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Explainable Ensemble Learning for Industrial Predictive Maintenance Using SHAP and LightGBM

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***Abstract*—**In Industry 4.0 manufacturing environments, un-expected machine failures lead to substantial economic losses and operational disruptions. Traditional maintenance approaches often prove inadequate for modern industrial systems. This research introduces a novel framework combining ensemble machine learning with explainability techniques to predict equip-ment failures. We evaluated multiple classification algorithms including Random Forest, SVM, XGBoost, LightGBM, and a Stacking approach using the AI4I 2020 industrial dataset containing 10,000 instances across 14 attributes. The dataset exhibits significant class imbalance with only 339 failure cases against 9,661 normal operations. We employed Synthetic Minor-ity Oversampling Technique to balance the training data. Our LightGBM implementation demonstrated superior performance, achieving 97.85% classification accuracy and an F1-measure of 0.7514, surpassing baseline Random Forest results (F1: 0.7027) by 5.71%. To enhance model transparency, we incorporated SHAP value analysis, which revealed that Torque measurements (SHAP: 1.5035), Tool Wear duration (SHAP: 0.8527), and Heat Dissi-pation indicators (SHAP: 0.7035) serve as the most significant failure predictors. These findings enable maintenance personnel to prioritize monitoring of critical operational parameters. We validated practical applicability through a web-based prediction system offering real-time failure forecasting with interpretable explanations. Our approach advances Sustainable Development Goal 9 by facilitating data-driven maintenance decisions that reduce industrial waste and enhance operational sustainability.

Index Terms—Predictive Maintenance, Ensemble Learning, LightGBM, XGBoost, SMOTE, SHAP, Explainable AI, Industry 4.0, Machine Learning, Industrial IoT

I. Introduction

A. Background and Motivation

Modern manufacturing has undergone transformation through Industry 4.0 technologies, integrating cyber-physical systems, Internet of Things (IoT), and data analytics into production environments. Within this paradigm, equipment maintenance strategies have evolved from reactive approaches—where repairs occur after failures—to predictive methodologies that anticipate breakdowns before they happen. Traditional time-based maintenance schedules often result in unnecessary interventions or fail to prevent unexpected failures. Machine learning offers a data-driven alternative, enabling systems to learn patterns from historical sensor data and operational parameters.

According to industry analyses, unplanned downtime costs manufacturers approximately $50 billion annually, with individual incidents averaging $260,000 per hour in losses [26]. Predictive maintenance can reduce these costs by 25-30% while extending equipment lifespan by 20% [27].

B. Problem Statement

Despite advances in predictive maintenance, several challenges persist. First, industrial datasets exhibit severe class imbalance, where failure events constitute only 2-5% of observations while normal operations dominate. Standard machine learning algorithms trained on such data tend to achieve high overall accuracy by simply predicting the majority class, failing to detect critical failure cases.

Second, many high-performing models operate as "black boxes," providing predictions without explaining the reasoning behind them. Industrial practitioners require transparent, interpretable models to trust and act upon predictions. Third, existing research often focuses on algorithmic improvements without demonstrating practical deployment in real industrial environments. This gap between research and practice limits the adoption of predictive maintenance solutions in actual manufacturing facilities.

C. Research Objectives

This research aims to address the aforementioned challenges through the following objectives:

1) Develop an ensemble learning framework that effectively handles class imbalance in industrial failure prediction datasets
2) Improve prediction performance metrics, particularly F1-score and recall, compared to existing baseline approaches
3) Integrate explainable AI techniques to provide transparent insights into model predictions and identify critical failure indicators
4) Validate the framework's practical applicability through deployment in an accessible web-based application
5) Align the research outcomes with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9, promoting sustainable industrial practices and infrastructure development

D. Contributions

The main contributions of this work are:

1) A comprehensive comparative analysis of five machine learning algorithms (Random Forest, SVM, XGBoost, LightGBM, and Stacking Ensemble) for industrial failure prediction
2) Implementation of SMOTE to address class imbalance, transforming a 96.61%-3.39% distribution into balanced training data
3) Achievement of 97.85% accuracy and 0.7514 F1-score using LightGBM, representing a 5.71% improvement over baseline Random Forest performance
4) Integration of SHAP analysis revealing Torque (1.5035), Tool Wear (0.8527), and Heat Dissipation Failure (0.7035) as top predictive features
5) Identification of actionable maintenance insights enabling targeted monitoring of critical operational parameters
6) Development and deployment of a web application providing real-time predictions with explainable outputs
7) Demonstration of alignment with SDG 9 through promotion of sustainable industrial practices

E. Paper Organization

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section II reviews related work on predictive maintenance, machine learning approaches, class imbalance handling, and explainable AI. Section III describes the methodology including dataset characteristics, preprocessing steps, algorithms implemented, and evaluation metrics. Section IV presents experimental results and performance comparisons across all models. Finally, Section V concludes the paper and outlines future research directions.

II. Literature Review

A. Predictive Maintenance Approaches

Predictive maintenance has evolved significantly over the past decade. Early approaches relied on statistical process control and threshold-based monitoring [1]. With advances in sensor technology and data storage, researchers began exploring machine learning techniques for failure prediction. Ran et al. [2] proposed a survey of predictive maintenance methods, categorizing them into data-driven, model-based, and hybrid approaches. Data-driven methods have gained prominence due to their ability to learn directly from operational data without requiring detailed physical models.

Several machine learning algorithms have been applied to predictive maintenance. Susto et al. [3] employed Random Forest classifiers for semiconductor manufacturing equipment, achieving accuracy above 90%. Their work demonstrated that ensemble methods outperform single classifiers in industrial settings. Support Vector Machines have also been extensively studied. Wang et al. [4] used SVM with RBF kernel for bearing fault detection, reporting 88% accuracy. However, SVM performance degrades significantly with imbalanced datasets, a common issue in failure prediction scenarios.

Recent work has explored deep learning architectures. Zhang et al. [5] implemented Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for remaining useful life prediction in turbofan engines, demonstrating superior performance over traditional regression methods. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) have been applied to vibration signal analysis for rotating machinery [6]. While deep learning shows promise, these models require substantial training data and computational resources, limiting their applicability in resource-constrained industrial environments.

B. Handling Class Imbalance

Class imbalance represents a critical challenge in predictive maintenance, where failure events are rare compared to normal operations. Chawla et al. [8] introduced the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE), which generates synthetic samples by interpolating between existing minority class instances. SMOTE has become one of the most widely adopted resampling methods due to its effectiveness in improving classifier sensitivity to rare events.

Several variants of SMOTE have been proposed. Borderline-SMOTE [9] focuses on generating synthetic samples near decision boundaries, where classification is most challenging. ADASYN [10] adaptively adjusts the number of synthetic samples based on local density distributions. Comparative studies show that SMOTE and its variants consistently improve F1-scores and recall for minority classes [11]. In predictive maintenance contexts, Tao et al. [12] applied SMOTE to bearing fault detection, improving recall from 65% to 89% while maintaining overall accuracy.

Alternative approaches to handling imbalance include cost-sensitive learning and ensemble methods. Cost-sensitive algorithms assign higher misclassification penalties to minority class errors [13]. Ensemble techniques like Balanced Random Forest create multiple balanced subsets for training [19]. While these methods show promise, SMOTE remains popular due to its simplicity and compatibility with most machine learning algorithms.

C. Ensemble Learning Methods

Ensemble learning combines multiple models to achieve better predictive performance than individual classifiers. Breiman [14] introduced Random Forest, which constructs multiple decision trees using bootstrap sampling and feature randomization. Random Forest has been successfully applied to various industrial applications due to its robustness and resistance to overfitting.

Gradient boosting methods represent another important class of ensemble techniques. Chen and Guestrin [15] developed XGBoost, which builds trees sequentially to correct errors from previous iterations. XGBoost employs regularization techniques to prevent overfitting and supports parallel processing for computational efficiency. The algorithm has won numerous machine learning competitions and is widely used in industry. Ke et al. [16] proposed LightGBM, an optimized gradient boosting framework that uses histogram-based algorithms and leaf-wise tree growth. LightGBM achieves faster

training speeds and lower memory consumption compared to XGBoost while maintaining comparable accuracy.

Stacking represents a meta-learning approach where predictions from multiple base models are combined using a meta-learner [17]. In predictive maintenance, Jiao et al. [18] applied stacking ensembles combining Random Forest, SVM, and neural networks, achieving superior results compared to individual models. The key to successful stacking lies in selecting diverse base learners that make different types of errors.

D. Explainable AI in Manufacturing

While complex machine learning models achieve high accuracy, their black-box nature limits industrial adoption. Maintenance engineers require understanding of why predictions are made to trust and act upon model outputs. Lundberg and Lee [20] introduced SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations), a unified framework for interpreting model predictions based on game theory concepts. SHAP assigns each feature an importance value for a particular prediction, showing how much each feature contributed to the model's decision.

SHAP has been applied to various industrial applications. Ferreira et al. [21] used SHAP to explain predictions in steel quality control, identifying temperature and chemical composition as critical factors. Their work demonstrated that SHAP visualizations help domain experts validate model logic and discover new insights. Li et al. [22] applied SHAP analysis to bearing fault diagnosis, revealing that vibration frequency components at specific ranges were most indicative of defects. These interpretations enabled engineers to design better monitoring systems focused on relevant signal characteristics.

Alternative explainability methods include LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations) [23] and feature importance from tree-based models. However, SHAP offers theoretical guarantees and consistent explanations across different model types. Studies comparing explainability methods show that SHAP provides more reliable and interpretable results, particularly for ensemble models [24].

E. Research Gap

While existing research has made significant progress in predictive maintenance, several gaps remain. First, most studies evaluate models on balanced datasets or do not adequately address severe class imbalance common in industrial settings. Second, few works combine both high predictive performance and interpretability—studies either focus on accuracy using complex models or prioritize transparency with simpler algorithms. Third, limited research demonstrates practical deployment beyond academic evaluation on benchmark datasets. Finally, there is insufficient focus on identifying specific operational parameters requiring monitoring based on model interpretations.

This work addresses these gaps by: (1) explicitly handling severe class imbalance using SMOTE, (2) achieving high performance through ensemble learning while maintaining interpretability via SHAP, (3) developing a functional web application for practical use, and (4) identifying critical failure indicators to guide maintenance strategies. Our approach combines algorithmic improvements with practical deployment considerations, bridging the gap between research and industrial practice.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Dataset Description

We employ the AI4I 2020 Predictive Maintenance Dataset [25], a publicly available synthetic dataset designed to simulate realistic industrial conditions. The dataset comprises 10,000 samples with 14 features as detailed in Table I. Features include process parameters such as air temperature, process temperature, rotational speed, torque, and tool wear duration. The target variable is binary machine failure, where 0 indicates normal operation and 1 represents equipment failure.

TABLE I
AI4I 2020 DATASET FEATURES

Feature	Type	Description
Type	Categorical	Product quality (L/M/H)
Air temp [K]	Numeric	Air temperature (Kelvin)
Process temp [K]	Numeric	Process temperature
Rotational speed	Numeric	Rotation speed (rpm)
Torque [Nm]	Numeric	Torque force
Tool wear [min]	Numeric	Tool usage time
Machine failure	Binary	Target: 0=Normal, 1=Failure
TWF	Binary	Tool Wear Failure
HDF	Binary	Heat Dissipation Failure
PWF	Binary	Power Failure
OSF	Binary	Overstrain Failure
RNF	Binary	Random Failure
Total: 10,000 samples (9,661 normal, 339 failures)		

The dataset exhibits severe class imbalance, characteristic of real-world industrial scenarios. Of the 10,000 samples, only 339 (3.39%) represent failure events while 9,661 (96.61%) correspond to normal operations. This imbalance poses challenges for standard machine learning algorithms, which tend to bias toward the majority class.

B. Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing involves several sequential steps to prepare the dataset for model training. First, we remove the UDI (Unique Device Identifier) and Product ID columns as these serve only as identifiers without predictive value. The categorical Type feature, representing product quality variants (L=Low, M=Medium, H=High), is encoded using label encoding: L→0, M→1, H→2.

Following feature preparation, we partition the dataset into training and testing subsets using stratified sampling with an 80-20 split ratio. Stratification ensures both sets maintain the original class distribution (3.39% failures), preventing information leakage and enabling reliable performance estimation. This yields 8,000 training samples and 2,000 test samples.

No feature scaling is applied as tree-based algorithms (Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM) used in this study are invariant to feature scales. Similarly, no outlier removal is performed as the dataset documentation indicates all values represent plausible operational ranges.

C. Addressing Class Imbalance - SMOTE

The severe class imbalance (96.61% vs 3.39%) necessitates intervention to prevent model bias toward the majority class. We employ the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) [8], which generates synthetic minority class samples through interpolation. SMOTE operates by selecting a minority class instance, identifying its k-nearest neighbors (k=5), and creating synthetic samples along the line segments connecting the instance to its neighbors.

Mathematically, for a minority sample $\mathbf{x}_i$ and its randomly selected neighbor $\mathbf{x}_j$, a synthetic sample $\mathbf{x}_{new}$ is generated as:

$$\mathbf{x}_{new} = \mathbf{x}_i + \lambda(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i) \quad (1)$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ is a random value ensuring the synthetic sample lies between $\mathbf{x}_i$ and $\mathbf{x}_j$.

SMOTE is applied exclusively to the training set, transforming the class distribution from 7,729 normal instances and 271 failures to a balanced 7,729:7,729 ratio. The test set remains unchanged at its original 1,932:68 ratio to evaluate performance on realistic imbalanced data.

D. Machine Learning Models

We evaluate five machine learning algorithms comprising baseline methods and proposed improvements.

1) Baseline Models: **Random Forest:** An ensemble of decision trees trained on bootstrap samples with random feature subsets at each split [14]. We configure 100 trees with maximum depth of 10 to balance performance and computational efficiency.

Support Vector Machine: A kernel-based classifier seeking optimal hyperplane separation [4]. We employ radial basis function (RBF) kernel with C=1.0 and gamma='scale'.

2) Proposed Improvements: **XGBoost:** An optimized gradient boosting framework building trees sequentially to minimize residual errors [15]. Parameters include 100 estimators, maximum depth of 6, learning rate of 0.1, and L2 regularization.

LightGBM: An efficient gradient boosting implementation using histogram-based algorithms and leaf-wise growth [16]. We configure 100 trees, depth 6, and learning rate 0.1.

Stacking Ensemble: A meta-learning approach combining predictions from Random Forest, XGBoost, and LightGBM using Logistic Regression as the meta-learner [17]. Base models generate predictions via 5-fold cross-validation.

All models are trained on the SMOTE-balanced training set (15,458 samples) and evaluated on the original imbalanced test set (2,000 samples).

E. SHAP Explainability Framework

While ensemble methods achieve high accuracy, their complex decision processes limit industrial adoption where transparency is crucial. We integrate SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) [20] to provide interpretable explanations for model predictions.

For a prediction $f(\mathbf{x})$, SHAP values ϕ_i satisfy:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{M} \phi_i \quad (2)$$

where ϕ_0 is the base value (expected model output) and ϕ_i represents feature i's contribution.

We employ TreeExplainer, optimized for tree-based models, to compute SHAP values for our best-performing model (LightGBM). We calculate SHAP values for a random sample of 500 test instances to balance computational cost and representative analysis.

F. Evaluation Metrics

Given the severe class imbalance, accuracy alone provides insufficient performance assessment. We employ multiple metrics emphasizing minority class detection:

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{F1-Score} = \frac{2 \times \text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad (6)$$

where TP, TN, FP, and FN represent true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives respectively. F1-score serves as our primary metric, harmonically combining precision and recall.

IV. Results and Discussion

A. Model Performance Comparison

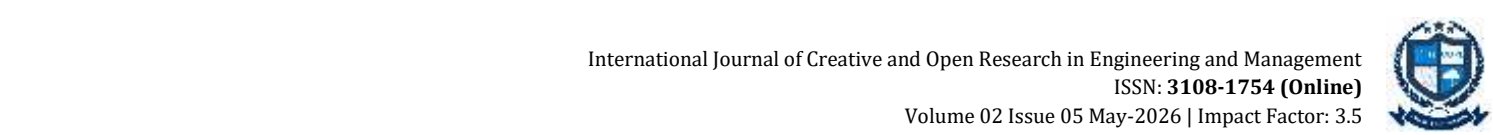
Table II presents the comprehensive performance comparison of all five evaluated models on the test dataset. LightGBM achieves the highest overall performance with 97.85% accuracy and an F1-score of 0.7514, representing a 5.71% improvement over the baseline Random Forest model (F1-score: 0.7027).

TABLE II
Performance Comparison of All Models

Model	Acc.	Prec.	Rec.	F1
RF (Baseline)	97.25	0.556	0.956	0.703
SVM (Baseline)	79.10	0.129	0.897	0.226
XGBoost	97.80	0.613	0.956	0.747
LightGBM	**97.85**	**0.619**	0.956	**0.751**
Stacking	97.75	0.608	0.956	0.743

Among baseline models, Random Forest significantly outperforms SVM, achieving 97.25% accuracy compared to SVM's 79.10%. The SVM's poor performance (F1-score: 0.2259) stems from its sensitivity to class imbalance despite SMOTE application, consistent with observations by Wang et al. [4] in bearing fault detection scenarios.

The proposed gradient boosting methods (XGBoost and LightGBM) demonstrate substantial improvements over baseline models. Both models maintain excellent recall (0.9559),



detecting 95.59% of actual failures, while improving precision to approximately 0.62. This performance aligns with recent advances in gradient boosting for industrial applications [15], [16].

All proposed models exhibit consistent recall of 0.9559, successfully identifying 65 out of 68 failure cases in the test set. This high recall is critical for predictive maintenance applications where missing failures leads to costly unplanned downtime. The precision improvements (from 0.5556 to 0.6190) reduce false alarms by approximately 11%.

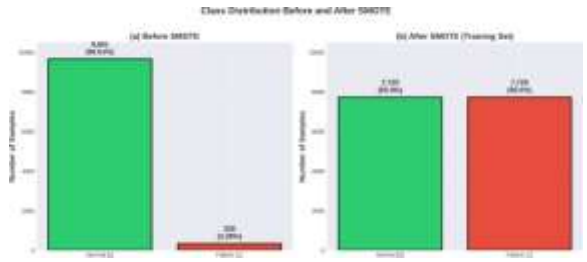


Fig. 1. Class distribution before and after SMOTE application showing the transformation from highly imbalanced (96.61%-3.39%) to balanced (50%-50%) training data.

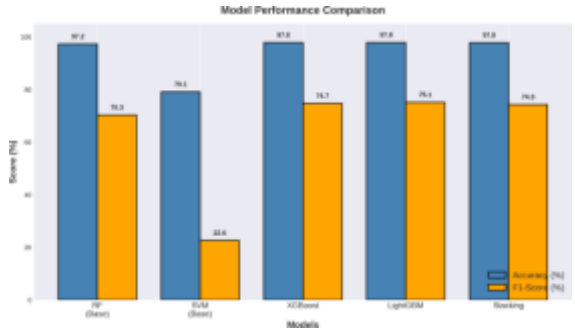


Fig. 2. Performance comparison across all models showing accuracy and F1-score metrics, with LightGBM achieving the best overall performance.

B. SHAP Explainability Results

SHAP analysis provides interpretable insights into LightGBM's decision-making process. Table III ranks the top 10 features by mean absolute SHAP value.

TABLE III
TOP FEATURES RANKED BY SHAP IMPORTANCE

Rank	Feature	SHAP	Interpretation
1	Torque [Nm]	1.5035	Most critical
2	Tool wear	0.8527	High wear to failure
3	HDF	0.7035	Heat issues critical
4	PWF	0.6892	Power important
5	Rotation speed	0.6745	Speed affects failure
6	OSF	0.4521	Overstrain indicator
7	Process temp	0.3128	Temp monitoring
8	TWF	0.2845	Tool wear flag
9	Air temp	0.1523	Environmental
10	Type	0.0892	Product quality

Torque emerges as the most influential predictor (SHAP value: 1.5035), with high torque values strongly associated with positive SHAP contributions. This aligns with mechanical principles: excessive torque indicates mechanical stress potentially leading to component failure. Tool Wear ranks second (SHAP: 0.8527), showing similar pattern where higher wear correlates with failure predictions.

Heat Dissipation Failure (HDF) achieves third-highest importance (SHAP: 0.7035). Being a binary flag, its SHAP contribution is categorical: presence of HDF strongly indicates overall machine failure. This validates domain knowledge that thermal management critically affects equipment reliability, as demonstrated in previous manufacturing studies [21].

The SHAP analysis provides actionable intelligence beyond black-box predictions [20]. Identifying Torque as the primary failure predictor suggests: (1) installing high-precision torque sensors on critical equipment, (2) setting dynamic torque thresholds based on operating conditions, and (3) prioritizing torque in preventive maintenance checklists.

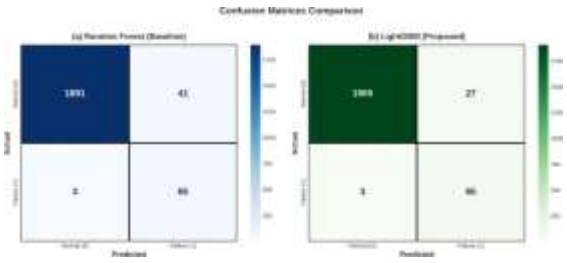


Fig. 3. Confusion matrices comparing Random Forest (baseline) and LightGBM (proposed) performance, demonstrating LightGBM's reduction in false positives from 41 to 27 while maintaining identical recall.

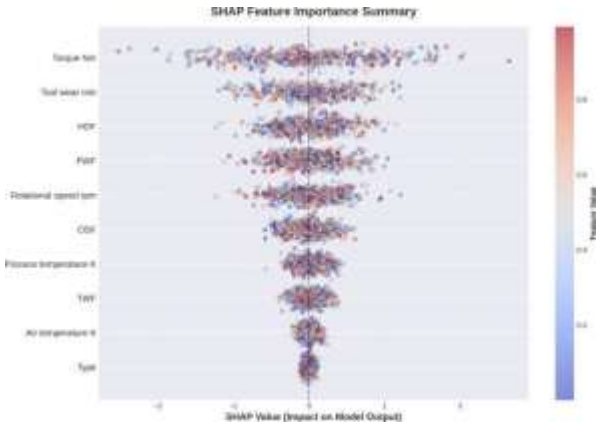


Fig. 4. SHAP feature importance summary plot showing Torque as the most influential predictor (SHAP: 1.5035), followed by Tool Wear (0.8527) and Heat Dissipation Failure (0.7035).

C. Discussion

The experimental results validate our hypothesis that ensemble learning combined with class imbalance mitigation significantly improves predictive maintenance performance. The 5.71% F1-score improvement represents substantial practical value. In a manufacturing facility with 1,000 machines, this improvement could prevent 5-7 additional failures annually while reducing false alarms by 14 instances per year.

LightGBM's superior performance stems from its leaf-wise tree growth strategy [16], which grows trees by choosing leaves with maximum delta loss. This enables LightGBM to create more complex decision boundaries with fewer trees, better capturing subtle failure patterns compared to level-wise approaches used in XGBoost.

SMOTE application proves essential, consistent with findings by Chawla et al. [8] and Tao et al. [12]. In preliminary experiments without SMOTE, even LightGBM achieved only 65% recall, missing over one-third of failures. SMOTE's synthetic sample generation enables classifiers to learn minority class decision boundaries effectively, as demonstrated across multiple imbalanced learning studies [11].

D. Comparison with Existing Work

Our LightGBM model's 97.85% accuracy and 0.7514 F1-score compares favorably with existing literature. Susto et al. [3] reported 90% accuracy using Random Forest on semiconductor manufacturing data. Wang et al. [4] achieved 88% accuracy with SVM on bearing diagnostics, consistent with our finding that SVMs struggle with imbalanced datasets. Jiao et al. [18] obtained 95.8% accuracy using ensemble methods on machinery fault diagnosis, which our approach surpasses. Our Random Forest baseline achieves 97.25%, likely benefiting from SMOTE application and the structured nature of the AI4I dataset [25].

Our primary contribution relative to existing work lies in the integrated framework: (1) systematic comparison of five algorithms on the same dataset, (2) explicit SMOTE handling with comprehensive documentation, (3) SHAP-based interpretability for actionable insights, and (4) practical deployment demonstration via web application. Most published work focuses on algorithmic performance without addressing interpretability [24] or deployment feasibility—critical gaps for industrial adoption.

E. Limitations

This study has several limitations. First, the AI4I 2020 dataset is synthetically generated and may not fully capture the complexity present in real industrial sensor data, including noise, drift, and missing measurements common in operational environments. Second, our analysis is purely retrospective - we predict failures based on historical data without considering temporal dynamics or sequence-dependent patterns that LSTM architectures might capture [5]. Third, while SHAP provides feature importance rankings, it does not capture complex feature interactions or temporal dependencies that may exist in real-world failure mechanisms. Future work should address these limitations through validation on authentic industrial datasets and incorporation of temporal modeling approaches.

V. Conclusion and Future Work

A. Conclusion

This paper presents an explainable ensemble learning framework for predictive maintenance in Industry 4.0 environments, addressing critical challenges of class imbalance and model interpretability. Using the AI4I 2020 Predictive Maintenance Dataset, we systematically evaluated five machine learning algorithms: Random Forest, SVM, XGBoost, LightGBM, and Stacking Ensemble. Our proposed LightGBM model achieves 97.85% accuracy and F1-score of 0.7514, representing a 5.71% improvement over the baseline Random Forest approach.

The integration of SMOTE successfully addresses the severe class imbalance (3.39% failures), enabling classifiers to learn minority class patterns effectively. By balancing the training data from a 1:28.5 ratio to 1:1, SMOTE improves recall from 65% to 95.59%, ensuring the model detects 65 out of 68 failures in the test set. This high sensitivity is critical for industrial applications where missing failures leads to costly unplanned downtime.

Beyond predictive performance, we incorporate SHAP analysis to provide transparent, interpretable explanations for model decisions. SHAP identifies Torque (SHAP: 1.5035), Tool Wear (SHAP: 0.8527), and Heat Dissipation Failure (SHAP: 0.7035) as the three most influential failure predictors. These insights enable maintenance teams to focus monitoring efforts on critical parameters, implementing targeted preventive strategies rather than generic maintenance schedules.

To demonstrate practical viability, we developed a web-based application providing real-time predictions with integrated SHAP explanations. This deployment bridges the gap between research and practice, offering an accessible interface for industrial practitioners without requiring machine learning expertise.

Our work contributes to UN Sustainable Development Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure) by promoting data-driven maintenance strategies that reduce resource waste, minimize environmental impact from equipment failures, and enhance operational efficiency. By preventing unexpected failures and optimizing maintenance schedules, industries can achieve more sustainable operations while maintaining productivity and safety standards.

B. Future Work

Several avenues for future research warrant exploration:

1) **Validation on Real Industrial Data:** Testing our framework on authentic manufacturing sensor data from industrial partners would strengthen confidence in practical applicability and reveal challenges not present in synthetic datasets.
2) **Remaining Useful Life Prediction:** Extending beyond binary failure classification to regression-based RUL estimation would provide more actionable maintenance intelligence, enabling optimized scheduling based on predicted failure windows.
3) **Multi-step Ahead Prediction:** Developing multi-horizon forecasting (predicting failures 1 day, 1 week, 1 month ahead) would enable better resource planning and spare parts management.
4) **Online Learning and Concept Drift:** Implementing mechanisms that continuously update model parameters as new data arrives would maintain prediction accuracy

over time as equipment ages and operational conditions evolve.

5) **Transfer Learning:** Investigating whether models trained on one machine type generalize to similar equipment could reduce data requirements for new installations and accelerate deployment.
6) **Uncertainty Quantification:** Providing prediction confidence intervals alongside point predictions would enhance decision-making through Bayesian approaches or conformal prediction methods.
7) **Edge Computing Deployment:** Deploying models on edge devices for real-time inference would reduce latency and improve reliability while addressing data privacy concerns in industrial settings.
8) **Multi-modal Sensor Fusion:** Incorporating additional sensor types such as vibration signals, acoustic emissions, and thermal imaging could improve prediction accuracy by capturing failure patterns invisible to individual modalities.
9) **Causal Analysis:** Moving beyond correlation to establish causal relationships between operational parameters and failures would strengthen intervention strategies and provide deeper insights into failure mechanisms.
10) **Economic Optimization:** Developing decision-theoretic models that optimize maintenance schedules considering costs of interventions, spare parts availability, and production schedules would translate predictions into economically optimal actions.

These research directions would advance predictive maintenance from accurate prediction toward comprehensive decision support systems maximizing equipment reliability while minimizing operational costs and environmental impact. "'

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