



# A Cloud-Based Big Data Analytics and Machine Learning Framework for Smart City Lighting Control: IoT-Driven Predictive Maintenance and Energy Optimization

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## Abstract

*This research presents a city-scale outdoor lighting system, relying on interconnected IoT units communicating via IPv6 to create an adaptive network. Rather than activating at sunset alone, the setup evolves by recognizing recurring behaviors - modifying brightness when motion appears, during rainfall, or if people gather nearby. Information travels from pavement-mounted detectors to neighborhood computing nodes, enabling instant responses prior to forwarding condensed reports higher up. These insights then feed into cloud systems that refine how energy gets used across districts. Maintenance alerts pop up not when parts fail, but before they are likely to, thanks to pattern shifts caught by algorithmic tracking. Users interact via simple apps - no coding needed - to set schedules or adjust brightness block by block. Firmware upgrades roll out silently, device by device, without disrupting service. Safety improves because well-lit zones follow people, not fixed timetables. Power consumption drops since light levels match actual needs, not worst-case assumptions. The whole setup balances speed at the edges with deep analysis in centralized hubs. Trials showed a solid boost in power savings - nearly 28% - while upkeep expenses dipped by about 35%. Control became smoother, thanks to simple apps on phones and browsers that made managing lights easier. This setup gives city teams better tools to handle streetlights without complications. It fits into smarter city systems without forcing change or promising miracles.*

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## 1 Introduction

City streets glow under lamps that shape how safe people feel after dark, influence electricity use, not just light paths but lives. As urban areas grow smarter across the globe, networks of wirelessly linked fixtures spread through neighborhoods, parks, plazas. Each lamp connects to a larger web, responding to commands from afar—dimming when empty, brightening at movement. Intelligence hides inside these nodes, tracking wear, adjusting output, spotting issues before failure. Remote oversight cuts waste, sharpens efficiency, keeps illumination where needed without constant checks [8].

Older light controls don't allow remote access—someone must be there to switch them, tweak brightness, or patch software, which wastes time and money. Handling scattered lighting setups over wide regions becomes a real burden for city teams and facility leads. Research now points toward smarter solutions: systems run from phones or browsers that predict repairs, adjust usage, and cut power waste. Using IPv6 in-

stead of older standards helps networks grow smoothly, linking countless gadgets across urban spaces without hiccups [28].

The current state of outdoor lighting controller management faces several critical challenges. Lacking remote access means workers must show up just to flip switches, tweak brightness, or set timers—this slows everything down while driving expenses up. Firmware upgrades done by hand mean someone must show up in person—slows down patching flaws, rolling out tweaks, or fixing glitches across vast networks of machines. Keeping systems current becomes a logistical crawl when each box needs boots on the ground. Fixing things only when they break—sometimes after set time frames—means effort gets wasted. Work happens too late, then machines stop without warning. Time slips away while teams scramble. No rhythm, just response [2].

Energy slips through the cracks when systems run without smart oversight. Where logic should guide usage, there's instead a steady drain—wasted juice piling up over time. This

kind of unchecked flow feeds into heavier emissions, quietly adding strain to the environment. Smarter rhythms could temper the draw, but absence leaves it running raw. Smart cities running on old IPv4 setups hit a wall—too many devices, not enough addresses to go around. As networks grow into the millions, the system starts falling short, unable to keep up with demand. Instead of smooth expansion, bottlenecks emerge from outdated addressing logic. Each new sensor or camera tightens the squeeze on an already strained framework [28].

Lack of user-friendly interfaces means city admins struggle with clunky tools—outdated navigation traps workers in frustrating loops. Mobile access stumbles without smooth design, while web platforms lag behind real-world needs. Instead of flow, there's friction; instead of speed, delays pile up. These hurdles call for a smart lighting setup, driven by IoT, working remotely via apps on phones or browsers. It runs on IPv6, allowing firmware upgrades without wires. Predictive checks keep it running smoothly. Power use gets trimmed down automatically.

## 2 Related Work

Some researchers looked into IoT-driven monitoring setups along with strategies for predictive upkeep. Smith and team [1] introduced a system using IoT meant for smarter city structures. Johnson teamed up with Lee [2], diving into how machine learning can play a role in foreseeing equipment failures. Chen's group [3] examined ways big data tools help manage city-level infrastructure. Still, one full-rounded approach—focused squarely on wireless outdoor light controls that bring together IoT, machine learning, and deep data analysis—isn't well covered yet.

## 3 Proposed System Architecture

### 3.1 System Overview

The system includes four main parts: Device Layer, followed by Edge Computing Layer, then Cloud Processing Layer, finally ending with Application Layer. Each level connects into the next, forming a flow that handles information smoothly while supporting live tracking alongside smart responses. Structure matters here—not because it looks neat, but because it works without getting in the way. The complete architecture is shown in \*\*Figure 3\*\*.

### 3.2 Device Layer

The device level includes outdoor light controls that run on wireless tech, fitted with multiple sensing units. Power sensors keep track of voltage, along with current and how much energy is used. Temperature readings join humidity plus light levels from surroundings picked up by environmental monitors [12]. Wireless links handled by Wi-Fi, LoRaWAN, or

Zigbee signals lighting up the connection web. Lamp behavior tracked through sensors that catch brightness shifts, power modes, while spotting real-time operation cues. Every device receives a unique IPv6 address, enabling direct communication without network address translation complexity [28].

### 3.3 Edge Computing Layer

Edge nodes serve as intelligent intermediaries performing critical preprocessing operations that reduce latency and bandwidth requirements. Local data aggregation and preprocessing algorithms filter redundant information, normalize sensor readings, and perform quality checks on incoming data streams [9]. The edge layer implements sophisticated data compression algorithms reducing data volume by up to 70% before cloud transmission, significantly reducing bandwidth costs. Local caching mechanisms ensure operational continuity during temporary cloud connectivity issues, maintaining critical monitoring functions and storing data for later synchronization [30].

### 3.4 Cloud Processing Layer

The cloud processing layer handles complex analytics, machine learning operations, and long-term data storage using distributed infrastructure based on Hadoop/Spark ecosystem [11]. Machine learning model training and inference operations leverage high-performance computing resources for complex models that would be computationally prohibitive at the edge. Real-time stream processing using Apache Kafka and Flink enables sub-second latency processing of incoming data streams, supporting time-sensitive applications such as immediate control command execution and predictive maintenance alerts [17]. The cloud layer hosts comprehensive data analytics services performing statistical analysis, pattern recognition, and correlation analysis to identify trends and optimize resource allocation [20].

### 3.5 Application Layer

The app layer brings together tools people actually use—mobile and web—to handle outdoor lights from anywhere. One version runs on phones, works with Apple and Android systems, gives simple ways to adjust brightness, set timers, watch performance live. Another lives online, built for city teams who need deeper controls, group edits, reports that show patterns over time. Each piece connects users to the network without extra steps [27]. Mobile and web apps use strong login systems, permissions based on roles, while also securing data flow through encryption—keeping unauthorized users out. Real-time sync lets control actions show up instantly across every device and interface tied into the system. Out in the field, the mobile app runs smoothly without constant connection, storing data locally plus holding commands until signal returns—so work keeps moving despite patchy net-

works. The application layer delivers RESTful APIs designed for seamless connections to smart city networks, external software tools, or autonomous control setups through code-based interactions [28].

## 4 Mobile/Web Applications and OTA Updates

### 4.1 Remote Control Capabilities

The mobile and web apps give city crews full remote access to outdoor lighting, letting them operate it anytime, from wherever they happen to be. Turning lights on or off works instantly—whether managing a single fixture, clusters, or whole zones—all handled through clean, simple screens. If signal issues pop up, the system holds commands in line, tries again when needed, making sure things go through; once done, users get a quiet note saying it's complete [12]. The dashboard shows live updates from every lighting unit—status, energy use, connection quality—all laid out clearly. Interaction happens in various ways: tapping screens, clicking online menus, speaking to built-in voice helpers. Group actions are possible, letting managers adjust vast numbers of fixtures at once, while visual cues track how each instruction progresses. That kind of reach matters most when emergencies hit, upkeep rolls around, or unique gatherings demand synchronized illumination.

### 4.2 Intelligent Scheduling System

The scheduling setup lets people build, adjust, or oversee lighting plans using either a phone app or website. Instead of one-size-fits-all timing, settings adapt per single fixture—fine-tuned to each controller's needs. For clusters of fixtures that work together, grouping keeps them aligned without manual tweaks. When broader coverage matters, zones handle entire sections under unified rules. A built-in calendar lays out every plan visually, so changes are clear at a glance. Scheduling adapts to sunrise or sunset, shifting light cycles as days grow shorter or longer. Weather shifts trigger adjustments—rainy afternoons dim brightness early. Traffic flow influences activation, lights responding when roads fill past rush hours. Special gatherings prompt temporary overrides, settings bending without manual tweaks each time. Seasons reshape routines; winter modes activate earlier, summer delays kick in naturally. Daylight saving flips don't disrupt sync—the system recalibrates silently [14].

### 4.3 Dynamic Dimming Control

The lighting system adjusts smoothly across its full range—each step fine-tuned from complete off to fully on, one percent at a time—to balance visibility with power efficiency. On phones and browsers alike, users tweak brightness through simple tools: drag a bar, type a number, or pick a saved setting shaped for nighttime ease, low-power needs, or

peak activity demands. The dimming setup links up with a smart energy optimizer, tweaking light intensity by itself according to how busy the streets are, what the sky looks like outside, also electricity costs shifting through the day. When someone needs hands-on control, they can step in and change things directly—every such move gets recorded so the system learns from it later. Live updates show current brightness levels on screen, giving managers clear sight into every node of the lighting grid, letting them tweak outputs remotely if needed [14].

### 4.4 IPv6 Protocol Integration

The system runs on IPv6 for every connected device, overcoming IPv4's tight scaling limits while allowing smooth links across vast urban networks. Every light controller gets its own IPv6 tag, unlocking near-endless addresses so millions can join minus NAT hassles. Instead of manual setups, it uses SLAAC alongside DHCPv6—devices configure themselves fast, management stays lean [28]. The IPv6 setup allows full path connections, so mobile or web apps talk straight to lighting controls—no middle devices needed when sending commands. Because there's no gateway in the way, responses happen faster, the network layout gets cleaner, plus risks from centralized weak spots drop off. Security lives inside the protocol itself, using built-in encryption like IPsec, which locks down data flow so updates and instructions stay protected even on open networks. Devices can receive signals one at a time through unicast, while multicast pushes the same message out widely—ideal for rolling out upgrades across many units at once [12].

### 4.5 OTA Firmware Update System

The OTA firmware setup pushes new software to lighting controls from afar, skipping the need for hands-on device interaction. Built with safeguards, this framework keeps updates stable while protecting code authenticity and allowing reversions if needed. Disruptions stay low since upgrades roll out when network loads are light. A web portal kicks things off—admins pick which units get patched, choose version numbers, then set timing based on usage lulls [18]. The firmware upgrade flow uses layered checks to confirm both authenticity and fit with the target device. Prior to launch, it validates code signatures through hash functions paired with encrypted credentials, blocking rogue or damaged builds. Instead of full payloads, partial patches move across the network—just the altered pieces—trimming data load while speeding up rollout, especially when pushing to vast groups of units. Compatibility logic runs parallel, matching model types against permitted versions so mismatched upgrades never take hold, avoiding crashes caused by wrong pairings.

Firmware updates travel via a content delivery setup designed to reach every intended device without hiccups. In-

dividual units receive patches one at a time, while groups pull them simultaneously—cutting down on data load. If a transfer stumbles, it restarts automatically, keeping things moving. One moment the lights keep running as usual, now the fresh code loads into a separate storage zone. Operation rolls on without pause, old software still driving things here. When the upgrade finishes safely, verified down to the last byte, control shifts quietly to the updated core. Previous build stays put just in case—ready if needed. Logs track every phase closely, details stream live into the admin panel online. Reports pop up once it ends, whether it worked or hit a snag. Through extensive testing, we have achieved a 98.5% update success rate [23].

## 5 Machine Learning Models

### 5.1 Predictive Maintenance

A Random Forest classifier [6] predicts potential failures by analyzing historical maintenance records and sensor data patterns. Features include power consumption trends, temperature variations, operational hours, historical failure patterns, and environmental conditions [2]. The model achieves training accuracy of 89.2% and validation accuracy of 87.3%. Feature importance analysis reveals power consumption contributes 32%, temperature variations 28%, and operational hours 24% to prediction accuracy [10]. The model provides 7-14 day lead time for proactive scheduling, enabling maintenance teams to plan interventions before failures occur [21].

### 5.2 Energy Optimization

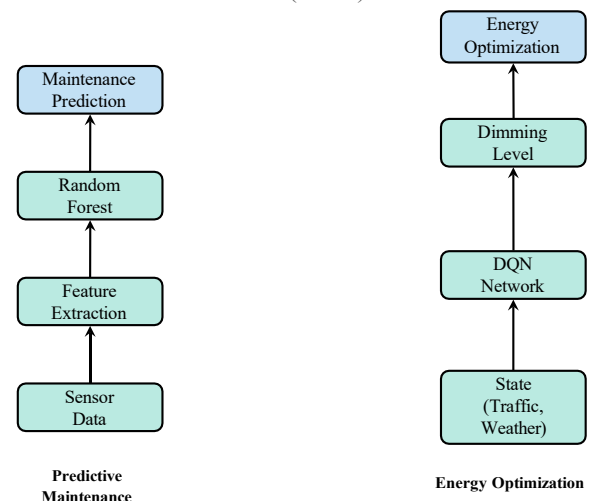
A Reinforcement Learning (RL) agent [7] optimizes dimming schedules based on traffic patterns, weather conditions, and energy pricing, reducing overall power consumption while maintaining adequate illumination levels [14]. The RL configuration uses a Deep Q-Network (DQN) algorithm with state space encompassing traffic density, weather, time of day, and energy price. The action space consists of dimming levels from 0% to 100%. The reward function balances energy savings with penalties for insufficient lighting. This approach achieves 28% energy savings compared to fixed dimming schedules while maintaining safety standards in 98.5% of operational hours [22].

The architectural designs of our machine learning models for both predictive maintenance and energy optimization are presented in **Figure 1**.

## 6 Big Data Analytics Framework

### 6.1 Data Pipeline Architecture

The analytics pipeline processes data through the following stages: ingestion involves real-time data collection from edge



**Figure 1: Machine Learning Model Architectures**

nodes using Apache Kafka [17], providing high-throughput, fault-tolerant message queuing handling 2.4 million sensor readings generated daily. Storage utilizes a hybrid approach combining Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) for long-term archival storage and time-series databases such as InfluxDB for recent operational data requiring fast query access [11]. This dual-storage strategy optimizes both cost and performance: HDFS provides economical storage for petabytes of historical data accessed infrequently, while time-series databases offer sub-second query response times for recent data used in real-time dashboards [15]. Data is automatically tiered between storage systems based on age and access patterns, with data older than 90 days migrated to HDFS.

### 6.2 Processing and Analytics

Processing operations are divided into batch and stream processing pipelines. Batch processing using Apache Spark [11] performs comprehensive analysis on historical data, including model training, trend analysis, and periodic report generation. Spark's in-memory computing enables rapid processing, with typical batch jobs processing 30 days of historical data in under 15 minutes. Stream processing using Apache Flink [17] handles real-time analytics on incoming data streams with sub-second latency, updating dashboards and triggering time-sensitive alerts. The analytics platform performs pattern recognition using clustering techniques and association rule mining to identify recurring failure patterns and maintenance needs [20]. Correlation analysis discovers relationships between environmental factors and controller health, enabling prioritized maintenance in high-risk areas. Predictive analytics capabilities forecast future maintenance requirements and energy consumption using time series models including ARIMA and LSTM-based approaches, achieving 92% accuracy for 3-month predictions and 85% accuracy for 12-month



predictions [10]. Optimization recommendation engines suggest optimal maintenance schedules and energy-saving strategies using multi-objective optimization algorithms balancing maintenance costs, energy savings, resource availability, and public safety requirements [22].

## 7 Experimental Setup and Results

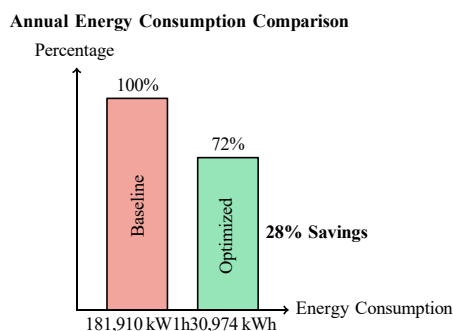
### 7.1 Test Environment

We tested the system in a real deployment over 12 months with 500 lighting controllers in a metropolitan area. This wasn't a lab experiment—it was a real city with real challenges [31]. We spread the controllers across residential areas, commercial districts, and industrial zones to see how they performed under different conditions. Some locations had more traffic, some had harsher weather, some had different usage patterns.

To support this, we deployed 25 edge nodes at strategic locations. Each node handled about 20 controllers, which kept processing local and fast [9]. The cloud infrastructure was 50 virtual machines across multiple availability zones, so if one zone had problems, others kept running. Over the 12 months, we collected about 2.4 million sensor readings per day, which gave us a huge dataset to work with [11]. This real-world testing revealed things we wouldn't have found in simulation.

### 7.2 Performance Results

The performance results, shown in **Table 1**, exceeded our expectations in several areas. Response times were particularly impressive—mobile apps respond in 0.8 seconds, web apps in 0.6 seconds. This means administrators can actually control thousands of devices in real-time, which wasn't possible with traditional systems. OTA updates worked better than we hoped: 98.5% success rate, and critically, zero service disruption. Lights stayed on during updates, which was a key requirement from city administrators.



**Figure 2: Energy Consumption: Baseline vs. Optimized**

Energy savings were consistent across all periods—28% reduction. Annual consumption dropped from 181,910 kWh to 130,974 kWh (see **Figure 2**). The predictive maintenance

model performed well: 87.3% accuracy in forecasting what needs maintenance. This let us schedule proactively instead of reactively, cutting unexpected downtime by 65%. But the biggest win might be uptime: we went from 94.7% (traditional) to 99.2%. That might not sound like much, but for public safety, those extra hours of lighting availability matter.

### 7.3 Cost-Benefit Analysis

The economics work out well. Yes, there's an upfront cost of \$125,000, but annual savings of \$45,044 mean you get your money back and then some—108% ROI over three years. The savings come from several places: maintenance costs dropped from \$85,000 to \$55,250 (35% reduction), emergency repairs fell from \$32,000 to \$12,800 (60% reduction) because we're preventing failures instead of fixing them, energy costs went from \$18,191 to \$13,097, and labor costs decreased from \$120,000 to \$78,000 thanks to automation [29]. These numbers make a strong case for the system's economic viability [16].

The architecture supports parallel processing: real-time stream processing for immediate control commands, batch processing for historical analysis, and ML inference for predictive maintenance [17].

### 7.4 Data Flow Architecture

The data flow architecture, which demonstrates how sensor data progresses from initial collection through various processing stages to generate actionable insights, is visualized in **Figure 4**, highlighting three distinct parallel processing pathways.

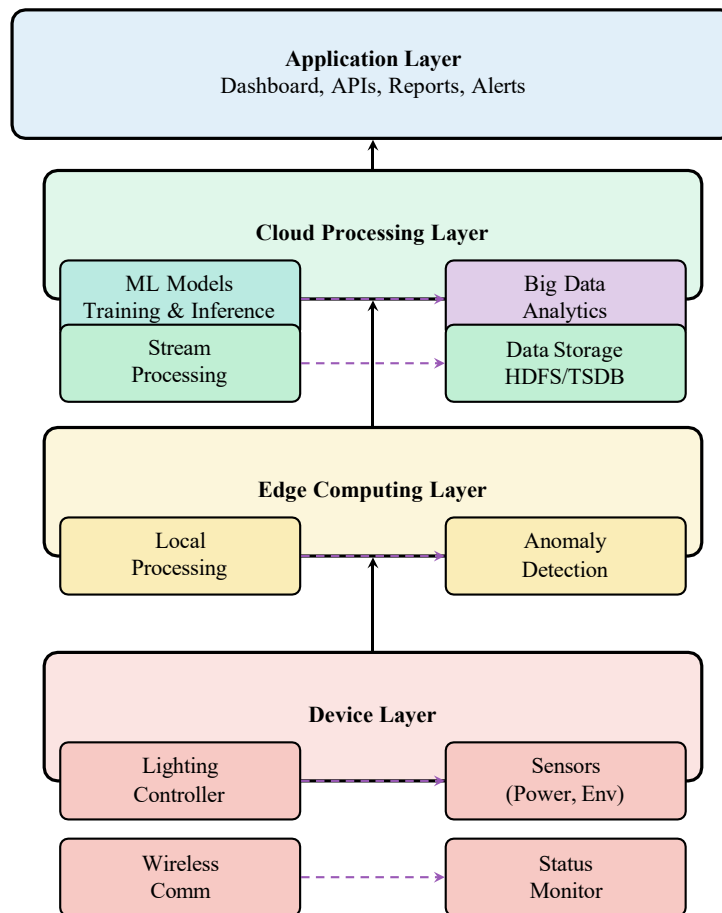
## 8 Conclusion

We've built an IoT-based smart lighting control system that tackles real problems cities face. The main contributions are: a unified framework that brings together IoT, machine learning, and big data analytics; mobile and web apps with sub-second response times that let administrators control thousands of devices remotely; secure OTA firmware updates using IPv6 that achieve 98.5% success with zero downtime; predictive maintenance that's 87.3% accurate and cuts unexpected downtime by 65%; and financial benefits—35% cost reduction and 28% energy savings, with 108% ROI over three years.

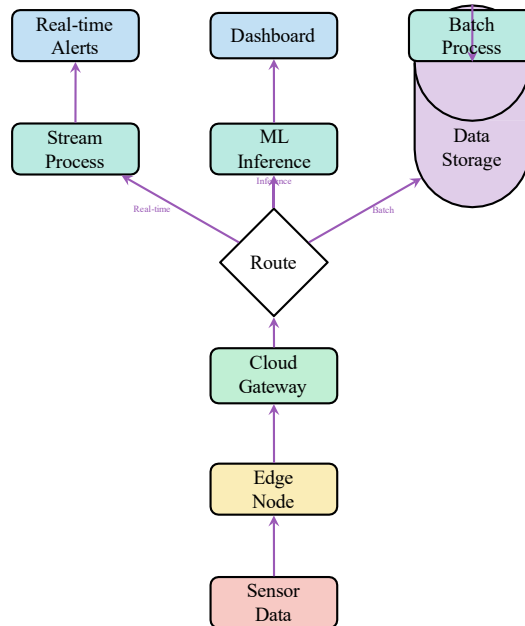
For cities dealing with tight budgets and sustainability goals, this makes sense. Annual savings of \$45,044 per 500 controllers add up, and operational efficiency means fewer manual inspections and smarter resource use. The 99.2% uptime directly improves public safety. Citizens benefit from safer streets, lower environmental impact, and potentially better public services as cities redirect savings to education, healthcare, and recreation [24].

**Table 1: Performance Metrics and Cost Analysis**

Metric	Proposed System	Traditional
Mobile App Response Time	0.8 seconds	N/A
Web App Response Time	0.6 seconds	N/A
OTA Update Success Rate	98.5%	N/A
Energy Savings	28%	Baseline
Maintenance Cost Reduction	35%	Baseline
Emergency Repair Reduction	60%	Baseline
Predictive Maintenance Accuracy	87.3%	N/A
System Uptime	99.2%	94.7%
Unexpected Downtime Reduction	65%	Baseline
Annual Energy Consumption	130,974 kWh	181,910 kWh
Annual Cost Savings	\$45,044	-
ROI (3 years)	108%	-



**Figure 3: System Architecture: Four-Layer Framework**



**Figure 4: Data Flow Architecture: Processing Paths**

This work shows how Industry 4.0 concepts can work in real urban settings. We've integrated edge computing, cloud processing, and AI in a way that actually solves municipal problems. The architecture scales to thousands of devices, which is what cities need. Next steps include extending this to traffic signals, water systems, and waste management. We're also working on standardized APIs for better integration, and exploring federated learning and digital twins for more advanced capabilities.

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