AI Hybrid Predictive Maintenance System

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Data Solution Architecture

Structured Data (sensor readings from SQL) with **Unstructured Data** (service manuals or historical logs in Pinecone) provides the maintenance team not just a "failure prediction," but a "how-to-fix" guide.

The Architecture Workflow

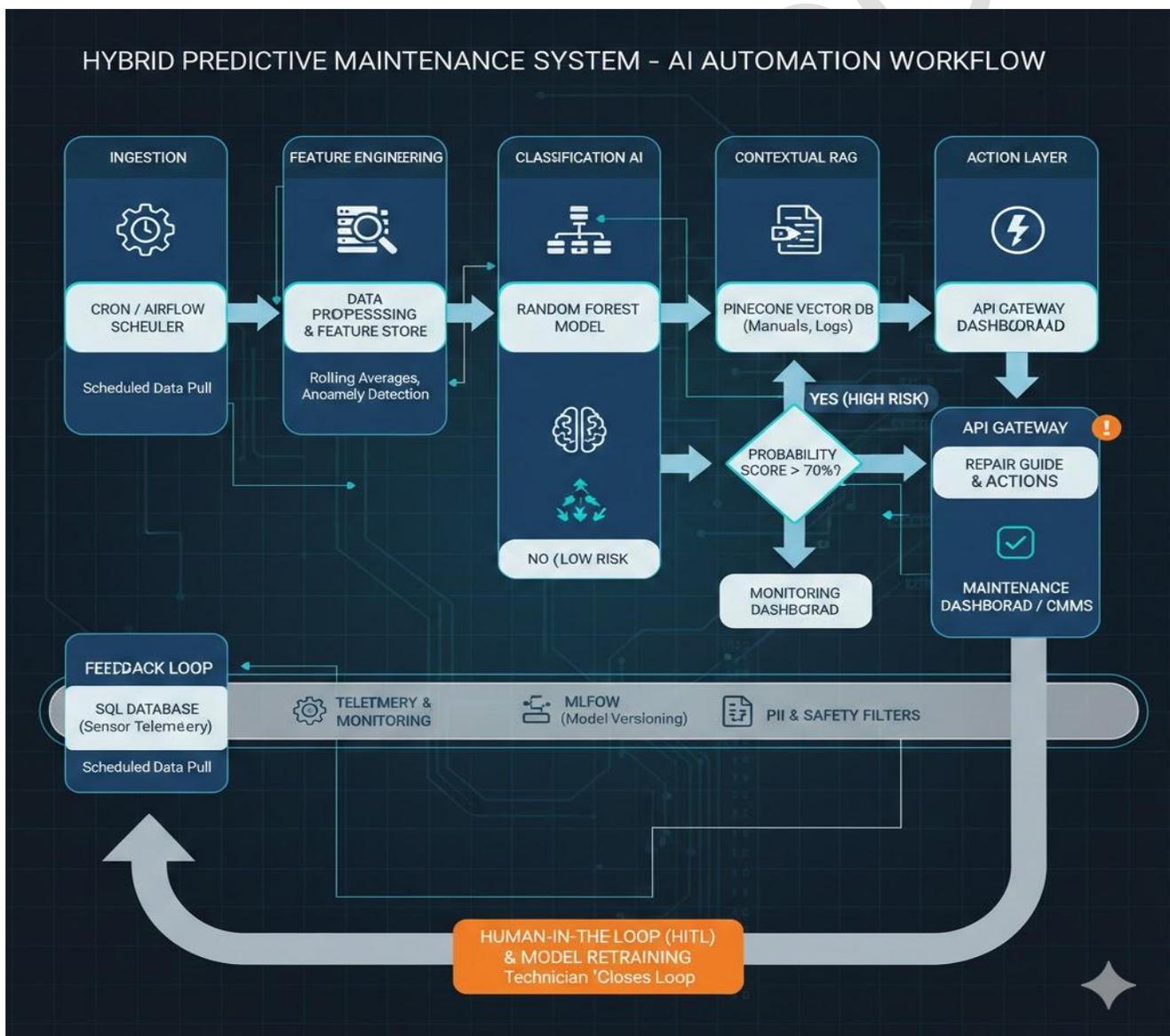Layers: **Orchestration**, **Validation**, and **Monitoring**.

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Workflow Breakdown

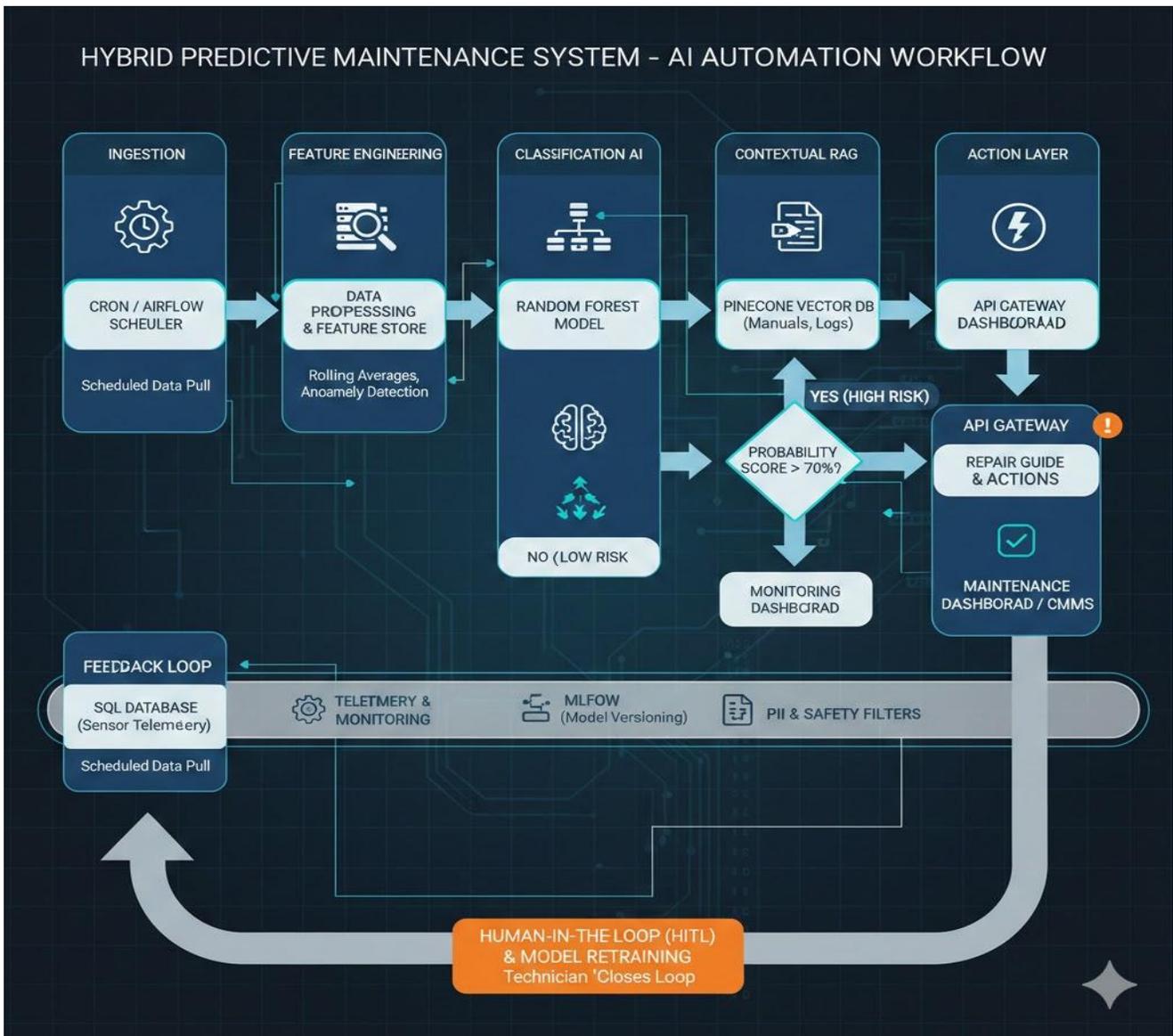| Stage	Component	Technical Detail (The "Pro" Stuff)
1. Ingestion	Cron / Airflow	The scheduler triggers a **Job Orchestrator** to pull recent telemetry from the SQL Database.
2. Feature Eng.	Data Preprocessing	Raw SQL data is cleaned and transformed into a feature vector (e.g., calculating rolling averages of machine temperature).
3. Classification	Random Forest	The model analyzes the features and outputs a **Probability Score** (e.g., 85% chance of bearing failure).
4. Contextual RAG	Pinecone DB	If the failure risk is high (>70%), the system queries Pinecone using the error code to find relevant repair steps from PDF manuals.
5. Action Layer	API Gateway	The prediction + the repair guide are bundled and sent to a Maintenance Dashboard or a CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System).

Design Principles

- **The Hybrid Approach:** Combining Predictive (ML) and Generative (LLM) using a **Random Forest** for the "math" and **Pinecone (RAG)** for the "context," constructs a sophisticated design that solves the real business problem.

- **Decoupled Logic:** AI is not being run inside a database, it is using an orchestration layer (like Airflow or Prefect), which is standard for enterprise IT and broadly applicable.

- **Vector Search Integration:** Using Pinecone for RAG in a predictive maintenance context is a "2025/2026" approach, leveraging unstructured documentation alongside hard data.

The Governance

"What happens if the model is wrong?"

Feedback Loop. This means when a technician completes the fix, they "Close the Loop," sending data back to the SQL database to retrain the Random Forest later.

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