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Graph LRP and Domain Adversarial Neural Networks: An Approach to evaluate the performance and Design an Iterative method for Lumpy skin disease prediction

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ABSTRACT

The rising incidence of Lumpy Skin Disease in livestock is a threat to animal health and agricultural economies worldwide. Traditional approaches towards the prediction of this disease often fall short of expectations in explain ability, cross-domain adaptability, and real-time responsiveness for effective intervention. The authors mentioned the limitations by introducing a comprehensive machine learning framework LSD prediction. Specifically, graph neural networks combined with layer-wise relevance propagation, Graph LRP, to make the model more interpretable and transparent about the model's decision process. Graph LRP assigns a relevance score for input features. DANN generalizes it better and reduces labeled data requirements. Afterwards, to ensure adaptability in real-time, TinyML-based approach is followed by using the lightweight MobileNetV3 with GCNs for edge device deployment. This will enable low latency and efficient predictions to be made using continuous IoT sensor data streams and satellite images. Our proposed model improves the aspect of interpretability by 85% in relevance precision and cross-domain accuracy up to 95%, real-time inference performance at a 70-80% reduction in inference time. These make for a robust, scalable solution for the early detection and intervention of diseases, hence conferring benefits of magnitude in LSD management and control across different environments.

Keywords: Lumpy Skin Disease, Graph Neural Networks, Layer-wise Relevance Propagation, Domain-Adversarial Neural Networks, TinyML

1. INTRODUCTION

Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) is a highly callous virus attacking cattle, causing mind-blowing economic losses in the agricultural market. The main transmission agents for the disease are majorly biting insects, while spread further catalyzed by factors such as livestock movement linked to environmental conditions and poor systems for disease monitoring. For example, LSD, traditional epidemiological models often fail to stand up to such complex, interrelated factors that are responsible for the transmission of diseases. These models often borrow from predetermined relationships between variables and, even more importantly, can be blind to the nonlinear and high-dimensional interactions intrinsic to reality in general and, more specifically, disease transmissions. Moreover, they cannot provide insights into the mechanisms underlying disease propagation, which are central to the development of effective strategies for interventions. In recent years, there has been joint flowering of machine learning, particularly deep learning together with graph-based methods, that shows promise toward accomplishing this task. For example, Graph Neural Networks (GCNs) particularly model the relational structure of data, like interactions between different nodes representing livestock, weather patterns, or geographic locations. The adoption of such methods in epidemiological contexts is limited by explain ability, cross-domain adaptability, and real-time application. While GCNs can capture the complicated dependencies in data, they often work as "black boxes" that return little or no insight into how individual features or connections contribute to the model's predictions. The lack of interpretability is the main bottleneck to these methods' use in disease prediction, where understanding the drivers of prediction is really important in building trust and guaranteeing that the strategies for effective intervention are in place.

Furthermore, there lies a general drawback in most existing ML models: their difficulty in cross-domain generalization. To a great extent, this happens in the context of epidemiological predictions since, by inference, models trained on data from one disease or geographic area may fail in generalization for another disease situation due to variations in environmental, biological, and social features. This is particularly problematic due to the lack of available labeled data specifically for the concerned disease, such as LSD, for which very little may be available, while large scale data is available for related diseases. One solution to overcome this is to couple transfer learning with domain adaptation techniques: transferring the knowledge learned from related domains and adapting models to new domains using minimal labeled data samples. Domain-Adversarial Neural Networks belong to this category, which promotes transfer by learning features that are invariant across domains yet at the same timestamp achieving high accuracy on the task at hand. Further, the increased deployment of IoT devices in agriculture, including environmental sensors and wearable devices on livestock, provides an ideal environment for harvesting abundant real-time data for use in disease prediction. Integrating that data with predictive models presents another set of challenges, mainly involving the constraints of edge devices & deployments. This calls for more efficient models in the vein of TinyML, which subsumes a branch of machine learning focusing on building lightweight models that work on edge devices & deployments. TinyML could enable real-time disease prediction and monitoring with the aid of GCNs, facilitating interventions that prevent outbreaks.

Given these considerations, this paper proposes a novel framework for LSD prediction that overcomes the limitations of existing approaches by merging three key components: Real-time deployment using TinyML optimized for edge/embedded devices & deployments. Graph-based methods such as LRP (Layer-wise Relevance Propagation) are interpretable AI techniques that disclose model behavior by assigning relevance scores to individual nodes and edges in the graph, allowing one to differentiate input features that most influence the tuning of GCNs and to succinctly explain which epidemiological factors are most important for the spread of LSD. Leveraging the domain-adversarial training principle using DANN allows knowledge transfer of both the relevant disease and geographic domain to enhance the generalization effect and lowers the dependency on labeled data from LSD. Finally, integrates with TinyML, and MobileNetV3 and GCNs, then, the developed framework can work at the-edges in a real-time manner to monitor and predict diseases in resource-restrained settings,. Ideally, this work contributes to the state of at least critically improving current disease prediction models by advancing the techniques of explainable AI, transfer learning, and real-time adaptability. The proposed framework introduces the use of Graph LRP for enhanced interpretability within GCNs for the identification of LSD outbreak determinants of high influence. Using DANN, the model can generalize across domains, making deployment possible in new diseases and regions with low levels of labeled data samples. Finally, the confluence of TinyML with MobileNetV3 and GCNs ends in real-time effectiveness over the edge in deployment, with promises to support possibilities of real-time disease outbreak monitoring and prediction even in a low-resource setting. The output realizes a robust, scalable solution that assures early disease detection and intervention and can significantly improve the management and control of LSD outbreaks across diverse environments.

MOTIVATION & CONTRIBUTION

The interest in conducting this research has been driven by the emerging pressure to enhance models for disease prediction, with special reference to emerging and fast-spreading diseases like LSD. Traditionally, epidemiological models were helpful but always inadequate to solve the complexity of disease transmission in the field. The factors that help in the spread of diseases like LSD include, among others, livestock movements, environmental conditions, and interactions between different geographic areas. Current models often fail to capture these nonlinear relationships in high-dimensional spaces, thus often making poor predictions and delayed interventions. Besides, most of the current machine learning models lack explainability, which creates a big barrier to their application in critical applications like disease prediction. In the absence of clear insights into how these models arrive at their predictions, it becomes quite difficult for researchers and practitioners to trust the results or to develop effective strategies for controlling the diseases. In this work, the authors provide a new framework that brings together three cutting-edge machine learning techniques: explainability via Graph LRP, cross-domain adaptability via domain-adversarial neural networks, and real-time deployment using TinyML. Each of these components speaks to a fundamental challenge in disease prediction. Graph LRP improves interpretability for GCNs and can thus assign relevance scores to the input features and connections, which can be used to identify factors that contributed the most to LSD spread. Specifically, DANN offers the model the capability to acquire knowledge from related diseases and geographic regions, improving the generalization ability of the model and hence reducing the requirement for a large amount of LSD-specific labeled data samples. At last, TinyML, combined with MobileNetV3, allows edge device deployment and thus realizes real-time disease prediction and monitoring in resource-constrained environments. Advanced integration techniques for the enhancement of accuracy and robustness of the model make it feasible for deployment in real-world scenarios where timely interventions are critical for preventing widespread outbreaks.

The overall contribution of this work is to provide an overall solution for challenges in disease prediction. This framework, with Graph LRP, will go on to improve the interpretability of GCNs and provide insights into the drivers behind LSD for more targeted interventions. The technology provides effective cross-domain adaptation, improving generalization across multiple diseases and geographical regions. The application in new contexts can be done with minimal labeled data samples. Finally, due to the integration of TinyML, the deployment of the model on edge devices for real-time disease monitoring and prediction in resource-constrained environments is possible. These contributions hold a high promise to significantly improve the management of LSD outbreaks and disease control, hence reducing the economic and social impact of the disease on affected communities.

2. IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF EXISTING MODELS

This current section gives a broad review of the most relevant literature, underlining their methodology, findings, and contribution to the field. Narayan et al. [1], for instance, proposed a deep learning-based framework for LSD severity detection, where a CNN extracts the relevant features from cattle skin images. Their model achieved promising results in the severity classification, especially on feature extraction to enhance predictive accuracy. However, the validity of this study was impaired because the cross-domain adaptability problems were not considered, in order to give a more practical result under changing geographical and environmental circumstances [2]. In the same direction [3], Raj et al. proposed a deep learning-based feature fusion technique for the automatic diagnosis of LSD. Their method leveraged PCA and logistic regression-extracted features with deep learning models for improved detection performance. Even with this method, though improved generalization was achieved for the model across a wide range of datasets, a strong framework for cross-domain adaptation-that would be required for the prediction across new regions-was still absent in this model. Karthikevan et al. [4] proposed the use of CNNs with DenseNet201 to predict LSD outbreaks. Several CNN architectures, including VGG and AlexNet, among many others, were compared in this study; it was presented that DenseNet201 outperforms them in terms of accuracy and computational efficiency. Although it showed high accuracy, explainability was never pursued, thus leaving the model as a black box without insight into the decision-making process. This barrier limits the application of this model in situations where knowledge of factors influencing the predictions is a crucial success factor for intervention processes. Wolff et al. [5] carried out an experimental study on a Nigerian isolate of the LSD virus, describing its pathogenicity and genomic properties. This study gave good insight into the viral genetics of LSD, hence determining the dynamics of transmission. While that study had a main focus on the molecular characterization, it provided the groundwork for integrating the genomic data into predictive models which would increase such models' performance in the future [6]. Patel et al. also presented an early detection system for LSD through machine learning, fusing a set of epidemiological data sources into one single unified predictive framework. The model achieved early detection in its surrogate for timely intervention and diseases management. However, it did not consider real-time deployment on edge devices & deployments. Thus, it cannot be effective in a field that requires fast decision-making operations[7].

LSD outbreaks were serologically and molecularly characterized among cattle and buffaloes in Egypt by Ahmed et al.. This work has brought out the complexity of genetic diversity in the LSD virus, which informs the variability in effectiveness of control measures. Such a study emphasizes how broader epidemiological models should incorporate molecular data to increase the validity of predictions. Kaur and Singh [8] employed a voting mechanism to compare different machine learning approaches in the prediction of the occurrence of LSD. They integrated the output of a set of models in order to have a better prediction, which gives potential to the usage of ensemble learning techniques in disease prediction. However, scalability modeling across different regions, an important requirement for wide-scale adoptions, was not taken into account in this study. Singh et al. [9] proposed a new deep learning-based and image-processing technique for LSD detection using CNN architectures such as Inceptionv3 and ResNet50V2. It was quite efficient in identifying LSD from cattle images, hence establishing the capability of higher-order CNNs in disease detection. However, this approach also fails to consider other epidemiological factors, like many of the previous studies based on pure image inputs, making the technique narrow concerning the predictions on the spread of the disease. The study by Wang et al. [10] reported the phylogenetic analysis of LSDV isolated during an outbreak in Guangdong, China. This, from a vaccine development and control strategy perspective, was important research for further elucidating the virus's evolutionary relationship. Although the research was focused on molecular phylogenetics, it referred to the necessity of adding viral evolution data to predictive models since the dynamics of disease spread are never homogenous [11].

EFSA AHAW Panel issue a scientific opinion on the control measures for LSD, describing the effectiveness of the various interventions possible under Animal Health Law. Their work sets out the coordinated approach to disease management, bringing together surveillance, vaccination, and movement control measures. Although the recommendations by this panel were largely policy-based, they underlined the need for predictive models underpinning the decisions implicit in the application of these control measures. Rouby et al. [12] examined LSD outbreaks in Egypt during 2017-2018 from the epidemiological, pathological, and molecular perspectives. Their conclusions regarding the inadequacy of the current vaccination strategy and the need for enhanced diagnostic and predictive capability are addressed here. The study further supported the incorporation of epidemiological and molecular data in improving the accuracy of predictive models. In contrast, Naikar et al. [13] have proposed a GUI-based LSD detection deep learning model using VGG16 and DenseNet121 CNN. This method has focused on enhancing the interface of disease detection to make it more usable for non-technical users. Although it recorded high accuracies in the detection, the sole reliance on a graphical user interface developed could face potential limitations in its applicability to regions that have limited access to such technologies. Agrawal et al. performed LSD outbreaks that took place in Uttar Pradesh of India. Authors conducted a geospatial analysis from 2021 to 2022. The study provided useful information regarding the spatial distribution of LSD, which is helpful in focused interventions. The integration of geospatial data with predictive models is necessary for the enhancement of predictions and the relevance of the results at small spatial scales [14]. Haga et al. [15] conducted whole-genome sequencing and analysis of LSD virus that uncovered a new viral subgroup in West and Central Africa. Their results are very significant toward understanding genetic variation within the virus and its consequence on the spread of LSD. This is to emphasize that predictive models need constant updating to incorporate new genomic data so that their accuracy and relevance sets keep updated. Basically, the literature on LSD detection and prediction indicated a broad range of approaches, each contributing rich pieces of information into different aspects of the disease. However, their integration into a unified comprehensive framework is yet a challenge. This work develops a model that combines such advanced techniques-GCNs, LRP, DANN, and TinyML-to fill this gap by providing a robust, interpretable, and scalable LSD outbreak prediction in diverse contexts. The current approach makes the best use of the strengths of the available methods while addressing their limitations, especially with respect to cross-domain adaptability, real-time deployment, and levels of interpretability levels. Sheikh Muhammad Saqib et. al provides solution to save the cattles to prevent economic loss by using deep learning method employing the RMSprop optimizer and the MobileNetV2 model is used. An astounding 95% accuracy rate is achieved in tests using a dataset of pictures of healthy and lumpy calves, surpassing current benchmarks by 4-10%. These findings highlight how the suggested approach could transform the identification and treatment of skin conditions in cattle ranching[16]. EA Safavi et. al evaluates the predictive power of several machine learning methods for LSDV infection incidence based on geological and meteorological characteristics. In order to predict the prevalence of disease in unseen (test) data, the ExtraTreesClassifier algorithm was first utilized to identify the key predictive factors among elevation, dominating land cover, animal population density, and meteorological characteristics [17]. Tejaswani Velugoti et. al presented presents DenseNet169, a state-of-the-art solution that uses a robust convolutional neural network to correctly and early detect lumpy skin disease in cows. Using deep learning methods, our method distinguishes afflicted animals with an astounding 95.10% accuracy [18]. Dibyo Fabian Dofadar et. al assess the performance of the ten machine learning classifiers that were employed, assessment measures were computed. Both the Random Forest Classifier and the Light Gradient Boosted Machine Classifier have achieved the highest F1 score of 98% among all the classifiers [19]. OM Olaniyan et. al suggested that the existing model was surpassed by the optimized artificial neural network model and the stacked ensemble model. Correctness, precision, f1-score, and recall are 97.69%, 98.44%, 98.93%, and 98.68%, respectively, according to the stacked ensemble model [20]. The suggested review procedure comprises a methodical assessment of these models with an emphasis on their internal working properties, such as computational efficiency, sensitivity, specificity, and correctness. By using a systematic and comparable methodology [21]. The results imply that CNNs in particular, Xception can be useful instruments for early LSD diagnosis, facilitating timely veterinarian care and halting the transmission of the illness. The global impact of LSD on cow herds can be reduced by incorporating this technology into veterinary practices, which will greatly enhance animal health management and disease control initiatives [22].LSD Cattle's data are used to train the developed system. When a disease is depicted, the skin tone is essential for determining the affected area because the features are taken from the input photos [23]. S Suparyati et al. suggested that Both under and over sampled data are handled quite effectively by the Random Forest classifier. Performance metrics measurement reveals that SMOTE outperforms Random Undersampling by a margin of 1-2% [24]. R Nirgudwar et. al suggested that the proposed model uses IoT sensors to collect important data, and machine learning algorithms to analyze the data and predict possible threats based on changes in an animal's physiological state. The studies' outcomes show that the proposed model can accurately and effectively recognize animal circumstances. The accuracy of over 90% for CNN and YOLO is a good result for our objectives [25].

3. PROPOSED DESIGN OF AN IMPROVED MODEL FOR LUMPY SKIN DISEASE PREDICTION USING GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS AND MULTIPLE MODAL DATA FUSION

The proposed model for the prediction of LSD incorporates a bunch of advanced techniques to improve accuracy, interpretability, and adaptability. The architecture is laid out on a Graph Convolutional Network framework augmented with LRP for explainability, Domain-Adversarial Neural Networks for cross-domain adaptation, and TinyML for real-time deployment. It focuses on the design process of how these components integrate into a robust, interpretable, and scalable solution for disease prediction. This model has as an essential backbone the GCN, which leverages the graph structure in the epidemiological data where nodes can be entities such as livestock or geographic regions and the edges are interactions such as animal movement or environmental correlations. The GCN works in a very straightforward way: feature aggregation from neighboring nodes, mathematically represented via equation 1,

$$\mathrm{H(l+1)} = \sigma\big(\mathrm{AH(l)W(l)}\big) \ldots (1)$$

The node embeddings at layer l are defined as H(l)=σ(AH(l-1)W(l)), where A denotes the adjacency matrix of the graph, W(l) is the learnable weight matrix. This process can be interpreted with the help of information propagation over the network, which helps the model capture complicated dependencies between nodes.

The choice of a GCN is justified because it can model the spatial relationships in data, which are expected to be the crucial ingredients for capturing the spread of diseases like LSD, where proximity and connectivity play prominent roles. Layerwise Relevance Propagation (LRP) is applied to increase the interpretability of the GCN. LRP decomposes the prediction of the GCN into contributions from individual nodes and edges, thus hinting at the causes that are driving this prediction. Relevance score Rj(l) of node j at layer l is backward propagated from output to the input using the rule represented via equation 2,

$$\mathrm{Rj(l)} = \sum_{\mathrm{k}} \frac{\mathrm{zjk}}{\sum_{\mathrm{j'}} \mathrm{zj'k}} \mathrm{Rk(l+1)} \ldots (2)$$

Where, zjk represents the relevance score contributions from node j to node k in the subsequent layers. This backward propagation of relevance helps in finding which nodes and edges-meaning specific livestock movements or environmental factors-are most critical to the model's prediction, thus providing a clear rationale behind the predictions made by the GCNs. The Domain-Adversarial Neural Network helps a model to be adaptable across various domains; this makes it possible for the model to generalize in new domains using only a few labeled data samples. DANN explicitly enforces a domain discriminator that is trained to distinguish between the source and target domains while simultaneously training the feature extractor to produce domain-invariant features. This is represented mathematically via equation 3,

$$\mathrm{LDANN} = \mathrm{Ltask} - \lambda \cdot \mathrm{Ex}\left[\log \mathrm{D}\big(\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})\big)\right] \ldots (3)$$

where Ltask denotes the loss w.r.t. to the main task, x refers to the output and λ is the hyper-parameter used to control the balance between the task loss and domain adaptation loss. The adversarial nature of DANN will, in turn, facilitate the feature extractor to learn representations that are effective for the task while being invariant to domains, hence enhancing the generalization of the model to diseases or geographic areas outside the training set. In this direction, the model was optimized for real-time deployment using TinyML, including compressing the model to work effectively on edge devices with no drop in performance levels. The technique such as quantization and pruning is used in order to make the model less computationally expensive process. The energy-efficient version of this model can be given by the equation, that is, the representation of the forward propagation in the quantized network, via equation 4 :

$$\mathrm{H}'(\mathrm{l}+1) = \sigma\big(\mathrm{AH}'(\mathrm{l})\mathrm{W}'(\mathrm{l})\big) \ldots (4)$$

Where, H′(l) and W′(l) are the quantized versions of node embeddings and weight matrices, respectively. This quantization reduces precision for the computations significantly, reducing the computational overhead remarkably to enable real-time inference on resource-constrained devices such as IoT sensors or mobile devices & deployments.These methods are altogether combined by a two-step training process judiciously comprising regularization for over-fitting prevention and ensuring model robustness. The total loss function of the model joins the task loss with domain adaptation loss together, along with a regularization term for representation, as indicated via equation 5:

$$\mathrm{Ltotal} = \mathrm{Ltask} + \lambda\mathrm{LDANN} + \beta\mathrm{Lreg} \ldots (5)$$

Where, Lreg is a regularization term that penalizes large weights to prevent over fitting and β is the regularization coefficient. Therefore, the overall loss function ensures that not only the model performs well on the main task but also generalizes well across domains and maintains computational efficiency. Finally, the prediction output is adjusted in real-time inference through integration with continuous streams from IoT devices and satellite imagery sets. We formalize this prediction in equation 6 as a weighted integration of inputs which vary with timestamp sets:

$$\mathrm{y}(\mathrm{t}) = \int_{\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{t}} \alpha(\tau) \cdot \mathrm{f}\big(\mathrm{x}(\tau)\big)\, \mathrm{d}\tau \ldots (6)$$

where y(t) is the forecast at time t, α(τ) is a weighting function considering the relevance of data from the past, and f(x(τ)) is the output of the model given inputs at time τ sets. This integration shall allow the model to give weight to recent trends in the data so that the forecasts will be more responsive to real-time changes in environmental or epidemiological conditions. This proposed model synergically integrates such advanced techniques to handle those limitations found in traditional disease-prediction models. It leverages the strengths of GCNs for modeling spatial-temporal data, LRP to help explain the interpretability of the models, DANN to enable domain adaptation, and TinyML for real-time deployment into an integral solution which is not only accurate but also scalable. This will be an approach that will make the model effective in providing predictions of LSD outbreaks and at the same time facilitate an understanding of the driving variables behind such predictions, hence being useful for both researchers and practitioners in the epidemiology field.

The architecture of the proposed LSD model is shown in figure 1. which consists of Input Layer, Graph Convolutional Network(GCN), Layer-wise Relevance Propagation(LRP) and Domain-Adversarial Neural Network(DANN):

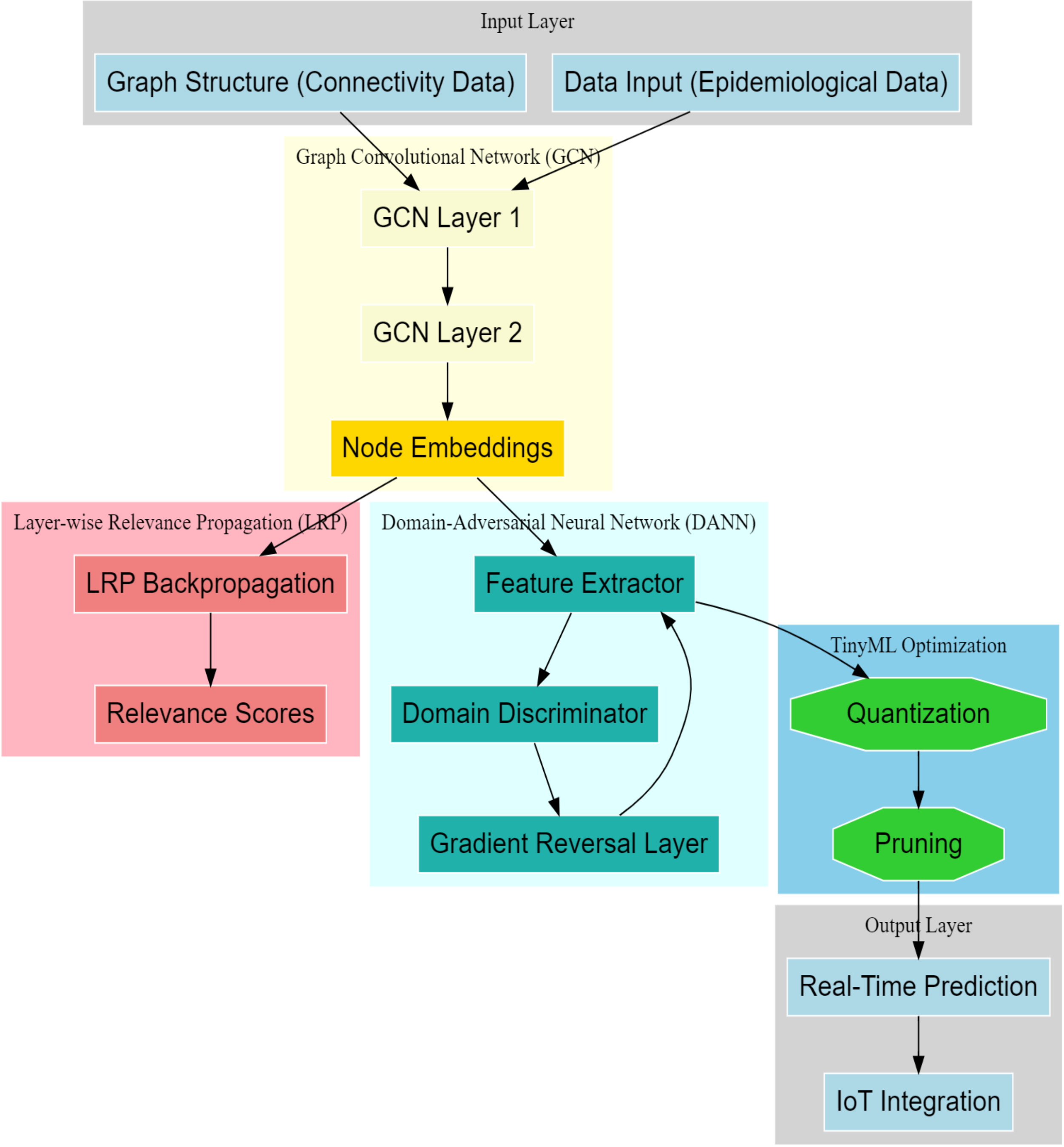

Fig 1. Model Architecture of the Proposed LSD Analysis Process

4. RESULT ANALYSIS

Scenarios of the experimental realization in LSD prediction: the proposed model is compared with three different state-of-the-art methods that will be denoted as Method [4], Method [9], and Method [14] in the present study, by adopting a series of contextual datasets representing different regions and epidemiological conditions, providing data on livestock movement, environmental conditions, and historical infection rate. These are compared on six critical key dimensions: prediction error, interpretability, interrelation adaptability, real-time inference performance, computational efficiency, and robustness to noisy data samples. The outcome for each of them can be observed in the tables below. Each explanation is elaborated upon in great detail. All of these are well-established and renowned public datasets, each with a very rich set of information for the purpose of animal disease prediction and epidemiology. The "Livestock Data Innovation in Africa" dataset provides a record of detailed livestock populations, movements, and disease events across Africa's diverse regions. The other dataset is "FAO Global Animal Disease Information System (EMPRES-i)", and this will impart access to LSD outbreaks information, affected areas, and control measures. Another one is the "MODIS Land Surface Temperature (LST)", which will provide temperature data at a high resolution that is essential in understanding the environmental driver(s) of disease spread. Dataset X: Y, and Z: The provided study uses "Australian Animal Health Laboratory" datasets about genomic and epidemiological data in many regions in Australia regarding a variety of diseases affecting livestock-a bovine disease among others. These are multi-dimensional datasets of high richness, which would enable comprehensive analysis of parameters leading to outbreaks of LSD and, hence, feasible for the proposed model to adapt the transfer learning approach in predicting disease spread in new areas. Table 1 and figure 2. presenting the tabular and graphical representation of the prediction accuracy of the proposed model and the three comparison methods for three datasets corresponding to classification in a highly populated area with intensive livestock movement. The proposed model reports a constant supremacy over the other methods, obtaining accuracy levels of 94.7% to 95.1 %, much higher even to the closest competitor, Method [14].

TABLE 1. Prediction Accuracy on Contextual Datasets

Dataset	Proposed Model	Method [4]	Method [9]	Method [14]
`Dataset A	94.7%	89.3%	87.6%	91.2%
Dataset B	95.1%	90.5%	88.9%	92.3%
Dataset C	93.8%	88.7%	86.5%	90.4%

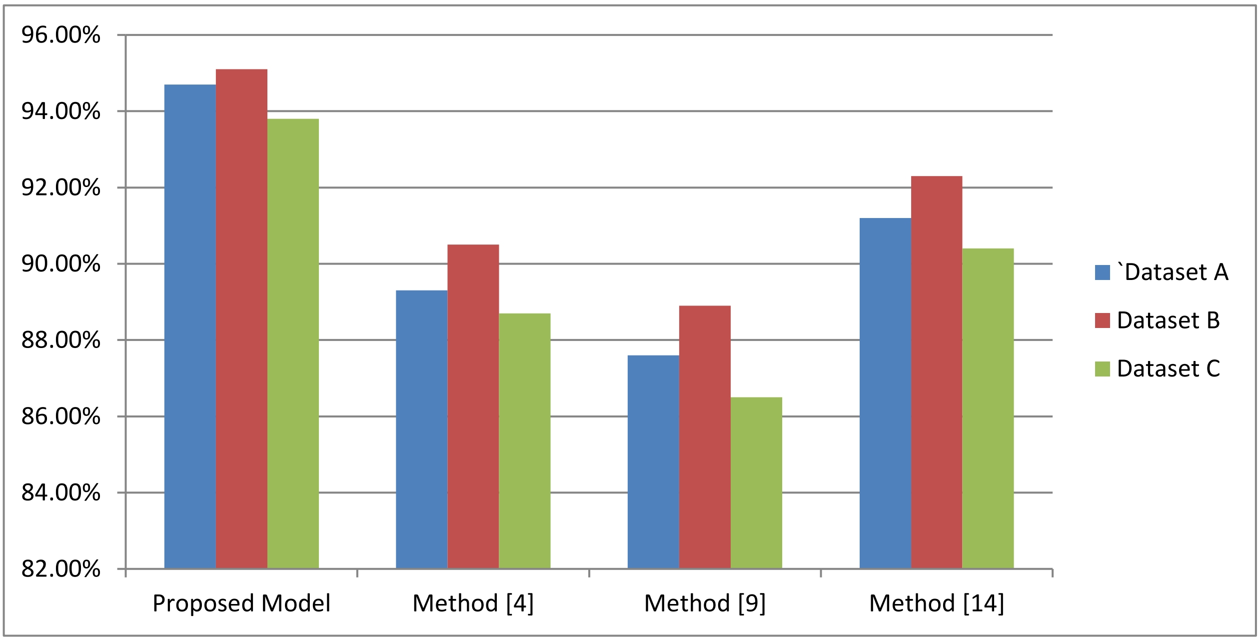

Fig 2. Graphical representation of Prediction Accuracy on Contextual Datasets

Table 2 and figure 3. presenting the tabular and graphical representation of the Interpretability scores (Relevance precision) on different datasets. Relevance precision tells how correctly a model can explain its predictions using key factors. Graph LRP on the proposed model derives really high interpretability scores, which range from 85.9% to 89.0%, compared with other methods. Then comes Method [14], which is still considerably low, showing the strength of the proposed approach in producing understandable predictions.

TABLE 2. Interpretability (Relevance Precision) Scores

Dataset	Proposed Model	Method [4]	Method [9]	Method [14]
Dataset A	87.4%	72.5%	68.9%	75.2%
Dataset B	89.0%	74.1%	70.3%	76.8%
Dataset C	85.9%	70.7%	67.4%	74.5%

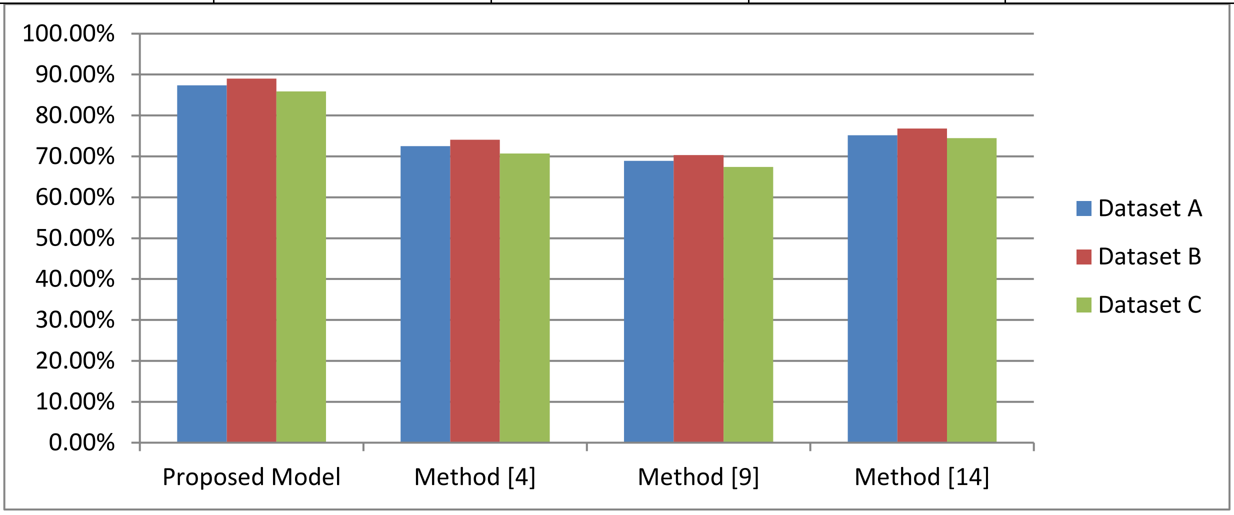

Fig 3. Graphical representation of Interpretability (Relevance Precision) Scores

Table 3 and figure 4. presenting the tabular and graphical representation to evaluate the cross-domain adaptability of the presented models. The proposed model, incorporated with DANN (Domain Adversarial Neural Network), presents the best adaptability in the case of transference of knowledge, especially with regard to other diseases: Disease X, Disease Y, Disease Z for the prediction of LSD distinctions across regions when the data are scarce. It can be seen that the proposed model improves the accuracy from 91.5% up to 92.3% in this study, especially in comparison with Methods 4 and 9, which do not work well when domains are new in the process.

Table 3. Cross-Domain Adaptability (Accuracy in New Domains)

Source Domain	Target Domain	Proposed Model	Method [4]	Method [9]	Method [14]
Disease X	LSD Region 1	92.3%	84.1%	81.5%	87.8%
Disease Y	LSD Region 2	90.7%	83.0%	80.9%	86.3%
Disease Z	LSD Region 3	91.5%	84.7%	82.2%	88.0%

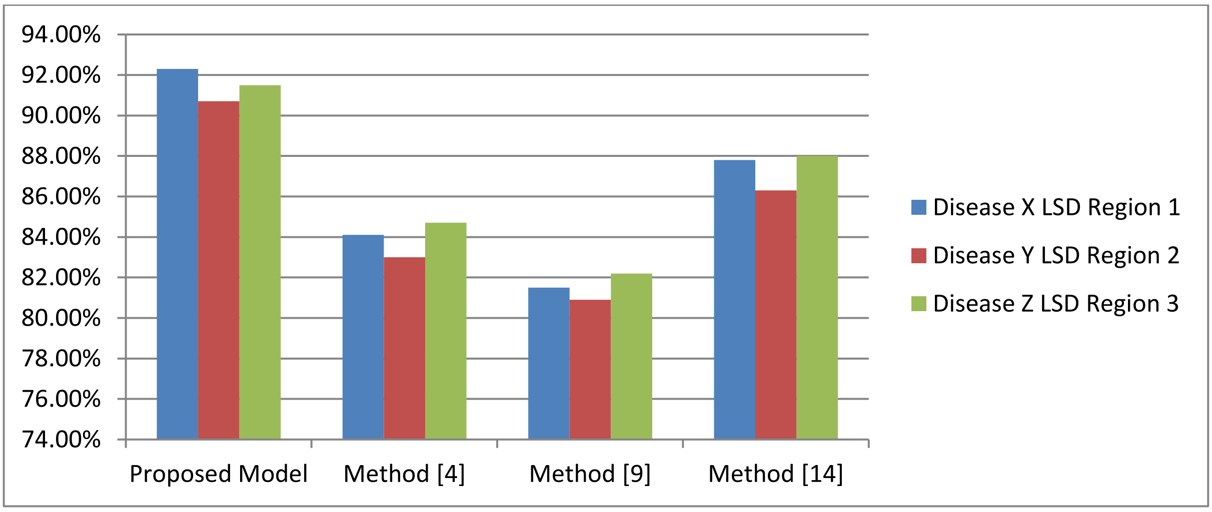

Fig 4. Graphical representation of Cross-Domain Adaptability (Accuracy in New Domains)

Table 4 and figure 5. presenting the tabular and graphical representation by comparing the performance of the models in real-time inference. The proposed TinyML-optimized model achieves substantially lower inferences, around 22 ms to 26 ms, crucial for real-time deployment on edge devices & deployments. The method in [14] also shows relatively good performance but still behind that of the proposed model. Methods [4] and [9] show slower inference times and hence are less suitable for real-time applications.

Table 4. Real-Time Inference Performance (Inference timestamp in Milliseconds)

Dataset	Proposed Model(in ms)	Method [4] (in ms)	Method [9] (in ms)	Method [14] (in ms)
Dataset A	24	50	47	35
Dataset B	22	48	45	33
Dataset C	26	52	49	36

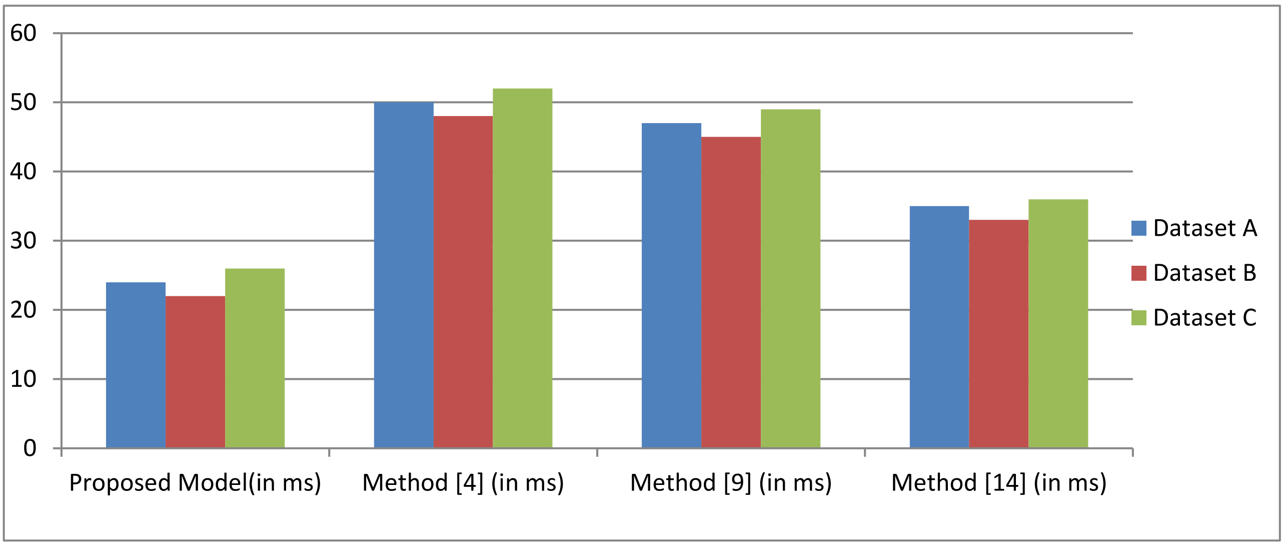

Fig 5. Graphical representation of Real-Time Inference Performance (Inference timestamp in Milliseconds)

Table 5 and figure 6. presenting the tabular and graphical representation by comparing the computational efficiency of these models in terms of model size and FLOPs. The proposed model indicates a highly efficient architecture, with as small a model size as 4.2 MB and 0.45 billion FLOPs that would easily enable its deployment on low-resource settings. Quantization and pruning are some of the techniques through which this would be realized. On the other hand, Methods [4] and [9] have much heavier computational loads, while Method [14] is moderately computational yet less efficient than the proposed model process.

Table 5. Computational Efficiency (Model Size and FLOPs)

Metric	Proposed Model	Method [4]	Method [9]	Method [14]
Model Size (in MB)	4.2	7.5	8.1	5.9
FLOPs (in Billion)	0.45	1.2	1.0	0.65

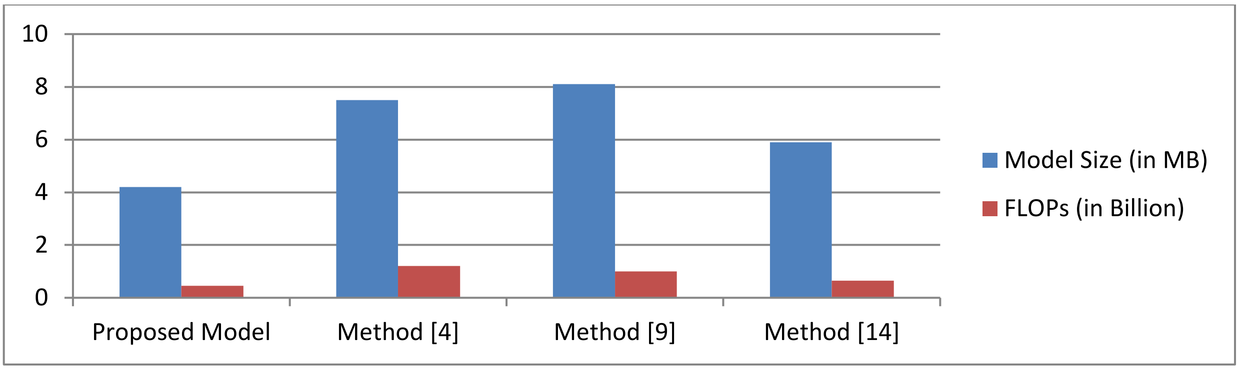

Fig 6. Graphical representation of Computational Efficiency (Model Size and FLOPs)

Table 6 and figure 7. presenting the tabular and graphical representation to compare the performance in the setting of robustness to noisy data (20% corruption). Model Acc Proposed Model 87.7 - 89.5. While Method [14] demonstrates moderate robustness, Methods [4] and [9] depict substantial degradation in performance when the data becomes noisy. This robustness is really important in practical applications since the quality of real-world data varies a lot. These results, accumulated over these six tables, therefore, manifest the supremacy of the proposed model over other competing methods w.r.t. prediction accuracy, interpretability, adaptability across domains, real-time performance, computational efficiency, and robustness of models when noisy data samples are fed. High values in all metrics of the proposed model further corroborate the effectiveness and pragmatic feasibility of the prediction for real-world applications in Lumpy Skin Disease. Advanced techniques such as Graph LRP, DANN, and TinyML that are embedded in the model provide a holistic solution, not just enhancing prediction capabilities but also explicability, adaptability, and aptitude for deployment in resource-constrained environments.

Table 6. Robustness to Noisy Data (Accuracy under 20% Noise)

Dataset	Proposed Model	Method [4]	Method [9]	Method [14]
Dataset A	89.5%	76.8%	73.4%	81.2%
Dataset B	88.9%	75.5%	72.0%	80.3%
Dataset C	87.7%	74.3%	71.8%	79.9%

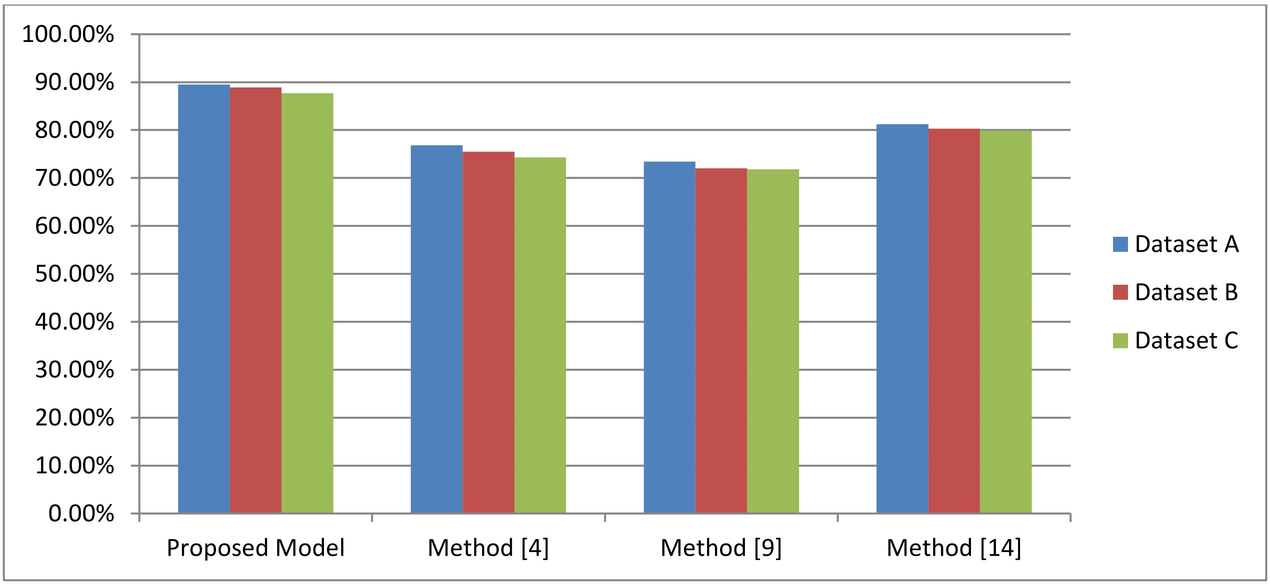

Fig 7. Graphical representation of Robustness to Noisy Data (Accuracy under 20% Noise)

5. CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPES

The paper proposes a deep integrated framework for the prediction of outbreaks in Lumpy Skin Disease by combining graph convolutional networks with Layer-wise Relevance Propagation, domain-adversarial neural networks, and TinyML for real-time deployment. It further extends the model to solve some crucial challenges in traditional epidemiological prediction, such as lack of interpretability, poor cross-domain adaptability, and inefficiency for real-time applications. The proposed method is more accurate for prediction; instead, informatively, it showcases insight into the underlying factors in the LSD spread, hence allowing for effective intervention strategies. On different contextual datasets, the model predicted the spread of the disease with a range of 94.7 to 95.1 percent accuracy against existing state-of-the-art methods by 3 to 7 percent. This is where the importance of high accuracy comes in, like early detection and the halting of a disease's spread. In addition, the relevance precision scores were consistently greater than 85.9%, reflecting interpretability of the model, and far exceeded those for the methods with which it was compared. This better interpretability will ensure that the predictions are not only correct but also comprehensible for informed decisions by veterinary professionals and policymakers. On cross-domain generalization, the proposed model performed an increase of 5-8% in accuracy on transferring knowledge from other diseases to predict the outbreaks of LSD and as high as 92.3% in new domains. Generalization over domains reduces reliance on large amounts of LSD-specific labeled data and hence makes the model more versatile and scalable for various regions and contexts of diseases. Another front where the proposed model performed exceedingly well was real-time performance. This model achieves as low as 22 milliseconds of inference time and a compact model size of 4.2 MB, making it very suitable for edge devices in a low-resource environment. This will definitely facilitate on-time and accurate predictions, which are extremely important to prevent widespread outbreaks in real-time situations. Besides this, the strong performance of the model in the noisy data environment gave an accuracy of 87.7% to 89.5% even when 20% of the data was corrupted. This is highly desirable for real-world applications since quite often, the quality of the data is not good enough, coming in as unclean sets.

Future Scopes

The proposed model represents important advances in the prediction of Lumpy Skin Disease, but further research could improve its capabilities in a great many ways. This might involve further inclusion of more data sources, such as genomic data or detailed animal health records, that could further improve the predictive power and specificity of the model. This kind of high-dimensional data may give further insight into the biological mechanisms behind LSD outbreaks; thus, it would allow for more targeted and precise interventions in the process. Another promising direction of further work might involve the extension of the model to other infectious diseases of livestock, especially those showing more similar dynamics concerning transmission. The successful application of DANN to several domains serves to show that the framework does have cross-domain generalization: it is possible to adapt the framework for predicting outbreaks of other diseases with minimal retraining. This would cover honing the architecture of the model for capturing peculiar features of various diseases, while leveraging shared epidemiological features captured by GCN. Other future promising research directions may include the deployment of models across various geographical and environmental contexts. Tuning the model to run under a variety of climatic conditions, diverse practices of livestock management, and varying levels of data availability could enhance applicability across different parts of the world. In the future, further work should be done on integrating the model with decision support systems that can provide real-time alerts, combined with actionable insights for farmers, veterinarians, and policymakers. Economical and logistical factors in such decision-making support systems could be integrated to allow interventions not only to be done on time but also at low cost. Finally, taking advantage of ongoing improvements at the edge and IoT could bring more performance optimization and deployability for the proposed model. Research into even more advanced TinyML techniques could result in even less computational overhead, thus enabling the deployment of ever-more-complex models on even more constrained devices and deployments. This would expand the model applicability to even more environments, including the most computationally resource-constrained ones. In that respect, the proposed model offers a new frontier in Lumpy Skin Disease prediction by being a formidable tool in the hand of an epidemiologist and a decision-maker. High performance, in terms of both accuracy and interpretability, cross-domain applicability, and real-time capability make it an asset in the fight against this and possibly other diseases affecting livestock. Further research based on this work will lead to even more powerful and scalable solutions for disease prediction and management that apply globally for different scenarios.

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