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Leveraging IoT Sensor Data Analytics and Anomaly Detection for Real-Time Monitoring of Hospital Equipment and Assets

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Abstract The advancement of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has revolutionized various industries, including healthcare, by enabling real-time monitoring and management of critical assets and equipment. This paper explores the application of IoT sensor data analytics coupled with anomaly detection techniques to enhance the monitoring of hospital equipment and assets. By deploying sensors on medical devices, infrastructure, and facilities, hospitals can gather vast amounts of data regarding their operational status and performance. Leveraging advanced analytics algorithms, anomalies and potential failures can be detected in real-time, allowing for proactive maintenance and minimizing downtime. This proactive approach not only ensures the reliability and availability of equipment but also contributes to cost reduction and improved patient care. Furthermore, the integration of anomaly detection with IoT sensor data analytics enables predictive maintenance strategies, optimizing resource allocation and enhancing overall operational efficiency within hospital environments. Through case studies and examples, this paper illustrates the practical implementation and benefits of leveraging IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection for real-time monitoring of hospital equipment and assets.

Keywords IoT, Sensor Data Analytics, Anomaly Detection, Real-Time Monitoring, Hospital Equipment, Assets, Healthcare, Predictive Maintenance, Proactive Approach, Operational Efficiency.

Introduction

In recent years, the proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has sparked a revolution in various sectors, particularly healthcare, by facilitating real-time monitoring and management of critical assets and equipment. Hospitals, in particular, are increasingly leveraging IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection techniques to enhance the monitoring and maintenance of their equipment and assets. This introduction provides an overview of the significance of IoT in healthcare, the challenges faced in equipment monitoring, and the potential benefits of integrating IoT sensor data analytics with anomaly detection for real-time monitoring in hospital settings.

Problem Statement

Despite advancements in medical technology, hospitals continue to face challenges in effectively monitoring and maintaining their equipment and assets. Traditional methods of equipment monitoring often rely on manual inspection and periodic maintenance schedules, leading to inefficiencies, increased downtime, and potential risks to patient care. Furthermore, the complexity and criticality of hospital equipment necessitate proactive measures to identify anomalies and potential failures before they escalate into critical issues. The lack of real-time visibility into equipment status and performance poses a significant obstacle in ensuring optimal operational efficiency and patient safety within hospital environments. Addressing these challenges requires innovative solutions that leverage IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection techniques to enable real-time monitoring and proactive maintenance of hospital equipment and assets.

Solution

To address the challenges outlined in the problem statement, hospitals can implement a comprehensive solution leveraging various AWS services. The solution integrates IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection techniques to enable real-time monitoring and proactive maintenance of hospital equipment and assets. Below is an overview of the solution architecture:

1. IoT Device Integration:

Hospitals deploy IoT sensors on medical devices, infrastructure, and facilities to collect real-time data on equipment status and performance. AWS IoT Core is utilized to securely connect and manage these devices at scale.

2. Data Ingestion and Storage:

The data collected by IoT sensors is ingested into AWS cloud infrastructure for processing and analysis. AWS IoT Greengrass facilitates local data processing at the edge for low-latency applications, while AWS IoT Core and Amazon Kinesis Data Streams enable seamless data ingestion into Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) for long-term storage and analysis.

3. Real-Time Analytics:

Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics processes and analyzes the incoming data streams in real-time to detect anomalies and deviations from normal behavior. Machine learning algorithms and statistical models are applied to identify patterns indicative of potential equipment failures or maintenance needs.

4. Anomaly Detection:

Amazon SageMaker, a fully managed machine learning service, is utilized for anomaly detection tasks. Hospitals can train and deploy custom machine learning models to detect anomalies in equipment performance metrics, such as temperature, pressure, or vibration.

5. Alerting and Notification:

Amazon Simple Notification Service (SNS) sends real-time alerts and notifications to hospital staff and maintenance teams when anomalies are detected. This enables timely response and intervention to prevent equipment failures and minimize downtime.

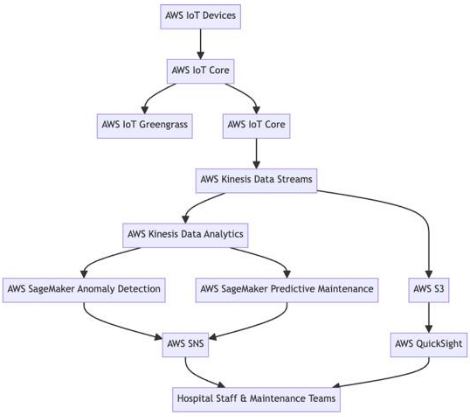
6. Predictive Maintenance:

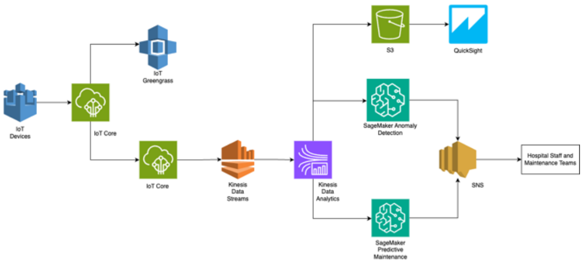
Amazon SageMaker is also utilized for predictive maintenance tasks. By analyzing historical equipment data and patterns of failure, hospitals can forecast maintenance needs and schedule proactive repairs or replacements, reducing unplanned downtime and optimizing equipment lifespan.

7. Visualization and Reporting:

Amazon QuickSight provides interactive dashboards and visualizations to monitor equipment status, performance trends, and maintenance activities. Hospital administrators and maintenance teams can gain actionable insights to make informed decisions and optimize operational efficiency.

Architecture Diagram





Architecture Overview

The proposed architecture leverages AWS services to create a robust solution for real-time monitoring and proactive maintenance of hospital equipment and assets. At its core, the architecture utilizes AWS IoT Core for securely connecting and managing IoT devices deployed within the hospital environment. These devices, equipped with sensors, continuously collect data on equipment status and performance.

The data collected by IoT devices is ingested into the AWS cloud infrastructure through AWS IoT Core and AWS IoT Greengrass for local processing at the edge. Real-time data streams are then directed to Amazon Kinesis Data Streams for ingestion into Amazon S3, ensuring reliable storage and accessibility of historical data. Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics is employed to process and analyze the incoming data streams in real-time. Machine learning algorithms deployed on AWS SageMaker facilitate anomaly detection to identify deviations from normal behavior indicative of potential equipment failures or maintenance needs. Additionally, predictive maintenance models are trained and deployed on AWS SageMaker to forecast maintenance requirements based on historical data and patterns of failure.

When anomalies or maintenance needs are detected, alerts and notifications are sent in real-time using Amazon Simple Notification Service (SNS) to hospital staff and maintenance teams, enabling timely response and intervention to prevent equipment failures and minimize downtime.

To provide insights into equipment status, performance trends, and maintenance activities, Amazon QuickSight offers interactive dashboards and visualizations. Hospital administrators and maintenance teams can utilize these visualizations to make informed decisions and optimize operational efficiency.

Overall, this architecture enables hospitals to achieve real-time monitoring and proactive maintenance of equipment and assets, ensuring reliability, patient safety, and operational excellence within the healthcare environment.

Implementation

1. AWS IoT Core:

Set up IoT devices within the hospital environment and securely connect them to AWS IoT Core. Create Thing Types, Things, and IoT policies to manage device communication and access control.

2. AWS IoT Greengrass:

Install AWS IoT Greengrass on edge devices deployed within the hospital to enable local processing of IoT data streams. Configure Greengrass Core to perform edge analytics and filter data before forwarding it to the cloud.

3. Amazon Kinesis Data Streams:

Create data streams in Amazon Kinesis to ingest real-time data from IoT devices and AWS IoT Greengrass. Define data retention policies and configure stream shards for scalability and durability.

4. Amazon S3:

Set up Amazon S3 buckets to store incoming IoT data streams for long-term storage and analysis. Configure bucket policies and versioning to ensure data integrity and compliance.

5. Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics:
Create real-time analytics applications in Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics to process and analyze incoming data streams. Develop SQL queries and utilize built-in functions for data transformation and anomaly detection.
6. Amazon SageMaker (Anomaly Detection):
Train machine learning models in Amazon SageMaker for anomaly detection based on historical equipment data. Deploy trained models as endpoints for real-time inference and integrate them with Kinesis Data Analytics for anomaly detection.
7. Amazon SageMaker (Predictive Maintenance):
Train predictive maintenance models in Amazon SageMaker using historical equipment data and failure patterns. Fine-tune models using hyperparameter optimization and deploy them for forecasting maintenance requirements.
8. Amazon SNS:
Configure Amazon SNS topics to send real-time alerts and notifications to hospital staff and maintenance teams. Define subscription endpoints and message attributes for customized notifications based on anomaly detection or predictive maintenance events.

9. Amazon QuickSight:
Create interactive dashboards and visualizations in Amazon QuickSight to monitor equipment status, performance trends, and maintenance activities. Configure data sources from Amazon S3 and Kinesis Data Analytics for real-time insights and reporting.

10. Integration:
Integrate all AWS services using AWS SDKs, APIs, and AWS Lambda functions for seamless data flow and automation. Implement event-driven architectures and serverless workflows to trigger actions based on anomaly detection or predictive maintenance events.

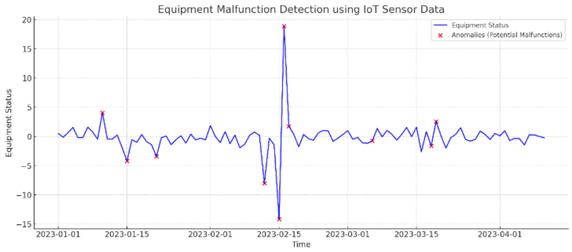
Implementation of PoC

Implementation for Proof of Concept (PoC):
1. Setup IoT Devices:
Deploy a small number of IoT devices equipped with sensors across a limited area of the hospital, focusing on critical equipment such as ventilators, infusion pumps, and MRI machines.
2. AWS IoT Core Configuration:
Create a Thing in AWS IoT Core for each IoT device and generate unique certificates and policies for secure communication. Configure the IoT Core rules to ingest data from the devices and forward it to other AWS services.
3. Data Simulation:
Simulate data streams from the IoT devices using a tool like AWS IoT Device Simulator or custom scripts. Generate sample data representing equipment metrics such as temperature, pressure, and power consumption.
4. Data Ingestion:
Use AWS IoT Core to ingest simulated data streams from the IoT devices. Define rules to route incoming data to Amazon Kinesis Data Streams for further processing.
5. Real-Time Analytics:
Set up an Amazon Kinesis Data Analytics application to process and analyze the incoming data streams in real-time. Develop simple SQL queries to calculate aggregate statistics and identify anomalies in equipment metrics.
6. Alerting and Notification:
Configure Amazon SNS topics to receive alerts and notifications from the Kinesis Data Analytics application. Define email or SMS subscriptions to notify designated staff members in case of detected anomalies or threshold breaches.

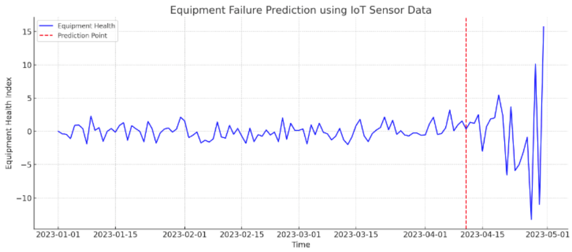
7. Visualization:
Develop basic visualizations using Amazon QuickSight or a custom dashboarding tool to display real-time equipment status and performance metrics. Use sample data to create charts and graphs illustrating temperature trends, pressure variations, etc.
8. Anomaly Detection:
Train a simple anomaly detection model using historical data collected from the IoT devices. Utilize Amazon SageMaker's built-in algorithms or custom scripts to detect anomalies in the equipment metrics and trigger alerts accordingly.
9. Documentation and Testing:
Document the PoC implementation steps, including configurations, data sources, and analytics workflows. Conduct thorough testing to validate the functionality of the system, including data ingestion, analytics processing, and alerting mechanisms.
10. Demonstration:
Present the PoC to stakeholders, demonstrating how the system monitors equipment in real-time, detects anomalies, and alerts staff to potential issues. Gather feedback and insights to refine the solution for future deployment.

Uses

1. Equipment malfunction detection



2. Equipment failure prediction



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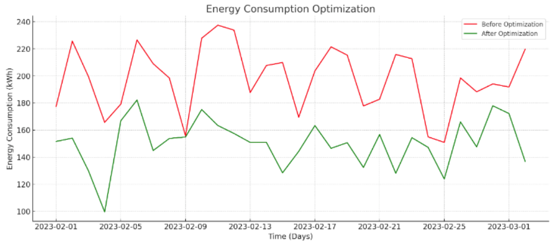
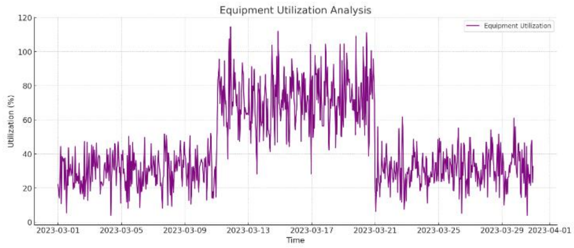
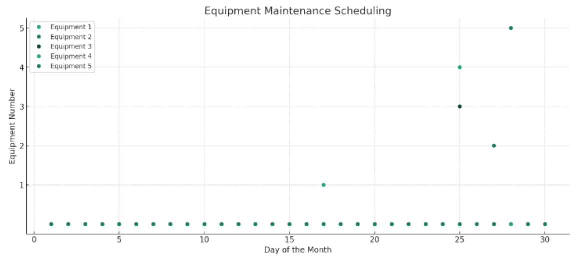


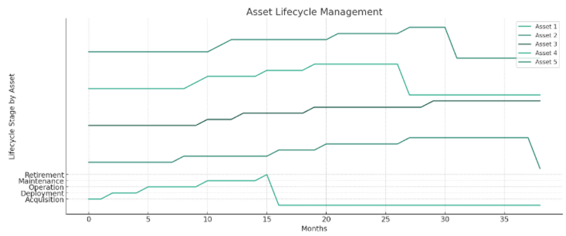
4. Equipment utilization analysis



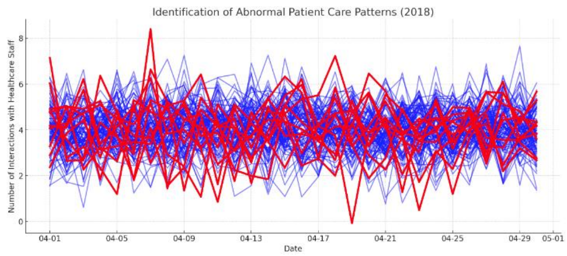
5. Equipment maintenance scheduling



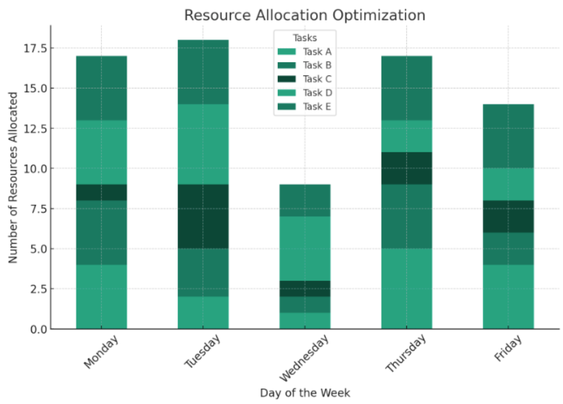
6. Asset lifecycle management



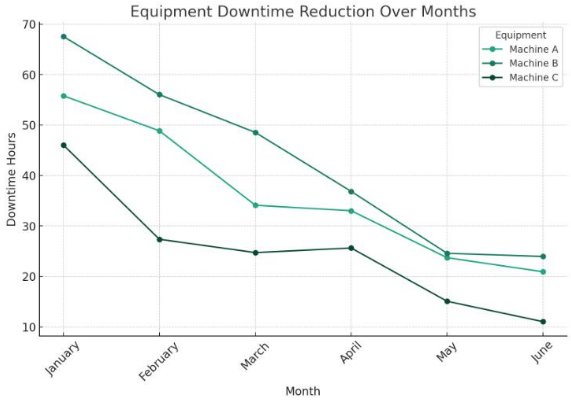
7. Identification of abnormal patient care patterns



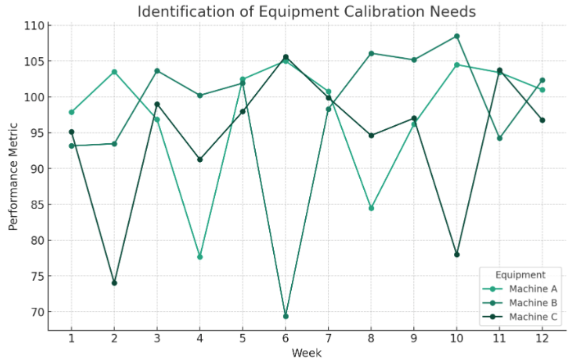
8. Resource allocation optimization



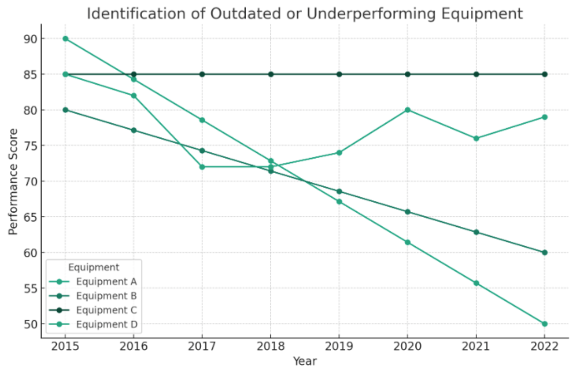
9. Equipment downtime reduction



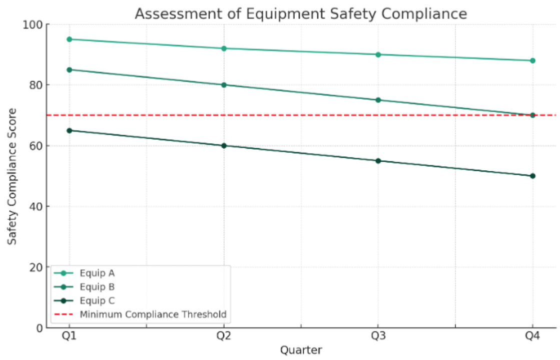
10. Identification of equipment calibration needs



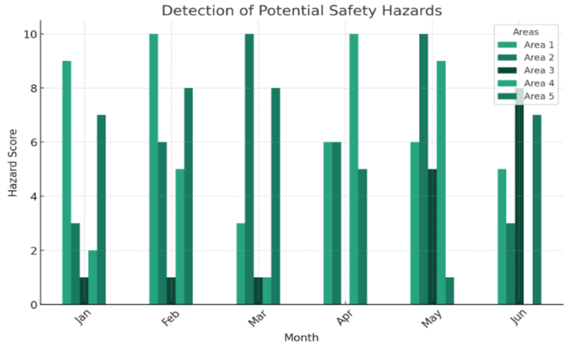
11. Identification of outdated or underperforming equipment



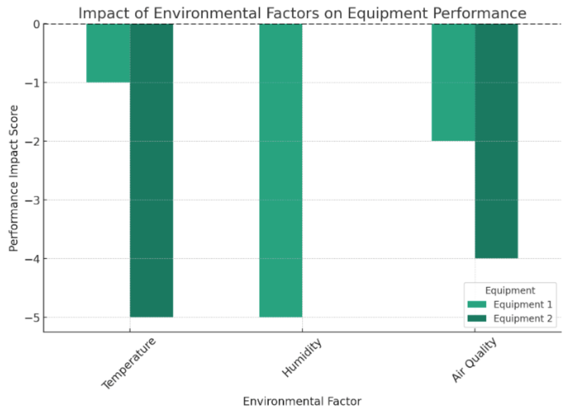
12. Assessment of equipment safety compliance



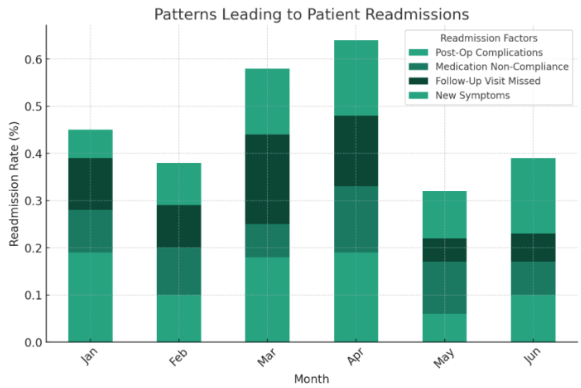
13. Detection of potential safety hazards



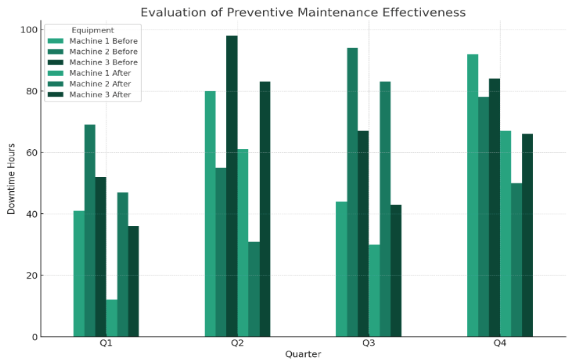
14. Identification of environmental factors affecting equipment performance



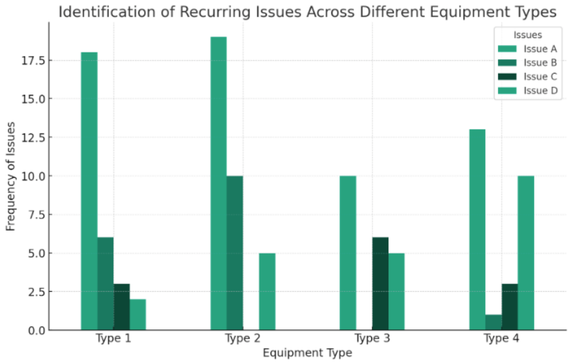
15. Identification of patterns leading to patient readmissions



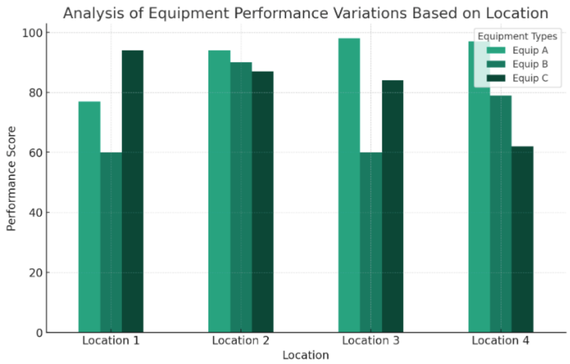
16. Evaluation of the effectiveness of preventive maintenance procedures



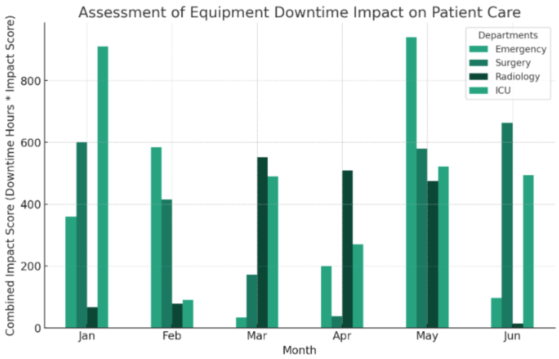
17. Identification of recurring issues across different equipment types



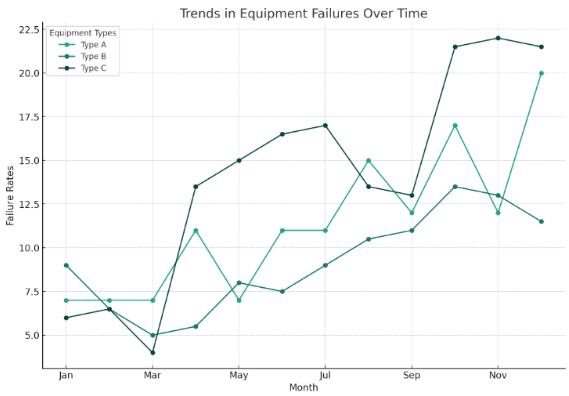
18. Analysis of equipment performance variations based on location



19. Assessment of the impact of equipment downtime on patient care



20. Identification of trends in equipment failures over time.



Impact

1. Improved Equipment Reliability:
By leveraging IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection, businesses can enhance the reliability of hospital equipment, reducing the likelihood of unexpected failures and minimizing disruptions to patient care.
2. Enhanced Patient Safety:
Proactive monitoring and maintenance of hospital equipment contribute to improved patient safety by reducing the risk of equipment malfunctions or failures during critical procedures.
3. Optimized Operational Efficiency:
Real-time monitoring and analysis of equipment performance data enable hospitals to optimize resource allocation, streamline maintenance processes, and maximize the efficiency of healthcare operations.
4. Cost Reduction:
By identifying potential equipment issues early and implementing predictive maintenance strategies, businesses can minimize equipment downtime, reduce repair costs, and extend the lifespan of assets, leading to significant cost savings.
5. Increased Equipment Utilization:
Data analytics insights allow businesses to better understand equipment utilization patterns, enabling them to optimize usage and ensure that equipment is utilized effectively, thereby maximizing return on investment.
6. Compliance Assurance:
By continuously monitoring equipment performance and identifying potential safety hazards or compliance issues, businesses can ensure adherence to regulatory standards and mitigate legal and financial risks.
7. Improved Patient Outcomes:
Reliable and well-maintained equipment contributes to the delivery of high-quality patient care, leading to improved treatment outcomes, higher patient satisfaction, and enhanced reputation for the business.
8. Proactive Decision-Making:
Real-time insights derived from IoT sensor data analytics empower businesses to make proactive decisions regarding equipment maintenance, replacement, and upgrades, reducing the likelihood of unexpected downtime and associated disruptions.
9. Competitive Advantage:
Businesses that leverage advanced analytics and anomaly detection for equipment monitoring gain a competitive edge by demonstrating their commitment to innovation, reliability, and patient safety, attracting more patients and healthcare professionals.
10. Data-Driven Continuous Improvement:
By continuously analyzing equipment performance data and identifying areas for improvement, businesses can implement iterative changes to processes, procedures, and technology infrastructure, driving ongoing optimization and innovation within the organization.

Extended Use Cases

Here are extended use cases for leveraging IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection for real-time monitoring across various industries:

1. Energy:

- Predictive Maintenance for Power Generation: Use IoT sensor data analytics to monitor equipment health and predict potential failures in power generation plants, reducing downtime and optimizing energy production.
- Energy Consumption Optimization: Analyze real-time data from IoT sensors to identify energy inefficiencies in buildings and industrial facilities, enabling businesses to optimize energy consumption and reduce costs.

2. Retail:
    - Shelf Stock Monitoring: Utilize IoT sensors to monitor stock levels on retail shelves in real-time, enabling automatic replenishment and reducing out-of-stock situations.
    - Customer Behavior Analysis: Analyze IoT data from in-store sensors to understand customer behavior patterns and optimize store layout and product placement for improved sales and customer satisfaction.
3. Travel:
    - Passenger Flow Management: Deploy IoT sensors in airports and transportation hubs to monitor passenger flow in real-time, enabling efficient crowd management and improving the overall travel experience.
    - Baggage Tracking and Management: Utilize IoT sensors and tracking devices to monitor the location and status of baggage throughout the travel journey, reducing lost luggage incidents and enhancing customer satisfaction.
4. Pharmacy:
    - Medication Temperature Monitoring: Implement IoT sensors to monitor the temperature of medications during storage and transport, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements and maintaining medication efficacy.
    - Inventory Management: Use IoT data analytics to track medication inventory levels in real-time, enabling pharmacies to optimize stock levels, reduce waste, and ensure availability of essential medications.
5. Hospitality:
    - Room Occupancy Optimization: Deploy IoT sensors to monitor room occupancy in hotels and resorts, enabling real-time room availability updates and optimizing housekeeping schedules for improved operational efficiency.
    - Guest Experience Enhancement: Utilize IoT data analytics to personalize guest experiences based on preferences and behavior patterns, enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty.
6. Supply Chain:
    - Supply Chain Visibility: Implement IoT sensors and tracking devices to provide real-time visibility into the supply chain, enabling businesses to track the movement of goods, monitor conditions during transport, and optimize logistics processes.
    - Predictive Inventory Management: Use IoT data analytics to predict demand and optimize inventory levels across the supply chain, reducing stockouts and excess inventory holding costs.
7. Finance:
    - Fraud Detection: Utilize IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection algorithms to detect fraudulent transactions and activities in real-time, enabling proactive fraud prevention and mitigation.
    - Risk Management: Analyze IoT data from various sources to assess and mitigate risks in financial transactions, investments, and portfolios, enhancing decision-making and regulatory compliance.
8. E-commerce:
    - Order Fulfillment Optimization: Deploy IoT sensors to monitor inventory levels and track order fulfillment processes in warehouses and distribution centers, optimizing order picking, packing, and shipping operations.
    - Customer Experience Enhancement: Utilize IoT data analytics to personalize product recommendations and shopping experiences based on customer preferences and behavior, increasing customer satisfaction and retention.
9. Shipping:
    - Cargo Condition Monitoring: Implement IoT sensors to monitor the condition of goods during shipping, including temperature, humidity, and shock levels, ensuring the integrity of sensitive cargo and minimizing damage.
    - Route Optimization: Analyze real-time IoT data from shipping vessels and vehicles to optimize route planning, reduce fuel consumption, and improve on-time delivery performance.
10. CRM:
    - Customer Engagement Analysis: Utilize IoT sensor data analytics to analyze customer interactions and engagement across various touchpoints, enabling businesses to tailor marketing strategies and customer service initiatives for improved customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Churn Prediction: Analyze IoT data and customer behavior patterns to identify signals of potential customer churn, enabling businesses to implement proactive retention strategies and reduce customer attrition.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the integration of IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection techniques for real-time monitoring of hospital equipment and assets presents a transformative opportunity for healthcare organizations. Throughout this paper, I have explored the significance and potential impact of leveraging advanced analytics technologies to enhance equipment reliability, optimize operational efficiency, and improve patient safety within hospital environments.

By deploying IoT sensors on medical devices, infrastructure, and facilities, hospitals can gather vast amounts of real-time data on equipment status and performance. Through the application of sophisticated analytics algorithms, anomalies and potential failures can be detected proactively, enabling timely intervention and preventive maintenance to minimize downtime and ensure continuous patient care.

The implementation of predictive maintenance strategies based on IoT sensor data analytics allows hospitals to optimize resource allocation, extend equipment lifespan, and reduce operational costs. Furthermore, the integration of anomaly detection techniques enables hospitals to identify patterns indicative of potential equipment failures or safety hazards, facilitating compliance with regulatory standards and mitigating legal and financial risks.

Overall, leveraging IoT sensor data analytics and anomaly detection for real-time monitoring of hospital equipment and assets not only improves operational efficiency and patient safety but also enhances the quality of care delivered. As healthcare organizations continue to embrace digital transformation, investing in advanced analytics technologies will be essential to drive innovation, optimize workflows, and ultimately, improve healthcare outcomes for patients worldwide.

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