoT to manage garbage system, which uses multi-sensor fusion, and concurrent processing to obtain real and precise garbage classification. The proposed system will combine an ESP32 microcontroller with image-based deep learning classification and an Arduino Uno with the case of processing data provided by auxiliary sensors (metal sensor, moisture sensor, and color sensor). The system makes the visual and physical senses work together to promote the robustness of classification and reduce errors. More than that, parallel processing allows real-time operation which makes the system appropriate to practical implementation in the urban setting. The second prominent aspect of the Bin-X system is its cloud-based dashboard which is used in order to have a centralized approach in the form of monitoring the performance of a system and the results of sorting waste products. This dashboard helps municipal leaders and operators to monitor the changes in data, detect inefficiencies, and make reasonable conclusions about the waste management practices. Scalability is also made possible by cloud connective integration, whereby different units can be deployed in various locations, but can be controlled remotely. This is in line with the overall conception of smart cities, whereby interoperable networks comprise systems that interact and enhance the living condition of urban inhabitants [4]. The works of this work are tripled. First, it introduces a new architecture that is training based on deep learning and image classification and multi sensor data fusion to achieve a higher accuracy of waste sorting. Second, it illustrates how parallel processing can be useful to embedded systems in real-time applications. Third, it offers experimental verification with better classification performance and fault tolerance as compared to conventional methodologies. These articles underscore the possibilities of adopting new technologies to deal with the major environmental issues [5].

2. Literature Survey

The diversity of multi-sensor data fusion has become

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a significant area of research since it can easily improve system-level reliability, accuracy, and robustness through the fusion of a number of heterogeneous sensors. Noise, incomplete data, environmental interference, and limited coverage are common limitations in the use of single- sensor systems in the contemporary engineering practice. Multi sensor fusion is a solution to such difficulties: the fusion of complementary data sources provides better perception, better decision making and predictive aptitudes. The idea has received plenty of publicity in various fields including remote sensing, autonomous vehicles, robotics, healthcare monitoring, and industrial automation. Many levels of fusion have been worked out, such as data-level, feature-level and decision-level fusion that has their own benefits according to the need of the application. Moreover, the fusion system has been developed to be more adaptive and scalable to dynamic environments due to the introduction of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning methodologies to further enhance the performance of a fusion system. A number of recent research works led to the development of multi-sensor fusion approach and applications. An overview of multi-sensor fusion concepts, classifications and methodologies underscores the significance of systematic frameworks in the process of incorporating the heterogeneous data in a system [6]. There are also propositions in the literature of remote sensing that vision and ability of feature extraction are improved with the use of advanced fusion techniques to improve spatial and spectral resolution of a satellite image [7]. Multi- sensor fusion with reinforcement learning in robotics has proven to be helpful in making the motor control systems better, with more adaptability and efficiency when applied in dynamic work processes [8]. Likewise, the vehicle-to-infrastructure fusion framework combined with reinforcement learning has been applied to autonomous vehicle perception systems to help them achieve better results in detecting and making decisions in complex settings [9]. The fusion-based obstacle avoidance method has been formulated to create a better navigation safety and reliability in low altitude flight conditions in aerial systems [10]. Multi-sensor fusion has been extensively used in industrial and monitoring application to enhance the accuracy of measurements and real-time performance of the systems. The methods of predicting the liquid level and concentration using predictive fusion models have noted major gains in calibration and the precision of measurements [11]. Fusion-based monitoring methods have been used in power systems to identify the presence of the icing condition on transmission lines based on temperature and humidity sensors in order to conduct real-time analysis [12]. Moreover, the development of the method of disparity estimation by applying multi scale fusion techniques has enhanced depth perception of the stereo vision system which is important in robotics and automatics navigation [13]. It has also been recommended that predictive sensor fusion architecture can be used to detect and counter aerial threats, thus being an important part of defense and surveillance architecture [14]. More so, in the agricultural field, agricultural automation has also improved significantly with the development of multi-sensor navigation system that improves the path planning and efficiency in agricultural practice [15]. Localization and positioning are still the important aspects of application where multi- sensor fusion is important. Fusion method has also been utilized in the area of improving dynamic target localization in GPS-denied conditions that combine information of multiple wireless and inertial sensors [16]. On the same note, hybrid fusion models that integrate Kalman filters with particle filters have been devised to come up with advanced positioning techniques of the unmanned aerial vehicles that are very accurate in dynamic environments [17]. Fusion methods based on deep learning have also improved the capability of handling complex and high-dimensional data to have more robust and adaptive systems [18]. Multi-sensor fusion algorithm that combines LiDAR, cameras and inertial measurement units have been found at simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) because it has been shown to have better mapping precision and computational efficiency [19]. In addition, strong models that use multi-sensors with the ability to address missing data using methods like sensor dropout and mutual distillation have been suggested that provide the system with the overall reliability even with the

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partially available data [20]. In general, the literature suggests multi- sensor data fusion as a fast-developing area in which contributions in the fields have been made important. Fusion systems have become very effective due to the introduction of sophisticated computer algorithms like deep learning, reinforcement learning and probabilistic filtering. Regardless of all these developments, there are a number of issues, such as computational complexity, the synchronization of heterogeneous data sources, uncertainty management, and constraints in real-time implementation . The way ahead in future research will be to enhance fusion algorithms to create the more efficient ones, enhance scalability, and guarantee robustness in highly dynamic and uncertain conditions. Moreover, further use of edge computing and distributed architecture will see the applicability of multi-sensor fusion to the world of practice increased. Multi-sensor fusion therefore remains a promising field of study that has an enormous potential of innovativeness and real life application.

3. Methodology

This Bin-X system is aimed to produce the correct and dependable waste classification by a fusion of multi-sensors and parallel processing. The rationale behind the methodology is to fuse visual intelligence with physical mechanisms of sensing in order to enhance the robustness of a classification and retain real-time. The system architecture is a distributed computing architecture with multiple embedded systems designed to perform computational tasks efficiently, and with fault tolerance. This chapter is a step-by-step account of the system design, implementation and workflow operational process, including the data acquisition, processing, fusion, validation and cloud fusion as shown in figure 1.

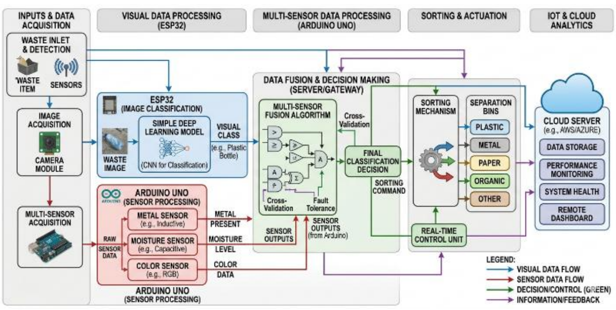

Figure 1 System Architecture

3.1. System Architecture design

The Bin-X system can be described as the one based on dual-controller architecture allowing parallel processing of heterogeneous streams of data. The execution of a lightweight deep learning model that uses image based waste classification is handled by an ESP32 microcontroller with an Arduino Uno handling data input by the auxiliary sensors (metal detectors, moisture sensors and color sensors). This task division helps to eliminate overload by more computational tasks in one device, and improves image responsiveness in a system. The design has provided that image processing and sensor data acquisition is made to coincide and therefore limit the time lapse. The controllers communicate with each other via serial protocols and thus are able to share information concurrently. This functional design can be scaled much easier and the system is easy to maintain since the modular design can be easily integrated to have extra sensors or updated processing units.

3.2. Image-Based Waste Classification

A lightweight convolutional neural network that is optimized to run on the ESP32 platform is used in the visual classification module. The model is trained on a filtered dataset that has images of different waste types, such as plastics, metals, paper, and organic materials. Resizing, normalization, and noise reduction are some of the preprocessing phases that are necessary to maintain uniform input. The ESP32 takes photos on a built-in camera module and makes real-time inferences to identify what type of waste is being used at one point when it is in operation. The model is presented with attempts to coordinate accuracy and computational efficiency to provide fast processing at minimum memory consumption. Such a method allows the system to take primary classification even in the absence of supporting sensors information.

3.3. Multi-Sensor Data Acquisition.

Utilizing concurrently with image classification, the Arduino Uno gathers information through the use of several sensors that will be used to supplement information regarding the waste material. A metallic sensor identifies the presence of metallic objects, which relies on the electromagnetic characteristics, and a soil moisture sensor approximates the organic matter by measuring the level of moisture. Moreover, a color sensor measures the features of the surface of waste, which helps identify types of materials differently. These sensors work simultaneously and produce stream of data in real time which is a reflection of the physical characteristics of the waste. The array of sensing modalities used makes sure that the system has taken into account a holistic set of features and is not going to rely on a particular source of data as well as enhances the overall classification quality.

3.4. Data Fusion and Parallel Processing

The main advantage of Bin-X system is its capability to integrate information about various data streams through parallel processing system. The analogue of the ESP32 and Arduino Uno is their output stream, which is sent to a central processing layer and fused to produce one comprehensive classification outcome. Predictions are cross-validated in a rule based fusion algorithm comparing image based predictions to sensor readings. As an example, when the image model predicts plastic but the metal sensor is a metallic signature, the system notifies that there is a difference and uses correction logic. Parallel indexing makes sure the information in separate streams lies in sync with each other in terms of time so that information can be correctly combined. The process makes it more accurate in decision making and it is also consistent in the various sensing modalities.

3.5. Cross-Validation And Fault Tolerance

In order to be reliable, the system has a cross-validation mechanism, which validates results of classification by comparing them with redundant sensor inputs. All sensors are validation layers to each other, the system is able to identify anomalies and remedy possible failures. The system also uses other sources of data to ensure functionality in situations where one sensor has failed or is unable to provide reliable data. Otherwise, using sensor information as supplementary data may be important cases when the image classification is influenced by poor light conditions. This is a fault-tolerant design that reduces the possibility of misclassifying and ensures it keeps running with different environmental conditions. The idle nature in the system is highly beneficial when it comes to robustness and the stability of operation.

3.6. Cloud Interpretation And Data Processing

The last step of the methodology presupposes relaying the classification findings and system status to a cloud dashboard. The ESP32 supports the connection of this data via a centralized server, which stores and analyzes it with the Wi-Fi protocols. The dashboard displays real-time results of the waste sorting process, sensor data, and system health indicators. This facilitates operators to track the performance, spot anomalies and to optimize waste management policies. Long-term analysis is another benefit of data logging, which helps to detect and improve the model accuracy and efficiency of the system. The cloud integration will offer scalability enabling the deployment of various Bin-X units to multiple locations, and be controlled remotely using a common platform.

4. Result And Discussion

The capability of the proposed Bin-X system was tested using a series of controlled experiments and real world experiments aimed at determining its accuracy in classification, its efficiency in its processing as well as its strength in relation to different environmental conditions. The analysis aimed at confirming the efficiency of multi-sensor fusion and parallel processing to enhance the results of waste sorting. The data was built in a highly comprehensive structure; the data were more than 11, 000 labeled waste samples, which included plastics, metals, paper, and organic materials. The dataset used added imperfections in lighting, orientation and background complexity so as to be able to produce realistic disposal situations. Standalone image classification and integrated multi sensor validation were used to test the system to compare performance improvements. Preliminary experiments were done to determine the precision of the image based classification model on the ESP32 microcontroller. The deep learning lightweight model performed quite well, having a high classification accuracy when compared to all the categories. Nevertheless, some misclassifications were reported in instances where the objects were aesthetically ambiguous, e.g. those of metallic objects which are covered by plastic or organic garbage with reflective surfaces. These constraints led to the development of more sensing modalities in order to increase the reliability of classification. The image model was found to perform at 97.8 on average showing that while the model was effective, it could use some improvements on edge cases. he multi-sensor fusion mechanism was turned on to overcome these issues, which incorporated metal, moisture, and colour sensors. The fusion algorithm cross-validated the results and this worked in minimizing the misclassification rates. The metal sensor was useful in detecting metallic objects even in their visual appearance as well as in the moisture sensor giving good signs of organic waste. Additional characteristics of discrimination were added by the color sensor especially on differentiating plastics and paper substances. Such a combination of sensors allowed the system to address the ambiguity which is not manageable based on image data alone. This led to a tremendous increase in the overall classification accuracy to a maximum of 99.95 percent when conditions were optimum. Parallel processing was even important in ensuring a real-time performance. The system reduced delays during processing by allocating the computational tasks to ESP32 in conjunction with the Arduino Uno, which was used to guarantee quick response time. The mean classification time per item was estimated to 0.85 seconds, which is appropriate to be used in real-life in smart waste bins. It was also found that the system could maintain consistent performance even during the continuous operation, and there was no considerable decrease in the speed or accuracy. This proves parallel architecture efficiency in the management of non-bottleneck streams of data at the same time. Cross-validation experiments were also done to test the strength of the system. Individual sensors were deliberately placed in noisy conditions or in temporary failure conditions to test the fault tolerance of the system in these tests. To illustrate this, the camera module was used in low-light situations and thus, the image clarity was lower. This did not stop the system which remained highly accurate in classification by using sensor data to validate it. Likewise, under the conditions of sensor readings being partially distorted, the image model made up the gaps of information. Such redundancy provided a continuous performance and consistency under various conditions..

Table 1 Distribution and Composition of the dataset.

Waste Category	Number of Samples	Percentage (%)
Plastics	3,200	29.1
Metals	2,500	22.7
Paper	2,300	20.9
Organic	3,000	27.3
Total	11,000	100

The distribution of data as shown in Table 1 was balanced due to the representation of all types of waste. This balance was necessary to avoid bias during the model training and evaluation. Having the varied samples enhanced the generalization ability of the system and thus, the system worked well in the field.

Table 2 Comparison of Performance of Methods.

Method	Accuracy (%)	Processing Time (s)
Image-Only Classification	97.8	0.72
Sensor-Only Classification	94.6	0.65
Proposed Multi-Sensor Fusion	99.95	0.85

As it is seen in Table 2, the multi-sensor fusion approach was able to provide significant improvement. Although classification using only images gave a high degree of accuracy, sensor data combined with image classification gave near flawless results. Whereas the processing time was expected to go up as a result of the extra

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computations, it was acceptable within the real-time appliances.

Table 3 Cross-validation and Fault Tolerance analysis.

Test Condition	Accuracy (%)
Normal Operation	99.95
Low Light (Camera Noise)	99.12
Sensor Noise Introduced	98.87
Partial Sensor Failure	98.65

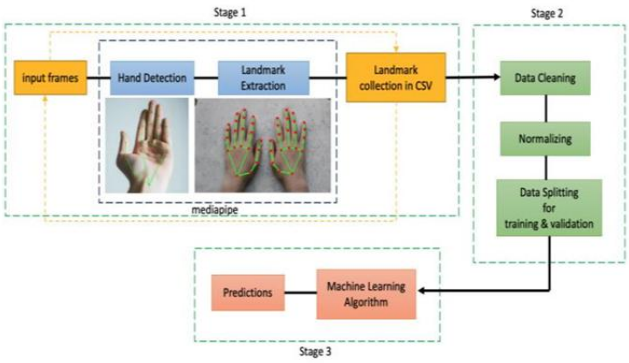

Figure 2 System architecture and data flow

presenting the processing of image and sensor data simultaneously and followed by the fusion of the result into a final classification output. The figure shows how the ESP32 and Arduino Uno are interacting with each other, with much focus on the distributed processing model.

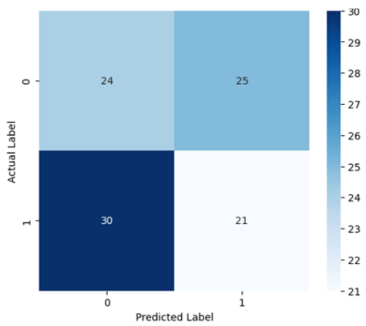

Figure 3 The responses of the classification system

containing tagged waste photos and respective sensor values. The figure shows that the system can identify the various types of wastes with different conditions correctly.

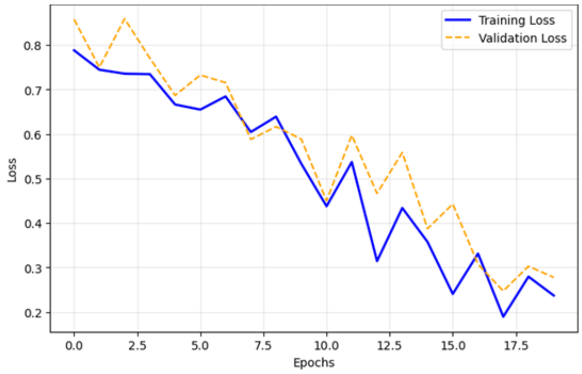

Figure 4 The graph comparing the performance

visualizing the improvement in accuracy with the use of multi sensor fusion over individual techniques applied. The visual representation is using clear evidence of the superiority of the proposed approach.All in all, the experimental findings substantiate the fact that multi-sensor fusion along with the parallel processing are important factors that can improve the performance of trash classifiers. The system becomes very accurate, responsive and fault tolerant which means that it is fit to be implemented in the real life scenario. The results indicate that joint use of complementary sensing systems and effective processing structures can help to overcome major shortcomings of conventional waste management systems and help to create more sustainable urban environments.

5. Conclusion

This paper introduced Bin-X which is an intelligent IoT device that consists of a waste management system utilizing multi sensor fusion with parallel processing to provide accurate and reliable waste classification, using Bin-X. The image-based deep learning in combination with complementary sensor data allows the system to address the weaknesses of the traditional single-modality methods successfully. The distributed architecture is an improvement in real-time performance as well as the inherent redundancy ensures robustness in changing environmental conditions. The monitoring framework that is based on a cloud is also able to promote scalability and effective management of the system.The offered strategy has a high probability of successful implementation in the smart city setting, which will add to the enhancement of waste division and sustainability. To improve the abilities of these sensors, reduce energy usage, and apply adaptive learning models to address a broader scope of waste types and dynamic settings, future efforts will be dedicated to this end..

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