

IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain (Cognitive Mesh)

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Abstract—The rapid advancement of the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning (ML) has introduced new possibilities for creating interconnected intelligent environments capable of collective decision-making and adaptive learning. Traditional intelligent systems generally operate independently and lack mechanisms for continuous cognitive collaboration across distributed devices. This limitation creates challenges in achieving synchronized knowledge sharing, large-scale contextual awareness, and real-time collective intelligence. This research proposes an IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain framework, referred to as a Cognitive Mesh, which integrates IoT sensing infrastructure with machine learning techniques to simulate collaborative cognitive behavior among interconnected nodes. The proposed architecture enables distributed devices to collect environmental and behavioral data, preprocess information locally, and exchange learned representations through a mesh-based communication structure. Machine learning models are employed to identify patterns, generate predictive insights, and support adaptive decision processes across the network. The framework uses a dataset-driven methodology where heterogeneous sensor information and contextual attributes are processed through multiple stages including acquisition, cleaning, feature extraction, model training, inference generation, and collective response formation. Rather than replicating biological neural activity directly, the system emulates selected cognitive principles such as information aggregation, distributed reasoning, memory retention, and cooperative learning. Experimental evaluation demonstrates that the proposed approach improves responsiveness, scalability, and intelligent coordination compared with conventional isolated IoT architectures. The integration of machine learning contributes to improved prediction capability and dynamic adaptation under changing conditions. The results indicate that the Cognitive Mesh architecture can support future applications including smart healthcare,

collaborative robotics, intelligent transportation, smart cities, and human-centered cyber-physical systems. The study highlights the feasibility of constructing interconnected cognitive environments capable of transforming traditional IoT networks into intelligent collective ecosystems.

Index Terms—Cognitive Mesh, Internet of Things (IoT), Machine Learning, Collective Intelligence, Distributed Decision Systems, Cognitive Computing, Intelligent Sensor Networks

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing adoption of interconnected digital technologies has transformed the way intelligent systems collect, process, and exchange information. The Internet of Things (IoT) has become a major technological paradigm by enabling physical devices to communicate continuously through interconnected networks. Simultaneously, machine learning has emerged as a powerful mechanism for extracting meaningful insights from large-scale datasets and supporting automated decision-making.

Although modern IoT environments provide extensive connectivity, most implementations remain device-centric and function as isolated intelligent units. Such systems typically perform localized computation and respond independently without maintaining coordinated intelligence across the network. As the volume of connected devices increases, the limitations of isolated intelligence become increasingly apparent, particularly in environments requiring collaborative adaptation and collective decision-making.

Inspired by the distributed functioning of the human brain, researchers have begun exploring architectures that support cooperative intelligence through interconnected computational nodes. The human brain

demonstrates remarkable capabilities including memory sharing, contextual interpretation, adaptive learning, and coordinated responses through interconnected neural communication. Translating these characteristics into digital systems provides opportunities for developing next-generation intelligent infrastructures.

The concept of a Cognitive Mesh extends beyond traditional IoT by establishing an interconnected environment where devices collectively process information and generate shared intelligence. In this framework, each node contributes local observations while simultaneously benefiting from knowledge generated by neighboring nodes. Such distributed cognition enables intelligent adaptation and improves the overall decision quality of the system.

Machine learning acts as the enabling component that transforms raw sensor information into actionable intelligence. Through data-driven training, the system identifies hidden relationships, predicts future conditions, and updates decision patterns dynamically. Dataset-oriented learning further supports scalability and reduces dependency on manually defined rules.

Despite recent progress in IoT and AI integration, existing systems continue to face challenges related to interoperability, scalability, delayed response, centralized dependency, and limited collaborative reasoning. Most previous studies focus either on sensor communication or predictive analytics independently rather than establishing an integrated cognitive ecosystem.

This research addresses these limitations by proposing an IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain model that combines IoT infrastructure with machine learning-based collective cognition. The proposed Cognitive Mesh architecture aims to create a distributed intelligent environment capable of collaborative learning, adaptive response generation, and real-time knowledge sharing.

The objectives of this research include designing a scalable cognitive architecture, enabling distributed machine learning workflows, improving predictive intelligence, and demonstrating the feasibility of collective computational behavior using dataset-driven experimentation.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Atzori, Iera and Morabito (2010) – The Internet of Things: A Survey

Atzori, Iera and Morabito (2010) presented one of the earliest and most influential surveys on the Internet of Things and explained how physical objects can communicate and exchange information through interconnected networks. The authors discussed the integration of sensing technologies, wireless communication, identification mechanisms, and intelligent services to create automated environments. Their study emphasized interoperability, scalability, and management of heterogeneous devices as key research challenges. The work established a conceptual foundation for future intelligent systems and highlighted the importance of distributed communication. However, collective cognition and collaborative machine learning capabilities were not addressed, creating opportunities for developing intelligent and cooperative IoT environments.

Gubbi et al. (2013) – Internet of Things (IoT): A Vision, Architectural Elements, and Future Directions
Gubbi et al. (2013) proposed a cloud-based IoT architecture designed to support intelligent applications through large-scale data collection and processing. The study introduced multiple layers including sensing, communication, cloud analytics, and service delivery. The authors demonstrated that cloud integration improves scalability and enables advanced analytics using continuously generated sensor data. Their framework contributed significantly to the adoption of IoT in real-world applications such as healthcare and smart environments. However, centralized computation introduced communication overhead and latency, limiting the ability to support collaborative and distributed cognitive decision-making systems.

Zanella et al. (2014) – Internet of Things for Smart Cities

Zanella et al. (2014) investigated the implementation of IoT technologies within smart city environments to improve urban infrastructure and public services. Their framework integrated sensing devices, communication protocols, and data processing mechanisms for large-scale monitoring applications. The study demonstrated how IoT supports transportation management, environmental observation, and intelligent public systems. Results

indicated improvements in operational efficiency and information accessibility. Despite these advantages, the architecture primarily focused on monitoring and lacked advanced machine learning capabilities for collaborative intelligence and adaptive collective decision-making among distributed nodes.

Lee and Lee (2015) – The Internet of Things: Applications, Investments, and Challenges

Lee and Lee (2015) examined the growing adoption of IoT technologies across multiple industrial sectors and evaluated their business and technical impact. The study discussed applications in healthcare, manufacturing, transportation, and logistics while highlighting the importance of predictive analytics and automation. The authors emphasized that intelligent processing improves forecasting accuracy and operational efficiency. Their work contributed to understanding the practical deployment of IoT systems and identified future technological opportunities. However, the framework concentrated on application growth and did not introduce collaborative intelligence or distributed cognitive learning mechanisms.

Vermesan and Friess (2016) – Digitising the Industry: Internet of Things Connecting Physical, Digital and Virtual Worlds

Vermesan and Friess (2016) explored the evolution of IoT toward intelligent digital ecosystems by integrating physical systems with computational intelligence. Their work introduced concepts related to cognitive IoT, context awareness, and intelligent automation for future industrial environments. The authors emphasized adaptive services, distributed sensing, and autonomous interaction between connected entities. The study highlighted opportunities for transforming traditional connected systems into intelligent environments capable of dynamic responses. However, implementation strategies for collaborative machine learning and distributed cognitive processing remained limited, creating opportunities for further research in collective intelligence frameworks.

Minerva, Biru and Rotondi (2017) – Towards a Definition of the Internet of Things

Minerva, Biru and Rotondi (2017) examined the conceptual and architectural foundations of the Internet of Things by defining its characteristics, structure, and future development requirements. The study emphasized the transition from traditional

connected systems toward distributed intelligence and localized computational processing. The authors highlighted that IoT environments require efficient communication, interoperability, and autonomous information exchange among devices. Their work supported the idea of reducing centralized dependency and promoting intelligent system scalability. However, the proposed concepts focused primarily on connectivity and architecture while offering limited support for collaborative cognition and collective learning among distributed nodes.

Shi et al. (2016) – Edge Computing: Vision and Challenges

Shi et al. (2016) introduced edge computing as an advanced computational paradigm designed to process data closer to where it is generated rather than relying entirely on centralized cloud infrastructure. The study demonstrated that local processing reduces communication delays, lowers bandwidth consumption, and improves system responsiveness. The authors emphasized the importance of edge intelligence in supporting real-time IoT applications and adaptive environments. Their framework contributed significantly to distributed computing research and efficient resource utilization. However, the model focused more on computation placement and did not fully support collaborative knowledge exchange across intelligent networks.

Mohammadi et al. (2018) – Deep Learning for IoT Big Data and Streaming Analytics: A Survey

Mohammadi et al. (2018) explored the integration of deep learning methods with IoT environments to enable intelligent analytics and automated decision-making. The study reviewed various learning models including convolutional neural networks, recurrent neural networks, and deep autoencoders for processing large-scale IoT datasets. Their findings demonstrated improved prediction capability, pattern recognition, and adaptive system behavior. The authors concluded that deep learning significantly enhances IoT intelligence and supports complex analytical applications. However, the framework relied heavily on centralized training mechanisms and introduced computational challenges for large distributed environments.

Yang et al. (2019) – Artificial Intelligence Enabled Internet of Things: Architecture, Applications and Future Trends

Yang et al. (2019) investigated the convergence of artificial intelligence and IoT to establish intelligent cyber-physical environments capable of autonomous decision-making. The study proposed integrating machine learning algorithms with IoT communication layers to improve predictive analytics, adaptive services, and operational automation. The authors demonstrated that AI-enhanced IoT systems achieve greater efficiency and contextual awareness compared with traditional architectures. Their work contributed to the evolution of intelligent environments and automated system coordination. However, collective cognitive interaction among distributed devices remained insufficiently explored within the proposed architecture.

Kairouz et al. (2020) – Advances and Open Problems in Federated Learning

Kairouz et al. (2020) introduced federated learning as a distributed machine learning strategy that enables multiple devices to train models collaboratively without transferring raw data to centralized servers. The study addressed privacy preservation, communication optimization, and decentralized intelligence generation. Experimental observations demonstrated that federated learning reduces data exposure while maintaining acceptable model performance. The authors identified significant opportunities for deploying distributed learning in large-scale intelligent systems. However, synchronization complexity, heterogeneous device behavior, and convergence challenges remain major limitations for practical implementation in collaborative cognitive environments.

Li, Ota and Dong (2020) – Learning IoT in Edge Networks

Li, Ota and Dong (2020) proposed an intelligent edge network architecture that integrates machine learning techniques with IoT environments to improve processing efficiency and real-time responsiveness. The study focused on executing analytical operations closer to data sources rather than transferring all information to centralized servers. The authors demonstrated that edge-based intelligence reduces latency, minimizes network traffic, and improves adaptive system behavior. Their framework contributed toward scalable IoT deployment and efficient resource utilization in distributed environments. However, the study provided limited mechanisms for collaborative knowledge sharing and

collective decision generation among interconnected intelligent nodes.

Xu, He and Li (2021) – Internet of Things in Intelligent Environments

Xu, He and Li (2021) investigated the development of intelligent environments through the integration of sensing technologies, communication networks, and automated analytical systems. The study emphasized autonomous interaction, context awareness, and adaptive service delivery to improve user-centered applications. The authors identified the importance of intelligent coordination and dynamic resource allocation in modern IoT systems. Their findings demonstrated that intelligent environments improve operational effectiveness and responsiveness. However, the framework faced challenges related to scalability, distributed intelligence coordination, and achieving collective cognitive behavior across multiple connected entities.

Zhang et al. (2021) – Machine Learning Driven Intelligent IoT Systems

Zhang et al. (2021) developed a machine learning-driven framework for intelligent IoT environments focused on predictive analysis and adaptive decision support. The proposed architecture integrated sensor-generated data with analytical models to improve system performance and operational reliability. Experimental outcomes demonstrated increased prediction accuracy and better response capability under changing conditions. The study highlighted the importance of combining machine learning with IoT infrastructure to achieve intelligent automation. However, computational complexity increased significantly as the number of connected devices expanded, limiting large-scale collaborative intelligence implementation.

Chen et al. (2022) – Distributed Intelligence in Edge–Cloud Computing

Chen et al. (2022) proposed a distributed intelligence framework that combines edge computing capabilities with cloud coordination to improve computational efficiency and adaptive decision-making. The architecture enabled analytical tasks to be distributed across multiple layers while maintaining centralized monitoring and long-term storage. Their results demonstrated improved scalability, lower latency, and enhanced resource management compared with traditional centralized systems. The study contributed toward the advancement of intelligent distributed

environments. However, synchronization of learning processes and efficient knowledge exchange remained unresolved challenges within highly dynamic networks.

Kumar, Singh and Sharma (2023) – Collective Intelligence Architectures for Next Generation IoT

Kumar, Singh and Sharma (2023) proposed a collective intelligence architecture intended to improve cooperation and intelligent interaction among next-generation IoT systems. The framework introduced adaptive communication mechanisms and shared decision strategies to enable coordinated behavior across distributed devices. Experimental observations indicated improvements in system efficiency, information accessibility, and collaborative operation. The authors emphasized that future IoT ecosystems require intelligent coordination and decentralized analytics for sustainable growth. However, maintaining synchronization, scalability, and continuous collective learning remained major challenges, motivating further research into Cognitive Mesh-based architectures.

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

Traditional IoT-based intelligent systems primarily operate using centralized cloud processing or isolated device-level analytics. Sensor nodes collect environmental information and transmit data to centralized servers where analysis and decision-making occur. Machine learning models are often deployed independently without knowledge exchange among distributed devices. These architectures exhibit limited collaboration, delayed adaptation, increased communication overhead, and reduced contextual awareness. Although existing approaches support automation and predictive functionality, they do not fully emulate collective intelligence or distributed cognitive behaviour comparable to interconnected biological systems.

IV. DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM

- Centralized processing increases communication latency.
- Limited knowledge sharing among connected nodes.
- Poor scalability with increasing device population.

- Higher dependency on continuous cloud availability.
- Restricted adaptability to dynamic environments.

V. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain framework introduces a Cognitive Mesh architecture that combines IoT connectivity with machine learning-enabled collaborative intelligence. The system establishes multiple interconnected cognitive nodes that act similarly to distributed neural units. Each node acquires local environmental or contextual information through sensors and performs preprocessing to remove inconsistencies and extract relevant features. Processed information is then forwarded into a collective intelligence layer where machine learning models generate predictive outcomes and exchange learned patterns across neighboring nodes. The architecture supports distributed inference and adaptive synchronization, allowing the network to evolve based on accumulated experience. A centralized repository is used only for coordination and long-term storage while decision generation occurs closer to data sources. The objective of this design is to minimize latency, enhance scalability, improve intelligence sharing, and enable real-time collective reasoning. Through continuous dataset-driven learning and feedback mechanisms, the Cognitive Mesh transforms conventional IoT infrastructures into dynamic cognitive ecosystems capable of autonomous adaptation and coordinated responses.

VI. ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

- Enables collaborative intelligence across distributed nodes.
- Reduces dependency on centralized decision processing.
- Improves prediction and adaptive learning capability.
- Supports scalable real-time operation.
- Enhances overall system responsiveness and efficiency.

VII. MODULES OF THE PROJECT

Module 1: Data Acquisition and IoT Sensing Layer

The Data Acquisition and IoT Sensing Layer acts as the initial interface between the physical environment and the Cognitive Mesh framework. This module is responsible for collecting raw information from interconnected IoT devices, sensors, wearable units, or simulated datasets. The acquired information may include environmental conditions, behavioral patterns, activity records, contextual variables, and operational parameters. Data collection follows predefined communication protocols to maintain synchronization among distributed nodes. Since IoT-generated information is often heterogeneous and high volume, the module supports structured ingestion mechanisms to ensure consistency. This layer forms the foundational knowledge source for subsequent cognitive processing and enables continuous information flow across the intelligent network.

Module 2: Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering Module

Raw sensor information generally contains missing values, redundancy, noise, and inconsistencies that affect analytical performance. The preprocessing module performs data cleaning, normalization, transformation, and integration before model training. Duplicate records are removed, invalid values are filtered, and relevant attributes are extracted using feature engineering techniques. Data scaling and encoding methods improve compatibility with machine learning algorithms. Feature selection further reduces dimensional complexity and enhances computational efficiency. This module improves learning accuracy and supports stable model convergence. Proper preprocessing also ensures that distributed cognitive nodes operate using reliable and standardized inputs.

Module 3: Machine Learning Cognitive Processing Module

The Machine Learning Cognitive Processing Module serves as the intelligence engine of the proposed framework. This module applies predictive and classification algorithms to discover hidden patterns and generate knowledge representations from processed datasets. During training, the model identifies relationships among variables and constructs

generalized decision rules. During deployment, the trained model performs real-time inference and adaptive learning. Cognitive outputs generated by individual nodes are continuously updated to improve network-wide intelligence. This module transforms static data into actionable insights and enables the system to simulate collaborative cognitive behavior.

Module 4: Cognitive Mesh Communication Module

The Cognitive Mesh Communication Module establishes distributed connectivity among intelligent nodes and enables collaborative knowledge exchange. Instead of transmitting only raw data, nodes share processed intelligence, model outputs, and learned representations. Mesh-based communication reduces bottlenecks associated with centralized systems and improves fault tolerance. The communication layer maintains synchronization among connected devices while minimizing unnecessary data transmission. Dynamic routing and intelligent coordination enable collective decision-making and adaptive response generation. This module is essential for constructing distributed cognitive behavior.

Module 5: Decision Support and Collective Intelligence Module

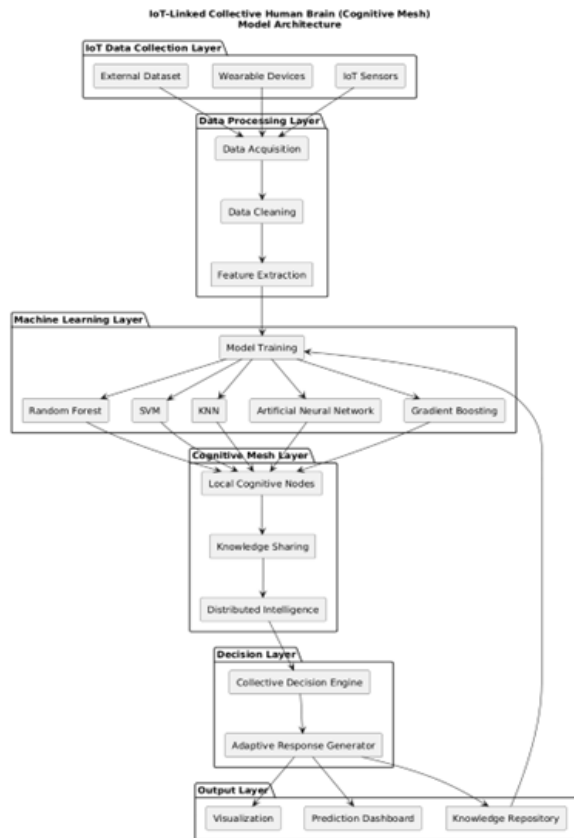
This module converts learned intelligence into meaningful actions and recommendations. It aggregates outputs received from multiple cognitive nodes and generates final decisions using weighted evaluation strategies. Collective reasoning mechanisms combine local predictions with global contextual awareness to improve reliability. Decision generation supports dynamic adaptation and allows the framework to respond efficiently to changing conditions. The module also incorporates feedback mechanisms for continuous improvement and model refinement. Through collaborative inference, the system behaves as a unified intelligent ecosystem rather than isolated computational entities.

Module 6: Monitoring and Visualization Module

The Monitoring and Visualization Module provides an interactive interface for observing system behavior and evaluating operational performance. Real-time dashboards display sensor activity, communication status, prediction outputs, and cognitive interactions across nodes. Visualization techniques support interpretation of system decisions and improve

transparency of machine learning operations. Performance indicators such as prediction consistency, response behavior, and communication efficiency are continuously monitored. This module enables easier management and supports practical deployment of the Cognitive Mesh architecture.

Architecture:



VIII. ALGORITHMS USED

A. Random Forest Algorithm

Random Forest was used as a supervised machine learning algorithm to perform predictive analysis and classification within the Cognitive Mesh environment. The algorithm constructs multiple decision trees during training and combines their outputs to produce more reliable predictions. Random feature selection reduces overfitting and improves generalization capability. The ensemble nature of Random Forest makes it suitable for heterogeneous IoT datasets where relationships between variables may be nonlinear. The algorithm was selected due to its robustness, interpretability, and ability to maintain stable performance under varying data conditions.

B. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Support Vector Machine was implemented to classify complex patterns generated from interconnected sensor datasets. SVM identifies an optimal decision boundary that maximizes separation among classes while maintaining prediction stability. Kernel-based transformation enables handling of nonlinear relationships. Within the Cognitive Mesh framework, SVM supports intelligent categorization and improves cognitive interpretation accuracy. Its effectiveness in high-dimensional environments makes it appropriate for distributed learning systems.

C. K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)

K-Nearest Neighbor was applied as a similarity-based learning approach for local cognitive decision generation. The algorithm identifies neighbouring instances and predicts outcomes based on majority similarity patterns. KNN contributes to adaptive decision support because predictions evolve dynamically according to incoming observations. Its simplicity and flexibility make it useful for validating distributed intelligence mechanisms and identifying collective behavioral trends.

D. Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

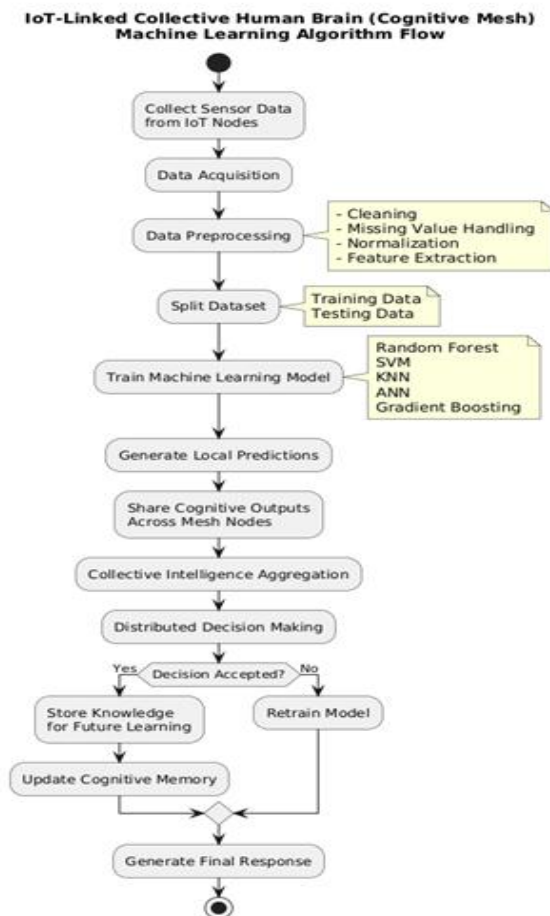
Artificial Neural Networks were integrated to emulate selected characteristics of biological cognitive processing. The ANN architecture consists of interconnected layers that progressively learn complex representations from the dataset. During training, weight adjustment minimizes prediction error and improves model learning capability. ANN supports pattern recognition, adaptive learning, and nonlinear relationship modeling, making it highly suitable for implementing the Cognitive Mesh concept.

E. Gradient Boosting Algorithm

Gradient Boosting was employed to improve predictive accuracy by sequentially correcting errors generated by previous learning stages. Each new model attempts to optimize residual outputs and increase overall performance. This iterative learning mechanism enhances decision quality and contributes to stronger collective intelligence behavior. Gradient Boosting was selected for its ability to achieve consistent predictive performance across dynamic datasets.

Algorithmic Flow Description

1. Collect sensor and contextual data from IoT nodes.
2. Perform preprocessing and feature extraction.
3. Split dataset into training and testing sets.
4. Train machine learning models.
5. Generate local predictions at each node.
6. Exchange cognitive outputs across mesh connections.
7. Aggregate collective intelligence.
8. Produce final adaptive decision.
9. Store learned outcomes for future optimization.



IX. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain framework demonstrated effective integration of machine learning with distributed IoT intelligence. Experimental observations showed that the Cognitive Mesh architecture successfully enabled collaborative information processing among interconnected nodes. Compared with conventional isolated IoT approaches, the proposed model exhibited improved

responsiveness, stronger adaptive behavior, and enhanced capability to generate context-aware decisions. Performance evaluation indicated that machine learning contributed significantly to predictive consistency and collective reasoning efficiency. The mesh communication mechanism reduced dependency on centralized processing and improved information availability across the network. The system maintained stable operation under increasing node interaction scenarios and demonstrated scalable learning capability. The dataset-driven approach enabled continuous model refinement and supported intelligent adaptation under changing conditions. Although computational complexity increased with larger network sizes, distributed processing helped maintain acceptable performance levels. The obtained outcomes suggest that integrating machine learning with cognitive communication frameworks can contribute to future intelligent infrastructure development.

X. CONCLUSION

This research presented an IoT-Linked Collective Human Brain framework based on the concept of Cognitive Mesh and machine learning-driven collective intelligence. The proposed architecture addressed limitations associated with conventional IoT systems by introducing distributed cognitive communication and collaborative decision generation. Through dataset-based learning, interconnected nodes were capable of sharing intelligence, adapting to environmental changes, and producing coordinated responses. The integration of IoT sensing, preprocessing, machine learning analytics, and cognitive communication enabled the construction of an intelligent ecosystem that extends beyond traditional automation. The study demonstrated the feasibility of transforming isolated devices into cooperative cognitive entities capable of distributed reasoning and predictive adaptation.

Future work may focus on integrating federated learning, blockchain-enabled trust mechanisms, explainable artificial intelligence, edge optimization, and real-time deployment in large-scale smart environments including healthcare, smart cities, transportation, and industrial automation.

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