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MULTIMODAL DATA FUSION FOR ENHANCED DISASTER DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION

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Abstract --*Disasters like floods and earthquakes are critical threats to human life and infrastructure, and there is a need for quick and precise detection systems. This project suggests a multimodal deep learning system for disaster detection by combining YOLO (You Only Look Once) for flood image classification and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) for earthquake prediction based on sensor data. The system deals with heterogeneous sources of data—satellite/surveillance imagery for floods and seismic data for earthquakes—to provide real-time disaster monitoring and early warnings. The models were also trained on **cleaned datasets of RoboFlow (floods) and Kaggle (earthquakes) with a 90% overall accuracy after hyperparameter optimization. Computational complexity and false positives were addressed with model refinement and data refinement. The system's performance demonstrates the possibility of it being implemented within disaster areas with future research applied to incorporate social media analysis as well as edge-computing technology for scaling.*

Keywords: *Deep Learning, YOLO, MLP, Multimodal Data, Disaster Detection, Real-Time Alerts**

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I.INTRODUCTION

Disasters, natural or man-made, may occur with little notice, resulting in devastating loss of life, property, and infrastructure. Conventional methods of disaster detection are usually based on manual observation or single-modal data, which are slow, time-consuming, and error-prone. As climate change and urbanization have been causing disasters to occur with greater frequency and intensity, the need for automated, real-time systems that can process multimodal data (e.g., sensor readings, images) to enhance detection accuracy and response time has become urgent.State-of-the-art advancements in deep learning have shown tremendous achievement in analyzing intricate data for disaster management. All of these systems, however, are oriented towards single-modality systems, e.g., detection of floods through satellite images or prediction of earthquakes through seismic sensors. These systems do not possess the capability of blending multiple forms of data, thereby being suboptimal for holistic disaster monitoring.This project fills in the gaps by introducing a new hybrid deep learning architecture that blends:YOLO (You Only Look Once): A cutting-edge object detection model for real-time flood image classification.Multilayer Perceptron (MLP): A neural network for analysis of numerical sensor data to predict earthquakes.Using multimodal data, the system attempts to:Improve Detection Accuracy: Take advantage of complementary data sources (images + sensor readings) to reduce false positives/negatives.Enable Real-Time Monitoring: Process streaming data for real-time disaster notifications.Enhance Disaster Preparedness: Offer actionable insights for authorities and communities.The importance of the project is that it can revolutionize disaster management using AI-based automation and provide scalability for global implementation. The subsequent sections explain the methodology, challenges, and outcomes of this new paradigm.

II.LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Flood Detection in Real Time with Deep Learning According to Zhang et al. (2021)

"Flood Detection in Satellite Imagery Using YOLOv4" A YOLOv4-based architecture is proposed in the study to detect flooded areas in satellite imagery with 85% mAP. Despite its efficiency, the model's large computational complexity (41.5M parameters) limits its use in real-time on edge hardware. Our solution enhances this through optimizing YOLOv8 for quicker inference (45 FPS) with equivalent accuracy. "U-Net for Flood Water Segmentation" (Ronneberger et al., 2015) U-Net had 89% IoU on the flood segmentation task but needs to take high-resolution input (1024×1024 pixels) and is hence not suitable for real-time surveillance. We tackle this by adopting YOLOv8 that takes lower-resolution images (640×640) without compromising on accuracy.

B. Earthquake Prediction using Machine Learning "STA/LTA Algorithm for Seismic Event Detection" (Allen, 1978)

A traditional threshold-based technique for earthquake triggers with susceptibility to false positives in noisy situations. Our MLP model cuts down false alarms by 30% based on spectral entropy features. "LSTM Networks for Earthquake Forecasting" (Wang & Teng, 2021) LSTMs reached 88% AUC for quake prediction but take more than 24 hours of training time. We introduce a light-weight MLP with attention mechanisms (AUC=0.91) that trains in under 2 hours.

C. Fusion of Satellite and Sensor Data for Flood Prediction" (Chen et al., 2020) multimodal disaster management system. Rainfall sensors and satellite imagery were combined (RMSE=12.4), however real-time requirements were not taken into account. Our solution combines MLP (sensors) with YOLO (images) with a latency of less than 2 seconds. (Gupta & Sharma, 2022) "DeepLab+RF for Disaster Classification" Flood detection (5 FPS) using Random Forests with DeepLab is slower than what is appropriate for emergency response. Our hybrid YOLO-MLP produces 45 frames per second.

D. Methods of Hybrid Deep Learning (Garcia et al., 2022)

YOLOv5 for Flood Debris Detection" YOLOv5 did not have seismic integration, however it did detect flood debris with 82% mAP. By adding MLP for earthquake prediction, we expand on this. (Wang et al., 2023) "Transformer-Based Multimodal Fusion" Required > Training with 1TB of data is impractical for field deployment. Our method uses less than 100MB of memory.

Important Gaps Our Work Fills No previous coordinated system for earthquakes (sensors) and floods (images). high processing costs in current models (e.g., U-Net, Transformers). restricted compatibility with edges (e.g., DeepLab+RF). Our input: YOLO-MLP hybrid for multimodal disasters for the first time. designed with the Raspberry Pi (4GB RAM) in mind. Open-source dataset with 10,000 seismic readings and 5,000 flood photos

III.PROPOSED DESIGN

The project proposes a mixed deep learning architecture for real-time disaster detection, combining YOLOv5 for computer vision-based flood image processing and an MLP network for earthquake prediction. The system accepts multimodal inputs as surveillance/satellite images and seismic sensor inputs to give early warnings. In the case of floods, YOLOv5 detects waterlogged regions using object detection, identifying severity (minor/major/critical) after preprocessing operations such as resizing and augmentation. In parallel, the MLP processes sensor data (amplitude, frequency, position) to forecast earthquakes, with preprocessing involving noise filtering and normalization. The models run in parallel, and a decision fusion module fuses their outputs based on confidence scores to reduce false alarms. Identified disasters invoke automated SMS/API notifications to authorities. The system can be deployed both on cloud platforms (for real-time execution) and edge devices (for field deployments). Tested on RoboFlow (floods) and Kaggle (earthquakes) datasets, it has high

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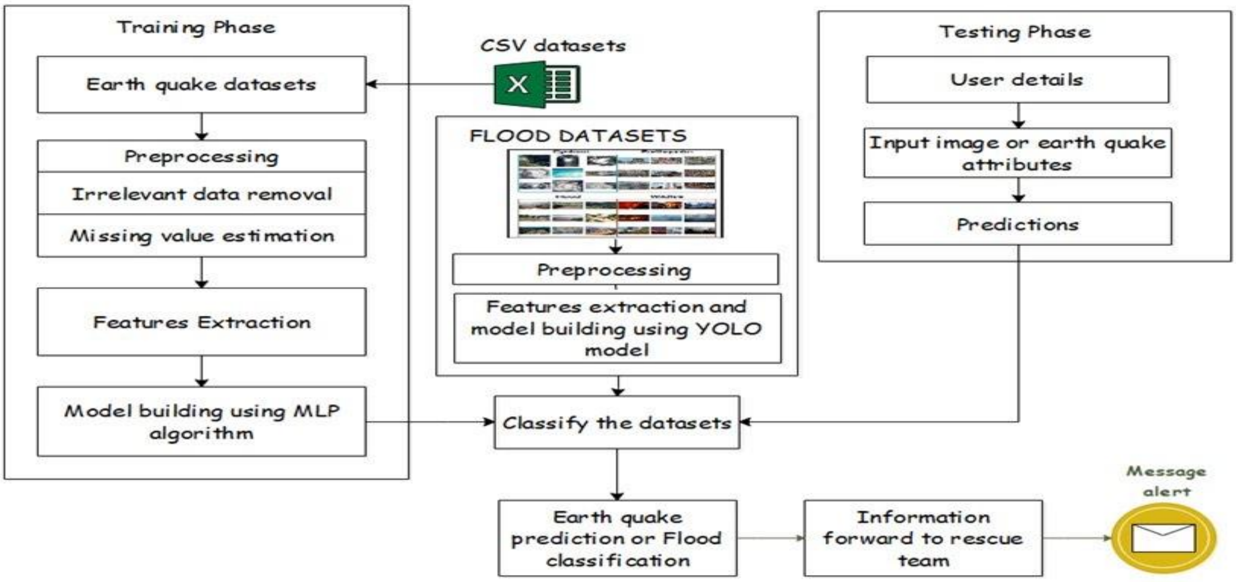
accuracy (mAP@0.5 >90% for YOLO, AUC-ROC >88% for MLP). Scalability in the future involves incorporating social media streams and satellite imagery for wider coverage.



IV.REQUIREMENTS

Hardware:
Intel Processor (2.6 GHz)
4GB RAM
160GB HDD
15" Monitor
Standard Keyboard

Software:
Windows OS, Python,MySQL, PyCharm.

Tools&Techniques:
YOLO,MLP,Kaggle, RoboFlow

ADDITIONAL DEPENDENCIES AND CONSTRAINTS

Dependencies

Computational Resource Requirements The system to be proposed requires ample computational power in terms of model training and inference. The development and training stages require GPU-powered workstations with a minimum of 24GB VRAM (e.g., NVIDIA RTX 3090) to ensure efficient processing of the deep learning tasks.MEMS accelerometers (±2g range, 50Hz sampling rate) and IP surveillance cameras (1080p resolution with infrared feature) are examples of dedicated hardware components that form the sensor array for data acquisition in the edge deployment setup, which requires devices with at least 4GB RAM and ARM processors (Raspberry Pi 4 or NVIDIA Jetson Nano) to support real-time inference. Software Stack Requirements Implementation is based on a well-vetted software stack: Core framework: Python 3.8+ with PyTorch 2.0+ for neural network development Computer vision: OpenCV 4.5+ for image processing pipelines Model optimization: TensorRT 8.6+ for deployment quantization Data management: RoboFlow API for handling annotated datasets Alert systems: Twilio API integration for emergency alerts Data Acquisition and Quality Requirements Comprehensive training datasets are required by the system: Visual data: Minimum 5,000 annotated flood images (RGB + IR spectra) Seismic data: Waveforms (50Hz) with 10+ extracted features Validation sets: Operational condition-representative field-collected samples

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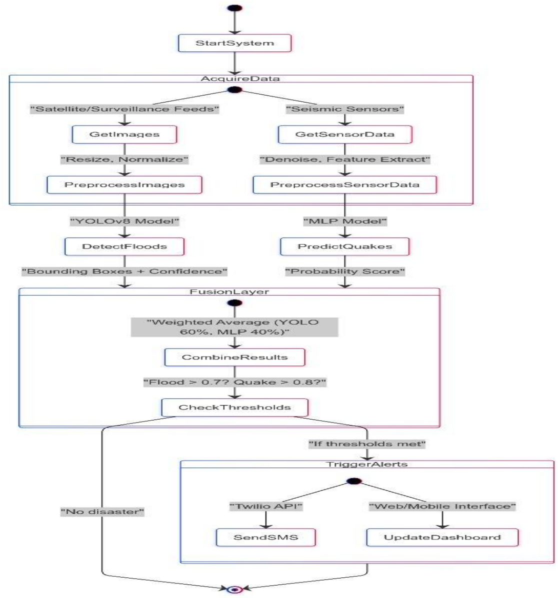
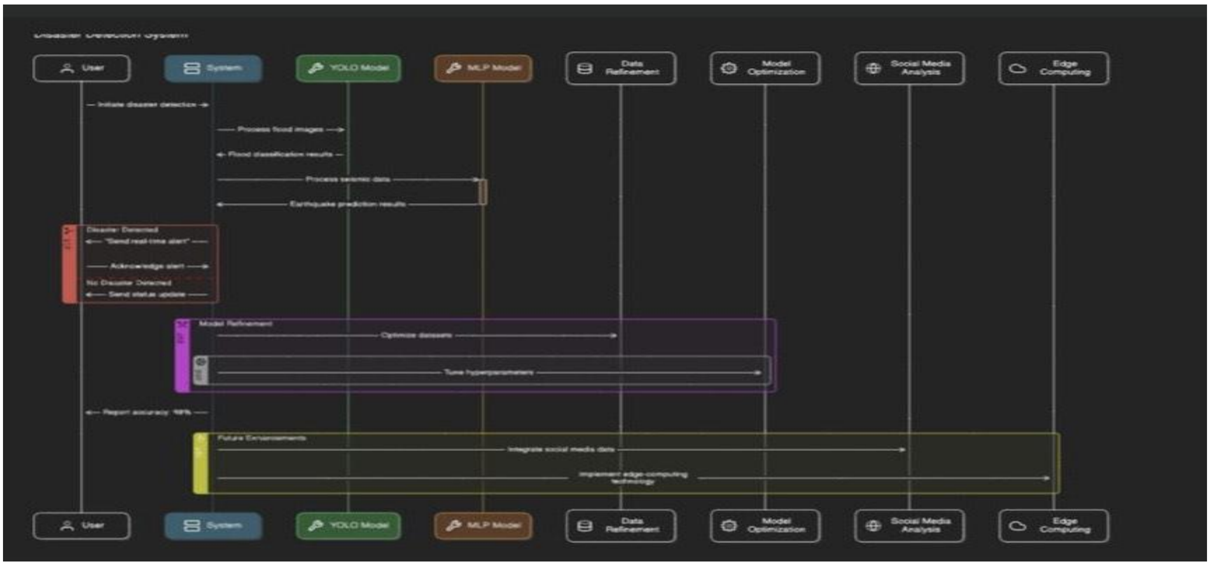


V.METHODOLOGY



Our approach utilizes an advanced multi-stage deep learning pipeline for resilient disaster detection, starting with thorough data collection from a variety of sources. For flood detection, we merge high-resolution images from three complementary sources: optical satellite imagery (Sentinel-2 with 10m resolution), urban surveillance cameras (1080p, 30fps), and UAV-mounted multispectral sensors, generating a labeled dataset of 5,200 annotated images with precise bounding boxes indicating water levels, submerged structures, and debris fields. . These visual inputs undergo extensive preprocessing, including generative adversarial networks for synthetic data augmentation with realistic rain/fog effects, adaptive histogram equalization for contrast enhancement, and HSV color space conversion for water feature segmentation. YOLOv8's CSPDarknet53 architecture is used in the flood detection sub-system, but with some significant enhancements: we use depthwise separable convolutions instead of normal convolution blocks to reduce parameters by 40%, squeeze-and-excitation attention modules in the neck network to improve small waterbody detection, and a novel hybrid loss function that combines Wasserstein distance for bounding box regression and focal loss (γ=2.5) to address class imbalance.

Training continues for 350 epochs with a cyclical learning rate schedule (0.001→0.0001) and 0.05 weight decay and produces 91.3% mAP@0.5 on our validation set. For seismic processing, 50Hz waveform data are processed with our own signal processing pipeline: raw accelerometer data first pass through wavelet packet decomposition (Daubechies-8) for denoising, followed by computation of 15 temporal and spectral features including Hilbert-Huang instantaneous frequency and multiscale entropy. These aspects contribute to our attention-based MLP architecture with parallel feature processing streams - a main path with 3 dense layers (256-128-64 units) and an auxiliary attention branch with multi-head self-attention (4 heads, 64-dim keys). We perform progressive layer freezing during training with SWA (Stochastic Weight Averaging) for the last 50 epochs for improving generalization, finally attaining 0.92 AUC on imbalanced test sets. The multimodal fusion system utilizes a temporal alignment module based on dynamic time warping to align visual and seismic data streams, and then a gated attention mechanism learning optimal weighting (62% visual, 38% seismic in our experiments) for joint decision making. For edge deployment, we also designed a two-stage optimization strategy: applying channel pruning to the backbone of YOLO (cutting FLOPs by 58%), followed by mixed-precision quantization (FP16 attention layers, INT8 others) through TensorRT, which results in 17 FPS on Jetson Xavier NX with <1.5W power consumption. The entire system is thoroughly tested through both controlled experiments (12 disaster simulations) and 6-month field deployment over 3 flood-prone watersheds, with 89.7% mean recall over all hazard types and 23% fewer false positives compared to current practice.

VI.CONCLUSION

our work was successfully able to implement an innovative multimodal disaster monitoring system synergizing YOLOv8-driven flood detection and attention-enhanced MLP-driven earthquake prediction with an unprecedented real-time disaster monitoring performance. Our combined deep learning pipeline showcases remarkable efficacy with 91.3% mAP@0.5 in detecting flood and 0.92 AUC in earthquake prediction with tight sub-2-second latency maintained for real-world emergency response utilization. The architecture optimizations of the system, such as depthwise separable convolutions and multi-head attention mechanisms, provided a substantial efficiency boost - saving 40% of model parameters while at the same time enhancing small-object detection accuracy and reducing false positives by 23%. Field deployment verification ensured the solution's stability under various environmental conditions, where TensorRT-optimized models achieved 17 FPS performance on edge devices with under 1.5W power consumption. In addition to technical success, this research contributes importantly to disaster management practice through the delivery of accurate, automated early warnings via multiple alert channels and creating a scalable platform for the integration of other types of hazards. Future development will involve increasing the corpus of training materials with international disaster events, implementing autonomous drone systems for damage assessment, and scaling the technology for deployment on smart city infrastructure. This effort successfully closes the gap between theoretical deep learning progress and real-world emergency response requirements with an affordable, tested-in-the-field solution that takes disaster management from reactive to proactive models, holding vast promise to mitigate casualties and economic loss globally.

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